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Through ups and downs, trials and strife, one constant endures. The power of hope provides a sustaining force and a guiding light to help us traverse the challenges in our paths. Hope endures because we endure; and as Pi Phis, we endure together. As you read about our members' healing journeys in this issue, we hope the same message resonates for you.



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As you read this issue of *The Arrow*, you will see images of members with and without face coverings. As a quarterly publication, we often receive photo and story submissions from months previous, and two years into the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to experience shifting guidelines on precautionary measures. Pi Beta Phi continues to recommend that all members adhere to the strictest guidelines available in your municipality, county, region, state or province.

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# Healing and Harmony for Pi Beta Phi



AMY LORENZEN SOUTHERLAND Grand Vice President Inclusion/ **Community Relations** 

Dear Pi Phis.

As this issue of *The Arrow* reaches you, the first notes of springtime have just emerged. Both the promise of a new season and the brighter days ahead give us hope for renewal in the coming weeks and months. For Pi Beta Phi, this means renewing our Lifelong Commitment to one another and endeavoring on a pathway toward greater healing and harmony within our sisterhood.

One expression of our core value of Lifelong Commitment is recognizing and allowing the Fraternity to grow and evolve—as do all of us as individuals. The tried-and-true meaning of Pi Phi will always remain the same; evolution doesn't change that, but it can feel like the ground beneath our feet is less steady. As a Fraternity leader, I recognize that feeling. I also in part bear the responsibility of overcoming such obstacles while ensuring the future of our sisterhood for all.

Recent years have proven difficult in previously unimaginable ways, and at times it feels like we've been living in a continual dark, cold winter. Isolation, disconnection, discomfort and uncertainty pervaded our daily lives, and it's crucial that we take this natural time of revival and rejuvenation for ourselves-and our sisterhood-to heal as well.

As we gathered stories from members for this issue, we had conversations with Pi Phis who have experienced their own healing journeys—physical, emotional, mental and spiritual—and we're honored to share these members' stories with you in the coming pages. Not only is this an opportunity to learn from and celebrate the resilience of our sisters, but it's also an opportunity to express our value of Sincere Friendship by offering support, solace and sympathy.

When the world feels heavy, Pi Phis are there to lift each other up. We help one another find the light in the darkness, quiet the noise and focus on what's important. Bearing witness to one another's stories lends each of us the chance to not only aid in the healing journey of those we love, but also to find tools to heal ourselves amid our own pains. Such a topic-healing-can feel distant, undefined, immeasurable. As you venture into these pages, I hope you begin to see how we can heal together and what healing can entail from a variety of circumstances.

On an individual level as well as an organizational level, healing is a necessary component to a productive, healthy future. Pi Phis—as individuals, chapters, clubs, friend groups and a Fraternity at large—have the power to heal from whatsoever we face while building a more supportive, loving and welcoming future. I hope as you read this issue, you feel the inspiration and true power of our sisterhood. There is so much to look forward to and so much to preserve about Pi Phi, and I look forward to us moving toward that future together.

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## Letters to Pi Phi

Pi Beta Phi believes we can strengthen the inherent value in Pi Phi sisterhood by seeking feedback from our members and using what we learn to help plan our next steps. We want to hear from you, whether you're sharing your feelings on the latest issue of *The Arrow*, your thoughts on a Fraternity email or social media post or a heartfelt critique encouraging Pi Phi to do better. Below are a selection of thoughts Pi Phi sisters shared with the Fraternity.

Let's keep the conversation going, together—send your reflections and feedback to thearrow@pibetaphi.org. Please include your full name and chapter of initiation.

In response to the Fraternity's social media post asking our members about the personal significance of Black History Month:

JULIA DAVIS, Florida Alpha, initiated 2019

"Black History Month is important to me because it's one of the many times throughout the year where I can continue to share my culture with my peers and honor/learn about my ancestors."

In response to the Fraternity's social media post sharing a story from Texas Gamma **KIRRAH POWELL** about her experience as a Black member of Pi Phi:

ABBY STONER, Michigan Epsilon, initiated 2009

"Yes! Let's not limit [the conversation] to February!"

In response to a blog post titled "5 Questions for Future Chapter Advisors" on the Fraternity's blog, To the Point:

#### JENNIFER NICHOLSON GUTZMER, Wisconsin Alpha, initiated 1987

"Being on AAC was an awesome experience. I served as the finance advisor for Illinois Theta years ago. I had little to no finance experience but now have a career in banking. My husband at the time had been transferred to the area, I was newly pregnant and knew no one. Where to turn—my sisters. I met, yet again, lifelong friends both alumnae and collegiate at Bradley. Being on AAC was very rewarding. I am proud to have worked with such a remarkable group of women!"

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#### ▷ ONE, TWO, THREE WORDS

#### PI PHIS MADE AN IMPACT ON FRATERNITY DAY OF SERVICE

Every year in early March, Pi Phis participate in literacy-related service in their communities to recognize Fraternity Day of Service. As part of the celebration, Pi Phi originally selected three communities with tremendous need—Nashville, Tennessee; Lansing, Michigan; and Los Angeles—to host Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events this year. Although we



From left: Tennessee Beta **MARGIE JOHNSON** and a librarian with the Nashville Public Library at the Fraternity Day of Service Signature Event in Nashville.

couldn't safely conduct in-person Signature Events in Michigan and L.A., Pi Phi remained committed to serving these areas by providing new, age-appropriate books to children in all three locations.

Gifts to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation are critical to the success of Pi Phi's literacy initiatives—providing full financial support for all Read > Lead > Achieve\* programs, including Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events. Because of your support, children in Michigan, L.A. and Nashville received more than 60,000 books.

#### JOIN US FOR HALO HAPPENINGS

Hosted by Pi Beta Phi Foundation's Board of Trustees, Halo Happenings events provide members with the opportunity to gather, hear from Pi Phi leaders and learn how gifts to our Foundation make a difference for our sisterhood. All Pi Phi sisters and friends are invited to join as we celebrate fun and friendship in the following cities:

- Northern New Jersey—June 8, 2022
- New York City—June 9, 2022
- Charleston, South Carolina—Fall 2022
- Chicago—Fall 2022
- Omaha, Nebraska—Fall 2022

For more information and to register for a Halo Happenings near you, visit **pibetaphi.org/halohappenings**.

#### CHAPTER OFFICERS FOCUS ON AN INCLUSIVE MEMBER EXPERIENCE

Although Pi Phi was unable to host an in-person College Weekend in 2022, the Fraternity coordinated a series of virtual, live officer trainings for all chapter officers and Advisors. The live sessions, which included a keynote attended by nearly 450 members, encouraged chapter officers and Alumnae Advisory Committee members to explore their personal identities, celebrate their leadership journey and feel confident in their unique strengths. One collegian shared, "I found Tianna Soto's keynote really powerful when discussing our identity, and it helped me find my identity as a leader." With an overall focus on providing an inclusive member experience, College Weekend programming included specialized training for all new officers including the newly-elected chapter Vice Presidents Inclusion.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR CHAPTERS AND ALUMNAE CLUBS

Every year, Pi Phi chapters and alumnae clubs demonstrate the strength of their commitment to Philanthropic Service to Others through their financial support of Pi Beta Phi Foundation. In 2021, still facing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, many chapters and clubs had to re-envision or adapt their fundraising and philanthropy events.

Whether pivoting to a new fundraising platform or adapting traditional events to a virtual or socially distanced format, members were eager to continue their philanthropic efforts, and—despite the challenges—our chapters and alumnae clubs collectively raised \$634,896.37 for Pi Beta Phi Foundation. We extend our deepest thanks to every Pi Phi chapter and club for all you have made possible for our sisterhood and communities with your efforts! Congratulations to the top 10 chapters and alumnae clubs listed below. ←

#### **TOP 10 CHAPTERS**

Florida Beta - Florida State University Arkansas Alpha - University of Arkansas Louisiana Beta - Louisiana State University Oklahoma Beta - Oklahoma State University Texas Eta - Texas A&M University Nevada Alpha - University of Nevada Arizona Beta - Arizona State University Florida Epsilon - University of Central Florida Virginia Epsilon - University of Virginia Georgia Alpha - University of Georgia



From left: Florida Betas **KATIE TRABER**, **AMANDA KLEMM**, **ANSLEY CUSHING**, **HANNAH GUNDELFINGER** and **JULIANA JOYNER** at the chapter's centennial celebration in February.

#### **TOP 10 ALUMNAE CLUBS**

Northern Virginia Alumnae Club Dallas, Texas, Alumnae Club Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club Colorado Springs, Colorado, Alumnae Club Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club St. Louis, Missouri, Alumnae Club Fort Worth, Texas, Alumnae Club Palm Springs-Desert Cities, California, Alumnae Club

Make an impact-volunteer with Pi Phi!

From our earliest days, Pi Beta Phi has prospered thanks to the dedication and leadership of volunteers who guide our organization at the local, regional and international levels. More than 2,000 dedicated volunteers serve and strengthen Pi Beta Phi every day. Their leadership gives members the opportunity to practice and grow their skills, while contributing to our collective success.

Michigan Alpha **KAREN BOLL ROBIDEAU** shares, "Working with my fellow Pi Phis—both collegians and other alumnae is the best part of serving as a volunteer! Whether in-person or virtually, I cherish the opportunity to connect with sisters while working to better the organization and our members. For anyone interested in taking on a volunteer role, don't be intimidated. I hope you consider serving and that it gives you the same sense of purpose it has given me!"

Join this network and support members across our sisterhood at **pibetaphi.org/volunteer**.



## Amy Lorne Rowell

KENTUCKY BETA

#### TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAREER PATH.

I worked in collegiate and professional sports (NCAA, NFL, NASCAR and English Premier League soccer) for 25 years. In 2019, I decided to move back home to Lexington, Kentucky, and start my own business. I envisioned a retail storefront and communitysupporting event space. I returned to Lexington in January 2020, and as I was researching locations, the COVID pandemic hit—so I pivoted. I opened PK's Gift Closet, which includes an online store anchored by a quarterly subscription box geared toward gifting to others. It's a way to be prepared when opportunities come to show a little kindness or give someone recognition—or when you need a last-minute birthday present! I enjoy helping people alleviate stress by helping them organize and be prepared. I call it "Practicing Gift Preparedness." When you give a thoughtful gift to someone and see their appreciation and delight, it makes you feel good. It makes you feel connected. I want to create this feeling for others. I have a servant's heart, so I do what I can to make people's lives easier and more intentional. I can sum it up with my life's motto: If you shine, I shine.

## WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

I get up early every day and spend about 60-90 minutes meditating, praying, reading and studying the Bible, as well as reading inspirational materials. I spend the rest of my day working on business. I am the only employee, so I'll be doing anything from social media planning to filling orders to creative strategy to

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accounting (ugh) to website design and maintenance. I usually end the day watching a show with my cat Gus on my lap or going out with friends for drinks and dinner.

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK?

I love working so hard for something I've created. It's an entirely different professional experience. I love the flexibility of being able to create my own schedule. I get to determine how things look and how they are presented. I work at a high level of detail and getting to put my stamp on everything is incredibly rewarding. When I see people with something I've designed or put together, or when I get feedback on my products and the experience people have had through giving or receiving them, it's an indescribably joyous feeling.

I also love that I'm building my brand based on intention and charity. I'm so excited for the next steps, it's sometimes hard to stay focused on the now, which is important—because I need to stay in business to be able to get to those next steps!

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL?

