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THE LARGEST POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOCUSED ON HIGHER EDUCATION ISSUES IS NOW THE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY PAC

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 7, 2010) - The Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee ("FSPAC") held its fourth annual dinner on Tuesday, April 20, at the Liaison Hotel near Capitol Hill. The event was the largest interfraternal gathering of elected officials in history with a bipartisan showing of 28 Senators and Representatives included among a crowd of 300 leaders from across the nation.

FSPAC, which is the nation’s largest political action committee focused exclusively on higher education issues, was founded in 2005 and has been holding an annual dinner to celebrate the values of fraternity and sorority life with Congressional guests since 2007. The bipartisan FSPAC was founded to support fraternity and sorority members in Congress and members of Congress who support the legislative goals shared by these groups.

At the dinner, then FSPAC president Larry S. Wiese - a member of Kappa Alpha Order from Lexington, Virginia - announced that FSPAC had achieved a stated goal of raising one million dollars since its founding in 2005. By reaching this goal, FSPAC has solidified its position as the largest political action committee focused on higher education issues and remained active in three turbulent election cycles. In the last election cycle, nearly 90 percent of the PAC’s contributions went to winning candidates.

An additional stated goal of FSPAC is to assist sorority women seeking election to Congress for the first time and this year’s dinner celebrated the transition to the PAC’s first female President. Julie Cain Burkhard - a member of Alpha Chi Omega from Athens, Georgia, and former Chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference - took control of the PAC as it enters the critical 2010 election period.

"I am honored and excited to take over as president of FSPAC," said President Burkhard. "I look forward to working with its leaders and the leaders of America’s fraternities and sororities to continue our commendable support of members in Congress."

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