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# Alpha Phi Omega Section 50 Conference

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*The following is an assessment of my work as Conference Chair of the Alpha Phi Omega Section 50 Fall conference hosted by the Alpha Zeta Omega chapter right here at Parkland College. In addition to a reflection on the conference I have included photos from the event and the handout provided to conference attendees.*

### **Want to run a conference?**

“Hey we were wondering if you would mind taking over managing the conference this semester,” our chapter adviser asked me.

“Um... okay.”

It was late August/Early September: that glorious time in the Fall semester when everything seems possible. You're doing well on your assignments, you love your teachers, and doing things like running a weekend conference for over a hundred people across central Illinois seems like a good idea.

But I'm getting a little ahead of myself.

The story actually begins a semester earlier, when some combination of too much coffee and homework drove me to attend an informational meeting for the Parkland chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity (APO.) By the time I remembered how shy I was, and that people like me didn't do stuff like join service fraternities, I was pinning a pledge pin to my shirt and giggling at the vernacular paradox of becoming a brother while having been a sister for 15 years.

Flash-forward through leadership courses, fellowships, and road trips, and here I was... not only a brother but also an officer, and getting the chance to run our chapter's biggest event of the year.

I felt a small finger of dread start to crawl up my spine and it must have shown.

Our adviser smiled at me. “You'll do fine, and the chapter will help you.”

### **Orientation, email and a whole lot of corn fields.**

Up until my orientation for the (very official sounding) position of “Conference Chair” I really couldn't claim to know very much about the APO Section 50 Conference beyond the basics: it was a weekend event hosted by a chapter in the section two times a year where brothers got together to become better members.

During the course of two meetings with our Section Chair I learned more about the conference, while also identifying all the little projects we as a chapter needed to accomplish for the conference to run smoothly. This included everything from tracking down the caterers and booking the Parkland planetarium, to making chapter visits for promotion and finding corporate sponsors.

My official role would be managing communications with conference attendees: confirming registrations, processing payments, contacting presenters, and to a lesser extent handling promotion for the event.

The first weeks were an interesting mixture of tasks, the most satisfying of which was answering emails. While drinking my coffee and waiting to wake up I could cut and paste confirmation emails to send to the people who had registered the night before, and check in with the members of my team.

Another thing the chapter was responsible for was making chapter visits. We sent brothers out across the cornfields to every chapter in the section, armed with Powerpoint slides, QR codes, and friendly smiles. This was our opportunity to personally invite members to the conference. Though I was not strictly required to attend these events it was something I wanted to be a part of, particular because it was the part which seemed most daunting to me.

I had taken Speech 101 the previous semester, so I wasn't catatonic at the thought of giving a presentation, but there was a significant difference between delivering a eulogy for a cartoon character to 15 classmates and convincing random strangers to come to a conference. One advantage I had was I wasn't giving the presentations alone. Our chapter president was the brother officially in charge of chapter visits. Whereas my delivery style was more administrative his was more social and this worked well for presenting the conference as both a chance to learn and a chance to have fun.

## **Logistics**

Once the chapter visits were over there was a shift in activities from advertising to logistics. We handled issues such as contracts, payment deadlines, what handouts we needed to give participants (see appendix) and a thousand little things no one thinks about until you go without them.

With each new item that popped up on the to-do list I became conscious of a hundred other things which should be checked, verified, delegated, or otherwise watched.

What perhaps surprised me most about this phase was the fact that I enjoyed it... on a certain level. Combining it with my classes and the other things I was involved in that semester meant I was never bored or suffering from a lack of things to do. If I found some school assignment daunting, I could "warm-up" in the morning by answering conference email and trouble-shooting smaller issues before switching gears to work on homework.

## **Registration: Friday night**

We opened the doors for check-in at 6:00 pm on Friday, and from that point on my role was almost entirely checking people in and giving directions to the various activities going on that night. The three main events of the first night were: Launch (an official APO leadership program,) a board game fellowship and a presentation in the Parkland Planetarium.

Manning the registration table was a great chance to get the opportunity to interact with the brothers, both ones I knew from previous events and new ones. One of the cool things we were able to do was convince the president of APO to come to the conference, and Friday night was when I got to meet him.

All told over 125 brothers would check in between Friday and Saturday.

### **Saturday**

November third was D-day for the conference and it started early, with our chapter members arriving before 7:00 am. All told the day would feature: two section meetings, 4 sessions of lectures (each with 3 options,) Explore (another official APO leadership program,) a catered lunch, and an after-event fellowship.

Because we'd put so much work into the event beforehand there really wasn't a whole lot to do for a large part of the day aside from be on-hand if any of the staff needed anything and keep wayward brothers from wandering off into the wilds of D-wing.

One downside to be so free was I had plenty of time to obsess about the next big event on the schedule: the business meeting. While the majority of the meeting was the responsibility of our section chair, three minutes of terror would be all mine.

In addition to being Conference Chair I was also serving as Parkland's section representative. Each of the representatives was responsible for giving a speech on the state of their chapter that year with a few catches. You had exactly nine slides and each flashed on the screen for only 20 seconds. On top of that you had 15 seconds to get to the stage and introduce yourself.

Waiting for my turn at the mike I was grateful I had taken the time to visit the chapters. I'd put a lot of time into practicing my speech in front of a tape recorder but that was nothing like the sea of eyeballs I was about to face. For the first time in my life my hands were shaking. We had passed out snack bags to the brothers, and the longer I waited the more the periodic munching felt like teeth biting down on my spine.

Then it was my turn. I jumped up, cracked a joke, and... my brain blacked out the rest... I've been told I managed to both successfully remain conscious and talking for the full amount of time, though when I think about it now I have my doubts.

