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## Reflections on DePauw...

**With the recent news media coverage of Delta Zeta and DePauw University, the Great Lakes Area would like to provide some reflections on the situation from some of our alumnae.**

### **Angela McCommons, Epsilon Sigma '96 Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter**

In 1996, I joined the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Wayne State University. I also had no idea about the challenges that we would face in the later years due to our cultural differences. The story about the women at DePauw University brought back some significant thoughts about my collegiate life as a Delta Zeta. This story did concern me because I am a proud African American Alumna who has experienced some difficulty with my sisters due to our cultural differences. I often felt that the chapter majority wanted a more uniform image (blonde, thin, white women). There were a few girls that severed due to this but my severing from Delta Zeta was never an option. At that time we were all very immature. My sisters would do things that I felt were exclusive to me as an African American, which would ignite a negative reaction at times. Those negative reactions often stemmed from an inability to understand and relate to my sisters along with having to constantly defend my reason for joining a predominantly white sorority. Some family members, friends and members of black sororities felt betrayed by my choice to become a Delta Zeta. All of this led to some regret because I endured all this resistance only to be with sisters that I could not relate to.

On the outside, we claimed to be forever bonded as sisters but inside we had no idea how to truly relate to each other. I always felt that passion and assertion was frequently misconstrued as black aggression toward my white sisters. I was comfortable being genuine with my "sisters" but often misunderstood because none of us had the courage to discuss our obvious differences. Acknowledging difference does not mean forcing anyone to change their identity; it just means that we will better understand our behavior and its root.

I have celebrated 10 years as a Delta Zeta and I would like to continue my membership and produce a legacy (in my newborn daughter) knowing that our race is not an issue among my



Angela McCommons (Epsilon Sigma '96) with her little legacy, five-month old Talia.

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## Media Blizzard

**Jessica Blevins, Delta '00  
Columbus Alumnae Chapter President &  
State Public Relations Chairman - Ohio**

I am a graduate of DePauw University and a Delta Chapter initiate. I witnessed a major media snowstorm that slammed Delta Zeta in February. One snowflake fell and that flake turned into a blinding, cold blizzard. I have my opinion on what happened. But, who is right and who is wrong doesn't matter as we shovel away all of the snow that fell.

What matters is fair and balanced news coverage. I am a news writer and to me, it's the number one rule in journalism; one I try my hardest to follow. I didn't see fair and balanced news stories throughout the entire storm. And that's unethical journalism.

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# Delta Zeta Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend...

## 2007 Region V State Day - April 21, 2007



*Above:* Alumnae browse the "Nostalgia table" at State Day 2007.

"Delta Zeta Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" was the theme of the 2007 Region V State Day, hosted April 21, 2007 by Kappa Iota Chapter at Wright State University. Between 350-400 collegians and 50-60 alumnae, the most in recent history, were in attendance.

Over 20 alumnae gathered for dinner on Friday evening, followed by a special sisterhood alumnae mixer and ceremony at the student Union. On Saturday, alumnae were treated to a Welcome Breakfast, speaker Ann Booher of the Dayton Alumnae Chapter and icebreaker prior to the official start to the day. Andrea Wolfe, Kappa Iota State Day Chair, Pam Asher, Region V Regional Collegiate Coordinator, Amy Uhler, Dayton Alumnae Chapter President, Mella Davies, Great Lakes Area Alumnae Director, and Dr. Rick Daniels, WSU Director of Student Activities welcomed us to campus and wished us well before we dispersed to workshop sessions.

While some alumnae served as workshop facilitators, others were lucky enough to attend some of the best workshops on record. "Just for the Health of It", "Giving Graciously", "Etiquette in Social Situations", "Delta Zeta Songs and Chants", and "Yoga/Yogalates" were some of the more popular sessions. Alumnae were able to spend some time with Senior members in the Senior/Young Alumnae workshop, and both groups benefited from their time together. After our workshop sessions, the Dayton Alumnae Chapter led us in a special Alumnae Sisterhood Ceremony, one of the new features incorporated by the chapter to try to provide a special touch for alumnae members in attendance.

Over a buffet style Italian lunch, we heard chants from each of the collegiate chapters, and the winners of the collegiate and alumnae spirit awards were announced. Alumnae members cleaned up in the 2007 Chinese auction, and took home items such as the Dayton Alumnae Chapter's Starbucks themed basket, Cleveland Eastside's Spa basket, Youngstown's "Store your DZ Memories" basket, and Cleveland Westside/Berea's Cleveland Browns basket. The Youngstown alumnae who traveled the farthest were appropriately presented with a gas card provided by the Dayton Alumnae.

After lunch we viewed a very moving short film by WSU alumna Selena Burks titled "Saving Jackie". Selena's film, a featured short in the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, told her story of growing up in a household with two drug-addicted parents. Selena conveyed to us that we are all "Diamonds in the Rough", and that "We're all beautiful, strong, lovely women and the goal is to help those diamonds shine."

AAD Mella Davies then led Order of the Pearl and Golden Rose ceremonies to honor three special alumnae in attendance (see below for information and photos). The alumnae awards ceremony was next, and more alumnae than ever were honored with awards (see pages 3-4 for award details). In addition to earning the Traveling Gavel Award through their strong showing of alumnae in attendance, the Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter also garnered the first Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award presented in over 10 years.

After Pam Asher recognized the Region V CCDs and announced the 2007 collegiate award winners (see page 3 for a partial list of winners), we finished the day with a Senior Ceremony and Friendship Circle led by the alumnae of the Dayton Alumnae Chapter. Gamma Alpha Chapter at Baldwin-Wallace College will serve as State Day host in 2008. Hope to see you then! 🌱



*Above:* AAD Mella Davies (left) and Cleveland Westside Alumnae Chapter President Karin Crivel (right) pose with keynote speaker Selena Burks.



### Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award

*This award has not been presented for over 10 years. We've had terrific and deserving chapters; but failed to develop a means of measuring their accomplishments. This year we required Alumnae Chapters to submit an Alumnae Chapter Review Form to be considered for alumnae awards.*

The 2007 winner has increased its membership by three members, given generously to local charities and the Foundation, enjoyed many creative and non-traditional program activities, worked closely with their collegiate chapter and planned and hosted the 2007 Region V State Day. Congratulations to the **Dayton Alumnae Chapter**.

*Below:* Jessica Blevins (Delta '00) talks with Order of the Pearl honoree Marilyn Johnson Hibbs (Delta '42).



*Above:* AAD Mella Davies presents Karen Kah Papanek (Gamma Tau) and Janet Strobel Kowal (Alpha Theta) with their Golden Roses for 50 years of Delta Zeta membership.

# Alumnae Awards

By Mella Davies, Great Lakes AAD

## The 2007 Olive McCune Loyalty Award Winner

This award is given to an alumna member in Ohio who has made a significant contribution to her sorority through her loyalty, interest and devotion. Visit the Great Lakes Website at [www.dzgreatlakes.com](http://www.dzgreatlakes.com) for more information about Ms. McCune and past Olive McCune Loyalty Award winners.

**Carla Woodcock (Gamma Kappa) of the Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter is pictured with Awards Chairman Liz Wood (left) and AAD Mella Davies.**



I don't believe our award winner ever left Ohio after she joined Gamma Kappa chapter at Kent State. She remained in close contact with her chapter, especially when she was a member of the House Corporation.

She has been a committee chairman or an officer in her Alumnae Chapter every year since the 1970s. She has served as newsletter editor for eight years and has published the annual membership directory for 24. Meetings are always eventful. Full of energy and ideas, she urges her sisters to support our local philanthropy, Panhellenic, the Delta Zeta Foundation and Delta Zeta Headquarters and Historic museum. Through her efforts the Ohio chapters raised \$5,000 to furnish the Ohio Room. As a result of this project, she received the Mary Margaret Fore Individual Philanthropy Award at the 1998 National Convention. She was also awarded an Achoth bracelet at that Convention.

She was the Delta Zeta delegate to the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association for seven years. During that period she was Treasurer, Secretary and President. In 2005 she was selected the Cleveland Panhellenic Association's Woman of the Year.

Many other activities and organizations have benefitted from her interest and enthusiasm. Her loyalty and dedication to our sorority have been proven again and again. I'm so proud to have her as a sister and fellow member of the Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter.

**Congratulations Carla!**

## Lucile Crowell Cooks & Mella Cooks Davies Alumnae Collegiate Relations Award



This award has not been given for many years. It is presented to the Alumnae Chapter that has shared their meetings and events with a collegiate chapter, has supported the collegiate chapter financially and has participated in their activities.

**The 2007 recipients are the Kent Alumnae Chapter and Gamma Kappa Chapter.**

Pictured at left are Kelly Gombert, Kent Alumnae President, and Megan Grote, Gamma Kappa Chapter President.

# Collegiate Awards

Ohio State Day, April 21, 2007

The following is only a partial list of Collegiate Award winners from State Day 2007. Please visit [www.dzgreatlakes.com](http://www.dzgreatlakes.com) for a full list of award winners.

**Most Improved Scholarship - Alpha Chapter**  
**Mary Collins Galbraith Award for Highest Scholarship in the Region - Alpha Rho Chapter**  
**Cindy Winslow Menges Communication Award - Gamma Alpha Chapter**  
**Programming Excellence Award - Zeta Kappa Chapter**  
**Sandra Bailey Philanthropy Excellence Award - Theta Chapter**  
**VIP (Vision, Innovation, Perseverance) Award - Gamma Kappa Chapter**  
**Lynnda Wolf Hoefler Most Improved Chapter Award - Gamma Tau Chapter**  
**Outstanding New Member Program Award - Kappa Iota Chapter**  
**Phyllis S. Favorite Outstanding New Member of the Region Award - Lynanne Wolf-Sabatio, Theta**  
**Outstanding Chapter Treasurer - Tonya Terken, Alpha Rho**  
**Outstanding Chapter President - Breinn Newmann, Theta Psi**  
**Heart and Soul Award - Ashley Warren, Theta**  
**Pride of the Region - Megan Grote, Gamma Kappa**  
**Grace Mason Lundy Award - Christine Wilson, Gamma Kappa**

## 2007 Lamplighter Award Winners

The Lamplighter Award, established in 1981, acknowledges the member in each chapter who has given that extra bit of spark, devotion and loyalty as an officer or member. For more information about the 2007 winners, visit [www.dzgreatlakes.com](http://www.dzgreatlakes.com).

**Right:** The 2007 Lamplighters pose. From left to right are Melissa Swantek, Iris Mirelez, Annette Marquez, Jackie Lee, and Betty Ann Spero. Not pictured: Polly Sems.



**Recipients are listed below with their nominating chapter:**

**Cleveland Eastside**  
Polly Allen Sems, Beta Chi

**Dayton**  
Iris Mirelez, Kappa Iota

**Cleveland Westside/Berea**  
Betty Ann Spero, Theta Psi

**Delaware Area**  
Jackie Lapp-Lee, Zeta Kappa

**Columbus**  
Annette Marquez, Gamma Xi

**Youngstown**  
Melissa Swantek, Kappa Chi

## 2007 Helen Reimund "Love" Philanthropy Award

This award is presented to an Alumnae Chapter for supreme excellence in philanthropy - total money and time donated to philanthropic causes, the Delta Zeta Foundation and local charities.

**The 2007 recipient is the Dayton Alumnae Chapter with total philanthropic donations of \$3,485.**

## 2007 Joan Dondrea Lowry Philanthropy Award

This award was established at State Day 1992 and is presented to the Alumnae Chapter donating the greatest time and money to the Delta Zeta Foundation.

