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Recruitment / Fall Semester

We had an exciting start to our 2016-2017 school year!! We kicked off with our Summer Retreat where we spent time as a chapter participating in various sisterhood activities with our sisters as well as learning about the upcoming events of Recruitment for our chapter. This energized and prepared us for an amazing recruitment.

Bid Day was the first time our newest members had a chance to interact with initiated chapter members of Theta Phi, UTC, outside of recruitment. Our Vice President of New Membership Education, Julie Schifani, along with her committee planned and executed an amazing celebration. We were so excited to "draft" 53 new members at our NFL themed bid day. We were able to welcome the new members with games, lunch, and their first experience of sisterhood bonding. Then after all the excitement of the day's events, they were able to enjoy some one-on-one time with a chapter member who was their designated bid day buddy.

Since Bid Day, the new members have gotten settled in and started with their weekly new

member meetings. Each week they learn a new chapter from the Promise book and have the opportunity to grow deeper in love with Sigma Kappa. Initiated members are also able to attend to support the new members and many are on new member committee who help guide the girls along with our awesome New Member Educator. We have had so much fun getting to know our newest members so far this semester. They are the most rewarding part of our sisterhood and we get to pass on our love for our chapter and watch them grow as young women.



Parent's Day Brunch

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga held their annual Fall Family Weekend on campus on September 9-10, 2016. In addition to these activities, the chapter members of Theta Phi, UTC, held a brunch on Sunday, September 11, 2016 for parents of Sigma Kappa members. This was a nice event planned by our VP of Alumnae Relations, Kenzie Ailey. It was a great opportunity for chapter members to give a short presentation about the chapter and accomplishments while everyone enjoyed eating brunch. And then afterwards they had the opportunity to mingle with parents about upcoming chapter events and answer questions. We think it's very important to involve our parents in the activities we participate in and for the extra support they provide to our chapter members.



Walk to End Alzheimer's

September 17th was the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's that we as a chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority are so proud to participate in. This year we set a goal of raising \$10,000 and were able to exceed our goal in raising funds for Alzheimer's research. We are so thankful to all of the support and those who made donations.

Each one of us were honored to have the opportunity to walk with our community to support this amazing cause. On the day of the walk, chapter members volunteered by helping run booths and other activities during the event, getting walkers checked in, and walking in the event itself. We had over 80% of our chapter volunteering and participating in this effort to raise money to end Alzheimer's. We were happy to see all the smiling faces of families who are affected by this disease and how they continue to support this wonderful cause. Alzheimer's holds a special place in our hearts and through participation in this walk we are able to do our part and work to end Alzheimer's. We look forward to continuing to work with the Southeast TN Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in the future!!

What does sisterhood mean?



- The foundation of a sorority.
- Unity and friendship among women.
- A deep bond based on eternal love and respect.
- Solidarity and support for a lifetime.



Award Recognitions

The members of the Theta Phi Chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority at UTC were awarded with a 3 Stars of Excellence over the summer at the Sigma Kappa National Convention!! Standards of Excellence (SOE) are used by the collegiate chapter in order to 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!! This was the second year in a row to receive this award. 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!



Upcoming Events

- October 3rd-8th - Homecoming Week
- Saturday, October 8th – 1:00 pm Tailgating @ UTC Homecoming game
- Saturday, October 8th – 8:00 pm Theta Phi Chapter, UTC, 25th Reunion Gala at Hunter Art Museum (alumnae by RSVP only)
- Sunday, October 9th – 11:00 am Reunion Brunch at Doubletree with alumnae and collegiate chapters
- Saturday, October 29th -Initiation
- Thursday, November 3rd - Moc Wreck
- Wednesday, November 9th - Founder's Day
- Friday, November 18th - Alumnae/Collegiate Holiday Party
- Sunday, November 20th - Order of the Triangle Ceremony



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