



## Who is AOII?



### AOII History

Alpha Omicron Pi is an international women's fraternity. Founded in 1897 by four college women who were determined to make a democratic and unostentatious society. The fraternity has thrived and has continued to grow throughout the changing 21st century. Since 1897, AOII has chartered collegiate chapters and alumnae chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Totalling over 150,000 initiated members! Alpha Omicron Pi has continued to hold true to its ideals and stands by its simple desire to help its members become the best they can be- personally, professionally and philanthropically.

The unofficial mascot of the fraternity is the panda, the official flower is the rose and the official color is cardinal. Members often incorporate one or all three into fundraisers and events.

To learn more please visit: [www.alphaomicronpi.org](http://www.alphaomicronpi.org)

### Why is AOII involved with the Arthritis Foundation?

Philanthropic work has always been a main focus of Alpha Omicron Pi. In the beginning years, its members would vote and choose a community philanthropy focus. Targeting issues that were important to women and their communities. In 1967, AOII chose arthritis as their official philanthropy because of the impact the disease has on women and children. AOII is now a National Partner with the Arthritis Foundation. Since 1967, collegiate and alumnae chapters have raised well over \$2,000,000 to benefit arthritis research, education and children's camps.

Chapters are encouraged, but **not required**, to hold fundraising events to benefit arthritis research and the Juvenile Arthritis Alliance. Chapters receive awards and recognition at the annual fraternity meeting, for their philanthropy efforts. Top fundraising chapters receive special recognition.

### AOII Strike Out Arthritis! Award

This prestigious award is given to the AOII Arthritis Walk team that has shown exemplary dedication and spirit to the Arthritis Walk. They are honored for their outstanding leadership and unfaltering resolve to champion the Arthritis Walk and ultimately cure arthritis.

The intent of this award is to recognize the AOII Arthritis Walk team that focused on successfully supporting the Arthritis Foundation's signature event, Arthritis Walk. While the Arthritis Foundation does not exist to raise money, without funds, our research, educational and informational activities cannot exist.

The AOII Award will be given each year to the AOII Arthritis Walk team that raises the most money per team. The AOII team has the highest dollar amount will be the recipient of the AOII Arthritis Walk Award.