

2020 Eta Rho Chapter History Report

When looking back at Kappa Kappa Gamma's Eta Rho chapter's 2020, it was filled with many ups and downs. We started the year off strong by transitioning our new chapter



council at Leadership day through a variety of fun activities and planning. Members of Eta Rho attended the San Luis Obispo annual women's march to show solidarity for all womxn and continue the fight for equality. We then began

meeting potential new members for coffee dates to add to our sisterhood, and on January 24 held a Hot Chocolate recruitment party. To provide some much-needed sister time, we held a breakfast burrito sisterhood at the beautiful Shell Beach. We laughed, ate, and spent quality time together to cleanse from the stressors of the quarter.



On January 30th, we welcomed the Nu class to Eta Rho into



this sisterhood by having an energetic and fun night at our beautiful blue and blue house on bid day. Decked out in our groovy outfits, all of the actives were so excited to welcome home our new sisters. The Nu pledge class danced, laughed, ate some

pizza, took so many cute pictures and got to know some actives in Kappa. That next Monday, the new members were formally pledged into the sorority. During the following weeks, the new members and actives in Kappa got to experience Greek life to its max with the jam-packed weeks of activities including a dinner with the men of Sigma Pi, a Balls to the Wall sisterhood held in our very own basketball court, and participated in



Alpha Gamma Rho's rodeo philanthropy. On February 8th we showed support for our local philanthropy, the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center, at their prom. Kappa's spent the night dancing, playing games and volunteering for a night we will never forget. On



February 9th, our lovely seniors had their senior brunch and got to bond over delicious food! We had the honor of hosting the Minnie Stewart Van later that week, and enjoyed getting to hear about and experience Kappa's history in Virtual Reality. We then had a tasty Galentines chapter dinner to kick off the week and reflect on our love for our sisterhood. We had another valentines themed dinner on February 13th with the men of Pi

Kappa Phi and delighted in heart-shaped pizzas. On February 17th, Kappa's participated in Zeta Beta Tau's annual Knockerball philanthropy and took home a win for the third year in a row! The next weekend we welcomed our families and loved ones to join us in activities

for our annual Family Weekend. We closed the eventful weekend at the beautiful Filipponi Ranch with wine tasting and gourmet Taste appetizers.

As time was flying by and the Nus went on many key sis dates with actives, and the search for their big came to a close. The new members put on the fun socks given to them by their bigs, and found the matching pair where their bigs were waiting to be revealed. These ladies were gifted their bigs and welcomed into their new fams on



February 27. The good times didn't stop there. Eta Rho held our first ever Sapphire Ball on February 29th at the magical Higuera Ranch and danced the night away with our sisters and friends. On March 1st, we celebrated 7 years of the Eta Rho chapter with a Roller Rink birthday party. We had so much fun, it will surely be a night we will never forget. The new members and actives kicked off I-week and ate

some yummy food at the chapter dinner, participated in a 2000's theme spin class, competed in a fun game of family feud KKG style. Throughout this time, the new members got to know many members of Kappa and had a blast. On March 7th, we had the pleasure of initiating the members of the Nu class, who went to



brunch with their bigs and families after to celebrate. That evening, we had a dinner with the men of Kappa Sigma and enjoyed making new friends in the Greek Life community. We kicked off finals week with a chapter dinner on the 15th, and said our goodbyes before leaving for spring break.

Over spring break, Kappa's went into lockdown along with the rest of the country because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was an unprecedented time for all of us as classes became virtual and we spent Spring quarter



apart. We tried our best to stay connected with virtual sisterhoods such as Netflix watch parties and baking classes. Eta Rho also ensured we stayed connected by assigning pen pals. Members sent each other letters, stickers, clothing and even paintings to remind them they are loved and missed. Over the summer, our sisters showed support for George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter

movement by raising money, educating ourselves and others, and attending protests. Going into the Fall quarter, Eta Rho looked internally at what we could do to better promote diversity and inclusion in our organization and came up with an action plan, held

discussions, and listened to chapter and community feedback. We continued the role of a diversity, equity, and inclusion chair, and added a committee that created awareness programs for the chapter, history presentations and led discussions. When we came back to school in the fall, most of us were still online and apart, prioritizing the community's safety. This didn't stop us from holding virtual sisterhood events where we did music trivia, played video games, and watched movies together. In September we had Spirit week to practice for virtual



recruitment, and bonded with our sisters over Zoom games and trivia. October 2nd through 5th, we met hundreds of potential new members during recruitment and had the



pleasure to welcome the Xi Class to our chapter in a virtual Spice Girls themed bid night on October 6th. On October 11th, we celebrated Kappa Kappa Gamma's 150th anniversary with a fun founder's day Zoom party where we could learn more about

Kappa's history. To get in the Halloween spirit,

we held a pumpkin painting sisterhood where we could catch up with our friends and create some spooky masterpieces. To support our local philanthropy, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center, we did a fundraiser on Instagram and donated over 4,460 dollars!

On October 29th, we held a virtual Halloween dinner with the men of Sigma Pi and had fun playing games in breakout rooms and getting to meet new people.

2020 has also been a big year politically, and Kappa's made sure to get out there and make their voices

heard by voting in the presidential election. The Xi class finally met their bigs in a surprise Tik Tok reveal over Zoom. Even though we were apart, we could feel the love and excitement of our sisters through the



screen! During the second week of November, we had our inspiration period for the Xi class



and held fun activities like an Among Us sisterhood and a Pop Culture trivia night. On November 14th, the Xi class became initiated members and the rest of the chapter welcomed them with open arms. We ended the quarter early at Thanksgiving, and travelled home to be with our families and loved ones. Considering all of the

circumstances, Eta Rho had a great 2020 year

and we look forward to seeing our sisters in person again in 2021!