



The Next Step

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“Remember that our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars.”

- John F Kennedy

“Champions don't become champions in the ring-they are merely recognized there.”

- John Maxwell

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THIS WEEK'S TOPIC – YOUR CHAPTER'S ACADEMIC TONE

Some fraternity brothers forget that the main reason for attending college is to get an education. One of our fraternity's Ideals is **Intellectual**. As we approach the end of the academic year, what is the educational tone of your Chapter? Do your members take academics seriously?

You might not be able to improve your chapter's grades overnight, but there are things you can do to start your chapter on the path to greater academic achievement. During the President's Academy, we talked about the importance of “setting the tone.” Here are some small things your Chapter can do to set the right academic tone.

- Enforce GPA standards as part of the bid selection process
 - High School GPA equivalent to All-Men's GPA to receive a bid for 1st semester freshmen
 - GPA at or about the All-Men's average to receive a bid for second semester freshmen and above
- GPA standards for Initiation
 - GPA at or above the All-Men's average to be initiated
 - Automatically disassociated for failure to meet standards two terms in a row
 - Increase GPA standard each semester or annually
- Bring in speaker from the Academic Success Center (ASC) each semester
 - Give a presentation to members regarding resources available
 - Associate Members set up individual meetings with ASC
 - Require members below Chapter GPA standard set up meeting with ASC
- Academic accountability for members
 - Members give personal GPA goals for the term to Academic Chair
 - Academic Chair posts them publicly
 - Academic Chair posts mid semester GPA's next to members' goals
- Publicly recognize individual academic achievements during Chapter meeting

Suggested Reading from *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*:

Chapter 3 - The Law of Process: Leadership Develops Daily, Not in a Day

While this reading was suggested during *The Next Step* Volume 11 - [Revisiting Goals](#) issue, the message is very applicable to building a culture of academic success within your Chapter.

TIP OF THE WEEK:

Encourage everyone to find their ideal study environment. Different people get distracted by different things. Some people can study in the Cafeteria at dinner-time, other people have to lock their door, turn off the TV & close instant messenger.