



SIGMA KAPPA

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**Theta Phi chapter, UTC
Spring 2015 Newsletter**

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From the VPAR

To our Amazing Alumnae,

The members of the Theta Phi chapter at UTC would like to thank, YOU, our hard working alumnae who put hours and hours of your spare time into making our chapter the best it can be. Without the dedication and love our alumnae share with us, we would not be the three star chapter that we are! This past spring semester was packed with lots of Sigma Kappa FUN! We enjoyed participating in Greek Show, and many philanthropy events around UTC's campus. We deeply appreciate your love for Theta Phi and are so blessed to have your support throughout the years!

LISK,
Marlee Robinson
Vice President of Alumnae Relations



What We Have Been Up To



This spring semester, we were lucky enough to recruit seven new women to join the Theta Phi chapter at UTC!



Our chapter competed in UTC's annual Greek Show this spring. This year our magical theme was "Genies". Our Greek Show chairs Victoria Womble and Lauren Beck worked so hard throughout the spring semester to bring a spectacular show to UTC. Sigma Kappa brought home 3rd place! Great job girls, thanks for everyone who came out to support!



Senior & Alumnae Activities

On April 12, 2015, the members of the Theta Phi chapter, UTC, hosted their annual Senior Tea at the Chattanooga in Chattanooga, TN. This tea was held in honor of our beautiful senior chapter members who were

able to invite their loved ones to celebrate accomplishments and memories from their Sigma Kappa journey with us! A presentation was given by Marlee Robinson, VPAR, and Kidman Puckett, President, honoring stole. We also say thank you to our chapter advisors Amy Moore, Tiffany Taylor Gregory, and Jennie Sumrell for your guidance and help assisting us with this wonderful event!



On April 17, 2015, the active members of the Theta Phi chapter, UTC, held the Order of the Triangle ceremony at The Well. We celebrated with 19 active chapter members as they took the next step into their journey as alumnae members of Sigma Kappa Sorority. We have been blessed to have them as a part of our sisterhood and send ALL of these women best of luck in all their future endeavors!! We look forward to

seeing and interacting with them at future collegiate/alumnae chapter events.



Following this ceremony, our newest alumnae members were invited to attend their first alumnae meeting with members of the Chattanooga Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC) on Thursday, April 30, 2015. Alumnae members gathered at the Southside

Social for fun, fellowship, and recognition of these new alumnae members. Although some of them may not remain in Chattanooga following graduation and may associate with alumnae chapters in their area of residence, they will always be welcomed as a part of the CAAC.

Initiation and Scholarship Banquet

On February 22, 2015, we held our annual Initiation and Scholarship Banquet at the Chattanooga in Chattanooga, TN. This banquet was attended by our new initiates, their parents, active chapter members, and many of our wonderful alumnae. We were so excited to have Mattye LaSuer Woodcock, a Theta Phi alumna and past National Officer, join us as our guest speaker. The purpose of this banquet was to recognize each of our new initiates and to give their parents an idea of what Sigma Kappa is all about and has to offer. Members were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. This was a great way for the parents to get to know who their daughters will be spending time with and to see first-hand just how much Sigma Kappa will impact their daughter's life.



Many awards were given out including all of the Scholarship, New Member, Chapter, and Alumna Awards. The following women from the chapter were recognized with awards for their leadership and dedication to Sigma Kappa: Taylor Lowe, Lexy Homes, Sarah James, Claire Elliot, Lauren Baggett, Madison Turner, Amber Dietz, Kat Brewer, Courtney Hobby, and Maddie Rich. The following alumnae were awarded for their outstanding devotion to the Theta Phi chapter, UTC: Danielle Wright and Chelsea Sadler. We were also honored to recognize the members of both the Advisory and Corporation Boards for just how much they do for our chapter. Thank you for your continuing hard work to make Theta Phi chapter of Sigma Kappa at UTC the best we can be. Everyone's hard work is greatly appreciated. We are so proud of our members and look forward to celebrating another year of success in 2015!



Living our Value of Service

The Theta Phi Chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) has successfully lived one of their core values of service over the past semester in a series of events that model service and leadership in the Chattanooga community. Members have participated in a variety of philanthropic activities in both the Chattanooga and UTC communities. Our Vice President of Philanthropic Service (VPPS), Kristen Martin, has worked diligently throughout the spring semester to ensure all members are well educated and informed about philanthropic events going on in the community. The chapter would like to recognize Kristen and all of her hard work this past semester. Keep up the good work!

In March 2015, we raised \$230 by collaborating and creating a fun event with a local restaurant, Jefferson's, near campus! With help from the UTC and Greek communities, we were able to raise money for our philanthropies which helped us get closer to reaching our goals for this year! A big thank you to our public relations committee and Megan Lyness, VPPS chapter advisor, for helping Kristen put on a super fun event for our sisters and community to engage in!



Award Recognitions

The members of the Theta Phi Chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority at UTC were awarded with a 3 Stars of Excellence for the second year in a row during the spring semester!! One of the chapter accomplishments we were recognized for included holding over twelve development workshops that encompassed great programming and guest speakers! Standards of Excellence (SOE) are used by the collegiate chapter in order work towards achieving the highest level of achievement in academic performance, leadership development, skill development, and a variety of other aspects. The criteria that make up the SOE program are in combination with Sigma Kappa's values in four areas that include personal growth, friendship, service, and loyalty.

The chapter then went on to receive the Founders Award, which is given to a chapter with a 3 star rating, who has been recognized through other Sigma Kappa awards/achievements, and who has honored Sigma Kappa's ritual to the highest. Out of all the Sigma Kappa collegiate chapters all over the nation, the members of Theta Phi Chapter, UTC, received this high honor of chapter of the year!! We were so honored to accept this award and know that our accomplishments over this past year would not have been possible without the help of our awesome alumnae and chapter members. They truly are the heart and soul of the sorority that strive to make our chapter the best it can be every day!

Additional awards the chapter received include the following: Louise Helen Coburn award for excellence in alumnae programming throughout the 2014 year and Honorable Mention for Outstanding Public Relations & Programming award for ongoing programs. Along with national achievements, the Theta Phi Chapter, UTC, was also recognized at the SGA banquet hosted by UTC, for outstanding academic improvement!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 16th- Alzheimer's Association Southeast TN Inaugural Blondes vs. Brunettes football game at 3:00pm

Wednesday, May 20th- Chattanooga Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC) gathering at Chattanooga Lookouts game at 7:15pm

Be watching for more information on the CAAC Facebook group page for upcoming events
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/225042160900762/>

Thursday, July 24th- Beginning of Summer Recruitment Retreat: retreat will last until Sunday, July 27th

Thursday, August 13th- First Day of Fall Recruitment 2015!!

Sunday, August 16th- Bid Day 2015!!

Monday, October 26th through Saturday, October 31st- UTC Homecoming Week

Saturday, October 31st- Homecoming/Tailgating Event. Be watching for more details to come!!