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The Arrow Has a New Look!

Coffee tables serve a lot of different purposes. They are where we put important things like photographs, notes from loved ones, television remotes and magazines. Reading material comes and goes on our coffee tables based on our interests. Twenty-year-old me had lots of fashion and lifestyle magazines and mid-30-year-old me still has a few lifestyle magazines, but there’s now an abundance of news and cooking publications, too. One magazine that is always on my coffee table is *The Arrow*.

In fact, *The Arrow* didn’t just appear on my coffee table after I joined Pi Phi in college. It has been on my coffee table since I was born. My mom, Tennessee Beta **EMILY MARTIN CARNEY**, and I share a love of reading, and we especially like the same magazines. We always talk about articles we’ve read and the recipes we’ve found, and sometimes we even introduce each other to new publications. However, *The Arrow* has always been a staple in our stack of magazines. And I consider myself fortunate to have seen *The Arrow* evolve over the years.

Pi Beta Phi launched the “swoosh” at the 2003 Anaheim Convention as part of an overall Fraternity re-brand. The changes were poignant at that time because we were growing as an organization and they reflected our desire to communicate better with our members. Today, as we continue to grow as a Fraternity, it is important for us to continue to evolve our communications channels as well. Part of the role of the Grand Vice President Communications is to ensure we are communicating with our members in ways that align with where the Fraternity is headed in the next 150 years, while remaining relevant and fresh.

Starting with this issue, you’ll probably notice a few changes to the feel and presentation of *The Arrow*. It’s important to know there was nothing wrong with our award-winning publication. It is evolving just like our Fraternity. The changes you see inside were made purposefully and intentionally after yearlong conversations with Pi Phi sisters, leaders and outside consultants. Though it might look a bit different, *The Arrow* will always report the news of the Fraternity and tell the stories of our sisters. It will always feel inherently Pi Phi and be something of which we can be proud.

Speaking of proud, I will never forget the day my name first appeared in *The Arrow* as a member of Grand Council. True to form, my mom called to tell me my name was in the magazine — had I seen it yet? I told her I had and *The Arrow* was actually one of the responsibilities I worked on as a Council member. She wondered why I didn’t tell her ahead of time that I would be in *The Arrow*. My response: what fun would it be to spoil the wonder of what’s inside *The Arrow*? So, I’m not going to tell you what’s inside this issue except that it’s true to Pi Phi. Explore and enjoy for yourself. ◀

New! Collegiate Region Nine Created for New Chapter Support

Pi Beta Phi leadership recently revamped the Fraternity's new chapter support model to foster long-term success of new chapters with the creation of Collegiate Region Nine. This new region mimics our current collegiate regional team model. However, it focuses solely on supporting our newest chapters and their Alumnae Advisory Committees to ensure sound operations from the start. The six volunteer officers in Collegiate Region Nine — each one with a specific area of expertise — were appointed in the spring and trained in July. The training took place in conjunction with our Resident Leadership Development Consultant training and was led by Fraternity officers and Headquarters staff.

Collegiate Region Nine will typically contain six to 11 chapters, based upon the Fraternity's 10-year extension history. Chapters will remain in Collegiate Region Nine for up to five years post-colonization and then be transferred into the collegiate region aligning with their geographical location.

Pictured to the right are Collegiate Region Nine Officers and Resident Leadership Development Consultants (RLDCs). Front row from left: RLDC **ALEX SHAW**, Tennessee Gamma; Grand Vice President Membership



and Chapter Operations/Advisor Specialist **KELLEY GOLDEN**, Tennessee Gamma. Second row from left: RLDC **GREER MANGRUM**, Mississippi Gamma; Programming Specialist **KATHLEEN MERIANO**, New York Eta; and RLDC **KAYLA PATAK**, Mississippi Alpha. Third row from left: Risk Management/Policy Specialist **JESSICA FRENCH STEED**, Ontario Alpha and RLDC **SARAH MCCAFFREY**, Arizona Gamma. Fourth row from left: RLDC **SAMANTHA ELDRIDGE**, Louisiana Beta and Membership Specialist **GREER HORNE**, Virginia Zeta. Fifth row from left: RLDC **HEATHER KUEBEL**, New York Eta; Director **BRENDA FOSTER HUFFMAN**, Texas Epsilon; and Financial/Housing Specialist **KORINNE HAGUE RICE**, Montana Alpha. Sixth row from left: RLDC **LAUREN FELDMAN**, Illinois Kappa and Grand Vice President Collegians **ALISON VEIT HEAFITZ**, Illinois Zeta. ◀

2017 FRATERNITY DAY OF SERVICE SIGNATURE EVENTS

Pi Beta Phi is excited to announce the host cities for our 2017 Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events! The 2017 Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events will take place in the greater areas of:

- Dallas, Texas
- Hartford, Connecticut
- Washington, D.C.
- Portland, Oregon
- Detroit, Michigan

The weekend of February 24-26, 2017, these five cities will host community events including distributing 20,000 new books each. If you live in or near one of these cities,

please consider getting involved. Volunteers are needed to move boxes, sort books and assist recipient groups in selecting books. There is a job for everyone! For more information about these events or to sign up to volunteer, please email literacy@pibetaphi.org or visit www.pibetaphi.org/fraternitydayofservice. ◀



**FRATERNITY
DAY OF SERVICE**

Interfraternally Speaking

DELTA GAMMA is breaking down stereotypes with their “I am a Sorority Woman” campaign. The campaign encourages all sorority women to be proud of the organizations and sisterhoods to which they belong. It is an opportunity to show Potential New Members each organization offers pride, friendship and a welcoming sisterhood.

PI KAPPA PHI welcomed dozens of members to Washington, D.C., at the conclusion of the Journey of Hope, the largest fundraising event for The Ability Experience. The men completed a summer cycling coast to coast, covering 32 states and 12,000 miles to raise more than \$600,000 and awareness for people with disabilities.

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA celebrated 40 years of philanthropic partnership with Special Olympics. Representatives from the Special Olympics international office attended the sorority’s convention this past July and were honored during a 40th anniversary luncheon.

SIGMA KAPPA presented the Alzheimer’s Association® with a \$1 million lead gift for the Women’s Alzheimer’s Research Initiative. The gift will fund research to understand why more women are living with the disease as well as studies led by female researchers working to advance Alzheimer’s and dementia science.

CORRECTION

In the Summer 2016 issue of *The Arrow*, New York Zeta **LINDSAY YOUKER LEVY** was mistakenly identified on Page 43 as grandmother of New York Eta **KENDRA LEVY**. Lindsay and Kendra are mother and daughter. *The Arrow* apologizes for the error and regrets any confusion it may have caused.

THE LEADERSHIP AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS CALLING ...

Pi Phi wants to hear from you! Nominate the Fraternity’s leaders of tomorrow. Submit an ideal slate or nominate candidates for Grand Council and Director positions for the 2017-2019 biennium. Visit www.pibetaphi.org to submit a nomination form or to self-identify. Nominations are due November 30, 2016.

PAY YOUR ANNUAL ALUMNA DUES AND BE ENTERED TO WIN!

Headquarters is excited to announce the return of the alumna dues incentive drawing. Any member who pays her annual alumna dues between July 1-December 1, 2016, either to her club or to Headquarters, will be entered into a drawing. Five winners will be chosen at random the week of January 23, 2017. Four winners will receive a Kindle Reader and one winner will receive a \$250 Pi Phi Express gift certificate.

NEW ALUMNAE CLUB CHARTERED IN NEW YORK

Alumnae Region One has announced the chartering of a new alumnae club, Long Island-Nassau/Suffolk, New York, Alumnae Club. Please join us in celebrating this exciting news. Club members pictured below, from left Tennessee Gamma **HOLLY KEETON GUERCIO**, New York Eta **STEPHANIE FLASKAL**, Ohio Lambda **REBECCA DREYER**, Michigan Beta **MARGAUX STANTON LAFAVE** and Tennessee Gamma **EMILY BRADY DARRAGH**.



A Look at 2015–2016 Primary Recruitment

138

Chapters participating in primary recruitment

101

Fall recruiting chapters

37

Spring recruiting chapters

4

Chapters who participated in primary recruitment for the first time since colonization, re-colonization or re-organization

WASHINGTON BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA, CALIFORNIA OMICRON AND CALIFORNIA XI

2,407

Largest # of Potential New Members registered for primary recruitment on one campus

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

118

Chapters that matched or exceeded quota

142

Largest quota
MISSISSIPPI BETA

8

Smallest quota
ILLINOIS BETA-DELTA

22

Largest # of National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) groups in a college Panhellenic community
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

3

Smallest # of NPC groups in a college Panhellenic community
SIMPSON COLLEGE, MONMOUTH COLLEGE, FRANKLIN COLLEGE, COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, HILLSDALE COLLEGE, MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY AND DICKINSON COLLEGE

70

Chapters with 150 or more members after primary recruitment

16

Chapters with 250 or more members after primary recruitment

4

Chapters with 350 or more members after primary recruitment

443

Largest chapter size after primary recruitment
ARKANSAS ALPHA

33

Largest # of known legacies pledged to Pi Beta Phi on one campus
ARKANSAS ALPHA

921

Total # of known legacies offered a bid to Pi Beta Phi

650

Total # of known legacies pledged to Pi Beta Phi



UPCOMING PI PHI EVENTS

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NOVEMBER 18–20, 2016

South Carolina Beta Installation
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

JANUARY 27–29, 2017

College Weekend
Dallas, Texas

JUNE 23–27, 2017

Convention
St. Louis, Missouri

Colorado Gamma



The Colorado Gamma Chapter house is located on the southwest corner of the Colorado State University (CSU) campus directly across from CSU's brand-new football stadium. Built in 1961, the house sleeps 47 members and includes a living room, dining room, TV room and study room. The Chapter House Corporation (CHC) has worked diligently to meet the members' housing needs.

Colorado Gammas agree their chapter house is full of remarkable memories. The fun and energetic atmosphere within the house makes it a fantastic place to stop by in-between classes, finish up homework, work on crafts, get some fresh air on the sun deck or spend time with sisters. "We are all so incredibly proud to call this house our home!" said Colorado Gamma **MARIANNA HANEKE**. ◀





Above: In recent years, nearly all the furniture throughout the house was updated by the CHC. In the living room, the existing couches were replaced with two beautiful new sectional sofas. The surrounding décor was also updated to give the room a more modern feel with coloring throughout.

Right: The dining room underwent changes to make it more functional and charming, including fresh paint and new tables and chairs.



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Pi Phis Teach Children with Disabilities How to Ride a Bike

By Maryland Gamma **EMILY KARCHER**

When Mississippi Beta **TONYA MCCLINTOCK HARRISON** took her seven-year-old son, Henry, to a summer camp a few hours away from home, she didn't expect to find some family just around the corner.

Volunteers at the camp teach children with disabilities how to independently ride two-wheeled bicycles. Over the course of the week, the campers transition from modified bikes with guiding handles to standard two-wheelers. The volunteers play a vital role in the children's success, supporting them both physically and emotionally. By the end of the week, Henry was riding without training wheels — all by himself — a huge personal accomplishment, and one that didn't come easily.

While everyone agrees the largest success was improving Henry's biking skills, another reward was found in the connection to our Pi Phi sisterhood. Imagine Tonya's surprise when three of the volunteers showed up one day in their Pi Phi gear. Mississippi Gammas **ALANA TURNER**, **NICHOLE DAVIS** and **CAITLYN PURVIS** had been working with her son all week.

It wasn't a stretch to see Pi Phi's core values reflected in the women's service. "The Pi Phi women were so committed to enriching the lives of the children participating in the camp," Tonya said. "They ran alongside the children for hours until they were literally exhausted and had to tag another helper to take over. The children in our group are limited verbally and therefore often express themselves in a nontraditional manner, which can sometimes make others uncomfortable. The women never reacted in a negative or standoffish manner, but rather were always smiling and cheering on the campers. I was so impressed with their commitment and positive responses to all the children."

Alana, a clinical exercise physiology major, decided to volunteer because she wanted to share her love of biking with others and also show children that exercise can be fun. What she didn't realize was how much she would learn from the campers. "Henry taught me the value of determination," Alana said. "He was one of the hardest workers at the camp. When he fell off the bike, five seconds later he was right back on, riding circles around the gym." Alana said she feels lucky to have had a hand in his success and to have helped Henry gain independence and confidence.

Tonya had such a remarkable time with the Mississippi Gamma women that she reached out to *The Arrow* shortly after the camp completed. "The experience reminded me of how Pi Phi sisters continue to enhance my life," Tonya said. "I wanted to recognize these young women because they are making a difference in the lives of children, including my son. He now has met his goal of riding a bike without training wheels thanks to these women and their service to others." ←



Above: Volunteers at a summer camp for children with disabilities helped seven-year-old Henry learn how to independently ride a two-wheeled bicycle. Imagine the surprise of Henry's mother when she learned the dedicated volunteers were Pi Phi sisters. From left, Mississippi Gammas **ALANA TURNER** and **CAITLYN PURVIS**, Mississippi Beta **TONYA MCCLINTOCK HARRISON**, Henry and Mississippi Gamma **NICHOLE DAVIS**.



