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Attendees of SD4 meet in the pit on the Fourth of July. Photo Credit: Mark Almeida.



Me with my predecessor—Hannah Giardina of the Mu Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi—at San Francisco Pride this past summer.

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,”

To say that 2016 has already been a wild year would be an understatement. but it’s times like these that we can be thankful to have each other within our respective chapters and across the country to lift our spirits. I certainly would not have been able to inject so much love into this issue of The Accent had it not been for the opportunity to attend SD4 this past summer. During that weekend, I met so many Brothers and Sisters who quickly became dear to me, whether through rousing choruses of Hamilton or being buried under salty waves and sand.

We are also so grateful and relieved to have Alpha Chi among our active ranks. Their passion for their sisterhood and the love that stretched across the district for them this past summer as they stood in defiance of the unknown was inspiring.

The Western District Council spent this past summer not just getting acquainted with their roles but also with one another through retreats and regular meetings. In the next month, you will receive a Fall Packet full of important dates for events, states days, DLC, and the Western District Convention. You will also have a chance to read more in-depth about your officers for this year.

Putting together this issue of The Accent for you has been a journey, and a chance for me to reflect on my own time as a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, and a member of the siblinghood within the Western District. Attending SD4 and talking with Brothers and Sisters from different schools throughout this summer has made me feel like I have only just begun to understand what my membership means. I am so honored to have the role of being the person to help you tell your stories.

Special thanks goes to the Western District Council, especially Natalie Kimura for all her prompt and enthusiastic contributions, as well as Lauren Streeter and Kaley Greenman for being my points of contact with Alpha Chi throughout the summer. Their enthusiasm was positively contagious!

I’m proud to be a part of this adventure with you, and I’m so excited to see all of you again at district events!

M<3ITB,

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SHOUT OUTS!

Kira Stein

Beta Gamma, Tau Beta Sigma

Kira has the most wholesome values of anyone I know, and always impresses me with her thoughtfulness, even from across the country!

- Brendan Carlquist



Jenna Jorgenson

Beta Omicron, Kappa Kappa Psi

Jenna is a fantastic brother because her presence in any chapter or band setting is very welcoming and inviting. She has been working exceptionally hard to prepare for our upcoming recruitment season and has shown a great drive and excitement for the season. She exudes love through all she does and I am very thankful for a brother like her.

- Mitchell Vareldzis



Sarah Mason

Omega, Tau Beta Sigma

For being the best person I found at DLC last year and helping me prep to be VPM! MLitB!

- Kayla Brown



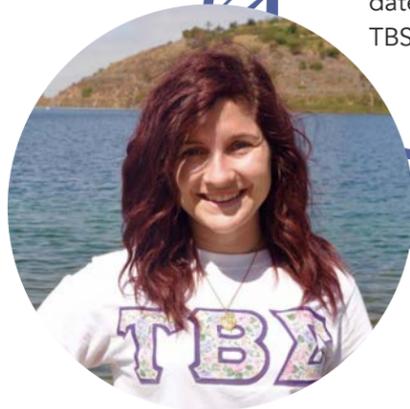
Lauren Streeter

Alpha Chi, Tau Beta Sigma

Lauren is the most kind, loving person I have the pleasure of knowing. Regardless of whether they are strangers or friends, she greets everyone with a smile on her face and a hug.

She has always been dedicated to maintaining siblinghood bonds and the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. During her term as Vice President, Lauren has been a role model for membership candidates and actives alike, always challenging Sisters to embody TBS values. I look forward to what she will do in the future!

- Kaitlyn Leung



Rebekkah Daer

Beta Omicron, Kappa Kappa Psi

She's such a wonderful person! Always bursting with creativity and happiness. And without fail she will brighten your day!

- Anonymous Brother



Max Rosenberg

Iota Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi

Max is one of the best meme Lordes who scared me by knocking on my window with a melon last night.

- Michaelynn Welther



Jennifer Bui

Lambda Psi, Kappa Kappa Psi

Shout out to one of my fellow Lambda Ladies! She's super dedicated to the Service and Brotherhood of our chapter and is all around an amazing person! You're already doing a great job as chapter president! Keep striving for the highest and MLitB!

