

# AO Articulator

## The student publication



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Opa! Getting ready for a night of Greek dancing in Ft. Lauderdale

## Student Leadership Conference

### Ft. Lauderdale

The sun was shining and students were aglow as they entered the colorful lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, FL for the annual AO Spring Student Leadership conference. About 25 students from Boston, Toronto, Colorado, Louisville, and Orlando, proudly represented their local AO student chapters on the weekend of May 16-18, 2009. The conference was a collaborative effort between the ISRs and the SAC committee and having SAC representatives Andrea Heckler and Rachel Davis present helped make the weekend such a great success! International president Dan Uditsky graced the students with his presence as well and offered professional advice and hugs to us all!

Filled with delicious treats, Brazilian samba dance lessons from a fellow student frater, and fun ice breaker activities -the hospitality suite was the place to be on the Friday night. Saturday was spent motivating students to organize and perform local AO outreach programs, designing T-shirts for the Foundation, and learning more about what it means to be a member of the Alpha Omega family. The Saturday night Greek themed dinner at restaurant Taverna Opa was a plate-smashing hit! As always, the Sunday morning was filled with tearful

goodbyes but the memories of the weekend continue to bring smiles to our faces months later.

#### Lani Kraus International Student Representative

Hello from your Student Foundation Rep! After a little bit of fun in the sun at the spring leadership meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, things are just getting stirred up on the student foundation front. At this meeting, we successfully decided on a T-shirt fundraising project that will promote and support the Global Oral Health Initiative. And I must say, we have a pretty talented and creative group of students on board in AO --- our shirt design was a successful collaborative effort! I was truly impressed with everyone's ideas and contributions. We organized into small groups in the afternoon and came up with three individual designs and presented them to the rest of the students. In the end, we liked each design so much, that we decided to use aspects from each for the final shirt design, so everyone's input was really helpful!

#### Whitney Mostafiz Student Foundation Representative



Students participate in leadership training exercises



Initial t-shirt design

## 2009 Foundation T-shirts

This year's student foundation fundraiser will benefit the Global Oral Health Initiative. We are selling custom t-shirts that were designed at the spring leadership meeting. T-shirts will be \$18 each and will be available in both men's and women's sizes. Order your shirt by emailing Whitney Mostafiz at [whitney.mostafiz@gmail.com](mailto:whitney.mostafiz@gmail.com) or going to <http://students.ao.org/shirts.html>



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## Cleveland Leadership Conference

We are happy to invite all of you to a very special opportunity to join the International Alpha Omega Alums for the upcoming Alpha Omega Leadership Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on Oct. 16-18th.

\*\*If you want to learn more about what it means to be a member of Alpha Omega and how to be an AO leader, then this conference is for YOU!!!

\*\*If you want to network with active AO alums from all over North America, then this conference is for YOU!!!

\*\*If you want to be one of next year's ISR's, then this conference is for YOU!!!

Alpha Omega Leaders...Past, Present & Future!

- Developing Leadership Skills
- Enhancing Chapter Dynamics
- Increasing Membership Retention
- Driving Recruitment
- Re-Activating Members
- Benefits of AO Membership
- The Global Oral Health Initiative

**When:** Oct. 16-18, 2009

**Where:** Hilton Beachwood - Cleveland, Ohio

NO cost to attend!

Room rate is only \$89 and can be split between four students

Don't forget to ask your chapter presidents about local alumni funding

We are looking for a motivated group of students to come together for this weekend to make important plans for AO and its future.

If you have any questions about the weekend, please e-mail either one of us and we will answer your questions and concerns.

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2009 Convention  
Dec 27 - Jan 3



Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame  
on Cleveland's skyline