

BROWNIE BITES

Alpha Phi Omega
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Which family do you belong to?

ASK BROWNIE!

Where all of your questions may or may not be answered.

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Dear Michelle and joy!

I just want to say I appreciate your example above!!!!

Dear Anonymous,
My name is not Michelle & Joy – IT'S BROWNIE! And just in case you all are wondering about the example question this person is talking about, it is...

Dear Brownie, Why do I always hear Darshika's name in the song "Sliding Down the Pole" by E-40? - Yours truly,
Stupid Dumb and Hyphy
- **Brownie**

Dear Brownie,
Why do people scream out
BLUEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE?

- Curious

Dear Curious,
In what society do you live in where people scream out colors?! If I were you I would get out of there. It sounds like a place filled with stupid, crazy people!

- **Brownie**

Dear Brownie,
May I have a hug?

Dear Anonymous,
No you may not.
-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

Why don't I ever feel like a plastic bag? How come sparks never shoot out of my chest? Am I defective?

Signed,
Teenage Nightmare

Dear Teenage Nightmare,
You don't feel like a plastic bag because you actually feel so fly like a G6 or you wake up in the morning feeling like P Diddy. And, yes. Yes, you are defective because sparks don't shoot out of chest. O_o

- **Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

I am having trouble remembering things like the oath and purpose of APHIO. Is there any tid bits or things that helped you out in remembering them?
Yours truly,
Clueless

Dear Clueless,
From what I've heard from members, your best bet is to try to memorize the oath and purpose in segments. That way, you can learn a little bit at a time rather than going for the whole load. You can even do this within a span of a few days. Writing it down continuously is also a good learning technique. You can also ask your big for their own methods. In the end, it's all up to what is best for you.

-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

WHAT IS LOVE?
BABY DON'T HURT ME. DON'T
HURT ME. NOO MORE
-Love Capital H-I-M

Dear Capital H-I-M,

Before you go off quoting lyrics from cheesy 90s songs (and wonderful name of choice by the way, Mister Gaga), please consider the fact that this is an ask column, not a free-for-all bulletin board where you can put whatever resides in your small brain for everyone and your mother to see. And for your real reply: Can we really give a definite answer to that age-old question?

-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

Is this real life? Or is this just fantasy?

-From, Confused

Dear Confused,

Neither. It's Inception.
-**Brownie**

Brownie,

If you were not a moose, what kind of animal would you want to be?
:)

Dear :),
Why would I be anything other than a moose? I'm a moose through and through. Though the idea of becoming a flying reindeer is a little tempting...

-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

Your name is so yummy. Please give three reasons not to eat you

-HUNGRY Tuhhmmy

Dear HUNGRY Tuhhmmy,

First of all, just because my name SOUNDS yummy, it doesn't mean I am the most edible of animals. Second, I am a moose—when was the last time you have heard of someone eating one? Lastly, if you ever dare to approach me, I come with bone-crushing antlers. Beware.

-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

Why are you our mascot? Why cant another moose be our mascot?

Dear Anonymous,
Do you have a problem with me being your mascot? Do you see any other talking and writing-proficient moose wanting to be your mascot? I've come from a long line of Brownies that were loved and cherished by the Mu Zeta chapter. The fact is, I am your mascot now and I will be here for a long, long time. Don't hate me because I'm beautiful.

-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

How come, sometimes, after I poop and wipe, my butt hurts and I find blood on the tissue?

-Bloody Mess

Dear Bloody Mess,
Do I look like a doctor to you? I really do not want to know what goes on when you do a No. 2. In all seriousness, I think you need to get that checked out. Blood is never a good sign. Blood in your feces is a common symptom for hemorrhoids or anal fissures (fact of the day).

-**Brownie**

Dear Brownie,

When will there be a Brownie VI?
Your neck has been looking quite
limp lately... perhaps you are losing
your stuffing.

-Dory

Dear Dory,

I have been looking a bit off lately,
haven't I? But that doesn't mean
you should replace me just yet.
Perhaps a re-stuffing should be
made, or even a new make-over.
Whatever you do, just remember
to do it with love.

P.S. I'm watching you.

-Brownie

Dear Brownie,

Does Francisco N. even go to
school? I always see him doing like
2523521 of hours.

-Not so greedy France

Dear Not So Greedy France,

I think you are exaggerating about
the number of hours dear Francisco
does, but I have to admit he has been
doing a lot of community service
hours this semester. I do know for a
fact (from reliable sources of course)
that he DOES go to class, as hard it
may be to believe. Maybe he's just
dedicated to APhiO. Maybe he has
nothing better to do. Why don't
you question him yourself? There's
nothing better than to ask from the
source.

-Brownie

Dear Brownie,

Why are Michelle and Joy so amazing?

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
Michelle and Joy are amazing in epic
proportions because without their mean-
ingful existence, all awesomeness would
be voided from the world and the universe
would sadly implode on us. This would
be before or after the Earth spontaneously
combust into raging flames of Hades. You
will find their picture right next to the
definition of the word "Epic" in the Mer-
riam Webster(c) dictionary. Simply put,
they are the epitome of awesome. Don't
forget that.

-Brownie

Dear Brownie,

I am torn between two guys. How do I go
about finding out who my prince charming
really is!?

Lost, confused and ...

