Message from the President

Parents and friends and Alpha Chi Omega,

The 2009-2010 school year was an exciting one and we are now diving head first into preparing for 2010-2011. Looking back at last year, we had some tremendous accomplishments including a successful LipSync event to raise money for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), a fun Carnation Ball formal at the new Boston W, and a complete domination of MIT Greek Week where we led our team to victory and raised more than $1,000 for BARCC. More importantly than these events though, the women of Alpha Chi Omega had a terrific year learning, growing, and bonding with each other.

As we look forward to 2010-2011, our most immediate goal is to have a terrific recruitment in the coming weeks. While the class of 2014 trickles onto campus, the sisters of AXO are busy preparing for an exciting week of recruitment. We anticipate an outstanding performance and cannot wait to welcome a group of tremendous women into our family. Beyond recruitment, the fall semester is also a time for sisters to catch up with each other, engage in fun events such as fondue (where we invite faculty to our Boston mansion to share our sisterhood with them) and sophomore semi-formal, and adjust to a new school year. Overall, the thirteen members of the executive board are dedicated to creating an environment where sisters will be able to develop personally and academically, have a home away from home, and enjoy the sisterhood of Alpha Chi Omega.

This year is also a special year in that we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the national alpha chi omega sorority, as well as the 25th anniversary of the theta omicron chapter at MIT. Going into the twenty-fifth year of the MIT AXO chapter, I am proud to say that our chapter has developed into a strong force on campus, and we look forward to empowering sisters to continue to grow within the chapter.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. It is always a joy to hear from parents and we are excited for this upcoming year.

Best,

Emily Shao

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April Activities...

On top of all of the regular commitments of our sisters, April was a very busy month for our sorority!

The Community Service Committee organized a group of girls to participate in the annual BARCC Walk. BARCC (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center) is a our local philanthropy so the sisters enjoyed meeting other BARCC supporters at the event. We were also joined by sisters from the Boston AXΩ Alumnae Chapter Zeta Zeta.

Many of our sisters also hosted Pre-Frosh during MIT’s Campus Preview Weekend. With Panhel, we hosted several events for pre-frosh to learn about Sorority and Greek life at MIT. This was also the first opportunity that our Pi Rho Chi’s (Recruitment Counselors) met incoming freshmen.

Our 22nd Annual Lip Sync Event was also held during April. The 2009 Pledge Class opened the Legendary night with songs from the Beach Boys, Michael Jackson, and more. Groups from all around MIT including various departments, fraternities, dorms, and athletics teams helped us raise thousands of dollars for BARCC.

Carnation Ball was also held during April. The sisters had a great time getting dressed up and going to W Hotel Boston for a Night in Vegas.
Congratulations AXΩ!

Our chapter worked very hard this past semester and made FSILG Honor Roll for Spring 2010! The All-Panhellic GPA was a 4.35/5.00.

Many of our sisters also earned a perfect 5.0 GPA this past semester!

Diana Aude 2010, Alina Rwei 2011
Katrina Ellison 2010, Emily Shao 2011
Emily Houston 2010, Shireen Warnock 2011
Margaret Leibovic 2010, Sandra Chen 2012
Minhee Sung 2010, Alicia Kaestli 2012
Shan Tie 2010, Nikita Consul 2013
Kerry Weinberg 2010, Michelle Dion 2013
Katherine Wong 2010, Jennifer Fasman 2013
JBS 2011, Monica Isava 2013
Kristina Cibor 2011, Christine Lai 2013
Carrie DeBoer 2011, Sarah Sprague 2013
Liz Denys 2011, Julie Titarelle 2013
Britni Ihle 2011, Miriam Zachau Walker 2013
Ivy Huang 2011

On June 4, 2010 we also said good-bye to our graduating seniors.

Diana Aude Course 8, Amy Leung Course 10
Alexandra Barry Course 5, Julie Paul Course 10
Jennifer Buz Course 12, Ashley Pinchinat Course 7
Wendy Chen Course 9&21S, Renuka Ramanathan
Lauren Cipicchio Course 18C, Kasey Rowe Course 5
Minna Du Course 10B, Amrita Saigal Course 2
Mindy Du Course 10B, Lisa Schlecht Course 2
Katrina Ellison Course 2, Anya Shafiro Course 14 &18
Samantha Fox Course 1, Stephanie Shin Course 11
Manvi Goel Course 14, Nahathai (Ploy) Srivali Course 10B
Yuri Hanada Course 7, Minhee Sung Course 2
Emily Houston Course 2, Tayina Tardieu Course 1
Minh Huynh Le Course 18, Katie Thomas Course 7
Yeseul Kim Course 11, Shan Tie Course 10B
JiHyae Kim Course 7, Kerry Weinberg Course 20
Margaret Leibovic Course 6, Katherine Wong Course 2

(above) AXΩ seniors at graduation
**Family Weekend Brunch**

Our chapter has some great events coming up this fall, one of which is our Family Weekend Brunch during MIT’s Family Weekend. This is a great opportunity for you to meet our sisters, learn what the chapter is about, and see our beautiful house. Sisters will be giving tours of the house and our President, Emily Shao, and VP of Education, Amanda Grue, will be available to answer questions during an informal Q & A Session. We will be sending out formal invitations shortly, but until then, mark your calendars for Sunday, October 17, 2010. We hope to see you there!

(right) Anna Christensen & Amanda Olender tie-dying for pledge class bonding

(bottom left) Sisters bonding at a kickball game

(bottom right) Sisters cleaning the house for Recruitment

**Upcoming Events**

**Fall Recruitment**
September 4-7, 2010

**Family Weekend Brunch**
October 17, 2010

**Domestic Violence Awareness Week**
October 18-22, 2010

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