# The Omicronian
Gamma Omicron Chapter at the University of Wyoming
Fall 2018/ Spring 2019 Newsletter

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To the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma,

This sorority is a chapter of many face, names, majors, and personalities, but all the ladies are amazing and inspirational members. Each woman is a part of this house because in some way they add something that no one else could. I have had the privilege of being your president for a semester now and have seen this chapter grow, develop, and strengthen. This year the chapter has managed to raise more philanthropy money than I have ever seen in my three years. We have continually developed our sisterhood through hardship and stress. We welcomed a new group of women into our chapter, who I have no doubt will excel in all things they do whether it be college or Kappa.

Gamma Omicron is unique in ways that may not be outwardly apparent to those looking in on us. Many times, it is overlooked the amazing support that this chapter has from not only our headquarters but our alumni! Our alumni are not all local and many volunteer hours of travel to come help, volunteer and enjoy the house they once lived in. Another aspect that can be often missed is how the house is constantly being updated. The summer of 2019 the kitchen and dining room are getting a major renovation in an effort keep everything up to date and beautiful for the women who are fortunate enough to live in.

As the year ends and the seniors are sent off with hugs, everyone is reminded that each of us only has four years in Kappa to make the most of our time with our sisters, but also that Kappa goes beyond college. The sisters we meet will be sisters long in to our futures.

Loyally,

Bayli Buckmiller
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### Alumnae Associations

Are you looking to continue your Kappa years with an Alumnae Association? Get connected today! Find an alumnae association at kappakappagamma.org/Kappa/KKG/AlumnaeAssociationSearch.aspx

The Laramie Alumnae are proud to help the local chapter in any way we can. We have members serving on House Board, as advisers, and are active with the Laramie Alumnae group. We hope to become more active next year and continue to collaborate with the chapter in philanthropy events. We’re are also looking at some fundraisers so that we can provide more financial support to the chapter. For more information, contact Susan Bulgin Sbulgrin@sec1stbank.com.
Come one, come all, come join Kappa this Fall! Fall Recruitment was held from September 7th-10th, 2018, with a record high number of girls visiting the houses and gaining information about Kappa. Desa I, the 2018 Membership Chair, organized three nights full of house tours and hearing about our philanthropies, finances, academics, scholarships, education and sisterhood.

On Monday, afternoon, hundreds of young ladies opened their bids outside of the houses and, waiting patiently on the stairs, our actives opened the door and opened their hearts as we welcomed 34 beautiful new members into our home! Our Bid Day was themed based off the tv show Friends “I’ll be there for you”, and was full of music, scrunchies, laughter, and tons of pictures. Memories filled the air as we welcomed them into our sisterhood.

After a great Fall Recruitment, much excitement was surrounding Spring Recruitment from February 25th-28th, 2019. Kate E., the 2019 Membership Chair, coordinated an exciting week of events with different events including a Movie Monday, Tea Party Tuesday, Paint and Punch, and Breakfast for Dinner. Spring Recruitment was an overall success with over 10 girls checking out our beautiful home and our lovely Kappa girls.

On Bid Day with the theme Sweet Home Kappa Gamma, 5 new Kappa’s ran through our front door and into the arms of our sisters. We welcomed them home with pizza, dancing, and country music. We are so excited to have them as part of our sisterhood!
Welcome Home New Initiates!

Fall 2018
Erin B. - Bismarck, ND
Mackenzie C. - Arvada, CO
Jordan D. - Laramie, WO
Madison D. - Winter Park, CO
Maddie D. - Berthoud, CO
Moriah E. - Minneapolis, MN
Paige F. - Peoria, IL
Sierra F. - Moorcroft, WY
Caley G. - Cheyenne, WY
Lizzie K. - Denver, CO
Grace M. - Gillette, WY
Mariah M. - Highlands Ranch, CO
Rachel M. - Belvidere, IL
Erin R. - Chaska, MN
Lauren S. - Castle Rock, CO
Dariane S. - Evanston, WY
Natalie S. - Centennial, CO
Emily W. - Worland, WY

Spring 2019
Morgan C. - Colorado Springs
Morgan K. - Berthoud, CO
Carissa M. - Fort Collins, CO
Ava S. - Lone Tree, CO
Sophie S. - Rock Springs, WY

Kappademics & Honor Societies

Girls with the Pearls (4.0 GPA):
‘15: Allie Telgenhoff
‘16: Bayli Buckmiller, Kerstin Oxford, Savannah Richter,
‘18: Caley Galipeau

Dean’s List (Sophomores-Seniors who received a 3.4+ GPA):
‘15: Desa Inskeep, Makayla Bishop, Katie Hasse
‘16: Moriah Duncan, Colleen Cullinane, Shelby Bell, Mercedes Hovland, Katie Kelley
‘17: Madi Guidera, Demi Johnson, Hannah Siderfin, Angela Oliverus

Dean’s List (Freshman who received a 3.25 GPA or better):
‘18: Emily Wheeler, Erin Barnhardt

Fall 2018:
Order of Omega:
‘16: Moriah Duncan (President), Shelby Bell

Spring 2019:
Mortar Board:
‘16: Moriah Duncan, Katie Kelley, Shelby Bell

Nursing School:
‘16: Kestin Oxford

Accepted into Graduates School:
‘16: Kestin Oxford

Our sister Savannah Richter ‘15 will be attending the University of Washington School of Medicine through the WWAMI program! She also got accepted to the Targeted Rural and Underserved Area Tract!

