



**KAPPA KAPPA PSI & TAU BETA SIGMA
2013 SPRING PACKET**

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From the Presidents' Desk

Hey Westside!

District Season is here! Some of you might have been waiting for a long time to see your fellow Brothers and Sisters from the District. From District Council, we have been working hard to make sure DLC ran smoothly and also preparing for our Western District Convention. We have put together the Spring Packet with information to inform, interest, and inspire you for what is coming in the next few months.

With District Season roaring by, now is a good opportunity to sum up what has happened so far. Arizona State Days kicked off the first District event of the year, hosted by the Omega and Omega Chapters at University of Arizona. The following weekend was Wagon States Days hosted for the first time by Mu Pi at University of Oregon. Then the weekend after that was the 15th Annual District Leadership Conference hosted by Iota Pi in SLO, CA. This year we had a theme of "Snarky's Full-Service Chapter Maintenance," including several workshops from District Council, Roxy Windover for the Student Leadership Series, and activities to help each member bring something back to help give their chapter the extra "tune-up" needed around this time of year. Thank you so much to the 185 Brothers and Sisters that attended DLC this year! Without you, this event could not have run so well! Then Utah State Days was just this last weekend, hosted by Iota Iota & Theta Eta at Utah State University. The final events for our District Season will be California State Days and then Western District Convention: "Rhapsody in Blue" in Boise, Idaho.

Time is flying by so incredibly fast! Soon your chapter will be winding down for the school year. Many chapters will have brand new Active members, see members stepping up into different roles for the upcoming year, with new faces on the officer board, and another round of seniors graduating. Live in the moment, and use the time you have to accomplish your personal and chapter goals for the rest of the year. Your experience is what you make of it.

After reading the Spring Packet, perhaps you'll find yourself inspired to travel to Western District Convention, audition for National Intercollegiate Band by April 12th, or even travel across the country to National Convention 2013 "We are Bands: Join the Revolution" in Springfield, Massachusetts this July! There are so many opportunities for you to seize, but it is up to you to take on these experiences. The bond we share as members of our Fraternity and Sorority grows stronger with the extra time we are able to spend together, so do what you can to travel and make the most of every moment!

We realize there is little time left before the next District Year begins, which is a bittersweet time for District Council members. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to stand before our favorite district in the nation and work together to continue to strive for the highest and continually work hard for greater bands. It has been such a pleasure getting to know several of you across the district this year. The BEST are in the West! If you have any questions after reading the Spring Packet, please let any District Council member know.

We hope to see you all at WDC in April!

AEA * MOTS,

Jeanette McMillan & Jenna Goldman
Your Western District Presidents

Important Dates and Deadlines

March 2013

15th:

LAST DAY FOR PRIORITY REGISTER & HOTEL RESERVATION FOR WDC!

“For Sake” Award Application Deadline

WD Rose & Carnation Award Application Deadline

TBΣ Distinguished Sister Award Application Deadline

TBΣ Outstanding Graduating Senior Award Application Deadline

TBΣ Unsung Hero Award Application Deadline

17th:

KKΨ Candidates running for office submit packet to District Council & Governors

WDC 2014 Bids due to District Presidents, Governors and Counselor

WDC Packet due from Chapter President (Chapter Registration)

22nd:

LAST DAY FOR LATE REGISTRATION FOR WDC!

Joint Hymn Lyric Submissions Due to Cory & Marlee

26th: Celebrate the 67th Tau Beta Sigma National Founder’s Day

Submit applications for District Programs and Awards – Deadlines TBA

Finalize travel plans for WDC!

April 2013

Friday, March 29th- Friday, April 5th: WD Bro/Sis Week!

5-7th: Attend Western District Convention in Boise, Idaho!

Hosted by Iota Kappa KKΨ, Boise State University & Omicron TBΣ, University of Utah

12th: Audition materials (online application form & CD) postmarked to National Headquarters for National Intercollegiate Band (NIB)!

Officer transitions and Update Chapter Officer Information on Online Membership Reporting System

May 2013

Early May: Both Western District Publisher & Webmaster Applications Deadline – TBD

Work on Chapter Summary Reports on the Online Membership Reporting System

Save up for National Convention!

June 2013

1st: Chapter Summary Report Postmarked to Nationals

Register and Continue to save up for National Convention

July 2013

21-23rd: National Intercollegiate Band, Springfield, Massachusetts

Commissioned Composer: John Mackey

Guest Conductor: Anthony Maiello

23-28th: 2013 National KKΨ & TBΣ Convention, Springfield, Massachusetts

Western District Joint Purpose

Be it known that the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity, and Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, are herewith established with the intent of promoting the cause of band music; furthermore, the Chapters of the Joint Western District shall combine their resources toward that end, yet remain distinct in identity and ritual.

