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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



Brothers and Sisters of the Southwest District,

In times of crisis and uncertainty as we face today, it can be difficult to know what being a leader really means. Are we supposed to organize meetings? Act as the face of our organization? Offer help to others? Well, yes – to all those questions and more. The role of a leader before, during, and after quarantine is to be there for the people who have chosen them for their position. We are tasked with making every effort to ensure our constituents are happy, confident, and comfortable with the situation presented to them. To do this, we must ensure that our fellow leaders, as well as ourselves, are being clear and prompt in their presentation of new projects, and that projects are consistent with the vision and direction our organization is taking. In the COVID-19 pandemic, we are also tasked with ensuring that our chapter members know what we can do, and what we are doing.

If there is one thing that 2020 has shown me, it is that brotherhood is meant for more than just brothers or sisters. For us, brotherhood is something that we as members of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma harness to then spread and share with all bandsmen – especially those not in our organizations. In fact, I believe that spreading brotherhood is the greatest service we can provide, as we give those who feel alone and uncertain a place to feel loved, welcome, and at home in our college and university band programs. In COVID-19 we can spread brotherhood through virtual game nights, recording projects, and socials hosted for our band programs by our organizations!

Although 2020 has been such a rough and stressful year for most, there are several tips and advices that I would love to give to all of you:

Stay hydrated! One of the most important things to mental and physical health is ensuring that you are well hydrated.

Go for a walk! The best way to get your mind off of the craziness that is 2020 is to get out of your house and walk around. Whether taking your dog for a walk, wondering around your neighborhood, or going on a hike through the mountains in Ruidoso, NM (seriously, New Mexico is just **THE BEST!**), getting active can also get the blood flowing so that your mind can more easily find distractions.

Pick up a new hobby! A great way to relax the mind and drift to somewhere that is not experiencing an absolute living nightmare is to start doing something new! For me, I called off the war I started against Animal Crossing: New Horizons which I now enjoy, as well as started a D&D campaign with my roommates.

Talk to someone! Never allow yourself to bottle your feelings. There are people around you who are going through this time, just like you. Your district council is ALWAYS available to talk through what you are feeling and experiencing!

I want you all to know that you are loved and cared for. The service you all do for the greater band movement and world is unbelievable. The Southwest District is so incredibly strong, diverse, and unique. When you feel down, and the world around you is grim, remember the motto that the Kappa Kappa Psi SWD Council has adopted this year, and reach out to us if we can do anything for you.

#WereAllInThisTogether

MLITB,

Theron “TJ” Coleman

Eastern New Mexico University, Beta Lambda,
Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District President



KKΨ



LEADERSHIP IN A VIRTUAL SETTING



This year has definitely been a major struggle for our organization at every level, but it has also brought many challenges that Tau Beta Sigma has beautifully overcome. Being in a leadership role has been scary for this semester with so many things left unknown. Over this semester, however, I have gained so many resources and methods on how to strengthen one's leadership in a virtual setting.

The main thing that I took from this semester, was that almost everything – every event, every game, etc. – can take place virtually. It may take a little “out-of-the-box” thinking, but I've learned that if you have the determination, you can make it through anything. Chapters in the Southwest District have gone above and beyond with their innovation. Being able to lead your chapters through this time is extremely difficult, but the amazing leaders of the SWD Chapters were able to do just that.

The hardest thing, I believe, about leadership in a virtual setting is keeping up morale and engagement. Staring at a computer screen can drain enjoyment and cause people to lose interest very quickly. I've noticed a lot of chapters using different methods to try and keep up morale. I have even seen so many chapters working together and reaching out to one another. I believe that reaching out to one another and checking in is extremely important to keeping up morale during this time. At the end of the day, we are a sisterhood that cares deeply about service. Maintaining and building on that sisterhood will always help morale.

This time has been very tough on all of us in every aspect of our lives. It has taken a toll on our mental health and changed a lot of things about life. Tau Beta Sigma has always been a light in my life, and even during this time it shines bright. Everyone here is a leader and with a little hard work and innovation, we can thrive through anything.

MLITB,

Tyler Hern

Tau Beta Sigma, Southwest District President 2021



HELLO
SOUTHWEST!
BY AYLEEN E.
SANCHEZ



SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT VICE
PRESIDENT FOR
MEMBERSHIP

Since becoming a Brother, life has been a journey. I have met so many great people who have helped me become the person I am today. This pandemic has taken us all by surprise. We all did not know how or when it was going to end. Even today, it does not seem like there is an end anytime soon. Because of this, we decided to overcome these obstacles and face them head on.

How are we going to keep serving the band, the university, and our community?

