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HOME WISHLIST

We Need YOUR Support!

Alumnae, there are several updates we need to make to our Chapter Home:

- Install new flooring throughout the house
- Landscape work out front
- Replace the AC in the kitchen
- Add a new Chapter Room



Alpha Chi Omega NEWS

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LIZZIE PENTON '17

"From the first day of recruitment, I didn't have to pretend to be anything other than my authentic self"

Elizabeth Penton '17 (lizabethlorren96@gmail.com) reflects on her time at Alpha Chi Omega and the impact that it left on her life. Here's why she gives back.

"I was excited to join Alpha Chi Omega because I saw how genuine the women were in the chapter. From the first day of recruitment, my conversations there felt comfortable and I did not have to put up any walls or pretend to be anything other than my authentic self with the women. I met my G-big, Allison, that day and we are still great friends!"

"One of my favorite memories was the Big/Little reveal when I found out that Miranda Mack was going to be my Big. I kind of had an idea she would be, but I was so nervous before then. Miranda has since been one of my best friends and has always been a great advice-giver and someone who I look up to."

"Alpha Chi Omega formed many connections for me. Directly after being a collegiate member, I worked for the office of



fraternity and sorority life at K-State and had the chance to impact younger students within fraternity and sorority life at K-State. I also have utilized many of the skills I learned there during my time on the local housing corporation

board and now in my career within higher education."

"Alpha Chi Omega was one of the chapters that had potential to grow and I wanted to be in a leadership role where I could be a part of that impact."

"I give back to Alpha Chi Omega because I know the impact that it has had on my life and I want future generations of women to be able to experience that. If more alumni gave back to Alpha Chi, women would have less of a financial burden to participate in all of the excellent programming offered and the facilities could continue to be improved for them."

Without Alpha Chi Omega, I wouldn't have had the incredible college experience that I did.

Top photo: Lizzie (left) and an Alpha Chi sister.

Bottom left photo: Lizzie (center) and two friends, Macy and Dana. Bottom right photo: Lizzie (upper left) and Alpha Chi sisters. All photos: Elizabeth Penton



WELCOME THE NEWEST GRADS TO ALUMNAE SISTERHOOD!

Kali Poenitski

It is with great honor that we announce the newest sorority alums! We reached out to our newest grads and asked them what they gained from AXO, why they joined, and where they are headed after graduation. Join us in welcoming them to the alumnae sisterhood!



I joined Alpha Chi Omega to create friendships, take a step outside of my comfort zone, and have another opportunity to use and enhance my leadership skills. Through Alpha Chi, I have gained so many deep connections, made a million memories, and grown so much more in my self-confidence and leadership skills than I could ever imagine.

I will be teaching first grade next year in Garden City, Kansas.



Madeline Alexander

I joined Alpha Chi Omega because it instantly felt like home. It welcomed me with open arms and had the most genuine people. Joining Alpha Chi Omega I gained a family, friends I will keep for a lifetime and so many amazing memories.

After graduating I plan to move to Colorado and work as a Biomedical Engineer.



SHARON CAFFREY '70: ALPHA CHI GAVE ME LIFELONG SISTERS

I've formed lasting friendships with wonderful, educated women from all over the USA

Sharon Caffrey '70 (sharongcaffrey@gmail.com) remembers the day that she decided to join Alpha Chi Omega. "I felt comfortable with the members during rush week. I had no connections with members of any house when I went through Rush, so was able to make my own decision based on where I felt most comfortable."

Some of her best memories are of "Having heart to heart talks with friends in the luggage room! That's where we went when we needed privacy to discuss important decisions or happenings in our lives."

Caffrey says that Alpha Chi Omega has impacted her life long after graduation. "I learned life skills and leadership skills through offices held and responsibilities undertaken. I made lifelong friendships and reunite about yearly with Alpha Chi sisters. We make new memories and re-live old ones."

She says that giving back is crucial for her. "As a collegiate, I had an appreciation for alumni who contributed their time and talent to our chapter. I'm not close enough to a collegiate chapter to help in that way but I can help to support in other ways."