Western District Joint Challenge

The Western District Challenge is as follows:

The Western District commits itself to the highest standard of individual, Chapter and District responsibility. In an effort to achieve this goal, each member and chapter will turn in every form, receipt, fee, and application, complete and on time, every time. The Western District challenges all Districts to exceed our high commitment to excellence. Doing the most is the least you can do.

Western District Joint Mission Statement

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.

Western District Week of Music

The Western District recently had our annual Week of Music at the end of February and early portion of March. The goals of the Western District Week of Music were to promote the existence of music, to showcase the diversity of musicality in our district, and to enhance musical participation throughout the Western district. Brothers and Sisters from all over the district participated in a number of activities to reach this end.

Throughout the week, for example, the Western District Council hosted a music exchange program in which brothers and sisters swapped music from their personal playlists with other Brothers and Sisters. The aim of this particular project was to broaden Brother and Sisters' musical horizons. Several chapters also used the Western District Week of Music as an opportunity to promote the National Intercollegiate Band program, which will be hosted at National Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts in July. Quite a few chapters helped band members record their auditions and send them in for review. Overall, the week was largely successful and saw participation from many chapters in both organizations.

If you would like access to the Western District Playlist, which was compiled utilizing the music swap program, please feel free to contact Marlee Newman and Cory Lemke.

Western District Bro/Sis Week

Western District Bro/Sis Week will take place on March 29th until April 5th, the week prior to the 2013 Western District Convention in Boise, Idaho.

The primary aim of the event is to help foster close joint relations between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma in the Western District, between the various chapters in the Western District, and between members within each chapter. The Western District Council is busy preparing district wide events to help reach these goals, and we are looking forward to your participation during that week.

If you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding this program, please free to contact Marlee and Cory at wdvpsp@tbs.org and wdmal@kkpsi.org, respectively.

State Days

Arizona State Days

This year, Arizona State Days was hosted by the joint Omega chapters at the University of Arizona. The event theme was Hunger Games, based off the wildly popular novels and film series. The weekend started with several ice breaker games, followed by a showing of the movie. On Saturday morning, Brothers and Sisters headed over to the Boy's and Girl's Club to perform for the kids and teach them about our instruments. Each school played their fight song as well as other pep tunes and the kids loved it. After the service project, a profit share was held at Peter Piper Pizza. Afterwards, a race was held around campus to find several University of Arizona landmarks. This was followed by a trip to 'A' Mountain for singing and final bonding activities. All in all, it was a very successful weekend.



Nicholas Cohen and Jenny McDaniel
 Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi
 Western District VPM and VP

Wagon States Days

Wagon States Days was hosted by the Mu Pi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of Oregon from February 8th to February 10th. Brothers and sisters from not only Mu Pi, Theta, Gamma, Iota Gamma, and Theta Delta were in attendance, but also from Alpha Chi, Psi, Iota Kappa, and Beta Omicron as well.

The event was filled with a number of activities that kept brothers and sisters busy all weekend. Brothers and sisters helped repair music stands, organize music, and tidy up the band room at Churchill High School in Eugene, Oregon. Lunch was held in downtown Eugene followed by a photograph safari around the University of Oregon campus. Brothers and sisters also made sure to visit Voodoo Donuts, a donut shop unique to Oregon that features a number of bizarre, but tasty donuts. Following dinner, the group ended the day by watching 'Pitch Perfect' in one of the rehearsal rooms in the School of Music. The event concluded Sunday morning with announcements from the Western District Council and the usual singing.



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Overall, the event was a lot of fun. As an Arizonan, it was particularly refreshing for me to see the cultural differences in the Wagon chapters, but more importantly our unity towards our fraternal and sorority purposes, that is, service to the college and university bands. Huge thanks to the Mu Pi chapter for their hard work and hospitality.

Cory Ha Woon Lemke
Kappa Kappa Psi
Western District Member at Large 2012-2013

Utaho States Days

Utaho State Days this year was hosted by the Theta Eta and Iota Iota chapters at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. We had some really cool events, like making marching band survival kits and maybe you saw some of the videos from Utaho-lympics! Most of us got to enjoy Aggie Ice Cream too at the local creamery. Wow, what a treat! Profit shares and Penny Wars definitely were a part of this event.

