Greetings from MomCom

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are Carolyn Joseph and Natasha Rodriguez, the Alpha Chi Omega’s MomCom Chairs. We, and all the Alpha Chi’s, are looking forward to an enriching semester. It is our pleasure to share with you the Alpha Chi Omega experience through this newsletter.

Enjoy!

-Carolyn Joseph ’15 & Nathasha Rodriguez ’15

Message from the Chapter President

Welcome back parents of AXΩ and welcome parents of our fantastic new members!

Our chapter ended our spring semester on several high notes and have started the fall semester just as strong. In the spring we held our annual LipSync fundraising event that raised over a thousand dollars for BARCC (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center) to support our domestic violence awareness philanthropy. We also dominated the MIT Greek Week competitions that raised an additional several hundred dollars for BARCC! And our sisters enjoyed many social events including our annual Carnation Ball.

We began the fall with another successful recruitment and now have 31 new members. Plus, our chapter was recently awarded the Great Dome Award at the MIT Leadership Conference for our 25th anniversary celebrations a few semesters ago. While sisters have been keeping busy in classes, they have enjoyed several social events like a laser tag semiformal, a Red Sox game, dinners, and much more. The chapter’s looking forward to many events this semester including our Domestic Violence Awareness Week in October. And in November, sisters will be inviting professors, faculty, and students to our house for an annual Chocolate Fondue open-house event. Hopefully some of you will also be able to visit our house during the Family Weekend Brunch in October!

I hope you enjoy this monthly newsletter and the opportunity to see a glimpse of our strong sisterhood. Most of your daughters see AXΩ as their home-away-from-home so we aim to foster a supportive environment that enables them to excel on campus both academically and extracurricularly. Our chapter is proud to consist of leaders at MIT and a group of strong women.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to sharing with you more of the chapter’s fun events and accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Phillips, President
Family Weekend Brunch

The sisters of Alpha Chi Omega cordially invite you to brunch at the Theta Omicron Chapter House during MIT’s Family Weekend.

**Date:** Sunday, October 14, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 478 Commonwealth Ave.  
Boston, MA  
(Near Kenmore Square)

Please RSVP to  
axo-familywknd@mit.edu  
(with number of people attending and name of your AXΩ)

We would love to see you at our brunch at our house on October 14 (Sunday morning of Family Weekend.) This is a great opportunity to meet your daughter’s new AXO sisters, see our beautiful mansion, learn what our sorority is all about, and enjoy delicious food. Members of our Executive Board will also be around to answer questions about Alpha Chi and MIT.

Questions about the brunch should be sent to axo-familywknd@mit.edu
Domestic Violence Awareness Week

Alpha Chi Omega’s national philanthropy is domestic violence awareness. Our chapter specifically works with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), and during the week of October 15th, we hold Domestic Violence Awareness Week on campus. As part of the effort to raise awareness of what everyone in the MIT community can do to change attitudes and look out for each other, we are producing a poster campaign featuring MIT students saying how they have been “active bystanders.” We will also host a workshop where students and faculty can learn more about how to be an effective active bystander.

We also hold a carnation sale to raise money for BARCC. If you are interested in buying a carnation to be delivered to your AXO daughter with a personalized note, you can do so through our DVA Week website, which will go live on October 14th.

http://axo.mit.edu/philanthropy/dva2012/

BARCC Walk

Twelve sisters participated in the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Walk for Change. Despite the rainy weather, the sisters raised over $200 for BARCC and had a great time walking around the river in Cambridge and Boston.

LipSync: Thank You!

Alpha Chi Omega hosted LipSync, our main domestic violence awareness fundraising event, in April. LipSync: Supernova brought together many campus groups to perform and raise over $1000 for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. Both the audience and dancers enjoyed had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

Thank you for your support and help to make this activity such a success, especially to the parents who donated gift cards to our raffle. Thanks to you, our raffle was more successful than it has ever been before!
Meet our AXO Chapter Executive Board!

