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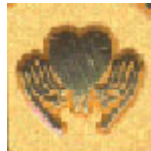
MISSOURI WESTERN STATE COLLEGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Inside this issue:

It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." --Ralph Waldo Emerson. Community service is a big part of people's lives, and the Missouri Western campus has many groups that allow students to stay in touch with the community. Missouri Western State College Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, or Griffon Habitat, is a relatively new group to the campus. It was founded by Crystal Ficken, Dave Swymeler, Jamie Florance, Shannon Paul, and Ryan Gerster in the fall of 2002.

My friends and I were introduced to this community

service group during our first year here at MWSC. We knew little about it, so we attended the first meeting looking for more information.



We found that this group was very rewarding because it gave so much back to the community by helping to build homes for those who cannot afford adequate housing. It is a way that you can get involved, have fun, meet new people, raise awareness about poverty and homelessness, and feel good about yourself.

This year we have many plans to expand our chapter. We have workdays already planned and are hoping to raise enough money to go on a spring break trip and eventually sponsor our own house. We want people to become more aware of our group and what we do for the community.

If you are interested in helping with Griffon Habitat please contact me, Amanda Gruber, at arg8488@mwsc.edu.

Also, to learn more about the affiliate in your area and how you can help, visit www.habitat.org.

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2003 Darwin Foundation Board Members

Our Darwin Foundation Board Members review and score the scholarship applications submitted to Omicron-Psi. Each member was recommended by their respective university chapter advisor, has completed their degree and is an active Omicron-Psi member.

We are proud to introduce

these members to you.

Donna McCright
Dallas Christian College

Ron Abernathy
Missouri Western State College

Susan Frangiopane
Nyack College

Norma Muniz
Nyack College

Kenneth Phillips
Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary

Carolyn Knight
Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary

Lila Balch
University of New England

Thank you for your service.

Special Point of Interest

- Omicron-Psi has a new Web Site.
- Omicron-Psi has created a new member certificate.
- Membership dues now include honor cords.
- All newsletters will be quarterly with news updates on the web site.

WHAT MAKES A PERSON GREAT BY JENNIFER DEMERS

To readily recognize a great person, the idea of greatness must first be defined. Unfortunately, there is no definitive guide to greatness, no black-and-white scale against which a person's greatness, or lack thereof, may be measured. Despite this, there are many figures that are widely agreed upon as being "great." This poses the question of just what is it that makes a person great? Perhaps the definition of greatness is dependent upon each individual. For me, greatness encompasses all of the commendable attributes I see in others, which often lacking in my own character, I aspire to cultivate in myself.

Great people are those who are driven relentlessly by the passion of their convictions. In such people, the desire to succeed and accom-

plish is so great that it becomes almost tangible. They have the ability to hold fast to their goals and the courage to finish the course they have chosen despite the obstacles. A truly great person is able to rise from the ashes—to learn from their mistakes and better themselves with the newly

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discovered knowledge. It is with integrity and courage that they slowly change the face of humanity and in doing so, have the humility to recognize similar attributes in others. A great person is one who strives to excel without demeaning others for the purpose of making their own deeds seems greater. Great

people hold compassion and sincerity in high regard and struggle to reconcile these values with the course they have chosen to accomplish their goals.

When people of such determination and conviction focus their efforts on a nation, a community, or even a single person, their greatness is revealed to those around them. Any person with the generosity of spirit to affect another person's life is worthy of the title. Athenaeus wrote "goodness does not consist in greatness but greatness in goodness." In such a manner, greatness may be found in the most insignificant of people and the simplest of gestures.

Jennifer Demers

Jennifer holds a 3.19 GPA at University of Nevada Las Vegas

Currently Jennifer is seeking a law degree.

Her three college/community activities include:

Touch N Go Flyball Team

2003 Petapalooza

Nevada Dog Rescue



Scholarship Tips

When filling out a scholarship application please include the name and address of your College or University. Do not however place your name or College/University on the actual essay. Scholarships are solely based on the essay and complete anonymity is required.

Welcome New Chapters

We are privileged to introduce to you our newest Omicron-Psi Chapters

Mountain State University, PO Box 9003, Beckley, WV 25802
Chapter Advisor—James Owston

Please feel free to welcome the new chapters. We are always here to help with any questions for problems. We know that the new web site has many tools that one can use for your college, but learning new things takes a little bit of time. We have designed this web site to be user friendly so log on and click away.

National Omicron-Psi Honor Society Board members

Brenda York - Montana State University

John Watkins - California University of PA

Brenda Martin - Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary

Kelly Kehlbeck - University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Denise AlMahdi-Jeijula - North Park University

David Wood - Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne

Judith McManamy - University of New England

Karen (Toni) Preston - Wilberforce University

Carolyn Gregg - Tusculum College

Secretary

Diana Maunu - Omicron-Psi Founder

President

WHAT IS INCLUDED WITH OMICRON-PSI MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for both the Silver Program and the Gold Program remain at \$35.00. With membership the following items are included:

- Membership Pin
- Membership Certificate
- Graduation Honor Cords

Student Plaques may be purchased online at www.omicron-psi.org.



The Message Box

Now you can send a message to your students by logging in on www.omicronpsi.com and clicking on edit. Scroll down to find a message box. Anything that you type here will show up under your University/College info for your student to see. Here you can put dates for deadlines and induction ceremonies. If you are handling applications on campus only, let your students know who they can contact and where they can pick up an application.

Remember only advisors can approve members applications both online and on campus. Online just log in and approve. By clicking on the name of the applicant you will see all their application information. Just copy for your records.

You can always call for any help at 605-329-2496 or email us at omicron@hdc.net.



Stop and Smell the Flowers

HONOR KEY



Can be purchased online at www.omicron-psi.org

This honor Key comes in:

- Tie Tac
- Pin
- 10KT Necklace
- Charm

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WE ARE NOT JUST ANOTHER HONOR SOCIETY

Omicron-Psi members are dedicated to becoming active participants in community activities. We recognize the need to reach out and make the difference in our homes and neighborhoods. As members we continually press on towards a higher purpose. That purpose is one that lies outside of ourselves and reaches into the depths of others. Too many in our society have taken a non-involvement nap yet awoken just long enough to complain about the environment in which they are a part of. We assess the needs of our environment and take an active position in helping others. It is important to become part of the solution, to remain inactive is to remain part of the problem.

Always keep in mind that Omicron-Psi stands for honor, honesty, integrity and service. As an Omicron-Psi Chapter you are dedicating yourself to continually encourage your chapter members to live by Omicron-Psi standards of conduct in every aspect of their lives.

Be dedicated to become the example for future generations.

We are on the Web.
www.omicronpsi.com

God Bless America



Omicron-Psi symbolizes honor and service. We want to take this opportunity to let our service men and women know that we stand behind you and appreciate your service for our country and for the people you are liberating in Iraq. You are all truly heroes and fulfill all Omicron-Psi requirements for service honors. Our prayers are with you for your safety and speedy return home. May God truly bless you and your families.