



THE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



DECEMBER 2009



PAC Closes In on \$1 Million Goal for First Six Years

With Only \$178,502 Needed, Your Help Is Crucial

The PAC continues its efforts to support fraternity and sorority member candidates and friends, to fundraise, and to engage alumni. In this newsletter you will see how the various organizational representatives fare in our rankings. It is very important, now more than ever, to support the PAC because we want to help the many fraternity and sorority members who are running for political office. Given the climate in Washington, D.C., I am sure you will agree that we need to provide assistance to our friends and help them carry our message to other lawmakers.

We hope to see some movement on the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) in early 2010 as Congress increasingly turns its attention to comprehensive tax reform issues. As of November 30, we have 173 House sponsors and 24 Senate sponsors of CHIA, and we add new sponsors regularly. As you can imagine, with Congress focusing much of its 2009 attention on the critical issue of healthcare reform, there has been little time to address other tax issues, but we expect that situation to change in 2010 and we are well positioned to be added to major tax legislation in the new year. Your continued engagement with your Senators and Representatives is crucial in 2010 if we want to pass this groundbreaking legislation. We have also been active in working to pass the College Fire Protection Act during this Congress, which would provide matching grants for critical life-safety improvements to all forms of student housing, including our own.

The PAC has held two very successful events, one in Atlanta on August 25 and one in Dallas on November 9. Again, there are related articles, as well as testimonials from donors and from members of Congress about Greek life.

I want to thank you for your efforts to help the PAC reach our goal of \$1 million in donations within six years of operation. While we are steadily moving toward that figure, it is an aggressive goal given the current state of the economy. Your support is essential in our efforts to pass the CHIA. If you are a donor or have made a pledge to con-

tribute, I want to thank you profusely for your support. If you have an outstanding pledge, I ask that you make your payment as soon as you can. If you are a former donor or have not yet made a contribution to the PAC, I urge you to make a gift to this 2009-10 cycle. No gift is too small to support our efforts. For your convenience, you may use the enclosed pledge form and reply envelope.

Remember the PAC's annual dinner will be held April 20 in Washington, D.C. Seats are \$500 a piece. I hope to see many of you there.



Sincerely,

Larry Wiese, KA Order
President, Fraternity and Sorority PAC
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PAC within \$178,502 of \$1 Million Fundraising Goal

Your Support Is Vital to Help Reach the Finish Line by the April 2010 PAC Dinner!

Fundraising Statistics April 1, 2005 – November 16, 2009

2005	\$210,195
2006	\$100,116
2007	\$137,951
2008	\$192,256
2009	\$180,980

Total \$821,498

DALLAS-AREA PAC EVENT

Impact Felt in D.C. as PAC Keeps Greek Issues in Front of Policymakers

More than 75 people, including several colleagues, representing more than 20 Greek organizations attended the PAC Dallas-area reception on November 9. The keynote speaker was Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX/PIKA). Congressman Sessions, a lead sponsor for the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act in the House and co-chairman of the Congressional Fraternal Caucus, remarked that we are gaining support for Greek-related issues. He encouraged everyone to continue supporting our initiatives, especially the CHIA, and to not become discouraged by Congressional delays. Congressman Sessions talked about the core lessons Congressional Greeks have learned from their fraternal experience and how that guides their daily lives as American leaders. The Congressman praised the PAC for keeping Greek issues in front of policymakers and for supporting Greeks who run for office. He made it clear that the PAC's impact is felt in Washington.

Other area dignitaries in attendance were former Dallas City Council member Gary Griffith, ΣΦΕ, and Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams, ΣΦΕ. Mr. Williams is regarded as a front-runner to be appointed to the Senate seat that Kay Bailey Hutchison may vacate in the near future.

Additionally, two interfraternal national presidents were in attendance: Mike Duncan, knight



Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams, ΣΦΕ, with former Dallas City Council member Gary Griffith, ΣΦΕ, and Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX/PIKA)

commander of Kappa Alpha Order, and Wayne Tucker, grand consul of Sigma Chi.

