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The Beta Chi Chronicle



The Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the
University of Virginia

About Beta Chi

Originally founded on September 23, 1950, and active until 1962, the Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi was re-founded at the University of Virginia on April 23, 2005. The original chapter supplied the first President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Northeast District in 1958 and hosted the first annual District Convention that same year. Today, Beta Chi provides support for the Cavalier Marching Band and other ensembles in the Charlottesville community. The oldest active chapter in the Southern Precinct, Beta Chi has welcomed over 250 well-qualified musicians into the Brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Mission Statement:

Kappa Kappa Psi is a fraternal organization that promotes the advancement of college and university bands through dedicated service and support to bands, comprehensive education, leadership opportunities, and recognition for the benefit of its members and society.

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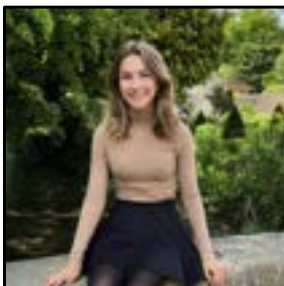
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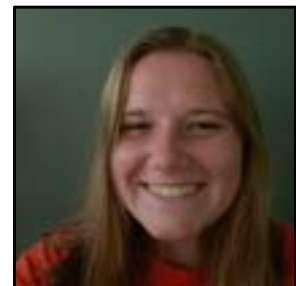
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Letter from the President

Brothers, Alumni, and Friends of Beta Chi

This semester we began to see a return to how life at the University of Virginia is supposed to look. While the restrictions began to ease, Beta Chi and the CMB found their way back to JPJ to cheer on the basketball team. Working through adjustments with the leadership change, we were able to have several successful truck unloadings and a multitude of other service events to help both the CMB and music department. The personal connections that we wished could be stronger thrived at the many in-person social events that made us feel like a proper chapter again. Spring Recruitment was an astounding success, emboldening many young members of the CMB to begin their journey on the Road to Wisdom. BX and the CMB rededicated ourselves to our guiding spirit, music, as we saw the easing of restrictions surrounding gathering and wind playing. Though the effects of the pandemic continue to linger, I have hope that we will find our way to a fall semester filled with togetherness, brotherhood, and music.

This semester, we proudly accepted thirteen members (!) of the Alpha Theta class into Beta Chi. Their diverse, bright personalities continue to inspire me to strive for the highest every day. I'm ecstatic to see what new and exciting ideas they will bring to our chapter. We've already had the privilege of seeing their potential through the MC class projects, and outside of their elected MC positions with the organization of KKSoftball.

Though watching our graduating brothers leave was bittersweet, I know that they have been well prepared to take the next step in their lives journey. Whether that means remaining in Charlottesville, or crossing an ocean, we are still united under our shared experience in the CMB and the dedication to our fraternal bonds. In these moments, I reflect on the hymn we sing together in moments of joy. We don't know how long it will be, or what the future holds— but we take comfort in the knowledge that we are brothers of KKPsi.

Although our chapter is feeling the loss of our fourth years, the bonds and fraternal love we have for each other is as strong as it has ever been. Beta Chi is composed of dedicated, passionate individuals whom I'm sure will enrich the chapter in the 2022-23 school year. As we look to the fall semester, I hope that all brothers spend their summer both resting and enriching their minds. I cannot describe how excited I am to see everyone at BAND CAMP!!! GO HOOS!!

AEA (all the way from France!)
Allison Ann Haszard, President, Beta Chi

Highlights from the Semester





First page: **top left**, Brothers Prober, Baetcke, Haszard; **top right**, Brothers at bid night; **top middle**, Brothers in the Allison, Allison, Allison, and the bros rec softball team; **bottom left**, Brothers Roos, Wisecarver, Siebers, Prober, McLellan; **bottom right**, Brothers at the Alpha Theta MC service event; **bottom middle**, Brothers McPherson, Powell, Johnston, Baker, Jones, Douglas, and Furlich after third degree

Second page: **top**, Brothers Fryatt, Yee, Buehlmann, and Baetcke at bid night; **middle left**, Brother Furlich at house progressive; **middle right**, Brothers Tharakan, Powell, Palmer, Van Berkel, and Lampe after third degree; **bottom**, Brothers Duane, Meynardie, Eley, Hail, Vyas, and Fryatt at first degree



