

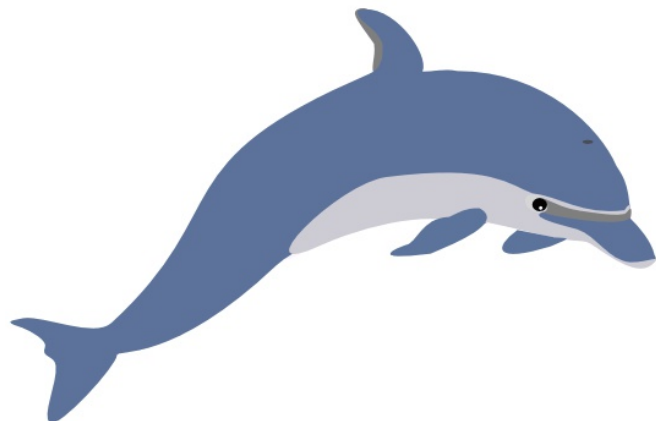
ΣAX Alumnae Newsletter

Fall 2015



Welcome back!

Hello Alpha Chis! It's been awhile, but we're back with a newsletter, and a lot of new faces in the crowd! We've had an eventful semester, so there's a lot to cover in just one newsletter! We're very excited to send out this correspondence, so without further ado: the newsletter.



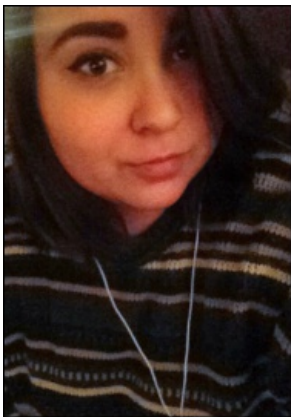
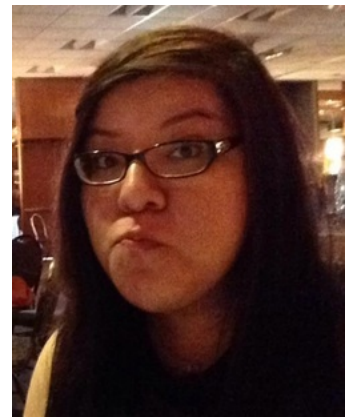
What you missed

There have been several new members since the last newsletter. Here's a bit about them.



Kassy Meyers pledged in spring of 2014. She likes art, Daryl Dixon, and spending time with her son, Keegan. Kassy is an elementary education major with a history minor, and will be student teaching in the spring before graduating.

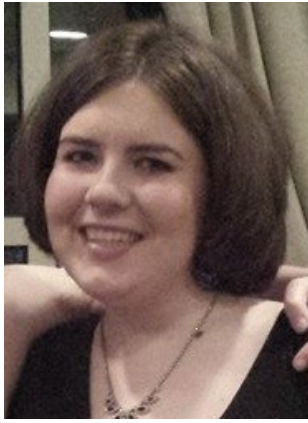
Joyce Salazar also pledged in the spring of 2014. She likes tsumtsums, hip hop music, and crafting. Joyce is a Japanese major with a minor in Asian studies. She is currently studying abroad in Japan, but will soon be returning in the spring of 2016.



Lina Chavez pledged in the fall of 2014. She likes The Wonder Years, dogs, and 80s movies. Lina is an environmental science major with a concentration in conservation and ecology. She is also a member of art club.

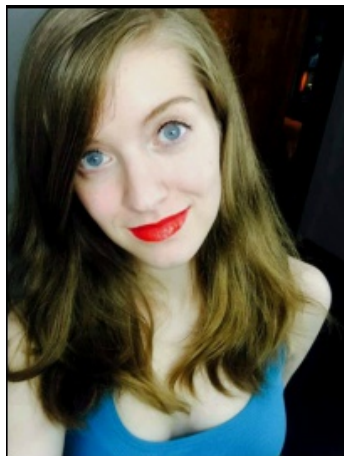
Jamie Tyrell pledged in the fall of 2014. She is an Asian Studies major with an education minor. Unfortunately, there was some tension that could not be relieved and the sorority was forced to vote for a loss of membership.





