

# Northeast District Convention 2018 Minutes:

## Opening Joint Session

- I. Call to Order at 8:18am
- II. Welcome
- III. Introduction of Joint District Councils
  - a. Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Council
    - i. President- Katie Kelly (Theta Sigma)
    - ii. VP- Miranda Cook (Omicron)
    - iii. Secretary/ Treasurer- Rebekah Franolich (Alpha Omega)
    - iv. MAL- Kim Sulahian (Eta Rho)
    - v. HAL- Justice Germany (Omicron)
  - b. Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council
    - i. President- Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
    - ii. VP of Membership- Jenna Woodward (Delta Delta)
    - iii. VP of Special Projects- Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
- IV. Introduction of Visiting Dignitaries
  - a. Kappa Kappa Psi National Council
    - i. President- Evan Thompson
    - ii. VPCM- Marco Kractovich
    - iii. VPP- Nicholas Bratcher
    - iv. VPSA- Jessica Lee
  - b. Tau Beta Sigma National Council
    - i. President- Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
    - ii. VPCM- Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
    - iii. VPSP- Erika Pope (Theta Theta)
    - iv. VPCR- Siobhan Wilkes (Beta Zeta)
  - c. Kappa Kappa Psi Board of Trustees
    - i. Malinda Matney
    - ii. Eric Morson (& Alumni Board Liaison) (Delta Omicron)
    - iii. Chair- Adam Cantley
    - iv. Ed Savoy
  - d. Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees
    - i. Justin Brady (Epsilon)

- ii. Kathryn Kelly (Eta Delta)
  - e. KKYAA Members
    - i. Dir. of Programming & Professional Development - Jennifer Pitts Taylor
    - ii. Chair of Board- Daniel Miller
  - f. TBSAA Members
    - i. Finance Chair- Tyra Yiare
    - ii. Membership Chair- David Alexander
    - iii. Nick Rorr
  - g. Kappa Kappa Psi Governors
    - i. Marie Burleigh - Northeast (Omicron)
    - ii. Mike Napolitano- Northeast (Kappa Upsilon)
    - iii. Kalem Graham - Southwest District
  - h. Tau Beta Sigma Counselors/CVAs
    - i. Anthony Barbir - Northeast (Epsilon Kappa)
    - ii. Allison Leemann - Northeast (Eta Gamma)
    - iii. Kelsey Reilly - Southeast District Counselor
    - iv. Kat Howell - Northeast District CVA
    - v. Ted McCadden (Eta Sigma) - Northeast District CVA
    - vi. JJ Causey - Southeast District CVA
  - i. National Headquarters Staff
    - i. National Alumni, Historical, & Development Coordinator- Aaron Moore
- V. Recognition of Graduating Seniors in attendance
- VI. Introduction of NEDAA President - Sarah Fitzgerald
  - i. NEDAA President Introduces NEDAA Council
- VII. NEDAA Keynote Speech
  - a. Justin Brown - Kappa Kappa Psi - Nu Theta - Northeastern University
- VIII. Final Call for Central Precinct Meeting Bids
  - a. KKPsi-Epsilon Iota and TBS-Gamma Chi at Mansfield University
  - b. KKPsi-Theta Sigma at Fairmont State University
  - c. TBS-Delta Omicron and KKPsi-Epsilon Phi at Clarion University
- IX. Final Call for Convention Host Bids
  - a. KKPsi-Epsilon Nu and TBS-Delta Delta at UMass Amherst
- X. Counselors' and Governors' Speech
- XI. Announcements from the Host Chapters: Virginia Tech: Zeta Omicron and Eta Beta
- XII. Recess until Friday at 8:00 PM.

## Opening Separate Session

- I. Call to Order at 9:14am
- II. Announcement of Dignitaries
  - a. National Council
    - i. President- Jonathan Markowski (Delta Delta)
    - ii. VPCM- Adrienne Rall (Theta Mu)
    - iii. VPSP- Erika Pope (Theta Theta)
    - iv. VPCR- Siobhan Wilkes (Beta Zeta)
  - b. Board of Trustees
    - i. Justin Brady (Epsilon)
    - ii. Kathryn Kelly, National Immediate Past President
  - c. TBSAA
    - i. Tyra Yiarre
    - ii. David Alexander
  - d. Past NED Presidents
    - i. Christopher Lukasik
    - ii. Emily Anstey
  - e. Other District Counselors/ CVAs
    - i. Kelsey Reilley - Southeast District
    - ii. JJ Causey - Southeast District
  - f. Recognition of Life Members
  - g. Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- III. Seating of Delegates
  - a. Unassigned proxy seating begin with Gamma Omega
  - b. Unassigned proxy seating begins with the Epsilon Omega at the 2019 convention.
- IV. Appointment of Convention Parliamentarian
  - a. Reading of the Standing Rules by Sam Hall (Zeta Omicron)
    - i. See Appendix A for Standing Rules
    - ii. Sam entertains acceptance of reading of SOP
    - iii. Motion to move by *Delta Delta*
    - iv. Second by *Delta Omega*
    - v. Vote *Passes*
- V. Reading of the Minutes from Last Convention
  - a. Motion to suspend reading of the Minutes by Delta Delta
  - b. Second by Gamma Kappa
  - c. Opposed Theta Phi
  - d. Vote passes
- VI. Vote to Accept the Minutes From Last Convention

- a. Motion to accept Zeta Upsilon
  - b. Second by Eta Alpha
  - c. Vote passes
- VII. Call for District Officer Candidate packets
- VIII. Assigning of Committees
- IX. Announcement: Donations are welcome
- X. Announcements from the Host Chapters
- XI. Announcements from the floor
- XII. Recess until Friday at 5:30 PM

## **Second Separate Session**

- I. Call to order at 5:33pm
- II. Women In Music Speaker
  - a. Dr. Annie Stevens - Virginia Tech
    - i. Annie Stevens is the Assistant Professor of Percussion in the School of Performing Arts at Virginia Tech where she teaches studio percussion and directs the VT percussion ensemble (VTP). As a member of the percussion duo, Escape Ten ([www.escapeten.com](http://www.escapeten.com)), she maintains an active performance calendar around the United States, having recently performed a showcase concert at the 2016 Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis. Escape Ten performs new repertoire throughout the United States and collectively contributes to the growing repertoire of percussion music by commissioning composers, and publishing these new works under the Escape Ten Series through Keyboard Percussion Publications. The duo has also performed at the Leigh Howard Stevens Summer Marimba Festival, Atlanta's prestigious Spivey Hall, the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, as well as numerous universities.
- III. Announcements from host chapter
- IV. Recess until Friday at 8:30 PM

## **Second Joint Session**

- I. Call to Order at 8:13 PM
- II. Delegate Roll Call
- III. Announcement from Joint Convention Site Chairs about eligible bids
  - A. All of the bids were eligible
  - B. All bids are given eight (8) minutes for presentation and five (5) minutes for questions from the floor
- IV. Presentation of bids for the 2019 NED Convention
  - A. UMass Amherst, TBS-Delta Delta and KKPsi-Epsilon Nu, *Brandon Curran (KKPsi) and Miranda Boulanger (TBS)*
- V. Questions for District Convention Bids
- VI. Host School announcements
- VII. Recess until March 10, 2018 @ 2:30 PM

## **Third Separate Session**

- I. Call to order at 9:06pm
- II. Delegate Roll Call
- III. National Council Update/Town Hall
- IV. Nominations Chair (Kathryn Eldridge- Iota Alpha) announces eligible candidates for District Office
  - A. Eligible candidates:
    1. 3: Sam Hall, Amanda Leith, Oliver Kochol
  - B. Candidate Panel
    1. Eligible candidates for District Council 2018-2019 will be seated at the front of the room and asked questions (about their candidacy packets and experiences in TBS) by the delegation. Delegates may ask questions of all of the candidates, or they may ask questions to candidates running for a specific office. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to answer each question asked of them. The Candidate Panel serves as an opportunity for the delegation to hear the answers to questions normally only heard in the Closed Nominations Committee. This way, the delegation can take the Nominations Committee's slate into account AND make an informed decision when election time comes.
- V. Host Chapter Announcements
- VI. Recess until Saturday at 10:00 AM

## Fourth Separate Session

- I. Call to Order at 10:13 AM
- II. Delegate Roll Call
- III. Presentation of Final Reports
  - A. Ways and Means Committee Final Report and Final Budget presented by *Oliver Kochol (Gamma Kappa)*
    1. *See Appendix C for Final Report*
    2. Motion to accept budget by Epsilon rho
    3. Second by Eta Chi
    4. Opposed: 0
    5. Abstain: 0
  - B. Programs Committee Final Report presented by *Amanda Leith (Delta Delta)*
    1. *See Appendix D for Final Report*
  - C. Membership Committee Final Report presented by *Alison Ritz (Zeta Omicron)*
    1. *See Appendix E for Final Report*
  - D. Final Report and Final Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures of the Jurisdiction Committee presented by *Ashlyn McDonald (Zeta Omicron)*
    1. *See Appendix F for Final Report*
    2. Motion to accept Final NED Constitution by Iota Pi
    3. Second by Delta Delta
    4. Opposed: 0
    5. Abstain: 0
  - E. Nominations Committee Final Report presented by *Kathryn Eldridge (Iota Alpha)*
    1. *See Appendix B for Final Report*
    2. Announcing of the slate
      - a) President: Amanda Leith, Delta Delta
      - b) VPM: Samantha Hall, Zeta Omicron
      - c) VPSP: No slate
      - d) Sec/Treas: Oliver Kochol, Gamma Kappa
      - e) Motion to accept by Iota Pi
      - f) Second by Epsilon Omega
      - g) Opposed: Gamma Kappa
      - h) Abstain: 0
- IV. Host School announcements
- V. Recess until Saturday @ 3:30 PM



## Final Joint Session

- I. Call to order at 2:38pm
- II. Delegate Roll Call
  - a. TBS delegates not present
    - i. Epsilon Sigma
    - ii. Eta Psi
    - iii. Theta Pi
- III. NEDAA Final Report presented by Sarah Fitzgerald
  - a. *See Appendix H for Final Report*
- IV. Joint Relations Award presented by Steph Taboada and Kim Sulahian
- V. Final Report Joint Convention Site Committee presented by Chairs Virginia Kibler (TBS - Zeta Omicron) and William Johnston (KKPsi - Theta Sigma)
  - a. *See Appendix G for Final Report*
  - b. Slated: No slate
  - c. Motion to accept by KKPsi-Theta Gamma
  - d. Second by TBS-Delta Omega
  - e. Opposed (KKPsi) Epsilon Nu
  - f. Abstain (KKPsi): 1
  - g. Opposed (TBS) 0
  - h. Abstain (TBS): 1
  - i. Slate passes
- VI. Northeast District Convention 2019 Host Elections
  - a. Nominations
    - i. Other nominations - Epsilon Sigma (KKPsi) nominates UMass Amherst (KKPsi- Epsilon Nu & TBS- Delta Delta) seconded by Eta Phi (vote by secret ballot)
  - b. Election Results: Majority to UMass Amherst (Kappa Kappa Psi- Epsilon Nu, Tau Beta Sigma- Delta Delta)
- VII. Joint Presidents' Final Report presented by Olivia DeFilippo (TBS- Gamma Kappa) and Katie Kelly (KKPsi- Theta Sigma)
  - a. *See Appendix I for Final Report*
  - b. Motion by KKPsi-Theta Sigma
  - c. Second by TBS-Gamma Kappa
  - d. Opposed (KKPsi): 0
  - e. Abstain (KKPsi): 0
  - f. Opposed (TBS): 0
  - g. Abstain (TBS): 0
  - h. Both sides pass

