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# "If I was down to my last dollar, I would spend it on PR."

—Bill Gates

### **COMMUNICATION IS KEY**

- Most information for Phi Kappa Phi is generated and distributed at the chapter level.
- Effective communications and public relations will help increase awareness of your chapter and encourage member activity and engagement.
- Presenting a cohesive appearance and message is a critical component of effective Society communications and publicity.



### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Implement communications at the chapter level
- Seek recommendations from campus faculty or staff with experience in communications, marketing, English, or graphic design.
- Consider initiating your institution's communications director to serve as PR officer or as a committee member
- Seek recommendations from your membership base





### **CHAPTER TOOLKIT**

### PhiKappaPhi.org > Chapters > Running Your Chapter > Chapter Toolkit





### **Q:** Does my chapter need a public relations officer?

**A:** Chapters are strongly encouraged to have a public relations officer. This officer can help enhance the visibility, name recognition and awareness of your chapter both on and off campus by acting as a main point of contact for all promotional efforts.



### **PRESS RELEASES**

- Publicize chapter events
- Announce new officers
- Feature an outstanding faculty member who is a Phi Kappa Phi member
- Highlight member achievements



## MERIT

- PhiKappaPhi.MeritPages.com
  PhiKappaPhi.org/Merit
- Online, user-friendly platform used to promote member achievements
- Distribute releases to hometown newspapers
- Create a profile and online story easy for sharing on social media



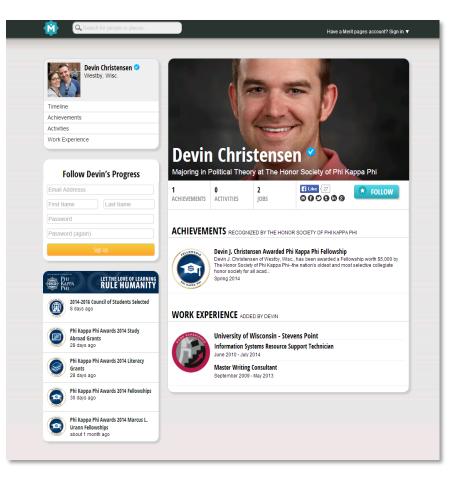


# **MERIT PAGES**

"Merit is a great way of letting other Phi Kappa Phi members—and potential employers—know what makes you stand out! I'm glad I get to share my activities and interests with other members so easily."

#### Allison Epstein, University of Michigan

"I was surprised and pleased when Phi Kappa Phi introduced me to Merit. I am very involved at Wright State University, and Merit allows others to see my achievements and what I take pride in." **Alyssa Andel, Wright State University** 





# **ADVERTISEMENTS**

- Use campus newspapers to announce upcoming initiations or recognize new initiates
- Solicit local and campus radio and television stations for public service announcements to publicize chapter events
- Recognize member achievements
- Consider both print and online channels for ads
- Headquarters will reimburse up to \$350 annually.



#### THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI CONGRATULATIONS!

The Elon University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi would like to congratulate the follo who were selected to membership from the upper 7.5% of the junior class and upper 10% of the senio and graduate classes. These students were recognized at an induction ceremony on April 26th for their achievements. Chapter President Dr. Donna Van Bodegraven gave the opening remarks and Elon University President Dr. Leo M. Lambert delivered the address.

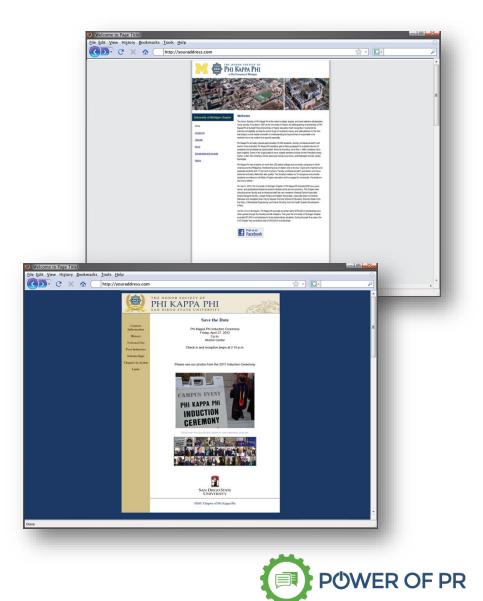
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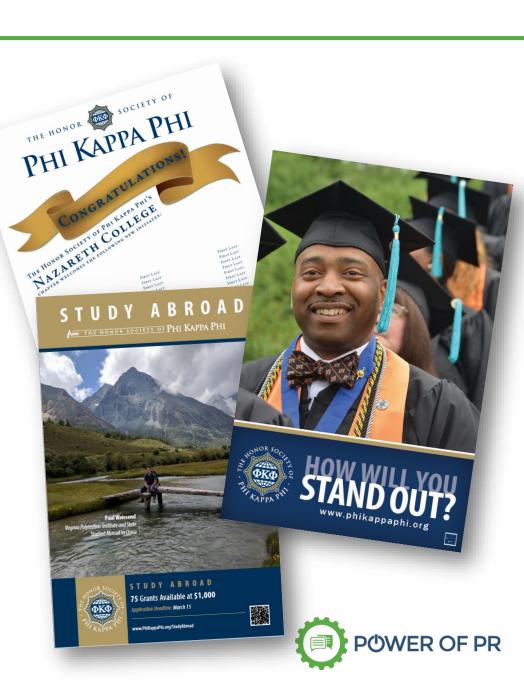
### **CHAPTER WEBSITES**