Most importantly, how am I going to come out stronger and wiser at the end of this? I'm not going to lie and say this journey is easy, but this journey wouldn't have impacted my life if it weren't for the amazing people I have met this year. Going into a District Office was scary. I did not really know who I would be working with besides our SWD Sec-Treas, Patrick, who is from my Chapter. This is where you will get a little insight on the "Chaotic District Vice Presidents." After I was elected as the SWD Vice President for Membership, I woke up to being put in a group chat with the other District Vice Presidents. Little did I know that I would be calling them my best Bros, or Boh-skies (Broskies, but with Boh).

Fast forward to the end of the Fall semester, there have been many crying/ranting/watching me make Tik-Toks, sessions. I have gotten close to these people. We have a strong bond that we often find even in our own chapters, this is Brotherhood. I know that, with these people, I can always rely on them and have someone to talk to about literally anything, inside and outside of the Fraternity. I thank this whole pandemic that I am able to build these connections with people, because all we have to do is just send a zoom link into the group chat and they will show up even if it is just a little. These people often remind me why I do what I do.

Not just them, but the District as well. I look forward to continuing to serve the Southwest to the best of my abilities, and remember -- We Are All In This Together!
Keep Striving Southwest

AEA!



COMMUNICATION
BY DESTINEE
LEGER



SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT VICE
PRESIDENT OF
SPECIAL
PROJECTS

This fall semester has taught me a lesson in communication and how important it is to the Bond we share. Virtual communication through video calls and texting is very convenient in these times. However, non-verbal aspects of communication such as body language and tone can get lost in translation and make it difficult to understand what's happening on the other side of your screen. Key points of communication to share with you. 1. **Put effort into your relationship.** Spending time with sisters after virtual meetings just to check in. Reaching out to sisters and brothers you don't talk to everyday. Showing or telling someone that you're thinking about them goes a long way. Even a simple hello can mean the world to someone to let them know they're not alone. 2. **Speak their language.** You may not be able to communicate to two different people the same way. That's because we're all different people. As you're starting to spend more time with others virtually, it's important to remember that body language may be hard to interpret, so be clear and offer explanations if needed.

It's better to over explain so everyone is on the same page versus having two stories going on. 3. **Remember that there's two sides to every story.** When communicating with others, there can be times when things are not communicated well or misunderstood. Simply asking for clarification can go a long way. While venting and seeking counsel from a third party can help you make sense of the situation, the only person that knows what was meant to be said is the original person you were talking with. 4. **Be respectful and kind.** When you're listening, allow yourself to hear what the other person is saying. Acknowledge your feelings as you respond, but do not seek to cause harm with your words. Choose your words wisely and try to move forward.





TRAVERSING
THE
UNCHARTED
BY PATRICK A.
CARAVEO



SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT
SECRETARY-
TREASURER

This journey over the last few months has had more loops and turns than I can count. The middle of March felt so surreal to me and it's crazy to think the last fraternal event I attended in-person was the West Texas / New Mexico Workshop at NMSU. Since then, along with everyone else in the world, my life has been sitting behind a computer screen for countless hours each day. I thought to myself, "How can I make this new normal, well, feel normal?"

Approaching challenges can, in all ways, be difficult. Staying at home gave me time to think about how I can help myself through this. There would be days where I would feel so pumped to do homework and get better at my euphonium. Then there would be days where I would look at both and think playing Animal Crossing was a better option. We all have those times where we think, "How can I do this with no energy?" I was there with those same thoughts. Then, one day, I thought of how this was a great time to improve on things I've struggled with. If there was a time more than any to focus on personal health, this was that time. I set a day-to-day schedule for myself and got a routine going. Things seemed better than ever and I was motivated to continue improving myself.

There was a time when I thought I could really do a lot on my own. I would wake up in the morning and create this long schedule of tasks I challenged myself to do. The summer went on and things seemed great, then the fall semester approached and so did my own questions of how the semester would go. I felt pumped, nervous, and ready to overcome this new year.

As the assignments started to pile up, so did my stress.

Burnout can creep in when you least expect it and we've all felt it in some way or another. I had to remind myself that it's okay to ask for help and lighten the workload. Being a leader can be tough as we all want to do the most we can. Being a district officer gave me the opportunity to meet so many great brothers across our own Southwest District and the other districts as well. Brotherhood is an amazing attribute in so many ways and having the support to work through things is always inspiring. For those that struggle to stay motivated, know that you are not alone through your journey. This pandemic has been rough, but also inspiring. We're all in this together as we continue to traverse the uncharted journey of life.