- VIII. Joint Raffles
- IX. Announcements from the Host Chapters
  - a. Central Precincts: Fairmont State - Theta Sigma
  - b. Northern Precincts: Marist College - Iota Alpha and Kappa Upsilon
  - c. Southern Precincts: Christopher Newport - Mu Nu
- X. Announcement from the National Leadership
- XI. Announcements from Others

## Final Jam

- I. Call to order at 3:30pm
- II. Vice President of Special Projects Final Report presented by Steph Taboada (Zeta Upsilon)
  - a. *See Appendix J for Final Report*
- III. Vice President of Membership Final Report presented by Jenna Woodward (Delta Delta)
  - a. *See Appendix K for Final Report*
- IV. Election for TBS NED 2018-2019 President
  - a. Nominations
    - i. Amanda Leith automatically nominated by the slate
    - ii. Delta Nu nominates Oliver Kochol (Gamma Kappa)
      1. Oliver accepts.
  - b. Elections
    - i. Result is: Oliver Kochol from Gamma Kappa
- V. Election for TBS NED 2018-2019 Vice President of Membership
  - a. Nominations
    - i. Sam Hall automatically nominated by the slate
    - ii. Amanda Leith nominated by Delta Omicron
      1. Amanda accepts.
  - b. Elections
    - i. Result is: Amanda Leith from Delta Delta
- Election for TBS NED 2018-2019 Vice President of Special Projects
  - c. Nominations
    - i. Eta Rho nominates Tyler Bradley (Delta Omicron)
      1. Tyler accepts.
    - ii. Epsilon Rho nominates Peggy Banks (Epsilon Omega)
      1. Peggy accepts.
    - iii. Iota Pi nominates Sam Hall (Zeta Omicron)
      1. Sam declines.
    - iv. Iota Alpha moves to have a 3 minute speech/questions
    - v. Epsilon Epsilon seconds
  - Elections
    1. Result is: Peggy Banks from Epsilon Omega
- VI. Election for TBS NED 2018-2019 Secretary-Treasurer
  - a. Nominations
    - i. Iota Pi nominates Tyler Bradley (Delta Omicron)

1. Tyler accepts.
- b. Elections
  - i. Result is: None elected
- VII. Presentation of Awards (to be done throughout elections while ballots are being counted)
  - a. Spirit Award presented by Jenna Woodward
    - i. Awarded to Eta Gamma from Boston University
  - b. District History Award presented by Steph Taboada
    - i. Awarded to Epsilon Omega from Morgan State
  - c. All Star Service Award presented by Steph Taboada
    - i. Awarded to Zeta Omicron from Virginia Tech
  - d. District Travel Grant presented by Jenna Woodward
    - i. Awarded to Eta Psi from Virginia Union
  - e. Golden Typewriter Award presented by Steph Taboada
    - i. Not awarded
  - f. Project Good Member Award presented by Jenna Woodward
    - i. Awarded to
      1. Gamma Kappa - UConn
      2. Gamma Chi - Mansfield University
      3. Gamma Omega - University of Pittsburgh
      4. Delta Delta - UMass
      5. Epsilon Rho - Virginia State
      6. Zeta Omicron - Virginia Tech
      7. Eta Alpha - Syracuse University
      8. Eta Rho - James Madison University
      9. Eta Sigma - Towson University
      10. Eta Chi - University of Rhode Island
      11. Theta Phi - Hampton University
      12. Iota Alpha - Marist College
      13. Iota Kappa - University of Virginia
      14. Iota Pi - Lincoln University
  - g. Unsung Hero Award presented by Olivia DeFilippo
    - i. Awarded to Amanda Bresnahan from Delta Delta (UMass Amherst)
  - h. Any Alumni Sponsored awards presented by Olivia DeFilippo
    - i. TBS Life Membership - Dan Peck (Iota Alpha)
    - ii. TBSAA Gold Star Membership - Emily Mitchell (Gamma Omega)
  - i. Phenomenal Sister Award presented by Olivia DeFilippo
    - i. Awarded to Sam Hall from Zeta Omicron
- VIII. NED Counselors' Final Report presented by Allison Leemann and Anthony Barbir
  - a. *See Appendix M for Final Report*

- IX. President Final Report presented by Olivia DeFilippo (Gamma Kappa)
  - a. *See Appendix L for Final Report*
- X. Announcement of New Officers
  - a. President: Oliver Kochol
  - b. Vice President of Membership: Amanda Leith
  - c. Vice President of Special Projects: Peggy Banks
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer: None
- XI. Installation of Officers
- XII. Adjourn the 2018 Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Separates Meetings
  - a. Motion by Gamma Kappa
  - b. Second by Delta Nu
  - c. Opposed: Eta Alpha
  - d. Abstain: 0

# Appendices

## Appendix A

### Standing Rules

- I. Standing Rules for TBS Northeast District Convention:
  - A. All business sessions shall begin promptly at the place and hour specified on the Convention Program..
  - B. All reports shall be submitted electronically to the NED President prior to presentation, unless otherwise specified by the NED President.
  - C. Any member desiring the floor shall rise, state clearly their name and the name of the Chapter which they represent (either as a delegate or proxy.) Any Tau Beta Sigma member attending may speak to or discuss the question on the floor, but only delegates and proxies are entitled to vote on the question.
  - D. Reports of committees, other than Ways and Means, which would change the Constitution, must be referred to the Jurisdiction Committee for review and approval before presentation to the floor.
  - E. No member, other than a member of the Northeast District Council, shall speak more than twice during the same session to the same question, and not longer than three minutes at one time without permission of the Convention. The question of granting permission shall be decided by a two-thirds vote without debate.

# Appendix B

## Nominations Committee Report and Slate

Kathryn Eldridge, Iota Alpha (Chair)

Kat Howell (Advisor)

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

My name is Kathryn from the Iota Alpha chapter, and it has been my pleasure to serve as the chair of the 2018 Nominations Committee. Our committee is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Northeast District at NEDCon.

The Nominations Committee was charged with reviewing documents related to district office and packets submitted. We were also charged with conducting interviews with candidates and developing a slate of fit officers for District Council.

As a committee, we also discussed the lack of packets submitted for District Office. In our discussion, we considered ways to increase the effectiveness of recruitment for these offices. Some of our suggestions include:

- Beginning recruitment earlier, possibly in the fall semester
- Distributing a video to Chapter Presidents about District Office that they can show at a chapter meeting.
- During chapter visits by District or National Officers, discuss District Office and answer questions
- Be sure to address time commitment, travel, and costs associated with District Office

We charge the 2019 Nominations Committee with the following:

1. Review the district and national constitution.
2. Review the list of eligible candidates based on the packets that were submitted electronically a week prior to the start of Convention (per 2017-2018 Constitution).
3. Review/create questions to interview candidates (specific to Officer & General).
4. Conduct the meet the candidate's panel.
5. Interview all candidates found eligible, being sure to ask the same questions if there are multiple candidates running for the same office.
6. Create a slate of recommended candidates.
7. Evaluate the number of packets submitted and discuss District Officer recruitment if necessary.

We charge the 2018-2019 District Council with the following:

1. Evaluate the process for recruiting District Officers.
2. Create and implement new strategies for recruitment.
3. Have a conversation with chapters about why their sisters decide not to run for District Office.

We understand that given the lack of packets submitted this year, there may be a need for people to run from the floor. We ask that should this happen you strongly consider the time and forethought of the candidates who submitted packets, as well as the slate of the Nominations Committee when voting. The Nominations Committee has discussed the eligible candidates and with great confidence slates the following for 2018-2019 District Council:

President: Amanda Leith (Delta Delta)

Vice President of Membership: Samantha Hall (Zeta Omicron)

Vice President of Special Project: No slate

Secretary-Treasurer: Oliver Kochol (Gamma Kappa)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Eldridge, Iota Alpha (Chair)

Kat Howell, Advisor

Asia Quick, Iota Pi

Halie Brindle, Delta Omicron (proxy for Gamma Omega)

Shanise Gray, Gamma Chi

Kris Michaud, Delta Nu

Julia Tordo, Eta Gamma



## Appendix C

### Ways and Means Committee Report and Budget

Ways and Means Committee - March 9th and 10th, 2018

The charges for the 2018 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

- Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
  - 2017 Ways and Means Committee Charges for the 2018 Committee
  - 2017 Ways and Means Committee Report
  - 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - 2017-2018 TBS NED Constitution
  - 2017-2018 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
  - 2017-2018 Budget & 2017-2018 Proposed Budget
- Review the 2017 Ways and Means Committee Report and Charges.
- Review the National and District requirements related to the budget.
- Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Review the proposed and actual expenses and income from the 2017-2018 budget.
- Review the proposed expenses and income for the 2018-2019 budget.
- Create a recommendation for a final proposed 2018-2019 budget.
- Brainstorm fundraiser ideas that could work at the district level throughout the year, both TBS-only and with Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Explore ways to increase income or decrease expenses.
- Create a set of charges for the 2019 Ways and Means Committee, to be included in the 2018 Ways and Means Committee Report.
- Review and discuss any improvements to overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.

In this committee:

- After reviewing the National and District Constitutions and the Standard Operating Procedures, we did not find anything we needed to change.
- After reviewing the budget proposal for 2018-2019, we made changes necessary for the upcoming year.
- We discussed fundraising ideas
- We created charges for the 2019 Ways and Means Committee

2017-2018 Budget

Proposed Expenses	Actual Expenses
Summer Meeting - \$200	\$0
Off Season Officer Travel - \$0	\$0
Winter Meeting - \$200	\$562.81
Fundraising - \$400	\$0
Officer Materials - \$0	\$0
Honoraries - \$150	\$150
Precinct Meeting Travel - \$600	\$417.06
Life Membership Scholarship - \$350	\$350
NEDCon 2018 Travel - \$200	\$561.01
NEDCon 2018 Lodging - \$0	\$400.91
NATCon 2017 - \$500	\$0
Open Allocations - \$0	\$0
Travel Grant- \$0	\$100
Total Expense- \$2600	\$2,541.79

Proposed Income	Actual Income
Fall Allocations - \$1,350	\$1,687.83
Spring Allocations - \$250.00	
Fundraising - \$500.00	\$193.64
Total Income: \$2,100	\$1,881.47

## 2018-2019 Budget

Proposed Expenses	
Summer Meeting	\$200.00
Winter Meeting	\$300.00
Fundraising	\$50.00
Precinct Meeting Travel	\$600.00
NEDCon 2019 Travel and Lodging	\$700.00
Honoraries	\$100
Life Membership Scholarship	\$350.00
District Travel Grant	\$100.00
Total Proposed Expenses	\$2,350

Proposed Income	
Fall Allocations	\$1,600
Spring Allocations	\$250.00
Fundraising	\$550.00
Donations at NEDCon	\$0
Total Proposed Income:	\$2,350

### Fundraising Ideas:

- Polar Bear Plunges
- Raffles at NED and Precincts
- Restaurant Fundraisers
- NED Merch
- Penny Wars

The charges for the 2019 Ways and Means Committee are as follows:

- Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
  - 2018 Ways and Means Committee Charges for the 2019 Committee
  - 2018 Ways and Means Committee Report
  - 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - 2018-2019 TBS NED Constitution
  - 2018-2019 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
  - 2018-2019 Budget & 2018-2019 Proposed Budget
- Review the 2017 Ways and Means Committee Report and Charges.
- Review the National and District requirements related to the budget.
- Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Review the proposed and actual expenses and income from the 2017-2018 budget.
- Review the proposed expenses and income for the 2018-2019 budget.
- Create a recommendation for a final proposed 2018-2019 budget.
- Brainstorm fundraiser ideas that could work at the district level throughout the year, both TBS-only and with Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Explore ways to increase income or decrease expenses.
- Create a set of charges for the 2019 Ways and Means Committee, to be included in the 2018 Ways and Means Committee Report.
- Evaluate fundraising and consider repeating if successful.
- Review and discuss any improvements to overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.
- Review the success of combining the secretary and treasurer positions.

