

History

Kappa Epsilon was founded in 1921 with the purpose to unite women pharmacy students across the United States. Now open to both men and women, Kappa Epsilon has played an important role in supporting the professional and personal development of its members for almost 100 years.

Mission

Our mission is to empower our members to achieve personal and professional fulfillment by developing their confidence, self-esteem, interpersonal skills, and leadership vision while representing the interests of the membership to healthcare professionals and the community-at-large.

Relationship to Parent Organization

The UMKC Omega Chapter of the national Kappa Epsilon organization was chartered on April 12, 1958.

Major Activities

Kappa Epsilon is committed to promoting awareness concerning women's health issues including breast cancer and ovarian cancer awareness. Our chapter hosts the annual Bowling for Breast Cancer tournament in the fall to raise funds for the Young Survival Coalition, a global organization that offers resources, connections, and outreach to strengthen and empower local communities of young adults affected by breast cancer. We also reach out to local and national cancer organizations; to local and regional physicians and medical practices; and to anyone who has been personally impacted by breast and ovarian cancer.

When you think about Kappa Epsilon, one of your first thoughts should be "community service." Our members participate in many fundraising and volunteer events throughout the year. In addition to volunteer events attended by members, we hold a competition style event every spring, the proceeds of which go to support the winning contestants' charity of choice and Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet. Members of KE believe that serving others is fun and are always looking for new ways to serve our community!

Social

Though our schedules are busy, we don't forget to have fun! While chapter activities change every year, some common activities include rush events, holiday parties, pledge-in ceremonies, initiation ceremonies, Big/Little Sib night, and social/fellowship gatherings. With so many fun events, our KE family has many opportunities to get together and have a great time. Previous activities have included rock climbing, corn maze, laser tag, ice cream socials, Dave & Busters, Sol Cantina, BBQ social, and more!



Awards

The Omega Chapter has received many awards throughout the years for our involvement, community outreach, and leadership on the campus and the national levels:

- 2015-2017 National Outstanding New Member Recruitment Honorable Mention
- 2015-2017 National Alumni Outreach Honorable Mention
- 2012-2013 National Alumni Involvement Honorable Mention
- 2010-2011 National Chapter of the Year Runner-up
- 2009-2011 National Project Excellence Award PharmCORP
- 2009-2010 UMKC Student Government Association's Most Active in Community Service Award
- 2006, Professional Fraternity Association, National Community Service Award
- 2006, UMKC Student Government Association Best Service Organization
- 2003-2004 National Chapter of the Year Award

Officers

President	Cortni Stevenson
Vice-president	Kyle Walker
Secretary	Kristina Strong
Treasurer	Alyssa Bui
New Member Recruitment Team	Micah Anderson, Alexis Hudspeth, Kristina Strong
Chaplain	Saylor Grau
Advisor	Dr. Cameron Lindsey

How to Join

If you are interested in becoming a loyal and valuable member of Kappa Epsilon, we would love to talk with you and encourage you to get involved early! By joining KE, you will be entitled to all we have to offer as a lifelong member and you will form friendships while expanding both your social and professional networks. Every officer and member will be thrilled to talk with you about KE. We look forward to meeting you!