

ALPHA OMICRON PI

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Alpha Omicron Pi Mourns the Loss of Columbia Dyson

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (January 16, 2019) -- Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity is devastated by the loss of Columbia Dyson, 22, a collegiate member of AOII's Alpha Mu Chapter at Duquesne University. Dyson passed away Monday, January 14, after being found unconscious in her residence hall and transported to the hospital. Alpha Omicron Pi sends its deepest condolences to Dyson's family and to the sisters of the Alpha Mu Chapter. It is AOII's hope that members will find the support they need through the ties of sisterhood and comfort from friends and family. Alpha Omicron Pi is grateful for the Duquesne University community and all those who are offering support to our members, while keeping Dyson's loved ones in their thoughts during this difficult time.

Badge Draping Information

The Fraternity will observe a draping of the badge in conjunction with the Alpha Mu Chapter, who has announced plans to honor Dyson with a draping of the badge on Tuesday, January 22. When any member of Alpha Omicron Pi passes away, each collegiate and alumna member may indicate respect and mourning by draping her badge for up to seven days. The preferred method of draping the badge is to pin the badge through a small piece of black ribbon. Collegiate and alumnae chapters may also hold the Memorial Ritual for Chapters and Members, a ceremony intended for initiated members of Alpha Omicron Pi to honor a deceased member.

About Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi was founded in 1897 at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City. AOII has over 190,000 initiated members and 144 current installed collegiate chapters, with 164 active alumnae chapters across the United States and Canada. Alpha Omicron Pi is an international women's fraternity promoting friendship for a lifetime, inspiring academic excellence and lifelong learning and developing leadership skills through service to the Fraternity and community. To learn more about Alpha Omicron Pi, visit the Fraternity website at www.alphaomicronpi.org, or find AOII online on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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