

Chi Chapter Pledge Manual

UCLA Spring 2009 – Betty Tran Class



Be a **Leader**...

Be a **Friend**...

Be of **Service**.

Our Purpose

The purpose of the pledge period of this Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, Chi Chapter shall be to: Promote the three cardinal principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service; promote brotherhood through service; promote fellowship in the principles embodied in the Boy Scout Oath and Law; and promote the development of a personal honor code.

Our Oath

I fully accept the obligation of pledgship in Alpha Phi Omega. I will endeavor to prove myself worthy of the confidence imposed in me. With a sincere desire to put service to humanity ahead of selfish aims, I will strive diligently to so live that I, in due course, will be accepted as a loyal and true Brother in Alpha Phi Omega.

Your Promise

On my honor I swear that I will do my best to complete this period of pledging, to put forth a true and honest effort and further the principles of Alpha Phi Omega. During my pledge period I will endeavor to fulfill all my requirements to the best of my abilities, build lasting ties of brotherhood, and give unselfishly in service to all in need.

This guide is intended to both: help pledges become familiar with our chapter, and be a source for our history. For more information about our chapter, talk to any ExComm officer. For more information about our history, talk to our Historians.

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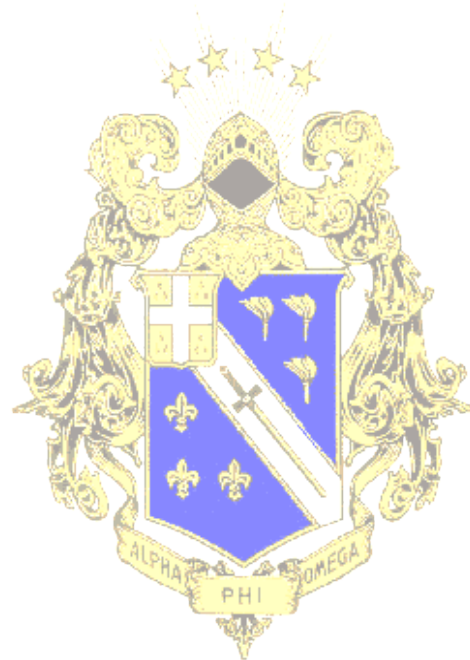
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Lynette Chea (*Kate Ferrell Westlake*)



Dear Betty Tran Class,

I want to first off welcome you all to the Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and I hope you are as excited to begin your pledge term as we are to have you with us. Hopefully you will see your time with us as the beginning of an adventure and as a new chapter in your college history.

As you continue through your pledge term, you will discover ties that bind that began just from a simple conversation. You will see the smile and appreciation in a stranger's face as a result of your good deed. You will witness the lengths of what you can accomplish as an individual and as part of this fraternity. Your actions are what will embody the cardinal principles of Alpha Phi Omega: to be a leader, be a friend and be of service.

As I believe in the potential of my fellow brothers, I have the same beliefs and hopes for you. I have no doubt that each of you has the ability to carry on our cardinal principles to the fullest extent and we should expect no less from the future of our fraternity.

Your pledge term has the potential to be an exciting adventure as mine was for me when I pledged three years ago. I have had amazing, unforgettable, and incomparable experiences and memories with friends that I may never have found otherwise. Throughout it all I have discovered more about myself than I ever thought I could. I only hope each of you is able to find what the rest of us have: a family with Alpha Phi Omega. You just have to be open to the experience.

And as with all families, there will be good times and not so great times, but you will always have brothers around that are more than willing to lend a helping hand or comforting words or a listening ear. Everything happens for a reason and that you are becoming a part of our family is no mistake.

In Leadership, Friendship and Service,
Lynette Chea

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. – Mark Twain.

Betty Tran (*Gerald A. Schroeder*)

namesake



Dearest Alpha Alpha Class,

I would first like to welcome all of you the family of Alpha Phi Omega at Chi Chapter! I am incredibly honored to be your pledge class namesake, and I hope that I will have an opportunity to meet all of you! This is the start of a new chapter in your life, and I am sad that I will not be able to watch you grow through this experience.

As this is my first year as an alumnus of Chi Chapter, I am constantly nostalgic of my memories with Alpha Phi Omega. I pledged Sigma Class in Fall '05, and I can honestly say it was one of the highlights of my college experiences. After becoming an active member, I was Historian for Tau Class and then the better half of Pledge Parent duo (I love you hubby Fonzie) to our beloved Upsilon class (your current president Lynette was one of our babies!). I thoroughly enjoyed my time as Membership VPs with Connie, and then become President for two consecutive terms for Chi and Psi class. Through my time and experience on Ex-comm and being a member of Chi Chapter, I truly believe that it has shaped me to become the person that I am today – and I am better for it.

I have high hopes that all of you – the future of Chi Chapter – will continue to exemplify the three cardinal principles this fraternity was found on – leadership, friendship, and service. To be a leadership is essential to success in life, to be a friend is necessary for both yours and others sanity, and to be of service requires individuals who believe in making the world a better place for all. Our three cardinal principles will help you in leading a more fulfilling life.

Since pledging, I have gained a tremendous amount of memories that I could never ever swipe with a MasterCard. I have found brothers who laugh at and with me for no good reason, wipe away my tears when I am at my lows, and drive all the way to Santa Barbara to bring me a spare key when I have locked myself out of my car. I believe that every of one has the opportunity to gain the priceless experiences that I have, if you are willing to put in the effort. I am sad that I won't be able to see you through your entire pledging experience because I currently teach in San Jose. I'm going to try my best to make it out to some events and meet you! My best advice for you is that you will get what you are willing to put in. Work hard and I promise that you will be able to see positive results!

In LFS,

Betty Tran



Pledge Parents

Anthony Beckles and Stephanie Hsia (*Bonnie Chen*)

Dear kids,

Welcome to Alpha Phi Omega! We're glad you decided to pledge, and excited to get to know each and every single one of you. Even though there are 37 of you, you will all be loved, taken care of, and treated as only children.

As your pledge parents, we are here to guide and help you as much as we can through the pledging process. If you ever have any questions or need anything--a shoulder to cry on, a friend to rant to, someone to chill with--don't hesitate to call us up. We've been through the pledging process too, and we know how difficult it can be. Just always remember that we are here for you, no matter what.

Pledging will, without a doubt, be a challenging experience. Though it may sometimes seem overwhelming, remember that you are not alone in this; you have your pledge bros. Help each other

through difficulties. The more you help each other, the stronger the bonds of brotherhood will be. Of course, you have your lovely PAC leaders and us as well! If you are ever feeling down, don't forget you have an endless net of support.

We see so much potential in all of you, and we know that in due course, you will all grow to be amazing actives. You guys are the future of Alpha Phi Omega. We're confident that you will all do your best to uphold our principles of leadership, friendship, and service and make your parents proud!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Our Cardinal Principles

Leadership, Friendship, and Service are the guiding principles of Alpha Phi Omega. They are known as the CARDINAL PRINCIPLES. When you go through the Pledge Ceremony, you pledge to follow these principles while trying to achieve Active membership. Then, when you take the oath of membership in the Initiation Ceremony, you pledge to live by these principles as long as you remain Active in Alpha Phi Omega.

It is often very hard to define the Cardinal Principles. One reason for this is that they sometimes mean different things to different people. But it is important that you have some explanation of these principles.

The main purpose of the pledge period is to familiarize the future Active with the Cardinal Principles: Leadership, Friendship and Service. As long as you keep these principles in mind no matter what you do in the fraternity, you will make good active members of Alpha Phi Omega



On Leadership by Jennnifer Nguyen (Frank Lee)

Hi everyone thanks for coming out tonight. I'm Jenn and I'll be your first speaker.

In Alpha Phi Omega we have 3 cardinal principles which our members strive to live by. The first and foremost is Leadership.

Some say that people are born leaders or they're not, I believe that to be a myth.

Leadership is something that you develop through out life. Nobody is born knowing how to lead because it's a skill that is developed throughout your experiences. It's about making the right choices in difficult times. It's taking initiative to help others in need without waiting around to be asked. The choices that we make everyday bring us closer to becoming a leader or a follower.

In APO we give you many opportunities to lead. As a pledge, you can run for an officer position (like finance, where you're responsible for all the fundraising of your class) You also learn to work in groups to accomplish missions as assigned by your pledge parents. And with the chairing requirement, you have the choice of which APO events you want to take responsibility for, whether it's hosting a game night, leading a service event, or even coordinating a family competition.

From my own experience, I pledged APO without ever imagining that one day I would be standing here today delivering a speech to all of you. I came in shy, reserved, and just kinda lost... But by participating in all that APO had to offer, I grew as a person, learning to lead in the process. Serving on excomm as Finance taught me a lot about managing budgets, to setting up fundraisers for the fraternity, and the fun task of collecting money from people. My role as pledge parent last term also taught me so much more about how to lead. It wasn't always easy, but to be leader, you have to struggle and find the courage to make the right decisions.

Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.

As Jesse Jackson once said, "Time is neutral and does not change things. With courage and initiative, leaders change things." I believe APO gives you the chance to develop leadership, whether or not you

take this opportunity, is up to you.



On Friendship by Brand Au (Frank Lee)

Many of you are here tonight to try to find out a bit more about APO, to see if it's a good match for you out of numerous student organizations at UCLA. I hope you've been convinced that this fraternity has much to offer in terms of leadership development and opportunities, especially if that's what you're looking for. For those of you looking to find a niche where you can socialize or meet people who you can click with, take a look around you. The better question to ask is, where do I start?

Across the spectrum, APO is an organization of people diverse in interests, personalities, and strengths. Many are involved in other on and off campus organizations that serve the community, develop academic and career ambitions, cater to various hobbies, and so on. We have people interested in photography, people who want to become lawyers, doctors, businessmen, and moneymaking machines in general. We have bicycle experts, shop-a-holics, coffee lovers, and people who are avid fans of all types of music. Our musical tastes are as diverse as the people in APO. We have people in dance crews, people who cook very well, people who drive like maniacs, people who would be happy to challenge you in political debates. We have people who spend their time promoting AIDS awareness in Africa and who volunteer at mobile clinics across Los Angeles. We have people who enjoy a good hike, a good basketball game, or a good TV show marathon. We have people who are outgoing, who are reserved, who can make a joke out of anything. We have creative spirits, math whizzes, gym rats, wine connoisseurs, and video game nerds. There is one thing, if nothing, that we don't lack, and that is compassion. Compassion about the issues we care about, and compassion toward others. I'm absolutely not lying when I say that I have met all these people, and more, through this fraternity.

I've met many of my closest friends through APO so I can personally attest to the quality of the relationships that are forged here. You can see the significance friendship has since it is one of the three pillars, or cardinal principles, upon which our fraternity is based. With the people I've met here, we've had late-night chats, traveled to New York, acted in way too many silly skits together, gambled our money away in Vegas, had study parties, celebrated birthdays, had endless boba and frozen yogurt runs, and experienced loads of other crazy times. The list goes on and on. I can't possibly recount all the memorable moments, because there are too many. But the greatest reward that has come out of APO, for me, was discovering that these ties last beyond the time spent in the fraternity. Through all this, our friendships have grown stronger, regardless of whether you are a pledge, an active, or an alumnus. The relationships built here transcend the limited time spent in APO.

