

# LAMBDA PHI EPSILON

June 2014

### **Fulfilling a Vision**

Lambda Phi Epsilon's vision is to become the preeminent international Asian interest fraternal organization, providing outstanding leadership, philanthropy and advocacy in the community.

### Direction

To the active brothers, remember what makes our Fraternity great and build upon it for the upcoming semester. Always strive to better yourself. You have the opportunity for a fresh start, seize it! "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

- Douglas MacArthur



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2013 National Orientation in Denver, CO



## **National Board Transition**

## Indianapolis, IN

Brothers,

Lambda Phi Epsilon National Board convened on July 19, 2013 to discuss the vision and policies of our fraternity. National Board welcomed new officers for the 2013-2014 year and implemented changes to foster growth and distinguish our fraternity as the leading preeminent Asian-interest fraternal organization.

National officers met with guest speakers from professional organizations and participated in workshops designed to help us achieve our goals for the upcoming year. The workshops were a great success and promoted strategies to improve alumni support, public communication, and national expansion.

In these workshops, we were blessed with the knowledge of Greek advisors from Zeta Beta Tau, Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Lambda Phi Epsilon National Fraternity Inc. would like to thank all of our guest speakers and hope to pave a path of success for 2014 -2015!





JC Chan and Bryan Dosono



In the future, our National Board has a lot in store for our fraternity. At Midyear, National Board implemented new policies and chapter requirements to create a standard of excellence and ensure a successful future. Lambda Phi Epsilon would like to thank all of our brothers for their unwavering dedication in upholding the Lambda tradition. The hard work of our members are evidenced by the countless philanthropic and community service campaigns across the world. National Board is here to support our brothers in achieving their fullest potential. Without the commitment of our members, our fraternity would not be where it is today. I am certain that as we enter a new age of Lambda Phi Epsilon, we will continue to forge our destiny as leaders among men.

IEB,

Billy Lau

National Historian

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chi Chapter



## Lambda Phi Epsilon **National Board** 2013-2014













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## Midyear 2014

## Seattle, Washington

Midyear was hosted on the weekend of January 11, 2014 with chapter presidents from across the nation. Midyear presented upcoming policy changes and team-building activities to enhance the leadership skills of all our members.

National Board presented the importance of risk management and the financial health of our fraternity. Lambda Phi Epsilon has seen tremendous growth in the last few years, and chapter requirements were instituted to promote standards of excellence.

Among the discussions, chapter presidents had the opportunity to engage in fireside chats with National Board to receive personalized advising on chapter operations, financial management, and fraternal expansion.

Lambda Phi Epsilon is proud and excited to reinstate the status of University of Texas-Austin Zeta Chapter and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chi Chapter!

Our brothers at the University of Oklahoma, University of Virginia, and University of Massachusetts Amherst chapters also went up for promotion.







### **Convention 2014**

Convention 2014 was held in Orlando, Florida during Memorial Day weekend. The 3 day retreat wrapped up the academic year and hosted national aspirations.

The meeting focused primarily on the current state of Lambda Phi Epsilon and the changes required to improve positive growth.

Among the policy changes were a shift in regional alignment, calendar year standard to coincide with national events, and the utilization of Groopt for member dues and recognition.

National President Charles Andrean gave an inspiring speech to motivate and challenge brothers to improve our fraternity culture. Thanks to the support of our members, Lambda Phi Epsilon is heading towards a new era. Standardized protocols and social media outlets will improve transparency within our fraternity and allow brothers to voice their passion!

Lambda Phi Epsilon would like to congratulate the crossing of our newest colony chapter at Arizona State University, and The University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and University of Virginia on their promotion to Active status!









## **Regional Alignment**

## Convention 2012

Region	Chapter #
Midwest	6
Northeast	12
Southeast	10
Southwest	4
NorCal	5
SoCal	3

## After Convention 2014

Region	Chapter #	Geography
Midwest	6	IL, IN, KS, MI
Northeast	8	MA, ON, NYState
Southeast	7	GA, NC, VA
Southwest	5	ΟΚ, ΤΧ
Mid- Atlantic	10	MD, NJ, PA, NYCity
West Coast	9	AZ, CA, WA





## **Academic Report**

The efforts of our outstanding academic chair Tony Kim saw massive improvements in national academia. Under Tony Kim's watch, the average national GPA, members graduating, and active count increased to new heights.









## Lambda Survivor Program

The Survivor program is designed to supplement existing methods to create leaders and prepare them for success. The program builds upon proven ideology and teaches life skills that are important to academic, brotherhood, and career development.

The Survivor program contains list of tasks and goals to be completed during new member education active brotherhood.

Listed below is an outline of the Survivor Program and should be administered in conjunction with the local chapter's academic chair.

## **New Member Academic Requirements**

"Teaching new members the vital skills necessary for survival in the modern world"

Goals—The goals of the following requirements are:

1. To see how the new members define brotherhood in the early stage of their pledgeship.

2. Get new members a head start into their professional development by creating a resume, cover letter, and registering with career services.

3. Teach new members to find a balance of mental and physical strength by encouraging proper nutrition and exercise while maintaining good academic standings.

4. Teach new members the vital skills necessary to improve their financial education and money management.

5. Teach new members the value of self improvement to improve their own futures and become contributing leaders of society.