Bridie Damisch pledged in fall of 2014. She likes pixel dolls, singing, and the webcomic Homestuck. Bridie majored in Psychology before graduating in spring of 2015. She was also an RA throughout her whole pledge process and her final semester at Carthage.

Taylor Bingaman pledged in fall of 2014. She likes cats, singing, and music. Taylor majored in music ed before graduating in spring of 2015. She now is interviewing for jobs in her field.



Kristin Arnold pledged in spring of 2015. She likes dancing, the color blue, and yoga. Kristin is double majoring in biology and neuroscience, with aspirations to go into the medical field. She is currently working as a medical scribe, and aims to attend medical school beginning in fall of 2017.

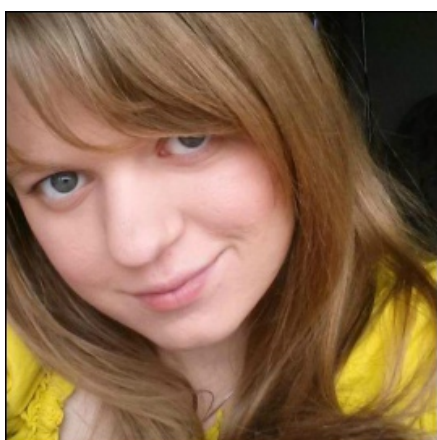
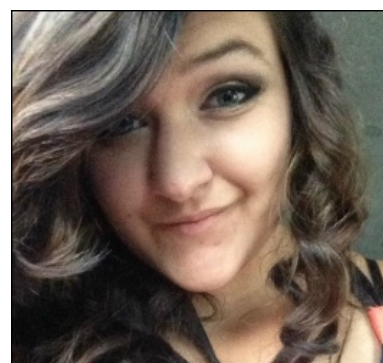
Jenna Duerig pledged in spring of 2015. She likes Frozen, cats, and absolutely loves Andrew McMahon. Jenna is majoring in social work and minoring in psychology. She is currently an intern at a rape crisis center.





Sam Haltom pledged in spring 2015. She likes Paramore, cats, and All Time Low. Sam is majoring in business management and minoring in communications. She is also holding down four jobs at the same time.

Kaitlyn Jordan pledged in spring 2015. She likes pandas, tea, and Sleeping with Sirens. Kaitlyn is majoring in math, and minoring in education. She is also a member of bellydancing club.



Rachel Miller pledged in spring 2015. She likes Panic! At the Disco, crafting, and Harry Potter. Rachel is majoring in marketing, and minoring in psychology. She is also in Court of Nobility.

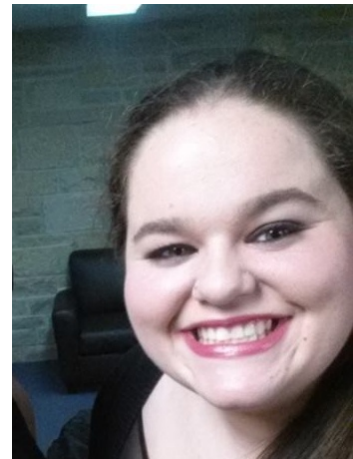
Kristin Pierce pledged in spring 2015. Unfortunately, she had to leave Carthage in the first week of fall 2015 and is now an alum of our sisterhood. Best of luck to her in all her endeavors!





Amanda Rico pledged in spring 2015. She likes cats, costuming, and the webcomic Homestuck. Amanda is majoring in computer science and minoring in physics. She is also outreach coordinator of cosplay club.

Anna Amari is our new member from this fall of 2015! She likes photography, the ocean, and crafting. Anna is majoring in social work. This summer, she will be going to Haiti for a month to volunteer.



Unfortunately, due to new overarching Greek guidelines, we can no longer have Alpha Chi Guys or Sweethearts.

