

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville C272 Lambda Theta Chapter**  
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**History and Heritage**

**Are there any famous or notable members who were a part of your chapter?**

Dr. Katie Harper Wright has been a member of KDP since 1968. Dr. Wright recently spoke at a KDP Banquet held for the graduating seniors. She has been very active in shaping the minds of young children. A school located in East St. Louis has been named after Dr. Wright.

**What accomplishment is your chapter most proud of?**

The Lambda Theta Chapter is most proud of the ACE Award received in 2009.

**Leadership and Membership**

**What sorts of things does your chapter do to develop members professionally?**

The Lambda Theta Chapter schedules guest speakers for each monthly meeting. These speakers are typically professors at SIUE or professionals within the community. Literacy Alive is a service project in which benefits not only the students in the school, but also the future educators within our chapter. Lessons are developed and presented to the students at the designated school. This is a great way for future educators to learn and grow.

**Who has been integral in the success of your chapter?**

Our Chapter Advisor, Dr. Barbara O'Donnell, has contributed to the success of our chapter. She supports and encourages all members in their academic and professional lives. Along with encouragement, she ensures chapter members are cohesive and work together efficiently.

**Programming**

**What does your chapter do best?**

Lambda Theta takes pride in giving back to the community through service. We work closely as an organization for a common cause, not to mention the dedication put forth for the organization and our community. Each member of Lambda Theta is dedicated to the organization and tries to go above and beyond to help anyone in whichever way possible. Not only do the members of Lambda Theta engage in service within the chapter, but also expand their service to members in the community outside of the chapter. This is a great accomplishment, and Lambda Theta hopes giving back to the community is something all members will thrive to do for many years to come.

**How has your chapter contributed to the community?**

Lambda Theta works closely with the community through service projects. We try to give back to the community as much as possible. Healing through the Arts is a service project held every month. Members of our chapter dedicate their time to the children at St. Johns Mercy Medical Center. The children participate in an activity they are able to bring back to their rooms. The smiles on the children's faces throughout the entire activity are very heartwarming.

Rosewood Nursing Center allows members of Lambda Theta to visit with the residents. One member brings her dog and children to also visit with the elderly. Lambda Theta feels it is vital to give back to those who helped shape our future.

There are numerous other ways Lambda Theta gives back to our community such as: Hope Center, Breakfast with Santa, Literacy Alive, St. Louis Food Bank, and Ronald McDonald House.