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## ΑΚΑ



The Epsilon Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated stands firm in its beliefs to uphold sisterhood, service the community, strive for excellence in education, as well carrying out the legacy of our illustrious founders. The Epsilon Beta Chapter was chartered on December 16, 1967 at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. As the Epsilon Beta Chapter embarks upon its 42<sup>nd</sup> year of existence, it continues to thrive and achieve merits of excellence at University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Community service projects this semester include a Martin Luther King Service Day, Clayfish Bisque with the debutante's of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Christmas Caroling at Women's and Children's Hospital, Thanksgiving food drive, Boys and Girls Club Halloween Carnival, and the Black History Colorfest.

## ΦΚΘ

The men of Phi Kappa Theta would like to congratulate the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's newly elected President, Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, on a successful first semester of administration. The Louisiana Omicron Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta's newly elected executive council consists of President Joshua James, Vice President Michael Allen, Treasurer Tyler Daigle and Secretary Tim Brouillette. Much is anticipated for the community and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, as the chapter's new administration brings forth a young, positive outlook. Starting off the year on a philanthropic note, the gentlemen of Phi Kappa Theta assisted the Miles Perret Center in promoting and setting up for several activities over the winter break. Along with contributing to the local charities in Lafayette and participating in the philanthropies of other Greek organizations, the brothers of Phi Kappa Theta are currently educating its Associate Member Class of the spring 2009 semester. Phi Kappa Theta is also planning to host the return of the See-Saw-A-Thon, an event supporting their national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network.



Happy Easter  
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# ΑΦΑ

The Zeta Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc of the University of Louisiana Lafayette is continuing to lift their standards as a fraternity and fulfill their mission statement as a fraternity. The mission statement of the fraternity is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood, and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy to our communities. When it comes to leadership, the brothers of the Zeta Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc are members of various student groups and hold various positions in them. Moreover some of these groups consist of NPHC, NAACP, University Program Council, and the Pre-Professional Society just to name a few. In regards to academic excellence & scholarship, brothers strive to maintain their grade point average and to help students in their academic problem areas. During the spring 2009 semester, the fraternity has implemented their Fraternal Empowerment Mentalities Attitudes or F.E.M.A study program on Wednesdays to tutor other students. As for service, the fraternity has recently participated in the following; the MLK parade, the annual MLK Quiz Bowl, a registration drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana, and helped prepare food packages for the less fortunate at the Food Net. The fraternity's service goal is to reach 800 hours for the 2008-2009 academic year. However, one of the most essential components of this fraternity is the brotherhood. The brothers of the Zeta Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc constantly encourage one another on a daily basis and unite with each other through various activities. The brothers believe that without any unity there will be no progress. The future of the Zeta Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc looks bright as they continue to be a light to themselves, the community, and the students.



The Theta Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is at it again! The divas have planned a semester filled with fun and educational events. To kick off the semester, a school supply give-away was held for all UL students to reduce the burden of purchasing essential items for classes. The ladies, earlier this month, presented B.L.A.C.K., a forum discussing the rise of African-Americans in celebration of Black History Month. Theta Xi has also partnered with Lafayette Alumnae Chapter to hold their Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy in which they mentor young girls who have an interest in developing leadership skills. The young ladies are taught such things as: educational skills, how to be young ladies and of course sisterly devotion. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta have been working hard for their biggest event "Crimson and Cream Week". It began on Monday, March 9, with various events including a fashion show, Domestic Violence Forum (honoring their beloved soror Keo-sha Michelle Spikes), and the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Greekshow Extravaganza. Saddle up UL, its going to be a "Diva Showdown" !

