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83RD NATIONAL CONVENTION SOON !!!

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA—AUGUST 5 - 9, 2014

**Psi Chapter's 20th Anniversary
Convention website - <http://adgconvention.blogspot.com>**

This year's convention will mark Psi Chapter's 20th year anniversary. Chartered on August 14, 1994 in Louisville, KY, Psi Chapter is excited about hosting the national convention for the third time since 1996. We look forward to hosting our brothers, alumni, and their guests on the beautiful Fort Lauderdale beaches.

This year's convention hotel is situated in the heart of Fort Lauderdale Beach, The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach oceanfront resort offers stunning views of the Atlantic which will relax, calm and inspire your attendees. Convention guests and their families will be able to access the resort quickly and with ease since the hotel is just six miles from the Fort Lauderdale International Airport.

Hotel Information

Guests can use the following two options to book their reservations.

- Call for Reservations at **1-888-627-7108**
- Visit our group's personalized hotel website at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/adg2014>

For more information, please visit the convention website at <http://adgconvention.blogspot.com>. If you are unable to attend convention this year, alumni can sponsor an active to attend convention. If you are interested in sponsoring an active, please contact Anthony DeSantis, Convention Steward, at desantis323@msn.com.



We look forward to seeing you in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The tentative agenda for convention follows on page 2

Chapter Eternal

Randy Pettit
Epsilon
1974

Robert J.
Gordon
Kappa
1959

Clay Parrish
Xi
1989

Gone but not
forgotten

TENATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA

See you there !!!!

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

- Registration from 3pm – 6pm
- Chapter meetings from 6pm – 8pm
- Evening activities at Fort Lauderdale Beach Place

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

- Colony meetings from 8am – 9:30am
- Convention welcome and mass from 10am – 12pm
- Lunch from 12pm – 1:30pm
- Convention meetings from 1:30pm – 3pm
- Service Event from 3 – 5pm
- Chapter meetings from 6pm – 8pm
- Evening activities at Fort Lauderdale Beach Place

Thursday, August 7, 2014

- Chapter meetings from 8am – 9am
- Convention meetings from 9am – 11:30am
- Lunch from 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Convention meetings from 12:30pm – 3pm
- Chapter meetings from 3pm – 4am
- Chapter Beach Sports Challenge from 4pm – 7pm
- Evening activities at the Hard Rock Seminole Casino

Friday, August 8, 2014

- Alumni Chartered Fishing Trip from 7am – 1pm
- Convention Meetings from 9:30am – 1pm
- Alumni Beach BBQ from 1:30pm – 4pm
- Beach time from 4pm – 8pm
- Evening activities on Las Olas or Fort Lauderdale Beach Place

Saturday, August 9, 2014

- Harry Wiggins Memorial 5K Run/Walk at 7:30am
- President's Breakfast from 7:30am – 9:30am
- Convention meetings from 9am – 11am
- Lunch from 11am – 12pm
- Convention meetings from 12pm – 2pm
- President's Reception from 4pm – 5pm
- Psi Chapter 20th Anniversary Reception from 5pm – 6:30pm
- Banquet and Award Ceremony from 6:30pm – 9:30pm
- Evening activities on Las Olas or Fort Lauderdale Beach Place

Zeta Chapter Raises the Roof Habitat for Humanity

During the spring semester, the Delts at Rockhurst raised over \$5,000 for Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity which benefits the Greater Kansas City Area. Their newly formed partnership with Truman Heritage proved to be mutually beneficial.

At ADG National Conference in February, Tyler Scroggs, Executive Vice President of Zeta chapter, presented plans for the chapter's first Raise the Roof Week to the general assembly. The task seemed daunting at first, but the chapter was able to mobilize and raise both funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity on Rockhurst's campus and in the local community. The chapter looks forward to hosting its second philanthropy week in August.