Congratulations to all fourteen of the members who've joined us over the past couple years!



Where Are They Now?

A Look at Our Most Recent Alumnae



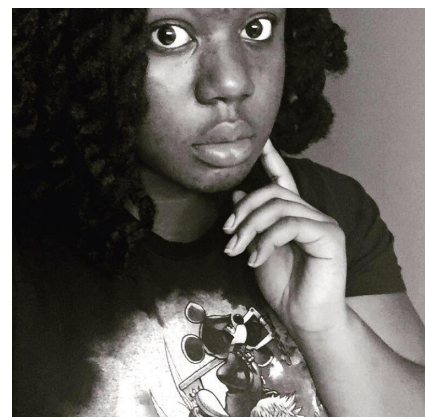
Emily Bednar graduated with a degree in music, and will be pursuing her master's in music starting in the 2016-2017 school year at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. She currently works in Guest Services at the University of St Mary of the Lake Conference Center. She also teaches after school programs in drama and engineering at schools all over Lake and Cook County.

Taylor Bingaman graduated with a degree in music education. She currently is student teaching in Kenosha, and works at a daycare. Taylor will soon be interviewing for jobs in her field.



Bridie Damisch graduated with a degree in psychology. She is working on finishing her thesis after the fact, and works at Five Below. Bridie also "freelances" as a forensics judge for local high school and college tournaments.

Kristin Pierce had to leave Carthage, but will be attending Northern Illinois University starting in the spring of 2016. She currently works at the Spencers in Vernon Hills.





Mary Pukenis graduated with a degree in Environmental Science. She is studying for the Graduate Record Examination and is also saving up for grad school by working at the Mall of America in her native Minnesota.

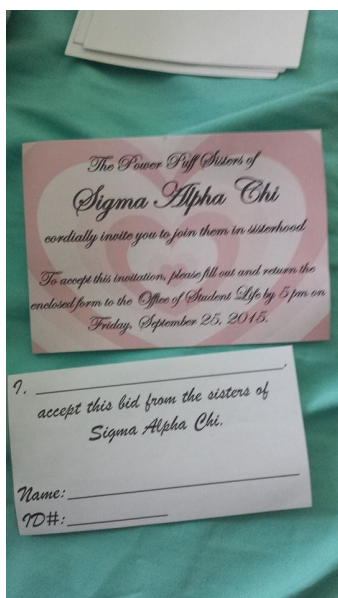
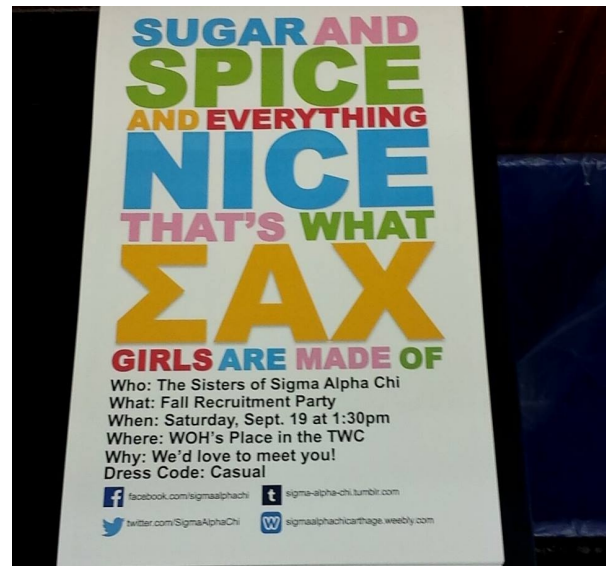
Deanna Winterbottom graduated with a degree in Japanese and Public Relations. She is currently abroad in Japan, and is teaching English there. She recently took the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, and is confident about her results. She'll be back in August 2016, and from there plans to move into her own place with friends in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and get a job in her field.



Best of luck to our alumnae in all their endeavors!