# ΔΣΘ

March 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the twenty-sixth annual Shamrock Event put on by the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority. This Shamrock Event benefits Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Prevent Child Abuse America. Members of Kappa Delta will collect donations and hold a week of events from March 16-22. Monday was a special Girl Scouts of the USA event. Kappa Delta has been partnered with Girl Scouts as one of their national philanthropies since 1998. The girl scouts attended the chapter's weekly meeting on that Monday night and planted pinwheels in support of Prevent Child Abuse's "Pinwheels for Prevention" Project. Kappa Delta will be having an all Greek plate lunch sale on the Friday afternoon. Tickets will be sold in advance and dinners can be picked up at the KD house. Finally, the Shamrock Bingo will be on Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Ascension Day School Gym located at 1030 Johnston Street. There will be prizes and gift cards along with auction items! Keep an eye out for Kappa Delta's on the corner of Rex Street and St. Mary Blvd. throughout the week to make donations. The members of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette chapter of Kappa Delta will join thousands of Kappa Deltas across the country in the fundraiser to benefit local affiliates and chapters of Prevent Child Abuse America, one of the sorority's national philanthropies. Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the door. Eighty percent of the funds collected will remain in Louisiana child abuse prevention programs, while the remaining 20 percent will go to Prevent Child Abuse America for nationwide public awareness programs. Kappa Delta began supporting Prevent Child Abuse America in 1981, the annual nationwide Shamrock Event was established in 1983. More than \$5 million has been raised through Shamrock Events to benefit child abuse prevention efforts across the country.

# ΚΔ

#### Who's Who in Kappa Delta:

Gamma Kappa President, Amenah Abdelfattah was named Queen of Krewe of Roux for the University's 2009 Mardi Gras festivities. The coronation was held Wednesday afternoon in the lobby of the Student Union where king cake was served. The parade took place on Saturday, February 14. She and the king were presented at the Men's Basketball Game that evening. Congratulations, Amenah!



Phi Mu has had a very successful year so far and with their upcoming spring events, this year is sure to be one for the Phi Mu books! Since their thriving fall recruitment, they have had many chances for bonding experiences and loved inviting their new phis into the chapter last semester. Since then, we have had great success in electing our new executive officers and getting started with a fresh outlook for their booming chapter. Combined with some innovative ideas of their newest girls and lots of long hard hours of putting their heads together, the new executive team has come up with plenty of ideas on how to improve little things in the chapter, bringing everyone a little closer together, and focusing more on service to the community. After attending Phi Mu's National Convention in Memphis, TN, the executive officers gained lots of new ideas from different chapters in the area on how to improve recruitment, philanthropies and sisterhood events, such as retreats, all while having some good fun spending the night staying up late and bonding with their sisters. Now the chapter is ready to make its mark. This semester Phi Mu plans to improve its Philanthropy event, Big Man on Campus, that had a very successful first run last April. This year, each girl is required to ask a business from around the area to donate to our event, to which all the proceeds go to Phi Mu's national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network, and hopefully this year we will be able to give back even more than last year. Also, Phi Mu is improving their sisterhood events with their upcoming retreat. The secretary has plenty of surprises in store and different from previous years, the girls will be traveling for a weekend get-away to a Phi Mu's family camp to stay up late around the campfire and just relax and spend some quality time with their sisters. Last, but definitely not least, Phi Mu has planned some fun date parties and socials with the fraternities letting the girls take some time to just forget about school for a night and let loose with their sisters! All in all this semester should be a very successful one and Phi Mu has definitely set off in the right direction, improving their chapter while still keeping true to their main goal of developing sisterhood bonds for life. Phi Mu is looking forward to a very successful Spring semester!



