

# Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

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## 2015 Annual Report

### Introduction

This report will cover my activities for the 2015 calendar year. There is a lot going on!

It has been my pleasure to serve as GCA over the last two biennia.

### Collegiate Chapters

We are continuing to see quite a lot of activity within the collegiate branch. Alpha Chi Sigma has initiated 70,001 members since its inception in 1902. I am excited to say that interest in our organization is exploding, as detailed in the "Expansion" section of this report. I was able to visit Mu Chapter (hazing training), Boston University Colony (GMA designee for permission to petition), and Alpha Rho Chapter (assisting the DC) this year. I currently have plans to visit Beta Eta Chapter as well (training) in 2016. I was also able to attend the reactivation ceremonies for Beta Mu and Beta Iota.

Gamma Phi unfortunately has continued on a downward path. The MA resigned at the beginning of the semester, citing a busy workload. There were also internal conflicts and limited numbers. The chapter voted to go inactive, and their previous CA agreed. We will discuss this at the winter SC meeting.

Beta Tau came up as a concern at Conclave due to dwindling numbers, and no pledges in 2014. However, we have received word that their pledge class has at least 18 members, so I think this chapter may have just had a membership dip, which all chapters go through periodically.

We currently have two collegiate chapters on probation. They are Beta and Mu.

### District Counselors

All of the current District Counselors are working very hard in their districts. Unfortunately, Eilish Mitchell had to step down, due to a job change. Dr. Howard McLean has agreed to step into the role, and has taken over the job with gusto. It is great to see the enthusiasm from all of them. The DC Chair for this biennium is Merryn Cole. She has done an

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exceptional job of not only setting up monthly DC chats, but coordinating communication between the DCs, the National Office, and the GCA. I cannot praise her highly enough, for all of her hard work and dedication.

The DCs were grateful to have the Expansion budget that the Supreme Council provided for them. I am hopeful that we can provide the same type of funding in 2016. The "swag", and having money for food and other items has proved beneficial and useful.

I have encouraged the DCs to travel, and have allowed them to expense their travel not only within their districts, but to one District Conclave and one Installation outside of their districts as well. I am also hopeful that we can continue to allow for this as well. DCs traveling means that they are out there conducting Fraternity business, and furthering our Objects.

## **Expansion**

The expansion efforts have continued to grow and multiply. We were able to reactivate Beta Mu and Beta Iota chapters. Boston University will be in the winter or spring. University of New Orleans has permission to petition. We are hoping that the University of Tampa and UC-Irvine will be ready soon as well. It also looks like Albion College and Winthrop University are progressing nicely as well.

Jennifer Schnippert has done an amazing job as Expansion Director. I cannot praise her highly enough. I am hoping to get her help this year.

I am looking forward to another exciting, productive year!

Yours in the Double Bond,

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