THE IMPACT
OF TAU BETA
SIGMA BY
LAINE ROGERS



SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT
SECRETARY-
TREASURER

I don't think I need to explain to anyone here why 2020 has been a crazy year. For me, it was having my wedding postponed and cutting my guestlist in half, getting corona, my fiancé having to go to school for an extra semester, band being cancelled in the spring, going online during one of the hardest semesters of my undergrad, becoming a district officer in quarantine, and so many more things. 2020 has been hard for everyone. But even though this year has been difficult, one thing shines through as a positive light that kept me going. That one thing is our beloved organization, Tau Beta Sigma. During 2020, it was SO easy to feel isolated. To feel alone. To feel like the whole world was against you. Having anxiety on top of all this did not help. I was terrified of video calls. Terrified of looking underprepared, not saying the right thing, and not doing the right things. This fear was quickly eased at my first big virtual appearance: Southwest District Convention. I served as the Jurisdiction and Finance Committee Chair, which was the first time I had done anything like that. I was nervous the whole way through. But having great sisters there with me to encourage and converse with me really helped. Our National Vice President for Communication and Recognition Leslie Gartin was a huge supporter of me during this stressful day. She was giving me constant guidance and encouragement for everything. It definitely had such a great impact on me and allowed me to recognize that I am doing just fine and that we are all still figuring out this new normal together. Through this organization, I have also learned many useful skills like time management, how to properly use a planner, keeping up with my mental health, and basic virtual features to succeed. As 2020 has progressed and more changes and challenges have been thrown my way, I can always look to my sisters to help me through anything. Sisters from all over the country have made this year more bearable. Whether it be the National Council with all their goofiness and great advice at National Leadership Conference, writing my sisters across the district in various pen pal systems, the district council and our many jokes about Sonic and Animal Crossing, or even the sisters in my chapter joking around on Zoom chats, Tau Beta Sigma has got me through this dreadful year. With my sisters, in person or virtual, I truly am best.



A LOVE LETTER
TO OUR
ORGANIZATIONS
BY MADELYNNE
WEST



SOUTHWEST
DISTRICT VICE
PRESIDENT OF
MEMBERSHIP

I'm going to start this with a Happy Anniversary to Tau Beta Sigma! Congrats on 75 years of serving the band! Here's to hoping that all sisters and brothers new and old can come together and celebrate in Lubbock in 2021 for such a special event! I just wanted to share my personal experience with Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi and how they have inspired me and pushed me to my full potential. My love for this organization began WAY before college. I was first introduced to these organizations when I was only eleven years old going to band camp at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AR. Our wonderful brothers and sisters of KKPsi - Theta Phi and TBS - Theta Theta were our counselors, and seeing them wear their letters proudly and being kind, friendly individuals who showed their love for the band, made me interested in the organization from a very young age. Not to mention going to band camp for seven years left a really good impression. When I found out my college had both a KKPsi and TBS chapter, my first goal was to join. I attended their informal events and decided TBS was the one for me, and on March 27, 2019, I was officially a sister of the Gamma Omicron chapter of Tau Beta Sigma! TBS has shaped me into the person I want to be. Attending Area Workshops and meeting so many new people (and even old highschool friends!) that share this love of serving the band fills my heart with joy. It's amazing how one thing can bring so many people together in harmony. TBS has brought me out of my shell and made me a more sociable and confident person. I wouldn't be where I am now without the support of my sisters, not only from Gamma Omicron, but also the district. When I decided to run off the floor for District VPM, my sisters had my back and encouraged me the entire process. I hope that everyone shares this same love and bond with their sisters and brothers. MLITB :)



MY FALL IN
BATON ROUGE!
BY ANDY THE
ARMADILLO



Hello, Brothers! It's Andy the Armadillo, talking to you all from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where I have been spending some time getting to know the Beta Gamma Chapter at Louisiana State University (Geaux Tigers!). This fall has been a bit different than usual, but the brothers of Beta Gamma have really shown me around. I have been able to attend rehearsal for the Golden Band from Tigerland and even got to accompany them to a game in Tiger Stadium! Boh (Beta Gamma's chapter mascot) has been showing me around campus! I got to participate in virtual chapter meetings and recruitment events. I'm looking forward to spending another semester here and getting to know even more of the brothers of Beta Gamma! AEA and GEAUX TIGERS!





TAU BETA
SUMMARY
BY MATTHEW
FRONTZ

UNIVERSITY
OF
OKLAHOMA,
DELTA
CHAPTER



Brought closer together in bond by Zoom
Membership candidacy beginning to bloom
Service projects done hand and hand
Encouraging success as a collegiate band

Memories most adored where to start
Held most dear to our heart
Qualities and virtues we aspire to uphold
Musical performances prepared and bold

Excellence portrayed through motivation
Thankful for music education
Sisters and brothers joined in song
One thing is certain I am where I belong