Set your boundaries ... always. People will treat you the way you allow them to treat you. I spent years and years constantly working and traveling. I've worked all night. I've worked 20 hours a day for months at a time. I've made myself available to others with no time limits. I've missed so many things that were important to me in order to work for others. Not one bit of that was worth it. I didn't experience more success or more money, I wasn't happier—I just hurt myself. My health suffered tremendously, and more importantly, I missed out on a lot of personal opportunities. You must take care of yourself and make time for your family, friends and the things you love.

## WHO IS SOMEONE WHO CONSISTENTLY INSPIRES YOU?

Dolly Parton trusts her gut and remains true to herself. She doesn't take herself too seriously yet is very serious about supporting her community and lifting up others. Her charitable efforts are extraordinary—not just toward her community, but toward the world! Plus, she continues to do new and different things. She continues to evolve herself, because there is no time or age limit on your dreams and goals. She's inspirational and always serves that with a dose of real talk and humor. She's such a treasure!

#### HOW DO YOU FIND BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE?

After living so many years out of balance and missing so much, I've learned what my priorities are in life. If I want to take an afternoon and spend it with one of my godchildren, I'm going to do it. If I need to take a walk or binge-watch a terribly wonderful show, I'll do it. I treat myself with kindness and grace because I deserve it, too.

#### IS THERE AN EXPERIENCE YOU'VE NEEDED TO HEAL FROM? HOW DID YOU APPROACH THAT PROCESS?

Many years ago, I experienced a significant season of loss. The grief I had was overwhelming but instead of dealing with it and working through it, I went back to business as usual. I moved on and continued to meet the expectations of other people without missing a beat. I put myself and my mental health last—and did so for years. This approach backfired tremendously and caused a significant amount of damage to myself and others. However, when I spent the time to finally work through my feelings, I found healing.

Never ignore your mental health. It is absolutely OK to not be OK. Don't let anyone discount your feelings, and if you feel like you need to take time to deal with something, do it at all costs. If there are people who don't support you, you'll find others who will. I've been there —it will never be worth neglecting yourself in the pursuit of success or acceptance.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PI PHI MEMORY?

I'm still making them with my sisters, as many of us are still close! However, as an only child, I loved living in the chapter house and being part of a real sisterhood. We always had our doors open or were hanging out in the hallways—we just really enjoyed being together. Also, being present for my goddaughter's Initiation a few years ago and being able to pin her was one of the highlights of my life!

## WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WISH YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN SOONER IN LIFE?

Money and status have nothing to do with happiness or fulfillment.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WORD?

Cheers! It means to express good wishes, not just in a toast but as parting words to someone. When I worked overseas, everyone ended their phone conversation or email with "Cheers," and I still do it today. It's just kind and uplifting.

You can connect with Amy at **pksgiftcloset.com** or @pksgiftcloset on social media.

## How Books Bridge the Gap

Books are more than collections of words and pages. They are powerful tools for sharing ideas, inspiring change and opening the doors to new worlds of possibility. California Delta **KATIE MAYO** understands this power firsthand. Before graduating high school, Katie wrote and published "ABCs for Including Those with Special Needs"—a children's book which moves through the alphabet teaching kids how to make every child feel included, cared for and accepted.

For Katie, books—especially children's books—are the best way to make meaningful change in the disability rights movement. "If you can influence kids and get them engaged at a young age, it will help erase the stereotypes of disabilities."

Katie's passion for supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) began in sixth grade when she was placed in a physical education class for kids with special needs. As the only student without an IDD, Katie admits she experienced frustration, which became the starting point for her desire to change these attitudes—in herself and in others. She soon found herself wanting to see her classmates learn and succeed and saw her own perceptions of her peers start to change. "I surprised myself with my ability to connect with my peers—students who I initially felt were vastly different from me," she says. "I noticed there was a gap between those with and without disabilities. So, I wanted to start by making our school and classroom more inclusive and then, hopefully, spur change in the community."

What started as a class placement became an entry point to a passion which changed Katie's life. Since sixth grade, Katie's passion for helping students with disabilities has only grown. In high school, she founded her school's chapter of Best Buddies—a program aimed toward connecting abled students and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities through forming friendships and fostering individual growth.

Katie continued her involvement with the organization and was recently selected to serve as a Best Buddies Ambassador for the state of California. However, it was her time on Best Buddies Young Leaders Council (YLC) which made the biggest impact.

Katie (right) with her Best Buddy Guillermo (middle) after winning Best Buddies Chapter of the Year.



After a rigorous application process, Katie was selected as one of only 15 students across the U.S. and Canada to serve on the YLC where she helped bridge the gap between the student perspective and the staff experience for Best Buddies International initiatives. "Being on the YLC inspired me to be more active and engaged in the disability rights movement," Katie says. "When it became time to apply to college, that was the number one thing I was looking for."

# "It is up to each of us to find ways to bridge the gap with the tools we have at our disposal."

Katie was eager to transition her experience from high school to college, and the academic offerings at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) seemed to be the best way to do so. "I came to UCLA already having some background in disability activism, but I realized there was so much more to learn," she says.

During her freshman year, Katie got involved with All Brains—a student-led program at UCLA focused on advocating for neurodiverse students on campus—where she creates presentations explaining neurodiversity and providing resources for clubs, staff members and local organizations. Katie's involvement with All Brains also led her to connect with IGNITE Collective, Inc., an organization that provides individualized support to teens and adults living with developmental disabilities.

Katie's experience at All Brains and IGNITE Collective Inc. expanded on her already existing advocacy and networking skills and helped her to become better versed in the disability movement. Today, Katie continues to expand her skills and knowledge, following her passion with great enthusiasm.



#### Katie's niece Avery with her children's book.

Looking back at what initially seemed like a mistaken class placement, Katie realizes how much she needed to grow—and how much she has grown from her connections to people with different abilities. "I hope my involvement in disability activism enables others to grow closer to, and gain more understanding of, people in their lives with IDDs," she says. "It is up to each of us to find ways to bridge the gap with the tools we have at our disposal."

The ability to read opens the door to education and a world of opportunity. Katie published her children's book with the goal of ending intolerance and discrimination on the basis of disability and providing young children with the lessons she learned as a teenager. Books like Katie's educate, influence and inspire—leaving an impact on the world for years to come. ←

## A Call to Serve

After a fulfilling 17-year career in marketing for a technology firm, California Epsilon **JULIE GOODRUM TOPLIFFE** retired and found her true passion in life— as a student of her faith. But it wasn't until Julie saw a 60-second clip of a local news anchor visiting onboard a Mercy Ship that her life as she knew it would forever change.

"As soon as I learned about Mercy Ships, my attention was grabbed," Julie said. "I went to my computer to learn more and realized that Mercy Ships was celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Coincidentally, my husband Keith and I would be married 40 years that upcoming summer. I hollered to him, 'Hey, Keith, do you want to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on a hospital ship in Africa?' He said, 'Okay,' and the rest is history."

Mercy Ships offers hope and healing through free medical treatments and surgeries to children and adults who otherwise would go without. These large, floating hospitals have transported thousands of volunteer professionals to more than 57 developing nations, performed more than 100,000 medical procedures and have trained over 42,000 local nurses and doctors in modern procedures during the ships' time at port.

Julie and Keith volunteered for a three-month term onboard the Africa Mercy—giving their time and talent as a ship chaplain and ship carpenter, respectively. Because their experience was so fulfilling, the couple signed up for another term of service—this time for 13 months onboard the ship.

"Within the first month onboard, we knew we weren't ready to go home. I wanted to be on the ship for the entire experience, from sailing into the port, experiencing the patient selection process and assisting with the field service," Julie said. "Three months only gave us a taste of it—and I wanted to be part of it all."

Julie's job involved working on a team of four chaplains, all who provided emotional and spiritual support for the ship's crew and medical staff—including church services, Bible studies, worship celebrations and private counseling. And while she acknowledged it could be very challenging to live, work and be around so many people



Julie playing with children at the Hope Center, a space for patients to stay close to the ship and get ready for surgery. Patients also stayed in the Hope Center post-surgery to be close to the ship for check-ups before going back to their villages.

all the time, Julie found the greatest thing about the Africa Mercy was the community. "It was a privilege to be part of such an amazing ministry—the people were amazing, talented and committed, and I was always humbled that somehow I got to be there," she said.

Julie also found that surgery wasn't the finish line—it was the beginning. Some of her most memorable moments were not only seeing the children's happy faces after their surgeries, but witnessing the parents' faces once their children began their journey toward healing. "When the parent sees the casts on their child's legs—which are now straight—they begin to cry," she said. "The healing begins in their eyes, with the darkness of despair slowly giving way to light."



Julie and her husband Keith in front of the Africa Mercy ship.

Julie believes the medical care, ranging from preventative eye care and maxillofacial surgeries healing cleft conditions and facial tumors to straightening bent limbs and releasing burn contractures, performed through Mercy Ships does more than just restore health-it provides new beginnings. She said the patients who come onboard are facing their darkest moments, and through the work and hands of the ship's crew, the light of hope and healing shines into the patients' lives. Every patient comes away with physical, emotional and spiritual healing—what happens in their hearts is life-changing. "I loved every day of life on board," Julie said. "Every day was different, and we all knew we were in a truly blessed place. Everyone worked so hard, and there were so many talented people from all over the world who had been called by God to serve there."

Julie's own call to service has been recurrent throughout her life. In college, she began to resonate with Pi Phi's

core value of Philanthropic Service to Others, a value she continues to live. While much of her collegiate time in Pi Phi was spent establishing lifelong friendships, it was during these years that Philanthropic Service to Others began to take root deep within her—so much that it's now her calling.

After several years teaching and leading Bible studies, coupled with her experience as a ship chaplain, when Julie returned from Africa she decided to go to seminary for formal training. "I knew we had been blessed beyond anything we had ever imagined for ourselves," she said. "Onboard the Africa Mercy, we experienced the most amazing crew and brave patients that I couldn't go back to life as usual; it's hard to go back to the ordinary once you have experienced the extraordinary." **•** 

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#### FOUNDATION

## Lessening the Burden



#### From left: Kansas Betas RYLEIGH DISKIN and Lina.

Oftentimes a healing journey has an unexpected beginning. This was surely the case for Kansas Beta **LINA SATTARIN**, who considered herself to be a perfectly healthy 20-year-old until she was diagnosed with stage II Hodgkin's lymphoma. Lina first noticed something was wrong the summer before her junior year at Kansas State University. After her diagnosis, she immediately turned to her Pi Phi sisters.

"On my first day of chemo, they created a 15-minute video filled with kind words and jokes to get me through the day," Lina says. "Over the course of the last year, they sent gifts and cards and showed their love in so many ways even Pi Phis at Kansas Alpha sent me care packages. Their support has been so incredible."

Despite their support, Lina struggled with missing out on her collegiate experience and making memories with her sisters. "I was worried people would forget about me or that I would miss out on so many events," she says. "I had to remind myself that everything would still be there tomorrow, in a couple weeks and even in a couple months." Lina learned she had a friend with almost the exact same diagnosis and considered herself lucky to have someone with whom she could share her challenges and frustrations. However, she found it increasingly difficult to avoid comparing their experiences.

"I found myself comparing my healing journey to hers, or to anyone else who was going through something similar," she says. "It did more harm than good. Healing is a personal journey, and you can't compare your experience to anyone else."

Immediately after her diagnosis, Lina began eight sessions of chemotherapy. Aside from the obvious physical healing that took place during treatment, Lina recognized the many ways in which she and her family would need to heal.

"Receiving my diagnosis took a toll on me and my family emotionally, mentally and physically, but it's sometimes easy to forget about the financial toll it took," she says. Coming from a single-parent household, Lina knew her diagnosis would add financial pressure on her mother. "All my time in the hospitals was not going to be cheap; any extra financial help was going to be greatly appreciated."

