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LHU fraternities and sororities gather for Fall Symposium Presentations focus on the positive impact of Greek students

On October 18 over 140 Greek students were greeted by Lock Haven University President Michael Fiorentino Jr. as he welcomed the sororities and fraternities for their 2011 Fall Symposium.

The Fall Symposium is an educational seminar for the Greek community at Lock Haven University to note the support and educational process for the new members who have chosen to “go Greek” and the active members for all of the social Greek organizations.



The keynote speaker was an alumnus, also a Kappa Delta Rho brother, Dr. Christopher Amato. Dr. Amato completed his undergraduate studies in Earth Science Education at Lock Haven University in 1991. He earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College. He has his own practice, Amato Family Chiropractic Center, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is also the secretary of the American Chiropractic Rehabilitation Board, and regularly attends continuing education courses with a focus on rehabilitation.

Dr. Amato pointed out to the students in attendance that together they are much more than they were alone. He noted that Greeks can be the most wonderful giving, and amazing organizations to be on a campus and also the worse; which ones did they want to be? He also shared national statistics about Greek life.

He noted that nationally, the all-fraternity GPA is higher than the overall collegiate GPA. While only 50% of all students actually graduate from college, upwards of 70% of fraternity/sorority members go on to graduate. He said that since 1910, 85% of all U.S. Supreme Court Justices

have been Greek and, since 1900, 80% of U.S. Presidents have been Greeks. Greeks also account 85% of all Fortune 500 executives, 43 of the CEO's of the nation's top 50 companies, 100% of the Apollo 11 astronauts, 76% of Congress, 70% of the Presidential Cabinet, and 76% of those listed in Who's Who in America. Both female Supreme Court Justices were in sororities.

Dr. Amato said that the students at Lock Haven University have an opportunity to make a difference and they need to go out and recruit. He urged the students to make good choices. "Remember," he said, "your choices will have a profound impact on the lives of others, good and bad." These good choices, he said, need to be for all of the Greeks' sake and reputation. He reminded the students of the need to keep being the people they say they are.

The symposium also included Dr. Carol Latronica, dean of Student Development, who stated that she is proud of the Greek community and how they have been working together diligently to help promote the good things Greek life has to offer to LHU, to the students, and to the larger community. She enjoys this part of her job and working with motivated students who see a bigger picture.

The final section of the symposium was a PowerPoint presentation on the national and university's stance on hazing, presented by IFC adviser, Wendy Walsh.

Lock Haven Social Greek Organizations and their advisers are Alpha Chi Rho, advised by Pat Guerrio; Alpha Sigma Phi, advised by Dan Gales; Phi Mu Delta, advised by Rick Schulze; Pi Lambda Phi, advised by Chris Glotfelty; Kappa Delta Rho, advised by Trachanda Brown; Sigma Sigma Sigma, advised by Sue Birdsey and Marchal Rote; Sigma Kappa, advised by Ashley Spencer; Sigma Kappa, advised by Christine Doherty, Amy Dupre; and Zeta Tau Alpha.

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