FOR YOU
I WILL HOLD
STRONG BY
JACOB STILLER

UNIVERSITY OF
OKLAHOMA,
DELTA



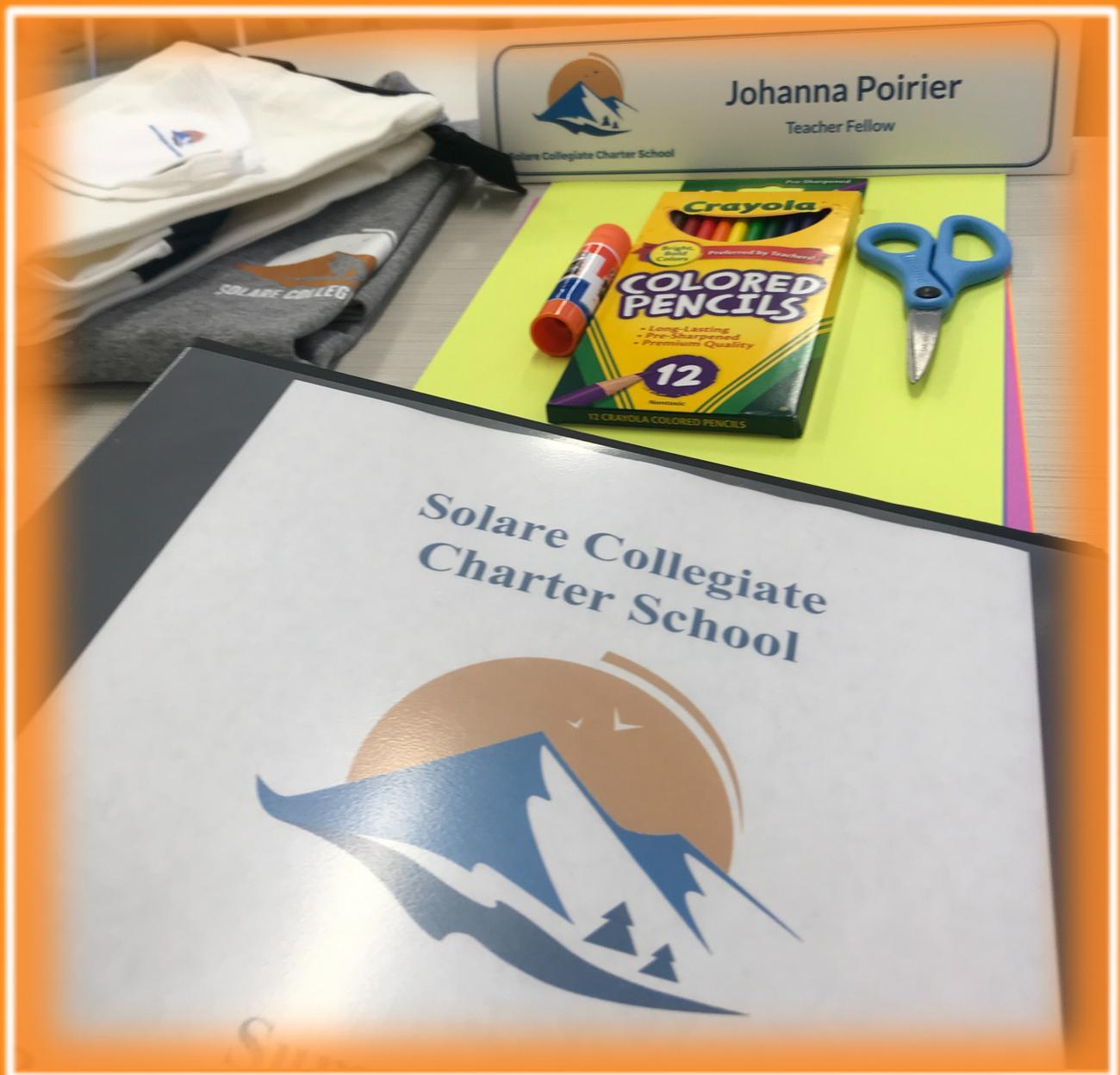
I always had aspirations to become chapter president since I was an MC and got to be a part of my first chapter meeting. I continually looked up to past presidents and admired their commitment to making Delta better than the year before and how they fostered a welcoming chapter environment. When my year finally came and I decided to run for office, a worldwide pandemic came rolling down the plains. At first, I was reluctant to go through with my plans but later realized I loved Delta far too much to not give it a shot. I recognized there were struggles up ahead, but I knew with the love and support of Delta, we could persevere through anything. Unlike other years, there was no map or guide you could follow. No past president or exec member has lived through these circumstances and we are finding new and innovative ways to bring a sense of normalcy to our chapter. One of the first hurdles I had to navigate was moving all chapter business online. Seeing only 20 people at a time through a tiny webcam in no way replaces seeing your sisters in person but for the first time in a month, it was just great to be back together. Without any in person service or sisterhood events, it would have been all too easy to just blow through this year with no meaning. I knew this was not the tone I wanted to set for Delta and pushed myself and the exec team to get creative with our officer positions. When I am at a crossroad, I often find inspiration within the question “what keeps you in TBS.” From there, our exec team brainstorms ways to provide a meaningful experience for all our active members. For our chapter, a big component is sisterhood. We love playing online games like “Among Us” before every chapter meeting and have been finding ways to uplift our fellow sisters. Some examples include, giving kudos shoutouts to sisters who do cool things and featuring our “sister of the week” with a PowerPoint show. This is not how I ever imagined being President, but I wouldn’t want it any other way. This year has made me appreciate Tau beta Sigma like never before and brought us closer as a chapter. Despite all the obstacles, I am so proud of the work Delta members are doing and know the chapter will continue to flourish.