The speech marked the high water mark of stress for the conference and the start of something far nicer: the gentle feeling that I had done something that was both good for me and for the people I cared about.

### **After thoughts**

Personally I learned a lot from managing the conference, particularly in the areas of delivery, delegation, and using time effectively. I loved everything about it, even the parts which drove me crazy because they often produced either challenges to overcome or fun stories to shudder at

later.

One of the more unexpected developments from the conference has been the effect it has had on my roles and goals for our APO chapter in the next semester. One of my stretch goals when I became an active was to become president. This was a stretch goal because it depended on a lot of things I couldn't control and shouldn't try to (like people's opinion of me.) Instead I focused on things I could control. Conference helped me build the confidence to see myself as a good candidate and to know what my strengths are.

At this semester's elections for the Alpha Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Phi Omega I was elected to serve as president for the Spring 2013 semester.

When people ask: what is the point of community service? Why is it required for activities like the Honors Program? The best answer I can think to give them is: when you put your heart and soul into what you're doing you're granted a glimpse of what you're truly capable of, but when you put your heart and soul into something for the good of many you're also granted a peek at what the people around you are capable of. In that one moment it really doesn't matter if you, or society, ultimately reach that potential because you've given it the chance to exist... often that's all potential really needs to grow into something stronger.

# Photos

Friday Night Registration (and unwrapping straws for a presenter, hey we're multi-taskers!)



Friday Night Games



Our brothers at the morning registration booth enjoy a nutritious breakfast!



Two of our workshop presenters



Lunch



I remember to pull out my camera right as the last stragglers are leaving the business meeting...  
D'oh!



Fun and Games at Jupiter's







My new favorite shirt.



As a thank you for my work on the conference the Alpha Zeta Omega advisers bought me a set of letters... Note the smile.



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November 2, 2012

Hello Brothers,

Welcome to the Fall 2012 Section 50 Conference, and to Parkland college! Conferences are a great opportunity to get a sense of the role of Alpha Phi Omega beyond the borders of our own campus, as well as have a chance to develop new skills and collect awesome stories. We have some fun activities planned this weekend and are excited to be hosting the conference.

We have enclosed several items to make scheduling and navigating your weekend easier including schedules, maps, and contact information should you get turned around or lost while hunting down presentations.

Take some time to look through the course descriptions and see if there is any in particular that you are interested in. For both those new to conferences and seasoned veterans, we highly recommend trying a little of everything. For those of you attending Launch or Explore be sure to leave plenty of time to find your room and check out one of our fellowships.

Friday night we will be hosting two fellowships: a game fellowship featuring some cool chances to challenge your brothers in a variety of activities, and a presentation in our own Staerkel Planetarium. We would also like to invite you to head over with us to Jupiter's at the Crossing after the Business Meeting on Saturday.

Thank you for being here with us, and we are looking forward to sharing our campus and chapter with all of you!

In LF&S,

Katherine Klindworth, Chair  
Fall 2012 Section 50 Conference  
Alpha Zeta Omega chapter

## Friday, November 2nd

- 6:00pm - 10:00pm:** Conference Check-in in D-Wing Lobby  
**6:00pm - 10:00pm:** Fellowship Room and Games in South Lounge  
**7:00pm - 10:00pm:** APO LEADS Launch in D-105\*  
**7:30pm - 9:15pm:** Section Assessment and Planning Session in D-148  
**9:30pm - 10:30pm:** Planetarium Show in Staerkel Planetarium  
(\*Pre-Registration is required for Launch)

## Saturday, November 3rd

- 7:30am - 8:15am:** Late Check-in outside C-118 Lecture Hall  
**8:15am - 8:50am:** Opening Session in C-118 Lecture Hall  
**9:00am - 4:00pm:** APO LEADS Explore in D-105\*\*  
**9:00am - 10:20am:** Workshop Session 1  
Basics of APO chapter Advising / Parliamentary Procedure: The Rules of the Game / Resume Building and Job Searches / Quality Recruiting & Retention  
**10:30am - 11:50am:** Workshop Session 2:  
Building & Using Advisory Committees / Expanding your Chapter's Sphere of Influence / Convention Legislation Discussion / Service After College  
**12:00pm - 12:50pm:** Lunch in College Center  
**1:00pm - 1:50pm:** Workshop Session 3:  
APO Trivia Challenge / Large-Scale Service Project / Recruiting and Retaining Advisors / Social Networking and APO  
**2:00pm - 2:50pm:** Workshop Session 4:  
Advising College Students for Success / Scouting and APO / Underground and Unauthorized Activities / Understanding Risk Management  
**3:00pm - 3:50pm:** Workshop Session 5:  
Appreciating Your Members / Building an Active Member Program / Creating a Chapter Leadership Program / Using Officer Portal  
**4:00pm - 5:45pm:** Section Business Meeting in C-118 Lecture Hall  
**6:00pm - 8:30pm:** After-Conference Fellowship Gathering

Note: APO LEADS Courses require pre-registration to attend

## Conference Fellowship Events

**Planetarium Show:** Join us for a show at the Staerkel Planetarium on campus titled "Odyssey". This show takes us on a personal voyage of discovery through the cosmos, from the legends and monuments of early sky watchers to an imaginary flight through the Solar System and our home galaxy, and into the very depths of space and time. This is a complete digital re-mastering of the very first show to ever appear at the Planetarium, now updated and improved for 2012.

**Saturday Lunch:** We are offering a deli bar catered by Food for Thought, our on-campus food service vendor. You have your choice of meats and cheeses, as well as a pasta salad, bag of chips, and a drink. There is a vegetarian option as well. During lunch, we are asking for people to sit in assigned groups, socialize, and discuss their APO experience with each other. Group assignments are on your name tags

**After-Conference Social:** We have reserved table space at Jupiter's at the Crossing (2511 Village Green Place, Champaign) for those who want to join us for after-conference fellowshiping. Jupiter's has fantastic pizza, appetizers, grinders, and salads, as well as a full entertainment room of video and carnival games, and pool tables by the hour. Individuals are responsible for their own food, beverage, and entertainment costs.

