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President's Parting Words

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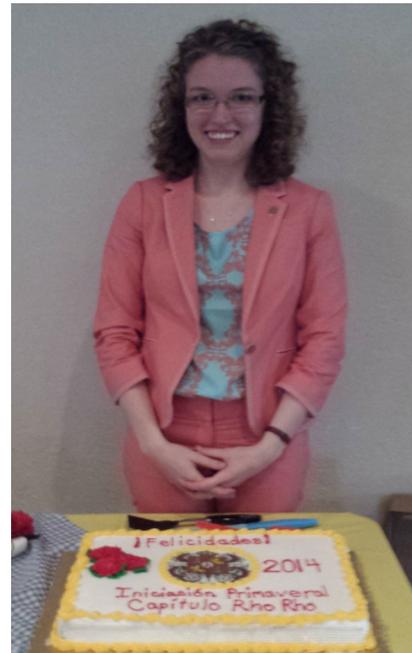
It was an eventful year for Rho Rho! We saw the installation of many new events — our first book club, a study abroad photo contest, our radio program, *Sonidos*, quesadilla and carnation sales, a Day of the Dead bake sale, and this alumni newsletter — while still maintaining our roots with events like our annual Día de los Muertos presentation and our spring Slam de Poesía. Overall, it was a very successful year for Rho Rho! Our efforts were awarded

when we received Honor Chapter status for the 2013-14 academic year.

Though it had its challenges, it was an absolute pleasure to be President, and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve Rho Rho. I look forward to seeing what the chapter has in store under the direction of newly elected President, Paige Bergan, who will bring lots of enthusiasm back from her studies in Spain and will continue Rho Rho's long legacy of exceptional presidents.

Mis mejores deseos para el futuro.

Saludos cordiales,
Sarah Glenski



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2014-2015 Officers

Congratulations to the Executive Committee elected for the 2014-2015 academic year! They and their positions are as follows:
Presidenta: Paige Bergan

Vicepresidenta: Michelle Ehrhard

Secretaria: Emma Merrigan

Tesorera: Alicia Bowden

Historiadora: Hannah

Holmgren

Webmaster: Shari Fieser

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

Women's History Month: A Look at Latinas in America

For Women's History Month, President Sarah Glenski organized a series of events that focused on the Latina experience in America —both Latinas in the US and women in Latin America.

With the generous financial support of the Multicultural Affairs Center (MAC) and Student Government, Rho Rho was able to present 3 Hollywood films and 2 docu-

mentaries, all of which focused on an aspect of women's history.

For each movie, members gave a brief overview of the historical context of the film, focusing in particular on gender roles. For select films, chapter members led an intimate discussion following the screening.

To wrap up the month's events, Rho Rho hosted a discussion panel comprised

of Latina students and professors who were able to offer a more direct and personal look at the Latina experience in America.

Read on for more details!

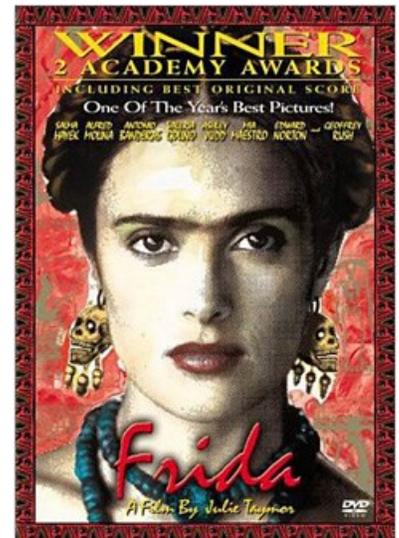
Frida

To start off our events, we showed the movie, *Frida*, starring Salma Hayek.

Before the movie, we discussed how different stages of Frida's art reflected her personal growth, and we ana-

lyzed her paintings using gender theory.

Those involved were therefore able to see her life and the film in a different light.



Sylvia Morales Documentaries

Two documentaries directed by Sylvia Morales, *Chicana* and *A Crushing Love: Chicanas, Motherhood and Activism*, were shown on campus.

