“To work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully”

Fall 2014 has been a busy semester for Mu Kappa. From informal recruitment to Swishes for Wishes, we’ve been busy sharing our sisterhood and philanthropy with the Duke community. We’ve laughed at game night, danced our hearts out at crush party and semi-formal, perfected our résumés, renewed our bonds at sisterhood retreat, given back to the community, and so much more. With most of our junior class abroad, we can’t wait for them to return to see what the spring semester has in store for us. From all of us in Mu Kappa, thank you for your support and have a wonderful holiday season.
Sisterhood
The fall semester was filled with entertaining sisterhood events to renew our bonds as a chapter. At September’s Afternoon of Sisterly Gaming, we played card games in the common room to welcome ladies participating in informal recruitment. In October, we got to meet adorable puppy Gizmo at our Puppy Playdate outside our apartments. November was a yummy month, as we explored food from Durham and around the world. Before semi-formal, sisters opened up their apartments to host an international-themed progressive dinner, with prizes for best dishes and decorations. Later that month, we took a trip to Dame’s Chicken and Waffles to test their famous dish. While it’s not as gourmet, our sisters have also enjoyed our weekly sisterhood dinners at campus venues. No matter the event, our sisters love spending time together.

Sisterhood Retreat
In September, we held our annual Sisterhood Retreat at Falls Lake Campground. After a summer apart, the retreat strengthened our bonds through old school Girl Scout activities. Sisters participated in a baking contest, played team-building games, and reflected on our experiences in Chi Omega.

Reaching Out
In October, we welcomed alumni and families to our common room for our Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend brunches, respectively. We enjoyed hearing Mu Kappa stories from the past and meeting the parents who raised such wonderful Chi Omega daughters!
Scholarship

Duke students hold our academics in high regard, and the sisters of Chi Omega are no exception. Last spring, our sisters earned an average 3.55 GPA. Sisters can attend weekly Wise Owl study hours in Perkins Library, meet up for monthly major dinners to get advice on classes, and utilize our GTB’s Academic Resource of the Week. Plus, with this semester’s résumé workshop, we’re well prepared for our summer internship applications!

Convention 2014

As President and New Member Educator, Hannah and Abby got to attend Chi Omega Convention 2014 in Orlando. They returned to Mu Kappa with plenty of ideas for strengthening our ritual and chapter programming!

Social

Fall wasn’t all work and no play! In September we pulled out our plaid and cowboy boots for our Harvest Moon crush party. And in November we kept it classy at semi-formal. Dancing the night away with sisters and dates, what could be better?

Chi Os on Campus

Chi Omega is full of campus leaders – our sisters include the president of Duke Political Union, stage manager for Urinetown, head tour guide and drum major for Duke University Marching Band, editor-in-chief of the Chronicle, and more. Despite our busy schedules, our sisters make an effort to stay involved on campus together. This fall, we attended ADPi and KKG’s philanthropy events, Coming Out Day, and several football games together!
Swishes for Wishes

Chi Omega prides itself on its committed involvement with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This November, we held our annual fall event: Swishes for Wishes and Scoop a Dish. In addition to raising money to grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, these events generate excitement and unity across campus.

To raise money for Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina, we held a week-long free throw contest on the chapel quad. Participants could donate $3 to test their shooting skills for 2 minutes. The winner, with 41 free throws, received a basketball signed by Coach Krzyzewski.

At the end of Swishes Week, we had the wonderful opportunity to host a wish party for 6 year-old Heath. Heath is a wish kid from Durham who received a heart transplant from Duke Children’s Hospital. Heath brought his parents and older sister, and we all celebrated with dinner, Legos and gummy worms (Heath’s favorite), poster-making, and face-painting. Afterward, Heath and his family got to attend a Duke men’s basketball game, where our sisters gave him a proper Cameron Crazie welcome.

After the game, Heath even got to meet Coach K and the players! We’re honored to provide Heath with a lifelong memory.

We’ve raised $1,600 so far, but you can help us give even more at this site until December 14.

A bench is a wish your heart makes!
Chi Omega has only had a housing section for three years, and it has progressed from a set of apartment buildings to a home. Most recently, we have added a bench to our facilities! In order to spread awareness for our philanthropy, we decided to dedicate the bench to Make-A-Wish, with a Disney twist.
Informal Recruitment

Our family was blessed to grow by eleven this fall! We had the opportunity to conduct informal recruitment, and we were lucky to find many worthy candidates who embodied the principles of the Symphony. On November 9th, they were initiated into our chapter under the rituals and traditions of Chi Omega, and joined the pledge class initiated this past spring of 2014. We are so excited to have these bright, effervescent women join Chi Omega!

Thanks to our outgoing executive board for their hard work!
GH: Hannah Hopkins
GTB: Hayley Trainer
GKA: Mallory Ellingson
GNV: Thao Nguyen
GM: Abby Ardis
Panhel: Kelsey Evezich
Personnel: Emma Weitzner
Recruitment: Caroline Horrow

Congratulations to our newly slated executive board!
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GKA: Caroline Horrow
GNV: Thao Nguyen
GM: Hailey Diaz
Panhel: Emily Wassermann
Personnel: Manda Hufstedler
Recruitment: Amanda Brumwell

What’s Next
January: Formal Recruitment, Officer Transitions
February: Crush Party, Revelation Week
March: Angels Among Us, Initiations
April: Eleusinian, Scoop-A-Dish, Formal

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