



Phi Upsilon Omicron Newsletter

From the desk of the Region Councilor

Back-to-School Edition

Your Region Councilor is here to help!
Contact your Region Councilor with questions or for assistance.

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Region Map: <https://phiu.org/active-chapters>

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Phi U Theme 2022-2024: Family: The Foundation
& Legacy of FCS.



Dates to Remember:

- **September 15th**: Chapter submissions for The Candle and National Phi U Social Media pages
- **October 15th**: Active Status Confirmation Form Due
- **November 1st**: Phi U Alumni Research Grant Due
- **February 10th**: Phi U Founders' Day- (Start Planning Now to Commemorate Founders' Day!)
- **March 1st**: Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards Application Submission Deadline
- **May 1st**: Professional Project Reports Due
- **May 1st**: Phi U Community Impact Grant Application Due
- **May 1st**: Undergraduate Student Research Paper Award Due for Presentation at AAFCS
- **May 1st**: Karen P. Goebel Conclave Travel Award Application Due
- **May 15th**: Chapter Annual Reports Due
- **June 1st**: Advisor Conclave Travel Grant Nominations Due
- **Initiation Report and New Member Fees Due Two Weeks After Initiation**

Phi Upsilon Omicron, National Honor Society in Family and Consumer Sciences, <https://phiu.org/>

Nomination Due Dates for:

- Bachtel/Holbrook Collegiate Advisor Award (**Nov. 1st annually**). Chapter members can nominate advisors and complete the nomination form.
- Florence Fallgatter Alumni Distinguished Service Award (**Nov. 1, 2023**)
- National Council (*President-Elect & National Advisor Councilor*) and Foundation Board (2-Directors) (**Nov. 1, 2023**)
- Region Collegiate Representatives to National Council (**Feb. 1, 2024**)

Conclave 2024 (Save the Date!)

- Conclave 2024 will be in Menomonie, Wisconsin, October 3-5, 2024, so start planning now!

Phi Upsilon Omicron CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT!

Chapter Spotlight Recognitions for Summer 2023 -

- Beta Delta Chapter
- Gamma Omicron Chapter
- Beta Epsilon Chapter



We want to SPOTLIGHT your success and tell everyone about it!

Phi Upsilon Omicron desires to recognize collegiate and alumni chapters for their leadership and service to their communities and chapter members with social media recognition. Recognition can be for a service activity, chapter meeting speaker/activity or service activity. Chapters just need to complete the Chapter Spotlight JotForm and submit a photo or video about the activity.

Any activity, project, or service your chapter has conducted can be recognized in the Phi U Chapter Spotlight. Submissions will be posted on Phi U social media, and your chapter will receive a recognition certificate for participation.

What is the next easy step?

1. Choose an activity to use as a spotlight.
2. Choose photos or a video you have of the spotlight to submit.
3. Complete the submission jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/210106952599157> and attach media format.
4. Then be recognized! (See the Beta Delta Chapter example below)

Beta Delta Chapter, at Western Kentucky University, spent the end of their semester collecting items for a local pregnancy outreach organization. With the focus of aiding children throughout the community, members hosted a “baby shower” where they collected clothes, wipes, diapers, baby gear, and toys that would be donated to the Living Hope Pregnancy Center. [#phiu](#) [#familyfcslegacy](#)



2023-2024 Zoom Phi U Chapter Chats.

Phi U Chapter Chats feature a speaker that will provide you with pertinent information on topics relevant to your chapter activities. Last year's Chapter Chats were a great success. We will continue to present the Chapter Chats this academic year. Information for the September Chapter Chats can be found below with additional Chapter Chats to be scheduled soon. Watch for more information.

Chapter Chats are for all members and advisors. We hope you can join us!

September Chapter Chats:

- September 5, 2023 @ 6:30 PM CST, **“The Family Room: How one FCS teacher fulfilled a need by launching a teen and parent coaching business.”** Presented by Kennedy Halling, Past National Collegiate Chair and Tau Chapter Alumni, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Zoom link:
<https://uco.zoom.us/j/97831293508?pwd=WjNVVndoczBuMUlULy9EY0I1cEZ4Zz09>
Meeting ID: 978 3129 3508, Passcode: 538805
- September 26, 2023 @ 6:30 pm CST, **“Engage and Equip Your Phi U Chapter Utilizing GreekTrack.”** Presented by Kaela Armstrong, Region 4 Collegiate Representative and Beta Rho Chapter Past-President, Idaho State University.
Zoom link:
<https://uco.zoom.us/j/96394866130?pwd=UEg2NWxPQUUpCVWZQakJuVEE2MmtRdz09>
Meeting ID: 963 9486 6130, Passcode: 374971

2023-2024 Advisor Coffee Breaks

Advisor Coffee Breaks are informal conversations among advisors. They are designed to give advisors a platform to share ideas and ask questions. Advisor Coffee Breaks are only for advisors. Dates and times for the Coffee Breaks will be announced soon. Watch for more information.

Stay Connected:

Chapter submissions for *The Candle* and the National Phi U social media pages

What has your chapter been up to? We'd love to hear (and see) all about it! Send us pictures and articles of your current and/or past chapter activities for publication in *The Candle* or the National Phi U social media pages. **Chapter submissions for The Candle, Sept. 15th** send submissions to national@phiu.org. If you missed the latest issue of *The Candle*, **check out the digital version [HERE!](#)**

Facebook Pages

Does your chapter have a Facebook page? If not, consider helping members stay connected by developing one. Contact the media specialist at media@phiu.org to get the details about how your Facebook page should be set up to meet the Phi U standard.

Phi U Website (<https://phiu.org/>)

Check us out! We are continually striving to update and improve our website to provide the most current and helpful information. We welcome any comments or suggestions about website navigation, content, login section, etc.

GreekTrack:

GreekTrack is a robust software application your chapter can use to stay organized. Phi Upsilon Omicron encourages everyone to use GreekTrack to manage their chapter.

If you have not used GreekTrack or are having difficulties with it, a “how to use it” YouTube video is posted for you to refresh your memory at: <https://youtu.be/DPmnDC8GIU> It can be accessed by this direct link. If it doesn't work let us know.

To access GreekTrack: Click “Login” (upper right side) on the Phi U Website, then click on your Phi U chapter, and it will lead you on into the system. Once logged in on your GreekTrack Dashboard Page, scroll about halfway down and locate RESOURCES—VIEW ALL on the right-hand side. This will take you to folders organized by officer and/or membership type. To view your chapter's membership, locate MEMBERS across the menu at the top of your GreekTrack Dashboard. If any chapter members are missing or categorized incorrectly, please contact national@phiu.org.



Phi U Jewelry & Branded Items

Phi U Jewelry and more is available in our on-line shop! Share and tell your story when you wear Phi U Merchandise. **Look for details and order at <https://www.acgreek.com/PhiU>** OR click 'shop' in the upper right corner on Phi U's homepage.

Support Phi U: <https://phiu.org/give>

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