

PORTRAIT OF A LEADER

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Work Experience

Comet Cleaners

November 2009 – Present

As an employee of Comet Cleaners, a dry cleaning business, I take in clothes for cleaning and return clothes to customers once they have been cleaned.

Self-Employed

May 2006 – Present

As a swim instructor, I teach children of all ages the necessary components of swimming in order to develop of life long skill.

Tom Udall 2008

August 2008 – September

As a canvasser, I encouraged people to elect Tom Udall as U.S. Senator and I also collected the most absentee ballots in the Doña Ana County.

Pueblo Country Club

May 2005 – September 2005

As a lifeguard, I provided a safe environment for swimmers at the Pueblo Country Club.

Education

New Mexico State University

August 2008 - present

I am currently a junior at NMSU majoring in Journalism with a minor in Early Childhood Education.

Pueblo East High School

August 2004 - May 2008

I graduated from East High School eighth out of 152 students, with IB honors.

Accomplishments

- Diamond Scholar Region XII
- Outstanding New Member for New Mexico State University Greek Life
- Outstanding New Member for the Delta Zeta Sorority
- Executive Board's Academic Chair for the Delta Zeta Sorority
- Crimson Scholar and Dean's List, four consecutive semesters
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate
- President of National Honors Society
- Vice President & Secretary of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- National Qualifier in DECA (Distributive Educational Clubs of America) in Food Marketing
- National Qualifier In FBLA in Computer Applications

Involvement

- Delta Zeta Sorority
- Broadcaster's Club
- Buddy Walk for Down syndrome
- Up til Dawn
- Keep State Great
- The Big Event

Racing for a cure

Story by Carolyn Wright

Thousands of survivors, friends and family members gathered at Cohen Stadium earlier this month to participate in El Paso's 18th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in an effort to raise money to find a cure for breast cancer.

"It was mind-blowing to see that many people. It shows that we really can get together and make a difference," said Mary Elizabeth Bowyer, a freshman at NMSU who participated in the Race.

Thousands of participants registered for either a competitive or non-competitive 5k race, which kicked off at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Racers could register either as teams or individuals, both of which raised money for the cause.

Participants who have survived breast cancer sported a pink bib, while all other participants wore either a yellow or white bib.

"Seeing a literal sea of people marching for the cause was really amazing," NMSU freshman Molly Murphy said.

Local participants raised over \$3 million for this year's Race. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go toward the Komen for the Cure Award and other research grant programs. The remaining 75 percent of money raised will stay in the local area in order to fund breast health education, screening and treatment projects.

According to the Global Breast Cancer Movement, one million people will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone.

"Being [at the race] to represent my cousin, even though she wasn't there with us, was the best part about participating in the race for me personally," NMSU junior Katie Castle said. Castle's cousin was diagnosed with breast cancer in the summer of 2009.

The Race for the Cure in El Paso began 18 years ago with 400 participants. This year, the number swelled to an overwhelming 16,000.

More information can be found at [Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.](#)

Race for the Cure Milestones

1983 – First Race in Dallas, Texas with 800 participants 1986 – First Race outside of Dallas held in Peoria, IL, the birthplace of Susan G. Komen 1990 – First co-ed Race in Wichita, KS. First National Race for the Cure in Washington, DC. 1991 – First pink ribbons were distributed to recognize breast cancer survivors at the Susan G. Komen New York City Race for the Cure. First local Race in El Paso, Texas. 1995 – Race events were held in 57 cities in the United States. 2000 – First Race event outside of the United States is held in Costa Rica. The National Race for the Cure becomes the largest registered 5k in the world. 2002 – More than 1.3 million people participated in more than 100 Races around the U.S. and in two foreign countries. 2003 – 25th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Pi Kappa Alpha punts for philanthropy

Story by Carolyn Wright

Six sororities at New Mexico State University battled it out on the intramural football fields Sunday to help the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity raise money for the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces.

The PIKE Powder Puff Football Tournament is a philanthropy event, in which teams pay an entry fee of \$100 to participate in flag football games. All proceeds from the event went toward helping the Boys & Girls Club, PIKE's local charitable organization.

Money raised

According to PIKE's philanthropy chairman, the fraternity raised approximately \$3,200 last year. The total amount of money from this year's tournament will be determined closer to the end of the month.

"The best part about hosting the Powder Puff Tournament is giving back to the Boys & Girls Club. Plus, it's fun to watch the girls play football," said Ethan Maestas, an active member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The annual PIKE Powder Puff Tournament kicked off at 10 a.m. in a double elimination bracket.

Let the games begin!

Delta Zeta played Delta Gamma in round one of tournament play, while Alpha Xi Delta and Chi Omega competed on the adjacent field.

round.

Losing teams would drop into the losers' bracket. The championship game was played between the top qualifiers from both the winners' and the losers' brackets.

After hours of rigorous play, Chi Omega defeated Delta Gamma to advance into the championship game. Zeta Tau Alpha conquered Pi Beta Phi and earned a spot in the championship game, as well.

"My organization trains for this event for at least one month, and we are excited for it all year," Mandi Cordova, safety for Zeta Tau Alpha, said. "Playing in the tournament is a lot of fun, but the fact that you are playing to support the Boys & Girls Club is definitely the best part."

Chi Omega won the Powder Puff Tournament 19-6.

"The best part was having fun with my sisters and our coaches and seeing our hard work pay off – and helping out with PIKE's philanthropy of course," said Kyla Hollister, a player on Chi Omega's championship team.

