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SWDAAA NATCON COLLAGE AND HIGHLIGHTS





MY FIRST NATCON

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Alumni

Alpha - Oklahoma State University
Tau Beta Sigma Southwest District President 23-24

Hey Southwest!

My name is Johnn McCray, and I just graduated from Oklahoma State University with a B.M. in music education this May. I was initiated into the Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma in April 2020 and have loved every second of my time in Tau Beta Sigma. I most recently was elected Southwest District President at #SWDCON23.

With my role as SWD President, I had the opportunity to attend #NATCON23 and serve as the Southwest District Delegate. With this being my first NATCON, I was so excited for this opportunity! I enjoyed meeting so many new people, and others whom I had only ever met virtually. As SWD Delegate, I had the opportunity to serve as the Chair for the Membership and Expansion committee. I was nervous for this role as I have never been a VPM at the chapter or district level, but I was thankful that I had an opportunity to serve the national organization. I had the opportunity to lead discussion with members from across the national about how we can best teach our membership candidates as well as how to better educate our current membership. We talked about subjects that our organization needs to improve and how we could help in that process. Overall, I think all members of the committee had a positive experience where they will see the results of our committee discussion come to life via the curriculum development committee.

A fun aspect of NATCON was Goose Chase! I loved competing for all the points and participating in all the prompts. If I had remembered to do the NIB response instead of working on our district skit, I would have tied for 1st place!! Shout out to mother goose(Allison Leemann)and (tb)Sigma Gamma Chi!! Something that I am proud about is that the Southwest District earned the TBS District Spirit Stick Award. We definitely earned that thanks to our parody called "Southwest Funk." You know the southwest will bring the spice wherever we go!!

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my first NATCON. I am thankful for the opportunities I had to serve and to meet so many people. I hope to see everyone at #NATCON25!!



FELLOWSHIP, BASEBALL, AND HQ SERVICE OH MY!



Brothers and Sisters at Globe Life Field and Minute Maid Park for Brothers at the Ballpark as part of KKPsiAA's collaboration with LAA's. Each event was hosted by our KKPsi and TBS Co-MALS, Kiara Penn and Ciara Gibbs.

SWDAA members Eve Jones and Johnn McCray in Stillwater assisting HQ staff in packing for National Convention for National HQ Volunteer Day.

SOUTHWEST CONTINUES TO THRIVE!

Tau Beta Sigma elects back-2-back National Presidents from the Southwest, 2 Brothers of the Southwest recognized, and Actives showcasing the Southwest spirit!

Congratulations!!!



Siobhan Wilkes Bratcher
Life Member - Beta Zeta 4
40th National President of Tau Beta Sigma
2023-2025

Congratulations!!!



Erika Pope
Life Member - Theta Theta 4
39th National President of Tau Beta Sigma
2021-2023



Zachary Stoddard
Young Alumni Award



Kelton Ashcraft
Life Member - Zeta Xi

A. Frank Martin
Award



Clinton Wieden
Life Member - Alpha
Outgoing SWD Governor

Tau Beta Sigma
Spirit Stick



Southwest District

Congratulations to all our Brothers and Sisters for being recognized for their achievements and leadership in both organizations this biennium!

STICKERS



BUTTONS



POSTERS



HEADBANDS



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YEAR ROUND

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JULY MEMBERS!

