



Omega Tau Sigma Theta Chapter

Bi-annual Newsletter – Summer 2016



OTS Begins Gearing Up for Grand Council in the Fall

Theta Chapter is proud to be hosting this year's Omega Tau Sigma Grand Council in Urbana-Champaign on October 21-23rd. Activities will include a Green Street Bar Crawl, the annual Delegates Meeting, Tours of the Illinois Veterinary College, Gonzo Olympics at Minor's Barn, a formal banquet awards dinner, and a 90's Throwback Party at City Center. All current OTS members and alumni are welcome to attend. Registration information will be available starting in late August [at our facebook page](#) and must be completed by September 30th. Mark your calendars, call your classmates, and we hope to see you in October!!

Save the Date!!
Theta presents:
Grand Council
2016
Oct. 21-23!!



Alumni Dues
\$100/year

\$50 for recent grads

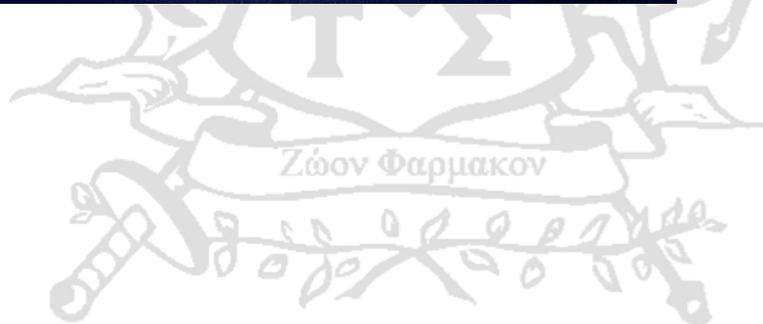
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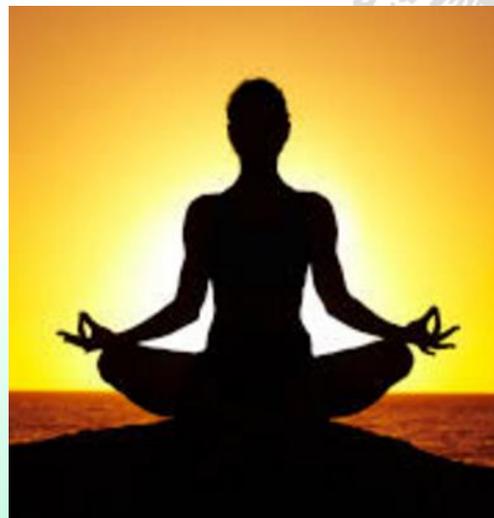


Wellness Week appreciated by many students across campus

Wellness Week: After hearing about the tragic loss of one of our brothers from Gamma Chapter to suicide, the Theta Chapter board decided we needed a reminder of how important it is to take care of ourselves mentally and physically during this taxing time in our lives. We feel that if one member of our community is hurting, we all hurt, so we came up with events that would try to connect students and relieve stress. From guest speakers and yoga to free massages, we had a week filled with fun and reflection. The positive response from members was overwhelming and I cannot wait to see what types of events we find to have next year!

"The Dog Bowl Battles was a part of "OTS Wellness Week" and a fundraiser we put on to raise money for the Compassionate Care Fund at the VTH. The Compassionate Care Fund is money that veterinarians at the school can use if an owner is not able to pay for a procedure, but the veterinarian finds it necessary. We encouraged students to donate through a school-wide, class competition. The ultimate prize is the golden Dog Bowl with bragging rights. This is will be passed down for generations to come! OTS is also matching the money raised to donate. All in all, it was a great way to end the week."

-Mallory Sczygelski, '17



OTS Theta Chapter has three main focuses: Philanthropy, Academics, and Social Events.

Have you moved to a new clinic or changed your email account?

Let us know by emailing

illinoisots@gmail.com

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Pet Visits at Clark-Lindsay

Pet visitations with Clark-Lindsay Retirement and Assisted Living Facility are on a summer hiatus, but we are very happy we were able to make one last visit the week after spring finals thanks to a few of us who were hanging around C-U. A lot of us really enjoy going and talking with the residents, and they definitely enjoy conversing and soaking up our pets' love! We look forward to picking up our monthly visits in August during the first week of classes!