**The 2007 recipient is the Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter with total donations of \$625.**

# 2007 Alumnae Awards *(continued from page 3)*

*Awarded at the 2007 Ohio State Day - Summaries by Mella Davies, Great Lakes AAD*

## The Outstanding Ohio Delta Zeta Alumna Award

*This award was established in 1984 and is presented in non-convention years to an alumna member who is actively involved in Delta Zeta and has attained outstanding achievement in her career and/or community volunteer areas.*

Our winner has already been recognized in Ohio with the Lamplighter and Olive McCune Loyalty Awards. As an undergraduate she was awarded Province V's "Over and Beyond the Call" Award and was selected as a Grace Mason Lundy Award winner. As member of the Panhellenic Judiciary Board at Kent State, she developed an interest in Panhellenic affairs that has continued to this day.

Her accomplishments are impressive and demonstrate an abiding interest in helping women achieve their highest potential and strengthening the ties of our sisterhood. As an American Red Cross blood donor, she has given seven gallons of blood to help others in need.



*Lynnda Wolf Hoefler:  
2007 Outstanding  
Ohio Alumna.*

This outstanding alumna joined the Kent alumnae chapter in 1977, became a pledge advisor to Gamma Kappa and joined the GK House Corporation. Gamma Kappa CCD was the next step. She served as the National Philanthropy Chairman for two years before becoming Province Collegiate Director for Province V in the 1980s.

In 1987 she was elected to National Council. Her responsibilities on Council have included Director of College Chapter Finances, National Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference, Vice President of Membership, NPC Alternate from 1993 – 2002, and she presently serves as NPC Conference Delegate. She was appointed a mid American Area Advisor to College Panhellenics in 2002 and continues to serve in that role today.

Nominated by Columbus Alumnae Chapter, Lynnda Wolf Hoefler is a familiar face in Columbus since she has been a National Chapter advisor to Theta for over a year.

Despite her many responsibilities on National Council and NPC, Lynnda finds the time to support Region V's collegians and alumnae. She is a gracious representative of Delta Zeta, a wonderful role model for all women and our special Region V Diamond. 🌱

## The Above and Beyond the Call Award

*Right: Angela Barwick  
Messenger: 2007 Above  
and Beyond the Call Award  
Winner. Angela is pictured  
at right with her sister  
Madonna Barwick.*



*We received many  
outstanding nominations for  
alumna awards this year, so at  
the discretion of the Awards  
Committee, we honored an  
alumna with a new award. Its  
name was inspired by a long  
ago Province V award given to  
Lynnda Hoefler.*

This Delta Zeta was initiated in 2000 and before taking alumna status in 2001, she served as historian, Lamp reporter, alumnae relations chair, chaplain, new member educator, guard and Greek Sing co-chair. She was honored as the most outstanding senior, inducted into Order of the Omega and attended State Day and the Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference.

She joined the local alumnae group in 2002 and has been active ever since. She is the chapter collegiate faculty advisor and collegiate academic advisor. Her support of her collegiate chapter's activities is amazing, and includes helping at fundraisers, providing needed supplies for activities, donating gifts to seniors and serving as a liaison between collegians and alumnae. In 2006 and 2007 she led workshops at regional officer training for academic chairmen.

Last year's State Day was in Youngstown and Kappa Chi alumna, Angela Barwick Messenger hosted planning meetings and presented the popular Wedding Planning Workshop. She was a Lamplighter recipient in 2005 and in 2007 is awarded the Above and Beyond the Call Award. 🌱

## All About Membership...

*Ohio Membership Report from State Chairman Lori Campbell*

Hello! My name is Lori Campbell and I am the New State Membership Chairperson for Ohio. In my role, I am beginning the process of trying to start new Alumnae Chapters and/or active Chapter Associations in Ohio. My first goal is to start a group that will support Alpha Chapter at Miami University. I would love to eventually form alumnae groups across the state, so that all collegiate chapters have the necessary support of an Alumnae Chapter/Chapter Association. This is a lofty goal I know, and that is why I need your help.

As part of the process I am planning to send e-mails to all CCDs and Alumnae Chapter contacts in Region V. I will be inquiring about the following, which will confirm the information that I currently have, and help me gather other necessary information:

- 1) Does your chapter have an active Chapter Association? If yes, is the contact that I have correct? If no, do you have suggestions of individuals who might help create one?
- 2) Does your chapter have the support of an Alumnae Chapter? If so, which one? If not, do you know of any area alumnae that might be interested in starting one?

I would appreciate your assistance in my role! Look for my e-mails to hit your inboxes soon. 🌱

# Mella's Musings

*Great Lakes AAD Report from Mella Davies*

Region V/Ohio State Day at Wright State University on April 21<sup>st</sup> was an unqualified success. It was a perfect example of collegiate alumnae cooperation. Kappa Iota hosted Region V Day with the help and support of the Dayton Alumnae Chapter. The alumnae chapter's goal was to double the number of alumnae participants, and they were successful with more than 60 alumnae from all corners of Ohio attending. Pam Asher, Region V RCC, welcomed over 350 collegians as well.



Three additional awards increased total alumnae awards to nine this year. Winners for chapter awards were selected from the information provided on the Alumnae Chapter Review Form. Congratulations to the chapter award recipients who achieved excellence for philanthropy donations and alumnae collegiate relations. Perhaps the chapter Lamplighter winners will one day be honored as an Outstanding Alumna or Olive McCune Loyalty Award recipient as Gamma Kappa alumnae, Lynnda Hoefler and Carla Woodcock, were so honored this year.

We're proud of the accomplishments of the Great Lakes Area Team members. Each chairman now has a specific job description and team members are taking initiative and completing tasks. Area networks, established in 1996, are beginning to show positive results. More Chapter Association contacts have been recruited. This means there will be more communication among Chapter Association members. As a result, we'll find more of our Area's 4975 lost alumnae. There are some chapters without a Chapter Association contact. Let us know if you would like to serve Delta Zeta in this capacity.

Collegians often participate in races, runs, and competitions for charity. Recent news from Alumnae Chapters indicates alumnae are supporting these events too. A team of 12 Dayton alumnae raised donations and participated in the ACS Breast Cancer Walk. Grand Rapids alumnae are sponsoring a team, Delta Zeta Dashers, for the Western Michigan Walk-4-Hearing. A Delaware, Ohio alumnae team entered the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center's Costume Bowl Fundraiser and on Saturday, May 12, a Michigan Delta Zeta, Marianne Jones, will lead a one-hour walk in Dayton to honor all mothers, both living and deceased, for the benefit of State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice. Sponsoring a team for a charity event is a great way to help a good cause and build chapter spirit.

