

March 2013

# Delta Zeta Newsletter

## Delta Zeta Creed

To the world,  
I promise temperance and insight  
and courage,  
To crusade for justice,  
To seek the truth and defend it  
always;  
  
To those whom my life may touch  
in slight measure,  
May I give graciously  
Of what is mine;  
  
To my friends,  
Understanding and appreciation;  
  
To those closer ones,  
Love that is ever steadfast;  
  
To my mind,  
Growth;  
  
To myself,  
Faith  
That I may walk truly  
In the light of the Flame.

-- Dorothy Mumford Williams, Alpha  
Zeta (Adelphi University), 1939

*For the Parents and Alumnae of Alpha Rho Chapter*

## Colonnade Club Comments

By Megan Gentile

Dear Parents and Alumnae,

This is the newsletter for 2012! We are so happy to share all of our work from this year. You may be noticing this is being emailed to you and not sent to you through the mail, this is another way our chapter is trying to go green! If you have a different email you would like this to be sent to please email me at [megentil@owu.edu](mailto:megentil@owu.edu). Also this will be posted on our website which is [owudeltazeta.weebly.com](http://owudeltazeta.weebly.com).

## Notes from the President

With Megan Cook

This has been a great year for Alpha Rho, and it has been a privilege to serve as president. We have won campus awards for involvement and chapter excellence, an annual award for historical programming, and even the Caryatides Award for new member education at National Convention. Attending Convention was one of the best experiences I've had in Delta Zeta - I came away with so many ideas for our chapter, and the desire to stay involved far beyond graduation. We have increased our connections with other fraternities and sororities, as well as the SLU (small living unit) community. We have strengthened our online presence with a new website ([owudeltazeta.weebly.com](http://owudeltazeta.weebly.com)) and community Facebook page. There is so much to be excited about in the coming year - our 11 wonderful new members, dedicated officers, new service and academic programs, to name a few - and I can't wait to see our sisterhood continue to grow!

## Membership Update

With Alaina Swearingen

This semester my goal was to attract as many wonderful women to the DZ house as possible. I wanted people to start talking around campus about how fantastic we are! Instead of doing typical C.O.B.S. like spa days or game nights, I decided to get creative. We had events like a tailgate C.O.B. and an invitation only pasta dinner C.O.B so we could get to know some of the girls going through informal better. In the end we ended up with 4 new members from informal. After break formal began and everyone worked incredibly hard to recruit a great group of women. We received 11 new members on bid night.

## Philanthropic Activities

With Lauren Foote

The philanthropy chairs responsibility varies from being in charge of making sure that the sisterhood is up to date in their service projects to making sure that our core service values of our national philanthropy are being recognized. As philanthropy chair my goal was to improve our sisterhood's interest in philanthropy. I tried creating small calendars to keep the chapter informed on all the service projects and service events other chapters have. During my term I organized Delta Zeta dodgeball, Delta Zeta turtle tug and also created the foundation in the leukemia and lymphoma society for our house moms friend candy. I tried to involve our whole campus in our events because being Greek is more than just the Greek community. Philanthropy and service to me were about incorporating the values we hold in Delta Zeta together with the values of the university about serving others and tried to get the sisters involved. During my term we went to other chapters events and made a difference in our community

## Academic Accolades

With Rachel Thomas

Delta Zeta's emphasis on high academic standards has been exemplified through its highly dedicated members who are driven to be successful. This past year, the sisters of Delta Zeta participated in a wide variety of programs that catered to different aspects of their academic careers. In the fall, our members delivered homemade cookies to each academic department to show our appreciation for Ohio Wesleyan's faculty. In the spring, a career services faculty member gave a presentation to the chapter on how to prepare for graduate-level testing, which aided many seniors who were soon continuing onto graduate school. Last semester, I led a workshop on useful summer opportunities that can improve a resume, and supplemented the workshop with testimonials from others sisters who wanted to share their summer resume-building experiences. To encourage timely and productive study habits near the end of fall semester, a study-in was held at the sorority house where sisters could find a quiet, focused environment in which to prepare for final exams. The Delta Zeta sisters have grown through their experiences and successes in 2012, and I am excited to see what the upcoming year has in store for the Alpha Rho chapter!

