“To choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand”

Like every semester, spring 2015 has been a busy one for Mu Kappa. We began in January by preparing for and executing a successful recruitment. Now the new members we welcomed on bid day have grown and been initiated as full members of our sisterhood. Through the entire semester, we’ve encouraged all our sisters to fully develop their experiences with programming for each of our purposes.

We topped off the success of the 2014-2015 academic year with the Order of Omega Greek Awards, in which we received the following titles:

**Outstanding Member Education**  
**Outstanding Risk Management**  
**Gold Chapter Status**

While we’re sad to say goodbye to our seniors, we know they will stay in touch as they transition to alumna life. We’re excited to see all our members flourish in the next school year.
Welcome cHiOMEga

This January, we built on our chapter’s continuous improvement to accomplish our most successful formal recruitment in recent years. Favorite moments included our “Swishes for Wishes” themed round highlighting our successful fall philanthropy and our “Chi Omega Choice Awards” skit showcasing our purposes and featuring a dance number with Beyonce! On Bid Day, we celebrated “The Great Fratsby” with activities and food in our Central Campus section. In the subsequent weeks we even added several more fantastic women through informal recruitment. We couldn’t be more thrilled to have these incredible Chi Omegas join our sisterhood.

New Sisters

Our new members have flourished in their first semester as Chi Omegas. In February they met their big's (check out the matching pajama reveal here!), who became mentors and friends. In early March, all 25 new members were initiated and officially entered the sisterhood. We are so proud to have these wonderful sisters representing our chapter.

Model Initiate Spotlight

Mu Kappa proudly selected freshman Caroline Hubble as this year’s Model Initiate! Hometown: Lewisville, North Carolina Major: Evolutionary Anthropology and Pre-Med Other Activities: Army ROTC, Cru, Project Sunshine What she loves about Chi O: You welcomed me so unquestioningly and gave me love from the moment I met you all on bid day. Every single girl in Chi-O is so unique and everyone is such an inspiration to me because everyone has something that they’re passionate about. Caroline truly embodies the Symphony and we are excited for her to serve as Assistant New Member Educator in the fall!
Chi Omega prides itself on its 13-year partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation®. Mu Kappa is no exception. In addition to raising money to grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, our philanthropy events generate excitement and unity across campus.

In April, we held our annual spring fundraiser, Scoop-A-Dish for Make-A-Wish. Each year we sell ice cream on the main quad to raise money for Make-A-Wish® Eastern North Carolina. This year, we added a cornhole tournament and fundraisers at Tijuana Flats and Gregoria’s Cuban Steakhouse. We raised $2,200, our largest total in recent years! You can help us give even more at this site.

Chi Omega partners with Make-A-Wish®, but that’s not the only service work we do. In the midst of February snow, our sisters partnered with the Sigma Chi Fraternity to spread mulch and stake trees on Main Street. Our work, which benefitted the nonprofit Keep Durham Beautiful, was featured in the Herald Sun!

In April, we participated in the Angels Among Us 5K to benefit the Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke Hospital. We ran and walked in memory of Charlene Miers, a Chi Omega from the University of Oklahoma who was treated at Duke Hospital. We were thankful for the opportunity to come together with the Miers family for a worthy cause.
Firesides 2015: Inspiring Action

G.H. Allison Draper and G.T.B. Martha Dawson traveled to Memphis in February for Firesides! They returned to our chapter with new ideas for bylaws, chapter meetings, and scholarship programming.

Good Eats

As Allison and Martha learned at Firesides, food is our unofficial 7th purpose! (After all, there’s nothing college students love more than free food!)

In January, we hosted our second progressive dinner, in which sisters traveled between apartments in our section tasting different dishes throughout the evening. This semester’s theme was “cHiOMEga,” so sisters cooked dishes that reminded them of home. We had a huge turnout and great way for our new members to meet sisters and experience living in section.

In March, our career & personal development committee planned a cooking class for section residents. We learned how to make fresh angel hair pasta with pesto, pumpkin ravioli, salad with vinaigrette dressing, and cannolis! Sisters came back inspired to cook in our apartment kitchens.

Our scholarship committee hosted a “Chips and Tips” study workshop, and our sisterhood committee continued weekly sisterhood dinners at campus restaurants. It sure was a delicious semester!

Spring Social

Spring semester is always busy, but that doesn’t mean we can’t have fun! At our crush party, sisters and guests let out their wild side by dressing as animals and dancing the night away. For our My Tie date function, bigs set up blind dates for their littles (who were revealed by wearing their date’s tie)! Sisters and dates embraced their inner prep by playing a round of mini-golf. Finally, we celebrated the end of a successful year with our formal Carnation Ball. During a night of dancing and fun, we formally introduced our newly initiated members and honored our seniors before they departed.
Happy 120th Birthday, Chi Omega!

On April 5th, Chi Omega celebrated the 120th anniversary of our founding. Mu Kappa celebrated with our Eleusinian Tea at the Washington Duke Inn. We had a lovely buffet of tea, sandwiches, and desserts while honoring our ritual. We presented awards to sisters embodying the purposes of Chi Omega:

- Friendship • Nicole Gagné
- Personal Integrity • Ashley Pollard
- Service • Jessica Van Meir
- Academic Excellence • Mary Lin
- Community & Campus Involvement • Hannah Hopkins
- Career & Personal Development • Charlotte Farquhar

We also honored our advisors for their steadfast support and our graduating seniors for their dedication to our chapter. We had a wonderful afternoon and look forward to celebrating the next 120 years of Chi Omega’s success!

National Champions

We continued celebrating in April when Duke Men’s Basketball won the NCAA National Championship! Several sisters traveled to Indianapolis to cheer for our Blue Devils as they defeated Wisconsin. (Fun fact: all four schools in the final four have Chi O chapters, so we had a little chapter rivalry to contend with!) Sisters Elizabeth Hazelton and Julia Kozlowski won our chapter bracket challenge, and our Mu Kappa bracket group, “Chi O Crazies,” finished in first place in the country in ESPN’s bracket challenge!
Alumni Weekend

In April we welcomed Mu Kappa alumnae for Duke’s annual Alumni Reunion Weekend. We shared bagels and coffee in our common room while reminiscing with old photo albums. It was wonderful to meet sisters and hear so many stories! We hope to become more involved with our incredible alumnae in the future.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors!

Abby Ardis • Biology  
Martha Barker • Electrical & Computer Engineering, Computer Science  
Stephanie Egeler • International Comparative Studies, Arabic  
Mallory Ellingsson • History  
Katya Gorbacheva • Civil Engineering  
Hannah Hopkins • Psychology  
Marianne Khoury • Neuroscience  
Linda Kim • Biology  
PQ Liu • Evolutionary Anthropology  
Kelly McCrum • Biology, Theater Studies  
Andrea Mendoza • Psychology, Global Health  
Cece Mercer • Environmental Science  
Sally Park • Biology  
Bo Peng • Biology  
Ashley Pollard • Public Policy Studies  
Katie Shpanskaya • Neuroscience  
Heather Shapiro • Statistics, Computer Science  
Hayley Trainer • Psychology  
Emma Weitzner • Biology  
Jessie Wilson • Biomedical Engineering

What’s Next

August: Back to School  
September: Informal Recruitment, Sisterhood Retreat  
October: Homecoming, Family Weekend  
November: Slating, Initiations, Swishes for Wishes

We invite you to connect!

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