Jennifer talked about leadership, and I feel that this cardinal principle and friendship are inextricably linked, at least through my own personal experiences. Before APO, I didn't have much to show for being a leader. I didn't like talking in front of people. I never felt compelled to take initiative in a group or be ambitious about projects and issues I cared about. It was through APO that I found within myself the ability to become a leader and just as importantly, be a true friend. For those of us who are not born innate leaders, we depend on the people around us to develop this asset—their

encouragement, their support, and their kind words. In turn, you find yourself wanting to reciprocate, to also encourage them, support them, and be an unwavering source of inspiration. True friends bring out the best in you without you realizing it. There is no doubt that in APO you will be surrounded by good people, and you will find that many of their actions and visions will also inspire you to better yourself as an individual.

I just want to end my speech with a quote from Cicero in 44 BC—“Friendship makes prosperity more brilliant, and lightens adversity by dividing and sharing it.” I think it sums up well the point I have been trying to make, and that is that our friendships in life largely determine what kind of person we will ultimately become. A taker, or a giver? A contributor? An aspiring leader? Whatever it may be, with good people by our side, it will make the trials and tribulations of life a bit easier. Rest assured that you will find this in APO, so I encourage you to discover that for yourself in the upcoming weeks.



On Service by Caroline Koan (Frank Lee)

Hello everyone!

Just a little about myself, my name is Caroline Koan, and I pledged Alpha Phi Omega two years ago (Phi Class!). I was never really involved in any community service organizations in high school... but when I got to UCLA, I knew that there had to be more than just studying and parties; I wanted to dedicate my time to the community but I just didn't know how. Then I found APO.

Service through APO definitely taught me a thing or two; it exposed me to people and organizations that have compassion carved in their hearts, and it revealed to me that it's the small acts of service that amount to the bigger picture. For example, endless shoveling and hammering provide the strong foundations that hold houses up for years, simple painting and heavy labor help kids enjoy a library and playground, pulling weeds and getting dirt all over yourself allow trees to stand tall and strong, packing food will feed people who haven't had a decent meal in days, reading a book for a few hours can inspire someone to love literature for years to come, and the list can go on. APO gives you the option to experience a variety of service events, and once you find something you like, it's not hard to make it a consistent part of your life.

But personally, APO taught me the meaning of frustration. At services, you are surrounded by dedicated people who care about the community; you get to experience different environments and meet different people, such as working with the homeless, the mentally-handicapped, and seniors, and you realize that it's more of a privilege, an honor, than an obligation to serve your community. Then you come back to UCLA, and you become frustrated that there is apathy and ignorance. Of course, not everyone is trapped in a bubble, but you definitely become frustrated with people who invest their energy into things that you can never begin to understand why. But with APO, you can channel that frustration into action and impact. And I think that's the most important thing that service with APO has taught me. So if you do decide to join APO, I hope that service becomes as good of a positive influence in your life as it has been in mine. Thank you.

Fraternity¹

Definition

Someone once said, “Words don’t have meaning; people have meaning.” Essentially, meaning is contained within the heart of each and every person. It is not simply a matter of seeing or hearing something. Meaning relates to how individuals react and what they value dear to them.

This concept applies to A Phi O. When we sing the Toast Song at the end of meetings and projects, it’s not just to sway back and forth and sing. We don’t wear our pins simply to avoid participation in a pin check. These are traditions in our fraternity which link us to the time of our founders. They remind us of why this fraternity was founded. Furthermore, the Toast Song and our service and pledge pins symbolize membership pride in Alpha Phi Omega. They are to be appreciated, rather than feared. In addition, “brotherhood” involves more than mere membership. When you call someone “brother,” you are conveying to that person dedication to the chapter, gratitude, common interests, and friendship.

Along similar lines, sign-ups are not created to fill a quota of individuals or to keep members occupied. Those who pass these sign-ups around are reaching out to you. They are requesting your help to help others. By participating in socials, you get to know the brothers around you better, and you contribute to chapter unity. By working at projects, you are providing service to the campus, the community, the chapter, and the nation. Chairs aren’t requesting your attendance; they’re requesting you.

Thus, meaning transcends the boundaries of articles, speeches, and even actions. It entails attitude, feelings, and spirit. It binds us together in this fraternity and gives us direction.

¹ Is Alpha Phi Omega the largest national service club? For a hint, read the word to which this subscript is attached. Do not get this wrong!!!
² A piece from the 1988 “Gamma Gamma Update”, author unknown

Our History

The twenty-second chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the Chi Chapter, was founded in November 13, 1931, in a small ceremony, with Dr. H. Roe Bartle, the Supreme Grand Master¹ of Alpha Phi Omega, in attendance. Robert Hall Lamott, a sophomore majoring in Psychology, served as president of a founding class composed of seventeen members. There were Edmund Carmody, Malcolm Donohoo, Donald Dotson, Jay Dresser, Henry Hare, Palen Keith, Richard Killen, Robert Lamott, Philip Lukei, John Luebsen, Joseph Maguire, Frank Ohly, Lloyd Pack, Jack Requarth, Edward Saxton, Charles Skutt, and Leonard Stone. One of our advisors was the president of the school, Ernest Moore.

During the first few turbulent years, many of the chapter records were lost. Most pre-WWII records of Chi are unavailable. Because of WWII, many chapters of Alpha Phi Omega became inactive. However, after the war, many members tried to re-charter lost chapters and continue to serve the community. The following is a partial history of Chi.

In the 1970s, times were changing in the nation and in Alpha Phi Omega. In 1976, women were officially allowed into the Fraternity when our National Bylaws were amended at the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Previous to this time, females had been sneaking into Alpha Phi Omega in many chapters, including Chi, by using their first initial and last name on applications for membership².

In 1978, the Chapter was deactivated. Legend has it that the only members left at UCLA in 1977-1978 were a couple uninterested in recruiting more members. When they graduated, the Chapter went with them.

In 1993, Kappa Chapter brother Dave O'Leary began sponsoring the rechartering of Chi Chapter. By 1996, Francis Alcantara's efforts for UCLA students to continue their dedication to serving others led to the official formation of a petitioning group for Chi chapter. As a petitioning group, Chi attended the 1996 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

RECHARTERING CLASS: Heather Banh, Greg Barnes, May Chan, Ken Chang, David Chen, John Chen, Maggie Chen, Christina Chiang, Terence Hayter, Emi Hosaka, Joanne Huang, Truong Huynh, Stacie Ishida, Gordon Kwan, Carolyn Kwok, Rose Lee, Christine Niho, Hoang-Thi Pham, Diana Rivera, Porndej Rushatakankovit, Sirintorn Rushatakankovit, Jennifer Ryu, Helen Wang, Stephen Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Clarissa Yu

¹ The title of National President was actually Supreme Grand Master until 1934

² Pretty sneaky, huh?

1931		Chi Chapter founded November 13, Robert Hall Lamott as president, 17 members in founding class
1937		C.J. Carlson pledges May 16
1941		Alden G. Barber ¹ pledges March 23
1946	Fall	H. Roe Bartle Pledge Class; C.J. Carlson serves on National Board of Directors
1947	Fall	J. Edgar Hoover Pledge Class
1948	Fall	The Memorial Pledge Class
1949	Fall	Dr. James E. West Pledge Class
1950	Fall	Founders Pledge Class
1951	Fall	Dr. Ray O. Wyland Pledge Class
1952	Fall	Dean Arno Nowotny Pledge Class
1953	Fall	James Stanley Leedom Pledge Class
1954	Fall	Daniel Den Uyl Pledge Class
1955	Fall	President Dwight D. Eisenhower Pledge Class
1956	Fall	Carlos P. Romulo Pledge Class; C. J. Carlson receives National Distinguished Service Award
1957	Fall	Lord Robert Baden-Powell Pledge Class
1958	Fall	Dr. Albert Schweitzer Pledge Class
1959	Fall	Dr. Albert Schuck Pledge Class; Earle M. Herbert ² , Chi's most famous member, pledges
1960	Fall	Joseph A. Brunton, Jr. Pledge Class; Earle M. Herbert receives Chapter DSK
1961	Fall	President John F. Kennedy Pledge Class
1962	Fall	H. Roe Bartle Pledge Class
1963	Fall	Dean Arno Nowotny Pledge Class
1964	Fall	Herbert G. Horton Pledge Class
1965	Fall	Dr. Lester R. Steig Pledge Class
1966	Fall	Frank Reed Horton Pledge Class
1967	Fall	James A. Lovell, Jr. Pledge Class; Earle M. Herbert serves as delegate for Constitutional Convention
1968	Fall	Tom T. Galt Pledge Class; Earle M. Herbert becomes first Regional Representative for Region X (1968-1980)
1969	Fall	E. Ross Forman Pledge Class
1970	Fall	Sidney B. North Pledge Class
1971	Fall	Dr. Glen T. Nygreen Pledge Class
1972	Fall	Aubrey B. Hamilton Pledge Class
1973	Fall	J. Frank McMullen Pledge Class
1974	Fall	H. Roe Bartle Memorial Pledge Class; Alden G. Barber receives National Distinguished Service Award; Earle M. Herbert becomes National Publications Chair (1974-1978)
1975	Fall	Joseph Scanlon Pledge Class
1976	Fall	Lucius E. Young Pledge Class; Women officially allowed into Alpha Phi Omega
1977	Fall	Life Member Pledge Class
1978	Fall	Dean Lewis N. Jones Pledge Class; Earle M. Herbert receive National Distinguished Service Award; Chi Chapter is deactivated
1980	Fall	M. R. Disborough Pledge Class; National Convention takes place in Los Angeles (Dec. 27-30); Earle M. Herbert serves as National Convention Coordinator; Earle M. Herbert becomes National Vice President (1980-1982)
1982		Earle M. Herbert serves as Special Committee of Fraternity Standards Chair; Earle M. Herbert Becomes National President (1982-1986) elected by acclamation both times; Earle M. Herbert receives Region X DSK.

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Each year the Chapparral Alumni Association holds a scholarship contest for \$500 prizes in Earle M. Herbert's name.

There is a recognition called the Earle M. Herbert National Friendship Award, given to the chapter with the best overall membership program.

