

## Mu Phi Epsilon – Alpha Zeta Chapter

## Radford Wind Ensemble Goes to Ireland!

Over the Radford University Spring Break (March 6th–13th) the RU Wind Ensemble went abroad for a performance tour in Ireland. Multiple members were part of this ensemble including, Becky Schwab, Emily Surface, Alex Lyons, Antoinette Tortorici, Christie Simmons, and Kayla Short. The ensemble travelled from Killarney to Kilkenny and then arrived in Dublin for a final performance. They performed in multiple locations around the country and for many different audiences. The ensemble was also given the opportunity to perform at the Dublin International Airport for a charity concert, this venue provided the largest audience and parts of the performance were broadcasted on Ireland national TV. The members were also able to participate in a master class with Fergus O'Carroll, the conductor of the Royal Irish Academy of Music. But our trip wasn't just performances! We were also able to explore the country, go to many different castles, some members kissed the famous Blarney Stone, and we learned all about the history of Ireland. It was an amazing experience and some members are already planning to go back as soon as they can!

## IRELAND PERFORMANCE TOUR

Tuesday ~ March 8, 2016 ~ 7:30pm  
Church of St. Mary ~ Killarney

Friday ~ March 11, 2016 ~ 11:00am  
Terminal II Special Event ~ Dublin Intl Airport

Saturday ~ March 12, 2016 ~ 7:30pm  
The Well at St. Paul's Church ~ Bray

Saturday ~ March 12, 2016 ~ 1:00pm  
Royal Irish Academy of Music ~ Dublin

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## Radford University 9th Annual Tri-State Festival

Radford University hosted the annual Tri-State Honors Chamber Winds Festival on March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be the ninth year Radford University has hosted this event. Tri-State is a weekend for high school students to come and play in collegiate chamber ensembles. It is a great opportunity for high school students to play in their own group on their own part. For some this is their first opportunity to perform in a smaller ensemble. A few Mu Phi members were a part of this weekend either as coaches or as staff.

On the first night of the festival the RU Wind Symphony gave a performance. One of our members, Alex Lyons, was awarded the opportunity to play a concerto as a solo with the Wind Ensemble. It was a wonderful performance of Weber's Concertina and represented our fraternity very well. The weekend was a great event as a whole and was well represented by Mu Phi Epsilon members!

-Alex Lyons



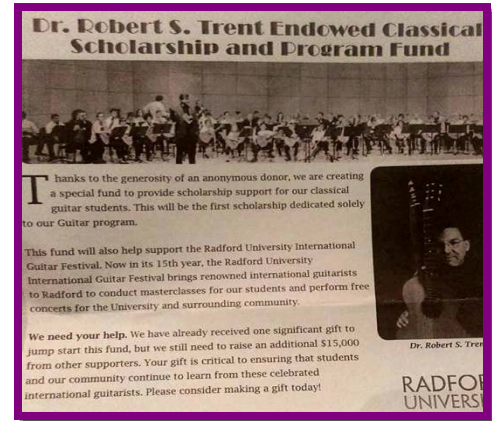
## Dr. Trent's Faculty Recital

On Tuesday March 1st, Alpha Zeta chapter member and faculty advisor, Dr. Robert Trent gave an incredibly thoughtful and well-informed faculty guitar recital. The recital was titled *A Musical Journey through the 19th century, on Historical Guitars* and was performed using three separate guitars from three different time periods. Dr. Trent introduced each set and guitar within the context of each historical period and described the type of music that would typically be played on each instrument. The concert was well attended and Dr. Trent gave an excellent and extremely professional performance!

In addition to the recital, Dr. Trent also introduced his new scholarship: *The Robert S. Trent Endowed Classical Scholarship and Program Fund*. The aim of this scholarship is "to provide scholarship support for our classical guitar students" here at Radford University as well as providing financial support for the RU International Guitar Festival. We are so proud of Dr. Trent's achievements and we are excited to support him and the RU Guitar Ensemble as they work to reach their goal!

If you would like to donate to Dr. Trent's scholarship fund please contact your Alumni Secretary, [rschwab@radford.edu](mailto:rschwab@radford.edu) for more information!

-Katie Metzler



## Where Are They Now?- Mu Delta

**Eric Westray** is currently a long term music substitute for Elementary music in Roanoke City. He will be moving back to Northern Virginia at the beginning of June to start the job search. He will be looking for any type of full time employment. Eric's favorite thing about Mu Phi is the people. "I have had the opportunity to meet many Mu Phi's from across the country and built a strong friendship with these people who I would have never had met without Mu Phi." One of his favorite memories from the AZ chapter was at his initiation: "My class was mouthing the words of the songs they were listening to; it was a lot of fun!!!"



