

EPSILON ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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New Faculty Advisor brings plenty of experience, sisterhood

Welcome Robin Parent as the new faculty advisor

“I am a 35 year old Theta Women, married with three kids! I love the sun and summer and swimming with my kids. I grew up in Logan attending Logan High. Then I was off for Colorado then Georgia and back to Utah four years later to finish my B.S. in Anthropology. I immediately entered the graduate program in Folklore; where after two years earned my M.S. and began my teaching career at USU in 1999. I met my line sister Lynne, in the fall of 1999 and we became involved with TNX when some of my students, Sharon Pewtress and Michelle Menninger, asked me to be an advisor to their new chapter in the fall of 2000. Lynne and I became members of TNX in the spring of 2001. The rest is history. I’ve been teaching ever since and consider my meeting and teaching of Sharon and Michelle to be one of the most pivotal moments in my life.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 17

SISTER TO SISTER PROGRAM KICK OFF

August 24

USU CLASSES BEGIN

KANIKA'S KORNER

A message from the current chapter President

In anticipation for the upcoming school year, the current members held a mini retreat to plan out next year's events, bond with one another, and discuss other pressing issues the chapter faces. Consequentially, the retreat accomplished many necessary goals but are certain aspirations the chapter is working on achieving like winning chapter of the year at the 2010 convention.

The butterflies reviewed the strategic five year plan Sharon K. Pewtress helped create last summer and although there has been great improvement, discussion of common problems like communication and commitment arose. In effort to make the sorority less business all the time and to resolve the issues discussed, the girls formed a new program called "Sister of the Month". During calendar planning, each month was appointed a tenant to help gauge who would be crowned "Sister of the Month." The monthly tenants will also help to guide monthly events.

Each office held a workshop to address topics dealing with specific positions. Lei Alexis Kim, Treasurer, gathered ideas for upcoming fundraisers; Yordanos Beyene, Social Chair, taught everyone a new stroll; and Nies Siv Chiv, Education Chair/Vice President, provided papers to encourage better study habits.

Fundraising money to help all nine sisters attend convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the year is the chapter's current goal. If one sister decides not to attend convention, a percentage raised will help pay for her semester dues.

As alumnae, you can help out by donating anything you no longer need to a garage sale scheduled to take place August, 2009 in Logan, Utah. Also, there are other ideas to get alumni involved that are still in the drafting stage. If you have any ideas or would like to donate to our yard sale, please contact

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

EDITH RODRIGUEZ SPRING 2001 #2 WHISPERING ASPEN

What have you been doing since you left USU?

Since USU I moved to Idaho and returned to Utah right away. I have kept busy this whole time, I have worked for an Interior Design Firm, have worked for Wasatch Property Management for four years and my sisters and I have our own cleaning company. We are working on opening a restaurant in Idaho by July.

What are your plans for the next 5 years?

I hope to travel, I need to be selfish and take time to have fun. I hope to actually date someone who is worth it (have dated the wrong guys) I hope to be married since my clock is ticking☺

What is one of your best memories of being at USU in the sorority?

Oh, I had way to many, I remembered when I was online and all of my line sisters were staying at my place and Denise and I would share my twin mattress, Katie and Amanda would share my other twin mattress and everyone else had the floor. I remembered my two in the morning runs to Burger King with my line sisters because we could not sleep and the morning of our crossing when

we were playing on the snow and freezing outside waiting to go inside for a quiz.

What is some advice you have for current Epsilon sisters?

Advice I would give is to make the most out of Theta Nu Xi, to make life fun and enjoy every moment. You only live once so enjoy life to the fullest.

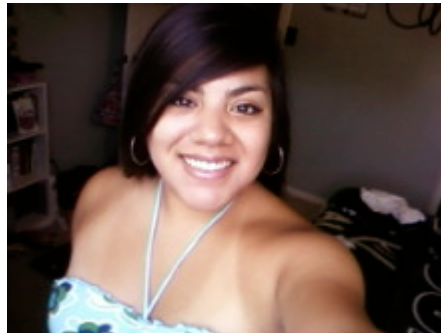
What is something you would like to say to the Epsilon Alumni?

I would like to say Thank You to all of the sisters who have been so supportive. Thank you to my wonderful line sisters whom I love and appreciate. For having that great bond and for working hard to keep our friendship and that open communication with each other.

What is the best way to stay up to date on your life? Do you blog, email, MySpace? You can email me at ekrodriguez@yahoo.com or facebook.❖



SISTER OF THE MONTH



"Eterna Esperanza" our brand nu sister crossed with the 2009 line of Enchanting Wish. This is our first number "5" butterfly Epsilon has had in seven years!! **Cassandra Martinez** is Epsilon's upcoming Dean of Intake and has much to offer the chapter. She is very humorous and loving to those she cares for. She is very dedicated and honest about her emotions. Read more about one of our newest Theta woman.

Major: Secondary Education Mathematics

Why this field of study: I have always wanted to teach and math seems like a good subject to teach.

What do you want to do in your career? I want to be able to teach
Others...not many people like math, but I feel from that one can help others see that is not the worst subject.

Any interesting, special aspirations? Nope

What three words describe you best: Lazy, loving, and weird.

What is your best memory in college so far? Hmmm...I don't have one just yet.

Best memory from Theta Nu? Umm probably the late nights with my line sisters.

What do you love the best about your Theta sisters? I love how we are all different...we are all opinionated and it's amazing that we can disagree on something, but then act like nothing ever happened.

Hobbies: Spending time with my familia and reading.

Favorite movie/food: Hmmm my favorite movie. I think its a toss up between Rocky 4 and Dirty Dancing oh wait and the Hangover.hahaha.but I have a ton of other favorites...my favorite food would have to be...My mommy's cooking and Chinese Food..Mmm

Type of music: I really listen to a ton of different music.I'm not set on just one genre...

Do you have an ultimate goal in life? To graduate from college and make my parents proud.

What do you love most about your family? I love how close we are. I love that we ALWAYS joke around.its great I wouldn't change anything about them :D

Sports fan? Yeah why not. I love me some Cristiano Ronaldo and Peyton Manning :)

What do you plan to do for your 21st birthday? Well I got two more years and I plan to go to the bar and then go back to my house and just have a great time with my family. Doesn't get much better than that!