Dear Lost, confused and ...,

When it comes to the matter of the heart,
just remember to keep your wits up and
do whatever feels right for you. There is no
prince charming in the real world (Unless
there really is someone with that name. I
wouldn't put it past celebrities to try), but
there are people in this world that are lov-
ing and kind. Just go with the flow for now,
and maybe you'll find your answer soon.

-Brownie

Dear Brownie,

Why is Michelle Ibay so awesome?

Dear Anonymous,

Michelle is awesome because she can be. Aside from
that, the tale of Michelle's road to awesomeness did not
come without trials and tribulations. In the beginning,
there was Michelle. With only a spoon and a flashlight,
she took down demons/monsters/beasties/wild boars/
electronic spam/ Stephen Colbert/the four horsemen/
the SATs/the SAT II/ your mother-in-law/ world hunger/
and El Niño while scaling Mt. Olympus over 9000. Long
story short, she won. The end.

-Brownie

Dear Brownie,

Why is Joy so huggable?

Dear Anonymous,

Joy is huggable because she can be. I mean, just look at
her. How can you NOT want to hug this adorable as-
sortment of happy-happy joy-joy? If you hug her (with
her permission of course) chances are, she will hug you
back. It's a win-win situation. So what are you waiting
for? Go ahead and hug a Joy today!

-Brownie



**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING
FOR!?**

Brownie wants your questions and shout-outs!

Please send them at:
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Hey there MZ! My name's Alyssa and I'm proud to be an active member and your chapter historian this semester. Now that I've already gone through pledging, being in APO is a totally new experience. Well not totally new, but more like newly familiar. Everything seemed normal this semester until I saw all the new pledges come in and the unfamiliarity flooded back to me. I realized how much I have learned in the past semester and how much these fresh new faces have yet to experience and figure out. Thinking back to my first few weeks as a pledge, it's just plain weird how much has changed. First of all, my vocabulary has completely transformed. The words "line" and "family" mean totally different things now. I can't think of rocks, paper, or scissors without associating them with a color. "IC" used to be what the streets were after it snowed. "DP" is a verb that we were taught to

fear, although to others it is considered a quite dirtier act. I always have to explain what "ExComm" is to other people...c'mon, it obviously stands for Executive Committee, everyone knows that. Interviews and signatures used to be things only celebrities gave out. Words like "big" and "little" and "active" were never nouns to me before. Brownie used to be a delicious dessert. Roll call was what teachers would use to check attendance. And to the novice, mugging sounds like a violent way to end a meeting. Pledges, if you are not Asian enough, make sure you brush up on important words like "pho" and "boba." This is very important. Anyway, enjoy your education pledges! I can assure you, at the end of this experience, your idea of the word "brother" will be entirely different than you ever imagined.

-Alyssa Royce



Fall Semester 2010 was an unforgettable one I must say. Pledging and crossing over with 30 of my pledge brothers was a big accomplishment for all of us. Now that it is Spring Semester and I am back as an official member, it kind of feels unrealistic to me. Often I find myself thinking that I am still a pledge because my mind has not fully grasp the fact that I have crossed over. It all happened so fast! One moment I was stressing out getting ready to quit, then all of a sudden I'm at my own banquet. Being back I truly miss the whole pledging process

because we are not forced to be around each other 24/7. I actually liked being around everyone at all times, it really made me feel like I had another family besides from my blood related ones. People were saying how after pledging process everyone does not really hang out with each other anymore. I would like to object to that because JLC is still around each other and still remaining strong. We are stuck to each other like glue! Many of us have created tight bonds with one another! APO has allowed me to have a relationship with one of the greatest people I have ever met. I love when we all yell out our "JLC! We crazy" chant because it always brings me back to every late pledge meeting we had. It is crazy how although it ended very late for some reason we still had the energy to scream at the tops of our lungs. GOOD TIMES! Though my pledging chapter has ended a new beginning has arise. Now as a member I hold a position that I am very proud of and cannot wait to put my own little magic touches to. Overall, APO has been an amazing experience that I am truly blessed to be a part of.

-Duyen Pham



Hello everyone. This is Francisco Nguyen writing about the great fellowship events and services that I have done so far. Well to start things off, I would like to say that some of the service projects that I have been to were rewarding. The Glide Memorial is a memorable event that I felt very accomplished at. I had to sort food out and serve dishes to people. Many people were very friendly to me and just hearing them say "Thank You" is already rewarding for me. It makes me feel happy on the inside and it just makes me want to do more service projects to receive that feeling again. Another project that I did that I thought was fun was the food bank. We had to weigh the food to exactly one pound for whatever food they gave us. It was fun since we had music to listen to. It was also fun since I had friends to go to and help with the food. This made my day since I never thought working would be so much fun. It shows me that helping others can make a great impact on them. A fellowship event that I enjoyed very much is bowling night. It was very exciting getting to play with the pledges and getting to know them a little bit more. I met quite a few people while I was bowling. When I was walking around the place, I saw a few members mingling with some of the pledges and it seemed like they got along pretty well. People were cheering and encouraging each other while they bowled. It reminded me of my first pledge fellowship, bowling night. People were getting along and taking many pictures. It just brought back a very fine memory that I will always cherish. The

last service project that I did was for campus hours. What we did was helping out the school to get ready for pride prom. We helped decorate the room before pride prom started. It showed me that there are many creative ideas that people made. Alpha Phi Omega has helped me get more organized and friendly towards people. I have been keeping myself busy doing service projects because I enjoy helping out others whenever they need it. If I am not doing a service project, I would usually hang out with AphiO members and pledges. Alpha Phi Omega is the best thing I ever did. Without it, I would be a little lost and bored. I never regret a second joining this Fraternity.

