
SISTER TO SISTER

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter

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March Events

- March 1:
Honorary Member Initiation and
Musical at Rowan University
10am; Luncheon to follow
- March 2:
Formal Meeting 8pm
- March 3:
Becca McClelland's Birthday!
- March 4:
Melissa Castillo's Senior Recital
4pm at the West Chester United
Methodist Church
- March 5:
MIT Exam! Wish them luck!
- March 15-16:
Sisterhood Retreat
- March 30:
Hickman Service Project, 2:30pm

Spring 2008 Members in Training



On February 4, 2008, Epsilon Epsilon inducted eight girls to become members in training of Sigma Alpha Iota. The Spring 2008 MITs are Deanna Perry, Abby Bazzel, Elaine Martir, Katie Fraver, Kirby S, Christina Cento, Vicky Rochelle, and Kelsey Eddy. Congratulations girls!

Epsilon Epsilon Theater Star!

SAI sister Melissa Castillo participated in the Kennedy Center's American College Theater Festival, which was held from January 2 through the 6. The festival took place at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. College students from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland attended. The students ranged from performers like Melissa to set, make-up, lighting, and costume designers.

In order to attend the festival, each performer had to receive an Irene Ryan Nomination from their university. Of the 240 nominees at the festival, 10 were from West Chester University. Melissa was partnered with a fellow WCU student, Zoi Gianness. The two were to present two scenes and a monologue. Melissa and Zoi chose to do "Some Things are Meant to be" from *Little Women* the Musical, and the Nurse and Juliet scene from *Romeo and Juliet*. Zoi's monologue came from *Dimly Perceived Threats to the System*.

The teams were judged on one of their three scenes during the preliminary rounds, with only the top 32 advancing to semifinals. Zoi and Melissa were the only team from West Chester to make semifinals this year.

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Epsilon Epsilon Musicale



Epsilon Epsilon held it's musicale on February 26, 2008, at 8:15 pm. It began with a flute choir comprised of musicale director Jacki Howell, Allie Bell, Nicole Campbell, Caroline Stitt, and Danielle Brosious. They played three movements from *Concerto No. 6 Op. 15*.

Following the flute choir was President Katie Capasso who performed two movements of *Perpetual Motion* for percussion. As usual, the crowd went wild for her spectacular performance.

Katie also took part in a jazz combo that included Sarah Drawbaugh on trombone, Rebecca McClelland on Tuba, Whitney Crist, trumpet, and Kat McDonald on clarinet. The small ensemble played a jazz favorite, *Take the A Train* with solos from Whitney and Kat.

Sophomore Phi Mu Alpha brother, Matt Hinchcliff wrote a piece for chamber wind ensemble and piano, titled *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword*. As Matt explained, the piece incorporates the Phi Mu Alpha hymn as well as the Sigma Alpha Iota chorale. The two develop and intertwine, representing the cooperative spirit of our two fraternities. The piece was performed by a PMA and SAI combined chamber ensemble and directed by Matt. The piece was beautiful and sisters were easily able to find their chorale mixed in with the boys' hymn.

Meg Haug and Sarah Drawbaugh performed a piece called *Roses*, by the Meg and Dia Band. Meg played guitar and Sarah sang, with Katie Capasso on drum set.

Despite being a clarinet major, Sara Kohler performed a Schubert *Scherzo* on piano.

The SAI Choir was the last group to perform. Choir members stood enchanted by Melissa Castillo's opening solo to *Joyful Joyful* from *Sister Act*, then joined her in singing and dancing! The girls had a lot of fun performing this piece, and the audience laughed and had a good time as well! To close, the choir sang *Thanks for Listening* and the *Sigma Alpha Iota Chorale*.

Congratulations to all of the performers in the musicale, and especially to our director Jacki Howell.

Children's Music Concert

On February 16th several sisters of Epsilon Epsilon helped Dr. Delaney put on a Children's Music Concert in Swope. The concert began at 10 and was geared toward young children.

The girls sang and played music that would appeal to the children, including several Disney songs. The kids were encouraged to get up and put movement to music during many of the songs.

This year there were over sixty children and parents in attendance (a significant improvement over the one child who attended last time). Sisters, children, and parents enjoyed this morning of music. We look forward to doing another children's concert with Dr. Delaney!

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From there, the teams presented two of their scenes in the semifinal round, with only the top 16 moving to a final round. Each round hosted a new panel of judges, who selected Melissa and Zoi to move on to finals! They were the first team from West Chester to achieve this in over six years.

The final round included a national representative of the American College Theater Festival, a talent agent from New York, and Tony Award winning actress, Judith Ivey. During finals Zoi and Melissa presented all three of their scenes to the judges and a full audience.

At the awards ceremony, Zoi received the Classical Acting Award. All of the finalists were informed that Judith Ivey was so impressed by their work, that she requested head shots and resumes to consider them in new projects of hers.

Though they were not among the top two that advanced to nationals, Melissa says that the experience was amazing. They received encouraging feedback from the judges, and Melissa is now motivated to pursue a career in musical theater.

Congratulations to Melissa and Zoi on all of your accomplishments!

*Melissa's Senior Recital is March 8th at 4pm in the West Chester United Methodist Church.

**Melissa is also playing Lola in the new WCU Opera Workshop Production of *Gallantry* on April 3rd at 12pm in Swope.