PAC President Larry Wiese, KA Order, and immediate Past-President Kevin O'Neill, ΔΧΑ, provided updates of the PAC activities. They reported that in 2009 the PAC has almost 700 donors from more than 50 Greek organizations.

Larry and Kevin noted that one of the reasons for the wide support is that the PAC is truly bipartisan. Contributions have been made to

the major political parties at a rate of 52% to Republicans and 48% to Democrats. They thanked the donors for their contributions, which allow the PAC to provide critical support to Greeks running for House and Senate. The PAC anticipates supporting several Greeks trying to get elected for the first time in 2010.

Many thanks to the other PAC leaders who attended, including Vicki Nixon, ΔΓ, Ryan Brennan ΣΦΕ, Donna Cherek, ΑΧΩ, and James Owens, ΣΝ.

For those who live in the Dallas area, plans are already underway for the 2010 PAC event.



KA Order alumni



Donna Cherek, past national president, and Dallas-area Alpha Chi Omega alumnae and collegians.



The Delta Gammas were well represented at the Dallas PAC event in November. Back row from left: Vicki Nixon, Joy McCreary, Martha Brown, Emily Rollins, Pam Jamieson, Jessica Burkholder, Maura Brady, and Lisa Anderson. Front row: Mary Lee Miller, Dinah Hays and Mary Bowen.

PAC Fundraiser for Capital Hill Summer Interns Draws 85 Students

Every summer, college students and recent college graduates arrive in Washington for internships on Capitol Hill with various government agencies and non-profit associations and organizations. During the summer of 2009, the PAC held its second annual fundraiser for fraternity/sorority student leaders who were in the nation's capital for the summer. A dinner was held at the trendy Eyebar in Washington, and more than 85 students donated \$25 each to attend. The PAC's summer interns Sarah Bosse (ΑΦ, UCLA), Melissa Munoz (ΚΚΓ, University of Central Florida), and Dani Giles (ΑΔΠ, California State San Bernardino) organized the evening's festivities. PAC board members Kevin O'Neill, ΔΧΑ, and Sarah Lindsay, ΔΔΔ, attended the event.

Honorary chairmen for the event were Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS/ΣΝ), Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA/ΔΓ), Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX/PIKA), Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX/ΑΧΑ), Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI/ΔΤΑ) and Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO/ΔΓ).

A brief program on the purpose of the PAC and its efforts in Washington was presented. This event continues to be a big success.

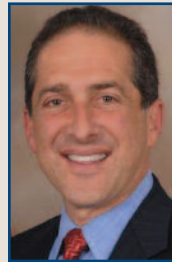
Fundraising Rankings for Finance Committee Members As of November 16, 2009

Patrick Alderdice, ΔX	\$27,900
Cindy Stellhorn/Laurie Connor, KAΘ	\$23,520
Jim Estes/Larry Wiese, KA Order	\$18,577
Julie Burkhard, AXΩ	\$16,524
Kevin O’Neill, ΔXA	\$12,725
James Owens, ΣN	\$11,775
Vicki Nixon, ΔΓ	\$9,855
Marc and Dana Katz, ΔEΠ/ΔEΦ	\$8,475
Sarah Lindsay/Michelle Shimberg, ΔΔΔ	\$8,250
Doug Carlson, ΣX	\$7,350
Betty Quick, ΓΦΒ	\$6,885
Ken File/Jim Host, ΔΤΑ	\$6,775
Pris Gerde/Marian Williams, KKT	\$6,450
Kathryn Goddard, ΔΔΠ	\$5,185
Wade Garard, ΦΚΨ	\$5,100
Bill LaForge, ΠΚΑ	\$4,500
Kris Bridges, ΦΜ	\$4,225
Melanie Shain/Kelly Bingel, ΧΩ	\$4,075
Frankie Nordlund, ΑΟΠ	\$3,950
Clark Robertson, ΦΓΔ	\$3,400
Wynn Smiley/Walter Hughes, ΑΤΩ	\$3,275
Corey Mathews, ΤΚΕ	\$3,100
Brenda Butler, ΠΒΦ	\$2,100
Liana Wallace, ΑΓΔ	\$2,000
Mike Scarborough/Ken Tracey, ΣΑΕ	\$2,000
Deb Ensor/Shannon Finley, ΖΤΑ	\$1,850
Dan Backer, ΖΨ	\$1,635
Julie Johnson, ΚΑ	\$1,525
Sheri O’Connell/Amanda Exner, ΑΞΑ	\$950
Bernie Schulz, ΑΣΦ	\$840
Justin Kirk, ΔΥ	\$725
Chris Johnston, ΦΔΘ	\$350