-Francisco Nguyen



During my experience as an Alpha Phi Omega pledge, I realize that it can be stressful and very tedious at times. But it will be very rewarding in the end. So far, I met so many new friends that I can now call my "best friends". And now many of the members/pledges that I've met so far, I hang out with them the most. One of my greatest fears is meeting new people because I don't like being out of my comfort zone. So APO helped give me that extra push to take that next big initiative to try to meet new people. At first, I was skeptical about joining Alpha Phi Omega because it wasn't in my interest to join a fraternity. However, I knew that if I didn't, I would be missing out on my college life. Basically, I want to get most out college life since I didn't get a choice to choose which college I got to go since

my family told me to apply only to SFSU.

The most memorable moment by far would be probably Spring Sectionals, especially when I participated in roll call. I never realized how much fun dancing would be and I didn't realize that this year was going to be the first year that they were going to judge the event. So it motivated me even more to win the friendly competition! Besides aiming to win the event, I really like dance but I never had the opportunity to show off my dancing skills because I don't have a lot time on my hands. Not only was the dancing really fun, I also met a lot of new people. It was an amazing experience and I hope to participate in next year's sectionals. I wish that most of the pledges got to experience what I have since most of them missed out and hope they can participate in the future.

-Andrew Lo



Dear Mu Zeta,
 My life is crazy right now. I barely have an hour in a day to sit back on a chair and relax. I even bought myself a little memo book to keep track of all the events from a day to day basis. I have always heard about all the horror stories and how time consuming the pledging experience was. I now realize truly how time demanding the entire process is. On the brighter side, I am very happy to be pledging for Alpha Phi Omega for many reasons. First, I feel like this organization and its requirements are putting my scheduling and planning capabilities to the test. If I am able to go through with the entire pledging process and be a fellow member of Alpha Phi Omega and not only survive, but do well in all my classes, I am able to overcome any challenge in the next semester. And second, through these past three to four weeks, I have met some of the most unique, kind, and supportive people I've met at San Francisco State University. I know it will all be worth it in the end. I am willing to go forth and improve my personal skills in the Cardinal Principles of leadership, friendship, and service. I hope all my pledges will be consistent and stick with Alpha Phi Omega with me!

Furthermore, I would like to speak on my experience at the service project on Sunday 2/27/2011. It was for the Academy of Friends at the San Francisco Design Center. Upon arrival, the scene was beautiful – glowing purple and pink lights everywhere, delicious and delicate food being served left and right, and everybody dressed up in tuxedos and all types of coats made from animal skin. My job was to be coat check, but I was rotated from job to job quite often. What I realized at the end of the day was how much closer I was able to get to the members and pledge brothers. We had a lot of fun moments; everyone was able to be themselves – outside of the school environment. It was an amazing experience and I would definitely do it again.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Li
 Mu Zeta Pledge



So I pledged Fall 2010 and I really enjoyed my experience. I got to meet a lot of cool people and I really enjoyed all the service projects that I did and the pledging process in all even though it was tough. I am happy that I decided to pledge at the time I did. I really enjoy having a lot of pledge bros and it was fun getting to know all of them. I think the only thing I did not like about pledging was that I was sick for a good portion of it. I never want to lose my voice again. I am so happy that everyone was nice when I lost my voice and it was all raspy. I am also glad that my big was

around and checked up on me every once in a while, it kept me motivated to keep pledging and she really helped me study for the final. But it is a new semester and it is so weird that I am a member now and getting a little! I cannot wait to get to know my little more over the semester and plan events as one of the scissor heads. Last semester I did not think I would be an appointed for a while, but somehow ended up as a scissor head and email chair. It is a new experience having to plan family events and having to check my email constantly during the day. Sometimes even checking during the night when I forget to silence my phone. Hopefully this semester does not go by too fast.

-Terri Yonemitsu



Hi MZ this Nancy and I am pledging for the KY pledge class!!!
 (: Pledging has been really fun so far because I am getting to know my pledge brothers and sister which is very exciting, I will also be getting my big very soon and I really cant wait for that either. I join Alpha Phi Omega because I wanted to be able to be a good leader one day and be able to give back to the community that has serve me. Being in this fraternity has given me the chance or should I say the start of giving back slowly by doing community service which I love. My first service project that I did was a country one and it was the Academy of Friends

Gala. It was very crazy because it was like a party for the Oscar that people go to an have a good time and whatever they buy would go to a organization that helped with something. When I do service project I feel like I get to know my fellow pledge brothers and sisters a little better because we are working together and would have sometime to talk to each other has well. Clue week this week has been a lot of fun because I know that Bigs don't know little and little don't know Bigs so its fun to see everyone guess there Bigs or little. Clue week has been really excited for everyone because we all just cant wait to fine out, but so right now we are all going to have to wait until the big day on Saturday to know who are family and big are. Overall, I am really excited to take this journey with my fellow pledge brothers and sisters and just have fun!! (:

-Nancy Tran



Sectionals?

