
Finding aid for the USC Helenes scrapbooks and realia 5015

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Title: USC Helenes scrapbooks and realia

creator: USC Helenes

source: USC Helenes

Identifier/Call Number: 5015

Identifier/Call Number: 1256

Physical Description: 9.04 Linear Feet1 time capsule, 5 boxes

Date (inclusive): 2006-2011

Abstract: This collection includes scrapbooks and realia, a 2006 time capsule, and branded clothing from the USC Helenes service organization.

Historical note

The USC Helenes is the oldest women's service organization at USC. Arabella De Oliviera established the USC Helenes in 1921 as an all-female service organization; at that time they represented the University as the "Official Hostesses of USC". Originally called the Amazons, membership was reserved for upper classmen. The lower classmen involved were divided into two groups: the Chimes and the Spurs. When the Amazons changed their name in 1969 to the "Helenes," the three separate branches became one unified organization. The name change was implemented to align with the Trojan theme of the University and was inspired by the iconic Helen of Troy. The Helenes engage in service for both the University and the surrounding Los Angeles community.

Scope and Content

The USC Helenes scrapbooks and realia consist of scrapbooks, a time capsule, a quilt, branded clothing (4 t-shirts and a jacket), trophies, and certificates. The scrapbooks document Helenes activities (including the Annual Mother Daughter Tea, themed parties and events, membership activities) and participation in USC and community activities (including the Los Angeles Marathon, Swim with Mike, Los Angeles Food Bank).

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Acquisition

Donated by the USC Helenes, October 2011.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Service learning -- California -- Los Angeles -- Archival resources
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Clothing
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Box 1	Scrapbook 330774 2006 Fall-2007 Spring
Box 1	Scrapbook 330773 2007 Spring-2008 Fall
Box 2	Scrapbook 330771 2008

Box 5	Scrapbook 2009
Box 2	Scrapbook 330772 2010
Box 5	Scrapbook 2011 Spring
Box 5	Scrapbook 2011 Fall
Box 5	Scrapbook 2012 Spring
Box 5	Scrapbook 2013 Spring
Box 5	Scrapbook 2013 Fall
Box 1	Meeting agenda and notes, photograph, logo drawings 330789 2009 and undated
Box 3	Fight Cancer quilt 330780 circa 2009
Box 3	T-shirts and jacket 330781 circa 2009
Box 4	Time capsule 330779 2006
Box 6	City of Los Angeles Certificate of Commendation 2011 November 13
Box 6	Trophies 2011-2012, undated