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Vanderbilt University - Road Programming

The Road Programming

Event 1: Mental Health Overview (600 Level)

Date: 2/22/2016

Presenters: Liaisons Educating & Advocating for Psychological Support (LEAPS)

Agenda: The LEAPS organization on campus led a workshop with members of the fraternity to spread awareness of mental health issues common among college aged students. Presenters demonstrated stress relief techniques and led a discussion of how to address mental health problems with peers.

Attendance: 24 members

Event 2: Personal Finance (600 Level)

Date: 2/23/2016

Presenters: Professor Gary Kimball, Associate Professor of the Practice of Managerial Studies

Agenda: Financial Management professor, Gary Kimball, presented to members of the fraternity on various financial topics, giving tips and advice on how to invest wisely in the future. The presentation included definitions of financial jargon and personal anecdotes to help relate topics to everyday life and members that have not had a financial background.

Attendance: 33 members

Event 3: Teamwork Discussion

Date: 3/1/2016

Presenters: Phil Bolger (Chapter Assistant Advisor)

Agenda: Phil Bolger led a presentation on effective teamwork in the real world. Phil drew from his experiences as a financial consultant to give examples of strong teamwork and its outcomes. Different examples emphasized the characteristics of not only good teamwork as a unit, but how individuals can become better team members. Additionally, Phil offered career advice for members interested in consulting as well as financial services in general through the Q&A session after his presentation.

Attendance: 58 members

Event 4: Life Talk with Professor Barsky (600 Level)

Date: 3/16/2016

Presenters: Professor Robert Barsky, Professor of English, French and Italian, and Jewish Studies

Agenda: Members and Professor Barsky had an open discussion on a diverse set of topics, ranging from current immigration issues to the creation of his current book. Professor Barsky recounted stories from his own life, touching on his motorcycling travels in Europe to life in the United States during his youth, relating his experiences to current events. In addition, Professor Barsky offered general advice, primarily through his own mistakes, to the members in attendance.

Attendance: 31 members

Event 5: Diversity & Inclusion Training (600 Level)

Date: 3/20/2016

Presenters: Gregory Fontus, Program Coordinator for Inclusion Initiatives and Cultural Competence

Agenda: Greg Fontus led the chapter along with other IFC fraternities in a program called the identity circle. Greg read a statement that ranged from harmless (e.g. "I like cheese") to triggering (e.g. "I am a victim of domestic violence"). Should a brother identify with that statement, he stands up. This activity is done in silence. After the activity, Greg de-briefed with the ultimate goal of helping us understand different identities and how we should be open to all people, not demeaning a certain identity either overtly or inadvertently.

Attendance: 20 members

Event 6: Career Advice in Finance

Date: 3/24/2016

Presenters: Phil Bolger (Chapter Assistant Advisor)

Agenda: Phil gave a presentation on personal finance and getting ahead in the financial world, focusing especially on topics such as applying to and receiving internships and jobs. Additionally, the presentation covered how to move up on the corporate chain within an organization as well as business culture norms. Phil related his working experiences in the financial consulting industry to give advice to members interested in pursuing finance after graduation.

Attendance: 53 members

Event 7: Education in the United States (600 Level)

Date: 3/28/2016

Presenters: Professor Catherine McTamane, Senior Lecturer & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Teaching & Learning

Agenda: Professor McTamane led a discussion on different methods of education in the United States. As a professor working in the teacher licensure programs for undergraduates and author of two books on Montessori education, Professor McTamane compared and contrasted the multiple kinds of education, ranging from vocational to private schools across the United States, pulling from the research her laboratory has done.

Attendance: 47 members

Event 8: Effective Study Habits (600 Level)

Date: 4/18/2016

Presenters: Doctor Lisa Fazio, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Human Development

Agenda: Doctor Lisa Fazio gave a presentation on effective studying to members of the chapter. Dr. Fazio's research focuses on how to improve student learning using basic principles from cognitive and developmental psychology. Dr. Fazio offered advice such as constant and consistent self quizzing, using psychological concepts to support her claims, in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of student studying.

Attendance: 38 members

Event 9: Power-Based Personal Violence Action Steps (800 level)

Date: 4/21/2016

Presenters: Sarah Jordan Welch, Program Coordinator at Project SAFE (sexual assault and power-based personal violence resource center)

Agenda: Sarah Jordan, an employee of the Project SAFE Center on campus, gave a presentation to the brotherhood on the actionable steps that Greek men can take to both recognize and seek to end instances of power-based personal violence within our community. The talk included discussion about the role of mass media and music in perpetuating power-based personal violence stereotypes, and brothers had the chance to discuss and come up with ways that we thought the Lambda Chapter could more effectively combat instances of this violence in our day-to-day lives as engaged community members.

