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The mission of Kappa Epsilon is to unite pharmacy students, faculty, and alumni dedicated to empower its members to achieve personal and professional competence, to develop leaders within the profession and community, and to provide professional and philanthropic services.



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# NOURISHING KE

Dear Kappa Epsilon Members,

It was an honor to be with you during my induction as President at the 54th National Convention in Pittsburgh.

To see our Grand Chapter together in one room was amazing after the COVID-19 pandemic. It reminded me why the KE Bond is “as strong as steel.” We all left convention with the task of making sure each member of Kappa Epsilon feel **SEEN**. I challenged Grand Council, each collegiate and alumni chapter, and every member to focus on the SEEN pillars throughout the biennium:



**NIKKINA HANKINS, PHARM.D., BCACP**  
Grand President 2023 - 2025

**Sustain** momentum to ignite continued expansion of fraternity

**Encourage** philanthropic, fraternal, & professional initiatives to increase chapter engagement & member retention

**Enhance** leadership development and succession planning for Grand Council leadership

**Nourish** relationships between collegiate and alumni members.

For my first President's Corner, I want to highlight the last pillar. Each Grand Council member serves as a Grand Council Connection to 4-5 collegiate chapters. We nourish this relationship throughout the biennium. We have virtual conference calls and visitations with these chapters. We also provide advice when chapters have questions on chapter management. One of my favorite parts of being a Grand Council Connection is hearing why did members join the fraternity. Everyone has a different story but they often all end the same: that the members of KE made them feel seen and at home. Let's all nourish our relationships with our chapter members and local alumni. Feel free to share your stories on how you nourish your KE Bonds on our social media!

In the Bond,

*Nikkina*

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# MENTAL HEALTH AT THE FOREFRONT

For those that I have not met yet, I am the new VP of Communications for the 2023-2025 Biennium. I grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida and completed my undergraduate studies and pharmacy school in Gainesville, Florida at the University of Florida. I've recently moved to Kansas City, Kansas as an aspiring leader, excited and ready to complete my residency here in a new state. If I have learned anything about myself in these past few months of moving to Kansas City, I realized that my mental health was rapidly declining.



**SHANE ARTILES, PHARM.D**  
Vice President of Communication

In what seemed like a flurry of emotions and burnout, I realized that I was not in a good headspace and I did not feel like myself anymore. I took a good look in the mirror and assessed what needed to be changed in order for me to feel like my true, thriving self. A lot has changed for me in the month of October, but luckily I have started to feel like myself again! I have made changes in my life and decided to change my career path in pharmacy. I am excited to see what the future holds for me as a leader in the community pharmacy realm!

I encourage everyone that is reading this to remember to take accountability of your own mental health. You are the only person who truly knows what is going on in your head and you are the only person that can decide to make changes for the better and ask for help when needed. Remember that you have people around you that are potentially going through or have gone through what you may currently be feeling. Don't be afraid to reach out to your trusted brothers and sisters to ask for advice and their perspective on how you have been doing.

I want to thank all of my close friends, brothers, and sisters that have all been angels on my shoulder throughout this whole process to help me realize that I was not in the best mental headspace. Without these key people in my life, I would still be in mental turmoil and for that, I am grateful.



# KE CONNECTIONS

Greetings from South Carolina! For those of you that I might not have had the opportunity to meet, my name is CharLeigh Steverson and I serve as National Grand Council Secretary for the 2023-2025 biennium. I'm currently a final year student pharmacist at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy.

The past handful of months have been packed full of new experiences as I continue to complete my APPE rotations. I've been so thankful that my college allows us to complete our experiential rotations anywhere we can imagine! As I contemplate my current interests of compounding, association management, long term care, and policy and advocacy, I oftentimes struggle with deciding what direction to go in when I graduate. It can be overwhelming to be faced with all these decisions and application deadlines. So many of peers know exactly what they want to do and I'm happy for them... But the "what are your plans after graduation" question can be daunting for those of us that have yet to decide.

It's hard not to let the circling thoughts get in the way of enjoying the journey that is P4 year. Switching my mindset from "I have to have everything figured out right now" to "I'll end up where I'm supposed to be" has become so freeing. It's okay to not know exactly what you want to do or if there's 5 different things that you want to do! That's the beauty of the PharmD! You can enjoy many different facets of the profession and excel at them with the same degree.

Throughout school, you can get easily swept up in comparing yourself to classmates or searching for validation in titles or accolades. Just remember to take care of yourself, find time to do the things that make you happy, and spend time with those that build you up. It's okay to have "bad days" or temporary feelings of doubt. Just remember that this is YOUR future, no one else's. Lastly, make the most of your time as a student because it will surely fly by. Use every day as an opportunity to learn something new and take it all in.