6. Make sure the new members are keeping up with grades to get recommendation letters from their professors.

7. See what the new members have learned about brotherhood in a final draft of essay due by the end of their pledgeship.

## **Requirements:**

Stage 1: What it means to be a Lambda

• Learn essential time management skills and how to tie a tie. Purchase an Academic Planner and use it. Planners will be checked weekly to ensure new members are using it. (Due every week starting week week 1)

Demonstrate how to tie a tie and write a rough draft of Brotherhood essay.
Minimum of 1 page. (Due by week 2)

• Learn how to create a resume and cover letter. Create an account on LinkedIn and Glassdoor. (Due by week 3)

• Learn how to effectively manage your money. Register with Mint and setup monthly budgets. Register with the career service center (Due by week 4)

Stage 2: Becoming a Lambda

• Learn to become a critical thinker and demonstrate critical awareness by writing reaction papers to selected media. (Due every week starting week 5)

• Learn to set goals and how to achieve them. Turn in life questions, goals and mountain. (Due by week 6)

• Learn a workout routine and proper nutrition. Turn in workout checklists.

(Due by week 6)

• Learn John Maxwell's 5 Levels of Leadership. (Week 7)

• Obtain a letter of recommendation from a professor. (Due by week 10)

• Write the final draft of brotherhood essay. Minimum of 1 page.



## Matthew "Bugle Boy" Muckey

Northwestern University Alpha Eta

Chapter, Fall 2003

New York City, New York



### What is the New York Philharmonic?

The New York Philharmonic is America's oldest orchestras and one of its biggest, being founded in 1842. The New York Philharmonic plays out of Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

### What is your position with the New York Philharmonic?

Associate Principal/3rd Trumpet

## What else have you accomplished throughout your career?

I was a faculty at Rutgers University, and member of NY Phil Principal Brass from 2008-2010

### Many Lambdas growing up have learned an instrument. Growing up, did you always felt that being a musician would be a career for you?

Growing up, I always enjoyed performing. For this to become a career for me is a dream come true. Knowing how competitive the atmosphere is, I didn't expect anything, but I always hoped to achieve my dreams.

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### What have been some of the coolest things you have been able to experience throughout your career so far?

Being in the New York Philharmonic offers a lot of unique travel opportunities. In 2008 the orchestra traveled into Pyongyang, North Korea, for a world-wide broadcasted concert. Also, just seeing the support the audience shows on a nightly basis is amazing. I feel very blessed to do what I do.

### Who did you idolize growing up?

Wynton Marsalis, Phil Smith, and my parents.

## How did Lambda Phi Epsilon prepare you for your journey and success?

Lambda Phi Epsilon epitomizes overachieving. Every day in my life I face difficult challenges, and I feel like being a brother of Lambda Phi Epsilon has taught me to achieve beyond what I conceived possible.

# What advice would you give younger brothers who want to follow in your footsteps?

Never give up working, have a dream and gravitate toward it. There are no limits!

Alumni Spotlight

## Daryl "Elipsis" Wan

University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign X chapter, Spring 2008

Hong Kong, SAR



### How did you get involved in the bone marrow transplant?

We did several bone marrow registry drives on campus while I was active, trying to get as many people to submit mouth swabs as possible, we of course submitted our own as well.

They tried to contact me 4-5 years after that drive but couldn't. At the time I left my US phone number, but I'm from Hong Kong and had graduated and moved back already. I didn't really think that far ahead to leave my Hong Kong number. Luckily, they found me through contacting younger bros since I put "LPhiE" as my organization on the contact info.

They asked me to go in to the sister program at Hong Kong for further blood tests to confirm if I was the best match. The results came back saying that I was, and they asked me to go in again for information sessions and risk disclosures, etc. They asked me for a decision on the spot and I was fine to go ahead with it.

### What is the medical process of transplanting bone marrow?

I was given an IV drip and then put under full anesthetic for about two hours. They extract the bone marrow with thick needles directly from the back of your pelvic bone. From both sides.

### Is there a recovery period?

I stayed at the hospital for only 3 days, but my company let me take medical leave for 2 weeks. The rest of the time I spent resting at home. For the first week or so it's pretty difficult to move around, but the pain is definitely not as intense as what most people think bone marrow donation will be. The two wounds on my back have healed and they are about the size of a mosquito bite.

### How do you feel about donating bone marrow?

I feel great. The whole process really brought together my family and friends, and it feels awesome to be able to help someone out in a big way.

### Any last words or comments about philanthropy and Lambda Phi Epsilon?

Definitely would not have had this experience without Lambdas and our dedication to philanthropy as a nationwide organization. It's also a great reminder that even though you may not see the impact of your charitable work now, many years down the road you will.

## **Stay Connected**

We invite you to visit our Facebook page, Twitter, and Tumblr for the latest information, news, and initiatives of the fraternity.





UVA Lambdas receiving a financial donation by football head coach Mike London for their efforts in the Be The Match Foundation





BU Lambdas selling wristbands to support the Phillipines Typhoon Disaster and performing step at the Annual Moonlight Ball.





WSU Lambdas probate with their newly crossed "Alpha Alpha" class.





UMCP Lambdas after installs and step performance

### Foreword

As we continue on our journey, the success of our fundraising, philanthropy, and brotherhood will inspire massive changes in the community.

### **New Direction**

We hope you enjoyed this semester's newsletter. As you may have already seen, Lambda Phi Epsilon is moving in a forward direction. The National Board is here to assist all brothers. Please feel free to contact us for any comments, concerns, and media submissions at historian@lambdaphiepsilon.org and web-





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