*The conference committee gratefully acknowledges both Meijer and Staples for their financial and material support for the Fall 2012 Section 50 Conference.*

## Schedule Grids for Friday Night and Saturday

### Friday, November 2nd

	D-Wing Lobby	South Lounge	Planetarium	Room D-105	Room D-148
6:00 PM	Conference Check-in	Board Games, Karaoke, Fun, and Fellowship		APO LEADS: Launch Course	Section Assessment and Planning Session
6:30 PM					
7:00 PM					
7:30 PM					
8:00 PM					
8:30 PM					
9:00 PM					
9:30 PM			Planetarium Fellowship		
10:00 PM					

### Saturday, November 3rd

	Room D-105	Room X221	Room X-222	Room X-223	Room X-224	Room X-225	College Center	Lecture C-118
7:30 AM							Late Check-in (outside C-118)	Opening Session
8:00 AM								
8:30 AM								
9:00 AM	APO LEADS: Explore (Part 1)	Resume Building and Job Searches	Basics of APO Chapter Advising	Parliamentary Procedure		Quality Recruiting and Retention		
9:30 AM		Expanding your Chapter's Sphere of Influence		Convention Legislation Discussion	Service After College	Building and Using Advisory Committees		
10:00 AM								
10:30 AM								
11:00 AM								
11:30 AM								
12:00 PM							Lunch Fellowship	
12:30 PM								
1:00 PM	APO LEADS: Explore (Part 2)	Recruiting and Retaining Advisors	APO Trivia Challenge	Large-Scale Service		Social Networking and APO		
1:30 PM		Underground Activities	Understanding Risk Management	Scouting and APO	Advising Students for Success			
2:00 PM		Using Officer Portal & APO Online	Building an Active Member Program	Appreciating your Members		Creating a Chapter Leadership Program		
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5:00 PM								
5:30 PM								Section 50 Business Meeting

## Presenter Bios

### **Victoria Allen (Sigma Sigma '04), Section 51 Volunteer Staff**

**Presenting:** *APO LEADS: Explore*

Victoria initiated at Sigma Sigma in 2004 where she held a few different positions on the executive board. She is currently a Director for the EXPLORE course and a staff presenter for SERVE. In addition to these presenter obligations, she is on the Section 51 Volunteer Staff and was most recently advisor to the 2012 Sections 47/50/51 Conference. While at home in Chicago, she works for a sightseeing tour company and Godiva.

### **Paris Barnes (Eta Epsilon '06), Section 50 Advisor Relations Chair**

**Presenting:** *Basics of APO Advising; Effective Advisory Committees*

Paris Barnes is an advisor to the Eta Epsilon chapter at Millikin University. He served as a faculty advisor from August 2006 until early 2008. After a brief hiatus, Paris returned to an advisory role for the chapter in August 2010 and is currently serving as the Advisory Relations Chair for Section 50. Professionally, he is a professor of inorganic chemistry for Millikin University.

### **Steve Bauer (Alpha Alpha '94), Region VI Service Chair**

**Presenting:** *Service After College*

Steve pledged in Spring 1994 with Alpha Alpha chapter, was active through Spring 1998, and then served on Section 48 staff and Section 50 staff for several years until serving with Region VI staff. He also served as an Advisor with Alpha Alpha after graduation through 2009. Steve is currently involved as the Service Chairman for Region VI. He works with SGS North America as a research technician in Carlyle, IL.

### **Jeremy Bingman (Alpha Alpha '96), Region VI Director**

**Presenting:** *APO LEADS: Launch, Understanding Risk Management, Building an Active Member Program*

Jeremy pledged Alpha Alpha Chapter (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) in the fall of 1996. He served Alpha Alpha as Secretary, Treasurer, 4th Vice President - Membership, 2nd Vice President - Pledge Trainer, Scouting Liaison, and Chapter President and was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Key, Kinetic Leadership Knot, and Robert E. Lee Award for exceptional service (named for the Chapter's first President). Currently, he is serving as the Region VI Director.

He previously served in Section 51 as Section Chair and Conference Advisor and in Section 48 as Service Chair and Section Representative and received the Section 48 and 51 Distinguished Service Keys. He also served in Region VI as the Extension Coordinator, the Chicagoland Area Alumni Association as Vice President - Membership, the 2002 Region VI Alumni Voting Delegate, and as the 2010 National Convention Legislative Director.

Jeremy is also an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. Professionally he works as a Project Manager for an independent provider of investment advice and resides in Chicago.

### **Joey Bracco (Theta Epsilon '09), Sections 47/50/51 Conference Advisor**

**Presenting:** *APO LEADS: Launch*

Joey Bracco is an advisor for the Theta Epsilon chapter at Illinois State University where he works and also where he completed his undergrad. While active in Theta Epsilon, he served as their chapter's External Relations Chairman and Webmaster. Joey is a Life Member and was a voting delegate at the 2010 National Convention in Atlanta. Joey has completed four of the five APO LEADS courses and is an apprentice presenter for Launch and Coordinator for Explore.

## **Daniel Collier (Zeta Alpha '05), Immediate Past Section 50 Chair**

### ***Presenting: Creating a Chapter Leadership Program***

Dan Collier is an alumnus of Bradley University and Roosevelt University. He was a highly active brother in Zeta Alpha chapter, holding many appointed and elected officer position. Dan previously held the positions of Section 50 Leadership Chair, Section 50 Chair, Region VI Leadership Chair, and advisor to Zeta Alpha chapter. Currently, Dan is an advisor to the Alpha Alpha chapter. He is working on doctorate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Educational Organizational Leadership, where he researches both Leadership Development and Higher Education Policy.