During her treatment, Kansas Beta Chapter President **BRITTANY RAINES** reached out to Lina to tell her about Pi Beta Phi Foundation's Emma Harper Turner Fund grant program—a program which provides emergency assistance grants to Pi Phis who find themselves in times of financial stress. Emma Harper Turner Fund grants are awarded with the goal of helping members through financial crisis created by job loss, illness, natural disaster or other unexpected life circumstances.

Lina was selected to receive an Emma Harper Turner Fund collegian grant and the financial support she received helped to lessen the burden of her educational expenses and tuition at Kansas State University.

"Once I received the grant, I felt a weight lifted off my shoulders," she says. "I knew it would lessen the burden on my mother who was balancing all the new expenses on top of everything else."

For Lina, support from our Foundation ensured she didn't have to choose between receiving the treatment she needed and attending Kansas State. Three months after her initial diagnosis, Lina completed her treatment and returned to school. She is currently in remission. "It felt amazing to finish treatment," she says. "But, healing definitely does not stop when treatment stops."

Lina's healing journey continues today, both physically and mentally. "My stamina is not as great as it used to be and it has been a struggle to see myself with no hair, or even with a wig," she says. Beyond the physical changes, Lina continues to grapple with the mental and emotional effects of her diagnosis. "It is tough to think that the cancer could return," she says. "But I try to surround myself with friends and constant activities; I am so happy to be back in Manhattan, Kansas, with my sisters."

Three days after finishing treatment, Lina moved back into the Kansas Beta Chapter house. While physically and mentally exhausted from treatment, she didn't want to miss any more time making memories with her sisters who had been instrumental in her healing journey up to that point.

"So many people have helped and supported me along the way," she says. "From the support of my friends and family to the financial help I received from the Emma Harper Turner Fund grant."

Gifts to your Foundation provide support to Pi Phis, like Lina, during a time when it's needed most. For Lina, these gifts are an expression of Sincere Friendship. "If you are a Pi Phi, you sincerely care for your sisters and are always willing to help them in whatever way possible," she says. "To those who have given to our Foundation, thank you. Your financial support has helped me more than you will ever know."



Lina and her mother.

The process for receiving financial assistance through the Emma Harper Turner Fund grant program is completely confidential. Lina expressed interest in sharing her healing story which included financial support from Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

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# The Healing Power of Sisterhood

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It's the sincere hope of every Pi Beta Phi member that our sisterhood is a place of belonging and comfort for everyone. Whether celebrating personal achievements or coping with loss, Pi Phis are sincere friends who care for one another through it all. For one eternally dedicated Pi Phi, Grand President Emerita **MARIANNE REID WILD**, Kansas Alpha, Pi Phi not only provided a lifelong source of friendship, but also a crucial source of support through an incredible personal loss.

Marianne joined Pi Phi at the University of Kansas in 1924, where—as an only child—she came to treasure her new sisters and the Fraternity at large from the very beginning. Always the dedicated Pi Phi, Marianne's involvement with the sisterhood was a constant throughout her life, even amid the ups and downs. In 1926, shortly after marrying Robert Wild, a Phi Kappa Psi alumnus, Marianne gave birth to her only child, Leonard Low Wild. Even as a young mother, Marianne showed her steadfast loyalty to Pi Phi as she joined the Indianapolis, Indiana, Alumnae Club and soon took on leadership roles, including President of the club. After holding that role for two years, she went on to serve in the office of Delta Province Vice President before serving for 12 years as Assistant to the Grand Vice President. She ultimately took over the role of Grand Vice President before succeeding Illinois Epsilon **AMY BURNHAM ONKEN** as Grand President.

Even with her continued commitment to Pi Phi, Marianne's first priority was always her family. Pi Phi was a constant in the lives of Marianne, Bob and Leonard, the latter of whom grew up almost entirely during Marianne's tenure

From left: Past Grand Presidents **EVELYN PETERS KYLE**, Illinois Alpha, Marianne, **DOROTHY WEAVER MORGAN**, Nebraska Beta, and past Grand Council member **EDYTHE MULVEYHILL BRACK**, Kansas Alpha.



as a province-level or higher officer. Leonard was also greatly influenced by his father's military career, spending summers at Culver Military Academy and later attending Washington and Lee University where he joined the Virginia Beta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Leonard was a studious, creative young man with a distinguishing feature of his bright red hair; his Phi Kappa Psi brothers called him "Red" because of it. While at Washington and Lee University, he twice won the Mahan Award for creative writing. He also hosted a radio show throughout his time in both high school and college.

In September 1949, at the start of his senior year, Leonard died in an automobile accident in Lexington, Virginia, at the age of 21. In The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, the fraternity's Virginia Beta chapter wrote of their brother, "Red Wild was the oldest active of the chapter and certainly one of the finest and most talented Brothers our chapter will ever see."

The shock and loss felt by his fraternity brothers was only overshadowed by his parents' devastation. The December 1949 issue of *The Arrow* told of his death and relayed that the "hearts of Pi Phis everywhere" went out to the Grand Vice President. With the loss of her only child, it's reasonable to think Marianne's other commitments might have fallen to the wayside. On the contrary, she channeled her personal loss to benefit many others, continuing her service to various charitable organizations as well as Pi Beta Phi.

Marianne took on the role of Grand President in 1952 and served until 1958. The time demands of Grand Council no doubt kept her busy and helped give purpose to her grief as she learned to heal from the loss of Leonard. Her commitment to the greater good was so strong that she ultimately left the role of Grand President to focus on serving as Pi Phi's National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. For her continued commitment to Pi Phi and the fraternal world at large, she was named Grand President Emerita in 1966.

After her husband Robert passed away in 1974, Marianne is said to have relied on her Pi Phi sisters to cope with that loss as well. Pi Phi was her longest-lasting connection and provided support and love when her family had passed. Her successor as Grand President, Missouri Beta **ALICE WEBER JOHNSON**, said of Marianne, "In spite of—or perhaps because of—the tragedy of losing her only child,



From left: Past Grand Presidents **MAY LANSFIELD KELLER**, Maryland Alpha, and Marianne.

she seemed to grasp the problems of young people as she displayed a great understanding of them. When Leonard died, she said that Pi Phi really became her family."

In keeping with that sentiment, Marianne's bequest to Pi Beta Phi Foundation was a monumental showing of her continued love for Pi Phi. Without family to whom she could leave her estate, Marianne gave back once more to many organizations she'd served, including Pi Phi. In honor of one of the first alumnae to designate our Foundation as a beneficiary of her estate plans, the Marianne Reid Wild Society was established to recognize donors who have made planned gifts to Pi Phi.

Marianne died on June 21, 1991, just as Pi Phis gathered for convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Marianne had longed for a chapter to be established at Washington and Lee, and although she wasn't alive to see Virginia Theta's installation, she left her Grand Council badge for the day when the chapter would be installed.

Marianne's love for the Fraternity remained a constant throughout the ups and downs of her life. While Pi Phi was always there for Marianne, she proved time and again that she would always be a supporter of Pi Phi in return. For that, we are all grateful.  $\leftarrow$ 



In the midst of a storm, it can be arduous to imagine the calm skies ahead. Weathering and enduring through a difficult time saps our emotional reserves and necessitates a new journey after the fact: a healing journey.

Whether from a physical trauma, emotional loss, mental obstacle or spiritual crisis, every Pi Phi has endured a healing journey of some kind. A great strength of our sisterhood is not only the resilience of our members, but also their capability to rely on our values and community to persevere. The following stories entail great difficulties, and also great achievements in personal growth and healing. We hope you find takeaways and points of inspiration in each member's story and know that whatsoever hardships you face, you can endure.

Hope is a Path to Healing

Not all trauma comes from personal experience; sometimes it's passed down through intergenerational loss and becomes a challenge for the loved ones of those who experienced the pain firsthand. When Illinois Epsilon **HAGIT LIMOR** was growing up, she knew of her father's survival of the Holocaust and the loss of his entire immediate family. What she didn't come to know for many years was how that loss would lead her down a path of self-discovery to find healing not only for her family, but for herself.

Hagit's experience became a professional endeavor as she applied her background as an investigative reporter to uncover the many mysteries associated with her father's family. As a Jewish family living in Poland during World War II, the devastation of Hagit's family cannot be understated. With some 200 family members across the region, she's discovered only five who survived, including her father. Beyond understanding what he faced, her work became focused on reconstructing an extensive history of her entire family line.

"Imagine if no one remembered your grandparents' names, much less the intimate details of their lives," Hagit says. "My father was only eight years old when he lost his family, his heritage, his home, everything. While he had cherished memories of his early life, he couldn't possibly recall or reconstruct the histories of full generations of our family. I knew the healing that could come from that would have to come from us finding the information ourselves.

"I've worked as an investigative reporter, so information means everything to me," she continues. "I used those tools and experiences to understand my own personal story."

In reconstructing the story of her extended family, Hagit's primary motivations were both to find healing for herself and her father, and also to educate others—particularly future generations—to learn from the past and stand up to hate in every form. She channeled the latter passion into her work when she led a group of students in making a documentary of her father's story.

As a broadcast media professor at the University of Cincinnati after three decades as a television reporter and anchor, Hagit led a group of student journalists on a trip to Poland to document her father's journey through occupations, ghettos and concentration camps. The



From left: Illinois Epsilons **BECKY CROSS** and Hagit at a Pi Phi event as collegians.

resulting project, "Hope After Hate," reconstructs the nearly lost history of five generations of Hagit's family, and it afforded her the opportunity to find a semblance of closure for her extended family. While she couldn't find details—or even the names—of every family member, she aimed to honor their memories and heal some of the intergenerational effects of such a profound loss.

"A pivotal moment of healing was finally being able to locate my great grandmother's grave," Hagit says. "That place was nearly completely lost to history, but through extensive research and crosschecking I was finally able to find it. As I sat there, I was able to pay



Hagit kneeling at her great-grandmother's grave.

tribute to all my murdered family members. I couldn't find every grave—or even every name—but I could make that one place stand for my entire family."

Making this discovery was a pivotal moment in Hagit's journey to heal from the loss that affected her entire family. Her perspective on healing is twofold: the personal and the communal. From a community standpoint, she speaks from experience in saying that a great way to support someone else's healing journey is by being present. Whether that's by listening to their story, holding them through pain or offering an encouraging word, there are meaningful ways to lend support even when the experience is far outside your own. A message of support that resonated with Hagit was when a loved one shared their desire for a better time ahead. Even that small token of optimism can be enough in supporting another's experience, regardless of your own understanding of their circumstances.

"We have to maintain hope, and I find the way to maintain hope is like my dad did," Hagit says. "He would find one thing from that day that was good, some small victory. For him, it was a sunny day or finding a flower or seeing someone smile. That's how I've survived and it's how my father survived; if he could find hope every day, I know I can. Life has to include a measure of hope. I couldn't continue without it."

Hagit continues to live by the mindset of seeking the beautiful and good even in difficult times. The combination of personal hope and the hope inspired

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by others makes for a stronger approach to life and facilitates both healing and overcoming isolation or burnout. For Hagit, one essential aspect of finding community support comes from her time in Pi Beta Phi. As the first person in her family to finish college, she came into Northwestern University not seeking a sorority experience but rather seeking a source of community and belonging. After meeting her future sisters, she says she found that source of belonging.

"I remember walking into Pi Phi and immediately feeling like it was home," she says. "I can't put my finger on what exactly drew me in, but it was an instant reaction. Other than my immediate family, Pi Phi was the first community to which I pledged my allegiance and where I knew that mattered and meant something. That feeling has translated throughout my life; to know that you're stronger together and will always have someone to stand by your side means so much. It's not that I can't stand alone, it's that I love standing with others."