A Beginning *Maahi Vyas, Alpha Theta class*

Other than the fact that it was my second semester at UVA, this past spring semester was full of firsts. As my class title suggests, it was my first time rushing and then joining KKPsi. Through that experience, I properly interacted with some of the upperclassmen in the CMB for the first time. Eventually, I became friends with my Brothers, who told me that this was the first time going through the entire MC process in person for most of them. I attended all the degrees, social events, service events (including one that I hosted!), and elections for the first time. I even got the chance to attend a third degree as Brother for the first time this semester! After getting to know my Brothers, finding community, and feeling like I belonged, I sent out my first ever platform and ran for a position in KKPsi. All of these first were a delight, but more importantly, they remind me of what there is to look forward to.

First year as a whole seems daunting because there are so many unknowns. There's so much potential that can only be unlocked with time and patience. Well, I am not very patient, so I was very much at the edge of my seat trying to figure out my path. My semester of firsts reminded me that as much as we would like to predict the future, we cannot expect the unexpected. Plenty of these first I described could be called unexpected. I never thought I would have a big (Hannah) and a grandbig (Allision) that I adored. I was surprised to be elected as ARO at the end of this semester. At DBC, I realized that the uncertainty of my first year is not unique. Through heartwarming comments and lovely speeches, I heard about the different memories, experiences, and moments each of the fourth years had throughout their time in KKPsi and at UVA. Plus, all of our graduating Brothers are heading off on new adventures! There is no limit on the number of firsts you experience.

I am left with hope and excitement over what is to come for our chapter in the fall. Beginnings are everywhere, waiting to be noticed and celebrated. For example, the Alpha Thetas may have already had their first chapter, but we've never had our first in-person chapter! Despite the fact that it's a minor distinction, this potential is proof that a new beginning is always just around the corner. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for BX!

AEA

An MC's Semester Timeline *Amanda Hail, Alpha Theta class*

1 a schedule chalk full with rush events

2 BID NIGHT!

3 JEFF JEFF JEFF JEFF JEFF JEFF JEFF JEFF

4 1ST DEGREE

5 Bids in first of many Will truck rides here

6 Fire at McCormick! (2 MC lessons)

7 Taste lunches

8 Post-elections Jeep top-down Spree

9 Kidvention Volunteering

10 MC Rock-painting Service project

11 Scavenger hunt!

12 Chronicle Collaboration

13 3RD DEGREE

14 AΘ Becoming brothers!

15 Celebrating Graduating brothers

Music the Universal Language: An Interview with Another Chapter *Ethan Van Berkel, Alpha Theta class*

An interview with Jeremy Raecke, Vice President of Membership of the Kappa Gamma Chapter at Lehigh University

Kappa Kappa Psi is a national organization with many different chapters. You can imagine that even with standardization at the national level, there will almost always be differences between chapters. I wanted to investigate to find out about what sets other chapters apart from our own Beta Chi. My friend Jeremy from back home is in his college's respective KKPsi chapter, so I wanted to interview him to find out what made his chapter unique. After spending 45 minutes spamming Jeremy with discord notifications and texts, I finally managed (well, forced him against his will) to interview with me to talk about the differences between our chapter, Beta Chi, and his chapter Kappa Gamma. Here's what I found out.

Ethan: I'm not letting you introduce yourself. First question: Tell us about yourself, what is your relation to Lehigh's band and their chapter of KKPsi?

Jeremy: To start things off, I'm actually not a music major. Lehigh has a music program, but it mainly focuses on double majors and stuff like that. I am a rising junior and an Econ and Math double major. I like how KKPsi [at Lehigh] allows those in Lehigh's student body who want to get involved in music to join a like minded organization. I am also in the marching band, arguably the biggest organization in the music department here. I am the drum major of the band! I'm also in the Philharmonic and Wind Ensembles here.

Ethan: Don't you literally have a leadership position?

Jeremy: Oh yeah I'm the VPM. I was the musicianship chair last year too. I forgot.

Ethan: Ok next question: What makes the Lehigh band program special when compared to other colleges band programs?

