OMEGA GAZETTE
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Inside: Chapter Updates, Greek Awards and more
**Panhellenic Council**

The beginning of 2019 has been a roaring success for the Panhellenic Council. We started off the year with our eight members attending the Student Involvement Leaders Retreat where we interacted with other leaders and got the chance to build our leadership skills. In the first week of school, our Director of Recruitment Counselors, Jessica Lake, held interviews for potential recruitment counselors and invited 18 amazing women to aide potential new members through the formal recruitment process. In February, we had our Scholarship Dinner where we honored half of our community for their scholastic success. Our Director of Programming, Savannah Goodpasture, did an amazing job with this event, and two days later she joined our Vice President of Programming, Savannah Easterberg, has been working tirelessly to provide service events to our chapters and has more events to come! In March, we also held our first Panhellenic Mixer. Cassidy Copeland, Director of Greek Relations, planned a fun day of baseball and food.

March was a busy month for our council! In the first week, our Vice President of Internal Affairs, Abbi Whisler, held a training on the judicial processes that are vital to the workings of our council. We also had our first give-back day for our philanthropy, Circle of Sisterhood, with Wichita Nutrition. Our Director of Service, Savannah Easterberg, has been working tirelessly to provide service events to our chapters and has more events to come! In March, we also held our first Panhellenic Mixer. Cassidy Copeland, Director of Greek Relations, planned a fun day of baseball and food.

On April 1st registration for formal recruitment will open and we are so excited! Our recruitment team has been working hard, and for information on what we’re doing, check out the recruitment guide posted by our wonderful Director of Public Relations, Jenna Hainke! In it, you’ll find information about the chapters as well as about the formal recruitment process. The Panhellenic Council has more events in store for this semester, so stay tuned and we hope to see you soon!

**Interfraternity Council**

The interfraternity council is hard at work developing a new recruitment structure in order to increase both equity and retention in our chapters. The executive council is also working on projects such as the Conduct Board, scholarship recognition, and utilizing Volunteer ICT. Personally, I am working on bettering relations with other councils and non-Greek organizations on campus. Make sure to follow us on social media @wichitastateifc for more information and updates on what IFC has in store for you over these upcoming months!
MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Multicultural Greek Council continues our tradition of excellence while celebrating 10 years as one council! This semester started off with recognizing the phenomenal work of our council members at the 2018 Greek Awards where we had members of the MGC community winning 11 awards which included the Outstanding Advisor Award, the Dottie C. Miller Award, the Mortar Board Legacy Award, the Outstanding New Member Award, Greek Woman of the Year, Outstanding Philanthropic Award, 1 Rhatigan Silver Standard of Fraternal Excellence Award, 4 Rhatigan Gold Standard of Fraternal Excellence Award, and both Fraternity Chapter of the Year and Sorority Chapter of the year for the second year in a row!

Even with such success, we are making sure to continue growing our council through improving communication and cooperation. In order to achieve this goal, we’ve held various council events this semester which included an MGC Town Hall for all of our council members to voice their concerns for the council and how we should move forward together, the MGC Informational with a few changes to move towards a more engaging environment, and an MGC Mixer where we had council members enjoy food while playing games and learning more about one another! We hope to continue this growth together to have a council which truly embodies our motto of “One Council, One Voice” especially with the MGC Quad’s completion nearing and acting as a physical representation of our one council.

NPC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Cydnee Durk
KKG COB New Member Spring 2019

Hometown: Jefferson City, MO
Age: 18
Major: Nursing
Fun fact: She lived in Europe for 3 years!

Cydnee says: “I chose to join a sorority because it was always a cliché thing I saw in all of the movies, and I knew I wanted to be involved in college. It was also for my mom because she went to a community college and didn’t really get involved there. I figured I’d give her a legacy even if I had to start it for her. I knew I wanted to be involved in college. When I decided to transfer to Wichita State, I had told all my friends that this was going to be my chance to actually be in a sorority. A friend in Kappa at a different university recommended I look into joining the organization. She said I’d be a great fit and that it’d be worth it. So I looked into it, liked the philanthropic views and ideas and knew I had to give it a shot. My favorite thing I like about Greek life is the connections I’ve made. At my last college, I felt so alone and isolated. Coming to Wichita State and being a part of Greek life has given me so many new friends and given me opportunities to enjoy myself. Being a Kappa gave me a family and a place I can feel like I belong.”
Happy Spring, Shockers! Fraternity and Sorority Life has had a busy and successful spring semester so far. We started the semester by adding an additional staff member to our team. Victor Cimino came to us from Kansas State University. He is a proud member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and served as a founder for his chapter at the University of South Florida. Victor is currently advising the Interfraternity Council while Rani continues to advise the Multicultural Greek Council and the Panhellenic Council. We are excited to have a full staff working with our Fraternity and Sorority Life community.