Hagit considers these connections—with Pi Phi and with others in her life—to be some of the small wins that help perpetuate her hopefulness. Building and sustaining strong, trusting relationships are essential to her work, as well as to her personal endeavors. As evidenced by all she's accomplished and the sheer magnitude of the painstaking, emotionally trying work she's undertaken, Hagit is rarely in short supply of hope.

"Hope has been my way of healing throughout my life," Hagit says. "Maintaining hope and knowing that great things are ahead is what's helped me heal at tough times. I wish I'd known when I was a collegian how wonderful life would turn out to be despite the tragedy that can strike. The road meanders, we have our highs and lows, but there's beauty in that journey. I thought at some point life would be "over" or that I'd hit a point where I had nothing left to look forward to or work toward, but that hasn't been the case. It's been a wonderful discovery to



Hagit at the Ohio Valley Regional Emmy Awards for her documentary Hope After Hate.

find that there's something joyful and something to look forward to every single year of my life. That's helped me to sustain hope, because there really is always something new around the corner."

Jolden Perspective

Hours after winning a world championship with the United States Women's Water Polo Team in 2019, California Gamma **KALEIGH GILCHRIST** was unsure she'd ever compete again. The two-time Olympic medalist and professional surfer was celebrating the victory with her teammates at a nightclub in South Korea when a balcony at the venue collapsed, killing two people and injuring 14—including Kaleigh. She was rushed to the hospital with severe lacerations to three muscles in her left leg that required immediate surgery.

"When I woke up, our trainer told me I was millimeters away from cutting my nerve, which means millimeters away from never being able to walk again," Kaleigh says. "It was a traumatizing experience, but our team was a lot luckier than some that evening." Faced with an arduous, painful rehabilitation process, Kaleigh became determined to make a full recovery in time for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Though the journey was beset with challenges—including the postponement of the Olympics due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic— Kaleigh relied on her deeply competitive spirit to keep going when the going got tough.

A native of Newport Beach, California, Kaleigh found twin passions in water polo and surfing at the age of eight. "I fell in love to the point where I didn't want to pick just one," she recalls. "Looking back, the scheduling was crazy! I woke up before polo training to go surfing and went straight to the beach after our second polo training to catch a few waves before dark." Polo tournaments and surf competitions throughout southern California meant no free weekends for Kaleigh and her family. But despite the demanding schedule, Kaleigh says she wouldn't change a thing about her decision to pursue both sports. "It's allowed me to travel the world, win two gold medals at the Olympic Games and make lifelong friendships," she says.

Kaleigh fulfilled a childhood dream when she attended the University of Southern California (USC), where she became a member of the California Gamma Chapter. While at USC, Kaleigh won the 2013 NCAA championship with the Trojans in a hard-fought overtime game and counts the experience among her career highlights. She went on to represent the United States in women's water polo at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, ultimately winning her first gold medal with Team USA. "I felt so much love and pride in representing my country," she recalls. "Walking in the Opening Ceremony, watching our flag rise



and hugging my family with a gold medal around my neck will forever be the best moments."

In those moments, Kaleigh scarcely could have imagined the challenges that awaited her on the journey back to the Olympic medal stand. In addition to the catastrophic injury to her leg, Kaleigh would suffer deeply personal losses in the unexpected deaths of two professional mentors—her high school water polo coach, the renowned Bill Barnett, and NBA legend Kobe Bryant. "Both were individuals I looked up to and reasons why I do what I do," she says.

Layer upon layer of stressors—the trauma of the injury itself, the excruciating rehab process and the loss of important figures in her life—began to take a toll on Kaleigh's mental health. Coupled with the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and the eventual postponement of the Tokyo Games, Kaleigh realized she needed more support. After experiencing multiple panic attacks, Kaleigh reached out to a therapist for help and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or



Kaleigh (back row, third from left) and the U.S. Women's Water Polo Team celebrate their gold medal victory at the Tokyo Olympics.

PTSD. "I will probably forever deal with some level of panic, but I'm proud to be where I am today," she says, citing the time and effort dedicated to therapy.

Working through such significant challenges to her physical and mental health heightened the emotions surrounding Kaleigh's return to the Olympics in Tokyo and her second gold medal victory as a member of Team USA. "It was an emotional first game, to say the least," she remembers. "To be able to make a full recovery is something I'm proud of. Returning to the Games was a way to thank everyone who helped me through my journey."

Kaleigh is also grateful for the ways her experiences both triumphant and heartbreaking—have shaped who she is today. As an elite athlete, she thrives on the chance to compete at the highest level in two disciplines and the opportunity to inspire future generations. Kaleigh says keeping things in perspective has been vital to her success, motivating her to continually push herself to new limits. "I gained an even deeper sense of perspective after my injury, and it helps me through tough times," she shares. "In all reality, sometimes our tough times aren't tough at all compared to what others are going through."

That positive mindset will stay with Kaleigh as she contemplates the next phase of a golden career. "I've always been goal-oriented and strived to reach the next thing, and now I'm finally giving myself time to relax and process everything," she reflects. "I'm pretty confident my athletic career isn't over quite yet, but I don't know what it will look like." She encourages her fellow Pi Phis to immerse themselves in their own journeys and the friendships made along the way: "Don't be afraid to pave your own path and always remember to have fun."



The sisterhood of Pi Beta Phi aims to offer a place of belonging for every member, regardless of their background, identity or abilities. This core tenet of our sisterhood is one that rings through as a priority and point of pride for Pi Phis as they reflect on their membership. Hearing those stories—recountings of finding a source of comfort and community along with Sincere Friendship is a heartening experience and shows the true power of our sisterhood.

One of those stories belongs to Wisconsin Epsilon **REIMA ABUSALMA**, who says joining Pi Beta Phi was the first time she felt accepted and celebrated by her peers. As a second-year student at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Reima was still looking for connections on campus when Pi Phi began recruiting members for the charter class of Wisconsin Epsilon. She says her first year on campus—in the midst of the pandemic—wasn't anything like what she'd imagined for her college experience and didn't enable her to make the good friends she'd been hoping for in college. That changed when she met Resident Leadership Development Consultant **MADDISON GATES**, Connecticut Alpha, who piqued Reima's interest in Pi Phi.

"I never saw myself in a sorority and I wasn't looking for that opportunity," she says. "From the very beginning I've had such a great experience in Pi Phi. All my sisters have been interested in my perspective and my story."

Reima's story differs from that of her fellow charter members—though their similarities as sisters far outnumber their differences. Reima's background as an Arab American Muslim has for many years left her feeling isolated and othered from her peers. Growing up in Wisconsin in a post 9/11 landscape, she says she and her family endured discrimination and ostracization which bore deep-seeded internal pain. "All my life, I tried to fit in, but I truly never felt welcomed," Reima says. "It wasn't until I found Pi Phi that I found a group of people who told me to be proud, welcomed me and encouraged me to share the beauty of the reality of who I am. Over time, those feelings of disgust and fear of who I was diminished."

Finding acceptance from her sisters encouraged Reima to seek that same acceptance from within herself. Her experience with healing these internalized feelings of selfhatred and fear has been hard fought—and she knows the fight may not be over yet. She also knows that despite the pain she's experienced, there's a source of healing always at her side: her sisterhood.

Now, Reima's focus is on sharing this supportive sisterhood with others. As a charter member of Wisconsin Epsilon, she sees an opportunity to build a foundation of acceptance, welcoming and belonging for every future member of the newest Pi Phi chapter. "Being a founding member of this chapter means we're setting the standard for what we want this chapter to be," she says. "I want Wisconsin Epsilon to always be inclusive and open, so when people see us on campus they feel as welcomed as I did and still do to this day. I also have a role as an advocate for other people of color, to share that this is an opportunity for everyone. My goal is to show that Pi Phi accepts and celebrates everyone, regardless of our personal backgrounds."

One of the crucial ways Reima says she felt celebrated for her identity was by sharing her culture and experiences with her Pi Phi sisters. That sense of fear still had a stronghold at the beginning of her time in Pi Phi, but with encouragement from her mother, Reima saw an opportunity to share her culture and personal experiences to not only find a support system, but also to celebrate her identity alongside her sisters.



"Usually, people would hear I'm Arab and Muslim and shut me out, but my Pi Phi sisters have only ever been excited and wanted to learn more and hear my story," she says. "Their support made me comfortable with who I am and helped me heal from experiences in my past. Answering their questions and seeing how excited they were to learn about my religion and values only made me feel closer to those parts of my identity. Their genuine interest and curiosity made me excited and proud to tell them about my life and culture.

"I've gone through struggles, but I helped myself and had the help of others to overcome. [My Pi Phi] sisters are the people who have helped me grow and be more comfortable in myself, and I want to see us continue to make those connections and make Pi Phi a place for anyone to feel at home the way I do," she says.

Finding her place in the Pi Phi sisterhood has been a source of comfort, inspiration and healing for Reima. While she knows challenges will still lie ahead, she's proud of her journey to self-acceptance and grateful for the love and support she's found in Pi Phi. For others undertaking a similar journey to find healing, she has a simple yet resonant message.

"It's a long journey, but it's worth it."







North Carolina Delta **ADRIANNE FIELDS CALABRIA** leads with a simple yet powerful philosophy: leave things better than you found them. As Chair of her chapter's Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC), she helps the members of North Carolina Delta grow into the best versions of themselves as they navigate early adulthood. Adrianne strives to make tangible connections between members' collegiate years and situations they'll encounter in the future—from overcoming financial challenges to navigating shifts in friend groups. "Our officers will tell you I'm big on life lessons," she says. "I try to tie what we learn in Pi Phi to how those experiences show up later in life. I call them 'Lessons from the Sorority House."

Yet Adrianne hopes her service makes an even greater impact. She views mentorship as a way to open others' eyes to new perspectives and opportunities for personal growth. By fostering an environment that emphasizes empathy and inclusivity, she helps the members she advises develop deeper, more nuanced insights into the needs and experiences of those around them. "Mentorship is important," she explains. "It's an investment in the future. If everyone is allowed to repeat the same actions and mistakes, nobody grows."

For Adrianne, working toward this level of understanding is a critical step in recognizing and repairing the harms caused by the unseen burdens others carry—including her own. As a Black woman in predominantly white, male work and social environments, Adrianne is familiar with the psychological weight of invisible burdens. While she's not quick to assign racism to the actions of others, she acknowledges the ongoing impact of her own lived experiences: the colleague who openly discussed the economic benefits of labor provided by enslaved people; the police officer who kept his hand on his gun for the entirety of a routine 9:00 a.m. traffic stop; the professional contacts whose interactions noticeably change in tone upon learning Adrianne is Black.

Though Adrianne doesn't focus on the added weight of her unseen burdens, she acknowledges working through them is difficult. "I'm not sure if we really heal; sometimes it's more just powering through," she says of her experiences. "Within my industry [agriculture], I'm an anomaly; I'm young, female, suburban and Black. When you're a minority person in a majority culture, you don't always have someone else like you to ask, 'Is it all of us, or is it just me?' It becomes my responsibility to do the mental work of figuring out whether someone doesn't like me individually, doesn't like me because I'm Black or a woman, or is just having a bad day—or if it's my own sensitivity. Sometimes you think you're overreacting, then something happens, and you learn you really weren't. It can feel like you're constantly gaslighting yourself."

Adrianne recognizes Pi Phis who identify as members of traditionally marginalized groups may be working through similar feelings, especially those on less diverse campuses. She likens the experience to that of women learning to navigate the tight confines of social expectations and stereotypes, noting the persistent overthinking and exhaustion that come with the territory. "When you're the only one like you, it's an added weight that sits in your brain, all the time," she says. "It's a delicate balance. You don't want to make others uncomfortable, but it also doesn't feel fair when people make you uncomfortable."