Left: Mississippi Gamma **ALANA TURNER** ran alongside Henry for hours, sometimes even to the point of exhaustion.



Left: Arizona Alpha Chapter members.

Above: From left, Alabama Betas **RACHEL JENNINGS**, **JOY DAVIS**, **TAYLOR DICKINSON**, **ASHLEY ROBBINS** and **HANNAH GRANTHAM**.

ALABAMA

Alabama Alpha, Birmingham-Southern College

When seniors from Alabama Alpha graduate, the chapter recognizes all they have done in the past four years with a “senior spotlight.” In their final semester, each senior is assigned a specific night. On that night, the graduating sister is shown a presentation filled with pictures of her and her fellow Alabama Alphas. Following the slide show, the woman’s Pi Phi “family” reads individual letters illustrating how that sister has positively impacted their lives.

Alabama Beta, University of Alabama

Every year, the Alabama Beta Chapter hosts a Senior Supper for the graduating seniors at a local restaurant. Local alumnae attend the dinner, which makes it an extra special occasion for the seniors. The seniors enjoy making connections and building relationships with older Pi Phi sisters. The alumnae also demonstrate what it is like to be a Pi Phi for life and how to continue the Pi Phi legacy long after college years. Seniors and alumnae take time for pictures at the Senior Supper, and it is fun for other members to see these pictures of several generations of Pi Phis together.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas

Flying free from the comfort of college can be a very daunting step to some. Therefore, the Arkansas Alpha Chapter strives to answer as many questions as they can and comfort any concerns. Arkansas Alpha **HANNAH PAVEY** said, “One of my favorite events was the senior networking fair. We had 20 Pi Phi alumnae who came from all different

vocations to share about their experiences, look over our resumes and lead mock interviews. It was special to see how much the alumnae cared about providing us with professional skills we can use in the future.”

ARIZONA

Arizona Alpha, University of Arizona

Arizona Alpha’s graduating class has developed a sisterhood bond that will continue well into the women’s alumnae life. In honor of their graduation, and to remind them of their Lifelong Commitment to Pi Phi, the women receive a golden arrow to wear in their hair. The pins are reminiscent of the golden arrows our founders wore in their hair in 1867.

Arizona Gamma, Northern Arizona University

Each year, graduating seniors from Arizona Gamma enjoy a brunch together to celebrate their accomplishments. After the meal, the women return to campus for a gathering with other Arizona Gamma sisters. The seniors give away some of their favorite Pi Phi T-shirts and share their favorite memories from the past four years. The day brings a sense of reflection of the past and also an excitement for what’s to come.

CALIFORNIA

California Eta, University of California, Irvine

The California Eta Chapter celebrates the achievements of its seniors with Senior Spotlights, which are published in the weekly chapter newsletter or presented during chapter meetings. The spotlights include the woman’s

accomplishments throughout college as well as her plans after graduation. The chapter also holds a Cookie Shine where seniors share their advice for younger members and reminisce on their favorite Pi Phi memories.

California Gamma, University of Southern California
Members of California Gamma keep in touch with chapter alumnae through a Facebook page. Alumnae, collegians and friends post about job openings, internships, volunteer opportunities and more. Many chapter members have secured internships through this page. Alumnae have also provided the collegians with career advice during various networking events.

California Nu, Loyola Marymount University
At the final chapter meeting of the school year, California Nu conducts a Senior Ceremony interlaced with Pi Phi and University traditions. First, younger members of the chapter share stories of how their big sisters have positively impacted their lives. Then, the poem “Loyal Ties” by Pi Beta Phi’s poet laureate **EVELYN PETERS KYLE**, Illinois Alpha, is read aloud, followed by an Irish blessing used during the University’s commencement mass. The ceremony concludes with the singing of Pi Phi songs to recognize the seniors’ commitment to Pi Phi during college.

California Theta, University of California, Davis
Before putting on robes and tasseled caps, graduating seniors from California Theta spend time visiting local

Below: From back left, California Etas **BRIANNA TU, SANDY LAM, SHELBY WONG** and **NIKKI CHAN**. From front left, California Etas **SAVANAH MOORE-KONDO, TOLU ODUNUSI, OLIVIA BONNER, KIMBERLY AYALA** and **TIFFANY CHANG**.



areas. Past weekend trips have ranged from hiking in Napa Valley and Lake Berryessa to boating in Lake Shasta. The women also enjoy favorite spots in Davis, California, including attending the University’s Picnic Day. The picnic showcases the diversity and uniqueness of students, faculty and staff as well as the surrounding community and includes exhibits, competitions, live entertainment and parades.

COLORADO

Colorado Delta, Colorado School of Mines
Members of Colorado Delta prepare for graduation in a special way. Several years before, on the morning of their initiation into Pi Beta Phi, the women write themselves letters. Those letters are filed away during their college years and then brought out in the weeks leading up to graduation. Re-reading the letters is a special time for sisters to reflect on their accomplishments and see how far they’ve come.

Colorado Gamma, Colorado State University
In April, more than 30 alumnae attended Colorado Gamma’s Founders’ Day celebration. The alumnae in attendance represented multiple generations, from a group of sisters celebrating five years since their college graduation to a sister who had served as Chapter President 50 years ago. That sister shared stories about Pi Phi songs, ceremonies and events like formal dances.

DELAWARE

Delaware Alpha, University of Delaware
This past spring, Delaware Alpha **RACHEL STRAUSS** became the chapter’s first-ever alumna. Rachel was a charter member of the chapter, even though the chapter colonized during her final semester of college. She joined Pi Phi to meet new friends and gain the network of Pi Phi sisterhood. Rachel has already attended her first event with the Mainline-Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Alumnae Club and looks forward to future events.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D.C. Alpha, The George Washington University
The D.C. Alpha Chapter invited members of the Nation’s Capital-D.C. Alumnae Club to the chapter house for a night of networking and sisterhood. During the event, alumnae discussed their current careers and how they ended up in their roles. Many shared what it’s like to work on Capitol Hill. After a group discussion, each chapter member was paired with an alumna to review the collegian’s resume and identify areas of improvement.

GEORGIA*Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia*

Recent graduate **LEEAH EMERSON**, Georgia Alpha, has been a dedicated and loyal chapter leader for the last four years. She served as New Member Coordinator and provided a welcoming environment for New Members based on Sincere Friendship and Personal and Intellectual Growth.

Leeah also helped the chapter with senior retention by planning events and senior-specific programming. Her genuine personality and ability to connect with people allowed her to be an outstanding advocate for Pi Phi alumnae life. She encouraged seniors to stay connected to Pi Phi throughout their lives, specifically providing information on how to join a local alumnae club in their future cities.

Beyond her chapter, Leeah served as the Vice President of Membership for the University of Georgia Advertising Club



and was involved in the American Marketing Association. She graduated with a degree in marketing and plans to attend portfolio school so she can work toward her dream job at an advertising agency. ◀

FLORIDA*Florida Delta, University of Florida*

The Florida Delta Chapter helps prepare sisters for life after college by teaching the women a variety of life skills. The senior class participates in a cooking class where they learn the basics of cooking and healthy eating, and then prepare a meal together. The women also participate in a workshop to build resume and interviewing skills. The chapter invites professionals from the University's Career and Coaching Center to sit down with the members to update resumes and practice interview questions.

Florida Epsilon, University of Central Florida

This spring, Florida Epsilon's senior class created a video about the importance of Ritual in the chapter and what it means to them. The women worked with the chapter's Vice President of Fraternity Development to create a video, which was played for the entire chapter. The goal of the video was to share their legacy and appreciation for Pi Beta Phi with younger members.

INDIANA*Indiana Delta, Purdue University*

The Indiana Delta Chapter welcomes alumnae visits to the chapter house. Last year, the chapter invited alumnae to the house before the first football game of the season. The Pi Phis enjoyed brunch, house tours and catching up with

one another. The women enjoyed themselves so much that the chapter welcomed alumnae back to the house later in the year for homecoming.

IOWA*Iowa Beta, Simpson College*

To honor its senior class, the Iowa Beta Chapter presented the senior women with a farewell gift. This year, the gift was a personalized songbook containing Pi Phi sisterhood songs. Past gifts have included framed inspirational quotes and cookbooks with Pi Phi recipes.

Iowa Gamma, Iowa State University

This year, Iowa Gamma seniors participated in a special sisterhood event: a photo shoot on campus. The women enjoyed spending time together while taking photos, and they look forward to framing the pictures of their sisters to display in their future homes.

LOUISIANA*Louisiana Beta, Louisiana State University*

Louisiana Beta takes the value of Lifelong Commitment very seriously and continuously works to make sure that once a member graduates, she is still as involved as ever. One of the ways the chapter connects with alumnae is to hold a Halloween Party for the Pi Phis and their families.

Chapter members enjoy dressing up in costumes, handing out candy and hosting games and activities for children. The event is also a time for getting to know the alumnae and hearing their favorite Pi Phi memories.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Gamma, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Before sending off senior members to the world, the Massachusetts Gamma Chapter likes to treat the women during a special Seniors Week. During the week, each graduating senior anticipates baked goods, crafts and

Top: From left, Massachusetts Gammas **PHOEBE TSE, TINA ZHENG, MARY ELIZABETH WAGNER, JULIA CROWLEY-FARENGA, LENA YANG** and **ALYSSA BOROS**.

Bottom: North Carolina Alpha Chapter members.



small tokens of appreciation from their little sisters and other chapter members. In addition, the chapter has a Facebook group for its alumnae to communicate about jobs, internships, places to visit in new cities and more.

MISSOURI

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri

One special part of Missouri Alpha is the chapter's relationship with alumnae. Many of these women return after graduation to assist the chapter with philanthropic endeavors. This includes Missouri Alpha **MORGAN DOMIJAN**, who teaches second grade at a nearby elementary school. With Morgan's help, members of Missouri Alpha have been able to read with students at the school twice a week. It is a heartwarming and rewarding experience for the collegians to help the children learn how to read and it would not be possible without the dedication from an alumna.

NEW YORK

New York Epsilon, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The New York Epsilon Chapter has created an alumnae newsletter, which is mailed to all chapter alumnae as well as Pi Phis living in the local community. The newsletter is sent twice a semester and keeps alumnae up-to-date on chapter happenings like New Member classes, initiation, philanthropy events and more. The newsletters also highlight upcoming events so alumnae can plan to attend.



NORTH CAROLINA*North Carolina Alpha, University of North Carolina*

The North Carolina Alpha Chapter has many traditions, but one of the chapter's favorite traditions is their annual senior brunch, which takes place graduation weekend. The seniors are encouraged to invite family and friends in addition to Pi Phi sisters. The event is one of the last times the women get to enjoy each other's company before leaving campus.

NORTH DAKOTA*North Dakota Alpha, University of North Dakota*

Members of North Dakota Alpha pride themselves on the chapter's efforts to honor alumnae. Recently, the chapter launched a #TBT, or Throwback Thursday, campaign on social media. The chapter solicits photos from alumnae and then posts them each Thursday. The women enjoy seeing fashions and activities from throughout the years.

OHIO*Ohio Theta, Bowling Green State University*

More than 30 alumnae attended Ohio Theta's Founders' Day celebration this past spring. Part of the event was the reveal of the chapter's "Big Sister and Little Sister Family Tree." The chapter reached out to Ohio Theta alumnae requesting stories and received more than 100 emails with information. The celebration also marked the beginning of the chapter's #WhyPiPhi social media campaign. Each guest was asked to write why they love Pi Phi on colorful cards. The answers were then shared on social media over the summer months so Potential New Members could see them before recruitment took place.

PENNSYLVANIA*Pennsylvania Eta, Lafayette College*

Last year, a recent graduate of Pennsylvania Eta lost a parent unexpectedly. Even though many current chapter members did not know this sister personally, the senior class arranged a carpool schedule for members to be able to attend the funeral in order to provide support. Other members who were unable to attend the service signed a card to share their thoughts and condolences. Experiences like this one remind the Pennsylvania Eta Chapter how you are a Pi Phi for life, no matter where you live in the world or what situation you may be facing.

Pennsylvania Gamma, Dickinson College

This spring, Pennsylvania Gamma seniors had the opportunity to Skype® with recent alumnae who are two to three years out of college. The recent graduates shared their "real world" experiences and described how they secured jobs, apartments and more. Networking and communicating with the alumnae helped the senior members feel encouraged and reassured during the graduation process.



Above: From left, Virginia Zetas **LINA ABDUL-KHALEK, TRISTEN ASREJADID, CLAIRE JARVIE, ALDYN ABELL, MEGAN MICHENER, ANDREA KEMP, CATHERINE WERTZ** and **CAROLINE FIRER**.

VIRGINIA*Virginia Zeta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University*

As I walked through the door of Virginia Zeta for the first time following the craziness of recruitment, I took a minute to look around. I could tell this group of sisters was one that appreciated similarities as well as differences. Through the genuine conversations I had with sister after sister, I began to feel welcomed and could see myself alongside them for the remainder of my undergraduate years.

But I know now this feeling doesn't just end the day I graduate. Even though sisters cry during the speeches at the year-end Senior Banquet, it isn't the last time they will feel part of Pi Phi. It's amazing to me how strong of a bond I, and so many other women, feel with each other. Because of this bond, the idea of ever growing apart seems laughable.

