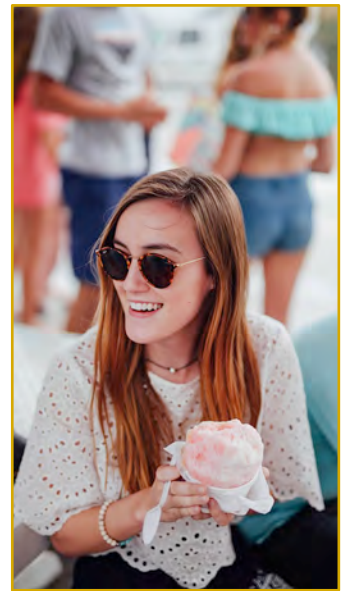




Kappa Alpha Theta

// Delta Omega



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"So now abide faith, hope, and love, these three. But the greatest of these is love."

// 1 Corinthians 13:13

A Rewarding Recruitment

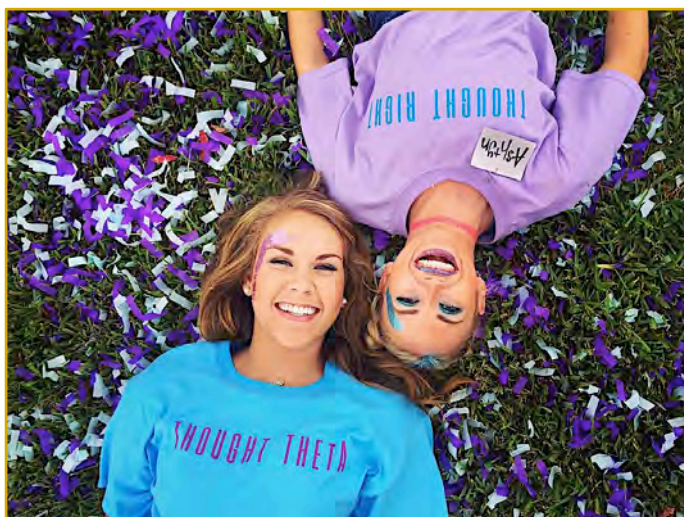
// Adoring our additions



After diligently preparing the week of August 14th through August 19th, the Delta Omega chapter participated in Formal Recruitment beginning August 21st. In grand celebration the women conducted Bid Day festivities on the 27th, and welcomed home eighty-two beautiful New Members!

The party featured a 90's Throwback theme with nods to the popular show *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*. Vibrant fonts exclaiming "Fresh Since 1870" adorned banners, signage, and t-shirts created for the event.

As the New Members exited the bus, they were greeted with a shower of confetti and decorative kites then ushered to the house for fun activities. Vendors offered fajitas, nachos and popsicles, and the vintage candy table satisfied any lingering appetites! Girls were encouraged to participate in photo opportunities, adorned with glitter and face paint, and enjoyed dancing throughout the night. It was a memorable experience for all involved, a fete much deserved following the long Recruitment process!



Outstanding Origins

// Where our new Thetas are from

Texas:

- * Allen- Sarah Jane Landsaw, Natalie LeBlanc
- * Austin- Meghan Barcinski, Callie Lee, Hailey Nichols, Katy Roberts
- * Conroe- Julia Meyer
- * College Station/Bryan- Madeline Dungan, Robin Ealy, Anna Solcher
- * Colleyville- Kimberly Tran
- * Crawford- Grace Gardner
- * Crowley- Olivia Alland
- * Cypress- Kathryn Faulk, Brooke Rebenschied, Kendall Thurston
- * Dallas- Elise Gunter, Raquel Hazbun, Chloe Myers, Laney Norris, Gabi Rodriguez, Avery Roossien, Grayson Sentell, Anna Zotos
- * El Paso- Jacqueline Bradley
- * Fairfield- Mallory Fuller, Lori Neill, Ivy Robinson
- * Flower Mound- Annie Goetz, Maddie Heth, Emily Ivy
- * Fort Worth- Amy Burdette, Courtney Morris
- * Fredericksburg- Rosemary Pedregon
- * Frisco- Katie Calandro, Mackenzie Cruse, Alli Meuret, Lindsey Morrison, Emma Oliver, Elizabeth Redenbaugh
- * Houston- Sarah Duncan, Rachel Hanchera, Mary Khaldoon, Madison Landis, Libby Lorenz, Nicole Matthews, Molly Murphy, Lauren Park, Kara Schneider
- * Highland Village- Colette Harris
- * Jourdanton- Allison Matocha
- * Katy- Elisa Wells
- * Longview- Addison Holcomb
- * Lubbock- Makenzie Manning
- * Lufkin- Monica Vegiraju

