The chapter house is located on W 28th Street, famously known as USC's Greek Row. The Omicron house has had three locations, all on 28th Street. Home to over sixty girls every semester, and serving over 250 Omicrons per year, the house is constantly undergoing renovations to improve the quality of each member's experience. Just this past year, the living and dining spaces along with the hallways of the second and third bedroom floors have received brand new carpet. In addition, renovations to the gym and an addition of a presidential suite are in the works this summer, while the girls are on vacation. Whether a member decides to live in the house for one semester or live in for a few years, the experience is absolutely unforgettable. The girls have recounted some of their most beloved memories as time spent living at the house with their fellow sisters. We want to thank everyone who constantly make all renovations possible and we could not be more grateful to have the opportunity to live in such a beautiful home.
CHEERS TO OUR THETA SENIORS!

We are so incredibly proud of this year's class of graduating seniors! Congratulations to everything you have accomplished here at USC. We could not be more excited for your bright futures ahead. Fight on!

Sarah Allen
Mckenzie Amento
Jane Andrews
Marielle Bagnard
Avery Barth
Lauren Barrett
Adriana Bas
Samantha Becker
Chelsea Blanchard
Courtney Blaylock
Sarah Borland
Lauren Brackmann
Nicole Bronstein
Anna Catinis
Taryn Donnels
Carly Duncan
Lindsay Easum
Mackenzie Erdman
Emily Friedman
Katherine Furguson
Gigi García
Katie Gillette
Carina Glastris
Mallory Goldfarb
Caitlin Greenho
Hannah Hardy
Vy Hari
Brittany Hope
Caitlin Hoversten
Elaina Howe
Emma Hyams
Mallory Jesser
Adie Jessup
Lindsay Karle
Madison Kennaugh
Jessica Kern
Madeline Kim

Sydney Lopes
Fallon McCarthy
Vanessa McConville
Savanna McCown
Kate Menne
Waverly Middleton
Lilith Mora
Kaitlyn Murray
Rosie Nebel
Claire Neville
Kitty O'Connor
Ali Ozmeral
Kiana Phillips
Natalie Piazza
Bianca Pompa
Claire Potter
Mckenzie Pringle
Briana Rayhaun
Natalie Renard
Lauren Sands
Morgan Sands
Megan Saarlutelli
Claire Schenken
Leann Schudel
Sarah Belle Seig
Kelley Sheets
Sophia Shirvanian
Chloe Siegel
Jaclyn Sigmen
Sophie Spallas
Addy Stafford
Sheridan Sturm
Maggie Suszka
Sarah Teichner
Rachel Toffler
Maggie Voelker
Madi Vogt
Madison Westby
OMICRONS around the WORLD

ALICIA BECHTEL

“I’ve wanted to go abroad my whole life, so when I finally got the opportunity to study in Madrid this past spring semester, I was beyond excited. The USC Madrid program set us up in a homestay so that we could be fully immersed in the Spanish culture. I absolutely adored my homestay family, and they helped me adjust to living in a different country. I was able to travel to many different countries and cities that I’d never been to before, and each trip left me with unforgettable memories and a better understanding about their culture. To anyone thinking about studying abroad – DO IT!”

GRACE FEITSHANS

“As cliche and sometimes cringe worthy as it sounds, getting the opportunity to travel abroad was one of the most amazing experiences I’ve had. Not only are you able to have the ability to live in a country and temporarily feel like a local, you also get to see their schooling systems, and have the option to travel to nearby countries. I had the incredible chance to study in London, which I thought would be a little boring since they already speak English, but it turned out I would not have rather gone anywhere else. Luckily, since so many people have gone before me, guides and recommendation lists were lifesavers and really helped me get to know London more and maximize weekend trips throughout Europe. Getting an experience like this not only helped me become more worldly and culturally diverse but it also allowed me to meet amazing locals and travel with people I might not have thought to travel with before. These kinds of opportunities are pretty unparalleled and I had the absolute best time getting to try new foods, sight see, and make memories with many new and old friends. I would highly recommend it to anyone who has the means to do it and would advise them to make the most of everyday by asking locals or friends for activities to do or even just exploring and discovering on your own. You will learn so much about how independent you can really be and come back with amazing stories and memories to look back on!”

