

## Message from “The Editor”

Hello all! I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful fall weather! This semester’s alumni committee is comprised of some really exceptional members (including our Chapter Advisor, alumni Adam McAllister!) and we have some great things in mind for our alumni this year!

This issue is chock full of great information about the Alpha Zeta Chapter for this semester, so make sure you don’t miss a thing! Also, I will be posting lots of events on the Alumni Facebook page so make sure you check that out as well! We always enjoy having alumni at our events and this year is no exception!

As always PLEASE let me know if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for improvement in either the newsletters or for the Alumni Committee as a whole! My goal is to make you feel as involved as possible and, of course, to let you all know that we love and miss you! Enjoy!

Much Mu Love!

Katie Metzler, Alumni Secretary

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## Congratulations Dr. Mommie Sumner!!!

The Alpha Zeta chapter is extremely proud to announce that one of our faculty members, Melissa Montague Sumner Swisher has recently completed her doctoral degree from James Madison University and has officially graduated to Dr. Sumner-Swisher!

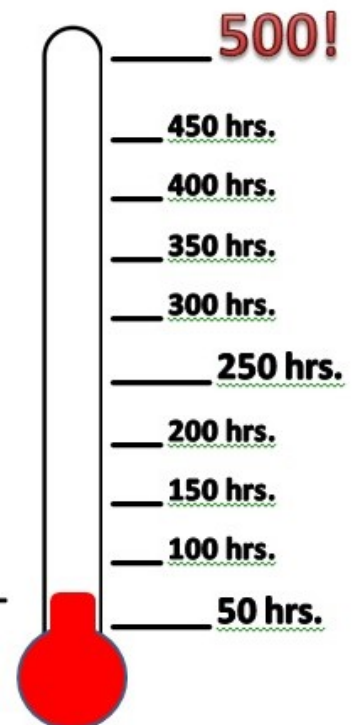


In even more exciting news Dr. Sumner and her husband also welcomed their new daughter into the world earlier this month! Hopefully we’ll have a baby sighting soon but until then send your prayers and good thoughts to Dr. Mommie and baby Mallory Ann!

# Check Out Our Committees!

*This semester our Service Committee has created a goal of 500 hours of service from the chapter! Service Committee Head, Shelley Anderson, says, “Service Committee thought it would be a fun motivator for everyone to be working together for a goal rather than just focusing on their own hours. We are excited to see how many hours we reach this semester!” We are super excited about achieving this goal and we invite our alumni to help us reach our goal! Keep track of our progress throughout the semester by watching the thermometer get red hot! And keep an eye out for all the service opportunities we have in store for this semester!!!*

76 hours—



## Tri-Fraternity Info Party

Once again the three music fraternities at RU gathered together for the Tri-Fraternity Info Party! It was one of the most successful tri-fraternity events we have ever had! There were a large amount of potential candidates in attendance and we had a great time getting to know each of them! One of the most memorable aspects of this event was the comradery between the three music fraternities: SAI, PMA, and MPE! There was singing, dancing, laughter, and a real sense of unity that has been absent for so long! Hopefully we will continue to enhance the bond of friendship between the three music organizations!

Top Right: PMA sings their signature serenade to all the lovely ladies!

Bottom Right: Tri-Fraternity Dance Party!



## Fall 2015 Informal Rushes!

The first informal rush had a great turn out! We had six potential new members in attendance at our picnic themed event. Even though only two of them were eligible this semester, it was great to see interest from new freshmen that might be able to pledge in the Spring. After introductions, we launched into game time. We played a number of fun games including an especially intense game of human rock paper scissors! We had a great afternoon!

-Missy Caton



Potential candidates and members play human rock, paper, scissors at informal rush #1!



Antoinette and her trusty selfie stick snapping pics in pjs!

The second informal rush was a Pajama Party theme! All the members showed up in their sleepy-time best and welcomed another six attendees. We danced, ate ice cream and munched on cookies in a true PJ Party fashion! We brought back some of our favorites from the first rush and enjoyed getting to know all of the our potential candidates! We all had such a good time and couldn't wait to get to formal rush!

-Missy Caton

## Fall 2015 Formal Rush!



Above: Members posing on the red carpet with potential pledge Heather!

