GAMMA Spotlight: Academics

Warrensburg, MO—GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol) is focusing on academic achievement by honoring students monthly for excellence in the classroom. Travis Sweitzer, member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Katie VanDierendonck, Alpha Gamma Delta, have been selected as Gamma Spotlight on Academics honorees for the month of September.

VanDierendonck was nominated by her chapter for strong commitment to class attendance and grades. Formerly the Vice President for Scholarship for Alpha Gamma Delta, her chapter states that she spends a great deal of time studying for her own courses as well as assisting fellow chapter members with schoolwork when needed. “From regularly attending class to spending extra time studying at the library, Katie is always positively representing her chapter,” said sister Samantha Beitzel, “and she inspires her sisters to work just as hard.”

Sweitzer was nominated by Tau Kappa Epsilon for showing significant academic improvement during the last semester. His chapter states that he has worked very hard to raise his grade point average and is now on the Dean’s list. “He worked very hard is a role model to the rest of the chapter for working so hard on raising his grades,” said brother Casey Stundebeck.

Each member selected for the academic spotlight receives 100 GAMMA points toward their chapter as part of GAMMA’s “Gold Star Award,” an incentive program for fraternities and sororities encouraging educational and alcohol programming. The fraternity and sorority earning the highest point total over the school year receive the award.

GAMMA is a national organization affiliated with BACCHUS, a peer educator network founded in 1975. The organization focuses on health and safety initiatives. For more information, visit http://www.bacchusgamma.org or call Kelly Waldram Cramer, Marketing Manager for Housing and Greek Life, at 660-543-8121.