

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Accreditation Report

2007-2008

Scholarship

- Kappa Alpha Psi was ranked 18th among fraternities in the fall 2007 semester with a 2.848 GPA, which was below the All Men's and All Fraternity GPA. In the spring 2008 semester, the chapter was ranked 17th with a 2.854 GPA.
- The chapter had 33% members on Dean's List in the fall 2007 semester and 17% in the spring 2008 semester.
- The chapter was awarded The Most Improved GPA award at the Greek Awards Banquet.
- The chapter had representation at the C. Rodger Wilson scholarship/leadership conference.
- The chapter did some work in terms of time management and attended a study skills session at UMOJA.
- The chapter hosted the Krimson and Krème Scholarship Ball where they hoped to award a scholarship, but did not have anyone qualified at the time. The committee commends the chapter for setting high expectations for this scholarship and finding worthy recipients.
- The chapter works well together in finding academic and intellectual development opportunities.
- The chapter's grades have improved, but could still use some improvement, but overall they are doing good work for their chapter size.

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Kappa Alpha Psi to be a **Silver Chapter**.

Leadership

- In terms of formal campus leadership positions, no chapter did more for the size of the membership, as well as per member. Chapter members were extremely involved in many different organizations.
- The chapter was very involved per member and found ways to supplement to assist the chapter.
- The chapter was much more consistent with participation in Interfraternity Council meetings than in the past.
- The chapter applied and was awarded one of the three scholarships offered through the Interfraternity Council.
- The chapter partners with their Graduate Chapter for their Intake. The chapter submitted the program and had it approved by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.
- The committee encourages the chapter to keep open lines of communication regarding their Intake Process with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, particularly with regards to interest at other campuses.
- The chapter worked with the Office of Student Leadership Development this year. The committee would recommend the chapter maintain contact with this office throughout the academic year, as they can provide the chapter with resources and networks for various programs and leadership training.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Kappa Alpha Psi to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Citizenship

- The chapter had no code of conduct violations.
- The chapter does not have a standards board, but they work closely with their Graduate Chapter to address issues as they arise.
- Kappa Alpha Psi conducted their annual Kappa Klose to collect clothing donations.
- The chapter once again held the Krimson and Krème Scholarship Ball.
- The chapter participated in the Adopt-A-Family program.
- The chapter volunteers at the Caring Place in Allentown for the Boys to Manhood program. The members formed great relationships with the youth involved in this program and continue to serve as mentors and positive role models.
- The chapter members were very involved in many campus activities and organizations.
- Every member was involved in the day-to-day running of the chapter.
- Community Service and philanthropy continues to be a positive aspect of the chapter and the men should be commended for all they do for a chapter of their size.

In the area of **Citizenship**, the committee rated Kappa Alpha Psi to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Partnership

- The chapter sponsored a Lehigh/Lafayette tailgate with alumni this year.
- The chapter hosted a Kappa cookout, as well as rap sessions on Hip Hop and the elections.
- The men partnered with Sigma Phi Epsilon to hold the annual White Party.
- The chapter partnered with multiple chapters, including Alpha Gamma Delta and Kappa Alpha.
- The chapter worked with the Admissions Office and several other chapters to host an event at UMOJA for Diversity Weekend.
- As many of the members are involved in a variety of organizations across campus, the chapter gets involved with a variety of programs to provide support. One example is the Rock for Darfur, which was spearheaded by Brother CalvinJohn Smiley.
- The chapter has a strong partnership with Lambda Theta Alpha, and considers itself to be the “big brothers” of the newly colonized sorority. The men provided regular support at the women’s events and general advisement through their beginning here at Lehigh.
- The chapter worked well with their alumni and Graduate Chapter. The chapter worked with their Graduate Chapter to host their annual meeting in Sayre Park Lodge.
- The chapter members were involved in other university committees.
- The chapter hoped to hold their annual Stompfest event this spring, however, the event has been postponed until the fall 2008 semester. The committee encourages the chapter to continue this event.

In the area of **Partnership**, the committee rated Kappa Alpha Psi to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Stewardship

- The chapter's relationship with their headquarters and Graduate Chapter continues to improve.
- The chapter continues to function more to ensure that Kappa Alpha Psi acts as a cohesive unit, as opposed to a group of involved me who happen to be members of Kappa Alpha Psi.
- The chapter continued to improve their financial solvency. The committee recommends the chapter continue to work closely with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to establish and understand their budget.

In the area of **Stewardship**, the committee rated Kappa Alpha Psi to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Overall Rating

Overall, Kappa Alpha Psi is rated **Silver** for the 2008-09 academic year. The chapter continues to find its identity at Lehigh and is becoming more and more effective as an organization. Kappa needs to continue to work on building relationships and being committed partners to those entities on campus that can assist the chapter. Kappa Alpha Psi is losing their faculty advisor this year and will need to be able to reach out to other areas for support.

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Recommendations

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Best Practices