-Brittany Willeford 2018



Spring Pet Wash

OTS' semi-annual Charity Pet Wash was held April 30th at Leal Elementary School. A total of 27 dogs and their dedicated owners came in the pouring rain and helped us raise over \$450! 100% of the proceeds went to Champaign County Humane Society. We could not have done it without our dedicated supporters, our OTS vet students and also Leal Elementary School. Thanks for everyone that made it out and braved the rain to help our local shelter find pets' their forever homes. Our next OTS Charity Pet Wash will be held in the Fall and we hope to see you all there!

-Alex Ruppe 2018



This newsletter is published bi-annually by Omega Tau Sigma to share updates with our alumni. Your news, job offers, internships, externships, and other submissions are always welcome and should be sent to illinoisots@gmail.com

Coverall Barcrawl and Paint Ball

In Spring 2016, two big events OTS hosted were the annual spring coverall barcrawl and spring OTS paintball event. The coverall barcrawl, like with many previous years, is open to all members of our vetmed campus and we had a great turnout this last spring. It is great to see all of vetmed coming together, rocking the ever so attractive coveralls, enjoying themselves, and continuing to network between different class years and clinicians. The Spring OTS paintball, again open to all of vetmed, had 21 participants that had a fun filled afternoon, shooting paintballs, duking behind bunkers, and taking a much needed break from studying before the last scholastic exam of the 2015-2016 fiscal year. During summer, OTS members are getting prepared and excited for social events to come in the fall, and most importantly, hosting the 2016 OTS Grand Council in October.

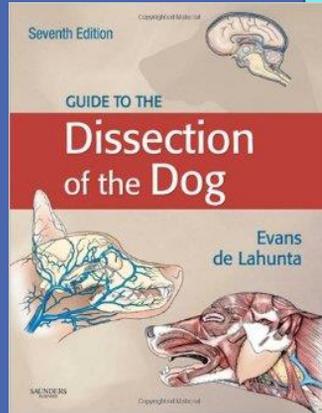
-Katie Duda, '18



Anatomy and Histology reviews, shared study guides and practice tests for members:

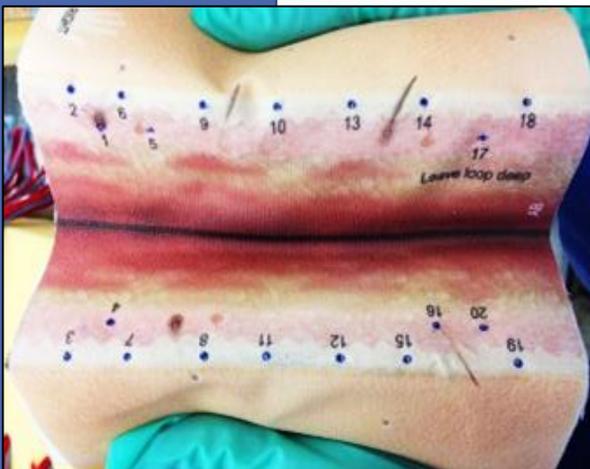
The second year OTS education committee worked hard to give first years some extra study help before their anatomy and histology exams. A few days before every exam, the education committee would come together and put on a practice practical for the anatomy portion of the exam, while our president, Joe Cacioppo, would conduct a histology review. Unfortunately the instructors changed some of their testing strategies, so our committee had to work together to come up with appropriate questions for the new type of exam, in order to help the first years feel more comfortable going into their actual exam. We received a lot of great feedback from the first years, and will continue to do this for years to come.

-Miriah Wilson 2018



OSCE Review Held For Members

Third years each picked a station to run through with the second years, going over important concepts and skills as well as questions the second years had. We even had live animal stations! Stations included bovine and equine skills, radiology, sterile scrubbing and gowning, hematology, and venipuncture.



