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MomCom 😊
Introduction from the new co-chairs of Alpha Chi Omega’s Parents Committee, better known as “MomCom”

Pudjeeb Buddhari (also known as PJ) is a freshman this year. She is from Bangkok, Thailand, where she grew up and went to high school, meaning this is her first time being so far away from home studying abroad! AXO has played a huge part in making her feel more at home, that is why she is very thrilled to be more involved in AXO now. PJ is enjoying her busy life at MIT, balancing schoolwork with singing and dancing, as well as being AXO’s new Parents Chair and Community Service Chair. She can also be found working in studio most of the time as she’s an architecture major!

Colleen Rock, from Connecticut, is also a freshman, studying course 6 (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science). She loves playing sports, especially sled hockey. Although she misses her parents (have to shout out to them in the newsletter!), little brother, and dog, she’s very involved in her dorm, the Phoenix Group. She loves all of her sisters in AXO and couldn’t imagine MIT without AXO!!! In addition to being a parents chair, she is Webmaster for MIT’s Panhellenic Association, the “umbrella organization of MIT’s six lovely sororities”. Check it out: http://panhel.mit.edu/

Picture taken by Jeanne Yu
Right is “Alpha Chaos”, a family. Your parents committee co-chairs, PJ, left with aqua scarf, and Colleen, center with magenta shirt, happen to be in the same family! By tracing back your big’s big’s big, and so on, some girls have two littles, resulting in family trees as demonstrated.
About AXO
Open Motto: Together let us seek the heights.
Patron goddess: Hera, guardian of women
Philanthropy: Domestic Violence Awareness
Badge: Grecian lyre, reflecting our musical heritage
Colors: Scarlet and Olive Green
Flower: Red carnation
Chapter at MIT: Theta Omicron, founded April 26, 1986
In 1885, Alpha Chi Omega was founded at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. The Golden lyre was selected for the fraternity’s badge design, because of its graceful lines and connection to music and Greek mythology.

Parent FAQ: What is a Big?
We are introducing this new section to our newsletter! If you have any questions about AXO or even MIT sororities in general, please feel free to email axo-momcom@mit.edu

Every new member, after a lot of bonding activities and getting to know the current sisters within the chapter, gets to make a list of their preferences for who they want as their ‘big sister’, or what people usually call their ‘big’, to be. There is no real definition for a ‘big’; everyone has their own views on what they are looking for in their big sister. A big can be someone who you feel most comfortable with, and may or may not share the same interests. Before initiation, big-little pairings are revealed after a week of mysterious gifts from bigs to their little sisters.
Recent & Upcoming Events

Relay for Life
A group of sisters represented AXO at MIT’s first Relay for Life!
Colleges Against Cancer of MIT hosted its first annual Relay For Life, a 12-hour overnight fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This took place on Saturday, March 12, 6pm in the Johnson Athletic Track until 6am Sunday morning. There were several fundraising activities from student groups during the week leading up to the relay, as well as during the relay itself.

As AXO’s current community service co-chairs, Jennifer Li ’14 and Pudjeeb Buddhari ’14 got a group of sisters to come to represent our chapter at the event. In addition to this, Abbey Bethel ’14 came up with a creative way for us to raise money for the relay, the AXO Jail (pictured right). Basically, anyone can pay $2 to put someone in our jail and that person has to choose whether to stay in jail for 10 minutes, or pay the bail of $2 to get out!

There were several amazing performances from the MIT Logs, Chorollaries, Dance Troupe, and Mocha Moves, as well as activities to keep people lively and energetic such as pilates, kickboxing, yoga, and zumba classes! The highlight to the event was the Luminaria ceremony in honor of those who have been touched by cancer and to remember loved ones lost to the disease.

All in all, Relay For Life turned out to be very successful. Sisters took home with them valuable and meaningful life-changing lessons, as well as nice memories of a fun and pleasant night with the people we all love.

LipSync
LipSync is our largest annual fundraiser and is open to the entire MIT community. The event is mainly a talent competition where groups enter acts and can perform anything as long as part of their act involves lip syncing. Groups that perform range from fraternity and sorority pledge classes to the MIT Fencing Club to the MIT Emergency Medical Services to the MIT Ju Jitsu Team to MIT Dance Troupe. AXΩ sisters participate annually in a new member act and also in a chapter-wide act. The AXΩ Seniors provide the interludes and the Lip Sync Committee members inform the audience about our national philanthropy and about the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) at the conclusion of the show so that everyone can become more aware of domestic violence and about our pledge to stop it. Our 23rd Annual LipSync will be on Sunday, April 17, and this year’s theme is Evolution:

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