The charges for the 2018-2019 District Council are as follows:

- Review the suggested fundraisers and implement as many as are feasible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Oliver Kochol, Gamma Kappa (Chair)  
Justin Brady, Epsilon (Advisor)  
Isabel Wood, Eta Rho  
Jessica Bosak, Iota Alpha  
Emily Saunders, Delta Delta  
Remy Filiaggi, Eta Chi  
Kadedrah Parson, Eta Psi  
Jalisa Conklin, Theta Phi  
Sydnee Hartwig, Zeta Omicron  
Sam Barisano, Delta Nu  
Lorraine Montana, Beta Eta

# Appendix D

## Programs Committee Report

The charges for the 2018 Programs Committee are as follows:

- Review the 2017 Programs Committee Report and Charges
- To review National and District Programs and their requirements.
- To submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.

The charges for the 2019 Programs Committee are as follows:

- Review the 2017 Programs Committee Report and Charges
- To review National and District Programs and their requirements.
- To submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Identify ways to build interest and involvement in District and National programs
- Review and discuss any improvements to existing District programs, as well as proposals for any new programs.

The charges for the 2018-2019 District Council are as follows:

- To implement a round robin workshop for national/districts awards and scholarships at district convention and precincts
- To send information about district and national programs to chapters throughout the year
- Create more involvement in programs, awards, and scholarships through posts on all social media accounts
- To create and promote a semesterly District-wide Service Day, including a document with possible Service project ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Leith, Delta Delta (Chair)

Erika Pope, Theta Theta (Advisor)

Katie Pierce, Eta Rho

Louis Thomas, Iota Kappa

Isabella Pattacini, Gamma Kappa

Harry Pham, Eta Sigma

Kierra Wyatt, Epsilon Sigma

Kaet Rice, Delta Delta

Tra'Shaundera Mealy, Eta Psi

Maggie Rudnicia, Zeta Omicron

Tyler Bradley, Delta Omicron

# Appendix E

## Membership Committee Report

The Charges for the 2018 Membership Committee are as follows:

- Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
  - 2017 Membership Committee Charges for the 2018 Committee
  - 2017 Membership Committee Report
  - 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - 2017-2018 TBS NED Constitution
  - Project Good Member 2017-2018
  - MEP Resources
- Review the 2017 Membership Committee Report and Charges
- Review any National or District requirements related to membership
- Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Review National and District programs related to membership, including Project Good Member
  - Review programs for effectiveness and brainstorm new ideas
  - Explore additional opportunities for chapters to improve joint relations, and consider creating a program
  - Create a section in Project Good Member for PME retention
  - Discuss an adaptation of Project Good Member for membership candidates
- Create a set of charges for the 2019 Membership Committee, to be included in the 2018 Membership Committee Report
- Review and discuss any improvements to the overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.

### Description of discussion points as well as conclusions and suggestions for each charge.

No changes were made to the District Constitution or the Standard Operating Procedures. All charges were approved.

All National and District requirements were reviewed and approved. Both were in alignment with one another.

### **Curriculum Committee**

\*Currently the proposed MEP. Still under evaluation by Nationals.

- New basis and a sense of consistency across the nation to cover material.
- Proposed new 8-week program with revised timing of material covered.

- Pre 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Duration
  - Knowing class
  - Campus Resources (i.e. emotional health)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- General TBS Material
  - History
  - 5 qualities
  - Explanation and recap of 1<sup>st</sup> degree (Introduction of Ideals)
  - Purposes
- Joint History
  - Similarities and differences between KKY and TBS to separate the organizations from one another.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Nationals
  - Officers
  - Responsibilities
  - National Programs
- Districts
  - Greek Alphabet
  - Knowledge of District Chapters
  - Conventions (District and Precincts)
- Chapter
  - History
    - Honoraries
    - Founders
  - Band History
  - Chapter Uniqueness
- Reflections
  - Songs
  - Interpretations and meaning behind them
  - Review of MEP
  - Review of 8 Ideals
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- MC Understanding CPR, dues, FAR, CSR, OMRS
- MC Knowledge of material versus memorization
  - Instead of memorizing Preamble, know the meaning behind it and how it can enrich an individual's life.

- Project Good Member Discussion is to be charged to the District VPM to meet with committees and review the Committee Charges stated above.
  - Brief discussion included adding MCs to PGM projects to promote education of ideals as well as build involvement with active sisters during their process.
  - We found all the programs discussed to be effective in their goal stated by the categories provided.
  - Proposed change of improving Joint relations through PGM and including MC's in the activities outlined to promote growth.

The Charges for the 2019 Membership Committee are as follows:

- Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
  - 2018 Membership Committee Charges for the 2018 Committee
  - 2018 Membership Committee Report
  - 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - 2018-2019 TBS NED Constitution
  - Project Good Member 2018-2019
  - MEP Resources
- Create a Document with committee members names, Chapters, and phone numbers.
- Review the 2018 Membership Committee Report and Charges
- Review any National or District requirements related to membership
- Submit any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first committee meeting.
- Analyze and interpret the effectiveness of the National proposed curriculum.
- Review National and District programs related to membership, including Project Good Member
  - Review programs for effectiveness and brainstorm new ideas.
  - Review opportunities for chapters to improve joint relations.
  - Review adaptations of Project Good Member for membership candidates.
- Create a set of charges for the 2020 Membership Committee, to be included in the 2019 Membership Committee Report
- Review and discuss any improvements to the overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.

The charges for the 2018-2019 District Council are as follows:

- Review with a committee the Project Good Member proposed changes and continue discussion of new ideas and revisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Ritz, Zeta Omicron (Chair)



Adrienne Rall, Theta Mu (Advisor)

Jake Bavarsky, Gamma Kappa

Kiersten Dodson, Eta Rho

Alexus Jefferson

Angela Medina

Morgan Coakley

Hayleigh Kelley

Brittany Mabry

Shruthi Sodhakar

Kelsi Good

Taylor Goodman

Tari Rogers

Destiny Harris

# Appendix F

## Jurisdiction Committee Report, Constitution, and SOP

The charges for the 2018 Jurisdiction Committee are as follows:

(list the charges in numbered bullet points)

1. Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
  - a. 2017 Jurisdiction Committee Charges for 2018 Committee
  - b. 2017 Jurisdiction Committee Report
  - c. 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - d. 2017-2018 TBS NED Constitution
  - e. 2017-2018 TBS NED Constitution with Proposed Changes for 2018 Jurisdiction Committee
  - f. 2017-2018 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
  - g. 2017-2018 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures with Proposed Changes for 2018 Jurisdiction Committee
2. Review the 2017 Jurisdiction Committee Report and Charges
3. Review the 2017-2018 TBS NED Constitution
4. Review the 2017-2018 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
5. Collect any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures from other committees by the end of the first committee meeting.
6. Review and discuss the proposed changes to the Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures, both from the district council and from other committees.
7. Develop a list of proposed changes including rationale for change to be presented to the delegation.
8. Ensure that the Constitution, Standard Operating Procedures, and all proposed changes align with the National Constitution.
9. Create a set of charges for the 2019 Jurisdiction Committee, to be included in the 2018 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
10. Review and discuss any improvements to overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.
11. Present all proposed changes to the delegation.

With these charges in mind, we discussed the following topics:

- NED Constitution Changes

- 2.2 The District President shall preside over all meetings of the District and will be the official representative of the District at all Sorority functions. The District President shall be a non-voting member of all District committees, and shall appoint committee chairs and any appointed positions subject to approval of the District Counselors.  
The District President shall preside over all meetings of the District and will be designated as the official representative of the District in the absence of the District Counselor  
The NC sections 5.202 and 5.404 identify the Counselor as the official representative of the Sorority, when required.
- Addition: Section 1.4a- The SOP can be edited by recommendations from the Jurisdiction committee and approval and voting by the District Counselors.  
Needed clarification on how the SOP can be changed because it is not clarified in the Constitution.
- Section 4.404 regarding district bids to the top, listed as section 4.4 to keep the chronological order- other sections listed above are about the host chapter
- Remove current section 4.4, which discusses requirements for district bids

#### SOP Changes:

- Section 1 under Candidacy- add word “Assistant” before director in the optional section
- (b/c lists director of bands and/or sponsor above)
- Section 1 under Removal and Replacement Process- change numbers to sections 5.409-5.412 (sections moved in the NC)
- Section 1 under Removal and Replacement Process- discussing removal:  
Removal - If an individual officer has failed to complete requests to be removed from a probation status and continues to be unsuccessful in officer requirements, the said officer will be brought up to the council for removal from office. Removal follows constitutional protocol and guidance from the Counselors. Counselors reserve the right to dismiss officers from their positions without a vote by the council.  
If an individual officer fails to complete the identified steps to be removed from probationary status and continues to be unsuccessful in officer requirements, the officer will be brought up to the council for removal from office.  
Consistent language with Probation Status  
Section 1 under removal and replacement-Should a vacancy occur in the office of District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects, or District Secretary-Treasurer, the District President and District Counselors shall appoint the new Officer. Any appointments shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after the office in

question has been vacated.

- Should a vacancy occur in the office of District Vice President of Membership, District Vice President of Special Projects, District Secretary-Treasurer, the appropriate procedure to fill the vacant office is outlined in the National Constitution, section 5.409. There are circumstances in which a vacancy on the District Council will not be filled (e.g. those occurring close to District Convention, etc.) The procedure and responsibility are described in the National Constitution.
- Section 1 under recurrent responsibilities: Attend District Leadership Conference, as scheduled by the National Executive Director  
National Leadership Conference, as scheduled by the National Executive Director, and as budgets allow  
Reflects current practice by NHQ and the National Council
- Summer Meeting - The first in-person meeting of the Council, held over the summer for strategic planning. The scheduled date for Summer Meeting will be announced by the District Counselors via email.  
The first extended meeting of the Council, held over the summer for strategic planning. The Summer Meeting may be held in-person or remotely via online platforms. The scheduled date and location for Summer Meeting will be announced by the District Counselors to the District Council via email.  
All District Officers have been invited to National Leadership Conference, no longer necessitating an in-person meeting in the summer. The date and location of the meeting is at the discretion of the District Counselors.
- National DLC and Convention
  - The entire District Council is expected to attend National District Leadership Conference (DLC) each summer as determined by the National Council, as well as National Convention in odd-numbered years.  
National Leadership Conference  
Reflects current practice
- **New subheading**  
**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

All attendees must provide membership cards and a photo ID to the registration tables as identification. If a newly initiated member has not yet received their Membership and Reporting System (OMRS) be a District Counselor or Governor.

Attendee identification requirements apply to both Precinct Meetings and District Convention. In addition, letters from the DOB are only accepted for Membership Candidates.

