

**The period covered by this report is Jan. 1–Dec. 15, 2020.**

1. The chapter should approve the completed report and submit it by Dec. 15.
2. Keep the original hard copy for the Marshal's files.
3. Email one copy of this report and a copy of your chapter's annual newsletter to Kylie Smith, Archivist/Museum Director, at [ksmith@kappa.org](mailto:ksmith@kappa.org).
4. Email one copy of this report to the Ritual Adviser.
5. Email one copy of this report to your Ritual and History Specialist.

### **Chapter Summary**

Summarize the previous calendar year, scholarships, group honors/awards, Convention awards, traditions, special events, philanthropic involvement, chapter goals, and how your chapter operations **changed because of COVID-19** (e.g., how did it affect recruitment, initiation, etc. Were events/activities held virtually?). Given the COVID pandemic, many of our events have changed to virtual or even have been pushed off until next semester. Recruitment was probably the biggest thing to be pushed back – we decided to push it until the spring where it will still be held virtually. Obviously because of this, initiation will be held in the Spring as well! Other events that look different this year are chapter and chapter counsel meetings, these are all held virtually this year. Lastly, obviously we are unable to have formals or sisterhood events where we can all be together due to the guidelines at our school but hopefully soon we can all be together in person!

### **Chapter Philanthropy**

What organization does the chapter support? We had many philanthropy events this year that we had so much fun doing and we were surprised at how much we were able to do virtually!! First, last spring (2020), we held a Pink the Rink bake sale with Men's ice hockey for breast cancer, the money went to Hartford health care mobile mammography program & the breast cancer fund. Once we were sent home in the spring semester, we had a fundraiser called KKG x ESF DREAM CAMP which raised money to help deliver meals in the Hartford community during the pandemic. We also participated in the Makin Lemonade fundraiser which also raised money for COVID relief. We also just had our first RIF virtual reading event with E. B. Kennelly School – this was awesome and we are hoping to do this more regularly (maybe once a month)! At Thanksgiving time this year, our sisters collected food and canned good items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive in Hartford. Lastly, we also participated in TrinTHON and the Movember fundraiser with other Greek organizations at Trinity!

Why did the chapter choose this organization? This year, we were very active in terms of philanthropy. I think that is one very special element about our chapter, while there may not be many of us, our sisters are always eager to help. We may not have the most numbers, but we have discovered by collaborating with other Greek organizations on campus, we are able to accomplish a lot. Many of these organizations are important to us, I think particularly the RIF was awesome!! All of us enjoyed it so much and had an awesome time reading to the kids, the only thing that would make it better is if we are able to read to them in person some day! We definitely hope to make this fundraiser more regular and schedule times per month

to read to the kids. We also chose many fundraisers that would help support the Hartford community, especially during this hard time of the pandemic.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

How did your chapter include diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in your programming this year? (e.g., adding a DEI officer, philanthropy events, social media awareness campaign, chapter training, etc.). This year, our chapter has been more actively including diversity, equity & inclusion into our programming. Recently, our chapter attended a virtual workshop lead by facilitator William Keen which was called Are you Ensuring Everyone's Asked to Dance? This workshop was very eyeopening and engaging, it forced us all to think about how we personally can make a difference and how we can all hold eachother accountable for our actions. We had another workshop earlier in the semester that also resonated with me as well as many other members of our chapter, I remember one activity that involved us thinking about any privileges we had and how we can use this to enhance the voices of others who might not have the same privilege. Throughout the past year, we have also tried to be more active about DEI on our social media platform.

### **Sesquicentennial Celebration**

How did your chapter celebrate Kappa's 150th anniversary? Share what you have done this year. Due to the COVID guidelines at our school, we were unable to have an in person celebration. A lot of our members watched the live facebook event that happened this year in replacement to an in person celebration. We had actually planned for members to pick up cupcakes socially distanced from the house throughout the day, but unfortunately some sisters were in isolation and our school was in a code orange state meaning very strict lockdown so we were unable to do this.

### **Photographs**

Are there any interesting photos from this year to share? e.g., screen shots of virtual meetings, pictures of chapter events that followed all public health guidelines (mask wearing, physical distancing, etc), pictures of masks, drive-thru bid days, etc. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date read to the chapter and approved by a chapter vote: 2/1/2021

---

Ellie Roof  
Marshal

---

Ellie Roof  
Signature

---

Ellie.roof@trincoll.edu  
Email