**CHARLEIGH STEVERSON**  
Grand Secretary



# 2023 LINDA T. RODGERS MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT

**BY CHRISTINE (KRISSY) BRYANT**

Immediate Past President

**Petra Schultz**, PharmD, was selected as the 2023 Linda T Rodgers Memorial Award recipient by Kappa Epsilon's Grand Council. The award was presented during a lunch at the 54th National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Linda T Rodgers Memorial Award was established in 1985 to honor a Kappa Epsilon member who best exemplifies Linda's characteristics of leadership, dedication, diplomacy, friendship, and inspiration to others to attain higher goals and achievements. Linda Rodgers served as KE Grand Council President from 1981 to 1984, and resigned due to health problems. Later that year, Linda died of breast cancer. This dynamic woman, whose motto was "Do it till they tell you, you can't" influenced many people during her lifetime. During odd numbered years, this award is presented to an alumni member during the National Convention.



Petra Schultz, Kappa

Nominated by several of her peers, Dr. Schultz is still remembered by many alumni as a "pharmacist facing the world". She is an active past president and a tirelessly promoting Kappa Epsilon's mission. She is known for her hard work, loyalty, and dedication both within Kappa Epsilon, as well the profession of pharmacy. Past Presidents have looked to Petra as someone who exemplifies the core characteristics of this award. She is always available to mentor, to be forward thinking, to bounce ideas and help address core issues as they arise. Her skills in communication and diplomacy have guided many of us alumni members through difficult situations.

Dr. Schultz is currently the Editor in Chief of Micromedex® by Merative. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Florida State University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. Her training continued with the completion of ASHP-accredited residencies in Pharmacy Practice and Drug Information Practice at University Medical Center (Jacksonville) and Shands Jacksonville, now part of UF Health. Dr. Schultz has 25 years of experience in healthcare, focused in drug information, therapeutic policy management, and healthcare information technology. Dr. Schultz's personal interests include travel, hiking, skiing, yoga, and appreciation of all kinds of music.

It was an absolute honor to surprise Dr. Schultz with this award during the luncheon on Thursday, July 27th in Pittsburgh. She fully exemplifies Linda's characteristics and reminds all of our members to continue striving for more, both professionally and personally.

# 2023 KE/MERCK VANGUARD LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

**BY ROSALIE SAGRAVES**

Vice President, Kappa Epsilon Foundation

**Theresa Wells Tolle**, BSP Pharm, FAPhA, is the 2023 recipient of the KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award, which is awarded annually by the Kappa Epsilon Foundation. She received the award during the Kappa Epsilon Professional Pharmacy Fraternity (KE) Breakfast at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting in Phoenix on March 25, 2023. The KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award was established in 1989 to recognize exemplary pharmacist leaders who are KE members. Merck & Co., Inc. supports the award. It is awarded annually to an alum member who has made sustained exemplary contributions to their area of practice, professional associations, regulatory bodies, or pharmacy education with a focus on practice, teaching/mentoring, scholarship/innovation, community/professional service, recognition by peers/awards, and how the nominee embodies the ideals of KE in their career.



Theresa Wells Tolle, Kappa

Tolle is a 1988 graduate of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy where she was inducted into the Kappa Chapter of KE. She is the owner of the Bay Street Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy located in Sebastian, Florida, that focuses on various patient care services including counseling, medication therapy management, immunizations, pharmacogenomics testing, compounding, etc. She also has practice experience in chain, long term care (consultant) and hospital pharmacy.

Tolle has been extensively involved in local, state, and national pharmacy associations. She concluded her presidential year as APhA president during the 2023 APhA Annual Meeting and currently serves as past-president. She has served APhA in other capacities such as trustee, speaker-elect/speaker of the House of Delegates, various House committees, and APhA-APPM Community & Ambulatory chair. Additional national professional involvement includes membership and committee work with the National Community Pharmacy Association (NCPA), Cardinal Health National Advisory Board, etc. She has served as president of the Florida Pharmacy Association and the Brevard County Pharmacy Association, and as treasurer of the Florida Pharmacy Political Action Committee. Some professional awards Tolle has received include the University of Florida College of Pharmacy Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award, Florida Pharmacy Association Bowl of Hygeia Award, APhA Fellow, APhA Good Government Pharmacist of the Year Award, NCPA Preceptor of the Year Award, and Cardinal Health's Ken Wurster Community Leadership Award.



Rosalie Sagraves (L) presenting the KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award to Theresa on behalf of the Kappa Epsilon Foundation.

Tolle's nominator for the KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award stated that "there are many examples of how Theresa exemplifies all of the focus areas of this award as noted by the mentorship/teaching recognition above, her practice, community/professional services, recognition by peers, and she has been recognized by the KE Chapter at the University of Florida, selecting her as Woman Pharmacist of the Year."