¹ Alden G. Barber later became Boy Scout Chief Scout Executive

² Earle M. Herbert was also a cubmaster and scoutmaster

1986 Earle M. Herbert serves as International Concerns Committee Chair
 1987 Earle M. Herbert serves as Long Range Planning Committee Chair
 1988 Earle M. Herbert receives National Alumni DSK
 1993 Fall Earle M. Herbert gets his own National Pledge Class, the Earle M. Herbert Pledge Class; Kappa brother Dave O'Leary sponsors Chi rechartering (1993-1996)
 1994 Earle M. Herbert passes away April 15
 1996 Francis Alcantara begins Chi petitioning group
 Fall Thomas H. Kean Pledge Class, rechartering class; Chi sends 13 people to Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona
 1997 Chi rechartered; Activation ceremony February 1, Gamma Gamma and Alpha Delta Theta attend rechartering ceremonies for Chi Chapter at UCLA then advised by Gamma Gamma alumni Kanta Sircar and Christine Chan, 27 men and women of all nationalities at UCLA become part of the founding class, rechartering picture is printed in Torch and Trefoil; Ken Chang, former Gamma Gamma active, becomes first Pledgemaster for newly rechartered UCLA chapter for the Alpha Pledge Class
 Spring Alpha Pledge Class; 26 activated; Chi hosts Spring Sectionals; 7 members form a group called the "Hootchies", composed of Diana Rivera, Kimberly Fitzpatrick, Emi Hosaka, Maggie Chen, Debbie Yeh, Brenda Banuelos, and "pimp" Greg Barnes, Linnea Adler joins them when she pledges in the Fall
 1997 Fall Fr. William T. Cunningham Pledge Class, beta class; 19 activated; Chi attends Regionals in Berkeley, winning the "Man-Mile" award by bringing 50 members, after stripping the shirts off of some of the guys at the banquet dance, briefly becomes known as Hoo Chi Chapter. One Gamma Gamma active, Harry Hwang, thus acquires the nickname of "Hoochi" Harry by being stripped; Greg Barnes wins "Chubby Bunny" contest.
 1998 Spring Gamma Pledge Class; 39 activated; Chi helps recharter Rho Gamma (CSU-LA)
 1998 Fall Joseph F. Kuchta Pledge Class, delta class; 21 activated; Linnea Adler and Terence Hayter attend Nationals in Minneapolis, Minnesota as voting delegates, this is the last Nationals that Chi chapter has attended
 1999 Spring Epsilon Pledge Class; 23 activated; Epsilon's Pledge Project, helping clean up a Boy Scout camp in Lake Arrowhead, is mentioned with a picture and caption in the Torch and Trefoil; past Chi advisor Christine Chan becomes a Pledge Class Namesake for Gamma Gamma
 1999 Fall Stan Carpenter Pledge Class, zeta class; 19 activated; Chi hosts Fall Sectionals
 2000 Spring Eta Pledge Class; 27 activated; Linnea Adler receives Earle M. Herbert Scholarship
 2000 Fall Robert C. Barkhurst Pledge Class, theta class; 8 activated; Banquet at Crowne Plaza Hotel \$30 a person
 2001 Spring Iota Pledge Class; 16 activated; Alicia Louie receives John Mack Scholarship Award
 2001 Summer Chi sends 6 Actives, Becky Gong, Tim Huang, Nam Hoang, Rich Jhong, Alicia Louie, and Jason Wong, to Chapter Planning Workshop in San Jose
 2001 Fall Robert J. Hilliard Pledge Class, kappa class; 43 initiate; Chi Pledge Handbook begun by Paul Choung
 2002 Spring Lambda Pledge Class; 53 initiate, 46 activated; Online signups begun by Paul Choung (Mr. Amazing)

Chapter Presidents	
1996 Fall	Gregory Barnes,
1997 Spring	John Chen
1997 Fall	Terence Hayter
1998 Spring	Diana Rivera
1998 Fall	Christina Cheng,
1999 Spring	Oliver Chin
1999 Fall	Diana Pao
2000 Spring	Shirley Wei
2000 Fall	Sang Le
2001 Spring	Alicia Louie
2001 Fall	Sharon Phosal
2002 Spring	Tiffany Lin
2002 Fall Rich	Jhong
2003 Spring	Daniel King
2003 Fall	Frances Hu
2004 Spring	Joshua Krol
2004 Fall	Cynthia Lee
2005 Spring	Paul Lillig
2005 Fall	Alfonso Duenas
2006 Spring	Bonnie Chen
2006 Fall	Christine Patel
2007 Spring	Melinda Ly
2007 Fall	Betty Tran
2008 Spring	Betty Tran
2008 Fall	Christopher Wong
2009 Spring	Lynette Chea

2002 Fall George Dacy Pledge Class, mu class; 52 initiate, 47 activated.
 2003 Spring Neil Dutta Pledge Class, 48 pledges; CPPC renamed to Chapter Program Retreat (CPR); Chi sends Pledge Parents renamed to Pledgemasters ("Mommies"); multi-Family System implemented;
 Pledge Trainers implemented; Alpha Phi Omega is selected as one of the "Thousand Points of Light" by President Bush.
 2003 Fall Ray Hancock Pledge Class, 31 activated.
 2004 Spring Linnea Lieberman Pledge Class, 29 activated.
 2004 Fall Togo West Pledge Class, 17 activated.
 2005 Spring Frances Hu Pledge Class, RHO CLASS!! 18 activated
 2005 Fall Gerald A. Schroeder Pledge Class, SIGMA LOVE!!! 19 activated
 2006 Spring Paul J. Choung Pledge Class, TAU ON TOP!! 36 activated
 2006 Fall Kate Farrell Westlake Class, Upsilon Class! 20 Activated
 2007 Spring Frank Lee Pledge Class, PHI CLASS!!!! 25 Activated
 2007 Fall John C. Jadel Class, Chi Class 56 Activated
 2008 Spring Bonnie Chen Class, PSI CLASS!!!! 56 Activated

2008 Fall Wilfred M. Krenek, OMEGA CLASS!!! 40 Activated
 2009 Spring Betty Tran, ALPHA ALPHA CLASS!!! ?????? =)

Chapter Presidents

According to our Chapter Constitution, the President is the head of the Executive Committee. Chi elects a President who serves during 15 weeks of the school year. This period covers the pledging term. The office officially begins at the Officer Installation Ceremony, traditionally held at Banquet. The position continues until the next President is installed. Currently, the election is held during the last Chapter Meeting of that school quarter. Only Actives in Good Standing and may vote or run for office. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, a special election is held to fill the vacant office. Until the office is filled, the President may appoint a temporary officer. If the office of the President is vacant, the next highest offices fill the vacancy until the special election. To the right is a partial list of past Chi Chapter presidents.

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If the President puts the President's Gavel down somewhere (that is not on or in their personal property), an Active or Pledge can "steal" it and cause the President to satisfy one wish (within reason - Chapter may approve) to recover it. Another chapter item that is stealable is the Pledgemaster's Paddle. Keep track of our own Chapter property, because if another chapter steals our stuff, then we gotta do something to get it back.

The Distinguished Service Key

The award of Membership is the highest honor our Chapter can bestow upon individuals. However, the Chapter Distinguished Service Key (DSK) is the highest honor which a Chapter can award to someone already a Member. There are no set requirements for the DSK other than the approval of 3/4 of the Active Members. They should be Members who have made a lasting contribution to the Chapter. Neither longevity nor being an officer is enough, although both help. There is no requirement for the number of DSKs to be awarded per term. Generally, the chapter president calls for nominations for DSK at the latter meetings of the term. These nominations are written and given to the president. There is a general discussion of the candidate with the nominee absent from the room at the next chapter meeting. The nominee is never to be made aware that they have been nominated unless and until they receive the award. They are traditionally awarded at Banquet.

Earle M. Herbert pledged Chi Chapter in 1959. He received the Chapter Distinguished Service Award in the fall of 1960. He went on to receive the National Distinguished Service Award in 1978, the Regional Distinguished Service Key in 1982, and the Distinguished Alumnus Key in 1988. He served as the first Region X Director from 1968-1980. He was elected by acclamation as the National President in 1982 and 1984. During his terms the Fraternity saw improved communication with all chapters and a greatly enlarged leadership development program. The international aspects of Alpha Phi Omega were highlighted

¹ Rechartering President

² The original President-elect failed to complete Active Requirements. MVP Christina Cheng became interim president, and was officially elected later.

during his second term. Brother Herbert passed away April 15, 1994.

Mary Trinh pledged Chi Chapter during Eta Class. During her time as an Active, she exemplified the fraternity's highest ideals. She served two terms on ExComm and was one of the fraternity's first family heads for the multi-family system (Iron Chefs) during Spring 2003. She received the Chapter Distinguished Service Award in the Spring of 2003.

Membership Policies

We take great pride in being a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. In our chapter we strive to promote brotherhood and the three cardinal principles of our fraternity. In order to do this, we have strict rules governing membership in our chapter.

By completing all pledge requirements, a pledge becomes eligible for consideration to become active members of our chapter. The chapter then determines if the pledge has shown themselves to be worthy of active membership by demonstrating leadership, friendship, and service in their everyday life. If the pledge is approved, then this honor is bestowed upon them at the subsequent activation ceremony, during which our oaths of dedication are sworn.

The first term of active membership into the chapter is considered a probationary term. During this term the new active MUST fulfill all normal active requirements. (These requirements are voted upon by the chapter and approved at the first chapter meeting of the term. They typically contain requirements in the areas of leadership, friendship and service.) If a new active does not fulfill these requirements, that active is subject to deactivation by the chapter.

If an active (after the probationary term) fails to fulfill active requirements during the term, the active is assigned Associate status for the next term. Associate fees are greater than Active fees. Members without Active status are not eligible to run for office, vote, or make motions. An active who fails to complete membership requirements for two consecutive terms is subject to deactivation by the chapter.

If an active (after the probationary term) feels that they will be unable to complete their membership requirements during a given term, that active is given the option of becoming an associate member. Associates do not have to complete any active requirements, except for paying dues (after notifying the Membership VP). Associate members have all the privileges of Active members except for voting, running for office, and holding office.

A member may be suspended or expelled from the chapter for just cause and due deliberation, by a two-thirds majority of the Active members.

For You, By You

Leadership Program

Leadership is a very important part of Alpha Phi Omega. Most people erroneously believe that the only way to be a leader in our Fraternity is to hold an elected position. However, Leadership comes in many forms. It is possible to lead by example, simply by attending a large number of events and conducting yourself in a proper manner. You can take part in the various leadership building workshops that we offer. You can be a leader by joining a committee and taking part in the decision making of the chapter. It is the leadership of all the non-officers in the chapter that keep the chapter alive and strong

Fellowship Program

Chi also has a diverse fellowship program. By bonding through various social activities, we can relax from the stress of schoolwork while building a stronger chapter. In the recent quarters, we have done at least one fellowship event every week. Some popular fellowship events include: karaoke, broomball, miniature golf, basketball tournament, and talent show, ice cream social, camping, and bowling. If you want to see a particular event, offer to chair it. We're always up for having some more fun.

Service Program

Chi prides itself on helping the community. Most weeks, there are three or four service projects. We endeavor to have a wide range of service projects, so that each member can find projects which s/he wants to participate in. Some of our past projects have been: convalescent home visits, a literacy fair, a career fair, school beautification, reading to kids, feeding homeless, campus graffiti clean-up, runs, tree planting, pulling weeds from parks where they endanger the indigenous plants, and helping at benefit dances. We have worked with many organizations, making contacts throughout the community. If there are any projects that you would like to see, just let our Service VP know. And you are always welcome to help coordinate new projects.

The Family System

Pledging a fraternity the size of Alpha Phi Omega can be very intimidating, with its many active members and large pledge classes. There will be confusing moments as well as questions which arise during pledging. Familiar faces and confidantes can rally help during this period. To help ease the pledging process and introduce you to many aspects of the chapter, you are placed within a large family and given a big sib.

You are assigned to one big or two big sibs. Furthermore your pledge class will be broken up into three or four "families" headed by aunts and uncles and you will complete missions with these families. Your big sibs and aunts and uncles are your guides and confidantes, helping you through the pledging experience, as well as answering your questions and sharing with you their experiences.