2016 Scholarship Recipients



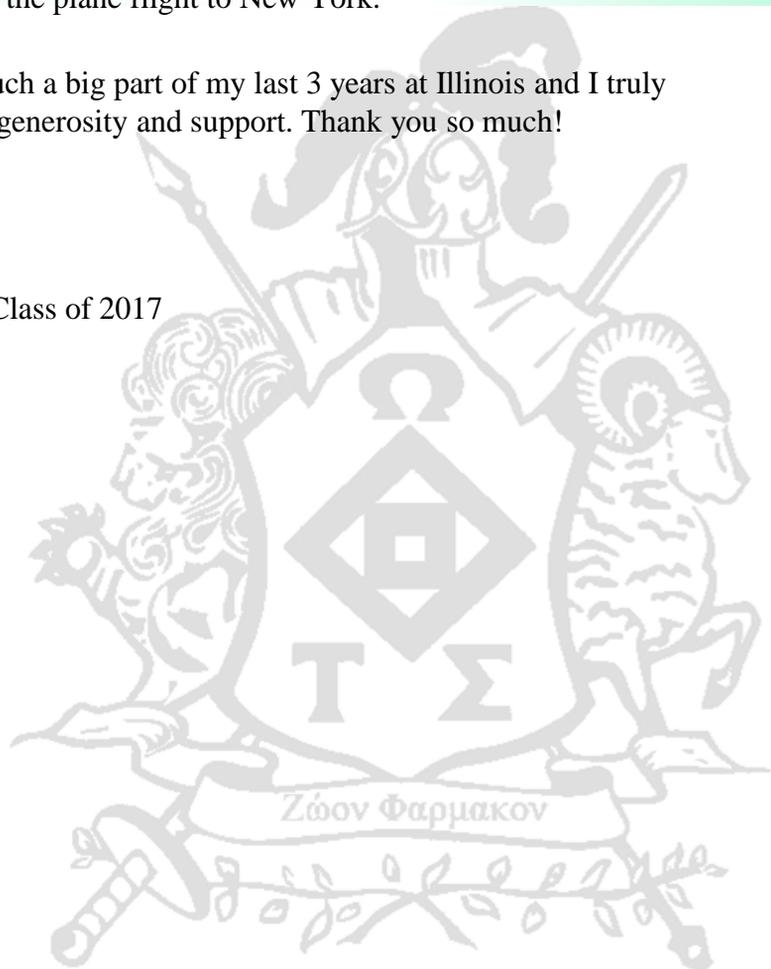
Dear OTS Alumni Board,

I wanted to take some time to thank you for choosing me for the 4th year externship funding this year.

I just finished the externship that I will be using this funding to pay for. I spent the last two weeks at Banfield Pet Hospital in Nanuet, NY. There I learned the ins and outs of working for a corporate small animal primary care practice. I worked up cases, assisted in surgeries, and greatly improved my technical skills. It was an excellent start to my fourth year clinics and I can't wait for the rest! I will be using the funding towards the plane flight to New York.

OTS has been such a big part of my last 3 years at Illinois and I truly appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Kara Falvey
UIUC VetMed Class of 2017



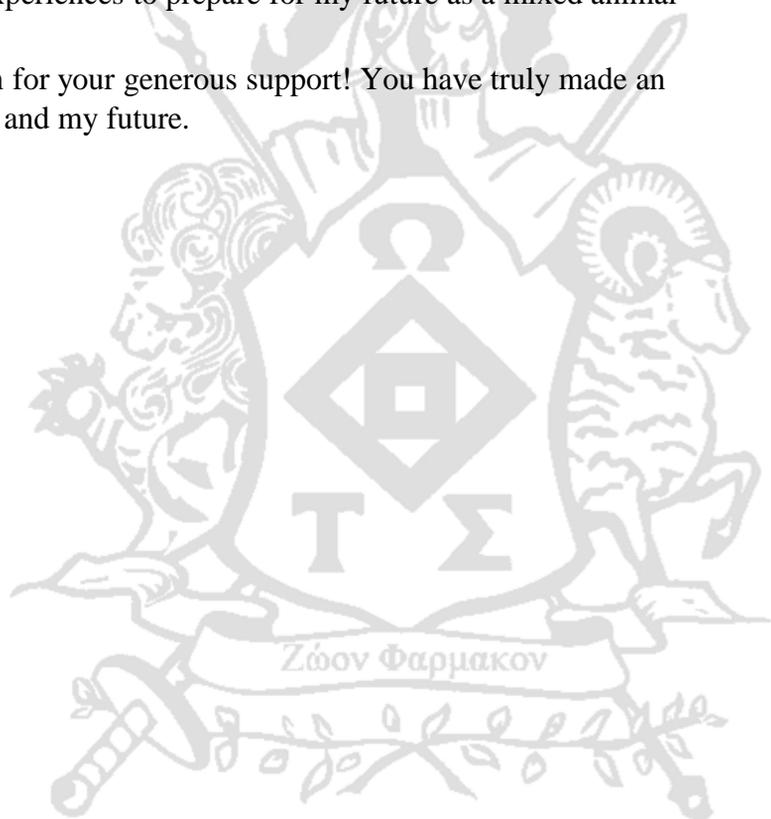
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Dear OTS Alumni Board:

My name is Nicole Bell and I am one of this year's recipient of the OTS 4th Year Externship Scholarship. Thank you so much for your generous support! Because of your generosity, I will have less financial stress as I travel on my externships. I am a third year student on clinical rotations. I am looking forward to each one of my externships this year because they will provide a diverse range of experiences with multiple species that I have not yet had in my education thus far. My externships include: food animal focus at Countryside Large Animal Veterinary Services, Greeley, CO and Middle TN Vet Service, dairy focus at Effingham Veterinary Clinic, beef focus at Milledgeville Veterinary Clinic, swine focus at The Maschhoff's, LLC., and mixed animal experiences at both RockNCountry Veterinary Services and Orangeville Animal Health Service. All of these externships will be great learning experiences to prepare for my future as a mixed animal practitioner.

Thank you again for your generous support! You have truly made an impact upon me and my future.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bell



2016 Scholarship Recipients

Dear OTS,

My name is Lauren Novak and I am one of this year's recipient of the OTS 4th Year Externship Scholarship. Thank you so much for your generous support! Because of your generosity, I can focus on my studies without worrying as much about financial stress. I plan on using the money from this scholarship to help pay for housing during off campus rotations. I am looking forward to my many externships that will allow me to explore my love for research. These externships include working with St. Louis Zoo Institute for Conservation Medicine and the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study. I am also currently working on writing up my research on *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* in song birds in IL, which is exciting. Upon graduation, I plan on completing a small animal rotating internship to solidify my clinical knowledge then I'd like to complete a PhD in wildlife epidemiology. Thank you again for your generous support! You have truly made an impact upon me and my future.

Sincerely,
Lauren Novak



White Carnation and Recent Graduates

In 1949, the White Carnation was adopted as the official flower of Omega Tau Sigma after Zeta Chapter's annual formal dance. Each chapter now hosts an annual White Carnation event. Omega Tau Sigma Theta hosted this year's annual White Carnation dinner at Crane Alley in Urbana. For Theta, White Carnation is a formal dinner hosted by OTS that commemorates the four years of service from each of our members that will be graduating that spring, and also ushers in a new executive board as the third year students transition to their clinic rotations. All fourth year students received a personalized OTS commemorative gift set this year. Additionally, the following awards were voted on and given out for the past year's service:

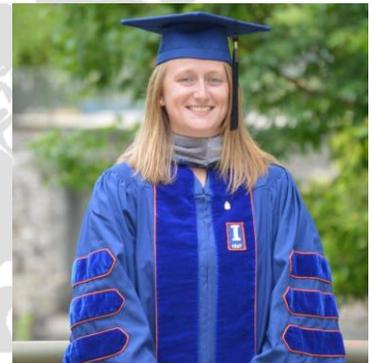
Most Involved 4th Year: Natalie Rupp, '16
Outstanding Pledge: Annie Ryan, '19
Gonzo Award: Katie Duda, '18
Social Butterfly: Katie Duda, '18
Philanthropist Award: Brittany Willeford, '18
Most Spirited Member: Joseph Cacioppo, '18

Where are they now?

Rory Arrigo
Village West Vet
Chicago, IL



Catherine Foreman:
Southern Equine Service
Aiken, SC



Emily Hall
VCA Owasso
Animal Medical Center
Owasso, OK



White Carnation and Recent Graduates

Danielle Rahe:
Pawsitively Pets
Decatur, IL



Janina Luciano:
MetroVet
Chicago, IL



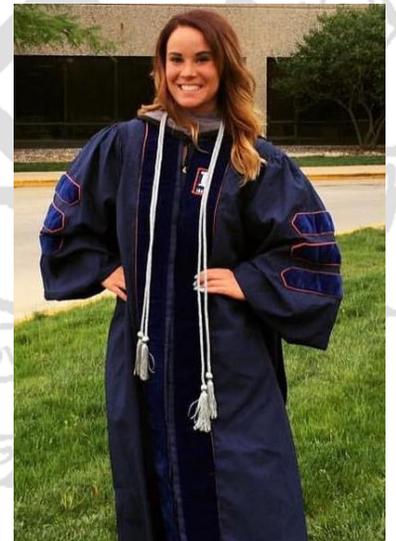
Jessie Nourie
Undisclosed



James Karnia:
Veterinary Specialty Center
Buffalo Grove, IL



Kayley Rodriguez:
Belleville Animal Clinic
Belleville, IL



Wendy Karnia:
VCA Aurora Animal Hospital
Aurora, IL



White Carnation and Recent Graduates

Michelle Piccione:
VCA South Shore
Weymouth, MA



Natalie Rupp:
Veterinary Specialty Center
Buffalo Grove, IL



Sherri Gard:
Three Oaks Equine and Farm Services
Smithfield, VA



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2016!!



