



President's Welcome

Dear Sisters,

This spring marks the 3rd year Anniversary of the first recognized graduate chapter of Corazones Unidos Siempre, Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Incorporated, the Omega Alpha Graduate Chapter - Philadelphia, PA.

Over the last three years, the chapter has successfully fulfilled its' mission of servicing our communities, as well as our fellow sisters. With that in mind, we have also been able to continuously add to the list of "CUS' Firsts."

As a chapter, we created Omega Alpha's Summer Alumnae Social, Holiday Family Dinner, a

website catered to our alumnae, and Soror Saturdays. It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce to you, another of Omega Alpha's first's, the **OMEGA ALPHA** Newsletter.

This Newsletter will include current chapter updates, such as events we have done and upcoming events. It will also highlight our sister's achievements and milestones – weddings, new additions to families, new jobs, etc. In addition we will also provide you with what is going on with our undergraduates and their upcoming events. As the letter continues to develop and our membership and participation increases we will be adding new sections

to the newsletter to benefit sisters, such as job postings, women and health articles, etc.

The purpose of this newsletter was for the chapter to have another way of communication with our alumnae and keeping everyone abreast of what is going on with the chapter. We look forward servicing our alumni and keeping you involved and connected with such a wonderful organization and chapter!

Sincerely,

Katherine Santiago-Pagan

Omega Alpha Graduate Chapter President



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Special points of interest:

- *Join Omega Alpha in helping support RAINN!! See pg 3!*
- *Looking for a job or second gig for some extra cash...check out page 3!*
- *Be sure to pencil our upcoming events into your calendar...see pg 2!*

Executive Board Introduction

We would like to introduce you to our 2004-2005 executive board. We are grateful to serve as the voice for the alumni in the area and hope to get to know many of you as well.

President: Katherine Santiago-Pagan X/A

I graduated in May of 2001 with a Bachelors of Science in Rehabilitation Services, and I currently work as a Recreational Therapist for Norristown State Hospital in Norristown, PA.

Vice President: Jackeline Vega AE/A

I am currently a sales representative for Merrill Lynch. I graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Sociology in May of 2004

Secretary: Jazmin Delgado M/B

I have a Bachelor of Arts in both Psychology and Sociology along with a minor and certification in Religious Studies. I am currently working for the Defense Supply Center of Philadelphia as a Business Logistics Specialist, and am currently a student in Holy Family University's Master of Science in Counseling Psychology Program.

Treasurer: Cristina McKenzie Kuylen O/A

Presently, I am working at the District Attorney's Office as a District Attorney Representative, which is the acting prosecutor in arraignment court. For my undergraduate studies I attended Drexel University, where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in International Area Studies in June of 2001. At this time I am working towards getting my Jurist Doctorate.

Community Service Coordinator: Aimee Leon M/A

I am the Executive Administrative Assistant to the President of the Temple University Health System. I am working towards my BA in Organizational Dynamics

Bookkeeper/ Historian: Vanessa Vazquez H/H

I received my Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology at Temple University in May 2004. I am currently a Vocational Adjustment Services Worker at Norristown State Hospital.

Public Relations Officer: Vania Vangore M/A

At the present time I am employed with Sanofi- Aventis, Inc. and working in the US Clinical Research Unit's Central Nervous System Department. My educational background includes a Bachelor's of Art degree from LaSalle University (obtained in May 1999) in Biology with a minor in Business Administration. I have also attended Temple University School of Pharmacy's Quality Assurance/Regulatory Affairs Program to obtain a Certificate in Clinical Trial Management

Parliamentarian: Gerwana Copeland H/A

I currently uphold a full time position as a therapeutic staff supports clinician at Carson Valley Schools. I am also attending Temple University full time working towards my BA in Sociology with a minor in Psychology

Current Member: Tessa Infante I/A

I am a Consultation and Education Specialist for the School District of Philadelphia. I attended Bloomsburg University and have a BS in Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Upcoming Events / Announcements

That's right! Fall has just breezed by and 10 guesses to who's coming out? You know it baby, it's... FALL '04!!! This fall marks the induction of 10 new women into our beautiful sisterhood. Four of these Dynamic women are from our area. The women are....drum roll please....

Eta— Marie Christine Deyro, better known as Platinum from the Phighting temptations

Mu- The chapter's finest, Jessica Guerrero the only Duel Pillar

Xi- Presenting , # 2 Melissa "Vesta" Quinones and #3 Di Ena "Phoena" Davis AND...

Chi's- Invincible Mission... Stephanie Hofer and Daisy Rosa

The other Captivating Women from Fall 2004 are: Jessica Cedeno from Kappa, Monica J. Guerrero from Alpha Zeta, , Marisol Castro from Alpha Eta and Tiffany Nicole Hughes from Alpha Lambda. Women keep the light burning within, and remember CUS is a promise of love, pride, and respect for all sisters, a bond that joins us to one another forever.

♥ WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS

This Past Fall Mu/ Alpha's own Aimee Leon got married in La Republica Dominicana
Two Omicron chapter sisters have gotten engaged!!! Alpha Line's Wendy Tatiana Castro and Epsilon line's Beatrice Lopez

♥ PREGNANCY/BIRTH

Mu/ Alpha's Melissa is pregnant!

