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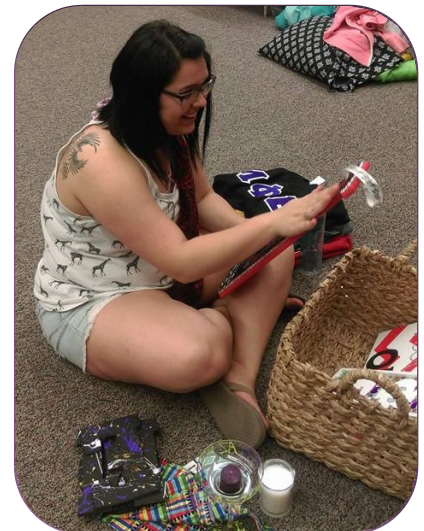
## Initiation and Big Reveal!

On April 23rd all five members of the Mu Xi pledge class were initiated! It was one of the best parts of our Mu Phi alumni day that also included our Sole Hope fraternity service project, alumni dinner, and big reveal. We had most of the fraternity members in attendance and even some alumni were able to attend!

For Big Reveal the new members had to go through various challenges to find their big. These activities included an Easter egg scavenger hunt, a yarn maze, a stressful puzzle, and a “Match the Pose” game on the floor. It was a fun day for all members involved. Welcome to the Mu Xi pledge class!

-Alex Lyons

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## Tri-Fraternity Benefit Concert for Diana Jones

In honor of fellow music major, Diana Jones, the Alpha Zeta chapter, along with the RU chapters of Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, organized a benefit concert and fundraiser in which all of the proceeds went to Diana in order to help defer the costs of her medical care. Diana was recently diagnosed with a lesion on the left hemisphere of her brain and is in desperate need of surgery to remove it. If it is left untreated she will slowly begin to lose motor function and there is also a high risk of paralysis to the right side of her body. The AZ chapter was approached by members of PMA to help organize and participate in a benefit concert in conjunction with their chapter and with our RU Sigma Alpha Iota chapter, in which 100% of the proceeds would go directly to Diana to help offset the costs of some of her medical expenses.

On April 24, 2016 the three RU music fraternities were joined together in support of Diana and gave an incredibly moving performance. Each chapter performed individual pieces specific to each group but there were also several tri-fraternity ensembles that included brass quintets, jazz ensembles, and a large tri-fraternity choir performance of the popular song Hallelujah written by Leonard Cohen. After the performance we held a bake sale, raffle drawing, and our spring candidates even set up their candidate service project to show their support as well!

We were so fortunate that Diana was able to be at the performance and we were able to raise close to \$500, all of which will go directly to Diana!!!

The Alpha Zeta chapter was incredibly honored to have been able to participate in this wonderful service opportunity and we are even more excited that we were able to use music to serve our fellow student's needs. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our fellow music fraternities on the RU campus, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota, for making such great music with us!

We are happy to report that Diana has found a surgeon who is able to perform the procedure and her medical expenses are very close to being completely covered! However, every little bit counts, so if you would like to donate to Diana's cause please visit her GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/dianajones>

-Katie Metzler

Below: Tri-Fraternity Choir



## Mu Xi Candidate Service Project

For their service project the Mu Xi candidate class created a "How Stressed RU?" table complete with musical games and prizes to help participants relieve stress before the upcoming finals week. The candidates did a wonderful job and we are so proud of them!





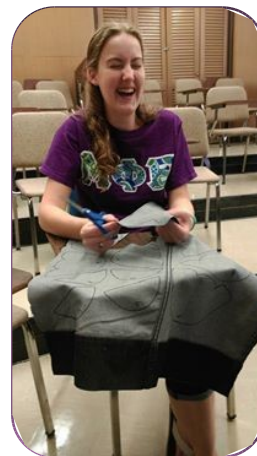
## Mu Phi Epsilon Does Sole Hope!

On April 23, 2016 the Alpha Zeta chapter once again held a Sole Hope shoe cutting party! Sole Hope is an organization that specializes in making shoes out of denim for children in Africa. These children are constantly under threat of "jiggers" digging into their feet. Jiggers are tiny bugs that burrow into the feet and lay eggs, which hatch and cause even more damage; the only way to remove the jiggers is to dig them out with a sharp object. Sole Hope shoe cutting parties provide the materials to make the shoes and they are then sent to Africa where they are used to create jobs for the locals who use the materials to assemble the shoes.

