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the Σ AX Alumnae

Newsletter



March Special Edition: Welcome Back!

Hey Alpha Chi's, guess what? We have a new semester starting up right now full of lots of opportunities! This month seems like it is full of fun and exciting things to do and chances for bonding and service in our sorority. We have new ideas from our E-Board, new fundraising opportunities, and new members, which is perfect for this New Year!

Save the Date!

Formal

May 4th

The date for Formal is set and more information as to events will follow.

Relay for Life

April 12 6pm - 13 6am

We are participating in Carthage's Relay for Life this spring. Come join us!

Relay for Life!

Relay for Life is right around the corner, at the beginning of April, and our sisters have decided to start up a team this year. We are currently looking to raise at least \$500 for cancer research, but we would love to exceed that goal.

If you are interesting in supporting either your sisters or cancer research, please look at **page 6** of the newsletter for a detailed explanation of what is happening.

When

April 12th 6pm – April 13th 6am

Where

Carthage College Campus TARC

Why

To raise money to fund cancer research and help find a cure!



Meet Our New Members

This semester's recruitment was a huge success and we now have five wonderful women joining our sorority and one Alpha Chi Guy!

Emily Bednar

Emily Bednar is a Sophomore here at Carthage. She loves music and is so excited about being part of the sorority. She loves being a new member and having a mother.

Katie Kennedy

Katie is a Sophomore at Carthage and she is from Pontiac, Illinois. She loves hanging out and having Nerf wars with her boyfriend Ben. She also likes walking on the beach, reading, Sims games, coffee, shopping, chocolate and playing Just Dance. When she can, she also enjoys baking and cooking

Ryan Neuenkirchen

Ryan, our Alpha Chi Guy, is from Aurora/Sandwich, Illinois. He is a Junior here at Carthage and likes books, board and Euro games like Kingdom Builder and Mage Knight. He also enjoys Dungeons and Dragons, Pathfinder, and other video games.

Maggie Overholt

Maggie is a Junior at Carthage and her hometown is Wilmette, Illinois. She enjoys reading, poetry, noodles, horror movies, painting her nails, eye shadow, and being ridiculous. She also is interested in comics.

Mary Pukenis

Mary is an Environmental Science major here at Carthage and her hometown is Minneapolis, Minnesota. She likes mythology, puns, music and concerts, as well as cute puppies. She also likes Pokémon and Supernatural.

Maggie Driscoll

Maggie, or Margaret, Driscoll is a Junior here at Carthage. She enjoys reading, drawing, and her favorite color is orange.

She also likes fantasy things and silly things!





Sigma Alpha Chi is getting a website!

One of our sisters recently suggested the need for a website for the sorority, and this idea was taken to heart. A brand spanking new website is now in the works!

This website will include slideshows showing our alums, current members, new members, events, and other fun things. It will also highlight each of our members, past and present. There will also be a place where people can get in contact with the sorority!

If you have any fun ideas for the website or would like to send pictures or information that can be used in the website that would be greatly appreciated.

This type of feedback will be especially helpful in creating some of the special “alum-centered” pages. The plan is to have maybe a page or two devoted to older traditions, special outings, unique volunteer opportunities, and anything else we can think of.

This website is meant to give the sorority as a whole a more professional feel and give girls somewhere to turn to for information and a quick and easy way to keep up to date on the sorority, as well as learn about it's history.

The link is below and feel free to let us know any changes that should be made.

<http://sigmaalphachicarthage.weebly.com/>

Alumni Spotlight!

Every issue will now feature one randomly selected Alumni and tell a little bit about them.

*If you would like to be the lucky sister,
please email us at*

sigmaalphachi66@carthage.edu or our

Alumni Relations chair at

*alange@carthage.edu with your
information and graduation date.*

Thank you!



One of our own was recently featured on the Carthage College website!

Our own sister Alison Lange was recently featured on the Carthage College website in an interview for her major. She was asked all about her experience here at Carthage as well as her involvement in on-campus activities and groups. Alison is currently a Sophomore History major and is our current Treasurer and Alumni Relations chair.

In the article on the website, she not only talked about the benefits of an education here at Carthage, but she mentioned her involvement in Greek Life, particularly in Sigma Alpha Chi! When asked about her on-campus involvement, she replied: "Last year I was in Handbell Choir

and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and also pledged for Sigma Alpha Chi. I am now an active member of this sorority."