- All attendees must provide membership cards and a photo ID to the registration tables as identification. Membership Candidates in attendance must have a letter from the Director of Bands confirming their participation in the membership process. These guidelines will

be posted in the registration materials for the Convention and distributed to the Chapters by email.

*\*Remove from this section and include as part of the above GENERAL ATTENDANCE section\**

Attendee requirements apply to both Precinct Meetings and District Convention

- Membership Committee (moderated or open, Membership Candidates not allowed)  
(open, Membership Candidates not allowed)  
Membership Committee often reviews programs from the National Council and may benefit from larger discussion and points of feedback from non-assigned members.

- Spirit Award - This award is given by the NED Council to the Chapter with the most social media spirit throughout the calendar year, especially during the time leading up to District Convention. To be eligible, be on-time with all paperwork deadlines and participate in Spirit Weeks, Virtual Workshops, and NED/National Social Media Campaigns.

Spirit Award - This award is given by the NED Council to the Chapter with the most spirit throughout the calendar year, especially during the time leading up to and at District Convention. To be eligible, be on time with all paperwork deadlines; participate in Spirit Weeks, Virtual Workshops, NED and National Social Media Campaigns; and last but not least, have lots of enthusiasm at District Convention! There are no applications for this award; it is purely based on spirit!

Reflects current practice

- District History Award - This award is given by the NED Council to the Chapter that demonstrates considerable effort to not only explore their own unique Chapter history, but to engage with and teach District history. This effort might include participating in the Facebook history questions, submitting a history project at District Convention, and efforts on the Chapter level to document, discover, or teach Chapter history.

District History Award - This award is given by the NED Council to the Chapter that demonstrates considerable effort to explore and showcase their unique Chapter history. This includes teaching and updating their Chapter's history and records, and submitting a history project at District Convention.

Reflects current practice

- New Award

Project Good Member Award - The Project Good Member Award will be given by the Vice President of Membership to recognize those chapters who have actively participated in the Project Good Member program throughout the year.

Reflects current practice

- Add section from NED Constitution about district bid requirements
- In Awards section of SOP, keep language consistent with “a person who” and “a chapter that”
- Change the requirement under candidacy:

Candidates shall submit ten (10) printed copies of their Candidacy packet to the District President by the close of the Opening Separate session

Both Documents:

- Replace he/she with “they”
- Change VP of Special Projects to VP “for” Special Projects
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The charges for the 2019 Jurisdiction Committee are as follows:

1. The Committee Chair should communicate with the District Counselors about the Committee’s agenda prior to the District Convention.
2. Provide each committee member with an electronic or printed copy of the following documents:
  - a. 2018 Jurisdiction Committee Charges for 2019 Committee
  - b. 2018 Jurisdiction Committee Report
  - c. 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - d. 2018-2019 TBS NED Constitution
  - e. 2018-2019 TBS NED Constitution with Proposed Changes for 2018 Jurisdiction Committee
  - f. 2018-2019 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
  - g. 2018-2019 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures with Proposed Changes for 2019 Jurisdiction Committee
3. Review the 2018 Jurisdiction Committee Report and Charges
4. Review the 2018-2019 TBS NED Constitution
5. Review the 2018-2019 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
6. Collect any proposed changes to the District Constitution or Standard Operating Procedures from other committees by the end of the first committee meeting.
7. Review and discuss the proposed changes to the Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures, both from the district council and from other committees.
8. Develop a list of proposed changes including rationale for change to be presented to the delegation.
9. Ensure that the Constitution, Standard Operating Procedures, and all proposed changes align with the National Constitution.
10. Create a set of charges for the 2020 Jurisdiction Committee, to be included in the 2018 Jurisdiction Committee, to be included in the 2019 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
11. Review and discuss any improvements to overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.
12. Present all proposed changes to the delegation

The charges for the 2018-2019 District Council are as follows:

(list any generated charges with specific call to the Officer being charged)

Respectfully submitted,

Ashlyn McDonald, Zeta Omicron (Chair)

Ted McCadden, Eta Sigma (Advisor)

List seated delegates for the Committee including proxies

List all participating Sisters, Chapter

# Appendix G

## Joint Convention Site Report and Slate

Virginia Kibler (Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron)  
Will Johnston (Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Sigma)  
Advisors Siobhan Wilkes (TBS), Alaina Peters (KKPsi)

Good Afternoon Brothers and Sisters of the NED,

The Committee would like to thank all sitting members for their help and participation in ensuring a thorough process that reflects the best interest of the delegation. We would also like to thank our advisors, Alaina Peters and Siobhan Wilkes for being an awesome contribution. We are confident the changes we have made to the bid submission requirements will be helpful for all future host chapters in their process of submitting a bid.

The charges for the 2018 Joint Convention Site and Publications Committee were as follows:

1. Provide each committee member with an electric or printed copy of the following:
2. Review the 2017 Joint convention Site committee report and Charges
3. Review the National and District Requirements for bidding for convention
4. Submit any proposed changes to District Constitution or SOP to Jurisdiction by the end of the first committee meeting
5. Schedule Presentation times with each bidding chapter
6. Create an eligibility checklist for convention bids
7. Run Presentations with each bidding chapter
8. Create a recommendation for the best bid to present to the delegations
9. Review and discuss any improvements to the convention bid application process and guiding documents
10. Review pros and cons of hosting convention at a hotel vs college campus
11. Create a set of charges for 2019 committee
12. Review and discuss any improvements to overall committee meeting structures, guidelines, documents, timelines, etc.
13. Provide constructive criticism, or a “critique” for chapters who did not get slated by the committee or did not meet eligibility to improve quality of future bids as well as maintain chapter interest for the future.
14. Continue to work to make the quality of submitted bids the best and most detailed it can be.
15. Continue to review KKPsi and TBS NED Constitutions to ensure uniformity and accuracy in regards to the process of submitting a bid.

The 2018 Joint Convention Site Committee discussed the pros and cons of hosting a

convention in a hotel or on a campus. We reviewed the Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi NED Constitutions and Standard Operating Procedures and sent our changes to the TBS



Jurisdiction Committee in an effort to standardize all district documents in regards to bid requirements. We inspected and reviewed the eligibility requirements for submitting a convention bid. These changes included asking chapters to provide more detailed budgets and financial summaries, as well as more information on the facilities potentially being used.

The charges for the 2018-2019 District Council are as follows:

1. Review, approve, and make publicly available all changes to bid eligibility requirements.
2. Publicize information about hosting a convention to potential host chapters.
  - a. Include webinars, workshops at precincts, and previous successful bids as templates
3. Provide Committee chairs with contact information of all sitting members of the committee prior to convention.

The charges for the 2018-2019 Joint Convention Site Committee are as follows:

1. Review duties of the committee as defined by the KKY and TBS NED constitutions during first committee meeting.
2. Assess the effectiveness of charges made to the District Council, specifically the effectiveness of workshops and webinars.
3. Provide each committee member with an electronic copy of the following prior to first committee meeting:
  - 2018 Joint Convention Site Charges for 2019 Committee
  - 2018 Joint Convention Site Committee Report
  - 2017-2019 TBS National Constitution
  - 2017-2019 KKPsi National Constitution
  - 2018-2019 TBS NED Constitution
  - 2018-2019 TBS NED Standard Operating Procedures
  - 2018-2019 KKPsi NED District Operations Guide
  - 2018-2019 KKPsi NED Constitution
  - District Bid Eligibility Checklist, made by the 2018 Joint Convention Site Committee
  - 2019 Bid Requirements for Hosting District Events
  - District Convention Host Chapter Handbook (provided by National Headquarters)
4. Review Eligibility checklist constructed by the 2018 Committee and approved by the NED KKY and TBS Councils.

The 2018 Joint Convention site received a bid from the brothers of EN and sisters of ΔΔ from University of Massachusetts. Upon inspection of the bid, presentation given to the committee, and the answers given to the committees clarifying questions, as well as the questions fielded from the delegation, the committee did not feel that the bid was reflective of the amount of preparation required in order to host a successful District Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Committee Chair Virginia Kibler (Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Omicron)  
Committee Chair Will Johnston (Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Sigma)  
Advisor Siobhan Wilkes  
Advisor Alaina Peters  
Amani Young (Tau Beta Sigma - Iota Pi)  
Charlie Unfricht (Kappa Kappa Psi - Nu Theta)  
EmaLee Alexander (Kappa Kappa Psi - Nu Rho)  
Shanice Wormley (Tau Beta Sigma - Theta Phi)  
Amanda Esposito (Kappa Kappa Psi - Lambda Delta)  
Christopher Lontz (Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon Iota)  
Noah Schalles (Kappa Kappa Psi - Eta Beta)  
Maria McFarlane (Tau Beta Sigma - Iota Kappa)  
Katherine Wilhelm (Tau Beta Sigma - Zeta Upsilon, serving as Epsilon Epsilon proxy)  
Claudio "Geo" Quezada (Kappa Kappa Psi - Theta Upsilon)  
Alexandra Mowen (Tau Beta Sigma - Eta Gamma)  
Teresa Romaniez (Tau Beta Sigma - Iota Alpha)

Appendix H  
NEDAA Final Report



March 10, 2018

Brother and Sisters of the Northeast District,

This year has flown by faster than any other in recent memory. I continue to be amazed by the strength and passion epitomized by each and every individual in the Northeast District Alumni Association. Our joined passions of service and love of the college band programs doesn't stop when we become Alumni. The NEDAA is a clear example of this fact. Each and everyone of you are individuals that have shown commitment and drive to continue to further the ideals of your respective organizations as well as the joint mission of the NEDAA.

This year, we spent a large portion of our time collaborating with people at the Local, District and National Level Alumni Associations. I continue to be proud of the NEDAA and how we are an example for other District and Local Alumni Associations. That being said, I am always so excited to learn and grow from the programming found throughout the country. Next year, we hope to extend the communication to chapter and regional based Local Alumni Associations so that they have a contact point as well as a potential mentor. I also believe that the NEDAA can grow and improve with these relationships with other alumni organizations.

At National Convention, the NEDAA was proud to give out three grants to Active Members. These included two Participation and one NIB Grant. Additionally, we hosted a District Alumni Association Luncheon and NEDAA Dinner. As always, we were so impressed with the representation of the NEDAA. This demonstrates the continued involvement of our membership and the bond that we all share.

Our communications with the Actives this year reminded me how crucial interactions with each branch of the organization strengthen us as a whole. For example: providing our NEDAA at a Glance document to the joint councils allowed them the opportunity to choose workshops that were the most beneficial to the delegations needs. We are pleased that all the open workshops that we offer are applicable to both Active and Alumni, Brother and Sisters. We are also happy that

we were asked to assist with providing workshops for membership candidates. We were also so pleased to see so many of you at our graduating senior luncheon today. Again, congratulations on your upcoming graduation and we look forward to welcoming you to the NEDAA family.

Thank you to all the individual members and Chapters who submitted for one of our awards. Stay tuned for the announcements of Alumni Communication Awards and Ritual Grants tonight at Banquet. Please keep applying for these awards and opportunities in mind for next year.

I am so excited that Vice Presidents have been moving forward with the idea of creating resources for both Active and Alumni Brothers and Sisters alike. The concept of Virtual Workshops is one that has been in the works for quite a while but they have been able to bring it to fruition. Stay tuned for the "How To Navigate the Alumni Alphabet Soup" Kudos to Kimberly and Ivania for creating this resource and leading the charge in virtual workshop endeavors.

All of the initiatives and endeavors that I have mentioned would not have been possible without the hours spent on phone calls. Thank you to the many people in this room who have supported, constructively criticised, and offered advice to the NEDAA and to me personally.