President: Elizabeth Phillips

VP Chapter Relations and Standards: Charlotte Herhold
I lead a confidential forum for sisters to give feedback and receive help in the chapter. I am also responsible for updating chapter bylaws, monitoring attendance, and overseeing elections.

VP Risk Management: Miriam Zachau-Walker
I work with representatives from each class to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of the chapter by connecting sisters with resources on campus and holding open 'office hours'. Additionally, I make sure that our events are all safe and responsible for our members and guests.

VP Intellectual Development: Yin Fu Chen
I’m the go-to person for academic support and career questions. While I may not have the knowledge for everything, I have the resources to find that knowledge. My committees include Personal Development Chairs, who organize events for sisters to try new things, Recognitions Chairs, who make baked goods to recognize sisters' achievements, and my Assistant VPID, who help me organize notes/books and plan study breaks and review sessions.

Panhel Delegate: Jess Haskins
As Panhel Delegate, I attend all of the Panhellenic Association meetings as AXO’s representative. This is the governing body for all of the sororities at MIT. This semester we will be voting on the proposed budget for the coming semester, reviewing the campus total definition, and slating the new Panhel Exec for next year.

VP Alumnae Relations: Carrine Johnson
I am in charge of coordinating Senior Dinner, Senior Wills, and our Hall of Commitment ceremony. I act as a liaison between Alpha Chi alumnae and the sisters on campus though monthly newsletters.

VP Recruitment: Anna Christensen
I am responsible for coordinating the recruitment of our new members in the fall. We are proud to have 32 wonderful new members in our chapter!

House Manager: Abbey Bethel
As House Manager, I am responsible for maintaining our beautiful mansion in the heart of Back Bay. This includes organizing a slew of yearly and semi-yearly inspections and calling in contractors whenever the house is in need of repair. In addition, I oversee the Assistant House Manager, who organizes the day-to-day upkeep of the house, and the Steward, who orders food and other supplies for the house.

VP Education: Stephanie Fung
Hi! My name is Steph Fung, and I am the Vice President of New Member Education. My primary responsibilities include teaching the new members about the history and values of Alpha Chi Omega and guiding them through their new member period. I help the new members find role models within the chapter that they can look up to. We are currently in the middle of our new member program, and I have had an amazing time getting to know all of our new AXOs!

VP Membership Development: Jean Fang
I am responsible for overseeing the planning of, broadly, Alpha Chi Omega's social events from mixers to formals to family weekend brunch to "Fondue". In addition to social events, this year marks the beginning of MyJourney, a new program designed by our National headquarters to help facilitate conversations that we may not necessarily think to have on campus--covering topics from personal finance to negotiation to healthy relationships.

VP Finance: Morganne Klein
I organize and send out the dues for the sisters. Additionally, I create the budget for the upcoming school year, including money that is needed to maintain the house and for our events.

VP Public Relations and Marketing: Chelsea Finn
I facilitate communication between the chapter and Nationals. I also update and maintain the chapter website.

VP Ritual and Fraternity Appreciation: Nifer Fasman
I oversee all chapter philanthropic events and promote community service in our chapter. Additionally, I work with our chapter's Warden to oversee the chapter's ritual and to coordinate new member initiation.
Congratulations Hannah Barrett

In the spring, Hannah Barrett won ‘New Member of the Year’ from the MIT FSILG (Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group) awards ceremony this past spring. We are lucky to have her in our chapter!

Boston Marathon

The sisters of Alpha Chi Omega volunteered to hydrate the runners at the Boston Marathon when temperatures reached 90°F.

Spring Recruitment

We held informal recruitment this past spring. We welcomed and initiated six new sisters, pictured to the left with our VP New Member Education, Steph Fung, and her fabulous assistant Abby Bethel.
Our New Members!

Upcoming Events

*Family Weekend
Domestic Violence Awareness Week
Northeast Province Day
Big & Little Revelations
Initiation
Fondue (Faculty Hour & Open House)
Fiesta (Last Day of Classes)

*Refer to invitation in page 2.