Chicana, released in 1979, gives a history of the plight of chicanas and includes many chicana activists.

The second documentary

released in 2009 brought to light a different aspect of Chicana activism. The main question posed in the documentary asked if mothers were cheating their children by being activists. An interesting tension came into play considering that these

mother activists were dedicating their lives to fight for the rights of mothers while giving up some aspects of motherhood at the same time.

Valentine's Day Carnations

For Valentine's Day, Sigma Delta Pi sold red carnations (SDP's flower!) with Spanish messages and translations attached.

The messages had three levels depending on the level of intimacy: Mild, Spicy, and Flamin' Hot. Some of

the messages included "Feliz Día de San Valentín" and "Un gran beso y un fuerte abrazo."

Lots of people helped support SDP during the sale, including our own Truman president, Dr. Troy Paino!

Thanks to everyone who participated! It was a big success.

Women's Panel

This panel consisted of three Latina students, one political science professor, and one history professor. These voices complimented each other, discussing personal experiences as Latinas while learn-

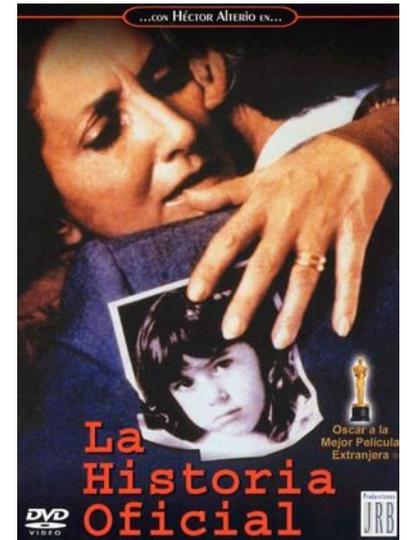
ing about the historical and political contexts of these experiences. Through the laid back and insightful conversation, attendees were able to hear a few pages of the story of Latinas in America.

La historia oficial

This Argentinian movie was the final movie shown for Women's History Month. It deals with the Argentinian dictatorship of the 1970s and the Dirty War, focusing on the

"desaparecidos" and the search for their children.

Prior to viewing the film, a presentation about the film and its historical context was given.



The event was successful! Many viewers enjoyed the film and the discussion that followed.

National Sigma Delta Pi Photo Contest



“Somos amigos y eruditos”

Rho Rho decided that it would be fun to participate in the SDP Facebook Photo Contest this year! Thirteen of our members stayed after a meeting one evening and had a quick photo shoot with our fun and traditional t-shirts.

Our photo, "Las letras nos unen" won second place! Here are the two photos we submitted for your enjoyment.

“Las letras nos unen”



Slam de Poesía

This year’s Slam de Poesía did not take place at Dukum Inn as has been the custom for a few years. Instead, we brought the event back to campus! Participants read poetry, sang karaoke, and told jokes, all in Spanish!

- The winners included:
- 1st Place Poetry: Derek Benjamin
- 2nd Place Poetry: Lauren Chapman
- 3rd Place Poetry: Madeline Smith
- Karaoke: Michelle Ehrhard
- Jokes: Shari Fieser



Dr. Capuano presenting a poem

Bienvenidos a los miembros nuevos

Current members and faculty attended Spring 2014 Initiation to welcome four new members. The event was held at the Newman Center once again.

New initiates included, from left to right in the picture, Lindsey Forker, Mollie Killion, Andrew Clooney, and Victoria Meeks.



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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

Micah McKay

Since graduating from Truman in 2004, Micah has used Spanish almost every day!

He obtained a Master's degree in Spanish to English Translation from UW-Milwaukee, a Master's degree in Hispanic Literature from UW-Madison, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Hispanic Literature at UW-Madison.

Additionally, Micah has worked as a medical interpreter and served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Peru.

Thanks for the update, Micah! We are glad to hear of your post-Truman success!

To provide Rho Rho with your alumni update, please fill out the survey at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TQCyfdsPpU7991FK83mkwrLMoLtsWGPsxKi7x_o40U0/viewform
We hope to hear back from you soon!