

Installation

Zeta Theta Joins Growing Greek Community at Cal Poly

The brilliance of kites on the horizon overshadowed even the spectacular ocean view, as Zeta Theta Chapter celebrated not only its installation as the 115th chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, but also the Fraternity's 119th birthday.

Zeta Theta was installed January 27 through 29 at California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The new Theta chapter became the seventh women's group in a rapidly growing Greek community on the campus.

Record numbers of participants took part in formal rush on campus. The Theta colonization team interviewed nearly 200 women before selecting 80 colony members, who started on the path to Theta sisterhood in September.

Beginning a new chapter is a great challenge. Not only were these women faced with the task of learning the history, principles and ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta, but they also had to learn 80 new names and faces.

At times it seemed as if organizing the new chapter was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle with a few missing pieces. But it all fell into place after an all-chapter retreat, held two weeks before initiation. The Zeta Theta pledges headed for the Women's Club in Los Osos,



Zeta Theta new initiates gather at the chapter's installation banquet in January. Clockwise from top: Whitney Rogers, Angela Faust, Lori Organ, Natalie Broyer, Barbara Strieter, Mary Wyse, Frances Pitruzzello, Suzanne Ricca, Laura Fliescher.

Calif. to spend a fun-filled evening enjoying food, games, goal setting and a meaningful fireside chat.

The pledges discussed the meaning of sisterhood, and all left the retreat feeling very excited about their commitment to Kappa Alpha Theta. "To me, sisterhood is the special bond that develops as a result of the experiences one shares with others," said Pam de la Pena, one of the colony members.

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Colony members of Zeta Theta at Cal State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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Zeta Theta Charter Members

Terri Adler	Lori Morrow
Elizabeth Andrews	Dorothy Moulin
Brigette Booker	Deneese Nachel
Michele Bookstein	Michelle Negrette
Diana Branda	Christine Nyman
Stacy Brown	Marla Ono
Natalie Broyer	Lori Organ
Lynn Burns	Erin Osborne
Amy Cameron	Frances Pitruzzello
Jill de Haan	Karen Pitsenbarger
Pam de la Pena	Jennifer Reed
Patricia Devine	Suzanne Ricca
Kimberly Downs	Melissa Ritter
Jody Elliott	Traci Robinson
Jennifer Eltzroth	Whitney Rogers
Leslie Evans	India Sachs
Stephanie Evans	Shawn Shafer
Angela Faust	Sabina Shaikh
Laura Fleischer	Stephanie Slater
Linda Flintzer	Lisa Souza
Christine Haas	Shannon Stout
Christine Hagan	Barbara Strieter
Dana Hilderbrand	Laura Strong
Temme Hollander	Jennifer Sullivan
Audrey Hubbard	Peggy Toll
Leasa Jacobson	Christina Tupper
Susan James	Michelle Vaccaro
Jackie Jones	Marti Wallace
Karen Kucharski	Kerrie Whitelaw
Christine Leech	Julie Williams
Jennifer Lott	Penny Wilson
Fran McIntyre	Susan Wilson
Carol MacQuiddy	Mary Wyse
Stephanie Marks	Jill Zak
Karri Matthews	Jennifer Zulewski

200 in attendance. The new members toasted the founders and listened to the words of colony president Mary Wyse, who said, "I was so impressed by all of you!" Congratulations Zeta Theta and may your kites fly high and proud into the future.

Kim Rutledge
Chapter Consultant

Upsilon Recolonizes at Minnesota

Not since the 1950s has a women's fraternity successfully colonized or recolonized at the University of Minnesota. The challenge was met by Kappa Alpha Theta, which began a successful recolonization of its nearly 100-year-old Upsilon Chapter last year. "Theta Leads the Way" was the theme for the October 9-12 reinstallation rush, directed by dedicated alumnae who spent many hours creating names of prospective members, decorating the chapter house and making preparations. Because of the chapter's long-time Tl



The colony class of Upsilon's new members' Day photo in February.

In addition, the recolonization team focused on scholarship, service and personal development in making Kappa Alpha Theta at the university.

Soon after formal pledging, members of the colony class moved into the chapter house. This, and the treats held during pledgship, enhanced the unity of the group. Setting goals and getting acquainted with members of the class encouraged them to more quickly understand the responsibilities of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta.