



Spring 2014 Newsletter

LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER
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This year at the Lambda Gamma Chapter, we focused on strengthening bonds. This includes the bonds within our chapter, across chapters of Sigma Lambda Gamma, and also in our campus Greek Community. We participated in a lot of events this year which allowed us to work with and learn from other Greeks! We also gained a lot of support this year from Multicultural Affairs, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming, Student Affairs and many others! We had generous amounts of funding donated to our chapter in order to send our sisters, Greta Erickson and Cecilia Castro, to represent the Lambda Gamma Chapter at National Convention in Saint Louis, Missouri, from June 26-29, 2014. We are so grateful to have had the opportunities to celebrate with our sisters, work together with the Greek Community on campus and we cannot wait to bring back the skills we learn at Convention, to our Chapter!



Promoting Diversity on Campus

The Lambda Gamma Chapter kicked off Diversity Week by participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Dialogue March, January 20, 2014. The culmination of the different events during Diversity Week ended with the Diversity Ball on January 25th, 2014. At the Diversity Ball, there was a guest speaker, who spoke on the importance of diversity, live entertainment, dinner and dancing. During the dinner, sponsors and clubs who supported and were active participants in promoting diversity on campus were recognized and given awards. The Lambda Gamma Chapter was presented with a diversity award for our participation in various events throughout the week. Everyone had a great time, bonded, and danced to multicultural music!



Spending Time with our Hermanas



Throughout the semester, we have had many bonding experiences. One event was a craft/movie night. During our craft night each sister brought something that she could work on, like making a scarf, creating hair clips, or painting a keepsake box. While we were working on our crafts, we watched a movie and talked. It was a great time to bond with all of our sisters! Another time, the chapter went to Cloud 9, a local frozen-yogurt shop, where we celebrated Founder's Day and ate some tasty fro-yo! At the end of the school year, we had a Sister Picnic at Washington Park. It was nice to unwind and take a break from studying for finals while getting to spend quality time with sisters and food! After eating the delicious lunch, we grilled, we played on the swingset, and soaked up the sunshine!

We have had many other big events where we are able to bond and hang out with one another. Strengthening the bonds between sisters happens every time we are together!





In the Greek Community

The Lambda Gamma Chapter is becoming more active within the Greek Community on campus. Our chapter is seeing more support and interaction from the community. We showed support for Chi Omega by attending their Spaghetti Dinner, and Delta Delta Delta by taking part in their 24 Hour Pancake Breakfast, which raised money for both of these sororities' philanthropies. We also have participated in a movie night social event with the ladies of Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. We are actively working on building bridges with the other chapters in the Greek Community on this campus. As a chapter, we partook in Greek Week with our teammates from Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Our team took first place in the Team Talent Show, first place during Sports Day, and second place overall. As a Greek Community, we raised over \$5,000 for Relay for Life throughout the week. At the end of this semester, we were invited to the Sigma Nu Fraternity White Rose Formal, as their dates. There we enjoyed a lovely dinner, dancing, and a limo ride. We hope to continue to get to know each sorority and fraternity on campus during the upcoming semesters and also look forward to participating in more coming events!



Fundraising for Convention



Throughout this semester, we have done a lot of fundraising. We started with breakfast burritos. For 3 mornings we braved the cold working in Simpson's Plaza. We would make burritos the night before and would heat them up a bit in the morning. The students loved getting a warm breakfast on the way to their early morning classes.

We also had a community night at the McAlister's Deli. By just telling people to go to the deli on a certain night and promoting their business, they made a donation to our sorority!

We again completed our annual Tamale Fundraiser! We spent the first part of March selling tamales to friends, family, and any supporter of SLG. We then spent the weekend after Spring Break making the meat, sauces, and masa to roll tamales. We sold around 65 dozen! As always the Tamale Fundraiser was a huge success!

Several times we worked concessions at the football and basketball games. We earned money toward the Chapter and promoted our sorority all at the same time! It was a ton of fun to see all of the other students at the games!

