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*Dear Delta Omicron Members,*

At the very end of last school year, my principal called us to an emergency faculty meeting in the morning before the school day began. These early-morning meetings never deliver good news. A former student has suddenly and tragically died, just days before he was to graduate high school. We'll need to be thinking of his family, said my principal, and his younger brother, Owen. Only then did I realize the relationship: Owen is one of my chorus students.

Owen is possibly the most talented young dancer that I have ever taught. This young man should be auditioning for major dance companies. When the school year started, I told Owen I had an idea. What did he think about creating a dance to one of our chorus songs? Just think about it, I said. See if something we are singing appeals to you or

lends itself well to expression in dance. He finally selected "More Love" (Mark Miller, Hal Leonard, available SAB and two-part) which we sang at the winter concert. The lyrics talk about the world we could create if we only had more love, less hate. "When fear and violence touch our lives/Hate separates, seeks to divide/Our faith in love won't be denied/More love, less hate." I played the cajón at the concert, so I was sitting on the drum and mostly looking at the guest conductor. Owen had created a lyrical jazz dance to accompany the song. I hadn't really had the opportunity to see it all together; the song, the lyrics, the piano, the dance, until that night at the concert. I made the mistake of looking up at Owen while he was dancing and the powerful feeling of hope and promise hit me so strongly that my eyes started to cloud. I had to hurry up and

look down at the floor to prevent myself from bursting into tears in the middle of the stage, while sitting on a drum in front of 70 middle schoolers and their parents. If ever we wonder about the importance of the arts in our students lives, Owen's few minutes of dance answered that question. Here was a young man able to dance on with hope and with promise and without fear. I was incredibly proud of him. I felt in that moment that he would be ok, we all would be ok.

*And so, brother and  
sisters in Delta Omicron,  
we dance on into a new  
year with hope and  
with promise.*

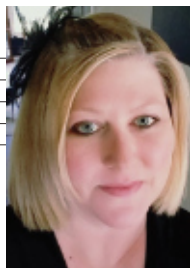
Love, in D.O.,

*Elizabeth Fetter*

Elizabeth Rusch Feters



## From the President.....



### Dearest Members,

Happy 2024. I write this letter with hope for the upcoming year with an eager mind and a joyful heart. I am choosing “growth” as my word to guide my work with Delta Omicron and can’t wait to see what is on the horizon for us as a fraternity. We have been blessed to reactivate a few chapters this past year and I have hopes for more in our future.

Fall semester we started to see increased membership (new prospective members) and involvement (online with alumni and in person for our collegiate members) and I feel energized by these opportunities. Increased interest in membership means increased chapter sizes, campus involvement, and strength for our fraternity. This is the first time post-COVID that we have seen new member classes of this size.

We will work as a National Board this semester to continue to find

funding for projects like our new official database and renewal of our trademarks, as well as, determining a location for our next Triennial Conference which will be held in July of 2025. I challenge you as members, how will you grow with our beloved Delta Omicron? What does that look like for you? Are you actively involved with an alumni chapter or club? Are you able to financially support your collegiate chapter or the national office with your donations? Or maybe, you are able to offer your time and energy to serve the fraternity in a volunteer role. Any choice is a good choice and as you grow will help Delta Omicron grow.

Love in DO,

Kimberly Martin-Boyd

## Happy Anniversary

### 75 Years:

Delta Omicron, Michigan State University (deactivated)

### 50 Years:

Kappa Epsilon, Han-Sung Women’s College (deactivated)

Kappa Zeta, Chung Ang College (deactivated)

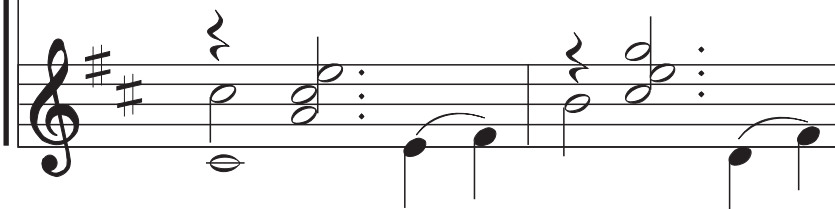
### 25 Years:

Gamma Omega, Santa Clara University (deactivated)

Gamma Psi, Centre College (deactivated)

Gamma Chi, Ohio Northern University (deactivated)

*Many of the chapters celebrating anniversaries this year have been deactivated. If you were initiated into one of these chapters, congratulations! If you are interesting in reactivating one of these chapters, please contact the executive office.*



## *From the First Vice-President...*

### *Dear Delta Omicron Family,*

It's hard to believe that 2024 is already here! It feels like just yesterday

that I was getting ready for the year to start, making goals for the semester, planning new education sessions, updating forms, and more!

This time has definitely felt like the saying, "the days are long but the years are short." Between chasing after my three little ones to sitting at my computer sending emails to all of you to reaching out by text to make sure you and your members are all ok, time has just flown by. I looked down and realized just how close we are to turning the calendar over for another year and I am, admittedly, not exactly prepared for that to happen. I've enjoyed 2023 and all the trials and celebrations it has brought with it. After several years of feeling like I was wading through the time, life seems to finally be turning around again and so much of that I have the members to thank. You have all brought a



passion back for me because I get to be passionate about everything you are all doing!

As I look back on the last six months or so, I'm amazed at all of our members. One of my favorite things has been to open Instagram and check to see all of the fun and exciting things that our collegiates are doing. From unique musicales to service events, member spotlights to graduation posts, I've enjoyed every bit of getting to connect with all of you. It's been a blast to get to share those things on the Delta Omicron Facebook page.

I also want to extend a huge thank you to all of our members and chapters for helping make the first Annual Giving Campaign a success. You all worked hard at spreading the word and sharing your accomplishments with your alumni, friends, and family. I know many of you contributed on your own. I appreciate all of you and your work.

Congratulations to all chapters

who had a fall new member class. There were many more this semester than is typical for a fall semester. I truly believe this is a sign of times turning back to how things were pre-pandemic (and better!). Next semester let's hit the ground running with recruitment events and have a wonderful new member class to celebrate in April and May! We will be having recruitment and initiation education sessions throughout the spring. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

My family and I recently went to see the new movie "Wish" and, as little kids do, we've been listening to the music on repeat since then. In the main song, the final chorus

keeps ringing through my head, reminding me and encouraging me on our work with the fraternity. Perhaps you will find encouragement in it, too:

"So I look up at the stars to guide me and throw caution to every warning sign.

I'm sure there will be challenges that find me, but I can take them on one at a time.

So I make this wish, to have something more for us than this."

Continually Striving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Stumpf".

Andrea Stumpf

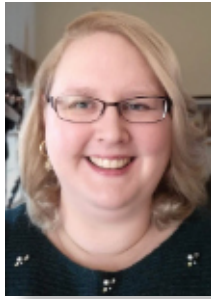


## *From the Second Vice-President...*

### *Dear Delta Omicron Members,*

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and that your 2024 is off to a great start! I spent New Year's, and the week prior, in Germany and in Liechtenstein. My husband, Tom, and I were lucky enough to catch a concert at the Philharmonie Berlin. We saw Beethoven 9th Symphony and Carmina Burana performed by the Czech Symphony Orchestra. What a wonderful experience! Watching the fireworks on New Year's Eve at the Brandenburg Gate was also amazing and unforgettable. I hope that you were able to make some memories whether you were busy traveling or at home with family.

Delta Omicron took part in "Giving Tuesday" this year. We were able to raise a sizable amount of money for our fraternity. Thank you so much if you participated! If you missed out, and feel so moved, you can always make donations to our beloved fraternity anytime. Money goes toward scholarships, publishing "The Wheel", and our everyday



cost of doing business. Thank you for your support!

Alumni, don't forget that you can initiate new members directly into your chapter! This will help grow our fraternity and keep our alumni chapters thriving. We all know a wealth of quality musicians who would make great DOs! Ask someone to come to a meeting or a musicale and show them all D.O. has to offer. Please check out my article in this publication of "The Wheel" that talks about membership. We are looking for new members and friends in all capacities. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

Keep sharing all the wonderful things that your chapters and clubs are doing! We love reading about them!

Thank you!

Love, in D.O.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Thompson".

Stephanie Thompson

## *From the Music Adviser...*

### *Hello Delta Omicron Family!*

As your National Music Adviser, I am praying that we can continue to adapt and be creative to keep our chapters successful.

My job on the National Board is to read all the music and publicity reports that you send me. I enjoy reading them and witness the creativity that our chapters continue to display. I hope you can continue to be musically creative this year and please share your successes in your reports and in your pictures you send. Please continue to do reports in a timely manner and know that the National Board is always here for you. Never hesitate to reach out with questions.

We will be publishing a new song book before 2025 Conference so would love to have new songs to add. I am sure we have members who are composers. How about some instrumental pieces? If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. And, for those of you that



may be interested, the Executive Office has Delta Omicron songbooks to sell for \$10.

With a bit of business aside, we are looking for collegiate and alumni members to perform at the 2025 National Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform for your fellow brothers and sisters! We had an amazing group of collegiate and alumnae performers for our last conference. As a chosen performer, you will receive free registration and travel expenses to the conference. For more information, or if you are interested in applying, please contact me.

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda M. Dannewitz".

Brenda Dannewitz



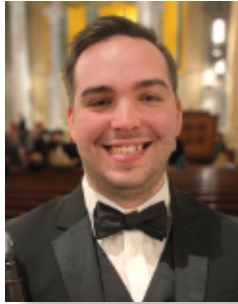
## *From the Treasurer...*

### *Dear Delta Omicron Members,*

I hope everyone has had an amazing start to 2024. While on a recent trip to the United Kingdom, I was surrounded by evidence of the impact of music on culture and human relationships around the world, and I could not help but think about all of my fellow Delta Omicron members fostering and promoting music each and every day.

We are so fortunate to be part of a music fraternity with purposes and missions that unite us all through our love and passion for music, and our organization continues to forge new opportunities to build relationships, provide aid to the greater cause of music and musicians, and support and encourage one another in our efforts.

In order to support these continued efforts and maintain the operation of our beloved fraternity, it is more important than ever to help support our fraternity financially. We are still navigating the toll of the pandemic and low membership numbers during



those troubling years amid rising prices to fraternity operating costs. Now, more than ever, we need the support of our brothers and sisters in Delta Omicron to help our organization continue to grow and thrive.

Between May and October, the fraternity receives no incoming money from member/chapter dues and fees, making these months even more difficult to support our ongoing financial obligations. I would like to urge any members who can to consider giving to our beloved Delta Omicron to help us keep our fraternity financially healthy through donations, contributions, paying off your life membership, and/or by paying your annual dues even when not affiliated with an alumni chapter. It costs approximately \$110 per day to keep our national organization operating, which is a fairly low cost for such a large organization. Consider donating a day, week, or month! You can donate online using the QR code.

Remember, also, to encourage each



other to meet your chapter's financial obligations in a timely manner, and you can additionally support our fraternity through buying merchandise and supplies on our website! Despite the financial hardships that we hope to overcome, I am encouraged by the generous members who have chosen to donate so far and by the dedication of our brothers and sisters from both collegiate and alumni organizations. I would like to thank the collegiate chapters, advisors, and province presidents who have worked diligently this past year to take care

of financial obligations. I would also like to express gratitude to my fellow Executive Board members for their hard work and diligence toward helping tackle the current financial challenges we face.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any financial questions!

Continually Striving, We Attain!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Justice".

Chris Justice

## *From the Director of Extension...*

### *Greetings, Musical Family!*

Happy New Year! It is so wonderful to see the retention happening with chapters! I am elated to welcome back Eta Lambda Alumni Chapter in the Atlanta Metro area! We are looking forward to wonderful things from our dedicated alumni as you continue your lifetime commitment. Continually striving, we attain!



Are you near a chapter that can be reactivated, a school that would benefit with having Delta Omicron there, or do you want to start an Alumni Chapter? If so,

please contact me at [deltaomiconextension@gmail.com](mailto:deltaomiconextension@gmail.com).

Love, in D.O.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keysha Thompson".

Keysha Thompson

## *Delta Omicron Crest for Trademark Renewal*

The crest of Delta Omicron trademark is up for renewal. In the Spring 2019 issue of "The Wheel," Dr. Jonny Ramsey explained the trademarks to the fraternity:



for the crest trademark was initiated by National Historian Jonny Ramsey and completed by Tamara Bennett, Trademark and Media Lawyer of Bennett Law of Lewisville, Texas.

The first step was to secure the rights to the crest design since it was the design property of Herff Jones Company through its previous merging with Burr, Patterson, and Auld. Property rights were ceded to the fraternity through a letter from Herff Jones and this letter is held in the fraternity historical files.

The 1920 Convention directed that a fraternity coat of arms be created using the Latin translation of the motto suggested by Lenore Harpster Lutz, "Continually striving, we attain." The project was completed by Burr, Patterson and Company with its first appearance being on a coat of arms plaque which is no longer available. In 1925, the "Crest," as it became to be called, also appeared on the Chapter Patron or Patroness charm or pin. In 1926, it appeared on "The Wheel" cover in rose on gray paper. This became the standard "Wheel" publication cover style and is still in use today. The crest is used on official fraternity stationery, jewelry, and other official fraternity items.

The Crest was trademarked on June 17, 2014. The application

In the past, the oversight and renewal of trademarks was handled by the National Historian. But with the increase to three trademarks rather than one and with the constant need to comply with applications renewals, the Board of Directors contracted with the Tamara Bennett Law Firm in Texas in 2013 to manage all trademark renewals and help with litigation if needed. That service continues today.

The renewal cost for the crest trademark is \$3,200.



The application deadline is April 15, 2024 for Delta Omicron Summer Scholarships. Awards will be determined by May 1, 2024.

We are offering all but the Dorothy Mazzulla Clark scholarship this year.