I've always heard people say our sisterhood isn't just for four years, but for life. I never really understood the power of that statement until this last semester when my big sister graduated. She is the kind of person I'll be talking to in 20 years, and I'm humbled I got to build such a lasting relationship.

— Virginia Zeta **RACHEL DOWNS** ◀

Practice Makes Perfect for Pi Phi Racecar Driver

By California Delta **CONSTANCE DILLON GIBBS**

Sitting behind the wheel of her silver 1993 BMW® M3, Michigan Alpha **KRISTA PEDEN WILLIAMS** reaches speeds up to 142 miles per hour. The acceleration is reached on long straightaways, in between turns, elevation changes and blind corners. Don't worry; Krista isn't driving on the highway. She's a racecar driver.

Unlike the oval tracks popularized by NASCAR®, Krista competes on road-racing courses. Each track ranges from two to four miles in length and Krista must loop the course many times before reaching the finish line, sometimes driving 90 minutes at a time. During team competitions, Krista and her teammates complete relay races lasting up to six or eight hours.

"I always liked to drive fast, but racing wasn't originally something I wanted to do," Krista said. It wasn't until her husband joined a Lexus® car club that Krista felt the itch to race. The couple would spend weekends driving through the Appalachian Mountains in North Carolina and Eastern Kentucky where the two-lane roads are windy and narrow. Krista always looked forward to her turn to drive.

After seeing how much his wife enjoyed the scenic drives, particularly the hairpin mountain turns, Krista's husband surprised her with a special Christmas present: lessons at the nearby racetrack, complete with an instructor to teach her how to drive fast while staying in control of the car. She first participated in lessons using her beloved Acura® NSX, a small sports car, but quickly traded it in for a Porsche® 911, a high-performance vehicle, so she could reach faster speeds on the track.

Krista attended numerous driving schools for the next several years. After demonstrating her expertise and ability to communicate clearly, Krista was invited to become a driving instructor — a role she still holds today — to advise other students how to stay safe and have fun. The hours spent at the racetrack include socializing with other racing enthusiasts as well as fellow students. Krista credits the driving schools for teaching her new skills and building her confidence but also for providing her with a community.



Above: Michigan Alpha **KRISTA PEDEN WILLIAMS** (center) reaches speeds of up to 142 miles per hour behind the wheel of her silver BMW M3. She started racing cars after joining a car club and attending numerous racing schools.

"It's very fun, and it's very social," Krista said. "Before and after your time on the track, your car is parked in a paddock area. People are checking their oil and adjusting their tires and brakes, and there's a lot of camaraderie and helping one another out. I've seen people take pieces off their own car and put them onto someone else's car to make sure everyone is able to get out on the track and have fun."

After years of racing school, Krista registered with her local racing league. The league is responsible for competition logistics, from renting the racetrack to hiring officials and safety workers to organizing drivers. Drivers compete in different weight classes, much like boxing, depending on the size of their car and how much the vehicle weighs. Before each race, the league completes an evaluation process for drivers and their cars to ensure both are safe for competition.

Today, Krista has traveled up and down the East Coast and as far west as Texas to participate in races. She has competed alone and as part of teams, and was recently a member of the all-female endurance racing team that competed at Watkins Glen, a famous racetrack in upstate New York. She stores her racecar in her home's two-car garage and handles nearly all the vehicle repairs and mechanical upkeep on her own — skills learned from fellow drivers over the years. Krista does it all in addition to her full-time job as a technology support specialist for business process management software.

"When I first started racing, I felt a lot of adrenaline and exhilaration," Krista said. "But now it has become much more moderated. Like trying to reach the perfect stroke in golf, I am always trying to figure out how fast I can navigate the track. It's a very mental and physical exercise, and I enjoy the process and the ability to improve." ←

CALIFORNIA*Palo Alto, California, Alumnae Club*

In May, the Palo Alto Alumnae Club hosted a Pink Party-themed Golden Arrow Tea honoring its 50-year Golden Arrow Members. The highlight of the afternoon was honoring the eldest member of the club, New York Delta **CORRINE SMITHE BALES**. Though Corinne was initiated 74 years ago, she had not received a Golden Arrow pin until that afternoon. The club looks forward to celebrating her Diamond Arrow anniversary next year.

CONNECTICUT*Manchester Area, Connecticut, Alumnae Club*

Members of the Manchester Area Alumnae Club's Angels on the Town interest group attended a New Britain Museum of American Art First Friday event. The event included live music, raffle prizes, an opportunity to sample local jams and desserts as well as tour the museum.

FLORIDA*Florida Beta Chapter Reunion*

A reunion for members of the Florida Beta Chapter was held at the Safety Harbor Resort in Clearwater this past July. Pledge classes from 1970 to 1980 were invited to

attend. There were more than 70 women in attendance this year and within that group, there were at least 25 Pi Phi legacies.

Members of Florida Beta Reunion

In April, 15 Florida Betas gathered at Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, Florida, for their 22nd reunion since their graduation from Florida State University. The reunion spanned three days which encompassed sightseeing in the old historic areas, a river cruise among the islands,

Below: Manchester Area, Connecticut, Alumnae Club members. From left, Connecticut Alphas **KIRIN ECKERT**, **BARBARA RUA**, **STEPHANIE RUA**, **SARAH STOLFI**, **KELLY O'DONNELL** and **CASSIE SCHMIDT**.



Above: From left, California Mu **MYRA BROWN** and her daughter, Maryn, delivering books to the hospital.

COLORADO*Grand Junction, Colorado, Alumnae Club*

The Grand Junction, Colorado, Alumnae Club has been supplying the nurse's stations and emergency rooms at a local medical center with activity books and crayons. Along with encouraging literacy and promoting academic skills, these little books engage children in meaningful activity while waiting for a family member in the emergency area or while visiting a patient in the hospital. Parents and medical staff are grateful for the diversion these books offer to restless youngsters.

The club has expanded its contributions this year by providing books for the hospital's pediatric library. The middle-school daughter of club member **MYRA BROWN**, California Mu, was moved to action after hearing about the need for books. On her own initiative, she organized a book drive at her middle school and collected more than 150 books that are now enjoyed by children staying on the pediatric floor. The club was proud to see the desire to enrich the lives of others through community service develop in Myra's daughter. The experience illustrates Pi Phi values being passed onto the next generation. ◀

museum tours, lots of walking along the beautiful streets, cooking specialty meals from the area and catching up on everyone's news and families.

Pi Phi Chance Encounter

It was a bright day when Kentucky Beta **JULIE ANDERSON EDWARDS**, Ohio Zeta **STELLA SMITH** and Florida Delta **ALI SOULE** realized they were all Pi Phi alumnae working together on one of Florida's most transformative transportation projects. Brightline, Florida's new express, intercity passenger train will connect Miami and Orlando and will start service in 2017. Brought together by fate, each woman works in marketing and communications. Julie leads the marketing efforts as Brightline's Chief Marketing Officer. Stella is responsible for the project's brand development and customer service experience. And Ali is responsible for media outreach and public affairs. While colleagues, the women have also become close friends, relying on each other for support through all-nighters and sharing advice on personal matters. The bonds of Pi Phi sisterhood are strong and bright!

Brevard County, Florida, Alumnae Club

The Brevard County, Florida, Alumnae Club honored Diamond Arrow **GENEVIEVE "GENA" CARLISLE EASLEY**, Illinois Epsilon, at its Founders' Day luncheon in April. Gena has been a member and volunteered for six Pi Phi alumnae clubs, attended seven Pi Beta Phi conventions and served as Alumnae Province President.



Above: Monmouth, Illinois, Alumnae Club members.

Right: Bostonian, Massachusetts, Alumnae Club members. From back left, Connecticut Alpha **JILL SOUTHWORTH CRAFT**, Massachusetts Beta **CHERYLANN CHASE TAYLOR** and Connecticut Alpha **DEBORAH MCMILLAN**. From front left, New York Delta **JUDITH ASHBY GUTZ** and New York Alpha **LAURIE CARTER NOBLE**.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Epsilon Reunion

In May, 11 members of Illinois Epsilon 1962 pledge class met in Asheville, North Carolina, for a reunion. While there, they visited Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where they met with the Development Director, had a tour, a presentation on the history and relationship to Pi Beta Phi and a demonstration in the Wood Studio.

Monmouth, Illinois, Alumnae Club

This spring, Illinois Zeta **HELEN ADAIR HAYES** was honored for her 75 years of membership in Pi Beta Phi. The Monmouth, Illinois, Alumnae Club hosted an informal ceremony to mark the occasion. Helen said she is grateful to have had the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships because of Pi Beta Phi. She also shared the trick to staying young: keeping yourself busy.

Chicago Windy City, Illinois, Alumnae Club

Since 2012, the Chicago Windy City, Illinois, Alumnae Club has hosted a Wine and Silver Spoons dinner club every month at a different restaurant around the city. The year always kicks off with Chicago Restaurant week in the winter and as the year goes on, the group travels north, south, west and in the middle to experience all different types of cuisines ranging from Costa Rican to Italian to French to Indian.



KANSAS*Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club*

In May, Kansas Alpha **JOANNA MIRANDA GLAZE** was named one of three Kindest Kansas Citians from Synergy Services, a shelter for runaway and homeless youth. The award recipients are chosen based on a metro-wide essay contest in which thousands of students participate and share unique stories of their nominee's inspiring compassion. Joanna was honored for her service work in the community and for helping numerous individuals better their lives.

MARYLAND*Maryland-D.C. Suburban Alumnae Club*

September is always a nice time for a picnic in the local park. The Maryland-D.C. Suburban Alumnae Club enjoyed catching up with Pi Phi sisters from the area while their children enjoyed the playground nearby. The group's wine and silver blue balloons caught the attention of a passerby walking her dog, who turned out to be another Pi Phi!

MASSACHUSETTS*Bostonian, Massachusetts, Alumnae Club*

On a sunny day in June, members of the Bostonian, Massachusetts, Alumnae Club met for book club. The group meets monthly and this month, read the book "The Girl in the Spider's Web" by David Lagercrantz.

MICHIGAN*Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Alumnae Club*

Members of the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Alumnae Club have enjoyed a year filled with fun and informative programs, delicious lunches and unique field trips. The women enjoy coming together for friendship and to support our charitable efforts. A beautiful day in June provided the backdrop for the club's ice cream social held at a local creamery. Alumnae, recent Pi Phi graduates and current collegians home for the summer joined together for sweet treats and lively conversation.

MISSOURI*Missouri Gamma Reunion*

In June, seven Missouri Gammas gathered in St. Louis for a reunion weekend. The women represented pledge classes from 1963 to 1965 and are all Golden Arrows. As part of the reunion, the women toured Pi Beta Phi Headquarters to see the new 4,200 square-foot building addition.

St. Louis Alumnae Club

The St. Louis Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day with a luncheon at Old Warson Country Club. The event



Top: St. Louis Alumnae Club and Missouri Beta Chapter members. From left, Missouri Betas **ANNA BARTELS-NEWTON**, **SAMMI BROWN**, **BERNICE ZIEGLER ROEMER**, **JOEY AMON** and **NATALIA MOLINATTI**.

Bottom: From back left, Missouri Gammas **KAREN DIESING WHITE**, **SUSAN SIGLER TEMPLETON**, **JANE HORNER CREWS**, **MARSHA GOEGGEL GRUMBO** and **CYNTHIA LAIS**. From front left, Missouri Gammas **SALLY ORR BOKAL** and **STEPHANIE BELL TYWORTH**.

included recognizing the club's 50-year Golden Arrows and 75-year Diamond Arrows and a special historical presentation by Tennessee Beta **SUSIE MACDONALD GLENN**. Several members of the Missouri Beta Chapter at Washington University in St. Louis attended the luncheon and enjoyed talking with Diamond Arrow **BERNICE ZIEGLER ROEMER**, who is also a Missouri Beta.

NEBRASKA*Omaha, Nebraska, Alumnae Club*

Nebraska Gamma **ANGELA ODORISIO GROTE** was the featured speaker at the Omaha Area Panhellenic Association's Gathering of the Greeks brunch in April.

Angie is Communications Manager at the Food Bank for the Heartland and spoke about local hunger issues. After the event, the Pi Phis in attendance decided to hold a future club event at the food bank in order to fill food bags.

Below: Omaha, Nebraska, Alumnae Club members. From left, Texas Delta **ALLISON SCHORR**, Nebraska Gammas **ANGELA ODORISIO GROTE** and **STEPHANIE VAN VEEN ECKLAND** and Iowa Gamma **ANNE PAULE HALL**.



TEXAS

Brazos Valley, Texas, Alumnae Club

The Brazos Valley, Texas, Alumnae Club has adopted an innovative and rapidly growing literacy initiative started by two young women, Harper and Maggie Cunningham. Four years ago, the girls — both avid readers — learned some of their schoolmates didn't have access to books when they were not in school, and this often meant their classmates would drop several reading levels during school breaks.

So Harper and Maggie came up with the idea of providing books to children in need, along with a snuggly blanket. The result was "Books and a Blanket," which provides a basket of 15 books and a quilt or fleece blanket to students from pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. Children who receive free or reduced lunches are eligible, and the school leadership identifies those who will receive the books and arranges the distribution.