State Days is something that is always an exciting time for anyone. With such distance between chapters in Utah, we don't frequently get to support each other in person as easily as chapters that are closer in proximity



but we are great at social media. Some of our greatest friends are from this state and through our bonding moments have become permanent Brothers and Sisters for us. We love our Utah family! #narwhalsforlife!

Jaelise Jensen & Jeanette McMillan
 Tau Beta Sigma & Kappa Kappa Psi
 Western District Secretary/Treasurer & President



California States Days

I hold California State Days very near and dear to my heart. CA State Days 2009 at SJSU was my first district event ever. It was the first of my innumerable road trips throughout the district, when I got to bond with my fellow EK candidates, Psi candidates, as well as many of our PsiEK actives. Of course, that was also when I began to make friends outside of UCLA-- when I met Rocky and Tony from Zeta Xi and instantly felt welcomed into this family that I began to realize was a lot bigger than my home chapter. For me, events like State Days are all about those instantaneous connections we make with one another. It's different from DLC or WDC in that the events planned are meant for cementing these kinds of friendships. It's fun, social, and you typically leave with a thousand new memories and at least ten new best friends. Not like I'm biased or anything, but California State Days may just be my one of my top three favorite district events, next to DLC and WDC...

This year's California State Days reaffirmed my affinity for the event and for all of the marvelous Brothers and Sisters of California. The joint Eta Omega and Iota Alpha chapters at Fresno State University did an amazing job providing awesome bonding activities: a Pitch Perfect movie night, a cross-campus photo scavenger hunt (GO PINK TEAM!), and an amazing blacklight party. Visitors even had the opportunity to play with the Fresno State basketball band; I was very jealous of their repertoire of ska and jazz! The two chapters also integrated a great balance of reverent Brotherhood/Sisterhood bonding elements into the schedule that were both uplifting and inspiring. The creativity of the host chapters and committee heads abounded: everyone left with a custom-decorated set of day-glo letters and can expect a record autographed by all attendees in the mail.

As always, California State Days was an incredibly enjoyable event that brought so many people even closer together. I know I left with a rolodex of new friends and memories I will cherish for a lifetime. I encourage everyone to attend next year's event at San Diego State University. Expect to have a lot of fun and to leave with a reborn love for all of the marvelous Brothers and Sisters of California! Arizona, Utah, Wagon... I guess you're cool too...

Marlee Newman
 Tau Beta Sigma
 Western District VPSP 2012-2013

District Leadership Convention

What a weekend! If you weren't there you sure missed out! This year we had 185 Brothers & Sisters in attendance for our 15th Annual DLC, hosted by the Iota Pi Chapter at Cal Poly, SLO. This year the theme was "Snarky's Full-Service Chapter Maintenance!" Not only did we get to learn lots of great stuff and meet some super stellar people, but the weather was outstanding! Friday was full of ice breakers and just getting to know people, since we need to get those brown "warm fuzzy" bags started early you know. Roxy Windover, a Brother from Iota Pi, was our Student Leadership Series Speaker, and gave a great workshop about being a compassionate leader. Brothers and Sisters arrived at various points during Friday evening. Saturday's breakfast gave us a grrrrrrrrreat start to participate in all sorts of service projects. With making musical posters, cleaning the band room and stands, bringing smiles to other people's faces, and working on fixing the percussion cabinet, we definitely had quite a variety of options to choose from! We really kicked off Penny wars and the famous great jugs (personalized drawings included!). After a jam packed afternoon of workshops, (did you learn your leadership style? If not, hit up the district website and check out that info and so much more!), we were able to come together and grow united as a District while participating in the Joint Experience. I hope you all felt "touched" and know how much we love you. Sunday was the closing of DLC, and we all said our goodbyes, took pictures, and best of all - sang. Can't wait to join hands again at WDC! Thanks again to our fantastic Host Chapter, Iota Pi and all the Brothers & Sisters who attended DLC!

Who is in the lead for Penny Wars?

Wagon: -216

Arizona: -4

Utaho: 40

California: 3924



The Ideal Active Achievement Award

The Ideal Active Achievement Award is a great way to recognize a Brother from your chapter who exemplifies our motto, 'Strive for the Highest.'

The autumn 2012 IAAA winner was Jacob Anderson from the Beta Omicron Chapter. Congratulations Jacob!

You can nominate any Brother anytime as long as they fit the following criteria:

1. The candidate shall be active in band.
2. The candidate shall have paid their Active dues on time.
3. District Officers are not eligible, though Chapter Officers are.
4. Each candidate shall win no more than once per District year.