Attendance: 23 members

Non-Member Attendance: 10

Event 10: Becoming a Published Author (600 Level)

Date: 9/13/2016

Presenters: Professor Robert Barsky, Professor of English, French and Italian, and Jewish Studies

Agenda: Professor Barsky presented his new book, *Hatched*, which hadn't been released yet, to open up a conversation about life as a published author and the world of publishing and professional literary critique. He gave the chapter an overview of his book and the process through which it was revised and published, and then dove into the creation of the story and how the narrative was impacted by his own life's travels. The brotherhood discussed with him how his life has impacted his work as a writer, and he probed the brothers as to how our own experiences might shape our creative works in college.

Attendance: 35 members

Event 11: The Practice of Higher Education (600 Level)

Date: 9/19/2016

Presenter: Professor Catherine McTamaney, Senior Lecturer & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Teaching & Learning

Agenda: Professor McTamaney, back by popular demand after her first talk, continued the conversation about higher education in America and specifically what she has seen at Vanderbilt in her research and as a teacher herself. Many brothers in attendance had taken her classes, so the discussion centered on their experiences both inside and outside the classroom with her as an instructor and the pedagogical approach she takes in preparing lessons and engaging with students.

Attendance: 11 members

Event 12: Accountability Discussion (600 Level)

Date: 10/11/2016

Presenters: Mary Helen Solomon, Director of The Office of Student Accountability, Community Standards, and Academic Integrity

Agenda: Mary Helen led a discussion on student accountability from the university's perspective. As part of the presentation, Mary Helen walked members through the process of how her office deals with issues involving student accountability, emphasizing the focus on

rehabilitation and education over punitive action. Additionally, as part of the Q&A, Mary Helen offered advice as to how it is important to not only hold one another accountable, but also the chapter accountable to other chapters on campus. This accountability discussion was a part of the Lambda Chapter's Action Plan in response to our MRG violations this past spring, and Mary Helen Solomon was able to relate much of her discussion on accountability to our specific situation as a chapter.

Attendance: 31 members

Event 13: Surveillance and Police Use-of-Force in Today's Society (600 Level)

Date: 10/24/2016

Presenter: Professor Chris Slobogin, faculty member in the Vanderbilt Law School

Agenda: Professor Slobogin, one of the country's preeminent experts on police use-of-force and the rise of the 'surveillance state', gave a presentation to brothers on the impact that these programs, policies, and issues have on our day-to-day lives. He discussed the constitutional legality of surveillance in depth, and allowed time for brothers to respond to his claims and hypotheses. Professor Slobogin also covered police use-of-force, especially against minority Americans, and how the rise of instant social media communication has made this a nationwide crisis.

Attendance: 18 members

Event 14: Delta and the South Asian Cultural Exchange: Breaking Down Barriers (800 level)
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Date: 10/26/2016

Presenters: The brothers of Delta Tau Delta and members of the South Asian Cultural Exchange organization (SACE)

Agenda: Lambda Chapter brother Alec Jotte (Chair, Diversity and Inclusivity Committee) and new member Henry Bristol planned and executed a joint event in the chapter shelter with members of SACE, the South Asian Cultural Exchange on campus. The evening started with introductions and an overview of the goals of the event, before everyone split off into breakout groups, with each group containing 3-4 brothers and 3-4 members of SACE. The goal of the evening was to foster dialogue and personal connections between two spheres of campus that may normally never come in contact with one another. This is in the hopes that Lambda Chapter can be on the front edge in the Vanderbilt IFC community in regards to connecting with the rest of campus and seeking to overcome the stereotype of fraternity men as exclusive and closed off.

Attendance: 25 members

Non-Member Attendance: 20

Guided questions included:

- Name, major, year, what brought you to this event today?
- Where are you/your parents from, and what brought you/your family to your hometown?
- How do you think your upbringing shaped who you are?
- What parts of your cultural heritage don't resonate with you?
- Do you feel like there are divisions on campus? What are they?

- What do you think people assume about you from the way you look?
- What is your experience with/opinion of microaggressions?
- What's an initiative you'd want to see on campus?
- Where are places that you feel safe and unsafe on campus?