

Board Meeting
November 14, 2007

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE-
LEARNING OF THE ALPHA PHI OMEGA PETITIONING GROUP, SPRINGFIELD

The University of Illinois Board of Trustees formally honors and recognizes the dedicated service of the students in the University of Illinois at Springfield Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group (APO).

Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group, a nationally recognized student organization, is made up of hard-working and dedicated students. The Board of Trustees compliments APO for the impact it has made on both the University and the Springfield community. Not only have these students contributed many hours of service, they have also incorporated fellowship and leadership development into these service opportunities in keeping with the motto of their organization, which is "Leadership, Friendship & Service."

APO assisted the American Red Cross with Safe Family Saturday that fitted more than 100 children with bicycle helmets. The students also sponsored a successful event known as the "Everything Drive" and collected clothing and other items and donated them to Sojourn Shelter. In collaboration with SAGE--Students Allied for a Greener Earth--APO held a battery recycling drive. In addition, the group made two trips to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie near Joliet to assist with restoration efforts.

Alpha Phi Omega started the school year by participating in the National Public Lands Day project at Lake Shelbyville and volunteering at the Jaycee's Haunted House. More recently, the students distributed Autism Awareness Ribbons during the week of November 5 through 11. In addition, the group has adopted a section of 11th Street for weekly clean-up in conjunction with the Springfield Green Adopt-a-Street program.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends the Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group for its student volunteerism that benefits both the Springfield campus and the community.

The Board of Trustees further directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record and that a suitable copy be given to the Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group as a permanent recognition of its exemplary service.