The deadlines for submission are December 1st, March 1st, and June 1st. *(the spring 2013 IAAA deadline has been extended to March 15th)

To nominate a Brother please visit
<http://thewest.kkysbs.net/awards/kky-ideal-active-achievement-award/>

****Note: Both Brothers and Sisters may submit nominations, but only Brothers may be nominated.**

Please direct any questions regarding The Ideal Active Achievement Award to Cory Ha Woon Lemke at wmal@kkpsi.org.

Other Western District awards may be found on the district website. Make sure to start thinking about nominating your chapter for District awards as you continue serving your local bands and communities in the weeks to come.

Rose and Carnation Award

This award honors members of Kappa Kappa Psi who demonstrate exemplary support and dedication to the well-being of Tau Beta Sigma and harmonious joint relations throughout the Western District.

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One award will be given to one Brother and one Sister at each Western District Convention. Brothers receive a "Rose" and Sisters receive a "Carnation."

Criteria for Eligibility:

- The applicant must be an Active, Life, or Associate member of Tau Beta Sigma or Kappa Kappa Psi in good standing
- The nominee must be an Active, Life, or Associate member of Tau Beta Sigma or Kappa Kappa Psi in good standing
- Current district officers are ineligible for the award

Nominations are due **March 15, 2013**. Recipients will be selected by the District Council.

Convention "For Sake" Awards

These awards are presented at each District Convention to those chapters who successfully implement a project for music's, service's, or community's sake. Chapters receiving this award have gone above and beyond to promote music and service to their college band and community.

For Music's Sake Award

The For Music's Sake Award is presented in recognition of the project that best promotes music in the college, university and/or community.

For Service's Sake Award

For Service's Sake Award is presented in recognition of the project that best promotes service to college bands.

For Community's Sake Award

The For Community's Sake Award is presented in recognition of the project that best promotes community service unrelated to music.

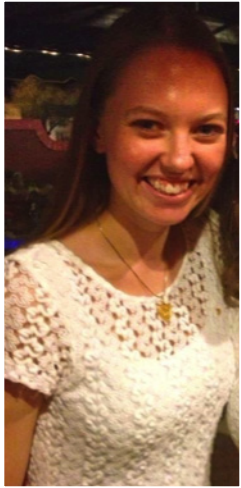
Please make sure to begin submitting For Sake Awards on behalf of your chapters on the Western District Website. Applications will be due by March 15nd, 2013. To view past For Sake Award recipients, please visit the Service Project Ideas page on the Western District website at <http://thewest.kkytbs.net/resources/service-project-ideas/>

Chapter Leadership Award

During each biennium, outstanding chapters are selected by the National Council and presented recognition plaques at the National Convention. The Chapters selected for this award are interviewed by a committee which is responsible for selecting the recipient of the William Scroggs Founder's Trophy. In order to be eligible for this award, Chapters must meet all report and fee deadlines as well as demonstrate excellence within the ideals of the Fraternity.

Likewise, the Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Leadership Award honors the most outstanding chapter in the nation during the biennium. The recipient chapter is selected by a committee at national convention which carefully screens the chapter leadership finalists.

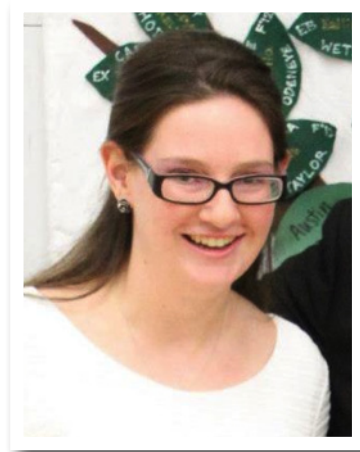
Congratulations to the Psi and Beta Omicron chapters as well as the Omega and Epsilon Kappa chapters for being selected as finalists from the Western District. We are confident they will represent our district well at the upcoming National Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts.



TBS Awards - Distinguished Sister and Unsung Hero Awards

The TBS Western District Council is pleased to once again recognize the second Distinguished Sister Award recipient of the year, **Alison Bailey of the Omega** chapter at University of Arizona. Alison has taken on multiple leadership roles both in her chapter as well as within her band program. As principal clarinetist of the Wind Symphony, a section leader of the Pride of Arizona, and a chapter officer, her positivity, strength, and courage set an example of leadership for all her peers. As a student, band member, and friend, she embodies each of the factors and qualities that every Sister strives to achieve. Congratulations again, Alison!

