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What Are You Most Proud Of?

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I stood outside the chapter president's room listening through the door to the women on the other side throwing out phrases like "birthday cake" and "history wall." I turned the knob to see 40 faces of the women I had pledged with just three and a half years prior. All heads and focus turned to me, "Holly, we have an idea for you." Thirty minutes, a comprehensive pitch, and one stellar idea later, PC '13 was on the move to put Oklahoma Alpha's first Sisterhood Day into action.

Due to no frills, values based recruitment championed by Pi Beta Phi, our university's recruitment ended the Skit Round prior to recruitment 2016, leaving a hole in our traditional recruitment plan. Although our plans were good, nothing had clicked just the right way. We had 48 hours to get a plan together, otherwise we would not have a functioning sisterhood day: a devastating blow to what would be an otherwise seamless recruitment. My pledge class, a group full of women from every background and multiple different states, came together not looking to take credit or take over, but to come beside me in a moment of need for the betterment of our chapter.

Many chapters struggle to keep senior members involved in chapter activities—especially recruitment. This past recruitment at Oklahoma Alpha was one of the most successful in our chapter's recent history. Our sisterhood party, Pi Phi 150, was born out of sheer necessity, quick thinking and pure love and collaboration from a senior pledge class that genuinely cares.

Our "birthday party" for Pi Phi celebrating 150 years of sisterhood brought recruitment to life for our chapter. From the wall displaying over 100 years of Oklahoma Alpha chapter history, to the conversation filled with genuine connection based on all six of our core values, our seniors put together a celebration that Oklahoma Alpha will never forget. The message to potential new members throughout the entire day was that the 200 women in front of them were just a small part of Pi Phi's sisterhood, and that the most important part of our recruitment wasn't about décor or door songs, but the chapter that made them happen led by an outstanding senior class. Through our conversations, commitment and teamwork, we were able to showcase the different personalities that reflect our core values not just during a recruitment party, but everyday.

That is what we are truly proud of.