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Delta Sigma Phi Closes Chapter at the University of Arizona

On March 25, 2015, Delta Sigma Phi closed our Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Arizona. This decision, while extremely difficult, was made with critical insight from University of Arizona and done in the best interest of our Fraternity's future at the university. The closure of the chapter, which had a membership of more than 100 undergraduate men, came as a result of the chapter's multiple and egregious violations of university and National Fraternity policies.

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is committed to upholding our standards and fostering meaningful Fraternity experiences for our members. Despite the chapter's strengths, poor decision-making and repeated disregard for the Fraternity's policies on alcohol use and hazing ultimately prompted a strong response. There are good men from Beta Omega Chapter who now must pay a great price for the actions of other members; we are truly disheartened that those brothers will lose this undergraduate component of the Fraternity experience.

In 2014, a series of incidents highlighted behavior inconsistent with the high standards that Delta Sigma Phi demands. The Beta Omega Chapter was placed on university probation through May 2015 and given clear chapter operation parameters from the Fraternity. After investigating January and February violations of the Fraternity's Risk and Conduct Policies during the university probation period, the National Fraternity determined it was not in the best interest of Delta Sigma Phi to continue operating Beta Omega Chapter. The Fraternity cannot, and will not, tolerate blatant disregard toward our policies and standards for members and chapters.

The National Fraternity and university have agreed to an initial period of closure and disbandment of Beta Omega Chapter through the end of the 2017-18 academic year. Delta Sigma Phi is committed to providing a premier, values-based fraternity to the University of Arizona and will utilize its resources to recruit new men who—upon our return to the university—will uphold our mission of Building Better Men. We are confident that we will once again have a chapter of men who are committed to the ideals of Delta Sigma Phi.

The news of the chapter's closure is—without a doubt—upsetting for all Beta Omega undergraduate members, Fraternity alumni and other supporters. While difficult in the short-term, the National Fraternity is committed to working diligently with our alumni and the University of Arizona community to restore Beta Omega Chapter with Men of Courage, Action and Excellence.

Delta Sigma Phi was founded on Dec. 10, 1899 at the City College of New York. Delta Sigma Phi currently has initiated more than 115,000 men since its founding. The Delta Sigma Phi Foundation was established in 1953 and is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit www.deltasig.org.

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