Dear Parents,

As another year at MIT kicks off, we would like to welcome you to the Parents’ newsletter for the Theta Omicron chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. Alpha Chi has been a home away from home for us, and we hope to share some of our experiences with you, our parents!

In the past year, Alpha Chi has been privy to some truly amazing events—just this fall we were presented with the National Trophy/Chapter of the Year Award (see page 2 for more details). We hope that as you read through this newsletter that you are able to get some insight into what Alpha Chi Omega means to all of our sisters.

Sincerely,

Minh Huynh-Le and Alex Wright
2009 Parents’ Chairs

Welcome, Parents!

Message from the Chapter President

Hi All,

I’m Margaret Leibovic, 2009 Chapter President, and I’m excited to start another semester as the leader of our chapter, especially since our chapter was recently honored with the National Council Trophy, an annual award that recognizes the best Alpha Chi chapter in the nation! We recently finished an excellent formal recruitment, with 39 awesome young women accepting bids, and I’m excited to get to know all our new members over the coming year. This semester I am also looking forward to our many annual events, including Domestic Violence Awareness Week, Sophomore Semi-Formal (named such because a team of sophomores is in charge of planning it), and Fondue, an open-house event for the entire MIT community at which we serve chocolate fondue (MIT President Susan Hockfield has even attended in past years!).

For those of you who would like to know me a little better, I’m a senior in Course 6-3 (Computer Science and Engineering), I worked on the Firefox Team at Mozilla this past summer, and I’m one of the captains of MIT’s Varsity Track and Field Team. I love Alpha Chi Omega, and I’m working to ensure that the same is true for the rest of our members. Feel free to contact me (leibovic@mit.edu) if you have any questions or concerns about your daughter’s experiences with Alpha Chi, or you can talk to me in person (and meet my parents!) if you attend our Family Weekend Brunch on Sunday, October 18.

Sincerely,

Margaret
Congratulations to MIT AXO!

Our chapter, Theta Omicron, is the 2009 winner of the National Council Trophy/Chapter of the Year Award!

During our pre-recruitment week (Bond Week), the National Alpha Chi President, Marsha King Grady, visited our chapter house and presented us with the award that best represents the ideals and values of Alpha Chi Omega. We are extremely honored to have won this award, and it is all due to the friendships and bonds that we have made as Alpha Chi Omegas.

Well done, sisters!
Another Successful Recruitment!

After another successful recruitment we were pleased to welcome 37 new members into our chapter. A photo of the fall 2009 pledge class is below, and their names are at the right. Welcome, Alpha Chi babies!

We could not have had such a great recruitment without the devotion and hard work of the following people:

Katie Thomas, our VP Recruitment
Emily Houston, Assistant VP Recruitment
Amy Jacobi, CRIC
All the party chairs who planned each round of recruitment

Fall 2009 New Members:
VANESSA BOWENS
SASCHA BURTON
KUAN CHENG
ANNA CHRISTENSEN
SARA COMIS
NIKITA CONSUL
MARGARET CUNNIIFF
LIA DIGIOVANNA
MICHELLE DION
NIFER FASMAN
STEPH GREENE
ELISE HENS
CHARLOTTE HERHOLD
MONICA ISAVA
BECCA JACKSON
CAT JOHNSON
CHRISTINE LAI
VIVIAN LEE
SHEILA LEE
LAUREN LO
VICTORIA LU
MARCELINE NASHIEF
AMANDA OLENDER
ELIZABETH PHILLIPS
AUDRA PODANY
JULIA PRICE
JILLIAN REDDY
MARCELA RODRIGUEZ
SARAH SCODEL
POOJA SHAH
LIZ SIMON
SARAH SPRAGUE
JULIA TITARELLI
LILY TRAN
JEANNE YU
MIRIAM ZACHAU WALKER
KATHERINE ZHU

Our beautiful Alpha Chi babies!
A Welcome from the Boston Alumnae
Chapter Zeta Zeta

As President of Zeta Zeta, the AXO Alumnae Chapter of Boston, and as a Theta Omicron alum (MIT c/o 2001), I would like to welcome you as an AXO Parent! 2009 is a very special year for Zeta Zeta - we celebrate our 100th anniversary!

To mark the occasion, we are raising money, through our Final Exam Survival Kit Care Packages, for the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation. Established in 1978, the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation supports the educational and philanthropic purposes of Alpha Chi Omega, including our national altruism of support for victims of domestic violence, through effective fundraising and stewardship of financial resources. Besides helping your daughters through their exams, Zeta Zeta supports the collegiate sisters throughout the year, helping out at events, providing advisors to the chapter leaders, and setting the example of "once a sister, always a sister!". Parents will receive e-mails on the care packages in October. In the meantime, if you have questions about alumnae sorority involvement, please feel free to contact me:
rashmik@alum.mit.edu.

Thank you very much,
Rashmi Khare

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Summer Adventures of the Alpha Chi Omega sisters!

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Junior Katelyn Snyder participated in MISTI Israel this summer. She spent her free time traveling, visiting Petra, the Pyramids in Jordan, and Egypt.

Sister spending the summer in DC celebrate the 4th!
Lauren ’11, Minh ’10, Amy ’11, Manvi ’10, Emily ’10, Amy ’09, and Devanie ‘09
5.0 Pearls!

Congratulations to all the sisters who got 5.0’s during spring 2009. These sisters were honored with a pearl to hang from their badge:

Rebecca Adams 09
Sha-har Admoni 09
Katie Boothe 09
Steff Brenman 09
Kelley Hutchins 09
Emilienne Repak 09
Kristen Uhmeyer 09
Xiao Xiao 09
Katrina Ellison 10
Emily Houston 10

Minh Huynh-Le 10
Carrie DeBoer 10
Sara Drakeley 11
Rui Du 11
Liane Fang 11
Ivy Huang 11
Lauren Rodda 11
Emily Shao 11
Shireen Warnock 11
Grace Yao 11

Upcoming Events

Parents, if you are in town for MIT’s family weekend, please stop by the Alpha Chi mansion for the annual AXO Family Weekend brunch!

**Upcoming Events**

**Domestic Violence Awareness Week**   October 5-9
**Sophomore Semiformal**               October 9
**Family Weekend Brunch**              October 18
**AXO Fondue**                         November 14
**Graduation**                         June 2