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FRATERNITY WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Alpha Chi Rho National Fraternity is happy to announce the hiring of Melissa Lewis as the Director of Education and Programs. The Director of Education and Programs enhances and improves the educational programs supporting the Resident Chapters and Alumni volunteers and supports Fraternity operations by functioning as the initial and primary contact for graduate Chapters, alumni groups, and campus officials. *An educational grant to the Fraternity from the Foundation funded this new position thanks to your contributions!*

Melissa "Mel" was born and raised in New Jersey and is looking forward to returning to the same state where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Ramapo College of New Jersey and a Master of Science in Education from Monmouth University. She is a proud member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Mel has advised fraternity men, NIC, professional, and culturally based Greek members in the past and found that there is always a rewarding feeling when collegiate men realize they are all connected by the fraternal movement. Having a highly energetic sorority woman as their direct advisor becomes less worrisome once they realize she speaks the same Greek talk as them or wants to advocate for them. That's why Mel decided to make the shift to working primarily with Alpha Chi Rho; advocating for fraternity men to see their true potential and watch them achieve greatness.

Mel aspires to live her sorority's values while working for the fraternity. She hopes to bring a new perspective to members and alumni alike that will allow them to rediscover the love and loyalty they have for their letters, Chapter, and organization. **If you would like to volunteer your time or talents, contact Mel directly at mlewis@alphachirho.org or call HQ at 732-869-1895 to get involved.**

Brother Derek Ortiz, (ΦΣΤ, '19) was recently hired as a Leadership Consultant. The Leadership Consultant supports Fraternity operations by functioning as the initial and primary contact for Chapters, Colonies, alumni associations, and campus officials through travel and routine methods of communication.

Derek graduated with a Criminal Justice degree from Kutztown University of PA in 2019. During his undergraduate days, Derek served as the Scholarship Officer, Ritual Officer, and Postulant Educator. He also attended the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) Conference in 2017 and 2019.

Derek joined Alpha Chi Rho because he felt the same camaraderie he had with those in the armed services and he enjoyed having a family that was bigger than him. He embraced the Fraternity motto of "Be Men" and learned that our values must be lived not just during college days but throughout life.

Derek aspires to leave a legacy with the National Fraternity by challenging himself to cultivate better collegiate members. As a Leadership Consultant, he is excited to spread his knowledge and enthusiasm with those who are joining the Fraternity through the Colony experience. While working for the Fraternity he hopes to become a better leader and mentor while continuing to learn about the history of both the National Fraternity and each individual Chapter. He will also be helping our newest colonies at Towson University, George Mason University and Coastal Carolina University.

Outside of the office, Derek excels as a mechanic in the National Guard and is currently attending a variety of schools to make him a better soldier and leader while in the Military. He also enjoys camping, hiking, and relaxing while playing video games or watching movies. After working for the Fraternity, Derek hopes to work for the U.S. Marshalls to continue serving his country.



The 105th National Convention will be held July 19 – 20, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia-Cherry Hill. Although registration is closed, there are still tickets available for the Foundation Scholarship luncheon on Saturday, July 20th at 12:00 p.m. for \$75 per person, and the Feast of the Fraternity at 7:30 p.m. for \$100 per person (which includes a reception prior to the meal). Please call 732-869-1895 to purchase meal tickets by no later than July 10, 2019 so we can give a final meal count.

We are also looking for all 100 Chapters to have their two voting delegates for the Convention sessions on Saturday, July 20th. These delegates cast official votes for the leadership elections and all proposed motions on the floor. Every graduate group votes regardless of an active resident Chapter exists. Call R.B. Stewart National Headquarters at 732-869-1895 or email janhorn@alphachirho.org to make sure your "PHI" is represented!



CROW COACH PROGRAM LEVELS UP

Thanks to the following Brothers who have committed to creating a new scholarship in honor of our 125 years of Brotherhood.

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*We are almost 25% towards our goal of \$125,000!
 Donate your leadership gift by July 15th to be included in the list
 of donors at Convention!*

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We are hosting our inaugural "Brothers Only" Career Fair on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 3:30 - 6:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia-Cherry Hill Hotel. This event is in conjunction with our National Convention and will kick-off at 3:30 PM with our keynote speaker ESPN SportsCenter anchor, Jay Harris.

Resident Brothers will have the opportunity to network and talk with graduate Brothers in various fields and learn how they progressed in their field. Several Philadelphia area professional, graduate and law school admissions staff will also be present.

AS THE CROW FLIES

Our staff are scheduling travel to visit you this Fall 2019! Contact Jay Anhorn, Chief Operating Officer, at 215-287-5465 or janhorn@alphachirho.org to see if we will be in your area and would like a visit. We are excited to share with you all the good you are doing for our Brothers!

Alpha Chi Rho is proud to announce the promotion of Brother Brian Schmidt (Phi Kappa, '10) and Brother Shane McGoey (Phi Pi Chi, '88) to serve as the Executive Chairs of the Crow Coach Program.

Brian and Shane served the Fraternity as Crow Coaches in the last year and coached the Purdue and Robert Morris University Chapters respectively. Both Coaches excelled with their Chapters and were integral in updating the training session of the Coaches for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Brian and Shane will both oversee the Crow Coaches under the supervision of Melissa Lewis, the Director of Education and Programs. In relation to working with Brian and Shane, Melissa says, "these two men have exemplified what it truly means to be a Brother of Alpha Chi Rho. From our conversations so far, it is evident that their passion and dedication will serve the organization well. We have already started our efforts to make this amazing program transition and expand so that all Chapters may experience this unique support to their retention in recruitment and fiscal responsibilities/management."



Brian earned his Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, with a minor in Business Management from the University of Illinois. He completed his Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, with concentrations in Entrepreneurial Management and Systems Engineering, this spring.

As an undergraduate, Brian served the Phi Kappa Chapter as the Steward (kitchen/meals), House Manager, and a two-term President. He served on the National Council as an undergraduate board member. After graduation, Brian became the Vice President of Phi Kappa's Building Association and was a delegate to the University of Illinois' coalition of fraternity alumni boards for several years.



Shane is a founding father of the Phi Pi Chi Chapter at IUP, where he served as the first treasurer and the second president of the Chapter. He has served on the National Staff as a Leadership Consultant/Expansion Director, Director of Chapter Services, and Director of Development. Shane has also served on the National Council as Chaplain.

Shane's career spans 30 years and includes serving as an administrator at various colleges and universities. In addition, he has served as the Executive Director of Theta Phi Alpha, a member of the National Panhellenic Conference, and has served on various national committees and trade associations pertaining to Greek Life.

Shane holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration degree from Kent State University and has several published papers.