

# SIGMA DELTA TAU

Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
Bradley University



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## A Year in Review

*Saying goodbye to 2013, and Hello to 2014.*



Alyssa Roehrig and Dee Moore wearing matching Bradley Christmas Sweaters.

As this first academic semester comes to a close, the Ladies of Sigma Delta Tau would like to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday and a Wonderful New Year. If you are looking to see what action our semester was filled with, feel free to look through this newsletter. Additionally, some fun filled and exciting upcoming events will be listed.

Looking for some other interesting stuff that

happened, go to our website listed at the end of the newsletter or stay tuned. Make sure to read everything to make sure you see all that we've accomplished in just one semester!

While not everything could be featured in this newsletter, we tried to include as much of the excitement that our packed year included. The Chapter would like to remember and celebrate all of the accomplishments of the past year as well as look forward to all the events still yet to come.

## Alpha Upsilon: Volunteers of the Year

A Volunteer is defined as a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or task. Our chapter was proud and honored to accept the "Volunteer of the Year" Award presented by TCRC (Tazewell County Resources Center). Our sisters' ability to strive for excellence in a variety of areas was celebrated with this award. Particularly, TCRC focuses on serving those with special needs. The Ladies of Sigma Delta Tau are happy to help and devote our time and energy to such a deserving cause. Thank You.



## Welcoming the Pledge Class of Fall 2013!

We are happy to welcome our 14 new members to the chapter. Bid day began with an enthusiastic welcome as well as a 90's hip-hop themed celebration. As planned by new-member educator, Sarah Rossi, the celebration was followed by pizza, cake (yum!), and sisterly bonding long into the night.

The new members were given their Pearls as well as a rockin' bid day styled t-shirt and the additional favor of a neon fanny pack. After an exhausting final day of recruitment, the day ended happily as these Ladies found their hearts drawn to our chapter. Welcome Home!



The Oh So Wonderful Pledge Class of Fall 2013 posing with bid day letters.

## Pre-Recruitment Excitement

As usual, the year officially began with the Welcome Week of Bradley University. The ladies formally met the new Freshmen on move in day, where we helped carry items to



Marea Tennet, Emily Bradley, and Rachel Caldwell helping a new freshman move in.

dorm rooms. Our Ladies worked all the dorms including University, Wyckoff, Harper, Geisert, and Williams Hall.

Additionally, all members were present at the exciting Fraternity and Sorority Block Party that week. Held on Fredonia, the street was filled with fun and exciting activities for all students. As years in the past, Sig Delts distributed free cotton candy.



Jackie Maish and Dee More making cotton candy.

## Empowering Women

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, our chapter was proud to welcome Abbey Curian to speak to Bradley University. We invited Abbey to speak to promote our motto of empowering women.

Abbey previously competed in the Miss USA pageant in 2008 while being disabled with Cerebral Palsy. Abbey has since become the chairman of her own non-profit pageant for girls with special needs and challenges as well as inspired the many women of Sigma Delta Tau and Bradley University. We would like to thank Abbey for her time and lovely words of inspiration.



The lovely ladies of Sigma Delta Tau are proud to present Abbey Curian to speak at Bradley University.



# Philanthropy: More Than Just A Requirement.

Philanthropy directly means “love of humanity,” but for the Ladies of Sigma Delta Tau it means so much more. We not only dedicate our precious time to our designated philanthropies but also encourage and promote going above and beyond.

We began our year by participating in the annual shack-a-thon. Partnering up with Delta Tau Delta, a marvelous work of architecture was assembled even featuring a fully functional mailbox. Pictured right are the brave members that volunteered to sleep in the shack with fellow Delts.



Jessica Bjuström and Kristi Lytle slept in the shack.



The winning dress, model, and designer.

Up next, our sisters participated in the Salvation Army Fashion Show. The challenge: create a dress using non-clothing items. Rocking a fashionable dress made of paper plates and plastic straws, Jenny Falzone walked the runway three times. Our chapter took home the second place award that night all thanks to the talented designer Dhara Patel.

Our chapter decided to switch it up this year. Instead of the usually Sig-Delt Dude week followed by the usual



Jessica Bjuström smashing a pumpkin at the Fall semester event.



Congratulations to the winner of the Sig Delt's Treat, Sigma Nu.

Sig Delt Dude Pageant, our chapter decided to hold multiple fundraising events and a pageant Fall semester, while holding a larger awareness event Spring semester.

Our main event was named “Pumpkins for PCAA.” Thanks to the gracious donations of pumpkins courtesy of Tanner’s Orchard, participants were able to smash pumpkins out on Olin quad.

To end the semester, our chapter held a new version of the usual Sig Delt Dude Pageant called Sig Delt’s Treat. With over seven fraternities competing, the decision was difficult. Various talents were featured including drawing, origami, and singing. In the end, the winner was the brave participant from Sigma Nu.

## The Nights that Turned into Mornings with Friends that Turned into Family.



This fall semester, the Sig Delts were excited to have Formal 2013. Coordinated by Social Chair, Dee Moore, the event was one not to miss. With both current members and alumnae attesting to the festivities' fun that led long into the night.

