

Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs
Accreditation Best Practices 2008 – 2009

SCHOLARSHIP

- The chapter partnered with Kappa Alpha Theta to institute academic teams in order to strengthen Kappa Alpha Theta's formal scholarship plan. The committee feels that this is an excellent collaborative opportunity and considers it a best practice. (Phi Sigma Kappa)
- The chapter took advantage of the New York Times Readership program for the second year in a row. The committee considers this a best practice. (Phi Sigma Kappa)
- The chapter has been very successful in the use of their scholarship contract. The committee considers this a best practice, as it believes it's a unique way to initiate difficult conversations regarding academics in an effort to keep individuals accountable. (Alpha Gamma Delta)
- The chapter communicated with parents of new members regarding academics. These letters consist of scholarship highlights and an invitation to the chapter's peek into AOPi brunch. The committee considers this a best practice. (Alpha Omicron Pi)
- The committee is extremely impressed with the co-ed academic team partnership with Phi Sigma Kappa and considers it a best practice. (Kappa Alpha Theta)
- Alpha Tau Omega's plan seems fairly solid and consistent at this point. The committee likes that the chapter require all new members do resumes. The committee considers this a best practice. (Alpha Tau Omega)
- The committee identifies the online course database program that is being established as a best practice. (Delta Tau Delta)
- The chapter required that all members be registered to vote in order to stay up to date with the historical presidential election campaign, the committee considers this a best practice. (Kappa Alpha)
- Kappa Sigma made an effort to utilize their academic plan to assist a recruit in his classes. The new recruit saw improvement. The committee commends the chapter for assisting men outside of the chapter, and not only assisting their brotherhood. The committee considers this a best practice. (Kappa Sigma)
- Theta Chi is recognized with a Best Practice for their writing revision committee. It is an excellent opportunity for peers to assist peers in improving their writing and comprehension skills. (Theta Chi)
- Alpha Chi Omega's academic verification forms are considered a Best Practice by the committee. (Alpha Chi Omega)

LEADERSHIP

- The committee considers the chapter's efforts to avoid over-programming and to truly construct their programming in a developmental, thought-out manner a best practice. (Sigma Phi Epsilon)
- Sigma Phi Epsilon has established a very good relationship with the Office of Student Leadership Development. Through this relationship the chapter was able to create membership development programs that directly tie into the different membership challenges that are part of the Sigma Phi Epsilon experience. The committee considers this a Best Practice and a great example for other chapters. (Sigma Phi Epsilon)
- The chapter is innovative and one that can move the fraternity and sorority community into a new direction. For example, the chapter's social justice program "Be the Change You Want to Be," was a first of its kind for the Lehigh Greek community and the committee considers this a best practice. (Alpha Gamma Delta)
- Alpha Phi attended the Villanova Mock Rush event for the first time this year. It is something that the chapter found great value in and it is evident in their very successful recruitment period this past spring. The committee considers this a best practice. (Alpha Phi)
- Pi Beta Phi is recognized with a Best Practice for their Pi Pals, Beta Buddies, and Phi Friends program, as well as their Mentor/Big Sister Guide. (Pi Beta Phi)
- Theta Chi is recognized with a Best Practice for their visit with Theta Chi Past National President and Executive Director Howard Alter and utilizing recommendations and advice from him. It was a great way to reestablish a partnership and tradition with one of the most esteemed members of Theta Chi International Fraternity. (Theta Chi)
- Phi Gamma Delta has truly utilized its Inter/National Headquarters this semester for leadership training purposes. During a fall visit from their consultant, the chapter was given workshops on TIPS training and DISC leadership styles. The committee considers this a Best Practice. (Phi Gamma Delta)
- Lambda Theta Alpha's involvement in National Hazing Prevention Week is recognized as a Best Practice. (Lambda Theta Alpha)

CITIZENSHIP

- Kappa Sigma's relationship with the Sun Inn is an excellent example of a real community commitment and is considered a best practice. The chapter has established a strong relationship with this historical inn, including assisting with the restoration and being honored by the committee with a request to represent the Sun Inn in the Bethlehem Halloween Parade. (Kappa Sigma)
- The committee considers Sigma Chi's internal judicial system a best practice. The chapter has a very strong internal accountability structure that members are expected to adhere to from day one. Everybody is held to a standard with certain positive and negative actions associated with that standard. The chapter doesn't wait for a member to do something wrong, but instead automatically places that standard on members and expects them to follow it. (Sigma Chi)

- The committee considers the chapter's emergency action plan a best practice. The men are using technology in a positive way. (Theta Xi)

PARTNERSHIP

- The committee highly commends the chapter for hosting the discussion "Have We Failed Black Women." It was a controversial topic and chapter members took an active role in educating themselves on the topic prior to the discussion in order to facilitate the conversation. The preparation and facilitation of this program is considered a Best Practice. The committee encourages the chapter to continue these valuable programs in the future. (Kappa Alpha Psi)
- The chapter partners with a number of different chapters and campus based offices which include the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of LGBTQIA Services, the Women's Center, and the Council for Equity and Community. The committee considers this engagement a best practice. (Alpha Gamma Delta)
- The chapter worked with Alpha Omicron Pi to sponsor a movie and video conference on breast ironing. The committee considers this type of world view social justice programming to be a best practice. (Gamma Phi Beta)
- The committee commends the brothers for going on a SpringServe trip and considers this activity as a best practice. The committee recommends that the chapter utilizes their experience to get more chapter members and other fraternity and sorority members involved in the opportunity. (Alpha Tau Omega)
- Theta Chi is recognized with a Best Practice for their parent program initiatives, including events during Parent's Weekend, mailing The Red & White to parents, and inviting them to the chapter house through the Parent Dinner program. These are impressive steps that show the member's transparency and confidence in the chapter. (Theta Chi)
- Theta Chi is recognized with a Best Practice for their overhaul and increased distribution of The Red & White newsletter to six times per year. (Theta Chi)
- Theta Chi is recognized with a Best Practice for their wide range of alumni involvement. The chapter sponsors events and conducts regular meetings with alumni as well as utilizes technology, such as the website, to engage both young and old alumni who are unable to attend the meetings. (Theta Chi)
- Theta Chi is recognized with a Best Practice for their impressive relationship with the Lehigh University Police Department. The chapter was intentional in identifying additional opportunities to meet and interact with various members of the police force. (Theta Chi)

STEWARDSHIP

- The committee considers the chapter's knowledge of Alpha Gamma Delta ritual a best practice. Using tools such as ritual code of the week and assigning songs to memorize as a group, truly assists the chapter in learning its ritual. (Alpha Gamma Delta)

- In the beginning of the fall semester, Alpha Phi formally discussed emergency procedures. The sisters talked about what to do in case of different kinds of emergency and how to act in a fast, organized, and efficient manner. The committee considers this a best practice. (Alpha Phi)
- The committee is impressed with both the use of an off campus chair, as well as executive board member office hours, best practices (Kappa Alpha Theta)
- The committee identifies the requirement of the treasurer's approval and signature for purchases made by members as a best practice. (Delta Tau Delta)
- Delta Upsilon's understanding and pride in their practice of open ritual is considered a Best Practice. The committee is pleased with the chapter's commitment to this practice. (Delta Upsilon)