Falling asleep around 2 AM probably wasn't the best way to prep for one long ass day in Stockton. As hit the snooze button for the sixth time, Amy's voice called out to me "Come on slave, it's time to wake up!" Crap I thought as I looked over to my phone, 5 o'clock, just enough time to run my ass across the street and get ready. I grabbed my things and headed over. It was cold as hell and there was ice on my car, fantastic, something else I'll have to do later. I got back to my apartment to 3 sleeping roommates in the living room with the TV on some weird late night/ early morning TV. On my way to the car I spot a bunch of people walking in the cold to McDonalds, so we all hop in

and head over... 6:15, right on time... and nobody's there. I order something to eat and wait for it. More people arrive and I get my food. I pound the sandwich and hash browns and finish it all off with a couple red bulls. That should get me through the drive right? We head out on the road and wouldn't you know it, I accidentally get off the freeway too early and have to find my way back on, though that doesn't stop me from catching back up to everyone else. As soon as the first workshop starts, I realize what time it is. Naptime. My chin sits on my hand as I pass out and wake up just in time to move onto the next workshop. Networking was actually kind of interesting, but the best part was definitely the chairs. Workshop number 3? Naptime! The Hungry Caterpillar and Wall-e lull me to sleep until lunchtime. After that was activities which basically consisted of a relay race and tug-o-war. Then came break time before banquet, making Ricki's toilet paper swimsuit definitely brightened up my day a bit. Too bad he took it off before banquet. Roll call was legit! Though it was too bad there wasn't a dance afterwards. After that driving Mel back to Fremont and everyone else back home made me tired as FUCK. Though unfortunately we once I got into bed, I was wide-awake for another half an hour. Solid sectionals though. Solid.

-David Ogata



Hey Mu Zeta!!! My name is Darius Ngo and I am one half of your Multicultural AIDS Awareness Day chairs for the Spring 2011 semester. Last semester, I had the honor of experiencing the rigorous pledging program that Alpha Phi Omega offers. I made so many good friends and experiences that I will never forget, so unforgettable that it could possibly be one of the most amazing moments of my college career. It has only been a couple months since crossing over into becoming a member of fraternity, but it feels like my pledging experience was only just a dream. No more random pledge pin checks, no more interviews to type up, no more pledge meetings -- those are just a few of the many things that I have noticed that as being a member, I do not have the privilege of doing anymore. The experience of the journey with my fellow James L. Chandler (JLC) pledge brothers is still strong within my mind, but I already feel as if those days are already long gone.

As a person who recently just crossed over, I would like to recommend to the new Kingsley Yee (KY) pledge class to enjoy the journey that you will be going through. As you sit through the long pledge meetings and learn about the history and traditions of this fraternity, take some time to really get to know your pledge brothers. Do not see the pledge requirements as a thing to finish and accomplish; see it as a tool to help strengthen the bonds you create with your pledge brothers and members of the fraternity, as well as a tool to help bring out the inner Leadership, Friendship and Service within you. From this program, I grew leaps and bounds not only as a leader, but also as a friend and a person. So with that, I wish the KY pledge class the best of luck and to stay classy!

-Darius "Dngosaur" Ngo



For my very first service project as a pledge I signed up for the beach cleanup project at Ocean Beach on Thursday February 24th. The project really stood out to me because I spend a lot of time on that particular beach with friends and family, and I thought it would be great to give back to a place I spend a lot of time at. The plan was that there were to be multiple shifts, so my fellow pledge Brian Ignacio and I decided to take the afternoon shift together.

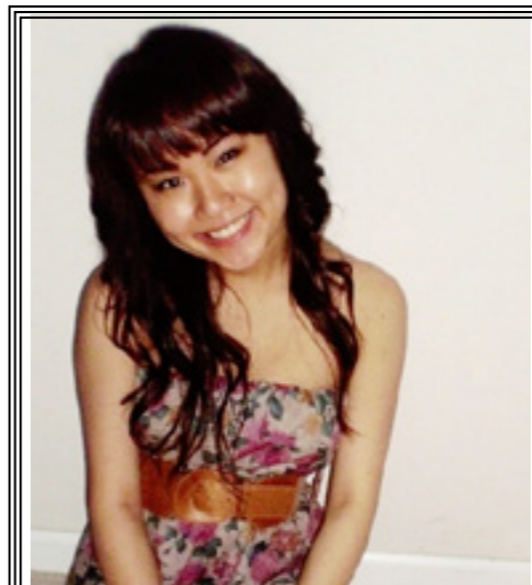
As it was my first project I didn't notice the signs that the project might not go as well as I had hoped it would. When Brian and I turned up at McDonalds at the appointed time, nobody else was there waiting to go to the project. I wasn't too alarmed at first, after all we were a little early, and it was raining lightly outside, it was possible that the others were late. After about ten minutes we called Ricki and found out that not only was there no chair for the project, but that we were the only two who signed up.

Feeling a little dejected, but determined, we headed out to Ocean Beach anyway. Our plan wasn't the most well thought out, but we hoped that we would be able to do something with the time we set aside. On the way to the beach we stopped to buy the supplies we needed, large plastic bags and makeshift gloves. We decided to head towards the same spot where we had enjoyed the post pledge ceremony bonfire, and there we met our next challenge; the weather.

Not only had the rain gotten worse, but there was a fierce wind. We stumbled out of the car into the wet breeze and immediately started picking up bits of trash that littered the sand. It was slow going, the wind tugged and pulled our bags, and the trash would skitter across the beach, but we somehow managed to collect enough to fit two bags. Plastered with water, weary from running, and our shift over, we decided to take our small victory and go back to campus.

