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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17th - 18th
Epsilon Excalibur Volleyball
Tournament
Register and find information [here](#)

February 19th - 20th, 2016
2016 National Convention
Denver, CO

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.

BETA

Engagements
Laura "Mango Tango" Wong
Liz "Wild Blue Yonder" Eid to
Rodney Owen
Ashley "Celestial Valentine" Sia to
Jonathan Ailes

SIGMA

Engagements
Leigh Anne "Poblano" Tuck
Births
Adrianne "Macaroon" and James
Oguntebi welcomed baby Sarah
Alayo Oguntebi
Adoptions
Lindsey "Romano" and Brian Fox
adopted baby Jeremiah Jayden
Fox

Engaged, married, have new born, adopted, or lavaliered? We would love to feature your announcement. Please email us at info@alphadeltachi.org or submit your announcement [here](#) with your info!

ADX LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Over the weekend of February 20th - 22nd leaders from each of the active chapters and members of national board gathered outside of San Diego, CA for the 2015 Alpha Delta Chi Leadership Conference.

Activities and focused on building the bonds of sisterhood through worship and prayer. Talks were given on how to be a leader within ADX in both big and small chapters and breakout sessions were held on current hot topics such as the thirteen membership requirements, social media, and how to grow as a sisters. Each chapter also had an opportunity to give a report on their chapter status and activities.

It was announced that Alpha Delta Chi National Convention 2016 will take place outside of Denver, Colorado and will be hosted by the Omega chapter. Finally, Casey Chan, the current national board president announced that she will be stepping down at the end of the school year, in May. Susan Potter, our current advisor liaison, will be the new national board president, effective May 31st.



MEET THE NEW NATIONAL BOARD PRESIDENT

One of the biggest announcements to come out of Alpha Delta Chi Leadership Conference 2015 is that, effective in May, Alpha Delta Chi will have a new national board president!

Susan "Obi-Wan Kenobi" Potter will be leading us on a national level and we wanted to get to know her a little better. Susan pledged with the Delta chapter at San Diego State University and has been serving in various roles on national board since the fall of 2000.

We sat down and got to know a little more about our new president-elect.



Tell us a little about your experience with Alpha Delta Chi?

It was, and continues to be, a HUGE blessing to me. I wasn't a strong Christian when I joined but it helped me grow and develop a better walk with my Lord.

What is the biggest lesson you learned as a sister?

A couple big lessons...always go with that inner voice, whether it's voting in a potential new member, new pledge, etc. or making tough choices about life in general.

What is your favorite tradition or memory?

Favorite memory...chalking AGO as a pledge and being super sneaky...then doing "ghetto booty dance" in the parking lot with my pledge sisters once we accomplished that mission!!!

Where do you live?

I live in Encinitas, CA, about 30 minutes north of the SDSU Delta Chapter.

Tell us a bit about your family?

I have been married for almost 16 years, have 3 kids - Luke 11, Mary 9, Noah 6. They are a ton of fun and keep me super busy. My husband knows all about my life in ADX and fully supports me!

What are you most excited about as our new National Board President?

Seeing God move mightily in ways that haven't been seen before! Also, being able to help chapters get back to the basics of what the original founders desired and to maintain quality actives, not just about quantity. Finally, having the love of Christ flow through every chapter and beyond!

How do you see Alpha Delta Chi growing nationally in the near future?

That will be up to God and how we function as a body together. It will take His hand guiding us every step of the way and giving us discernment where new chapters should and could be started. I would rather see current chapters become more on fire for God then just to add more chapters to our organization because then we would have a solid foundation for God to work with and that will make it more fruitful and beneficial for ADX to add new chapters.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Once a quarter we'll put a spotlight on one of our sisters serving in the mission field. Have someone in mind or want to share your own work? Send us a name at info@alphadeltachi.org.

Paulina "A Melody Beyond the Sea" Ngai is a sister from the Alpha chapter at UCLA and served 6 weeks in Bangkok, Thailand with the [InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Global Urban Trek \(GUT\)](#).



Where did you live? What do you do there?

I lived in with the urban poor for 6-weeks in a church in a city called Phra Samut



Chedi, a city on the border of Bangkok, Thailand. While I was there, I participated in pastoral help, helping teach the kids English and bible stories, playing with the kids, and learning more about the language, culture, and what God was doing there.

What did God teach you?

Wow, God taught me so much, I'd need a novel to say it all! I think one of the big things that God taught me was how to really appreciate the gifts and talents He has given me. While I was in Thailand, I struggled a lot with self-identity. All of my teammates were Asian, the people I was with were Asian, and here I was, the half-Asian, half-White girl who was culturally very white. I didn't pick up the culture as fast. I didn't get it. I started to wonder why God made me the way I am and started to wonder if I would be able to glorify Him given my "gifts".

Towards the end of the trip though, my leader, Janna, began to talk about the Parable of the Talents. She highlighted how the Master had given each servant talents according to their own ability and that, when the third servant did nothing with his talents, the Master was not upset because of the servant's lack of ability, but was upset because the Master had given him talents and the servant did nothing. I feel like this Parable and Janna's talk made me realize that it does not matter so much about what God gave me, but about what I would do with what I have been given. Will I deem what He has given me as worthless? Will I compare my talents to other people's talents? All of this has made me edit my question, from "God, why did You make me the way You made me?" to "God, what are the talents I have been given and how can I use them?" It's still a work in process to answer that question, but it's taught me a lot on how to really glorify Him well.



How did being in ADX help you in your work then and now?

I think being in ADX helped me learn how to get along with Christians who are different from me. While I was overseas, I had to learn how to work with Christians that had different interpretations on how to best do ministry. I had to learn how to work with these differences, prioritizing God's glory over what I thought was the best way to do things. I think that ADX has helped me learn how to do this, being in a sorority with so much racial, spiritual background, and fellowship diversity. I've learned how to compromise, laying down my own pride.

What is your favorite ADX tradition and/or memory?

USC & UCLA's AGO/ADX had a four-way "thrift shop" mixer. It was one of the best days of my life, and I had so much fun dancing my butt off and getting to know people from other chapters. It was awesome!

THE ADX NATIONAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

A group of dedicated alumnae are currently working to form a national alumnae association that will work to provide continued spiritual and social community to sisters once they have graduated. Alumni chapters will be focused based on geography with the first planned chapters starting in major US cities. The ADX NAA will also work to provide a space for donations to chapters and sisters to promote the spiritual, social, and scholastic pillars of the sisterhood. If you're interested in assisting with the start of the NAA please reach out to us at info@alphadeltatchi.org or if you would simply like to stay updated on the progress please register your email in our [alumni database](#).

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