Thank You, Alumni

Alpha Rho Chi Letter – Fall 2014
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2014-2015 Regions Map

Our regional map underwent a fairly significant change for the 2014-2015 academic year. You may notice that the regions are no longer defined by geographical boundaries.

“NO CHAPTERS WERE PHYSICALLY RELOCATED DURING THIS REALIGNMENT.”

It’s no secret that the fraternity has experienced unprecedented growth over the past 10 years, and with that, the burden placed on our regional directors has increased accordingly. In order to alleviate some of that burden, and to prepare for future growth, we made a significant change to the way our regions are designated.

We determined through observation that in order to provide the best service, each regional director should not be responsible for more than 4 active chapters. The burden placed on the regional directors by alumni associations is minimal in comparison to the burden placed by the chapter and therefore were not factored into this equation.

Prior to the re-alignment, we had some regional directors with two active chapters, while others had as many as six. This was unfair both to the chapters and the regional directors. Service to our chapters and alumni associations is of the greatest importance. Therefore, the previous emphasis on geographical boundaries became less important.

As the fraternity currently stands, we have 29 active chapters. Dividing that number by 4, our logic states that a team of 8 regional directors continues to be appropriate. As we
continue to expand, we will add regional directors to maintain the required ratio. In order to maintain this ratio, chapters can expect to be grouped together with different chapters from year to year.

It has never been easy to fill the regional director positions each year, and there have been many occasions where we struggled to fill the post in one region, while in another we had to turn down one or two worthy candidates. Therefore an added benefit of the elimination of geographic boundaries is that the Grand Council will have the ability to select the very best appointees for the job, regardless of their current place of residence.

Lastly, it has been observed that chapters benefit when their regional director is from another chapter. Sometimes those close connections can interfere with the regional director's ability to provide unbiased advice and the chapter's ability to receive constructive feedback. This new alignment strategy has allowed us the flexibility to provide each chapter with a regional director from a different home chapter to provide a different perspective.

The Grand Council acknowledges that the chapters have enjoyed using regions as a way to establish a secondary identity within the fraternity over the years. This realignment is not meant to discourage any of those interactions. However, brothers should keep in mind that the regions are first and foremost a way for the national fraternity to provide services to our constituent chapters and associations.

THE BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD SHOULD NEVER BE LIMITED BY REGIONAL BOUNDARIES.
**DORMANT CHAPTERS**

- Daphnis Chapter
  - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- Demetrius Chapter
  - Ohio State University, Columbus
- Heracleides Chapter
  - University of Oklahoma, Norman
- Imhotep Chapter
  - University of Memphis, Memphis
- Kallikrates Chapter
  - University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- Paeonios Chapter
  - Kansas State University, Manhattan
- Polyklitos Chapter
  - Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh
- Rheocus Chapter
  - University of Kansas, Lawrence
- Theron Chapter
  - Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
- Xenocles Chapter
  - University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington

*Aristobolus Colony has submitted a petition to be formally recognized as a Chapter. Please review this document with your Chapter or Alumni Association and cast your votes:*


**ABIGAIL CROCK, REGIONAL DIRECTOR 6**

- Domitian Chapter + Alumni Association
  - New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark
- Senenmut Chapter + Alumni Association
  - University at Buffalo, Buffalo
- Severus Chapter
  - Kent State University, Kent
- Vitruvius Chapter + Alumni Association
  - Pennsylvania State University, State College

**BRICE OHL, REGIONAL DIRECTOR 7**

- Isodorus Chapter + Alumni Association
  - Miami University, Oxford
- Hemiunu Chapter
  - Howard University, Washington, DC
- Olynthius Chapter
  - University of Maryland, College Park
- Aristobolus Colony*
  - Clemson University, Clemson

**KATIE ZUEFLE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR 8**

- Cleisthenes Chapter + Alumni Association
  - University of Houston, Houston
- Nicon Chapter + Alumni Association
  - Florida International University, Miami
- Polydus Chapter
  - Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta
- Seshait Chapter + Alumni Association
  - Florida A&M University, Tallahassee
Leadership Conference 2014

Leadership Conference 2014 was held in Miami, Florida the weekend of October 25. It was attended by 28 Worthy Architects, 14 additional attendees, all 8 Regional Directors, the WGA, the WGS and the National Director. The welcome reception was held Friday night at the Coral Gables Museum where we were able to see the work of some of our FIU Brothers. Jason Kasparek led an Accountability and Conflict / Resolution workshop where attendees broke into groups to role play different challenging scenarios. CAMPUSPEAK presented a Social Media Workshop called “Strong Signals” where students were able to analyze their online presence and how well it represented themselves while also learning how to represent Alpha Rho Chi via social media. The evening ended at Historic Virginia Key Park with dinner and some fun times drawing cadencies in the sand while enjoying the views of downtown Miami.
Alumni Association Summit

THE SUMMIT MOVES TO ITS NEW FALL DATE!
Representing 18 alumni associations, 23 brothers gathered in Detroit on October 17-19 to continue conversations that began at our previous summit. Topics discussed include the role of alumni in the national fraternity, development of a position description for an Alumni National Director, and the growing number of Metro Groups. The weekend was capped off by an excursion into Detroit for dinner at Mexican Village. We look forward to continuing the conversations and momentum gained from this meeting of alumni leaders.