Full information on the fraternity scholarships and applications are on the Delta Omicron website. Click on "Resources" and "Scholarship Information."



## Corrections and Amplifications

# Letters from our past

**Tren Alford** (Omicron Delta chapter) send us a lovely message about the "Letters from our Past" in the last issue. I've been discovered! My eye doctor just recently told me that I've entered my "fuzzy forties," but I'm still not experienced enough to decipher the cursive handwriting of days gone by. Thank you, Tren for catching those words. It adds so much to the letters. Here's her note:

"I received the Summer 2023 issue of the Wheel and read the Letters from our Past. I especially liked the "All" detergent stationery! However, the parts marked "illegible" are quite legible to me. I am guessing that the transcriber of these letters was someone far younger than my 68 years.

You see, back in the day, the cursive "t", when it appeared at the end of a word, could be crossed by crossing the "t" as most do, OR by jutting a diagonal line upwards at the end of the word, much like a checkmark saving time during writing as well as creating continuity of writing flow. Just knowing about this manner of writing t's from back in the day might solve many of your "illegibles."



### In Lorena McClure's letter:

In two days' time D.O. was founded - name, flower, pin, and color and a ritual written.

Six girls were pledged within the next two weeks all freshman but one -

I believe it to be that ambition for fame was why Delta Omicron came into being.

### In Mabel Hopkins' letter:

So we wrote to the State House in Col - about cost and how long it would take.

This is so inadequate but under the circumstance I'm grateful to even get this written.

I hope I got them all in. Enjoy the Wheel and reading about everyone's activities.

Thank you. Tren Alford"

## Pearls of Delta Omicron

Thanks to **Julie Wright**, former executive secretary for Delta Omicron, who correctly identified **Michael Lanham** in the picture with Gladys Zate. We ran the picture in the "Pearls of D.O." article with Carol Anne Koehl, who mentioned it as one of her favorite conference memories. Michael Lanham is now Dr. Michael Lanham, Associate Chief Medical Information Officer and Clinical Associate Professor of Learning Health Sciences; Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology; Fertility and Reproductive Health at the University of Michigan Medical School. We wish him all the best.





## *Reactivating Delta Omicron Chapters*

### *Do you live in Kentucky?*

Alpha Eta, Eastern Kentucky University, deactivated  
Alpha Iota, Kentucky Wesleyan College, deactivated 1985  
Delta Delta, Georgetown College, deactivated  
Epsilon Alpha, Transylvania University, deactivated 2004  
Epsilon Epsilon, Campbellsville University, deactivated  
Gamma Nu, Kentucky State University, deactivated 1994  
Gamma Psi, Centre College, deactivated 2006

### *Do you live in Louisiana?*

Delta Beta, Louisiana State University, deactivated  
Omicron Delta, Southeastern Louisiana University, deactivated 2021  
Omicron Epsilon, Northeast Louisiana State University, deactivated  
Omicron Mu, Louisiana College, deactivated

### **Would you be interested in helping reactive one of these chapters?**

Reach out to our International President  
([deltaomicronpresident@gmail.com](mailto:deltaomicronpresident@gmail.com))  
or our Director of Extension  
([deltaomicronextension@gmail.com](mailto:deltaomicronextension@gmail.com))  
for more information.

## **The Many MEMBERSHIPS of Delta Omicron**

By Stephanie Thompson  
with Dr. Jonny Ramsey and Ann Jones

We all love Delta Omicron and hope to spread that love to our community. Part of doing that is attracting new members and friends to our organization. There have never been so many ways to become involved in Delta Omicron. There are opportunities available to students and adults who share our ideals and devotion to music. This article is meant to describe the different ways to “do” D.O., the differences between them, and hopefully inspire you to be on the lookout for new members.

### *Collegiate Members*

This is the typical or traditional way to be inducted into the fraternity. College students who are music majors or have an interest in music learn about Delta Omicron and are initiated through the fraternity education process. We have had a great year of growth so far this past fall semester! Delta Omicron is always looking to expand and create new college chapters. If you know of a college that is interested in Delta Omicron, please reach out to our Director of Extension. We would love to help.

### *Alumni Members*

After you graduate, you automatically become an alumni member. Be sure to pay your Lifetime Membership dues so you can remain in good

standing and claim Delta Omicron on your professional resume. You can join a D.O. alumni club or chapter that is close to you. No chapters or clubs close to you? You can create one. Reach out to our Director of Extension for details. If you cannot join a local alumni chapter or club, no worries. You are considered an “Alumni-at-Large.” Alumni-at-large still hold important roles in our fraternity. Alumni are the backbone of Delta Omicron. Stay involved. There are so many good things going on beyond the walls of your college campus.

### *New Alumni Members*

This has been an exciting new addition. We are now able to initiate adults into alumni chapters. To join, prospective members follow a near-identical process as college initiates. Just be sure to get your new member approved by the national second vice president before you start the process. After the vice president looks over your prospective members biography and gives approval, your alumni chapter can initiate the members. If you know of adults who are musicians and worthy to wear the lyre of gold, please ask if they would like to become a member. We hope that alumni chapters will take advantage of this opportunity to grow your membership.

### *Professional Members*

There has been some confusion about this role in the past. Professional membership is an honorary-type designation. It is rarely given. A professional member is a person who is a local professional performing artist, music professional, or college professor. These are people that Delta Omicron would like to recognize for their outstanding efforts and contributions to the music world or on your campus. They are not someone with just an interest in music, rather they are working in the professional music world (hence the name). Professional members must be voted on and approved by the national board of directors. This is a key difference between general new alumni members and a professional member. Upon initiation, professional members become alumni members of that chapter that initiates them.

They can pay lifetime membership dues to become members in good standing.

### *National Honorary Members*

These extraordinary members must have a spectacular national or international music biography. They must be approved unanimously by the National Board of Directors. There is no financial obligation to the honorary member. Any chapter or the board can nominate people to receive this special honor. If you know of someone who deserves this designation, please submit their name to the Board to be considered.

### *National Patron or Patroness*

These must be approved by the National Board of Directors. A patron or patroness is someone who helps the fraternity. Perhaps they allow you to use their performance center or contribute financially in some way to your chapter. They are friends of the organization. If you do not know who your local patrons and patronesses are, ask! We can help you get in contact with them. Better yet, submit your list of helpful hands to the board so we can get them approved.

Now you know the many exciting ways you can become a member or friend of Delta Omicron. It's time to get out there and attract new members. An organization is only as good as its people. Luckily, we have the best people around. Let's expand our musical family!





# In Memoriam

**Laura Ash Fry**

d. November 2, 2021

Initiated Omicron Omega, May 1, 1969



**Fryda Koenig Nicoloff**

June 27, 1920 – October 14, 2023

Initiated Sigma, March 1, 1939



**Helen Ghilain Hoffelt**

August 30, 1919 – November 27, 2023

Initiated Sigma, February 1, 1940



## *In Memorium*

**Laura Fry** died on November 2, 2021 in Sterling, Virginia ultimately losing a decade-long battle against breast cancer. She grew up in Lincoln, Illinois and graduated from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a minor in music. She taught elementary school for over 20 years. She was a devoted life member of Delta Omicron.