# KΣ

Kappa Sigma is keeping the ball rolling this spring semester. Through the success of the fall, the chapter initiated 25 eager men to continue the legacy here at the University of Louisiana. During the winter break, the brothers helped out the less fortunate by cooking jambalaya and serving it during lunch at St. Joseph's Diner. In mid-January, they participated in the Acadiana Series of Poker. The brothers helped by dealing hands and handing out re-buys that came out to \$30,000 which went directly to United Way of Acadiana. On January 17, 2009, members of the chapter traveled to Hammond, Louisiana, to help install a new chapter at Southeastern Louisiana University. The onset of the spring semester brings many challenges, new opportunities, and exciting events. The chapter was paid a visit by the executive director of Kappa Sigma, Mic Wilson, who gave a very inspiring speech to old and new members of the chapter. He showed a great sense of knowledge and spirit in the Fraternity along with some great stories. Ready, as always to compete, intramurals are looking fierce as Kappa Sigma plans to compete in basketball and softball. This semester also brings with it the new members of the Executive Committee: President, Jon Stephenson; Vice President, Robert Reichert; Master of Ceremonies, Ian Willis; Secretary, Parker Stough; Treasurer, Matthew Hollier



The Delta Delta Delta sorority at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has a lot in store for the upcoming spring semester. From charity events to university activities, the Delta ladies are busy at work. Tri Delta focuses heavily on helping Children Cancer Networks especially St. Jude's Hospital. For Valentines Day, the Delta ladies opened their doors to all of the sororities to help make Valentine cards for the patients at the hospital. The next event in line for Tri Delta is Triple Play, which will take place at Moore Park on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. For those who are not familiar with Triple Play, this is a baseball tournament sponsored by Tri Delta where teams sign up to play one another while raising money. It is an all day affair that includes activities, Cajun spirit and a whole lot of fun to help those less fortunate.

In a few short months, every house on the row will open its doors to a variety of girls eager to find the best fitting sorority. This process would not be made possible without of help of the Gamma Chi's. The Gamma Chi's are a group of ladies who disaffiliate with their sorority in order to help assist the potential members with the rush process. The ladies of Tri Delta are proud to announce that Stacey Chamberlain and Kate Darnell will be representing their chapter. Kristina Beagh and Emily Camden will also be disaffiliating as members of the Panhellenic Board. Tri Delta is very proud to have such giving members. As one can see the spring semester is already in full swing and all the lovely Deltas look forward to what is in store.

# ΑΟΠ

The ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi are excited to start the new semester and are looking forward to what it has in store. Last semester, AOII won the large organization award for having the most spirit during the last UL home game. The sorority was rewarded with two hundred and fifty dollars and a flat screen T.V. They also landed their picture on the front page of the Daily Advertiser sporting their "AOII loves the Cajuns" sign. The chapter was excited to be recognized for their school spirit and cannot wait to support the Ragin' Cajuns in softball, baseball, tennis, and track!

On January 25<sup>th</sup> AOII kicked off the semester with Founder's Day. Here the collegiates and alumnae gathered to honor their four founders. This year Mandy Prevost was given the Outstanding Collegiate of the Year Award.

In February Alpha Omicron Pi held a semi-formal social with a masquerade theme. AOII is also proud to announce that three of its members were selected to be maids for the Krewe of Roux parade.

Congratulations to Michelyn Bernard, Laura Bullinger, and Candice Dazet.

March is a busy month for AOII, starting with the second annual Pi Week. This is a week celebrated with Pi Kappa Alpha that is full of fun activities and raises money for arthritis research and Faith House. On March 14<sup>th</sup> AOII attended its State's Day where all the chapters in Louisiana come together and meet in sisterly fellowship. On March 21<sup>st</sup> AOII will be super busy participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and celebrating Family Day. Ending the month of March is the much anticipated Greek Week. AOII loves Greek Week because of the bonds that are made and the shared pride of Greek life.

In April AOII will be participating in Relay for Life and will host its annual Strike Out Arthritis fundraiser. This year AOII hopes to host their event in conjunction with a Ragin' Cajun softball and baseball double header game. Each strike that is thrown will help raise money for arthritis research.

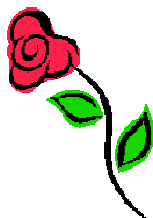
Good luck to everyone this semester! GEAUX CAJUNS!!!



