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Psi Chapter Fall Newsletter

LOOKING BACK ON THE FALL 2021 SEMESTER FOR THE PSI
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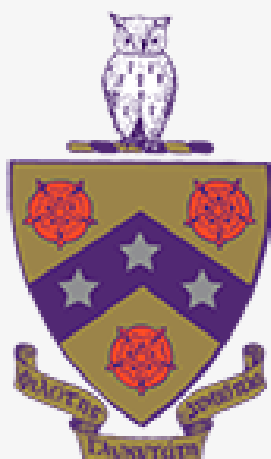


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Chapter Continues to Excel in Scholarship

FINISHES FIRST AMONG WABASH
FRATERNITIES FOR GPA

As the past semester brought a return to normal and a return to the ordinary college experience, a return to the challenges of a fully in-person curriculum were welcome.

While the undergraduate brothers at times felt the challenges of a Wabash education, the chapter still managed to finish the Fall 2021 Semester with an average GPA of 3.355, roughly 0.2 GPA points greater than the all fraternity average of 3.164; good enough for first once again amongst Wabash's 10 fraternities.

The undergraduate chapter managed to excel in all academic areas of Wabash; from the hard sciences of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math to Political Science, History, and more. For this reason, FIJIs continue to be recognized by faculty, administration, and fellow students as symbol for academic success and should continue to for the foreseeable future.



Senior Class Nets 5 Orr Fellowship Finalists, 4 Fellows

PRESTIGIOUS INDIANAPOLIS PROGRAM TO BE HIGHLY REPRESENTED BY WABASH FIJIS

This Fall, many Wabash men like students before them had the chance to apply for admittance to the Orr Fellowship, a prestigious program based out of Indianapolis run around Indianapolis-based start-ups. The program partners each Fellow with a company for two years allowing them to experience challenging work for start-ups they likely wouldn't experience this early in their careers. In addition to valuable experience, the program offers Fellows robust mentorship and alumni networks.

Wabash is usually no stranger to sending graduates into the program. Each graduating class typically sends roughly 2-4 individuals into the program each year, an already impressive figure given the program accepts around 100 individuals nationally. This year, Psi Chapter was able to be represented by 5 finalists with 4 of them being offered fellowship. From left to right, Luke Bender, Solomon Davis, Graham Gnagy, Gerard Seig, and Will Yank (not pictured) all were able to reach finalist status, a round of interviews with host companies to determine potential fit. Luke Bender, Solomon Davis, Gerard Seig, and Will Yank all received offers although Will Yank ultimately ended up turning down a position in the Orr Fellowship.

Luke Bender, a Financial Economics major with a triple minor in Religion, Biology, and Business, was placed with Remodel Health and will officially serve as an engagement coordinator for the company's marketing team. Remodel Health is a software benefits company working on innovation in the field of employer health benefits. Those in the house now Bender for his efforts as the Social Chair and his continued efforts for the social committee.

Solomon Davis, a Religion major and Education minor, was placed with NEXT Studios, a self-described community of experienced entrepreneurs who help visionaries gain financing and capital. Solomon will officially fill the role of strategic relationships manager. Solomon should also be recognized for his efforts with the social committee.

Gerard Seig, a Financial Economics major and Religion and Asian Studies double minor will work for EM Brands, a company specializing in ----- . Gerard will serve as a business analyst for the company with a specialization in national opportunities. Gerard's contribution to the house in IFC roles and in mental health roles have made it easy to understand why he was chosen for this role.

Wabash, since 2007, has sent 32 students into the Orr Fellowship. This year, Psi Chapter alone will add 3 more

Chapter Inducts 14 Members of the Class of 2025



Throughout November and December of this semester, the Chapter had the privilege of inducting 14 new members into the fraternity. The newly initiated brothers, pictured left to right in the picture above and named accordingly to the side, have already represented the fraternity well on campus. With their help, FIJI was able to place first in the homecoming competition, individually winning the Float, Banner, and Homecoming Queen competitions. Brother Matthew Hendrick '25, was able to raise over \$1,500 for charity with his victory. Additionally, the freshman class has continued the fraternity's tradition of academic prowess. During their pledge semester, the freshman class posted an average GPA of -- good enough for first amongst the other freshman classes on campus. The entirety of the undergraduate Chapter is excited to see what these men will do during their time at Wabash and beyond

