

# Kappa Alpha Theta Newsletter

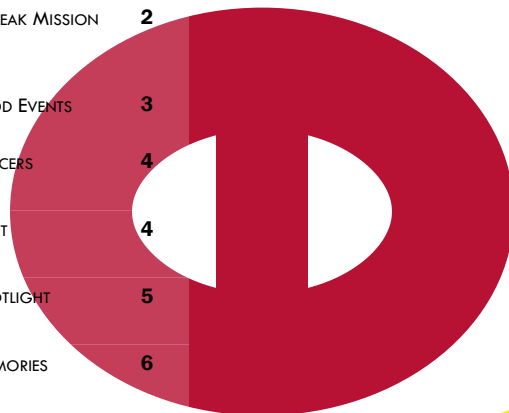
Gamma Deuteron Chapter  
Ohio Wesleyan University

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## A Warmest Welcome to all our new Thetas

Earlier this semester, after a long weekend of visiting all the sorority houses on campus, eighteen outstanding young ladies accepted their bids from Kappa Alpha Theta. A few weeks later, they were initiated into our house, and are now a part of our family.

This past fall, nine new girls were also initiated after informal recruitment. Each one of our new members have been a blessing and have brought so much to this house.

### Fall 2010 Pledge Class:

Misa Farslow  
Natasha Franczyk  
Carly Hallal  
Mhaya Harrison  
Riane Ramsey  
Molly Rice  
Jessica Spafford  
Michelle Strong  
Katie Wegener



### Spring 2011 Pledge Class:

Jackie Amanna  
Caroline Block-Wilkins  
Amber Callen-Ward  
Sophie Crispin  
Abby DeCook  
Jenna Dworetzky  
Ellie Feely  
Hillary Fowler  
Sarah Hartzheim  
Kate Johnson  
Annie O'Brien  
Elizabeth Riggio  
Jenna Rodcay  
Becca Suffrin  
Kelsey Ullom  
Rachel Vinciguerra  
Elizabeth Warner  
Michel Wigney

For more about our current members, visit: [owutheta.webs.com/members](http://owutheta.webs.com/members)

## Philanthropy

Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy is **CASA**, Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA is an organization that provides mentors for abused, abandoned, and neglected children. These mentors establish close bonds with the children as they interact one-on-one and serve as a voice for the children during the judicial process.

Our Philanthropy Chair, Katie Hurley, shares that what is unique about Delaware CASA is its close to home connection. We can form relationships with the volunteers here and get a first-hand experience of what the organization is really about.

If you are interested in being a CASA volunteer or supporting this cause, please call 800-628-3233 or visit the website at [www.casaforchildren.org](http://www.casaforchildren.org)

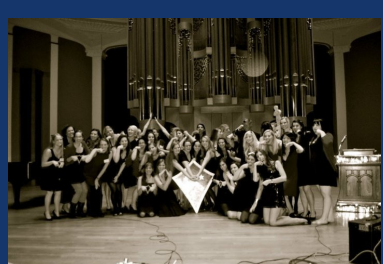
# Service

Each year our chapter hosts two big events to raise money for the Delaware CASA. Our most recent was **Mr. OWU**, a male beauty pageant in which other Greek chapters of our school sponsored a male contestant. Each guy competed in formal wear, talents, and question and answers. It was a huge success and we raised around \$1,500.

Our other Philanthropy event is called **Kats and Bats**, a whiffle ball tournament, which will take place at Ohio Wesleyan on

**Saturday, April 9th from 1-3 PM**

Please support us and contact Katie Hurley at [kshurley@owu.edu](mailto:kshurley@owu.edu) if you are interested in participating or forming a team.



## Thetas serving the community

Service is highly valued in Kappa Alpha Theta. These are some of the ways we are serving those around us.

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Soup Kitchens  
Younglife  
Mentoring  
Up Till Dawn

Teaching  
Creative Foundations  
Riverside Hospital  
National Parks  
Tour Guides

Grace Clinic of Delaware  
Canterbury Theater Department  
Relay for Life  
Delaware Humane Society

## Spring Break Mission trips

### Jackie Amanna Wilderness Trek

Students on this trip spent five days hiking the Appalachian Trail in the mountains of North Carolina and explored the ideas of community and hospitality while camping, walking, and living in the woods. At the end of the trip they handed out food to thru-hikers. They learned basic outdoor and backpacking skills on this trip and explored spiritually.

### Kelsey Ullom San Salvador, El Salvador

A group of 8 OWU students stayed at a children's home, Love and Hope Ministries, and worked around the home, as well as played with the kids, ages 2-16.

### Rachel Vinciguerra Habitat for Humanity: Springfield, MA

In a town with much poverty and unemployment, 9 OWU students worked to build a duplex for two families to live in.

### Elizabeth Pease Benedictine Monastery, Erie, PA

One Theta alum, Meghan Feran (Meggie) joined this trip as a faculty advisor. Students spent a week living at the monastery and working with the sisters on various service projects they are involved in around the Erie community.

### Maren Oehl, Allyson North New Orleans, MS

Students worked with several organizations to do Hurricane Katrina Recovery, rebuilding houses. They also explored New Orleans and experienced its culture.

The students on this trip partnered with The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana in St. Bernard Parish. The ECSLA "exists to serve the poor, work for justice, and build 'The Beloved Community' throughout the Diocese of Louisiana."