Fall 2015 Recruitment



This semester, our theme for recruitment was sugar, spice, and everything nice! We were in WOH's Place this semester, and geared up to open our arms up to new members. As you know, we got one girl: Anna Amari! We look forward to spring recruitment. It will be enchanting, that's for sure!

Homecoming



We had a great time at Homecoming! Alumnae Kristin Pierce and Mary Pukenis were able to make it for the parade. We also got some cool shirts, designed by Kassy Meyers.



This year, we got a truck because Kassy's boyfriend, Donald, drives a truck. It was even blue! We decorated it with streamers, roses, and a big blow up dolphin! We chanted kickline while riding down campus drive.



While they weren't there for the parade, alumnae Melanie Lambrecht, Kristin Dahlman, and Emily Bednar showed up for the football game! AX Guy alum Ryan Neuenkirchen showed up for the parade, but did not ride the truck with us. He did hang out with the other alumnae who were at the game though! Unfortunately we have no pictures of them. Maybe next year!



Instead of our lovely alumni, here is a picture of our entry to the Homecoming door decorating contest. The theme was, "Ignite Your Light".

Hayride



After riding in a truck, we all went and rode on some hay at Jerry Smith's, the location being picked by Rachel Miller. As per tradition, we sang our sisterhood song during the hayride. After hayride, we enjoyed other attractions of the farm, such as a bouncy cushion, a little shop, and a haunted corn maze!



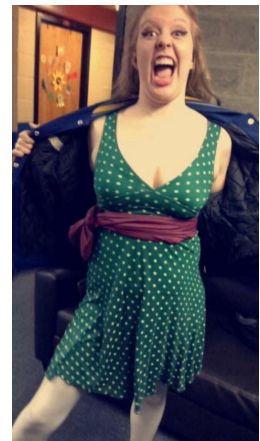
At hayride, we had alumnae Bridie Damisch and Emily Bednar along. We hope to be able to encourage more alumnae involvement next year!



Semiformal



Despite the unlucky date of Friday, November 13th, semiformal was a great time! We dolled ourselves up (but only to a somewhat formal point!) and headed over to Casa Capri. Before we could do that, we posed with the letters that we all proudly stand together under. Or behind, in this case! Traditionally, semi formal has had less alumnae involvement, so out of the alumnae, only Taylor Bingaman and Kristin Pierce came, but we hope to see alumnae at formal in the spring! We'll send out more details as we get them.



Fundraising and Service

This semester, we held a big Halloween party fundraiser! We hope to extend it into a fun party for the community as well next year. We also participated at Boo at the Zoo, where we handed out candy to kids at the zoo! Soon after, we voted to put \$100 towards the western tufted deer and the african pygmy hedgehog, split evenly between the two, at the Racine Zoo. We've also started to plan for Relay For Life, which is in April. More information will be out on that in the near future. We've also started seeing about attending local craft fairs and selling little crafts under our name! We hope to launch this by the spring.

On top of that, we've found a way to help out those in need on an international level in a direct way. The stepmom of one of our actives is from the town Catarman, on the island of Camiguin, which is in the Philippines. We have voted to start sending packages of things to Catarman to improve the quality of life. These include things such as: clothes, backpacks, school supplies, or even candies that one couldn't find there. In the Tagalog language, these are called "Balikbayan boxes", which means "return home boxes". Filipinos from all over the world use them to send things to their families. Since our active's stepmom was a teacher at a high school, we will be sending these boxes to the high school she taught at. We hope to make this one of our main philanthropies, while still being able to be just as active on a local level in helping out our community.