**Fryda K. Nicoloff** was born in Java to parents who worked for the Dutch government in what was then the Dutch East Indies. She grew up in Dundee, Illinois and graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University. She sang with the Robert Shaw Chorale while Shaw was the director of the San Diego Symphony. She was also active in the Girl Scouts and as a lifelong voting rights advocate.



**Helen Ghilain Hoffelt** was a past national officer. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Illinois Wesleyan University. She taught piano on the faculty of Drake University.



# **Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity Triennial Composition Competition For Clarinet and Piano**

Judges TBA

Awards: One Thousand Dollars and Première at the  
2025 International Delta Omicron Conference

**Purpose**  
**To encourage composers**  
**To give their work public performances**  
**To further the cause of contemporary music**

## **Rules**

**Eligibility:** This competition is open to all composers 18 or older. This is regardless of any music fraternity affiliation. To be eligible, the composition shall NOT have been previously commissioned, published or publicly performed (except for feedback) prior to the time that judging is completed in the summer of 2024. To be eligible for the award, the winner of the competition must wait to publish her/his work until after the première performance in July 2025.

**Music Requirements:** The composition should be for standard Bb and/or A Clarinet and Piano (NOT Eb, Bass, Alto or any other member of the extended clarinet family). The duration should be from seven to fifteen minutes.

Manuscripts should be in .pdf format, either notated with digital software (Finale, Sibelius, etc.) or LEGIBLY written in ink and scanned. The score should be signed with a pseudonym (not the author's actual name) and free from any marks that would identify the composer to the judges. The body of the email should clearly list the entrant's pseudonym, actual name, mailing address, email address and preferred phone number. This is only for the use of the Competition

Chair and will not be shared with the judges. Submissions should be emailed to [do.2025.triennial.comp@gmail.com](mailto:do.2025.triennial.comp@gmail.com) with the subject: "Submission to Delta Omicron 2025 Triennial Competition." Hard copy manuscripts will not be accepted.

**Entry Fees:** Composers may submit multiple works for consideration, but an entry fee of \$25.00 (US\$) should accompany each submitted score paid via PayPal to Delta Omicron International Fraternity. A given submission will not be considered complete until this fee has been received. Note: once a score has been submitted, there will be no refund of the entry fee if the entrant chooses to withdraw from the competition.

**All Entries And Fees Must Be Received No Later Than  
11:59 p.m. On March 31, 2024.**

**Awards:** The awards shall be \$1,000 and the Première Performance at the 2025 Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity's 2025 Delta Omicron Triennial Conference. The monetary award is underwritten in part by the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. The composer is encouraged, though not required, to attend the Première Performance. All expenses to the Conference are the responsibility of the composer.

All of the above rules must be followed for a submission to be considered complete; the Competition Chair will alert you to any needed corrections. The decision of the judges will be FINAL. The prize will be withheld if, in the opinion of the judges, none of the compositions submitted is of a caliber warranting an award.

Address all inquiries to:  
Dr. John McGinn, D.O. 2025 Competition Chair,  
[jmcginn@austincollege.edu](mailto:jmcginn@austincollege.edu)  
900 N. Grand Avenue, Suite 61634 • Sherman, TX 75090  
903-813-2462

## Call for 2025 Conference Performers

Please consider applying to perform at our next Triennial Conference, summer 2025. Location to be determined.

The deadline for submitting audition materials to be considered as a performer for the Collegiate and Alumni concert at Delta Omicron's Triennial Conference is January 15, 2025. All fraternity members in good standing are eligible for consideration.

All dues must be current. (Collegiates and Alumnae all fees paid, and Alumni Life Membership/or beginning payments)

Please encourage your chapter members to apply.

Interested applicants should submit an mp3 of good quality (recorded within the last 3 years) to me with the following information:

- Title/Composer of work(s) on recording
- Full name of performer(s)
- Instrument(s)
- Collegiate performer's school address
- Performer's permanent address
- Performer's telephone number
- Performer's email address(on campus and at home (during break)
- Delta Omicron chapter/club affiliation

The concerts will be a part of our Triennial Conference July 2025

The fraternity will cover all expenses for all collegiate and alumnae performers. As a music delegate, you WILL be expected to be in attendance at all official sessions.

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## *Delta Omicron Welcomes Hector Olivera New National Patron*

*By, Dr. Kay Calfee Wideman*

Internationally renowned concert organist, Maestro Hector Olivera, was inducted as a Delta Omicron National Patron on November 12, 2023. Dr. Kay Calfee Wideman, a former Delta Omicron International President, conducted the ceremony. Maestro Olivera was the guest concert organist at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. After over a year of



restoration, the 1940 Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ is only one of nineteen G. Donald Harrison signature organs known to exist today. Maestro Olivera was presented with the National Patron Certificate and key pin at the conclusion of the concert.

Born in Buenos Aires, Maestro Olivera was first encouraged at age three to begin playing the pipe organ by his organist father.

His talent was immediately apparent. By age five, he was appointed organist at that city's Church of the Immaculate Conception. At age six, he entered Buenos Aires Conservatory. By age nine, he had composed a suite for oboe and string orchestra, performed by the Buenos Aires Symphony Orchestra. At age twelve, he entered the University of Buenos Aires and by age eighteen

had performed more than three hundred concerts throughout Latin America. In 1965, New York's Juilliard School of Music offered him a scholarship. He moved to the United States to continue his education. Three years later, he won the National Improvisation Contest by the American Guild of Organists and his professional career was launched.





Maestro Olivera's November 12, 2023 concert included J.S. Bach's "Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor," and C. Franck's "Finale in B Flat, Opus 21." Known for his improvisational display, his "Improvisation on a submitted theme" was one of the highlights of this concert.

Delta Omicron welcomes Maestro Hector Olivera to its distinguished roster of National Patrons.

Maestro Olivera has performed solo organ concerts throughout the world in a galaxy of prestigious venues. These include Carnegie Hall (New York), Royal Albert Hall (London), Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane Town Halls (Australia), Spivey Hall (Atlanta) as part of the 1996 Olympic Games cultural festivities, Hong Kong Cultural Center, Shenzhen Concert Hall (China) and a massive audience of 5,000 at the Cathedral of Notre Dame (Paris). He has also performed as the featured soloist for the Pittsburgh Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Amsterdam Baroque Ensemble and many others.



## ***Delta Omicron Foundation Grant Recipients for 2022-23***

The Delta Omicron Foundation recognize the recipients of the Foundation's Educational Grant Program of 2023-24 and to encourage both collegiate and alumni members to consider applying for such grants for undergraduate or graduate music study for 2024-25. The application information may be found at [www.dofoundation.org](http://www.dofoundation.org). Applications for grants for the 2024-25 academic year need to be submitted by April 30, 2024.

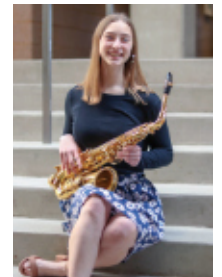
The following are Delta Omicron members who received a grant for music study during the 2022-23 school year.



