

Order of Omega returns to campus

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In the Fall 2012 semester, Order of Omega returned to the Illinois Institute of Technology as the re-chartered Tau Eta chapter with the initiation of the inaugural class of 15 Greeks from six Greek chapters; a second class was initiated in the Spring semester. Order of Omega is one of the most prestigious national honor societies for Greeks recognizing excellence and leadership in the Greek Community. High achieving Greeks are invited to apply for Order of Omega, and members are selected from this group on the basis of scholarship, leadership skills, chapter and Greek involvement, campus involvement, and community service.

According to the national organization application for new members, "Order of Omega was founded at the University of Miami in the fall of 1959 by a group of outstanding Greeks who felt that individuals in the Greek community should be recognized of their service to the Greek community and the University. The purpose of Order of Omega is threefold:

- To recognize those students who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter Greek activities, to encourage them to continue

along this standard of excellence, and to inspire others to strive for similar attainments.

- To bring together the most representative fraternity and sorority members, and to create an organization, which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution, in question of local and intercollegiate affairs.

- To bring together faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness."

The Tau Eta Chapter is looking forward to an exciting year getting involved on campus under the leadership of its first Executive Council: President Miriam Schmid (Alpha Sigma Alpha), Vice President John Rotella (Delta Tau Delta), Secretary Breanne Stromberg (Kappa Phi Delta), and Treasurer Billy Strnad (Phi Kappa Sigma).

As one of its first initiatives, Order of Omega will be bringing a "Greek of the Week" feature to Technews each week. Similar to athlete of the week, this feature will highlight individuals in the IIT Greek community who exemplify the leadership and service values of Order of Omega. Order of Omega hopes that this rotating feature will increase the awareness of the Greek community at IIT and highlight leaders who are making a difference in their chapters and campus community.



GREEK of the WEEK

Meet Miriam Schmid.

"Luck" is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

Year: Fifth

Major: Biochemistry/MSED

Greek Affiliation: Alpha Sigma Alpha

Hometown: Cisna Park, IL

Leadership Positions at IIT: Alpha Sigma Alpha Sports Chair, Greek Council VP of Education, Order of Omega President, Ultimate Frisbee Secretary

Hobbies: Paddleboarding, biking, reading, kayaking, hiking, and being outdoors

How has Greek life developed you as a person and a leader?

One thing that Greek life does better than any other student organization is give you leadership development opportunities in an organization that will stand by you and help you improve your skills. There are a variety of roles that need to be filled in every chapter, and by giving your time and skills to your chapter you learn more about yourself and your abilities than you ever thought possible.

What would be your advice for an incoming IIT student?

You will learn more about life, leadership, and yourself by being involved outside of the classroom. These are the skills that will differentiate you from the average student when you begin to look for a job or apply to graduate school.

What has been your favorite experience at IIT?

Meeting new people. Everyone has a story that can inspire you, challenge you, or change the way you see the world.

What's one of your favorite questions to ask a new friend?

What is the best thing that's happened to you in the last week?

Questions? Email orderofomegaiit@gmail.com


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3. Drinking out of your IIT sustainability bottle
4. Next to your favorite plant at the UFarmIIT garden
5. Riding a Divvy Bike

Each photo is worth two tickets into a raffle to win (up to 10 tickets total)

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Homecoming Carnival

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