**Adam McAllister** is currently making his home in Radford. He is still the choir director at Grove United Methodist Church and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Ferrum College. At Ferrum, he conducts the College Choir, teaches Voice Class, Phonetics, and every now and then Piano class and Music Appreciation. He has also graduated from the Opera Roanoke apprentice program. Currently he serves as Chapter Advisor of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, going on his third semester. "My favorite moments of Mu Phi always involved music. However, my favorite memory will always be eating first at every meal that Mu Phi had...because we all know that MU DELTA GOES FIRST!" Being a part of Mu Phi once again has really made him appreciate what Mu Phi is, which is growth as an individual through music practice and friendship.



























**Erin O'Neil** is involved in many things right now. Currently, she lives in Radford where she works as Macados as well as teaching preschool music and private lessons for the Central Fine Arts Academy. She is an Apprentice Artist for Opera Roanoke and will doing her first understudy role in this spring's *La Traviata*. She will soon be moving to Lake Bowen in Spartanburg, SC with her new boyfriend and is extremely excited about her next step in life. "During my time in Mu Phi I was able to create so many wonderful memories with some amazing people.

However, some of my favorite times were Big/Little reveals and senior roasts when we would all get together, smile, laugh, and reminisce over the crazy. Mu Phi love to everyone!"



-Adam McAllister

# April 2016

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## Schedule of Events:

- 4/1/16—Whitney Martin Senior Recital @ 7:30pm
- 4/2/16—Kayla Currie Junior Recital @ 5pm
- 4/3/16—Radford Pitches @ 11am
- 4/6/16—RU Opera Workshop Performance @ 7:30pm
- 4/8—4/9/16—MPE Sponsored International Guitar Festival!
- 4/9/16—MPE Progressive Dinner @ 5pm
- 4/11/16—MPE Stucky Masterclass and Concert @ 3pm
- 4/12/16—RU Percussion Ensemble Concert @ 7:30pm
- 4/13/16—RU Dr. Sanderl Faculty Recital @ 7:30pm
- 4/16/16—Music Business Student Association presents Bonnie-Roo! @ 2pm
- 4/17/16—MPE Field Day at Bisset Park @ 2pm
- 4/19/16—RU Guitar Ensemble Concert @ 7:30pm
- 4/20/16—RU Symphonic Band Concert @ 7:30pm
- 4/21/16—RU Jazz Ensembles Concert @ 7:30pm
- 4/23/16—MPE Sole Hope @ 10-1pm
- 4/23/16—MPE ALUMNI DINNER!!! @ 5pm
- 4/24/16—Diana Jones Benefit Concert (Tri-Fraternity) @ 2pm
- 4/25/16—RU Choir Concert @ 7:30pm
- 4/27/16—RU Wind Ensemble Concert @ 7:30 pm
- 4/30/16—MPE Hiking Trip to McAfee's Knob @ 9am
- **MAY**
- 5/1/16—Antoinette Tortorici Senior Recital @ 3pm
- 5/1/16—MPE Spring Concert @ 6pm
- 5/5/16—Senior Roast @ 5pm
- 5/7/16—RU Spring Graduation



## Alpha Zeta



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**ATTENTION! THE SPRING 2016 ALUMNI DINNER WILL BE SAT. APRIL 23RD AT 5PM AT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!** We're so excited and we can't wait to see our alumni! It's going to be awesome!!!

Any alumni that come will be able to meet our candidates and catch up with their Phamilies!

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!

## Initiation and Big Reveal! — Mu Nu Class!

In February 2016, our newest members of the Mu Nu class were initiated and found out who their bigs were. Heather Eisinger, a sophomore, music therapy major and Mr. Kwan Yi, Assistant Professor of Music at RU, primarily in piano.

Heather's Big is Becky Schwab (Mu Mu) and Kwan's Big is Whitney Martin (Mu Iota).

For Heather's Big/Little reveal, we played musical chairs and slowly narrowed it down until she thought she found out who her big was, faking her out thinking it was James Nugent. We played a second round, and when we finally got down to Becky, it was so exciting!

Kwan's big reveal was a nice dinner out with some members of the fraternity and at the end of the meal, Whitney revealed herself as his big!



Left:  
Becky Schwab and Heather Eisinger, Mu Nu class, at Big-Little Reveal.



Above: Mr. Kwan Yi, Mu Nu class, Assistant Professor of Music