All the proceeds from these events went to support sending our sisters to National Convention.

Serving the Community

This year we did our 2nd annual community service project here in town at the Laramie Care Center. We spent time getting our hands dirty by planting herbs and vegetables with the elderly residents of the Care Center. The residents of the Care Center loved talking and spending time with us, and some even had their own plants to put in the raised garden bed! The cooks are able to use these herbs and vegetables in the cooking, which gives the residents fresh meals!



THANK YOU TO THE LARAMIE CARE CENTER
FOR SUPPORTING SLG!

A Busy Year of Events

Each semester we put on events that are specific to recruitment. This semester we decided to do a Bowling and Pizza Party! The night was a blast and we also considered the night as a bonding night! All of us had a chance to sit, talk, reconnect, and goof around. Next semester, we will work hard to achieve a higher number of new recruit attendances at this event!

During the Fall semester the Mu Line was initiated and at the beginning of the Spring Semester their probate was held on campus! Mu Line included Emily Willoughby (Captain), Cecilia Castro (Deuce), Greta Erickson (Tres), Joellen Coates (Chain), and Samantha Smith (Anchor). This group of ladies worked incredibly hard to perform in front of everyone; their loud and sassy speeches blew away the audience. Their personal styles brought something new and fresh to the stage. The probate was a complete success and it was so much fun to present the newest members and stroll for our fellow Greeks, friends, and family! Afterwards we had pizza and cake with our sisters from the Delta Beta and Kappa Alpha Chapters! We can't wait to see what our Mu Line brings into the spotlight!

This year, we were also able to attend the Kappa Alpha Chapter's Mu Line Probate. Those girls were amazing and we are proud to call them our sisters. This event helped us bond with them and we will most certainly be attending future probates in support of our sisters! It was a great experience, strengthening the bonds between the Lambda Gamma Chapter as well as our neighboring sisters!

This year we were also invited to organize and host a Body Image Panel. As women, there is a lot of pressure and stereotyping to look a certain way. A panel of men and women, came together to discuss how people view themselves and why they are viewed that way. We had attendants from the public as well as in various fields such as education, medicine, etc.; all of which had important things to say and contribute about the topic of body image. This event was extremely insightful and we hope to do something similar in the future in order to help promote positive, happy and healthy lifestyle choices for men and women alike!



Gammas in Panhellenic

This year we became more involved within the Greek Community and were able to get to know the members of other sororities!

We attended the Panhellenic Tea Party! We got dressed up, went to the rail yard, and enjoyed tea and snacks while being entertained by The Happy Jacks! We also participated in Panhellenic Scholarship Night, an event in which we met with the other sororities and socialized over snacks while discussing study techniques with other girls in our majors. This event began with a presentation on study tips and the importance of Scholarship.

Finally, we participated in Panhellenic Biojewelry. Biojewelry is a program in which students can make beaded bracelets out of sustainably produced beads, in order to raise money to buy a mammogram machine and pay for breast cancer treatments for women in South America. We had fun while also supporting a great cause and our own Philanthropy of Breast Cancer Awareness!



Welcoming the Nu Line Sisters



This Spring Semester we welcomed the Nu Line of Kelsi Portz (Captain) and Kayla Bowie (Anchor), as initiated members of the Lambda Gamma Chapter! Both ladies are freshman here at the University of Wyoming. Kelsi is studying Secondary education with a focus on History and Kayla is studying Elementary Education. These ladies are both very driven and dedicated to their studies as well as to serving the community, and seeing the promotion of culture and morals and ethics. We are very excited to see what else this strong pair can bring to Sigma Lambda Gamma!

**WELCOME TO OUR
SISTERHOOD
KELSI AND KAYLA!!**

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And anyone else who supported us all year!

We look forward to everything we can accomplish next year!

Look out for emails regarding events next semester!

Culture is Pride, Pride is Success!