Current Eboard and the State of Panhel

President: Rachel Miller
Vice President: Sam Haltom
Secretary: Lina Chavez
Treasurer: Kaitlyn Jordan

Alumnae Relations: Amanda Rico (Formerly Kristin Pierce)

Parliamentarian: Kassy Meyers (Formerly Jamie Tyrell)

Risk Management: Amanda Rico and Jenna Duerig

Traditions: Kassy Meyers and Kristin Arnold

Junior Panhel Rep: Amanda Rico

Senior Panhel Rep: Lina Chavez

Panhel Eboard Rep: TBD (Formerly Jamie Tyrell. Also, Panhel process has changed. Details below)

Social: Sam Haltom

Fundraising: Sam Haltom and Rachel Miller

Senior New Member Trainer: Lina Chavez

Junior New Member Trainer: Kaitlyn Jordan

Recruitment: Kassy Meyers

Historian: Rachel Miller



Due to aforementioned overarching greek life changes concerning auxiliary members such as Sweethearts and Alpha Chi Guys, other greek orgs have had their auxiliary members split off to form new organizations. This was the case with Delta Omega Nu(DONs) and Tau Sigma Phi(Sigs), who have given rise to the new sororities, Delta Omega Epsilon(DOE), and Zeta Tau Sigma(Zetas)

Since there are now more than six sororities on campus, to comply with National Panhel Council bylaws, Panhel at Carthage College has voted to enact elections, as opposed to the former rotation system. Since some positions didn't do much, positions were consolidated in an attempt to give panhel delegates more power, and to shrink eboard. The positions are now: president, vice president/treasurer, secretary, greek life coordinator, and recruitment coordinator. According to NPC guidelines, only national sororities should be able to hold recruitment and president chairs, due to their greater access to good resources. However, a compromise was found for recruitment, and recruitment has one local and one national hold the chair simultaneously. President, however, will always be a national sorority.

Due to these changes, the job of the Panhel Eboard rep may change or be a position that is only enacted when we hold a position on eboard. As it is, we do not currently hold a position on Panhel eboard. We will be reviewing our constitution over Jterm as is tradition, and will keep you posted on any changes we make.

The only other thing voted on this semester at Panhel was whether or not our sorority would be voted for extension, and thus be able to go national. Only the nationals actually had a say in this, and they voted no, due to the fact that Panhel is a bit of a mess with the new voting bylaw. We plan on starting the extension process again next year, when Panhel is more settled.

Other Updates

We have the potential for a new logo!

Former president Deanna Winterbottom commissioned a new logo in the 2014-2015 school year, and it is in usage on our latest composite. However, our old logo is still on the wall in Tarble 2 Long.



Along with continuing to be active in our service, our current social chair

Sam Haltom has been actively involving us in the Greek community! While this has been expressed mainly as mixers so far, the word on Alpha

Chi has been traveling around campus, and we've even been asked, "Are you a new sorority?" We hope to revitalize our name on campus and to get the word out again about our sisterhood.

We have a new advisor! Ryan Polk is a first year advisor in the Office of Student Life, and was the first year advisor for actives Amanda Rico and Sam Haltom. Hired in the 2014-2015 school year, Ryan got his bachelors degree in physical education from Coastal Carolina University, and his masters of education with a concentration in athletic administration from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He was also president of the Tau Tau chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Coastal Carolina University.

He is very excited to be involved as the advisor of our sorority, and plans on being more involved than our previous advisor. Lets give a big Alpha Chi welcome to Ryan Polk!



Happy holidays! Merry Christmas! Happy Solstice!
Happy Haunnukah! Etc. etc. etc...

From the bottom of our hearts, we hope your year wraps up nicely and that 2016 will start out wonderfully. Don't be afraid to stay in touch; we're always happy to hear from you! We hope to see you soon, and you're always welcome to drop by for a visit!



Our 50th Anniversary is coming
up just around the corner!

Save the dates will be out soon, but you can mark your calendar now: Homecoming 2017 (September 29th - October 1st) will be the weekend to be at Carthage! More details incoming.

Want to help out? Contact arico@carthage.edu, or Amanda Rico on Facebook, and you'll get added to the planning group(She will have to add you to her Facebook friend list first though, as that's how Facebook works)! We'll also be keeping those on our Facebook page updated on it as well, so don't worry, you won't miss out if you can't help out.

Sigma Alpha Chi at Carthage