TAKING ON A
NEW ROLE
BY JOHANNA
POIRIER



EASTERN NEW
MEXICO
UNIVERSITY,
BETA LAMBDA





ALPHA CHI AND
THE NEW
"NORMAL"

THE
UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS AT EL
PASO, ALPHA
CHI



As the beginning of the new school year approached, the Alpha Chi Chapter started to brainstorm new ways to continue serving our university band programs. The chapter saw this time as an opportunity to grow our bond in brotherhood. As every chapter wondered "how can we do this virtually?" so did we. Seeing as how we already began using a virtual platform to conduct chapter meetings, we decided we could use this for brotherhood as well with virtual game nights. Not only did we want to cultivate our chapters' bond, but also the bond with Phi Mu Alpha and the Sigma Alpha Iota Colony. On top of game nights our Spirit and Brotherhood Committee created activities to help make meetings more fun and less worrisome for our brothers.

Along with our chapter, the UTEP Marching Miners approached the pandemic in a unique way to continue their musicianship. Following CDC guidelines, the Marching Miners decided to limit their performance to the stands in the Sun Bowl Stadium. In addition to social distancing, the marching band provided their members with bell covers and masks specially designed for playing their instruments. Members of the band were also encouraged to be tested weekly for the novel Coronavirus. With safety measures in place, the UTEP Marching Miners safely and creatively promoted their musicianship to the community of El Paso, Texas.

The UTEP Music Department worked closely with the university to ensure that everything was within CDC guidelines to make sure that both the students and faculty were still getting to experience and grow in their musicianship. We have brothers who assisted the Fox Fine Arts Building before the school year began, by adding HEPA filters, floor markings, and hallway traffic guides. In addition to preparation, the department also provided Shure USB microphones to ensure students are recorded in quality audio. We know that we are striving to serve our band programs to the best of our abilities, and creating new memories to share with future brothers. As stated in our Fraternity's hymn "I do not know what the future holds for me, but this I know I am a Brother of K K Psi," seeing how even as we have started adapting to this new normal, we know that we still have each other.



A WHOLE NEW
VIRTUAL WORLD
BY JOHNN
MCCRAY

OKLAHOMA
STATE, ALPHA



Starting my first year at Oklahoma State University in Fall 2020, I was not comfortable with anything. The high school I had graduated from did not prepare me for university. I had never been in a (real) marching band, so band week was a culture shock. I had been lucky enough to audition into the wind ensemble my first semester, but that had its own set of challenges ahead. Many of the things that were before me were foreign, yet I went anyway. I focused so much on studies and all the things that I had to do, that I had no outlet. I had no way of unplugging from school that I could not properly get rest. I knew that something had to change, or I would not last another seven semesters. Then the nice tenor saxophone that marched next to me in our pregame show handed me a little card. It said “we would like to see you at our recruitment reception.” At this time in the semester, I felt alone and so focused on school that I couldn’t make any friends. I decided to go to the event. It was a nice little event where the joint Alpha chapters introduced themselves to everybody. I noticed that I knew a lot of these people. After the event, I went home and did the things I normally did on a Sunday evening. I folded laundry, started an essay that was due the next morning, caught up on theory homework, and so on. Later that evening, I heard a knock on my door. My psychology TA, who was also in the marching band, stood at my door with a rose and card in hand. The card was an official statement to offer me a bid of membership, but that wasn’t what was important to me. The names of all the signatures around the message is what was important. I knew that I belonged with those people who signed that card.

As we started the membership education process, I had a general idea of what I was getting into. My mother had been a member of the same chapter when she went to school at Oklahoma State, so I knew the basics of what the organization did. As I learned more about what the organization stood for, I took the main points of the lessons and meditated on them. I wanted to learn and grow as a person, and I had finally found my outlet. While I did not seem totally interested in the classes all the time, I slowly grew more and more excited to join this organization with each class. Once we transferred online, things got a little rocky, but I was still excited as ever. The lessons were definitely more awkward, but that didn’t matter, because I was already in love with the organization, and I was willing to do whatever it took to become an active member.

I don’t remember what day of the week it was, because all of the days mixed together during the online period, but that day had finally come. My old psychology TA turned chapter president added us to some group chat called “TBS Alpha Business” and said “welcome sistaus ☺.” The day I had waited for had finally come. I was finally an active member. While the online process and the education process as a whole seemed tedious at times, that is not what mattered in the end. I finally had a group that I could call my friend, my people, and my family. I was no longer alone on campus, but I had a group I could lean on. While this online chapter thing has had its time of trial, I would not trade it for the family I had gained. I have a whole new world ahead of me, but virtual or not, I am ready for it.