## Sisterhood

With Kati Sweigard

As sisterhood and sunshine my primary goal was to have more events at the house that were low key and not time consuming, as a relaxing break in the day rather than a long event. Brunches, friendship-bracelet making, and anti-study days were a part of this as well as each semester's retreat. One of the most important things to me about Delta Zeta is our ritual, and ritual workshops were a part of both retreats as well as a sign language workshop. Rose Banquet was a highlight as always, and I am thrilled to hand off this position to the very capable Claire Hackett! She will do wonderful things for our chapter and I couldn't be more excited for her.



Top: Sisters after winning Anchor Bowl 2012

Middle: Xandria, Stephanie and Rachel at Fall Formal.

Bottom: Fall Bid Night.

**External Events**  
With Jordane Faith

As social external I planned four events. We had a dinner with Kappa Alpha Theta, a mixer with Alpha Sigma Phi, a games night with FIJI, and a pre-finals craft event with the Interfaith house. I had so much fun working with other organizations and hope to stay involved with event planning this semester as VPP.

**Internal Events**

With Samantha Lichtenberger

Sisters took advantage of a sunny day at a pumpkin patch by attending Mystery Date. Sisters and their dates, which ranged from friends to boyfriends and girlfriends, meandered their way through a corn maze, drank hot apple cider and took a hay ride. Sisters also enjoyed the Fall Formal dance, which took place at Old Bag of Nails. Sisters and dates danced the night away and had a great time!

**New Member Education**

With Stephanie Childers

It has been a wonderful experience educating the newest additions to the chapter. I enjoyed getting to introduce Delta Zeta to our new members and seeing new women grow within our sisterhood. I am very excited to see where Felicia, who joined Spring 2012 and was one of my new members, take over. She is a strong leader and dedicated DZ. I have faith that she will help our newest sisters transition into sorority life and use her position to help the chapter grow.



Top; Turtle Tug 2012 the house against the seniors.  
Bottom: Sisters at the Save a Childs Heart Fashion show.

**MEET THE NEW OFFICERS**



**President**

Hello! My name is Samantha Rammaha and I am the newly elected President for the Alpha Rho Chapter. Here is a little about me: I am a junior Music Performance in Voice and English double major from St. Louis, MO. Along with my involvement in Delta Zeta I am also involved with the Choral Arts Society, Opera, the fall musical, and Mu Phi Epsilon Music Honors Fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan University.

I am very excited to be allowed to work with the chapter in this unique position of leadership. Furthermore, this year we have an outstanding executive board! While we have only been active in our positions for about a month I already very excited about the potential all the officers in our chapter have displayed and I can't wait to see what this year will bring.





### Vice President of Recruitment

I'm Kate Lewis-Lakin, and I have been elected as Vice President of Membership for the 2013 calendar year. Having been abroad last semester, it has been exciting to come back and get started on this new position. I love my sisters and my experience as a part of Delta Zeta, and I look forward to sharing that with unaffiliated women and bringing new sisters into our chapter. We have had two COB events already this semester and are planning at least three more. Smaller formal recruitment numbers this year have allowed us to continue giving a few bids this semester, which is excellent for keeping our house morale and recruitment high. I will be having two workshops this semester, one for initiated sisters and one for new members, to get the ball rolling on our fall semester recruitment. I hope to be on par with our fellow OWU chapters for both fall informal and spring formal recruitment next year, and will be working extensively with our sisters to make this happen through improved recruitment events and strong marketing of our sisterhood on campus. I'm looking forward to seeing what the coming year brings!

### Philanthropy

My name is Courtney Parker and I am an Early Childhood Major with a psychology minor and I hope to specialize in reading and special education and am the current Philanthropy chair. My goals for this year in regards to this position are to first get more sisters and others on campus more aware of our philanthropy and excited about it! Helping others is fun! I also want to plan fun events in a timely manner and to have a ton of fun at these events while raising money.

### NEW! Service Chair

My name is Gnora Gumanow and I am the new Service Chair. I am a Junior Psychology and Spanish major. Service Chair is a new position and I am very excited to help define it. I am planning on having service events every month so that sisters can bond while providing help to the community. I have also planned a service event with our Theta chapter. This is going to be a great year and I am super excited to have this new position.

