

The period covered by this report is Jan. 1–Dec. 15, 2019.

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.

Summarize the previous calendar year, scholarships, group honors/awards, Convention awards, traditions, special events, philanthropic involvement, chapter goals, challenges and how they were overcome, and world/local events the chapter participated in or helped with (e.g., presidential campaigns, natural disasters, etc.).

**Education Chairman: In the past year, the education chair has worked to host a self-defense chapter, which is one of the most popular education programs; this chapter was held on February 25th. Senior recognition was held in the form of a senior tea, where scrapbooks made by younger members in the chapter were presented to the seniors. This tea was held at the end of the semester, after classes ended, on April 27th.**

**New Member Chairman: The last year for New Members was one of joyous memories! We initiated 32 new members in the spring of 2019 and another 7 in the fall through COB. These lovely New Members of Beta Mu and Beta Nu thoroughly enjoyed our annual Fall Kappa Retreat at Bishop's Orchards, our semesterly Crush at Cask Republic, and our Formal at Harvest! They also participated in their own philanthropy events as well as our classic Kappancakes. The New Member committee and Chapter Council members were very helpful in ensuring the success of our bid night and all of the new member meetings. We look forward to supporting these lovely girls as they continue to grow in our sisterhood!**

**Vice President of Academic Excellence: Over the past year, the Kappa Zeta Xi position has mostly dealt with grade collection and providing academic support for the chapter. Per Kappa national standards, we begin collecting term and cumulative GPAs as soon as grades are finalized according to university deadlines. We ensure accuracy through the self-reporting process by requiring members to either send PDFs of their unofficial transcripts or to send screenshots. After members have submitted the necessary information, we then reach out to members with GPAs below a 2.7 and take the appropriate measures (in previous semesters Period of Concern and this semester the new Academic Progress Plan). This year we submitted Key Reports a bit later than usual (I submitted it on February 9th) because we were waiting on the make up final exam grade of an officer to process.**

**Our second priority as VPAEs involves providing academic support to the chapter. We do this by providing regular study hours every week and organizing study breaks throughout the semester and especially during reading period/ finals period. The VPAE and the AE committee organize these two recurring events; we generally delegate leadership for study breaks and study hours; however, we highly encourage as many AE committee members to attend both study hours and study breaks regularly. On January 18th we organized our first study break of the semester; this event mainly consisted of girls chatting about their new classes or upperclassmen recommending courses to younger members. Additionally, we**

have a few projects carrying over to this semester from last semester including the creation of a chapter-wide Chegg study account and also organizing chapter-wide study guides. We are also preparing to develop a textbook library once we move houses later this spring.

House Chairman: There are seven girls who live in the current house on 174 Park. We have a new house on 17 Edgewood.

President: During Leadership Day, we discussed the top goals and priorities of the new chapter council. It was Katie, the president's goal to create a CC that was focused on good communication, and where each member felt they were able to ask for help and support when needed. Behind communication, our next top priority was setting an initiative to have every meeting scheduled a month in advance, so that the chapter was able to plan to attend every event they wanted to. We also wanted to create a CC that was actively seeking to make our chapter more inclusive and diverse. We want our chapter to feel like a welcoming place for every member, and we want every active to feel like they have a say in how the chapter is run.

Philanthropy Chairman:

Valentine's for Vets: 2/13/20

- We made valentines cards for the veterans at the VA Medical Center in West Haven

Kappanckes: 12/3/19

- We made pancakes in the basement of Hopper College and sold them

Dodgeball Tournament: 10/13/19

- Dodgeball tournament with Fraternity Sig Chi to raise money

Fundraiser: 9/20/19

- Boba bake sale on Cross Campus where we sold homemade boba tea and brownies

Money raised and donated to RIF: \$591.50

- From Kappanckes, Dodgeball Tournament, and the Bake sale fundraiser

Vice President of Organization: Over the past year, Zeta Xi's VPO, Amanda, focused primarily on the following: distributing chapter newsletters, facilitating and organizing Leadership Consultant visits, facilitating Leadership Day, and conducting chapter-wide committee and calendar planning. Specifically, there were two Leadership Consultant visits in 2019 from Tori (Mar. 2019) and Bridget (Nov. 2019). Both visits went smoothly and were constructive for the chapter — Amanda's role was primarily in scheduling each LC's meetings with Chapter Council and other active members as well as preparing for their visits as directed. Chapter newsletters were distributed weekly by Amanda with important chapter updates and calendar information. The chapter calendar was not completed in Key Reports, however, until January 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year but important dates had already been communicated with the LCs and with chapter advisors. Committees were formed in the spring and fall for actives and an emphasis was placed on trying to revitalize committees through communication with Chapter Council members and committee chapters. Leadership Day was conducted during Yale's Reading Period before finals in Dec. 2019 with good attendance from incoming and outgoing Chapter Council members. Results of the Chapter Survey—distributed earlier that month by Amanda—were discussed and reviewed, reflection and goal-setting were conducted, and best practices for each position were reviewed to facilitate successful leadership transitions. Amanda and current VPO,

Emily, began transitioning in Nov. 2019 and Emily helped in facilitating Leadership Day as well.

**Events Chairmen:**

10/11/2019 Kappa Krush - Cask Republic

12/9/2019 Kappa Formal - Harvest

3/2/2019 - Krush - Suiban

4/29/2019 - Kappa Formal - Jacks Bar & Steakhouse

Describe the recent changes on campus and describe the chapter's overall nature.

The Chapter recently put down a deposit on a new house that the chapter will move into at the end of the 2020 spring semester. The chapter is known on campus to have a positive and inclusive environment, while prioritizing sisterhood.

**Chapter Philanthropy**

What organization does the chapter support? Reading is Fundamental

Why did the chapter choose this organization? The chapter chose this organization because of its ties to Kappa Kappa Gamma as a whole.

**Founders Day**

How did the chapter celebrate Founders Day? Please attach any photos. The Chapter celebrated Founders Day with a Brunch at The Graduate Club. A nearby alumni association joined us and helped lead our celebration. We celebrated those local alumni that received an award

**Sesquicentennial Celebration**

How has the chapter begun to celebrate Kappa's 150th anniversary? Share what you have done this year and are planning to do in 2020. The Zeta Xi chapter began their celebration during our Founder's Day Celebration with a kickoff announcing scholarships, special jewelry, and other programs organized by Kappa Kappa Gamma throughout the year. The celebration will continue during Initiation this spring and will conclude during the 2020 Founder's Day celebration with participation from local alumni associations and other reflections.

**Photographs**

Are there any interesting photos in the chapter archives that you would like to share? The attached image is from our last chapter of the 2019 year.

Date read to the chapter and approved by a chapter vote: 2/24/2020

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Photo from Founders Day Brunch 2019



Photo from Last Chapter of 2019 Calendar Year

