

"I will endeav or to retain the spirit of youth" \sim Sigma Chi Creed, George Ade $\Delta\Delta$ 1887

Reflections From Delta Delta's International Sweetheart Finalist

Delta Delta Sweetheart Cecilia Daizovi was one of the three finalists for International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Max Long, Delta Delta's Consul, who also attended Grand Chapter wrote, "First and foremost we could not be more proud of Cecilia and the way she represented Delta Delta. She carried herself very well, and despite not winning, she was able to make an incredible impact on the lives of many people over the past week."

Below are Cecilia's personal reflections on the experience of attending the 80th Grand Chapter in San Diego.

My experience at Sigma Chi's 80th Grand Chapter in San Diego was incredible, and it is a weekend I will remember for the rest of my life. Representing Delta Delta was beyond exhilarating, and I would not have been able to do it without the unwavering support and encouragement from each and every one of you. Thank you for believing in me, and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent our outstanding brotherhood.

It would be unfair if I didn't say that two people deserve a very special "thank you" for getting me to and through this process without an ounce of stress or worry. To our Consul Max Long and former Pro Consul Frank Speek, you both deserve more thanks than I could ever offer. For every Red Bull run you made, every dress you zipped, every tear you wiped away without smearing all my makeup, and every hug and pep talk you gave – thank you for being my rock through this experience. You both completely embody what this brotherhood means and live it to the fullest each day. I am so grateful for you both.

I feel very honored to have experienced many events and a few rituals that most undergraduate brothers never have the chance to experience. If it were up to me, each and every active brother of every chapter would attend Grand Chapter – seriously, it's that amazing. From the Order of Constantine Awards and Sexual Misconduct Training Seminars to the Significant Sig Awards Banquet and the pinning of the new Grand Consul, I got to take part in it all. I have no words to describe how it feels to be surrounded by such influential and successful men of all ages who share such a passion for Sigma Chi. There was no shortage of tears from anyone in attendance. I connected with so many great men, and even booked multiple speaking opportunities at a few different chapters before I left San Diego!



International Sweetheart finalists (L-R) Brynn Henderson, Kelsey Maggard and Cecilia



Brothers and Sweetheart (L-R) Grand Consul Mike Greenberg, Max Long, Cecilia Daizovi, Frank Speek and Keith Krach.

Kelsey Maggard of Western Kentucky was elected our 2015-2017 International Sweetheart, and my heart could not be happier for her or more excited for our undergraduates – what a truly kind and genuine woman she is! Sigma Chi has gained yet another amazing female ambassador, and Kelsey is going to do so many great things for this fraternity.

I am excited to continue staying involved with Sigma Chi through the Epsilon Chapter at George Washington University and the Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter. Both chapters have graciously reached out to me with invitations to continue my involvement in whatever capacity I can, and I will definitely be taking advantage of those opportunities. I am also thrilled to be working with Sigma Chi Headquarters and the Huntsman Cancer Institute in a capacity that will be revealed to you all very soon... stay tuned!

To my brothers – undergraduates and alumni – at Delta Delta: thank you for breathing love into my life. You have shown me what it means to live a life of purpose, service, and passion. None of this would have been possible without you. I hope I made you proud.

In Hoc,

Cecilia



International Sweetheart Kelsey Maggard with Cecilia.

