



MILLER NICHOLS
PRESIDENTS
ACADEMY

I registered....now what???

Make your Travel Arrangements

If you are flying, make flight arrangements and submit your information online at www.surveygizmo.com/s3/364729/CPLA-Travel-Information no later than January 2, 2012. If you are elected president after this date, submit your information online as soon as possible. Please see page 2 for information on booking your flight arrangements.

If you are driving, see page 3 for directions.

What to Bring

All of the program materials will be provided to you on-site. Attire for Friday and Saturday is business casual (no jeans or t-shirts) so we would recommend khaki's and a collared shirt or sweater. For Sunday, please bring a sweatshirt with the name of your college/university on it (jeans are acceptable attire for Sunday). It will be cold in January, so you will also need to bring a winter coat and gloves. In addition, don't forget the following items:

- A laptop – we'll use these in our closing goal-setting session. If you don't have one, please contact [Tyler Blair](#) as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements.
- Camera – there will be lots of prime photo opportunities in Oxford!
- Bring extra spending money for personal items, souvenirs, etc.
- Personal toiletries items.

Note: sheets, pillows & towels are provided.

Arrange any absences with your professor(s)

Most universities will allow an excused absence for *The Presidents Academy*, as long as you communicate with the proper constituents far enough in advance. We can provide information to your

university to help get your absence excused for CPLA. Please contact [Tyler Blair](#) as soon as possible if you need assistance.

Check your email regularly

Email will be the primary means of communication with you regarding any CPLA information. Please make sure you check and read any emails from us regarding your participation. We don't want you to miss any updates!

Read the Frequently Asked Questions

Pages 4-6 of this document include FAQ's pertaining to your participation in CPLA. Please take a minute to read through these – it will help you be better prepared for the experience!

CPLA Travel Information

Please read before booking any flights!!!

Arrival Information

Driving	Plan to arrive in Oxford by noon, EST on Friday, January 13, 2012. Please see page 2 for driving directions.
Flying	Your flight must arrive at the Cincinnati/Northern KY airport (CVG) or Dayton Airport (DAY) no later than 10:30 a.m. EST on Friday, January 13, 2012. <i>(If you are flying from the West Coast or must arrive on Thursday afternoon for another reason, you must arrive at either airport by 8:30 p.m. EST on Thursday).</i>
Airport Shuttle	Transportation will be provided to Oxford from the Cincinnati (CVG) and Dayton (DAY) airports. Please note that the shuttle will depart the airport to Oxford at the following times <i>only</i> : Thursday, January 12th: Airport pick-up at 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 13th: Airport pick-up at 11:00 a.m. THE SHUTTLES CANNOT STOP AND WAIT! At CVG, meet on the curb outside the main Delta baggage claim on the first level of Terminal 3. At DAY, please look for the shuttle outside of the main baggage claim. Please find the other Betas in the baggage claim area and be waiting outside to look for a red and white "Miami Shuttle." Travel time between both airports and Oxford is about one hour.

Departure Information

Driving	Plan on departing no earlier than 1:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, January 15, 2012. <i>Note: Early departures will not be allowed. Please plan accordingly.</i>
Flying	Schedule departing flights from either CVG or DAY airports no earlier than 4:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, January 15, 2012.

After you arrive in Oxford.....

Lunch on Friday is on your own, and you must be checked into the hotel prior to the start of *The Presidents Academy*. After checking in at the Marcum Center, you will be directed to your hotel room to unpack and given instructions on lunch options. **The Presidents Academy will begin promptly at 1:45 p.m. in the Marcum Center!**

Important CPLA Policy Information

The Presidents Academy policy allows for only elected chapter presidents to attend. Presidents must be present the entire time, and they must attend all sessions. **Arriving in Oxford late (after noon on Friday) or leaving Oxford early (before 1:00 p.m. on Sunday) is unacceptable. You will be asked to refrain from attending if you are scheduled to arrive late or leave early or if you are not your chapter's elected president.**

If you have questions regarding your travel arrangements, please contact Tyler Blair, *Director of Leadership Development*

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513-523-7591 ext. 247

339-236-0004 (cell)

Driving Directions

To Oxford (Marcum Center) from I-275 (Cincinnati Loop)

Exit at Highway 27 (Colerain Avenue) and proceed north. Continue about 30 minutes on Highway 27 on to Oxford. Be sure to follow the signs for Highway 27.

Entering Oxford on Hwy. 27 from the south, proceed through the first stop light (intersection of Hwy 27 and Chestnut) and follow 27 through two more stop lights at the corner of Spring Street and Highway 27 (which is now Patterson), and one more stop light at the corner of Patterson and High Street. Continue through the light about 50 yards, turn right onto Fisher Drive. The Marcum Center is at the end of Fisher Drive and there is parking in the back.

To Oxford (Marcum Center) from I-70 (from Indianapolis area)

Drive on I-70 until you get to Richmond, IN. Exit onto Highway 27 south (exit 151A). Stay on 27 until you enter Oxford (about 45 minutes). As you follow Highway 27, (please note that Hwy. 27 becomes High Street when in Oxford), follow it through town to a stop light at High St. and Patterson. Turn left on Patterson, and after about 50 yards, turn right onto Fisher Drive. The Marcum Center is at the end of Fisher Drive and there is parking in the back.