- Anonymous Brother



Celebrating Alpha Chi

by the Sisters of Alpha Chi at Northern Arizona University



The Alpha Chi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has been serving the band and promoting women in music for the past 62 years. As the band programs at Northern Arizona University have grown, so has the involvement of Alpha Chi. Since the chapter was founded on May 9th, 1954, service projects have expanded, the membership process has evolved, and finances have grown immensely.

Serving the bands has been a passion for Alpha Chi. With a chapter of 16 Active Sisters and growing, the Sisters united together to accomplish over 23 service projects in the span of the last year. Some of their favorite completed service projects: Locker Room Clean Ups, where the Sisters cleaned the music lockers for all of

the students enrolled in the School of Music; maintaining band uniforms by organizing and running fittings for marching band members while also hemming pants; and hosting Girl

Scout Days, which gave the Sisters an opportunity to expose young Scouts to music through instrument introductions and performances. The Alpha Chi Chapter also hosted a



Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi help serve the community three times a year with Adopt-An-Avenue.

Women in Music Speaker Series for School of Music students and faculty so they could learn more about what it means to become a woman in music, and to increase knowledge about influential women in music.

Along with serving the bands individually, Alpha Chi has also hosted joint service projects with their Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi, Gamma Kappa. The chapters take pride in their joint bond. The siblinghood has hosted several such projects to strengthen their bond and ensure that the bands received what they needed to be successful at NAU. One noteworthy service project the Chapter accomplished was helping the School of Music host the NAU Jazz Festival, in which high school bands visited Flagstaff to perform in

a jazz competition. The Brothers and Sisters of Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi signed up to help lead bands as they marched onto the stage, performed, and received feedback from band directors across the state of Arizona. Siblings also participated in Jazz Ensembles, performing with and for high school students. Not only was this event a great way to help serve the bands, but it was also a lot of fun! The two chapters were honored to help Northern Arizona University and the School of Music in

any way they could.

This past April, the Sisters of Alpha Chi were fortunate enough to assist in hosting the All-State Festival, an event which occurs at NAU once every few years. This event gives students an opportunity to learn skills to help them grow as musicians. High school students across the state of Arizona auditioned to participate in a weekend full of music. The Sisters were joined by their Gamma Kappa Brothers and the Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha and the Sisters of Sigma Alpha

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The Sisters of Alpha Chi and Omega, along with the Brothers of Gamma Kappa and Beta Omicron, help serve the band programs at Arizona State Days.

Iota, two Greek music organizations also at NAU. Each organization ran different stations and events throughout the Music Building and the University Union. Members of the four music Greek chapters served these musicians and band directors in any way possible, especially by helping to guide high school students throughout campus. It was a blessing to complete this project and to know that all of Brothers and Sisters of the School of Music are making a difference in having events within the School of Music run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

When it comes to these Sisters in the West, Alpha Chi was considered one of the smaller chapters across the nation with only 16 Active Members. Even though the Chapter may have had only a small number of Sisters, Alpha Chi went above and beyond to promote the development of the NAU band programs. With a steady rise in the growth of the chapter, the Active Members of Alpha Chi were so excited to see what new Sisters would join the bond years to come. However, by gaining new members,

Alpha Chi realized that their Membership Education Program needed to change. The rush process was revamped, resulting in a new Membership Education Packet to facilitate the learning of the Tau Beta Sigma principles for the Membership Candidates. This was important to the chapter because it helped the Membership Candidates achieve a better understanding of the sorority, while also making the transition from Candidate to Active Sister smoother. Candidates were invited to select committee meetings to watch, observe, and to take notes on how meetings are run. This demonstrated

“The Alpha Chi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma can handle anything that comes their way and will make everyone proud with its committed Sisters, hard work, and dedication.”

to the Membership Candidates the processes associated with holding an officer position. The Chapter also incorporated a new lesson called “How To Be Active”. After the candidates joined the Sisterhood, they were taught in more depth how to run for offices, what each officer does, and Alpha Chi’s requirements.

