

## **Sigma Phi Epsilon Ohio Iota Fraternity Chapter at the University of Toledo Records Highest Overall GPA of all social Greek Organizations for the 2013 Spring Semester**

Toledo, Ohio: Ohio Iota at The University of Toledo announced today that it has been recorded the highest overall Grade Point Average [GPA] for the 2013 Spring Semester of all social Greek Organizations at the University of Toledo. Ohio Iota recently was also named one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's best chapters in the nation and recognized with the coveted Buchanan Cup. The Buchanan Cup, an award for outstanding chapter performance, is named after the fraternity's former Grand President Edwin Buchanan. It is bestowed every two years for chapters excelling in all areas of chapter operations and leadership including volunteer support, recruitment, member development, academics, fiscal health and faculty engagement.

According to data compiled by the Greek Life office at the University of Toledo, Ohio Iota had an overall Chapter GPA of 3.364 for the 2013 Spring Semester. This accomplishment was above the GPA recorded by all University of Toledo Greek students [3.081], above all University of Toledo Greek Men's GPA [2.840] and about the average GPA of all University of Toledo Undergraduate students [2.910].

"Academics are the key to success at Ohio Iota", commented Ted Behnken, Ohio Iota Alumni President. "Ohio Iota has had the highest Chapter GPA of all social Greek organizations at The University of Toledo for three of the last four years", Behnken also noted. The University of Toledo provides a great deal of academic and interpersonal support to all students, including members of Ohio Iota. Some of the tools members of Ohio Iota have benefited from include interaction with a Faculty Fellow appointed by the University, tutoring, access to a writing center and other services offered by the Office of Academic Access.

### **About Ohio Iota at The University of Toledo**

The Ohio Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon [formerly Chi Beta Chi] at the University of Toledo is the leading Greek organization at the University of Toledo. With an active chapter of 100 men, it is also the largest Greek organization at the University of Toledo. Ohio Iota is a recognized leader on the University of Toledo campus. The Chapter has been ranked the #1 academic Greek organization for every quarter since 2008. Ohio Iota recorded a 3.364 GPA cumulative for the 2013 Spring Semester, the highest overall GPA of all social Greek organizations at the University of Toledo.

Ohio Iota also recently received a first place award in the annual Dean Parks Awards ceremony. Dean Parks Awards recognize Greek organizations at the University of Toledo in three areas: academics, athletics and community service. Ohio Iota won first place in academics, athletics and community service for the past calendar year. Men of the Ohio Iota Chapter are involved in a myriad of University of Toledo organizations, including Student Government, Blue Key Honorary Society, Mortar Board Honorary Society, and others.

## **About Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Sigma Phi Epsilon, established in 1901, is one of the nation's largest fraternities, with over 15,000 undergraduates on 240 campuses across the United States. Its mission is building balanced men, which is achieved through a continuous member development program that has contributed to a fraternity-wide GPA of over 3.0, a focus on the principles of Sound Mind and Sound Body, and service learning efforts that allow members to develop leadership skills while giving back to the community.

Sig Ep has been a recognized leader in National Fraternity and Greek organizations. Sigma Phi Epsilon was the first national fraternity to establish a housing trust for all chapters and a separate National Housing Corporation aimed at supporting housing excellence. Sigma Phi Epsilon was also the first fraternity to charter a chapter in all 50 states, and the first national fraternity Educational Foundation to build an endowment greater than \$11 million. It was also the first national fraternity to receive a grant from the federal Department of Education to enhance member development programs; provide financial assistance to brothers for graduate school through the Resident Scholar program and the first national fraternity to partner with the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy in order to create substance abuse education programs for members.