Jeremy: Well, the Lehigh marching band is entirely student run. That's not entirely unique, but definitely uncommon. That allows us to be very tight knit, since you know that if someone wants to be involved, they will be very involved, due to the small nature of the music department. We make do with what we can. We have an exec board of 13 members, which means we can technically run without a director and such. We come up with our own shows and also run practices ourselves. We actually do have a hired director to help make things run easier though. [He just helps with logistics and such from what I understand] The marching band makes up a big portion of the music department here. Also every brother in our chapter is in the band.

Ethan: Is that not already a requirement to be in band to be in KKPsi?

Jeremy: No, as long as you are in a wind based ensemble, you are free to join.

Ethan: Yeah that's different from us, you have to be in the marching band to join at UVA.

Jeremy: That's weird.

Ethan: Shut up.

Jeremy: No one asked.

Ethan: Next question: what are some traditions your chapter has?

Jeremy: There are so many!

Ethan: Name like two, what your favorite ones are.

Jeremy: Oh, I'll do the one that I ran first, it's called Acoustics in April. It's obviously during April.

Ethan: No way.

Jeremy: Shut up. It's basically a mega concert on the big front lawn of our campus, where all of the different smaller ensembles at Lehigh that usually don't get to perform can perform in front of the public. This year, it was the first time it had been hosted in person in three years, so it was interesting to set it all up. I was musicianship chair, so I had to organize things. It was certainly stressful, but incredibly rewarding. I can't wait to see what the next couple of years see for this event! Another fun event that we have in the fall semester is our apple picking event. It's basically a recruitment event. We go to a local orchard and do all the orchard stuff like mazes, get apple donuts, drink apple cider, etc. Last year it rained during it, but it was still fun. That was funny. We have a ton more but those ones are great.

Ethan: Wow, so wholesome, I'll be sure to milk them. Final question: What is your favorite memory from your KKPsi membership experience?

Jeremy: Uhm... [Long period of silence]

Ethan: This silence is on record ya know.

Jeremy: Huh...

[Still silence]

Jeremy: I honestly would say it's more a collection of memories than one specific memory. My MC year was a COVID year, so the chapter hardly got to do anything together. I was one of two MCs in my class, also being the only one in person, as the other one was remote. I didn't even get to see him. There was no service, no social events, basically nothing going on. The only way I was connected was with my big, who was the president at the time. She and I spent a lot of time together, she taught me a lot about the chapter. We would get food, we would watch movies, we played Stardew Valley, nice big-little bonding experiences.

Ethan: That's very wholesome. That's it. Do you have anything else you'd like to share?

Jeremy: Um... uhhh... Strive for the highest. I don't know.

Ethan: Seriously that's all you can come up with? Ok bye go talk to your girlfriend.

[Loud discord hang up sound effect]

Wow what an exhilarating experience talking with Jeremy! I learned a lot about how different the Kappa Gamma is when compared to Beta Chi, but also how we are similar. While it may be accomplished through different means, we all share a common theme of brotherhood that permeates throughout the entire organization of Kappa Kappa Psi. We can all connect over this common experience of brotherhood, and that's what makes Kappa Kappa Psi great. I hope that we can reach out to the Kappa Gamma chapter again in the future to meet up!


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Ethan Van Berkel

Normalcy *Ellie Prober, Alpha Zeta class*

This semester was advertised to us as a “return to normalcy” — masks optional, large group gatherings, and a general return to some of what life was like before the pandemic. However, I'd argue that this semester was not necessarily normal — it was sometimes better, and sometimes difficult, but it was always exciting to be part of this very historical and “unprecedented” moment for Beta Chi.

Thinking back to when we started recruitment at the beginning of the semester, I remember that our typical House Progressive recruitment event had to be swapped out for field day because we were unsure about whether we would be allowed to eat food in groups under COVID-19 restrictions. This change proved to be a really enjoyable experience, and one to possibly keep permanent. I loved hearing from the Alpha Thetas that it was their favorite event of recruitment,



and despite the scab that is still on my ankle from the zip tie in the three-legged race (thank you, Conrad), I had a really fun time watching people wheelbarrow each other across Carr's Hill Field and practice marching 8-to-5 with extreme accuracy. This event was not "normal" for Beta Chi, but it was arguably better. I'm looking forward to future field days and creative recruitment events in the next year when I plan them as Vice President of Membership.