Without Alpha Chi Omega, I wouldn't have the life expanding experience of knowing and loving Janice, Marie, Sharon, Jana, Mary, Bev, Pat, Marsha, Ann, Shari, Rhonda, Judy, Sue, Janet, Suzie, Emily, Shirley, and so on!



Want to share your reason for giving?

Visit our website at

www.alphachiomegaksu.com,

click on the "News" tab and then

"Submit an update."

We'll share it in our next issue.

GRETCHEN BRANDT '64

I feel responsible for giving back to those who have gone before me

Gretchen Brandt '64 (rembrandtgb@gmail.com) has been closely tied to Alpha Chi Omega since graduation, so she understands the importance of giving back and continuing to support the girls in the house today. "Having always been blessed by standing on the shoulders/legacy of others, I feel responsible for giving back to those who have gone before me."

"We had a legacy of members who served in journalism. AX'S were well represented in the Royal Purple yearbook and on the staff of the campus newspaper. On the night when Nichols Hall caught fire, Judy Halblib (newspaper editor) was one of the first on the scene."

"Memories of days at Alpha Chi are continually shared as Sisters gather in Kansas City throughout the years."

"As President of the Kansas City Alumnae Chapter Mu Mu, Alpha Chi Sisters from various chapters gathered together to set up an endowed National Scholarship fund for Alpha Chi's throughout the nation as well as volunteering many hours for charity. As a result, Mu Mu was awarded the National Council trophy."

Brandt believes that if more alumnae gave back, "the world would be a better place."

Without Alpha Chi Omega, I wouldn't have the friendships I cherish over the years.

BERYL LOWERY-BORN '68

I want others to have the same beneficial experience that I did

Beryl (Bebo) Lowery-Born '68 (bloweryborn@gmail.com) decided to pledge to Alpha Chi Omega because she was a 'legacy'. The friendly girls set Alpha Chi Omega apart on KSU's campus during her stay there.

One of her favorite memories is "Friendship with sisters and great food."

Alpha Chi Omega left Lowery-Born with fundamental life skills. "I learned to get along with many different personalities, which is needed in a work environment."

She gives back because she wants to pass on the legacy of the sorority. "I want others to have the same beneficial experience that I did. Some students need the support that the sorority can give."

Without Alpha Chi Omega, I wouldn't have met some great people at KSU.

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?

SCAN ME



HERE IS HOW THE SISTERHOOD BENEFITS IF WE ALL STEPPED UP

With the beginning of a new school year comes a new class of Alpha Chi Omega sisters. Needless to say, our sisterhood is constantly growing!

Thanks to donations of both time and money by our sisters and alumni, we are able to keep the sisterhood strong throughout the years. We have put together a list of benefits that sisters, current and future, are able to enjoy when we choose to give back.

- 1 Networking:** Sororities have the ability to form connections like no other group. With members of all ages and stages of life, there is always a sister with the knowledge needed to help in any situation. A good chapter always keeps in touch with their alumni.
- 2 Lifelong Friends:** Not only are they able to help, but sisters are able to form a special bond through shared traditions. After countless professional and social events spent together, connections like these are often strong enough to last a lifetime.
- 3 Professional Skills:** Not only does the sorority help us form bonds, but it teaches us vital skills that will be crucial to future career success. Many alumni site these skills as their top reason for giving back to the sorority!
- 4 Social Events:** No matter how old you are, revisiting the old 'stomping grounds' to meet up with your old college friends is always a good time! With the Gamma Zeta Chapter, there will always be a group back at Kansas State University to visit. Whether it be homecoming, a football game, or an alumni reunion, Gamma Zeta Chapter alumni and sisters are present.



It is time we thank the sorority for all it has done for us. We give so that future generations can experience the same great benefits of sisterhood!

A LITTLE BIT OF
ALPHA CHI OMEGA HISTORY



Our sorority has had a long and noteworthy past. Although many of us finished our new member education many years ago, we thought it was time to share a few more fun facts about the history of Alpha Chi Omega.

