



# TEXAS KKY NEWSLETTER

*The Official Publication of the Alpha Tau  
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## WELCOME BROTHERS

Hello All,

Welcome to the official KKY Newsletter! I am extremely grateful and excited to serve as the President of the Alpha Tau chapter. We are looking forward to upholding a standard of dedication to the betterment of The Longhorn Band.

Hook 'em, and AEA!

Megan Farabee, SOLSTICE Fall 2022

### MORE GREAT READS IN THIS ISSUE:

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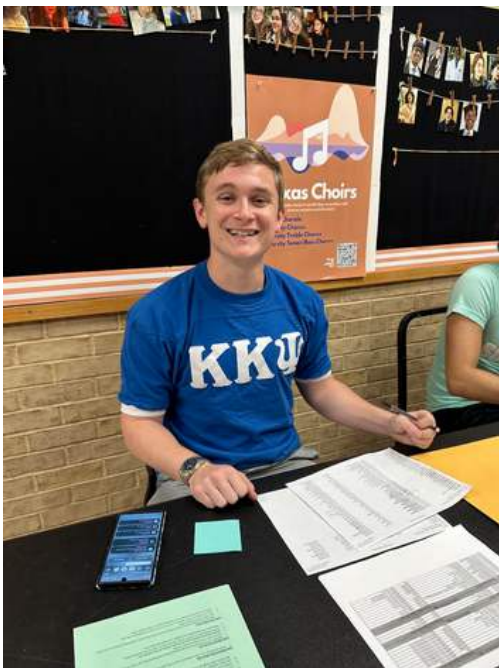
# TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

*Read about our brothers' service to music education for the entire state of Texas as they assist in hosting TSSEC!*

Alongside other organizations within the Butler School of Music, the Alpha Tau chapter is responsible for helping run UIL's Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest every year. Brothers assist by monitoring rooms, working info booths, selling concessions, and distributing awards. This year, we hosted all string instrument players who came to perform from high schools across the state of Texas.



The contest was a success, and we were also successful in raising money to further our service to the college and university bands. We hope to continue our partnership with UIL and help host TSSEC again next year!



Dylan Haines, alongside his KKY brothers, helped organize TSSEC registration and ensure that everything ran smoothly. Yay service!



Madison Bookman worked the concession stand, ensuring the children of TSSEC were properly fueling their bodies with the most exquisite candy!

## **Why is hosting TSSEC important to KKY and surrounding communities?**

"TSSEC is so important because it is a way for our great University and music organizations to give back and inspire future generations of musicians. Seeing performers from across the state is great and it was amazing to have the opportunity to volunteer at this event with all of our friends at the Butler School of Music. AEA!"

**- Vice President of Service Adrian Ibarra, SOLSTICE Fall 2022**

# MEET THE NEW MC CLASS

*Welcome our new class, Obsidian, before they embark on the Kappa Kappa Psi Membership Candidacy Process. While you're here, say hello to the other classes represented in Alpha Tau!*



## **OBSIDIAN - Fall 2024**

**Colors:** Black and Wisteria

**Class Size:** 22

**Vice Presidents of Membership:**

Emi Kruse and Madelyn Kraft

## **Obsidian Members**

David Ariza  
Noah Bliss  
Jack Carrion  
Drake Diaz  
Gary Eckroat  
Cheve Garcia

Parker Grizzle  
John Hamlet  
Corrie Jarrett  
Declan Kim  
Tyler Lane

Brandon Padron  
Jake Perez  
Duggan Persyn  
Camryn Scott  
Trinity Sherman  
Omari Tucker

Anna Tumanova  
Emma Voosen  
Will Webb  
Katelyn Wilson  
Vivian Zhang

## **THE OTHER CLASSES**



## **SOLSTICE - Fall 2022**

**Vice Presidents of Membership:**

Katie Acker & Nick Solis



## **INFERNO - Fall 2023**

**Vice Presidents of Membership:**

Ethan Salazar and Christina Lopez



# BAND WEEK

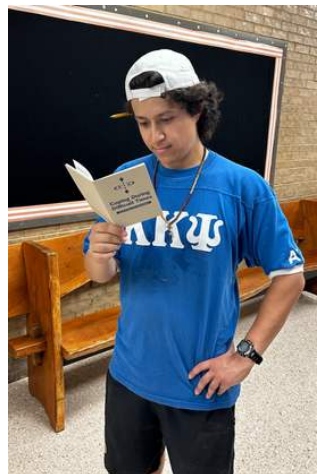
*Successful start to the semester and the marching season!*

Actives and some MCs met to help prep the band hall for Band week! They helped clean and reorganize the cage, draw the chalk boxes for auditions in the parking garage, and wash out the water jugs! Band week was a success, and to finish it off, we performed at Gone To Texas! Such a great performance with great people and great vibes! And to finish off the night, our very own KKY active, Nathan Ward, stacked the "pizza tree" and led the band in the special song!



