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## President's Message



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## Pi Omega Pi National Business Education Association Conference March 27 – 31, 2018



The “**Secret Sauce**” was shared by keynote speaker, Willy Theisen during the **National Business Education Association** Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. He encouraged us to be champions in our fields. As an entrepreneur he shared the importance of having a **good work ethic** and being willing to take on tasks that others do not. The willingness to take on tasks demonstrates a level of **grit** and drive that impacts your level of success.

During the convention the Executive Council met on Thursday, March 29th for our board meeting. We had a fabulous meeting where we discussed many different initiatives. The council is excited to share with Pi Omega Pi chapters that we have designed a great program for the **46th Biennial Convention** to take place at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile hotel next year **on April 16-20, 2019**, please mark your calendars now. Personally, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of building strong personal and professional networks and the 46th Biennial Convention will be a perfect time to expand your network.

*- Elizabeth Hodge, Ph.D.*  
President

## Chapter News

### Alpha Chi Chapter News Eastern Illinois University

#### April 3, 2018 Initiation of Jean Cornell



Left to Right: Jean Cornell, AnnaMarie Sprague (Vice President), Amanda German (President),  
Dr. Julie Chadd (Sponsor)

### Alpha Chi Chapter News Eastern Illinois University

Our Chapter is actively working on a display case for our local project. It will be interview themed and titled "As Long As I've Got My Suit And Tie" from the popular Justin Timberlake song. We plan to have a male and a female mannequin dressed in business professional interview attire. We will offer up interview preparation tips to fellow students who may be experiencing an interview in the near future.

We will also be volunteering at the Special Olympics at Eastern Illinois University on Friday, April 27. The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. We look forward to the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing event here on our campus!

## Chapter News

### Alpha Delta Chapter News Bloomsburg University



The Bloomsburg University Alpha Delta Chapter is having a busy spring semester! In early March, Josh Stegall (Vice President), Dr. Christina Force (Advisor), Justin Haley (Treasurer), and Hannah Schmeck (President) (*pictured, left to right*) volunteered for the Bloomsburg University Catholic Campus Ministry's Open Bite Night. They cooked and served spaghetti and meatballs for dinner, and were able to engage in great conversations with members of the community!

### Alpha Delta Chapter News Bloomsburg University

A few weeks later, Allison Risaliti, Jill Kushner, Dr. Christina Force, and Hannah Schmeck (*pictured, left to right*) attended the 2018 National Business Education Association Annual Convention and Business Education Research Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. During this time, they attended conference sessions dedicated to the business education profession. Graduate students Jill Kushner and Alicia Fuller presented research titled *Alumni Study of Business Educators: Professions and Challenges*, which was conducted as a class in their Bloomsburg University Business Research course. Additionally, Dr. Christina Force presented research titled *The Effects of Supplemental Learning on a Business Course*. Overall, we have been enjoying the eventful spring semester!



## Chapter News

### Alpha Pi Chapter News Mississippi State University

#### DR. BRACEY RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Dr. Pamela Bracey, Alpha Pi advisor and National President-Elect of Pi Omega Pi, was recently honored during the Mississippi Association of Educators' inaugural Mississippi Excellence in Education Awards held at the Jackson, Mississippi Convention Center.

Dr. Bracey received the 2018 MS Excellence in Education Higher Education Award at the inaugural event, which gathered over 300 educators, education supporters, family and friends to celebrate the achievements of award winners.



Dr. Pamela Bracey, center, received the 2018 MS Excellence in Education Higher Education Award during the Mississippi Association of Educators' Excellence in Education Awards Gala on March 2. MAE President Joyce Helmick (left) and MAE Board member Jean Greene presented the award. (Jay Johnson photograph)

### Beta Chapter News Northwest Missouri State University



Members, Melissa Potter, Bailey Maxwell, Trey Kothe, Eddie Kraber, Abbey Kriz, and Co-Sponsor Mrs. Cari Cline.

Beta Chapter initiated two new members at a March 5 meeting. New members are Eddie Kraber, a senior business education, and Mrs. Cari Cline, who will serve as co-sponsor.

Chapter members and the sponsors prepared a slide presentation for production in the University's new "X-Press Studio." The studio is designed to allow students and faculty the ability to easily record video presentation.