On September 19th the Alpha Zeta chapter had it's Fall Formal Rush. With one potential member in attendance, everyone was looking red carpet chic at our Hollywood themed formal! We went through introductions and some of the members shared why they chose to join Mu Phi. Afterwards, we continued to spend some quality Phamily time together and get to know our potential candidate. We are very happy to report that Heather was initiated as a candidate for membership into Mu Phi Epsilon!!!



Above: Members posing on the red carpet!



## All About The Candidates!

As of Sept. 20th, 2015 the Alpha Zeta chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon is proud to have initiated a new candidate for membership!!! Below is a short bio about our potential member. I feel that it's very important that alumni get to know the candidates and that the candidates feel like the entire Fraternity (past and present) is involved in their pledge process.

I asked the candidate five questions just to get a general idea of who she is and what she is like, but if you would like more information just let me know and I'll try to make that happen!

### Heather Eisinger

#### 1. What is your year/major/instrument?

Sophomore/Music Therapy/Flute

#### 2. What area are you from?

Bowie, MD

#### 3. What are some of your favorite things to do that are not music related?

Cosplay, Bowling, Riding Rollercoasters, Rock- climbing

#### 4. If you could spend a day with any one person (past or present) who would it be?

Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

#### 5. Why did you want to join Mu Phi Epsilon?

I want to be a part of a family which encourages personal growth.

-Emily Surface



## "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better!"

### A recital featuring Adam McAllister and Brooke Tolley Accompanied by Brandon Mock

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, RU alumni, Adam McAllister and Brooke Tolley performed a joint recital at the Covington Center. They performed an array of pieces ranging from musical theater to opera and they even had members of the Alpha Zeta chapter participate in the recital. Adam McAllister is a Mu Phi Epsilon alum and is Alpha Zeta's current Chapter Advisor. The concert was well attended and the other Mu Phi members that participated did a great job! Some of the highlights from the concert included; *The Doll Aria* from *The Tales of Hoffman*, Two renditions of Strauss's *Morgen*, *Getting*



*Married Today* from *Company* and pieces from *Shrek*, *Parade*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. The recital was a great example of a professional, artistic, and entertaining performance.

-Alex Lyons



# October 2015

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 RU RADFORD UNIVERSITY	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 RU RADFORD UNIVERSITY	24 
25	26	27	28	29 RU RADFORD UNIVERSITY	30	31

- (10/3/15—MPE Fall Progressive Dinner @ 3pm—**POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER**)
- 10/7/15—Wind Symphony Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 10/10/15—Project Linus @ 9am at Grove United Methodist Church
- 10/10/15—MPE Phun Phall Phest!!! ~ 1pm
- 10/23/15—RU Choral Ensembles Concert @ 7:30pm
- 10/24/15—Tess Ward Senior Recital @ 3pm
- 10/29/15—RU Jazz Ensembles Concert @ 7:30pm

**Upcoming Events:** 11/4/15—Opera Workshop Performance @ 7:30, 11/7/15—Fall 2015 Alumni Dinner!!! (Time and Place TBA)

## Where Are They Now—Mu Theta Pledge Class

### Laura Keeley

Laura is currently working for Blacksburg High School in their Special Education Department. She is working with a specific student in his music activities, attending marching band practices and other events. She is thoroughly enjoying her time working with these amazing students and great co-workers. In the future, she plans on attending graduate school for Occupational Therapy.

**Favorite Mu Phi memories:** Performing at the Mu Phi recitals with her pledge class, getting Darcy Anderson as her Little, and one specific day in the Spring, when the fraternity came over to her apartment and just had a “hang out” day.

Mu Theta Then!



Mu Theta Now!



### Katie Metzler

Katie is currently student teaching for her last semester of undergrad. She will be graduating in December with a degree in Music Ed. and she plans to attend grad. school at RU this coming spring. She is thoroughly enjoying her student teaching placement and has already learned so much in such a short time! She is also very much enjoying her last semester as president and is incredibly excited to pass the torch to her Little, Missy Caton who was just voted president for next year!

**Favorite Mu Phi memories:** Christmas caroling with the chapter, her candidate interview with Missy, and the 2014 MPE camping trip when everyone was just chillin’ by the fire.

—Adam McAllister



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**Reminders and Farewells**

Keep a lookout for information about the Fall Alumni Dinner! It's going to be awesome!

Just a reminder to all alumni! If you know of any MPE alumni that are not on the email list and/or that are not part of the Facebook page PLEASE, PLEASE let me know!!! I really want to make sure that all alumni are as involved as possible! Thank you all for your continual support and active participation!



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Fall 2015!