Congratulations to the Columbus Alumnae Chapter for a membership increase of eight members. We're very proud that one of the six Grace Mason Lundy Award winners is from Region V. Christine Wilson, a senior from Gamma Kappa Chapter at Kent State University was named a 2007 winner by Pam Asher. All Region V collegiate award recipients are listed on page 3. 🍀

## Greetings from Glenna

*Great Lakes Membership Report from Glenna Paukstis*

Membership is always a concern for our chapters. I urge presidents to share with your board the Alumnae Connections section of the Winter, 2007 Alumnae Mailing. There are many good ideas for programs, recruitment, and retention.

As always it's a "sister-to-sister" situation. Personal contact is so important. Do you have a calling committee to remind members of meetings, to tell them they were missed at your last meeting, etc? Some groups have used some of our older members to do this. They may not get out as much, but they can talk on the phone. (An alternative would be e-mail, but "real life" is better.)

Also, remember our Big and Little Sisters in college? Let one of your members volunteer as a Big Sister to a new member—to check with her at meeting time, make sure she's not alone at meetings, etc.

Anniversaries are important times, and Delta Zeta milestones are no different. While some of our members don't want to be reminded how long ago it was that they were initiated, do contact those listed on your national strip list who will be observing their 25th, 50th, 65th or 75th anniversary. Invite them to your meetings—especially Founders Day when you can have a ceremony for them. They may be at the state in their lives where they are ready to join in your activities. (As a DZ friend of mine once said, "All of a sudden I realized I only knew neighbors and Presbyterians, so I joined the alumnae group.")

We all value our fellow alumnae chapter members as our sisters and friends. We grow because of our fellowship with them. Each chapter should reach out to those "sisters" in our area who are not part of our group. 🍀



## Region VI Kudos!

*News from RCC Andrea Henderson*

**Rachel Czech** was named **Alumni Advisor of the Year** at Eastern Michigan University.

**Xi Psi Chapter** at Grand Valley State University received the awards for **Most Outstanding Philanthropy** and **Most Outstanding Service** on campus at this year's Greek Recognition.

**Gwen Shick**, Xi Psi CCD, received the award for **Outstanding Advisor** from Grand Valley State University.

**Jessica Aho**, Lambda Theta member, was honored with the **Living the Ritual Award**, while **Lambda Theta Chapter** received the **Outstanding Member Development Program** award at the Michigan Technical University 2007 Greek Awards.

**Region VI Chapters recognized as Most Outstanding Chapters on their campus:** Gamma Sigma, Eastern Michigan University Lambda Theta, Michigan Technical University Xi Psi, Grand Valley State University

**Congratulations Region VI Achievers!**

# Chapter Reports

## Great Lakes Area Alumnae Chapters

### Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter

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The Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter held a combined event with the Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter in February. Amid the elegance of the Ritz-Carlton Downtown we had high tea and pleasant conversation. In March, we had Hes Bixler, a resource teacher at Alexander Graham Bell School in Cleveland, speak to us about how the deaf and hard-of-hearing students there have benefited from our contributions of TTY's. This year we have been able to purchase and present twelve sign language dictionaries to individual students. We hosted a cooking demonstration in April and look forward to a catered dinner in May.

### Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Karin Crivel - [kcrivel1942@aol.com](mailto:kcrivel1942@aol.com)

Since the holidays, the Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter has joined Cleveland Eastside for a tea and get-together at the Ritz Carlton in Cleveland, and it was a real pleasure to be able to talk with our sisters across the Cuyahoga River. Also in February, we joined with the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Baldwin Wallace at our annual ice cream social. Our alumnae are involved with the chapter to redecorate their suite, which is definitely in need of some updating. Our March meeting was about quilting and included not only a book report on "The Quilter's Apprentice", but several alumnae brought quilts from home — some that were generations old, and one that was made by alumna, Beth Malafa, from all her college Delta Zeta tee shirts.

### Columbus Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Jessica Blevins - [jblevins12@yahoo.com](mailto:jblevins12@yahoo.com)

The Columbus Alumnae Chapter has been busy partnering with other Delta Zetas this spring. In March we enjoyed a potluck dinner with the women of Theta Chapter before volunteering with them at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Later that month we joined the Delaware Area Alumnae Chapter and Alpha Rho Chapter for an evening of pottery painting. In May, we will travel to Athens for a Munch and Mingle event with the women of Omicron Gamma Chapter at Ohio University. We had beautiful weather for our Mother-Daughter Tea in April, and we are looking forward to our May Philanthropy event, "An Evening of Delicacies".

### Golden Horseshoe Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Heather Dichter - [heather.dichter@utoronto.ca](mailto:heather.dichter@utoronto.ca)

The Golden Horseshoe Alumnae Chapter was proud to support the Toronto Area Alumnae Panhellenic, celebrating 100 years of affiliation in Canada, at its Spring Scholarship Luncheon on April 28.

### Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Karen Miron - [kmiron@hotmail.com](mailto:kmiron@hotmail.com)

This spring, we made dinner for the ladies of Xi Psi at Grand Valley State University and hosted speaker Marilyn Khol from the Hearing Loss Association. Some of our members also attended the spring alumnae tea at Ferris State University with the women from Zeta Nu Chapter. Our chapter has become a Bronze Level sponsor for the first ever Walk4Hearing sponsored by the West Michigan Chapter of the National Hearing Loss Association, a non-profit group that provides educational and support services for people with hearing loss and their families. The purpose of the walk is to increase

## Great Lakes Calendar

June 22-24, 2007 - Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference  
*Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana*

September 10, 2007 - Deadline for submissions for  
Issue #3 of *The LAMP*

October 24, 2007 - Happy Founders' Day!

