

## TWO WEEKS, TWO CITIES, CHAPTERS

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Over two weekends in November, the Fraternity added two chapters to its active college chapter roster. The weekend of November 5, Fraternity officers headed to Tampa, Fla., to install the Eta Tau chapter at the University of Tampa. Seventy-seven charter members were initiated with the help of collegians from the Eta Theta Chapter at Central Florida and local Tampa alumnae.

A charter member summed up the experience by saying, "Installation is about being the first and creating history. It's a very moving experience realizing that you are starting something so wonderful and that you will be known as the founders of the Eta Tau Chapter many years from now."

The weekend of November 12 took Fraternity officers to Burlington, Vt., to re-establish the Lambda Chapter at the University of Vermont. Originally chartered in 1881, Lambda left campus in 2005. Fifty-seven women were initiated, returning Kappa Alpha Theta to UVM's campus. The installation team was assisted by collegians

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## **ETA TAU** INSTALLATION TEAM

college district president

Justine Fowler, HE/Quinnipiac.



Above: Lambda's charter and charter class; opposite: Eta Tau's charter, charter class, and scenes from the installation weekend.



from the Zeta Xi Chapter in Cambridge, Mass.

Every installation is special for the Fraternity, but it is always wonderful to be able to return to a campus where the chapter has a rich history. Former Fraternity President Lissa Bradford said, "Seeing this fine old chapter being restored to active status within the Fraternity was an emotional experience. And, no one was more thrilled than Carol McPadden, Lambda member and former Fraternity vice-president college. I felt privileged to be on the installation team and witness this very special event."

At the installation banquet, McPadden cited Lambda's rich history. Lydia Mason Hodge and Alice Hamilton Woodruff, two early members of the chapter, for whom Hamilton and Mason Halls on Redstone Campus are named, were the first women in the US elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Also on Redstone Campus are three other dormitories named for Thetas: Christie, Wright, and Simpson, the latter named for Mary Jane Simpson, the university's dean of women from 1937-1957.

Fraternity President Amy Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, presided over both initiation services, initiating a total of 134 new members in two weeks. "It was an absolute thrill for me to be involved in these installations," said Kates. "I am so proud to have Theta chapters at the University of Tampa and to be back again at Vermont!"

Thank you to the Fraternity officers, educational leadership consultants, and staff members who served on the installation teams. ◊



Initiation was so exciting! My favorite part was meeting Lambda alumnae. Seeing the impact they had on Lambda history inspires me to make our chapter the best that it can be."

- Alison Gagnon, A Vermont

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## LAMBDA INSTALLATION TEAM

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