"When we learned about Books and a Blanket, it seemed like a logical fit for our alumnae club's philanthropy," said Club President **ERIN BRIGGS KRACHT**, Alabama Beta. "Maggie gave a presentation at one of our club meetings,

NORTH CAROLINA

Pi Phi Achievement

North Carolina Gamma **SHANNON MIHALKO** was named to the newly formed Greek Alumni Advisory Board at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The advisory board aims to serve as a bridge between alumni and the University in order to educate alumni about fraternity and sorority life today and to positively influence the student experience. Shannon is one of 24 alumni chosen from a representation of fraternity and sorority organizations across the years.

OKLAHOMA

Lawton-Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club

The Lawton-Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club held a Golden Arrow celebration at the Lawton Country Club this past June. Oklahoma Alpha **CHERYN AMMERMAN LEE** and Oklahoma Beta **SUE OTIS WIGINGTON** were both recognized for their 50 years of membership in Pi Beta Phi. In addition to club members in attendance, Cheryn was joined by her sister, niece and niece's daughter and Sue was joined by her two daughters.



and we all quickly agreed this would be our literacy philanthropy. And knowing the girls' grandmother had been a Pi Beta Phi made it even more special."

The Brazos Valley Alumnae Club has helped support "Books and a Blanket" by donating new and gently used children's books. The Pi Phis have also helped make blankets for the program. Since "Books and a Blanket" began in 2012, more than 34,000 books have been donated to children in need. It's all thanks to community members, like the Pi Phis, who have supported these two inspiring young women and helped bring their dream to life. ◀



TANZANIA

In September, Indiana Deltas **KATHY COLLIGNON MURPHY**, **PATTY NEAL TODDERUD** and **JAN KINCAID CLIFFORD** climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to celebrate their 60th birthdays. The dormant volcano is the highest point in Africa and they climbed an elevation of more than 19,000 feet to reach its summit. The women wore navy blue Pi Phi hats during the multi-day trip (pictured) to protect them from the sun. ◀

TENNESSEE

Knoxville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club

The Knoxville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club spent an evening at Painting with a Twist. The women enjoyed spending time together and painting sunflowers on their canvases.

TEXAS

Houston Alumnae Club

In February, the Houston Alumnae Club honored Diamond Arrow **BERYL ANN "B.A." LONGINO BENTSEN**, Texas Alpha, at its Founders' Day celebration. The event took place at the Junior League of Houston. B.A. is wife of Senator Lloyd Bentsen and will turn 95 in a few months. She is a treasure to the club and was surrounded by many sisters to mark this momentous occasion.

Katy-West Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club

The Katy-West Houston Alumnae Club recently presented \$4,800 to Texas Children's Hospital West Campus. These funds will go toward West Campus' library, which offers books, board games, puzzles and movies for patients and their families to enjoy. The club raised the funds through a silent auction and selling raffle tickets.

VIRGINIA

Northern Virginia Alumnae Club

In July, members of the Northern Virginia Alumnae Club visited the Dumbarton House in Washington, D.C. The historic home was built around 1800, and its first occupant was Joseph Nourse, the first Register of the Treasury. The special tour was an auction item that one of the women won at the club's Literacy Ball earlier that year.



Above: Katy-West Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club members.

Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club

As part of its "Angels Out & About" interest group, several members of the Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club got together for a trip to Barboursville Winery near Charlottesville, Virginia. They had a lovely lunch at the restaurant there, "Palladio," followed by a tasting of some award-winning wines.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Alumnae Club

The Milwaukee Alumnae Club hosted a garden party to collect books and promote adult literacy. The event resulted in the collection of more than 300 adult books for Kathy's House, a guest house offering lodging to hospital patients and their caregivers who need to travel to Milwaukee for medical care.

Gold Pin Purchased at Estate Sale to Keep Pi Phi Heritage Alive for Future Generations

By Missouri Gamma **ABBY GLENN**

When I went through recruitment at Drury University in 2007, I was told sorority membership was for more than just four years, it was for life. At the time, I was caught up in the excitement, not thinking beyond the next day of recruitment and hoping my favorite chapter would give me a bid on the final day. It's been nearly 10 years since then, and it wasn't until I met a certain Pi Phi alumna that I understood what Lifelong Commitment truly meant.

Missouri Gamma **DOROTHY "DOTTIE" DILLARD** livened any Pi Phi gathering. She was always the first to arrive and the last to leave. And she loved sharing her many Pi Phi stories from throughout her life. I was lucky to have had many conversations with Dottie about her life, career and how she won two Grammy awards as a singer with The Anita Kerr Quartet. But what always stood out to me was her rich Pi Phi history.

The largest and oldest local sorority on Drury University's campus was established as the Mu Beta sorority in 1906. In January 1914, after eight years of petitioning, members of Mu Beta were notified by telegraph the chapter was granted a charter for membership in Pi Beta Phi. One of the charter members of the Missouri Gamma chapter of Pi Beta Phi was **ORPHA SMITH DILLARD**, Dottie's mother, who helped work hard for the chapter's charter.



When we celebrated Missouri Gamma's centennial in October 2014, Dottie was one of our distinguished guests. Dottie proudly took the microphone to share about her Lifelong Commitment to Pi Phi. If we had the time, Dottie would have shown every Pi Phi in the room her mother's Mu Beta pin that she always wore with her arrow badge.

After a storied life, Dottie passed away on May 6, 2015. A month later, I noticed her estate was up for auction. Because of her Pi Phi history, I began looking through the 500 plus photos of Dottie's treasures that would soon be sold. Thank goodness I did! When I came to photos of Dottie's jewelry, I was astonished to see a familiar pin: a pearl-covered number three with a scroll of the Greek letters Mu Beta. I immediately called my Pi Phi sisters and we realized this was Orpha's Mu Beta pin.

We only had 48 short hours to strategize how we would secure the pin and preserve our chapter's Pi Phi history. But as soon as I put the call out for help, no fewer than 20 Pi Phis volunteered to secure the pin. Texts flew, emails were sent and phone calls were made to determine exactly who would be first in line at the estate sale to buy the pin. And in the end, the Mu Beta pin was secured. It will soon be displayed in the Missouri Gamma Chapter suite next to two documents: the original petition for Mu Beta to become Pi Beta Phi and Missouri Gamma's charter.

Dottie was a woman who truly lived Pi Beta Phi's core values from her initiation day. I am honored to have known such a wonderful woman whose Integrity and Sincere Friendship shined through her smile and charm. To all the current Pi Phi collegians and young alumnae, I encourage you to meet the alumnae in your area, especially Pi Phis of different ages. You never know when you'll meet your Dottie! ◀



Left: Missouri Gamma **DOROTHY "DOTTIE" DILLARD** was a beloved member of the Springfield, Missouri, Alumnae Club. After her death, the club was able to secure a gold pin that Dottie received from her mother, who was a charter member of the Missouri Gamma Chapter. The pearl-covered number three with the scroll of the Greek letters Mu Beta was the original insignia of a local group that became part of Pi Beta Phi in 1914.

Meet the Leadership Development Consultants



We are pleased to announce Pi Beta Phi hired 13 women to serve as our 2016-2017 Leadership Development Consultants. We look forward to having them travel across North America visiting our current chapters, supporting our newest chapters and positively impacting our sisterhood. Welcome and congratulations!



ABIGAIL FITZGERALD

Vermont Beta

Traveler

My favorite Pi Phi memory is ... meeting my big sis and little sis. In both of these women, I have found a constant source of support, my biggest cheerleaders, inspiration and a family. I admire and cherish both of these women more than they will ever know.



ALEX SHAW

Tennessee Gamma

Resident at Clemson University

My favorite Pi Phi memory is ... returning to my chapter after serving as a Recruitment Counselor. I didn't realize how much I would miss my sisters until I wasn't able to talk to them for one week. By the end of recruitment, all I wanted were some Pi Phi hugs.



GREER MANGRUM

Mississippi Gamma

Resident at Clemson University

I wanted to be an LDC because ... I learned many skills from Pi Phi including how to act as a servant leader, how to identify strengths and weaknesses and how to work with all types of personalities. I want to help other young women learn these skills.



HEATHER KUEBEL

New York Eta

Resident at Emory University

The most valuable thing I own is ... a box full of handwritten notes from friends, tickets from music festivals, nametags from events and more. I love having little souvenirs that help me remember all the wonderful people I've met and places I've been.



JESSICA FREEMAN

Oklahoma Alpha

Traveler

What I want to accomplish this year is ... make every chapter officer I come in contact with feel encouraged. There is something amazing about having someone outside your chapter visit who understands the joys and challenges you face in Pi Phi leadership.



JULIE WALTERS

California Nu

Traveler

I wanted to be an LDC because ... I get to travel, empower women, meet tons of new people and devote my time and energy into making an organization I already adore even better.



KAYLA PATAK

Mississippi Alpha

Resident at the University of Delaware

My favorite Pi Phi memory is ... attending convention! Meeting sisters from across North America was an amazing opportunity. Nothing compares to reciting Ritual with more than a thousand sisters. It is such a special feeling. I can't wait for the 150th!



LAUREN FELDMAN

Illinois Kappa

Resident at the University of San Diego

Most people don't know, but I ... love meeting new people. I talk with waiters, people waiting at my bus stops and fellow shoppers. People interest me, and I'm always curious to find out what makes them happy, what makes them tick and where their passions lie.



PHOENIX POPE
Mississippi Alpha
Traveler

What I want to accomplish this year is ... help other sorority women find their “why” and dig deeper into what it means to wear our letters. I hope to inspire women through my Pi Phi experience and help them find their own way to give back to our Fraternity.



REBECCA RUHLMAN
Michigan Gamma
Traveler

My role model is ... my mom. She is brave, kind and selfless. She constantly puts others before herself and dedicates much of her time to bettering the community around her.



SAMANTHA ELDRIDGE
Louisiana Beta
Resident at the University of Delaware

My favorite place in the world is ... Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The atmosphere is indescribable in the fall. The excitement of a game mixed with time spent with friends and family makes for an unforgettable experience.



SARA MCCAFFREY
Arizona Gamma
Resident at Chapman University

I wanted to be an LDC because ... I have a desire to help people. Being an LDC means I get to be a teammate to my sisters, whether they need guidance, a cheerleader or someone to help them decide their next play in the game.



SAVANNA JOHNSON
Colorado Gamma
Traveler

My role model is ... my great-grandmother, because she is the strongest person I know. She has never given up on anything in her life, from raising 12 children on her own to receiving her college degree in her 70s. She is the person I aspire to be every day. ←



Making an Impact on the Rising Cost of College

By Indiana Alpha **JENNY MILLER PRATT**

A quick Google® search for the phrase “paying for college” returns more than 1.4 billion results in under a second — 1.4 billion. Beyond searching online, how to pay for higher education is discussed at the dining room table, in financial planner offices, during financial aid presentations and more. It’s not difficult to understand why.

According to The College Board, in the 2015–2016 academic year, annual tuition and fees at a public, four-year university or college averaged \$9,410 and at private institutions averaged \$32,405. When Pi Beta Phi Foundation was founded in 1990, the inflation-adjusted average costs were \$3,492 and \$17,094 per year, respectively.

Helping Pi Phis stay in school has always been a priority for the Foundation. Today, with increases in tuition of 269 percent for public and 190 percent for private schools

Below left and right: After her father lost his job, Kentucky Beta **DANIELLE WEST** was able to stay in school thanks to a scholarship from Pi Beta Phi Foundation. She will soon become the first person in her family to graduate from college.



in the last 26 years, the Foundation’s Board of Trustees knows academic scholarships play an even more critical role in helping Pi Phis achieve their academic dreams. Each year, the Foundation provides academic support to more than 100 undergraduates and alumnae with awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

HOW WOULD I STAY IN SCHOOL?

Kentucky Beta **DANIELLE WEST** is a senior at the University of Kentucky (UK). She has served on her chapter’s Executive Council and is student teaching this fall. After graduation, she hopes to work in an elementary school primarily serving underprivileged students. Danielle received a Foundation scholarship last year and shared her story with us.

I was thrilled the day I was accepted into UK, but I was also completely terrified. No one in my family had ever gone to college, and I had no idea how I would afford it.

My parents wanted to help, but they didn’t have a lot of money. All in, we were able to save just enough to get me through my first year — provided I supplemented my budget with every loan, grant and scholarship I could find. I made it into my sophomore





Left: Kentucky Alphas **ELISABETH LONG YOUNG** and **ANNEMARIE LONG WILSON**.

Right: From left, Kentucky Alpha **ELISABETH LONG YOUNG**, Illinois Alpha **EVELYN PETERS KYLE** and Kentucky Alpha **ANNEMARIE LONG WILSON** at the 1999 Convention.

year, but my dad lost his job, which meant my parents wouldn't be able to help beyond what they'd already done.

It was an incredibly stressful time that I will never forget. As days turned into months and my financial situation got worse, I couldn't shake the awful fear of 'what if I can't afford to stay in school?'

I finally shared my fear with my Kentucky Beta sisters, and of course they all were there for me. Soon after, our Vice President of Member Development told me about Pi Beta Phi Foundation's scholarship program. I worked so hard on my application. I wanted to share my story and convince the Foundation I would be a worthy recipient. I also knew not getting an award would mean I probably couldn't come back to school the next semester.