Congressmen Who Support the PAC

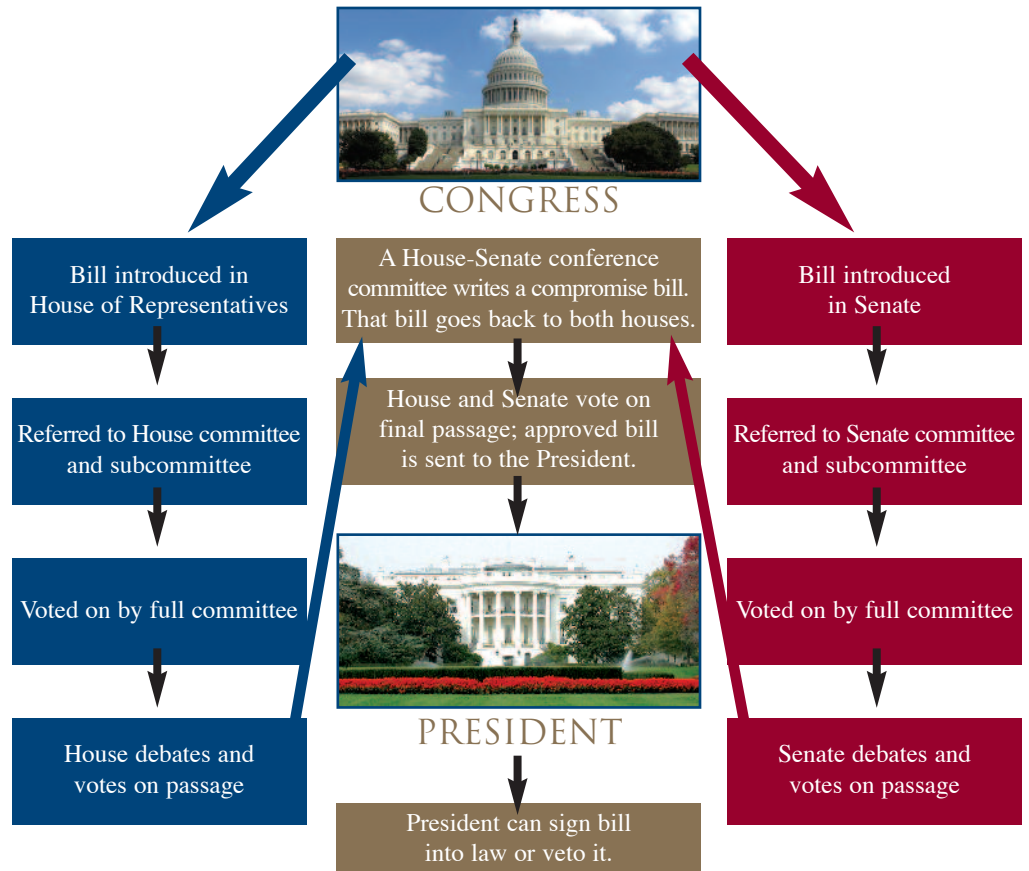
The PAC has many loyal Congressional supporters. Below are just two of the many who attended the April 2009 PAC dinner and who back our initiatives.

Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD/ΣΧ), the House Majority Leader, says, “Fraternities and sororities teach us about leadership, the value of community, and the hard work it takes to keep a community strong. That’s one of the reasons why the efforts of the Fraternity and Sorority PAC—an organization dedicated to making sure that the values of Greek life have a lasting impact—are so important.”



Congressman Ron Klein (D-FL/ΔΕΠ) notes, “As a fraternity brother at the Ohio State University, I learned about the importance of getting a great education while participating in public service and giving back to my community. In addition to making lifelong friendships, I had the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills. I have great memories of my fraternity days, and the bonds formed during those four short years remain strong to this day.”