Texas:

- * Magnolia- Sarah Swift, Megan Tolsdorf
- * McKinney- Lauren Hancock, Ashlyn Thompson
- * Missouri City- Abbie Maier
- * Odessa- Amanda Adkins
- * Plano- Caitlyn Chew, Madison Helms, Helene Weideman
- * Pearland- Meredith Spradlin
- * Prosper- Olivia Alexander
- * Purdon- Caroline Kennemore
- * Richardson- Sarah Swiney
- * Richmond- Rebecca Volkers
- * Roanoke- Sarah Araujo Anderson
- * Rowlett- Stacey Williams
- * Royse City- Maddie Dayberry
- * San Antonio- Emily Jackson, Katelyn McCarthy, Kaitlin Prior
- * Southlake- Olivia Moss
- * Seymour- Hanna Rivers
- * Tomball- Catherine McFarland
- * Waco- Sami Landon
- * Wichita Falls- Ashley Tate
- * The Woodlands- Becca Montelongo
- * Wylie- Josette O'Steen

Colorado:

- * Monument- Jenna Bethany



Welcoming Wonderful Women

// Meet our New Members



// New Member Retreat

September 11, 2016 was a special day for all of the New Members in the Delta Omega chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta! The day began with chapter lunch at the Theta house, and from there the girls of MC '16 were bused off to their New Member Retreat. The retreat took place at Ritchey Ranch and consisted of a Twin Stars Olympics. Accompanying adorable photo opportunities were relay races and a game where each Theta got to share the story behind a significant personal item. Fun was had by all, and the event has girls looking ahead in joy for the coming memories they will share! Sentiments about the retreat concluded with the New Members expressing that they're "excited to continue to grow and live life alongside these girls because they truly know how to love well."



// Big/Little Reveal

The week of September 18th proved busy for the girls in MC '15 of the Delta Omega Chapter as they prepared to welcome Littles into their Theta families. Each evening, the soon-to-be Bigs would set out a basket for their Little to retrieve filled with comfortable Theta t-shirts, the girls' favorite drinks and snacks, decadent baked goods, crafts adorned with black and gold letters, and so much more. Throughout the week, members of MC '15 relished in the anticipation of receiving their Littles and enjoyed pouring love into their gifts and letters! On the receiving end, girls of MC '16 rushed to the house in excitement every morning, and were enthused to see the elaborate presents so loyally laid out. September 22nd couldn't come soon enough, and when it did there was cause for great celebration! Members of MC '15 popped out of ornate boxes to surprise the new additions to their Theta families. After a marathon of picture taking and generous amounts of hugging, the girls of Delta Omega set out to spend quality time with their newly expanded Theta families through dessert excursions and movie nights! It was a special time that was documented to be remembered for years to come!



// Initiation and New Member Presentation

Following the Initiation ceremony on October 1st, the Delta Omega chapter gathered to celebrate all new actives with a New Member Presentation on October 2nd. The event was hosted at the Hilton in town, and featured a luncheon. Families of the new initiates were invited to partake in the festivities, where they were given a glimpse of the uplifting sisterhood their loved ones had just entered into! Throughout the meal, guests listened to speeches highlighting Theta values of Faith, Hope, and Love delivered by one girl in each Member Class. The New Member Director and New Member Educator, Erin Faulk and Tori Shrum, respectively, shared loving sentiments about their experiences working with the New Members over the course of the semester. The girls of MC '15 each bestowed an adjective upon their new Littles and recognized them on stage with a yellow rose. Pictures in the courtyard followed the presentation, a nice gesture to commemorate the Initiation rituals and completion of the New Member period. It was a fantastic way to further celebrate the initiates and to convey their value within the chapter to their families!



Focused on Philanthropy

// Thetas giving back



Theta Foundation/ Friendship Fund

The *Friendship Fund* was created in 1926, and is dedicated to assisting sisters who are struggling financially due to a variety of extenuating circumstances. The overarching idea of the fund is to support Thetas, and to show each woman compassion and appropriate love.