Alpha Chi held several successful fundraisers each semester, creating new fundraisers and innovating old ones. One of the most successful fundraisers was Lincoln for Lincoln, where a letter was sent to family and friends of the Sisterhood asking to trade a “Lincoln” (one penny) for a “Lincoln” (five dollars). This was successful due to generous donations made to Alpha Chi by relatives that enabled us to serve the band programs. Other fundraisers included, but were not limited to: Rent-A-Puppy, where the Sisters worked with the local humane society to rent puppies to students for five dollars for thirty minutes of play; FSO Water Sales, where Sisters volunteered to sell water bottles for one dollar at the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra Concert; and Profit Shares, where restaurants worked with the sorority to give Alpha Chi a percentage of their profit. Fundraisers were done often, and it kept the chapter finan-

cially healthy.

The past year’s accomplishments were a huge milestone for the sorority. The Alpha Chi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma has been so grateful for the opportunity to service the collegiate band programs here at Northern Arizona University. The Sisters are proud for what has been achieved not only within the past year, but throughout 62 years of dedication.

A cheerfulness at all times and under all conditions, even in the face of great trial: the quality that these Sisters most represent. Alpha Chi has been through many hoops and obstacles; however, after 62 years of trials and tribulations, the chapter is still remaining strong and is ready to continue their service to the band programs at Northern Arizona University. With the support from their Brothers of Gamma Kappa, the



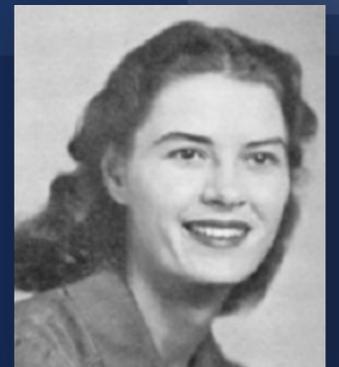
Western District, and the nation, the Alpha Chi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma can handle anything that comes their way and will make everyone proud with its committed Sisters, hard work, and dedication. Thank you Wava Banes for all that you have done since 1937. Because of your inspiration, the Sisters know that if there is a goal, Alpha Chi will strive for it and exceed

expectations. We love you all; keep on serving the bands!

With my Sisters [and Brothers], I am Best.

MLiTB

The Alpha Chi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma



The Ideals of Tau Beta Sigma

The **“Five Qualities”** to be observed by Tau Beta Sigma members at all times:

- 1 Knowledge and development of your physical powers in the quest for good health and bodily perfection;
- 2 Recognition and development of your intellectual potential;
- 3 Appreciation for and the maintenance of the highest moral standards;
- 4 Achievement of and the personification within you of lofty spiritual ideals;
- 5 Cultivation and maintenance of your emotional poise under all conditions.

The **“Eight Essential Factors”** which promote friendship and respect among Sorority members:

- 1 Physical and mental qualities of an attractive nature;
- 2 Demonstrated loyalty and dependability to those persons and institutions deserving of it;
- 3 A truthfulness and honesty which instills a sense of trust in others;
- 4 A cheerfulness at all times and under all circumstances, even in the face of great trial;
- 5 A mutual interest in the Art of Music in its performance and in the aesthetic qualities it can project to others;
- 6 Generosity of mind, heart, and hand;
- 7 Tolerance, tempered with kindness and a consideration for the needs of others;
- 8 Fortitude and courage to see an ideal, to seize upon it, and follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma.

SD4 2016

hosted by the Zeta Xi Chapter at San Diego State University



Taylor Pace

Contributor // Omicron, TBS

SD4, where do I begin? This past summer I attended my second SD4 event. The first time I attended I had no idea what I was going to. My chapter said it was fun and a great way to bond with Brothers and Sisters, so I decided to make the 12 hour drive with Natalie.