Again, Thank you to my fellow NEDAA Officers for the countless hours of collaboration, stories, and support. I am excited to see the work that you all continue to do for the NEDAA.

Finally, one of the things we are most proud of, is that we have continued to increase engagement amongst all alumni and grow the number of members in the organization. It has been wonderful to see the NEDAA grow more engaged and more excited than ever before. We have so many perspectives to draw from that are both diverse and passionate. It is my sincere hope that this continues and grows.

Thank you to the Active NED Councils, Governors and Counselors for your advice and willingness to collaborate with me in carrying out our vision.

I am excited to announce that our current officers have been re-elected for another terms. The officers for the 2018-2019 Northeast District Alumni Association are:  
Treasurer: Chris Pratt, Life Member of Delta Omicron of Kappa Kappa Psi  
Secretary: Christopher Lukasick, Life Member of Delta Delta of Tau Beta Sigma  
VP for Tau Beta Sigma: Ivania Morales, Life Member of Beta Eta of Tau Beta Sigma  
VP for Kappa Kappa Psi: Kimberly Ahokas, Life Member of Kappa Eta of Kappa Kappa Psi  
President: Sarah Fitzgerald, Life Member of Iota Delta of Kappa Kappa Psi.  
Honorary of Tau Beta Sigma of the Northeast District.

We are so please to continue the work of the Northeast District Alumni Association and look forward to the continued support to and from the Northeast District.

AEA & MLITB,  
Sarah Fitzgerald  
Northeast District Alumni Association  
President

Kappa Kappa Psi - Life, Iota Delta  
Tau Beta Sigma - Honorary, Northeast District

# Appendix I

## Joint President's Final Report

**Katie:** Brothers and Sisters of the Northeast District,

**Katie:** This year has been an amazing experience. We left District Convention last year with so many ideas and goals. Once we had a chance to meet with our respective councils, we got right to work!

**Olivia:** Katie and I had the opportunity to travel to the National District Leadership Conference in Orlando, just before National Convention started. While there, we met with the National Leadership as well as other District Officers and exchanged ideas about how we were going to structure our terms in office. We even got a chance to start planning our convention!

**Katie:** Last year's joint council laid the groundwork for joint council calls, so we did our best to build off of that. Olivia and I both felt like communication amongst the councils was the best way to start a great year. Not only did this open line of communication help us to plan the District events, but it started some conversations about Joint District Programs and Joint Service initiatives that we hope future Joint Councils will be able to start.

**Olivia:** It was important to us to develop these Joint Relations on the council level, because it only further demonstrates to the District that our Brothers and Sisters are often times our greatest resource. Katie and I especially worked hard before each of the district meetings to make sure that our councils were set up for success and would be able to present themselves as a strong, united front.

**Katie:** To our Councils - Thank you for everything you have put into making this year fantastic. This convention absolutely would not have happened if it weren't for you and your hard work.

**Olivia:** To the Governors and Counselors - Thank you for guiding us, yet still letting us lead. We definitely needed y'all to ground us, but you still allowed us to shoot for the stars.

**Katie:** To the Dignitaries - Thank you for providing feedback on our Convention schedules from day one and working with us to pull off such an amazing event. We couldn't have done this without you!

**Olivia:** To the Brothers and Sisters - Thank you for trusting us to lead you throughout the 2017-2018 term. It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past year, and we hope we have lived up to your expectations.

**Katie:** To our Chapters, Theta Sigma and Gamma Kappa - Thank you for encouraging us to run for District Office last year and supporting us throughout the ups and downs of our term. Your support means the world to us.

**Olivia:** As we close this year's District Convention, take some time to reflect upon what you have learned these past few days and how you can use this new information to improve the workings of your own Chapter.

**Katie:** Thank you all again for joining us for the Northeast District Convention 2018. It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Presidents this year.

**Both:** Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,  
Katie Kelly and Olivia DeFilippo  
Joint NED Presidents 2017-2018

## Appendix J

### VPSP Final Report

To the Sisters of the Northeast District,

“There’s beauty in ordinary things. Isn’t that kind of the point?” That’s how I felt this past year. I am so grateful that I was able to serve as your District Vice President of Special Projects for this past year. I’ve come a long way in my time as a Sister these past 3 and a half years. Upon joining TBS, I was probably one of the shyest and most awkward person you could think of. As the time went on, I got less shy but more awkward.

At the end of my first semester as an Active Sister, I was elected as my Chapter’s Vice President of Service. My Big Sister was the VPS while I was going through and as a new sister, I stuck to her like glue. Through that, I was able to see the inner workings of the office. During my time as ZY VPS, I was able to get some projects off the ground and even help my Chapter get more involved in service all throughout the area. My second year as ZY VPS, I was appointed to the position because of some \*fun issues\*. I was able to continue to help my chapter grow. Towards the end of my second term, I was encouraged to run for District Vice President of Special Projects. I wasn’t sure I was ready to take on such a big responsibility. I talked to endless people about my big decision and I was reminded by my Big of the 8th Quality, “Fortitude and courage to see an ideal, to seize upon it, and follow it wherever it may lead you in Tau Beta Sigma.” And I did.

Upon starting my term, I had a bunch of ideas and maybe a little too much enthusiasm. I knew I could only do so much in one term, but it wasn’t going to hurt to try as much as I could. One of the things I wanted to do, and was charged with, was have a District-Wide Service Day. The Programs Committee last year suggested having two Service Days, one per semester. For the Fall, we had one and a couple of Chapters participated. It wasn’t as well participated as I wanted, but it was a good baby step. For the Spring, I was ready to get feedback from Chapters, but to be honest, sit-down band season may be busier than vertical band season.

Another thing I wanted to do was the Service Calendar. I thought I had better Google Drive skills, but turns out I had no idea what I was getting myself into. It was Me vs. Google, and Google won. So I had to approach it differently. I ended up just compiling the projects into one email during the fall semester and sending it out to the VPS’s and VPSP’s. It was nice to be able to showcase the service the chapters were doing to the rest of the District.

Overall, I had a wonderful time as your District VPSP. There have been a couple bumps in the road, like finishing my degree even though I suck at school while being on this council and ZY’s Council and starting up a mental health organization at WCU. However, I know I will always cherish this past year. So now, some thank you’s.

Thank you to Christopher Lukasik for encouraging me to run for this office two Conventions ago. Through the texts and the calls, you were the first person to put the idea of being in a District office in my head. Even though I wasn’t able to run that year, your voice and words of encouragement stayed with me all these years. Thanks for being my Mermaid and helping me be somebody else’s.

Thank you to my Chapter, Zeta Upsilon, for being so supportive throughout my term. There were a lot of days where school, work, our Chapter and the NED was just all A LOT at once, and you all



helped me get through it. Sometimes it felt like I was spreading myself very thin and I felt bad about not being able to put my all into my Historian-Alumni Liaison position, but you all were so understanding and helpful. Thank you so much for being the best group of Sisters I could ask for.

Thank you to Olivia and Jenna. WE DID IT FAM! This part of my report took me literal days to write. Words can't explain how much I appreciate you both. From the Orlando trip, to our road trips, to all of us downloading the same dating apps because that's how we are as people. To the late Council Calls because we kept getting distracted, to all of us downloading HQ and playing together, to all of our weird conversations. I'm going to miss making mom and dad go insane with you, and having late conversations that Jenna wakes up to because she's a grandma and goes to bed early. I don't know what else to say because we've been through so much but still have many more memories to make.

Thank you to Mom and Dad for being the best parents a Council could ask for. Thanks for dealing with our weirdness, jamming out to the Greatest Showman, and dealing with our weird videos. Thanks for being there when things got a little hectic and for making this year a blast, for the extra long Council Calls because we kept making jokes and getting off task, for the pop punk jam sessions, and for the endless Panera trips. Thanks for dealing with my bad puns, abandonment jokes, and my ability to end as many things with "by Fall Out Boy." To Dad, thanks for the road trips and jamming out to early 00's pop punk/musicals/pop, and for dealing with us girls. Mom, thanks for the advice, the wisdom, and for your ability to run kick butt workshops on the spot. Thanks for being such a great role model! I can honestly say I am a better person because of you both.

I'm really bad at ending things, so bye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Graciella Taboada  
NED Vice President of Special Projects, 2017-2018

## Appendix K

### VPM Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

As you all know, I am from UMass. Some of you probably heard Allison talk about this at Precincts this year, but I'm going to talk about it anyways.

UMass had an incredibly inspirational and influential band director named George N. Parks. There are a lot of famous quotes by him that are called starred thoughts. One of my favorite starred thoughts is this: you believe in Santa, you don't believe Santa, you become Santa.

Four years ago, I sat where you are all sitting now, looking up at the district council. Four years ago, I believed in Santa.

I was a membership candidate who wanted nothing more than to become a sister and to learn and grow myself in this organization. As time wore on, I found myself through marching band, through classes, through a lot of adventures around campus, and through all the sisters I gained along the way.

Being in this organization takes a lot of hard work. There are a lot of long days and nights involved, there is also a lot of confusion and frustration involved – but that's where some of the best stories come from, right? I became an MC and learned this the hard way-by being thrown into the ocean and trying to hold onto a buoy. I stopped believing in Santa because I knew the reality. I knew how much hard work it took to be part of this amazing organization. While I still loved the organization and the sisterhood, the magic was gone because I had met the man behind curtain.

Then I became a senior and was living with regret. Regret that I had not truly tried to achieve my goal – to be the NED VPM. For three years, I looked up at the district council at every precinct meeting and every convention wishing more than anything I would stand up there one day. So I went for it.

One year ago, I chose Tau Beta Sigma. I didn't let it choose me; tell me where to go and what to do. I ran for VPM and I became Santa.

I wanted my year as VPM to focus on Project Good Member. I wanted to find activities that could be done in any size chapter. I wanted to find activities that were out of the ordinary. I think that was achieved with the use of some Jenga blocks and playing cards.

I debuted a new PGM activity at each precincts meeting and going into all of them, I was unsure of how it would be received. Watching everyone during that activity brought it home for me. Seeing your faces while you talked about your favorite TBS memory or did the chicken dance is

something I will never forget. There were huge smiles, lots of laughter, and a lot people coming out of their comfort zones while bonding with sisters from other chapters.

Another one of my goals was to increase the participation in Project Good Member. In years past, this program has not always had stellar participation. But we certainly changed that this year. The structure was changed, activities were added, and the program grew. All of this combined with your dedication to the NED made it so that we had over 50% of the chapters participating in the program and we even had over 50% of the chapters completing the crest! This really is amazing improvement from past years so congratulations and keep up the hard work!

Now I would like to thank those who have made my experience as your NED VPM as great as it was.

To Olivia and Steph: We've been through so much this past year. We are the weirdest group of ducklings I've ever been a part of and I love it. We have laughed, we have cried, we have ranted, and because of that we have come out of this year as pretty good friends and even better car vocalists.

To Allison: Thank you for everything. You have been such a resource this year. Somehow you know just about everything about everything. You always have a solution to all of our problems and don't even bat an eye (at least in front of us). I don't know what we would have done without you this year.

To Anthony: Oh Anthony. What ever will we do with you? You have been so great this past year, keeping the mood up when it was going down, being sassy at the best times, wanting Starbucks at the right times, and being "TOTALLY" awesome.

To Chris Lukasik: If not for you and your pep talks, I would not be standing here right now. So thank you for all you've done.

