ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Pi Chapter | Berkeley, CA

Hello Wonderful Alumnae!

Pi Chapter is so excited to share with you all the wonderful things we have accomplished in the Fall '20 semester and everything we have in store for the Spring '21 semester. Due to the Covid- 19 break out in early March Pi chapter had to close its facilities. But as Berkeley moved the Fall semester to a complete online format, the chapter was able to reopen its doors at reduced capacity to its members. We are looking forward to our upcoming online COB recruitment season, second virtual Big/Little reveal, Zoom retreat and many more sisterhood activities. This newsletter is a testimonial to Pi Chapter's resilience and adaptability during these unprecedented times. We have managed to continue a community of growth and sisterhood even in a virtual setting. Continue reading to get to know more about our virtual sisterhood, the online new member experience, and ways you as alumnae can get involved with the current Pi Chapter women.

LitB,
Vanshika and Kaitlyn

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Due to Covid-19, Pi Chapter as a whole has been facing increased financial difficulties. We hope to remain able to provide amazing connections to our sisters, without increasing the financial burden on our members. If you or someone you know would care to donate, any amount would be greatly appreciated. Alpha Chi Omega Pi Chapter is accepting donations by Venmo at the username @AXO-Pi and by check written to Alpha Chi Omega Pi Chapter. Checks or cash can be mailed to AXO Pi Chapter at 2313 Warring St Berkeley, CA 94704

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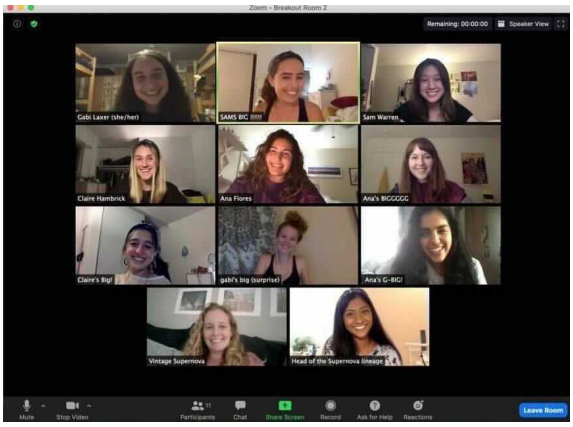
Big/Little Week Fall 2020

While the pandemic certainly presented challenges, our sisters were quickly able to compromise and find creative ways to get ready for Big/Little week. Instead of the physical notes and gifts given each day during the week, the “mystery” Bigs made Instagram accounts for their Littles where they would drop hints (sometimes very misleading ones) about who they are or post about how excited they are to meet their Little! Personalized email accounts were made so Bigs could remain anonymous until Big/Little Reveal, and they used these emails to send cute and unique digital gifts. It being virtual did not put a damper on our spirits, and AXO made the most of it! It was a special week that our members will always cherish. Whether our lineages were revealed in person, socially-distanced and with masks, or on Zoom, we can all agree that it was an absolutely memorable night. Here are some photos of our lovely lineages!



A Letter from the President

By Stephanie Delgado

Dearest Alumnae,

I would first like to say how incredibly honored and proud I am to address you all as Pi Chapter's 2021 Chapter President. 2020 presented numerous obstacles for our former Executive Board, but the grace and dedication they used to overcome these challenges is what inspired me to run for this position and become a leader to this chapter during these trying times. In this role I hope to continue fostering sisterhood, leadership, and growth for all the women of Pi Chapter despite our physical limitations. In spite of the uncertainties that lie ahead, I am comforted by the fact that I am serving my term alongside an Executive Board made up of determined and ambitious women who share my goal of continuing to unite and grow this chapter.

My Executive Board and I have already begun planning a semester full of virtual sisterhood events that will make even the farthest sister feel closer than ever. But the events I am most looking forward to are those we are hosting to cultivate alumnae and active member relationships. If this past year has taught us anything, it is the importance of community. During my presidency I hope to continue building our alumnae and active member community through fun mixers as well as professional and career building workshops. If you would like to participate in either (or both!) of these types of events please contact our Vice President of Ritual, Kaitlyn Scadina (axovpritual1@gmail.com) for more information.

I will end this first letter by sharing a quote my older brother sent that I think perfectly embodies the safety protocols Pi Chapter is taking during the Covid-19 pandemic. "We isolate now so when we gather again no one is missing". As much as I would have loved to live out my presidential duties of hosting Monday night meetings and Pumpkins with the President in person I, unfortunately, can not. However, to ensure that one day we can all be physically together again, Pi Chapter is working tirelessly to preserve the safety and health of our women as well as the entire Berkeley community. Please stay safe, social distance, wear a mask and be kind to yourselves above all else. I am filled with joy and excitement to see what 2021 has in store for Pi Chapter.

