

Florida Gulf Coast University C581 Omega Epsilon Chapter
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History and Heritage

What accomplishment is your chapter most proud of?

Our chapter is most proud of winning the ACE award 3 bienniums in a row.

Since your chapter was started, how has it made an impact on the education department at your college/university?

Our chapter has grown over the past five years and our impact on the COE is tremendous. We are known as the ambassadors of education. We are called upon to do many community activities because of our chapter's prominence. We host a faculty KDPie every spring semester and they look forward to being recognized by the student members.

The ACE award has become a challenge each year for the new members to keep pace with the previous years' members. We graduate about 50 members every year so it is hard to keep new members motivated. The ACE award is an easy motivator. Each year, the new sets of officers challenge the new members and officers to keep the tradition going by achieving chapter excellence in its goals and activities for the year.

Leadership and Membership

Who has been integral in the success of your chapter?

Our chapter counselor keeps us on task and is there for us day and night. She is an integral part of our chapter's success. Without a strong faculty mentor we would not be a strong a chapter as we are. Our members are also the heart of Omega Epsilon. They work hard to keep our chapter going and achieving chapter excellence!

What are some of the unique benefits associated with membership or leadership positions in your chapter (beyond honor cords and letters of recommendation)?

I think the one of the unique benefits of our chapter is the friends and other acquaintances we make as members of KDP and Omega Epsilon. Our chapter has social/fundraisers that bring our members and alumni together at least once a month.

Programming

How has your chapter contributed to the community?

Our chapter has 3 lending libraries in our area - two at the local women's abuse shelter and one at Ronald McDonald house. These libraries are a legacy for our chapter and an excellent contribution to our community.

What is a tradition your chapter carries on?

Our tradition is our service project associated every fall with our initiation banquet. We have a project associated with the banquet and have a guest speaker from the organization we choose to support as our yearly service project. This is a great tradition for our chapter. The picture attached is of our KDPIe held during our 10th anniversary and the year Omega Epsilon won University Organization of the year.