

# Installation

## Kappa Alpha Theta Takes Charleston by Storm

**K**appa Alpha Theta talked of taking Charleston by storm, but no one thought that Mother Nature would take us literally! Colonization activities were scheduled for September 24 - 27, 1989. Hurricane Hugo struck on September 21. The city of Charleston was devastated; Theta would have to wait. So while South Carolina was putting the pieces back together, Theta planned for a January colonization at the College of Charleston.

January arrived peacefully, with no natural disasters. On the 24th, Zeta Lambda became Theta's newest colony. The spotlight that evening was not focused on the colonization team (Grand Vice-President Development Sue Blair-Sheets, Grand Vice-President Alumnae Jane Hedges, Director of Colonizations and Installations Marilyn Lynch, College Regional Director Carol McPadden, Director of Rush Development Anne Payne, Alumnae District President Gaye Brown, Director of Chapter Services Betsy Sierk, Editor Sue Supple and Chapter Consultants Katie Bax and LynnAnn Baldwin), but instead on the 95 young women gathered in the ballroom of the Student Center. These women were strangers for the most part, about to begin sharing a bond called Kappa Alpha Theta.



From left, Laura Jennings, Michelle Lilly, Kelsy Smith, Nan Anderson and Megan McKee are all smiles as they participate in Zeta Lambda's installation.



Laura Jennings, left, Zeta Lambda corresponding secretary, and Michelle Lilly, rush chairman, share ideas in preparation for next year's rush. The Zeta Lambda Thetas' innovative ideas have already made them a positive force on the Charleston campus.

But at that point the only thing anyone thought they had in common was wearing a little black and gold pledge pin and learning songs about kites. As the next two months unfolded, things became a bit more serious as each woman began to realize the challenge she had undertaken.

The first step was to elect officers and start planning service, scholarship and educational programs. Through all of these programs, the secret to what Theta is about began to unravel little by little. One important ideal of Theta is to recognize a person's individuality, encourage it and watch it grow. Zeta Lambda Chapter has exemplified that in every way by supporting each other's ideas and programs, including participation in Special Olympics, the March of Dimes "Walk America," the People Against Rape march "Take Back the Night," and the College's Homecoming, Greek Day and Songfest. The social agenda has included functions with many of the other Greek organizations on campus. The enthusiasm was overwhelming.

The Zeta Lambda Chapter does not consist of passive women who are willing to sit and let others do the work. These women are filled with innovative ideas and high-aiming goals for the future. They are ready to act and make their dreams a reality. College of Charleston students have complimented the Thetas on their powerful presence and the positive impression they continue to leave in their path.

Grand President Janet Peters and the installation team led the initiation and charter services on March 23 - 25, 1990. The installation team consisted of Peters, Hedges, Brown, Bax and Chapter Consultants Tracy Bartels and Lynda Fairman, and Central Office staff members, Kelley Galbreath, Susan Kiley and Paige Thompson.

With installation behind them, Zeta Lambda is ready to work even harder in future activities. The Fraternity has a tradition of focusing on the future, and Zeta Lambda intends to make sure that it will play a positive and active role in the future of the College of Charleston as well as in the Charleston community.

"The women of Zeta Lambda want every member to be viewed as an individual and respected for who she is. We want to create an environment where all kinds of members can put differences aside, come together and learn from one another's experiences in life. Our pride in what we stand for is shown in what we do every day—from wearing our letters to the support we give to each individual member," says President Liz Murphy.

