

Kite Strings



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New Beta Kappa President!

My name is Katelyn Harman. I am the current president of the Beta Kappa chapter. I am from Germantown Hills, IL and in my first year of pharmacy school. My favorite activities include playing sports, reading, and lying on the beach. An interesting fact about me is that at one time I had eight wisdom teeth (it really hurt when those came out)! As chapter president, I am just

beginning what I want to accomplish. At founder's day in January I updated the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter on the events of the past year. I have created a calendar online that I update periodically to keep everyone informed on dates and times of events. Along with the VP Membership, I have been attending panhel meetings regarding recruitment. I look

forward to serving the chapter over the next year.

-Katelyn Harman
President, Beta Kappa



Founder's Day Brunch

On Sunday, January 29th, Beta Kappa Chapter attended Founder's Day Brunch hosted by the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter. Beta Kappa had 36 of our members in attendance at this event which was held at the Wokonda Club. As entertainment, 11 of our members also participated in

a fashion show during the brunch. The show consisted of the ladies wearing clothes from each decade since 1920. On top of this, the chapter also recognized 25, 50, and 75 year Thetas and had a number of amazing Alumnae present from the Des Moines area and beyond!

*In April, Beta Kappa will be hosting a brunch in celebration of the chapter's 90th anniversary on Drake's Campus. This event will be on **Saturday, April 30th** at **10:30 am** at our home on 1335 34th Street. All alumnae are welcome to attend!*

Meet Our New Members

The Beta Kappa Chapter got five new members through our spring recruitment. The chapter is delighted and so incredibly excited to welcome our five new members to be Theta women with us! The members include Sarah Thune, Kristin Turnquist, Samantha Melz, Caroline Salozzo, and Lara Hendersen. Welcome Ladies!



Spring Recruitment

Beta Kappa's Spring Recruitment was a great success bringing in five new members each one being an amazing woman. In order to get to know these ladies better, the chapter organized a total of five events which active members could attend and get better acquainted with their fu-

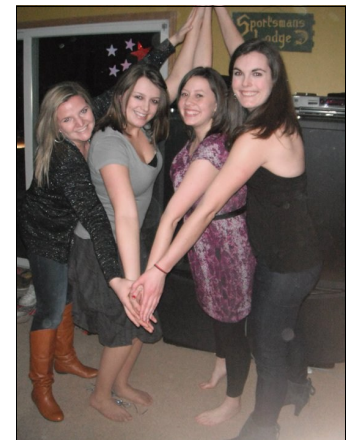
ture sisters! These events included Monday Night dinner, a Drake basketball game with the infamous Bulldogs, a card making sisterhood, a café homework session at the Beta Kappa house and ice skating in downtown Des Moines to celebrate on Bid Day!



New Beta Kappa Officers

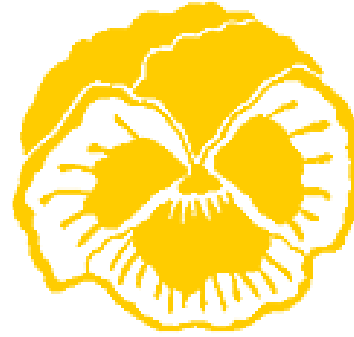
This semester a total of 28 members were installed as officers into the Beta Kappa Chapter. The chapter is incredibly lucky to have so many women who want to get involved in the chapter and the Drake community - bettering both the chapter and the Des Moines area with their services. A large number of

new members took the initiative and got involved as well, with eight of the 28 new officers being new members. It's a sure thing that these new members will work hard to keep our chapter running as smoothly as it is now and do everything in their power to make it even better! Good luck and great job to all the new officers!



Our Links...

- view pictures of recent events on **shutterfly**:
<http://kappaalphathetabetakappachapter.shutterfly.com/>
- follow Beta Kappa on **facebook**:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kappa-Alpha-Theta-Beta-Kappa-Chapter/107917209232590?ref=ts>
- follow Beta Kappa on **twitter**:
<http://twitter.com/drakeTheta>
- view the chapter's **official website**:
<http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/chapters/betakappa/index.cfm?pageCode=home>
- check out Beta Kappa on **Drake's website**: <http://www.drake.edu/news/db/official/archive.php?article=5613>



Theta Accomplishments!

- The following Thetas were admitted into the professional pharmacy program at Drake University (which begins your "junior"/PI year and is when students officially begin the graduate-level courses): Keely Huting, Emily Marincic, Stephanie Merrick, Stacy Reid, and Sheena Wanke.
- Allison Stephens and Jessica Shalita were also awarded Health Professions Scholarships from the United States Air Force and were recently commissioned as 2nd Lts. They will be promoted to Captain at graduation from pharmacy school and become active duty pharmacists. They are so excited to serve their country and practice pharmacy in an exciting and unique way! This is especially exciting for Jessica, as she is the first-ever second-generation Air Force pharmacist and is following in her father's footsteps.
- Beta Kappa's Jessica Hamilton was recently elected to serve as the Vice President of Student Activities here at Drake University.
- Erin Donegan was also recently chosen for a new Panhel position, the Director of Public Relations. She is delighted to fill this position as a new member and the chapter is excited to have her there.

Letters from Women Abroad - Spain!

Hi! I'm Kayla Boddy and I'm a sophomore Theta. However, this spring semester I've been studying abroad in Granada, Spain at the University of Granada. I chose Spain because it has always been a life-long dream to someday study in Spain. I will admit that the language barrier was a frightening hurdle to overcome, but luckily my rusty Spanish came back to me and I am now taking 5 classes all in Spanish. I like Granada because not only does it expose me to a different culture, it has also shown me how truly lucky I am back in the United States. In Spain, family is a very important aspect in their culture. Therefore, when I tell people

here that my university is over 5 hours away from my family, they call me crazy because they cannot comprehend a life without a strong family supporting them. I try to explain to them that I do have a family at Drake and it is my wonderful friends and my lovely sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta. My sisters in Theta helped me prepare for my experience across the ocean by giving me advice, love, and courage to discover some of the things that the world holds. I love Granada: the feel of the city, my new friends, and jetting off to fabulous places on the weekends; however, I cannot wait until I come home and see all of my friends again!

-Kayla Boddy