Beta Chi also returned to truck unloading for basketball band now that the Cavaliers were playing basketball for fans again, although unloading after major losses did not feel normal. I remember helping clean up JPJ and unload at the HSBB after FSU sunk a three from half-court to win the last home game of the regular season, effectively knocking UVA out of the 2022 NCAA tournament. The same somber feeling was in the air when we unloaded instruments after losing at home in the NIT to St. Bonaventure, despite being up by double-digits during the second half. It was strange and sad to watch our team lose, but spending time with brothers to mourn the losses as we earned service points was a good way to improve our moods. After unloading the truck for one of those games, Will drove a group of six of us to Cookout, and I got to ride in the back of the truck through Charlottesville. I will forever treasure the memory of having the wind in my face as I was driven through Charlottesville with a milkshake in hand, surrounded by brothers who love and support one another, despite the major basketball loss that came before it.

Although these new experiences were positive, we also had a harmful virus still looming over us, reminding us that the pandemic was not completely over. Getting a text at about midnight the night before makeup third degree, chapter, and Hibachi Betachi that many brothers — including myself — had been in close contact with the virus was a very frightening moment, and it was really sad to have to cancel Hibachi Betachi the following day and have our last chapter over Zoom. A similar thing happened the night before DBC, and we were forced to reckon with the fact that the pandemic was not over, and we needed to care about our brothers by having an outdoor, masked DBC to try to celebrate our graduating brothers while still caring about them and their health during a pandemic.

Normalcy is not the word I would use to describe this semester. I think that there is truly no such thing as "normal" — we are all different people from our experiences over the past two years, and that is a good thing. We have been forced to find new ways to care about and for others when faced with the challenges of COVID-19. We are learning new things about each other and what our limits are. We are facing challenges and overcoming them with great strength. We will probably never return to "normal," but we will find new ways to enjoy the new world we live in. I appreciate the time I spend in-person with friends so much more than I did before the pandemic, and I am optimistic that I will get to enjoy even more of that next year with our new Alpha Theta class brothers, and with our alumni brothers who are staying in Charlottesville for another year.

An Afternoon Stroll *Campbell Johnson, Alpha Theta class*

I worked on this short composition for a music theory project, and drew inspiration from games I played as a kid. The title, Afternoon Stroll, came to me after listening to the piece several times. The upbeat and major tune seems to fit the vibes of someone strolling cheerfully down a bustling city street, almost as if they are in a musical. I chose G major as I am relatively unfamiliar with the key and wanted to experiment with something new, since I mostly play music in key signatures containing flats. As a result, I struggled a little at first to get the piece going, but was able to get help from my fellow brothers who had more experience in composition.

An Afternoon Stroll

The image displays a musical score for the piece "An Afternoon Stroll" by Campbell Johnson. The score is written for piano and is organized into six systems, each consisting of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is G major (one sharp, F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is characterized by a cheerful, rhythmic melody in the treble clef and a steady accompaniment in the bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and chord symbols. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the sixth system.

Mashed Potatoes *Miles Woollacott, Alpha Zeta class*

Mashed potatoes. First made in 1747, it has become a classic addition to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner that is rich with flavor, and contains a limitless topping potential. Truly, the mashed potato is an excellent creation of man.

Why do I bring up the mashed potato? Turns out, the Beta Chi Chapter IS a mashed potato 🤪 okay okay, we're not actually potatoes. By using some super secretive polling methods (relentlessly bombarding the chat with polls for a whole day), I was able to gain a majority vote over certain questions. Then, using my super precise supervised potato classification algorithm (a BuzzFeed quiz that I did not create), I asked and answered the question, "What Kind Of Potato Are We?" So, what does being a mashed potato entail? Like every mashed potato I know, "we're sensitive, creative, and more on the introverted side. We feel everything very deeply and sometimes take things a little personally. We value building genuine connections and exploring our passions."

"Now, Miles," you may be asking, "why does this matter to the Chronicle?" Well, not only does it indicate that we need to watch Mulan sometime soon (not only an amazing movie, but our favorite of the options, with 42.86% of respondents choosing it), it reveals that we need to have chocolate chip cookies as a snack (with 50% of respondents choosing it). Also if you wanted to know what kind of potato the Beta Chapter would be, well now you know (personally, I got french fries though).

