Get to Know Your Board Officers

Natriece Bryant is the Alpha Phi Sigma – Kappa Xi Chapter President. Natriece is completing her fourth semester in the MCJ program. Natriece is currently working for the Denver City Attorney’s office as a Victim Advocate and hopes to advance within. Her duties as your President include: presiding over the meetings, providing general supervision over the Officers, and providing leadership and guidance to members and the Officers.

Dominiqué Villa is the Alpha Phi Sigma – Kappa Xi Chapter Vice President. Dominiqué is in her second year of the MCJ program and hopes to graduate in the Spring of 2010. Dominique is currently working as a Research Assistant to Dr. Dodge on evaluating the COPS Methamphetamine Initiative Grant. She hopes to pursue a career with a federal agency and possibly law school. Her duties as your Vice President include: assisting and representing the President when necessary, co-presiding over meetings, and providing additional leadership and guidance to members and the Officers.

Nichol Makowski-Mondragon is the Alpha Phi Sigma – Kappa Xi Chapter Secretary. Nichol is completing her third semester in the MCJ program and hopes to graduate in the Fall of 2010. Nichol is not currently working in the criminal justice field but hopes to pursue a career with a federal agency. Her duties as your Secretary include: keeping records over all meetings, maintaining voting records as necessary, developing summary records of activities and accomplishments, providing leadership for maintaining policies and procedures and as requested by fellow Officers.

Laura Valcore is the Alpha Phi Sigma – Kappa Xi Chapter Treasurer. Laura is in her final semester of the MCJ program and will graduate this summer after completing her Master’s Thesis. She will begin her PhD. in Public Affairs at UCD this Fall. Her duties as your Treasurer include: preparing the chapter’s budget, keeping chapter financial records, reporting the chapter’s financial status, providing additional leadership as requested.

Chapter Theme

Kappa Xi is trying to develop a chapter theme. The Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference was developed around a “victim” theme. If you have ideas that can help us create a theme that will tie into the National theme please share them with your Board Officers.
Partnering & Assistance

The Kappa Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma plans to participate in criminal justice related events within the local community, assist members with capstone projects. We also hope to promote critical thinking, life-long learning, and change within the criminal justice system. We plan to partner with other Alpha Phi Sigma Chapters for future activities or events.

Network

In addition to being recognized for your scholarly achievements in criminal justice, being a member of Alpha Phi Sigma gives members a wonderful opportunity to network with professionals and leaders in the criminal justice field. Valuable contacts available for professional growth and education. Kappa Xi members are also encouraged to obtain membership in other Colorado criminal justice organizations to further networking opportunities. Suggested organizations are: Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Colorado Criminal Justice Association, Colorado Association of Criminal Justice Educators, and Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. Members can also participate in meetings and events for the University of Colorado Law Program, Colorado Department of Safety-Division of Criminal Justice, and the Denver Mayor’s Office Crime Control and Prevention Recommendations Committee. There is also a campus-level club for criminal justice students. It would be a good opportunity for graduate students to network with fellow CJ students by becoming members in the campus-level club.

Committees

Kappa Xi is trying to establish various steering committees for members. Ideas for the steering committees include: Juvenile Delinquency, Domestic Violence, Abused Children, Leadership, Community Service & Unity, Re-Entry, and Mentoring. If you have an interest or expertise in any of these areas or if you have an idea for other committees please contact one of the board officers.

Member Activities

The Kappa Xi board officers are continuously working to arrange activities for members. If you have ideas or requests for activities please contact a board officer. Ideas which have been discussed include: visiting the coroner’s office, youth facilities, adult prison facilities, courtroom proceedings, and ride-a-longs. In addition, we will try to coordinate guest speakers on topics such as: sex offenders, human trafficking, and vice/narcotics.

What Has Been Happening with Kappa Xi?

January 29, 2009
Kappa Xi members attended a Criminal Justice Alumni Event. The event was held at the Blue Bonnet Restaurant. Members had a great opportunity to network with criminal justice professionals as well as watch a presentation from Denver Police Lieutenant Martinez on the developing HALO project in Denver.

February 13, 2009
Kappa Xi members toured Denver County Jail to view the living conditions and the layout of the facility. Members were able to meet with a jail inmate. He discussed his jail sentence and how he felt about the criminal justice system.

February 18, 2009
Board President, Natriece Bryant, conducted a training session for volunteers who work with crime victims at the Denver Center for Crime Victims. The presentation discussed the different aspects of the criminal justice system and communicated how victims play a part in the system.

April 22, 2009
A tour of the Lookout Mountain Facility for Youth Offenders is scheduled. Space is limited so please contact Natriece to check availability.

Upcoming Events

May 8, 2009
The School of Public Affairs will be having the annual Spring Banquet. A Kappa Xi Tapping Ceremony will be conducted at the banquet to induct our other Kappa Xi members officially into the Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society. Membership certificates and pins will be presented and members will be recognized as scholars. Since Kappa Xi is a new chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma at the University of Colorado Denver this will be the first Tapping Ceremony.