

Western District Fall Packet

Kappa Kappa Psi * Tau Beta Sigma

United by music, the Western District Joint Organizations of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma are committed to enthusiastic service to college and university band programs, by establishing the standards of excellence for the leadership, expansion, loyalty, and cooperation.

Brothers and Sisters of the Western District,

On behalf of the Joint District Council, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve the West—it is truly an honor! Since Western District Convention in Boise, the council has been hard at work. We are excited to be approaching District season and hope to see even more Sisters and Brothers at State(s) Days, District Leadership Conference, and Western District Convention. These events are a great time to develop your leadership skills, meet other members of these great organizations who share your passions, and to explore the geography of our District.

With only four months until the 2014 Western District Convention in Los Angeles, we will press on to provide the West with outstanding resources. We hope your experiences as a member of such exceptional service organizations are fulfilling, not only as a student but also throughout your adult life. Let us know how we can better serve this District, your comments, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Erik Marrs and Sarah Cox

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Important Dates:

December:

19: Western District Join Hymn compositions due

January:

1: Kappa Kappa Psi National Award applications due

15: Distinguished Sister and Unsung Hero award applications due

18: KKΨ WDCD submissions due

24-26: Wagon States Days at University of Washington

31- Feb. 2: California State Days at San Diego State University

February:

14-16: DLC at the University of Washington

21-23: Utah States Days at University of Utah

28-Mar. 2: Arizona State Days at Northern Arizona University

March:

1: Ideal Active Achievement Award application due

1: TBΣ National Award and Scholarship applications due

7: Rose and Carnation Award application due

15: Distinguished Sister and Unsung Hero award applications due

23-29: Tau Beta Sigma National Week of Sisterhood

28-20: Western District Convention in Los Angeles, California



THE WAR IS ON!

Bring your spare change and cash to the 2014 Western District events and support your Region. Donate to your team or sabotage the others. The 'jugs' will close at the end of Western District Convention, and the Joint Secretary-Treasurers will announce the winners. Is your region up for the challenge?



District Leadership Conference

This Spring, the Gamma chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi in Seattle, Washington will host our "Up All Night" District Leadership Conference from *Friday, February 14-Sunday, February 16, 2014!* The District Council is putting together several workshops to help you and your chapter reach new heights. Let's discuss how our organizations are living up to our purposes and what we can do to better serve the bands. So travel on up to Seattle for a this three-day adventure you won't want to miss.

Award Recipients

Ideal Active Achievement Award:

This summer, *Benjamin "Drew" Eary* was recognized for his hard work as a band member and brother at the



Omega Chapter. He planned and saw through the recreation of Omega's fundraiser, the Varsity Show: a project dating back to the 1950's. Encouraging participation from both Greek and non-Greek organizations across the U of A campus assured the success for this year's Varsity

Show, and all proceeds aided the band program at a local high school. Apart from seeing through this project for Omega, Drew has been and continues to be an inspiration to Brothers both in his chapter and across the District by representing the ideals of the Fraternity and always striving for the highest.

Geoff Bishop, an active brother from Oregon State University, was honored this Fall as the newest recipient of the IAAA. He embodies the motto and purposes of Kappa Kappa Psi in everything that he does for the Fraternity and is dedicated to the fraternity's traditions and values. Geoff is a role model for his Brothers, personifying the meaning of Brotherhood and encouraging those around him to do their best. In every project he leads or conversation he participates in, Brothers see that Geoff holds the ability to act effectively and with a grand consideration for those around him. With the betterment of the Brotherhood always in mind, Geoff strives for the highest in all that he does.



Distinguished Sister Award:

Marisa Lunde received the DSA this Fall for her outstanding contributions to the Omega chapter. She has given back to her chapter through her hard work as Treasurer and also through her dedication to her band. She consistently implements a variety of ways for her chapter to effectively raise funds. This Fall, Marisa has been unable to march within the Pride of Arizona due to medical issues, but she has not let that deter her passion for band. She is still heavily involved through being an equipment manager for the ensemble. Marisa has also made a constant effort to be communicative with her chapter and also with the District Council regarding her intentions as Omega's Treasurer and larger goals for Tau Beta Sigma.



Unsung Hero Award:

The Fall Unsung Hero is *Danielle Brown* of the Omega Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Arizona. While Danielle has not been a chapter officer, she has headed various committees and has gone above and beyond the requirements of an active member. She regularly updates the Omega website, posting new information about each sister of her local chapter, and she takes the initiative and effort to scrapbook the ongoing history within her chapter. Danielle is outwardly positive about each responsibility she decides to undertake and her enthusiasm encourages other sisters to do the same.



Student Leadership Series

Do you have an idea that you think will change the face of the Western District? Do you want to share that idea with your brothers and sisters? Well here is the perfect opportunity! This year you have the opportunity to present a workshop at the 2014 District Leadership Conference.

If you have interest in applying for this opportunity please fill out the following application and email it to Alexandra McClean (wdvp@kkpsi.org) and Heather Smith (wdvpm@tbsigma.org) no later than **January 12th, 2014**.

Name:

Chapter:

Organization:

Initiation Date:

Workshop Idea/Details:

How does this relate to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma?

What is your leadership experience within your chapter?

How comfortable are you speaking in front of a large group of people?

Have you previously been to DLC? Explain.

Why should you be chosen to be the Student Leadership Series Speaker:



“Spirit of the West”

Until the day the Pacific runs dry,
We strive for the highest, the star as our
guide (brothers).

As the sun rises and sets every night,
We pledge our loyalty for greater bands
(sisters).

Over mountain, valley, desert, and range,
The power of music remains the same.

Far in distance, close in heart,
In the bond, together we push on.

Blazing a trail into the new frontier,
We take our bands toward a brighter future.

Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma,
This is the spirit of the west, for you we
carry on.

The lyrics above are awaiting a melody to be paired with. Composers, musicians, actives, alumni: submit your version of this song in four parts (SATB) to kcalvin81@gmail.com AND to azhusker84@gmail.com **by NOON on December 19, 2013**. If you have any questions, please contact the above emails. Happy composing!

Western District Convention in Los Angeles, CA

March 28-30, 2014

To culminate the District Season is Western District Convention. This year, the wonderful event will take place in Los Angeles, CA—just a few blocks from LAX! Not only will attendees have the opportunity to meet amazing people from all over the West, but they will also have the chance to sit in on workshops and panels, vote the future District Officers as well as the 2015 Western District Convention Hosts, enjoy a lovely Banquet, participate in the annual talent show and fight song competition, perform in a reading band, and more! Don't miss this great leadership opportunity.



Plan your trip now, whether you fly, drive, bus, or walk. We've got a great deal on hotel rooms—only \$99/night for four people, and information about registration will be publicized soon. And, if you come to WDC 2014 you can even get a discounted ticket to Disneyland, only an hour away from the hotel!

