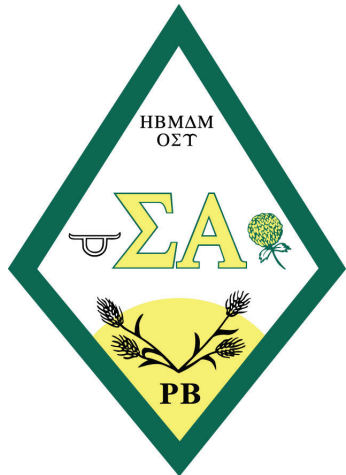


Sigma Alpha

Alumni News



Alumni President's Message

Dear Sigma Alpha Sisters:

I can't believe how fast this year is going. The alumni have been busy with two meetings and awarding the Pamela Blakeslee Scholarship to a deserving active member. This edition of the newsletter contains details from the board's February and May meetings, as well as Founders' Day.

Congratulations and welcome to the new members of the alumni board: Jamie King, Vice President; Jill Gibson, Secretary; Sarah Duffy, Treasurer; and Christy Montoya, Director. Becky Reed, Carmen Kenney and Jenell Jensen remain on the board as directors.

I want to thank Christina Howard for her hard work and dedication to the board as the secretary over the past four years. It is definitely greatly appreciated!

Have you moved, changed names or want to know how to get in touch with your Big/Lil Sis? Please contact me at ebrooks243@hotmail.com. I have a database of the alumni going back to pin number 1.

The next board meeting will be held September 17th. This will be a teleconference. If you are interested in participating, contact me by September 8th.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer!

In Sisterhood,
Erin Brooks
Pin # 248

2006 Sigma Alpha National Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia Oct. 19-22

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 19: Business Casual
6:30 pm Registration
7:30pm Welcome Activities
9:00 pm Sigma Alpha Quiz Bowl

Friday, October 20: Professional Dress, Tour
Casual- No Jeans
7:30 am Registration
7:50 am Delegate Breakfast
8:00 am General Breakfast
9:20 am Collegiate Lifeknowledge
10:15 am Agriculture Emphasis Breakout Sessions
12:15 pm Afternoon Tours
7:30 pm Alumni Event
9:00 pm Sigma Alpha Quiz Bowl

Saturday, October 21: Professional Dress, Banquet
Church to Semi-formal
8:00 am Founder's Breakfast
All sisters attend for Chapter Awards.
9:30 am Group Photo
10:00 am National Chapter Congress
12:00 pm National Alumni Luncheon & Meeting
1:30 pm Chapter and Alumni Sessions
3:30 pm Regional Meetings
7:00 pm Banquet

Visit www.sigmaalpha.org for more details and registration forms.

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Select
Atlanta Capitol Conference Center
450 Capitol Avenue SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30312
Ph: 1-800-442-6011
Discount Sigma Alpha Group Rate before
9/27/2006 : \$95 per night for 1-4 attendees
\$119 per night Suite *15.00% tax*

Registration Fee

(Excludes Hotel Cost)
Early Bird Special
\$125 Collegiate and Advisors
\$145 Alumni
After 9/8/2006 fee increases

Registration Includes:

2006 National Convention T-shirt
Meals:
Breakfast Friday and Saturday
Lunch Friday
Lunch Saturday for Alumni, Seniors, and Advisors
Banquet dinner on Saturday
Convention materials and handouts
Group tour on Friday

Mail Your Registration Form to:

Sigma Alpha National Sorority
2713 Ubyl Rd. Bad Axe, MI 48413

Sigma Alpha Active Chapter Update

By President Jenna Genson and Public Relations Chair Rachel Bowers

We know Sigma Alpha is an organization that develops women as agricultural leaders, but look at the many other things we've done and are involved in.

Old to New ... the Officer Transition ...

Many thanks to our outgoing officer team: President-Amber Cox, 1st Vice President-Erin McKinniss, 2nd Vice President-Anna Leis, Secretary-Laura Stacklin, Treasurer-Katelin McKnight, Rush Chair-Rachel Bowers, and Social Chair-Becky Gibbs. Congratulations and best of luck to the new officer team for 2006-2007: President-Jenna Genson, 1st Vice President-Katy Wuthrick, 2nd Vice President-Abby Wensink, Secretary-Katie Houk, Treasurer-Katelin McKnight, Rush Chair-Carla Jagger, and Social Chair-Lauren Booher.

CFAES Banquet Awards Won By Sigma Alpha Actives

On May 11 the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences held their annual banquet to recognize those outstanding individuals who have been a part of or achieved outstanding accomplishments. Included in all of the exceptional students were three Sigma Alpha actives. Becky Gibbs was recognized as a Top 20 Senior throughout the entire college. Katelin McKnight was awarded the Ray A. Miller Council Scholarship, and Laura Stacklin was awarded the Medard A. J. Ruehle Memorial Award Fund. Cassie Jo Colliflower and her sister, Katie Ann, also performed a duet at the banquet. A number of actives also helped on the Banquet Steering Committee: Top Scholars (Jenna Genson, Rachel Bowers), Solicitations (Becky Gibbs), Decorations (Laura Stacklin), Food & Menu (Abby Wensink), Tickets (Katie Houk), Photography (Carla Jagger) and Co-Chair (Anna Leis). Sigma Alpha was also recognized as one of the top five student organizations in the college!

