

Virtual Program Ideas

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- Review the chapter's new yearbook
- Gadgets that make our lives easier
- Educational Legislative Updates
- Fraternity Education –preparation for a chapter anniversary
- Tea and Treasures-sharing a treasure and talking about it
- Healing Touch Christmas - Adopt a Family
- Bags of Hope and Food Pantry Collection – arrange for pick-up and delivery
- Hostesses deliver goodie bags to the members so they can have a treat while they meet. Bags included an agenda, instructions on how to log into the meeting, a fraternity education puzzle activity, and a special baked cookie decorated in purple.
- Master gardener presenting a program on planting annuals and perennials or vegetable gardening/possible garden tour/preparing garden for winter and/or spring.
- Travel talk
- Sharing titles of good books to read
- Collections We Love: Sharing collections. 1 to 3 members share their collections at a meeting. Example: Valentine Cards that dated back
- Treasurers of the Heart: Have each member share a family heirloom and why it means so much to them.
- Share your favorite health tips
- Christmas at Your House:
 - A. Share your Christmas trees big and small
 - B. Share your favorite Christmas Tree Ornament
 - C. Share a family favorite recipe
 - D. Demonstrate Ornament or candy making
- Meet with Mexico chapter members to discuss education differences in Mexico. (Use directory for names contact information)
- Meet with a New Mexico or Arizona members active in the Water Project for the Navajo Reservations
- Report on effects of COVID on Navajo Reservations
- A Zoom session on programming with an emphasis on using virtual programming and how to make it more effective
- Virtual Founders' Day programs using materials found on website (such as Judy's Logo slide presentation)

- Zoom with Canada, Puerto Rico or other nations to discuss differences in their educational systems
- Request an International or Regional officer to Zoom and discuss their position, responsibilities, motivation, or experiences in AΔK (If available)
- Choose an activity being broadcast virtually and join as a group (Example: wine tasting, symphony)
- Select another chapter and meet to learn more about state altruistic projects – ask a representative from the organization to talk and answer questions
- Request a university representative to Zoom with your chapter and discuss requirements for starting a Collegiate Club at the university
- Take a virtual tour of a Zoo, Brewery, University, Art or Science Museum
- Invite local organizations that serve your community (food banks, soup kitchens, senior centers, assistant living-nursing homes, animal shelters, homeless shelters, etc.) to present to the chapter. The presentation could be followed by some type of an “at home” altruistic project.
- National organizations (Salvation Army, Wounded Warrior, St. Jude, Alzheimer’s, Susan B. Komen, Big Brother-Big Sister, etc.)
- Local hospital for programs on health issues (may have a specific listing of local doctors willing to do a virtual presentation)
- Churches have numerous on-going projects (local and worldwide)
- Contact local school districts and colleges to further enlighten members regarding education opportunities
- College students love to share, many have excellent “outside” experiences (travel, volunteering)
- The state department of education could provide programs on new laws, funding, and/or programs
- SPA NIGHT: Each member creates her own home spa. A list of suggested items can be developed and sent a week prior (lotions, soaps, candles). Take time for YOU!
- Share craft making: Put together a list of what will be needed and zoom while creating your craft
- Prepare a toiletry kit for Women’s shelter, Homeless shelter, or World Understanding project. Send a list of possible items at least a week prior.
- Book discussion: Invite a local author to “speak” at your virtual meeting
- Contact local schools for possible virtual speakers from student organizations (Key Club, National Honor Society, groups focusing on student needs and support)
- Contact local Historical Society they have a multitude of programs and many will furnish a virtual speaker
- BAKE IT TOGETHER: Provide a cookie or cake recipe and list of ingredients. Members “walk” through the process and then enjoy the effort! Great time to share and catch up.
- Check out the Marigold Project, located on the website, which was a 2019 Distinguished Program Award recipient (Missouri Beta Xi). You can adapt parts for your chapter zoom meetings.
- Excellent resources are often in your own chapter: Your own members, member’s families, neighbors and friends. Who knows what others know?

- Have ITE students from your region speak at a Zoom chapter meeting to talk about education in their country and how their experiences in the U.S. will benefit their work as educators when they return home.
- Have teachers who are conducting classes on ZOOM share successes and frustrations and give ideas of how AΔK members can offer support and assistance
- Invite a school counselor to join a ZOOM meeting to explain programs that can help students and their families
- Invite a representative from an after-school learning center or local crisis center to speak about their programs and how we can help support them
- Have a special night for members to share what is going on in their lives or share a special project
- Have a fun night - everyone dress up - bring an appetizer and a beverage of choice. Play a fun game or have a fun Fraternity Education activity.
- Make a connection with a chapter in another S/P/N that has your same Greek name. Plan a ZOOM meeting to share and get to know each other.
- Utilize the programs, webinars, and other resources available on the International website and from the All Region Virtual Conference
- Almost any program can be converted to a Zoom meeting (even breakfasts, luncheons...crafts) with a little planning and organizing.

Getting interesting, good quality programs has always presented chapters with challenges. The key to virtual programs is preparation (researching, contacting, gathering items). However, YOU can do it and do it well. Get EXCITED and that excitement will energize your members. HAPPY PROGRAMMING!