Although the project was a bit of a failure, and we didn't achieve as much as we had hoped, I felt that the time we spent cleaning the beach wasn't entirely wasted. Not only did I experience what could potentially go wrong with future projects, but I got to learn a lot about Brian. So while I hope to use my experience to make sure service projects will go a bit smoother in the future, I am glad to know that there will be more opportunities for me to make new friends among the members and pledges of Alpha Phi Omega.

-Elizabeth Howard-Gibbon



My name is Lin Lan and I am currently pledging for Alpha Phi Omega. When I first heard of this organization from my friend I thought it was very interesting. With all the activities and services she described that this organization offers, it seemed different from other fraternities. Furthermore, the active members in the fraternity are very welcoming and friendly. After getting recruited I went to the first general meeting and met numerous people. All the members were very helpful with information and welcoming of our presence, it filled me with a sense of comfort and desire to pledge for this fraternity. This fraternity is different from all the other sororities that I went to during their info nights. It mainly focuses on community service rather than partying and this is what I like to do, contributing to the community and helping those who are in need of our help. By far one of the most memorable event I went to is Rack N Cue, in which I was able to meet all the other different

members that I have not met at the first general meeting. Also I got to interact with the members so I could get to know them better. I was teamed up with several members against some professionals at pool, of course in the end we lost due to my lack of experience in pool. After learning some facts from the pledge meetings about Alpha Phi Omega, I learned that not all fraternities revolve around intense partying but could also be like Alpha Phi Omega where a lot of friendships are developed as well as strong leadership skills.

-Lin Lan



Hello everyone! My name is Michelle Ibay and I am writing to you about what I have experienced during my time with Alpha Phi Omega. In fact, it will be more of a rant, so forgive me if I go a bit off-topic. I pledged last semester, meaning that I am part of the James L. Chandler pledge class. During my pledging experience, I had the chance to meet a very overwhelming number of people and got involved with many service projects. Considering that I just started my education at SFSU, mixing my studies with APhiO while getting used to college life was something I never expected to do. In the end, I'm just glad that I've gone through with it.

So why APhiO? One thing I like about this organization is the service projects we have to do. As someone who likes to contribute to society in a meaningful way (at least I hope it is), I find myself in the right spot to do so. APhiO is filled with many opportunities to provide service to humanity. The most recent project I went to was the Academy Of Friends Gala. It was a wonderful morning when I had to participate in this event. To be honest, I had no clue what everything was about or what we had to do. I

only signed up just to get my country hours over with. We actually had to wait outside for a while before getting instructions. As the day went by, I realized how magnificent the gala was. Hundreds of people came over just to watch the Academy Awards ceremony and enjoy the side stands. I would have never expected to watch the Oscars at a gala filled with classy people. We were in charge of the raffles, and boy was that crazy. We had people buying tickets and even had one person buy \$1000 worth of tickets. It was a worthwhile experience that I would like to repeat if possible.

There are plenty of reasons why I find this Fraternity so appealing. My experiences are only examples. Sure, it isn't for everyone, but once you go ahead and try your hardest, you'll find that the end product might be better than what you started with.

-Michelle Ibay



My name is Calvin and I am a second year in SFSU. What draws me into pledging for Alpha Phi Omega was the fun community of people. They are all talented within their own ways to contribute to run this chapter. I see people of leadership, friendship and service therefore I would like to be apart of that. This week is clue week and I have no clue who my big is. I have gotten some random clues about them and still cannot draw any conclusions. I think they know who I am because they wrote my name in one of the clues. I would like to know in order for them to help me through this pledging process. I have so many questions to ask them so we can bond. There seems to be a lot of service to be done and not enough service projects. The people in the KY pledge class are very chill and fun to be around. I look forward to working with them as well as the KY pledge class to make this semester the best ever. Also I can't wait to meet our namesake and interview him. I would like to know everything about him and how he became our namesake. Pledging is a once in a lifetime opportunity that should be taking full advantage of. No matter how tough the requirements are we will get through this as a pledge class. In recent weeks we have several depledges, and I feel bad. We are dropping like flies and I have not even got a chance to know them. I hope the remaining people of our pledge class will stick together and grow together from common acquaintances to family.

-Calvin Zhu



“Be the change you wish to see in the world.” This quote by Mahatma Gandhi ultimately gave me the push to join APHIO as a Spring 2011 Pledge. Pledging, has so far, been one of the most rewarding yet overwhelming experiences I have done in my life. It has let me meet great people, especially my ‘royal and regal’ pledge class Kingsley Yee. Pledging has also given me a lot of stress and anxiety with all the tasks we have to complete, memorize, and be tested on. Even though it gets tough sometimes being able to juggle school, work, and pledging, I find it to be one of the best choices I have made in my college career. It has let me give back to my community in a way that I never felt that I could in other community organizing groups on campus. I feel connected to my fellow pledge brothers and feel like I am participating as one of the family instead of some random volunteer. It has also let have some fun experiences to look back on such as the beach bonfire, Spring 2011 Sectionals, the Academy of Friends service project, and

bowling. When I have talked to the members, each one has tended to express to me how much work that goes into, yet how much fun pledging is. Even though I am in my early stages of pledging, it has allowed me to grow as a person in the short period of time that I have done it. It has allowed me to experience a little more of college life that I did not think I would or could be apart of. Being a Sociology major, I have always found the importance of helping one's community and making a change in society, which is one main reason I decided to join APHIO. APHIO has given me a sense of purpose and a space for me to learn how to be leader within my community and hopefully be able to share within my hometown of Stockton, CA as a future community college Sociology professor. I realize my potential and worth contributing to a dignified organization such as Alpha Phi Omega. I am excited to be apart something I know will make difference in other peoples' lives and for the possibility to transform the community, campus, country and chapter.

