

Pi Alpha Chi

Alumnae Newsletter

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“Do not be satisfied with little things, because God wants great things!”
-St. Catherine of Siena

It's Official!

We had a busy semester full of activities including The Big Event and the spring semester retreat.. The most exciting events this semester, however, were Big Little week and Initiation.

Big Little Week and Initiation are always exciting for everyone involved! It was no different this past semester. We had five new members join this semester, a very exciting number.

During the first few days of Big Little Week, the soon-to-be-little sisters get letters and clues from their big sisters. At the end of the week is Big Little Reveal. This semester, we had it

at our retreat. The big sisters wrapped string all around the furniture in the room. The little



Left to right: Shannon, Calista, Cambria, Kasia, Alaytra

sisters had to untangle the string to get to the end, where they find out who their big sister is.

Initiation is a special and exciting time for the sorority. It is a time where the potential new members get to learn everything about the sorority and officially become a full member. We were blessed to have five wonderful new Initiates join this semester. It is going to be a great year, starting in August, for our sorority. It will be full of great memories and new growth. We are glad the new members will be a part of that! We are so blessed!

The Big Event and Retreat

The Big Event is a campus wide event where groups split up across the community to help with various service projects. We helped at three different sites: First Plymouth Congregational Church, a fire station, and a man's house. At all three

locations, we helped with yard work. It was a great opportunity to help the community and spend time with each other at the same time!

After The Big Event was over, all of us went right to our sisterhood and spiritual re-

treat. It was a laid-back retreat full of games, crafts, and laughter. We made rosary bracelets, played bingo, and had a holy hour and mass. We ended the day with a movie about St. Hildegard Von Bingen, a great way to end a day full of activities!

Senior Send-Off



We have so many wonderful women that are a part of our sorority, which makes it hard to say goodbye to those who are graduating, or getting early alumnae status. This past semester, we had eight women move on to the next stages in their lives and become alumnae of the sorority. While it is sad to have to say goodbye, they are all moving on to wonderful things in their lives. The rest of us will remember the great things they did for the sorority and

continue what they started.

We had a lovely Senior Send-off Ceremony at a little bed and breakfast in Lincoln. There was a lot of laughter and some tears. They each brought an object that represented them and spoke about how being in the sorority has helped them grow. There was a video of pictures so everyone could see the great memories made in the past years with the wonderful friends made because of the

sorority.

Below is a picture of each new alumnae of the sorority and a little about what they are currently doing and what their plans are for the future. We wish them luck with their futures and will continue to pray for them!

The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love."

— *St. Teresa of Avila*



Laura O'Grady

"I plan on continuing my education by pursuing my Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln"

Megan Pryor

"I am working at Fontenelle Forest as a summer camp counselor! We get to spend the majority of the day outside hiking, playing, and having a great time! I also am looking forward to kindergarten this fall! Sending love to all sisters!"



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"I will begin grad school at UNL in August where I will study Audiology. In other words, I will be learning for the next four years how to help people hear better! I also started working at Kelly's Yogurt at the beginning of summer and will likely work there during the school year as well. In my free time, I plan to cruise around Lincoln on my new bike, a graduation gift from my parents, as much as I can!"





 * Ariana Meysenburg *
 * "I will be starting school at UNMC-College of Nurs- *
 * ing in Lincoln this August. My hope is to attain my *
 * BSN in May 2016 to be a Registered Nurse." *

*"Little things
 done out of
 love are those
 that charm the
 Heart of
 Christ... On
 the contrary,
 the most
 brilliant
 deeds, when
 done without
 love, are but
 nothingness."
 - St. Theresa of
 Lisieux*

Meghan Mosher
 "I will be attending graduate school at UNL for Speech-
 Language Pathology. It is a two year Master's program
 and I am grateful that some other SLP sisters are staying
 here too!"



Julie Stevens
 "I have moved to La Vista and I have started my full-time
 job at Werner Enterprises. I have been having a great
 time learning about the transportation business and also
 not having homework. :P I will be getting married June
 28th and I have been busy with the last minute details.
 I'm excited to see what the future holds! :)"

Laura Thayer
 "I will be going to graduate school at UNL in the fall
 to pursue my career as a speech language patholo-
 gist!"



Kellzen Browning
 "I have been awarded a Fulbright ETA for Germany for
 2014-2015. I will teach English in Germany for the school
 year then likely return to the US to teach German."

Coming Up....

August is coming up really fast! Soon it will be time to get ready for fall recruitment. This August, instead of having recruitment events throughout the semester, we are having one week with a recruitment event every night. The goal is to get about 35 potential new members. Hopefully it goes as well as it has in the past!

We are in the process of

becoming part of the local Pan-Hellenic at UNL. Some of the executive board members have had meetings about the process, so some progress has been made.

Summer is going by fast, and it will be time to start the new semester soon. Everyone is busy working, taking classes, and relaxing over the summer. It is going to be a great year next year! I hope everyone

has a great rest of the summer and a wonderful 4th of July!



Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think. What delight God gives to humankind with all these things. . . . All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. For without we cannot survive.

-St Hildegard Von Bingen

*St. Catherine of Siena, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Hildegard Von Bingen
Pray for us!*