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A Message from MomCom

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Theta Omicron’s 2012 Executive Board

Congratulations to our Chapter’s new Executive Board Members!

President
Elizabeth Phillips
VP Chapter Relations and Standards
Charlotte Herhold
VP Finance
Morganne Klein
VP Risk Manager
Miriam Zachau-Walker
VP Ritual and Fraternity Appreciation
Nifer Fasman
VP Recruitment
Anna Christensen
VP New Member Education
Steph Fung
VP Public Relations and Marketing
Chelsea Finn
VP Membership Programming
Jean Fang
Panhellenic Delegate
Jess Haskins
VP Intellectual Development
Yinfu Chen
House Manager
Vanessa Bowens
VP Alumnae Relations
Carrie Johnson

Recent and Upcoming Events

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AXO ’15s Kirstin, Teresa, Selda, and Preeti baking at the house over IAP. See pages 2 and 3 for more pictures and stories from IAP.
IAP Happenings

For our sister and MIT admissions blogger, Kirsten Lim, IAP is a beautiful thing. According to her, you never know what you’ll be doing at any given moment of the day. Here, we bring you the amazing stories of what some of our sisters were doing during the 2012 Independent Activities Period (IAP).

Italian Adventure

Monica Isava

This IAP, I had the chance to go to Salerno, Italy to teach Physics in 2 Italian high schools. The idea of the project is to bring the MIT TEAL hands-on learning method to students in Italy who are not generally used to the idea of hands-on learning. The trip was an unforgettable experience. I explored a new city, made many new friends, learned about a new culture, learned plenty of Italian, and ate the most amazing food ever. The students and teachers also took Shireen, the other MIT student in Salerno, and me around the area so we got to see amazing parts of Italy like Paestum, Naples, Amalfi, and Capri, and explore snow-covered Rome for the last few days of the trip.

AXO Rowers in Florida

Joanie Weaver

Alpha Chi Omega’s members of the MIT Crew Team, Jessica Haskins, Rebecca Jackson, Maddie Mott, Katelyn Wolfenberger, and I went to Florida for the Rowing Winter Training Trip. We rowed out of Cocoa Beach, FL which is about 45 minutes from Orlando, FL. We practiced twice a day for 8 days and had a blast. We even saw dolphins while rowing!

DC Externship

Christine Sowa

I spent IAP externing in Washington D.C. for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. I worked in the Bus One field office and learned more about the inner-workings of transportation systems!
IAP On Campus  Barbara Schloss

Over IAP I stayed at MIT and finished 18.02A (Multivariable Calculus) and took the 6.8189 Python Programming Language class. I had a great time learning to program for the first time and having a relaxing month with my friends.

Additionally I made it my goal to explore more of Boston so Hannah Barrett and I went to many different museums, walked the Freedom Trail, climbed Bunker Hill, and tried many new restaurants. IAP was a great learning experience and time to form new bonds!

Weather Forecasting  Caitlin Dalrymple

This IAP, Elise Hens and I took the class Weather Forecasting. It was very interesting. We learned a lot about how weather systems worked and did a lot of experiments to fully understand these weather patterns. Near the end of the class, we went to the local news station. We met the local meteorologist and saw the news station and how they generally do the weather forecast. For the last week of the class, there was a weather forecasting competition. Each day, we had to look at a lot of maps and trends and then make a forecast for the expected high and low temperatures and expected amounts of precipitation. Each day, we got points for how far off our forecast was. At the end of the week, I had the least amount of points and won the weather forecasting contest. Now, the prize, a weather forecasting station, is set up in the Alpha Chi Omega house so we can see inside and outside temperatures as well as expected forecast for the next few hours. The class was a lot of fun!