In leadership, friendship and service,
Desiree' Cook

Your Big Sibling

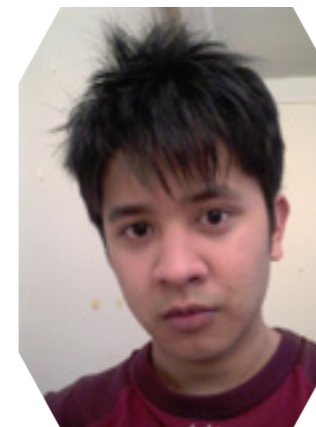


Hello, Mu Zeta. I know Clue week is already underway as I write this but I just wanted to give the Kingsley Yee Pledges a little insight of what a Big Brother is. When I Pledged in the Fall semester of 2009, all the Brothers told us (during Clue Week) was that we were going to be given a Big Sibling to help us cross. As independent and self-sufficient as I was, I didn't really appreciate or understand the full meaning of having a Big Brother. Revealing passed quickly and I still didn't understand why I had a Big Sibling. The semester continued and slowly I bonded with my Big. We had a lot in common but she wasn't around as much as everyone else's Bigs. But I guess I should have considered myself lucky. Some Bigs seem to disappear right after Revealing never to be seen or heard from again. I don't mean to be discouraging, implying that your Big might just leave you high and dry. That's not always the case. Allow me slow down. To put it simply, when I Pledged, my Big was barely around. But when I crossed and took on the next semester as an Active Brother, I spent countless hours bonding with my Big. I don't know if it was because she wasn't as busy anymore or if I just wasn't as busy with my Pledging require-

ments. Whatever it was, we grew close and I'm proud to call her my Big. So it doesn't matter if it's this semester or the next. There are 2 sides to this relationship: Either sulk and wonder why it's not working well or you can call your Big out and make sure they're there for you. You just have to make time for them as well because you can't get something with nothing.

Your Pledge Masters have done the best they could to pair you up and with 3 semesters of APO under my belt, you can trust me: They do their best. Sometimes the Pledge Masters pair up people who are so much alike they can't stand each other. Sometimes the Pledge Masters have no idea what they're doing. My Pledge Masters had no idea who to pair me up with and my Big was the last resort, hoping something good would come of it. Fortunately, it was one of the best matches around. But what I'm trying to get at is the point of having a Big Sibling IS NOT to be paired up with someone you'll get along with. You are paired up with a Big so that they can help you cross and to feel welcomed within the Fraternity. You don't have the right to be upset with the Pledge Masters if things are rough and you can't be upset with your Big once they've disappeared after you crossed. So if you want to keep that bond, it's not going to just stay with you; work for it. For some of you, this bond will come quick. If it doesn't, then work for it! When you do, you'll understand why the Members are always shouting, “I love you, Big.” When you hear it, we mean it. And if you're reading this, (though you probably won't because you're, again, never around now,) I LOVE YOU, BIG! :D (and all my Littles too) <3

-Nathaniel Dizon



I never expected community service would be pleasurable. The first service event I went to in Alpha Phi Omega was the Academy of Friends, 2011, in the San Francisco Galleria. The event was a huge party thrown for people who donated a lot of money to various HIV/AIDS service organizations found in the San Francisco Bay Area. Everyone in that party was dressed formally, making it look like a party for the really rich—I felt blessed to be a part of that atmosphere. My job was to offer my services as a coat checker. I did some teamwork with Phoi Wong, Bryant Chen, Thomas Blaze, Shirley Lay, Calsey Chan, Susie Wong, Bonnie Fong, Kristin Lam, and probably more others at my station. I would say we all had fun serving the guests, and as my very first service project, I was glad to experience helping out in the community, for I never did community service before this.

Other than my first service project, I would like to vent out my experiences as a pledge. This is really the first time I am pledging in Alpha Phi Omega, and the whole process seems like a huge endeavor to overcome. I've meet a lot of really cool people and have seen many familiar faces. This whole bonding process and meeting new people seems really fun, yet I am worried about keeping up my grades and becoming a brother of the organization. I fear of not doing my best in my organic chemistry II, microbiology, and environmental chemistry classes, for I might not have enough time to study the material. I don't want grades lower than an A! How do you members do it?

-Justin Papa



Diggin' Deep To Keep From Being Buried Alive

They say, "you're going to get back whatever you put into something," and for the most part, I'd have to agree. But sometimes, within APhiO, it feels like you know how much of yourself you give, yet it isn't enough in the end to really help accomplish a goal you set out for in the beginning. I question all the time, "why is it that I stay connected and absorbed in this organization?"

APhiO takes time away from the #1 reason we are all here: school. If we fail school, then we can't even be active and you lose out on two things in life instead of just one, so why do we still risk it? Late nights, powerpoint presentations, long meetings, "requirements?" At

the heart of our organization is service, which in itself is supposed to be voluntary, so why is it that we are "required" to "volunteer" so many set hours in order to be considered an active member? Isn't wanting to do this out of the goodness of our hearts and spirits enough to be considered being active?