## Articles

### “Real World Personal Finance”

by Trey Kothe, **Beta Chapter**, Northwest Missouri State University

When one thinks of a Personal Finance course in America’s high schools, some may think of learning how to budget or how to invest for the future. But there’s more to the Personal Finance curriculum, and locating up-to-date and useful resources to teach this subject can be a challenge. Consider the Dave Ramsey program. Ramsey is a financial advisor that has helped adults make smart financial decisions. Through his work, Ramsey was inspired to educate high school students on money management skills that will help them stay debt free and be able to retire with enough money saved to live how they want to live.

Starting ten years ago, the Dave Ramsey program became a primary Personal Finance curriculum in the country’s high schools. Today over 40% of high schools use the Dave Ramsey program as the primary or supplemental curriculum in teaching Personal Finance. The program comes with video content of Dave’s conferences as well as additional videos explaining topics in further detail. The program covers thirteen chapters of:

- Introduction to Personal Finance
- Saving
- Budgeting
- Debt
- Life After High School
- Consumer Awareness
- Bargain Shopping
- Investing and Retirement
- Insurance
- Money and Relationships
- Careers and Taxes
- Giving
- Global Economics

Through these chapters, the Ramsey program aligns with the Personal Finance standards of all fifty states. Meeting the state standards is an important factor when considering a curriculum.

Two different formats are available. With many schools moving to the 1:1 device model, an online version is available. The online version includes for the students an online textbook that provides more than just written content. It comes with embedded videos, case studies, quizzes, and tests. The program is also available in a traditional print version. The print version comes with a textbook for students and a set of DVD’s for the instructor to show students, which supplement the print material.

This program is beneficial to the teacher of Personal Finance, especially the online version. With the online teacher-view version, the program provides answer keys for exams, activities that can go along with the topics, and pre-made lesson plans.

As a high school student, I experienced the Dave Ramsey program as only a supplement. Now in my practicum experience, I see the benefits of the online version as the primary curriculum and am teaching from that version. I remember as a high school student, and see now as a teacher, that the messages Ramsey gives students are excellent recommendations on how to build wealth. Today’s Personal Finance students can make better financial decisions by taking the information provided them in this program. It is exciting to see that what we teach can be used and carried forward into students’ lives.

### References

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## Pi Omega Pi Announcements

### Ryan Geary Pi Omega Pi – Student Representative

Greetings Pi Omega Pi – Happy Spring!

I would like to start by congratulating this year's 2017 top Chapters. Recognition is based off criteria such as Chapter News Points, Article Points, and Convention Attendance:

- 1 Beta Chapter, Northwest Missouri State University
- 2 Alpha Pi Chapter, Mississippi State University
- 3 Psi Chapter, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
- 4 Theta Chapter, Illinois State University
- 5 Alpha Delta Chapter, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Thank you to everyone for a great year and let's have a great 2018 by seeing everyone in CHICAGO for Pi Omega Pi's 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in April 2018. Chapter leaders will be hearing from me in the next few weeks discussing details and with invitations to attend. The board has some great ideas for workshops, professional development, and more for the convention and we look forward to a great turn out from our Pi Omega Pi members.

Chapter Presidents -- I am creating a Facebook networking page for chapters to share campus news and involvement chapter to chapter. My goal is to have every Pi Omega Pi chapter be part of this page. Please send me an email at [rlgeary10@gmail.com](mailto:rlgeary10@gmail.com) to be added to the page. I will also be emailing chapter advisors to get your contact information.

Lastly, scholarship! Pi Omega Pi offers a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Pi Omega Pi member's student teaching in the fall 2018 or spring 2019. This scholarship may be awarded to more than one individual. Go to Pi Omega Pi's website at [www.piomegapi.org](http://www.piomegapi.org) to more details to apply. Applications are due **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

Finish your remaining weeks of the semester strong!

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## Pi Omega Pi Announcements

### Honor Cords Pi Omega Pi Honor Society

Pi Omega Pi Chapters, place your Honor Cord orders in time for graduation . You have the chance to wear an honor cord especially made for Pi Omega Pi members. The honor cords are made of the highest quality materials and with the honorary colors gold/silver/royal blue. Let everyone know how proud you are to be a member of **Pi Omega Pi Honor Society**. Visit the Pi Omega Pi Website at <http://www.piomegapig.org> and click Chapter Resources. Pi Omega Pi Honor Cords can be purchased from Schoen Trimming and Cord Co., Inc.



### Pins and Jewelry Pi Omega Pi Honor Society

Pi Omega Pi jewelry can be purchased directly from Award Concepts. Visit <https://acgreek.com/greek/home.php> for more information.