Ross Fondren - July 2nd

Marina Pena Guiot* - July 18th

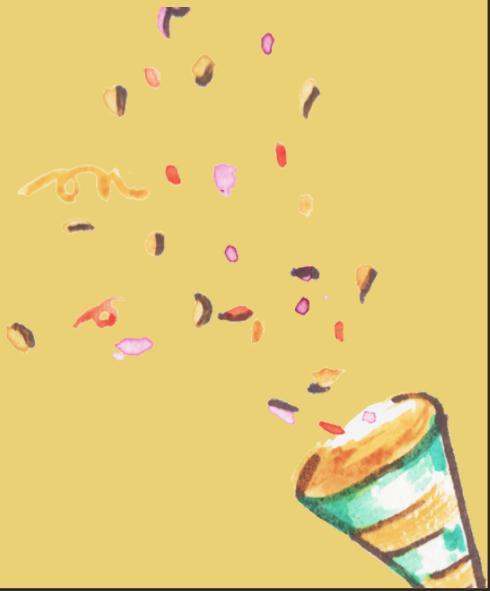
John Mark Junkins - July 19th

Abe Williams - July 21st

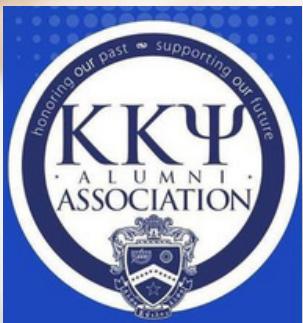
Brianna Tegeler - July 25th

Emily Copeland - July 26th

Ryan Smith* - July 31st



(*) - Distinguishes SWDAA
BOD, National Leadership, or
Governor/Counselor



- Brothers who terminate their attendance at their college or university before graduation will now receive one provisional year similar to Graduating Seniors.
- **Congratulations!!!**
 - **Incoming KKPsiAA Communications Director:** Dionicio "Dino" Cardenas
 - **Incoming SWD Governor:** Kadeem Sabari
 - **Zachary Stoddard Young Alumni Award Recipient:** Kelton Ashcraft
 - **Outgoing SWD Governor and A. Frank Martin Award Recipient:** Clinton Wieden

- We were recognized at NatCon for the completion of the ACES program!
- Be on the lookout for a Call for Application for an Executive Council position



IMPORTANT AA UPDATES

UPCOMING SWDAA EVENTS





COMMUNITY BAND DIRECTORY

Arkansas

- Arkansas Winds, Inc.: <http://www.arkansawinds.org/>
- Hot Springs Community Band:
<http://www.hotspringsband.org/>
- North Little Rock Community Concert Band:
<http://www.nlrcommunityband.com/>

Louisiana

- Bayou Community Band (Thibodeaux):
<https://www.facebook.com/BayouCommunityBand/>
- Jefferson Community Band(Metairie):
<http://www.jeffersoncommunityband.org/>
- Lafayette Concert Band: <http://www.lcband.org/>

New Mexico

- Albuquerque Concert Band:
<http://www.abqband.org/>
- Mesilla Valley Concert Band (Las Cruces):
<http://www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org/>

Oklahoma

- Norman Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/NormanCommunityBand/>
- Owasso Community Band*:
<https://www.facebook.com/OwassoHSB>
- Stillwater Community Band:
<https://stillwatercommunitybands.weebly.com>
- Tulsa Community Band: <http://www.tulsacomunityband.org/>

Texas

- Allen Community Band:
<https://www.allencommunityband.com/>
- McKinney Community Band:
<http://www.mckinneyband.com/>
- Plano Community Band: <http://www.planoband.com/>
- New Horizons Band of Dallas:
<http://www.nhb dallas.org/>
- Lubbock Concert Band:
<http://lubbockconcertband.com/>
- Band of the Hills: <http://www.bandofthehills.org/>
- Cinematic Symphony:
<http://www.cinematicsymphony.com/>
- Austin Symphonic Band:
<http://www.austinsymphonicband.org/>
- San Antonio Symphonic Band:
<http://www.sanantoniosymphonicband.com/>
- County Line Community Band: <http://www.clcbtx.com/>
- Montgomery Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Montgomery-Community-Band-100087843397607/>
- Lone Star Symphonic Band: <http://www.lssb.org/>
- LolliePops: <http://www.lolliepopsband.com/>
- Houston Brass Band: <https://houstonbrassband.org/>
- Houston Pride Band: www.houstonprideband.org
- Oak Lawn Band: <https://www.oaklawnband.org/>
- Pride of San Antonio Showband:
<https://prideofsashowband.org/>
- Tyler, TX Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/TylerCommunityBand/>
- East Texas Symphonic Band:
<https://etsymphonicband.org/>
- Lake Country Symphonic Band (Mineola, TX):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/339904862754546/>

*Indicates newly formed community band

Know anymore community bands around the Southwest?
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