In the midst of sickness and the frustration of juggling multiple lives and not really being able to give myself to any of them, I bring myself back to my original question: Why do I stay in Alpha Phi Omega?

Activation Ritual; looking left and right at my pledge brother's of whom I did my absolute best to be there for and I knew then that they felt the same. Having come through one of the most stressfully traumatic experiences we've ever been through, together, bonded us deeply and is one of the biggest reasons I come back. My p.bro's and other APhiO mentor's who I met through pledging left a significant mark in my life that has changed me for the better and I am extremely grateful.

As I look back on all the up and downs I've had with APhiO so far, there is no other group of people I would rather devote time to and experience all this with.

Jon Duldulao

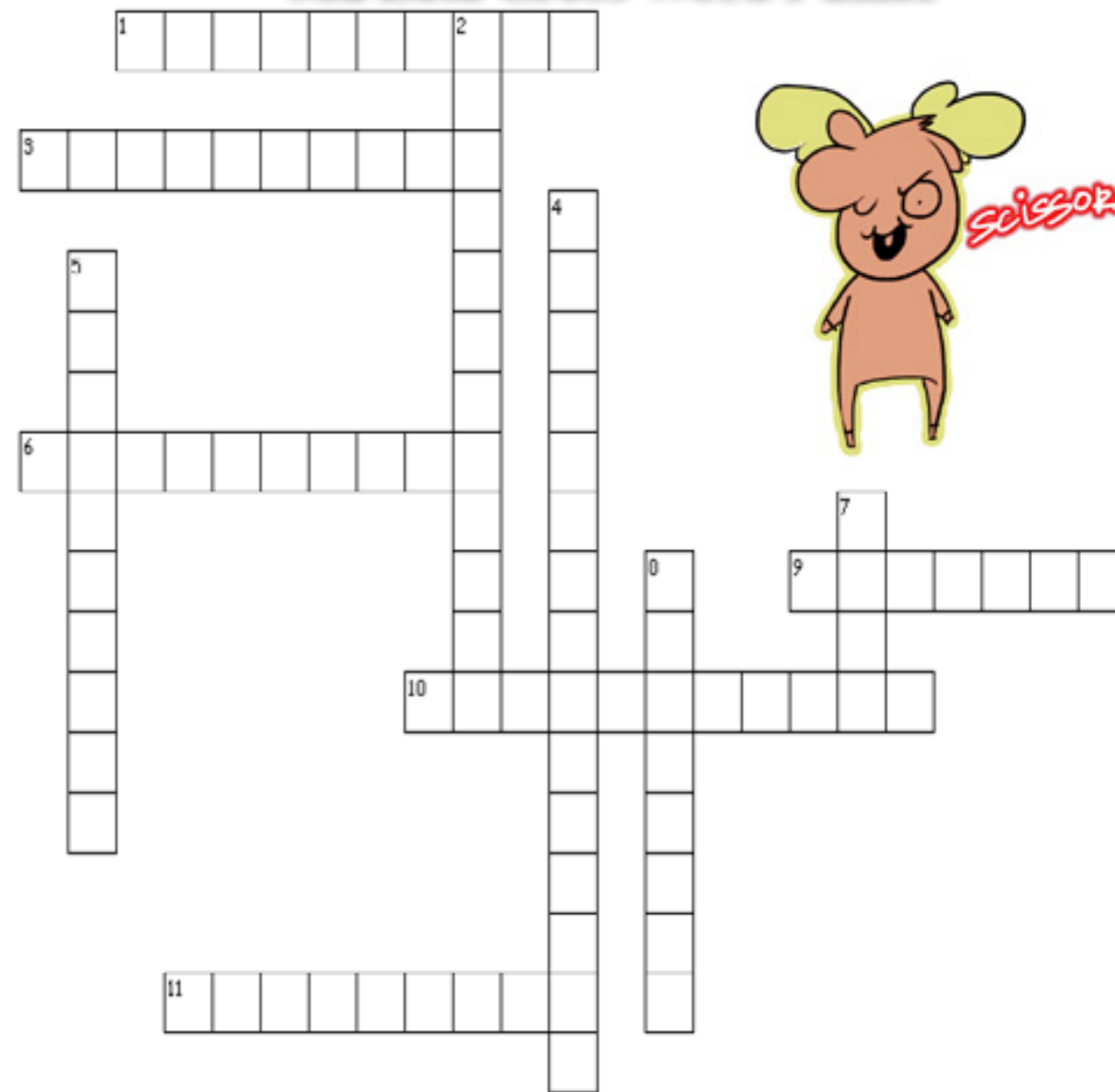


Wazzzzzzzzzzup MZ!! For those who don't know me, my name is Stephanie Aviles and I am 1/2 of your Rush Master for Spring 2011 along with my lovely co, Victor Luu! YAY. Anyways, Hi and welcome. So a little bit about me: I am currently a second year (junior standing, not to brag XD) undeclared with the interest in nursing formerly known as pre-nursing. I plan on applying to the nursing program this fall so beware because now until then you will constantly find me a little bit overwhelmed. Wish me luck! After college, I hope to be a Registered Nurse ready to give shots and save people's lives. On my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my lovely family and friends, sleeping, and trying foods that have don't contain pickles, coconut, ketchup, and mushrooms. My favorite color is lime green, but I bleed RED. I am big music whore and discovering new music is one of my favorite things to do. I am not sure if you have ever meant someone like me, of course you haven't what am I saying, but I am person who enjoys

