

Beta Alpha Psi Newsletter



Kappa Phi Chapter



Fall 2009 Brings Large Recruiting Class

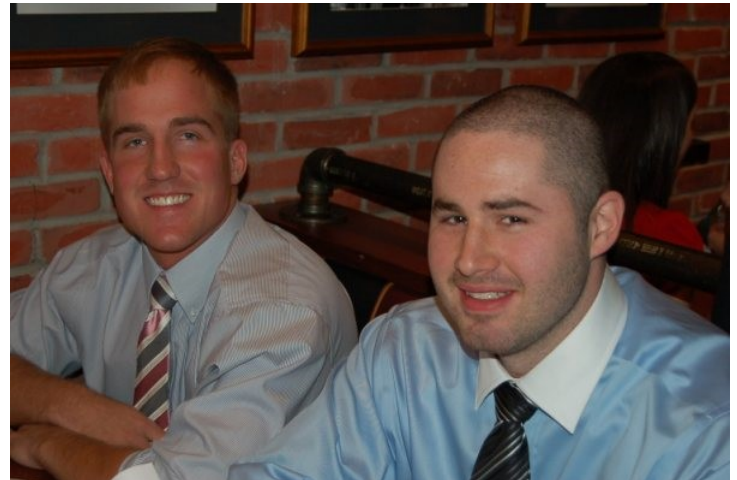
This fall 25, students became members of the Kappa Phi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the largest recruiting class in recent history.

“I feel we have a really good foundation with this recruiting class,” Tyler Rowland, chapter president, said.

In the past, a typical recruiting class was around 10 members. Changed meeting times, a recruiting video, committed leadership and classroom visits by local professionals all contributed to the large recruitment.



Sara Freeman, Garrett Davis, Sam Sarcone



Brian Peach , Zac McClanahan



Neri Gabriel, Chaehee Park



Erin Deegan, Anna Dingess, Jessica Hughes

New Officers for Spring 2010

Anna Dingess – Executive Vice-President

Anna Dingess is a junior accounting and finance major. She intends on continuing her education in the Masters of Accountancy Program with hopes of taking the CPA exam.

Johnathon Roberts – Treasurer

Johnathon Roberts is a junior accounting major who has a passion for photography. He plans on enrolling in Marshall University's newly founded MS in Accountancy program after he earns his undergraduate degree.

Randall Michel – Membership Chair

Randy Michel is a senior finance major. He is also an instrument rated pilot and enjoys flying and restoring antique aircraft in his spare time. He hopes to increase membership outreach for Beta Alpha Psi – Kappa Phi chapter.

Di Zhang – Communications Chair

Di Zhang is an accounting and finance major and hopes to work for one of the Big 4 CPA firms, and maybe start her own CPA firm in the future.



Di Zhang and Johnathon Roberts



Di Zhang and Randall Michel

Meet Our Faculty Advisors

Amanda K. Thompson-Abbott graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2001 and a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 2003. She is currently a faculty member in the Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment at Marshall University, where she teaches introductory courses in financial and managerial accounting. Besides her teaching responsibilities, Amanda is co-advisor for the Kappa Phi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi and is a practicing Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She is highly involved in her family's accounting business, Thompson Financial Services, where she specializes in tax and audits of non-profit organizations. She enjoys bringing her expertise into the classroom and feels that the students benefit from her real-world experiences. Additionally, she is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. Amanda resides in South Point, Ohio with her husband Darin and son Reece. They are happily awaiting the newest addition to their family, a daughter who is due in June.

Dr. Dallas Brozik graduated from Coe College with a double major in mathematics and physics. He joined the Navy, completed nuclear power training, and served on a ballistic missile submarine. After military service, he worked as a health physicist and general engineer for Commonwealth Edison and earned an MBA from Lewis University. Dr. Brozik received his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina and taught at DePaul University and McNeese State University before joining the faculty at Marshall in 1987. He has taught a number of different finance and honors courses. His research interests include financial asset pricing models and experiential learning techniques.

Dr. Rick Weible is an Associate Professor of management information systems at Marshall. He received his Doctorate in management information systems from Mississippi State University, and his Master's from Marshall University. His current research interests focus on using technology to improve the educational process and the impact of internship programs on the student, employer and university. He has taught for over 25 years at several leading universities and has been published in national and regional education conference proceedings.

Over \$80,000 Raised for Local Charities

The Kappa Phi chapter participated in both the PATH Walk/Run Fit Fest and Chilifest this semester. The Paul Ambrose Trail for Health (PATH) 5K Walk/Run Fit Fest took place on September 11 at Ritter Park in Huntington. Beta Alpha Psi members assisted runners and “patrolled” the streets during the event. Around \$40,000 was raised for the Dr. Paul Ambrose Trail for Health, a planned 26-mile bicycle and pedestrian pathway which is named for the West Virginian physician killed in 9/11, who promoted the importance of fitness and proper diet.

Chilifest was held September 19 around Pullman Square in Huntington. This event raised over \$44,000 for the Ronald McDonald House. Beta Alpha Psi members sold tickets, helped sell chili, counted money and set up/closed down this event.



Johnathon Roberts, Di Zhang, Kevin Nguyen, Jon Gable



A group of members get ready to close streets off for the 5K

Mark Your Calendars – Ramen Noodle Cook-off March 13

The Ramen Noodle Cook-off will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Marshall. In this campus-wide event, participants will prepare “gourmet” dishes with ramen noodles and only \$5 of other ingredients. Teams of 1 to 2 people will be divided into divisions, with a winner from each division competing to be named overall grand champion. This event will raise money for Palms for Life in New York, an international charity led by Hannah Lauffer-Rottman, who formerly worked with the United Nations.



Beta Alpha Psi and International Students at their planning meeting at Giovanni's

Max Billmyer Wins “Project Run With It”

At the 2009 Beta Alpha Psi National Meeting, Max Billmyer’s team won Project Run With It in their division. Each year only sixty student applicants are chosen to participate in the research project. These sixty students are divided into three divisions consisting of five teams of four students each. Each division is presented with a financial problem for a non-profit, which they have a day and a half to research. They must present their findings to a panel of experts, including a representative of the non-profit in question.

Kappa Phi Chapter to Host Regional Meeting for First Time

Marshall’s Kappa Phi Chapter will be hosting the Regional Meeting for the first time in history on March 19 and 20 in Washington DC. Event planning and coordination are shared with the University of Pittsburgh. Over 40 schools are expected to attend this year’s meeting.

“We have worked with Pittsburgh since the summer and we are looking forward to this meeting,” said Tyler Rowland, chapter president, “It is all coming together well.”

The past two years Marshall has placed in the Best Practices presentations (where chapters present their methods for recruiting, financing, etc.). This was the only category entered in the past, but this year Marshall plans to present in all three categories; Service Learning, Ethics and Integrity in Business and Chapter Sustainability.

The Web site for the 2010 Regional Meeting is <http://www.marshall.edu/baprm/>



Newly Inducted Members

David Burgess

Erik Clark

Garret Davis

Erin Deegan

Anna Dingess

Neri Gabriel

Alex Gawthrop

Phillip Heyliger

Jessica Hughes

Danielle Ingram

Drew Kesler

Jill Landsden

Zach Lauffer

Zach McClanahan

Randy Michel

Chaehee Park

Alex Peach

Brian Peach

Nilam Patel

Johnathon Roberts

Sam Sarcone

Joseph Skopic

Erica Stutler

Pam Tritt

Leah Woodworth

Di Zhang