## **Kelly Goodpaster (Omega Epsilon '02), Section 51 Chair**

### ***Presenting: Officer Portal***

Kelly Goodpaster pledged Omega Epsilon Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University in the Fall 2002 semester. As an active member she served as Treasurer, VP of Membership, and Chapter President. She was honored with the Chapter DSK in April, 2004 and also served on the Section 50 Volunteer staff while an active member in the Fall of 2005. After graduation she moved to Chicagoland and began serving as a section representative for Section 51. In April, 2009 she was elected Section 51 Chair and is currently in her 4th year as Section 51 Chair. Professionally, Kelly works as a meeting planner in the Chicagoland area and loves travel and photography.

## **Roger Lau (Theta Epsilon '10), Section 50 Alumni Relations Chair**

### ***Presenting: APO Trivia Challenge***

Roger Lau is an alumnus of Illinois State University. He pledged in Fall 2010 ISU's Theta Epsilon chapter of APO. In the following semester, he became the VP of Fellowship and graduated soon after. He is now currently the Alumni Relations Chair of Section 50. He currently lives in Bloomington where he spends most of his free time helping with his home chapter.

## **Aaron Malone (Theta Epsilon '10), Section 50 Scouting Chair**

### ***Presenting: Scouting and APO***

Aaron pledged at the Theta Epsilon chapter at Illinois State in the Spring of 2010, and graduated with a BS in Economics. He was a member of BSA Troop 43 In Mount Zion, IL, and holding several troop-level positions. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and received the Eagle Scout Award on 2/28/08. He currently resides in El Paso, IL and is working on a Masters of Economics at Illinois State University. Outside of APO, he is an avid gamer (both video and board) and bowler, having shot his first "300" game in January 2012.

## **Justin Martin (Alpha Alpha '00), Section 50 Chair**

### ***Presenting: Section Assessment and Planning Session, Recruiting and Retaining Advisors***

Justin pledged the Alpha Alpha chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in spring 2000. While active, he served as Scouting Liaison, Inter-chapter Relations Chair, Philanthropy Chair, and was the chair of the 2001 Region VI Conference. As an alumni volunteer, he has served as Section 48 Communications Chair, Section 50 Leadership Chair, Section 50 Vice-Chair, Region VI Membership Chair, National Launch Course Coordinator, and was the sponsor to the Parkland College extension group. He was first elected to Section Chair in 2011, and re-elected by acclamation in 2012. He has been recognized with Distinguished Service Keys from Section 50 and Alpha Zeta Omega chapter, is in the Society of Life Members and is a donor to the Torchbearer fund.

Outside of APO, Justin is an IT/GIS Professional in the Environmental Site Assessments section for the Illinois State Geological Survey. He lives in Champaign with his wife and dog.

## **John Ottenad (Alpha Phi '89), National Vice-President**

**Presenting:** *National Convention Legislation Discussion, Underground/Unauthorized Activities*

Hon. John K. Ottenad, J.D., Alpha Phi '89, was elected at the 2010 National Convention to serve as the National Vice President. Prior to that position, John served as the Membership & Extension Program Director from 2006-2010 and as the Region VIII Director from 2004-2006. John was also the Section 49 Chair for 8 years, from 1992-2000. He has been an Advisor for the Alpha Phi Chapter from 1991 to the present. He has served on a number of National Committees, and National Convention Planning Committees in St. Louis and Denver. John has received the Alpha Phi Chapter, the Section 49 and the Region VIII Distinguished Service Keys. Professionally, John works as an Administrative Law Judge for the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation in St. Louis, Missouri. He obtained his A.B. in History and Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1991, and his Juris Doctor at Washington University School of Law in 1994. He resides in Manchester, Missouri, where he is also very involved in the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a state-licensed basketball referee.

## **Joe Omo-Osagie, Parkland College Counseling & Advising Center**

**Presenting:** *Advising College Students for Success*

Joseph Omo-Osagie has spent the last twenty years working as a family counselor, academic consultant, domestic violence counselor and mediator. He is certified in Reality Therapy/Choice Theory and Language Choice Therapy, Family mediation and Restorative Justice Mediation. He is also a Trainer for Therapeutic Crisis Intervention. He received his mediation train through CDR Associates of Boulder, Colorado. He has done training nationally for the Illinois Institute for Conflict Resolution and the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois. He has been a trainer and cluster facilitator for the Leadershape Institute, an organization that believes in teaching leading with integrity. He also conducts several workshops at an outdoor leadership camp for the University of Illinois in Monticello, Illinois. He is presently a counselor at Parkland College Champaign where he also teaches Psychology.

## **Christy Pomatto (Alpha Alpha '09), Section 50 Communications Chair**

**Presenting:** *Social Networking and APO; Appreciating Your Members*

Christy Pomatto is the Section 50 Communications Chair and an advisor to Omega Epsilon chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University. She is an alumna of the Alpha Alpha chapter at the University of Illinois, where she served as VP of Service and VP of Communications and received a chapter Distinguished Service Key. She is a Life Member and has completed all five APO LEADS courses.

Christy currently lives in Urbana with her boyfriend Ryan (Theta Epsilon alumnus) and works in the special education department at Urbana High School. In her free time, she does freelance graphic design and daydreams about returning to Tuscany, where she studied abroad.