Bylaw Revisions

The active chapter recently revised the chapter's bylaws. If you are interested in a copy to review, please contact President Jenna Genson at genson.7@osu.edu or (937) 626-9984.

Polos

Sigma Alpha recently bought green polos which we got embroidered with Alpha Chapter, the Greek letters, and The Ohio State

University for each active. We plan to wear these to group events such as the Agriculture Greek Forum which we just attended or to other functions such as Promising Young Women, so that all actives are easy to identify while maintaining the professional look.

Two Classes Activated, Many More to Come

At the beginning of winter quarter we activated Carla Jagger, the new rush chair, and Katie Houk, the new secretary. At the end of spring quarter the chapter activated Abby Keyt, Joni Naylor, and Jessica Smith. We hope to bring in several new ladies as the new academic year begins in September.

Incoming Freshman Tour

On April 30, from 2-6pm, Sigma Alpha hosted 7 future buckeyes and their parents to come learn about the opportunities in organizations and extra curriculums at OSU and in CFAES. The group was also led around Ag campus and main campus by our CFAES Ambassador team. This was a chance for the future students to get to know at least a few familiar faces for the fall and to be aware of all that there is to offer at OSU and CFAES. The actives received very positive feedback and plan to continue this event for the coming years.

A Farewell to the Graduating Seniors

As spring quarter comes to an end and summer is upon us, we have some outstanding actives graduating and moving into the job force or graduate school. Erin McKinniss will be moving to Florida to attend graduate school, Jessica Taylor will be staying in Columbus to attend graduate school at Ohio State, Becky Gibbs will be graduating at the end of fall quarter and attending Bowling Green State University for graduate school, and Cassie Jo Colliflower will be graduating and entering the workforce. These ladies have been very dedicated to the sorority and will be missed.

New Advisors to be Inducted in the Fall

Dr. Keith Irvin recently retired as Sigma Alpha advisor. We appreciate all of his hard work and dedication. In the fall we will be holding the advisor induction ceremony to bring Mrs. Pasha Lyvers-Peffer who serves The Ohio State University in the Animal Science department as an assistant professor. Also joining us as advisors are Ms. Jamie

King and Ms. Jillian Gibson who are both Sigma Alpha alumni. The actives are very excited to work with the new advisors alongside Ms. Pat Rigby.

Sigma Alpha Actives to Regional Convention

Katy Wuthrick and Katie Houk represented the Alpha Chapter at the regional convention held by the Alpha Gamma chapter at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale from April 7-9.

Sigma Alpha Actives to AGR/SA Conference

Abby Wensink and Anna Leis attended the joint leadership conference put on by Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha in Nashville, Tennessee, February 17-19. The actives gained many ideas from the conference and had an opportunity to meet girls from other chapters and bounce ideas off of them as to what they do in their chapters.

Agricultural Greek Forum

On April 22, the Ag Greek community of active students, advisors, alumni, and CFAES staff joined together to discuss the future of OSU's Ag Greek and what we can do together to increase numbers and improve recruitment. The group also benefited from listening to Sgt. Maj. Kokensparger and Lt. Col. Klinker, both retired marines who spoke about brotherhood/sisterhood from a marine's point of view. The forum, organized by Brad Moffitt from the Ohio Department of Education and an alumnus of DTS and Dr. Pat Whittington, was a successful start to the beginning of new relationships and goals between the college, university, Ag Greek community, and future students.

Farmhouse Fraternity

The Farmhouse Fraternity will be chartering at The Ohio State University in 2011.

Sigma Alpha Traditions

The active chapter tries to uphold the traditions that have been set before us. During spring quarter we have been busy participating in activities that have taken place for years such as Spring Formal, Special Olympics, Relay for Life, and Agriculture in the Classroom.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Sigma Alpha Actives Volunteer for Hurricane Clean Up

Anna Leis, Laura Stacklin, and Jenna Gen-

son all made the trip from Columbus to New Orleans to assist in the hurricane relief effort over Christmas break with the Collegiate Young Farmers Club.

Carla Jagger and Lauren Booher went to New Orleans over spring break with the Buckeye Dairy Club. Abby Keyt, Joni Naylor, and Jessica Smith all went to New Orleans over spring break as well—they were sponsored through the Norton-Scott Complex.

Sigma Alpha Actives Join Honoraries

Actives Laura Stacklin, Katie Houk, and Jenna Genson were recently inducted into the Towers Agricultural Honorary. These three girls joined actives Anna Leis and Cassie Jo Colliflower in the honorary.

Active Laura Stacklin was also inducted into the Sphinx Senior Honorary, a University-wide senior honorary. She was one of only two agriculture students to be inducted this year. She joins active Anna Leis in membership in Sphinx.