Xi/ Alpha's Angelica Aguirre, formally Latorre, had another bouncing baby boy!!

Omicron/Zeta's Matilda Sue Granger-Young had a gorgeous little girl !!

Delta/ Nu's and Omega Alpha's first secretary, Jeanine Burton, is now expecting!!



OMEGA ALPHA IS A HAVING A CITYWIDE EXPRESSO ON FEBUARY 5TH!!!



Soror Saturday Update



Bleu martini's bar is famous for their 'Bleu Martini'

Soror Saturdays was implemented by Omega Alpha to pick a 'hot spot' every 2nd Saturday of every month, or sisters to get together and hang out.

It is not mandatory

but more of a means for sisters to have a location to come chill at in Philly. It could be a restaurant, lounge, or club.

Our first Soror Saturday was held at September 11th at Cosi' on 12th and Walnut.. It was a very nice time. Twelve sisters showed up and it was a blast. Our second one was held at Bleu Martini, on October 9th. Although we had low turnout due to our Annual Sisterhood Retreat, it was still a good time. Since then we have held Soror Saturdays at the Cave, Bungalow VII, Alma de Cuba and the River Rink.

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT SOROR SATURDAY LOCATIONS!



Vania (M/A), Aimee (M/A), and Jazmin (M/B) at Bleu Martini

Community Service



The Omega Alpha Graduate chapter tries to stay as involved as possible not only with in our sisterhood but also with our community. Since the start of this chapter we have strived to hold various community service events where sisters can come together while giving back to others. Some of the events that we have participated in are the Puerto Rican day parade and the Breast Cancer Walk. One of our main focuses is supporting our chapter philanthropy RAINN, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. It operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1.800.656.HOPE and carries out programs to prevent sexual assault, help victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice. The Omega Alpha holds an annual fundraising holiday dinner where we invite family and friends to join in on supporting this wonderful organization. If you would like to make a donation to RAINN please email omega_alpha@financier.com

Jobs

Stay tuned to this section for job openings in the area. Whether you need full time or part time you'll find some good jobs here!

Tips to Land the Job on the 1st Interview

1. Always start your interview with a smile and a handshake. A good handshake should be firm, but not bone-crushing.
2. Send a hand written "Thank You" note within 24 hours of your interview. If you met multiple people, send multiple notes.
3. If you get nervous during an interview, avoid fidgeting or putting your hands behind your back. Bring a pad and pen to hold firmly if you know you get a bit "shaky."

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Full Time

What: Care Coordinator
Who: Local Homecare Co.
How to apply: Jean Griswold at Griswold Special Care 215-233-5385
Requirements: Caring individual with excellent communication and problem solving skills to coordinate in-home care for

the elderly. Organized & detail oriented. Degree preferred. Car required. Erdenheim area.

What: Receptionist
Who: Chiropractic office
How to apply: Fax resume to 215-985-9522
Requirements: Daytime hours. Expanding office. Experience necessary.

What: Admin Assistant- Marketing
Who: Legal Associate
How to apply: Resume/ Salary History to XHS #600, 121 S Broad St, Philadelphia 19107 xenia@patla.org EOE
Requirements: multitasker, secretarial duties, marketing, mail merges, work w/ volunteers, customer service. Need to know: Access, Word, database experience, energy, organized; minimum 2 years office experience.

Part Time

What: Clinical Research Coordinator
Who: Pennsylvania College of Optometry
How to apply: Human Resources Dept. 8360 Old York Rd. Elkins Park, PA 19027, fax 215-780-1265 or email hrd@pco.edu EOE/AA
Requirements: At least 2 yr experience in administrative capacity to coordinate

every element of participation in a 5 yr pediatric optometric research study. Proficiency in computer based operations required along with excellent time management, communication and organizational skills. Previous experience in pediatric setting or in research coordinator role helpful. Please send resume with salary requirements.

What: Bookkeeper
Who: Chestnut Hill developer/ Construction company
How to apply: Call Tom King at 215-242-5770
Requirements: Flexible hours, familiarity with QuickBooks preferred

What: Tutor
Who: Elementary school
How to apply: Day phone 215-963-5313, Evening 610-446-5372
Requirements: Monday thru Thursday afternoons. Math, and English. Students welcome.

*Thanks to Eta Alum Angelica Vidro for job submissions for this section.





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In the year of 2002, five alumnae from the Philadelphia and surrounding area, followed the foot steps of previous sisters and used the blue prints and ideas once thought about, to create and organize the first recognized professional graduate chapter of Corazones Unidos Siempre, Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Incorporated.

The Omega Alpha Graduate Chapter- Philadelphia was established with several purposes in mind.

The alumnae wanted to:

- *bridge the gap between undergraduates and alumnae*
- *assist with the transition from being an undergraduate to becoming an alumna*
 - *help our sisters remain involved*
 - *provide them with events for alumnae by alumnae*
 - *allow them to work with CUS on a professional level*
- *and provide them with a second home away from home, their original chapter.*

We pride ourselves in having events that serve the goals of the chapter and the organization. Aside from assisting our sisters, the chapter has one main focus, and that is assisting our communities. We strive to show the importance of community service, by joining together to support all causes. We have participated in many events ranging from the Ronald McDonald House to teaching children dance lessons. Every year we assist different organizations and are delighted to share our experiences.

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