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Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Beta

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*a letter from the new chapter president...*

Dear Sisters,

As another year is again (and unbelievably) upon us, the sisters of the Epsilon Beta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta are busy and anxious while getting ready for the new semester. Our new officers are sorting out the new responsibilities that accompany their offices and they are learning all about their new positions. There are several events this semester that we are looking forward to as well as a general anticipation to start another busy and fun semester.

The first big event of the semester is, of course, winter recruitment. We have opened up discussion about new and different themes and it appears as if we have an abundance of good ideas. Whatever we choose, it will be wonderful, and we can look forward to new members finding a place in Gamma Phi. Before recruitment however, there is a new event coming to the Alma College Greek Community that is sure to be a good time. Order of Omega is hosting a social event for all non-Greek males and females with GPAs over 3.5. The executive councils of all sororities and fraternities are invited and also expected to bring a speaker along with them. This will be a great opportunity for Gamma Phi to show what it is made of and to strengthen the bonds with other sororities and fraternities and the non-Greek community.

The next area of business that we are excited about is Philanthropy. Our two new co-chairs are planning some major charitable events. As is customary now, Gamma Phi's participation in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will be pursued with full vigor and dedication, as we have many sisters involved in CAC (Colleges Against Cancer). Also with the success of last semester's "Gamma Phi Beta Pancake Breakfast" we are planning another similar event to take place sometime this winter. All proceeds from these two new events going to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

Finally, we Gammies are not only excited about work, but also play! P.C. is sure to be the social event of the semester, resulting in a way fun time and the making of memories! P.C. is always a good way to reward ourselves after a semester of dedication and hard work.

As is apparent, the upcoming semester should be a busy one, full of fun and memories. We have a few sisters returning from semesters abroad ready to jump back into Gamma Phi. Likewise, we have sisters who are departing for a semester away from the beautiful campus at Alma, so we wish them the best of luck and a happy and healthy return, as we will miss them dearly and be thinking of them at all of our events. Here's to a great year for Gamma Phi Beta!



*in ΠΚΕ,  
~ Emilee Syrewicze, '08*

## ALUMNAE board

As the active chapter is still planning winter recruitment, no final decisions have been made. So - mark your calendars and keep checking your inbox for information on alumnae involvement in 2007 winter recruitment.

There still have been no donations for the laptop computer purchased for the active chapter. This has enabled 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. The cost of the computer was \$550, if you would like to donate to the Computer Fund - please send a check to Bree Brownlee at 12966 Watkins Drive, Shelby Township, MI 48315. Checks can be made out to Bree.

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

# Keep Up to DATE...

## January 2007

8	Winter Term Begins
TBD	Order of Omega Social Event
20	Winter Recruitment - Teas
TBD	Winter Recruitment - Spreads
TBD	Winter Recruitment - Desserts
TBD	Walk-Outs

## February 2007

TBD	All Sorority Retreat
26-2	Spring Break

## March 2007

5	Classes Resume
TBD	Initiations

# Keep Note...

news from the home front

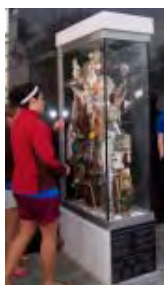
🎵 The active chapter has a newly designed website that matches the new values of Gamma Phi Beta Internationally - to connect, impact and shine! Check out the new site at [www.alma.edu/students/organizations/gammaphibeta](http://www.alma.edu/students/organizations/gammaphibeta). If you haven't seen the IH site - it is at [www.GammaPhiBeta.org](http://www.GammaPhiBeta.org). Epsilon Beta's new site matches nicely, but of course has our own Alma College flair!



🎵 The fall 2006 pledge class, "Lucky 13" was initiated into the sisterhood in November. Members of the new pledge class are: Amanda Abramcyk, Brit-tany Anderson, Kayla Bauer, Kerry Demboski, Ivyrose Hess, Kristi Kash, Kelly Malburg, Meagan McGrath, Sarah Reitz, Angela Schuhardt, Lindsey Seibert, Dani Smith and Tricia Wales. Next time you are on campus - say hello to our newest sisters. Here they are - pictured in their new letters after their initiation.



🎵 Megan Gillis, '08 and Sami Spedoski, '08 went to Mississippi for the first part of their winter break on a service trip. They took an alternative break to help with the clean up efforts in New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina. Megan and Sami are pictured below with other members of the trip from Alma.



