



Chapter Newsletter



Phi Kappa Psi— Alabama Alpha

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It has been a benchmark year here at Alabama Alpha. We have significantly improved our GPA from last Fall and we hope to build off of that momentum to continue our improvements into the spring semester. Along with improving our academic performance, another goal we set at the beginning of the year was improving our membership. We are proud to report that chapter membership is at an all time high in recent years. We started this semester with a 28-man pledge class and completed pledge ship with a 93% retention rate, ending pledge ship with 26 worthy gentlemen whom we believe to be future worthy brothers initiated in the beginning of the spring semester. We hope to build off of the momentum of this fall's rush to bring in a solid spring pledge class for the spring of 2012.

Our philanthropic efforts have been extraordinary this past year under the leadership of Philanthropy chair Richard Rabello. Last spring, the University of Alabama's Order of Omega honored our chapter for exceptional philanthropic efforts and outstanding community service. In the spring, we held many events benefitting the community but none was as important as our volunteer efforts to aid tornado



Phi Kappa Psi Brothers and Volunteers after the storm

relief. Following the tornado in April, our chapter aided local volunteer efforts as well as campus organizations created to help out after this horrible disaster. Many of our brothers aided

the Greek Relief efforts in delivering food to homeless and displaced citizens following the storm. This summer, the chapter established a partnership with the local Boys' & Girls' Club to start a national fundraiser through the Phi Kappa Psi headquarters. Chapters from around the nation pitched in to aid in our efforts to aid the Boys' & Girls' Club of West Alabama. Click this [link](#) for more information and to make a donation. This semester, we have held numerous events including a Halloween Carnival for the Boys' & Girls' Club, our annual Shipwreck party at Pine Valley

retirement community with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and a Best Buddies Christmas Party to give others a true seasons greeting.

Alabama Alpha is very excited to for the Active/Alumni Golf Tournament at Woodland Forrest Country Club on April 13th. All brothers and alumni/guests are welcome to attend. Contact our Alumni/PR chairman Robert Rudolph for any questions at rjrudolph@crimson.ua.edu. In addition to the golf tournament, in April we are planning our 2nd Annual Ragin' Cajun Celebration. We are looking forward to this event as we hope to celebrate our improvements this year.

Meanwhile, while this has already been an incredible year, we know the best is yet to come. Keep up to date with all that we're doing at www.phipsiala.com or contact Robert Rudolph at rjrudolph@crimson.ua.edu.