***Jake Crotteau*** is a fourth-year Music Education and Trombone Performance Major at Central Michigan University and was recently elected as the President of the Delta Iota chapter, having been a member since Spring 2022. Jake has served as the chapter's Chaplain, Social Chair Outreach Chair, and also was a key part in the development of Delta Iota's

Underrepresented Music Committee that promotes awareness of communities and composers who are often forgotten. Jake has performed with multiple trombone and jazz ensembles at CMU and with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and Symphony Band. He was principal trombone with the Lapeer Symphony Orchestra from 2017-2022 and with the Michigan Youth Symphonic Band in 2019-20.

***Amanda Kester*** is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where she is a music education major with saxophone as her primary instrument. She performs with the campus Wind Symphony, and Concert Choir, Magnolia Quartet, and Sax Point. She has been a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Omicron for four years and



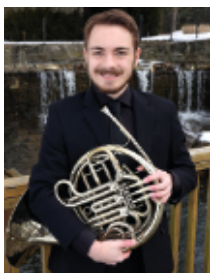
loves to plan and participate in events, along with volunteering opportunities that the chapter hosts. She served as Historian/Chaplain in 2021-2022 and Second Vice President in 2022-2023. Currently she is the chapter's First Vice President and also campus cNAfME President. Amanda is grateful for all opportunities that Delta Omicron has provided for her. She will graduate in the spring of 2025.



**Ashton Hoelscher** is a junior low brass player with a focus in trombone at Western Kentucky University while majoring in recreation, geographical studies, environmental sustainability, and minoring in music and outdoor leadership. Ashton has served as a section leader in the Big Red Marching Band and performed with the Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band.

Currently serving as the President of the Omicron Chapter of Delta Omicron, Ashton also has served as the chapter's First Vice President and Secretary.

Sophomore **Hailey Pollock** is pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education Degree with an instrumental concentration. She is a member of Delta Upsilon Chapter, Tau Beta Sigma Band Sorority, and OCMEA (Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association). She plays trombone in the Kent State Wind Ensemble, Kent State Marching Golden Flashes Band and flute in chamber groups and concert band.



A sophomore at Kent State University, **Tayvis Mayfield** is a French horn performance major with experience on trumpet and steel drums. He is a member of the marching band, orchestra, wind ensemble, woodwind quintet, and brass quintet. He has performed with two off-campus instrumental groups: one as part of an ensemble accompaniment

for a cello recital and also with the recently founded Video Game Symphony whose first performance was at the Cleveland Game Expo in September.

**Austin Vonderloh** is in his fourth year at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, working toward certification in instrumental, choral, and general music. A member of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Omicron, Austin leads the chapter's ushering program. He is president of the Horn Club, President of the Choral Director's Association and Treasurer of the Opera Club of UWSP. After graduation in Spring 2025, he plans to continue studies toward a master's degree in music education with certification in conducting, to teach high school choir, and ultimately to teach at the college level.



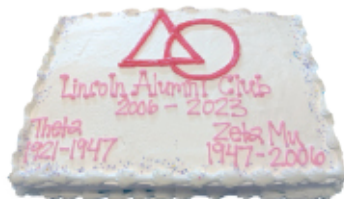
These grants were made possible through generous donations and bequests from Delta Omicron members. Jake Crotteau, Amanda Kester, Hailey Pollack, and Austin Vonderloh each received a grant from the Reba A. Will Memorial Bequest. Tayvis Mayfield was the recipient of the Grace Eunhee Nah Kwak Memorial Bequest. The Foundation's Principal Fund was the source of the grant for Ashton Hoelscher. The Principal Fund is made possible by annual donations from Delta Omicron alumni that are directed toward the grant program. The Foundation thanks all who made this year's grant funding possible.

The Delta Omicron Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization. If you wish to learn more about our other projects (the Delta Omicron cottage at MacDowell, the Musical Pathways for Youth Project, the Grant Project), information is available on [www.dofoundation.org](http://www.dofoundation.org).



## ***Final Meeting of the Lincoln Alumni Club***

*Editor's note: on behalf of the Delta Omicron National Board, I would like to acknowledge the years of faithful service that the Lincoln Alumni Club (and the Zeta Mu alumni chapter) has given to Delta Omicron. Although your chapter is ending, our bonds of friendship and fraternity never end. Continually striving, we attain.*



### ***Final Meeting of the Lincoln Alumni Club Delta Omicron Minutes, September 16, 2023***

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, at 11 am, we met at Kay Lynn Kalkowski's lovely home for the final meeting of the Lincoln Alumni Club. Nine members were present, including our hostess Kay Lynn Kalkowski, co-presidents Marcia Wiebers and Pat Harris, treasurer Dianne Kalita, secretary Carolyn Dow, Shirley Cole, Jo Karl, Betty Little, and Jean Sanders.

The meeting began with reminiscences of members no longer with us from times gone by. Old pictures and interesting items found as officers went through old files were shared, along with the scrap books.

Before lunch, we gathered for a final picture. Many thanks to Kay Lynn's neighbor who took pictures on all the various phones so we all could be in the picture.

Our lunch, of course, began by singing the Prayer of Delta Omicron. Lively conversation ensued during the delicious lunch arranged by Pat Harris. The business meeting started as we got to the D.O. cake, with Pat reading parts of the notes she had received from Barb Patrosky this year, and Marcia sharing pictures from Barb's surprise 99th birthday party this summer.

Carolyn made a formal roll call for old time's sake. After Carolyn

briefly summarized the June meeting, minutes from the meeting were accepted as distributed by email. Instead of reading those, she read aloud minutes from our group's very first meeting in September 1941, from the brand new Delta Omicron Alumnae Club. Going through old records in preparation for our dissolution, we discovered that we began as a club and are ending as a club, with Zeta Mu in the middle.

Marcia read a thank you from Esther Pfeiffer from December 1986 that summarized many feelings of leaving our DO group behind.

Pat distributed a 2023 updated member list so we can stay in touch with each other. A copy will be placed in our member lists book being sent to the archive.

Marcia provided an updated list of our philanthropic giving since 1982. A copy will be placed in the scrapbook being sent to the archive. Carolyn mentioned that minutes for this meeting will be sent to members, the province president and national second vice president (forwarded by the club's president), and will be placed in the scrapbook to note our ending.