ALPHA
OMICRON,
TEXAS TECH
UNIVERSITY



Snapchat's anime
filter on a picture
of everyone in the
Epsilon Nu
candidate class
poster.





MEMBERSHIP
CLASS
MOTTO



ARKANSAS
TECH, BETA
NU

Through Music we
Live
Through Service we
Thrive

Motto by Membership
Class: CHOP231



A YEAR OF
UNCERTAINTIES



UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL
ARKANSAS,
EPSILON BETA

What a year! Epsilon Beta can probably speak for everyone when we say that this year has been the most stressful year in most of our lives so far. We started the year with WWII memes, moved to pandemic memes, then COVID-19 made its way to the US where we started to regret making memes about it. All of this stopped our newest ed class Beta Epsilon from going through third degree in person in the spring, so they had to settle for doing it over zoom with many others. Although they had to go through it in a very unconventional way, they were just happy to finally learn the secrets and officially be called Brothers for the first time.

In the time between all these things happening, Epsilon Beta returned to campus for marching band in August. Our first meeting we centered around the question of “What can we do to serve the band while still practicing social distancing and following safety protocols?”. Unfortunately, the answer to this was “Not a lot.” Following many brainstorming sessions, we finally came up with a few things we can do to serve and ways to change what we already do so we can keep people safe. The first thing Epsilon Beta did when getting back on campus was make bells covers for the brass instruments of the marching band and make hand sanitizer mixes to sell to the music department and people that just happen to be walking through the fine arts building. After many meetings with our sponsor and with each other, we decided that filling up water jugs for the band to use during football games was going to be tricky. We set protocols and measures in place for the band to ensure nobody was spreading germs and getting people sick.

Along with those two big things, we still do many small things like hosting virtual game nights, announcing a Marcher of the Week who gets a bag of candy and is recognized every Friday, and moving our letters out on the field every rehearsal. We have been doing everything we can to try to make the band better and make it feel less like we are in the middle of a pandemic. We can all be certain of one thing -- 2020 is a year of uncertainties.



TAU BETA SIGMA
PSI AND KAPPA
KAPPA PSI LAMBDA
JOINT TRIVIA
NIGHT



UNIVERSITY
OF
ARKANSAS,
PSI CHAPTER

On Monday, October 19, the Psi Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma and the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi jointly hosted a trivia night via Instagram Live. The two organizations each had two representatives that hosted from their membership; one sister took turns reading questions with one brother; one sister read the comments for correct answers; the final brother kept score for the two organizations. All sorts of viewers attended and submitted answers to the trivia in the comments; band faculty, brothers, sisters, and PNM's from both organizations hopped in and out of the live that lasted a little over an hour. Questions ranged in topic from Halloween to Razorback to general knowledge, and answers were all over the place for the "Wrong Answers Only" questions segment that ended the night.



MASKS FOR
BREAST CANCER
BY CHRISTIAN
SERMEÑO



NEW MEXICO
STATE
UNIVERSITY,
GAMMA ETA

With October being breast cancer awareness month, our chapter wanted to positively contribute to the local community affected by the deadly disease. Through a connection from our Alumni Relations Officer Gabriela “Gabby” Alvarez, we were approached by a member from a local hospital in need of reusable face masks. We were given the task to make 500 masks for patients undergoing treatment for cancer. Eagerly, our chapter jumped on the task. Gabby took the lead on the project and gathered all the materials and scheduled shifts with the brothers to start the project. Over the next three weeks, our chapter met twice weekly to cut, sew, stitch, sanitize, and package over 500 masks ranging from sizes small to large. After countless sleepless nights, our chapter completed all the masks on the week of October 19. Because of this, every cancer and mammogram patient received a complementary mask. Thanks to the dedication of the Gamma Eta chapter and the organization of Gabriela Alvarez, our chapter was able to positively reach out to the community that has continually supported us.