Remember, they are here to help you because they want to, not because they have to. They have many commitments, just as you do. They big sib because they appreciate the time you are taking to pledge and contribute to this Fraternity. Make sure to thank them in kind. :-)

Executive Committee Rules

Our chapter Executive Committee (ExComm) consists of all elected officers, the President, Service VP, Membership VP, Fellowship VP, Pledge Parent, Administrative VP, Finance VP, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Interchapter Chair, and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee (our advisors). The current President is the chair of the Executive Committee. The ExComm generally meets at least once between chapter meetings and *all active brothers and pledges* are encouraged to attend.

Nominations for the next term's offices are currently held during the eighth and ninth week and elections generally held the tenth week. Only Actives in Good Standing may be nominated, and only Actives in Good Standing may vote. In the event that an officer cannot fulfill the duties of office, the officer may be impeached by a 3/4 majority or may resign.

No member may hold 2 elected offices simultaneously or serve in the same ExComm position for more than two complete and consecutive terms. Each ExComm officer may have appointed officers.

Committees & Meetings

We have chapter meetings every week. Here, we take care of announcements and business which a committee or an individual has brought before the chapter. However, since we are so large, most things are usually discussed in a committee meeting before they come to the floor of a chapter meeting. Committees are a good way of involving more people and keeping the officers from becoming overburdened. Anyone is welcome to serve on any of these committees, with the exception of the Advisory Committee, the Executive Committees, and the Pledge Committee. All members (pledges and actives) are encouraged to attend ExComm meetings. Actives are encouraged to attend the Pledge Committee Meetings. Other committees can be appointed as the need arises. You should feel free to serve on any of these committees. Don't worry about what (if any) background and experience you have.

Officer Roles

ALL OFFICES:

- Attend ExComm meetings
- Explain duties to incoming officers
- Help pledge-counterpart to their office
- Keep materials in organized and understandable order

PRESIDENT

- Is the official head of the Chapter and leads ExComm meetings.
- Makes sure other ExComm members are doing their jobs.
- Appoints offices if vacant until a time when an election can be held.
- Brings gavel to meetings and large events
- Promote leadership within the chapter.

SERVICE VP

- Creates and heads service committee
- Decides on projects, contacts organizations, and finds chairs
- Creates enough service projects so as to ensure fulfillment of requirements

MEMBERSHIP VP

- Also known as the “Active Parents” of the Fraternity
- Creates Head and Membership Committees
- Coordinates Heads of Family System
 - Evaluating applications and selecting Family Heads
 - Organize Families (Re-sort actives every quarter)
 - Work closely with Family Heads to create Family Events and Competitions
- Creates and maintains active & pledge roster
- Creates and heads birthday committee
- Designs projects and activities to increase involvement, retention, diversity, and recruitment of members
- Decides upon active requirements with the approval of the fraternity
- In charge of Active Forum, Quorum
- In charge of providing LFS & EMH Awards, Stoles for Seniors, and Senior Speeches at Banquet
- Keeps track of all active and pledge requirements
 - Having all chapter initiation, activation, and report form paperwork

FELLOWSHIP VP

- Creates and heads fellowship committee
- Decides on and creates fellowship projects, and finds chairs for these projects
- In charge of all aspects of banquet, including:
 - Advising the pledge fellowship committee as to what their roles are:
 - Deciding on location and time of banquet
 - Picking food
 - Picking DJ
 - Making programs and flower-grams
 - Determining price of tickets, and advertising these prices

PLEDGE MASTERS

- Organizes, heads, and leads rush week including:
 - Creating a rush committee.
 - Deciding on times and locations of events.
 - Being in charge of flyers, sandwich board, banners, brooms, all rush materials.
 - Keeping record of all prospective.
 - Making sure there are two people tabling at ALL times, 7 am to 2 pm
- Create and run pledge program including
- Making pledge requirements
- Recruiting and organizing pledge trainers
- Running pledge meetings
- Attending plexcomm meetings
- Coordination of pledge project
- Making and administering pledge test
- Running initiation and activation ceremonies
- Determining winner of ”brightest bulb” award and making sure the previous winner makes an award for current winner.

- In charge of big sib program
- Creates and maintains pledge roster.
- Tries to increase interaction between pledges and actives

ADMINISTRATIVE VP

- Checks mail in office at 105 Kerckhoff Hall
- Checks e-mail, and forwards or replies to e-mails as necessary
- Creates and copies weekly agenda
- Takes minutes of ExComm and chapter meetings
- Takes attendance at general meetings
- Head of list-serv
- Webmaster for chapter webpage at www.apo-x.org including:
 - Creating and heading web committee
 - Posting weekly agenda
 - Helping membership VP post and record requirements
 - Making sure web page is current and informative

FINANCE VP

- In charge of all financial records of the chapter
- Creates and heads fundraising committee
- Creates and finds chairs for fundraising projects
- Takes and keeps record of all money for chapter, including:
 - Active, associate, and pledge dues
 - Banquet tickets
 - “Grams” of any type
 - Sectional, regional, or national conference fees
- Prepares a budget statement at the end of the term, explains all aspects of the job to the next finance VP, and ensures that the new VP has their name added to the bank account
- Gives out reimbursements, but only if member has a receipt for the purchase and the purchase was previously approved by the president and/or finance VP

HISTORIAN

- Creates and heads historian committee
- Creates Rush Slideshow
- Creates Chapter Pledge Manual
- In charge of “Brother of the Week” awards
- Takes pictures, or designates a member to take pictures, at all events
- In charge of Chapter Wikipedia
- Creates scrapbook
- Creates slide show for banquet
- Is in charge of storing and preserving for future classes of the chapter:
 - Charter
 - All scrapbooks
 - All photo CDs

SERGEANT -AT-ARMS

- Keeps order at all meetings

- Keeps track of active and pledge pins, informs the chapter when new pins need to be ordered, and makes sure pins are at all Initiation and Activation ceremonies
- Collects fines from actives not wearing their pins
- Runs, with the help of advisors, all elections
- Uses the SAA squirt gun to keep control, as necessary

INTERCHAPTER CHAIR

- Keeps and maintains list of contacts for all chapters in our section, including interest groups, as well as section staff
- Creates and coordinates interchapter projects such as the interchapter talent show or interchapter picnic in HB
- Encourages interchapter relations
- Acts as chair for sectionals, regionals, and nationals

Appointed Officers

According to our chapter by-laws (which are available upon request from the parliamentarian), an Executive Committee officer can appoint additional officers to fulfill tasks deemed necessary by the chapter membership or officers. Many of our chapter's day to day activities are carried out in committees chaired by appointed officers. The following is an abbreviated list of possible positions. If you want to be involved, just ask!

President's Committee

Parliamentarians
Conference Chairs
Constitutional Review

Service Committee

New Projects
On-going Projects
National Service Week
Service Thermometer
MIGC

Membership Committee

Membership Committee
Family Heads
Birthday Crew
Fam Comp Committee
Family Olympics

Fellowship Committee

Dance Chairs
Talent Show Chairs
Banquet Chairs
IM Sports
Event Coordinator

Pledge Committee

External VP of Operations
Internal VP of Operations
Historian
Big/Lil Coordinator

PAC

Pledge groups

Administrative Committee

Webpage
Roster
Newsletter

Finance Committee

Fundraising

SAA Committee

Enforcement

Historian Committee

Photo Crew
Publicity
Slideshow
Scrapbook
Yearbook

Interchapter Committee

Sectional
Regional
National

Alumni Advisor Committee

Policy

Spring 2009 Executive Committee

Chapter President



Lynette Chea (*Kate Farrell Westlake*)

Hello Betty Tran Class!

I can't wait to get to know everyone in your class soon because I expect there are exciting and great people to be met. As President this term, I hope to make this a memorable and wonderful experience for everyone. At the moment, I am a third year majoring in Biochemistry and hopefully getting a minor in Classical Civilizations just because I'm a nerd. Home for me is in Cypress here in SoCal (a little blip on the map in the OC) and I can never stay away for too long. I have a variety of interests that go from reading and photography to sports to bumming around watching TV and movies. I also love boba and coffee runs, so if you ever want someone to tag along, feel free to call me up! I pledged with Upsilon Class a long, long time ago in my freshman year here and I have loved every moment with APhiO since because of what we get to accomplish and because of all the new and extraordinary people I get to meet. So when you see me around, don't be shy to say hi and strike up a conversation with me. Some people may say that I seem intimidating or something ridiculous like that, but I'm really not! Once you start chatting with me, you'll realize it for yourself. I'm looking forward to the days I get to meet you all.

Sergeant At Arms



Kyle Shigekuni (*Bonnie Chen*)

Greetings Alpha Alpha class!

As you may know I am your pledging quarter's Sergeant at Arms. I pledged Bonnie Chen/Psi class with your pledge parents. Some duties of my position are; keeping order at meetings, taking part in parliamentary procedures, keeping attendance, collecting outstanding dues, enforcing the pin policy, reviewing chair evaluations and promoting overall chapter spirit.

During my pledging quarter I personally

learned many leadership, friendship, and organizational abilities or traits that I never knew I possessed, or was even capable to possess. I met amazing people from completely different worlds that I know for a fact, I would have never come into contact with otherwise. And I accomplished things that I would have believed prior to be slightly impossible. Pledging, and this fraternity in general, has brought me true confidence in myself, strengths beyond compare, and a family of people that I can trust and know will be there for me. Being a pledge in Alpha Phi Omega is the one experience after I leave from UCLA that I will miss and will absolutely never forget. I have checked out other fraternities before, even a couple cultural social clubs and whatnot. But in my honest opinion; nothing and I mean absolutely nothing, compares to the caliber of the people, or should I say leaders, that I have personally come across in the fraternity of Alpha Phi Omega. This fraternity tends to attract the most genuine people I have ever seen, who are almost always willing to put their personal life on hold to lend a hand to others who are often in less fortunate circumstances. I encourage you all to dive into this pledging process, determined, with an open mind and an open heart. You definitely will meet many trials and tribulations during the pledging process that will put your metal to the test. When you meet these challenges, I strongly urge you to not be afraid, stand strong, take initiative, push harder, and never give up on yourself or your brothers. I promise in the end you will be absolutely amazed at what you have accomplished and what you have learned about this fraternity, your pledge brothers, and more importantly, yourself. Take pride Alpha Alpha class, in being a pledge for the largest collegiate fraternity in this nation.

Lastly, do not push this pledging process simply expecting just to be lucky and become an active brother by sliding through and finishing the minimum requirements with minimal participation. When you have expectations such as these, you are setting yourself up for disappointment and you will never understand this fraternity and the grounds for which it was born for. Avoid this path of failure by making sure to prove that you deserve to be a brother, not only to the fraternity but to the hardest judge of all, yourself. With this mindset, you will never fail.



Don't expect luck or success, make your own.