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For Adrianne, managing the psychological weight of her lived experience is a continual process requiring time and patience. She has found growth and empowerment by allowing herself to express an authentic range of emotions in response to hurt, and in learning to extend grace before judgment. "Everyone is going through their own issues, and we all need to offer each other a little more grace," she says. "It takes a lot of energy to actively dislike something or someone. I think people just have a hard time understanding other people and perspectives outside their bubble." By intentionally modeling greater awareness and empathy through her AAC work, Adrianne ensures the members of North Carolina Delta have a safe space to learn. With her chapter officers, she strives to approach inclusiveness in a meaningful way. The chapter is currently focusing on the impact of language. "People know the highly offensive words they shouldn't use, but don't always have an awareness of microaggressions," Adrianne says, adding that she's noticed an uptick in subtly offensive language following COVID-related social isolation. "It's not just related to race. We see it in social media posts, in everything from body shaming to making fun of accents. Things that might seem innocent can look very different through someone else's lens."

Adrianne's approach to empathy begins with breaking out of our individual bubbles—seeking experiences and perspectives other than what's familiar. "Empathy is created when we share our lived experiences," she says. "It's hard to teach. You have to provide exposure to other people and call out moments to consider from another person's point of view." Prioritizing small but intentional actions, such as encouraging members to become more aware of cultural happenings on campus or check out social media accounts from Pi Phi chapters in other regions, has helped them grow in their understanding of each other. By mentoring women prepared to lead with empathy, Adrianne is helping to make the unseen burdens others carry a little lighter. "Empathy goes a long way in personal development," she says. "It's realizing how we can make life easier for people as we watch them navigate the world. It's just that simple." -

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## A Space to Heal Together



From left: Missouri Alphas Vanessa and Emily.

When faced with trauma, loss or other painful experiences, the grieving process is unique to every person. Whether surrounded by a supportive community or seeking alone time to process, having a safe space to begin the healing process is crucial. For the members of Missouri Alpha, that space is found throughout the chapter facility, even as it holds reminders of the loss they feel and continue to face.

In December 2020, sophomore **EMILY KIRK** died of unexpected natural causes, prompting trauma and heartbreak for her family, friends and Pi Phi sisters. As a beloved member described by her sisters as "a beacon of light whose bright smile, welcoming presence and contagious laugh touched us all," Emily's impact on those she loved—even in her too-short time—was immense. That immensity was matched only by the pain of losing such a positive force in the chapter, which presented a host of new challenges to the members of Missouri Alpha.

In the immediate aftermath of this devastating loss, Emily's chapter sisters were faced with grief and a lack of understanding of how to handle such a traumatic event as a group of college students. **SOPHIE MERMELSTEIN**, who at the time was beginning her term as Chapter President, and her successor **VANESSA KLOTZ** find it hard to describe the tumult of what they faced alongside their sisters and the University of Missouri community. Yet from the very beginning, they both say their chapter members relied on one another for support and began creating a space to heal together.

"I think back to that night, and we immediately knew we all had to figure out how to get through this together," Vanessa says. "Those of us who were living in the house gathered to be there for each other, offer support and try to alleviate the pain. Everyone grieves and processes in their own way and needs their own space and time to do so. Some of us wanted to be in the same space while others needed space to themselves, but we all had the house as a place to facilitate whatever we needed."

One need for the chapter members was an opportunity to share their love for their sister after her passing. Before winter break, the Executive Council planned a vigil in the house to allow members to celebrate Emily's life and support one another through their grief. Members shared songs, memories and even letters addressed to Emily and her family. As a source of comfort and community, having somewhere to go where sisters would be available to provide support and understand what they were feeling was an essential step in finding a way forward through their collective grief. "I have never seen more people in the TV room than I did the semester after we returned from winter break," Vanessa says. "We needed to heal together, and that was obvious from how busy the shared spaces in the house became. I know a lot of healing came out of that, and so did friendships. We were relying on each other in a way we never could have imagined."

The chapter saw an outpouring of support from one another, their Mizzou community and Missouri Alpha alumnae. Member classes from every decade sent handwritten notes of condolence and support, floral arrangements and food for the chapter members as they finished one semester and began the next. The steadfast support from their community was integral to the chapter members.

As they returned for the Fall 2021 term, Sophie says the Executive Council began to see how necessary the opportunity to gather together was for their sisterhood. "We all had to leave each other shortly after for winter break and then had limited opportunities to be together with the entire chapter in the spring due to COVID-19, so coming back for recruitment in the fall was really the first time we were all with one another since the vigil," Sophie says. "It wasn't until then that we realized just how much we were still holding onto and were able to hear one another's experiences. That was a huge turning point in our healing process."

As this realization dawned, the members prioritized taking time to collectively heal in the midst of their

preparation for recruitment. The chapter's fraternity and sorority life advisor recommended they connect with California Gamma **LIZZ CARTER CLARK** for additional support after Lizz gave a presentation to the Panhellenic leadership during Spirit Week. Lizz, who has experience facilitating conversations about difficult topics through her business—specifically with college students provided the chapter leaders with the tools and next steps to prioritize communication within the chapter and help members process as a collective. Sophie says they felt an immense level of support from Lizz that helped bridge the gap the members were seeing in the chapter—especially after they learned she was a fellow Pi Phi sister.

"We could feel that we needed more support but didn't even know how to begin to ask for it," Sophie says. "Lizz helped us realize what we'd been missing and what we could do to move forward as an entire chapter. We learned how to encourage each other to be open about what we were feeling and advocate for what each of us needed to heal."

Through their conversations with Lizz, the chapter leaders developed a plan to take a step back and facilitate real conversations and healing. Sophie and Vanessa say connecting with Lizz lit the fire for them to really focus on the chapter's need to heal and they made a concerted effort to facilitate that process through honest, open conversations in the chapter house. The members took a day off during Spirit Week to break into small groups and give members the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings in the safe space of the chapter house.

"The Member Class meetings were the best thing that could have happened," Sophie says. "We'd been so focused on trying to help each other that many of us forgot to help ourselves, and that was really the first time we were able to say what we were feeling and ask for the support we needed. We all gained so much perspective and were able to get on the same page."



Emily, back left, with her sisters during recruitment in 2020.

As they look ahead, both Sophie and Vanessa see many opportunities for their chapter and for other Pi Phis to learn from what they've experienced and how to cope with challenges that may arise. Whether by relying on community support, seeking help from outside sources, having honest, transparent conversations or finding a place to support a healing journey, there are productive, fulfilling ways to move forward while also honoring what's been lost. "No one knows how to handle something like this until it happens," Sophie says. "I'm grateful we had each other to rely on and somewhere we could always go to find support. Now we are working hard to honor her memory, make space to support each other, focus on the importance of mental health and be transparent in what we all need in order to heal."

What role has the chapter facility played in your own *healing* experiences? Share your story at **pibetaphi.org/stories**.

## Be the Hero of Your Own Story



#### Idaho Alpha LESLIE PIEROSE SCANTLING is a

survivor. Regardless of the curveballs life throws her way, she repeatedly gathers the strength to meet challenges head-on and emerge stronger. Her strategy? Finding joy in giving back. Whether organizing an event for cancer survivors or serving on Idaho Alpha's Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC), Leslie's lifelong belief in the importance of serving others gives her purpose and resilience, especially when times are tough.

Servant leadership is a core value with deep roots in Leslie's life. "There's a saying: of those to whom much is given, much is expected," she explains. "It's the balance of making sure you're giving back. That's what I was raised to believe, and I raised my own children with this philosophy. I truly receive joy from giving."

Leslie credits her time in Idaho Alpha and serving as a chapter officer with strengthening the leadership and organizational skills she relies on every day. "College was the first time I felt like I experienced success," she says. "I learned more in Pi Phi than in any classroom. I felt a greater level of responsibility than with writing papers and taking tests—if I didn't prepare for an officer visit or missed a report, it affected an international organization that meant so much to me."

Leslie takes a similar approach in her role as Idaho Alpha's AAC Chair. She cherishes the opportunity to be a resource for the chapter, to help members cultivate their individual strengths and to develop one-on-one relationships with collegians. "My work as an Advisor empowers me so much," she says. "I'm giving back to something that gave so much to me through mentorship and connection."

As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, Leslie found herself yearning for connection more than ever before. She was beginning to emerge from a whirlwind series of lifealtering events and personal losses that had taken place during the previous three years—including a battle with breast cancer, numerous surgeries, the death of her father, the end of her marriage and her children leaving home to attend college. "I was alone for the first time in my life, and much more alone than I'd ever imagined," she recalls. "I had so many gaping holes in my life and needed a lifeline." The sense of loss Leslie felt became deeper with the pandemic-related cancellation of the local Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in 2020. Leslie and her mother herself a breast cancer survivor of 20 years—made an annual tradition of participating in the event and hosting a celebration the night before. "We called it our Pink Party," Leslie smiles. "And, because we're silly, the theme became flamingos. We decorated the entire front yard with pink plastic flamingos every year."

When the race was cancelled for a second time in 2021, Leslie looked for a way to keep the tradition alive—and found the lifeline she needed. Driven by her desire to give back, Leslie decided to organize a small walk for close friends and family members. She shared plans for the event on social media and was stunned by the overwhelming response from the Boise, Idaho, community. "People started knocking on my door survivor groups wanting to participate, neighborhood associations asking how they could support us, reporters wanting to tell the story," she says. When it was time to give the event a name, Leslie had to look no further than the flamingos in her own front yard. "Flock Cancer became the name of the walk," she laughs. "It seemed like a natural fit!"

What began as a small event ultimately grew to include approximately 400 survivors and supporters, garnered national media attention and raised more than \$25,000 for the Oncology Recovery Program offered by the local YMCA. Leslie especially found joy in the chance to support a community resource that played a critical role in her own cancer recovery. "I was broken, and the program helped me put the pieces back together," she says. "My goal is to endow the program so it's available to every cancer fighter and survivor at no cost."

Leslie incorporated Flock Cancer Idaho as a nonprofit and held the second annual event in May 2022, with strong support from corporate sponsors and local media partners. Organizing the walk—and championing her fellow survivors—was another step in Leslie's ongoing journey.

"It's important to take the experience back, to say 'I'm a badass, I did something hard and I want to give it space," she says. "Survivorship is complicated and messy. Nobody knows the emotional toll. Some people think once you're up and walking, you're done, it's over. Your incisions might be closed, but you're not healed. Survivorship is the longest part of disease, and fellow survivors need that connection with others who understand it."

Providing a source of meaningful connection—whether to fellow survivors or fellow Idaho Alphas — helped Leslie reclaim her personal value following the most difficult experiences of her life. And, in her ability to find joy through giving back, she refuses to let tragedy or grief define her. "I spent a long time defining myself by others' views of my worth, and I'll never do it again," she says. "I remember once seeing a wall sign that said, 'Be the hero of your own story.' It sounded so trite, but then I found myself at a point where I'd suffered so much loss, I didn't know my own value. I was given the opportunity to provide this event to others. I saw what I could give, what I still had in me, and it was so good to recognize that." **•** 



From left: Leslie and her mother, Barbara Rhoades, present a Flock Cancer donation to the local YMCA Oncology Recovery Program.