## **Jordan Russell (Eta Epsilon '08), Section 50 Service Chair**

**Presenting:** *Large-Scale Service Projects, Expanding*

Jordan Russell is an alumnus of the Eta Epsilon chapter at Millikin University, where he received his B.S. in Entrepreneurship and a B.A. in Political Science with a French minor. As an active, Jordan held the positions of Fundraising Chair, Treasurer, VP of Membership, and President of his chapter. He is a Life Member and has completed all five APO LEADS courses. He is currently the Section 50 Service Chair. Jordan lives in Decatur, Illinois and works in Logistics at GROWMARK Inc. in Bloomington.

## **Meagan Savage (Omega '08), Section 47 Volunteer Staff**

**Presenting:** *APO LEADS: Launch, Quality Recruitment and Retention, Service After College*

Meagan is an alumna of Omega Chapter at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. After graduation she went to work for the National Office as the Fraternity's field representative, which allowed her the opportunity to travel the country helping chapters struggling with membership-related issues such as recruitment, retention, pledge education, officer training, and so forth. After two years as an employee, she moved to Macomb, Illinois to pursue her master's degree in college student personnel at Western Illinois University.

## **Sandy Spencer, Director of Career Center at Parkland College**

**Presenting:** *Resume Building and Job Searches*

Sandy has been the Director of the Parkland College Career Center since 2001. She came to Parkland after working in business for several years. She holds a Masters degree in Educational Psych and Counseling from Eastern Illinois University. Her responsibilities include supervising the day-to-day operations of the office and addressing the career-related needs of Parkland students. She is a member of the Career Services Council at the University of Illinois, the National Career Development Association and the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

## **Mark Stratton (Delta Xi '94), National President**

**Presenting:** *Parliamentary Procedure: The Rules of the Game; National Convention Legislation Discussion*

Mark pledged Delta Xi Chapter at Ball State University in fall 1994 as part of the Alexander Lewandowski Pledge Class. He was a member of the Section 52 volunteer staff (communications chair, membership chair, and leadership development chair), Region VI volunteer staff (alumni coordinator, leadership development coordinator, membership coordinator, and parliamentarian), vice chairman of the Membership & Extension Committee, National Convention Legislative Director and APO LEADS Discover presenter.

He was elected National President by acclamation by the delegates to the 2010 National Convention in Atlanta. Mark previously served on the Board of Directors as Region VI Director (2004-2006) and National Vice President (2006-2010.) Mark was awarded Distinguished Service Keys by Delta Xi and Tau Omicron Chapters, Section 52 and Region VI. He is in the Society of Life Members and a Torchbearer.

Professionally, Mark is co-manager of the Office of Census Data for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency and a part-time instructor of political science at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. He has a B.A. and an M.A. in political science from Ball State University. Mark lives in Fishers, Indiana, with his two children.

## **Sean Veal (Alpha Alpha '08), Section 50 Finance Chair**

**Presenting:** *Expanding your Chapter's Sphere of Influence*

Sean Veal was initiated into the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in fall 2008. As an active he held various appointed positions, completed the APO LEADS program, and attended conferences at every level of the fraternity. His favorite experience was the two years working with interested students of Parkland College, culminating in the charter of the Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter in February 2011. Outside of Alpha Alpha he has been a member of Section 50 staff since January 2011 and is the current VP of Operations for the Chicagoland Area Alumni Association



## **Workshop Session 1: 9:00am – 10:20am**

### **Basics of APO Chapter Advising (Room X-222)**

*Presenter: Paris Barnes, Section 50 Advisor Relations Chair*

This session will be a "boot camp" for advisors! We will cover a wide range of topics for new and experienced advisors alike. We will discuss what advisors do and what they should not do, who makes up the advisory committee, the role of the young alumni advisor, membership and pledging, inconsistent/underground chapter practices, and use of Officer Portal. This workshop is intended for chapter advisors and graduating members who are interested in becoming chapter advisors only.

### **Parliamentary Procedure: The Rules of the Game (Room X-223)**

*Presenter: Mark Stratton, National President*

Football, baseball, basketball, euchre, and Monopoly are all games, and though they are played differently, they all have one thing in common: a set of rules that governs all who participate in them. Chapter meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Legislative Session at National Convention all have rules that govern them, too, but sometimes those rules can seem intimidating or overwhelming. This workshop focuses on the basics of parliamentary procedure, as outlined in Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Learn the basics of introducing business, the rules of debate and decorum, and the different methods of voting (including what an abstention really is!) Because this is a convention year, there will be an emphasis on how parliamentary procedure will be used at the National Convention. There will be handouts and reference sheets provided. **National Convention Voting Delegates are required to attend.**

### **Quality Recruitment and Retention Programs (Room X-225)**

*Presenter: Meagan Savage, Section 47 Resource Coordinator*

Learn how to effectively recruit quality members AND keep them engaged once they join. Recruitment and retention go hand-in-hand and chapters need to understand both in order to be strong and healthy.

### **Resume Building and Job Searches (Room X-221)**

*Presenter: Sandy Spencer, Director of Career Center at Parkland College*

In this workshop, we'll cover transferring your classroom and volunteer experience to the workplace, writing effective resumes and polishing your interviewing skills, developing your 60-second "elevator speech", and using social media in your job search.

## **Workshop Session 2: 10:30am – 11:50am**

### **Building and Using Advisory Committees (Room X-225)**

**Presenter:** *Paris Barnes, Section 50 Advisor Relations Chair*

High functioning advisory committees can help student chapters function more smoothly. This workshop will focus on building effective advisory committees, what advisory committees do, communication between the advisory committee and the executive board, electing an advisory chair, and conducting advisory committee meetings. This workshop is intended for chapter advisors and graduating members who are interested in becoming chapter advisors only.