### **HISTORY TIDBITS**

## **KE & THE AMERICAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION**

**METTA LOU HENDERSON, SIGMA**

Past Grand President

The American Pharmacist Association (APhA) (formerly the American Pharmaceutical Association) was founded in 1852. As the number of women pharmacists increased, they became involved in APhA and formed the Women's Section from 1912 until 1922. Both women pharmacists and wives of pharmacists belonged. Beginning in 1917, the section was very informed in working to found Kappa Epsilon in 1921. Zada Cooper was very involved in APhA, beginning in 1912.

Soon, more KE's became involved in many activities. It is impossible to list every KE that presented papers, had posters, served on committees and the various interest groups, often serving as the chairman. KE was asked our opinions on the various important topics being discussed in the House of Delegates.

1980 was a very special year for KE members to hold three major offices in APhA. Mary Munson Runge (Honorary) holds three firsts for the organization. She was the first woman, first African American and the first community pharmacist to serve as president. In addition, Marjorie Moburg Coghill (Gamma) was the first woman to serve as honorary president. Lucinda Maine (Phi) was the president of the Student APhA (now ASP). To celebrate these women, a special luncheon was held in their honor at that 1980 APhA meeting in Washington DC.

In addition to Mary, other KE's serving as president include Marily Harper Rhudy (Honorary), Winne Landis (Pi), Marialice Bennett (Epsilon), Jenelle Sobotka (Gamma), Kelly Goode (Tau) and Nicki Hillard (Alpha Theta). In 2021, Sandra Leal (honorary) served as president, along with Theresa Tolle (Kappa) as president-elect. During the 2022-2023 year, KE's held all three of the presidential offices with Theresa as president, Sandra as past-president and Valerie Prince (Alpha Delta) as president-elect. She is now serving as president.

## **HISTORY TIDBITS**

The criteria for Honorary President is an APhA member who has made significant contributions to the organization. Besides Marjorie, six KE's have received this honor - Louise Schmitz Kortz (Alpha), Gloria Niemeyer Francke (Pi), Mary Louise Andersen (Omicron), Hazel Pipkin (Xi) and Metta Lou Henderson (Sigma).

During the annual meetings, KE has held special events. First in 1933 and then starting in 1955, and except for 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic and no APhA meeting in person, KE has held a breakfast, luncheon, or reception. At the 2022 meeting a special breakfast was held to celebrate the 100th anniversary. Everyone liked the breakfast, resulting in the decision to host a breakfast each year. In 1971, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of KE, we had a booth in the exhibit hall. Beginning in 1985, except for 2020 and 2021, a booth can be found in the exhibit hall.

Many KE's have been active in leadership roles in APhA and/or received awards for service to the organization. This continues each year. It is time to celebrate our past and build for our future involvement.

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Career Achievement Award - Honors a KE alumni member for their professional accomplishments. The deadline for this award has been extended to align with the PFA Career Achievement Award application. Nominations are due by April 1.

Linda T. Rodgers Memorial Award - Honors a KE member exemplifying leadership, dedication, diplomacy, friendship, and inspiration to others. In 2024, this \$200 award will be presented to a collegiate member. Nominations are due by May 15.

Nellie Wakeman Fellowship - Awarded to a KE member in good financial standing with the Fraternity and who is in their final year of or completed the Pharm.D. program. Applications are due by May 1.

A full listing and description of all awards can be found at [kappaepsilon.org/awards](https://kappaepsilon.org/awards).

Attending college remains a privilege, and one that comes at a cost. Scholarships play a key role in the ability of many KE members to achieve their educational goals. When you give to the Fraternity or Foundation, you provide the resources KE needs today to ensure we're prepared to meet the needs of tomorrow. Donate to the Fraternity or Foundation today!

Interested KE members who are seeking a scholarship should visit [kappaepsilon.org/scholarships](https://kappaepsilon.org/scholarships) to learn more about the requirements, deadlines, and how to apply.

# KAPPA EPSILON 54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

## THE BOND STRONG AS STEEL

### PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

**Over 135** KEs descended on the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square for the 54th Biennial Convention. Attendees had the opportunity to meet Grand Council and other members from across the country. KE delegates throughout the three business sessions voted on key changes to the Bylaws and considered legislative proposals to further the work and progress of the Fraternity.

Throughout Convention, attendees were able to expand their personal and professional development with keynote speakers, including Kim Broedel-Zaugg, RPh, MBA, PhD, Sandra Leal, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, Linda McElhiney, PharmD, RPh, FAPC, FACA, FASHP, Dr. Marilyn K. Speedie, and Dr. Tiffany Hatcher. Collegiate attendees were able to have intentional conversations about recruitment, chapter operations, regional retreat planning, and best practices.

Attendees honored those members who have passed in the last biennium, recognized the achievements of collegiate and alumni, and celebrated a momentous 100 year milestone. Convention concluded with installation of the 2023-2025 Grand Council and Rededication Ceremony.

1. Chapter award recipients!
2. Meet & Greet with Grand Council.
3. Newly installed 2023-2025 Grand President, Dr. Nikkina Hankins.