GAMMA WHO?
BY ZOE
VANDEKIEFT

THE UNIVERSITY
OF TEXAS AT
ARLINGTON,
GAMMA NU



Like many others, I've spent perhaps too much time reflecting on the past during the last six months or so. But I would be honored if you would give me a moment of your time for me to tell you about my TBS chapter- Gamma Nu at The University of Texas at Arlington. I would be remiss if I did not mention that in the past we have been awarded the Grace and A. Frank Martin award in 2017, and we were the first chapter to receive the Dorothy Allen Nichols Outstanding Small Chapter award in 2014, and The Janet West Miller Outstanding Service to Music Education award in 2019. But that is not what I want you to take away from meeting my chapter. I want to tell you about my Sisters, the people I have laughed so hard I've cried with, the people that have lifted me up in victory and cried with me in defeat. We have put in long days, early mornings, and late nights together. Gamma Nu, to me, exemplifies perseverance to its very core. Over the years we have seen growth and pruning, with two classes in the last five years that more than doubled the chapter, and we have seen strong leaders graduate and move on to the next great adventure. Our diversity is our strength and I am grateful to my Sisters for showing me their authentic selves. The cycle of growth and pruning will always continue, but that doesn't make it any less difficult for those of us who have to find a way to go on. We always find a way to rise. My most favorite experience in Gamma Nu to date was getting to meet our founding members, those who laid the path for others like myself, from the "Rebel Band Service Auxiliary" that came before we were called Gamma Nu- and singing our affirmation song with them.

I've asked our new members what they think about how we do things now, and the expectations of excellence that we still uphold- and while the transition has had a steep learning curve, our Bond as Sisters and as a chapter is stronger than perhaps ever before. We who have more practice at being in TBS have tried our best to help them along with this transition, but even then it sometimes has felt like the blind leading the blind. So have hope, my Sisters, as we look back. Our heritage is our foundation, and it is a strong one that was painstakingly laid by those who came before us. While the load we carry now is heavy, we can still stand tall and look to each other our Sisters in the Bond. Life is strange and messy and a million other things, but with our Sisters, we are best.



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“Hey McKenzie, are you having fun?” “Of course I’m having fun, are YOU having fun Jack?”

This could be heard every single time Jack and I saw each other on campus. Jack was one of the few people I knew in Kappa Kappa Psi during my freshman year, and quickly became my best friend. He could see right away that I was a good fit for both organizations, and even when I joined TBS instead of KKY, he was fully supportive of me. He helped me through process, my first year of being a music major, and ever since then. We’ve grown so close through quarantine and the craziness that has been this semester. I appreciate him so much and am truly thankful for TBS and KKY bringing us together and giving me the best friend I could ever ask for. I have never felt more accepted into a family than I did when I joined TBS and I’m so happy I did! Thank you to Psi for all you’ve given me, you’re all very loved!

Much love,
McKenzie Thompson



OCTOBER 21ST -
AN OVERLOOKED
HOLIDAY BY
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Last year, I did a Reptile Coloring Book Recruitment Event™ to celebrate Reptile Awareness Day™ on October 21st. While members and prospective members were coloring various pictures of snakes, crocodiles, lizards, and dragons, I read some Interesting Reptile Facts™ aloud. At the end, everyone showed off their new Scaly Friends™. Everyone had a lot of fun, so I knew I had to host it again the following year.

Even though we couldn't meet in person, there are (thankfully) lots of free coloring pages online! I compiled a bunch of these into a Google Doc for Reptile Awareness Day: 2020 Edition™. The Delta brothers are strong, optimistic, and pretty creative. At the end, I made them promise to continue holding these events after I graduate.

If you want to try your hand at coloring your own, here's the link: <https://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/reptiles>





LIGHT, LOVE,
AND TRUTH
BY MASON
THOMAS

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Do you see in me,
What I see in you?
Could what takes place in my mind really be true?

It's a life that we live.
It's a path that we make.
It's a feeling that no one is quite able to shake.

I'll think of you,
If you think of me.
A great shining light is what we will be.

Do you see in me,
What I see in you?
May you think of me what I think of you.



THE SECTIONS AS
AVATAR, THE LAST
AIRBENDER
CHARACTERS BY
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Flute - Katara



A lovable and empowering figure throughout the series. The flutes can often be seen reassuring each other and building each other up, much like Katara does with the gang. They have a perfect balance of motherly care and fierce loyalty.

**Clarinet -
Cabbage Merchant**



Our favorite side character in the series. Though the gang doesn't always respect his sales cart and merchandise, we all fill with joy when we hear his iconic line, "MY CABBAGES!" Despite his constant hardships, he always bounces back ready to make new sales and eventually creates the successful Cabbage Corp. Never underestimate the clarinets or the cabbage merchant.



Saxophones -
Toph



Toph has pushed the boundaries of earthbending creating metalbending all on her own and spreading it to others. The saxophone, a relatively new instrument, is always pushing the boundaries of what music is by creating new variations of styles and sounds (squeaks). They also know when to act high society with their parents and when to let loose with their alter egos and fight crime.

Trumpet - Jet



Jet, the leader of the Freedom Fighters looking to take down systems of injustice. Just like the trumpets, he has a lot of power behind him and a large group of friends that have become his family. People are often drawn to the trumpets due to their charismatic attitude, but may not always like what they get into. Though they don't always go about their goals in the best way, they always have good intentions.