It was several weeks until the award notification date for applicants. It seemed like forever, but when I received the email saying I'd been chosen for a scholarship, I cried. I was able to secure enough funding to stay in school and will soon become the very first person in my family to graduate from college.

For the 2016–2017 academic year, Foundation volunteers reviewed the most scholarship applications in the

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— DANIELLE WEST**

Foundation's history. This year, 590 collegians and alumnae completed undergraduate scholarship, graduate fellowship or alumnae continuing education scholarship award applications — up from 507 completed applications last year (a 16 percent increase).

OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST

Kentucky Alpha **ELISABETH LONG YOUNG** comes from a long line of University of Louisville Pi Phis. Her grandmother, Kentucky Alpha **THELMA KNEBELKAMP LONG**, was a charter member of the chapter and Thelma's four granddaughters — including Elisabeth — are all Kentucky Alphas.

In 1999, at age 96, Thelma received the Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for Club Service. "My grandmother was unable to attend convention, and it was thrilling to accept the award on her behalf. She was so inspirational and is a big reason why I have volunteered for Pi Phi for as long as I have," she said.

As an alumna, Elisabeth has served many roles for the Fraternity and currently chairs the Foundation's Undergraduate Scholarship Committee. Elisabeth said her time on the Committee has opened her eyes to the quiet struggles so many of our sisters are dealing with every day.

“When you read scholarship applications, you see the talent, the hard work and the drive of our sisters combined with heart wrenching circumstances many of the women have had to overcome,” she said. “These women represent our best and brightest, and every single one of them is deserving of an award. I wish we had funds for everyone!”

THE POWER OF PI PHI

Indiana Beta **SUSAN**

CRANE KYLE moved to Fort Myers, Florida, in 1964 as a newlywed. She became a charter member of the Fort Myers Alumnae Club in 1970 and has been an active

“It was tough for my parents to send me and my brother to school, and academic scholarships certainly helped make our education possible. While my husband and I are fortunate our children were able to finish college without incurring debt, so many of their friends have struggled. The cost of living is so high right now, I don’t know how today’s students are going to make it.”
— SUSAN CRANE KYLE

Below: Indiana Beta **SUSAN CRANE KYLE** (right) has been a Pi Phi volunteer since 1970. At the 2015 Convention, Susan received the Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for Club Service. Today, she and her husband have a Foundation undergraduate award that is given annually.



Pi Phi volunteer ever since. Financially supporting academic scholarships has always been a philanthropic priority for Susan and her husband, and the couple has a Foundation undergraduate award that is given annually.

Susan’s grandfather had a college degree, but her father completed just one semester at Purdue University before he had to return to the family farm for financial reasons. It was very important to Susan’s father that his children attend college. So he was pleased when Susan and her brothers

attended Indiana University — even though the school is the interstate rival to Purdue.

“It was tough for my parents to send me and my brothers to school, and academic scholarships certainly helped make our education possible,” Susan said. “While my husband and I are fortunate our children were able to finish college without incurring debt, so many of their friends have struggled. The cost of living is so high right now, I don’t know how today’s students are going to make it.”

With the current financial climate in mind, receiving the couple’s academic scholarship can be a life-changing experience for a Pi Phi sister. Susan sees the impact of her gift when she receives thank-you letters from the scholarship recipients. All Foundation scholarship recipients send thank-you letters to the alumnae, volunteers and friends who make their awards possible. Susan has saved every note and letter she’s ever received, and often re-reads them.

“I once received a letter from a recipient’s grandfather, whose wife had been a Pi Phi,” Susan said. “He was thankful his granddaughter not only had received the award, but that she also was a Pi Phi just like his wife. It was quite a statement about the power of our sisterhood.”

Applications for Pi Beta Phi Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships, Graduate Fellowships and Alumnae Continuing Education Scholarships will open on November 15, 2016. For more information, visit www.pibetaphifoundation.org/apply/academic-scholarships. ←



PI PHI SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOU

HERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN BE PART OF THE FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

1

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION.

When you support the Undergraduate Scholarship Fund, you are keeping the next generation of leaders in school. When you support the Graduate Fellowship Fund, you are helping our next doctors, entrepreneurs, professors and more receive the advanced education they need to tackle our world's largest challenges. And when you support Alumnae Continuing Education Scholarships, you are making it possible for teachers to keep their credentials, for career women to learn new skills like computer coding and more.

Do you want to help, but don't know where to begin? You can always support the Foundation's Friendship Fund, which supports all scholarship efforts. When there are more qualified applicants than there are available scholarship awards to give, the Foundation's Board of Trustees is able to use Friendship Fund dollars when they are available to support these deserving Pi Phis.

"Every gift — no matter the size — makes such a positive difference," **SUSAN KYLE** said. "Life has been very good to us, and we just want to give back when we can."

2

SHARE THE OPPORTUNITY.

Do you know a deserving Pi Phi? Why not encourage her to apply? Undergraduates, graduate students and alumnae interested in continuing their education are eligible to apply for awards.

"I may never have known Pi Beta Phi Foundation scholarships existed if not for our Vice President of Membership Development," **DANIELLE WEST** said. "I truly don't know where I would be if she hadn't told me about this program."

3

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION.

The 2017-2018 online application goes live on November 15, 2016 and completed applications are due no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on February 15, 2017. For information on how to apply, please visit www.pibetaphifoundation.org/apply/academic-scholarships. The key is to start early!

"Don't be shy about applying," **ELISABETH YOUNG** said. "Be honest and tell your story. You just never know what could happen."

Contact Pi Beta Phi Foundation with your scholarship questions at fndn@pibetaphi.org.



Heather Morgan

TEXAS DELTA

IN A NUTSHELL ... TELL US ABOUT YOU

I'm a staff songwriter at Sony ATV Music Publishing in Nashville. I feel so lucky to make music for a living; it's truly a dream come true. My songs have been recorded by artists like Keith Urban, Dierks Bentley, Kenny Chesney and Martina McBride. They've also been featured on the TV show "Nashville."

PI PHI TAUGHT ME ...

The importance of friendship. Music has taken me to different cities, and I love seeing my Pi Phi sisters when I'm out on tour. It's always such a sweet feeling to cross paths with these strong and beautiful women.

BEST ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED

Bloom where you are planted.

FAVORITE WORD

Brave. I will write "sing brave" on my set list before a show or on notes in the studio to calm my nerves.

FAVORITE RAINY DAY ACTIVITY

Playing guitar on my porch swing. Rain can inspire a mood and I love remembering memories and moments with such a soothing sound in the background.

ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMING PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

There is a beauty to being confident, a grace to being humble and strength in encouraging other women around you by uplifting them and including them. I've been fortunate to work with women who celebrate each other's successes and support each other's hard work.

BEST DAY EVER

Winning Song of the Year at the Broadcast Music Inc. Country Awards for "Beat of the Music," recorded by Brett Eldredge, for being the most played song on country radio. I went on stage to receive the award and was so surprised that my hands were shaking.

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My peers inspire me. I love the feeling of being brought to tears when I hear a new song they just wrote or seeing a friend play the Grand Ole Opry for the first time. I know how hard it is, how little sleep they are getting and how they are scraping by to make a record. And all of that is so inspiring. ←

LEFT BRAIN OR **RIGHT BRAIN**

HEELS OR FLATS

iPHONE OR ANDROID

A.M. COFFEE OR A.M. SODA

HOURS A WEEK : **40+** 50+ 60+

Pi Phi Served as Commissioner of Health

By: Fraternity Archivist and Historian **FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE**, New York Alpha

The most famous picture of Kansas Alpha **LEONA BAUMGARTNER**, Ph.D., M.D. is likely the one taken on October 28, 1956. In it, she is standing with Dr. Harold Fuerst and a newcomer to the music scene, 21-year-old Elvis Presley, who was being inoculated with the polio vaccine. The event was carried live on all three major television networks and helped increase the rate of American polio immunization from less than one percent to 80 percent.

Leona attended the University of Kansas (KU) and graduated in 1923 with a bachelor's degree in bacteriology. During college, she served on the Panhellenic Council, in the Y.W.C.A. cabinet and as President of both the House Presidents' Council and Student Government Council. She acted in dramatic productions and managed the KU Follies. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board and Sigma Xi honor societies.

Leona also served as President of the Kansas Alpha Chapter and attended the 1921 Charlevoix Convention. For two weeks after convention, she camped with Pi Phis at Camp Panhellenic. There, they put on a play that raised \$125 for a junior high school and also assisted a farmer in picking his cherry crop.

After college, Leona went on to earn a master's degree in immunology. She then taught high school, junior college and at the University of Montana. During that time, Leona also served as Eta Province President for Pi Beta Phi, overseeing several collegiate chapters. On April 28, 1927, she and three Pi Phis in Missoula, Montana, "had dinner together with the 'winest' carnations we could find. Wine and blue place cards in an arrow design were also used. And we all felt a very deep love for Pi Beta Phi. We hope to do it again no matter how many or how few of us there are," she wrote to *The Arrow*.

Shortly thereafter, Leona spent a year in Germany completing graduate work. She returned to the United States and enrolled in Yale University's doctoral program in public health, earning her Ph.D. in 1932. She capped her studies with a medical degree from the University, which she received in 1934, and went on to intern in pediatrics for the next two years.

While at Yale, Leona took part in the activities of the Pi Beta Phi Connecticut Alumnae Club. She was the proud



Above: In 1956, New York City Commissioner of Health **DR. LEONA BAUMGARTNER**, Kansas Alpha, helped give Elvis Presley a polio vaccination at CBS studio 50 in New York City before he appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. *Photo courtesy of Seymour Wally/NY Daily News Archive via Getty Images.*

recipient of a Pi Beta Phi Fellowship Award for the 1934-1935 school year, her last year of medical school.

After a short stint in the U.S. Public Health Service, she began working at the New York City Department of Health as a medical instructor in child and school hygiene. In 1942, Leona married Nathaniel Elias, a chemical engineer, but she kept her maiden name for professional purposes. She worked her way up through the New York City Department of Health and was named Commissioner of Health in 1954, a position she held until 1962. Concurrently, she taught at several institutions including Columbia University, Cornell Medical College and the Harvard University School of Public Health. She retired from Harvard in 1972.

After having seen most of the 20th century, Leona died in 1991 at the age of 89. Her lifelong hobbies were traveling, reading books, dancing, theater and needlework. As President of Eta Province, Leona once said: "Pi Phis with sincere and earnest effort and enthusiasm can do anything." And she certainly proved it! ◀

SHE NEEDED A HERO SO THAT'S WHAT SHE BECAME

By California Delta **CONSTANCE DILLON GIBBS**



The phrase “public servant” is commonly used in today’s news reports and political debates. The words distilled to their truest meaning describe an individual who labors for the public good. A public servant is one who serves; one who helps, assists, aids, is of use, makes a contribution to and benefits others. Among us, we have Pi Phi sisters who have devoted their entire lives to public service and ask nothing in return. The following pages describe their careers and offer their words of advice and encouragement for other sisters to follow.



City Planner

MICHELLE DROUSÉ WOODHOUSE, California Eta

California Eta **MICHELLE DROUSÉ WOODHOUSE** started her undergraduate career as a chemistry major. But after countless hours in the lab, Michelle realized she wanted to be more involved in social and community-related activities, not stuck inside. She needed to change her major to accomplish that goal, so she signed up for the environmental analysis and design major.

Her new coursework covered techniques for investigating environmental systems and analyzing challenges to those systems, such as pollution. Michelle not only enjoyed her studies, but also met many mentors in her new field. One of these mentors approached Michelle with an opportunity shortly before graduation: Would she consider working for a member of the Irvine City Council?

Michelle gladly accepted the position. As Executive Assistant to the Mayor Pro Tem, she helped with community outreach for projects from a light rail train to a golf tournament for residents with physical, mental, developmental or intellectual disabilities. Simultaneously, she completed UC Irvine's master's program in urban and regional planning, and then transitioned from City Council to the City's planning and development office. Michelle's favorite project was helping create the Orange County Great Park, a 1,300-acre park on a section of a former Marine Corps Air Station that attracts thousands of visitors a year to its arts, sports and recreational amenities.

When the recession hit, Michelle and her husband moved to London, a change necessary for his job. But the move left Michelle unemployed and without any prospects. She began her own freelance consulting company and six months later had secured a position with Design Council, which advises the United Kingdom's government on environmental design. Her projects there included designing communities to help the aging population live independently. She also helped reduce crime through the design of a bicycle theft prevention product and an unbreakable pint glass (a product needed following several pub fights in the area).

It was while abroad that Michelle had a chance encounter with a classmate from her master's program. The women reconnected over their common interests including a love for city planning. "We both were working to find new and innovative ways to make our environments better," Michelle said. "And we both wanted to make a positive impact more broadly in the world, beyond our local communities."

The women partnered to create State of Place, a company measuring aspects of a community such as walkability, livability and its potential for economic development. These measurements assist cities and developers in their decision-making processes. The quantifiable data collected by State of Place is something missing from the field and as a result, State of Place has grown rapidly. Its staff jumped from two employees to 14 in less than a year, and the company recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation for its projects.