These polls were anonymous, so I don't have precise breakdowns by BX class, house, instrument, whatever. I did get roughly half of the Chapter to respond, on average (varying numbers per question). There was one question with no majority vote (choose your favorite food, 3-way tie between pizza, tacos, and sushi), but it didn't impact the decision in the end (ig we're a ~strong~ mashed potato).

I wonder what kind of tree we are? Maybe next time... 🤪

KKPsi Madlibs: Beach Vacation Gone Wrong *Kristin Del Corso,*

Alpha Eta class

1 - Verb	12 - genre of music	23 - noun
2 - Verb + ing	13 - verb+ing	24 - noun
3 - verb+ing or adjective	14 - verb	25 - verb
4 - adjective	15 - adjective	26 - adjective
5 - adjective	16 - past tense verb	27 - adjective
6 - verb + ing	17 - noun	28 - command
7 - noun	18 - exclamation	29 - 28's command in past tense
8 - verb	19 - part of the body	30 - past tense verb
9 - game	20 - feeling	31 - adjective
10 - noun	21 - verb + ing	
11 - noun	22 - same verb+ing as 21	

It was a 1. day for KKPsi's Annual Beach day. The sun was 2., the waves were 3., and the sand was 4.. All the 2022 graduates from the Beta Chi chapter of KKPsi were 5. to be on vacation together.

Annalee kicked everything off by 6. into the water. Matt and GM attempted to build the biggest sand 7. in all of history. Rob personally had taken it upon himself to 8. for everyone to see. Will and James played 9. under the umbrella instead of playing in the sun. Lauren pushed Kyle into the 10. when he wasn't looking. In retaliation Kyle threw 11. at Lauren. Brandon was in charge of the music and played 12.. Anna and Emma decided their time would best be spent 13.. Meanwhile, Hannah decided to 14.. Then suddenly the skies turned 15. and there was a loud roar. The wind 16.. Lauren's 17. flew straight into the water. Will yelled 18. in fear, and Kyle used his supreme 19. muscles to sprint to safety. A tornado was forming across the water, making everyone 20.. Matt got picked up by the wind and began 21. through the air. Brandon tried to catch him but he too started 22.. "Leave them!" Lauren said, running to the nearest 23.. Annalee was buried in 24.. She said "go on without me." James tried to 25. her out, but got stuck with her. How could such a 26. day become so 27.? But then, Rob stopped running and told the storm to "28.." The storm suddenly 29.. It turned out Rob was controlling the weather without realizing it. He had superpowers! All the brothers 30., and those who had been sacrificed ended up only sustaining 31. injuries.

The end.

Beta Chi Welcomes the Alpha Theta Class



Congratulations Allison Lampe, Allison Douglas, Amanda Hail, Campbell Johnson, Charlotte Baker, Connor Brumbaugh, Ethan Van Berkel, Gabby Niculescu, Jewel Elliott, Lara Forstner, Maahi Vyas, Melanie Palmer, and Reagan Fryatt!

2022 Beta Chi Award Winners



Rachel Beaton Academic
Achievement Award

Gracemarie Buehlmann
Alpha Epsilon Class



Woody Wingfield Musical
Achievement Award

Emma Duane
Alpha Epsilon Class



Deri Bush Outstanding Big
Brother Award

Rob Siebers
Alpha Epsilon Class



Ben DeForest Service Award

Kyle McPherson
Alpha Zeta Class



AEA Spirit Award

Annalee Wisecarver
Alpha Eta Class

Departing Brothers

Thank you for all you have done for Beta Chi, we wish you the best and cannot wait to see all you accomplish!



Congratulations Anna Faulks, Annalee Wisecarver, Brandon Eley, Emma Duane, Gracemarie Buehlmann, Rob Siebers, Hannah Yee, James Powell, Kyle McPherson, Lauren Roos, Matt Jones, and William Meynardie!

Keeping Up with BX



About the Chronicle

The Beta Chronicle is a bi-annual newsletter featuring articles written by current brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi and Alumni. Articles are written on a voluntary basis and collected by the Historian. If you would like to write for a future edition of the chronicle, contact the chapter Historian, Charlotte Baker, at ymj4ks@virginia.edu.

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