Mellophone -
Chong



If you don't remember who Chong is, I hope this reminds you. SECRET TUNNEL. SECRET TUNNEL. THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS. SECRET SECRET SECRET TUNNEL. As we all know, this is an absolute banger of a song, just as the horn lines written throughout so many marching shows. We may not always immediately think about the mellophones, but we deeply appreciate their contributions and would be much sadder without them in our lives.



**Trombone -
Ty Lee**



Full of energy and joy, known to set themselves apart from the crowd, and loves attention. The trombones are the perfect match to the fierce and powerful Ty Lee. Just as she quickly defended Mai at Boiling Rock, the trombones are quick to defend and protect those closest to them. Also the section most likely to join the circus.

**Baritone -
Sokka**



Sokka: the plan guy. Baritones: the plan section (though their plans may not work out as well as Sokka). The baritones are able to find humor in almost anything, but much like Sokka, they are able to be serious when needed and work out the perfect strategy to help their team.

Tuba - Zuko



Starting in middle school, the tubas are often looked down upon for their lack of notes and “boring instrument”. However, as any good musician knows, they are the most important part of the band and make themselves a great redemption arc. Since they are the strong foundation, they often look to Iroh (the directors) for advice and wisdom. The tubas have more than restored their honor.



**Drumline -
Bumi**



King Bumi, to be exact. Despite being a king, he has no intention of following any rules or societal norms, much like the drumline. Wild, chaotic, and full of power and skill. Drumline can take any boring situation and make it fun and exciting with a groovy cadence, just like Bumi can make a boring situation fun with earthbending.

**Colorguard -
Ursa**



We all love her, we all miss her, we all hope to find her soon.

**Drum Major -
Aang**



This one's pretty obvious. A bridge between directors and the band, a bridge between the spirit world and the human world.

**Directors -
Iroh**



The wise mentors of our band. The fighters and warriors of the previous generation. Iroh may be fire nation, but he learns to incorporate aspects from all four elements just like the directors incorporate all parts of the band. They are quick to give advice to younger members, even if they don't think they need it. Our directors have connections all over the map, just like Iroh and his connections to the spirit world.



KKPSI
HUDDLE
BY RAY
BAHNER



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From the very first recruitment event I attended one thing became crystal clear, Kappa Kappa Psi is committed to teamwork. Whether it's volunteering for the Pride of Oklahoma, the School of Music or even KKPSI events, the brothers always display leadership. This inspired me to create an image that is in my opinion the epicenter of every great team, the huddle!



ALUMNI ZOOM
CALL BY
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TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY AT
COMMERCE,
EPSILON BETA





ALPHA PSI
ZOOMING IT
UP!



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ALPHA PSI

Every Thursday, and sometimes Fridays when we have the time, the brothers of Alpha Psi come together on Discord to have virtual night. This includes watching movies like Star Wars, The Night Before Christmas, and Harry Potter. Then we even get competitive nights with online games such as the new popular multiplayer game Among Us. The brothers of Alpha Psi board a ship going to a strange planet striving to complete their assigned tasks as quickly as they can before the suspicious imposter slithers the vents coming to take them out. We also have the fun and competitive Jack BoxTv game that brings out the true competitive nature of the brotherhood. Lastly, we put our Art skills together with Scribbl.io. Here we share laughs, and remind ourselves of the good childhood days. You're never too old to have fun. AEA





GREEK
ALPHABET
WORD SEARCH
BY ENRRIQUE
CARRILLO

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Greek Alphabet

E A L N Q U A T E T H W Q E V N D
 I E M I O D R Y N O L I S P E O E
 F O R G B R A L P H A Z E T A L L
 G H T M I H C W G K G K Q R S I T
 O A A A N S T I C I G F H J I S A
 N L M A P S P V M C F I X A H P C
 X U T M X D A A Q O Z U G W C U V
 P E W X A H S E K Q N P T Y R D M
 B Z Y E T Z B R N I Y J R R P I H
 R O Z H Y A X C G N M A I Z I E C
 R K E A P P A K N Q M G B U J X C
 Y T E K K X C N P Y E E A I L S E
 A L T L E Y D T D M N M T A N I S
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 R M Q V B Y N Q I L Q O R K V V I
 H J T Y R J O K A H I U O D M S C
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 F R W J O E D Q T P A I O R L O Z
 O P A A G F D X G U C J F A H L F

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M H P I V O T U W Y S H S Q D A N J W A W H Q F L
J E J L Y D R F S B H L I M B Q O P P Z N P N X X
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B E A C V H L O J U Y U L G J V K Y V K A G X D U
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I T B O W W C G Q E I T E Y O T Q B S Y N A S Z G
O U N I T Y W W R S G S U U Q B Q M R B Y Q G U J
J R M W B J J W K H E I T R V J G J S H S Y O F V
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T H N G Y V K M P Y G B Z G R L L R N U M P W Z V
E R H J K S A R L V L P A P S E E W P R V Q E R P
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