Michelle is especially drawn to her current work after living in a bustling metropolitan city like London. "It was a wonderful experience because I had a great quality of life," Michelle said. "I was healthy because I walked so much and happy because there were so many places to visit." Today, Michelle and her husband and two daughters live in a Detroit suburb with similar walkable amenities as her London neighborhood. And thanks to her work, she is ensuring people around the world will have the opportunity to experience communities like the ones she has been fortunate to enjoy.

WE WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT MORE BROADLY IN THE WORLD, BEYOND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.



Assistant Chief of Police **ALICE FULK,** Arkansas Beta

When Arkansas Beta **ALICE FULK** participated in a police ride-along in college, she didn't expect the car ride to change her life. She had only signed up to fulfill a requirement for her communications course — to job shadow someone in the community — and knew she didn't have the stomach for an ambulance ride-along. But what she saw that night opened her eyes to the needs of the Little Rock community and how she could help meet some of that need.

"I had no idea our police officers were exposed to so much," Alice said. "In one night, I went to different parts of the city I had never seen before, and I saw people's ups and downs. I realized being a policewoman was a great opportunity to help people."

Alice finished her studies while also interning at the Sheriff's Department, and was hired by the Little Rock Police Department shortly before graduation. She then completed training at the Police Academy over a 16-week period. Much of the training focuses on physical workouts, shooting practice and defense tactics, but the recruits also spend significant time studying federal, state and local laws as well as aspects of the justice system like court testimony. Their knowledge is tested via weekly exams.

Alice's first assignment was in the patrol division alternating between day and nighttime shifts. Patrol officers respond to 911 calls and are the first responders to car accidents, burglaries, robberies, shootings, domestic disturbances and more. Though Alice experienced some challenging situations while on patrol, she was happy to be able to help people during some of the most difficult times of their lives. Patrol officers also provide assistance after an incident to help connect individuals to the social services and programs available to them.

Those experiences prepared Alice for the detective division where she investigated crimes to determine the causes and perpetrators behind events. "Some people prefer to be done with work at the end of the day, but I always wanted to dig further and find out what happened after a call," Alice said. She then joined the training division to oversee the Little Rock Police Department Citizens Police Academy, a program providing hands-on training in many areas of law enforcement for local community members. She



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also supervised the Department's D.A.R.E.[®] drug education unit and other crime prevention efforts.

Over the next several years, Alice progressed through the Little Rock Police Department leadership. She held administrator roles in patrol, internal affairs and the major crimes divisions all while she completed her master's degree in human resource management in the evenings. In 2015, after 23 years of experience, Alice was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police, making her the first woman to hold that position in the Department's 149-year history. She now oversees the Executive Bureau consisting of more than 250 officers and civilian employees across the training, headquarters, communications and internal affairs divisions.

Alice recognizes her achievements with the Department have opened doors for other female officers seeking careers in the traditionally male-dominated field of law enforcement. When Alice was hired in 1992, women made up approximately two percent of Little Rock's police force; today, that number has grown to 19 percent. "It's important for a young officer to look up at the chief's office and be able to see himself or herself there," Alice said. "Before my promotion, no woman could see herself in the office. But now, our Department is showing that diversity is important and we are encouraging diversity at every level, from recruits up through the ranks."

NASA Chief Scientist DR. ELLEN STOFAN, Virginia Gamma

“I was one of those children who always picked up shells and rocks on the beach,” said **DR. ELLEN STOFAN**, Virginia Gamma. Her parents encouraged her curiosity whenever possible. Her father, a rocket engineer, spent decades working for NASA in a variety of roles and helped launch the Viking 1 lander that touched down on the surface of Mars in 1976. Ellen had attended the rocket launch the year before when she was only 4 years old.

At the age of 11, Ellen was invited to tag along on a field trip for her mother’s geology class. Her mother, a science teacher, was working toward her master’s of education at the time. “I followed behind the professor the entire trip and asked him questions,” she said. The experience was the first time Ellen realized being a scientist could be a career.

This was not the last time she would be part of a geology class. When she was older, Ellen decided she wanted to combine her two loves: Earth and space. Luckily, she was able to connect with mentors in the field. They all gave her similar advice, which was to earn an undergraduate degree in geology. Ellen would need to know how Earth’s geology worked in order to study the geology of other planets. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the College of William & Mary and then earned a master’s and doctorate from Brown University. She chose Brown because of its specialty in geomorphology, which is the study of how the Earth’s surface changes over time due to volcanoes and earthquakes. Professors at the school were working to map planetary surfaces in a similar fashion.

Since college, Ellen’s research has focused on the geology of Venus, Mars, Saturn’s moon, Titan, and Earth. From 1991 to 2000, she held a number of senior scientist positions at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Her projects included the New Millennium Program, which focused on engineering new technologies for space applications; the Magellan Mission to Venus, which mapped the surface of that planet; and the SIR-C, an instrument that provided radar images of Earth on two space shuttle flights.



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She served as Honorary Professor in the department of earth sciences at University College London and as Vice President of Proxemy Research before being appointed NASA Chief Scientist in 2013. In her role, she advises the NASA Administrator on science policy across the agency’s programs and science-related planning and investments. Her role also takes her abroad to countries like France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United Arab Emirates to represent NASA to other space agencies.

“In one day, I go from a meeting about the latest data on how black holes work to a second meeting about federal government agencies working to understand changes in the Arctic due to climate change to a third meeting about how to get children more interested in STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — fields,” Ellen said. “I learn something new every day.”

Perhaps most significantly, Ellen visits many K-12 schools and universities to talk about the research being conducted at NASA and share her experience as a woman in science. “It’s really important to show people that girls can be scientists,” Ellen said. “My biggest piece of advice is: you belong. The hardest thing is to look around the room and not see many people who look like you. But don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t make it.”

Army National Guard KATHERINE ARMSTRONG EBERLE, Mississippi Gamma

During her first year of college, Mississippi Gamma **KATHERINE ARMSTRONG EBERLE** started to feel lost and sought guidance from her parents and brother. Katherine was searching for a purpose, something to help her feel more fulfilled in her work. One evening, while talking on the phone, her mom suggested Katherine look into the military. Less than 10 minutes later, her brother called and also suggested she look into the military. “It was the sign I had been praying for,” Katherine said.

In March 2007, Katherine enlisted with the Army National Guard. Besides attending basic training for five months, Katherine was able to continue her studies at Mississippi State University. National Guard training typically requires one weekend per month plus a two-week period each year. Enlisting in the Guard is different from other Armed Forces branches because Guard soldiers answer to both state and federal governments and can be deployed wherever they are needed most, either domestically or overseas.

Katherine also became a charter member of the Mississippi Gamma Chapter at that time, when Pi Beta Phi colonized on campus her junior year. She served on the chapter’s Policy and Standards Board, drawing from her


Guard experience as a member of the Military Police (MP). In September 2009, shortly before beginning her senior year of college, Katherine was deployed to Iraq in support of the war against terrorism. “It was tough to leave my family and Pi Phi sisters, but they understood it’s where I needed to go,” she said.

During her nine-month deployment, Katherine participated in a Police Transition Team, which taught local police standard investigation techniques to help stabilize the area. The team also performed reconnaissance, security details and other missions to help American soldiers and Iraqi police. “I loved what I did,” Katherine said. “As a female, the MP was the closest position I could secure to a combat position. The MP is physically demanding and much more tactically aligned than other roles. Being able to go out and help people, as well as take care of my fellow soldiers, was a great feeling.”

While overseas, Katherine received countless care packages from her Mississippi Gamma sisters filled with snacks, photographs and letters. The Pi Phi women also sent notes and Valentine’s Day cards for other soldiers serving alongside Katherine, which were significant for the soldiers who rarely received mail from home. When Katherine returned to the United States, not only did her family attend the welcome back celebration, but also some of her closest Pi Phi sisters.

Katherine picked up her undergraduate studies where she had left off. In fact, she had enrolled in classes and purchased books while still overseas. She received her bachelor’s degree in 2013 and, shortly after graduation, her six-year contract with the National Guard ended. Katherine marked the occasion by signing a second six-year contract with the Guard. She recently transferred to the role of Internment/Resettlement Specialist and serves as a squad leader. She also works as Assistant to the Dean for the School of Nursing at The University of Texas at El Paso.

“Being able to serve my country is the best feeling in the world,” Katherine said. “And if I had to be deployed again, I would go back in a heartbeat. Ultimately, I want to help people. I would gladly give up my life so a child could grow up free and enjoy life to the fullest.”



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Retired FBI Agent **KELLEE CASEBEER,** Oregon Gamma

The practice of giving back to others was ingrained in Oregon Gamma **KELLEE CASEBEER** at a young age. She remembers spending summers with the children on her block doing activities to help others in the community. She also spent much of her childhood participating in the Camp Fire Girls completing various service projects.

When deciding which college to attend, she was drawn to Willamette University because of its motto “Non nobis solum,” which translates to “Not unto ourselves alone are we born.” Naturally, she was pleased to discover her life’s purpose while at the school: to transform her knowledge into action. “Giving back was always pre-wired in me,” Kellee said. “But Willamette and Pi Beta Phi really taught me I have service to give. And that’s what I sought to do.”

Kellee worked summers and after college graduation at a local bank, later moving on to work for a stock brokerage firm. Through a series of unfortunate events, and because of its proximity to the Oregon-Washington state line, the bank was robbed three times in a five-month period. Kellee was on duty during the robberies and was even

once held at gunpoint. Following each robbery, FBI agents would visit the bank to interview staff and other witnesses. As chance would have it, one of the agents was so impressed with Kellee’s ability to stay calm under pressure that he invited her to apply to the Bureau.

Kellee applied and was assigned to the FBI Dallas Division’s White Collar Crime program after completing her training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Her extensive training covered a myriad of topics, from self-defense to firearm training to classes about federal law. She also received specialized training in areas like document forgery and handwriting. She had to be ready for anything. Agents within the White Collar Crime program investigate crimes encompassing a full range of frauds committed by individuals, as well as business and government professionals. A few of these crimes include falsification of financial information, self-dealing by corporate insiders and money laundering in the areas of health care, narcotics and real estate.

Like many FBI agents, Kellee took on additional assignments beyond her regular duties when help was needed. She served as a crisis manager for the Bureau, helping set up command posts and managing logistics for different investigations including kidnappings, extortions and when the FBI supported NASA after the space shuttle Columbia exploded over East Texas. She also played a role in the FBI investigation immediately following 9/11 since American Airlines, headquartered in Dallas, was one of the two airlines used in the attack.

During her 24 and half years with the FBI, Kellee investigated dozens of white collar crime cases. She interviewed hundreds of witnesses, poured over thousands of pages of evidence and arrested those believed to be guilty, later testifying against them in Federal Court. “All the cool things about the FBI are true,” she said. But the job also came with its drawbacks. FBI offices are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. Kellee often worked long hours and admits to missing a few holidays to work on assignments.

“You have to be committed to the mission of your organization to be in public service,” Kellee said. “Public service is sacrifice and discipline. The reward is knowing you have made a difference and you have contributed to society. I have been lucky to be a part of something with historical significance that made the world a better place. And I feel good about that.”



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Military Spouse Advocate **LINDSEY GERMONO,** Virginia Delta

Though born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia, right down the street from the United States' largest naval base, Virginia Delta **LINDSEY GERMONO** didn't fully understand military life until she married an Air Force officer. The couple wed in 2011 and at first, their life remained relatively unchanged as they continued to call Norfolk home. Weekends were spent with family and friends, some from high school and others from college, and visits to their favorite restaurants and local businesses.

The couple's life changed two and a half years later when Lindsey's husband was going to be reassigned to South Korea. The couple decided Lindsey would stay home in Virginia for the duration of her husband's one-year assignment since spouses and families didn't often move to that military base. Four months into that plan, Lindsey's husband received a new assignment: to relocate to North Carolina. So Lindsey was given eight weeks to pack up the couple's house as well as her business, Germono Advertising Company, and start over in a new city.

"That move was when I really experienced what being a military spouse is all about," Lindsey said. "It's hard to leave behind your family and friends and your career. And it's hard to meet new people since military families are often coming and going. I started feeling depressed." Hoping to connect with other military spouses in her area, Lindsey attended a meeting for the local chapter of The Milspo Project, an organization seeking to empower the military spouse community with the tools and skills needed to succeed in business and life. She was thrilled to meet a group of men and women who were all military spouses and all entrepreneurs, just like her.

The group meets monthly to network and share business best practices. Discussions range from accounting do's and don'ts to goal-setting workshops. The group also hosts a book club where members read entrepreneurial books and share tips and tricks they picked up. Many members operate their businesses virtually or from their homes, so information and encouragement gathered at the meetings is invaluable.



