

## Chapter Annual Report Cover Sheet

*Deadline: June 30 (annually)*

Chapters are required to submit an annual report to the national office which identifies key student officers and chapter advisor, and lists the chapter's activities for the past year. The information in this report is used to select the winners of the Best Chapter Awards, so chapters should take care to make them as complete as possible.

Alpha Psi	St. Lawrence University
CHAPTER GREEK NAME	INSTITUTION NAME
Dr. Ronnie Olesker	Fall 2012
CHAPTER FACULTY ADVISOR	CHAPTER ADVISOR START DATE
~2000	11
TOTAL INSTITUTION UNDERGRAD ENROLLMENT	TOTAL INITIATES and INITIATION DATE (2014-15)
\$151,000	0
ANNUAL BUDGET	CASH ON HAND

**2015-16 STUDENT OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)**

**2016-17 STUDENT OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)**

Anna Brouillette / Sean Burke	Anna Brouillette
PRESIDENT	PRESIDENT
Sean Burke / Mariah Dignan	
VICE PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT
Elizabeth Forman	
SECRETARY	SECRETARY
Queron Caruth	
TREASURER	TREASURER

**MARK ANY PI SIGMA ALPHA PROGRAMS THAT YOUR CHAPTER OR CHAPTER MEMBERS APPLIED FOR DURING 2015-16**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER ACTIVITY GRANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUDENT CONFERENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL OF POLITICS
<input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> BEST PAPER OR THESIS COMPETITION

On a separate piece of paper please describe the activities of your chapter over the course of the past year including:

- Programs sponsored by your chapter (including whether the programs were for members only, for department only, or for the university community or public).
- Any other notable activities during the academic year.
- Be descriptive! We want to learn as much about your activities as possible

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 EMAIL (OFFICE@PISIGMAALPHA.ORG) OR  
 POSTAL SERVICE (1527 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036)

## Pi Sigma Alpha St. Lawrence University Alpha Psi 2015-2016 Chapter Activity Report

In the fall of 2015, Alpha Psi of St. Lawrence University set a few goals for the year. First, we wanted to continue to hold our annual initiation banquet in the fall rather than spring semester to better recruit and retain younger classmen and women. Second, we wanted to continue the speaker series, started in fall 2014, that would be attached to the annual banquet to raise the profile of the organization and bring in a speaker on a current topic identified by PSA members. This year we decided to focus on environmental policies and we brought to campus Mr. Bob Meyers (a SLU alum), to speak about emerging trends in energy production, use and policy. Third, we wanted to recruit new and younger students that would stay in the organization for longer than one year before graduating. Finally, we moved this year to focus on academic-career connections, improving our students' preparation for seeking a career after college.

During this academic year we have been able to organize or sponsor the following events/activities:

### Fall 2015:

- 1) Annual banquet along with speaker series: Mr. Bob Meyers – open to public.
- 2) Membership drive

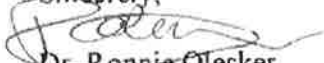
### Spring 2015:

- 1) "Elect Her": full day of training for women to run for office, sponsored and organized by Alpha Psi, from government department funds. **Elect Her** is the only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. A collaboration between AAUW and Running Start, Elect Her addresses the need to expand the pipeline of women candidates and to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap. Training workshop includes discussion of women's leadership, campaign strategies and panel of women in regional elected positions. We invited Katie Shorey '10 to run the training for us. The training also included a panel of local elected female officials: **Hon. Mary Farley**: NYS Supreme Court Judge; **Colleen O' Neill**: Jefferson County Sherriff (First woman to be elected Sheriff in NYS); **Mary Ann Ashley**: Former Mayor of the Village of Canton. The event opened to SLU students only.
- 2) Speed Networking event – based on an idea from our members, we designed an evening with prominent individuals holding public office and/or working in government to have a speed networking event where members of our chapter had the opportunity to have a sit down dinner with the officials, and discuss their career goals. After dinner the event consisted of each official sitting in one table and 5-6 students transitioning from table to table every 10 minutes to learn about that official's career path and network. The event was opened to all SLU students, the dinner was opened to our student officers only.
- 3) Pizza and Politics: "Taking the leap from a political activist to a candidate." We hosted Corey Parent, an alum, who spoke to our students about entering politics

as a political candidate. Parent represents St. Albans City and Town in the Vermont House of Representatives, where he serves on the Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

- 4) Lunch and learn with Alpha Psi: a recruitment event to attract new students to the organization. The event was well attended and we now have a list of 10 new possible members for next fall.

In addition to these organized activities, Ben Brisson '16 also represented Alpha Psi in the PSA annual conference in Washington DC. Moreover, PSA undergraduate journal published Maryam Laly's '15 article based on her honor thesis titled: "The Women's Rights Movement in Afghanistan: The Absence of 38 Scholarship and the Challenges of Practice" in the fall 2015 issue.

Sincerely,  
  
Dr. Ronnie Olesker