## Zeta Lambda Charter Members

Leigh Alverson, Moore, SC  
Nan Anderson, Howe, IN  
Wyndi Anderson, Spartanburg, SC  
Heather Baars, Charleston, SC  
Cristy Beckett, Walterboro, SC  
Jennifer Bettini, Clifton, VA  
Jennifer Billingham, Orlando, FL  
Elizabeth Blackmon, Atlanta, GA  
Cristina Bouchard, Fairfax, VA  
Laura Bradham, Cheraw, SC  
Sharon Bressoud, Sarasota, FL  
Candace Bridges, Pendergrass, GA  
Ami Brown, Easley, SC  
Cassie Brown, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Jennifer Brumgardt, Charleston, SC  
Frances Cahill, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Jill Cary, Riverside, CA  
Tena Caston, McBee, SC  
Laura Cazallis, Roebuck, SC  
Edna Coker, Clemson, SC  
Keri Cuthbertson, Huntington, NY  
Elizabeth Davis, Surfside Beach, SC  
Shawna Davis, Round O, SC  
Lee Dawson, Atlanta, GA  
Gail Dempster, S. Ponte Vedra Bch, FL  
Kathy Driscoll, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Jennifer Fisher, Chattanooga, TN  
Amy Floyd, Lake City, SC  
Kellee Franklin, Fairfax Station, VA  
Caryn Gardner, Columbia, SC  
Jennifer Gruszczynski, Schenectady, NY  
Kimberly Hair, Augusta, GA  
Beth Hamrick, Augusta, GA  
Maureen Hanna, Atlanta, GA  
Patricia Hazelrigs, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Ashley Hudson, Walterboro, SC  
Laura Jennings, Charleston, WV  
Joan Johnson, Spartanburg, SC  
Nell Johnson, Charleston, SC  
Deborah Jones, Mauldin, SC  
Mary Frances Jones, Simpsonville, SC  
Valerie Kinard, Ehrhardt, SC  
Jennifer Kranz, Atlanta, GA

Bid night seems a long time ago. There is no longer a room full of strangers. The chapter is a closely knit group of women whose lives are forever interwoven by Kappa Alpha Theta. One has to say that nothing can stop the bright future of Theta—not even a hurricane!

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President

Christina Lawkins, Charleston, SC  
Michelle Lilly, Beckley, WV  
Natalie Lohman, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Jaye Lowenthal, Lexington, KY  
Stefania MacFarlane, Paris, France  
Megan McKee, Alexandria, VA  
Rachel McKinney, Herndon, VA  
Elizabeth McKoy, Sumter, SC  
Carla Medlin, Columbia, SC  
Michele Miller, Estill, SC  
Robin Miller, Columbia, SC  
Sandra Millican, Isle of Palms, SC  
Stewart Morrison, Charlotte, NC  
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Elizabeth Murphy, Fairfax Station, VA  
Ann Nichols, Richmond, VA  
Beth Peeples, Estill, SC  
Leslie Perry, Irmo, SC  
Mary Dee Petty, Spartanburg, SC  
Amanda Pope, Richmond, VA  
Margaret Scott, McClellanville, SC  
Rachel Secrest, Springfield, VA  
Stacey Sheppard, Brunson, SC  
Caryn Siegfried, Columbia, SC

Charleston area alumnae support the new chapter as members of Zeta Lambda's advisory board. Local alumnae also assisted the colonization and installation teams during the rush party, interviews and initiation.



Enthusiastic Zeta Lambda charter members proudly show off their new Theta badges after the chapter's installation. Since bid night in January, the group has grown closer as they discovered what Theta is all about.

Kelsy Smith, Atlanta, GA  
Paige Spaulding, Summerville, SC  
Angie Stadtmiller, N. Augusta, SC  
Milissa Stansell, Taylors, SC  
Sandy Strong, Marlow, OK  
Dana Sykes, Manning, SC  
Melissa Tarte, Florence, SC  
Deana Toner, Aiken, SC  
Amy Traub, Spartanburg, SC  
Lesley Tynes, Summerville, SC  
Jennifer VanCulin, Fort Pierce, FL  
Carman Wagers, Leesville, SC  
Kristin Walker, Charleston, SC  
Melanie Whelan, Macon, GA  
Jacqueline Winkler, Gainesville, GA  
Courtney Wiseman, Irmo, SC  
Michele Wolsefer, Winter Springs, FL  
Ruthanne Woodard, Blackville, SC  
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Branna Woodward, Barnwell, SC  
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