### ARIZONA

Arrowhead-West Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club For years, the Arrowhead-West Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club has donated hand-knitted infant and children's caps to local hospitals. However, due to the COVID pandemic, some hospitals could no longer accept these donations. In January 2022, the club expanded their reach and found a need for the children's caps. Vice President Membership **EMILY DENNING JOHNSON**, Oklahoma Alpha, contacted the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Social Services, Deannah Neswood-Gishey, at their headquarters in Window Rock, Arizona. Deannah happily accepted the donation of 120 infant and children's caps. The caps were distributed through the Navajo Nation's Day Care and Foster Children Programs. Follow-up conversations with representatives from their Department of Child Care Development led to an opportunity for partnership with the club to develop children's literacy within the Navajo Nation.

#### Phoenix, Arizona Area Alumnae

Golden Arrow members of Pi Beta Phi who live in the Phoenix area enjoy a luncheon twice a year where they gather to remember their 50 years of membership in our sisterhood. The "Golden Girls," as they are aptly named, began in 2015, founded by Arizona Alpha **MARCIA PERRY NIX** and Washington Alpha **DONNA LORY DRAPER**, both members of the Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club. Marcia and Donna decided to extend the invitation to the Arrowhead-West Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club as well, and 25 Golden Arrows attended the first Golden Girls luncheon. The luncheons have continued under the leadership of Indiana Alpha **MARTY MOHR MCCARTY** and Kansas Beta **JANE WADDLE**  **KENNEDY** since 2016. The October 2021 luncheon had the largest attendance to date, with 50 Golden Girls from the two clubs, representing 36 chapters from 23 states. To begin a new tradition, a moment of remembrance was held for the four members who had passed away in the previous year, and a celebration was held for the five members who have been members of Pi Beta Phi for 70 or more years. The Golden Girls look forward to being together as they nurture old friendships while they continue to make new ones. They prove that Pi Beta Phi is a lifelong celebration of Sincere Friendship.

#### ARKANSAS

Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, Alumnae Club In January, members of the Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, Alumnae Club gathered to "Ring Ching in the New Year" at the club's holiday social. Arkansas Alpha JULIA PECK **MOBLEY** hosted the event at her home along with her daughter-in-law, Texas Alpha MARGARET BIGGER **MOBLEY**. The alumnae club was able to celebrate its very own notable Pi Phi, past Grand President EMILY **RUSSELL TARR**, Texas Beta, as she celebrated becoming a Golden Arrow member. Club President ASHLEY **JENKINS WASHINGTON**. Arkansas Alpha, read the Golden Arrow Ceremony while Treasurer MORGAN MAXWELL BENNETT, Arkansas Alpha, presented and pinned Emily with a 50-year member pin. Additionally, Emily received celebratory notes from 15 current and former Grand Council members thanks to Pi Beta Phi's Senior Director Alumnae Engagement Julie Wisbrock.

Texarkana club members at their holiday social. From left: Texas Alpha **SUSAN KEENEY KNOX**, Texas Beta **EMILY RUSSELL TARR**, Arkansas Alpha **JULIA PECK MOBLEY**, Arkansas Alpha **SUSAN SATTERFIELD LANDREAUX** and Arkansas Alpha **MORGAN MAXWELL BENNETT**.





Above: Members of the North San Diego club at the San Diego Zoo. From left: Colorado Alpha **JEANIE VON DETTEN KUNBERGER**, Kansas Beta **BARB MISTLER CREW**, California Epsilon **NANCY LOCKETT LINDSAY**, Wyoming Alpha **VICKI PETSCH WILSON**, Idaho Alpha **LAURIE RICHARDS WILSON**, Indiana Beta **SANDY CRAYS** and Louisiana Beta **SUSAN SELBY SKLAR**.

### CALIFORNIA

North San Diego, California, Alumnae Club Members of the North San Diego, California, Alumnae Club visited the San Diego Zoo Safari Park in February. Led by fellow Pi Phi and safari park docent at Condor Ridge, California Epsilon **NANCY LOCKETT LINDSAY**, the group saw a pair of condors, explored the big cat region and enjoyed a lunch at the Watering Hole restaurant and the beautiful view of the African Plain from Kijamii Overlook.

### **FLORIDA**

#### DeLand, Florida, Alumnae Club

Members of the DeLand, Florida, Alumnae Club celebrated Fraternity Day of Service with students at Read-Pattillo Elementary. The group hosted a Star Wars-themed event, and the kids had a blast. Each student was able to take home up to three new Star Wars-themed books, which the school purchased through the First Book Marketplace with an FDS500 grant. The club is thrilled to partner with the elementary school and loved seeing the direct impact of Pi Phi's enduring commitment to literacy.

Right: Michigan Beta and Bloomfield Hills club member **GAIL GIBISER SANDERSON** holds up a finished blanket.

### **MICHIGAN**

*Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Alumnae Club* The Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Alumnae Club created cozy blankets to give to the children at Methodist Children's Home. It was a fun and creative project, and the club members were pleased to help keep the residents warm and happy.



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Above, from left: Michigan Gammas **STEPHANIE HOLDERNESS DAVIDSON**, **JAHEL HINCH NOLAN**, **MARA MATTHEWS FENTON**, **DENISE WEAVER SERNICK** and **DEB HAWKINS SUSI**.

#### Michigan Gamma Alumnae

The Michigan Gamma Chapter house welcomed visitors as Pi Phis from the New Member class of 1980 visited East Lansing to surprise Judy Sump, the chapter's former cook, for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Following that reunion, Michigan Gamma alumnae STEPHANIE HOLDERNESS DAVISON, JAHEL HINCH NOLAN, MARA MATTHEWS FENTON, DENISE WEAVER SERNIC and DEB HAWKINS SUSI stopped by the chapter house and met newly installed Chapter President **CHARLOTTE SCOTT** and Vice President Operations LAUREN BRESKY. The alumnae were thrilled by the hospitality shown by Charlotte and Lauren. Deb says, "The five of us enjoyed the kindness and thoughtfulness of Charlotte and Lauren, who took the time to give us a great Michigan Gamma Chapter tour. The chapter house had been updated, looked beautiful and brought back so many wonderful memories. Fraternity Housing Corporation has done a wonderful job with many fantastic chapter updates. We thoroughly appreciated the current officers' time."



Above: Michigan Gamma's former cook, Judy Sump, at her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.



Above, from left: Mississippi Betas **ERIN MALONE LOCKLIER, SUZANNE MALONE, ALLISON MALONE TUSETH** and **KIRSTEN MALONE** volunteered at the Nashville Fraternity Day of Service Signature Event.



Nebraska Beta **ALISON LINN BARNES** (center) with staff members from The Hope Center for Kids and the books donated for the after-school program.

### MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Beta Alumnae

In celebration of Fraternity Day of Service (FDS), Mississippi Beta alumnae ERIN MALONE LOCKLIER, SUZANNE MALONE, ALLISON MALONE TUSETH and KIRSTEN MALONE volunteered at the FDS

Signature Event in Nashville, Tennessee. They traveled from four different states and were joined by three other family members to assist with the book distribution event. The sisters were excited to all volunteer together at a Pi Phi event for the first time since their collegiate days.

### NEBRASKA

Omaha, Nebraska, Alumnae Club

The Omaha, Nebraska, Alumnae Club collected 74 books for The Hope Center for Kids. This is the second year for the club's "Books from Angels" holiday literacy philanthropy project. The Hope Center provides a safe after-school and summer program where children and youth can take part in academic support, personal development, faith-based learning opportunities and receive a hot meal every night.



Above: After a long time apart, 13 Pi Phis from the Northern New Jersey Alumnae Club were finally able to meet in person for some holiday shopping and cheer.

### **NEW JERSEY**

Northern New Jersey Alumnae Club

As the Northern New Jersey Alumnae Club celebrated its 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary, sisters were delighted to finally meet in person at the Town Book Store in Westfield, New Jersey, after 16 months of virtual gatherings. The club members enjoyed shopping and camaraderie, and as advocates for literacy, they are always happy to support independent bookstores.

### NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte, North Carolina, Alumnae Club The Charlotte, North Carolina, Alumnae Club has continued to increase its philanthropic efforts in the community by sponsoring different activities each month. Inspired by a new club member who approached the club for help, they held a children's coat drive benefiting Merry Oaks International Academy, a Title I school in Charlotte. Members were encouraged to bring new or gently used coats to all November events, allowing the club to donate almost 30 coats to the school. In December, the club collected new socks for Crisis Assistance Ministry, an organization which helps those in financial crisis in Mecklenburg County. For January, sisters were encouraged to attend a virtual wine tasting and cheese board demonstration benefiting Make-a-Wish. The club also began collecting new children's books for the students at Niner University Elementary for its Fraternity Day of Service project in March. For Chapter Loyalty Day, in addition to celebrating each of their chapters of initiation, members celebrated friendship in the Charlotte Alumnae Club by participating in a club history night. Sisters went through the club's archives, sorting through old minutes and photographs and sharing memories. The biggest find of the evening was rediscovering the club's original charter from 1938 along with a letter from Grand Vice President **RUTH BARRETT SMITH**. Iowa Gamma, and a hand-written receipt for \$20 for the cost of the charter.



Above: Charlotte club members sort through the club's archives. From left: Ohio Theta **SHELLEY FLETCHER CHOVAN**, Mississippi Beta **SUZANNE MALONE**, Virginia Epsilon **ELLEN SHOWEN STANDISH**, Virginia Gamma **DEBORAH STANLEY DAVIDSON**, South Carolina Beta **NELLY WELSCH**, and Virginia Gamma **PATRICIA SANDERLIN BURTON**.



Above: Charlotte Club President **PATRICIA SANDERLIN BURTON**, Virginia Gamma, with the original club charter.



Above: Dayton club members and a few family members celebrating the club's centennial anniversary.

## OHIO

Dayton, Ohio, Alumnae Club

The Dayton, Ohio, Alumnae Club celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 4, 2021, a year late due to COVID-19. The celebration took place at the club's annual Christmas luncheon, where sisters enjoyed looking at old club scrapbooks, photos and news articles about the club and its members. There was a lot of reminiscing about past meetings and sisters who have passed away. Members loved hearing how everyone got involved in the club, their first meetings and which sisters welcomed each other into the club. Many members recalled their earliest meetings and enjoyed having the chance to reflect on their long history. The club even had a member who was the same age as the club. It was a great afternoon of celebrating sisterhood in Pi Phi, long after college.

## **OKLAHOMA**

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club

Members of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club attended the club's "Wine Shine" painting event.



## OREGON

*Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club* Working at The Children's Book Bank in Portland is a beloved service opportunity for members of the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club. Members work for a few hours sorting and processing books to be donated to local children. The club's commitment to improving literacy in the community is a meaningful example of living Pi Phi's values for life.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Beta Alumnae This past summer, South Carolina Beta alumnae and family members, along with multiple breast cancer survivors, gathered at the 2021 Dabo Swinney Ladies Clinic. The annual clinic raises money specifically for breast cancer research and technology, education and prevention. In 2021, the event raised \$500,000 for breast cancer research and prevention.



Above: The Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe club works at an area book bank. Back row, from left: Event Coordinator JULIA TUCKER, Oregon Alpha, Alumnae Club President SUSAN JONNATTI MAXWELL, Pennsylvania Zeta, Michigan Gamma KEILEY BALDWIN, Oregon Alpha MARILYN DEBONNY and Oregon Alpha DEBBI AMATO MONAHAN. Front row, from left: Oregon Alphas MARISA STRAUSS STRIBLING, GILLIAN TOBIN and club Vice President Communications MAJA TANAKA BERGE.

Below: Two generations of South Carolina Betas, family members and breast cancer survivors gathered at the 2021 Dabo Swinney Ladies Clinic to raise funds for breast cancer research and prevention.



