

A Message from our Presidents

Happy November Everyone!

We cannot believe that it is November already. We hope that everyone's semester is going well and you are surviving midterms! We know everyone is getting used to their new schedules, professors and of course trying to fit in Kappa Delta Pi. Not to worry! Our Executive Board has been collaborating ideas for events throughout the year. We will soon have a calendar sent out with our events!

We are happy to say that we are maintaining our contact with the Children's Home Society in Trenton! This is a great partnership and we look forward to keeping our connection. Each month we will be collecting donations for the Children's Home Society and bringing it to them. It is always great to help children in need right around our area. However, bringing a donation each month is only one way to be involved with our organization. We will have various fundraising events and of course the Gamma Zeta Chapter's annual Conference for Aspiring Teachers in the spring.

Another way to get more involved in KDP is to join one of our committees. Being a committee member requires leadership, responsibility, and organization, which, in turn, strengthens you as a person and Gamma Zeta as a chapter. If you want a leadership role here on campus, becoming a committee member for one of KDP's events is a great way to get started!

We are also pleased to announce that Kappa Delta Pi was one of 22 chapters out of 600 nationwide to achieve the ACE award! The ACE (Achieving Chapter Excellence) award recognizes chapters of Kappa Delta Pi that excel at performing and succeeding their missions and goals. This is a great honor for KDP, and our past president Lauren Rosa received the award for the chapter in Dallas, Texas this past October.

We look forward to working with all of you and let us know if you have any questions. Working all together will help continue the great success of the Gamma Zeta Chapter.

Yours in Service,
Allison Baricko and Maria Dunas



A message from our Counselor

The beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year brings with it an excitement and anticipation for the Gamma Zeta Chapter at The College of New Jersey to significantly contribute to the Kappa Delta Pi mission. I continue to feel most fortunate to serve as the Faculty Counselor of the chapter, this year beginning my fourteenth year. Our award-winning chapter is very appreciative for the support of the School of Education and in particular Dr. Jeff Passe, Dean of the School of Education and Dr. Sarah Kern, Chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

It is worth noting that Gamma Zeta is viewed in many quarters as a prototypic chapter providing effective organization and structure, unique and innovative programming, substantial fund-raising events, appropriate avenues of communication and multiple opportunities for professional development. In this regard, Kappa Delta Pi recognizes outstanding chapters by awarding the ACE (achieving Chapter Excellence) Award. This is the sixth year that chapter has won the biannual award- making it one of only three prestigious chapters across the country to have won six or more ACE Awards. The Gamma Zeta Chapter has a very impressive Executive Board for the 2013-2014 academic year: Co-Presidents Maria Dunas (Elem Ed/English) & Allison Baricko (Elem Ed/MST); Vice-President, Melissa Hill (Secondary Ed/English); Secretary Caitlin Haberin (Elem Ed/English); Treasurer, Amanda Zabel (Elem Ed/Psychology); and Historian, Danielle Reilly (Elem Ed/History).

I applaud the Executive Board in their preparation for the 2013-2014 Academic year and look forward to working with the chapter in continuing to communicate the message of collegiality, communication and service.

With Continued Success,

Dr. A.E Conte

The Children's Home Society

This year we have partnered again with The Children's Home Society. This non-profit organization sees that children have the opportunity to live in loving homes where they will stay healthy physically, mentally, and emotionally. The Children's Home Society offers various services such as adoption, child placement services, family success centers, child care, child welfare, clinical services, education, pregnancy services and foster care.

Each month the items collected at our drive will go to this charitable organization in order to help children and families in need. This month we are collecting **school supplies**.

Monthly Meeting Incentives

Coming to monthly meetings is not only a great way to learn, socialize, earn points toward your honor cord...it can also be a way to receive a prize! Each time you come to a meeting you have the opportunity to receive a gift card!

Tickets will be given out at the beginning of each meeting and a winner will be drawn at the end. This incentive program is to encourage regular attendance at our monthly meetings and raise the number of active members in the chapter. Prizes in the past have included Barnes and Noble, Mama Floras, Panera and other really great places!

This month's raffle will feature a gift card to Dunkin' Donuts.



Keep earning your points!

Points:

You must earn **25** points to receive your honor cord if you are a sophomore inducted during the spring or **12** points if you are a senior inducted during the spring. ***There will be one Qualtrics survey per semester that asks you to identify activities you participated in.*** A link for each quiz will be sent via e-mail.

- *1 point for every hour you volunteer with KDP
- *1 point for every \$50 you raise for any of our fundraisers or charity events
- *1 point for bringing items to donate to the different drives held at each meeting
- *1 point for every 20 tabs! (maximum of 3 points)
- *1 point for each fundraiser you participate in
- *1 point per semester for being on a committee
- *3 points for global student teaching half a semester
- *5 points for studying abroad full semester (See an e-board member if you have any questions!)

In the Spotlight: Caitlin Haberin

Hi KDP members! I am your Secretary for the 2013-2014 school year! I am a senior early childhood education and English major. Currently I am involved in the Global Student Teaching program at TCNJ and I am overseas at an international school in Rome, Italy. I am student teaching Kindergarten at Ambrit International School. The school is an English-speaking school, however I have a diverse class of 15 students, that are of Italian, American, and Japanese decent. When I am not busy writing lesson plans and creating worksheets and games for my students, I have squeezed in weekend trips to visit other cities across Italy! When I return to finish my student teaching in New Jersey I will be teaching first grade at Copper Hill Elementary in the Flemington-Raritan school district. I look forward to seeing you all later next month!



Here is myself with five other TCNJ students involved in the Global Student Teaching program on a gondola ride in Venice, Italy.

Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for an email regarding the dates of these exciting events!

- **Fall Induction 11/4 Ed 306**
- **Applebee's Fundraiser 11/4**
- **Cheeburger Cheeburger Fundraiser 11/20**
- **Gift-wrapping**
- **Holiday Party 12/4**
- **Conference for Aspiring Teachers 2/15**

So to TEACH
that our words inspire a will to learn

So to SERVE
that each day may enhance the growth of
exploring minds

So to LIVE
that we may guide young and old to know
the truth and love the right.

Kappa Delta Pi Executive Board

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