Upcoming Events:

**Domestic Violence Awareness Week:** October 5-9

**Sophomore Semiformal:** October 9

**Family Weekend Brunch:** October 18

**AXO Fondue:** November 14

**Province day:** October 15

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**Letter from AXO-Theta Omicron VP Alumnae Relations**

Dear Sisters,

It is great to return as your VP Alumnae Relations for this semester. I had a busy summer, shadowing doctors and working at the National Student Leadership Conference on Medicine and Healthcare. Basically, I worked at nerd camp for high schoolers interested in medicine...and it was a blast. I am very excited for this semester, and I am especially excited to get to know all of you alumnae better and help you keep in touch with AXO Theta Omicron. Already this year, we have been very busy with recruitment, mixers, and planning of DVA Week, Fondue, and Sophomore Semi-Formal. It was great to see many of you at recruitment, even though I had to sneak around to see you because I was a disaffiliated Pi Rho Chi. Feel free to email me any suggestions for events or programs you would like to see happen during this semester, I love to hear from you!

LITB,

Carrie DeBoer
AXO Wins National Council Trophy!

During bond week, National President Marsha King Grady stopped by the AXO mansion to inform our sisters that we have been honored with the National Council Trophy for Chapter of the Year! This is a very high honor- we were chosen as the best out of all of the AXO chapters in the country for the past year. Alpha Chi Omega at MIT is known for its close bonds, supportive sisterhood, and stellar achievements, and this honor is a great representation of all of the hard work put in by sisters over the past several years! You were a vital part of developing the strengths that AXO Theta Omicron exhibits, and thus, we congratulate you, too, for being part of such an amazing sisterhood!

AXOs during Bond Week with our trophy (held front and centerby Theta Omicron President Margaret Leibovic ‘10) and National President Marsha King Grady 3rd row on the far right
Theta Omicron Welcomes 39 New Members

Alpha Chi Omega had a very successful recruitment this year. VP Recruitment Katie Thomas ‘10, Assistant VP Recruitment Emily Houston ‘10, CRIC Amy Jacobi ‘11, and our Recruitment Advisor, Victoria Davis ’04, worked very hard to foster AXO spirit during Bond Week which was the week before recruitment. Over the 5 days of recruitment, over 300 potential new members met the ladies of AXO and learned what being in a sorority is all about. Recruitment this year consisted of 4 parties and bid night. During Round 1, PNMs were introduced to the six sororities (Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, and Sigma Kappa). During Round 2, they visited 5 houses (AXO, APhi, Theta, Pi Phi, and SK). Alpha Epsilon Phi this year did only one round of formal recruitment and then switched to informal recruitment, which they felt would be better suited to a sorority their size. Pi Beta Phi, who does not have a house, hosted an event at a hotel in Boston during this round. During Round 3, PNMs visited up to 4 different sororities and then visited either one or two sororities for Preference Parties. On Bid Night, 192 bids went out and every sorority participating in formal recruitment reached quota of 35. AXO extended 39 bids, all of which were accepted on Bid Night. Following reaffiliation of the PRCs on Bid Night (the other PRCs and I were definitely happy to rejoin the company of our sisters), AXO had a water balloon fight and ate cake on Killian Court.

39 new members accepted their AXO bids during this year’s recruitment: VANESSA BOWENS,SASCHA BURTON, KUAN CHENG, ANNA CHRISTENSEN, SARA COMIS, NIKITA CONSUL, MARGARET CUNNIFF, 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, MARCELLE 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
Domestic Violence Awareness Week October 5-October 9

AXO’s Domestic Violence Awareness week started October 5th. The DVA Week Committee of Katie Creasey ’11, Minhee Sung ’10, Rui Du ’11, and Jessica Bainbridge Smith ’11, have worked hard to organize events including carnation sales, luminary ceremony, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center clothesline project, and Subway lunch to raise money for BARCC. Some information on the week is below.

Carnation Sales
Send a carnation and note to someone you appreciate!
Mon - Thurs, 9 am - 5 pm
Lobby 10
$1 (or 12 flowers for $10!)

or buy online: [http://axo.mit.edu/dva.php](http://axo.mit.edu/dva.php)

Luminaries
Join us in a moment of silence to recognize victims of domestic violence and their families.
Tuesday, 7 pm
Student Center steps

Charity Lunch
Grab a quick bite between classes! Meal includes sandwich, drink, and chips or cookies
Friday, 11 am - 3 pm
Lobby 10
$4

All proceeds go to the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. To donate directly, go to [http://axo.mit.edu/dva.php](http://axo.mit.edu/dva.php) and scroll down to the bottom. New this year! We will be selling carnations next to Emerge on Tuesday and Wednesday. Emerge [emergeglobal.org](http://emergeglobal.org) provides a safe place for abused women in Sri Lanka to start a new life. The women make jewelry to support themselves, which Emerge sells in the U.S. contact [dvaweek2009@mit.edu](mailto:dvaweek2009@mit.edu) for questions, comments, or concerns.
**Sports Highlights**

AXO currently has members representing 13 sports: field hockey, crew, swimming, sailing, rifle, rugby, track, cross country, fencing, tennis, diving, volleyball, and basketball. Lisa Schlect ’10 recently helped the MIT sailing team place 10th out of 24 at the Hood Trophy. Cross country came in 3rd out of 23 at the Cod Fish Bowl where Alicia Kaestli ’12 and Sarah Sprague ’13 ran well. Volleyball beat Coast Guard 3 games to 2 and Katrina Ellison had 9 kills, 8 digs, and 2 blocks. Rugby has also had a successful season so far, beating teams by as much as 85-0. Props to Jordan Taylor ’11 for tackling lots of girls and being a really hardcore rugby player!

![Image of rugby players making a tackle](image.jpg)

**Random Chatter from AXO emails**

Sings angelically: 'Hallelujah, hallelujah!'
"Life makes so much more sense in Kelvin."------Jane Chen-Liang ’12

I've been looking at them for quite sometime
I just had to wait for the right one to come along.
haha
I think I just compared a jcrew blouse to a husband.
-Veronica Wilson ’11
Special Pearls to:

-Our alumnae involved in the pioneering Symphony Sister Program. These alumnae volunteered to be partnered with a new member this year and act as an alumnae contact, friend, and most importantly-sister!


Photos:

top left- Ashley Pinchinat ‘10 and Grace Yao ‘11 in Paris this summer top right- AXOs in Sigma Kappa Late Night bottom left- AXO 2011s during recruitment bottom right- Nicole Holm, Tayina Tardieu, and Dordy Sugano during recruitment