To Oxford (Marcum Center) from I-70 (from Columbus area)

Follow I-70, through Dayton until you reach Highway 127 South (Exit 10). Continue south on 127 for about 30 minutes until you reach Highway 73. Go West on 73 to Oxford. Entering Oxford on Highway 73, you will come to a T-stop light. Take a right onto Patterson Avenue. Proceed straight through the first stop light (intersection of Patterson and High Street). After about 50 yards, turn right onto Fisher Drive. The Marcum Center is at the end of Fisher Drive and there is parking in the back.

Need additional directions?

Visit: www.googlemaps.com and enter the following destination address: **365 North Fisher Drive, Oxford, Ohio 45056.**

Lost?

Please contact Tyler Blair at 339-236-0004.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of *The Presidents Academy*?

The Presidents Academy will develop our chapter presidents both personally and as leaders of our Great and Good Fraternity. Bringing our presidents together each year will provide a consistent wave of leadership throughout Beta's Broad Domain and help our presidents answer the call of principled leadership.

What will we be doing at *The Presidents Academy*?

The curriculum was developed to maximize our time together in Oxford and to capitalize on the knowledge you, as well as your peers and facilitators, bring to the table. Sessions will focus on leading as chapter president, gathering & solidifying support for you and the chapter, effectively utilizing the resources available to you as a means to strengthening the chapter, learning more about the General Fraternity and setting goals for yourself as chapter president.

What is the cost for *The Presidents Academy*?

Thanks to the Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation, presidents are only responsible for a \$95 non-refundable fee. Each president is responsible for travel to and from Oxford, Ohio. All on-site meals (except for Friday lunch prior to academy kick-off) and lodging will be covered.

Why is *The Presidents Academy* in January?

The majority of Beta chapters have elections in late fall. The timing was chosen with the intent of bringing presidents together early in their terms of office. Strategically, all presidents will come together every six months (at the General Convention and at *The Presidents Academy*). Also, *Keystone Regional Leadership Conferences* will follow *The Presidents Academy* in February.

Our chapter is very busy in early January (recruitment, etc.), not to mention that I have academic responsibilities. How can I possibly attend?

Start planning for *The Presidents Academy* now! Communicate the details to your chapter's leadership, Fraternity/Sorority advisor and Dean of Students. Most universities will allow an excused absence for *The Presidents Academy*, as long as you communicate with the proper constituents far enough in advance. We can provide information to your university to help get your absence excused for CPLA. Past presidents would say that your attendance at *The Presidents Academy* will greatly impact you and your chapter far beyond being present for chapter recruitment if they happen to overlap.

We have elections after *The Presidents Academy* in the spring. Can our president still attend?

Yes! Every chapter president is expected to attend *The Presidents Academy* regardless of when elections occur. If at all possible, we strongly encourage chapters to adjust the timing of elections for each new president to fully take advantage of this opportunity.

Who should I expect to meet at *The Presidents Academy*?

Along with the top undergraduate leaders of the Fraternity, presidents will meet and interact with North America's top fraternity/sorority, university and leadership professionals, as well as the Fraternity's premier volunteers and General Fraternity Officers.

What should I bring to *The Presidents Academy*?

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You will also need to bring your laptop for our Sunday activities (if you do not have access to a laptop, please email [Tyler Blair](#) to make alternate arrangements).

What happens if I can't attend *The Presidents Academy*?

If you can't attend *CPLA* then your chapter will not be represented. The curriculum is developed with the role and training needs of the president at the forefront so sending other officers in your place (i.e. your Vice President) is not allowed. If you are not able to attend, it is expected that you communicate that to your Chapter Counselor, District Chief and Leadership Consultant.

I've registered, but now I can't attend. What is the cancellation policy?

If you need to cancel please contact [Tyler Blair](#) before **Monday, January 9th, 2012**. The \$95 that you paid at the time of registration is non-refundable. Cancellations after Monday, January 9 may be subject to a cancellation fee.

I have an online exam or assignment due during *The Presidents Academy*. Is there internet access?

Yes, you will have guest access to wireless internet during *CPLA*. However, you will not be excused from *CPLA* sessions to take an exam or complete/submit an assignment. Please make arrangements with your professor regarding any on-line class work prior to your arrival to *CPLA*.

I can't get to *The Presidents Academy* until after the designated time on Friday. What should I do?

The *CPLA* policy states that all presidents must arrive by the designated time and must attend all sessions. If you need to arrive on Thursday night, we are happy to accommodate you. Your flight on Thursday must arrive at the CVG or DAY airports by 8:30pm. A shuttle to Oxford from the airport will be provided. Presidents that are unable to arrive during the designated times will be asked to refrain from attending the experience.

I have to leave early on Sunday. What should I do?

The *CPLA* policy states that all presidents must arrive by the designated time and must attend all sessions. *CPLA* will conclude no later than 1:00pm on Sunday, January 15th. Presidents that are unable to participate in the entire experience will be asked to refrain from attending.

Can I take the Greyhound?

For your convenience and transportation ease, we HIGHLY encourage you to FLY into CVG or DAY airports. Should you choose to take the Greyhound, you must arrive in time to take a cab to the CVG or DAY airports to catch the shuttle to Oxford (8:30pm on Thursday, January 12th or 10:30am on Friday, January 13th).