- Provide chapter information about membership qualification, benefits of membership, upcoming events and more
- Critical component to keeping members (both current and prospective) informed
- Ensure site is regularly updated with pertinent content
- Include contact information and link to PhiKappaPhi.org



## POSTERS

- Display posters in prominent locations on campus, during campus events or at initiation ceremonies
- Congratulate new initiates
- Recognize member achievements
- Publicize Phi Kappa Phi awards and grants



### Q: What types of promotional tools are best suited for our chapter?

**A:** Each chapter is different, and the most effective way to communicate often differs from campus to campus. Consider surveying your chapter membership or hosting a roundtable discussion to determine what tools may be best received by your prospective members.



# FACT SHEETS

- Share a snapshot of your chapter
- Highlight the history and ۲ mission of Phi Kappa Phi
- Highlight notable Phi Kappa Phi members from your college or university
- Provide information about ۲ Society benefits

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## **NEWSLETTERS**

- Keep in touch with members
- Provide relevant information and reminders
- Distribute electronically or as printed copies

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### PRESENTATIONS

- Provide background information on Phi Kappa Phi and your chapter
- Highlight chapter events and members using pictures
- Run during initiation ceremony or at campus events





### **EVENTS**

- Publicize chapter events on campus (newspaper, radio, television, posters, banners)
- Host informational booths at campus career fairs and events
- Speak about Phi Kappa Phi to student organizations and at honors programs and orientations
- Interested in The Princeton Review events? Email jchapman@phikappaphi.org
- Invite reporters and photographers to chapter events





## MERCHANDISE

- Shirts, ties, honor stoles and cords, framed certificates, pens, jewelry and more
- Promotes Phi Kappa Phi on campus
- Recognizes members at graduation
- Enhances brand visibility and name recognition
- Order at phikappaphistore.org
- Ideas? Let us know





### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Communicate in real-time
- Variety of platforms to use
- Accessible and free
- Watch the Social Media podcast in the Chapter Toolkit





# Q: My chapter only has the time and resources to devote to one or two forms of publicity. Does that matter?

**A:** No. Any type of promotion—whether large or small—will benefit your chapter's visibility. If you do not know how to best approaching promoting your chapter, the national office will be able to help you create and implement an effective plan.



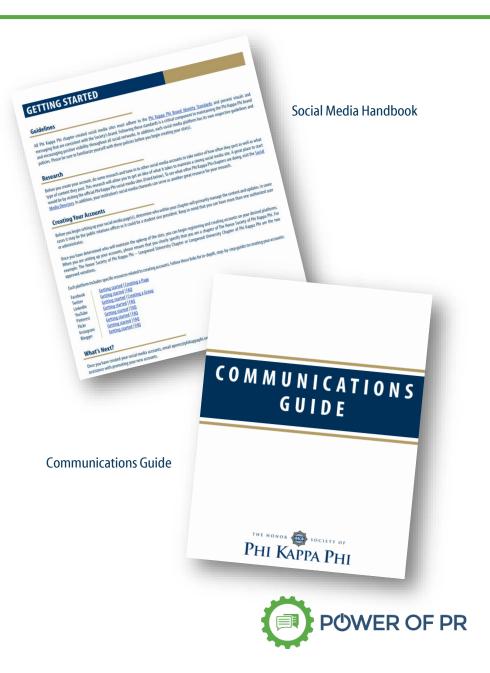
### **BRAND STANDARDS**

- Brand standards help to strengthen brand recognition and build consistency between national and chapter-level communications
- Guidelines for usage of logos, fonts and colors in Society communications



# **OTHER RESOURCES**

- Communications Guide
- Social Media Handbook
- University/College Media and PR



### MESSAGING

- Founded in 1897, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society.
- Phi Kappa Phi has initiated more than 1.5 million members since its founding.
- Approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni from more than 300 select colleges in the United States, its territories and the Philippines are inducted into the Society annually.
- Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million each biennium to outstanding students, members and chapters through the Society's award and grant programs.
- Our mission: To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.
- Our motto: Let the love of learning rule humanity.



### **HANDLING A CRISIS**

- When a crisis is pending or beginning to surface, immediately contact Traci Navarre at 800-804-9880 ext. 222 or tnavarre@phikappaphi.org.
- Refer to the Phi Kappa Phi Crisis Communication Plan in the Chapter Toolkit located on PhiKappaPhi.org for additional information.



### **SHARE YOUR NEWS**

- Share news about your chapter events and accomplishments with the Chapter Development department for inclusion in monthly newsletters and on social media sites
- Submit chapter happenings, member achievements and other news to the *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* at editor@phikappaphi.org.



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### Q: What kind of support can I expect from the national office?

**A:** The Marketing team at the national office is available as a resource for any and all of your chapter's public relations needs such as graphic design, press releases, social media and much more.



### **CHAPTER TOOLKIT**

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## **QUESTIONS?**



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