To the next NED VPM: Have fun. When you see successes in the NED, when you see participation in Project Good Member-and a lot of it, it is a warm and fuzzy feeling. Hold onto that. Enjoy your time because it ends sooner than you think.

To my sisters of the Delta Delta Chapter: There is so much to say and yet I can't think of the words for you. You are some of my best friends and have been there from the beginning. You have helped me become the person I am today. You have seen me at some of my highest points and you have definitely seen me at my lowest. But through it all, you never wavered even when I did. You pulled me back in, and without you, I would not be where I am today and I am more grateful to you than you know.

This year has been one of the best years of my life. I have grown immensely as a sister, as a person, and as someone who is trying to make it on their own as an adult. As my time as your

Vice President of Membership comes to an end, I want to leave you all with this quote from someone who has inspired me for the past 10 years – Lorelei Gilmore.

“We’re almost there, and nowhere near it. All that matters is we’re going.”

I believe that the NED has reached great heights, but I also believe that it hasn’t even begun to scratch the surface of its potential. But we are on our way.

And now, the end is near, I have faced my final curtain, I’ve traveled each and every highway, but more, much more than this, I did it my way.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenna Reed Woodward  
Northeast District Vice President of Membership 2017-2018

# Appendix L

## President's Final Report

Sisters of the Northeast District,

One year ago, I stood in front of you and quoted Vincent Van Gogh. "Normality is a paved road: it's comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it." My goal was to push the NED outside of their comfort zones, and do something different. It was like the plot of High School Musical where everyone is singing "Status Quo" and I'm just out her trying to make creme brulee.

But I would say this year's council did their best to be as not-normal as possible. Between the weird videos we made for deadlines, and the disgusting amount of memes that we shared, we actually somehow got our work done (#weirdbutfunctional). We continued last council's trend of bi-weekly TBS council calls, and pushed ourselves to have more joint council calls with the KKPsi NED Council than any TBS Council before us.

This year we also stressed the importance of communication. Whether communicating amongst ourselves on the council, or communicating with the chapters of the District, we made that our focus. It was a little difficult without a listserv, but we feel confident that we still increased the accessibility of the council.

Back in July, we had the amazing opportunity to go to National Convention and the National Leadership Conference. There we got to meet other district councils and learn some incredible things about the sorority and ourselves. We even got a chance to start planning this convention! This was really our first in-person meeting, because we ended up holding our summer meeting over Google Hangout due to incompatible schedules. We would soon find out that this was a recurring situation.

Once the school semester started, we wanted to continue our bi-weekly council calls, but the only times we were all available seemed to be 10 PM on Sunday nights, which only made Mondays that much worse. But, like I said, normality is just a paved road. It was during this time that we had 100% of our chapters complete the Focus on Five Red Stripe!

Finally in January, the family was reunited. The council met up at Virginia Tech for the Winter Meeting. We got to check out the convention site and reenact some of the Pylons outside. It may have taken us 15 minutes to find the Squires parking lot or to walk from whatever lot we ended up parking in, but we left that weekend with an almost complete room list for NEDCon.

Soon it was time for the Central Precinct Meeting in Pennsylvania. It was challenging not having a TBS Chapter because we felt like our communication with the host chapters was lacking, but it turned out to be an amazing meeting! After Jenna and I had a mishap with an air mattress and some very poorly crafted couches, and then driving 15 minutes off campus for Jenna's coffee and my overpriced water, we started the meeting. This trip did wonders for our joint relations. We left the Central Precinct Meeting feeling like one council, and we were excited for the Northern Precinct Meeting, until we started driving to Syracuse, NY mid-snowstorm. Then we drove to Maryland in the torrential rain. We thought, "Wow, at least this is the worst the weather could throw at us." But this whole year, I have been stressing that we need to see how other chapters do TBS. At the precinct meetings, we found out that the NED does TBS loud, proud, and in any weather conditions!

Today, I am delivering my final report as the Northeast District President. It's bittersweet, to say the least. While I will miss having this role in the organization that gave me so much, I at least leave here with the knowledge that I can now watch Netflix without feeling guilty for procrastinating my presidential duties.

In all honesty, my journey in Tau Beta Sigma is something that literally saved my life. Being a Sister changes a person. It helps them grow, and it helps them prioritize their time. The 1st quality: Knowledge and development of your physical powers in the quest for good health and bodily perfection. The first essential factor: Physical and mental qualities of an attractive nature. Our very ideals teach us to take care of yourself, first and foremost. Your teachers will try to tell you how big the Earth is, but you never really know until you try to make a difference in it. But when Sisters hear someone tell them to "Live the 5 & 8", we immediately think about how we can help others. It's who we are. It's why we were chosen to be in this organization. But I challenge all of you to take the first step and think about yourself. Make sure that you know your limits before you take on the world.

To the next District President, take time to figure out how this new position fits into your life, not the other way around. This is a big responsibility, believe me, but if I can do it with 6 jobs, then you totally can to.

To Gamma Kappa, thank you for shaping me into who I am. You accepted me from the beginning and told me it was okay to be weird but functional. I see myself in all of you, and I see you in all of me. Even though I don't like any of you, you always push me to be my best. Thank you.

To the spirit of my best friend Nicole who is currently in Disney instead of at convention, but I'm not bitter. Thank you for being my best friend for 21 years, and making me do stupid things

that I would never be brave enough to do on my own. I wish you were here, but I promised you I would never blame you for your life choices.

To my OG NED President, Emily Anstey, and Chris Lukasik, and everyone who helped me on my journey in TBS leadership, thank you for having faith in me. Thank you for seeing my potential underneath my jokes and clumsiness. And thank you for being the strong role models that you are and making me want to be like you.

To Steph and Jenna,

This really isn't saying goodbye because we're still going to be friends, we just won't have all of this crazy responsibility tied to it. TBS has given me a lot of forever friends, and I'm not allowed to openly call you that because I previously made a lot of promises and the spirit of Nicole would come back and fight you. Thank you for making this year so incredible. There were a lot of things that could have thrown us off our game if we didn't have the weird relationship that we do. We kicked butt, and I am so proud that you were my council. In the words of David Spade, we, "did it bigger, louder, and with a pocketful of roosters." And I wouldn't want it any other way.

To Mom and Dad, I know a lot of people call you Anthony and Allison, but that seems too formal. Thank you for believing in me, and always being there when I still told you I didn't need you, but probably did. My English vocabulary does not include the words that I need to describe how much you inspire me. I am really not good at goodbyes, so I'm not really sure what to say or how I can say it, but thank you for just being yourselves and for letting us be weird but functional. I will never forget how you helped us walk on the road of normality and stopped to help us plant flowers along the way.

Respectfully submitted with so much love in the bond,

Olivia Magdalene DeFilippo

TBS Northeast District President 2017-2018

Appendix M  
Counselor's Report

\*This report was in the shape of a goodbye video to Anthony Barbir\*



## Appendix N

### Chapter Summaries

#### I. Beta Eta

A. Beta Eta spent the past year continuing our traditional service projects for the University of Maryland bands. We continue to expand our reach of service and involvement in both the community and the school of music. In the spring of 2017, our chapter held a workshop to help local girl scout troops to earn their music badge. Sisters organized a recording session for University musicians who were interested in participating in NIB in Orlando. We also worked with the instrument manager to clean most of the school's large collection of instruments, as it had not been done in several years. Spring ended as we welcomed new sisters into the bond. Four of our sisters attended the National Convention and brought back new insight and ideas for new projects.

The start of the marching band season brings most of Beta Eta's projects along with it. The sisters create Early Week survival kits for band members to make it through the pre-semester week of band practices. We hosted MSOM Survivor, a bonding activity for the band members to get closer to people outside of their sections, for the second year. Sisters also arranged a trip to a local high school football game for Maryland band members to play alongside and mentor high school marching band members. This gave band members a chance to get involved in outreach to the community and strengthen the importance of music performance. Within the University, sisters continued to provide traditional bonding experiences to band members. At the end of the fall semester, we helped ensure the band banquet to honor marching band members went smoothly. The sisters recognized the graduate assistants and outstanding band members with awards. Looking forward, we hope to continue growing our impact on the bands and the community and to strengthen our own chapter's commitment to sorority values.

#### II. Gamma Kappa

A. This past fall for us was a very, very busy band season. Our marching band (of roughly 300 members) was pushed to the limit with a very exhausting show and we were able to pull it off extremely well! With support of people within the chapter to help keep our band motivated, we were able to conquer this past season and make the best band we have been in years. Looking behind the scenes, we have contributed greatly in getting our massive band fitted for uniforms, repaired flip books for the football and basketball games, and also hosted a music memorization night early in the marching season to help our members master the music!

In terms of leadership, many of our sisters are both named leaders (i.e. section leaders) and first followers on the field. As mentioned before, keeping motivation up in the band is one of our biggest goals and we pushed through an extremely

brutal marching show. We hosted "Make your own band day" where we invite high school bands to play with our band and get a feel for what it is like on the collegiate level. We have sisters go to local elementary, middle and high schools to sit down and play music alongside young students to help the learn music better. And just this week, it was announced that one of our sisters is going to be drum major for the next season and two sisters will be band captains! Many exciting things have been happening and we plan to keep pushing our band to make it better than its ever been!

### III. Gamma Chi

A. Over the past year, Gamma Chi has been musically involved in many different ways. We work together with Kappa Kappa Psi- Epsilon Iota to serve our bands and create a positive environment. At every concert, we help set up and tear down the stage, participate in the band, or we are in the audience supporting all of the band members. This year, we got the opportunity to help our director of bands coordinate and run a Wind Ensemble Alumni Reunion Concert, host the Great Lakes Wind Symphony, and host the Intercollegiate Band Festival. At the end of most concerts, we get together with all four of our University's Music Greeks. This includes, SAI, Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Tau Beta Sigma.

Gamma Chi has also participated in some leadership activities this year. We got together with our campus and participated in Relay for Life. At this event we had a table set up selling tea and cookies. Each sister signed up for a time that they would be in charge of running the table. We participated in The Big Event as well. This is an event where the different organizations of our campus get together and clean up our town. Gamma Chi was assigned trash pick up. We walked the streets of Mansfield and picked up trash to make our community clean. This past year was a year full of memories for Gamma Chi and we look forward to the new experiences we will have next year.

### IV. Gamma Omega

A. Despite a jam-packed marching season, Gamma Omega has worked tirelessly this season to support the band and community. At the beginning of the school year, our chapter fit roughly 300 band members in uniforms and distributed extra clothing and supplies. In a similar vein, we kept the band weather-ready by passing out winter hats and folding overcoats after cold and rainy days. To make sure the band was kept full and happy, Gamma Omega celebrated Pitt Band's birthday as well as Thanksgiving with everyone, complete with cupcakes and all of the classic Thanksgiving fixings. We also serviced band members and their families by organizing a carnation sale for our last home game.

We've kicked off this spring semester by fitting concert band members for their uniforms and re-purposing vintage marching uniforms that were damaged in a band room flood. On top of that, our chapter put a lot of time and effort into planning and hosting a Recognition Ball for the entire marching band. This is a special time for everyone to reunite, reflect on the season, and celebrate each

other's achievements. In regards to the local music community, several sisters from Gamma Omega recently participated in a program called Fiddlesticks that aims to educate young children about music. Additionally, we plan to help out at indoor color guard shows and other events throughout the semester.

