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AFAAM Conference

By: Rae Fenske

In the week following Thanksgiving, I had the opportunity to attend the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisor's Annual Meeting (or AFAAM because who doesn't love a good acronym in Student Affairs) in Atlanta, Georgia. This conference brings together professionals serving in roles of Fraternity/Sorority advisors on a campus and the headquarters professionals (like myself) for an opportunity to collaborate on on-going issues in our communities.



This year, given the tragedies our communities have seen, many breakout sessions and conversations surrounded the topics of hazing, alcohol, membership education, and our roles in preventing these incidents. We were encouraged to discuss with the mindset that likely no one has the answers but we will find our solutions through collaboration and coming together as one, instead of attempting to solve the problems separately. My highlights of the conference included a breakout session on using a coaching method with student leaders, a graduate student reception with a donut bar (who doesn't love a free donut?), and watching Kaye Schendel, our former National President, and UWL SAA alumna, receive the Jack L. Anson award for her dedication to the fraternal movement outside of her own organization.

UWL's Own **WAN** Pitch by **CAMPUSPEAK**

"CAMPUSPEAK is excited to announce that the winners of PITCH by CAMPUSPEAK for this year's Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Annual Meeting are Zachariah Pfeifer, Coordinator and [K] Weinberg, Graduate Assistant for the Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse.

"This is truly a dream come true to be able to work with the CAMPUSPEAK team to combat this issue," said Zachariah. "This opportunity will allow us to challenge hyper-masculinity and hyper-femininity in a way not possible if not for the PITCH competition."

The winners will be provided a customized program, keynote presentation, and graphic design support for an educational campaign and assessment resources to address the issues of hyper-masculinity and hyper-femininity within the context of belonging..."



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What is CAMPUSPEAK?

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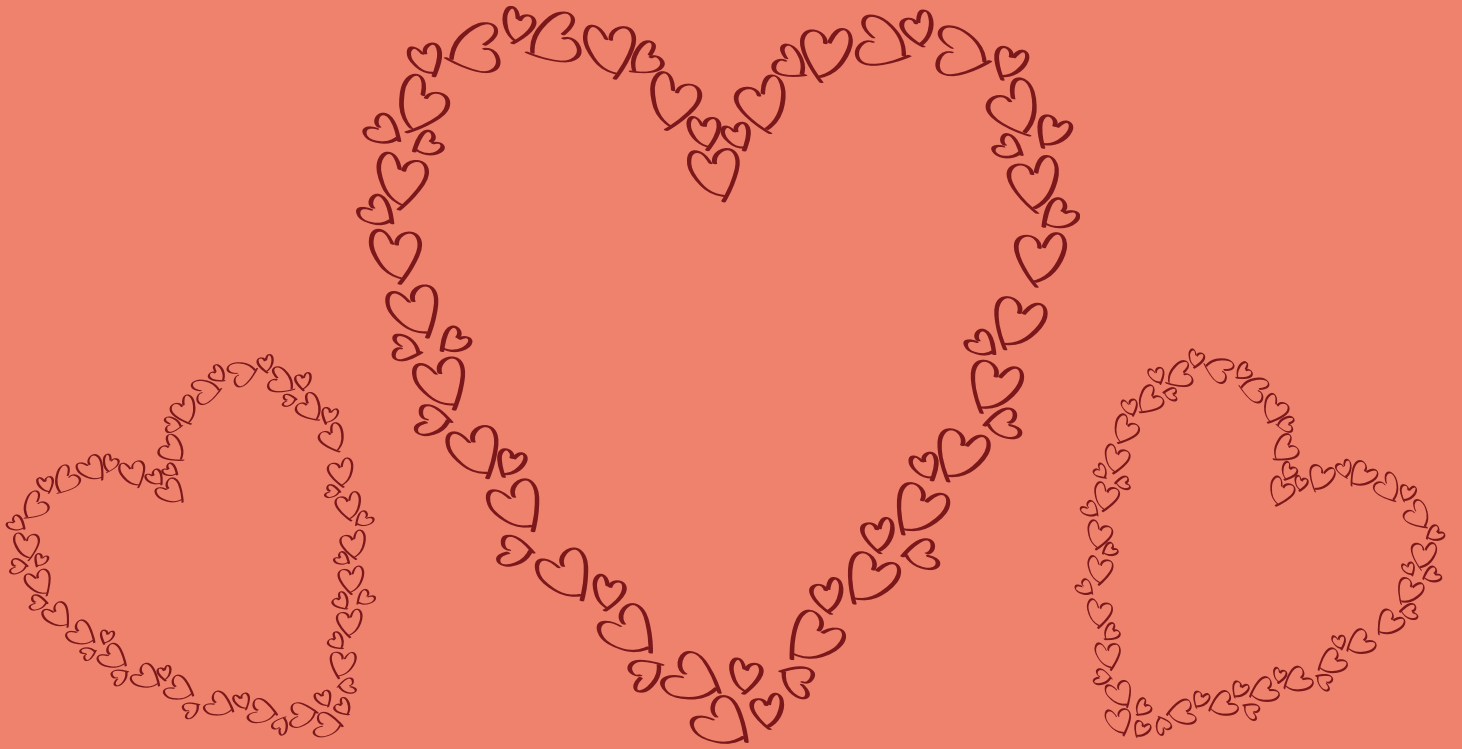
PITCH BY CAMPUSPEAK is an opportunity for innovators to propose solutions that will make a significant and long-term impact on issues facing college students. Pitches will be heard at the AFA 2017 conference and the AFLV-Central and West 2018 conferences and implementation will begin in Fall 2018. Winners of PITCH BY CAMPUSPEAK would receive up to \$15,000.00 in CAMPUSPEAK programs and services. Learn more at campuspeak.com/pitchbycs.

