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Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Beta

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a letter from the alumane relations chair...

Greetings from the Epsilon Beta Chapter!!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the spring weather; it really makes you realize how close to the end of the semester we are!! It has been a busy winter for the Gamma Phi's here at Alma College.

- We currently have 3 members on Panhellenic Executive Council: Vice- President, Recruitment Chair and Education Chair.

- Our winter recruitment went well. We got 8 awesome new girls whom we just initiated on March 20. Their pledge class is called "Enchanted Eight" and they are seriously the cutest things ever.

- This past weekend we had a team involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We raised over \$1,500 to fund cancer research, and the college total was over \$30,000!! We are still accepting donations until the end of the year so if anyone is interested in donating, please send a check made out to The American Cancer Society to us ASAP!!

- Greek Awards Banquet is tonight. We are planning on having achieved Chapter of Distinction again this year thanks to our wonderful participation and sisterhood.

- We are currently having a clothing drive for the Forgotten Children of Eastern Europe Foundation. That will be running until the end of this term.

- Senior Celebrations start next week. We are planning on having the Rite of Passage on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. If any alumnae are interested in attending, we would love to have you!! Please RSVP to (989) 466-8369 and ask for Jess. That is the night of senior wills, but if there is interest, we can have coffee/ snacks at the house afterwards!!

- The Annual Alumnae/ Active Barbeque has been set for August 26, 2006. We are really excited to see everyone and hear updates!!

As I said before, it has been a crazy, fun-filled semester. We are all looking forward to the summer, but we will definitely miss our 20 graduating seniors. We hope that everything is great in the real world and we can't wait to hear from you all soon!! Please contact me if you have any questions/ concerns or just want to chat!!

in PIKE,  
~ Jess Hagedorn, '07

## ALUMNAE board

On Saturday, January 21st a group of alums came back to help out at the first round of recruitment, Teas. It was a fun day for the alums to get to hang out and for the actives to get to know us better. Pictured below are the alums before the event.



After recruitment, they met to discuss the future role of the Alumnae Board. It was decided that the Board would take a back seat role with the chapter, and only attend events when the active chapter requests us to be there. We will focus on setting up alumane events for us to grow as alums and to gather for the Reunion BBQ and Homecoming. We hope you will join us in these fun alumane events.

In addition, alum Bree Brownlee purchased a laptop computer for the active chapter. This will enable them to keep the website updated, allow the recording secretary to have a record of all documents. In addition, they can keep in contact with the Alumnae Board and help with starting our great association. The cost of the computer was \$550, if you would like to donate to the Computer Fund - please send a check to Bree at 12966 Watkins Drive, Shelby Township, MI 48315. Checks can be made out to Bree. No additional funds have been donated at this time.

Keep Connected:  
[www.alma.edu/  
organizations/GPBalumni](http://www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni)

## Keep Up to DATE...

### April 2006

- 2 Business Meeting
- 3 Rite of Passage (to attend Jess at 989.466.8369)
- 6 Honors Day
- 9 Sisterhood/PACE
- 13 Eggstravaganza Open House
- 16 Business Meeting
- 22 Class of 2006 Graduation
- 30 Spring Term Begins

### May 2006

- 25 Spring Term Ends

### June 2006

- 28-2 Convention

SAVE THE DATE

The **4th Annual Summer Reunion BBQ** will be at the Gamma Phi Beta house in Alma, MI from 1-5pm on Saturday, August 26th. Save the date...

This is a chance for you to rekindle old relationships, make new ones and to meet everyone's family and children. Bring your significant other and children for a day of fun.

Please bring our favorite dish to pass and your own beverages (no alcohol please - house rule).

Can't wait to see you all there...

## Keep Note...

news from the home front

🎵 Congratulations to Allison Doran, Liz Fishback, Megan Gillis, Mandy Hall, Grace Iglehart, Kirsten McNally, Erin Poulsen and Holly Spencer on their recent initiation. "Enchanted Eight" was initiated on March 20th. Our newest sisters are pictured to the right in their first letters.



🎵 Over Spring Break, 7 of the actives sisters went on an "alternative spring break" to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Relief Efforts. They were in Chalmette, LA where they helped remove debris and clean out houses so they could be rebuilt. They even got to have a little run and enjoy Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras. Pictured below from their week in LA are Sami Spedoske, Sarah Wasek, Ashley Widrig, Mallory Hick, Elsa Starmann, Melanie McIntyre, Naomi Vance, and Erin Bernethy.



🎵 Congratulations to Carmen Compton, '06 on her engagement to Jeff Sommerville. They have set the date for June 17, 2006.

🎵 The actives participated in "Relay for Life" to help fight cancer. It is a 24 Hour walk-a-thon held in the Rec Center. They currently have raised \$1500. Any additional funds that they can raise through the end of the school year will count toward their final total and can help us win the fight against cancer. Help support our active chapter and the fight, donations can be sent to: Pictured below are the actives during the event.