### **Expanding your Chapter's Sphere of Influence (Room X-221)**

**Presenters:** *Jordan Russell, Section 50 Service Chair & Sean Veal, Section 50 Finance Chair*

Who Am I? What is Alpha Phi Omega? How do I Expand My Chapter's Sphere of Influence? In this workshop, you will first look at what makes you, YOU. Looking at your social identities/experiences and how they relate to your campus community. These identities and experiences make up Alpha Phi Omega and without them this fraternity would not be the same. Finally, this workshop will look at how to take your chapter's identity and expand it to encompass other people on your campus. From recruiting members with different identities and experiences you will begin to expand your chapter's sphere of influence. The overall purpose of this workshop is to widen the participants' understanding of diversity and to explore briefly what organizations lose through homogeneity and what can be gained by diversifying their membership, particularly service-oriented organizations

### **National Convention: Legislation Discussion (Room X-223)**

**Presenters:** *Mark Stratton, National President & John Ottenad, National Vice-President*

The Legislative Session of the National Convention is where the main business of the convention takes place. Proposed amendments to the Fraternity's governing documents and rituals, as well as a variety of resolutions, will be reviewed and considered by a series of reference committees. Some of those proposals will be considered by the full Legislative Session. This workshop is an open discussion about the legislation that has been submitted for consideration. Bring your questions about that legislation to this seminar, where the National President and National Vice President will facilitate a discussion and respond to those questions. **National Convention Voting Delegates are required to attend.**

### **Service after College (Room X-224)**

**Presenter:** *Meagan Savage, Section 47 Resource Coordinator & Steve Bauer, Region VI Service Chair*

Meet with several representatives from local and national non-profit agencies and learn about the opportunities available to continue to serve after you cross the stage.

## **Workshop Session 3: 1:00pm – 1:50pm**

### **Recruiting and Retaining Advisors (Room X-221)**

**Presenter:** *Justin Martin, Section 50 Chair*

Need new advisors, but don't know where to find them? Have "paper advisors" who never seem to come around? Are you not exactly sure what an advisor is for or how to use them beyond signing your space requests? Looking to change things up with your advisory committee? In this session, we'll cover the role of advisors from the active member perspective, how to look for the right kind of advisors, and proper care and feeding of your chapter's advisory members.

### **APO Trivia Challenge (Room X-222)**

**Presenter:** *Roger Lau, Section 50 Alumni Relations Chair*

APO Trivia is a trivia game in which participants get into teams of 2-4 and compete against other teams for the glorious prize at the end. Not only will you show your APO knowledge to your peers but you'll also learn more about APO. If that doesn't grab your attention, then how about this: first place winner will receive an awesome prize ("awesome" as defined by the presenter of the game) and second place and below will receive a complimentary prize as well ("complimentary" as defined by the same person).

### **Social Networking and APO (Room X-225)**

**Presenter:** *Christy Pomatto, Section 50 Communications Chair*

Learn how to utilize social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter to connect with other area organizations, improve communication within your own chapter, and increase awareness of Alpha Phi Omega on your campus and in your community. Improve your understanding of social networking safety and privacy and learn how to promote the best online image of yourself and your chapter.

### **Large-Scale Service Projects (Room X-223)**

**Presenter:** *Jordan Russell, Section 50 Service Chair & Steve Bauer, Region VI Service Chair*

We could never put on a Service Project like that chapter does! We don't have the people or resources! Let's just do the same service projects we do every year! Does this sound like members from your chapter? Are you worried you can't execute a large scale campus/community wide service project? Well, if that is the case take this workshop and learn how any chapter can do a large scale service project. This workshop will take you from start to finish on ideas to make a successful Large Scale Service Project.

## **Workshop Session 4: 2:00pm – 2:50pm**

### **Advising College Students for Success (Room X-222)**

*Presenter: Joe Omo-Osagie, Parkland College Counseling and Advising Center*

In this session, we will be discussing emotional intelligence as a source of effective personal communication. Participants will build skills in effective listening, rapport with students, identifying and managing situations with depression, anxiety, and other personal problems of students. This workshop is intended for chapter advisors and alumni members only.

### **Scouting and APO (Room X-223)**

*Presenter: Aaron Malone, Section 50 Scouting & Youth Services Chair*

In this session, we will be discussing what the Boy Scout/Girl Scout programs are, how they fit into our Youth Service Program, and how APO chapters can volunteer with local Scouting units to help accomplish their goals.

### **Understanding Risk Management (Room X-222)**

*Presenter: Jeremy Bingman, Region VI Director*

We often hear that we have to practice 'risk management' but what exactly does that mean? It probably means a lot more than you think. While it includes being safe at our events, it also means having good practices in how we run our chapter as well as regularly education ALL of our members. In this interactive workshop, we'll talk about various scenarios and what kinds of implications these can have on you and on your chapter. We'll also talk about a fun way that in which you can teach it to each pledge coming in as well as all of the chapter members to meet the chapter's annual education requirement.

### **Underground and Unauthorized Activities (Room X-221)**

*Presenter: John Ottenad, National Vice-President*

With the speed and ease of communication, an emerging area of risk management for the Fraternity has been the rise in underground or unauthorized activities. The National Fraternity has been increasingly discussing ways to address and confront these inappropriate activities that threaten to cause harm to our reputation and our Chapters across the country. This workshop will help define what are underground or unauthorized activities, explain the harm involved, identify examples and confirm what you should do if you find it or hear of it.

## **Workshop Session 5: 3:00pm – 3:50pm**

### **Appreciating your Members (Room X-223)**

**Presenter:** *Christy Pomatto, Section 50 Communications Chair*

Your chapter wouldn't exist without its members, but how do you make them feel important and needed? In this interactive workshop, we'll talk about awards, recognition, and the little things you can do to keep your members feeling appreciated. Learn how you can use these methods to improve your chapter programming, increase retention, and keep your members motivated to go above and beyond.