November 10, 2007 - Deadline for submissions for the  
Fall *Great Lakes Gazette* and Issue #1 of *The LAMP*

November, 2007 - Region VI Day  
*University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada*

February 10, 2008 - Deadline for submissions for  
Issue #2 of *The LAMP*

April 1, 2008 - Deadline for submissions for the  
Spring *Great Lakes Gazette*

April, 2008 - Ohio State Day  
*Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio*

awareness about the causes and consequences of hearing loss and to raise funds to provide support for people with hearing loss. In addition to our chapter sponsorship, our alumnae group is joining members of Xi Psi Chapter to have a walking team. For more information about the walk, the Hearing Loss Association, or to help our team raise funds, visit [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?team\\_id=1640&pg=team&fr\\_id=1090&s\\_tafld=1123](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?team_id=1640&pg=team&fr_id=1090&s_tafld=1123).

### Kent Alumnae Chapter

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This is the year of the Turtle for the Kent Alumnae Chapter. We try to acknowledge our mascot in some way at each of our events. At our February philanthropy meeting, we watched several videos, one from the Painted Turtle Camp and the other from the Starkey Hearing Foundation. We also assembled Birthday Boxes to be distributed to the Kent Social Services organization. During the month of March, several alumnae gathered for Family Day at the Zoo to see the Galapagos Tortoises. Also in March, the alumnae held a senior workshop at the Gamma Kappa chapter house. We presented a program that addressed alumnae involvement in Delta Zeta on local, regional and national levels. The upcoming graduates were invited to become members of the Kent alumnae if they were staying in the area. This was a very well received workshop and may become an annual event.

### Youngstown Alumnae Chapter

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Much has been happening with the Youngstown Area Alumnae. Our monthly Book Club continues to meet at Barnes & Noble in Boardman. In December we hosted an alumnae Holiday Dinner and ornament exchange at Angela Messenger's house. In February, several alumnae attended the Kappa Chi Spaghetti Dinner and participated in regional officer training at Ohio State. In March, five alumnae served as judges for the Kappa Chi DZ Dodgeball event. April brought Greek Sing and State Day, and alumnae assisted with both. In May we will treat recent graduates to dinner at Cafee Capri. We also have plans in the works for our annual summer picnic. 🌿

# Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Chapter Associations

## Alpha Rho Chapter Association

Contact: Kristen Riegler - [cecflutey@yahoo.com](mailto:cecflutey@yahoo.com)

The Alpha Rho Chapter Association is currently in the process of raising funds to purchase the Senior members of the Chapter graduation cords from DZ DeZigns. Visit [www.geocities.com/owudzalumni](http://www.geocities.com/owudzalumni) for more information or to make a donation!

## Omicron Nu Chapter Association

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This year we have been focusing our efforts on reconnecting with our alumnae and our major project was planning the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Formal with our active chapter. On March 24<sup>th</sup> the sisters of Omicron Nu celebrated 15 years of Delta Zeta sisterhood in Canada. We were proud to have three of our founders in attendance at our formal, as well as numerous local and out-of-town sisters. A special note of congratulations to Angela Bernyk, newly appointed CCD for Omicron Nu Chapter, who was voted Alumna of the Year by the active women. We also held our annual Graduating Sisters Brunch the morning after our formal, which allows alumnae to welcome graduating sisters into their final stage of membership in Delta Zeta. We had a good turnout and hope to continue to build on this event in the future. As an Association, we are revamping our approach to Alumnae Relations amongst our members, as well as working at strengthening the bond between the alumnae and collegiate women. We hope our short-term and long-range planning will prove fruitful in making our Association and our bonds of sisterhood even stronger. 🌱

## Great Lakes Dues Update

The following Alumnae Chapters have submitted National Dues for 2007 (as of 4/13/07):

**Ann Arbor Area, East Lansing/Lansing, Grand Rapids, Columbus, Dayton, Delaware Area, Findlay, Wooster and Youngstown.**

Submit National Dues (\$10 per chapter member) to:  
Delta Zeta National Headquarters, 202 East Church Street,  
Oxford, OH 45056.

The following Alumnae Chapters have submitted per capita dues to the Great Lakes Area for 2007:

**Cleveland Eastside, Cleveland Westside/Berea, Columbus, Dayton, Delaware Area, East Lansing/Lansing, Findlay, Grand Rapids, Oakland County, Toledo, Wooster and Youngstown.**

Per capita dues help defray costs for awards, workshops and travel expenses for special guests at Region Days, allowing us to keep alumnae registration costs to a minimum.

Please send your check (\$2 per chapter member, payable to Delta Zeta Great Lakes) to:  
Melissa Brundjar Werner, Great Lakes Treasurer, 98 Avalon Drive, Bedford, OH 44146.

If you feel your chapter should be listed here, please ask your treasurer to check her records.

# Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters

## Alpha Chapter - Miami University

This semester our members demonstrated their athleticism when we won "Monday Night Football", a competitive philanthropy. We raised \$14,500 for St. Rita's School for the Deaf through our "Putting on the Hits" philanthropy event. We nearly filled Miami's basketball arena with anxious audience members, Greek and non-Greek alike, ready to see the performance put on by all new members in fraternities and sororities, as well as a St. Rita's Hand Choir. Delta Zeta has paired with AKA on campus to participate in a book club that includes different Greek Advisors as well as faculty on campus.

## Epsilon Sigma Chapter - Wayne State University

This winter, we introduced our revised New Member Program. Highlights include the New Member philanthropy project, weekend retreat and a paddle-making party. New Members were also given academic mentors, a Rose Buddy and a Turtle Pal to welcome them and give encouragement. Rose Buddies surprised them with little gifts and Turtle Pals gave inspirational cards. Scholastically, Epsilon Sigma maintains the highest GPA in Region VI and of any Wayne State University organization with a cumulative GPA of 3.2. Sisters volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and The Detroit Day School for the Deaf, and this semester we spent time with a nearby Girl Scout Troop.