### Secretary

My name is Xandi Titus, and I am a junior History and Geography double major. As the past Treasurer and new Secretary, I'm very pleased to have had a smooth transition from one position to the next. In my time as Secretary I hope to make some needed changes to the Bylaws, utilize the Standards Board and educate sisters on how and why it is used, as well as make the points system more effective and understandable to the chapter.

### Treasurer

My Name is Marisa Lucian. I am a sophomore, East Asian Studies and Econ W/ Management. Chinese Minor, also study Japanese. I have a few goals, one is that everyone completely understand billhighway and dues and to hold a financial seminar in April to fully explain mortgages, credit cards, loans and taxes so that graduating sisters are prepared to go out into the world with a better understanding of finances.

### Academics

Hi, my name is Stephanie Childers. I am a junior Early Childhood Education major. Previously, I was VP of New Member Education. I am very excited to have another position within the chapter and I look forward to expanding the academic programming for our chapter.

This semester, I have started some new academic events. First, I have added study tables at the house to the chapter calendar; I have scheduled two a month, one weekday event and one on Saturday or Sunday, and sisters are required to attend one per semester. I have also started an academic "competition" within the chapter. Sisters are divided into four teams: Flames, Diamonds, Roses, and Turtles, and earn points for saying Alpha Rho at chapter, meeting with a professor/advisor, receiving an A on a paper/quiz/test, receiving a B on a paper/quiz/test, and for attendance at study tables. Lastly, we have decided to host one faculty/staff appreciation reception at the house per semester.

### House and Risk

Hello! My name is Rachel Thomas and I am the new House and Risk Manager. I am a Microbiology and Religion double major with a minor in Chemistry, and I am extremely excited to start the year with a position full of possibilities! Not only do I plan to make interior updates to the Alpha Rho chapter house, but I also intend to educate our members further about their own health and safety. I hope to include more workshops throughout the year on practical topics such as road safety, stress management, healthy eating and cooking, and self-defense skills. I look forward to finding new and creative ways to improve the overall well-being of the Alpha Rho chapter!

### New Member Education

My name is Felicia Rose. I am a sophomore from Connecticut double majoring in Politics and Government/ Psychology. I am the current Vice President of New Member Education this year! I hope to be able to make the new members feel as connected to the initiated sisters in hopes that their transition to initiated sisters will be a smooth one.

### Panhellenic Delegate

My name is Grace Thompson, I'm a sophomore Vocal Performance major, and I'm the Panhellenic Delegate for Delta Zeta's Alpha Rho Chapter. I was first elected to this position at the beginning of last semester, so the duties and responsibilities of my position are already quite clear to me. Something I hope to improve is my chapter's interest in being involved in the greater Panhellenic community rather than just that within our sorority. In addition, I hope to assist in strengthening the functionality of the Panhellenic community in a more unified sense.

### VPP

I'm Jordane I'm a sophomore and the new VPP of Alpha Rho chapter. This semester I'm hoping to make sure we have 100% involvement on campus and try and piggyback events so that the semester does not feel as over programmed as it sometimes can.

### Social Internal

Hello! My name is Becca Caserta and I am a sophomore, Psychology major. I am also the new Social Internal chair for the Alpha Rho chapter of Delta Zeta. With this position I hope to plan some fun events and parties, and in doing this, I hope to further the bonds of sisterhood within our chapter.

### Sisterhood and Sunshine

Hi my name is Claire Hackett and I am the Sisterhood and Sunshine Chair. I am a Theatre major from Washington, D.C. I plan to help connect the initiated sisters and new members with sisterhood events, and plan a stress-free and fun sisterhood retreat.