### **Building an Active Program (Room X-222)**

**Presenter:** *Jeremy Bingman, Region VI Director*

Active members are so often the forgotten part of the chapter. Between improving programs and recruiting new members, we often assume that our active members will be fine on their own and leave them to fend for themselves. Well, developing an active program for your chapter is one way which can improve member retention and this workshop talks about some new ideas on how to do this.

### **Creating a Chapter Leadership Program (Room X-225)**

**Presenter:** *Dan Collier, Immediate Past Section 50 Chair*

Leadership is one of the core principles of Alpha Phi Omega. Yet, Leadership on the chapter level is often misunderstood or not firmly rooted in the overarching Servant Leadership Model adopted by the National Fraternity. This interactive facilitation is aimed at individuals who hold or plan to hold Leadership Development officer or appointed positions. Through interactive methods, we will identify how chapters currently develop leadership, discuss how this may fit within the Servant Leadership Model, and attempt to bridge gaps between the practice of Leadership Development and underutilized components of the Servant Leadership Model.

### **Using Officer Portal and APO Online (Room X-221)**

**Presenter:** *Kelly Goodpaster, Section 51 Chair & Justin Martin, Section 50 Chair*

This workshop will be an opportunity check out the all-new and updated APO website, along with a review and information regarding the Officer Portal. We'll see what treasures we can find on [apo.org](http://apo.org) and discuss the OP in regards to fall reporting requirements to the National Office. We will also briefly cover some of the features of APO Online and how to get the most from this third-party product. Recommended for future Chapter presidents, Pledge Trainers, and Membership Vice-Presidents.