- Although founded in 1885, the first national convention was not until 1891. It was held in two sisters' homes.
- There are almost 200 chapters across the United States.
- You can check out the digital archive collection on Alpha Chi Omega's site.
- Alpha Chi Omega is the 10th oldest sorority in America.

A Royal Purple Throwback

The Gamma Zeta Chapter Sixty Years Ago!

We recently spent some time exploring Gamma Zeta's history throughout the Royal Purple Yearbook archive. Check out these pages featuring the Alpha Chi Omega sorority from the 1962 edition!

Do you have any throwback photos or stories to share? Learn how to submit them at this webpage

alphachiomegaksu.givecloud.co/news/submit-an-update

Alpha Chi Omega—Top Row: Mrs. Cheryl Clingan, Jennifer E. Aldrin, Charlotte Anderson, Linda L. Arpey, Norma L. Banks, Marika K. Bell, Beverly G. Bernwell, Annette J. Beyer, Mary E. Bingle.

Second Row: Linda L. Birch, Bonnie B. Bonewitz, Barbara A. Call, L. Clare Cameron, Marilyn S. Callahan, Patricia Christensen, Carleen A. Conser, Dianne P. Courtney, Susan K. Derrick.

Third Row: Connie L. Dick, Kathleen A. Dickey, Sally J. Dickey, Janet R. Drapel, Judith A. Dressing, DeAnn Dunning, Linda K. Eton, Susan K. Fatha, Mary G. Faulstich.

Fourth Row: Phyllis K. Ferech, Virginia J. Gramme, Gretchen A. Gerster, Jeanette L. Harris, Sheila M. Hone, Janice M. Jans, Arlene K. Johnson, Linda A. Kraus, Gail M. Lake.

Bottom Row: Diane E. Lee, Shirley Lewandolsky, Martha E. Lewis, Linda E. Loughmiller, Susan K. Markin, Beverly J. McMaster, Linda M. Meyers, Janine T. Miletich, Jody A. Miller.



Ninety-eight chapters •
Founded DePauw University 1885 • Gamma Zeta chapter established 1947
• President: Vivian Patterson.

Hostesses for a Toad Road Trial breakfast and DePauw Diner banquet. Alpha Chi Omegas reside at 1855 Todd Rd.



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Alpha Chi's Maintain Leadership Positions

Scattering their leadership abilities in all phases of campus activities, the women of Alpha Chi Omega were officers in Phi Upsilon Omicron, Home Economics clubs, S.E.A., AWS and other organizations. Wearers of the Lyre were listed in Mortar Board, Chimes and Omicron Nu honoraries. Alpha Chi's won elected positions on school councils, Student Council and the Board of Student Publications.

Sigma Chi Derby Darling, Alpha Gamma Rho Sweetheart and four Angel Flight members were Alpha Chi residents. The social schedule listed the Peppermint Paradise Christmas party, pledge tea and the Golden Lyre spring ball. Alpha Chi's and their dates donned costumes for a Shipwreck party.



A shocking pink bathtub is worked into a dance routine as Alpha Chi Omegas practice for the Y-Orpheum production.

The choreography, involving a grape-stomping sequence, required many rehearsal hours before performance.



Alpha Chi Omega—Top Row: Patricia K. Miller, Gay A. Mizukine, Kathryn A. Moore, B. Kathleen Murphy, Sherrill A. Niles, Candora M. Nordb, Nola B. Pack, Jane A. Pardo.

Second Row: Vivian M. Patterson, Cheryl A. Power, Charlotte C. Rabe, Charlotte C. Rabe, Constance L. Rankin, Rita D. Smith, Beulah M. Starn, Mary A. Stoskopf, Frances K. Towser.

Third Row: Melanie J. Rullman, Sheila K. Sander, Nancy M. Schiller, Sandra K. Schurr, Rita D. Smith, Beulah M. Starn, Mary A. Stoskopf, Frances K. Towser.

Bottom Row: Sandra H. Twell, Mary A. Walton, Marilyn S. Webber, Patricia R. Webber, Marlene R. Willis, Rackell J. Winston, Jane P. Young, Ruth E. Zweggolt.

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