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Dear Valpo Freshman,

Welcome to Valparaiso University! My name is Brian Walter, a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the co-chair of the Balanced Man Scholarship. Your first semester offers a variety of positive opportunities and ultimately is a busy time. However, I personally invite you to take the time to apply for the Balanced Man Scholarship.

My Fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, is a social fraternity at the forefront of shattering the stereotypical “frat-boy” image. The Indiana Zeta chapter at Valparaiso is an excellent example of the organization's commitment to building responsible and balanced men to be future community leaders. As a Residential Learning Community, a SAFE House and last year's top academic & intramural fraternity, SigEps at Valpo work to be become better athletes, scholars, gentlemen, and leaders. This is the Balanced Man Ideal.

Sigma Phi Epsilon believes learning how to balance roles and activities in college is one of the most important life skills one can learn. We believe recognizing students who exhibit balance, all-around excellence, is one way to promote this important idea. Therefore, we are offering four Balanced Man Scholarships in the amounts of (1) \$1000 and (3) \$500. These scholarships are offered to incoming male students who have excelled in the development of a Sound Mind and a Sound Body during their high school careers. Our aim is to reward men who exemplify these qualities, as we believe they are essential to leading a balanced life.

The enclosed application indicates the criteria for the scholarship. **The deadline for the application will be October 3rd. Paper applications can be turned in at the Union front desk or to any brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon.** Upon receiving all completed applications, our selection committee will review them and interview all applicants and conduct interviews.

**Applicants for and recipients of the Balanced Man Scholarship are NOT obligated to join the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.** Our goal remains to award exceptional young men who have exemplified our four pillars of leader, scholar, athlete, and gentleman in their high school careers. If you feel your performance in high school merits recognition, **I strongly urge you to apply for this scholarship.**

The brothers of the Indiana Zeta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon welcome you to an exciting time of your life as a college student. If you have any questions regarding the Balanced Man Scholarship program, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (708-218-4879) or email (Brian.Walter1@valpo.edu).

Best of Luck,

Brian Walter  
Balanced Man Scholarship Co-Chair

Enclosures

-Balanced Man Scholarship Application