SD4 is a relaxed weekend where you get to hang out with Brothers and Sisters in San Diego. We spend our days exploring and bonding with each other. Ending the event spending the 4 of July on Mission Beach. I love SD4, I have met some of my best

friends from this event. It has changed my life for the better and I can't imagine where I'd be if I hadn't gone.

Although it's a relaxed schedule we always set a time to go visit William A. Scroggs and honor his contributions to Kappa Kappa Psi with the singing of our hymns. I always love singing, it brings a sense of peace.

My favorite part of SD4 is when we are all on the beach after the fireworks have finished and everyone else has gone home. We've been there all day and we've had a busy



few days prior but we take the time to sing and reflect on the past few days spent in San Diego.

I wouldn't be where I am today without SD4 and I wouldn't have bonded so closely with the Brothers and Sisters that attended if I had decided to stay home. I look forward to SD4 all year and I can't wait for next summer!



Sydney Dychiao

Western District President // Epsilon Kappa, TBS

I've only been to SD4 for two years, which pales in comparison to other veterans, but each time is a unique experience filled with just as much fun and laughter. Being in close proximity to so many Brothers and Sisters from around the District, just being lazy is exactly what all of us need from time to time—an opportunity

to unwind, relax, and enjoy doing so. One of my favorite parts about SD4 is being able to de-stress and just be in the moment with friends. Sleep deprivation is a little sacrifice in comparison to spending as much time as possible with some pretty amazing people.



Mitch Mikuchonis

Western District President // Iota Kappa, KKPsi

I literally can't explain the feeling I had during SD4. The entire weekend was filled with moments of seeing family you hadn't seen for a very long time. There were times when you just want to run at someone yelling, "Oh my god, YAAASSS!!!" even though you had seen them about five minutes ago. Some of us can be really busy over

the summer but I think at this point in our lives it's good to take a break and SD4 is that break. It's scary to think about but who knows what the future holds for you, you might not be given another chance to relax with Brothers and Sisters. You can seriously enjoy every moment. I had a great time even when I was getting pelted with sand!

My First KKPsi & TBS National Headquarters Visit



Natalie Kimura

Vice President of Membership // Omicron, TBS

I learned I was visiting National Headquarters in a casual email in early May 2016. This was a bit of a shock for me. Only hearing rumors about District Officers were visiting, the email confirmed that all TBS District Officers were invited. Typically, I saw District Presidents were sent to Headquarters to learn about leadership, music, etc. Then the Presidents have a duty to oversee the District Council and take organization from there. The rest of the District Council is in the dark for a moment, just trying to figure out how to achieve all the goals they set out to do and get them ready for the coming District Year. So, I gave a hesitant response because I didn't foresee this opportunity and a District Officer has a duty to serve the District. How can you say no?

It was an honor to go and go we did. On July 22, 2016 your three TBS District Officers and KKPsi District President flew out to meet together at Oklahoma City Airport. The Western District had near perfect timing, flying together and landing at same, approximate times to leave for

a two hour drive.

The attendance to National District Leadership Conference 2016 was amazing. We walked through the halls of Oklahoma State University, attended leadership workshops in conference rooms, had all six different District's Officers hang out, meet the National HQ Staff, learn about what they do, learn about our National Council with all they do and have done already. It was incredible to learn how there were plans in motion for National Convention 2017, how Headquarters has been trying to

make things easier for chapters and members. Examples include: changing the tbsigma.org website to mobile format to warning us to never send in cash to Headquarters in an envelope for dues. Headquarters received a ridiculous amount of cash last year alone. (Predict an estimate to the council and we'll respond.)

It was a hardworking group of people who had the most fun I've ever seen. A lot of Sisters and Brothers who were dedicated to the service of bands, so diverse in ideology and from different backgrounds of every



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type across the US. But the experience that struck the most meaning was the end. For the last part, one word will sum up what it was like.