In Leadership, Friendship and Service,
-Kyle Shigekuni

Finance VP Presidents

Alexander Banh (*Bonnie Chen*)

Hey Alpha Alpha class! I'm Alex Banh and I'm going to be one of your cool Finance VPs this term! I'm a third year and I live in Sacramento (woot Nor-

Cal!). I like to watch or play sports, just chill, and I love food. I pledged Alpha Phi Omega Psi class, spring of my second year, and I can definitely say it was one of my best college experiences. I met an amazing group of people in this fraternity and it has made UCLA feel like a much smaller campus. I am really excited that you guys decided to pledge this term; I hope APhiO gives you as much as it has given me. I know pledging is sometimes tough and time-consuming, so if you guys need anything, whether it's an interview, questions, or you just want to hang out (and get food? lol), just give me a call. I'm looking forward to meeting every one of you this term.



Diana Chan (*Bonnie Chen*)

Welcome to Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Alpha Class! I'm Diana Chan, and I am currently serving as the better half of your Finance VPs! (hehe). Right now, I'm a second year majoring in Sociology with a minor in Film. If you think that's interesting, come talk to me about it, because south campus majors are boring! (Just kidding... sort of). I love going out to eat, watching movies, and baking. My other hobbies include procrastinating until daybreak and late minute papers!

I'm very excited for all of you this pledge term and I hope your experience is as enjoyable as mine was. I pledged with your Pledge Parents during Bonnie Chen/Psi Class (Spring 2008), and I am very thankful for all the wonderful people I have met and the memories

Alpha Phi Omega has left for me, and I can only hope that it brings you all the same joy. :) The best part about the fraternity is that whenever it gets tough or you feel like you want to quit, you'll have the full love and support of your pledge brothers. Enjoy your time as pledges, because it will be over before you know it!

Membership Vice Presidents

Cindy Chang (*John C. Jadel*)



Hi Betty Tran Class! I'm Cindy, and this is my second term as Membership Vice-President. A little about me: I pledged Fall '07, the John C. Jadel aka CHI CLASS! I'm also a proud member of the Phi Family, and the J. CHOU Line!! I love playing volleyball, supporting our IM teams, Korean food, hanging out, and most of all, sleeping whenever I get the chance.

I hope that you enjoy your pledge term as much as possible because pledging is by far one of the most memorable experiences in APhiO. Please don't look at requirements as requirements; instead, look at them as opportunities for you to get to know the Fraternity better. Being part of Alpha Phi Omega is something to be proud of, whether you are pledges, actives or alumni. Have pride in that you are pledging towards Active Membership for one of the largest nationally recognized service Fraternity!

Pledging is to prepare you for Active Membership, so this is the time to show the Chapter why you deserve to be an Active. Being an Active Member means more than just attending meetings, finishing the bare minimum requirements, and wearing pins to events. An Active Member means to step up and lead when people around you aren't ready to yet, to unselfishly donate your time to help the less fortunate, and most of all, to be a positive influence for the people around you.

Have fun with pledging, and have fun meeting everyone! You'll meet amazing individuals - just like I have. I can't wait to meet the rest of you, and to get to know every single one of you better. Betty Tran class, impress the Fraternity with what you are capable of achieving! And you can start by stealing your pledge parents' paddle ^__^



Alvin Ho (*John C. Jadel*)

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The students laughed. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life." The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, and your friends - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your

house, and your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. And just like the story above i want you guys to apply the same concept to your pledging experience. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness in Alpha Phi Omega. Pay attention to the 'rocks' - the friendships that you will be forging, the family that you will be creating. The requirements and missions are just 'pebbles' and 'sand' - although they are an important part of your pledging experience, they are not everything. Always look at the bigger picture and not be engulfed by the tiny details. Know your reasons for wanting to be here, whether it be for Leadership, Friendship or Service, and i guarantee you that you will find happiness in being a part of this family.

P.s. Hi. I'm Alvin btw lol. i know this was supposed to be a blurb about myself but i didn't know where to start haha. sooo if you want to get to know me, just talk to me ☺

Service Vice Presidents



Liz Vuong (*John C. Jadel*)

Hey Alpha Alpha Class! My name is Liz Vuong, and I'm one of your Service Vice Presidents. I live in San Jose and I listen to classical music when I study. I crossed 3 terms ago with Chi Class, and this is my first term on ExComm. I'm really excited to work on service projects this quarter and I hope to be able to meet all of you!

I'm PA. It stands for Awkward. Like my implies, I have the instantly turn any conversation into an one that just makes people want to <.< or >.> by uttering one word – condom. I like sweating, adventures, procrastination, and smiles. I cuddle with my blue stuffed dinosaur named Bluey at night.

As a fifth year econ major, there's one thing I've definitely learned... nothing goes



PA Lava (*John C. Jadel*)

Pretty name power to normal awkward

as planned. Set goals, but don't stress over each obstacle. Enjoy college and remember to breathe. APhiO was there to help me enjoy my last year in college. The friends I've forged, the people I've helped, the memories made, or the backs I've warmed with my sweater – it's been quite an unforgettable journey. I hope you guys have an even better experience with Alpha Phi Omega.

If you guys are ever having a bad time or need some cheering up, don't hesitate to talk to me.

Fellowship Vice Presidents



Gordon Huang (*Bonnie Chen*)

Hello Betty Tran Class! I am pleased to know 37 of the many rushees have decided to pledge for our fraternity ^^ . I first pledged because I wanted something other than school and work. Two of my friends pledged the term before me and at the time, I did not know what they were thinking. I had negative views of fraternities before I joined. I decided to give it a try. Plus! I did a lot of community service back in high school. Although it was not the key club, my high school prides ourselves with this club. To be honest, pledging was not easy. I had to balance what I already had on my plate. However, it is one of my most memorable moments of my life. Never had I met so many people at one time. Only APhiO can offer such an opportunity. The friends you make can

become a second family. I know for me, that is the case. I know for a fact that I can trust the people I met in APhiO with my life. The requirements may be a much at times, and you may even want to quit. The fact that I have a second family is what allowed to triumph over the challenges I faced. I know it's a bit cliché, but it's true. Stephanie and Anthony were a part of my class. They are good people, and I'm sure you guys will get a chance to see how good pledgeparents they can become.

After a term of being active, I wanted to give back to the fraternity. I made so many friends that I wanted to be a part of that bonding making experience. (I hope that makes sense...) Fellowships are just as important as other events. In my opinion, it is the most important. I, as well as my partner Anna Lee, am responsible for all fellowships that you see on the calendar. Lgn and Banquet are two of the biggest events that you will see. You come for service, but you stay for the friends you make. I hope you all can experience what I went through and decide to give back to the fraternity. Helping out with any activity makes the experience that much better. Enjoy the pledging process and I hope to see you all become brothers of APhiO.

iLFS, Gordon Huang



Anna Lee (*John C. Jadel*)

Hello Betty Tran Class! My name is Anna, and I'm a third year, an East Asian Languages, and Linguistics major (and by far the only one in APhiO). I pledged Fall of 2007, Chi (John C. Jadel) Class. That's three terms ago...Anyways, I'm one your Fellowship VPs, meaning that Gordon and I are the ones' that put-up all the [FEL] events on the calendar. I'm the head my line, A4 Line (ask me what it is!); I currently have three lils, and one grand-lil. Besides APhiO, I LOVE to COOK. I've been cooking since I was in the 3rd grade (started out making RICE), so if need any advice on what to make, or you wanna chat about food, I'm always down! I LOVE playing volleyball, tennis,

badminton and riding my bike. I recently received a longboard, and I am learning/practicing.

From what I can remember about pledging is the fond memories of meeting MANY people in a short amount of time. APhiO wasn't this big when I pledged, and my class, at the time, doubled the Fraternity. At first, it may seem overwhelming to meet all your pledge bros, and ALL the actives of APhiO, but keep in mind that you have your pledge bros to support you and many actives that want to get to know you. I'll tell you now that pledging won't be easy, and there will be times where you waiver, but I hope that you'll find strength in yourself with the support of your pledge bros, and in the future, your big, your family, and hopefully the rest of the actives. I can't stress enough how important that as a class you all need to support each other, and help one another. Build great memories, and HAVE FUN. This pledging process will build leaders, and build great friendships so, it doesn't matter if you're pledging on your own, or with a friend (or friends). This is the time where you can evolve and challenge yourself.

Lastly, I want to share with you guys why I stayed in APhiO. I've been in APhiO for three terms now, and it may not seem long (or it might), but I stayed in APhiO because of the ties I've built here. Initially, I pledged because I missed doing community service. In High School I was in TOO many service clubs, and over the summers I volunteered in a summer school as a TA. I was really burnt out by the time I got to college. After a year's break, I got flyer'd, and was promised a chance to make a difference in the community. My class Service VPs lead the project, "Build a Library" and from scratch my class gave an elementary school a library.

Now I have a question for Betty Tran's class, how will you guys impact the community? Will you all step up as leaders?

Historian



Christine Luu (*Bonnie Chen*)

Halloo!! ALPHA ALPHA CLASS!!! yayy, you're reading the pledge manual! That makes me happy, whoo! I'm Christine Lu Luu, and I get to be your..... HERstorian this term! I'm a third year, Sociology major and Southeast Asian Studies minor, and I come from a small town called Santa Maria on the Central Coast. I pledged Aphio Spring quarter my 2nd year (Psi Classssss), which was kind of out of the blue, but mostly because my friend Stephen made me join with him. Haha. But guess what! I really enjoy being involved with this fraternity now, because I've met so many amazing people who have impacted my college experience and I am thankful for them all. I also think it has helped me grow a lot as person since I've joined. Let's see... I really, really like Mexican candies, so if anyone has anyyyy... :D share with me! (I especially like Lucas, mango chile pops, and pulparindo). People say I dress loudly or strange sometimes, but I don't know what they're talking about. Haha. I also like meeting interesting, new people, so I can't wait to meet you all => I'm pretty awkward though, so.. good luck to you! Jk, enjoy pledging! I hope to see all 37 of you cross.

Interchapter Vice President



Willis Chan (*Wilfred M. Krenek*)

Hey Betty Tran/Alpha Alpha Pledge Class! You guys are special, you guys are the first class to have TWO greek letters as your pledge class! Whoo! Okay so I'm Willis Chan and I'm your guys Spring 09 Interchapter Chair. I'm in charge of keeping in contact with all the other chapters to

invite them to come to our projects and relay their projects back to our chapter so we could go visit them also. So if you have any fellowships or services you want to do with any particular chapter, do tell me.

Here's a bit about myself, I pledged OMEGA Class (Fall 08) and it was a great experience. I joined APhiO solely looking for a broader social network by doing community but found much more. APhiO is such a large organization with so many different types of people that you're able to gain all types of experiences and meet all types of people. That's what I love about APhiO, even though there's such a large difference in everybody's culture, you can still feel comfortable talking to all your brothers about things cuz you know they're part of your fraternity.

I hope you guys fully enjoy your experiences as pledges, because sometimes it does get tough with all the requirements, but it's mighty worth it in the end. Try to figure out what you're trying to get out of APhiO, and also what you can contribute back. By the end I hope everyone has been able to improve themselves somehow through APhiO, either through leadership, social networking, learning new ways to help people, as long as you've found just one thing I think the whole pledging term because worth it.

Finally, GO MEET YOUR INTERCHAPTER BROTHERS! We're really trying to depend on you guys, Alpha Alpha class, to help Chi Chapter expand our relations to other chapters. YOU GUYS ARE OUR FUTURE! Work hard, don't take interchapter events as just another requirement, rather take it as an opportunity to expand your social network out of just UCLA. By visiting other chapters, and having that connection with other chapters, we will be capable of doing much larger and meaningful events in the future. There's so much we can learn from others that we shouldn't lose this opportunity by just staying within our own little UCLA shell.