One unique aspect of the *Friendship Fund* is the secrecy involved in the nomination of sisters and donation of gifts. Two members submit a request in the name of a Theta undergoing hardship, and remain anonymous as the *Friendship Fund* committee determines a fair amount for the monetary assistance. All records are confidential, yet the idea of loyal sisterhood is ever-present in this process.

For more information about the *Friendship Fund*, send inquiries to friendshipfund@kappaalphatheta.org or place a call to (888) 526-1870, ext. 140.



// In other news...

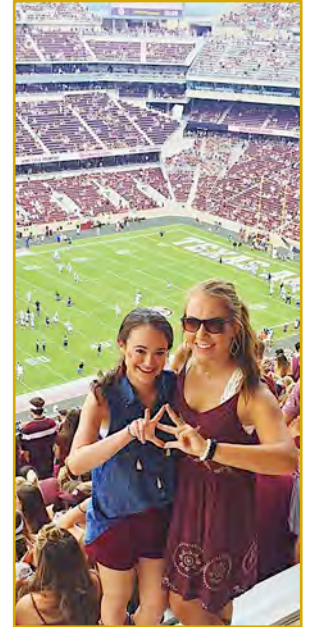
- On April 9, 2016, the Delta Omega Chapter hosted our 31st annual "Rock the CASA" philanthropy event. The event consisted of a 5K run and silent auction. Guests showed up early in the morning for a stretch and a commencement of the run by the Yell Leaders. Over 1200 people registered to run the race and the silent auction sold over 900 raffle tickets! We were able to auction off over 150 items, and ended up raising a total of over \$115,000 for the benefit of Scotty's House and CASA! It's safe to say that all expectations were exceeded, and we are looking forward to another promising 5K next spring!!!
- The eighth annual Theta Day of Service will take place on October 19th, 2016. Theta Chapters from all around the US join to celebrate Bettie Locke's birthday by taking initiatives to serve and better their communities. The women of Delta Omega are set to engage in a variety of activities aimed at loving the city of College Station well. Opportunities include reading to elementary school students, writing thank you letters to professors, baking and delivering cookies to police officers, playing games with the elderly, and crafting blankets to give to children at Scotty's House! We look forward to giving back and showcasing the heart behind our organization!

The semester at a glance

// All the dates you'll need to know!

Coming up for Kappa Alpha Theta:

- Oct. 19th // Theta Day of Service
- Oct. 24th // Interest Indicators due for SLATE
- Oct. 31st // Mandatory Chapter Meeting
- Nov. 2nd // House Girl Leases go out
- Nov. 3rd // Profit share at Chipotle 5-9
- Nov. 4th-5th // Participate in Songfest
- Nov. 6th // SLATE
- Nov. 7th // SLATE Presented to Chapter
- Nov. 11th // ThetaFest
- Nov. 12th // Daddy/Daughter Tailgate
- Nov. 14th // Chapter vote on SLATE, House Girl leases due
- Nov. 17th // Semiformal
- Dec. 5th // Last Chapter Meeting
- Dec. 8th // Scholarship Banquet
- Jan. 29th // Founders' Day Celebration



Join us for ThetaFest:

Our seventh annual \$5 fajita dinner is quickly approaching!

The event is hosted at the Theta House on November 11th from 6-9pm, and is open to all! It is dedicated to fundraising for donation to our local philanthropy, Scotty's House! Proceeds from the evening will be allocated to Scotty's House as well as Theta Foundation, and applied to making a difference in the lives of abused children and their families.

In addition to delicious food with a Mexican flair, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in our Silent Auction. Guests will also enjoy live entertainment, music, and games along with a variety of door and raffle prizes!

To get more information about ThetaFest, visit our website www.aggiethetafest.webs.com. This year marks our inaugural year with online ticket sales! Pop on over to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thetafest-2016-tickets-28264626258> where you can purchase tickets, donate, and learn more about the festive occasion!

Keeping Up with the KATs

// Thetas making an impact

// Academically Speaking

With all of these involvements it's tough to manage the different aspects of college life. That being said, the girls of Delta Omega are thriving in all aspects. This past semester, a stunning 60 of our very own earned 4.0 GPRs!!! What an accomplishment! These stellar grades are evidence that the girls of our chapter are seeking excellence in every facet, and are faithful to study well!