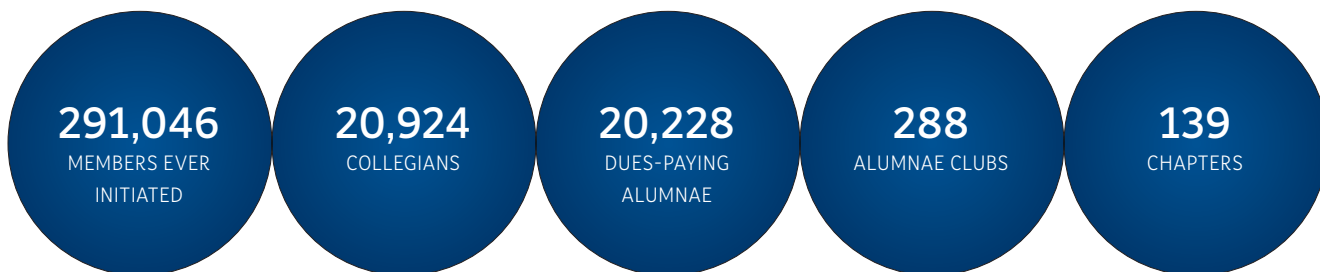
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Lindsey said The Milspo Project has "opened up a whole new world." Lindsey accepted a position on the organization's Board of Directors and attends its annual conference to network with other military spouses, hear from inspiring guest speakers and attend entrepreneurial workshops. Her Milspo Project connections have helped her expand her advertising company's services and better serve her clients. And the organization has helped Lindsey grow personally and make new friends with similar interests.

Most importantly, The Milspo Project has provided Lindsey with the opportunity to be an advocate and voice for military spouses. She recently started a podcast, called "Drop and Give Me 20," featuring the stories, challenges and wins military spouse entrepreneurs have faced. With 90 percent of military spouses unemployed or underemployed, even among men and women with advanced degrees and years of experience, support like these podcasts is crucial to the community. "My goal is to help businesses, but also to help those people who want to better themselves and want to provide a life for themselves and their family," Lindsey said. ◀

STATE OF PI BETA PHI

Membership



California is home to more Pi Phis than any other state.

Engagement

- 40,000+ Facebook Likes
- 17,700+ Twitter Followers
- 11,700+ Instagram Followers
- 5,000+ Pinterest Followers
- 6,143 Pi Phi volunteers
- 536,310 Visits to pibetaphi.org
- 308,925 Arrows mailed
- 859 Positive press mentions

Programming

- 3.31 Average GPA
- 1,246 Collegiate *Leading with Values*® seminars completed
- 1,000+ Critical Conversations® webisode views
**Critical Conversations is Pi Beta Phi's risk prevention education programming*
- 2,491 Members who attended a Pi Phi event
- 67,466 Online Learning Center courses completed



Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC)

- 8 chapters new to FHC
- 25 total FHC chapters
- 119 chapter housing facilities

Of those, 105 facilities sleep **4,400** members

Fiscal Year 2015–2016



775,110
Lives impacted
(as of June 30, 2016)

5,763
Children served through
Champions are Readers® program



INVESTED

\$2,763,352

in Pi Beta Phi, our sisters and communities. Including:



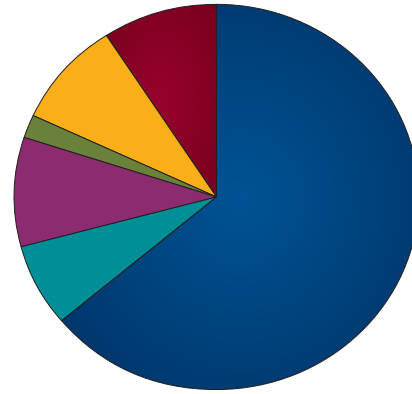
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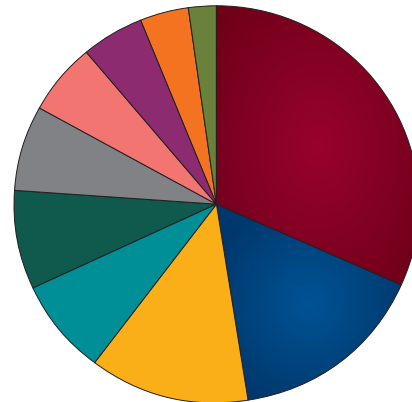
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Revenue

Dues and Fees	\$5,607,000	64%
Pi Phi Express Revenue	\$583,000	7%
Foundation Grants	\$746,000	9%
Convention/Educational Event Fees	\$198,000	2%
Investment Revenue*	\$781,000	9%
Miscellaneous	\$812,000	9%

*Unrealized losses on the investment portfolio are excluded above.



Expenditures

Chapter Support	\$2,236,000	32%
Administrative	\$1,065,000	15%
Convention/Educational Events	\$924,000	13%
Marketing & Communication/The Arrow	\$552,000	8%
Alumnae Support	\$577,000	8%
Pi Phi Express Merchandise	\$485,000	7%
International Officers	\$396,000	6%
Housing Support	\$372,000	5%
Other	\$277,000	4%
Membership	\$175,000	2%

Pi Phi's Use Pageant Titles to Promote Reading

By Virginia Theta **BREE MELTON**

Pi Phi's seek to promote reading awareness in their communities through our philanthropic effort, Read > Lead > Achieve. Two sisters recently used their involvement in beauty pageants to advocate for a cause they are passionate about: the importance of reading.

USA National Miss Rhode Island **PHOEBE DEPERRY**, Connecticut Gamma, has been competing in pageants since high school and is currently attending Quinnipiac University to become a teacher. "Literacy, words and

language are all things I am very passionate about," she said. After receiving her USA National Miss title, she knew she wanted a philanthropic platform that tied into those passions, but she wasn't sure how to make the connection.

It was during her participation in Pi Beta Phi's New Member Education Program that Phoebe learned one in four children in America grow up without learning how to read, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy. "That statistic really struck me, and I wanted to do something about it," Phoebe said.

From that moment on, her platform became reading-focused. Phoebe first completed a holiday book drive. She raised more than \$700 and used the funds to purchase brand-new books for children in need. After receiving an outpouring of support from friends, family and Pi Phi sisters, Phoebe knew she wanted to do something on a larger scale.

She has since founded a nonprofit, Open Book, dedicated to purchasing and collecting new books for underserved schools in Rhode Island. Phoebe's focus is on new books, rather than used books, because she remembers how



This page: USA National Miss Rhode Island **PHOEBE DEPERRY**, Connecticut Gamma, completed a holiday book drive, raising more than \$700, and used the funds to purchase brand-new books for local elementary schools. Phoebe reads aloud at the schools and uses storytime to encourage students to stand up against bullying.

Opposite page: During her visits to local elementary schools, Ms. South Carolina United States **ANNA CATHERINE ENGLISH**, Alabama Beta, asked students to make a pledge to read over summer break. The students who participated in the challenge received a special pizza party to celebrate.



she felt as a child when she received a new book. “I loved the smell and the feeling that I was the only person to have ever opened this specific book,” she said. “I want all children to have that same opportunity.”

Phoebe has also visited local elementary schools to read aloud with students. One of the books she has read is “Rhinos & Raspberries: Tolerance Tales for the Early Grades.” After the story, Phoebe discussed the consequences associated with bullying and encouraged students to stand up against bullying.

Ms. South Carolina United States **ANNA CATHERINE ENGLISH**, Alabama Beta, has a similar service platform and also credits Pi Beta Phi for inspiring her passion for reading service. While in college, Anna volunteered for her chapter’s Champions are Readers program. After graduation, she joined the Greenville, South Carolina, Alumnae Club and participated in additional Pi Phi literacy initiatives like Fraternity Day of Service. But Anna Catherine wanted to take her service a step further.

She has used her time as Ms. South Carolina United States to visit classrooms in underserved areas in order to donate books and encourage reading. “My mom and dad read to me every single night, and some of these children will never have that same opportunity,” Anna Catherine said. “It is my honor to teach these children how important it is to read and give them books they can take home.” As part of her presentation, Anna Catherine is able to share Pi Beta Phi’s Read > Lead > Achieve platform with the classrooms, a concept to which the children have responded well. In less than five months, Anna Catherine met with more than 600 children, giving each child a book she collected with the help of her alumnae club and local Junior League.

During her school visits, Anna Catherine also asks students to make a pledge to read over the summer. Research has shown reading three to five books before the start of the school year helps prevent reading loss that commonly occurs during summer break. The students who participated in her challenge received a special pizza party to celebrate.

One of the most rewarding parts of her service has been the feedback Anna Catherine has received from the children. One student told her she couldn’t wait to be “just like her,” visiting schools and telling other children how important it is to read.

While Phoebe and Anna Catherine are promoting the importance of reading in their communities as individuals, both recognize the support they’ve received from others. Anna Catherine credits her



“incredible village” with helping her collect books and secure invitations to local classrooms. Phoebe’s friends, family and Pi Phi sisters not only helped her fundraise, but have also helped her navigate establishing her nonprofit, including obtaining tax-exempt status with the IRS. Both women demonstrate how one person can impact the lives of hundreds of children, and how one’s actions can encourage others to do the same. ←

Celebrating 150 Years Together



In 2017, Pi Beta Phi will celebrate 150 years of being Friends and Leaders for Life. Make plans now to meet in St. Louis June 23-27, 2017, for the 71st Biennial Convention and the celebration of a lifetime.

What's in store for you at the St. Louis Convention? Of course we are planning all of your favorite convention traditions like Dinner by Chapter, the Parade of Banners, Wine Carnation Banquet, Halo Heaven, award presentations and convention initiation. We are also planning a celebration like never before. From historical displays to the Ring Ching Roadshow exhibit, we'll take you on a journey through Pi Phi's past, present and even a look into the future. We'll be unveiling the new Pi Phi Historical Website and launching new Fraternity initiatives that will carve a new path as we prepare for the next 150 years. And it wouldn't be a Pi Phi celebration without the biggest and best Cookie Shine ever!

WHO CAN ATTEND?

All members are invited to attend convention. Volunteers serving at the local level are encouraged to attend, and officers serving at the international level are required to attend. The convention body normally consists of one-third collegians and two-thirds alumnae. For many members it is their first convention, but others come time after time. It is wonderful to see new Pi Phis of less than a year attend alongside those who have worn the golden arrow for more than 75 years.

ABOUT ST. LOUIS

Home to Pi Beta Phi Headquarters, St. Louis is known as the Gateway to the West. It's the birthplace of the ice cream cone and often referred to as the "Home of the Blues," because of its rich blues music scene (and, of course, its hockey team)! At 1,400 acres, St. Louis' Forest Park is almost twice as large as Central Park in New York City. Attractions

BE SURE TO VISIT WWW.PIBETAPHI.ORG/150 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIBBIE AND THE RING CHING ROADSHOW AS WELL AS THE 150 WAYS CHAPTERS, ALUMNAE CLUBS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CELEBRATION.

including the Gateway Arch, City Museum, Six Flags over Mid-America and the St. Louis Zoo are just a few of the reasons St. Louis is a family favorite destination.

The official hotel for the 2017 Convention is the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch. It is conveniently located in downtown St. Louis and is just 20 minutes from Lambert St. Louis International Airport.

How do you think the celebration will play out? There's only one way to find out. Registration will open in January 2017. Visit www.pibetaphi.org/convention for more information. ←



Making the Impossible Become the Inevitable

Pi Beta Phi held its inaugural Leadership Institute on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, July 22-24, for more than 200 collegians. The Institute was led by Lead Facilitator Erin Fischer, CEO of The Leadership and Training Studio. Attendees were divided into small group “Think Tanks,” which were facilitated by Pi Phi volunteers and staff. The purpose of Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute was to narrow the overwhelming catalog of leadership competencies and help identify exceptional and distinctive leadership qualities in each attendee. Grand Vice President Programming **MARLA NEELLY WULF**, Kansas Beta, closing remarks at the event perfectly summed up the inspiring weekend, and we wanted to share those with you.

“You have made new lifelong friends, challenged yourself, developed new skills and strengthened skills you already had. You have developed a strong inner voice and are prepared to take action, speak up and make a difference. You have the knowledge and tools to put these values and concepts into action. You have what it takes to be a confident woman leader.”

Casting a vision, communicating and collaborating are critical components in strong leadership. To impact and sustain change, you have to be contagious and make great decisions. You have to ignite a spark in others to be the best they can be. You will need to manage change and build resiliency. It’s not always easy being a leader. But, if you believe in yourself and capitalize on your strengths, you can be a successful servant leader.

Almost 150 years ago, our founders, 12 women living in a man’s world, bravely cast a vision, created a plan and took action. Think of the barriers they encountered. It would have been so easy for them to give up. But they were confident, determined women who took a dream and made it a reality for you and for me. By choosing to participate in Pi Beta Phi’s first-ever Leadership Institute, you hold a place in Pi Phi history. As a facilitator or a participant in this Pi Phi first, you are living the dream and forever changing the landscape for our future members and the world around us.

Be brave, be real and be authentic. You are leading the way as confident women leaders who contribute to making the impossible become the inevitable.”

Below: In July, Pi Beta Phi held its inaugural Leadership Institute for more than 200 collegians. Attendees were divided into small group “Think Tanks” to discuss leadership and then identify exceptional leadership qualities in themselves.



IN HER OWN WORDS

Lead Facilitator, Erin Fischer, CEO
The Leadership and Training Studio

“I don’t know where to start! It’s so rare I am surprised anymore, and this group of incredible women surprised us all. The depth of their passion and interest in serving is

beyond anything I have seen. They shared about how they want to protect women who are being sexually assaulted, run for office, protect animals, battle the crisis of anxiety and depression on college campuses and even support young men in Boys and Girls Clubs. My heart is full and overjoyed. I am so honored to have led these women simply by sparking the conversation around what is important to them.”

