Music, Friendship, and Harmony!

# Mu Phi Epsilon—Alpha Zeta Chapter

# **Alpha Zeta Winter Concert!**

On December 7, 2015 the Alpha Zeta chapter hosted it's annual Winter Concert! Led by our fantastic chorister Alex Lyons and accompanied by Dr. Bora Lee we performed many pieces from the Mu Phi Epsilon songbook (including our Creed, Triangle, and We Thank Mu Phi Epsilon), Christmas pieces, and pieces from Sister Act, and Wicked. Several members also performed solo pieces: Brandon Goss, Whitney Martin, Megan Humphrey, and Dr. Robert Trent!



Above: Chorister Alex Lyons struttin' his stuff!

Left: Alumni and Advisors at Winter Concert!

Right: Dr. Trent performing at AZ Winter Concert! We had two of our alumni (Callie Dupree and Laura Keeley) and both our chapter advisor (Adam McAllister) and our faculty advisor (Dr. Robert Trent) perform with us as well!

Not only did we have a large number of performers but we had several potential candidates for next semester in the audience cheering us on!

It was a great night of music making with the Phamily and a great big thanks to Alex Lyons, Dr. Bora Lee, Dr. Robert Trent, AZ alumni, and to our very energetic audience!



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Above: Brandon Goss performing at AZ Winter Concert!

**– 898!!!** 

# Check Out Our Committees

At the beginning of this semester the Service Committee decided to set a goal for the Alpha Zeta chapter to reach 500 service hours by the end of the semester. I am ecstatic to report that not only did we reach our 500 hr. goal but that we surpassed it by 398 hours!!! That's right! We were able to accumulate 898 service hours in one semester! This is an incredible accomplishment for the AZ chapter and we are excited to announce that we will be creating another, even bigger goal for the Spring semester!

A huge thank you to our head of Service, Shelley Anderson, and the entire Service Committee for your tireless dedication to service, to Missy Caton for keeping track of all of those hours, to our alumni for supporting us in our efforts, and to member Megan Clemmons for accumulating over 200 of those hours on your own! We are so excited to have reached this goal and we can't wait to see what we can achieve next semester!

500!

450 hrs.

400 hrs.

350 hrs.

300 hrs.

250 hrs.

200 hrs.

150 hrs.

100 hrs.

50 hrs.

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# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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## **Schedule of Events**

- RU Spring Classes Begin
- 1/22/16—RU Winter Club Fair @ 3pm-5pm

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the AZ Chapter!

# **Caroling Around Campus!**

Late on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Alpha Zeta Chapter joined with the Xi Theta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, part of the Music Therapy Club, and even AZ alumni Liza Sutphin for caroling around the RU campus. Several people were all dressed up for the holidays in Christmas sweaters, Santa hats, and elf ears. We lined the stairs of the library and sang carols such as O, Come Emmanuel, In the Bleak Mid-Winter, and Joy to the World. Many people coming in and out of the library seemed to enjoy the carols and took many pictures and videos. After the library, we walked into the lobby of Muse Hall and sang a couple more carols. The way that our voices bounced around the hall was exhilarating for us. When the residents came out of the elevators, they were surprised by the singing but once



they got over the shock they had smiles on their faces and really enjoyed our singing. Everybody then trekked to the fountain in the middle of campus to sing Silent Night and Hark the Herald Angels Sing! One of the best places that we sang was in the Bonnie Student Center. There were a large number of people already in the Bonnie and when we finished each carol we were blessed to receive applause. We even had a couple people join in and sing with the group! We finished up the night singing for the students and staff in the recently opened Student Health and Wellness Center. It was a great event going around campus giving people something to smile about as well as mental break before finals week began. It also allowed Mu Phi Epsilon, Phi Mu Alpha and the Music Therapy Club to spend some time together and

foster those bonds of friendship. Hopefully this will continue as an annual winter event!

-Written by Becky Schwab



Dear Alpha Zeta Alumni Members,

After five wonderful semesters as Alumni Secretary for the Alpha Zeta chapter I would like to report that I will be stepping down from the position (as I will be graduating soon!) and beginning in Spring 2016 the lovely Becky Schwab will be assuming her new role as Alumni Secretary!

I cannot express to you all how much it has meant to me to be able to have filled this position for so long. Not only did I want to continue as Alumni Secretary for as long as possible but the chapter continuously voted for me to do so and the alumni supported my position every step of the way. I would like to express my sincerest thanks to each an every one of you for your kind words, encouragement, and communication during my time as Alumni Secretary.

When I was first nominated for the position (to be honest) I took it because nobody else wanted to; but after my first semester I thought, "Why wouldn't *everybody* want this position!?" I absolutely **LOVED** planning our alumni events and making sure that all alumni are up to date on the chapter and it's events. Our alumni provide an incredible source of fraternal and "real-world" wisdom and are an invaluable source of creativity and professionalism that should be tapped into whenever possible! To me, being Alumni Secretary meant more than just planning an Alumni Dinner every semester and occasionally putting out a newsletter. It became about keeping the alumni informed, involved, and cared for, which is what it should have been all along. My main goal during my time in the position was always to make our alumni feel as involved as possible and to give them every opportunity to reach out and feel like part of the Phamily again; I hope that I have achieved that goal.

I am extremely proud of the immense progress that the Alumni Committee has made and I consider myself immeasurably blessed to have been able to play a part in that. I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that my successor, Becky, will continue to maintain the integrity of this committee and this position as well as bringing new ideas and new energy all to the benefit of our alumni. Becky is a wonderfully energetic, meticulously organized, personable, intelligent, hard-working, and kind person, as well as being an extremely dedicated member of Mu Phi Epsilon and of the Alpha Zeta chapter. I will still be around to help Becky through this learning process but I suspect that she won't need my help for very long! You all are in very capable hands and I can think of no better per-

son to "pass the baton to" than she.

Again, I can't thank you all enough for your support and encouragement you have given me throughout these two and a half years and I am truly a better person and a better member because I took this position and because I was able to connect with so many of my brothers and sisters. I encourage all of you to continue to supply your input and your wisdom because it really is greatly appreciated! I look forward to staying in contact with many of you and I ask that you give our new Alumni Secretary the support and the respect that she deserves! I love you all so much and I will never forget all that you have done for me.

With much love, Katie Metzler, M\O Class

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 Face-book page PLEASE, PLEASE let us know!\*\*