2016 Executive Board

Most Worthy Master:
Joe Cacioppo



Worthy Master:
Jeff Hess



Alpha Master of Finance:
Katie Duda



Beta Master of Finance:
Rachel Vandermyde



Master of Records and Seals:
Jordan Belden



2016 Executive Board

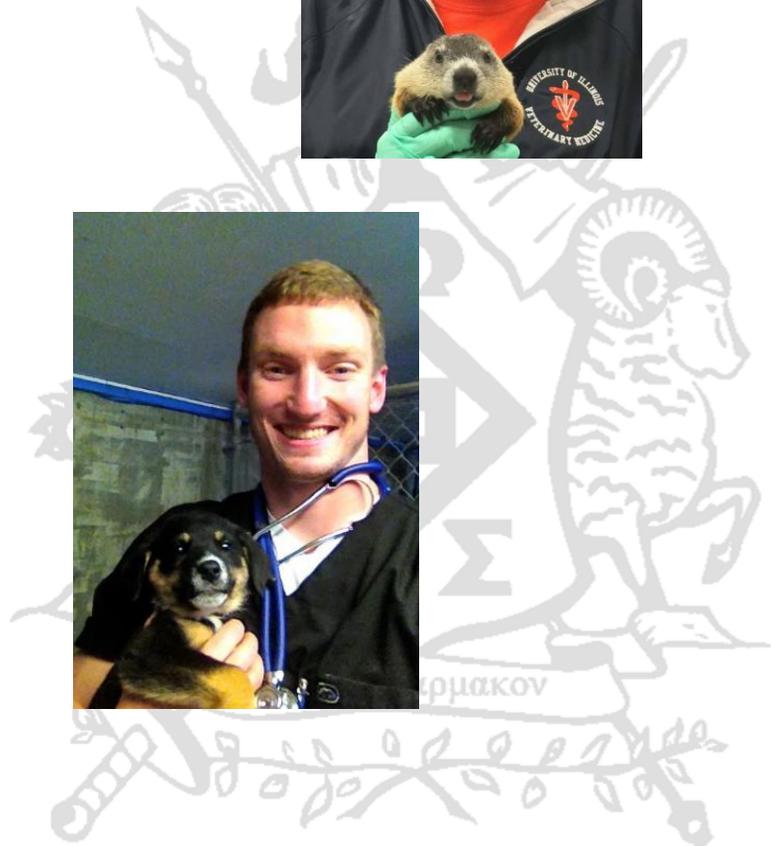
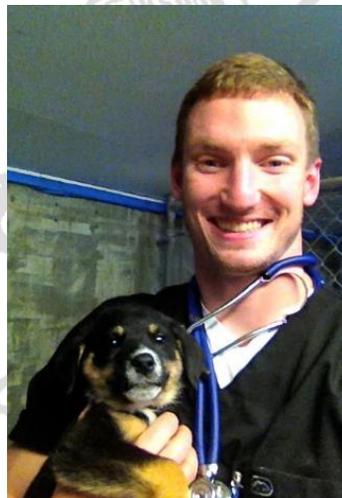
Beta Master of Pledges:
Annie Ryan



Master of History:
Darcy Stephenson



Webmaster:
Mark Sadler



Omega Tau Sigma

Members 2015-2016



Rory Amigo Sherri Field-Gard Cat Foreman Emily Hall Katie Leister Janina Luciano



James Karnia Jesse Nourie Michelle Piccione Danielle Rahe



Kayley Rodriguez Natalie Rupp

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Nicole Long Ailyn Meyer Kaleigh Morrison Brooke Murphy-Smith PLEDGE MASTER Amanda Pike Jeremy Rayl Stephanie Reed Cindy Roberg



Lindsay Rothrock Alex Ruppe Mark Sadler WEBMASTER Nora Szeto Chandler Todd Ashley Vegter



Alex Webber Brittany Willeford SECRETARY Miriah Wilson

Class of 2018



OTS

College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Illinois



Rena Sufin Morgan Temple Rachel Vandermyle Gina Vecore Jessica Weirich



Sam Weisdorf Rachel Ziesmann

Class of 2019