Well that was a long note, no one will probably finish reading but oh well.

Hope you guys all go through with pledging and I'll be able to see you each and every one of you become an active member!

Willis Chan

Administrative Vice Presidents



Tawny Luong (*Bonnie Chen*)

Welcome Betty Tran Alpha Alpha Class!! As one of your Admin VP's, i will be assisting you guys with ussue with the website. Let's just say I'm your 24-hour/7-days a week technical support, so feel free to contact me through phone, email, aim, or anything you can think of : D

Pledging Alpha Phi Omega has been a rewarding and ever so enlightening experience for me. What has

made it so great were my awesome pledge brothers and the supportive actives that dedicated their time and energy for each of us to meet our requirements. Together my brothers and I were the Bonnie Chen/Psi Class and as a whole, the time we spent on Alpha Phi Omega has given us more than just friends for life but also a newfound love for community service and each other.

I would like to thank all of you for pledging with us and hope that you continue to do so till the end of your fun-filled journey. Hopefully you can all experience the joys and the pains, and realize that this commitment to Alpha Phi Omega was what you wanted to find in college. No matter how hard things get do know that your pledge brothers and actives are there for you, so never hesitate to ask for something. I wish you the best of luck and hope that every one of you finds something in Alpha Phi Omega that makes you happy.

My heart goes out to you Alpha Alpha Class!!
-Tawny-



Jessica Mai (*Bonnie Chen*)

Hi Betty Tran/ Alpha Alpha Class! I'm Jessica Mai, one of the Administrative VPs this term. I hope you guys enjoy pledging because you only, hopefully, get to do it once. A little about me...I'm a third year psychobiology major and planning to go to optometry school. I love to shop and bake (even though I don't really know how to...yet). I pledged Spring 2008/ Bonnie Chen/ Psi Class and it was one of the best decisions I've made. I've met some truly amazing people through aphio and built friendships that I wouldn't trade for the world...people I can call at three in the morning and turn to for anything.

I look forward to meeting all of you and will always be here if you guys have any questions =] -jessica



Pledge Parents

Stephanie Hsia (*Bonnie Chen*)

Hi kids! I first joined Alpha Phi Omega because I wanted an organization I could really dedicate myself

to. I never could have anticipated just how much APhiO would bring to my life. I pledged Bonnie Chen/Psi Class (Spring2009) with your dad Anthony. Pledging was, honestly, one of hardest things I have done in college; however, it was also the most rewarding. I know that sometimes the requirements can be too much, but they are so worth it in the end.

Not only will you feel a sense of accomplishment, but you'll really feel like you have a second family. I decided to be pledge parent this term because I wanted to give back to the fraternity a fraction of what it has given me. Not only have I met all sorts of amazing people, but APhiO has enriched my college experience so much. I encourage you all to put what you can into APhiO. The more you put into it, the more it gives back to you.

Regardless of how much each of you decides to put into APhiO, I'm really excited to get to know all 37 of you and want you all to know that I am always here for you. If you ever have any questions about APhiO, school, life, or just need someone to talk to, don't hesitate to call/e-mail/IM/carrier pigeon me! :) -Steph Hsia



Anthony Beckles (*Bonnie Chen*)

Hi Kids!

Welcome to the Betty Tran (Alpha Alpha) pledge class. First of all, I would like to tell you guys a little about myself. I'm a fourth year philosophy major. I once saw a commercial that asked "if someone wrote a book about you, would anyone want to read it?" Ever since then, I have tried to live an interesting and truly fulfilling life. I guess my life goal would be to have a book written about me that would become a New York Times Best Seller. In order to enjoy my life the most I can, I try to live it according to three principle: Motivation, Confidence, and

Proactiveness. I feel these traits are necessary, not only to live a successful and interesting life, but to also enjoy your pledge term. Let me explain each one and how it could be applied to pledging.

Motivation- Find a reason for everything that you do; that way when you face hard or challenging times, you won't lose sight of your goal, and you'll stay motivated to accomplish it. Throughout pledging you'll face several challenges. Whether it be having an overwhelming amount of interviews to finish in a day,

or missions that get you frustrated with someone in your pledge class. Never lose track of your final goal, and know that you'll get through those difficult times as long as you don't give up.

Confidence- Whenever you do something give it your all and feel sure about yourself with whatever choices you make. That way if the end results aren't exactly what you hoped for, at least you won't be able to look back on everything and wonder what would be different if you did a little bit more. Many of you have probably realized that technically you could cross into Alpha Phi Omega by only doing the bare minimum. However, chances are you'll only get to pledge once, and whatever decisions you make you won't be able to change things once pledging is done. If you have a boring and uneventful pledge term you will probably be less motivated to be highly involved in the fraternity as an Active. Therefore, make sure you don't waste 12 weeks of your life on something you won't really care about later on.

Proactive- This is probably the most important of all. If you sit back and just let things happen, chances are you are going to be bored. Take the initiative, and make sure you put yourself out there. By doing this you will not only get the most out of life, you'll also make sure you enjoy it to the fullest too. I guess the best way to relate the importance of pro-activeness to pledging is by comparing it to a road trip. We, as pledge parents, will give you a map and directions on how to get you to your destination. We'll be there whenever you guys have questions or clarifications, but it's up to you to alter the route and stop to see the landmarks. Be involved and put yourself in leadership positions whenever you can, and that way you will have a say in how your pledge class is molded and how much you'll get out of the experience.

Keep all of this in mind, and remember...Pledging is supposed to be fun, have a blast and put yourself out there. What's the worst that could happen?

-Pdad

Pledge Advisory Committee (PAC) – Appreciate Them

Carman Chan - Bonnie Chen (Psi Class)
 Warren Debuayan - Wilfred M. Krenek (Omega Class)
 Hieu Do - Wilfred M. Krenek (Omega Class)
 Cecilia Dong - Bonnie Chen (Psi Class)
 Le Hoang - Wilfred M. Krenek (Omega Class)
 Tina Kim - Wilfred M. Krenek (Omega Class)
 Emily Qiu - Bonnie Chen (Psi Class)
 Zhan Song - Wilfred M. Krenek (Omega Class)
 Sharon Tong - Bonnie Chen (Psi Class)

CHI CHAPTER ADVISORS



Henry Wang (*Chairman*)

Hello Betty Tran Class. As someone who has worked with Betty Tran while she was the President of this Fraternity, I can tell you that it's a great honor to be named after such an extraordinary leader. Without I doubt I'm sure all of you will live up to standards set by your namesake. I like everyone else in this fraternity was at one point a pledge, and I can promise you that if you put your heart into it and believe in the principles of this fraternity, your experience as a pledge will be more than fulfilling. I pledged during my fourth year as part of X class and served one term on excomm as a fellowship VP, my only regret is that I could not be an active member longer, but as an alumni I choose to be advisor so that I can continue to contribute this wonderful organization. I look forward to meeting

everyone of you, I might not be able to, but I will definitely try. I will always be available to chat or answer questions you might have. As an advisor, my first advice to you is to enjoy your pledge term to fullest extent.



Frank Lee (*Community*)

Frank doesn't mind walking. He takes the bus a lot. He's almost an environmentalist. He rants a lot on his Xanga. Frank is low maintenance. Frank is positive and has a lot of faith in people, but can be the most bitter and cynical person in

the room. Frank likes to read some books, but he reads slowly. Frank is introverted, but can be outgoing if need be. Frank spends much of his personal time working on website projects and doodling comics. He should probably get out more. Which reminds him, he also enjoys hiking around LA. Frank's pet peeve is inconsiderate people. Frank really enjoys being a part of APhiO. Frank has a mint plant that's getting pretty out of control on his balcony and will be glad to cut you a few stems or even pot a new plant for you. :oP



Paul Choung (Community):

Paul is an alum from Gamma Gamma (Berkeley). In his spare time, he checks for pins. If you have any questions about APO, be prepared. He will provide you with historical background, theory, methodology . . . If Paul tells you that he is a social worker, he isn't ready to be your friend just yet. If he tells you that he is a police officer, it's a sign of good things to come. Paul enjoys entertaining, and playing every game in existence. He owns 50% of them.

Eddie Leung (Scouting):

Eddie is an alum from Gamma Gamma (Berkeley), and is currently attending Anderson Business School. He is spending quarter abroad in Tokyo as part of a business school exchange program. Eddie owns the other 50% of all games. His license plate and motto is, "LIV HAPI". Obviously he doesn't know how to spell.



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Pledge Class Requirements

As a Pledge, one learns about APO and about Chi in particular. Your Pledge Requirements are voted on in a special meeting, called by the Pledgemaster(s) and attended by any Actives who wish to. There are a number of things which Pledges are required to do, but each of these things has a purpose. We believe that these requirements will encourage Pledges to learn about the Fraternity, meet people, and gain a sense of belonging. We do not haze, and all of us are capable of fulfilling these requirements. One event may possibly fulfill more than one requirement. The Chapter as a whole and the Actives individually are committed to helping Pledges get through this educational and growing period.

1. Demonstrate Leadership, Friendship, and Service in your daily life.

As the cardinal principles of our Fraternity, this is considered to be the first requirement of the program.

2. Attend a Rush Event.

Get to know what we are about before you pledge. Becoming a member is a commitment.

3. Attend Pledge Initiation Ceremony.

This is the ceremony to which potential pledges are invited and officially inducted as pledges into our Fraternity.

4. Wear your Pledge Pin at ALL times. *4 STRIKES & YOU'RE OUT.*

You wear your pin to demonstrate your commitment to our Fraternity and its ideals.

5. Attend ALL Pledge Meetings.

Pledge Meetings are a chance for pledges to learn about our fraternity traditions as well as bond with each other. Here pledges will get the opportunity to participate in activities designed to foster brotherhood among the class. Pledge Pins, manuals, and a smile are required. Pledges must sign in and check out with the Pledgemaster(s).

6. Attend ALL Chapter Meetings.

Chapter meetings are where most general chapter business occurs, and announcements for upcoming events are made. Every pledge should be kept up to date by attending these meetings. Pledges must sign in and check out with the

Pledgemaster(s).

7. Take part in your Pledge Committee.

Each of your PLExComm officers have a committee that you will choose to be on. You will develop your leadership skills by working with a group to accomplish your goals.

8. Attend Big Sib / Lil Sib Dinner.

Your big sib is taking the time out to get to know you. Return the favor and let's make this a great term for the both of you.

9. Attend the Chapter Project / Campout.

An action-packed weekend, we'll be departing Friday night and coming back Sunday morning. You will be spending an extended period with your pledge brothers and actives. Pledges will be working side-by-side with all of their pledge brothers, developing a sense of unity, as well as enjoying camping in the Los Angeles National Forest!

10. Attend your Pledge Class Fundraiser.

This is an event organized by your Pledge Class Fundraising Committee.

11. Attend your Pledge Class Fellowship.

This is an event organized by your Pledge Class Fellowship Committee as a thank-you to the Actives of the chapter for the work they have put in in making this a meaningful term for you.