Our organizations started the semester by participating in a variety of WelcomeFest activities in January to meet new students on campus and connect with current students. Fraternity and Sorority Life ventured to Indianapolis, Indiana in February to attend the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values Conference. We brought 11 students from all three councils and joined over 3,600 students in attendance at the conference to learn about ways to make our community better and how to be more effective in their leadership abilities. The students who attended were able to meet fellow leaders from across the country. Also in February, we hosted a successful New member Greek Academy for roughly 75 new members, where we discussed our values, the history of our chapters, and how to be the best member possible. We look forward to our next New Member Greek Academy in September!

On March 4, Fraternity and Sorority Life hosted the Annual Greek Awards. Many new awards were added this year to provide more opportunities for our chapters to be recognized. We awarded over $4,500 worth of scholarships and handed out 11 individual awards and 9 chapter awards. Our Outstanding Fraternity of the Year was awarded to the Delta Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and our Outstanding Sorority of the Year was awarded to the Alpha Theta Chapter of Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. We are proud of all of our chapters and their accomplishments in 2018. 2019 saw the creation of our new Rhatigan Standards of Excellence, which is a chapter accreditation program that all of our chapters will participate in and we look forward to seeing how they do in 2019.

Spring is often a busy time in our community and we encourage all of our students to practice healthy self-care and to take time for themselves as they maintain their busy schedules. We anticipate many amazing events to happen in the remainder of the semester and we cannot wait to be a part of it!

As Shockers Together,
Gabriel, Rani and Victor
Chapter Updates

Alpha Phi
The ladies of Alpha Phi are thrilled to be back in school and with our sisters! In February, we kicked off the month with our annual Go Red Week. Alpha Phi’s Go Red Week is a week full of events that raise awareness for heart health and heart disease. Our week consisted of an exciting Zumba night, a fun vegetable eating contest, a wonderful give-back night at Doc Greens, and we hosted our first ever Pie-A-Phi event! We absolutely love raising awareness for women’s heart health. Towards the end of February, we also hosted a 70s Skate & Date event at Carousel Skate Center! We had a groovy time and truly had some disco PHI'ver! In March, we came together for our Sisterhood retreat, where we strengthened our relationships with our sisters. We are excited for the rest of the semester and we look forward to all the events going on in the Greek community!

Delta Delta Delta
The ladies of Tri Delta have had a busy first few months of school and are excited to see what the rest of the semester holds! We started off the semester by attending the PC Scholarship Dinner, where our chapter was awarded “Most Improved GPA”. Throughout the month of February, our members celebrated self love and sisterhood through various events, ranging from a Galentine’s day bonding event to a Zumba class with alumna members. In March, we held our annual chapter retreat, where members were encouraged to love one another and be their authentic selves. The month of March also kicked off our annual Sincerely Yours letter writing campaign. Throughout this campaign, members wrote to friends and family members asking for donations to our national philanthropy, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital. During midterms, our members de-stressed by attending Academic Week activities each evening. These activities ranged from a stress ball-making party to a Bohemian Rhapsody movie night. Over Spring Break, our members traveled around the world, visiting places like Ireland, New York, and Washington D.C.. We wrapped up the month by holding our annual Fat Talk Free Week, which is an event that celebrates the inner beauty and strengths of all women. We can’t wait to see you all later this month at our annual Putt for a Cure mini golf tournament and Greeks for St Jude competition!
Chapter Updates

Delta Gamma
Our DeeGee sisters are swinging into the spring semester and have had a great first few weeks of class! In February, we honored our members’ success at the Panhellenic Scholarship Celebration where we received Panhellenic Highest Overall GPA of 2018 and Panhellenic Highest Active Member GPA of 2018. Also in February, our chapter leaders traveled to our Executive Office in Ohio and attended the Delta Gamma Institute. We learned so much and are so excited to strengthen our sisterhood! Looking ahead into the next few months, we are gearing up for lots of fun and philanthropy. Our annual Anchor Splash and Bash philanthropy event is this April, and all proceeds will benefit Heather’s Camp, Inc. and The Delta Gamma Foundation. It is going to be a great semester, and we look forward to all the exciting things to come!