## Gamma Alpha Chapter - Baldwin-Wallace College

We had an Alumnae Ice Cream Social in February where we enjoyed ice cream and a guest speaker, Karin Crivel, who discussed "Financial Guidelines for the Young, Fabulous and Broke." Four of our women were elected class officers for 2007-2008, including Lauren Hanna who will serve as Senior Class President. We have participated in numerous philanthropy events, including selling chocolate turtles, making Easter baskets that were sent to less fortunate children in the Cleveland area and hosting a Pre-April Reign event called Turtle Tug.



Gamma Alpha members pose in costume after assembling Easter baskets at a "Pirates of the Caribbean" themed event.

## Gamma Pi Chapter - Western Michigan University

In April, we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Greek Games, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Yell Like Hell and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for Greek Week! We are happy to have our wonderful new CCD Diane Basilius who was a past President of Gamma Pi, and we wish Lauren Campbell all the best as the new National Recruitment Chairman. We are ready to submit our Standards of Excellence Packet at this year's awards program and are working hard to maintain our 5 Star rating.

## Gamma Tau Chapter - Bowling Green State University

Gamma Tau is working hard to raise money through our philanthropy projects. Philanthropy Chair Megan Frame held a scratch off race revealing monetary donations. Through Dance Marathon in March we collected \$5,000 for Children's Hospital in Toledo. On March 31 we hosted a Family Weekend and through raffles and auctions we raised over \$100 for Speech and Hearing. Our annual Greek God and Goddess Contest was held in April, with proceeds going to Sound Beginnings. **Reports Continued on Page 8**

# Chapter Reports

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## Kappa Chi Chapter - Youngstown State University

This year, Delta Zeta reigned supreme as the winner for Greek Week! Sarah Gavalier was chosen homecoming queen, and Chelsea Pflugh was voted Greek Goddess. This year for philanthropy, we held our first ever Delta Zeta Dodgeball, and we appeared on local news station WYTV to publicize it. We raised nearly \$420.00 for our local philanthropy, Youngstown Hearing and Speech. The 55th Annual YSU Greek Sing was held in April, and we performed to "Singing in the Rain." We also have an alumnae/collegiate picnic in the works for this summer.

## Kappa Iota Chapter - Wright State University

The sisters of Kappa Iota presented their annual Mr. WSU competition with seventeen WSU males competing in sportswear, talent, and formal wear, all for a chance to win a scholarship for one quarter of paid tuition. We proudly crowned Lauren Johnson and raised over \$1,200 for the Delta Zeta Foundation. Sisters participated in Greek Week, Formal and Parent Dinner during Spring Quarter, and we are proud to report that our chapter GPA was above the all women's GPA for fall quarter.

## Lambda Theta Chapter - Michigan Technological University

Lambda Theta had a very successful Winter Carnival in February! We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in WC Games, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Snow Statue, 1<sup>st</sup> in Stage Revue, and 1<sup>st</sup> overall for Women's Groups! Our President Brittany Gauthier, was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in the WC Queen competition. For Fall Semester 2006, our GPA of 3.10 placed us 1<sup>st</sup> out of the 21 Greek organizations on campus. We volunteered at the Mexican Dinner Family Fiesta, a benefit fundraiser for DIAL Help, a 24hr/day, 7 days/week human services agency which provides intervention and prevention support services in the local community. Jessica Aho is serving as VP of Recruitment for Panhellenic.

## Omicron Nu Chapter - University of Windsor

A fundraising dinner at the end of November allowed us to make the largest contribution to date to local battered women's shelter Hiatus House, the Omicron Nu Optimist Club and the Delta Zeta Foundation. We held a very successful bake sale fundraiser at the end of March to raise funds to send much needed Thermacare packs to the Painted Turtle Camp. We participated in the walk-a-thon for Multiple Sclerosis in April and have collected hearing aides to donate to the Starkey Hearing Foundation. We celebrated our 15th Anniversary at the University of Windsor with a formal dance at the Caboto Club in Windsor in March themed "Red, White and DZ: Celebrating 15 Years of Canadian Sisterhood". Numerous alumnae, family and friends and three of our chapter's founding members were able to join us.

## Theta Chapter - The Ohio State University

This semester, Theta Chapter participated in Buckeyethon, a 14-hour dance marathon which raises money for Children's Hospital, and won most Greek participation points! We created our own Service Day this quarter, and sisters traveled around the Columbus community



Above: Theta Chapter members gather at recruitment.

to help out where needed. Activities included painting an apartment for a homeless family with the Homeless Family Foundation, bathing and walking dogs for Happy Trails Dog Shelter, making a meal for the families staying in the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital and visiting with the elderly at Heartland Victorian Village Nursing Home. Theta Chapter is looking forward to our 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Theta Psi Chapter - Ashland University

The sisters of Theta Psi chapter have served as community volunteers throughout the year. We have supported the local Dale Roy School for the hearing and speech impaired by volunteering and decorating folders that were sent to the students as "welcome-back-to-school" gifts. In October, we participated in "Trick-or-Treat, Help Someone Eat". Information was distributed to local homes explaining our food drive, and later in the week we went "Trick-or-Treating" for canned goods that we donated to a local food bank. We served Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents and families of the Home the Good Shepherd, and rang bells outside Hawkins supermarket to raise money for the Salvation Army during Christmas. For Valentine's Day, we supported local hospitals through the Blooms of Hope program in which we sold flowers along with the Newman Catholic Ministries and other sororities.

## Xi Eta Chapter - Northwood University

Xi Eta Chapter's year began with raising almost \$200 for our local philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness. Many community service projects have take place including delivering cards to local nursing homes and participating in the Salvation Army Christmas Party. Our fall new member class also raised \$130 for Hearing Impaired. Our chapter GPA has been continuously rising, and since January has gone up nearly three tenths. In the spring the chapter held an Auction to raise money for our first formal in three years.