## V. Delta Delta

A. This year, the Delta Delta chapter and the UMass Minuteman Marching Band was put on a world stage. We found out in the fall of 2016 that we would be getting new uniforms and that we would be traveling to Pasadena, California to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Naturally, with over \$200,000 to raise and the logistics of moving a band of 400+ literally across the continent, there was PLENTY for us to do.

We planned a Polar Bear Plunge to help raise money for the uniforms which ended up being very successful. For everyday outdoor rehearsals, our joint chapter had the task of painting three 110° turns for the band to practice on. Before leaving for Pasadena, our brothers and sisters had the task of creating a contraption which could be transported so that we could make “The Turn” to practice out on the west coast.

We are very proud of our sisters. All of our sisters are members of the Minuteman Marching Band, but some sisters are members of the Concert Band, Symphony Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, or Jazz Lab. We have multiple sisters who do not play instruments and take advantage of our Guard and Twirler Tech classes in the spring semesters or join our various choral ensembles on campus.

The majority of Delta Delta holds some sort of leadership position in the band or within our chapter. You can find our sisters leading a section through their musical warm ups, printing and organizing music and drill, recruiting new members for the future of our band or playing along with their friends to help make what we know to be the Power and Class of New England.

## VI. Delta Nu

A. This year, Delta Nu has been very busy. We continued our service on game days for the marching band, making muffins for our early morning rehearsals. We also are working with the local Leonard Middle School, where sisters volunteer their time during LMS band rehearsals and help provide lessons to the students. We also make snack packs for our traveling bands (marching band, pep band, as well as symphonic band). Recently, an inactive sister reached out to us about having sisters volunteer with the band at the Middle School where she is student teaching to aid in her required student teaching service project.

We also have had involvement in organizations outside of band as well. Recently, our sisters participated with the brothers of KKPsi Epsilon Upsilon in the Black BearThon, a dancing marathon which raised over \$34,000 this year for the children's miracle network. We also continue to have outstanding joint relations with our brothers as well. This semester, we have a day of service during Maine Day. Maine Day is the last week of classes during the spring semester, when students receive the day off to do service around campus. Each year, we dedicate

the day to service projects around the music building on campus in collaboration with our brothers.

## VII. Delta Omicron

A. Delta Omicron has had a great year! We have done many service projects to help our bands. We organized and gave out all uniforms for each home game. We spent an evening before the marching band season started ironing and pressing the uniforms to save some money and have a night for bonding. All members of our chapter are members of the marching band and many are members of the university's symphonic band as well. We also volunteered to sing carols at the local nursing home at Christmas as another service project to reach out to the community.

Our Joint relations with our brother Kappa Kappa Psi chapter (Epsilon Phi) are strong and growing stronger. We have had at least one joint meeting per semester with all members of both chapters to talk about events, service, projects, and fundraisers. We both jointly help out our Director of Bands/Sponsor with anything he needs during marching band season. We both participate in the University's Relay for Life, which raises money for cancer research. We also had a great year for recruitment, and will be DOUBLING the size of our chapter with 10 new MC's in the class.

## VIII. Delta Omega

A. Here at Bloomsburg University, we involve ourselves in many musical and community related services. The Delta Omega sisters take part in setting up for concert band every Monday and Wednesday making sure that the room is set up for concert band to begin. The sisters are also involved in ushering musical concerts by welcoming audience members and handing out programs. We volunteer our time to help out our band directors by polishing instruments and organizing marching band uniforms.

The sisters of the Delta Omega chapter also participate in community development. In the spring semester, our sisters volunteer their time to partake in The Big Event that students and other volunteer get together to clean up the town of Bloomsburg and the homes in the Bloomsburg area. Duties involve raking leaves, planting plants, pulling weeds, picking up garbage, etc. We also are involved in Relay for life to help raise cancer awareness. Not limited to just these activities, our sisters are actively involved in helping our community and sharing our love for music.

## IX. Epsilon Epsilon

A. Epsilon Epsilon chapter has had a very interesting year.

Band-wise, we made goodie bags during band camp for the new band members to help them get through the week and it was well-received. For fundraising, we did Pie-in-the-Face, where band members bid to pie their section leaders in the face with whipped cream, and Penny Wars, where members put money into bags to

vote for who they want to be King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Jester and Wench of the band. For their social/service/fundraising event, the MC's put together a Halloween party but unfortunately it was very poorly attended and we lost a significant amount of money on it while we already had relatively low funds. While we try to get the band involved in fun activities, oftentimes it was difficult to get members to participate and justify spending money for planning events that people didn't go to (i.e. the Halloween party). We also helped out with planning an ice cream social with other music groups Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha for membership, which also had low attendance. Overall, we struggled a lot this year with getting support and participation from the band even though the events themselves were fun and we pushed them as much as we could.

Social/service-wise, every week one of our members bakes for our music department secretary as a thank-you, and when we're available we sign up to usher music performances ranging from students to faculty. We also performed as a guest group singing "True Colors" in SAI's benefit concert for hurricane relief.

Membership-wise, at the beginning of the fall semester, we had five active members and one conditional who graduated in December. However, we also had disciplinary issues and had to put one member on probation, who later went inactive. We had four membership candidates in the fall that dropped down to only one for various reasons, with 3 of the 4 bigs never having Littles before and 2 of the 4 too new to have seen a class go through, leaving five active members in the chapter in the spring, with three members holding multiple offices. This year we've been forced to adapt to the situation and carry on the best we can with people who don't have the experience but were trusted to handle the situation.

We regret to inform everyone that our chapter will be closing at the end of the semester because we don't enough people to continue running it. Even if we had been able to get a few people during a rush process, there aren't enough experienced members that would be able to handle all the responsibilities. The past year has been difficult but we are folding on good personal terms. The current members get along with each other and we did our best trying to get new people but unfortunately continuing past this semester is not viable. For this semester, we will continue volunteering, we have upcoming plans to visit at a children's hospital, and end on a high note. We at Epsilon Epsilon thank everyone for their help and support and we hope that in the future, there will be students at Kutztown University passionate enough about the cause and purpose of TBS to re-activate the chapter. Until then, MLITB.

## X. Epsilon Rho

- A. This year the Epsilon Rho chapter has done extraordinary things this year. We have volunteered at a older sisters job with the instrument petting zoo. We hosted the intercollegiate music association at Virginia State university this year, and we gained 6 new sisters. We also plan to host a financial literacy class during

founders week and plan to host a pageant( all donations will go to the local food bank). We have cleaned up the music library and helped our band director organize band music( both marching and concert band). We have done active recruitment throughout the band season and we have a lot of potentials that are interested in our organization.

The Epsilon Rho chapter has become extremely close with our brother chapter (Zeta Psi) in coming together and fulfilling our purposes together. We have had many joint fundraisers that have helped out music programs tremendously.

## XI. Epsilon Sigma

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## XII. Epsilon Omega

A. This past year Epsilon Omega has made great strides in service, band influence, and active leadership. We began the year by participating in the 2017 National Convention with our Vice President, Peggy Banks, serving as the Sisterhood and Spirit Chair and an outstanding alumni sister, Maisha Davis, becoming an honorary member of the national chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Looking back on that experience today, I believe that it truly jump-started our drive and focus for this year.

We began the year with our week of band camp activities that are always filled with fun and excitement to build morale for our band program from the first few days that we are back on campus. During this week we had events such as our "No-Talent Talent Show", a battle of the sections team building competition, and a family outing to Sky Zone with our fellow band members and our brother chapter Eta Gamma. Throughout the year we were heavily focused on band morale and community outreach. For almost every away game, the active chapter of Epsilon Omega made fun snacks such as cookies, Rice Krispies treats, and even Airheads with special motivational messages on them for the band to enjoy. In terms of community outreach, we were also able to visit Holy Hills senior center for an interactive music and flag session with the elderly to fulfill our participation in the coda program. In addition to this, we also hosted a hurricane relief drive and made pink motivational cards for breast cancer patients at John's Hopkins Hospital during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To help cultivate leadership and scholarship within our band program we hosted our annual "Turtle Talk" series, this time focusing on time management and academic excellence even with the stress of band and other activities.

Along with various service opportunities and boosting the morale of the band, we also made huge leaps in fundraising with our ongoing candy sale, our joint "Pie KKPsi and TBS" event during homecoming, and the selling of our newest "highly motivated, deeply dedicated" lanyards. With the success of our fundraisers we were able to continue providing fun activities for the band such as our annual "spirit bags" during homecoming and Spaghetti Dinner near Thanksgiving. This past year we have also been connecting with our sister chapters as much as we can. As a chapter, we visited the Eta Sigma Chapter at Towson University for

their third degree ritual and exchanged gifts with them at our Marching Band Show later in the semester. We also exchanged gifts with the Eta Delta Chapter at Howard University and bonded with several other surrounding chapters such as the Theta Pi chapter at Bowie State University and the Iota Pi Chapter at Lincoln University on various occasions throughout the year.

Although this semester has only just begun, Epsilon Omega is continuing to serve our band. In this first month of school we have hosted several events such as an ice cream social and even glow-in-the-dark yoga during our P.I.N.T. (People Interested in Tau Beta Sigma) Week and began to "pass the rose" in support of the Project Good Member Initiative. Our hard work has seemed to truly pay off through the amount of interest that we have had this semester. Our membership education program is off to a great start and we are very confident that our chapter will be expanding this Spring with new initiates that will continue Epsilon Omega's legacy of service.

### XIII. Zeta Omicron

A. Zeta Omicron has focused this year on leadership development. A lot of our new officers are new sisters in their first officer position ever. By making sure that these sisters have the tools to effectively do their officer positions, and to train future officers. We have also changed up our MCs process a little bit by adding them into our weekly meetings. This gives them an opportunity to learn from our student leaders, and also get their feet wet as to what it is going to be like when they become a sister.

We also continued all of our very important service events focusing on music including MV field day, cleaning of our marching facility, and other little things that have come up during the year. We are very excited to have another benefit concert to which all the proceeds will go to a local elementary school. Last year we were able to raise over \$700!

With all this going on, we have also been working hard on putting together a memorable and worthwhile experience for the Northeast District Convention. This has given us the wonderful opportunity to strengthen our joint relations as well as allowing us to work on leadership skills.

### XIV. Zeta Upsilon

A. Zeta Upsilon has had an exciting year! Last Spring, we had a class of 10 people rush - largest class in many years. We also had ten Sisters attend National Convention over the summer, which was an incredible experience. During the fall, we travelled to the Miss America Parade in Atlantic City, NJ with the West Chester University Marching Band. Alongside our brother chapter of Eta Rho, we ran the Collegiate Marching Band Festival at Allentown, PA in October. That is always an amazing experience, running the show and being able to see so many talented bands performing, as well as singing with Brothers and Sisters from all over at the end of the day. We ended the fall semester with a class of two new Sisters and three Sisters graduating. So far in the Spring, we've been preparing for running the annual Jazz fest that West Chester University hosts every Spring. ZY also implemented a new practice to our chapter. Sisters who do not hold an

office can volunteer to be "Right Hand Sisters" to the exec board members. These Sisters served as second in command for the respective offices - assisting in running workshops, helping with errands, bouncing ideas - all while gaining experience with the office and becoming more involved with the Sisterhood. It is essentially the AVPM to VPM but for all offices. This wasn't implemented into our constitution, so it's up to next year's president and exec board to see if the new practice will continue. So far, we've received only positive feedback on this, so hopefully it will continue!

## XV. Eta Alpha

A. This year, Eta Alpha has participated in many different music ensembles and leadership activities in both the fall and spring semesters this year.