*Top: Last day of formal recruitment 2013.  
Top Middle: Spring Bid Night  
Bottom Middle: Fall initiation.  
Bottom: Nora, Laura and Zoe take a family picture in front of the Christmas tree.*

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*Delta Zeta*  
ENRICHING

Alpha Rho's Silver Anniversary of our recolonization is approaching (and our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our original installation)! We have time reserved during Ohio Wesleyan's Homecoming weekend in 2014 to celebrate (final dates are still being set by the University). We are working with the university alumni relations office to plan a memorable event for the occasion. A survey will be emailed and posted on our Facebook Group in the coming weeks to provide input on the event(s) planned. We're also looking for a representative for every five years of our sisterhood to serve as "cheerleaders" to reach out and encourage sisters from the pledge classes from their active days to attend the celebration. If you'd like to get involved in the anniversary planning please contact Traci Kennedy-Brockfield, Alpha Rho 1998, College Chapter Director at [tkdz@hotmail.com](mailto:tkdz@hotmail.com).

### ***Dates to Keep in Mind....***

**March 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Big/ Little week**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Service event**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> State Day at Ashland  
University**

# Alumnae Corner

With Denise Brenner  
Alpha Rho 1997

## Assembling our Alpha Rho Family History! By Denise Sabo Brenner, AP '97

In anticipation of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Delta Zeta’s recolonization at Ohio Wesleyan, we are attempting to map 25 years’ worth of Alpha Rho family trees. Visit our online Google Document at <http://tinyurl.com/apfamilytrees> to identify your family and see our progress to date! The family trees we have so far are in the worksheet titled “Roster with Littles.”

Sisters initiated in 1994 or earlier: we REALLY need your assistance. Check both the "Roster with Littles" and the “Both Big and Little Unknown” worksheets for your name. There are quite a few sisters we have NO family information for.

If you don’t see your name in either of the worksheets above, it's likely because you are not appearing on the official roster we obtained from Headquarters (if this is an error, contact me at [dmsabo@hotmail.com](mailto:dmsabo@hotmail.com) and I will work with you and Headquarters to correct the situation). However, you may be listed in the “Sisters in composites but not in trees” worksheet – check for your name and let us know where you fit in the trees!

After taking a look at the Google Doc, email, Facebook message, or text your family tree additions, corrections and/or changes to me at [dmsabo@hotmail.com](mailto:dmsabo@hotmail.com) or 614-506-5509. This could include filling in the blanks for big/little sisters, providing married names for those listed only by maiden name, or informing us of sisters that are missing from the list.

Most importantly - *no matter how trivial you think your information is, every little bit is helping to assemble the trees!* So be sure to contact me.

And keep checking back with the Google Doc at <http://tinyurl.com/apfamilytrees> for additions/changes - I’m updating it continuously as information comes in. Thanks to all of you who have contributed so far; we’re making great progress. We hope to have all our sisters connected to the trees by our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion celebration in October, 2014, where a special family tree surprise will await all our guests!

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| 2  |             |                        | Tara Shepherd Kaiser        |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 3  |             |                        | Amy Schillig Glasgow        |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 4  |             |                        | Jennifer Montgomery Burgess |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 5  |             | Amy Odom               | Dawn Garman Combs           |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 6  |             | Anne Fullerman Pistone | Rebecca Engel               |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 7  | Amie Kelly  | Hilary Dunham          | Cristina Ingenito Tomeo     |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 8  | END OF LINE | Nicole Campbell Morgan | Kate Guzzo Williams         |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 9  |             | Betsy Pentiu Sabo      | Christine Reilly Brown      |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 10 |             | Rachel Vokoun          | Amanda Boles Moore          |   |                   | Christa Shasteen | Chiachi Hwang |             |              |  |
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| 13 |             |                        | Katherine Baroni            |   |                   |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 14 |             |                        | Betsy Gates                 |   | Naina Sood        |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 15 |             | Laneen Terken          | Katherine Foy               |   | Elisabeth Benoit  |                  |               |             |              |  |
| 16 |             | END OF LINE            | Jacqueline Coffey           |   | Diane Harvey Shaw |                  |               |             | Amanda Winte |  |
| 17 |             |                        | Elizabeth Chapman           |   | END OF LINE       |                  |               |             | Kate Krie    |  |
| 18 |             |                        | Carie Clark                 |   |                   |                  |               |             | Jessica M    |  |
| 19 |             |                        | Anna Spencer                |   |                   |                  |               |             | Jennifer Fet |  |
| 20 |             |                        | Sarah Cunningham            |   |                   |                  |               |             | Allison Pa   |  |
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# Remember When...

