

Kappa Delta Sigma's

# The Porch Swing

*The second e-version*

Ever since our first electronic edition of the Porch Swing came out last January, Kappa Delta Sigma has been working out the kinks to perfect the new system! We apologize that the result has been an untimely update to our amazing alumnae, but we *do* want to give a little update in the meantime

## Greetings From 53 Park Street

Kappa Delta Sigma's spring of 2014 has proved to be just as amazing as the last. This semester has been a whirlwind of volunteerism, academics and, of course, lots of song and dance for recruitment. The amount of things we accomplish as a sorority is remarkable and I am honored to be around such incredible women who inspire action and creativity in others.

My first semester as president has been more than I expected in many ways: more work, more time commitment, more decision making, but above all else, more learning. I have learned that it's not possible to receive unanimous consent on all issues and that it's fine to lean on others for support. In fact, it's encouraged. I immensely admire all the Kappa Delta Sigma sisters for showing me this and especially love the way they put their all into everything they do. Their passion for knowledge motivates me to dedicate myself to all aspects of learning.

In my short time having this position, it has enhanced many of my skills and shone a light on the ones I didn't know I had. Public speaking has never been a strong characteristic of mine but having such a great support system has encouraged me to put myself out there and share my ideas. I'm thrilled to return to 53 Park and not only better myself, but learn from all that Kappa Delta Sigma can offer.

Barbie Burgmeier '15  
President

## A Weekend in the Woods

The sisters of Kappa Delta Sigma decided to spend a weekend enjoying the thing that means most – our sisters! We were fortunately able to reserve 4h Camp Overlook in Owls Head, NY for a weekend of fun and a change of scenery.

Before making dinner and settling in for the night's festivities, we were lead through an Adventure Course with various obstacles and challenges such as the Flying Squirrel, the zip line, and the Pamper Pole. Participating in these challenges was not only fun, but also allowed sisters the opportunity to connect on a different level with one another! We hope to be able to continue the retreat in the years to come!

Bailey Phelps '15



Top: Laura St. Andrews '14 soaring through the air after jumping off a wooden platform, and obstacle called the Pamper Pole.

Right: Kappa Delta Sigma posing on the waterfront, right in front of Indian Lake and Owls Head Mountain.



## Greetings from Abroad

Studying abroad is one of the most eye-opening and life-changing experiences offered at St. Lawrence University, yet also one of the most challenging. As a sister of Kappa Delta Sigma, I was worried that I wouldn't feel like I belonged to KDS if I wasn't physically there – thank goodness I was wrong. When I came home from class in France to a lovely box, I knew exactly whom it was from. The box was full of personalized letters, candy, a shirt...basically, a perfect package that completely made my day! It made me feel connected to the girls back on campus, and I couldn't wait to be there once more. Wanderlust has grabbed me, and I can't wait to travel more. Being the study abroad chair was an amazing experience, and I wish all the girls going abroad this semester the best of luck! KDS will miss you!

Reka Lodinsky '15  
Abroad Chair

## Words from Our Alumnae Chair

This spring, I took the position of Alumnae Chair, because of the grave importance Kappa Delta Sigma Alumnae hold. They are truly the key to the past, and this position allowed me to explore both the past and present. It was wonderful seeing some old faces for alumnae weekend, and we dearly missed all those who could not attend! It has also been great to hear from so many of our amazing alumnae via email or Facebook. It's certainly encouraging to know that KDS is always in their hearts. This position has taught me exactly how strong the bond of our sisterhood is.

I'm so thankful for this experience.

Leah Ruggiero '15  
Alumnae Chair



Tori Vossler '14, Helen Aufderheide '15, Reka Lodinsky '15, and Carey Kaiser '14 after Spring Fest!

## Leading the way to Academic Success

The sisters of Kappa Delta Sigma are continually devoted to academic excellence and have performed well in the classroom again this past spring semester. At the Greek Award Ceremony in April, we were once again recognized as having the highest GPA of all Greek houses on campus. We have consistently been recognized as the Greek house with the highest GPA since I first pledged in Fall 2011, and I am confident that this was a reign that started before I pledged and will continue well after I have graduated. Jenna Street '15 was also recognized as being the sister with highest GPA for Kappa Delta Sigma. In addition, many sisters were inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha, the national academic Greek honor society. To be inducted, sisters must be a current junior or senior and have either a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 or have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher during their junior or senior year. New inductees were Megan Amoroso '14, Kelly Appenzeller '15, Colleen Bradley '15, Kirsta Bray '14, Merrill Clerkin '15, Krysten Koktowski '15, Jessie Lewis '14, Reka Lodinsky '15, Paige McGhee '15, Christina Rukki '15, Claire Silberg '15, and Victoria Vossler '14. They joined current members Carey Kaiser '14 and Lia Pizzicato '14. Kappa Delta Sigma sisters also volunteered at the Study-A-Thon which is held each semester by Panhellenic and Greek Council. The Study-A-Thon involves relaxation activities, tutoring sessions, and a constant supply of study snacks. Sisters Emily Baldwin '16, Olivia Durocher '15,

Krysten Koktowski '15 played essential roles in organizing and making this semester's Study-A-Thon an absolute success.