Gamma Phi Beta
So far, this semester has been fantastic for Gamma Phi Beta! The weekend after classes began, our new Executive Council was quick to take the opportunity to refine their leadership skills by attending the REAL Leadership Conference in Chicago. While there, they set important goals for our chapter that they brought back to us to strengthen our sisterhood. In addition, our chapter has recently implemented a new academics program that has been working well for our members, as it encourages accountability and academic excellence. With that, we are proud to have been awarded Highest New Member GPA and Highest Overall GPA for Fall 2018 at the Panhellenic Council Scholarship Celebration! We are also elated to have been the winners of WSU’s Homecoming Week, with our own member Beth Francis taking the crown for Homecoming Queen. In mid-February, we had a fun and meaningful sisterhood event filled with several bonding activities. Plus, in honor of the 60th anniversary of our Beta Chi chapter, we held a grand celebration! Members of our alumnae chapter and current active members spent the evening at River City Brewing enjoying the bonds of our eternal sisterhood. We can’t wait for the many years to come. We have recently implemented a pen pal program with our local philanthropy, the Heartspring C.A.R.E. Program. Some of our upcoming events we’re excited for are our annual Family Day, Grilled Cheese with GPhiBs to benefit Heartspring C.A.R.E. Program, and competing in Hippodrome with the True Gentlemen of Sigma Alpha Epsilon!

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.
Spring 2019 has gotten off to a great start for the Alpha Alpha Chapter. Our Blooming Zeta Class have really hit the ground running and taken on new leadership roles. We could not be prouder of them. Apart from that we have been focusing on our Emerald Group at Pleasant Valley Middle School. The girls are really sweet and it is incredible to get to act as mentors to them.
Chapter Updates

Farmhouse
The Wichita State Chapter of FarmHouse has had a busy first half of our semester, and we're excited to share a little bit about what we're doing. The Total Member Education (TME) program continues to grow and be an excellent way for members to learn and engage with one another. The Total Member Education program is a program in which we present a new relevant topic every other week. This month, we’ve talked about professional dress, as well as different faiths and spiritualities. Our goal is for our total member education program to reinforce the four pillars of growth upon which FarmHouse was founded: spiritually, socially/morally, physically, and intellectually. Our chapter was fortunate enough to recently win the Outstanding Fraternity GPA award, at Greek Awards, and cannot wait to continue our trend of Academic Excellence!

Kappa Kappa Gamma
Kappa Kappa Gamma started off the spring semester with Continuous Open Bidding ready to add more caring, authentic, and empowering women to our sisterhood. We hosted a blanket tying event where our sisters and potential new members tied and donated blankets to the Wichita Children’s Home. At our next event to meet new women, we crafted valentines to give to the Greek community. After these events, we welcomed home seven new members on our Camp Kappa themed Bid Day! Also early in the month, we recognized one another at the Panhellenic Scholarship Dinner. We are so proud of our scholarly sisters! The following weekend, five of our members attended Kappa Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas where they met sisters from all over U.S. as well as Canada. Our sisters learned about team-building, being authentically confident, overcoming obstacles and many more inspiring topics they are putting into practice. In the latter half of February, we crafted a painting mixer and had a blast with the men of Sigma Lambda Beta. We also had a lot of fun and gained important knowledge from a self-defense sisterhood with Cindy from Fearless and Female. In March, Kappa celebrated Dr. Seuss Day by volunteering the day at Oaklawn Elementary and reading with students, playing Seuss inspired bingo, and meeting our pen pals we write to throughout the year! We also celebrated Greeks’ successes at Greek Awards. Congratulations to every chapter on your magnificent achievements! We kicked off the last half of the semester with Big/Little reveal for our new members! Later in the week, we had a fantastic time at the PC mixer with our PC sisters and at our trampoline park mixer with Sigma Phi Epsilon. Kappa is ecstatic to take the stage with the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon for Hippodrome in April! The last week of March, we celebrated the days leading up to initiation for our new members with various sisterhood events and finally welcomed these genuine women into the sisterhood of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We are all so excited to see what the rest of the year brings!
Phi Delta Theta
The spring semester is in full swing at Phi Delta Theta. We are thrilled to be partnered with the women of Delta Delta Delta for Hippodrome and cannot wait to share the stage with them! Phi Delta Theta is proud to announce that three of our brothers received high campus honors. Tommy Schmidt, former president, was named Greek Man of the Year. Ames Castelli was named Craig Barton Outstanding Sophomore. Connor Brungardt was named Outstanding New Member. These brothers have made an indelible difference to our chapter and in the Greek community. Go Shocks!