Beginning. To end the entire weekend, the reward was visiting National Headquarters itself and celebrating Wava's Complete Memorial Garden. Visiting this place where Brothers and Sisters came before you was like a dream. Singing the Affirmation in a sacred place where both organizations reside made the journey worth it. The moment you step onto the pebble road that leads to Headquarters, think back to when you just became a member at your third degree and imagine telling your new active self that this is where it all started. What you learn in your membership classes become real life and full of substance. Each respective organization flags hang from flagpoles on the Headquarters' roof, the bricks dedicated to past members when you walk to the entrance. You begin to understand the small significance of you when you see where everything we stand for begins.

Connection. Your chapter starts somewhere. The first Alpha Class that struggled to start a chapter at your school had to work hard, maybe through a war, maybe through your band program ending. Some time in your history, your chapter had to end up at National Headquarters and continue. If you stay long enough and have friends, Brothers, Sisters in these organizations, then it all connects back to you. Because after singing in the garden, everyone was allowed to visit inside Headquarters and be able to see their petitioning documents. You wash your hands thoroughly, past by national awards, issues of past podium issues, and enter a narrow hallway to wait in line to receive a box with your Chapter's Name and see what's inside. Imagine

being able to receive the document that your founding chapter had to work so hard to become a chapter in the first place.

Nostalgia. I was lucky enough to see Omicron's two petitioning documents from 1948 and 2002. Looking through these photos made me almost cry because in both were familiar band things in black and white and color pictures. I saw familiar Utah Band things, pictures of names of people who were named after buildings that stand today. It was going through a time I didn't live but was connected to because of band! These same people who played instruments in band went through the same band things and witness traditions we still do today. I was overwhelmed with this connection that this family built this for the family I know now. It was incredible that this sense of being part of something bigger exists. Those petitioning documents are proof.

Legacy. On top of being able to see the garden, the petitioning documents, and overall experience, this was a big highlight in my journey as a sister. I recommend making a trip to National Headquarters in Stillwater, OK. If you're even more adventurous, become a District Officer and then go. This is my highest recommendation because you get a chance to hang out with people across the nation and your own district for the matter to experience this together.

Adventure. I wanted to have another week to hang out with Sydney, Jenni, and Mitch just so we could bond over this experience and work together. It was wonderful to know we have a council who is ready to take the challenge and move forward. I can say without a doubt that we want to do the most we can for our district and learned to be better Brothers and Sisters, lucky enough to have this



legacy left before us. It was insightful and inspiring to find all these connections from the past and rejuvenate your current experiences with our District. I know that this inspires me to work harder and take a moment to reflect that this trip can help continue all that we try to do. Each and every one of us was taking photos so our chapters could understand a fraction of our visits in order to understand the significance of what Headquarters mean to us. That Brothers and Sisters are there for each other. That your District Officers are here to help and advise and give it back to you for greater bands.

Much Love in the Bond,

Natalie "Sriracha" Kimura
Western District Vice President of Membership
Omicron, Tau Beta Sigma
University of Utah, Salt Lake City

Meet the Mascots

You may have found yourself at a district event wondering why so many Brothers and Sisters are unabashedly cuddling and toting around large stuffed animals. It could be that they just like having a stuffed toy around, or it could also be that the stuffed animal in question is one of these notorious chapter mascots! Here are just a few of the familiar faces you might see around the district!



579

Beta Omicron, Kappa Kappa Psi

Chapter Mascot 579
Pronounced: five-seven-nine
Name reason: it is believed that he was purchased at a garage sale for \$5.79

579 is a My Pet Monster which was a popular toy in 1986 when it was in production. It was marketed as a doll toy for boys and was one of few at the time. I encourage you to look up advertisements about this toy on YouTube because they're fantastic! On his wrists are chains and they are small enough to fit on a child's wrist

and the chains are able to break away in the middle. There was even a short-lived cartoon TV series about this toy in 1987, but it only lasted 13 episodes. 579 is believed to be one of the dolls that was released in 2001 because he is 22" and can talk! If you squeeze his fingers there are different

phrases he is able say. 579 sports an ASU shirt and his role as a mascot is still somewhat a mystery. For years he has been in a display in our office and last year our Historian, Mark Almeida took him out and found out a bunch about his history, but we are still defining how he can be utilized as a mascot. So far he goes to district events, in-state events, and any far-away travels, since we already have another mascot for road trips. We are still learning about his history and his role in previous years, but we look forward to bringing him to more district events in the future! This picture is of 579 at the gum wall in Seattle when he attended WDC with Beta Omicron in 2016!