Vet Tech Program to start in Autumn 2006

Rachel Bowers will be one of 20 students starting the new combined Animal Science/Vet Tech degree program at OSU and Columbus State Community College this fall. The program allows students to achieve their animal science bachelor degree at OSU and an associate degree in veterinary technology at CSCC. Students attend OSU the first two years, and then add CSCC evening classes to their schedule for their junior and senior years.

The active chapter is looking to improve the active/alumni relationships, if you are interested in becoming more involved with active chapter events please contact the alumni chair, Katy Wuthrick at Wuthrick.2@osu.edu.

Founder's Day Recap

Outstanding Active - Katelin McKnight
Outstanding Membership Candidate - Katie Houk
Spirit Award - Laura Stacklin
Outstanding Alumni - Carmen Kenney
2006 Pamela Blakeslee Scholarship
Recipient: Katy Wuthrick

Welcome to some of our newest Alumni sisters:

Erin McKinniss, Rebecca Gibbs,
Cassandra Jo Colliflower, Jessica Taylor,
and Anne Hartley.

Alumni Meeting Minutes

Feb. 18, 2006 • Founder's Day

The February 18, 2006 Sigma Alpha Ohio State Alumni Chapter Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Erin Brooks, President, in the Agricultural Administration building at The Ohio State University. Six members were present either in person or via teleconference.

Officer Reports:

President: The alumni report was sent out and discussed more involvement with the board.

Secretary: The minutes from the September board meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer: No report at this time.

Director/Committee Reports:

Web site- If anyone has any additions/updates for the web site please let her know.

Scholarship – Four applications were reviewed for the scholarship. Katy Wuthrick was chosen as the 2006 recipient of \$500.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business: Due to the non-existence of a quorum, the required Officer positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer were appointed by the Board as well as two optional Director positions. Underlined officer positions are required.

Board Offices up for election this year in bold, others listed for informational purposes:
Slate:

President: Erin Brooks - Term February 2005 – February 2007

Vice President: Jamie King - Term February 2006 – February 2008

Secretary: Christina Howard - Term February 2005 – February 2007

Treasurer: Sarah Duffy - Term February 2006 – February 2008

Director: Carmen Kenney - Term February 2005 – February 2007

Director: Incumbent Becky Reed - Term February 2006 – February 2008

Director: Jill Gibson - Term February 2006 – February 2008

Director: Jenell Jensen - Term February 2005 – February 2007

Sarah Jane moved and Carmen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

May 21, 2006 • Alumni Board Meeting

The May 21, 2006 board meeting of the Sigma Alpha Ohio State Alumni chapter was held at the Agriculture Administration Building at The Ohio State University. The meeting was called to order by the President, Erin Brooks. The five board members present were Erin Brooks, Sarah Duffy, Carmen Kenney, Jill Gibson, and Jamie King. Also present was Pat Rigby, active chapter advisor.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Newsletter will be sent out ASAP when all items are submitted to Jamie.

Secretary: Carmen agreed to take minutes for this meeting. Minutes from February 18, 2006 meeting were discussed. Sarah moved to accept the minutes and Carmen seconded.

The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer: There is about \$2,900.00 in the checking account. Sarah is waiting on the bank statement to balance the checkbook. A \$100.00 plaque was donated to the actives to buy for Founders Day awards. One of the original plaques is full.

Committee Reports:

Web site: New information is needed for the web site. Carmen will receive some new information from the actives via email.

Active Chapter Relations: A meeting with active chapter was held before the board meeting at the active chapter house and it went well.

Social: No tailgate for this year was agreed upon due to lack of attendance last year.

House Corporation: Erin will talk to Jenell to see if she is still interested in heading this up.

Old Business: Christina Howard resigned from the Secretary position on board.

New Business: Sarah moved to appoint Jill to be Secretary for the rest of Christina's term (2005-2007). Jamie seconded and the motion passed. Christy Montoya was named a director for the 2006-2008 term. 2006 National Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Erin and Sarah are considering on going but they will get back to board at next meeting. Next meeting will be on Sept. 17, 2006 at 1:30 pm. It will be a conference call set up by Pat.

Sarah moved to adjourn the meeting and Jamie seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

News-worthy Events & Achievements

- Congratulations to Alumni Becky Emnett Miculinich who received the Young Professional Award at the end of February 2006 at Ohio State University.
- Jill (Jackson) and Doug Adelsberger's first child, Brody Douglas, was born on March 29th. He was 7 lbs, 7 oz, and 20 inches long.
- Javonne (Soos) and Rob Mullins welcomed the birth of their second child, Audrey, on May 16th.

Do you have a News-worthy Event or Achievement that you want included in the next news-letter? E-mail it to Jamie King at jamieking_826@hotmail.com.

Have you paid your Sigma Alpha Alumni dues?

Dues are \$300 for a lifetime membership (\$50 per year) or \$25 annually.

**Mail dues to:
Sarah Jane Duffy
85 E. Weisheimer Rd.
Columbus, OH 43214**

Check out the Alpha Chapter Alumni Web site at

<http://sigmaalphabuckeyealumni.20m.com>

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