



THE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



JULY 2009



Thank You, Donors and Volunteers \$201,989 Raised this Cycle Toward Our \$400,000 Goal

I've always heard that you cannot thank supporters enough for their contributions. So, as I pen this first introductory letter, I want to start with a litany of thank-yous.

First, thank you to our donors. From large to small, all donations are much appreciated and speak to your generosity and support for the Greek movement. We have donors who are corporate giants, sorority and fraternity staff members, and college students. It is through your continued support that we will make our collective voices heard in our nation's capital.

Second, thanks to our board and finance committee members—those retiring, those continuing to serve, and those joining. These women and men work on the annual dinner, provide the content for this newsletter, work on the Web site, and raise and distribute the funds to our political allies.

Finally, I thank our founder, first president, and now our first executive director, Kevin O'Neill. It was his vision that led to the recruitment of a core group of volunteers and the formation of the PAC. His leadership and service remain instrumental to our success.

This year saw the implementation of our new leadership transition plan. With Kevin moving to executive director, the PAC will now have a new president each year. We have recruited a talented group of officers and ensured the future leadership of our PAC. We had a wonderful third annual dinner in April in Washington, D.C. We are also planning events this year in Atlanta and Dallas.

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HOW FRATERNITY AND SORORITY PAC COMPARES WITH OTHER PACS

The following are comparisons of funds raised by top political action committees in the 2007-08 cycle.

- Time Warner – \$338,000
- FRATERNITY AND SORORITY – \$330,000**
- Google – \$318,000
- Road Builders Association – \$315,000
- Cell Phone Association (CTIA) – \$259,000
- NOWPAC – \$252,000



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE

CHIA Has 142 Sponsors in the House and 20 in the Senate

You Can Help by Reminding Your Federal Officials of the Importance of Passing CHIA

More than 250 Greek student and alumni leaders were out in force on Capitol Hill in late April as they pushed Congress to pass the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (H.R.1547/S.781), the College Fire Prevention Act (H.R.2136), the Sprinkler Depreciation Act (H.R.1194), and a renewed national focus on college affordability issues.

the House and 20 in the Senate. Greek leaders are hoping to reach 218 sponsors in the House (a majority) and 40 in the Senate sometime this year.

The student and alumni leaders conducted 400 Congressional visits in a single day capped off with a reception for all Greeks on Capitol Hill. The reception was highlighted by speeches by Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA/ΔΓ), Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-NV/ΔΖ), and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-OH/ΔΣΘ). As a result of the day on the Hill, CHIA has 142 sponsors in

As you are no doubt aware, 2009 has been an unprecedented legislative year in Congress so far, and we expect the massive surge of major reform and new programs to continue. We are working closely with CHIA's lead Congressional sponsors to look for legislative vehicles to attach to the bill this year, and we remain optimistic that we have the right mix of supporters to make that happen. You can help the cause by making phone, e-mail, and face-to-face contact with your elected federal officials and reminding them that CHIA is an important part of making college more affordable for current and future generations of students.



LARGEST NUMBER OF DONORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTEND 2009 PAC DINNER

The PAC held its third annual dinner on April 21 at the Art and Soul Restaurant in Washington, D.C. Chef Art Smith (of Oprah Winfrey fame) prepared a dinner for approximately 200 donors who collectively raised more than \$140,000 in pledges.

“This year, the PAC dinner represented the largest number of donors and members of Congress in attendance, as well as dollars raised in a new cycle within four months.”

The evening included remarks by 20 Senators and Representatives, a remarkable turnout for any political event in Washington. The consistent message was: continue what you are doing, your message is being heard in Washington, D.C., and your influence is growing. Every member of Congress shared stories of their fraternity or sorority experience and the great influence that experience had on their lives.

Individual donors were recognized and thanked for significant contributions to the PAC, and a toast was given in memory of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, ΔΣΘ. In honor of Congresswoman Tubbs Jones’ dedicated work to the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, CHIA has been renamed the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.



Sigma Chis with Sam Farr (D-CA/ΣΧ) and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD/ΣΧ).



Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS/ΣΝ) speaks about the importance of the Greek voice on Capital Hill.



Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN/ΦΚΨ) with his Indiana constituents in attendance at the PAC dinner.

Kevin O’Neill was thanked for his dedication to the PAC as its first president. Kevin now serves as the PAC executive director and Larry Wiese, KA Order, is president.

This year, the PAC dinner represented the largest number of donors and members of Congress in attendance, as well as dollars raised in a new cycle within four months. This is a significant accomplishment and one that all donors to the PAC should be proud of. We look forward to the 2010 PAC dinner and to welcoming more donors to Washington to experience this memorable event.



Congresswoman Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV/KΚΤ) with Kappa students and national leaders.



Senator Jim Risch (R-ID/ΦΔΘ) and his wife Vicki (ΑΧΩ), with Alpha Chi Omega leaders.

Congressional Attendees at 2009 PAC Dinner

- Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN/ΦΚΨ)
- Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-NV/ΔΖ)
- Senator Richard Burr (R-NC/ΚΣ)
- Congressman Dennis Cardoza (D-CA/ΘΧ)
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- Congressman Ike Skelton (D-MO/ΣΧ)
- Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS/ΣΝ)

Visit to the Hill Provides Valuable Experience and Insight for Student Lobbyists

"The NIC Congressional visits were my favorite Greek life experience. I was able to take the leadership I've learned from being Greek and apply it practically."



Jordan Bronston, ΣΦΕ
University of Minnesota
2009-10 ΣΦΕ Regional Director

"I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to lobby my representatives in the hope of making college more affordable for my fellow students."



Jeff Kline, ΘΧ
University of North Texas
Student Body President

"Six years ago I would never have imagined lobbying on Capitol Hill as a teacher and a Chi Omega and on the cusp of a dynamic President and new administration. At the closing dinner, my eyes filled with tears at the stories of prominent congressmen and senators, who, like many of us, are catalysts for change and eager to make a difference in their communities. They all had one common thread: service."



Tamira A. Cole, ΧΩ
Austin Peay
Miss Black Kentucky USA 2009

"The dinner was a phenomenal event. I now understand the reach of the PAC, and I intend to support the members of Congress that will fight for issues that affect fraternities and sororities. The Hill visits were the best fraternal experiences I have had as a collegian. I saw what Greek students and alumni can accomplish when they work together towards a common goal."



Lauren Robertson, ΦΜ
Florida State University
FSU Senior Class President

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PAC Board of Directors: Cindy Stellhorn, Ken File, Sarah Lindsay, James Owens, Patrick Alderdice, Kevin O'Neill, Larry Wiese, Jim Estes, Marc Katz, Pris Gerde, Doug Carlson, and Julie Burkhard. Not pictured: Vicki Nixon.

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, address, occupation and name of employer of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. The maximum an individual may contribute is \$5,000 per calendar year. Corporations and foreign nationals without green cards are prohibited from contributing.

Fundraising Rankings for Finance Committee Members

As of June 9, 2009

Patrick Alderdice, ΔΧ	\$27,065
Cindy Stellhorn/Laurie Connor, KAΘ	\$23,195
Jim Estes/Larry Wiese, KA Order	\$14,175
Julie Burkhard, AXΩ	\$14,024
Kevin O'Neill, ΔΧΑ	\$12,425
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Sarah Lindsay/Michelle Shimberg, ΔΔΔ	\$7,850
Vicki Nixon, ΔΓ	\$7,630
Ken File/Jim Host, ΔΤΔ	\$6,425
Betty Quick, ΓΦΒ	\$6,250
Pris Gerde/Marian Williams, ΚΚΓ	\$6,250
Doug Carlson, ΣΧ	\$5,750
Wade Garard, ΦΚΨ	\$5,100
Kathryn Goddard, ΑΔΠ	\$4,985
Bill LaForge, ΠΚΑ	\$4,500
Melanie Shain/Kelly Bingel, ΧΩ	\$4,075
Frankie Nordlund, ΑΟΠ	\$3,450
Wynn Smiley/Walter Hughes, ΑΤΩ	\$3,275
Clark Robertson, ΦΓΔ	\$3,150
Corey Mathews, ΤΚΕ	\$2,850
Kris Bridges, ΦΜ	\$2,300
Liana Wallace, ΑΓΔ	\$2,000
Mike Scarborough/Ken Tracey, ΣΑΕ	\$2,000
Dan Backer, ΖΨ	\$1,525
Julie Johnson, ΚΑ	\$1,525
Deb Ensor/Shannon Finley, ΖΤΑ	\$1,500
Branda Butler, ΠΒΦ	\$1,375
Sheri O'Connell/Amanda Exner, ΑΞΔ	\$800
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Justin Kirk, ΔΥ	\$625
Chris Johnston, ΦΔΘ	\$100

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Thanks to the following donors, we have raised \$201,989 this cycle!