"I have loved seeing this new class grow and bond! It is so cute seeing them in their purple uniforms doing service and I am so grateful that I get to teach them and help them through the process! "

**- Vice President of Membership Madelyn Kraft, INFERNO Fall 2023**



"It is absolutely crazy to me how much Obsidian has already grown in these last few weeks. I am proud of each and every one of them in their Journey thus far! I am so grateful that I get to be part of their KKY story! "

**- Vice President of Membership Emi Kruse, INFERNO Fall 2023**



# FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON

*We BTHO Colorado State University 52 - 0!*



Left to Right: Sam Kuempel, Ethan Salazar, and Brennan Stein enjoying the first game of the season!



Loading the van after gameday rehearsals! Yay brothers!



KKY brother Elijah Woodson attempts to scare fellow brother, Tyler Lane!



Corrie Jarret and Megan Farabee continue to Hook 'em, even when the sun is beating them to shreds!



Gameday BBQ Crew working their magic!



Clarissa Ramos shows the exact face I made when I realized we were beating CSU 52 to 0!

# GRADUATING SENIORS

*Congratulations Class of 2025!*

Shoutout to all of our amazing brothers that are graduating this year! We are so proud of everything you have accomplished and we thank you for everything you have given to our chapter! Although it will be sad to see you leave, we cannot wait to see what awesome things are ahead of you. AEA!

**Name:** Nathan Ward  
**Major:** Physics  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Trumpet



**Name:** Christina Lopez  
**Major:** Journalism major,  
minor in Mexican  
American/Latina/o Studies  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Cymbals



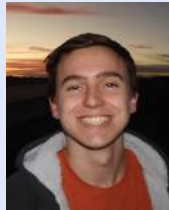
**Name:** Megan Farabee  
**Major:** Asian Cultures  
and Languages:  
Japanese, Digital Arts  
and Media certificate  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Piccolo



**Name:** Veronica Patino  
**Major:** Chemistry  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Mellophone



**Name:** Spencer Keen  
**Major:** Electrical  
Engineering  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** TUBA!



**Name:** Kaylon Gilbert  
**Major:** Mechanical  
Engineering  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Piccolo



**Name:** Samuel Cantu  
**Major:** Bachelors of  
Science in Arts and  
Entertainment  
Technology  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Trumpet



**Name:** Ryan Harding  
**Major:** Computer Science  
/ Business & Applied  
Statistical Modeling  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Society og  
Baritones



**Name:** Rolando Sanchez-  
Suarez  
**Major:** BS Mathematics  
with a Certificate in  
Computational Science  
and Engineering  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Trombone





# 2023-2024 EC INTRODUCTIONS

**Name:** Megan Farabee  
**Position:** President  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Piccolo



**Name:** Kaylon Gilbert  
**Position:** VP - Finance  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Piccolo



**Name:** Mia Mason  
**Position:** Social Chair  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Bass Drum



**Name:** Adrian Ibarra  
**Position:** VP - Service  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Trombone



**Name:** Elisa Lee  
**Position:** Secretary  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Saxophone



**Name:** Ryan Harding  
**Position:** Webmaster  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** S.O.B.



**Name:** Emi Kruse  
**Position:** VP - Membership  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Trombone



**Name:** Nathan Acker  
**Position:** Parliamentarian  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Trombone



**Name:** Isaiah Santoya  
**Position:** Treasurer  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Trumpet



**Name:** Madelyn Kraft  
**Position:** VP - Membership  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Bass Drum



**Name:** Christina Lopez  
**Position:** Historian  
**Class:** Solstice  
**Instrument:** Cymbals



**Name:** Alluwee Moore  
**Position:** District Representative  
**Class:** Inferno  
**Instrument:** Big Flags



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### Important Dates

**Fall Semester**  
8/26/24 - 12/9/24

**Alumni Band Day**  
*Texas vs. ULM*  
09/21/24

# Thanks & Hook'em!