Alison plans on graduating in 2015 with many other sisters, many of whom will likely be graduating with some sort of honors. Our girls have been going above and beyond and try their hardest to achieve greatness and excellence in everyday life.

If you would like to view the article, it can be found online at:

<http://www.carthage.edu/history/student-voices/alison-lange/>



Note from the Author

This is a small section dedicated to officially greeting all of the alumnae that I have the pleasure of writing to. My name is Alison Lange and I look forward to keeping all of our amazing alumnae informed and involved. It is so nice to be able to take up this position and I hope that the bonds of the sorority can grow even stronger this semester. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from as many of you as I can!

New Sorority Positions

Since we have so many seniors this semester and one of our sisters is also studying abroad for the semester, we have decided to have a miniature election, where all of the positions that people receive will only be held through this semester. At the beginning of the year next year, a new election will be held for E-Board and the other positions will be re-appointed to remaining members.

Elected Officers E-Board Positions

President: Emma Sorrell

Vice President: Lauren Smith

Secretary: Deana Winterbottom

Treasurer: Alison Lange

Appointed Positions

Executive Panhellenic Representative: Lauren Smith

Senior Panhellenic Representative: Emma Sorrell

Junior Panhellenic Representative: Melanie Lambrecht

Recruitment Chair: Lauren Smith

Senior New Member Trainer: Lauren Smith

Junior New Member Trainer: Deanna Winterbottom

Alumni Relations: Alison Lange

Historians: Lauren Heistand & Amy Schollenberger

Fundraising: Emma Sorrell & Lauren Smith

Service: Miranda Van Dee Loo

Parliamentarian: Amy Schollenberger

Risk Management: Deanna Winterbottom

Traditions: Marlee Meyer

Social: Marlee Meyer & Deanna Winterbottom

Our sisters are participating in Relay for Life and need your help!

This semester, a wonderful service and fundraising opportunity presented itself to Sigma Alpha Chi, and we were quick enough to fully take advantage of it. Relay for Life, which is hosted every year here at Carthage College, will be happening **April 12th at 6pm to April 13th at 6am**. We decided that it would be great to get a sorority team together and so the Sigma Alpha Chi team was born!

As not everyone has always heard of Relay for Life, it is a good idea to inform all of our Alumnae about it. Relay for Life is an event that takes place all over the nation every year and it is a fundraiser to raise money to support cancer research.

The money raised through Relay For Life events support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving work, like Hope Lodge facilities, which offer cancer patients a free place to stay, comfort, and support when they have to travel far from home for treatment. One of those patients is a man named Gary. He felt alone when he was diagnosed, until he found Hope Lodge. Garry needed chemotherapy and radiation five days a week, but he lived so far away and had to travel to treatment alone. Hope Lodge saved him 800 miles per week. Hope Lodge is a beautiful place to Garry, but is about something much more precious. Hope Lodge is an extraordinary place that helped him face some of his toughest days.

Too many people, including possibly someone you or I know, will be diagnosed with cancer this year. A Relay For Life event is our opportunity to inspire hope by raising funds and

awareness to help those facing the disease.

Some of our sisters have had friends or loved ones who have been diagnosed with cancer, or may have even been diagnosed themselves. That is why it is important to support cancer research, for many people's lives have been touched in one way or another by this horrible disease.

We will have girls fundraising for the event, as well as participating in the actual walk and the activities that night. Our hope is that we can meet our fundraising goal of \$500. We know that it is a small amount but we believe that every little bit counts, and with your help, or even kind words and well wishes, we believe that we can meet and exceed that number!

If you are interested in donating on behalf of our team, feel free to go to:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?team_id=1371747&pg=team&fr_id=48570&fl=en_US&et=FUCH276_CltNy4QxeAtpAw&s_tafld=1144000





Have a great Spring!

From all of us here along the lakeshore, we wish all of our alumnae a wonderful spring and hope that everything is going well. We love hearing from you and will keep you updated with all of the going-ons of campus. It looks like it will be a good spring and we hope to see you soon. You are always welcome to visit.

Alpha Chi Love Forever!



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