

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

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Hello Thetas,

The Beta Lambdas have had a busy past semester and are anxiously anticipating our diverse summer plans. This past semester we enjoyed sisterhood events and formals, hosted our first ever "Leading Women Brunch," and raised over \$3500 for our local Williamsburg chapter of CASA with our two philanthropic events. This past Founder's day we connected with the Southeastern Virginia Alumnae Chapter for brunch, and in March I was able to travel to Los Angeles for a leadership conference where I got to meet Thetas from across the country. These two events reminded me that Theta truly lasts a lifetime! We are excited to begin recruitment in the fall and welcome a new member class. Beta Lambda wishes our graduating 2018 members all the best as they venture into the real world, and hopes they remember that Kappa Alpha Theta is always home.

Loyally,

Madeline Hambourg

President of Beta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta

Thetas Thinking Global

From Seville to London, Vienna to Bali, Adelaide to Edinburgh, our Theta Sisters have traveled the world with their study abroad experience!



Camp Kesem

Our Theta sisters are very involved around campus—including with Camp Kesem.



Toni Okelana of the Beta Lambda chapter has been involved with Camp Kesem since her sophomore year. Here, she discusses her experience with the organization.

Q. What is Camp Kesem?

Camp Kesem is a week-long summer camp for kids whose parents suffer or previously suffered cancer.

Q. What's your favorite part of volunteering for Camp Kesem?

My favorite part about the experience is developing relationships with the kids. I love when they feel comfortable confiding me about different topics, in and outside of cancer. Camp is a place for them to be kids.

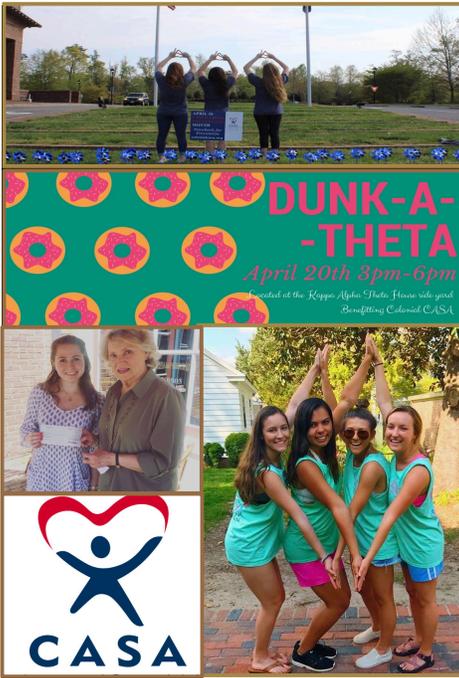
Q: Do you have a favorite memory from Camp Kesem?

My favorite memory from camp was the relationship I built with a little girl who had lost her mom to cancer. She was very tough and sheltered at the beginning of the week; she tended to get in trouble and fights at school. I stuck by her side and ensured that I was a friend. I gave her advice everyday about how and why she should be a positive role model for others. At the end of the week, she promised that she would try her best to avoid trouble and would strive for good grades so she can go to William and Mary and be a counselor like me. She said she wanted to make me proud, the way she wanted to make her mom proud.



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Theta & CASA



The Beta Lambda chapter has continued the tradition of exceptional philanthropic work for the local Williamsburg CASA branch Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and has now expanded their efforts to Norfolk CASA as well. During the fall, the chapter hosted their annual Theta Dodgeball tournament at Jamestown Field. Hundreds of students across campus participated and raised money for CASA. This spring, the Beta Lambda chapter held two philanthropy events. It kicked off



the semester with a profit-share at Blaze Pizza then hosted the annual Dunk-A-Theta with donuts and dunk tanks. April was also Child Abuse Awareness Month and members of Beta Lambda placed pinwheels in front of Williamsburg-JCC and around campus to spread awareness. Sisters constantly show their commitment to CASA!

WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE OF THE SISTERHOOD:

STARTING BRAND NEW TRADITIONS AND CONTINUING THE OLD

Social Engagement Committee

This committee continues to engage Thetas in the Williamsburg area and allows for sisters to collaboratively discuss global issues and events. Sisters have volunteered at Consulate Health Care, visiting residents and performing a small talent show. Sisters have also been helping to maintain the Heritage Humane Society facility. They even got to meet some animals living there!

Leading Women Brunch

This spring, the Beta Lambda chapter hosted its first Leading Women Brunch at the School of Education. Sisters brought the leading women in their lives to join them for brunch food, beverages, and inspiration! Special guest speakers Leslie Rotenberg and Suzanne DeMallie shared their personal experiences and stories with the crowd.



Spotlight on our Seniors!

While it is sad that our dear Class of 2017 Thetas have graduated, it's exciting to hear about their future plans. Several sisters are passionate about the sciences, with Karen Clark starting a Neuroscience PhD program at the University of Pittsburgh and Lindsay Gould heading to medical school at EVMS. Sarah Duska will be moving to Boston to serve in the Americorps. Meanwhile, Selina Fuller will take on Nashville for a rotational consulting program while



Jessica Starkey will be in Chicago for a 3-year healthcare leadership development program! So many sisters in so many places, and all are doing amazing things!



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