## Xi Psi Chapter - Grand Valley State University

Xi Psi is happy to report that for the second year in a row we were awarded the Chapter of Excellence Award! This semester we joined with Alpha Sigma Phi to host Casino Night, where we raised over \$240 for our philanthropies. We also hosted an "Allendale Idol" philanthropy event, which allowed Grand Valley students to show their singing talents. Recently during a sisterhood event we created baskets of goodies and delivered them to fire stations around Grand Rapids. We have also started a mentoring group that allows alumnae to be paired with our members to serve as mentors or career advisors. We set the program up through Google groups to facilitate communication between the women, and so far the program has been very successful. We recently obtained strip lists from National Headquarters and added over 50 alumnae to our chapter listserv. We participated in the Walk4Hearing in May along with the Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter.

## Zeta Kappa Chapter - Ohio Northern University

Zeta Kappa has been busy fundraising and volunteering over the past few months. In January, eight sisters drove to Ohio Wesleyan to lend a hand with recruitment to Alpha Rho chapter. In February, we raised over \$700 through our annual Buy-A-Woo, which auctions off sisters to do tasks such as laundry, cooking, and cleaning. We ran an ice cream booth for students and their siblings during Little Sibs weekend in March, and we also had two teams of women representing Delta Zeta in the annual Relay For Life with a goal of raising \$1000. We have also been active in helping out the campus with Blood Mobiles, Job Fairs and tutoring. 🌱

# New Faces...

...In the Delta Zeta Great Lakes Area

**Diane Basilius (Gamma Pi '02)**  
**Gamma Pi (Western Michigan University) Chapter CCD**

**Collegiate involvement:** New Member Class President, Philanthropy Chairman, New Member Education Assistant, Chapter President, Colonnade Chairman

**Alumnae involvement:** Coming soon!

**Occupation:** Working full time for Nestle USA and studying for my GMAT with plans to start my MBA in the fall.

**Hobbies and favorite activities:** I love playing sports, shopping, doing genealogy research and any volunteer opportunities that come my way.

**Favorite DZ memory:** Having my older sister, also a member of the Gamma Pi Chapter, pin my badge on me during my initiation ceremony. 🍀



**Angela Bernyk (Omicron Nu '03)**  
**Omicron Nu (University of Windsor) Chapter CCD**

**Collegiate involvement:** Philanthropy chair and Vice-President of Programs

**Alumnae involvement:** New CCD as of January 1, 2007, and I am working to help create an official Windsor Alumnae Chapter.

**Occupation:** I'm currently employed at Community Living Windsor, an organization that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the community. I work directly with these individuals to advocate for them and support them in their daily living, to ensure they can fully participate in society and enjoy a good quality of life. I am also employed at New Beginnings Essex County, an organization supporting at-risk youth/adolescents who are involved with the Children's Aid Society and/or are in trouble with the law.

**Hobbies and affiliations:** I enjoy traveling, camping and the outdoors, and trying new exciting things! I am a volunteer for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization and President of the Omicron Nu Optimist Club

**Favorite DZ memory:** I have too many to choose from! My favorite memories were always of our chapter's yearly formals held at the Caboto Club in Windsor. Every year, both actives and alumnae get dressed up and enjoy a wonderful dinner, awards presentation, dancing and sharing of our sisterhood. Our recent formal (held on March 24th) was particularly special because it was the first formal I attended as the chapter CCD and 2007 marks the 15th anniversary of Omicron Nu. I have also really enjoyed the chapter retreats over the years. We went camping once for Bid Day, and another time spent a weekend at a cottage on the lake in the summer. We also stayed at a Scouts Camp once in the winter to meet over the school break and strengthen our sisterhood through participation in various workshops and activities. 🍀



**Theresa Petersen (Theta '00)**  
**State Public Relations Chairman - Michigan**

**Collegiate involvement** - Academic Chair, Greek Week Steering Committee, 2000 WPA New Member Award at Ohio State

**Alumnae involvement** - Member of the Grand Rapids Chapter

**Occupation** - Lease Administrator for iPCS Wireless

**Recent news** - I am recently engaged and planning an August wedding.

**Hobbies and affiliations** - I enjoy running and I am on the Board of Directors for the Ohio State West Michigan Alumni Society

**Favorite DZ memory** - Rituals, I loved the history and knowledge of participating in activities that so many women throughout DZ history have experienced before.

**I am really looking forward to this new role - send your news to me at 201 W. Fulton St. Apt. 1209, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, theresajpetersen@hotmail.com or 614-397-6250.** 🍀

## Tidbits

*Great Lakes Area News and Announcements*

Kent Alumnae Chapter member Dayna Hloska (Gamma Tau '94) has recently passed the bar exam and is also engaged to be married this summer.

Stephanie McCarty (Alpha Sigma '90) has an article in the upcoming issue of *Mom Writer's Literary Magazine*, "Mom Writers Who Have Something To Say". She also has an essay in *Chicken Soup for the New Mother's Soul*.

Joan Patterson (Gamma Tau '92) of the Kent Alumnae Chapter has announced that she and her husband are expecting a child in the summer. Congratulations Joan and family!

Welcome to new CCDs, Ange Bernyk (Omicron Nu at the University of Windsor) and Diane Basilius (Gamma Pi at Western Michigan University)!

The Alpha Eta (University of Michigan) Chapter Association is planning their annual reunion Football Weekend for October 12-14, 2007 This is the Michigan vs. Purdue Homecoming game. Contact Heather Dichter at dz\_alphaeta@earthlink.net for more information!

Jessica Blevins (Delta '00), State Public Relations Chairman for Ohio, was recently promoted to the position of Producer for the Ohio News Network!

Congratulations to Theta Psi Chapter at Ashland University for being named Outstanding Sorority at the 2007 Greek Awards! The Chapter also garnered the Outstanding Risk Management Programming Award.

