HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

MAY 2022

SUMMER EDITION

FEEDBACK SURVEY FOR 2021-2022

The end of the term means we want to know how we did, what you think, and how we can improve for the next term. Definitely for next term, we should remove COVID so we can all get together - regardless, with this interesting year, we hope you still had fun. Survey open till June 30th - Google survey here.



STAYING CONNECTED: SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you follow HAA on Facebook, Instagram? Don't miss the fun being had in our groups. Here are the links, just click the icons: HAA uses Evites for invitations - download the app for details. Click on the icons to the right for a direct connection.















Welcome Executive Board of 2022 - 2023!



Courtney Scaggs
President
president@ztahouston.org



Heather WhitfieldPresident Elect



Angèle WolkVP 1, Programming - Day
daychair@ztahouston.org



Anissa AlvarezVP 2, Membership
membership@ztahouston.org



Allison PooreVP 3, Fundraising
fundraising@ztahouston.org



Rachel WarwickVP 4, Programming - Night
nightchair@ztahouston.org



Meg Voelkner VP 4, Programming - Night, Co-Chair



Marcy Cann Parliamentarian



Ashley HuttonTreasurer
treasurer@ztahouston.org



Renee SvitekCorresponding Secretary



Sydney FlintRecording Secretary



Carol Nutter Historian

Welcome Committee Chairs of 2022 - 2023!



Julie Chilton Alum-Collegiate Chair



Carol Petrusek
Caring Crowns
caringcrowns@ztahouston.org



Heather WhitfieldPanhellenic Delegate



Sherry St. AubinPanhellenic Alternate



Angèle Wolk
Collegiate Recruitment
Ambassador
reference@ztahouston.org



Ashton ArcherService
service@ztahouston.org



McQue Wilson
Social
social@ztahouston.org



Taryn HrycTechnology & Communications
newsletter@ztahouston.org



Lauren StrattonZiesTA
ziesta@ztahouston.org



Anissa AlvarezPublic Relations &
Social Media Coordinator



Renee SvitekLadies Dine Out Coordinator



Candy BourgeoisBook Club Coordinator
bookclub@ztahouston.org



Lauren StrattonSisters Who Sip Coordinator



Allison PooreSisters Who Sip Coordinator



Meghan JohnsonDiversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Chair



HAA UPDATES

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

OFFICER INSTALLMENT



Great evening had by all as we thanked Meghan Johnson for all she did as President, as well as the board and committees that served and welcomed the new President, Courtney Scaggs and board.



YOU GET AN EVITE! AND YOU GET AN EVITE!

During the summer months, all alumnae ZTAs in the Greater Houston area are invited to HAA's events to bond through the summer months and consider joining again when the term begins. Bring your ZTA friends that have been on the fence to show them what they have been missing!

THEMIS: FIVE OVER FIFTY

If your print copy hasn't arrived yet, you can check out the issue online for free. Go to the Themis section of the ZTA website, <u>linked here</u>. If you don't receive your copy, make sure your address is correct in Sisters Only and check the Preferences tab to verify the "Yes" bubble next to "Recieve Themis magazine" is selected. Don't forget to Save.

REST IN PEACE

Zeta Tau Alpha is a lifetime of sisterhood and our sisters will remain with us always. Please see the information below about our departed sisters. If someone was missed, please email HAA.

Marilyn Turner: Obituary

Molly Anderson Price: Obituary





RECRUITMENT 101

ZTA Legacy Policy & How to Submit the MIS

Collegiate Recruitment Ambassador, Angèle Wolk

In June 2021, ZTA announced a major change to our Legacy Policy. Collegiate Chapters will <u>no</u> longer give ZTA legacies preferential consideration during recruitment. Our Fraternity continues

to be committed to building a stronger, more inclusive sisterhood and this change provides for a more equitable recruitment experience for all PNMs. This change also allows collegians and PNMs to focus on the mutual selection process and gives chapters full accountability for the members they select.

Sharing ZTA membership is very special- and ZTA will always recognize this special bond between a legacy and her mother, grandmother, or sister. This is something many of us have dreamed of since our own initiation. Unfortunately, guaranteeing preferential treatment to legacies prohibits a chapter from fully considering all potential new members and may impede a chapter's ability to select members whose values are the best fit for their sisterhood. Although our policy has changed, legacy relationships continue to be very special to all of usas they should be.

Other issues behind this policy change were the high numbers of legacies going through recruitment and the crushing pressure felt by some legacies to pledge to ZTA. In 2019, at 58 of our Chapters, the number of PNM legacies equaled one-third or more of the PNMs allowed by Quota. In 18 of those Chapters, the number of legacy PNMs was greater than Quota. The pressure felt by legacies going through Recruitment often compromises the Mutual Selection Process. PNMs should feel unburdened to choose a Panhellenic Sisterhood where they might be the happiest and feel a stronger sense of belonging, rather than feeling obligated to choose based on a legacy connection.

At this time, almost all of our sister NPC organizations have modified or eliminated their own legacy policies. ZTA Alumnae may still attend their legacies' initiations, and mention this legacy relationship on the MIS- if they choose. If your daughter is going through Recruitment in the Fall, encourage her to have her own unique experience and to trust in the mutual selection process!

Many of you will be asked to submit an MIS in the next month. It is as easy as visiting zetataualpha.org, logging into "Sisters Only", clicking on "engage", selecting "MIS form", clicking on "Submit Online MIS", and clicking the + connect to "Create Reference For A Potential New Member". Expand each section to complete it fully. You can "Save" to complete later, or hit "Submit" to send your MIS to International Office and the collegiate chapter. It is that easy! Please reach out to me at (713) 249-1528 with any questions or concerns about our updated Legacy Policy or MIS Online Submission. Thank you for supporting ZTA's updated policies and the recruitment process!



Member Melanie Modica-Young (Delta Sigma, 1987) and her legacy, Peyton Young (Gamma Tau, 2020)

SAVVY SISTERS

During the summer months, all HAA events are open to ZTA's in the greater Houston area.



Senior Service

Happening: May 2nd at 7 PM, see Evite for details.

Be an example for the next group of sisters as they near graduation. Be present for our rituals then enjoy dinner with sisters!



Sisters Who Sip

Happening: May 4th at 6 PM, see Evite for details.

Happy Hour, sisters, and fun times - could you ask for anything else? Check out new bars and hot spots around Houston in this Crown Connection group.



HAPA Scholarship Luncheon

Happening: May 5th, HAPA website for details.

See Heather Whitfield for tickets and more information - the post on FB is found <u>here</u>.



Book Club

Happening: May 18th at 6:30 PM, see Evite for details.

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion as we dish on our latest read. Visit the website for all the books.



Ladies Dine Out

Happening: May 24th at 6:30 PM, see Evite for details.

Test your taste buds with this Crown Connection group as we venture to new and exciting spots around Houston and try the most amazing food and cocktails.



Think Pink Luncheon

Save the Date: October 14th at 11 AM

More details to come!