The brothers of Zeta chapter became the first fraternity on campus to donate a percentage of proceeds (30%) from their venue party to their philanthropy. Restaurant fundraisers at several local businesses (Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, etc.) offered a percentage of sales to go

toward the cause. The Executive Director of Truman Heritage and a Habitat homeowner gave a presentation at an informational event entitled Habitat: Here & Now. They performed a choreographed dance during half time at a Rockhurst men's basketball game. Kurds & Kegs, an event where the chapter members made grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup and had a keg of root beer for guests, was also a big hit. In addition, by winning this year's Greek Week, the chapter was able to donate over \$250 in proceeds from the associated fundraiser at Yogurtini.

Working with the staff at Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, Zeta brothers were also able to receive a matching grant through State Farm as a Youth United chapter. Youth United is a program targeted at educating young people, ages 5 to 25, about the mission of Habitat and assisting them in eliciting donations. As a result of obtaining this recognition, the chapter's overall contribution will be doubled.

For information about how to engage your local Habitat organization or to learn more about how to plan a philanthropy event with your chapter, contact Tyler Scroggs of Zeta chapter at scroggst@hawks.rockhurst.edu or (417) 860-1665.

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Finding Yourself in the Job Market After College

Tyson Sandlin, Alpha Epsilon, 2007

My hope is that my professional story can help some of the future ADG graduates avoid the same mistakes I made in seeking the “perfect” job.

I was extremely fortunate to have a well paying job out of college but was unchallenged and unhappy. I knew pharmaceutical sales wasn't the place for me and was eager to move on to something bigger and better. Because of my pre-med background and sales experience, I was determined to get a gig with a medical device company.

My first interview with a multi billion dollar orthopedic medical device company was in the books. I was sure to get an offer it went so well. Every question was answered with poise and confidence. We talked about the demands of the long hours and how I would have to sacrifice certain things to be successful. I assured him that I was willing to work harder than anyone but avoided the subject of sacrifice because I didn't want to seem scared or worried about what that sacrifice would mean; I should have dug deeper. I asked questions about the territory, what I would be selling, and other generic things because I was always taught to have a list of questions. The problem was that I didn't ask the ones that really mattered. I was so caught up in having that “sexy” job title of Medical Device Sales Representative that I ignored what really mattered to me in life.

The first couple months were amazing. Although stressful, I loved being in the operating room and having so much responsibility. I loved the challenge and I learned something new every minute. I was sometimes putting in 55 to 65 hours per week, but didn't care. As the training came to an end and my responsibilities grew, I started to realize what I would be sacrificing. It seemed like every weekend I would be on a date with my fiancé or out with friends and would get “that call” to head into surgery. I couldn't make plans on the weekend because of the possibility of an elderly person breaking a hip, a frequent occurrence!

After a while, I lost my peace of mind. On one occasion I went down to the pool for forty-five minutes and left my phone upstairs. I came back to eleven missed calls, eight text messages, and a world of chaos. I had stopped doing the things I loved like weekend backpacking trips, playing golf, church, or even attending ADG functions with my best friends. Depression set in as I realized something that I thought would be perfect was actually miserable.

Everybody has different priorities in life and that's ok. I ignored my priorities and paid the price. Questions that should have been asked and answered in the interview process were ignored and thus put me in a bad situation. I think I knew the answers to the questions, but was too naïve to look at the reality of the situation.

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A year later, I have a new employer and couldn't be happier. I still put in the long hours but am no longer turning my back on aspects of my life that are important to me. I have three points of advice for you young ADG graduates out there. First, accept the fact that you are going to work more than forty hours per week if you want to be extremely successful. Second, no job is perfect and fun all the time. I encourage you to accept the fact that in any job you are going to have miserable days. Lastly, while you may need to make some sacrifices early in your career, never forget what really matters to you. Make sure your thought process and choices line up with what you want out of life professionally and personally. This thought process is where you should derive your questions for your future employer.

Trust what you've learned in college, follow your heart, and best of luck to you in the future.

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Tyson Sandlin

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