# ΣΑΕ

On Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Louisiana Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will proudly host its second annual JIMbalaya Cook-off. This event is held in memory of a brother, Jim Marks, who passed away from leukemia in the summer of 2007. Jim was unable to stay in school while he was in remission because he had to work in the oilfield to pay-off his medical bills. In memory of Jim, both actives and alumni of the Louisiana Alpha Chapter have set-up the Jim Marks Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to make Jim's dream of staying in school a reality for other students. With this scholarship, students who are in remission and are unable to stay in school due to financial instability will be given financial aid from the University to help pay for school. All proceeds from this event will be donated to this scholarship fund and all donations, sponsors, and volunteers are greatly appreciated!

The cook-off begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The sign-up fee is fifty dollars per team and each will consist of four individuals (Registrations before March 28<sup>th</sup>). Its tentative location is the grass parking lot across the street from the ΣΑΕ house, but all contestants and donors will be updated if changes occur. Bowls and utensils will be provided but cooking utensils and equipment will not (Propane Burners only). All jambalaya must be cooked on site the day of the contest and judging will be based on taste and originality. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in four different divisions and drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the day. The divisions are as follows: Fraternity, Sorority, Student Organization, Businesses and Public. An overall winner will also be awarded. Come stop by on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> for a day full of food, fun, and competition while helping promote a great cause. For more information on the JIMbalaya Cook-off, please contact either Brian Olivier (Philanthropy Chair) 337-322-3237 or [bxo2430@louisiana.edu](mailto:bxo2430@louisiana.edu) or Travis Meaux (President) 504-415-9771 or [tmeaux135@hotmail.com](mailto:tmeaux135@hotmail.com)



**The Office of Greek Affairs  
would like to welcome  
Dana Bekurs as the new  
Director of Greek Affairs!**



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In January, Pi Epsilon provided lunch for children from Queen of Peace Catholic Church before they participated in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade through the community. The sorority also participated in the parade.

Also in January, the chapter assisted their local alumnae chapter, Iota Tau Sigma, in raising AIDS awareness, by offering free testing and information about how to protect your self against the virus, at the Martin Luther King Center. Previously in, November, they held a coin drive on campus for one of their national projects, Project Reassurance. This is a program designed to help expectant teen mothers.

Pi Epsilon has also created and still hosts the SIS Program (Sisters in Service/Scholarship), which is a tutoring program for both male and female students at UL. In a continuing effort to promote the well being and quality of life in the community, Pi Epsilon continues to devote their services and time to Daria Eden, a young girl who is living with a brain tumor in the Lafayette area, by helping her and her family with hospital bills and expenses related to her illness. The money the sorority donates to the Eden family is often from donations given by UL students at social events that they have hosted for the student body.

In the ongoing demand to expand the name of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the Pi Epsilon Chapter will be co-hosting their 68th Regional Conference from April 2-5 at the Hilton Towers located on Pinhook. The sorority has been working extremely hard to plan and prepare for this event. If you would like more information about any events of community service or other activities that Sigma Gamma Rho will be hosting or participating in please feel free to contact the office of Greek affairs. "Greater Service, Greater Progress."



## Greek Week 2009

**One Love Greek Life...Let's Get Together.**



### Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Greek Week Banner Competition

Time Due: Hung in Union by 8:30am

Location: Student Union Balcony

Cake Giveaway & Jersey Day (Must wear jersey!)

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Student Union Porch

Greek Skit Competition

Time: 6pm-9pm

Location: Student Union Ballroom

### Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Tobacco Awareness Table

Time: 10am-2pm

Location: Student Union Hallway in front of Cafeteria and Rex St

Greek Scavenger Hunt

Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: Martin Hall is Starting Location

### Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Greek Strut Competition

Time: 12pm-1pm

Location: Student Union Porch

Greek Movie Night

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Bayou Bijou in the Student Union

### Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Greek Auction Social

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Bayou Bijou in the Student Union

### Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Greek Olympics

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: Intramural Field behind Fraternity Row

*See you there!!*