IN HER OWN WORDS

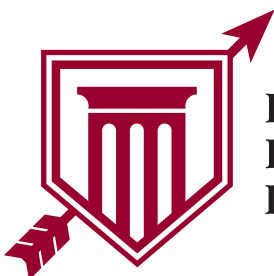
Ohio Beta **ALEXIS COHEN**

“Thank you for giving me an irreplaceable backbone of support and blessing me with the most inspiring, gifted, determined and dedicated sisters. I have found the struggles I experienced in my life thus far should not define me, nor should gender or inadequacy hold me back. You have taught me that I am able to do whatever I set my mind to, and for that, I am forever grateful.

Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute reminded me of my own values and brought my strengths back to life. I learned that striving to be perfect is unrealistic because we are already perfect in our way. Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute also tied in our core values. I watched women put these core values to use without thinking twice, and I got to know women who have built their lives and futures based on those simple values.

Thanks to Pi Beta Phi, I have learned how to be a better member of society, and how to be a better version of my own self. The extraordinary Erin Fischer also helped me, and so many others, to not just have a vision, but also to have a plan toward making that vision a reality. I now know how to make the impossible become the inevitable. You have provided me with lifelong teammates and sisters, and I only hope I can give back even half of what the Fraternity has given me some day.

Thank you for a community that will always welcome me with open arms and a warm heart. Whether it be someone from my own chapter or someone from a chapter across the country, I know a fellow Pi Beta Phi means friendship and connection. I cannot thank you enough for accepting me as I am. Never did I imagine Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute could be so moving, self-motivating, and rewarding. It is not about the quantity of information we were provided with, but the quality that made such an impact.” ◀



**PI BETA PHI
LEADERSHIP
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WHAT WE HEARD ON INSTAGRAM

Co-Facilitator
ALEX ROARK,
New Mexico Alpha
“These women will change the world. They are strong, resilient, inspiring and passionate. I can’t wait to watch them make the impossible become the inevitable. Pi Beta Phi’s Leadership Institute is a game changer!”



Washington Gamma
MADLINE MCCOMBS
“So thankful to have had the opportunity to attend Pi Beta Phi’s Leadership Institute and represent my beautiful sisters of Washington Gamma. I have met so many brave, authentic and inspiring women, and I can’t wait to pay it forward in my chapter and in my life.”



Women from California Mu, Pepperdine University, from left to right **ELIZABETH TEKLITS, CLAIRE FAGIN, MARGARET CLIPPERTON and KATIE CONKLIN**
“Honor and Respect: A Pi Phi value embodied by these ladies who spent the weekend at Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute, where Pi Phis from across the nation came together to grow, identify their talents and develop a plan to serve the world as resilient women leaders. We couldn’t have chosen a better group to represent



California Mu, and we are so thankful for these four and their willingness to represent our chapter honorably and respectfully! They show us what it means to be a #PiPhiLeader.”

Congratulations Award Winners!

In July, nearly 300 awards were presented to chapters, alumnae clubs and individuals in honor of accomplishments from the past year. The awards honored philanthropic service, academic success and overall achievement, among other categories. Congratulations to our winners!



BALFOUR CUP The Oklahoma Beta Chapter at Oklahoma State University received the Fraternity's highest honor for a collegiate chapter, the Balfour Cup, for the 2015-2016 academic year. The award honors the chapter's high member retention and academic success, as well as the chapter's ranking as a top recruiter on campus. Executive Council showed great initiative by inviting Past Grand President and chapter alumna **MARY LOY TATUM** to assist in their annual goal setting sessions, which resulted in determining chapter-specific vision and mission statements, as well as a SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis of the chapter.



PREMIER CLUB AWARD FOR LARGE CLUBS The Dallas Alumnae Club received the Premier Club Award for Large Clubs. The club was honored for their support of two local chapters. They spotlight Dallas area collegians in each newsletter, and invite collegians to events throughout the year. This year, 50 members held a leadership position within the club. The club capitalized on its 100th anniversary and centered its programming theme on “100 Years of Sisterhood.” The club also raised \$70,000 for four local organizations through specific literacy programs. They held two Fraternity Day of Service events and a book drive resulting in a donation of 100 books to local literacy agencies. From left, Texas Betas **MELISSA WOODARD UTLEY**, **CAROL COOK DALTON** and **CHERYL WRIGHT HENRY** and Texas Alpha **MARY JOY DAVISON HINTON**.



PREMIER CLUB AWARD FOR SMALL CLUBS The Monmouth, Illinois, Alumnae Club received the Premier Club Award for Small Clubs. The award honors the club’s increased membership thanks to an outreach program that included putting door hangers on the homes of Pi Phis inviting them to be part of the club. The club also had great local press coverage for their Fraternity Day of Service event and their involvement with the dedication of the new Illinois Alpha Chapter house. The club provided small gifts to the incoming Illinois Alpha New Member class, held a Welcome Back dinner and hosted a Christmas Cookie Shine for the chapter at Holt House. They also developed a cookbook as a gift for graduating seniors. Above, club members are pictured outside of Pi Phi’s founding home, Holt House.

BALFOUR CUP
Oklahoma Beta

BALFOUR CUP 1ST RUNNER UP
Iowa Gamma

BALFOUR CUP 2ND RUNNER UP
Kansas Beta

AMY BURNHAM ONKEN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AND CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
Natalie Rousseau, New York Delta

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVANT LEADERSHIP
Alison Kelly, Arizona Beta

JEAN WIRTHS SCOTT LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVANT LEADERSHIP
Emily Luepker, Connecticut Beta

SILVER SLIPPER AWARD — EXCELLENCE OF A CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE
Hannah Ramsdell, Mississippi Beta

OUTSTANDING AAC FINANCIAL ADVISOR
Elisabeth Adams, New Mexico Beta serving Washington Alpha University of Washington

PREMIER CLUB
Large Group: Dallas, Texas
Small Group: Monmouth, Illinois

PREMIER CLUB 1ST RUNNER UP
Large Group: Houston, Texas
Small Group: Columbia, South Carolina

PREMIER CLUB 2ND RUNNER UP
Large Group: St. Louis, Missouri
Small Group: St. Paul, Minnesota

EMMA HARPER TURNER LEADERSHIP AWARD
Beth Wheeler Parrish, Alabama Beta
Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club

EVELYN PETERS KYLE ANGEL AWARD FOR CLUB SERVICE
Vickey Verwey, New York Delta
Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club

YOUNG ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Michelle Drouse Woodhouse
California Eta
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan,
Alumnae Club

To view the full list of collegiate and alumnae award winners, as well as additional information about the award winners, visit www.pibetaphi.org/awards.

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Programming Specialist - Kristi Hanlon Marsh, Illinois Zeta
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Membership Specialist - Erika Bates Mackey, Connecticut Alpha
Programming Specialist - Chantel Hagner Lanier, Florida Epsilon
Risk Management/Policy Specialist - Toni Cerino, Virginia Delta
Coordinating Specialist - Danielle Janowski, Michigan Beta

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Programming Specialist - Leslie Stachowiak, Wisconsin Alpha
Risk Management/Policy Specialist - TBD

COLLEGIATE REGION SIX

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Membership Specialist - Kasey Mitchell Adams, Mississippi Alpha
Programming Specialist - Rebecca Alcover Bobo, Tennessee Delta
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Risk Management/Policy Specialist - Lauren Jenkins Smith, Oregon Gamma

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Financial/Housing Specialist - Tara Abbott Davis, Arizona Alpha
Membership Specialist - Ashley Bradbury, California Kappa
Programming Specialist - Jessica Chavez, New Mexico Alpha
Risk Management/Policy Specialist - TBD

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In Memoriam

Because of space constraints, *The Arrow* will only print the entirety of an obituary for a past Grand President. If you know a sister who has died, please inform Pi Beta Phi Headquarters. Names will only be listed in *The Arrow* if accompanied by a published notice, including those names entered electronically via eReports, Pi Phi's online reporting system. Published notices include a newspaper or newspaper website obituary, a funeral program/prayer card or a listing in a college/university alumni newsletter. Email Alison Bauer at alison@pibetaphi.org or mail to Headquarters.

In Memoriam lists the name and initiation year of each member who has died.

Memorial gifts made to Pi Beta Phi Foundation are a loving and lasting way to honor the memory of a beloved Pi Phi sister. When the gift is made, the Foundation sends a card to the family, notifying them of the thoughtful gift. To make a memorial gift, please call the Foundation at (636) 256-1357 or visit www.pibetaphifoundation.org.

ALABAMA BETA

Catherine Inge Fierro, 1982

ALBERTA ALPHA

Helen McCuaig McEvoy, 1981

ARIZONA ALPHA

Pauline Fernald Ledford, 1940
Margaret Hale Magness, 1941

ARKANSAS ALPHA

Pamela Wildy Brackin, 1971
Beverly Sanford Eberle, 1958
Jo Alice Maryman Guerin, 1955,
affiliated Texas Beta
Mary Beauchamp Sealy, 1937

CALIFORNIA ZETA

Marie Foley Weiden, 1951

COLORADO BETA

Ruth Black Arnold, 1940
Joan Nettle Burdick, 1948

FLORIDA BETA

Anna Sands Mooney, 1941

GEORGIA ALPHA

Jean Thornton McGriff, 1951
Donna Clifford Medders, 1956
Maizie Almon Newell, 1945
Peggy Haynie Purvis, 1942
Lanette Hutchins Wright, 1948
Martha Latimer Young, 1942

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Lois E. Graessle, 1962

INDIANA ALPHA

Patricia Hays Barnett, 1950

INDIANA BETA

Madeline Scully Cowgill, 1939
Carolyn McNabb Newman, 1944

INDIANA DELTA

Candyce Clifton Krumwiede, 1975
Peggy Howard Loeffler, 1940

INDIANA GAMMA

Sarah Ruddell Helms, 1958
Isabelle Burnside Vollrath, 1943

IOWA BETA

Marjorie Harris Reynolds, 1941

IOWA GAMMA

Eleanor White Butler, 1939

IOWA ZETA

Mary Farrell Knott, 1966

KANSAS ALPHA

Brenda Worley Billings, 1977
Katherine Fones Bond, 1963
Patricia Mullen McPherson, 1968
Norma Kennedy Sherman, 1946

KANSAS BETA

Isabelle Phelan Boger, 1940

KENTUCKY ALPHA

Martha Newkirk Daniels, 1961
Shirley Rehm Witten, 1945

KENTUCKY GAMMA

Melissa DeSimone McMahan, 1993

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Winifred Meighan Young, 1941

MICHIGAN BETA

Cynthia Root Carter, 1931
Susan Willard Dichter, 1936
Nancy Griffin Dubois, 1941
Julie Lowe Knode, 1952
Judith Patterson Loughrin, 1947

MINNESOTA ALPHA

Jeanne McClean Ehekircher, 1948

MISSISSIPPI BETA

Marjorie Wallace Peddle, 1962

MISSOURI BETA

Ina M M. Fitzhenry, 1962
Kathryn Buck Hewitt, 1939

MISSOURI GAMMA

Mary Lou Humphreys Raymond, 1947

NEBRASKA BETA

Helen Ayers Wagner, 1940

NEVADA ALPHA

Vivienne Potter Morris Ross, 1952

NEW MEXICO BETA

Karin Gustafson Davidson, 1978

NEW YORK DELTA

Shirley Crafts Rosser, 1943

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Jessie Skinner Gaither, 1940
Henriette Hampton Morris, 1944

NORTH CAROLINA BETA

Peg Mercer Eastman, 1941

OHIO ALPHA

Betty Feezel Wilk, 1942
Weezie Price Wooden, 1950

OHIO BETA

Dody Schroder Logeman, 1953

OHIO DELTA

Martha Bowman Ebeling, 1951
Margaret Whiting Funsett, 1942
Patty Kline Shuster, 1952

OHIO ETA

Jean Wilson Ensign, 1955

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

Shirley Routt Bomford, 1944
Ann Wilson Wise Eldridge, 1954
Tara Rushing Watts, 2004

OREGON ALPHA

Lou Ann Chase Daldrup, 1949
Jean Gates Hall, 1951
Verlie Myers Newquist, 1942
Mary Vincent Powell, 1940
Gloria Cloud Skade, 1944

OREGON BETA

Kathryn Werry Childress, 1939, affiliated Oregon Alpha
Jane McEachron Robbins, 1942
Marilyn Carter Spear, 1970

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Jacquelyn Buschert Evans, 1946

TENNESSEE ALPHA

Janis Haskew Arthur, 1948

TENNESSEE BETA

Barbara Lowe Matthews, 1946

TENNESSEE GAMMA

Anne Canaday Sloan, 1961, affiliated Arkansas Alpha

TEXAS ALPHA

Dela Wright White, 2000

TEXAS BETA

Bette Barcus Carpenter, 1959
Betty Turner Rogers, 1944
Jeanne Welborn Simpson, 1944

TEXAS GAMMA

Joan Norris Duncan, 1953

UTAH ALPHA

Judy Coombs Guiver Keister, 1960
Jean Richardson Sorensen, 1939

VIRGINIA GAMMA

Anne Waring Brown, 1948

VIRGINIA ZETA

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