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# 100th Anniversary Gala

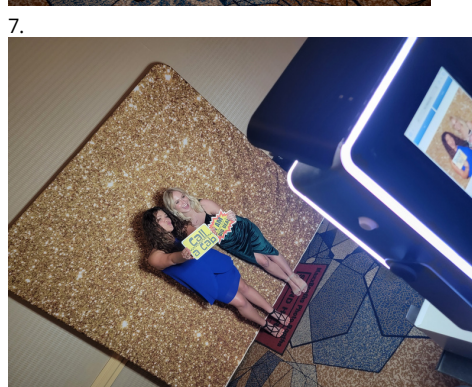


Attendees had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 100 years of KE Friday evening. It was an evening highlighting KEs incredible impact on the pharmacy industry, dancing, food, and fun!

This evening could not have happened without the thoughtful planning by the 100 Year Gala Committee.



1. Convention attendees commemorating 100 years!
2. Past Grand Presidents in attendance.
3. A formal dinner was served for the attendees.
4. Members had the opportunity to meet KEs.
5. A balloon arch was the perfect entry into the ballroom.
6. The dance floor was packed and spilled out into a conga line.
7. A photo booth was just one way attendees captured their memories.



CONVENTION

COLLEGIATE RECAP

GABRIELLE ORTIZ

Kappa Chapter

As a first-generation college graduate from what is called "Little Puerto Rico," Florida, I always wanted to improve the health of my community members and empower them to take control of their health outcomes. I sought out pharmacy as a way to help underserved communities like my own. When I moved away for pharmacy school, I was looking for an organization that would embrace and celebrate diversity and take people as they were. This is where I found Kappa Epsilon.

Starting pharmacy school in 2021, I felt a bit lost and almost hopeless for the future, as finding community seemed difficult enough due to the pandemic. I was encouraged to try looking into the fraternities on campus by a close friend, and the amazing people that I met during my time rushing Kappa Epsilon at the University of Florida were enough to keep me going. I found a place where I belonged, a mission that aligned with my own, and a passion for philanthropy that could not be matched elsewhere. My love for KE and Kappa chapter has changed my journey through pharmacy for the better.

When the time to decide who would attend the 54th KE Convention came up, I decided to run as a delegate because I wanted to connect with the brothers and sisters of this organization on a deeper level, and to my surprise, I was chosen to attend! Bright-eyed and bushy tailed, I packed up my suitcase and got on a plane to head to Pittsburgh, PA. At the convention, I got to meet so many other passionate members, both collegiate and alumni, and it further instilled in me the reasons I wanted to go. We attended business sessions, collegiate meetings, an awards ceremony, social events where we got to do activities that would engage us with alumni and Grand Council members, and so much more.



Gabrielle (on right) and Sophia Garcia representing Kappa Chapter.

I have a plethora of favorite memories from convention that I could probably write a dissertation on and if I wrote about all of the remarkable people I met, it would turn into the length of Don Quixote, the novel.

I have two events from KE's 54th National convention that could be tied for first place in my mind for my favorite: the 100th Anniversary Gala or the Rededication Ceremony. Although the Gala was way too much fun, the food was amazing, and the vibes were immaculate, I think the essence of the Rededication Ceremony is the reason it has become my favorite event. Knowing that all of the people in that room were willing to rededicate themselves to Kappa Epsilon no matter how much time had passed since their initiation was incredibly inspirational. It reminds me that there is always a community where I look for it, and that no matter where I end up, I think, therefore I am.

# CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS!

Every biennium, KE celebrates and honors members for supporting Kappa Epsilon and positively impacting their communities. While there are thousands of members making a difference, KE wants to send a special congratulations to the 2021-2023 award recipients. These awards celebrate philanthropic service, academic success and overall achievement, among other categories. KE is proud to present the following individuals and chapters an award for their contributions in this past biennium.

## CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

### *Outstanding Chapter*

2021 - 2022: Beta Tau, University of South Florida  
 2021 - 2022 Honorable Mention: Mu, University of Kansas  
 2022 - 2023: Alpha Epsilon, University of Louisiana - Monroe  
 2022 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Tau, Virginia Commonwealth University

### *Outstanding New Member Recruitment*

2021 - 2022: Alpha Lambda, University of South Carolina  
 2021 - 2022 Honorable Mention: Beta Pi, Concordia University  
 2022 - 2023: Beta Kappa, Presbyterian College  
 2022 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Upsilon, University of Houston

### *National Project - Breast & Ovarian Cancer Awareness*

2021 - 2023: Kappa, University of Florida - Gainesville  
 2021 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Beta Kappa, Presbyterian College

### *Alumni Outreach*

2021 - 2023: Rho, University of Cincinnati  
 2021 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Psi, Ohio Northern University