Our early Founder's Day ceremony for D.O.'s 114th birthday in 2023 followed the business meeting. We concluded by singing the D.O. Keynote as the last act of our club/chapter/club.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Dow

DO Lincoln Alumni Club Secretary





## Chapter News in Highlight

### ALPHA NORTH PROVINCE

**DELTA UPSILON** (Kent State University, Kent, Ohio) Newly revitalized Delta Upsilon members have been very busy this fall promoting D.O. to both faculty and students. Along with the Kent Alumni Club they held a “Meet D.O.” event with lots of cookies and a tri-fold explaining Delta Upsilon to interested students. A karaoke night, a prospective member mixer and a D.O. movie night were held followed by the prospective member ceremony for 13 new members. The chapter also put up a holiday tree in the lobby of the School of Music and held a “D.O. Days of Giving Week” collecting food and toiletry items for a church in Kent. Members **Paige Barber**, **Hailey Pollock** and **Natalie Almaraz** performed with the Symphony Band and **Tayvis Mayfield**, **Dylan Eshbaugh**, **Daniel Keller**, **Brittany Brackett**, and **Andrew Rothhaar** performed with the Wind Ensemble. **Daniel** and **Natalie** also played in the Jazz Band concert and **Tayvis** performed in a woodwind quintet concert. **Hailey Pollock** played in a flute class studio recital and **Dylan Eshbaugh** and **Andrew Rothhaar** were in the Vocal Intensity performance. Andrew also performed in the Nova Jazz performance and **Brianna Knapp** and Andrew performed with the Choral Cantique concert. **Tayvis Mayfield** and prospective member **Darren Moskowitz** both played auditions to perform a concerto with the Kent State Orchestra and Darren (percussion) was chosen a winner! He will be performing with the orchestra at the March 3 concert.



**ZETA SIGMA** (Cleveland, Ohio) Zeta Sigma received the Award of Excellence for 2022-23. The chapter sent both individual and a chapter donation to the Annual Giving Donation Campaign. Members attended an orchestra concert at Baldwin-Wallace University where member **Ann Droste**'s nephew is the current orchestra director. They began the evening with dinner at a local restaurant. Members **Trish**

**Lawrence**, **Mary Ann Obert**, **Ann Droste**, chapter patron **Paul Lawrence** and prospective member **Robin Crawford** performed a patriotic concert at Normandy Senior Living. At the November meeting **Miki Worthing** presented her “History of Delta Omicron” presentation for their new prospective member. Member **Trish Lawrence** continues to conduct the choir “Grateful Praise”. She also plays and sometimes conducts the Cleveland Clinic Band, plays in the Hillcrest Band and The Golden Notes. She took carolers out from her church to sing for the holidays. **Ann Droste** plays for services at her church and plays in the Greater Cleveland Flute Society group, the Hillcrest Band and the United Handbell Choir. **Miki Worthing** helped to organize refreshments for orchestra scholarship donors who attended the auditions for the concerto concert competition for the Kent State Orchestra.

**KENT ALUMNI CLUB** (Kent, Ohio) Members baked cookies and other goodies for a second “Meet D.O.” event to help Delta Upsilon Chapter interest new members. **Sara Miller** and **Miki Worthing** serve as advisors to the Kent State chapter. Miki continues to serve as secretary on the D.O. Foundation Board. She is also half of a flute duet that has performed several Christmas concerts this December. **Sarah Miller** plays flute in her church choir in Kent and **Patty Wiley** and **Arlene Bailey** both have active piano studios. Arlene's students presented a concert in the recital hall at the Kent State School of Music. **Miki**, **Sarah**, **Shawn Gordon**, and **Terry Schoettler** are all members of the Kent State Orchestra Society, which provide many scholarships for the orchestra students. **Shawn** continues as Director of Development for the Regional Medical Center of University Hospitals, **Denise Seachrist** continues as Dean and Chief Administrative Officer at KSU, Stark Campus and **Abbey Bolton** continues as Principal at Davey Elementary School in Kent. Members individually donated to the Annual Giving Campaign along with a donation from the club.

### ALPHA SOUTH

**ZETA** (University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky) Zeta chapter presented a fall musical entitled “A Night on Broadway” with members

**Sophie Broadwater, Emma Buck, Allie Dunn, Amelia Glikin, Emily Minnis, Kiki Pastor-Richard, and Kaitlyn Purcell** performing. Performing at chapter meetings in the fall were **Amelia Glikin, Kaitlyn Purcell, Sophie Broadwater, Emma Buck, Emily Minnis, Allie Dunn, Kiki Pastor-Richard, and Makayla Murphy.** The chapter assisted the University Student Sustainability Coalition with their “Climate Change is Spooky!” trivia night and collaborated with the Cardinal Music Therapy Organization to fundraise hundreds of dollars for the Alzheimer’s Association. Zeta members host a monthly fundraiser selling breakfast items to School of Music students. **Amelia, Kaitlyn, and Allie** volunteered to usher at the University of Louisville’s annual Faculty Gala. On November 5 the chapter initiated two new members, **Walter Cooper** and **Ellie Vogel.** Several award and honors were given to members: **Amelia Glikin** received the 2023 Undergraduate Presser Scholar Award; **Kiki Pastor-Richard** received the Joan D. McCombs Music Therapy Scholarship and was elected Vice President of the Cardinal Music Therapy Organization; **Kaitlyn Purcell** received the 2023 Jim and Carolyn Fern Music Education Scholarship and was elected President of the University of Louisville collegiate National Association for Music Education chapter; **Allie Dunn** was selected to be president of the Cardinal Music Therapy Organization.

**ZETA CHI** (Dayton, Ohio) Zeta Chi’s scholarship winners performed for the chapter in both June and September. In November three members, **Diana Haman, Marcia Wood, and Sherri Sutter** performed a program for the residents of an assisted living community, Friendship Village, in Dayton. At their September meeting scholarship winner **Jacob Miller,** flute, performed. In October guest piano soloist Minnie Bao performed and in November the Stillwater Winds (guest local woodwind quintet) performed. Zeta Chi makes annual donations to the Dayton Ballet, Dayton Opera Association and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. The chapter received the Chapter Efficiency Award for 2022-23. Member **Kathy Raisch** sang soprano in a quartet for Westminster Presbyterian church. **Virginia Miller,** flute, gave a program at Bethany Retirement Village and also was one of 12 artists whose artwork was selected for the Bethany Retirement Community’s

art show of paintings and photographs. **Diana Haman,** piano, accompanied elementary students for a Veteran’s Day program at Tri-County North Elementary School. **Marcia Wood, Kathy Raisch, Christy Wilson, Hilary Toerner, and Kim Mayhew** sang in a Vespers performance at Westminster Presbyterian church. **Christy Wilson, Marcia Wood, and Kim Mayhew** played bells with the Westminster Ringers and **Linda Snyder** served as a guest conductor the Dayton Celebration Chorus and was guest pianist with the New Horizons Band Program. **Mary Fahrenbruck,** piano, performed with the pit band for the Dayton Playhouse Theatre and the Yellow Springs Community Chorus. Chapter Patron **Brandon Patrick George,** flute, released his second solo album, “Twofold.” He continues performing as a soloist and recording with the Imani Winds. Brandon studied with Zeta Chi member **Virginia Miller.**