LITB,

Stephanie Delgado

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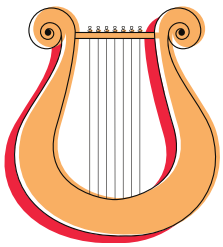

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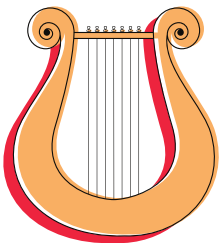

Fall '20 New Member Spotlight

With Catherine Bauer!

Q: Introduce yourself!
A: Greetings. My name is Catherine Bauer and I am a first year at UC Berkeley studying both Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies.

Q: Why Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies?
A: From a young age I've been cognizant of the way in which politics impacts people. Raised by a single mother in education, I will never forget the hardships of The 2008 Recession and how the economic policies of the Obama administration directly impacted my life path. I intend to obtain a career in office to ensure that families across America feel the same positive, political impact I experienced. It's for these reasons that I'm currently pursuing a degree in both Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science. After graduation, I will earn my Juris Doctor and enter a career in law and politics.

Q: What was virtual recruitment like this year?
A: Virtual recruitment was unlike anything I have ever experienced. Although sometimes exhausting, I found myself waking up excited to meet other empowered, young women. I vividly remember watching AXO's recruitment video and listening to the chapter's leaders speak. I fought back tears. The more members I engaged with, the more confident I became that this was my home. That's a truly magical thing about AXO and online events: we have managed to gracefully occupy this space and make it our own despite the discomfort of a screen.

Q: Why AXO?
A: My grandmother was an AXO at Northwestern, but I was entirely unaware of this fact until after I had discovered AXO's website and fell in love with the community. I immediately resonated with what it means to be a real, strong woman. Loud and opinionated, my tenacious attitude is sometimes mistaken as aggressive. The women in Alpha Chi embrace my boldness, and I theirs. I could sense this encouragement the moment I heard our former Chapter President, Clara Bishop, speak.

Q: How was virtual initiation?
A: Virtual initiation was sometimes a challenge as Zoom fatigue quickly became overwhelming, but I always looked forward to meetings. Learning our secret handshake alone was difficult and singing aloud, mics unmuted, made for a rather interesting choir. I will never forget initiation night- I ran to our house and stood outside, excitedly waving and shouting at the older members through their windows. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about yourself!
A: While many laugh when I announce that I fully intend to be president one day, I have always received encouragement from my Alpha Chi sisters. So, Vote Bauer: The Power of the People 2060!

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Upcoming Events

Spring 2021 Recruitment: January 23rd-31st
Pi chapter is hosting a mock virtual recruitment to prepare for our Spring COB season! It will be taking place Sunday January 24th at Noon PST, lasting approximately 1.5 hours. It's not too late to sign up! We welcome alumnae of all ages and all chapters! The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the event and we ask that you be signed in by Noon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Liz Smith at lizzerdsmith@yahoo.com or 415.713.3819 or Kaitlyn Scadina at axovpriual1@gmail.com or 408.564.2004 Please sign up here if you're interested! https://forms.gle/n65nNb9rWqbtZW8G6

Alumni Events

Alumni Speed Chatting

When: February 13th 11:00am-1:00pm
Where: ZOOM
Who: You!
We'd be honored if y'all would join Pi Chapter at our "Get to know you" event that will resemble a speed dating format! Each round you'll be paired with a different active member and have an opportunity to chat about an array of topics suggested by you, the active members and Exec! This event will be a super fun way to meet some of our current members and get together with your fellow alumni.
Sign up to get the zoom link here https://tinyurl.com/axospeedchatting

A Chi Oh The Places You'll Go

When: February 27th 10:00am-12:00am
Where: ZOOM
Who: You, you, & you!
A Chi Oh The Places You'll Go is a networking event for active AXO's to network with alumni and explore their career fields and gain insight for their future career paths while also strengthening the bond of the Alpha Chi community.
Sign Up here to get the zoom link https://tinyurl.com/axOhtheplaces

Mentorship Pairings!

When: Sign-Up by February 28th
Where: Email or Text messaging your mentee!
Who: You and mentee!
Sign up to have a mentee! Connect with the current women of Pi who want to join your field, or who have the same major you did and want to be better prepared for the real world! Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/axomentorsalumn by February 28th