

Pi B Periodical

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Welcome to 2013!

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were wonderful, filled with family, fun, food, and of course, MUSIC!

As my collegiate sisters start to filter back to school, and my alumnae sisters return to classrooms and other jobs, I just want to make sure we all start the new year right. A lot of things come up during the second semester, and now is a good time to start preparing, before things get chaotic.

Of course for collegiate chapters, membership recruitment should start relatively soon after your semester begins! This will allow for a number of

events, the pledging ceremony, a non-rushed MIT period, exam, and then initiation.

FYI for VPM's: since MIT classes are traditionally larger than the fall, due to our no-first semester freshmen/transfers rule, please be aware it will likely take me longer to grade exams. Plan *AT LEAST* two weeks between the exam and initiation. If you have a really large class, you may want to make it three weeks.

Also coming up this spring is nominations and honors. I have detailed how you should be going about setting up committees and the like

on page 2 (taken from the CPM).

Philanthropies awards and scholarships are also due in March. Please take some time during one of your meetings this month to review all of these wonderful opportunities! I would really love to see many lovely Pi B ladies receiving these awards and scholarships!

Finally, check out the amazing project and presentation by the Kappa Nu chapter at Lindenwood! So very proud of them!

All right, let's get 2013 started out right!!!



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UPCOMING DUE DATES!!!

January 30

- * Articles for Tempo! Due

February 15

- * SAI Hazing and Substance Abuse Policy Agreement form (Spring) due

March 1

- * Sword of Honor Nominations due to me!

Varying

SAI Philanthropies, Inc Scholarships and grants! These deadlines vary! (See <http://www.sai-national.org/home/Philanthropies/Deadlines/tabid/92/Default.aspx> for more details!!)

Pi B Province Day—April 13th, 2013!!!!

It is NEVER too early to plan to attend the

1st annual Pi B Province Day! The ladies of the Delta Epsilon chapter at South East Missouri



State are working hard to provide us with a wonderful experience! So, mark your calendars NOW! More information about province day will be coming out in the

next couple of months, including a call for performers for musicale! Mark those calendars, put the date in your planner, and I can't wait to see you all there!!!!

The Nominating Committee



Now is the time to plan for the nominating committee for your chapter! The committee should consist of **three to five** members, as stated in your bylaws. They are to be **ELECTED** in late January/early February. Why so early? Well, they have a lot to do!

As stated in the CPM, page 6-9 for collegiate chapters (and paraphrased for alumnae on page 7-9), the nominating committee has several things to do. First, they need to study (read over well!) the chapter on chapter officers in the CPM (Chapter 4 for collegiate, 5 for alumnae). The committee must confirm that all candidates are in good standing with the chapter/fraternity, and they must secure the consent of the candidate before placing her name for

nomination.

The nominating committee should have their report ready by the end of February. Yes, **the end of February**. At that time, the president will ask for nominations from the floor.

Elections should be held in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and any rules that may be in your chapter bylaws. When more than one member is nominated for the same office, a vote by ballot must be held. A **MAJORITY VOTE** constitutes an election. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, which is more than half of the votes cast, another vote must be held. The voting must continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.

There are several things to remember.

This is **NOT** a popularity contest. Executive Board officers are the people in charge or running the chapter—you do not want people in charge who cannot do their jobs! Also, you do not elect committee heads. They will be appointed by the incoming President.

There are different ways to compile the slate of officers. For your chapter, the committee itself may decide on who to name for their slate of officers. Others request names for consideration.

Whatever way works for your chapter is fine. But, remember: **THIS IS NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST!**

The officers, once elected, will be installed using the ritual specified. Officers should be installed in April.

The Honors Committee



The Honors Committee works a bit differently than the nominating committee. The honors committee is a three-member committee **APPOINTED** by the **PRESIDENT** in late January/early February.

In the CPM, Chapter 14 is all about recognizing outstanding service.

The three members will consider the records of all qualified members, select **ONLY** those who are fully qualified, and present the names for chapter vote. Fully qualified members are those who meet the specific criteria of the award, are in good standing in all ways, and have fulfilled the requirements of their offices. Those members who are honored are those who have served the chapter in ways **ABOVE AND BEYOND** the requirements.



