

Alpha Phi News

James Madison University Theta Iota Chapter

A Note from our President

Theta Iota Alumnae and Parents:

The Centennial Year here at JMU has started off as a huge success! We recently had a fantastic recruitment and welcomed 44 absolutely incredible new members into our chapter. We are so excited to bring these women into our sisterhood and introduce them to the endless possibilities of life as an Alpha Phi!

The women of Theta Iota have been very active this fall working with the Madison Century Campaign, Student Government Association, Homecoming, and Greek Philanthropies such as Tri-Delta's Triple Play for St. Jude's and Zeta's Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We have also started serving the Harrisonburg community by working with the SPCA, Boys and Girls Club, Soup Kitchens and RMH. We are very excited to really have a chance to give back to our community!

On campus here at JMU this fall we have welcomed the women of Kappa Alpha Theta and the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Our Greek community is continuing to grow and we are pleased to have both groups recruiting strong men and women.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our house for Parents Weekend and to all of the Alumnae who returned for Homecoming! I am so excited for our chapter to continue to grow this fall and wish you all the best as the holiday season approaches!

AOE and GO DUKES!!
Emily Bunch
Theta Iota President



Upcoming Events

Saturday November 3: Fall Initiation

Monday November 4: Elections

Saturday November 10: Semi-Formal

Saturday February 9- Friday February 15

Aphasco**

Feb. 9: 2nd Annual "Move Your Phi't 5k

Feb. 11: King of Hearts: Male Action, just in time for Valentine's Day

Feb. 12: Proceeds Night

Feb. 13: Pub Night

Feb. 14: Commons Day

Feb. 15: Red Dress Gala

**Last year the Theta Iota chapter was able to donate over \$10,000 to the Alpha Phi Foundation. Part of this donation was made possible with the money raised during Aphasco. Interested in getting more information on Aphasco? Contact Jen Whitescraver, whitesjl@jmu.edu

2007 Recruitment Update

The recruitment department is thrilled to tell parents and alumnae about our fantastic fall! We kicked off the Fall 2007 semester with a fabulous formal recruitment. Our theme was "all the best go ivy!" with many of our parties focused around our symbol, the ivy leaf! During philanthropy round, each room had a sister (in a fabulous red dress) talk about the Alpha Phi foundation and how it supports cardiac care. Bid celebration was amazing; we brought in 44 phi-nomenal new members who are currently super involved and very excited to be a part of our chapter! Thank you for everyone's support throughout recruitment.



Other Exciting News

~Three collegians and one advisor attended Recruitment University this summer, a workshop put on by the Executive Office to teach about recruitment. Kari Deputy, Recruitment Advisor and Theta Iota alum, Emily Bunch, President, Jacquelyn Camut, Vice President Member Recruitment and Johanna Kim, Director of Formal Recruitment enjoyed the experience at Butler University in Indiana.

~One collegian and one advisor attended the Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) this summer. Supported by the Alpha Phi Foundation, the ELI targets future leaders in the fraternity and offers leadership, facilitation and values education. Stephanie Tan represented JMU! Cathy Schafer McKay, Chapter Advisor, was chosen to be a group facilitator for ELI. Both of these women enjoyed their trip to Butler University's Alpha Phi house!

~Sister Maggie Eckel completed a rigorous application and interview process and was selected as an Assistant Greek Coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year. Through this position, Maggie was able to attend UIFI this summer.

~Theta Iota Alum and Chapter Advisor Cathy Schafer McKay was awarded an Alpha Phi Foundation Graduate Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Cathy is completing her doctoral degree in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia.

Theta Iota Advisory Board News

Greetings from the Advisory Board! The Advisory Board works to support the success and growth of the chapter. Advisory Board members are volunteers who have made a lifetime commitment to the sorority and who promote good character, unity and the highest ideal of womanhood by cultivating a spirit of sisterly love and charity. We currently have a "PHI-NOMENAL" group of women volunteering! Members of the Theta Iota Advisory Board (with their undergraduate school, chapter and initiation year) include:

- Chapter Advisor- Cathy Schafer McKay (JMU, Theta Iota, 1995)
- Finance Advisor- Katherine Winn (Cal State Northridge, Epsilon Upsilon, 1979)
- Recruitment Advisor- Kari Deputy (JMU, Theta Iota, 2003)
- Marketing Advisor- Ann Rohde Payes (UVA, Zeta Iota, 1994)
- Program Development Advisor- Holly Carter Biller (JMU, Theta Iota, 1996)
- Chapter Operations Advisor- Patty Wiesenhofer (Alumnae Initiate, 1999)
- New Member Education Advisor- Emily Conboy (JMU, Theta Iota, 2003)
- Member Development Advisor- Amy Butler (JMU, Theta Iota, 2001)
- Community Involvement Advisor- Angie Campbell (ECU, Delta Alpha, 1989)
- At-Large Advisor: Toni Sheets (JMU, Theta Iota, Founder)
- At-Large Advisor: Leigh Ann Robertson (JMU, Theta Iota, Founder)

The Advisory Board congratulates the sisterhood and executive council on their many accomplishments this fall. What we find amazing about these collegians is that they give tirelessly to the community. It is truly rewarding being a part of their development as young, motivated, forward thinking women. The Advisory Board would also like to recognize and thank the Richmond/Central Virginia Alumni Chapter for their support of Theta Iota.

We would love to hear from local alumnae (living within 10-15 miles of Harrisonburg). Please contact Cathy Schafer McKay, Chapter Advisor, at rcgmckay@verizon.net, should you be interested in meeting the chapter.

Announcements

ATTENTION ALUMNI:

We ordered fitted baseball shirts for homecoming this year. They are white with 3/4 lavender sleeves and a lavender printed "ALPHA PHI" on the front chest and "MADISON 72" on the back, both in an athletic font. We're going to have about 15 extra shirts. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Sara Gwinn at gwinnsb@jmu.edu for more information.

A special thank you:

Thanks to the Richmond/Central Virginia Alumni Chapter for their continued support of Theta Iota.

The chapter appreciated your attendance at Senior Ceremony last spring, along with the welcome gifts (welcome to the world of alumni!).

The chapter also sincerely appreciated the flowers and cards wishing us good luck during recruitment.

Theta Iota Sisters:

We are looking for information about our founders! We want to hear fun stories, song lyrics, your best moment, your favorite ritual, anything! If you have stories or information to share, please contact Director of Member Education Meredith Crook (crookme@jmu.edu) or Historian Maggie Ford (fordmc@jmu.edu)

CONGRATULATIONS:

- This past Spring, Jessica Dotd (Spring '07 graduate) became engaged to Steve Escobar on Saturday, March 31. The tentative wedding date is set for September 20, 2008.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Sarah Jones, Kelley Sutton, and Lindsay Jarman at: jmuthetaiota@gmail.com