At our shoe cutting party we spent some much needed Phamily time with one another and also cut patterns for over 50 pairs of shoes! This has proved to be one of our most enjoyable and successful service projects and we hope to continue it in the future!

If you would like to donate or host your own shoe cutting party check out the Sole Hope website: <http://www.solehope.org/> or follow them on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/solehope/>) or Instagram (@solehope)!

-Katie Metzler



## Alpha Zeta Chapter Spring 2016 Concert!

The Mu Phi Epsilon choir performed their semester recital on May 1st, entitled "I Believe in Music." The choir was joined by alumni, Molly Cox and Chapter Advisor, Adam McAllister. There were four choir pieces including fan favorites, "Good Morning Baltimore" and "Moon River." In addition to the choir pieces there were big ensemble numbers from beloved musicals like "Into the Woods" and "Chicago." New faculty member, Kwan Yi accompanied everyone from the soloists to the ensemble pieces and he did a fantastic job! Special thanks to Megan Humphrey and Alex Lyons for assisting in putting on this concert. Ideas are already flowing for the Fall Concert, so look out for dates and times!!



-Adam McAllister

## Spring 2016 Alumni Dinner!

On Saturday April 23rd we combined our Alumni Dinner with the candidate recital. It was a fun time for the (now) new members to meet some of the alumni that are in their family lines. We were able to host it once again at Grove United Methodist church. The alumni that attended included Chris Smith, Sara Slone, Sarah Wilson, Erin O'Neil,



Chelsea McGinnis, Adam McAllister, Eric Westray, Liza Sutphin, Zach Helms, and Molly Cox. This is the largest attendance of alumni we have had in four years! The candidates performed well and we are all so proud of them! We are so happy that they were all able to join us for dinner and got to catch up with one another!



## Senior Recitals

This month the Mu Iota class represented well with their senior performances. Whitney Martin, voice, and Antoinette Tortorici, clarinet, both gave wonderful senior recitals. They performed with such grace, dignity, and passion and really showed what our fraternity had to offer. Congratulations ladies!

-Alex Lyons



Left: Whitney Martin

Right: Antoinette  
Tortorici





## Opera Roanoke's *La Traviata*

On April 7th and 9th, some of our alumni and current members participated in Opera Roanoke's performance of *La Traviata*. Current member, Whitney Martin sang in the chorus alongside alumni members Erin O'Neil, Molly Cox, and Zach Helms. Zach also performed the comprimario role of Giuseppe; Erin also covered the role of Flora.



The staging of the production was set in the early 1920s. Several Mu Phi members were in attendance to support their fellow brothers and sisters and a great time was had by all!

-Adam McAllister

## Sterling Achievement Award Nominee!

The Mu Phi Epsilon International Sterling Achievement Award is given annually to the Outstanding Collegiate chosen from the Collegiate Province Award winners. A collegiate chapter nominates a senior member and the winner is determined by the Collegiate Advisor and the IEB. This person exemplifies a Mu Phi Epsilon member by their Mu Phi participation, honors and awards, and scholarship. The nominating Chapter must have fulfilled all chapter obligations for their nomination to be considered. This is the highest honor Mu Phi awards to a collegiate member. Honorable Mention is given to the Province Award winners. This year's nominee is, Mu Kappa's, Shelley Anderson! Congratulations Shelley!



## Newly Elected Officers for Fall 2016!

Vice President- Alex Lyons, Mu Mu Class

Parliamentarian- Megan Humphrey, Mu Mu Class

Treasurer- Becky Schwab, Mu Mu Class

Award Committee Head- Kara Campese, Mu Mu Class

Historian Committee Head- Maria Hildebrand, Mu Xi Class

## Alpha Zeta



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**Music, Friendship, and Harmony!**

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!

## Spring 2016 Alpha Zeta Graduates!



**Tess Ward:** Bachelor of Science in Music. "I will be moving to the northern Virginia area and getting a job working with animals in a veterinarian clinic."

**Shelley Anderson:** Bachelor of Science in Music. Concentration in Music Therapy. Minor in ASL. "I'll be going to a music therapy internship in Indiana"

**Kirsten Hamann:** Bachelor of Arts in Dance. Minor in Music. "I will be continuing to teach at Floyd Ward School of Dance."

**Whitney Martin:** Bachelor of Music. Concentration in Music Business. Minor in Marketing. "I'm planning on doing my internship in the fall with either a record label or music festival."

**Chantal Miller:** Bachelor of Science in Music. Concentration in Music Therapy. "To complete my 6 month internship to reach certification"