



Phi Upsilon Omicron Newsletter

Fall 2022 Edition

From the desk of the Region Councilors

Your Region Councilor is here to help!

Contact your Region Councilor with questions or for assistance throughout the year.

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The theme for 2022-2024 is “**Family: The Foundation & Legacy of FCS.**” Our president for 2022-2024 is Dr. Kyle Roberson and our president elect is Dr. Susan Miller.



Founders' Day: Celebrate with porcelain, pizza, or prizes (or any other way that you can think of...)

So, maybe you are thinking that your chapter celebrates Founders' Day every year and you have this all figured out. Or maybe you are thinking, "Founders' Day... that sounds too hard.... I don't know where to start." Whether your chapter has an elaborate annual tradition of celebrating Founders' Day (way to go!) or has never done anything for Founders' Day (you aren't alone in this, and it doesn't have to be as hard as you think), read on for a variety of ways that you can celebrate Founders' Day from easy-peasy to over-the-top productions.

Idea # 1: There are no rules that you need to follow. Just do something. Even if it doesn't turn out to be something you want to do again next year, at least you did something to commemorate Founders' Day! A card writing party to reach out to Phi U alumni that are shut-ins could be an event... "thinking of you on this Founders' Day".

Idea # 2: Cookies can be a thing. Don't have time to hold an event? Not sure who might actually attend? Don't have a room available? Make cookies (or buy them) and hand them out on Founders' Day to celebrate this great day! They don't need to be wrapped (but they could be if you have time). This can be an actual event (with a table in a hallway with students or alumni passing out cookies and sharing information about Phi U) or it could simply be cookies handed out to co-workers as you stop by their office or a plate of cookies at an impromptu gathering of chapter members.

Idea # 3: Be creative! Do you have any wannabe actors in the crowd? A play could be in the works! Act out the creation of Phi Upsilon Omicron as part of a gathering of alumni and current students. This can be as simple or as elaborate as you want to make it.

Idea # 4: Do something that you have always wanted to do and call it a Founders' Day activity. Picnic anyone? Birthday party (for Phi U)? BBQ? Karaoke (best rendition of the Phi U song?) Founders' Day Bingo? Name that Founder Charades? Whatever fun event you can think of can become an event to celebrate the beginning of Phi Upsilon Omicron. Add some historical facts about Phi Upsilon Omicron as you have time. Gather current members and alumni together as you are able to round them up (Facebook post anyone?) and have fun with whoever shows up!

Idea # 5: Schedule something that you would do anyway on the actual day of Founders' Day and then simply add a little something to the event to celebrate the founding of Phi U! (Passing out cookies could work—see above...). You can advertise it as a Founders' Day event without having a formal Founders' Day program. For example, you can schedule a chapter meeting on Founders' Day and simply mention during the meeting the significance of Founders' Day and take a group photo to post to social media of your chapter celebrating Founders' Day. Initiation can be held on Founders' Day with alumni invited to participate in a reception celebrating new initiates and Founders' Day afterwards.

Idea #6: A formal program with formal invitations, formal wear, and formal food (tea and pastries served on elegant dinnerware for example) can be arranged by students, faculty, and/or alumni for celebrating in a dignified manner. There can be a formal program with guest presenter (or not). Simply gathering together in fellowship can be enough to celebrate the founders of Phi U.

Idea # 7: Best Founders' Day outfits—hold an event for current students and alumni in which they are encouraged to dress up as an original founder. Award prizes for best outfit. Take photos and post to social media.

Send us your photos of your Founders' Day event and we will post them to social media. You can't do it wrong---so get out there and celebrate! (And then cross this off your list! Good job!)

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it." Amelia Earhart

Dates to Remember

- **Initiation Report and New Member Fees Due Two Weeks After Initiation**
- **Chapter Chat: January 25th at 6:30 pm Central time**
- **Advisor Coffee Break: February 1st at 3:00 pm Central time**
- **Honor Cord/Stole orders must be received by March 1st for May graduates (*late orders may be delayed*)**
- **Founders' Day is February 10th—start planning now!**
- **Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards, March 1st (click on the scholarship tab on phiu.org to access the scholarships and the application)**
- **Professional Project report, May 1st**

Reminders for graduating seniors to help them stay connected

**Remember to have graduating seniors update their address and email in GreekTrack. Log on at <https://phiu.org/login.php>

**Share the letter to graduating seniors from the Alumni Councilor with alumni information including names/locations of alumni chapters nationwide, e-chapter, social media, and the next Conclave date/location, etc.

*Encourage graduating seniors to follow @phiunational on social media.

Getting on track with Greek Track

If you haven't yet started using Greek Track, the following video will help walk you through the steps to setting up your account and using Greek Track to get things done. <https://youtu.be/DPmnDC8GIU>

Have you noticed that emails that are generated from Greek Track look a little different than those generated through Outlook and other traditional email platforms? Your regional counselor and others on the national board may be emailing advisors and chapter officers through Greek Track as we start using Greek Track for more and more functions of our honor society. You may want to email chapter members this way as well as their email addresses are all in Greek Track and you can easily generate an email without worry of accidentally leaving out a chapter member.

If you experience any difficulties with finding things on Greek Track or to get it to do what you want it to do, please let us know. We are glad to help.

"No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted." Aesop

Phi Upsilon Omicron Chapter Spotlight

We want to **SPOTLIGHT** your chapter successes and tell the world about it! Any activity, project, or service your chapter has conducted can be recognized in the Phi U Chapter Spotlight. Your chapter will be featured on Phi U social media and the chapter will receive a recognition certificate for participation. Complete the submission jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/210106952599157>. **It only takes a few minutes to type a few sentences about something that your chapter has done into the jot form and to upload a photo. You have been doing good things and we want to hear from you!**

Phi U Chapter Chats

Please join us for our next Phi U Chapter Chats session on January 25th at 6:30 Central time. The link will be sent via email, so be sure to watch for it.

If you haven't yet attended a Chapter Chat session, please consider doing so. These sessions are provided as a way for the national office to share information and provide "how to" information to chapter members and their advisors on topics such as scholarships, awards, and professional projects. Not only is valuable information shared, but an opportunity for questions is also provided.

If you missed attending, a recorded version is available to watch on the Phi U YouTube Channel @phiunational. Watch for upcoming episodes!

Advisor Coffee Breaks

These sessions are tailored to chapter advisors. We meet via Zoom 1-2 times a semester with time for advisors to share successes, ask questions, and share any concerns. This is a great time to get to know other advisors from across the US and to support one another in our work. Our next advisor coffee break will be February 1st at 3 pm CT. The link will be sent by email.

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