Lucy Andrews
Alexis Austin
Jacqueline Baltz
Grace Beal
Alicia Bechtel
Lauren Berger
Grace Bingham
Monica Brendsel
Rachel Brothers
Leia Cahill
Olivia Carmack
Melissa Demma
Kelly Devine
Jenny Dunn
Grace Feitshans
Francesca Fischer
Caroline Galbreath
Samantha Garnett
Kendal Gee
Addie Glass
Kate Greenberg
Madeleine Hamilton
Elizabeth Kalinowski
Francesca Macrae
Kelley McGinnis
Emily Meckler
Lauren Mellinger
Mirabel Michaelson
Carlin Pappas
Nikki Parmar
Isabel Queiroz
Emma Shafer
Shannon Skibicki
Brit Stein
Jennie Thomson
Brooke Upchurch
Shaina Wottitz
Sammie Yeager
Dedicated, brilliant, charming, beautiful. Ann Guerin was an Omicron Theta through and through. While at the University of Southern California, Ann touched many lives around her by dedicating her time to helping others in need. Today she is known and revered among Omicron Thetas at USC due for her funds, The Ann Guerin Scholarship Fund and Friendship Fund. Every year these funds help to financially support incoming Omicrons-upholding the Guerin tradition of giving back and helping those in need.

The fund was started shortly after Ann’s unexpected death in 1981. Ann’s husband and fellow Omicron pledge sister worked together to launch the fund in Ann’s name, as a way to keep her legacy alive and continue to pay it forward. Today the fund is fueled by gracious private donors and alumnae, where every dollar of tax deductible contributions go straight to an active Omicron member of Kappa Alpha Theta. These generous donors make being an Omicron at USC possible for many girls and help to expand the amazing, well-rounded, talented group of women that make up the chapter.

May of 2015 marked four generations of Guerin women that have graduated from The University of Southern California as Omicron Thetas. Starting with Ann’s mother, Esperanza Brittingham Maybee, who attended USC back in 1927 to Holly Dickinson, Ann’s granddaughter, who recently graduated in 2015.

During her four years at USC, Holly, much like Ann, contributed to the school and others in every way possible. Her scholarly achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree, Magna cum Laude in Neuroscience, with an overall gpa of 3.82. Furthermore, Holly was selected into Phi Beta Kappa, the highest academic honor awarded by American universities. When she wasn’t studying, Holly spend her time volunteering as a research intern for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, the Department of Neurosurgery, and as a research assistant in the UCLA Biochemistry Department. Holly was also a medical technician for Faith In Practice: Life-Changing Medical Missions and volunteered with spanish medical technology in both LA, and Antigua, Guatemala.

Surely, Ann Guerin would be amazed and thrilled with the incredible achievements and contributions her granddaughter continues to make. Ann would be elated to realize that the foundation of hardwork, respect and kindness she demonstrated so long ago are still traits displayed by Omicron Thetas today.

Hopefully people like Holly Dickinson remind us what a positive impact one person can have on others and encourage donors and alumnae to continue to support the Ann Guerin Scholarship Fund. These donations are what fund the amazing women Kappa Alpha Theta strives to produce and give talented young women the opportunity to serve others for a lifetime.

by Leeta Gupta

This past spring we had our annual philanthropy event, KAT at Bat, and we are so excited to announce that it was a huge success! We opened our parking lot to people all across campus to join us in spending the day fundraising for our very special causes. Throughout the day people played in our whiffle ball tournament and enjoyed everything baseball themed from hot dogs to cracker jacks! Between selling our KAB shirts and fundraising throughout the week, we are thrilled to have raised $26,000 for CASA and the Theta Foundation. This year we really focused on spreading awareness about the amazing work CASA does, and we were so lucky to have some LA CASA representatives join us at Theta in the days leading up to the event. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us reach our goal, we couldn’t have done it without each of you!

by Jamie Schecter
**FALL RECRUITMENT 2018**

Calendar of Events:
- **Saturday, August 18th:** Open House Day from 8:00am-8:00pm
- **Sunday, August 19th:** Sisterhood Day from 9:00am-6:00pm
- **Monday, August 20th-Thursday, August 23rd:** Recruitment Break. No Recruitment is being held.
- **Friday, August 24th:** Involvement Day from 3:00pm-9:00pm
- **Saturday, August 25th:** Preference from 12:00pm-5:00pm
- **Sunday, August 26th:** BID DAY! from 2 pm-4 pm

**Lovely Thetas,**

This year, the university has implemented a new policy affecting Greek life's intake eligibility. In order to participate in recruitment, a student must now have a USC GPA. In other words, freshmen coming out of high school will no longer be eligible to go through recruitment in the fall. In response to this policy, the Panhellenic community has decided to hold a recruitment in the spring 2019 in addition to fall 2018. This way, freshmen will have the opportunity to participate in recruitment during their first year at USC. From there, Panhellenic plans to transition into just one recruitment in Spring 2020.

The Executive Recruitment Board is working hard to make this transition as smooth as possible for the chapter. Although change can be challenging, it also gives space for innovation and improvements within Omicron and the Greek community. We are more than excited to lead the chapter through the recruitment season and continue to maintain the values and sisterhood that make Omicron so strong!

**TLAM,**
Abbey Pickett
Chief Recruitment Officer

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