### News from the Delta Zeta Foundation

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# 2006 Foundation Donor Facts

## Alumnae Donors

Canada - 2; Michigan - 104; Ohio - 220

**Total Great Lakes Alumnae Donors: 326**

## Ohio Chapter with most alumnae donors:

Alpha Chapter - 40 donors

## Michigan Chapter with most alumnae donors:

Epsilon Sigma Chapter - 19 donors

**Although we have only listed alumnae donors on page 9, the Great Lakes Area also thanks our numerous 2006 collegiate donors to the Delta Zeta Foundation:**

## Collegiate Donors

Canada - 2; Michigan - 38; Ohio - 42

**Total Collegiate Donors: 82**

Thank you to all 2006  
Delta Zeta Foundation  
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## Walk for Mother's Day

**Note: Marianne Jones (Zeta Nu '61) and her 100-mile walk were featured in the Winter, 2007 edition of the Great Lakes Gazette. The following release is in follow up to this previous story.**

On Saturday, May 12, Marianne Jones, 65-year-old fitness walker, will lead a one-hour walk in your community to honor all mothers, both living and deceased. Jones is sponsored by State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice for whom she walked 300 miles last year over 20 days from her home in Michigan to the Greenville office.

This year Jones will walk one hour in each of the agency's office towns, at local High School running tracks: Greenville, Coldwater, and Portland. Jones invites the public to join her in walking the track in honor of their own mothers and to honor their own motherhood.

Only 5% of the people who are declining in their health and are appropriate for hospice benefits currently call for hospice care. Jones' goal is to raise awareness of the compassionate care provided by hospice for patients with life-limiting conditions. "My own mother and aunt were cared for by State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice years ago and our family will be forever grateful," stated Jones in a phone interview. "The loving care their nurses showed to my loved ones made it seem like they were part of our own family. Also, their wise guidance and comfort to our family members helped us experience a peaceful, even blessed passing of our loved one."

Jones trained several months last year before setting out in May to walk from her Michigan home to State of the Heart's office in Greenville. This adventure is chronicled in a scrapbook which may be viewed at the walks this year. In addition, Jones will take time at each walk to speak about her fitness at age 65 and her walking adventures.

"State of the Heart is a nonprofit hospice agency and, since we do not deny hospice care for anyone, even those without the ability to pay, we depend on the community to help us support charity care of our patients," explained Beverly Hughes, Marketing Director for State of the Heart. The agency is urging each walker to gather pledges from family and friends amounting to about \$1 per minute of their memorial walk. Any donation to hospice is welcome.

The towns of the three office sites for State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice will host one-hour walks on Saturday, the day before Mother's Day. Call Hughes for more information at 937-548-2999 or 800-417-7535 or visit [www.stateoftheheartcare.org](http://www.stateoftheheartcare.org).

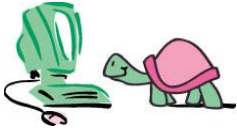
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"sisters". I am extremely comfortable with my "blackness" and take great pride in not compromising my true self. I should be able to enjoy the sisterhood knowing that I do not have to change my political views, cultural diction or overall character to make the majority feel more comfortable. I also realize that there will be people who care not to embrace diversity and that is okay, just be open with it among sisters.

My overall feeling is that I am proud to be a Delta Zeta. I joined because the women who recruited me assured me that I could be comfortable in my own skin. I have never forgotten that. I realize that we should strive to be honest about our differences so that we can truly be sisters. The Ann Arbor Area Alumnae Group has some of the most dynamic women (including myself) and the maturity level of the women has made all the difference to my experience as a DZ. We have commonalities that surpass our cultural differences like education, great families, hobbies and careers that allow us to interact with each other on many different levels. Diversity education and dialogue through panels, workshops, etc. will most certainly reduce issues regarding this lack of awareness. In closing, diversity is not just about black or white; it is simply about the assortment of our differences. 🌱

**Angela McCommons** was initiated into Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Wayne State University in 1996. She is an Automotive Engineer in Michigan. She and her husband Tilman, a barber, have been married for 6 1/2 years and have a baby daughter named Talia, who is 5 months old. Their hobbies include tennis, listening to jazz and learning foreign languages.

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**Web Site Spotlight:  
Lambda Theta Chapter -  
<http://dz.students.mtu.edu>**

*We're excited to introduce a new feature to the Great Lakes Gazette*

Technology Times: **Web Site Spotlight.** *In this section, we'll highlight some of our area's outstanding spots on the world wide web.*

The Lambda Theta Chapter at Michigan Technological University has a Web site that should serve as a model for all other collegiate Web sites! Not only is it clean, organized, and updated, the site is easy to navigate and follows all National Web site policies. Lambda Theta's site contains a thorough National and local chapter history, wonderful heartfelt quotes and an entire page devoted to sisterhood, a comprehensive description of National and local philanthropy, and oodles of photos of sisterhoods, socials, recruitment events and the Lambda Theta house. The site also features an extensive alumnae section, including information about marriages and engagements, new baby photos, a building fund update, and the *Lambda Theta Laughter* newsletter. I must say that the ONLY thing I could find missing from this fabulous Web site is a link to the Great Lakes Alumnae Area website at [www.dzgreatlakes.com](http://www.dzgreatlakes.com)! Visit <http://dz.students.mtu.edu> to view the site. **Nice work Lambda Theta Chapter!** 🐢

**Reflections on DePauw... Media Blizzard  
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I realize it's easy to buy into sensational news. But, in this case, a critical eye shouldn't necessarily look at just DePauw and Delta Zeta. But, perhaps turn that eye to the editors, producers, and writers who contributed to what we saw and read in the media.

On February 28, I asked DePauw University if there was a chance that Delta Zeta might be asked to leave campus. I never received a response to that question.

Sensationalism prevailed when DePauw announced its severance from Delta Zeta on March 12. That announcement was made to the national news media, with an e-mail sent out later that day to Delta Chapter alumnae.

The turtle may have suffered a little frostbite, but didn't lose any toes. 🐢

*As a Delta initiate, Jessica remains an active member of the Delta Chapter Association. She plans to go to DePauw's alumni reunion weekend in June and attend the annual Delta Association meeting. In April, She attended a Greek meeting hosted by DePauw University in Cincinnati and voiced her concerns about the University and Delta Zeta. Jessica is a member of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter and served as Panhellenic Representative, Vice President, and is now the President. Jessica is a Producer for ONN, The Ohio News Network.*

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