## THE GREEK ALUMNI CONNECTION

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GREEK DIRECTOR'S DESK



Another Fall semester is upon us, and we're already half-way through! Our Greek Community continues to be a great place for students to gain leadership experiences, make new friends, and connect with others who will be part of their lives much longer than they may now understand!

This Fall, the Greek Community has been a part of some great partnerships. Teaming with the Student Events Team (formerly IMPACT); we hosted "Cosmic Bingo" as part of the university's Welcome Week festivities. This event turned out to be one of, if not the most successful Welcome Week events ever. We certainly look forward to repeating that activity. Student leaders have teamed with the Women's Center and the Student Events Team to host a screening of "The Hunting Ground," a film addressing campus rape culture, and a panel discussion. We hope to further develop partnerships on campus.

In May, the 50th Anniversary of Alpha Chi Omega's chartering passed, and during the recent Homecoming festivities, the chapter was able to celebrate that milestone. Nearly 150 actives, alumnae, and guests gathered for a social event and a formal luncheon. Coming up soon, we will celebrate Alpha Sigma Alpha's 20th anniversary, and in the Spring semester, we'll commemorate Gamma Phi Beta's 50th and Sigma Nu's 30th!

The Fall semester is off to a great start, and we'll soon be preparing for the annual transition of officers. Our current crop of student leaders has been excellent, and I have no doubt they'll finish strong and equip their successors for a smooth start to Spring!

### ALPHA CHI OMEGA CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Locally founded on April 3, 1965, Alpha Chi Omega is the longest operating sorority at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The chapter recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary during Homecoming on October 9-11, 2015. All alumnae were invited, including the founding members, of which one founding member was able to attend. Celebration events included campus tours, homecoming parade, football game, and a social. The celebration culminated with a program held on Sunday, October 11 in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom where a formal luncheon was held. The luncheon included messages from the National Vice President of Alpha Chi Omega, Minnesota State Mankato Greek Life Advisor, John Bulcock and Minnesota State Mankato Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. David Jones. Local chapter president, Courtney Igbo-Ogbonna said it was awesome to see all the connections being made and that alumnae still knew all the songs and rituals. The chapter plans to continue an anniversary celebration every five years.

The national chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was founded in 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. There are 139 local chapters working together through the national philanthropy cause of domestic violence. Locally, Alpha Chi Omega holds two events each year to raise awareness regarding domestic violence. In the fall, Desserts after Dark, partnering with Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. (CADA) and Verizon Wireless, and in the spring, Sloppy Joes with A Chi O. At both events the proceeds benefit CADA.



### Greek Community Mission Statement

The Fraternities and Sororities at Minnesota State University, Mankato take pride in serving the University and the greater Mankato area. We are a community of campus leaders committed to excellence in scholarship and to promoting dynamic personal growth of members, focusing on the development of experiential leadership and the fostering of lasting relationships.

## Greek Community Core Values

- Leadership
- Friendship
- Scholarship
- Service



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# Fall Greek Involvement Statistics:

#### **Volunteer Hours:**

3,531 as of Spring 2015

#### **GPA**

Sorority: 3.24 Fraternity: 2.89

#### Fall 2015 Recruitment Numbers:

Sorority: 81 new members Fraternity: 74 new members Total Greek Membership: 479

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