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President's Parting Words

Hola y saludos desde Madrid!

Last year was filled with amazing achievements for Sigma Delta Pi. I was incredibly proud to be part of this chapter that continually fulfills its mission of promoting an interest in and an understanding of Hispanic culture. Staple events like our quesadilla sales, movie screenings, and Poetry Slam have become campus traditions, but we are constantly introducing new events that

reflect the talents of our diverse members, such as the *Salsa con Salsa* dance workshop or updated topics for our cultural presentations. Beyond the events themselves, ΣΔΠ taught me that a dedicated group of people, no matter how small, can reach others to foster cultural appreciation. Serving as president of such a dynamic organization was a wonderful experience, and I was thrilled to pass on our chapter to Derek

Benjamin's leadership. I look forward to seeing him and the other members continue this legacy and know they will all accomplish great things this year!

Saludos,
Paige Bergan



2015-2016 Officers

Congratulations to the Executive Committee elected for the 2015-2016 academic year! They and their positions are as follows:

Presidente: Derek Benjamin
Vicepresidenta: Christy Crouse
Secretaria: Callie Templeton
Tesorera: Lindsey Forker
Webmaster: Luke Bishop

Congratulations again! We look forward to working under your leadership.

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Cultural Presentations

The Spring 2015 cultural presentations followed the Vistas book used by Spanish 101-202 classes. The presentations included countries such as Bolivia, Costa Rica, and Spain (Semana Santa). Each presentation was done by members who have visited the coun-

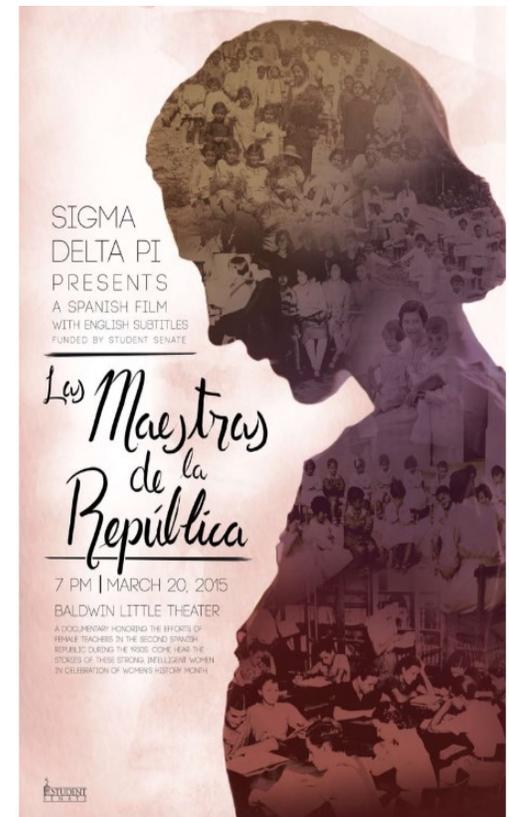
try and experienced life there! It was an interesting way for those who have studied abroad to share their knowledge and stories with Spanish students of all ages. The timing worked out perfectly with what many professors were teaching in their classes, and it

was a fun opportunity for students to explore a country they might want to someday visit!



Las Maestras de la República

On March 20, 2015, Sigma Delta Pi showed the film *Las Maestras de la República*. This documentary was shown in celebration of Women's History month. It told the stories of female teachers in the second Spanish republic during the 1930s. Sigma Delta Pi members gave a short presentation before the film was shown. The film was a great way to learn more about these intelligent women!



Valentine's Day Carnations

Love was in the air during our Carnation Sale in February! We held both pre-sale and day-of sales of beautiful red carnations from Hy-Vee. When buying a carnation, the customer was able to pick a

card with a variety of heartfelt messages. We had messages for friends, significant others, or a write your own option. This sale brought some wonderful attention to our

organization on campus, and it was great to see how excited people were to buy carnations for the ones they care for!



Salsa con Salsa

During Spring 2015, Sigma Delta Pi hosted an evening of social dancing and savory snacks called Salsa con Salsa. Professor Sergio Escobar led participants in a lesson of basic Salsa dancing steps and turns. Several stu-

dents with Salsa experience also stepped up to help demonstrate and explain the movements. The workshop was hosted on the Ryle Main Lounge dance floor and was open to students of all majors

and dance abilities. Following the instruction, attendees enjoyed about an hour of Latin music for practicing their newfound skills. The event also featured refreshments: four varieties of hand-made salsa's and tortilla chips.



Slam de Poesía

On April 8th, 2015, Sigma Delta Pi held their annual Slam Poetry/Karaoke Night. This year, the event took place in the upstairs of the Dukum Inn. Students and faculty could come enjoy an evening full of Spanish poetry readings and Spanish karaoke. One member thought, "The Poetry Slam was a great opportunity to hear Spanish in a fun and exciting environment"—Hanna Holmgren.

Admission was \$1, and all money was contributed to the Vera Piper Scholarship Fund.

Performers could share original poetry or famous poetry from Spanish poets, and could sing popular Spanish songs, but the stage was open to all types of performances. Performers were also given gifts for sharing their talents. These gifts included Spanish books, novels, and poetry collections donated by Doctora Marshall. This event continued its tradition of being a relaxed and fun environment where students and faculty could come together to enjoy the night.

"Qué grande era la noche y qué enorme mi deseo! The Poetry slam was a great moment to share our favorite verses (like these) and to discover new authors as well. It was incredible to see even elementary level students participate by presenting their own original poems in Spanish." -Amy Soto.



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Our Goals and Mission

To honor those who attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and in the study of the literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking peoples

To honor those who have made contributions to the Hispanic modern culture better known in the English-speaking world

To encourage college and university students to acquire a greater interest in and a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture

To foster friendly relations and mutual respect between the nations of Hispanic speech and those of English speech

To serve its membership in ways which will contribute to the attainment of the goals and ideals of the society

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Alumni Spotlight

Grant Berry

Grant graduated from Truman State University in 2010. Since graduation, he has had several opportunities to use Spanish!

After graduation, Grant completed a Fulbright Fellowship in Argentina. He is currently a Ph.D. student at Penn State. Grant has done field research in Argentina, and has had articles submitted for publication.

Grant plans to return to Truman next Spring with Sigma Delta Pi to discuss his research and other post-graduation success.

To provide Rho Rho with your alumni update, please fill out the survey at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TQCyfdsPpU799IFK83mkwrLMoLtsVWGPsxKi7x_o40U0/viewform

We hope to hear back from you soon!