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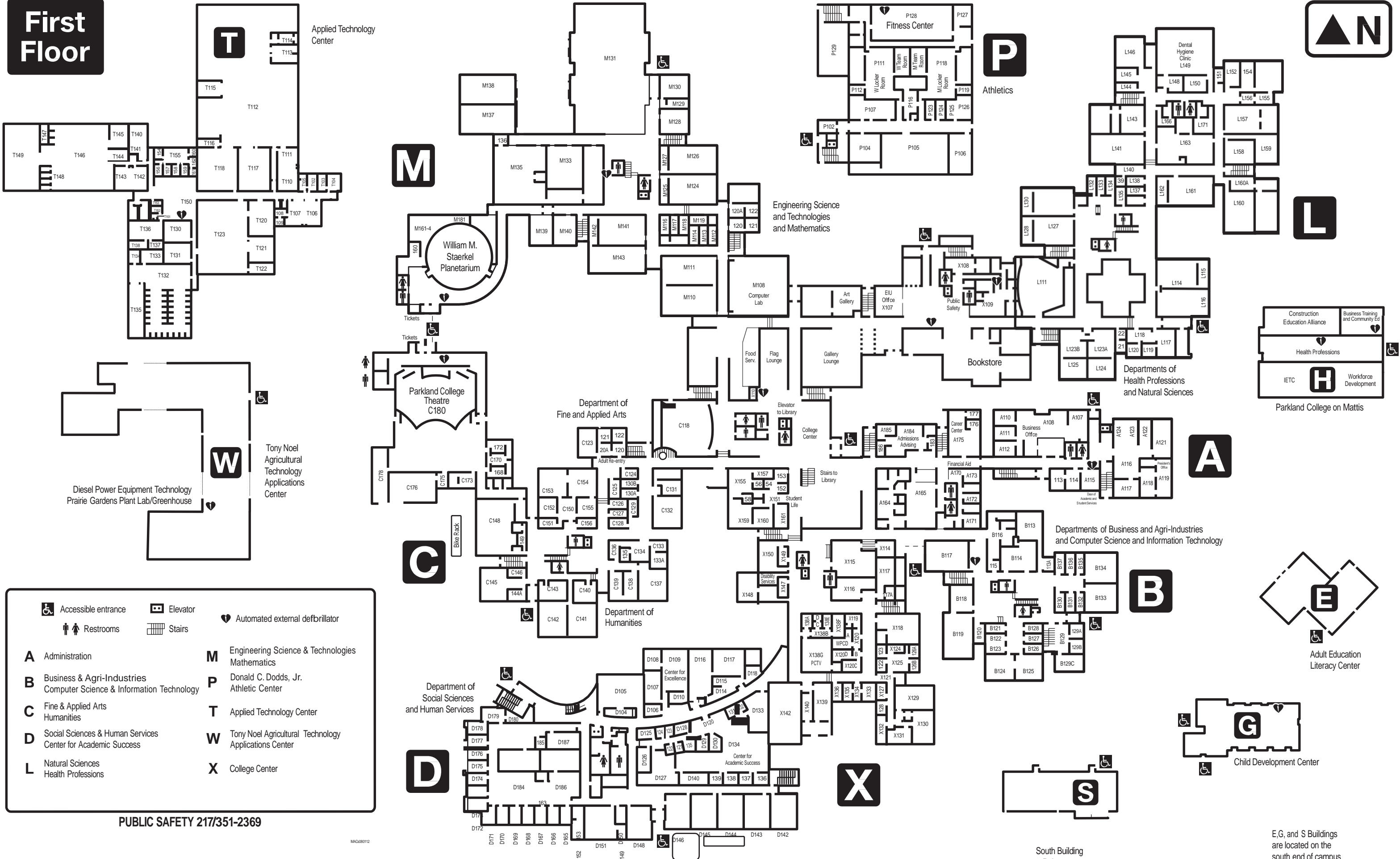
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<b>D</b> Social Sciences & Human Services Center for Academic Success	<b>W</b> Tony Noel Agricultural Technology Applications Center	
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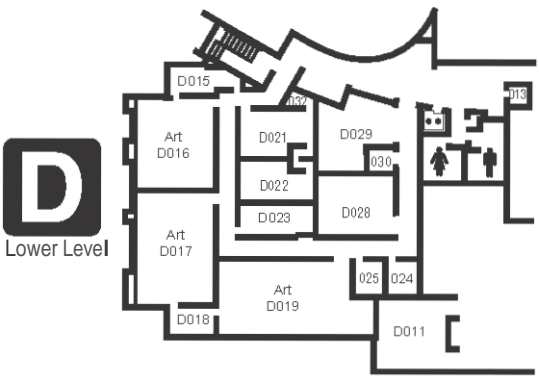
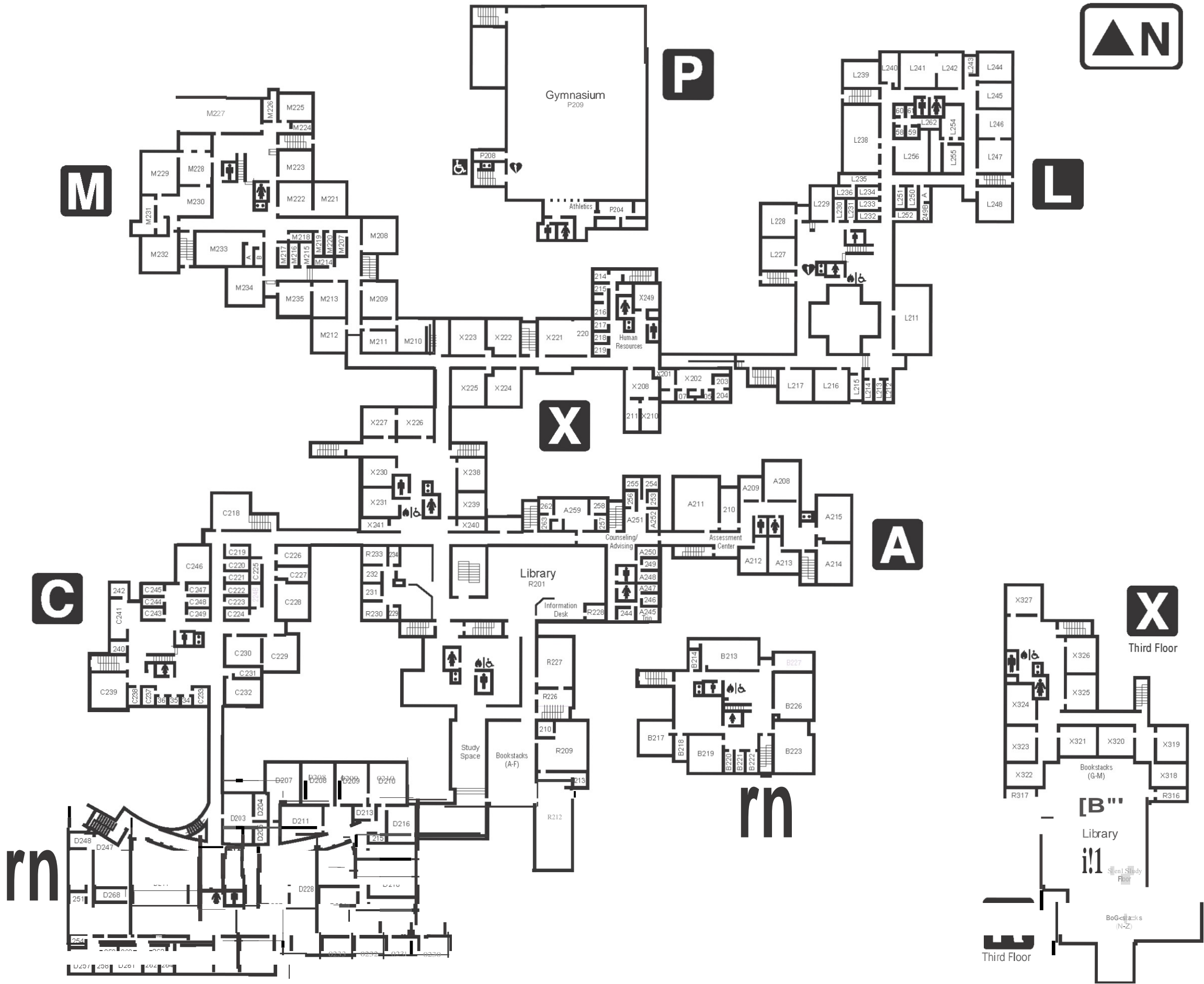
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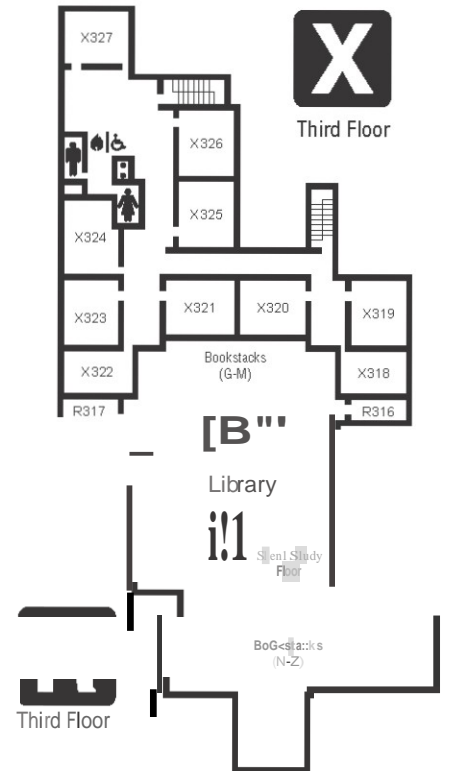
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|    | 3. Turn left onto <b>Co Rd 900 E/N Duncan Rd</b><br>About 10 mins  | go 3.0 mi<br>total 3.9 mi |
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