About CAMPUSPEAK

Since 1999, CAMPUSPEAK has provided transformative learning experiences through its keynote speakers, interactive workshops, consulting, online education, and custom programs. Partnering with campuses and higher education organizations across the country, CAMPUSPEAK offers programming to educate and inspire students for success in their college years and beyond. Learn more at campuspeak.com."

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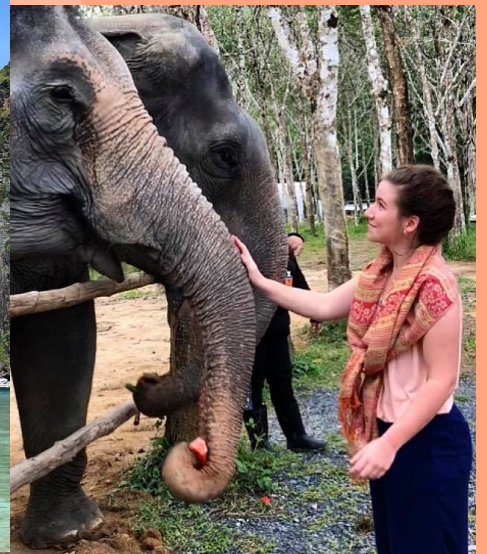
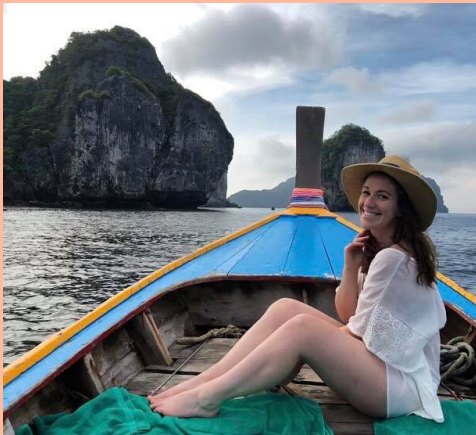
Visit Day



February 15th is visit day! Don't forget to tell your friends about the program! They are still able to apply for the 2018-2019 cohort, even if they miss visit day! Any questions about applying to the program can be directed towards Paige Kieler (kieler.paige@uwlax.edu), Mitch Berry (berry.mitch@uwlax.edu), or Jorg Vianden (jvianden@uwlax.edu). Also, feel free to reach out to them with any questions about visit day, or how you can help out on visit day!

Winter Break Adventure in Thailand

By: Paige Kieler



Thailand was a dream – the kind of dream that is exciting, stressful, beautiful, full of dogs and an occasional spider. My partner and I moved around every two or three days so that we could experience the city, beaches, and jungle. As much as I enjoyed each place for different reasons, I found Chalong, Phuket to be a refreshing balance between the hustle of Bangkok and the calmness of the beach. I've always been interested in oceans but have hardly spent any time exploring any ocean, so snorkeling exceeded all expectations. I think we found every fish from Finding Nemo besides, ironically, Nemo.

I will definitely be back someday.

White Privilege Grant Recipients

1. K Weinberg

1st Year On-Campus Cohort

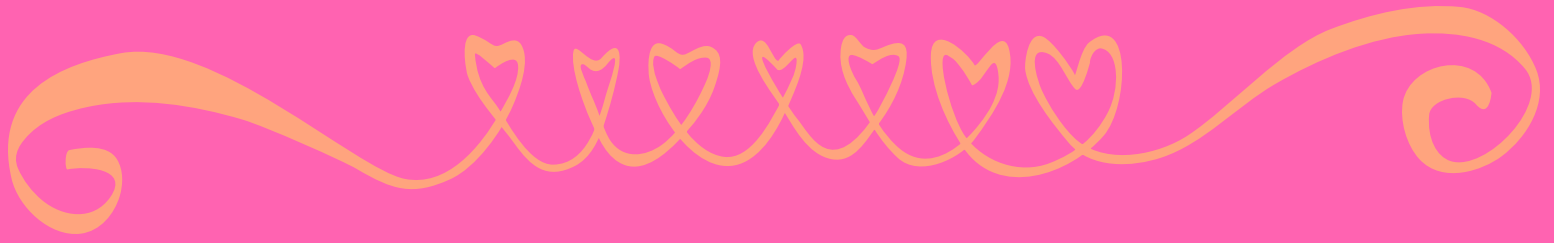
2. Kayla Doherty

1st Year River Falls Cohort

3. Alexia Pimentel

1st Year Online Cohort

Congrats to you all, and we hope you have an amazing experience, and can't wait for you to share it with us all.



*Have a Happy February
Filled with Love, Friends,
and Family*

