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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Chapter Advisor Newsletter

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

Summer Newsletter...2021

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Our first Chapter Advisor Virtual Coffee Break was a real success!

This week several advisors joined Amy Richards, Region 2 Councilor, Diana Watson-Maile, National Advisor Councilor, and Executive Director, Melissa Martin for an informal share and compare session. Many topics were discussed in this open and friendly environment. Plans are to continue this method of communication next year, so let your Region Councilor know your topics of concern and when is the best time to meet. Here are just some of the topics we shared:

1. Meet the deadline dates set by National. It is the best way to keep your chapter active and report your successes. See below for current deadlines.
2. We may soon have a "Chapter Advisor 101". Though the website has a plethora of resources for us, it was suggested to have a "short list" of things we need to do each year to make our positions easier as a chapter advisor.
3. For chapters with an active graduate program, it was suggested to invite continuing graduate students and initiate new graduate students as a special track to your existing chapter. They could meet separately but still join undergraduates for a special speaker or common project once or twice a year. This will keep them active until they are able to join an alumni chapter after their graduation.
4. Utilize your Academic Advisors and Career Counselors to share information about Phi Upsilon Omicron as the Honor Society to join for departments in Family and Consumer Sciences and related areas. Provide a handout or link to the website for each sharing with prospective students.



5. Invite departmental faculty, staff and community members as Honorary members of Phi U. This will broaden the support of your chapter and provide mentorship when needed. Honorary members are exempt from paying the membership fee too!
6. Does your chapter include students from different departments or colleges within the university? Besides the chapter advisors, try to appoint a “contact person” from each department as a direct line to share information and encourage membership. This is an easy way to keep a connection from each department without faculty to take on the role as a chapter advisor.
7. There is an **Advisor Toolbox** on the website (behind the advisor login section), along with a yearly checklist which is an easy way to manage your responsibility as an advisor and keep your chapter officers on track. **Log in at <https://phiu.org/memberpage/> using password chapter20**

Great News coming this summer! Our national board has approved the purchase of a new member/chapter management software system which will help our national office, chapters and members with a one-stop place to go to do so many things for all of us. In the future, there will be no member left behind, lost reports, difficult purchases, missing records, etc. Once in place, it will be a permanent tracking system for ease of communication and progressive membership system. Soon there will be information on how to get your chapter started with the new system!

Did I say Phi U jewelry? More great news about new and contemporary jewelry selections for men and women of all ages for our Phi U members. Be on the lookout for jewelry to purchase for yourself, officers, members and possibly to award outstanding leaders for their contributions to chapter and community service.

Phi U Chapter Spotlight is now active!



This is a great way to showcase your chapter’s activities or accomplishments, and it takes just a few minutes to submit your information. Several chapters have already been posted and recognized. We want to hear (and see!) how our chapters and members are serving and supporting their communities! Each collegiate or alumni chapter that is chosen as a Chapter Spotlight will have their media presentation (video, photo, etc.) posted on the Phi U Facebook and YouTube Channel, plus get recognition from the national organization. You can find the form here: <https://form.jotform.com/210106952599157>

Reminders for Graduating Seniors~

Remember to ask graduating seniors to complete the **Alumni Information Form** which is sent to chapter advisors. As advisors, we collect these and send them to the national office. If you have an alumni chapter, share the information with them too so graduates can be invited to join the local alumni chapter or our nationwide e-chapter (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/phiuechapter/>) What, no alumni chapter? Contact our national office at national@phiu.org for information to start a chapter in your area. This is a great way to involve graduate students and alumni who still reside in your area and want to remain involved.

Announcements:

Annual Reports...are due by email to the Phi Upsilon Omicron National Office – All due by **May 15, 2021**.

Reports – **President, Treasurer and Public Relations**
Candle Article

Initiation Reports – Don't forget to send in your Initiation Reports at least two weeks after the ceremony is completed. More information can be found in the Treasurer's official documents.

National has **extra graduation stoles** if any chapter needs some, so order soon! Use this form to place your order now. <https://form.jotform.us/71174898041158>

The Phi U National theme for 2020-2022 is, **"Inspiring Others Through FCS Storytelling."** Please continue to think of ways to spread this message...and let your fellow chapters know your great ideas!! Reach out.... Do you have a story to share? Submit your **#FCSsuccess** story to national@phiu.org.

Follow Phi Upsilon Omicron on the Phi U website, YouTube Channel, and on social media **@phiunational**

'Looking for a little inspiration? Be sure to check out our Professional Service Project videos submitted by Phi U Chapters from across the country!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxViq3F8Bg&list=PL86vG_FtjS1E1N1jJRuYMieJkoKu4bCvj

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Looking Ahead - Conclave 2022 in Columbus, Ohio, September 29 – October 1.

Plan now to raise funds to send at least one student to Conclave. Many chapters also support their advisor to attend as well. Think about creative ways to raise funds now for this exciting event!

Most of all – Have a great summer! Whether you rest or catch up, use some of your summertime to reflect on a job well done this past year, and focus on family and friends. We will do the same and hope that we meet again before the fall semester begins. If you need us in the meantime, your Region Councilors are here to assist. Happy summer!

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