### *Community Service Award*

2021 - 2023: Xi, University of Texas - Austin  
 2021 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Alpha Theta, University of Arkansas

### *Continued Excellence*

2021 - 2023: Xi, University of Texas - Austin  
 2021 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Alpha Omicron, University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis  
 2021 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Rho, University of Cincinnati

### *Alumni Chapter*

2021 - 2023: Greater Kansas City Alumni Chapter

### *Rose Award*

Kappa, University of Florida-Gainesville  
 Xi, University of Texas-Austin  
 Rho, University of Cincinnati  
 Sigma, University of Arizona  
 Chi, South Dakota State University  
 Alpha Epsilon, University of Louisiana  
 Alpha Theta, University of Arkansas  
 Alpha Chi, Shenandoah University  
 Beta Alpha, University of Florida-Jacksonville  
 Beta Kappa, Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy  
 Beta Tau, University of South Florida

### *Week of Service - Best Promotion*

Alpha Epsilon, University of Louisiana

### *Week of Service - Best Participation*

Alpha Theta, University of Arkansas

### *Week of Service - Most Hours Participated*

Xi, University of Texas-Austin

## INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

### *KE Career Achievement*

2023 - Janelle Sabo, Omega  
 2022 - Karen Hudmon, Psi

### *KE/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award*

2023 - Theresa Tolle, Kappa  
 2022 - Marilyn Speedie, Pi

### *Linda T. Rodgers Memorial Award*

2023 - Petra Schultz, Kappa  
 2022 - Adwoa Sasu, Rho

### *Metta Lou Henderson Excellence in Academia Award*

2023 - Lucinda Maine, Phi

### *Key of Excellence*

2023 - Lisa Braccini-Barletta, Omicron

### *Outstanding Advisor*

2021 - 2023: Shane Tolleson, Upsilon Chapter at University of Houston  
 2021 - 2023 Honorable Mention: Joanna Peris, Kappa Chapter at University of Florida - Gainesville

### *Unicorn Awards*

Cheryl Hayes, Alpha Nu  
 Nikkina Hankins, Alpha Pi  
 Karyn Nafey, Xi  
 Ann Philbrick, Alpha  
 Laurel Sampognaro, Alpha Epsilon  
 Kristina Rosus, Pi

### *Zada Cooper Scholarship*

Cheney Gertz, Pi  
 Madisen Hansen, Chi  
 Laurene Lafrance, Kappa  
 Kaylen Schier, Alpha Beta  
 Jennifer Tran, Xi

# WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

## ALUMNI HANGOUTS

Join fellow alumni for a networking, laughs, and checking in on each other at 7:00 p.m. ET.

2nd Tuesday - even months

2nd Thursday - odd months

## ZADA NETWORK

Book lovers unite for a selected read that you can read on your own and join discussion through a virtual book club.

## MEMBER SEARCH

Members can now search for KEs in their geographical area, chapter, or by name. After logging into the member-only side, click KE Resources>Member Search.

*Member information is updated by the member or what is reported to the Executive Office.*

## FOLLOW US

Don't have the time but want to know what KE and its' members are up to? Follow KE on social media.



## COLLEGIATE UPDATES

# DELTA CHAPTER

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA - MISSOULA

A small but active chapter, members of Delta have continued to raise funds for local cancer charities – Silver Lining Foundation & Cancer Support Community – and host their Annual Breast Brunch. During this annual event, students and community members are connected directly with breast and ovarian cancer patients, healthcare providers, and community organizations. Last academic year, an ovarian patient and a nurse practitioner, specializing in familial/hereditary cancer diagnosis/management, spoke to the attendees.

A monthly service activity that members support is AniMeals, a local pet food bank and cat shelter. Not only do the animals receive attention and care, but the students also have the opportunity to relax with the cats. Continuing with direct impact to their community, the members in alliance with other UM Pharmacy students fundraise, advertise, and plan the annual JDRF One Walk-Missoula in the spring. This year the efforts of the students and community raised over \$10,000 for T1DM research.

Chapter members also spend a considerable time strengthening their bond through social activities. In the fall, members and prospective members gathered for an evening of s'mores and pumpkin decorating, a trip to the local ice cream shop – The Big Dipper, and a patio evening at the local microbrewery. Spring gave members an opportunity to gather at the local arcade enjoying food, pinball, and other games.

Delta chapter expressed hope that “the next biennium will be successful. The chapter delegates to the National Convention in Pittsburgh should bring back lots of good ideas and energy to help kick off the new school year!”



Raffle prizes at 2023 Breast Brunch in Town.



Arcade night: (R to L): Ashley Cozzins, Alexa Heckman, Madeline Servoss, Alexis Cha, Hilary Samson, Elizabeth Brown

## COLLEGIATE UPDATES

Members of Kappa Epsilon representing the Chapter at the Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Members from L to R: Holly Atkins, Adwao Sasu, Arfah Anjum, Tiffany Shouse, Caitlin Hawkins, Martina Beckman, Kelly Wylie, Maria Scheidler, Faiza Sumra.