🎵 Congratulations to Kate DeGood, '07 who has been accomplishing all sort of great things! She passed her judges test for Highland Dancing from the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing on her first time taking the exam. She also was recently named the Sigma Chi Sweetheart. Congrats Kate - keep up the great work! Pictured here with her flowers from EX.



🎵 Congratulations to Allison Doran, '09 on her engagement to Adam Chatfield. He is currently serving in the armed forces, while Allison finishes up her education at Alma. Best wishes to both of them on continued happiness.



# notes & news

- & Jenn (Wild) Rettelle, '03 and her husband Chris spent Thanksgiving on Oahu visiting Christine (Stevenson) Murphy '03 and husband Colin who moved there in June.



- & Renae (Judd) Rivera '00 welcomed her first baby, Isabela Lucinda Sildita Rivera into the world on May 27th, 2006! She was 8lb. 8oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. We have another future Gammie Girl in the making!



- & Leslee Lewis ('92) and husband Andrew announce the July, 2006 birth of their daughter, Brooke Audrey Grace, who joins her doting brothers Cale (8) and Whit (4).

- & Becky Kinney ('04) has had an exciting few months. She recently graduated with her Masters of Social Work. She majored in management and aging, but is still in the process of finding the perfect job. The more exciting news, is that she is also engaged! Becky and longtime boyfriend Joe have decided to tie the knot! Congrats Becky!



- & Maggie (Czachor) Guaresimo's ('99) son, Vincent Anthony, was born on September 26, 2006. He is a happy and healthy little boy. The families oldest son, David, turned 2 in November and loves being a big brother.

- & Jill Bieske ('01) and Mike Lovati ('01) got engaged in September and are currently planning their wedding. After spending a few years in Germany, they are excited to be home and looking toward their future! Congrats Jill & Mike!

- & Lisa Cramer has been a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization in the Richmond, VA area for over 3 years. Tamara her Little Sister, and her been together that whole time. They recently volunteered to give out balloons and apply temporary BB/BS tattoos. It was great fun. The Duck Race is literally a race of rubber ducks down a segment of the canal that run along the James River in Richmond. People buy ducks to enter into the race and there are various prizes to be won. The ducks are put into a big box that is dumped into the canal and the race begins. The event helps raise funds that go towards BB/BS. Together they were featured in a small local newspaper, along with other BB/BS "Big and Littles".



- & Kristy (Butts) Benson, '05 and husband Tyler are pregnant and expecting their first child around June 1, 2007. Kristy is just beginning her 2nd trimester and is looking very forward to the nausea and morning sickness to be over. Other than that, everything is going great!

- & Laura Bell ('05) is engaged and planning for a Sept 1, 2007 wedding to Carl Trosien. Many GPB sisters will be a part of the wedding ceremony. She also was recently promoted with Sherwin Williams to Assistant Manager in Garden City. Congratulations Laura!

- & Beth Siewert just graduated with her MFA in painting from Kendall College of Art and Design in December. Her MFA exhibition will be in the Kendall College student gallery from February 21st through March 2nd. If anyone lives near Grand Rapids and wants to come to the opening, it is planned for Feb. 21 6pm-8pm or e-mail her at [bethsiewert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethsiewert@sbcglobal.net) for more details.

- & Megan Hlavaty ('05) moved to Chicago and is living with Ashley Widrig ('06). She is working as a market analyst for the Basque Trade Commission which is an agency of the Basque Government within Spain. Ashley will be finishing her schooling in the city.

& Elke (Betz) Meek ('02) recently got a new job. Her and husband Paul are still living in Ann Arbor. Her new job is with Washtenaw Community Health Organization. She is a recipient rights officer seated in Monroe County. Elke is glad to be out of retail especially during the holidays and is putting her law degree to good use.

& Amy Novak ('01) married Steve Wille in May 2006. Fellow GPB alums Jill Bieske ('01) and Katie Beam ('01) were part of the bridal party, while Amy Fraley ('00), Katie (Mann) Fritz ('02), Julie (Skok) Stevens ('02), Laura (Matthews) Haze ('02) and Jamie (Hammel) Culver ('02) all attended.



## b a d g e

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!