

Iota Omicron Newsletter

By: Matthew Hutchison



First, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Matthew Hutchison and I am a freshman here at Western Illinois University. Last semester (Fall 15) I had the honor of being initiated and being part of the Iota Delta Pledge Class. I am very thrilled and excited that I got this position as being a newly initiated brother. One of my main goals for this position is to connect with Alumni who we do not have contact info for. Soon I will be making the list of brothers who we don't have any contact info for and I will be emailing it out so we can all work together to help reconnect some of our brothers. Again I am very eager to improve Alumni Relations with the Iota Omicron chapter and I hope to eventually meet more Alumni during Initiation this spring. Don't forget you can update your contact info at www.sigmachi.com/



Currently the Brothers of the Iota Omicron chapter are selling “Stronger Than Sarcoma” bracelets to help raise money for Nicole Munoz. Nicole is the sister of active brother **Paul Munoz**. She is battling Ewing’s Sarcoma at the moment. This is a very extremely rare form of cancer that occurs in or around the bones. Nicole has been a trooper all her life as she battled stage 3B Hodgkin’s Lymphoma in 2009. She would eventually win that battle and give a speech for Relay for Life in June 2015. Then later that year Nicole had to have a full hysterectomy to remove a very large tumor, a couple days later she was diagnosed with Ewing’s Sarcoma. To find out more about Nicole’s story you can visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/2y6azzgw?pc>

So far we have raised a lot of money to help her out, also other organizations have helped us out, such as Alpha Sigma Alpha who made a gift basket for Nicole. If you are interested in buying a bracelet to help out Nicole during this difficult time in her life, they are \$5. Contact **Mark Lahtinen** at (847) 346-662 or mw-lahtinen@wiu.edu



#StrongerThanSarcoma





2016 Spring Pledge Class, Iota Epsilon

On February 23rd, the Iota Omicron chapter held the Pinning Ceremony for the Iota Epsilon Pledge Class. I am proud to announce that we officially pinned in 11 guys. After pinning the pledges, they began getting into the Norman Shield and the material. Something that was really great was during their first shield past a lot of them talked about how eager they are to go through Pledgeship and get to know each other better. If you don't know the Pledges yet, in the picture staring with the Front Row (Left to Right): Will Eden, Mitchell Spiller, Kyle Shepard, Steven Copher, and Devin Kolodziej. Back Row: (Left to Right): Victor Zepeda, Alex Olson, Danny Keegan, Charles Westbrook, Justin Bonner, Gavin Ricketts. If you have any questions about the Pledges or Pledgeship you can contact: **Brendan Reilly (Magister): (630) 664-05095 or bpreilly@wiu.edu**

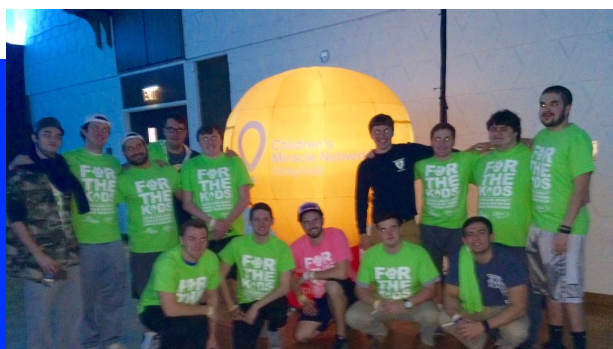
Josh Opp (Assistant Magister): (630) 770-2909 or jd-opp@wiu.edu



Brother Tyler Masini got the opportunity to visit founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle's grave over winter break. Masini is a sophomore broadcasting major and was initiated last Fall. Currently he is our Greek Week Chair and also is involved with WIU News 3.

Dance Marathon

Our brothers participated in Dance Marathon on February 13th to help raise over \$70,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals





Pictured above is Cody Gallagher during a SWAT simulation practice.

New Alumni Update



This past semester, five brothers graduated from Western Illinois University and began their second semester internships. So far our new Alumni have already started to build success in their careers. Below is where our post grads are working:

Bryan Wegner: Richmond, Illinois

Bob Neven: Joliet, Illinois

Eric Long: Wheaton, Illinois

Cody Gallagher: Elgin, Illinois

Luis Jimenez: Palos Heights, Illinois

Initiation

Just a reminder, initiation is going to be April 29-30 at Horn Field Campus.

The schedule for which is as follows:

- BS at 10:00 pm Friday (April. 29)
- Show starts at Noon (April. 30)

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