

I want to give you some info that makes me proud of APO and will help you boast about your membership in the Fraternity. Since it really isn't bragging if it's true, here are some facts you should have at your fingertips.

Alpha Phi Omega is the largest organized Greek-letter society in the world, in terms of number of chapters and number of alumni. We ended this year at a new membership high – 18,064 – for the second straight record year. During the 2008 Spring Youth Service Day, 4,573 members performed 35,033 hours of service and raised \$73,300, reaching 43,768 youths.

The chapters at the University of Michigan and Clemson University hold the single largest blood collections in their respective states, bringing in more than 5,000 pints of blood annually. That has the potential to save over 15,000 lives each year! In fact, so many chapters plan and run blood drives that the American Association of Blood Banks gave Alpha Phi Omega a national award in 1988.

We provided 270 leadership development opportunities for thousands of students and alumni through the Fraternity's five APO LEADS courses – Launch, Explore, Achieve, Discover and SERVE – during the last year. In addition, more than 120 alumni attended our National Volunteer Conference, Alpha Phi Omega's premier leadership development program for alumni volunteers and advisors.

These are just a few fun facts from the national perspective. I encourage you to do a little research and come up with items to share from your own area. I know you will find what I have – that we have a lot to be proud of, thanks to the efforts of our members.