## RHO CHAPTER

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI MED CENTER

The past biennium have proved busy for the Rho Chapter. Raising over \$2,000 for the Pink Ribbon Girls, a local organization that raises awareness for breast and gynecological cancers, the chapter members hosted events during their Breast & Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week. A basket raffle, bake sale, and Drink Pink Dinner were all part of the week that included a members' mother sharing her breast cancer journey. The chapter integrated their passion for supporting women in their cancer journey during a recruitment event – Girl Love Mail. Students from across the college write letters with encouraging words to women who are or have been in this unimaginable fight.

The chapter has expanded their service reach beyond the campus by volunteering at a local farm that offers a Free Market – packaging and distributing over 300 crockpot kits weekly. Increasing their connection through various social events – Rose Bud Dates, Pumpkin Patch/Apple Picking Date Night – continue to strengthen their bond.

Rho members have stepped up in leadership roles in KE and beyond. Adwoa Sasu (committee co-chair) and Kelly Wylie serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce. This past biennium three members participated in the Grand Council Intern Program – Caitlin Hawkins, Faiza Sumra, and Madeline Jager. Rho expressed “we are very proud of all our members, as they strive to be leaders on and off campus.” Members hold executive positions in many organization on campus, participate in committees, and 10 members received recognition in Peer Mentorship, Academic Excellence, and Organization Member of the Year.

The chapter had the opportunity to host the Regional Retreat welcoming other KE chapters. Rho shared “the retreat was a great time to learn from other chapters and be able to bring ideas back to our chapter to help grow personally and professionally. We cannot wait to attend the next one and bring back even more knowledge!”

Members of Rho Chapter at the Regional Retreat in March of 2022 - Row 1: Maria Scheidler, Emma Finger, Ana Stupecki, Holly Atkins. Row 2: Caitlin Hawkins, Tonae Bodae, Adwao Sau, Michala young, Faiza Sumra, Megan Locklier. Row 3: Martha Asiedu, Mary Jane Smith, Kelly Wiley



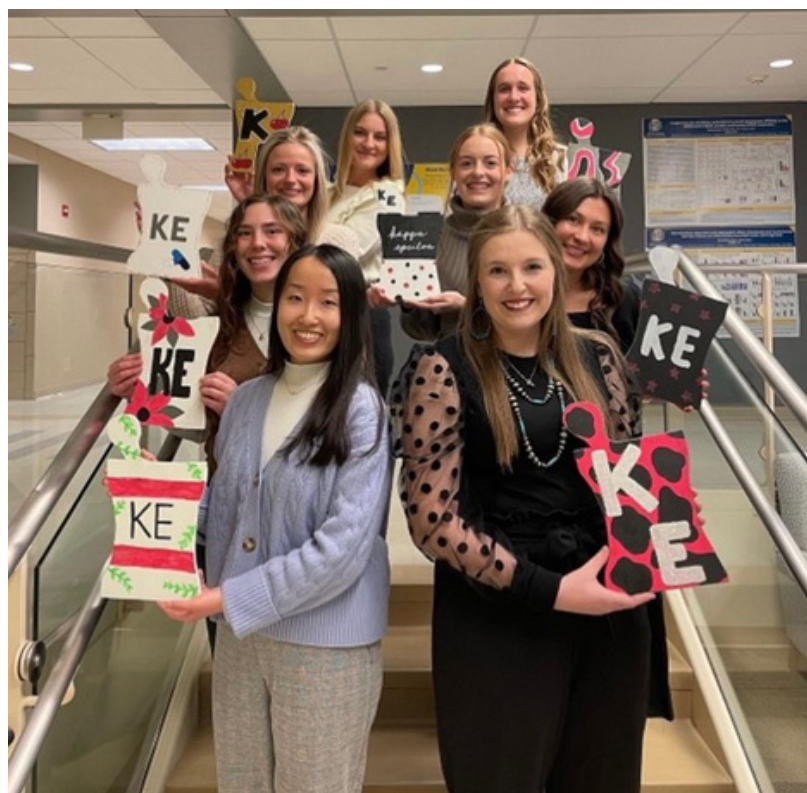
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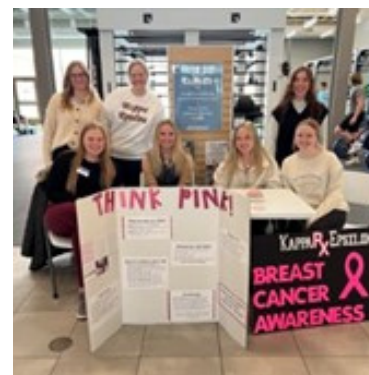
The Chi Chapter kicked off the year with numerous back-to-school events, including an ice cream social and a Kickoff BBQ, to welcome new members and bring new interest to the chapter. In October, the chapter organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Week, hosting a trivia night and culminating in a Pink Formal with proceeds going to the Edith Sanford Breast Cancer Center in Sioux Falls. Throughout the year, members were active in giving back to their community, participating in a highway cleanup, creating & delivering cards to local nursing home residents, making tie blankets for the women and children's shelter, and leaving encouraging notes in the college's lecture hall spaces.