keeping herself busy and I sometimes do the things that can be overwhelming but in the end, it feels amazing when I accomplishing them. I absolutely love seeing people smile, and if I could make someone smile, let alone laugh, would certainly make my day. Don't ever hesitate to come up to me and say hi because I promise you I will say hi back. Pledges, I am so glad that you have decided to take this journey with LFS and for your interest in becoming a future brother for Alpha Phi Omega. Some words of advice would be to invest in a planner trust me it will become your best friend and enjoy your pledging process because it only happens once. There will be times where it will get stressful and you will want to quit but just pushing yourself through it. I know you can all do it just remember that you get would you put in. We have all been in your shoes so if you ever need someone talk to or some words of advice don't be afraid to approach us. I look forward to meeting all of you this semester, good luck and enjoy your pledging process. Lately, trust me when I say that this will be an experience you will never forget.

-Stephanie Aviles

Mu Zeta Cross Word Puzzle



Across

- 1. ranking placement
- 3. a bond between one or multiple people
- 6. bonding time
- 9. not yet members
- 10. namesake
- 11. Darshika's position (ex.)

Down

- 2. chapter that held sectionals
- 4. the unofficial hangout spot for pledges and members
- 5. part of requirements
- 7. a representation of your identity
- 8. dance routine

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AND BROWNIE GOES TO....!

So Far:

Finance VP

Roll Call Choreographers

MAAD Chairs

AND BROWNIE JR. GOES TO....!

So Far:

Bryant Chen and Andrew Lo

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SUDOKU!

By Calsey Chan

BROWNIE SHOUT-OUTS!

Make your voice heard.

SHOUT OUT TO THE RED !!! Louis, Anna, G4, Jon... Ya'll know who you be! My JLCS.... you guys too crazy. MAMA CATERPILLAR! DADDY COCO! My unofficial roomies of APT302!And I guess the KY (jelly) class. Just kidding, you guys are kinda cool. But not as cool as JLC!.. obviously.

-Phoi Wong

I would like to give some shout outs to...

My Little, Tina: I am SO SORRY I couldn't be there for revealing! I had a crazy medical emergency! I wish I could have been there for you! I was so sad that I couldn't go :(!!! If you need anything, just let me know - that's what I'm here for! :D <3

My BFF, Jennifer Chang: Thanks for helping me out during Clue Week! I don't know what I'd do without you! <3

The Royal Line: Thank you so much for revealing my little! And a special thanks to Jason Lucas Chang as well! I LOVE YOU GUYS! You guys are the beeesst!

The New Royal Pledges: Tina, Mary, Christina, Andrew and Winson! Welcome to The Royal Line (the BEST LINE ever)! :D

My co, Michelle Ibay!

My JLCs! We CraaAaAaZYYY!

The beeessttttttttt family ever: PAAAAAPER!

-Joy Madeline Querida

I would like to give a shout out to my awesome big, Susie!

-Elizabeth Howard-Gibbon

I would like to give a shout out to my little for being such an amazing hot mess :)!

-Dory

I would love to give a shout out to ANGELICA YOUNG and KRYSTLE KOSHIYAMA for their INCREDIBLY HARD WORK @ revealing in an attempt to make it our best experience ever. So much love for you guys! Thank you!!!

-Jonathan Li

Hey,
If any rocks lost anything at Revealing, please let me know.
Cause I have your flag.
Yeah, rocks, I have your flag.
You know how you can get it back?
Put some PAPER IN YO MOUTH!!!!

PAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAPER

-Jon Duldulao

A shout out to James Wong aka the real KING-SLEY YEE! It was shocking to find out that you have always been with us when we were trying to find you.

-One of those repping your name

I would like to shout out to:
Joy & Michelle – For doing a great job on Brownie Bites!!
My Fellow Rebels:
Littles: Emilia, Nicolo, & Darius
GLittles: Angelica, Joanie, Chris & Andy
Greats: Kay & Terri
3Gs: Priscilla, Nancy & Desiree
4G: Dorothy
I <3 YOU GUYS

-Jennifer Chang

HEY LITTLE! I'm so happy I get to call you little now! Welcome to the OH line, little. We gon' have fun this semester! ;)

302, you know I love you guys. <3

BIG! Hi. You're cute.

CG. BC. Yeah you know who you be. <3

Mama Caterpillar, I love you. Youz the best.

Leopard, you're never around. boo you. I still love you.

-Phoi Wong

- Noel, Jackie, Trang D., Kaitlyn, Crystal, Tiffany, Kay, Dward, and everyone else who helped with Clue Week and Revealing! Thank you guys sooooo much!!

- Kingsley Yee pledge class!!! You guys are AMAZING!!! :)

- JAM Class!!!! we're still kicking!

- REBEL LINE!!! Especially to the new little Rebels (Desiree, Nancy, Andy, Chris, and Dorothy)

- my amazing and crazy co and DPIC, Krystle Koshiyama! You keep me sane, and I am grateful to have met you and to have been your co for these 2 crazy semesters! I LOVE YOU!!!!

-Angelica

Shout out to Angelica Young and Krystal Koshiyama for their hard work! Thanks Pledge Moms!!

-KY pledge

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