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Thanks to the following donors, we have raised \$180,980 this cycle!

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Murray K. McComas, ΣΧ

Murray served as Sigma Chi International president from 1993 to 1995 and is a loyal donor to the PAC.

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"I firmly believe in my contributions to the Fraternity and Sorority PAC. I've seen firsthand the efforts of this group in Washington, D.C., when I was part of the lobbying team in 2008. The quality and effectiveness of the collegiate men and women, along with all the other national representation from fraternities and sororities around the country, were so impressive. I consider myself honored to be associated with such a remarkable group."



Cheri Morrell De Jong, ΣΚ

Cheri has served Sigma Kappa in numerous capacities and is currently the national vice president for finance. She holds a B.S. degree in agricultural business management from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a master's degree in business from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. She is the chief financial officer for AgriVision Farm Management. Cheri and her family own and operate multiple farming operations in the Texas Panhandle. She and her husband, Donald (ΑΓΡ), have three teenage daughters and live in Dalhart, Texas.

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"Greek life matters! Greek life has mattered to my family in so many unimaginable ways. I've experienced the benefits personally as I gained confidence, leadership skills, a sense of self, friendships, and the knowledge that with privilege comes service. I have the pleasure of sharing the fraternal experience with my two ΔΓ daughters, my ΔΓ mother, a ΔΓ niece, my ΦΔΘ son, and a ΔΤΑ brother. We represent three universities and experiences and traditions that change over the years, but we all care about our individual experience. What a pleasure it has been to watch my children grow, each in a unique way, through their own fraternity experience.

For each of these people, and for those who will come after them, I choose to volunteer my time and treasure for the Fraternity and Sorority PAC. What we are achieving is important to the future of Greeks on all of our campuses. Will we be able to maintain our single-sex status and offer these unique experiences in 25 years? Will our fraternal foundations be protected from taxation? Will we even have a right to exist? Yes, if it is up to me, we sure will! It is my hope to add future family members to this Greek fraternal tree of mine. I plan to continue to support the PAC by letting Congress know that Greek life matters!"



Vicki Vannoy Nixon, DG
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Vicki and her husband, Benny, live in Lubbock, Texas. She is the government relations chair for Delta Gamma.

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“As a supporter of the Fraternity and Sorority PAC, financially and professionally since its creation, I have been proud to be a part of the work to advocate and promote the Greek experience before our elected officials in Washington. The PAC gives us all the opportunity to not only remember the good times of our college years, but to channel that passion for our fraternity or sorority into political power and to support current and future students. As member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority and a graduate of The Ohio State University, I recall the words of legendary OSU football coach Woody Hayes who told his players, ‘You can never really pay back. You can only pay forward.’ Supporting the PAC pays forward!”



Stephanie Peters, ΖΦΒ

Stephanie is director of Federal Government Affairs for Microsoft. She and her husband, Charlie Fishman, live in Washington, D.C.

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ATLANTA PAC EVENT IN AUGUST PROVIDED IMPORTANT EDUCATION ON CHIA'S IMPORTANCE

The Atlanta PAC event took place on August 25 at Anthony's Restaurant in Buckhead, an area well known by students and professionals. Seventy alumnae and collegians from the greater Atlanta area attended. PAC Executive Director Kevin O'Neill and PAC President

Larry Wiese welcomed and thanked donors for their support of the PAC.

Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA/ΣΝ) spoke and thanked the PAC for the support given to him and to many members of Congress. Congressman Gingrey also focused his remarks on the importance of getting the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act attached to a bill and passed through Congress. He reaffirmed his commitment to CHIA and to doing what he could do for its passage.



Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA/ΣΝ) addressed the attendees at the Atlanta PAC event.

Special recognition and thanks go to the members of Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Nu, and Kappa Alpha Order who sponsored ticket purchases for students from Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. The students represented their fraternities and sorority well. They gained a good understanding of the importance of CHIA and what they and their organizations and institutions can do to support the passage of CHIA.