START PLANNING NOW FOR THE 2015 SUMMIT TO BE HELD NEXT OCTOBER IN TUCSON, AZ.
Metro Group Survey

Currently, active metro groups serve APX alumni in places like D.C., Chicago and New York, to name a few. Some locations have active Chapters nearby and others do not. These groups have functioned primarily as social networking events and typically use Facebook to send out information regarding dates and times for events.

We would appreciate your time in responding to a survey about your experience as an alumnus and subsequently answering questions related to metro area groups. It is our hope that answering these questions will help alumni who want to be involved find an avenue to do so, and to give information to those who serve a planning role in the metro groups.

Please pass it around to your fellow alumni—the more the merrier—to help us better understand how to provide resources for alumni.

THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE THIS UPCOMING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, AT 11:59PM.

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National Fraternal Service Award

The Grand Council recognized the dedication and hard work of two Hippodamus brothers on October 18, 2014, by awarding the National Fraternal Service Award. Brothers Melinda Ingram and Sang Nguyen received the award for their efforts developing and supporting national ritual team projects. Both also mentored three recently installed chapters with the design and construction of ritual props and costumes.

Both Brothers Ingram and Nguyen continue their roles working with the Grand Lecturer and his various project teams by developing formal guidance that will be shared with all members in future issues of The Rise. Said Grand Lecturer Scott Swanson, “Melinda and Sang have made a great impact on our teams’ progress toward developing resources for the entire fraternity.” He continued, “Their responsiveness and willingness to help others embodies the spirit of brotherhood.”

Brother Swanson shared that the team’s work—including the costume guide and prop construction guides—will be issued in winter/spring and fall 2015, respectively. The award that Brothers Ingram and Sang received is a gold lapel pin modeled on the upper half of the fraternity’s crest. It is worn alongside the Alpha Rho Chi Badge. The National Fraternal Service Award was developed in 2011 and is issued to brothers providing service at a national level toward the benefit of all brothers.

Brother Ingram conducted research into costume patterns and worked with other project team members to document sewing instructions and material types for use with ritual costumes. She provided phone and email support as new chapters began making costumes for the first time.
Foundation Update

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

We’re so close! We only need $10,000 before December 31st, when we close the books on the Centennial Campaign.

It’s been a long, ten-year endeavor and we’re in the final weeks. Our goal of $125,000 is within reach! Won’t you join the many alumni from across the nation?

The Foundation has given away over $107,000 for professional programs at our chapters and conferences and for scholarships to our student members. All of these scholarship winners are excellent students, citizens and (now) professionals. The applicants for these grants and scholarships are astounding. We’re proud that with the Centennial Campaign we can offer significant gifts toward their educational needs.

The Centennial Campaign has allowed our endowment funds to grow enough to ensure the perpetual giving of the Ross Scholarship. The guarantee of the endowment fund eases the burden during tough times and ensures consistent grants.

If you’d like more information about the Centennial Campaign or a copy of the report we gave at the 67th Convention on March 21, 2014 in Chicago, please contact the Foundation President, Nicole M. Dress, AIA, LEED AP at FoundationPresident@alpharhochi.org

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John Ross Scholarships

WINNERS – 2014

$5,000  BRYAN PEREZ, PYTHEOS

$2,500  ENEIDA PINON, NICON

$1,000  JEFF ZIEMANN, DINOCRATES

WINNERS – 2013

$2,500  DESMOND JOHNSON, SESHAIT

$1,500  JESSICA ELLIOTT, APOLLODORUS

$1,000  MARGO PUETTE, RABIRIUS

FOUNDATION FACTS

46 Ross Scholarships Given

$107,700 given as grants or scholarships since inception

$490,000 portfolio worth as of September 30, 2014

94.5% donated goes directly to programs, scholarships or endowments for future grants

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“The Ross Scholarship gives me the opportunity to continue my education at the graduate level at Georgia Tech. Joining Alpha Rho Chi is, undoubtedly, the best decision of my life. My relationship with the fraternity is humbly rewarding.” – Desmond Johnson

“I plan to use the John R. Ross Scholarship award to help pay for my graduate education at Yale University studying architecture. Thank you to the Foundation and to my entire APX Family.” – Jessica Elliott

“APX has meant so much to me since I joined and it really was such an honor to have received this. I will use it during my class trip to Europe.” – Margo Puette
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