



Phi Upsilon Omicron Newsletter

Fall 2023 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."

Conclave 2024
SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 3 - 5, 2024

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From Us to You! Chapter Advisors Share Tips for Chapter Success

'Missed the last **Advisor Coffee Break** with advisors and National Council members? Here are some tips shared together which may help improve your chapter's success. Region Councilors are available twice a semester to answer questions and share important information. The next two sessions will be held in **February and April of 2024** – Join us for our **next coffee break on February 12, 2024, at 11:00 am Central Time.**

Here are some past tips to share with you!

#1. In addition to Greek Track, send meeting reminders via your chapter's social media networks. These last-minute reminders can increase member meeting attendance.

#2. If your chapter has several departments or colleges where members are eligible to become members of Phi U, seek out a co-advisor from another department to share the benefits of being an organizational advisor. Better yet, ask your student members which faculty would be a good choice and ask them to invite them directly.

#3. Need more members? Don't forget about graduate students who may be eligible on your campus. There are separate criteria for initiating new graduate students and remember to reach out to past collegiate Phi U members to stay involved at the graduate level. As active members at the graduate level, they would be eligible for Phi U fellowships and awards. Specify one meeting to focus on graduate students who can share their graduate school experiences with collegiates.

#4. Utilizing Greek Track and email for invitations for membership is the first step. However, some chapters have found that also sending a personalized letter (via email) has secured new members. Knowing your chapter is active on campus can be a great benefit compared to an online honor society. If most students are attending on campus, consider "tapping" them in during class time. This brings recognition to them as an honor student and publicizes Phi U too.

#5. Reach out to alumni in your area when potential students need assistance with initiation fees. Many alumni are very willing to support a student's national fee and/or chapter fee to make it possible for a student to join Phi U. Alumni can be contacted using the Alumni Greek Track feature for each specific chapter.

#6. Honor cords, stoles, violet points... Review your chapter's policy on who can receive honor cords or stoles. This can be motivation for members to stay active and seek a leadership position with your chapter. Some chapters use "Violet Points" to earn hours towards meetings, community service, and social events to earn chapter cords or stoles which can be worn at graduation and/or graduation photographs!

#7. Founders' Day, February 10th is just around the corner. Remind your chapter officers to think of a simple recognition for members and faculty to honor the history of Phi U. Large or small, this event can help unite members and alumni together.

Have a great idea?? Plan to join us at the next **Advisor Coffee Break** to share what is on your mind or tell us about what works best for your chapter. We enjoy visiting together and always come away with great ideas!

“Empowering those around you to be heard and valued makes the difference between a leader who simply instructs and one who inspires.” *Adena Friedman, Nasdaq CEO*

Dates to Remember

Two Weeks After Initiation - Report and New Member Fees Due !

- Chapter Chat: Applying for SFA's- January 25th at 6:30 pm Central Time
- Advisor Coffee Break: February 12th at 11:00 am Central Time
- Founders' Day is February 10th— start planning now!
- Honor Cord/Stole orders must be received by March 1st for May graduates (*late orders may be delayed*)
- 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/laul_N-XFes

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 councilor 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. Be sure to open emails from mail@phiu.org and national@phiu.org.

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.

“Nothing is Impossible. The word itself says, **I’m Possible.**” *Audrey Hepburn*

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 – Collegiates, Advisors and Alumni

Please join us for our next Phi U Chapter Chats session on **January 25th at 6:30pm Central Time**. The link will be sent via email, so be sure to watch for it. Topic: Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards! Applications due: March 1st.

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.

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

Chapter Advisor Coffee Breaks

These sessions are tailored to chapter advisors. We meet via Zoom twice a semester with time for advisors to share successes, ask questions, and learn from each other. This is a great time to get to know other advisors from across the U.S. and to support one another in our mission. Our next advisor coffee break will be **February 12, 2024, at 11:00 am Central Time**. Join via Zoom using this link (and watch for an email):

<https://bsu.zoom.us/j/5401283950?pwd=OS9mSi9GY3FWdE5hUzA2WVphSmRTUT09>

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