Olivier Tuyishme - Indianapolis, IN
Eli Martin - Indianapolis, IN
Nate Plake - Carmel, IN
Quinn Manford - Fishers, IN
Noah Ridgeway - Tipton, IN
Sam Benedict - Zionsville, IN
Chris Zimmerman - Evansville, IN
James Szalkie - Indianapolis, IN
Mischa Dzubay - Bloomington, IN
Eben Oakes - Indianapolis, IN
Will Morris - Plainfield, IN
Jehan Boyers - Carmel, IN
Matthew Hendrick - Greenwood, IN
Tommy Minkler - Zionsville, IN

Brother Spotlight: Richard Pan '24



The undergraduate chapter would like to take the time to recognize Richard Pan for being nominated for the "Realizing the Dream" Award, an honor given to first-generation college students in the state of Indiana. The program, run through the ICI, a collective of Indiana's private colleges has each institution nominate the first-generation college student at their institution who best represents outstanding achievement during his or her freshman year

Richard, who was recently elected Recording Secretary, also serves as the President of the Asian Cultural Club and a contributor to diversity committees both within the house and on campus. Richard's tireless efforts to improve the house and campus are always on display and anyone who knows him knows this award will only be the beginning for him..

Psi Chapter Finishes 2nd for Condon Cup

This past year, Psi Chapter put in an application for the Condon Cup, an award given to the chapter who "has shown the greatest improvement over the past year in the areas of scholarship, extracurricular activities, and fraternity relationships.

Thanks to the work of last two administrations, which saw the formation of a Board of Chapter Advisors, recognition by the Wabash IFC, and a continued development of administrative goals from one cabinet to the next, the undergraduate chapter felt we were in a strong position to demonstrate our success to nationals. To the delight of our chapter, nationals felt that our chapter deserved recognition compared to the work of other chapters and placed us runner-up for the Condon Cup

Undergrad Brothers Contribute to College's Athletic Success

In addition to excelling in the classroom this semester, FIJs helped Wabash excel on the track, field, and in the pool this last semester.

Earlier this month at the Horace Grant Invitational, Brother Drake Hayes '24, managed to win the Men's 3000 Meter Run with a dominant performance and earned NCAC Athlete of the Week honors.

Most notably this past semester, Brothers Abe Wade '22, Thomas Joven '24, Brett Driscoll '24, Clay McPeck '24, and Noah Ridgeway '25 helped lead the Wabash football team to a 9-3 record and a recapturing of the Monon Bell. Brother McPeck in particular could be seen as a stalwart of the defense that allowed the offense to surmount a 21-point deficit.

On the soccer field, Brother Solomon Davis '22 provided a late 65th-minute goal to put Wabash ahead 2-1 over DePauw and continue Wabash's fall sports dominance over them.

Finally, in the pool Brothers Tanner Carver '23, Gavin Hill '24, Brandon Edwards '24, and Will Morris '25 helped Wabash soundly defeat DePauw 187-107 and complete the Fall sweep on DePauw.



Courtesy: IndyStar
Brother Clay McPeck rings the Monon Bell after helping Wabash take down DePauw 42-35

Psi Chapter Looks to Architecturally Update

As the Chapter moves into 2022, we hope to address some continuing projects to improve the house and gain momentum for future projects.

Currently, in progress, the architectural committee continues to work with the College to provide a new laundry room where the storage room used to be located. Previously, the College had installed the necessary utilities to install new laundry machines, but the chapter still awaits the finishing of the floors in the space and the new units to arrive.

For the future, Psi Chapter would like to begin a project to install a monument to the old chapter house outside the parking lot where it once stood. The monument would likely be a small brick structure utilizing bricks from the old house that are currently stored within the current chapter house. Going forward, the architectural committee will work with designers and the college to hopefully get a monument installed in the near future.

On a more minor level, the chapter hopes to paint the walls on the residential floors of the house and talks for the renovation of the Brother Entertainment Room (BER) continue.

To the graduate brothers of Psi Chapter...

HAPPY

Holidays

Fraternally, the Undergraduates