

2019 was a year of growth and excitement for Eta Omicron. In early January, three main goals were devised to continue to strengthen our chapter: boost excitement for events and increase opportunities for genuine conversation, better our recruitment strategy by including everyone in the recruitment process, and ensuring that there is respect and education surrounding the ritual and history of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In the spring, we held a variety of events to strengthen our sisterhood, philanthropic relationships, and our ties to the Fraternity and Sorority Life community. We continued our bi-monthly visits to Christopher's Haven, our local philanthropy, as well hosted and co-hosted several events throughout the semester. In February, we visited the Hope Lodge to bake Valentine's Day cookies for cancer patients. We also hosted our annual Lip Sync for Life event with the women of Alpha Epsilon Phi, raising around \$1600, half of which went towards Christopher's Haven. Additionally, we held events such as a Valentine's day social and sisterhood rock climbing. We also supported the installation of Northeastern's newest chapter, Alpha Chi Omega, by attending their Bid Day celebration.

The month of March started with more philanthropic events, such as a B. Good restaurant fundraiser, and a raffle service with the brothers of Phi Delta Theta. Relay for Life quickly came upon us in the middle of March, where we were able to raise money for the American Cancer Society. At the end of March came Greek Week where we were paired with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon and competed in the annual dance competition, Greek Sing. During the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Ceremony, we were proudly honored to be presented the Academic Excellence Award, our chapter advisor Jan Larson was presented with the Outstanding Advisor award, and our member Deena Notowich was presented with the Outstanding Member award. Our chapter was honored to receive the Panhellenic Academic Excellence Award. We ended Greek week with a Cacti and Canvases Sisterhood event.

We began to close the spring semester with our Formal that was held on April 5th at the Omni Parker House. We then ended the spring semester with Senior Week, where the seniors and all their hard work was celebrated with Senior Wills. We held our Annual Tea Party on April 6th, where we honored Maeve Westwater with the Loyalty Award.

On the first Saturday of the fall semester, September 7th, our sisters attended our annual sisterhood retreat, located at the YMCA Camp Becket in Becket, Massachusetts. We focused on strengthening our sisterhood and put an emphasis on ritual and the values we were searching for with recruitment approaching. Formal recruitment was held during the following two weekends in Northeastern's student center. On September 23rd, Eta Omicron welcomed the amazing Mu class of 36 new members. The new member period was filled with activities, including the new member retreat, where women participated in the Kappa Kozy and got to know each other outside of campus life.

On October 6th, we hosted a Founders Day celebration on Northeastern's campus. We had a beautiful ceremony accompanied by a fantastic brunch and celebrated our fraternity pride by displaying scrapbooks and The Key magazines from years past. To prepare for another year, the nominating committee met on Saturday, November 9th to slate the 2020 Chapter Council. At

formal chapter on Wednesday, November 20th, the Chapter Council for the 2020 academic year was elected.

The fall was also filled with several events that strengthened our sisterhood even further. We hosted the Great Kappa Bake-Off, where sisters competed in a baking challenge, then came together to enjoy each other's treats and company. We also had pumpkin carving, a finals spa night, and a cycling workout class. We participated in Homecoming Week with our partners, the brothers of Delta Tau Delta, and competed in Take it To The Floor, the annual dance competition held in the Fall semester. Bigs were revealed to the littles on November 8th and Eta O was thrilled to expand our families. Our annual Owl Prowl was held on November 12th. This was followed by a busy but exciting Inspiration Week, where bigs and littles exchanged pillows and fleur de lis on Thursday, and prepared for Initiation with Fireside on that Friday night. After Fireside, a tradition special to Eta Omicron, the Noli Ceremony, was held. Here, older members of the chapter were paired with a new member and held a cozy in preparation for Initiation the next morning. The following morning, Saturday November 23rd, we initiated the thirty-six new members.

In addition to sisterhood events, philanthropy was also a main focus throughout the fall semester. We hosted our annual Kappa Kickoff flag football tournament that was open to the entire university. Here, had one of the highest turnouts we've seen in awhile, and raised over \$1500 for Christopher's Haven. Although none of the Kappa teams walked away having won a bracket, we were excited just to be around our sisters and the FSL community on a brisk Fall morning.

The fall semester came to a close with our Semi-Formal and Senior Wills. Semi-Formal was held on December 6th at Legacy Club where our sisters celebrated all of our accomplishments throughout the semester. Senior Wills were held for four seniors who graduated in December. The chapter was able to give the graduating seniors a sisterly goodbye, and witness their official transition to alumnae status during their senior wills on Sunday December 8th. All in all, 2019 was filled with growth, development, and excellence. Looking back on our goals, we achieved all of them, but there is still room for improvement in our chapter. Eta Omicron is looking forward to another year of reaching even greater heights.