// Leaders all around

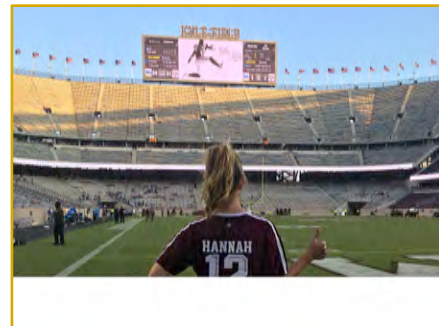


Ashtyn Davis

This distinguished member of our Chapter is preparing to embark on a semester-long internship during the Spring 2017 term in Washington DC through the Public Policy Internship Program (PIIP)! Ashtyn has “experience interning with Congressman John Ratcliffe’s district office” and in that role “enjoyed getting to see the profound effect public policy has on citizens’ day-to-day lives.” She’s looking to the future enthusiastically, asserting, “I will have so many opportunities to grow both educationally and socially this next semester.”

Hannah Palmer

On game day, you can see this Theta happily representing Texas A&M by welcoming Lettermen and fans to Kyle Field as a member of Aggie Elites. The position sure comes with its perks (like interacting with the Yell Leaders, Lettermen, and sports media), but Hannah explains that being in Aggie Elites is about so much more than the fanfare and excitement. The values of the organization include hospitality, and Hannah notes, “being in Aggie Elites has challenged me by conditioning my servant’s heart and molding my people skills.” Early morning alarms on Saturday mornings are a small price to pay for “communication and people skills” that can be put into practice through “classes, applying for professional schools, and eventually in applying for a job.”



Kelsey Miller

In keeping with our love for CASA, our very own Kelsey Miller served as a special events intern this summer in Dallas. Her position centered around their annual fundraising event, Parade of Playhouses, in NorthPark Center. Kelsey describes her busy schedule as filled with activity including, “running errands for the event, contacting vendors for donations to our playhouse builders and getting to know the staff of Dallas CASA.” Not only did this Delta Omega represent that being a sorority woman is a powerful force of good in today’s world, but she also exhibited the Aggie core value of selfless-service. Kelsey explains attending court to see advocates in action as a moving sight that “truly spoke to the depth of what the fundraising events truly mean.” She reflects on the summer with joy and gushes, “I would recommend this experience to any Theta and I can promise them they will leave the Dallas office at the end with a tear, growth and a new perspective on what being a Theta truly is!”

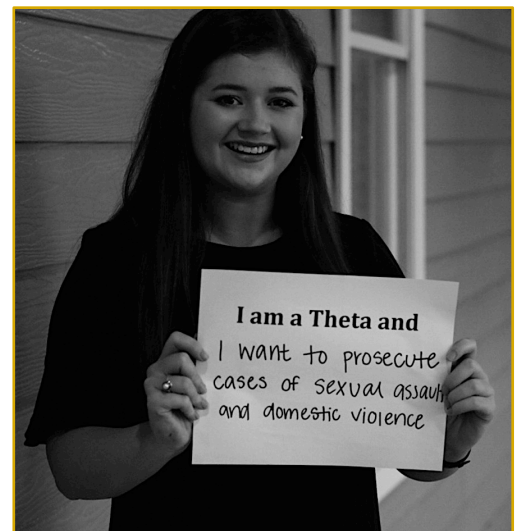
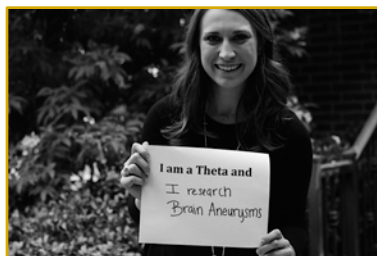
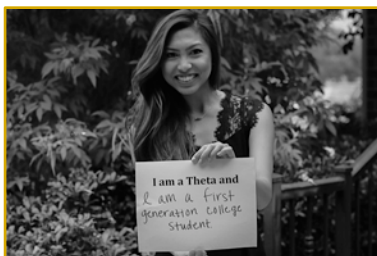
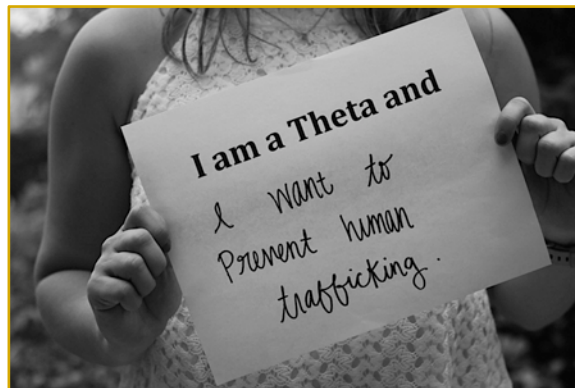
How to stay in touch:

This year we are so lucky to have an innovative Online Media Director! She has been quite successful thus far in revitalizing our presence on the website and various social media platforms! Stay updated by following us, liking us, and visiting the website regularly!

Website: www.texasaggietheta.com
Blog: <https://aggieKAT.wordpress.com>
Facebook: Kappa Alpha Theta - Texas A&M
Instagram: @aggie_theta
Twitter: @AggieKAT_

Identifying Individuality

// Sharing what makes us unique



No Longer Lost

// Reconnecting and Reuniting

// Calling All Thetas

Over the years we have lost touch with the following Theta sisters, and would like to be back in contact with them! Should you have the ability to contact them or know a way to do so, please let them know how to update their information (see below)! Any questions can be directed to our lovely Permanent Alumnae Secretary, Celia Winchell. She can be reached at celia.winchell@sbcglobal.net.

Initiation Year:	Full Name:
1976	Katherine Singletary Yates, Linda Lou Morris Wilson, Sharon Weatherford Moreau, Susan Warrington Ashburn, Beverly Jean Oberdorf, Deborah Hampton Adams, Kathryn Kieffer Ralph
1977	Joan Kelley Smith, Margie Gullett Moon, Stacy Douglass Brown, Eugenia D. Etheridge, Melanie Ann Davis
1978	Elizabeth Dwight, Mary Kathryn Jernigan
1979	Lynne Holdridge Warner, Diane Franke Harris, Franne Freeman McFall, Konyi Campbell Hansen
1980	Melinda Sheets Burge
1981	Patricia R. Forrest, Margaret Kidd Duncan
1982	Hollie Woodhull Alexander, Nancy Crites Morton Scheifele, Sallie Kusenberger
1983	Kathery McDonald Pace, Pamela Weems Sacaris, Rebecca Bailes Price, Holly Donigan Marsh
1984	Charlene T. Carroll, Glynnis L. Blake, Jennifer W. White, Kimberly Breaux, Pamela Foerster Sturtevant, Tawnya Grooms Boatwright, Suzanne Schuster Darrow, Carolyn E. Whitten, Tammy Remmert Smothers
1985	Judith Ray Bachmann, Mary E. Bolner, Mary Estess Braymen, Jennifer L. James, Paulette Bell, Susan E. Newman
1986	Laura Faires, Lori Beller McQuillen, Nicole White Stafford, Renee Dix, Shani Ball Bentsen, Janna Skinner Fowler, Juli Green
1987	Ann Robinson, Jennifer Ann Sauter, Tina Stellwagen, Denise Estelle Lopez, Kimberly Joan Nelson
1988	Adrienne Moore Kelly, Amy Kurio Grant, Carol Lewis Lemley, Dede Elizabeth Fasken, Elizabeth Melby, Tracy L. Sullivan
1989	Christy A. Vaughn, Gillian Hamilton, Karla Kay Singer, Laura Voss Mineyard, Ronda J. Stiegler
1990	Elizabeth Taylor Thomas, Heather Winkler, Jenelle Schneider Kahrl, Tracy Satterfield Dowdy, Dr. Jodi Peiper Tenney
1991	Amanda Young, Christine Davidson Bradley, Mistye Stevens, Pam Parma, Rabon Murray, Tara Koch, Andrea Wadsworth Burnett, Pansy Killgore Reeder, Sarah Casey
1992	Amy Rasberry, Jennifer Kowynia, Karen Horn Hudson, Michelle Deere, Tracy Stein, Virginia Johns Waters, Catherine L. Bond, Heather R. Struve, Marcy Burkett Guillot, Ann L. Crouch, Kelly Eoff Richardson, Lesly Michelle Fickle, Reagan Moore Beck, Sarah E. Ellis
1993	Amy L. Ross, Ann R. Shrader, Christine M. Merrill, Heather D. Heartwell, Kelley R. Lane, Laura D. Rose, Meredith L. Harton, Sarah Bacon Stratemann, Shea Wiggins Williford, Stacey K. Plunk, Stacey R. Ragland
1994	Jenny Lea Lang, Julie Gillespie Lourcey, Kelli White McKnight, Melanie Oatman, Rebecca Cundiff Sharp, Sherah Wimpee Syptak