The night began as the buses picked up guests at the SDT house chauffeuring to the final location: Eastport. With spectacular views of the Peoria Riverfront, guests were not only invited to dance the night away inside but explore the sight of downtown Peoria from the deck.

One of the main features of the event was the exciting photo booth, which included a large variety of props from glasses to signs. Pictured to the left are just a few of the many photos freely provided from the laughter-filled night.



## "Torched": Date Party 2013

The Date Party event featured for the fall semester was "Torched." Held at a Peoria park, the night included a bonfire as well as warm hot chocolate and s'mores for the cold October night. Both new members and actives celebrated this exciting event to kick off the semester's fall events. Additionally members sported the date party favors of themed quarter zips and t-shirts.



Some Ladies enjoying the bonfire and s'mores.



## A New Year: A New Face

### We are Proud to Present the Executive Board of 2014



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### Congratulations to the New Member of Cabinet!

Our chapter would like to extend congratulations to the new members of cabinet. The new chairs are listed below:

Sisterhood: Nora Cook. Alumni: Alexis Lucas and Allison Rutt. Activities: Alyssa Roehrig and Katie McDermott. House Manager: Morgan Kunze. PR/Webmaster: Laura Vecchetti. Ritualist: Ellen Silver. Dance Chair: Jackie Maish. T-shirt committee: Dhara Patel, Sarah Rossi, and Jenny Falzone. Panhellenic Delegate: Jocelyn Treadway.

## Who are We? : Meet Your New Alumnae Chairs



Hello Lovely Alumnae,

My name is Alexis Lucas and I am your new Alumni Co-chair for the ensuing year. A little information about me is that I am a first year Accounting Major from Columbus, Ohio. I love Scooby Doo, tennis, The Ohio State Buckeyes, scary movies, bowling, and karaoke. I am so excited for 2014 and absolutely cannot wait to get to know all of you better!

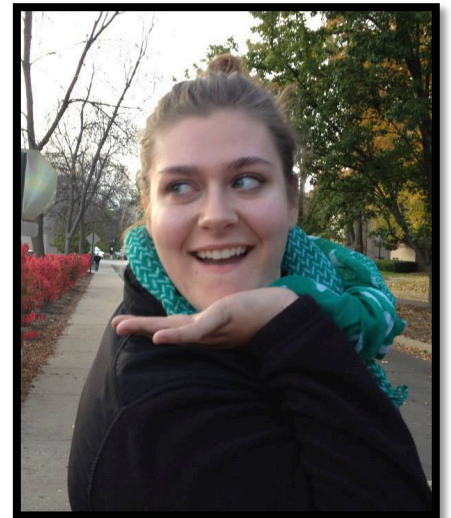
Love and Sigma,  
Alexis Lucas

Hello...

I think I've seen you here before. Come around here often? Just kidding. So I'm Allison Rutt. I'm a Sophomore Mechanical Engineering student. All that means is that I spend most of my time sleeping on my calculus book. I also work at Charming Charlie and I am known to rock the infinity scarf almost every day.

When I'm not creating you guys awesome newsletters, I enjoy catching up on Doctor Who (cause bowties are awesome) and finding hilarious YouTube videos.

I hope you are ready for 2014 cause we are gonna crush it!



New members as well as actives enjoying the sunny fall day at Tanner's Orchard.

## Kicking It Off Right at Tanner's Orchard

Pumpkins, apples, and a day of sun. What more could a Sig Delt ask for? Our ladies trekked all the way out to Tanner's Orchard for the annual fall sisterhood event. While for some the main attraction was the warm apple cider donuts, the best part of the day was the life-long memories made with both new members as well as current actives.

Sadly, the day slowly came to a close; the girls as well as the precisely picked pumpkins were packed back up into the cars and returned back to Bradley University. While this event is held annually, the fun seems to grow with each passing year.

## A Flash from the Past



This picture from 1979 shows the Ladies of our Chapter doing our cheer. Notice that the current house address is seen in the background. 1510 Fredonia was grooving in the 70's.



Some "Ghetto" escorts at the Sig Delt Dude pageant. Circa 2004.

Just last year our chapter, Alpha Upsilon, celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We would like to commemorate all those memories as well as the news ones made today. By featuring some of those moments here we hope to remember where our chapter has been as well as where we are going.

Looking to contribute a photo? Send us on at the contact information listed below.



Some very new alumnae during an interesting freshman year.



Pictured left, a few sisters at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Rocking the classic and times 80's chic style. Picture contributed by Wendy Weis-Gatewood.

## Contact Us!

See something interesting or was something missing? Tell Us. If you want to send us your favorite picture or story from your time at SDT email us! Also, if anything has changed (like your email address), we don't want you to miss a single newsletter, event, or invitation. Our information is listed down below. Last but not least, feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you know. Thank you!

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Also, we have a facebook page! If you are interested in joining the group here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BUSDTalumni/> .

If you get a chance, visit our official homepage where upcoming events will be listed,(you can even click to it directly from this PDF!):

<http://lydia.bradley.edu/campusorg/sdt/SDT/Home.html>