Congratulations again to **Amanda Pursel of Omega** for being this year's second Unsung Hero. Amanda has stepped up to the plate for her chapter on numerous occasions. Her kindness and generosity, along with her ability to effectively organize and lead various committees and projects for her chapter, have made her a role model amongst her Sisters. Amanda's perseverance and passion for Tau Beta Sigma make her an ideal candidate for this award. Great job, Amanda!



Congratulations, as well, to each of our incredible DSA and UHA nominees:

Danielle Brown, Omega
 Zachary Giddings, Omicron
 Amanda Pursel, Omega
 Micah Shaw, Epsilon Kappa
 Heather Smith, Omicron

Sarah Brazell, Omicron
 Danielle Brown, Omega
 Zach Giddings, Omicron
 Craig Tester, Omega
 Meghan Truax, Epsilon Kappa

Your Sisters profoundly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the Sorority and we hope to hear more of you all in the future! Also, thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who sent in nominations. Remember: DSA, UHA, Outstanding Graduating Senior, and Rose & Carnation nominations, as well as applications for the For Sake Awards, are due March 15th!

Western District Hymn

The Western District Council 2012-2013 has made it one of its goals to compile a Joint Western District hymn aimed at promoting unity between the various chapters of both Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi in the Western District, similar to the various chapter hymns from throughout the district.

After receiving few lyrical submissions, we have decided to maintain the focus of the project on the lyrics going into Western District Convention. Since the words and the music of a hymn are inseparable, we felt it imperative to first solidify the lyrics with the district's consent. If you would like access to the lyrical submissions we have received thus far, please contact Marlee and Cory at wdivpsp@tbs.org and wdmal@kkpsi.org, respectively. Please make sure to have all submissions in by March 22nd, 2013 to both Marlee and Cory. If you are interested in this project, also make sure to join the Western District Hymn facebook group to receive important updates from Marlee and Cory as the project continues and for collaboration purposes.

In an effort to provide the best possible hymn for the Western District, please keep in mind that this project in its entirety may not be completed by the conclusion of this year's Western District Convention. All the same, we are optimistic at the progress we are making and strongly encourage your participation.

Western District Convention



Hosted by Iota Kappa & Omicron
April 5-7, 2013
Boise, ID

Registration is \$60. Add a t-shirt for \$10!
REGISTERTODAY!

Priority registration closes March 15th.
Late registration is \$70 & closes March 22nd.

Room reservations at The Riverside Hotel
Due by March 15th
Room Block is Under:
"Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma"

Visit the WDC website for more information:
<http://www.iotakappa.net/wdc/>

What Can You Expect From WDC?

Some things you'll see at WDC include:

Reading Band!

Workshops!

Catching up on National News!

Committees working out District Business like:

Elections!

WDC Location for 2014!

Who wins awards!

Voting on the Constitution!

Meeting fellow Brothers & Sisters from the WD and National Officers!

Reading Band Student Conductor

If you are interested in applying for being a Student Conductor for Reading Band with a fantastic mentor this year, the deadline is March 11th! You can apply at <https://docs.google.com/a/kkpsi.org/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFhrQTdrWjhFSHpDdzJoQWx1eERZSmc6MA#gid=0>

Fundraisers!

Wanna support the Western District and show off some swag??? Here's some upcoming and ongoing fundraisers you can take part in!

- Penny Wars! Compete with other members of the Western District in collecting the most change for your state(s)! Remember that coins are positive and cash is negative. The state or states with the highest amount at the close of WDC gets half of the profit to host next year's State(s) Days!
- Talent Show Has your chapter got talent??? If so, show it off at WDC this year! Registration fee is \$25 and money raised goes toward our new travel scholarship!
- Display Boards This year, chapter display boards will be much more visible and interactive and for that reason, we will be giving awards for the best Kappa Kappa Psi display board, best Tau Beta Sigma display, and best joint display and there will be a \$20 display board fee per board. Show the district why YOUR chapter rocks!

You can advertise Chapter fundraisers on the WD Website Market Place!

2013 National Convention



Registration costs will be \$125.00 for the week-long spectacular event! You can register online today!

You can get more information about NatCon 2013, including the schedule at <http://www.kkvtbs.org/natconv.html>.



Auditions are due April 12th!

This ensemble is open to any college band student, whether or not he or she is in KKPsi or TBS. Host a recording session at your school this week!

For more information or to apply, check out: <http://www.kkvtbs.org/nib/>

Thank you!

Thank you from District Council for reading the Spring Packet! We hope to see you all at WDC 2013! Not much longer until registration closes & WDC is here! Please contact us if you have any other questions.

The BEST are in the WEST!

MLITB,

Your Western District Council

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