# notes & news

& Katie (Mitzner) Dagenais has joined the Public Affairs Department of Kaiser Permanente as Senior Communications Specialist of their Los Angeles Medical Center in Hollywood, California. Katie will assist in internal and external communications and media relations for Kaiser Permanente, an integrated health care plan that serves 9 states and the District of Columbia. If anyone needs information on pursuing a career in public relations, public affairs or within the media don't hesitate to give Katie a call or send an email. Katie's new work email is: [katie.l.mitzner@kp.org](mailto:katie.l.mitzner@kp.org). Her cell number is: 310-844-4121.

& Lucas ('00) and Alicia (Huffman, '03) Hart are expecting their first child in September 2006. Congrats Hart family!

& Zabrina Santiago Lindsay ('87) and husband Bob announce the birth of their daughter Sophia Elizabeth on Feb 25, 2006. She joins big sisters Anneka (age 5), Isabella (age 3), and Alexandra (age 1). Maybe they'll all be Alma Scots someday!

& Lucia Ann Wyville was born 2/1/06- 7 lbs 11 oz to Lynn Wyville. Her sister, Delainey, is delighted with her new sister Lucy. If anybody from the 90's is planning on going to homecoming next fall, e-mail Lynn at [lynn.wyville@comcast.net](mailto:lynn.wyville@comcast.net). Pictured are Delainey and Lucy.



& Carrie Barrett ('04) has moved to Grand Rapids and is working with a leasing company. This fall she is planning on going back to school to get her teaching certificate. In 1 to 2 years she should be able to graduate and begin teaching. Check out the contact page online for her new contact information. Best of luck.

& Kaleena Liedke (Sharp, '05) and husband Chris are expecting their first child this September. Congrats Liedke's!

& Charnell Davis (Kintigh, '06), husband Matt and baby Jacob are in the process of buying their first house in Hillsdale, MI.

& Kim Light ('05) and Katie (Berry) Urban ('99) are co-coaching the JV softball team together at Linden High School. Let the tradition continue... KALHS!

& Jenn Rettelle (Wild, '03) and husband Chris recently purchased their first home. They are still out east and are enjoying their life and new home out there. Congratulations!



& A few of the alums from the early 2000's are planning a "Gammies Gone Wild" Alumane Retreat. This year, Kathleen (McCrudden) Dobrovic ('01) is hosting at her cabin near Midland the weekend of June 24th. If you would like to join in on the fun, contact Kathleen at [kathleendobrovic@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleendobrovic@hotmail.com). It should be a fun weekend not to be missed. Hope you can make it!

## badge

We are still looking for family tree information on Alpha Theta Alumna, Kelly (Mitchell) Hampton. She was a part of the "MacArthur Dynasty." If you have any information about Kelly's family, could help us piece together more of the family trees, or have any other information please e-mail us at [KeepingOrder@hotmail.com](mailto:KeepingOrder@hotmail.com).

## Alumnae Contact List

Please let us know of any updates or changes that you may have for yourself or others so that we can all stay in contact from now on! Check it out on our alumnae website and get in touch with old friends and sisters!

# congratulations

Congratulations and welcome to our newest alumni - the Alma College Class of 2006. What does the future hold for these amazing young women? Look and see...one thing's for sure - these women will accomplish big things and make Gamma Phi proud!



**Tara Britting**

Will be working at home then returning in the fall to Alma to do her student teaching. After, she hopes to teach in Florida or Texas.



**Jillian (Cline) Foster**

Plans on finding a job and going to graduate school for Museum Studies or a history related field.



**Sarah Northrop**

Will be attending Wayne State University for her master's in social work with an emphasis in hospital/medical social work. She will be moving into a condo in Marysville with a high school friend.



**L. Erica Sandel**

Is still applying to medical school and recently had an interview at Wayne State University. She is hoping to start med school this fall, if not, she will work in the pharmaceutical industry while re-applying.



**Naomi Vance**

Is moving to Chicago and living with '05 graduate Kristin Oleskowicz. She is currently interviewing.

**Laura Bell**

Has been offered a position in the Metro-Detroit area with a firm but is awaiting another offer first.



**Carmen Compton**

Is looking for an elementary teaching job around the Alma area. She will marry fiance Jeff on June 17th and honeymoon in the Bahamas.



**Jillian Gettel**

Will be marrying Robert Simon ('03) in Bay City one week after graduation. They will be moving to Houston, TX where she will be a Research Technician for the Pathology/Breast Cancer Department at MD Anderson.



**Beth Opperman**

Will begin pursuing her doctor of veterinary medicine degree in August 2006 at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She will graduate in 2010.

**Andrea Radtke**

Is hoping to get a job around Detroit in either pharmaceutical sales or personal training.



**Kim Sinclair**

Is moving to Tampa, FL to work in the Leadership Development Program at Citigroup.

**Emily Shier**

No information provided.

**Chelsea Thurston**

No information provided.



**Susanne Ball**

Is joining the Americorps and moving to California to volunteer in an area of social work working with women and children. She plans to get a masters in social work.

**Emily Dolan**

No information provided.

**Ashley Widrig**

No information provided.

**Lisa Cook**

No Information Provided.

**Crystal Schatz**

Is moving to Arizona to attend Midwestern University's Physician Assistant Program.

**Samatha Sugar**

No information provided.



**Jaci Wilkie**

Will be beginning Physician Assistant school at CMU on May 15th. She will marry fiance, Tim on August 19th.