During the Fall Semester, sisters performed four different half-time shows and our pre-game show at seven home games and cheered on our football team to victory many times (most importantly, during what some may say was the biggest upset of the season against #2 Clemson)! In the middle of the semester, we began preparing for basketball season and started rehearsals for the Sour Citrus Society, our university pep band. Before we knew it, Eta Alpha was at one of our busiest times of the year, when most sisters are participating in both marching band and pep band, all the while attending recruitment events, performing service, and balancing school work on top of it. Much of our service during the fall semester occurred before and after band rehearsals due to many location changes outside of the Carrier Dome and having to move most of the band's instruments back and forth. Many of our sisters who are music majors also have performed many concerts in our university's wind ensemble and/or orchestra. This semester, we are also continuing to perform at both men's and women's basketball games in the Sour Citrus Society and will soon be traveling with the basketball teams and supporting them during the post-season. Sisters are also currently in our university's concert band, which is a non-audition band geared towards non-music majors that meets and performs during every spring semester.

As for leadership, during our marching band season, eight of our sisters were chosen as section leaders and/or music instructor and one of our sisters represented our chapter on the podium as drum major. We also had a sister on the sidelines helping out as a staff member for the marching band. In our university pep band, our sisters make up a third of the band's music instructors and lead their sections through music during rehearsals. During the spring semester, three of our sisters began student teaching music classes in the Syracuse School District.

We are looking forward to continuing leading our university bands and being involved in music ensembles throughout the rest of the school year!

## XVI. Eta Gamma

A. This past year we've just been working on assessing who we are as a chapter. At the end of last year we opened up our chapter so that you don't have to be in



marching band in the fall to be a sister since our marching band is really small but our pep band is nearly 3 times the size. With that came reworking how we do service and making our uniform organization and assignment process much easier and more streamlined. We also made sure to maintain positive and calm environments at band activities so that everyone could enjoy being in band as much as possible.

At the start of the new school year, we prepped ourselves to get ready for February, which is one of our busiest months for pep band. It's our goal each year to be some of the loudest, most supportive fans in the band, which we do by being the people who starts cheers, and we have face paint and glitter to give people spirit during our bigger games. Now that the busiest time is over, we are looking forward to starting some history projects and digitalizing old documents, as well as meeting with our director and other student leaders to start talks about the next year year, and we are really looking forward to having time for new projects and events now!

## XVII. Eta Delta

A. The Eta Delta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma is composed of a group of diverse women whose dedication to music and inspirational leadership has carried numerous ensembles over the past year. Each member in Eta Delta is a student leader and outstanding performer in multiple ensembles on campus like the Showtime Marching Band, concert band, and pep band. Our Sisters of Showtime initiative is one of the ways in which the chapter leads the female members of the band by pairing upperclassmen with freshman to introduce them to each other and facilitate a family environment. Eta Delta member Jordan Washington performs the duty of drum major and was flown to California to be highlighted in a TV special on HBCU drum majors. Delecia Utley and Tiara DaCosta are the Ooh La La captain and the piccolo section leader respectively and outstanding examples of true bandswomen.

The chapters members Sydney, Tiara, and Jordan also represent the chapter by demonstrating musical excellence through their performances with the concert band. This year, the concert band has the exciting opportunity to perform at the Maryland Music Educators Association's annual conference. Members Mia and Delecia will also be performing a dance piece with them as requested by the director. Outside of dedicating time to ensemble performances, the chapter also hosts regular events such as the Showtime Pageant, which honors outstanding bandsmen. The chapter is proud of their accomplishments and thankful for the honor to be selected to serve.

## XVIII. Eta Rho

A. Over the past year, we have gone from around our usual average of 30-35 sisters to 23, with 3 being conditional. We're usually one of the bigger chapters in the district, so getting acclimated to the smaller size was definitely difficult at first. I think we are finally starting to come to terms with the number of people that graduated last spring (around 15 people). If there is a good thing that's come out

of this, we've all grown closer to each other. I know I spend most of my time with my TBS family nowadays and they are some of the best experiences and memories I have.

When it comes to music involvement and leadership activities, we have branched out more into the music department on campus. Our service head has reached out to the brass band conductor, the director of orchestras, and the choral director. We have also recently been talking about more community involvement at our service committee meetings. Leadership activities that we have been a constant for us recently has been marching band leadership, officer shadowing for the MC's (which isn't new, but I think it's important), and just encouraging people to go out for exec positions for the upcoming year. Overall, our chapter has changed quite drastically over the last year, but there are many good things that have come out of it.

## XIX. Eta Sigma

A. Eta Sigma has been increasing its participation in Towson's Music Department in addition to service in the surrounding Baltimore area. Coming up on the 10th Anniversary of its re-founding, Eta Sigma has continued its dedication to service and growth.

Weekends you can find us serving TU bands and our indoor colorguard program, or in the community planting trees and spreading our appreciation of music to baltimore-area youth. In addition to our regular business, chapter meetings are filled with social justice programming and workshops covering professional development, health & wellness, and academic excellence! Our favorite events have been our semesterly benefit concert, Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society, and hosting the Southern Precinct Convention this past February.

## XX. Eta Chi

A. This past year in Eta Chi we have been able to accomplish many things. Our music involvement has been tremendous with the majority of the chapter participating in one of the instrumental ensembles URI offers each semester. Including participation in the music lifestyle at URI, many sisters have also been granted leadership positions within the band, including both of our drum majors this past marching season. Even when a sister is unable to participate in an ensemble, they still actively support the ensembles when they have the chance.

Along with music involvement and leadership within the bands, Eta Chi has been showing an extremely helpful hand with our service to the URI music department. Over the past year we have had over 30 service projects to assist URI bands including helping with the department auditions, assembling new drum major podiums, re-stabilizing music stands, and much more. We plan to continue this service and music involvement for years to come and continue to expand our support of the URI bands.

## XXI. Eta Psi

A. In this past year Eta Psi became rechartered in April 2017. In October 2017, we had 11 membership candidates join the Eta Psi Chapter. One of our new members, Kayla Stevens, was able to represent the chapter this year at the IMA conference held at Virginia State University. Our auxiliary captians, Zakyia Armstrong, Tra'Shaundra Mealy, Destiny Harris and Malika Fowler, help out at local high schools and dance teams and instrumentalists, Tiara Thomas, DeJanay Williams, Kayla Stevens and Zsakee Crocker help local high schools during summer band camps. Every semester we donate gatorade to high school bands in the area and surrounding areas. The Eta Psi chapter plans on doing more in the community/campus as the we continue to grow.

## XXII. Theta Pi

A. The Theta Pi Chapter has been focusing on band and community involvement.

## XXIII. Theta Phi

A. The Theta Phi chapter has taken what we have learned from out NATCON 2017 experience and started to build upon our foundation and history. This year the Theta Phi chapter has been recruiting heavily for the Marching Force. We have been assisting our Director of Bands by doing recruitment trips and being the leaders in many of the within the band. We have taken the roles of being the Recruitment Team with help from our fellow bandsmen. One of our sisters, Shanice Wormley has even helped being the show recorder for the Media Team. We have used our leadership to hopefully build the Force to the potential it has. Theta Phi has focused on our music involvement by reaching out to high schools in the surrounding area. We have played in the Symphonic Band of Hampton High School to give them lessons and provide assistance when needed. Our music involvement has grown to elementary schools as well. This year we not only took our Christmas Ensemble to Patrick Henry Mall in Newport News, we also visited an elementary school and played our Christmas tunes during their lunch period. Our chapter has not only grown in our music abilities, but we have also charged our band to grow in their capabilities. The love and pride that we have had in our band took us to Honda Battle of the Bands for the very first time. Not only did we serve our university with pride, but we showed our spirit and courage being the smallest band and the smallest chapter out their on the field. This is only the beginning for the rise of Theta Phi.

## XXIV. Iota Alpha

A. The sisters of Iota Alpha have been very busy this year with service to our band and to our local community. In support of our band, we have organized rain coats, sold care packages during band camp, provided ice pops and cookies to keep morale up, and hosted an event to prepare for a pep band trip. To support our community, we visited two local high schools in the fall to demonstrate what college band is like and to show that band is fun and meaningful. Our sisters also went to a local nursing home to promote music in a place that does not otherwise have much access to it. This spring, we are planning to play pep tunes at a walk

supporting awareness of hearth health, visit another nursing home, and go to a library to teach kids about music and let them try out different instruments.

One of our goals for the year was to strengthen the bond between sisters, which we have accomplished through increasing social and leadership opportunities. We had a letter making social and went apple picking with our alumni. Our Phi Class also organized a chapter Thanksgiving. Many of our fundraisers, such as Mac and Cheese Night and a Hoopla frozen yogurt fundraiser, were also social in nature. Additionally, increasing leadership opportunities has helped to make sisters feel more connected. Instead of our Vice President of Service coordinating all of our service projects alone, he asks for a “spearhead” for each project so that other sisters get involved in the planning. We also have committees, such as ritual committee, and new chairperson positions to involve as many sisters as we can. Overall, our bond is continuing to strengthen, and we are looking forward to finding new ways to serve bands in the upcoming year.

## XXV. Iota Kappa

A. Over the past year, Iota Kappa has maintained its schedule of alternating weekly between Chapter meetings and workshops. Our workshops are centered on topics such as Hazing, Ritual and Regalia, Mental Health, the 5 & 8, etc. These workshops have provided us with a unique opportunity to bond and collaborate with each other. Other within-chapter bonding has consisted of a Galentine’s Day celebration, Chapter study groups, Chapter dinner, picnicking on the Lawn, and a variety of other little adventures. We continue to serve the band alongside our brother chapter, Beta Chi. We have initiated new joint events and programs to forge new friendships. We put on costume competitions, pumpkin carving competitions, and go on one-on-one adventures with each other.

IK has continued to provide exceptional service and organize social events for the Cavalier Marching Band. From assisting the Uniform Crew to shed cleaning to game day setup/cleanup, we do it all. Whenever a director has a project for us, we’re there within the hour! For band we have organized trivia competitions, our Women in the Band Luncheon, and more. Looking forward to the rest of the semester we plan on organizing a band-wide basketball tournament. With our four new membership candidates, Iota Kappa is excited for all this semester has to offer.

## XXVI. Iota Pi

A. This 2017-2018 school year has been interesting for the Iota Pi chapter. We have two current active sisters, and this is our second year with our new band director. Nevertheless, we still have built a great bond with our band members and continued to lead and guide the women in the band. As leaders of the band program, we actively recruited on band trips and engaged with the community during parades and performances. This past marching band season we visited schools in Philadelphia, Staten Island, Camden, and Maryland. We also performed in annual local parades in nearby cities of Pennsylvania. We continued mentoring the women of the band through EWIB sessions (Empowering Women

In Band) and through weekly study halls. We also held programs such as an anti-hazing workshop, a breast cancer clinic, and a seminar about sisterhood. As visiting high schools came for college tours, members of the band showed them around the school and we performed a few songs to show our Lincoln University Orange Crush spirit.

As the concert band season approaches, we plan to become even more involved with service. We are planning a visit to a nursing home to fellowship with the elderly and spread the joy of music. We also plan to help a local girl scout troop earn their music badge by hosting an instrument petting zoo. Another big event we are planning is a bandswoman "speed dating" networking event to allow recent alumni to network with current band members to strengthen their resumes, give advice for life after Lincoln, and potentially enhance their employment possibilities after graduation from college. Lastly, we are planning a blue and white Women in Music Speaker Series Brunch. We can't wait to update you on this semester's achievements!