## BETA PROVINCE

**DELTA IOTA** (Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan) held two open musicales. Members **Kate Meuhring,** bassoon; **Jake Crotteau,** trombone; **Paige Shumney,** marimba; and **Anna Zoerner** performed. Also **Abigail Russelburg, Lexi Galliers,** and Paige sung as a trio. The second musical featured performances of **Abigail Russelburg,** marimba; **Rebecca Henning,** cello; and **Aidan McLaughlin,** marimba. The chapter’s perspective members gave a musical featuring **Alec Love,** snare drum and **Dylan Alef,** trombone. The chapter decided to have members perform prior to their meetings so that all members had a chance to perform this semester. Performing were **Matt Mudget,** marimba; **Kate Muehring, Lexi Galliers, Rebecca Henning, Aidan McLaughlin** and **Alex Prout, Anna Zoerner, Alec Love,** and **Paige Shumney** on vibraphone. This fall the chapter focused mainly on potential members and with the Sigma Alpha Chapter on campus, held a “SoM Prom” for all members of the School of Music. Each



*Delta Iota and Province President Laurie Zeller*

month the chapter votes for the Scholar of the Month (SoM) and the Member of the Month (MoM). September's MoM was **Jake Crotteau**, president and the SoM was **Paige Shumney**. October's MoM was **Kate Muehring** and SoM was **Madi Auten**. Prospective members **Dylan Alef** and **Alec Love** completed their musical and were initiated in November. Performing with the Central Michigan University Percussion ensemble were **Abigail Russelburg**, **Aidan McLaughlin**, **Anna Zoerner**, and **Alex Prout**. Performing with the CMU Symphonic Wind Ensemble were **Anna**, **Jake Crotteau**, **Abigail**, and **Kate Muehring**. **Kate**, **Abigail**, and **Jake** also performed with the CMU Symphony Orchestra. Members **Lexi Galliers** and **Rebecca Henning** performed with the CMU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Performing with the Marching Band were **Abigail**, **Aiden**,



*Beta Province members celebrated Founders' Day.*

**Lexi**, **Madi**, **Anna**, and **Ethan Kindle**. **Kate** served as band manager and also had performances in the Student Showcase in November, the Woodwind Area Recital, the Honors Band, and the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra. **Madi Auten** presented an oboe recital in November and performed in the oboe studio recital.



**ZETA ALPHA** (Detroit, Michigan) **Laurie Zeller** and **Mary Chisholm** sold donated themed gifts and homemade chocolates at the Memphis Music Boosters Craft Sale on November 18 on behalf of Zeta Alpha and raised over \$100 for the student scholarship fund. Zeta Alpha provided Delta Iota members at Founders Day with three bags of snacks and treats as a finals and Christmas Care package. Meeting programs Zeta Alpha and Delta Iota celebrated a joint Founders' Day on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the home of **Nancy Meyette** with a total of 22 members and guests. The event included the traditional Founders' Day ceremony and a recital with a mix of alumni and student performances. Musical programs **Laurie Zeller** performed in "White Christmas" with the Richmond Community Theater for their

annual dinner theater fundraiser over Thanksgiving weekend. She played the role of "Tessie" and "Michelle" (originally Mike, the stage manager) as well as singing with the ensemble for the finale. With three performances it was a festive way to kick off the holiday season. **Mary Chisholm** sang with the New Baltimore Interfaith Choir on December 3, 2023 at Lighthouse Church in New Baltimore and December 4 at the Village of East Harbor in New Baltimore. Mary also sang with the choir for the November 12, 2023 service at the Congregational Church in New Baltimore, Michigan. **Mary Ann Pilette** sang with the Community Choir of Detroit on December 8 and 9, 2023 at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan. **Eldonna May** created and taught "The Workplace and the Law." Eldonna became an affiliate of Labor and Wayne, a think tank at Wayne State University. She recently returned from University of Cape Coast in Ghana where she was a Fulbright specialist in Ghana October 30 to December 2, 2023 where she created and launched an academy of scholars for music educators to mentor new educators and also worked with students to enhance their professional development. Eldonna is also a certified online professor at the Wayne State University Department of Music. **Nancy Meyette** judged on November 5, 2023 for the MAC Invitational in Shelby Township, Michigan.

## DELTA PROVINCE

**ZETA ETA** (Bloomington-Normal, Illinois) received the Award of Excellence for 2022-23. The chapter donated \$150 to the Delta Omicron Annual Giving Campaign. On September 9 a musical program was presented by **Beverly McAllister**, piano and on October 8 the chapter visited a Civil War Music Exhibit at the Route 66 Museum Complex in Pontiac, Illinois. Music included popular union songs, confederate songs, songs of both north and south, patriotic and emancipation songs, plus songs of home life, soldiers' life, battlefield death, and songs of mothers. Everyone joined at the end, singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. In November Zeta Eta's meeting was held at the First Christian Church of Bloomington and the program was presented by **Lou Ann Fillingham**, organ. On December 9 the



chapter met at the home of **Doris Hill**, who was the piano soloist and narrator for a program of Christmas carols. The chapter also held their Founders Day program at her home. Members of Zeta Eta are extremely active musically. **Kimberly Boehm** is the director of the Normal West High School Orchestra. **Char Fesler** sang with Cantus Novus in a Fall/Winter concert and at the McLean County Courthouse. She also played flute in the Bloomington Community Band's Christmas concert at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. **Lou Ann Fillingham** is the organist at the First Christian Church in Bloomington where she also accompanies the choir, works with a men's quartet and is part of a piano duo. **Doris Hill** played for chapel services during Illinois Wesleyan's Homecoming and for the IWU Christmas Choral Concert held at Holy Trinity Church. **Sharon Lundy** plays at Holy Trinity Church and serves as Zeta Eta's Zoom host for each meeting. **Beverly McAllister** plays at Evergreen Place Assisted Living, the Carle Cancer Institute, and Westminster Village Vespers. **Kimberly Martin-Boyd** played cello for the Illinois State University Choir Concert. **Marilyn Music** plays for weekly services at the Evangelical Free Church in Bloomington and accompanies the adult choir, arranging music for them. **Colleen Rapp** attended a concert of Civil War music performed by the 33rd Regimental Civil War Band. She and her husband dressed as President Lincoln and Mary Todd and were part of the program. The instruments and uniforms of the band were authentic. Colleen also attended the participated in the ISU Band Alumni Celebration. **Kathy Shulz** plays organ each Sunday for St. Mary's Catholic Church, plays clarinet in the Pontiac Municipal Band, and trains and directs the students who make up the recorder choir for the Pontiac Township High School Madrigals. **Kay Sire** sang with the Rochester United Methodist church choir. **Navana Ahrends** plays twice a month for Evenglow Chapel. She serves as the community liason representative for the Resident's Council. She continues to play two church services every Sunday, played for a service held as a part of the Cornell Sesquicentennial celebration and arranged music for the Livingston County Retired Teacher Association. **Fern North** celebrated her 90th birthday. Fern has been a member of Delta Omicron since 1984 and attends Zeta Eta meetings via Zoom. **Beverly McAllister** and **Navana**

**Ahrends** attended a cabaret style performance by John Waddell, a well-known bass-baritone in the Bloomington-Normal area. John is a protégé of **Mary Selk** and he dedicated this performance to her. In a news article John mentioned the many ways Mary helped him become the person that he still is today. Sadly, Zeta Eta lost two members this year – **Rita Ann (Gagnier) Buffinton** (age 100) and **Dorothy "Dottie" A. Peiffer** (age 98).