1995	Amanda C. Horner, Amy M. Schrader, Erin Moody Pargas, Kate E. Bishop, Shelley Batten, Susannah Ince Baker
1996	Angie Leeth Coscio, Jennifer Hartman Warnicke, Jill M. Martinson, Lindsay C. Daigle, Lindsey Jewett Natho, Lisa A. Vitulli, Rachel Metcalf Anderson, Sloane Ryan Rojas, Stephanie M. Harper, Suzanne Goodman, Whitney L. Reaugh
1997	Alissa McCasland Beers, Amy Adams Barker, Danielle K. Lemuth, Katherine L. Sacra, Leigh Beaty Booher, Stacie Scofield Caffey, Stormy Brown Noland
1998	Abby Roberts Engler, Amy E. Heintz, Brandy M. Galindo, Hailey Taylor Huxford, Joanne M. Torres, Jordan Adams Penick, Katherine Ashworth Gentry, Sarah Jane Barbour
1999	Amanda E. Stoneking, Bridgett D. Barton, Cristina A. Petrini, Erin Brzowskie DuBroc, Jennifer Fatheree Shepard, Kathleen Leigh Cox, Kathryn L. Phillips, Leslie Smuland Collier, Megan Hickman Street, Meredith Henslee Latimer
2000	Anna M. Palm, April R. Young, Brynn E. Wiggins, Caroline P. Lamberth, Elizabeth K. Whitworth, Helen M. Costello, Holley L. Cain, Jennifer L. Malone, Kristen Nicole Fox, Kristin A. Kucera, Leslie R. Stegemoller, Rebecca Bailey Smith
2001	Amanda K. Myres, Amy E. Heldenfels, Amy E. Walker, Christina White Thompson, Elizabeth D. Butler, Erin E. Haltom, Rebekah K. Darroh
2002	Amy E. Shreeve, Ariana Nizza, Elizabeth Blomdahl Spivey, Genevieve N. Cramer, Laura Fash Thompson, M. Revecca Stokes, Shelby L. Chillion, Summer M. Stafford
2003	Amanda N. O'Brien, Heather L. Brown, Jenna Janik, Lauren W. Smith, Sarah Jane Eubanks
2004	Amy Siege, Jayme Morris, Kristin Robbins, Lindsay Cain, Paige Holt
2005	Cristina A. Younger, Hanna E. Lindskog
2006	Jenna Howard, Kara Wagner, Laura Schutz
2007	Amelia E. Bush, Kaitlyn M. Lynch

// What you can do

Maintaining current contact information is a must! Here are some instructions to make sure all of your credentials are up to date!

- * Go on over to www.kappaalphatheta.org
- * Click on "member login" in the upper right hand corner and then enter your username and password when prompted
- * Select the purple "Alumnae" tab at the top of the page
- * You'll find "Common Quick Links" on the left hand side of the webpage, including an option to update your information
- * Below that you can navigate around the site, and even select the link to reconnect with Theta

Keep Theta in the loop as your information changes! While you're at it, browse around and explore all of the amenities the website has to offer!!!



Great Thanks go to...

We are blessed as an officer cabinet to work with these incredible women! They are instrumental in the running of this chapter, and are fantastic sources of wisdom as well as experience. We appreciate you!

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Letter from the editor:

Wow, what a year it has been! My eyes have been so opened to the concept of sisterhood, and I believe that Theta truly exemplifies what it means to love with the fullness of one's heart. From the moment I crossed the threshold, Theta has become a home for me: a place I feel appreciated and understood. In that, it is my honor to serve Theta as the Publications Director and to be able to speak love and truth into the organization that has become a magnificent blessing in my life! Joyfully, I look forward to two more years as an active and a lifetime as an alumna!

Theta Love and Mine,
Natalie Braun