The chapters' committees continued great work for the members and community. The Fundraising committee organized multiple opportunities to engage with members and students by selling Crumbl cookies, badge reels, padfolios, and apparel. The education committee was committed to providing educational and cultural opportunities for members – Spanish Medical Terminology, Meet the International Grad Assistants, and Breast & Ovarian Cancer Educational Documentary nights.

Beyond campus, Chi members attended the Women in Science event in Sioux Falls. This event exposed middle school girls to opportunities for their career paths. The chapter hosted a booth and provided hands on activities for the students.



Eight new members initiated in February 2023.



Chapter members providing patient education about breast cancer awareness at the student Wellness Center on campus.



Members Taylor Winterton, Maddi Hansen, Riley Larson-Adams, and Kacie Mudder advocated for the profession of pharmacy to local middle school students at the Women in Science event.

# PSI CHAPTER

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Psi chapter has been very busy this past year with not only social events within the chapter, but recruiting new members and serving their communities. In August, the chapters' recruitment team could be seen at the Welcome Weekend activities tent and Pharmacy Phest promoting KE and explain what we do and who we stand for. The Psi chapter was excited to be represented in the ONU Homecoming parade, carrying out their recruitment theme of "Welcome to the Fabulous Kappa Epsilon".

The chapters' fundraising chair introduced a new fundraiser this year called Double Good Popcorn and it was a huge success for the chapter. The chapter sold 620 bags in just 5 days! With the money raised, the chapter was able to send members to Convention and host additional events on campus. The chapter was recognized for their achievement by being awarded Fundraiser of the Year with the college of pharmacy at ONU.

In the cold month of December, the chapter has the privilege to host the ONU College of Pharmacy Christmas party. Each year students, faculty and staff get to socialize while drinking hot cocoa and eating baked goods made by the members. This is an event in which the chapter looks forward to each year and is forever growing.

A special service event members host is Pink Baskets. These baskets contain various items like pens, stickers, notebooks. The chapter donates them to local hospitals where they are dispersed to patients fighting breast cancer.



Members donating their pink baskets that will be donated to local hospitals.



Psi Chapter Executive Board 2022-2023



**COLLEGIATE UPDATES**

# **ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER**

MERCER UNIVERSITY

## **The Center for Black Women's Wellness Health Fair**

The sisters of the Alpha Delta Chapter partner with the SNPhA organization to educate the community about breast and ovarian cancer risks at the Center for Black Women's Wellness (CBWW) Health Fair. L to R: Rachel Dunn, Shelly Vyas, Najah Whitfield, Chasity Mosby, Chankira Mike, Glennessa Hodge, Whitney Oton

Throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, the Alpha Delta generated their passion for breast cancer awareness by holding an event every Wednesday during October. On campus, students participated in a Sip & Paint event and engaged in tabling events to enhance their awareness of risks associated with the disease. The chapter's most impactful event continues to be their Annual Breast Cancer luncheon. This past year, the chapter had the honor of their faculty members' mother as their speaker. She shared her continuous battle with breast cancer throughout her life, her support system that have helped her persevere and tips on living a healthier life.

The chapter has excelled throughout campus in various leadership roles, community outreach, and organizational involvement – achieving induction into the pharmacy honor society, Rho Chi, and the pharmacy leadership society, Phi Lambda Sigma.

Generating more than \$4,000 towards chapter initiatives through their highly anticipated fundraiser. The chapter has fostered relationships within the community through Meals on Wheels of Atlanta and the Covenant House Children's Shelter. The chapter expressed "we cannot wait for the upcoming year to even further our chapters presence!"

## **Secret Santa Event**

The sisters of the Alpha Delta Chapter participate in their annual Secret Santa event engaging in food, fun and fellowship.

L to R: Breonna Stringer, Nikki Kakkad, Kendra Langham, Reshma Patel, Janese Bibbs, Najah Whitfield, Chankira Mike, Daria Gibson, Chasity Mosby, Tatiahna Belton, Marlena Young, Richa Bhagat, Morgan Wadkins, Hayley Harrod, Glennessa Hodge, Rachel Dunn



# ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



"The chapter held a Disney themed Bid Day to wrap up fall recruitment. Sisters dressed up as their favorite Disney characters and new members dressed up like they were ready for a day at the theme park."

