

Pi Alpha Chi

Alumnae Newsletter

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It is of great importance, when we begin to practice prayer, not to let ourselves be frightened of our own thoughts.

-St. Teresa of Avila

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Welcome, New Members!

October and November were exciting months for new members.

The first week of October was Big Little Week. The new members received three gifts from their Bigs throughout the week: a bible verse or quote, 10 clues about their Big, and a letter. Friday night of the week was Big Little Reveal and Filia Ritual. The night was a good way to begin the bonds of sisterhood between Bigs and Littles, and we all look forward to seeing how relationships

between sisters will continue to grow.



alike, as these women took the final step towards full sisterhood in Pi Alpha Chi. Following Initiation, there was a reception to celebrate and take lots of pictures to remember this momentous occasion.

We will also be holding a make-up Initiation for a few more

members towards the end of January. Congratulations to all the initiated sisters and welcome to Pi Alpha Chi!

On November 14, we held our Fall 2014 Initiation. We welcomed thirteen new members into the sorority. It was an exciting night for initiates and active members

New Leadership

The sorority held Discernment on November 21 to select the new Executive Board for 2015. Congratulations to all the new leaders and thank you for answering the call to serve!

Executive Board:

President: Josie Heisel
Vice President: Alison Hawley
Standards: Cambria Butcher

Chaplain: Jamie Baumert
Ritual: Alyssa Eller
Secretary: Maggie McDermott
Treasurer: Anna Thayer
Recruitment: Kasia Paprocki
New Member Educator: Breanna Incontro

Rose Council:

Academics: Molly Under-sander
Alumni Relations and Commu-

nity Outreach: Erica Schneider
Communications: Morgan Kowalewski
Philanthropy: Alyssa Hurd
Risk Management: Erica Wagner
Sisterhood: Melissa Sondag
Social and Campus Activities: Olivia Ring

Recruitment



We did recruitment a little differently this semester. We held an event every day for one week. Girls could come to as many events as they wanted. After recruitment week was over, we held one Genesis Ceremony.

To start the week, we had a two-day recruitment workshop. During the workshop, we learned about how we should go about recruiting potential new members.

The first two days,

there were a few big opportunities to reach out to people. We walked around the Waffle Feed at Newman after the first Mass, and had a booth at Big Red Welcome to get our information out.

Monday through Friday, we held an event in the Newman Center that allowed us to get to know the potential new members better, and gave them a chance to get to know some of us. We had a different theme each night. There was a

night of coloring pictures, one with frozen yogurt, a patriotic theme, and many more fun themes.

Overall, we had a very successful recruitment week. We received contact information from 50 people saying they were interested. It was a fun week and we met a lot of wonderful girls!

Recruitment for the spring semester starts on January 20. Our goal is to recruit 10 potential new members.

*God hugs you.
You are encircled
by the arms of the
mystery of God.
-St. Hildegard Von
Bingen*

Senior Send-off

Senior-Sendoff is always a bittersweet event for the sorority. While we are excited about the milestone that is graduation, we must say goodbye to the seniors.

This semester, Francesca Torquati joined the alumnae of Pi Alpha Chi through the senior

send-off ritual. We gathered over tea and refreshments to celebrate her last event as an active member of the sorority.



She will be dearly missed but we congratulate her on her hard work, and thank her for all she has done for the sorority. We wish Francesca the best of luck as she begins the next chapter of her life, and will be sure to keep her in our prayers.

Chi Π AX and Roll with Pi Chi

For this semester's philanthropy, we stuck with the popular chili and cinnamon rolls combination.

The event was help in the Student Union. We decorated with a 1950's diner theme. Some girls even wore poodle skirts, frilly socks, and hair bows.

This semester, the proceeds we raised went to Project Rachel. We raised \$1,260 in total.

It was a blast helping with the event, and people enjoyed the delicious food. It was a very successful philanthropy!



Bonding Time!



This semester, we had some very fun sisterhood events! In September, we had an afternoon of painting door decs for ourselves and the potential new members. Current members then delivered them to the potential new mem-

bers. It was a fun way to welcome them into Pi Alpha Chi!

Another sisterhood event was a Halloween party. Members dressed up in costumes ranging from KitKat bars to Power Puff Girls. There were cute Halloween snacks, a photo booth, and fun games. It was a great way to bond and grow in sisterhood.

We also had a very successful sisterhood retreat this November. The overnight retreat, held at Catholic Social Services, consisted of Mass, games, crafts,

and talks. Prior to retreat, sisters took the Love Languages test, and then were able to learn about and discuss the love languages in small groups. It was a great way to learn about each other and how to better love fellow sisters.

The sisterhood events did a wonderful job of bringing members together to bond and learn about each other.

Take heart,
Jesus hears
even the last
echo of our
pain.

-St. Therese
of Lisieux

Founder's Day

This semester, the sorority celebrated its first Founder's Day. It was an event to celebrate all the progress that has been made in the past few years.

The event started with time for everyone to catch up and socialize. Alumnae, advisory board members, and Father Matya were invited, along with current initiated and non-initiated members. Annelise, the out-going president, gave a

talk about all the events and activities we have done in the past year. Awards were then given out at the event, one for each Patroness. The award corresponded to the symbols we have for each patroness. The winners are shown in the picture, from left to right: Julia DeLaRosa, Erica Schneider, Kasia Paprocki, and Breanna Incontro. A flower was given to the members of the advisory board that were present to rec-

ognize them for all the hard work they have done for the sorority.

At the end of the event, there was a time for people to come up and share any fond memories or stories they had about the sorority.

It was fun to see all of the past and current members and celebrate the founding of the sorority!



Exciting News!

- During our recruitment workshop, we came up with an official hand sign!
- The new executive board is going to meet with the Pan-Hellenic Council in January to talk about the sorority becoming a part of it.
- There is a new position. The executive board has a new

- position, Ritual Chair, that will be in charge of all the rituals. The Rose Council's new position is Risk Management Chair. This semester, that chair will be in charge of writing a risk management policy for the sorority.
- There was an article about the Pi Alpha Chi sorority and Phi

Kappa Theta fraternity in the World Herald. It talked about religious organizations on college campuses. It was in the November 30th edition.



Members and Father doing the new hand sign!

Coming Up...

At the beginning of January, there is an officer transition retreat. It provides a chance for the outgoing officers to talk to the incoming officers. It also gives the new boards a chance to get together and talk about the upcoming year.

There is an Initiation towards the end of January. Some girls were not able to make it to fall Initiation due to various circumstances. We are having a make-up initiation so they do not have wait until May to initiate.

There are not any big updates on the progress of the house right now, but we will be sure to keep everyone updated when there are. Right now, the Newman Center is in the process of moving out of the temporary Newman Center building into the new one. We are looking forward to holding events in the new building!

It will be another year of progress and growth for the sorority. We are looking forward to all the developments coming up, including

the house and Pan-Hellenic. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



"You see this gentle loving Word born in a stable while Mary was on a journey, to show you pilgrims how you should be constantly born anew in the stable of self-knowledge, where by grace you will find me born in your soul."

-St. Catherine of Siena

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