Beyond Greek Awards, many sisters received awards at Moving Up Day this past semester. Carey Kaiser '14 received the Consler Business Leadership Award from the Economics department, Amber Lawyer '14 received the Bernard J Lammers Award from the Government department, Jennifer Kelley '15 received the Outstanding Beginning Student Prize for Swahili, Paige McGhee '15 received the Chloe Stearns Gaines Award for music, and Jenna Street '15 received the Class of 1934 Scholarship. Carey Kaiser '14 was also recognized for being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, which is an immense achievement for members are to be in the top 10% of the their graduating class. Nine sisters were tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa on Moving Up Day as well. Omicron Delta Kappa is a national leadership honorary society, and membership within the society is considered one of the highest honors that can be obtained at St. Lawrence University. Sisters inducted include Kelly Appenzeller '15, Colleen Bradley '15, Sarah Dibacco '16, Anna Dietderich '16, Emma Flemming '16, Krysten Koktowski '15, Nicole Leinders '16, Morgan O'Hare '16, and Victoria Vossler '14. They joined current sisters Carey Kaiser '14, Amber Lawyer '14, Reka Lodinsky '15, Molly Plunkett '15, Lia Pizzicato '14, and Jenna Street '15. We are very proud of our sister's achievements this past semester, and we are confident that sisters of Kappa Delta Sigma will continue to excel both in and outside of the classroom in the future.

Lia Pizzicato '14  
Scholarshin Chair

## Collecting Cans and Running Miles, KDS Shows Their Commitment to Philanthropy

When I took this position I didn't realize how much it would show me about the women in this house. Watching my sisters take each and every opportunity to help was a heart warming experience. Running the philanthropy events for Spring 2014 not only showed me how much KDS women care, but what the power of coming together for a cause can do.

This spring we did a lot of events to help sponsor the local community. Many of our KDS sisters are a part of SLU Buddies, there were many times when they would come home and say how difficult it was to see the level of poverty that many children in the Canton community live in. I was delighted when I found out there was a way we could help, it was even with the help of a KDS alum, Kirstin Newman! We raised money for a program at Canton Central she started called "Bear Packs". This program provided bags of healthy food for students to take home for the weekends. KDS sisters went to Canton Central every weekend to pack the bags and hand them out! Being able to help an issue that we see everyday was a great opportunity.

One of our biggest events was our annual 5K for Susan G. Komen, and it was a huge success. We were joined by many of our friends in the SLU community, and through our efforts to raise money for an important cause we raised over \$1,000. While this number is something to be proud of, this was truly an event where all KDS sisters came to help and that means so much more. Some ran and others raised money, in whatever way a sister contributed to the event it truly was a hands-on effort where everyone participated. This is an example of the commitment KDS women have to Susan G. Komen.

With all of our events in the Fall and Spring of this year, collectively KDS had accomplished over 1,000 hours of community service! KDS was even recognized as the sorority with the most philanthropy hours by the Greek Council. While recognition of our service is a wonderful reflection of our hard work, there was something so special about taking a step back from an event to see my sisters helping the community and sharing kindness. The whole house should be proud of what was accomplished this semester because I have been lucky to hear nothing but appreciation from the Canton community.

Paige Friedlander '16  
Philanthropy Chair



Left: Kappa Delta Sigma showing off their Bid Day smiles! Welcome Spring 2014!

## You Can Hear Recruitment Roar

This past Spring Semester, I had the time of my life being the recruitment chair for Kappa Delta Sigma. This was a position that I have always known I wanted to hold and so I cherished every aspect that went in to making this semester's recruitment an absolute success. We had a winter wonderland theme night where we shared laughs over sparkling cider with the lovely ladies who attended our rush events and we chose a Katy Perry themed skit night. Using a variety of Katy Perry's biggest hits we conveyed the values of our sisterhood, including her recent song, "Roar". In this song we emphasized the power of our history while getting the lyrics stuck in everyone's heads for weeks. At the end of rush week, we found six wonderful new members that we can proudly call KDS sisters. It was so fulfilling to watch rush week unfold in such a wonderful way. We also held two open house events in April for girls thinking about rushing in the fall and I have to say, I have high hopes for the beautiful, strong, intelligent girls that will be coming through in September. Every semester with a new addition of amazing girls, I am prouder and prouder to be a Kappa Delta Sigma sister.

Colleen Bradley '15  
Recruitment Chair

# Meet Spring 2014!

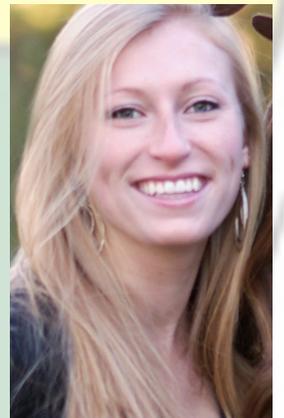
Jordan Ahrens '16 is a history major from Buffalo, New York. I'm involved in a few different clubs on campus, and I'm hoping to go to law school after graduating from St. Lawrence!



Alanna Blackburn '16 is from Queensbury, New York, and is a fine art/art history combined major. She's also a member of the St. Lawrence swim team!



Katie Bronchetti '16 is from Massena, NY, and is an Environmental Studies/Economics combined major on the business track. On the side she is a member of the Singing Sinners and SLUfunk.



Emma Fleming '16 is from Grosse Ile, Michigan and is an Economics/Psychology double major with a Sports Studies minor. She is on the Women's Soccer Team, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative, and is a member of the Student Alumni Association.



Carlie Yarosac '16 is a Performance and Communications Arts major from Bedford, NY. She transferred to St. Lawrence from Point Park University last year and is so happy to have found a new home at SLU and in KDS!





## *Two Roads Diverged*

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.



The Kappa Delta Sigma seniors during Senior Week!

We'll miss you, ladies!

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