Chi Sigma Tau National Fraternity, Inc.
For the year of 2018, we had hosted a variety of events. Last fall, we hosted our first quesadilla food feed fundraiser entitled, “Chi-sadilla” which raised over $1,000. Not only that, but in our 4th annual year hosting our Stroll for Tomorrow event; we managed to raise over $1,000 for our local Alzheimer’s Association. As a chapter, we’ve learned that expanding our presence on campus while hosting meaningful events would be one of our largest areas to improve on while strengthening our most important value: Eternal Brotherhood.

Monday, April 22nd - Friday, April 26th: Green Week
Saturday, June 8th: Miss Vietnam Wichita

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.
The Rho Beta Chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Incorporated is excited to announce the inaugural Dream Run race which will raise funds for undocumented students at Wichita State University. This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday April 6th, 2019 at 9am on the Innovation Campus. In addition, we will be having our 2nd annual Protect Your Balls Dodgeball Tournament which will generate funds for testicular cancer research. Furthermore, we are implementing a self-care month dedicated to the well being of our members. The month of March will be filled with events addressing depression, anxiety, addiction and self care. It will be an extraordinary opportunity to further nurture the brotherhood bond among all members as well!
Chapter Updates

**Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.**
Sigma Psi Zeta started off the spring semester strong by representing at the Women’s March and demonstrating a powerful stepping routine. We also tabled at many school events including Multicultural Greek Council Informational and Spring Fest, where we advertised our new member recruitment week. During Lunar New Year, we collaborated with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to hold an event with several other organizations. To end off February, Sigma Psi Zeta hosted a Valentine’s Day Bake Sale and a Zumba event.

April 18, 12PM, Red Flag Campaign

April 20, 7-11AM, Rise and Shine

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**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**
Since the beginning of the spring semester, we have been very active on campus and within the community. In January, we helped host our Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration. At the beginning of February, we traveled to Pittsburg, Kansas for our Kansas District Convention. In the following weeks, we helped host the first annual ICT Black Men Conference at Newman University, as well as attend Black Student Union’s 2nd Annual Ebony Ball. Towards the end of February, we held our informational for Stroll Like an Alpha, and have created teams for the competition for our annual event.

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**Muslimahs 4 Change**
Muslimahs 4 Change is a Multicultural Greek Council interest group. We have spent Spring 2019 volunteering in the community, working on internal growth, and developing our professional skills, such as public speaking and creating impactful presentations. We began the semester with Springfest and fundraised with our women’s empowerment buttons. We had the pleasure of celebrating World Hijab Day on the Wichita State campus on February 1st by teaching the community about the hijab, or head scarf, and what it symbolizes.
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
Zeta Beta chapter president Soror Raven Hodges had the opportunity to attend the KCK Alumnae chapters Rededication Luncheon. The speaker of the ceremony was the Central Regions Regional Director, Soror Jackie Dillard.

April 7-12 Delta Week

Lambda Pi Upsilon Sorority, Latinas Poderosas Unidas, Inc.
LPIU has been working hard in planning events and giving back to our community. Recently we have hosted a Loteria Night, where we played a traditional Mexican game of chance similar to bingo. We also sold Cake Pops to raise money for a little girl who was diagnosed as cancer free but the medicine to help her stay cancer free cost more than her parents could afford. We can’t wait until the rest of the semester!

