

# Theta Tradition Begins

## Epsilon Omega

Epsilon Omega Chapter at Washington and Jefferson College may be one of the newest Theta chapters, but the group already boasts many of the accomplishments of a well-established chapter.

A group of 22 young women formed the colony in November, 1987. By the time the chapter was installed in April, the women had held a successful rush, organized a formal dance with a nearby Theta chapter and earned the number three grade-point average ranking of the 14 Greek groups on campus.

Epsilon Omega is the fourth sorority at Washington and Jefferson, a small liberal arts college in Washington, Penn. (35 miles southwest of Pittsburgh).

The history of Epsilon Omega began with 22 women who colonized on November 18, 1987. The new pledge sisters spent time getting to know one another and their big sis-

ters from Alpha Omega Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh.

The women also put a lot of time and hard work into preparations for their first formal spring rush in February. The Alpha Omegas and the Thetas from Alpha Gamma Chapter at Ohio State prepared a rush workshop weekend to help the new chapter members get ready for rush. The enthusiasm and dedication of Carolyn Todd, pledge and rush adviser, kept spirits running high. After a very successful rush, the group added 13 new pledges on February 12, 1988.

Epsilon Omega members kept busy during the weeks of pledging, and still managed to achieve the number three GPA on campus out of 14 Greek organizations. After rush, the pledges learned about Theta history, took part in service projects, chose big and little sisters within the group, participated in fraternity mixers and elected offi-

cers. Epsilon Omega held its first formal at the Hyatt in Pittsburgh with Alpha Omega Chapter. The weeks of pledging flew by until the big installation weekend.

The installation of Epsilon Omega began Friday evening, April 8, 1988, with a loyalty service and reception. Chapter President Diane Lydick opened gifts presented to the new chapter from Grand Council and Alpha Omega, as well as letters received from Theta chapters around the country.

Initiation was held Saturday morning. The installation team included: Grand President Sue Supple, Grand Vice President Membership Jane Hedges, Grand Vice President Development Marian Paoletti, Executive Director Marcia Bond, Chapter Services Coordinator Susan Kiley, College District President Julie Gilbert, Director of Music Joyce Anne Vitelli and Chapter Consultants Stefan Streeter, Corinne Bergmann and Kim Mesirov. Alpha Omega Chapter assisted with the initiation.

Sue Supple presented the charter to Epsilon Omega Saturday evening at the Club International. After the chartering service, chapter members were joined by family, friends and administration officials from Washington and Jefferson for a banquet. Flowers were presented as tokens of appreciation, and a video featuring

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Dressed in formals for a New Year's rush party, the colony members share their enthusiasm for Theta with rushees at Washington and Jefferson. An additional 13 women joined Epsilon Omega after rush in February.



Six of the original colony members celebrate at the installation banquet after Epsilon Omega received its charter. A group of local alumnae helped make the installation weekend possible for the chapter.

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the theme night skit from the chapter's first rush was shown.

Special thanks go to the local alumnae who organized the loyalty service, initiation, installation banquet and reception. Without the support of Nan Cameron, Winnie Cameron, Mary Ann Harmon, Rosemary Marriner and Mary Lou DeHaas, the weekend would not have been possible.

The members of Epsilon Omega are proud of their diversity and enjoy the bonds of sisterhood. Each person pledged Theta for a different reason, but common experiences have brought the chapter closer together. Epsilon Omega is off to a high-flying start and looks eagerly to the future and what it holds for the chapter.

*Linda M. Burstynowicz*

### Epsilon Omega Charter Members

Marybeth Armstrong—Indiana, PA  
Terri Babyak—Bethal Park, PA  
Regina Brzozowski—Lakeland, FL  
Linda Burstynowicz—Pittsburgh, PA  
Kristy Cassidy—Washington, PA  
Kelly Ann Cook—Carnegie, PA  
Heather Davis—Greensburg, PA  
Kristin Donnelly—Washington, PA  
Elizabeth Fleming—Hollidaysburg, PA  
Brenda Foringer—Washington, PA  
Brenda Gelder—Jeannette, PA  
Deanna Gentile—Pittsburgh, PA  
Angela Giecek—Washington, PA  
Linnea Halahurich—Youngwood, PA  
Sally Harvison—Irwin, PA  
Jane Kelley—Sarver, PA  
Lisa Kendi—Scottdale, PA  
Michele Lago—Jeannette, PA  
Laura Lorenzo—Monongahela, PA  
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Angelique Lucero—Charleroi, PA  
Diane Lydick—Jeannette, PA  
Dawn Moczek—Martins Ferry, OH  
Andrea Perosio—Rumson, NJ  
Christie Rapacik—Johnstown, PA  
Trina Roney—Annville, PA  
Michelle Sharik—Houston, PA  
Kelly Stacey—Barberton, PA  
Rochelle Tatrai—Charleroi, PA  
Elizabeth Twyman—Pittsburgh, PA  
Staci Varga—Perryopolis, PA  
Lynn Wallace—Uniontown, PA  
Teri Willochell—Greensburg, PA  
Lucy Young—Pittsburgh, PA  
Tina Zottola—Coraopolis, PA