## IOTA PROVINCE

**GAMMA BETA** (Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia) chapter held a week-long celebration of Founders Day, which was also Greek week on campus. The president of Morris Brown College, Dr. Kevin James, happens to be a drummer and a battle of the drums was held between him and a chapter member **J'Ray**. This past fall the chapter also held "Music Monday" during which an alumni member, **Tarneshela Simons** conducted a music lesson with students in the department. Topsy Tuesday involved a study session on how to study efficiently and effectively as well as how to professionally write a paper in APA format. The chapter held a game night and participated in their Campus Community Service Day during which members and other students cleaned and organized the school's pantry and business career closet. **Airiana Chattam** was awarded Miss Psychology, Junior Class President, and Vice President of The Golden Key Honour Society. **Sheila Platt** was awarded Miss General Class Studies and **Riesha Fayson** was awarded Miss Music.



## MU PROVINCE

**ZETA DELTA** (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) members **Donna Bizub** and **Grace LaRayne** performed a total of 12 concerts with the Milwaukee Letter Carriers Band from May through November. They play

patriotic, traditional and pop selections at senior centers as well as shopping and civic venues. They also performed with the Silver Music Flute Ensemble. Donna also played both concert and bass flutes as well as bass clarinet with the Gutekunst Flute Ensemble. She also performed with The Milwaukee American Legion Band, the Eastwinds Ensemble and played clarinet at the Interlochen Adult Chamber Music Camp. She performed in the pit orchestra for “The Drowsy Chaperone” and in the Milwaukee Concert band along with Grace. Grace also gave a lecture/recital at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Muskego. **Mike Keegan** performed at North Shore Congregational Church and both Mike and Donna performed at Music on the Hill at John XXIII Catholic Parish. Member **Dulcie Shoener** performed on the piano for Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and plays regularly at her church at Bay Shore Lutheran.

### OMICRON PROVINCE

**DELTA SIGMA** (Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania) the chapter held 5 rushes, including a formal rush and attended many CIMC events. Delta Sigma held a fund raiser “Pelta Delta” where members of the fraternity were “pied” for donations. Members participate in several ensembles on campus. In Symphony Band/Wind Ensemble Homecoming are **Bryn Miller, Anastasia Sidor, Benjamin Steffish, Abigail Montannaro, Sam Russell, and Aaron Hartzell**. Squaaktoberfest participants were **Sarah Brandle, Sam Russell, Aaron Hartzell, Anastasia Sidor, and Benjamin Steffish**. Playing for the Orchestra and Choir Concerts was **Bryn Miller**. Performing in Bands in Review were **Bryn Miller, Sam Russell, Benjamin Steffish, Anastasia Sidor, Abigail Montanaro**. **Bryn Miller** and **Shanay Jackson** performed for the production of “Pirates of Penzance,” and playing in the Holiday Festival of Bands were **Bryn Miller, Anastasia Sidor, Benjamin Steffish, Sam Russell, Aaron Hartzell, and Abigail Montanaro**. **Bryn Miller** and prospective member **Mackenzie**



**Cloutier** performed in the Daniel Perlongo memorial concert which honored the life and works of Daniel Perlongo, former professor of theory and composition at IUP.

### THETA PROVINCE

**DELTA CHI** (University of Nebraska in Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska) The chapter members ushered and provided cookies for patrons and performers of the Kearney Symphony Orchestra.

### ZETA NORTH PROVINCE

**DELTA KAPPA** (Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia) Chapter member **GiGi Ortiz** received the Related Arts Student Teacher of the Year Award. Seniors that are graduating are **GiGi Ortiz, Alex Hummel, Ian O’Connell, and Sarah Petrea**. Performing in the Wind Symphony Concert and Marshall Holiday concert were **Garret Cummings, Ethan Crager** and several prospective members. Members Christmas caroling with the University Chorus were **GiGi Ortiz, Sarah Petrea, and Ian O’Connell**. Prospective members helped out with a fundraiser creating holiday candy baskets to sell for the holiday season. The chapter also held a collaborative ensemble rehearsal every other Wednesday from October 12 to November 16.

### ZETA SOUTH

**KNOXVILLE ALUMNI CLUB** (Knoxville, Tennessee) Many of our members have performed together as the Lyre of Gold Quartet for church services, for retirement centers, and for community events such as 9-11 services at the Knox County Police Department Headquarters.



## *D.O.s in the News*

**Janine Tiffe** (Mu Chapter) participated in the international conference “Gender Relations in Wind Music: from Clichés to Diversity,” which took place at the Cultural and University Centre of Oberschützen (Kunstuniversität Graz) between 4th and 5th May, 2023. This event brought together scholars and musicians from the United States, Austria, Germany, and Luxemburg. Below is an excerpt from the conference report by Clara Sersale:

“Ethnomusicologist Janine Tiffe (Kent State University, Glauser School of Music) continued the reflection on the role of band conductors by considering Jane Copenhefer’s commitment in shaping the Licking County-4-H Band (Ohio) as a positive band environment through inclusion and queerness, in a geographic location where queer people were ‘popularly represented as out of place.’ Interviews conducted with the musicians indicated how this band was central to many participants’ identities and how this environment was perceived as overall more positive and emotionally supportive than that of other school bands. Copenhefer’s leadership disrupted the US band world’s norms rooted in hierarchical military frameworks and traditions, with the aim of the betterment of her band and community.”



*Lyre of Gold Quartet from the Knoxville Alumni Club*

## *Upcoming Due Dates*

March 1 – IB 362al Conference Delegate (alumni)

March 1 – IB 365al Equipment and Supplies (alumni)

March 1 – IB 367 Financial Report #3

March 1 – IB 372 Senior Honor Pin with IB 364

March 1 – Chapter Newsletter

March 1 – IB 390 Publicity Reports #3

March 1 – IB 378 Star of D.O. with IB 364

March 1 – IB 378 Star of D.O. (alumni only)

April 1 – Delta Omicron Summer Scholarships

April 1 – IB 341 Member Exam Grade Sheet

April 1 – IB 361al Chapter Roster (alumni)

April 1 – IB 362 Conference Delegate (conference year only)

April 1 – National Investments: IB 364 and payment for Conferences, Endowment, Founders Pennies (alumni, too)

April 1 – IB 365 Chapter Inventory

April 1 – IB 366 Members Becoming Alumni

April 1 – IB 367 Financial Report #4



## *Upcoming Due Dates*

April 1 - PM records and fees: IB 437, 341, 337s, 344

April 1 – IB 376 Chapter Annual IRS Report (alumni too)

April 30 - Foundation Educational Grants

May 1 – Publicity Reports

May 1 – Summer Custody

May 1 – IB 314 Life Member with IB 364

May 1 – IB 361 Spring Chapter Roster

May 1 – IB 367 Financial Report #5 (alumni, too)

May 1 – IB 370 Patron Induction

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