



# SIGMA KAPPA

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## kappa xi chapter newsletter

### New Website Becomes Asset to Chapter

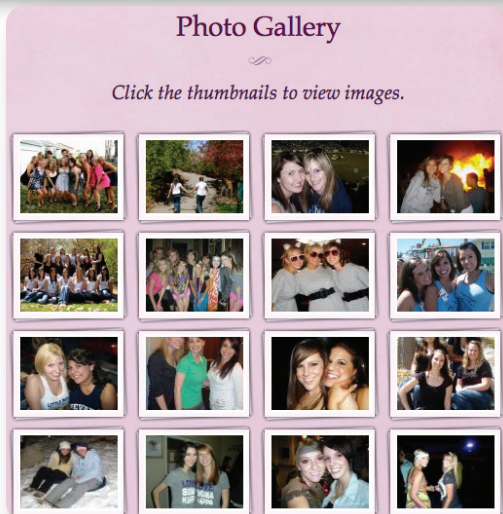
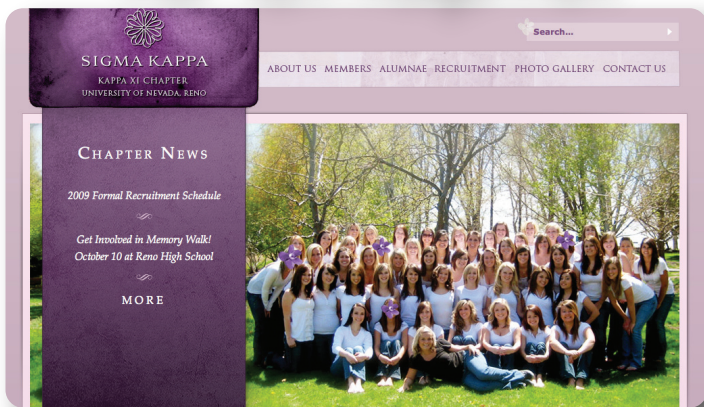
**By: Tayler Cummings**

Sigma Kappa at the University of Nevada, Reno has a new website. Chapter President Megan Stanphill, along with journalism student Chelsea Otakan, has worked hard this past year to make the Kappa Xi website possible. The website was launched late this summer and is a helpful tool for new students coming to the University, along with active members, alumnae and parents. The new website focuses specifically on Kappa Xi, unlike the original website which focused on Sigma Kappa as a worldwide organization.

Our new website goes into detail about how we were founded and how we have grown throughout the past few years. It informs guests of our history, symbols and insignia, philanthropies, campus and community involvement and scholarships. The website also lists all the active members and the graduated alumnae. Lastly, the Kappa Xi website has multiple photographs of members at different events we have held or have attended throughout the past year. This helps guests to see the personality of our unique chapter.

The new website has become a major asset to our chapter. This website is intended to help educate young women who are looking to go through recruitment so that they can get a glimpse of Sigma Kappa before they experience it. In addition it is a way to keep families and alumnae informed of what is happening within our chapter. To check out our new website, please visit: [www.sigmakappaunr.org](http://www.sigmakappaunr.org).

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# Welcome Back!

**By: Ashley Belka**  
**Vice President of Alumnae Relations**

With summer coming and going in the blink of an eye, I hope each and every one of you was able to have a relaxing summer filled with some quality family time and lots of fun.

As we head into our fourth year of existence, we are excited to see where our continuously growing and developing chapter will end up after another hard year of work.

I would like to welcome all of the parents of our 36 amazing new members. We are so fortunate and excited to have your daughters as part of our sorority. I hope that all of you are just as excited as we are to share this experience.

Kappa Xi is looking forward to all of our upcoming annual events that we hold and participate in. Things such as Watermelon Bust, Greek Week and Homecoming are sure to start our year out right. In addition, our second annual Parent's Weekend will be held Homecoming weekend, October 24 and 25. Please keep watching your e-mails for an E-vite that will be coming soon.

Once again, welcome back to all! I am excited to be working with all of you as we start another great year for Sigma Kappa at the University of Nevada, Reno.

# Recruitment Wrap-up

**By: Katie Lubiens**

Recruitment 2009 at Sigma Kappa, Kappa Xi, was filled with endless streamers, balloons, and sister bonding.

It began with the first two nights of house tours, running around last minute to make sure our rooms were spotless. We showed over 200 girls through our lovely home and were pleased to hear them all rave about how they "already felt at home!" Philanthropy night brought us even closer to our potential new members as we shared our own personal Alzheimer's stories and explained what our philanthropies mean to us and Sigma Kappa. Our living room, basement, and dining room were plastered with posters, stickers, and banners about Alzheimer's disease, Memory Walk, and our ideas on how we hope to help finance research for the terrible disease.

As a favorite night for much of the chapter approached, the mood lightened as skit night got rolling. Our living room resembled a theater with its white folding chairs, black curtains covering the performance wall and advertisement posters decorating the room. It was a night to remember, as we performed a mock "America's Best Dance Crew." Not only was it the skit every potential new member was dying to see, but it was our own idea and creation - an accomplishment we were proud to share.

At the close of our recruitment, we found ourselves closer than we started and excited to make these girls want to be a part of our wonderful sorority. With hours of decorating and planning, we made the house look spectacular for the girls coming to our Preference night. We shared our Sigma Kappa stories, performed poems, and led each girl to become a part of our bouquet. We cried, laughed and reflected on all the good memories we had together and all the new ones we have yet to make. As the night ended, we prayed girls would come back and promised to cry the whole bid day if they didn't. Finally, Bid day arrived and we were able to take 36 amazing girls.

All our hard work and lack of sleep was all well worth it! Our Sigma Kappa family grew and keeps getting better.



## Mini-Calendar

**Oct. 10 - Memory Walk & Sigma Kappa dance**

**Oct. 16 - Big/Lil Reveal**

**Oct. 19 - 24 - Homecoming!**

**Oct. 24 -25 - Parent's Weekend**

**Oct. 30 - Initiation**



# GO WOLF PACK!