### Taurey Overturf, Holly Gilbert, Swetha Narayanan Nashville, TN

This all Greek mission trip went to help with flood relief.

## Sisterhood Events

- Movie Nights– Chicago and Dirty Dancing
- Spa Night with Mary Kay consultant and professional hairstylist

**Trilogies:** Greek community educational modules

- Self defense class put on by the public safety office of OWU
- Business Imagery

**Spring Formal:** Friday, April 1st

# Sisterhood

## Broomball

No doubt Thetas are competitive! But it's only all fun and games until someone gets hurt. Mhaya was a trooper as she made it through getting hit accidentally and getting stitches. No worries, she is all well now. We won't be playing broomball anytime soon...

(Below) OWU Homecoming  
(Bottom Right) Theta Thanksgiving



## Retreat

Spending all day with your sisters? Yes!

Once a semester the whole house gets together for quality bonding time. Between Theta trivia, yoga, crafting, and some good heart to heart time, retreat day at the house certainly lifted everyone's spirits.

# Scholarship & Leadership



Founder's Day

## Ohio Wesleyan Dean's List

Fall Semester 2010  
Minimum 3.5 GPA

Jessica Spafford  
Marie Krulewitch  
Heejin Jun  
Delaine Mayer  
Kate Faust  
Megan Hoffman  
Mhaya Harrison  
Elizabeth Pease  
Hannah Berger-Butler  
Riane Ramsey  
Katie Wegener  
Taurey Overturf  
Chelsea Dipman  
Chelsea Leeds  
Holly Gilbert  
Clare Whitaker  
Moomal Shaikh  
Rachel Brumfield  
Michelle Strong  
Swetha Narayanan  
Molly Rice  
Amy Siemon

## New Theta Officers

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Chapter President            | Raulin, Kate       |
| VP Administration            | Pease, Elizabeth   |
| VP Finance                   | Hanson, Emilie     |
| VP Public Relations          | Leeds, Chelsea     |
| VP Panhellenic               | Tierney, Christina |
| VP Development               | Hoffman, Megan     |
| VP Education                 | Gilbert, Holly     |
| VP Membership                | Hargis, Madeline   |
| Ritualist                    | North, Allyson     |
| Recruitment Chairman         | Overturf, Taurey   |
| Reference Chairman           | Shaikh, Moomal     |
| Scholarship Chairman         | Harrison, Mhaya    |
| Service Chairman             | Kaeser, Coley      |
| Philanthropy Chairman        | Hurley, Katie      |
| Alumnae & Foundation Liaison | Whitaker, Clare    |
| Facility Manager             | Ramsey, Riane      |
| Administrative Secretary     | Warner, April      |
| Recording Secretary          | Siemon, Amy        |
| Archivist/Historian          | Dipman, Chelsea    |
| Convention Awards Chairman   | Rice, Molly        |
| Social Chairman              | Oehl, Maren        |
| Risk Mgmt Chairman           | Strong, Michelle   |
| Music Chairman               | Farslow, Misa      |
| Finance Deputy               | Pease, Elizabeth   |
| Finance Deputy               | Puening, Leah      |
| Asst Membership Chairman     | Puening, Leah      |
| Technology Chairman          | Narayanan, Swetha  |
| Editor                       | Wegener, Katie     |
| Alt Panhellenic Delegate     | Hallal, Carly      |

## Educational Leadership Consultant

**Justine Fowler** visited our chapter in the middle of February to help evaluate our chapter and give advice and guidance to our current leaders. She met with all of the executive boards, focus groups and some individual officers and other committees in the house. She offered many new ideas as well as helped officers with questions they had. She went to dinner and the senior theatre projects with a bunch of Thetas at the end of the week. Overall it was a very positive experience and we all had a wonderful time with her. Thanks again to Justine!

# Theta Spotlight

## Megan Hoffman

Megan is a junior at OWU and has been a member of Theta since the spring of 2009. She is a Politics and Government major, Economics minor and is currently the Vice President of the Membership Development Committee of our chapter. Her personality and strong leadership skills shine in this position as she oversees positive programming and sisterhood events, recognizes everyone in their accomplishments, and encourages members to live out our Theta ideals. Megan not only brings much to our house, but to our school and community as well. She has volunteered for over 10 years at a Catholic school's Summer Festival, has participated in a spring break mission trip with Habitat for Humanity, and is an OWU Tour guide. She is the President of Gamma Sigma Alpha, a National Greek Academic Honor Society, is a student conduct advisor and a focus group Facilitator for Academic Affairs. In addition, she has recently been invited to intern with her House Representative, Congressman Steve Austria and is applying for summer internships in Washington DC.

Megan Hoffman is a "True Theta" as she continues to live out the high values of Kappa Alpha Theta. She has a big heart and is always willing to help a sister in need. Her liveliness and compassion is contagious and she is a wonderful example for everyone in our house.



A photo of Megan (left) and her mom

## Study Abroad

### Welcome back to our fall 2010 abroad members:

- Emily Fitzgibbons– Ireland
- Kate Raulin– Ireland
- Leah Puening– Spain
- Christina Tierney– Spain
- Gretchen Ehrhart– New York City

## Abroad Spring 2011

- Natasha Franczyk– China
- Diane Bizzaro– Tanzania
- Anne Flowers– Ireland

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