Chipotle Fundraiser April 4
Miss Mechanic April 17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
October 20th we volunteered at the pumpkin run as the spirit squad. November 16th we celebrated caregivers and we made a goodie bag and dropped it off to our sorority sister who was a caregiver. November 16th we celebrated the arts by attending our sorority sisters dance performance for the Kansas Dance Company. February 1st we held a Pink Goes Red tabling event where we gave information regarding heart health.
GREEK AWARD WINNERS

2018 Outstanding Fraternity New Member
Connor Brungardt, Phi Delta Theta

2018 Outstanding Sorority New Member
Ana Barbara Hernandez, Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

2018 Dottie C. Miller Award
Theresa Doan, Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

2018 Outstanding Fraternity GPA
Farmhouse
GREEK AWARD WINNERS

2018 Outstanding Sorority GPA
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

2018 Outstanding Philanthropy Program
Breakfast Burrito Feed, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

2018 Outstanding New Member Education Program
Delta Gamma

2018 Christine Schneikart-Luebbe MGC Camaraderie Award
Gamma Phi Beta
GREEK AWARD WINNERS

2018 Panhellenic Council Outstanding Sisterhood Award
Gamma Phi Beta

2018 Gamma Phi Beta Greek Unity Award
Lynn Nguyen, Alpha Phi

2018 Outstanding Advisor Award
Danielle Johnson

2018 Interfraternity Council Award for Innovative Programming
Diversity Task Force, Delta Gamma
GREEK AWARD WINNERS

2018 Mortar Board Legacy Award: Fraternity
Alex Ibarra, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

2018 Mortar Board Legacy Award: Sorority
Kellie Deutsch, Delta Gamma

2018 Dr. Sam Cohlmia Outstanding Greek Man of the Year
Thomas Schmidt, Phi Delta Theta

2018 Dr. Sam Cohlmia Outstanding Greek Woman of the Year
Ashruta Acharya, Sigma Psi Zeta, Inc.
GREEK AWARD WINNERS

2018 Craig Barton Outstanding Fraternity Sophomore Award
Ames Castelli, Phi Delta Theta

2018 Craig Barton Outstanding Sorority Sophomore Award
Maddie Bruun, Gamma Phi Beta

2018 Rhatigan Legacy Award, Outstanding Fraternity Award
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Delta Mu Chapter

2018 Rhatigan Legacy Award, Outstanding Sorority Award
Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Theta Chapter
Upcoming Events

April

7-13: Hippodrome
9: Hippodrome Dress Rehearsal
9: Wishes for Wesley, 11am-1pm
10: SAC: Performance in the Plaza, 12-3pm
10: Hippodrome Night 1, 7pm
11: Hippodrome
11: Hippodrome Night 2, 7pm
12: Shocker Leadership Award Packets Due
13: Hippodrome Final
Performances/Awards, 3pm
14-20: National Volunteer Week
18: Chapter Advisor Meeting, 5:30pm
20: SAC: Spring Family Carnival,
1-4pm Metroplex
25: Chapter Presidents Meeting, 6pm
27: SAC: Spring Family Carnival Rain Date
1-4pm, Metroplex
27: 10th Annual Shock the Yard Step Show,
7pm, Koch Arena

May

2: SAC: Paint Night, 7pm & 9pm
6-9: Finals Frenzy
6-10: Food for fines, SGA
6: SAC: DIY Succulents, 10:30am
7: SAC: Tie-Dye Tuesday, 10:30 am
7: SAC: Trivia night (Pop Culture), 7pm
8: SAC: Pet A Pup, 10:30am-1pm
8: RSO: Shocker Leadership Awards, 5:30pm

MGC Meetings
Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
RSC 203

IFC Meetings
Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.
RSC 202

PC Meetings
Fridays, 2:15 p.m.
RSC 202
PERFORMANCE IN THE PLAZA
WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH
12:00 P.M.
PLAZA OF HEROINES
Performance in the Plaza brings dance, music, and performance art to Wichita State. This event will immerse students into many different styles of art.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
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SHOCK THE YARD
STEP SHOW 10

TICKETS ON SALE NOW APRIL 27, 2019 7 P.M. | CHARLES KOCH ARENA
Regular Ticket - $10 Day of Show - $15
March 4 - April 26 April 27
Tickets will be sold in the Student Involvement Office or at the Koch Arena Ticket Office

For more information, contact greeklife@wichita.edu or at 316.978.3022
Hippodrome
91st Annual Skit & Variety Show Competition

Opening Performances
Wednesday, April 10
Thursday, April 11
6:00 P.M. | CAC Theater

Final Performance & Awards Night
Saturday, April 13
3:00 P.M. | CAC Theater

Saturday Emcee
Andrew Tufano

For ticket information, visit
Wichita.edu/Hippodrome.