12. Attend your Pledge Class Service Project.

This is an event organized by your Pledge Class Service Committee.

13. Complete 20 Service hours.

Well, we are a Service Fraternity. As such, we believe that our members should provide service to the Chapter, the Campus, the Community, the Country, and to Scouting.

Project: _____ Project:

Chair: _____ Chair:

Date: _____ Date:

Project: _____ Project:

Chair: _____ Chair:

 Date: _____ Date:

 Project: _____
 Chair: _____
 Date: _____

14. Complete FOUR Fellowships.

These are really fun, and a good chance to meet new friends. We feel that by coming to fellowship events, one gets the chance to meet members and talk to them in a casual setting.

Event: _____ Event:

 Chair: _____ Chair:

 Date: _____ Date:

 Event: _____ Event:

 Chair: _____ Chair:

 Date: _____ Date:

15. Attend ONE Family Event

Build pride and camaraderie. Come out to meet the other members of your family. Find out what it means to be an Alpha, Phi, or an Omega.

16. Attend TWO Interchapter events.

Interchapter Events: We are part of a national fraternity. We feel that by attending interchapter events, one gets the opportunity to meet our members at other chapters. This is another way to make friends and to keep in touch with other chapters. Communicating with other chapters also has the practical benefit that we can get a lot of good ideas from them.

17. Hold TWO Leadership positions.

There are many ways to be a leader. You can be a PLExComm officer, chair an event such as a fellowship or service project, or be a committee member.

18. Pass ALL Pledge Quizzes.

There will be short quizzes given out at Pledge Meetings. If you fail (2) pledge quizzes, then you will be depledged.

19. Attend ONE additional Fundraiser:

Raise funds to support your Pledge Class and Fraternity activities.

20. Complete THREE missions.

These are assigned by your pledge parents

21. Write interviews.

Interviews: These are to help you get to meet your members. While some people have complained that interviews are artificial or constraining, we feel that this is a very good way of encouraging you to meet more of your brothers. This helps promote friendship and brotherhood, two very important parts of our fraternity. At many APO events, you will find that you have free time, especially while you are waiting at Dykstra Tree. If you bring some paper and a pencil, then you will be able to get a lot of your interviews while you are at APO events. It is amazing how many members you will run into at these events. Make these as serious or as crazy as you want!

22. Pass the Pledge Test.

This will be a comprehensive test covering all material from Pledge Reviews, Chapter Meetings, and the National and Chapter Manuals. Pledges who have been active, have been paying attention, and study their butts off should not have a great deal of difficulty passing this test.

23. Pledge Class Service Project**24. Pledge Class Active Event****25. Attend Activation & Banquet.**

The day has dawned, with the first rays peeping over the horizon. You look over at your fellow pledge brothers and realize just how far you have come.

Yet the journey is not yet over, for it has just begun, as an Active of Alpha Phi Omega.

Pledge Class Namesakes

1997 Spring	Alpha PM: Ken Chang
1997 Fall	Fr. William T. Cunningham, Beta PP: Gordon Kwan PP: Clarissa Yu
1998 Spring	Gamma PP: Thao Hoang
1998 Fall	Joseph F. Kuchta, Delta PP: Diana Pao PP: Terence Hayter
1999 Spring	Epsilon PP: Linnea Adler PP: Gregory Barnes
1999 Fall	Stan Carpenter, Zeta PP: Stephen Chang PP: Erwin Ong
2000 Spring	Eta PP: Gordon Kwan PP: Kevin Luke PP: Judy Yan
2000 Fall	Theta PP: Paul Lu PP: Diana Pao PP: Norm Tsang
2001 Spring	Iota PP: Neil Dutta PP: Quyen Hoang
2001 Fall	Robert J. Hilliard, Kappa PP: Richard Jhong PP: Alicia Louie
2002 Spring	Lambda PP: Jason Wong PP: Wayne Wong
2002 Fall	George Dacy, Mu PP: Frances Hu PP: Mick Magno
2003 Spring	Neil Dutta, Nu PM: Ray Hahn PM: Michael Lee
2003 Fall	Ray Hancock, Xi PM: Lily Chan PM: Jeff Ignacio
2004 Spring	Linnea Lieberman, Omicron PM: Natalie Ho PM: Jian Wu
2004 Fall	Togo West, Pi PM: Karen Ward PM: James An
2005 Spring	Frances Hu, Rho PM: Bonnie Chen PM: Alvin Chu
2005 Fall	Gerald A. Schroeder, Sigma PM: Scott Lee PM: Melinda Ly
2006 Spring	Paul J. Choung, Tau PM: Kevin Lu PM: Deborah Shin
2006 Fall	Kate Farrell Westlake, Upsilon PM: Alfonso Duenas PM: Betty Tran
2007 Spring	Frank Lee, Phi Class PM: Robert Chen PM: Jamie Hernandez
2007 Fall	John C. Jadel, Chi Class PM: Derek Ong PM: Ngin Lam
2008 Spring	Bonnie Chen, Psi Class PM: Bryan Lam PM: Brandy Au
2008 Fall	Wilfred M. Krenek, Omega Class PM: Garvey Chan PM: Jennifer Nguyen
2009 Spring	Betty Tran, Alpha Alpha Class PM: Stephanie Hsia PM: Anthony Beckles

Pledge Classes

Each pledge class is given a different designation. Each Fall pledge class is named after a nationally distinguished member of Alpha Phi Omega by the National Executive Board. Therefore, all chapters nationwide have the same Fall Pledge Class Namesake. Spring pledge classes are usually named in honor of distinguished members of their respective chapters.

Since Spring of 2003, Chi Chapter has begun naming their Spring pledge classes.

To the right is a partial list of Pledge Class Namesakes along with the Pledgemaster / Pledge Parents of each class. Each class embodies the ideals of each namesake and the philosophies of its Pledgemaster / Pledge Parents.

During some Pledge terms, the Excomm member(s) in charge of running the Pledge Program has been called a Pledge Parent. The Alpha pledge class had a Pledgemaster who had been a brother from Gamma Gamma, which tends to use that term. In subsequent Pledge terms, Chi pledge classes have had Pledge Parents. With the introduction of the multi-family system, Chi Chapter has begun using Pledgemaster.

We take pride in being a part of our pledge classes. Those who pledge with you are your pledge brothers. Those of us that are part of Fall pledge classes enjoy being part of the National pledge class. Those of us that pledge during the Spring experience the more intimate feeling of a chapter pledge class.

How to Chair an Event

The chair is responsible for making an event run smoothly.*

Make sure:

- People meet on time & get to location of event on time.
- Transportation is planned (drivers, maps, directions).
- Things are going well during the event.
- You conclude the event (clean up, toast song).

Here are guidelines to aid your job, but your responsibilities are *not* limited to the following. Chairing is a leadership position, requiring your thinking, planning, and judgment. It is not merely a procedure.

1. Sign up for event as chair.
2. Ask respective VPs/Excomm member for additional tasks.
3. THREE days prior to event, send an e-mail reminder to all those signed-up.
4. ONE day prior to event, call all those signed-up*. Tell them what time and where to meet (usually Dykstra Tree), if they are driving, and what to be prepared to do. If your event requires special clothing (layered clothing, closed-toe shoes), make sure to mention it. Also, call the contact person again to let them know how many people you are bringing and to let them know you are still going. Make sure you have enough rides for everyone. If not, e-mail chapter, call Big Sibs and ask them to go/drive.
5. Print/write directions and/or maps for drivers. **
6. Arrive at the meeting place (10) minutes early. Call any people who are not present at the designated time. Check in all people and make sure they are wearing their pins. Make note of flakes, tardies, etc. Give directions to the drivers.
7. Attend event. Periodically check around with everyone to make sure they are doing ok and that everyone is working. Also try to have pledges and actives interact so everyone can get to know each other.
8. Thank the people for letting you come.
9. Sing toast song at the end of event. Thank the drivers and the people who came. Go home.

10. Fill out Evaluation Form on the APO webpage (go to "SIGNUPS" click "EVALUATE" next to your project).

Submit the evaluation within one week of the event.

* Those who cancel must contact chair two days prior to event. Otherwise, it will be considered as a flake. To ensure timeliness to events, those who are late may be left behind and receive a flake. In order for person not to obtain a flake, he or she must find a replacement within the 48 hours of event.

** You should consider contacting other members who have been to the project site to:

- Obtain faster routes (*sometimes* the 405 or 10 is a *little* slow)
- Confirm online map service results (just because the internet says so doesn't mean it's true)

Note:

You are always welcome to make suggestions for events or create events. Consult with the respective VP's and let them know the relevant information (time, place, purpose of event, contact, etc.). For example, if you would like to introduce an AIDS Service auction in Pasadena that our chapter has never attended, you would go talk to the Service VP and relay the specifics of where in Pasadena is it, where the actual action will occur, if there is an orientation needed, and who the coordinator is to figure out how many volunteers we can/should send. The Service VP will judge the feasibility of the event, figure out any last details with you, and if appropriate, he/she will add it to the calendar of events.

Pledge Class Officers (PlexComm)

Pledge class officers are pledges elected by the pledge class to fulfill the duties of each office. These people are pledges the class has entrusted with a very direct role in the success of the pledge semester. The positions are President, Service VP, Fellowship VP, Admin VP, Finance VP, and Historian. As chairs of important committees within the class, these pledges should be especially active at all chapter activities. All officers are to attend PLExComm meetings and keep materials in organized and understandable order.

President:

1. Is the official head of the Pledge Class, PLExComm, and the Pledge Leadership Committee
 - a. Attends all PLExComm and Pledge Leadership Committee meetings
 - b. Makes sure the other PLExComm members are doing their job
2. Promote pledge/active interaction
3. Promote and assist in all other areas of pledge class
4. Assist the Chapter President
5. Create a phone tree for PLExComm members to call to remind people.

Pledge Leadership Committee

1. Plan a Brotherhood (an event to promote pledge class bonding)
2. Organize Chapter Project / Campout
3. Creation of the Pledge Class Gift to the Chapter
4. Create enough Leadership opportunities so as to ensure fulfillment of Requirements

Service VP:

1. Is the official head of the Pledge Service Committee
2. Promote class service
3. Assist the Chapter Service VP
 - Pledge Service Committee
 1. Organize the Pledge Class Service Project
 2. Plan a weekly LFS presentation (service thermometer, skit)
 3. Create enough Service projects so as to ensure fulfillment of Requirements

Fellowship VP:

1. Is the official head of the Pledge Fellowship Committee
2. Promote class fellowship
3. Assist the Chapter Fellowship VP
 - Pledge Fellowship Committee
 1. Organize Pledge Class Fellowship
 2. Work with the Banquet Committee

- a. Select location, time, and theme of Banquet
 - b. Coordinate decorations, food, presentations
 - c. Pick DJ
 - d. Coordinate Flowergrams
 - e. Decide on ticket prices, advertise, and sell
3. Create enough Fellowship events so as to ensure fulfillment of Requirements

Finance VP:

1. Is the official head of the Pledge Finance Committee
2. Promote financial stability
3. Assist the Chapter Finance VP

Pledge Finance Committee

1. Organize Pledge Class Fundraiser
2. Ensure that monies owed are collected accurately and promptly
 - a. Fundraisers
 - b. Special "Grams"
 - c. Fees & Dues
3. Oversee creation of the Pledge Class T-Shirt/sweatshirt
4. Create enough Fundraising events so as to ensure fulfillment of Requirements

Historian:

1. Is the official head of the Pledge Historian Committee
2. Promote chapter history
3. Assist the Chapter Historian

Pledge Historian Committee

1. Organize a paper version of the Pledge Roster
2. Create the Pledge Photo Roster
3. Create a Common Class List for pledges
4. Coordinate picture-taking at all events
5. Coordinate Scrapbook
6. Coordinate Slideshow & Newsletter/Yearbook with ExComm committee

Chapter Traditions

Chapter Shirts

Our most visible tradition is making A Phi O related T-shirts. We wear these to show that we are members of A Phi O and Chi because they're really cool, or just because it's time to do laundry. To satisfy everyone's need to wear A Phi O clothing, most terms the chapter produces an A Phi O related T-shirt and most pledge classes also produce their own pledge class T-shirt or otherwear, like sweatshirts, pants, or jackets. Look around you, and you will see past A Phi O gear.

