



The Arête

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UPCOMING EVENTS

National Leadership Conference
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LAMB LOVE

Love is in the air and the stork has dropped several bundles of joy amongst the sisterhood. Here is a glimpse into that love.

From Alpha; marriages include: Kelsey Mathis, Emily Lucas, Lauren DeKlotz, and Lauren Ong. Bryanna Vaughn is engaged to Dustin Brossman.

From Delta; marriages include: Ginny Veverka and Dana Clark. Esther Shokair gave birth to her first son Benjamin. Lauren Ellis gave birth to her third child and first daughter Eden, and Rachellee Baez gave birth to her second child, Adam.

From Sigma; marriages include: Stephanie Nguyen and Sarah Nuttal. Rebecca Guertin gave birth to son David, Lauren Burkhart Mosher gave birth to son Ezekiel, Ashleigh Royalty Range gave birth to son David, Krystalyn Gorski Stove gave birth to daughter Amelia, Annette Daly Harvey gave birth to son Jude, and Melissa Jen DiFrancesco gave birth to son Ben.

ADX WELCOMES SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY TO THE SISTERHOOD

It just so happens that the San Francisco 49ers built a brand new stadium in Santa Clara that opens to play this season. However, we are far more excited about the new network of sisters God is building at Santa Clara University.



The Alpha Beta chapter will present their first pledge class, September 27th. All actives are welcome to attend the ceremony if interested. The ceremony will be held at a location near the university. The following girls will be presented into pledgedhood, Madison Givens, Annie Song, Clarissa Lee, Maria Magdalena Quiroz Hernandez, Maria Bateman, and Abby Hazlett. This is an exciting opportunity to be in prayer for the future of this great sorority we call ours. I am sure you all remember that pledging wasn't a walk in the park either so these girls will be challenged, but God has placed them at Santa Clara University to bring life to a sisterhood the college has never seen.

We wish you the best of luck in your pledge process. Always remember a sister helps, trusts, and loves.

If any actives or alumni have questions about attending the presents ceremony or how they can get involved at or support this new chapter, please email our new chapter liaison at chapters@alphadeltachi.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sisters of the Alpha Chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles recently lost one of their own to Cystic Fibrosis. Recent graduate and alumna, Rachel Khattar, wrote this moving article about their dear sister, Jessica Fredrick.

"Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders. Let me walk upon the waters, wherever you would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger. In the presence of my Savior. Our sister JFred did not just say this but lived this to the point even those who didn't get the blessing of knowing her as well as some, were affected by the ripple of her Christ-chasing life. That ripple continues even though she is now at the greatest distance, praising God from heaven's dance floor.

It is not about the amount of people that Jess shone Christ's love to, but the depth. Though the numbers of people are countless, she was truly a mirror of the joy Christ gives His children, to the point where people asked why. She inspired and continues to inspire me to love recklessly. Not just God, the giver of all blessings, but the lost, the broken. Jess loved God so recklessly, that she carried her earthly burdens with pride and a joy that only deepened with every step.

All our sisters noticed that when we complained about walking to meeting in our heels or meeting going over long, Jess never complained about her cystic fibrosis. Something she didn't earn or deserve, that affected her daily life, something she carried with pride, almost like a badge of honor. Every breath for her was walking on water, everyday her faith was made stronger, all this in the presence of our savior. It didn't make sense to me, and then I realized that her joy was from a place that her feet could not wander on their own. Because of her trust in Christ, the spirit was leading her to where there are no borders. God allows these challenges we can't handle on our own, because He wants us to cling to Him for help.

At the beautiful celebration of her life, her sister shared that Jess saw CF as the cross that God allowed her to carry and that He in turn took on infinitely more in her place. It really was a badge, a daily reminder of Christ's forgiveness; not just for her, but for everyone she shared her God-given joy with. Though the distance makes it difficult to remain focused on the fact that, "to die was to gain and to live was Christ". For Jess, as she gained, she continues to ripple Christ through everyone that is blessed through her intentional, inspiring, and Christ-centered life.

I could not help but ask God why her and not me. The answer is simple: she ran her race, she finished strong, so she has been welcomed home as a good and faithful servant. Our race is not over, we have yet to cross the finish line, our purpose here has not been satisfied. To live is Christ, so let us do just that. Wear your badge, know that you are blessed, and love recklessly. In true JFred fashion, stay salty my sweets."



NATIONAL BOARD IN A NUTSHELL

Have you ever wondered who exactly are the ladies running this fine establishment we call our beloved sorority? Yeah, me too. Well, here is the low down on our National Board Executives.



Casey "Schroeder" Chan, your NB President has been serving on NB since 2002. She hails from the Delta chapter and her favorite memory of ADX is living in the ADX house, pranking AGO, gaining her 3 little sisters and now serving on National Board. BUT her favorite ADX memory was having 5 of her ADX sisters in her wedding as bridesmaids. She loves that the friendships that we have all made sustain and grow as we get married, have kids and live "life" together after graduation.



Carrie "Scooby Doo" Moore, your NB Treasurer has been serving on NB since 2004. She hails from Theta and her favorite memory of ADX isn't just one memory, but the friendships I have created that have literally spanned the world. Having met sisters on a new chapter and then reuniting with them in another country and having a bond that only the Lord could bind.