### Beta Eta Charter Members

Julia Aledort—Washington, D.C.  
Elizabeth Ames—Onancock, VA  
Misun An—Philadelphia, PA  
Mimi Ang—Ann Arbor, MI  
Iori Attias—Wyncote, PA  
Heather Bain—Greenwich, CT  
Nona Balaban—Fairhaven, NJ  
Jacqueline Behan—Albany, NY  
Nancy Boxenbaum—I archmont, NY  
Anne Brennan—Van Nuys, CA  
Andrea Brooks—Washington, D.C.  
Laura Carraker—Phoenix, AZ  
Kristin Cater—New Hartford, NY  
Sarah Chacko—Media, PA  
Anne Chacour—York, PA  
Stacy Cooper—Roslyn, NY  
I eanne Cummings—Studio City, CA  
Nicole DeBotton—Penn Valley, PA  
Kathy DeMarco—Hammonton, NJ  
Susan DiBiasio—Fast Greenwich, RI  
Whitney Dickinson—Charlotte, NC  
Betsy Dollinger—Morristown, NJ  
Randi Dorman—Sandpoint, NY  
Dana Doron—West Hartford, CT  
I aura Drabkin—Woodmere, NJ  
Julie Dressner—Morristown, NJ  
Monique Ehsao—Sherman Oaks, CA  
Monique Fl-Faizy—Dana Point, CA  
Toria Emery—Philadelphia, PA  
Karen Engel—Southboro, MA  
Mandy Farfan—Fairfax, VA  
Shari Finn—Brockton, MA  
I ori Freed—Encino, CA  
Sharon Freed—Encino, CA  
Michelle Garbert—Honolulu, HI  
Carolyn Gilbert—York, PA  
Lori Gittleman—Wyncote, PA  
Jimma Grigsby—Boston, MA  
Felicia Grimaldi—Washington, D.C.  
I isa Gross—New York, NY  
Anne Marie Hallal—Santa Monica, CA  
Sarah Harmon—Tulsa, OK  
Alexandra Heymao—Tulsa, OK

Kim Heyman—Merion, PA  
Holly Himstead—Barnstead, MA  
Julie Holzknecht—San Francisco, CA  
Claudia Horwitz—Philadelphia, PA  
Phyllis Hurwitz—Bethesda, MD  
Beth Isaacson—Englewood, NJ  
Betsy Jaffe—St. Louis, MO  
Mary Claire Joyce—Buffalo, NY  
Meeka Jun—Hewlett, NJ  
Jill Kaufman—New City, NY  
Amy Kontrick—Lake Forest, IL  
Vicki Lamorte—Altoona, PA  
Averie Larussa—Tampa, FL  
Linda Lee—Flkins Park, PA  
I nda Lewis—Cherry Hills, NJ  
Jennifer Leshnick—Santa Monica, CA  
I isa Levin—Newburgh, NY  
Karen Lithgow—Rye Brook, NY  
Sarah Makar—Bellevue, WA  
Amy Meltzer—Beverly Hills, CA  
Darby Mullany—Glen Rock, NJ  
Katherine O'Connor—Bala Cynwyd, PA  
Kara Ornstein—Stanford, CA  
Johanna Plummer—Bala Cynwyd, PA  
Lori Quon—Los Angeles, CA  
Jessica Ravitz—Huntington Woods, MI  
Stefanie Reichel—Chevy Chase, MD  
Hayley Richman—Melville, NY  
Tory Robinson—Valey Forge, PA  
Margaret Rokous—North Andover, MA  
Allison Ross—New York, NY  
Alison Sachs—Pittsburgh, PA  
Ruthie Sachs—Baltimore, MD  
Dorene Saltiel—Cambridge, MA  
Lauren Sandler—Bethesda, MD  
Bonnie Schneider—Roslyn Heights, NY  
Mikal Shechter—New York, NY  
Jill Sherman—Armonk, NY  
Lisa Silbret—Jensen Beach, FL  
Elizabeth Sloane—Amber, PA  
Jennifer Stein—San Francisco, CA  
Dana Sukenik—Shaker Heights, OH  
Maggie Symons—Seattle, WA  
Lori Weir—Endwell, NY  
Elizabeth Weitzman—Haverford, PA  
Patricia Witkin—Bala Cynwyd, PA  
Heidi Zuckerman—Palo Alto, CA



Beta Eta charter members and members of the pledge class share Theta sisterhood at the installation banquet. Beta Eta returned to Penn after an 18 year absence