AEA,
Beta Omicron Historian,
Alisa "HIPSTAA" Rader



Horton Omega

Omega, Tau Beta Sigma

Meet Horton, the mascot for the Omega chapter of Tau Beta Sigma! Horton travels around the world with Sisters over the summer, collecting pins and accessories as he visits new places. During the school semesters, he is passed on to a different sister at each meeting to keep him for the week!

Billy Joel

Lambda Psi, Kappa Kappa Psi

Salutations Western District!
Feast your eyes on Lambda Psi's cuddly mascot, Billy Joel!

Billy Joel is a fluffy hipster panda who flaunts his Spartan Pride. He loves his home in the shadowbox surrounded by wacky pictures of the Brothers. But when he escapes the box, he travels amongst the Brothers in little vacations to witness how they

strive for the highest outside of school. On his downtime, he likes to drink tea, cosplay as witches, watch "Chicago!" and sometimes help the Brothers with their service projects, like whiteboard cleaning. He's quite the little helper. Billy Joel represents our love for service and the love we have for our Brothers as we journey through our musical experiences together.

Maple

Eta Omega, Tau Beta Sigma

Maple is a strong independent duck who knows what she wants and how to get it. She uses her time and effort to regularly serve the bands, empower women in and out of the band profession, and advise TBS Eta Omega. She enjoys being pampered and lives off of Dutch

Bros. On her free time (when she's not breaking hearts) she likes to view the city and get into all sorts of shenanigans with her Sisters. Maple has been a rock for Eta Omega for years and will continue to help the chapter be the best it can possibly be.



Meet (more of) the Mascots

305A (aka "Doory")

Theta, Kappa Kappa Psi

The Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi presents our mascot 305A. Though many may know them as Doory, nicknamed in 2015 by Brothers from the Western District. Our mascot is quite unique, 305A was once a part of Oregon State University's music building Benton Hall. They were located on the third floor of Benton where they opened to a room for rehearsals, lessons, and

classes. It's not clear when 305A retired but they became our mascot some years after our chapter's reinstatement in 2009. In the time that 305A has been our mascot they have only been stolen twice. Once by Gamma in which they gained a "Bow Down" on the side of their frame and second by Iota Alpha and Lambda Psi in which they gained several KKPsi Pepsi stickers on their back side. 305A is definitely different in comparison to other mascots you may see around the Western District but they have a lot of character and we love them!

Mu Pi and Gamma attempt to get away with Doory at Theta's Third Degree.



Mupikky

Mu Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi

Mupikky is the mascot of the Mu Pi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of Oregon. She takes pride in her enormous amounts of swag and ability to not bark during rehearsals. She also loves serving college bands, and most of all, loves her Ducks!

Erynn

Theta Delta, Tau Beta Sigma

Erynn from Theta Delta is a spunky Elephant who loves meeting new Sisters and Brothers at district AND national conventions. She loves getting to go home with a new sister every week and especially loves learning new things when she goes to class with them. Despite being natural prey, Erynn loves her cougar family. In her free time, she loves

reading a good book, playing brain teasers to sharpen her memory, and making macaroni pictures. Erynn's favorite service project is stand tightening because she can really put her trunk strength to good use. Cuddly and ready for fun, Erynn always has a good time with Theta Delta and the Cougar Marching Band.



Eduardo

Iota Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi

Meet Eduardo! She is a transgender, rainbow zebra and the beloved mascot of Iota Pi. Originally a plastic inflatable animal, she used to be popped repeatedly and continuously replaced. Eventually, she was created into a stuffed animal by

alumni Neil Jansen. In her spare time, Eduardo likes taking selfies with HIRLy, travelling to district events and vacationing in Italy, as well as attending brotherly activities such as hikes and road trips.



coming soon:

the western district's

fall packet

Thanks for reading!