It’s not just for 4 years... It’s for life

Kappa Seniors

Katie H. ‘15  Aislinn O. 15  Nikki P. ‘15
Madi B. ‘15  Jamee M. ‘15  Savanah R. ‘15
Desa I. ‘15  Makayla B. ‘15  Jordan H. ‘15

Not Pictured: Allie T. ’15
On October 20th, 2018, The ladies of Kappa held their famous Homecoming Chili for parents and alumni following the Homecoming parade through downtown Laramie. After chili everyone headed towards the War Memorial Stadium to cheer on the Cowboys! Even though they lost to Utah State 24-16 it was great time with our sisters and families.

Kappa Kake Walk was a recruiting event hosted by Gamma Omicron at the 2018 University Carnival. It was one of the most successful recruiting events, before actual recruitment, which gained a lot of potential new member interest in the house! We are so excited to host another Kappa Kake Walk this upcoming year and it is already in the works!
As was announced at the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Gamma Omicron, the Chapter House is going through a major renovation this summer. The entire commercial kitchen will be renovated with new appliances, walk-in coolers, flooring, lighting and other much needed amenities for our current and future members. The dining room and snack room will also be renovated with new lighting, flooring, window treatments, paint and furniture. The dining room will have a new serving area that will be more efficient for our members and kitchen staff.

The project will be completed in August prior to members returning for the Fall Semester.

National Convention

This summer, Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted the 72nd Biennial National Convention in Denver, Colorado! Moriah D '16, Katie K '16 and Nikki P '15 all attended the convention and participated in the Parade of Flags, celebrated ritual, attended business meetings and educational sessions. They had a wonderful time celebrating and learning all about Kappa! "Being able to attend the 2018 Convention was an incredible experience! It was so amazing to witness the incredible sisterhood that Kappa has. Convention truly showed me that Kappa's bond lasts a lifetime!" -Katie Kelley '16
Reading is Fundamental: In the Fall, we hosted our annual philanthropy event to support our national philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental. The event took place on October 6th, 2018 and raised $148.03 as well as collected books. Reading is Fundamental is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing children with literacy skills. Another way our chapter has supported Reading is Fundamental this year is through our first ever, Book Buddies with the University of Wyoming Lab School! Once a month, some of our chapter members assist with the kindergarten classrooms. We read books with them based on their reading level and help them grow as strong readers! We are excited next semester to continue supporting Reading is Fundamental with our Fall Philanthropy, Book Buddies and our first ever Reading is Key event!

Mr. Wyoming

Albany County SAFE Project - Local Philanthropy

Who doesn’t love some friendly competition among some cute boys? Mr. Wyoming, Gamma Omicron’s Spring 2019 Philanthropy, was held on April 18th, 2019 with 12 boys entered into the competition. This year’s proceeds benefited the Albany County SAFE Project whose goal is to help the “survivors of stalking, intimate partner, family, and sexual violence.” The SAFE Project helps empower and inspire survivors as well as the Laramie community. While raising over $6,600 Mr. Wyoming had the boys showing off their talents and good looks, answering questions, lip syncing, and participating in a group dance. This year’s winner of Mr. Wyoming was Andrew B., Mr. Money Maker was awarded to Thomas S. and People’s Choice went to Ian H.

Contestants with Philanthropy Chair

Mr. Wyoming Contestants at practice

Mr. Wyoming 2019 Winners pose with their escorts

Above: Abby T. ‘16 getting a pie to the face.

Left: Moriah D.’16 reading.

Above: Bayli B. ‘16 and Moriah E. ‘18 working the front table.

Above: Maddie D. ‘18 and Sami S. ‘16 running can toss.
Greek Week 2019

Greek Week at the University of Wyoming celebrates UW Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) through friendly competition and team pride. Gamma Omicron teamed up with Sigma Chi and Alpha Sigma Phi to create “Team Throwbacks” at this year’s through the decades themed Greek Week from March 31st–April 4th, 2019. Greek Week teams kicked off the week with a dodgeball tournament, tug-of-war, and relay races, which was organized by our sister, Erin B. ‘18. Next was the second ever FSL Feud. Third teams participated in a Cardboard Regatta race at Corbett pool. On the fourth night the FSL community gathered for the FSL awards. Finally, The Throwbacks showed off their choreographed dance at the final Talent & Awards night organized and hosted by our sister Katie K. ‘16. Tori M. ‘16 was Gamma Omicron’s 2018 Greek Week Chair, helping lead The Throwbacks to first place in talent, first place in Cardboard Regatta, second place in FSL Feud, and Third place overall.
Maddie W. ‘17

“This spring semester I have been studying abroad in Brisbane, Australia studying Chemical Engineering. I have been living it up exploring and traveling all over the country. My favorite part has easily been traveling around and seeing all the beautiful places this country has to offer. Australia has been such a memorable experience for me!” - Maddie Wilhelm ‘17