Disneyland isn't just for kids

Story by Carolyn Wright

For most college students, their spring breaks and summers are filled with trips to beaches, cruise lines or college "hot spots." It isn't often that college students vacation to a place that holds so many childhood memories.

Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif., is not only an unforgettable milestone for many children, but also a great place for college students to visit.

"The feeling of getting to be a kid again, forgetting all your worries and enjoying the magic of Disneyland keeps me going back," said Janelle Candelaria, a sophomore at New Mexico State University.

Disneyland Attractions

Disneyland has numerous attractions for all ages. Popular thrill rides include Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Indiana Jones Adventure, Matterhorn Bobsleds, Space Mountain and Splash Mountain.

The resort separates its attractions into seven different themes:

- Tomorrowland
- Critter Country
- Frontierland
- Fantasyland
- Mickey's Toontown
- Adventureland
- New Orleans Square

Although many of the attractions are more oriented toward families and younger children, many college students still enjoy these amusements. NMSU junior Kayla Minser said she especially enjoys the character greetings, even as a student in college.

"I still like seeing the Disney characters at the park because it brings back a lot of great childhood memories," Minser said.

Downtown Disney

In addition to the Disneyland Park, Anaheim also plays host to Downtown Disney, a marketplace made up of shops and restaurants.

Downtown Disney features the Uva Bar, which serves hand-mixed cocktails and attracts many college students over the age of 21.

The popular promenade has numerous shops that sell Disney paraphernalia for all ages. Shops such as Disney Vault 28 carry the Disney Couture line, a clothing and accessory line that captures the attention of an older Disney audience.

California Adventure

Directly across from Disneyland is Disney's California Adventure, another popular amusement park. California Adventure features faster rides such as Hollywood Tower of Terror and California Screamin', which are more appealing to adventure seekers.

"My favorite ride was the Hollywood Tower of Terror because it feels like a different ride every time," NMSU freshman James Porter said.

College Internships

Both Disneyland and Disneyworld Resort in Orlando, Fla., offer paid internships for college students. These internships allow students to be a part of a team of cast members, while gaining knowledge relative to their job interests.

Students can apply online for the Disney College Program.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

DELTA ZETA Scholarship Program By Carolyn Wright

The goal of the Delta Zeta Academic Program is to guide members in gaining and maintaining the required GPA in order to be considered a member in good standing.

Delta Zeta has three National expectations relating to our academic achievement on campus:

- Chapter GPA will be above the NPC Sorority Average every term.
- Chapter CPA shall be above the All Undergraduate Women's Average every term.
- Chapter GPA shall be the highest among NPC chapters every term.

In order to reach these goals, the Academic Chairman has required members of the Delta Zeta Sorority to log a certain number of study hours per week, according to their GPA during the previous semester. The study hours are as follows:

- Active members with a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA are not required to log any study hours.
- Active members with a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA are required to log a minimum of four study hours per week.
- Active members with a 2.5 to 2.99 GPA are required to log a minimum of six study hours per week.
- Active members with a GPA below a 2.5 or on academic probation are required to log a total of ten study hours per week.
- New members are required to log a total of eight study hours per week.

Failure to log the appropriate amount of study hours will result in not being able to participate in Greek Week and/or our formal at the end of the semester.

Delta Zeta expects its members to be well represented on the Dean's List and in honors societies. Our chapter promotes striving for the goal of membership into Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Gamma Sigma Alpha, etc.

As required by the Delta Zeta National Headquarters, our chapter must maintain a GPA of a 2.6/4.0, which we have continued to exceed for numerous semesters consecutively.

The Academic Chairman requires members to fill out and return monthly grade checks in order to monitor academic progress.

To ensure that our calendar is not over-programmed leaving no time for studying, the Academic Chairman has provided study groups at least twice a month. An academic bulletin board has been posted at the Delta Zeta House, where members can log their weekly academic success.

The Delta Zeta Academic Chairman has implemented a Mentor Program, where active members team up with new members to ensure academic success. To determine appropriate mentors, a survey is completed by both active and new members in order to find common majors, study habits, and classes. Each week the Academic Chairman will provide the mentors and mentees with a task (i.e. Research a person whom an NMSU building was named after). The weekly task will be returned to the Academic Chairman no later than one week from the day it was assigned.

In addition to the Mentor Program, the Academic Chairman has employed a Study Buddy Program. In the Study Buddy Program, active members who have consistently maintained high academic success are teamed up with a member who has been placed on academic probation. Study buddies are put in place to encourage one another and push one another to improve grades and study habits.

A poster providing information on free tutoring and academic assistance centers is displayed in the foyer of the Delta Zeta House. This poster emphasizes the appropriate place to receive help for scholastics, such the Writing Center, the Math Success Center, and Zuhl Library Tutoring. The poster also provides a map of computing facilities on campus.

As an incentive for those members who have earned a 4.0 GPA, our chapter rewards them with a large scholarship pearl. For those members who have earned a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99, a small scholarship pearl is awarded. Another incentive for high scholastic achievement is the Graduation Hat. The Academic Chairman awards one member per week the travelling Graduation Hat. The Graduation Hat is awarded to members who have excelled in their academics.

Each semester, our chapter holds Professor Appreciation Day, in which members recognize a professor who has had a significant hand in their academic success. These professors are invited to attend a reception at the Delta Zeta House.

The Delta Zeta Sorority requires that each officer maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.5. If the officer falls short of her academic requirements, she will be immediately removed from her office.

Through the Delta Zeta Academic Program, members of our sorority will strive for high academic standards and continue their success throughout their college careers.

