Here is where I get on my soap box. Just because you **HAVE** the ability to give X amount of awards **DOES NOT** mean that you **HAVE TO** give that many.

Awards are not a popularity contest, just like with nominations of officers. The award should be given only to worthy candidates, not just because you are allowed to give however many.



Now, what awards you can give are based on various factors, but the committee should really look to see who is deserving of the award.

Something also to remember, especially for collegiate members, is the sword of honor is not the only award you can nominate for. There are a



number of special awards that can be given out. The honors committee should read through the **WHOLE** chapter on awards and recognition to see what they may be able to nominate someone for.

Finally, make sure the committee is aware of the due dates for honors.



The Sword of Honor paperwork is due to me by **MARCH 1st!** I am planning on holding firm to that date. So, that means, your chapter will need to vote on the awards **PRIOR** to March 1.

L-R: **Column 1:** top: Sword of Honor, bottom: Rose of Honor; **Column 2:** top: National Outstanding Advisor Award; bottom: Province Collegiate Leadership Award (Ruby Sword of Honor); **Column 3:** top: National Outstanding Treasurer Award, bottom: Regional Alumnae Leadership Award (Diamond Sword of Honor)

Spreading Messages of Kindness and Compassion with Service and Music

By: Katie Paszkiewicz, Editor & Fundraising Chairman, Kappa Nu Chapter

The Kappa Nu Chapter at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri set out this 2012-2013 school year with a goal of service. We found the recent shootings in the country, and other forms of bullying, to be very troubling, so we made it our mission to find a way to bring Rachel's Challenge to Lindenwood University. Rachel's Challenge is a non-profit organization that sends speakers all around the world to speak out against bullying and violence, and promote self-worth. They target schools and students of all ages, but have also held presentations and workshops for parents and teachers alike. I had seen the presentation twice prior to bringing it to Lindenwood, and I felt that Rachel's message was one that needed to be heard. Rachel Joy Scott was the first person shot in the Columbine School Massacre in 1999, at the age of 17. She lived her life spreading peace, fighting for justice, and living for love. The presentation uses Rachel's unique life story, and the story of the Columbine shootings, to touch many lives and change many hearts. Kappa Nu successfully brought this event to Lindenwood University on November 19th, 2012, with the help and support of the Campus Activities Board. There was a

healthy turnout of 100+ students and teachers in attendance. There were also parents and members of the community who also wished to attend. This 90-minute presentation left the audience with a sense of hope, inspiration to change, and courage to move forward. There was not one dry eye



in the room. At the end of the event, the spectators were invited, and encouraged, to accept Rachel's Challenge. If they did, they had the option to sign a banner that was displayed in the commons on the Lindenwood Campus. Every school and community should know Rachel's story and accept her challenge. For more information about Rachel's Challenge, visit www.Rachelschallenge.org.

Keeping with our goal of service, we were able to also touch a community close to home after a tragedy left them with nothing. Kappa Nu planned for a year to hold a celebrity autograph auction to raise funds that would be used to benefit the music program in the Joplin, Missouri school district. The auction included photos from Vince Vaughn, Betty White, Barbra Streisand, and many more. The success of the auction in October

paved the way for many ideas of how to use the money to benefit schools the most. In researching about schools in the Joplin area, we found that there is one director who runs all of the music students in the entire district, Kylee J. VanHorn. After speaking with her, we proceeded to purchase items that will benefit the schools in the most direct ways. With the donation of mutes, shoulder rests, and a \$100.00 MR Music gift certificate, the students were astonished to have such a wonderful gift. We also created and sent a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation to give to the Kylee for all of her hard work as well as a gift certificate to Qdoba for her to relax and have a meal on us. Professor Shane Williams, a Lindenwood University music professor, presented these gifts and said that Kappa Nu touched all of their hearts and really made them feel like they matter. He also read off a list of all the Kappa Nu sisters with a letter that was written by myself on our behalf addressing them and wishing them well. They were very moved and grateful for our donation.