Pin Checks

At meetings we do pin checks. This is where we embarrass people who forgot to wear their pins to meetings or who got to the meeting late. In the past, some pin checks have included: having everyone line up and, going down the line, each sing the next word of the toast song; play catch with an egg (turns out it was hard-boiled); some game that involved running to a pile of shoes, finding yours, putting it on, and running back; dancing with a hula-hoop; animal imitations; and Chi member imitations (it's just not as fun if you imitate someone from another chapter who no one knows.)

Gavel

Sometimes during the term, members steal the president's gavel. They can make the president do something. It should be something legal which doesn't hurt anyone and doesn't really embarrass anyone other than the president (and other elected officers.) The gavel is given back after the deed. Pledges can also steal the pledgemaster's paddle.

Muggings

Over the course of the term it is likely that you will either do something really nice for somebody or they will do something nice for you. A good way to recognize each other is a mugging. At the end of chapter meetings, people thank each other for doing stuff and drop some change into a mug. On the other end of the scale is the reverse mugging. For example, let's say somebody did something thoughtless, like they were at a dog-walking project, was supposed to pick up their dog poop, but made another person pick it up. Anybody could reverse mug that person and make them put some change into a cup. The proceeds are given to a good cause.

Roll Call

At interchapter conventions (Sectionals, Regionals, and Nationals) each chapter does a roll call. Rather than simply saying "Here", each chapter has to do a cheer, song, or something else creative (talent is not necessary) which mentions A Phi O, the respective chapter, and anything else the chapter wants to include.

Sectionals/Regionals/Nationals

Sectional conferences are held each term by our section. Brothers from all chapters attend these conferences which are held at a different chapter each term. Fall sectionals are more casual, focusing on fellowship while Spring sectionals are more serious, with numerous workshops given. This is usually the biggest interchapter event of the term and is a great opportunity to meet brothers from all over our section. Regionals and Nationals are larger conferences; Regionals, held between December 27 to December 30 of every odd year, gathers brothers from chapters all over our Western Region. Nationals is held on the same dates every even year. This term, the Spring Sectional was hosted by Zeta Omicron, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The next term, the Fall Sectional will be hosted by Alpha Kappa, CSU-LA, with Chi assisting. The Regional Conference will be hosted by Alpha Alpha Xi, UOP. The upcoming National Conference will be held in Denver.

Awards

Gag Awards

Each term, at the banquet, we give out a number of fun awards. The actual awards are decided by that term's Gag Awards Committee (a subcommittee of the fellowship committee). Some past awards have been: most likely to be scared watching Snoopy's Halloween, most likely to be mistaken for the Pilsbury Doughboy, best smile, most likely to be kidnapped by Martians and live to tell about it, and most likely to hit a serve over the fence at the tennis tournament.

Appreciation Awards

Each term, at the banquet, we also give out some serious awards. The following awards are given out to two people (one active and one pledge): most likely to be of service, most likely to be a friend, and most likely to be a leader. Also, each officer gives awards to the people who worked for him/her.

Chapter DSK, Sectional DSK

Man-Mile Award

For this award, the number of members from each chapter is multiplied by the distance that the brothers traveled to get to the sectional conference (from one campus to the other campus). The chapter with the highest total is awarded the Man Mile Award. This is the only sectional award which is given out every year.

Pledge Heuristics

(i.e. An APhiO Novice's Rules of Thumb)

1. Your Siblings may be lame. It is just as much your job to make sure that you (and they) know what's going on as it is their job. Ask them to show up to Pledge events; ask them if they have any advice on interviews, requirements . . . communication is key. This means call them or see them at meetings at least once a week. **Remind your big sibs that one of their "duties" is to support you by participating in the Pledge project.
2. Start interviewing ASAP. Meaning, RIGHT NOW! People have been DPed (depledged) for not fulfilling just one interview. Don't repeat the mistakes of the past . . . And don't whine. If you fall behind, talk to your Pledgemaster and work it out, but do so as soon as you start slipping! Telling the PM you can't turn in your interviews the day they're due is too late!
3. Be active. Being active means being willing to do more than just a meeting, fellowship event, and project a week . . . it's socializing and getting involved with your siblings and the chapter. For example, join a committee!
4. TLC. Say thanks to your Big Sibs. You don't need to give gifts or return favors . . . but (even though they are "required" to take care of you) a "Thank You" is always appreciated. An old tradition is to give a token of your feelings to your big sibs at Banquet.
5. Network. Know your pledge class officers and know Ex-Comm. Make an effort to meet-n-greet key people (the outspoken and quiet-super-service types) at meetings. This "networking" shows fellowship and it can help you get outta tight spots (can't make pledge review or activation) by knowing those in power. (But hey, don't brown-nose)
6. Take charge. If you don't think there's enough review or enough fellowship events or projects . . . organize your own! Surprisingly, it's not as difficult as it may seem and a good big sib or officer may be able to pitch in. :)
7. Take it seriously, but not too . . . Alpha Phi Omega is a fraternity and not a social club. It deserves your sincerity and your dedication just as you want it to fulfill your desires to serve and have fun and lead. At the same time, remember that your pledge period is most likely gonna be the "best" time in A Phi O, as this is when a large focus of the chapter will be to help the "new" members (pledges) and to take care of you.
8. If you don't understand #7, talk to your big sibs and experienced actives who

can tell you the “old”-timers stories . . . you’ll see.

9. Tricks . . . Rally together your pledge class and pull a prank (nothing too nasty and no “practical jokes”). Standing (but infrequently executed) tradition is to “kidnap” your pledge officers/or your Pledge Parents. This entails surprising them, taking them into a car (like, “Hey Alicia/Rich, let’s go to dinner . . . (yah right)”), and forcing them to go with you (like go bowling or to dinner). But keep in mind that just as there is no hazing, you shouldn’t haze your PP . . .

10. Challenge. Just because you’re a pledge doesn’t mean you are a nobody. During debates and other chapter decisions, don’t be afraid to speak up, and do realize that while some issues only pertain to current actives, you will soon be joining their ranks and should pay attention to see what lies ahead. You ou all have a voice. Who knows? You may even end up being a better Chi member than some actives. On a less formal front, challenge (and beat) the actives in sports . . . basketball, volleyball, football, bowling, mini-golf, broomball, Chapter-knowledge quiz-off, bake-off, singing, performance in a fundraiser or service.

Dictionary

Active - n. - one who has been through the Activation ceremony, is not Associate, and has not graduated or been suspended
Advisor - n. - member advising us, must have at least 4: 2 faculty/staff, 1 community, 1 scouting. May not be an undergrad.

Advisory Committee - Chair: Chair of Advisory Committee (standing) This committee is made up of our advisors. They discuss how they can help advise us (at least in theory).

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) - n. - a national service fraternity whose purpose is to assemble college students in fellowship of the principles of the Boy Scouts of America as embodied in its Scout Oath and Law; to develop Leadership, to promote Friendship, and provide Service to humanity; and to further the freedom that is our national, educational, and intellectual heritage.

Alumnus - n. (Alumni - pl.) - a member who has graduated and gone on into the real world.

A Phi O - n. - a slang term we use to refer to Alpha Phi Omega

Appointed Officers - Any elected officer can create any offices deemed helpful for the program.

Associate - n. - a member who doesn't have the time to be a full active but wants to remain a part of A Phi O. You can not go associate the first semester that you are an active. Also, You may not go associate two term in a row.

Cardinal Principles - n. pl. - Leadership, Friendship, Service; what APO is based on. Commonly abbreviated to LFS.

Chapter Planning & Review Committee - Chair: President (recurring) This committee meets before the beginning of each semesters and discusses our program for the upcoming semester. This committee includes the elected officers for the upcoming semester.

Chi - n. - us, the UCLA chapter of APO. As chapters were founded, they were named alphabetically, i.e. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, . . . , Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, . . . , Alpha Omega, Beta Alpha, . . . Thus, we were the 22nd chapter to be founded.

Constitution & Bylaws - n. - We use these to help us run the chapter, and give

everyone a voice. They are updated every year.

Constitutional Committee - Chair: President (Recurring) This committee meets every year. It reviews the constitution and bylaws to ensure that they still serve our needs and to recommend to the chapter any appropriate changes.

CPW - n. - Chapter President's Workshop. A weekend conference where officers go through workshops to help them run better programs in our chapter.

Dykstra Tree - n. - where we meet for many of our events. It will become very familiar.

DSK - abbr. - Distinguished Service Key, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member at either the chapter (blue), sectional (green), regional (red), or national (purple) level.

ExComm - abbr. - Executive Committee, the elected officers of this chapter.

Four C's of Service - phrase - Chapter, Campus, Community, and Country; a rephrasing of the four points of Service that makes it easier to remember what they are. There's also an S for scouting.

Friendship - n. - the state of being with someone a person whom one knows well and is fond of; intimate associate; close acquaintance.

Leadership - n. - understood by all yet tough to define.

LDW - n. - Leadership Development Workshop. These are usually done at the regionals and nationals.

National Convention - n. - this is the governing body of our fraternity. It meets every other year in late December. In addition to the legislative function, there are also a number of workshops and fellowship events.

Phone Tree - n. - method which we use to send out information when there is no convenient meeting. Usually used a few times each term.

Pin - n. - a pin that says APO which one wears on their shirt to show that s/he is a member in APO. Pledges have a "P" on their pin and wear it on their right. Actives have an "S" on their pin and wear it on their left.

Pledge - n. - a member being educated toward active membership.

Pledge Committee - Chair: Pledge Parent (Standing) This committee deals with the pledge program. They try to ensure that the pledges will have an enjoyable pledge term and become good actives.

Procrastinate - v. - This is something which many pledges do. It makes the last few weeks of one's pledge period very painful and is not recommended.

Roster -n. - a list of all of the members in the chapter. Includes their phone number, birthday, major, and address.

Seeing no Objections - phrase - Used to expedite parliamentary procedure. Objections are checked for and Seeing none, the vote passes.

Service - n. - an act giving assistance or advantage to another.

Torch & Trefoil - n. - a quarterly publication of the national fraternity.

Toast Song - n. - The song sung at the end of all APO events. It is also sung by pledges who get caught on campus or at APO events without their pin.