Linda "Zucchini" Campbell, your NB Advisor and Co-Treasurer has been serving on NB since Fall of 1979. She hails from Zeta and her favorite memory of ADX is being a part of the founding of Theta Chapter and initiating the chapter with our Founder Marion Madden in 1989. It was a beautiful day in our National Board history.

Nicole "English Toffee" Darnell, your NB Secretary has been serving on NB since 2012. She hails from Sigma and her favorite memory of ADX is the late nights shared hanging around the Sigma kitchen table. Whether we were painting homecoming banners, study grouping, sharing meals or tears, that table represented women of varying backgrounds and denominations coming together to share life: the good, the bad and the ugly. Specifically, we had a History of the Church small group that met there my Junior Active semester that really solidified my love of this sisterhood.



Susan "Obi-Wan" Potter, your NB Chapter Advisor Liaison has been serving on NB since Fall of 2000. She hails from Delta and her favorite memory of ADX is when she walked up to the ADX info table, never having heard of a Christian sorority before, and asked "What does a Christian sorority do?" One of the current actives, who happened to be Casey, the current NB President, said to her, "We don't drink!" She found it hilarious because at first she thought, "Gosh, do I look like someone who drinks?" She, of course, pledged that semester and ADX has been a HUGE blessing in her life and she loves how it continues to bless other Christian women.



Elisa "Morning Glory" Morris, your NB New Chapter Liaison has been serving on NB since 1993. She hails from Zeta and she has a lot of memories, her time in ADX has spanned for 28 years. She holds dear some very special friends she made during her time in ADX that she is blessed to still call friends, she is proud of the fact that ADX still stands alive and growing by God's grace and women's resolve to stand on the truth of the Bible. She was honored and blessed to have met, and known one of our original founders.



Stephanie "Sopapilla" Andersen, your NB Communications Chair has been serving on NB since Spring of 2010. She hails from Sigma and her favorite memory of ADX are the late nights spent around the kitchen table at their house talking about anything and everything.



Holli "Almond Joy" Greene, your NB Alumni Relations Chair and hails from Sigma.



Nicole "Beaker" Schard, your NB Convention Chair has been serving on NB since 2008. She hails from Delta and her favorite memory of ADX is pranking AGO, retreats, conventions and now spending time with my ADX sisters as "grown ups."

Rachel "Catamaran" Johnson, your NB Courtesy Chair has been serving on NB since 2006. She hails from Rho and her favorite memory of ADX is the evening I became an ADX member. I remember the candles and saying my pledge and promises to Elisa and other NB that were there. How important these words were to me, but also to those who said them before me, those who would say it after me, my follow new sisters, the new Chapter at UC, but most importantly to God. This was a life changing moment for me. I was becoming a mature follower in Christ with this new responsibility and how it was such a blessing God lead ADX into my life at that time.

Stay tuned because in the next newsletter we will be getting to know our illustrious chapter advisors and co-advisors!

THETA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

This last semester Theta alumni gathered actives at Fresno State University to celebrate their 25th anniversary. The active body hosted a luncheon at the Northeast Assembly of God. Around twenty alumni attended the afternoon event. Linda Campbell served as the guest speaker for the celebration.

Theta has six amazing actives going into this next season of recruitment coming up August 16th through September 5th. They are hoping to smash a grand slam with a baseball themed rush appropriately nicknamed "In a League of Our Own." Let's all keep these girls in mind as they are drafting their prospects to take their chapter forward into the next 25 years.



Girls from the Theta Chapter pictured above.

A SOLEMN EVENT LEADS TO AN EPIC SHOWDOWN AT THE BEACH

This past semester the sisters of the Epsilon Chapter at the University of Southern California created the Excalibur ADX/AGO Beach Volleyball Tournament. This event not only fosters brother and sisterhood but primarily serves to honor their sister Jennie Yang who passed away this last year. Furthermore, they used this tournament to raise funds for the Li Fraumeni Syndrome Association. They are so thankful for all the support they received from the chapters at this event.



Pictures: Left-Jennie Yang; Right-Epsilon Girls; Bottom-ADX and AGO at Excalibur Tournament

COMPASSION ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Our girls are serving on missions in all corners of the world and our chapters are reining it in at home. Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, India, Japan, Guatemala, and Cambodia are just a few of the countries girls from Alpha, Delta and Sigma have been called to serve on missions trips. Priscilla Limcaco from Alpha has been given the privilege to lead the South East Asian Ministry for the Intervarsity Bruin Christian Fellowship. Back here in the states chapters are reaching out to their communities in incredible ways. The sisters at Theta are serving kids and teens in impoverished areas of Fresno with after school programs at Dakota House. Last semester, Epsilon taught several workshops from dancing to crafts to music as a part of an after school program at Harambee Ministries. This semester they will be hosting their Java Jive, a dance party and date auction where they will be raffling off prizes to raise money to support a local after school literacy program at Adventures Ahead. Finally, the gals at Chi will be making dinner for families at The Ronald McDonald House on the 20th of this month.

THE FUTURE OF THE ARÊTE

If your chapter is up to some amazing things and would like to be featured in the next edition of The Arête please feel free to email us! In the next edition, we are hoping to include more on service projects and a devotional section written by a chapter's devotional chair inspired by what God is teaching you at that time. If you would like to be the first chapter to pen a devo. for The Arête, please let us know! We are honored to be bringing back this newsletter to you all and we would love to make it everything you all would like it to be. If any of you have comments, questions, concerns, ideas, anything, please feel free to email The Arête editor at sarahleahy92d@gmail.com.