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“Nothing is more important than nurturing the values and spirit of the young people of this country. Expanding the influence we have in Washington and providing and enlisting support from members of Congress who are friendly to the Greek movement will ultimately help us provide a more meaningful experience to our members across the country. It just makes sense for fraternities and sororities to have a presence in Washington, and one of the key ways to do that is to have a vibrant PAC. Our Phi Kappa Psi Foundation board realizes the importance that chapter house capital campaigns play. Safe and inviting housing is key to the fulfillment of our mission, and our alumni are willing to provide significant support to improve these facilities.”



Don Fites, ΦΚΨ

As a trustee of the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, Don heads the board's development committee and chairs a \$20 million comprehensive capital campaign for the foundation. He served as chairman and CEO of Caterpillar Inc. from 1990 to 1999. Don is a former director of Exxon Mobile Corporation, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, AT&T Wireless Services, Wolverine World Wide, AK Steel Corporation and Oshkosh Truck Corporation.

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“As a donor to the Fraternity and Sorority PAC, I hope to make a positive impact on the future of our fraternal organizations and to ensure that we have a voice on Capitol Hill. By supporting legislation and candidates who are receptive to the needs of fraternities and sororities, the PAC is taking a proactive position on ensuring a bright future for our organizations. My membership in Tri Delta has encouraged me to give



back, to help others, and I believe the PAC is a valuable organization that will help sustain and support all of our organizations.”

Jeanne Maguire Reese, ΔΔΔ

Jeanne is Delta Delta Delta's president of The Center of Living, Learning and Leading.

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Upcoming PAC Events

August 25 Atlanta
Anthony's Restaurant
3109 Piedmont Rd NE
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

TBD Dallas

For information on attending one of these events, please visit our web site www.fratpac.org.



Senator Tom Carper (D-DE/ΔTA) poses with Delta Gamma students and national leaders.



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Many ask why we need a political action committee. While there are many reasons, it can best be expressed by quoting a friend of the PAC who said, simply, that a PAC convinces political leaders that we are serious about our message of making student housing safer and college more affordable and that our presence in Washington is not a passing interest. The Fraternity and Sorority PAC remains the largest PAC focused on higher education issues in the nation. Despite the economic downturn, the PAC has raised \$201,989 so far this cycle, and we are on track to reach a cumulative \$1 million in contributions by 2010—an impressive first six years for our PAC.

I hope that we can count on your ongoing support of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee.



Sincerely yours,
Larry Wiese, KA Order
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THE CHIA OF 2009 WILL KEEP COLLEGE AFFORDABLE AND IMPROVE STUDENT HOUSING

The Collegiate House and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) will provide incentive for the generation of funding for capital and safety upgrades through infrastructure improvements and new construction. Over \$1 billion in capital improvement projects at fraternity housing nationwide is “shovel ready” but needs funding. Private funds will create and maintain jobs for local plumbers, roofers, carpenters, electricians, contractors and other individuals working in the suffering construction industry.

Passing CHIA would:

- Fulfill the Congressional Goal to “Make College More Affordable” with a minimal cost to taxpayers by offering a less expensive housing alternative. The Committee on Joint Taxation scored the cost of CHIA at \$148 million over ten years in 2008.
- Encourage new charitable contributions to improve current collegiate housing, thereby preserving and upgrading existing housing capacity and helping construct the new housing needed to accommodate growing student populations.
- Result in safer student housing by enabling fraternities and sororities to fund the installation of modern life safety equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems.
- Create and maintain jobs related to \$1 billion in planned capital construction and improvements.