Anna M. ‘17

“I spent the fall semester in Singapore. I met people from all over the world, and I saw maybe two Americans the entire time I was there. It was a real culture shock! I really enjoyed eating all the different foods and soaking up the sun. My favorite part of going abroad was getting to go Bali. 10/10 would recommend going abroad!” - Anna Muzzarelli ‘17

Kappa Hashers

New Member Basecamp Retreat

October 26-27, 2018, Erin B. ‘18, Carissa M. ‘18, along with one of the facilitators Shelby B. ‘16, went to Estes Park with other Fraternity and Sorority members and participated in the first ever New Member Retreat called BASECAMP! At the retreat they learned about their personal leadership traits and how those traits can be used to their chapter grow.

A special thank you to our amazing hashers and Chef! Gage, Nathan, Evan, Timmy, Chef B, Isaac, Jessie, Austin, Ryley

Above: Erin B. ‘18, Shelby B. ‘16 ans Carissa M. ‘18

Above: Maddie W. ‘17 standing in sea

Above: Anna M. ‘17 standing in sea
Every Fall, the ladies host an annual Father’s BBQ but it’s not just about getting a cute t-shirt and eating good food. It’s about spending the day with the best fathers and father figures of Gamma Omicron. This year, the BBQ was held on September 29, 2018 and the day was filled with delicious food, cute pictures, house tours and giving our dads a little glimpse into our Kappa world. For some girls, it is the first time the dads get to see the house. Following the BBQ, everyone headed over to War Memorial Stadium to watch a great day of football. This event was put together by our wonderful 2018 Event Chair Sami S. ’16.

Strawberry’s were dipped, plates were set, and the banner was made by Darbi B, Kappa’s chef, prepared a delicious meal filling the air with a sweet aroma. Kappa Kappa Gamma’s Mother’s Brunch was held on April 13th, 2019 with our lovely Kappa mothers coming in from around the country. Emma J. ’17, the 2019 Event Chair, organized a wonderful time for the Gamma Omicron girls and their moms as the house was filled with love, laughter, and family bonding.
Kappas boot scoot and boogied in their cowboy boots at this year’s Barn Dance on November 3, 2018. Held at the University of Wyoming Union, Kappa girls and their dates danced the night away and showed off their special moves while doing some sister bonding. Hot dates, fancy dresses, and cute boots...what more could a girl ask for?

Lights, Camera, Action! Gamma Omicron’s Sapphire Formal was held on the red carpet of O’Dwyers on April 6, 2019, with a Hollywood theme. Showing off their good lookin’ dates and their gorgeous dresses, laughter filled the air as they showed off their best dance moves.
"My experience at Kappa Leadership Academy was amazing. I was able to spend time with sisters from all over and work on my personal leadership skills. I had never been to Ohio before and gained so much from this experience! One important lesson that I took away from the trip was how to lead from the heart. We discussed how passion is a key component in making a difference and that really hit home for me. I want to make a difference in my chapter and community and I believe that this will help me in the future."

- Katie K ’16

Kappa Leadership Convention

Our President Bayli B. ’16, Membership Chair Kate E. ’17, Education Chair Colleen C. ’17 and rep for VP Standards Jordan H. ’15, attended the Kappa Leadership Convention in Dallas February 15th-17th, 2019. Their favorite part was meeting other chapters and the women who run them. They learned it is important to know your Why and let it drive your actions.

Kappas on Panhellenic

Shelby B. ’16—VP of Standards

“Serving on Panhellenic again has allowed me to create so many wonderful connections. Being Vice President of Standards, I’ve learned a lot about rules and regulations and the conduct process and how important standards are in our community. It’s been wonderful working with a great team of diverse women & giving back to my Panhellenic community”

- Shelby B. ’16

Katie Kelley ‘16 —Panhellenic Secretary

"This semester, I served as the Panhellenic Secretary! I really enjoyed working with my fellow Panhellenic sisters and be apart of the FSL community. I have gained so many skills and loved my experience with them!"

- Katie K ’16

Congratulations to Madison D. ’18 on getting ASUW Liaison
We want to give a few special thank yous to the people who have given our chapter endless opportunities and helped us grow. First, we would like to thank our house director, Marilyn, for her support and the hard work she does for our chapter. We would also like to give a huge thank you to our head chef, Bashir, for keeping us college girls from eating ramen noodles all the time and for making us the best food we could ask for. Thank you to our cleaning staff that keeps the house looking like a princess castle. Thank you to our advisory & house board; our house would not function without you. Another thank you to our alumnae, who helps us build and support our chapter. And thank you to our parents, who support us as we grow from your little girls into amazing Kappa women. A giant thank you to Erik Kahl, the Fraternity & Sorority Life Coordinator and Panhellenic. Your support and work in the community is impacting our chapter and Greek life on campus, we could not be more grateful. Finally, thank you to Misty Ford, the Public Relations advisor, and Heidi Jo Cecchini, the Public Relations Specialist, Erin B., our Public Relations chairman and her committee who helped put together this newsletter!

THANK YOU!

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