The Alpha Lambda chapter at the University of South Carolina has been busy over the 2022-2023 school year community service, social events, and professional development! The chapter hosted a variety of projects that centered around KEs' national philanthropies, breast and ovarian cancer. Some events to note were Girls Love Mail letter writing campaign as well as volunteering at the Ovarian Cancer Coalition's annual butterfly release and the Famously Hot Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The chapters' new member class even held an Amy's Rays of Sunshine Letter writing event.

To conclude recruitment, the chapter held a Disney themed Bid Day where sisters dressed up as Disney characters and new members dressed up for a day at the park! The fun continued after bid day... enjoying a bowling night, Sunday brunch, Friendsgiving, build your own bouquet, and so much more! Following Initiation, the chapter celebrated their new initiates by throwing our annual All in the Family "Jeans" party where everyone showed up in their best denim outfits.

The members of the chapter always excel in and out of the classroom. This year the chapter had 15 members inducted into the Zeta chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma and 10 that were inducted into the Beta Alpha chapter of Rho Chi. In March, the chapter hosted our college's annual Women in Pharmacy Day celebration with President-Elect, now Grand President, Dr. Nikkina Hankins, as their guest speaker. This event was a huge success with over 100 attendees!

KE had a booth at the student organization fair to spread the word about recruitment and educate the P1 class about the fraternity.

Emily Vitkus, CharLeigh Steverson, Nicole Mortel, Georgia Guest



The food drive where members packed holiday meal bags for all 15 of the custodial staff at our college of pharmacy. Each bag included everything except for the main protein they would need to prepare a holiday dinner.

Johny Nguyen, Hanna Purvis, NyAsia Cleckly, Kyla Johnson, CharLeigh Steverson, Beth Kernodle, Caylee McConnell, Morgan Carhart, Caleb Wahdan



# ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

ST LOUIS UNIVERSITY



The Alpha Omicron chapter started off the academic year strong with the Susan G. Komen More than Pink Walk on June 11, 2022. With this walk, members were able to raise money in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

During the fall semester, the chapter hosted Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week and Breast Cancer Awareness Week. For Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week, the chapter posted informational posts on our social media page, held a cornhole tournament and hosted a professional speaker on campus. Survivors from the St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness (SLOCA) organization educated members and the campus community about the warning signs of ovarian cancer. Throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Week, the chapter sold BCA t-shirts and sweatshirts, hosted a professional speaker and promoted on social media pages with educational posts.

In the spring, the chapter hosted Organ Donation Week in honor of Morgan Ciota, a sister who passed away in 2014. Professional speakers from Mid-America Transplant, the region's local organ procurement center, spoke at the Lunch N' Learn on campus to inform fellow students and faculty about the importance of organ donation. Throughout the year, members have volunteered their time at the local Ronald McDonald house and food outreach center. For the Ronald McDonald house, members make blankets and prepare meals for the families that are residing. Chapter members also helped package food at the local outreach center.

The Alpha Omicron chapter shared: "With the COVID-19 restrictions slowly fading away, our chapter has been eager to regain the sisterhood bond that was severed a few years ago when the pandemic started. This year, our chapter has been organizing multiple sisterhood events for our members. A couple of activities our members participated in include ice skating at Steinberg Skating Rink and a Zumba class. Overall, this past year has been pivotal for the Alpha Omicron chapter. We have surpassed goals, created events that are new to us and gave back to our community!"



Members at the Susan G. Komen More than Pink Walk.

Ice Skating at Steinberg Skating Rink



# ALPHA PHI CHAPTER

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

The 2022-2023 academic year has been filled with a tremendous amount of growth. Through Alpha Phi's recruitment events, the chapter welcomed 17 new members. The chapter started off the year promoting their philanthropy by participating in the annual public Health and Wellness fair. Attendees were able to pick up pamphlets, designed by the chapter, on breast and ovarian cancer awareness. The chapter shared "It was such an honor to have direct patient interactions and hear stories from survivors!"

The chapter hosted their successful annual Women's' Health and Luncheon, donating \$3,000 to the local breast and ovarian cancer organizations. Members participated in various services events, including volunteering for the Recovery Walk to help reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorder and writing 50+ personal, handwritten notes to women recently diagnosed with breast cancer through the organization, Girls Love Mail.

The chapter had the pleasure of being the host city for KE's National Convention. Members of the chapter organized the welcome bags, decorated for the Gala, and provided great insight into Pittsburgh.



Megan Carnahan and Kaià Harrison spreading awareness for Women's Health at Duquesne's Annual Public Health and Wellness Fair!



New member coordinators, Brooke Aston and Noelle Sadar, along with Vice President, Lucy Massaro standing alongside new members, Emily Hall, Jordan Aromando, Artem Dobrochynsky, Nicholas Phillips, Aiden Thompson, and Alec Weber at their Big/Little Reveal Event!



Alpha Phi Chapter at the start of the semester in front of Duquesne's School of Pharmacy.



# **I THINK, THEREFORE I AM...**

**DR. BLANCHE H. DOW**