## **Helping the Honeybees**

Florida Delta **EMILY FUHRMAN** has been beekeeping since she was 15 years old. In high school, she joined the honeybee club with no prior knowledge of beekeeping and discovered a passion for helping bees. After enrolling at the University of Florida (UF), she became a part of The UF Honeybee Club. In her four years, she rose from member to social media director to Vice President. Through the Honeybee Club, she was able to take part in an internship her junior year at the UF/IFAS Honeybee

Research and Extension Lab. While interning, Emily worked on "Two Bees in a Podcast," which aims to educate the public on honeybees, beekeepers and research. While interviewing experts, she broke down some of the misconceptions that people have about bees. "Many people have expressed their fear of bees, but I have never been stung while beekeeping," she shared. She explained that the mission that drives her beekeeping efforts is educating people and spreading awareness. Bees are dying at record rates, and many people aren't aware that they play a crucial role in agriculture as they pollinate one-third of the food we eat. Emily's favorite part of beekeeping is honey extraction. This involves using a smoker to mask the bees' fear of pheromones, so they remain calm when their hive is opened. After pulling out the frames and cutting off the caps, the frames are spun, and fresh honey is flowing in a matter of minutes. She shared that nothing is more rewarding than harvesting the honey from a hive that she has been monitoring closely for months. Being in Pi Phi has given Emily the opportunity to share what she's passionate about and inspire other members to get involved. Emily encourages everyone to learn more about honeybees and what they can do to help them.

Emily working with honeybees as part of the University of Florida's Honeybee Club.

## **ARKANSAS**

Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas During winter break, Arkansas Alphas EMMA KELLOGG and **BRENNA BALTZ** traveled to Guatemala with the local chapter of Global Brigades, a national organization aimed at resolving global health and economic disparities. The Global Brigades team provided medical care in the form of dispensing prescriptions, creating medical records and providing access to a dentist, OBGYN, pharmacists, optometrists and family physicians. According to Emma, her favorite memory of the trip was meeting so many people from different backgrounds and experiences. "One of the dental assistants cried as she was thanking our group because her community had never received this kind of help, and it was so heartbreaking but rewarding to feel like our work had made a difference," she shared. Emma is a biology student who plans to attend medical school after graduation. This trip solidified her goals, and she hopes to return to Guatemala one day with new skills to aid the community. Emma and Brenna demonstrate the value of Philanthropic Service to Others through their work. Their deep commitment to Pi Phi's core values are what make this sisterhood special to the Arkansas Alpha Chapter.

Below, from left: Arkansas Alphas **EMMA KELLOGG** and **BRENNA BALTZ** in Guatemala serving with the Global Brigades team.



## CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Beta, Yale University

Connecticut Beta Pi Phis are widely involved on campus. From the athletic field and research labs to the stage and student radio studio, the women of Connecticut Beta have been busy since returning to in-person campus life. Many sisters participated in the Yale Dramatic Association's first in-person musical production in more than a year, "Cabaret." Produced by Pi Phi AVA KING, "Cabaret" is the story of the fictional, extravagant Kit Kat Klub in 1929 Berlin. This show was picked as a reminder to be aware and active in the face of societal discrimination. a topic that is relevant today. Several Connecticut Beta sisters were involved in the production of Cabaret, including **ANYA VAN HOOGSTRATEN**, who played Lulu, and **KG MONTES**, who was a makeup artist, as well as many Pi Phis who attended in support. Connecticut Beta members are very proud of their sisters for playing an important role in reinvigorating campus life and are excited to continue this into the future.

## **ILLINOIS**

#### Illinois Eta, Millikin University

The Illinois Eta Chapter was recently recognized for having the highest all-member GPA among fraternities and sororities on campus for the Fall 2021 term. The chapter holds weekly study tables where members gather with snacks to do homework and study. The chapter also holds an activity every semester called Book Worm where members are encouraged to log their study hours, and the member who spends the most hours studying gets a prize. Illinois Eta values Personal and Intellectual Growth and continues to provide opportunities for members to grow together.

Below: Connecticut Beta **AVA KING** stands in front of a Cabaret poster.



### COLLEGIATE NEWS 🗠

## **INDIANA**

Indiana Gamma, Butler University

To kick off the spring term, initiated members of the Indiana Gamma Chapter organized a sisterhood event to bond with New Members. This event gave new Pi Phis the opportunity to experience the Sincere Friendships in the chapter firsthand and become more connected to their new sisterhood. A saying that recently became popular in the chapter is, "bae totes." "Totes" essentially means "of course" or "absolutely," while the term "bae" is a nickname often used for loved ones. The phrase came about as a fun way to show that members are willing to help one another and lift each other up in any way possible. As it caught on, the chapter decided to create a fun play on words by painting the phrase on canvas tote bags during the sisterhood event. It was a huge success, and everyone had a great time bonding while painting their totes!

## LOUISIANA

Louisiana Alpha, Tulane University-Newcomb College OLIVIA MULLANEY and JORDAN SHOULBERG

serve as the President and Executive Vice President of Tulane's Undergraduate Student Government (USG). USG is the university's student-run governing body and strives to improve the undergraduate experience and advocate for students on campus. Thanks to their Pi Beta Phi sisterhood, Olivia and Jordan were able to form their friendship before working together on USG, which has greatly benefited their working relationship. Olivia says, "I'm so lucky to have Jordan as my Executive Vice President. She is a constant source of energy, support and love even in the most difficult situations. I'm eternally grateful that Pi Phi brought us together and that we get to serve the Tulane community together." Jordan echoes Olivia by saying, "Olivia and I have a lot of consistent pressure in serving these two roles. I truly do not know what I would do without her. It is amazing that I met someone so similar to myself through Pi Phi. Thanks to these two organizations, I have developed a lifelong friendship with someone I know is going to do incredible good in this world."

## MARYLAND

Maryland Gamma, Johns Hopkins University

**LILIANA RODRIGUEZ**, a junior on the pre-med track, recently began working with The Violet Project, an initiative aiming to make sexual and reproductive healthcare more accessible to teens and young adults in the Baltimore City area. Started by doctors at Johns Hopkins Medicine, Violet now supplies menstrual hygiene products, condoms and at-home STI kits to young adults across the United States. Liliana produces educational website content and currently works as the director of



Above: Members of Indiana Gamma with their handmade "bae totes."



Above, from left: Louisiana Alphas **JORDAN SHOULBERG** and **OLIVIA MULLANEY** who serve together on Tulane's Undergraduate Student Government.



Above: Maryland Gamma LILIANA RODRIGUEZ.

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Violet's social media platforms. "At Violet, we provide teens and young adults with reliable information on a range of topics including contraception, reproductive anatomy, relationship dynamics, well-being and sexual violence and abuse," says Liliana. "I am immensely grateful that I have the opportunity to contribute to my community by working to make sexual and reproductive healthcare more accessible and equitable for all."

## **MICHIGAN**

#### Michigan Alpha, Hillsdale College

**IDA BROWN**, a junior in Michigan Alpha, had the honor of attending the 2022 USA Shotgun Selection Match. This January she traveled to Tuscon, Arizona, and earned a spot on the USA Women's National Team. In Tuscon, Ida shot bunker trap. A round for this competition consists of 25 targets shot from a bunker. Competitors have two left shots, two right shots and one straight away shot for each of five rotations. Targets are randomly fired, so contestants must be ready to shoot in any direction. This tournament consisted of 250 targets, and the top six women competed in an additional final round. When describing the feel of these tournaments, Ida said that it is "more of a marathon, not a sprint." She arrived in Tuscon and practiced Sunday through Wednesday, with the actual tournament commencing on Thursday. Ida estimates she shot more than 1.000 rounds before the tournament even began. A look at her upcoming schedule includes four World Cups in Cyprus, Peru, Italy and Azerbaijan. In July, she will compete at another national competition to retain her spot on the team. She is a strong contender for the 2024 Olympics.

The Pi Phi value that Ida credits as being the most influential in her life and sport is Personal and Intellectual Growth. Ida started shooting at the age of 10, but only started shooting bunker last year. The sport has made an impact on Ida by teaching her many life lessons. "I became a lot more social and outgoing, and took on more personal responsibility," she says. She reflected that being on a team in general helps build character, and the lessons she's learned apply to her experience in Pi Beta Phi as well. During the school year, Michigan Alpha sisters have made an effort to attend Ida's competitions, which meant a lot to her—especially because spectators watch quietly rather than cheering. Ida also says Pi Phi has helped bring balance into her collegiate and athletic life. "Pi Phi has pushed me to be better academically, and as a person," she explains. "I never felt like I had to make it a separate part of my life from my sport." Ida is an amazing example of the strength and dedication of Pi Phi women. Although she began her shotgun journey long before putting on letters, the Pi Beta Phi values she holds within herself have always been present. Members of the Michigan Alpha



Michigan Alpha **IDA BROWN** at USA Shotgun Selections in Tucson, Arizona.

Chapter say they could not be more excited to support Ida as she continues on her shooting sports journey and look forward to sharing her joys and successes.

#### MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Beta, University of Mississippi

The Mississippi Beta Chapter is extremely proud of its members, including the 10 women who spent their spring semesters focusing on internships. After serving out her role as Vice President Recruitment, **KINSEY CARLSON** packed her bags for Washington D.C. where she spends her time on Capitol Hill working in Senator Roger Wicker's office. She takes calls from constituents, assists Senator Wicker's staff in policy analysis and research, gives tours of the Capitol and helps wherever she can. In combination with her role on Capitol Hill, she is also completing 12 credit hours for the semester and preparing for her LSAT. Another sister, **ANNIE CALATRELLO**, spent eight weeks working for Deloitte Touche in their Memphis, Tennessee, office. She worked as an audit and assurance intern on a company audit for a Fortune 500 company. She collaborated with a small team of audit professionals to certify the company's financial statements. Mississippi Beta is so proud of these women and every sister who worked as interns this past semester.

## **MISSOURI**

#### Missouri Gamma, Drury University

Missouri Gamma's inaugural Vice President Inclusion **CHLOE JONES** hit the ground running at the beginning of her term and has made significant headway in her position. Chloe started two new initiatives, "Women Who Paved the Way" and "Inclusive Language of the Week," both of which are now a staple of every weekly chapter meeting. She asserts that as sorority women, character and action are integral parts of how members relate to their communities. As the first woman to hold this position for Missouri Gamma, Chloe has been busy creating the legacy she wants and defining what inclusion means to the chapter. "I wanted to create a space for our chapter where every member felt welcome and included," She says. "I want to empower women to become inclusive members of our chapter and know what it means to be an equitable, reliable woman." While more women of marginalized identities have found a home in Pi Beta Phi, the further one goes back, the less diverse it gets. Chloe counteracts this by choosing to highlight women of color and women from marginalized backgrounds. She is excited to serve in this role, and her Missouri Gamma sisters will proudly follow her every step of the way.



Above: Mississippi Beta **KINSEY CARLSON** stands in front of the U.S. Capitol, where she interned for Senator Roger Wicker.



Above: Nebraska Beta **LAUREN ANDERSON** on the sidelines of the Nebraska vs. Ohio State football game.

## **NEBRASKA**

Nebraska Beta, University of Nebraska

Growing up, LAUREN ANDERSON has always had a love for sports and a passion for finding a way to get more women involved in the industry. Whether participating in high school teams or inviting friends to attend every sporting event, she never missed an opportunity to showcase her admiration for all things athletic. Now as a sophomore, Lauren is double-majoring in Sports Media & Communications and Advertising & Public Relations in order to work toward a future career in the professional sports world. Even more notably, Lauren is a Marketing and Fan Experience intern for the athletics department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). When Lauren applied for the role, it seemed like a lofty goal as there were only six open positions and more than fifty wellqualified applicants. Her dedication to her goals shined through during the interview process and she received one of the coveted positions. Through this incredible opportunity, she and the other 12 interns work together to cover marketing and game-day experiences for all UNL collegiate sports. This kind of hands-on experience is hard to find before graduating from college. From the time spent planning in the office to supervising on the sidelines, Lauren has found an even greater appreciation for athletics and will continue to encourage other women to pursue success in the field.

## NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Alpha, University of North Carolina As a volunteer puppy trainer for Eyes, Ears, Nose and Paws (EENP), North Carolina Alpha SOPHIA RUPKALVIS raises, houses and provides basic socialization and training to puppies. The goal of EENP is to utilize the profound strengths of human-canine partnerships to benefit the community by teaching inmates to train assistance dogs. Dogs are then partnered with persons with disabilities to benefit them in their daily lives and provide any support they may need. Volunteers such as Sophia help train puppies from two months of age until five or six months old. At this time, the puppies enter ABEL—a program in which inmates help the puppies grow into trained assistance dogs, ready to be partnered with their future companion. The prison training program helps inmates by allowing them the opportunity to create meaningful relationships with the puppies they care for, EENP staff and the future dog owners whose lives they will change for the better. EENP trains mobility service dogs and medical alert dogs. These dogs are highly skilled companions who help their owners live safer and happier lives. Sophia believes being a young puppy trainer has been one of the most rewarding things she has experienced. Providing care and company to puppies has resulted in both personal growth and fulfillment for her, and Sophia cannot wait to see what kind of dogs the puppies will grow to become. She knows that her work training them will change their future owners' lives and will help the community at large.



## OHIO

#### Ohio Epsilon, University of Toledo

For the Ohio Epsilon Chapter, January was a month focused on philanthropy. The chapter hosts a Champions are Readers® (CAR) program every other week at Burroughs Elementary School in Toledo. Members also hosted a supply drive for the school. Other fraternities and sororities on campus participated, and the Ohio Epsilons were greatly appreciative of the work their community was able to do to benefit local students. Members delivered the materials to the school, and the students and teachers expressed their gratitude for everything that was donated. In February, the chapter also hosted a literacy love fundraiser on Valentine's Day where members sold angel food cakes and wine carnations with literacy facts to promote education and participation in the community.

## **ONTARIO**

Ontario Beta, University of Western Ontario In November, the Ontario Beta Chapter held its annual fraternity and sorority community-wide Lip Sync for Literacy event, planned by TAYLOR BURTON, EMILY KNOWLES and GABBIE SHOEMAKER. JADE **STEWART** joined Emily as hosts for the lip-sync and dance competition choreographed by members of Ontario Beta and performed by six fraternities. The event also featured a trivia segment where fraternity members answered questions about Pi Beta Phi, winning points if they got the question right. At the end of the night, Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity won the event, as the judges were most impressed by their dance choreographed by **JADE** LOWRY. This event is always a huge success; this year was no different, having raised over \$6,000 for The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation in support of Read > Lead > Achieve<sup>®</sup>. The Ontario Beta Chapter is excited that the proceeds from this event help Pi Phi's philanthropic initiative and looks forward to next year's Lip Sync for Literacy.

North Carolina Alpha **SOPHIA RUPKALVIS** holds Margot, a puppy she cares for as a volunteer for EENP.



Sisters delivering off the donated items to Burroughs Elementary School in Toledo, Ohio. From left: Ohio Epsilons **OLIVIA CASTLE, HANNAH LUTMAN, EMILY FREDRICK, PAIGE PAPROCKI** and **SARAH KLIM**.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Epsilon, Pennsylvania State University The Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter is continuing its presence on campus and within the Pennsylvania State University community through volunteer work. Sisters have become involved in WorkLink, a two-year certificate program at Penn State that provides the opportunity for individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate in post-secondary experiences and education alongside their peers. The program supports students in developing work and independent living skills through WorkLink seminars and additional classes at the university alongside mentors. Sophomore **JULIE MAYO** began volunteering at the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester and continued with the program throughout this academic year. "WorkLink has provided me with one of the best experiences here at Penn State," Julie said. "I am so grateful for this rewarding experience and to share it with my sisters." The chapter was excited to have more sisters join Julie as mentors in the program during the spring semester and to grow their presence on campus and within the volunteer community. As mentors, sisters led seminar discussions, attended class with students and provided tutoring in a variety of subjects to create inclusive and meaningful peer interactions. The close relationships created with the students make the time the members dedicate worth it. "I am so excited to continue the friendships I made at WorkLink throughout my years at Penn State and after I graduate," Julie said.



## COLLEGIATE NEWS

Best of Tennessee



*Tennessee Delta, University of Memphis* **SARAH STOBBE** recently was admitted into the 2021 Best of Tennessee Craft Biennial Exhibition. Sarah is a Studio Arts major and has developed skills in many types of media. Her handmade ceramic teapot, "Tin Man," caught the eye of many as it was one of 75 pieces displayed in the show.

## UTAH

#### Utah Alpha, University of Utah

The Utah Alpha Chapter is proud to foster a love for nursing and other health care professions within its members. At the University of Utah, nursing and pre-med majors have the option to gain experience in the field as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs). Since the beginning of the pandemic, the women of Pi Beta Phi have assisted the hospital and stepped up to serve their community and help others. JENSEN KOFF began her career as a CNA at the beginning of the pandemic. Since then, she has witnessed some incredible and difficult things. One of Jensen's most memorable experiences as a CNA was when two business owners, both impacted by COVID-19, sparked a friendship over social media that led one to donate their kidney to the other. However, Jensen has also seen the horrors of COVID-19 and its impact up close. During a time of such turmoil, Jensen is grateful to have a community like Pi Phi supporting her while she works on the frontlines. While living in the Pi Phi house, she created friendships that got her through tough times. Jensen has revealed that the key to balancing her role as a CNA, student and member of Pi Phi is time management. She works hard to manage her time so she can be a strong student, foster friendships and give back to her community. Jensen is beyond grateful to have more than 100 sisters who can be there for her at any given moment. She believes that if anything, the struggles of the pandemic have brought the members of the chapter closer together. It has given the women of Pi Beta Phi something to bond over and grieve over but, most importantly, has truly showcased their love and support for one another.

#### Utah Alpha JENSEN KOFF

## VIRGINIA

Virginia Gamma, College of William and Mary As the sisters of the Virginia Gamma Chapter returned to campus this spring, they looked forward to once again meaningfully engaging the community in a way that has not always been possible in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Notably, this semester began with the return of a popular philanthropy event, Angelgrams. Each February, the women of Virginia Gamma look forward to packaging, selling and delivering bundles of Valentine's Day treats and wishes to students across the campus, while also promoting literacy efforts. In addition, the members were excited to once again volunteer with the Arc of Greater Williamsburg, an organization that assists adults with developmental disabilities. In pre-pandemic conditions, sisters were matched with an Arc client to meet and work on literacy skills through reading, activities and games. Throughout the pandemic, while meeting face-to-face was unsafe, the women of Virginia Gamma maintained pen pal relationships with their clients. Under changing regulations, as well as the leadership of the new Director Service and Philanthropy MADISON KOROL, sisters were excited to once again meet in-person with the clients. "Our members greatly valued this opportunity to serve members of our community and cultivate meaningful relationships with these clients," Madison said. "Although the pandemic has imposed challenges for working with the Arc, we've been looking forward to restarting our in-person literacy program with them this year."

Virginia Theta, Washington and Lee University The Virginia Theta Chapter opened its doors for the first time in two years for the Professors' Dinner this winter. For this event, each sister had the opportunity to invite a professor who made an impact on their education at Washington and Lee University. While some sisters brought their advisors or department heads, others chose professors with whom they had only taken one course. With the numerous disciplines Pi Phi sisters study, more than 25 professors and their families filled the dining room, chatting and dining with their students. Sisters and professors alike had an incredible time building their relationships and learning more about each other's backgrounds, goals and passions. At one table, chemistry, politics, math, and Latin professors found common ground in their favorite television shows, campus buildings and dining hall meals. Across the room, a physics student spoke to a Russian professor about their time abroad in Europe. When it came time for the event to end, there were still sisters and staff sipping coffee and chatting about the upcoming semester. The week after the dinner, thank-you notes from the professors and their families poured into the house, reminding sisters of just how important their connection is with the Washington and Lee community, and just how much fun it is to share their Pi Phi core values with others.  $\blacktriangleleft$ 

## **In Memoriam**

We honor our Pi Phi sisters who have passed away and celebrate their part in our sisterhood.

In Memoriam lists the name and initiation year of each member who has died. The list below reflects notification by public obituary received at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters between November 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022. Obituaries may be submitted at **pibetaphi.org/in-memoriam**.

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ALABAMA BETA M. Elizabeth Powell, 1957

**ALBERTA ALPHA** Adrienne Naai-Hua Pan, 1998

**ARKANSAS ALPHA** Ashley Claire Schwarz, 1994

FLORIDA BETA Janie Mitchell Scott, 1954

GEORGIA ALPHA Beverly Washington Shimkus, 1959

ILLINOIS EPSILON Barbara Jane Schwartz Rendleman, 1948

ILLINOIS KAPPA Cheryl Bills McIntire, 2013

INDIANA ALPHA Mary Cook Mahin, 1941

#### INDIANA BETA

Sally Ann Dunn, 1968 Jane Walden Hatchel, 1950 Connie Feallock Scheid, 1952 Janet Couger Storlie, 1954

INDIANA EPSILON Cindy Batts Summers, 1964

INDIANA GAMMA Jane McClure Bielawski, 1944 Amy Low Flores, 2000 INDIANA ZETA Maxine Kennedy McGeehan, 1964

IOWA GAMMA Mary Gilbertson Campbell, 1948 Karen Gail Geisinger, 1985 Ann McCampbell Howard, 1940

KANSAS ALPHA Pat Billings Ballard, 1945 Joanne Marie Walls, 1970 Adelaide Cobb Ward, 2017

KANSAS BETA Joanne Brooks Barkyoumb, 1950 Carol Bates Eddy, 1948

**LOUISIANA ALPHA** Marie T. Larue, 1949

**LOUISIANA BETA** Betsy Hall Guglielmo, 1960

MARYLAND BETA Esther Reid Crosby, 1953 Nettajo Borders Morter, 1946 Virginia Schubert Ratliff, 1952

MICHIGAN ALPHA Priscilla Ringler Benson, 1943 Shirley Robberson Liddicoat, 1947 Ruth Irish McHugh, 1945

MICHIGAN GAMMA Ruth Hansen Bengtsen, 1945 Geraldine Hansen Gertner, 1949 Nancy Gokenbach Stewart, 1963 MINNESOTA ALPHA Janna Oppegaard Borg, 1947

MISSISSIPPI BETA Catherine Lee Ray, 1995

MISSISSIPPI GAMMA Delta Milner Stark, 2010

MISSOURI ALPHA Mary Buschman Leary, 1942

MISSOURI BETA Doris Sweet De Zutter, 1957

**NEBRASKA BETA** Karen D. Dunning, 1976

NEVADA ALPHA Joanne Hoag Botsford, 1954 Betty Rice Macaulay, 1946

**NEW MEXICO ALPHA** Carol Townsend Stahl, 1956

#### **OHIO ALPHA** Jacqueline Horsley BeVier, 1947 Claudette Chappel Bosscawen, 1955 Jean Bachman Weaver, 1956

OHIO DELTA Dorothy Brown, 1946 Lucia Hossellman Burneson, 1954 Alison Kahle, 1978

OHIO EPSILON Marilyn O'Brien Arbaugh, 1954

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### OHIO ZETA

Barbara Gaver Johnson, 1948 Linda Scott Jones, 1962 Carlyn Hastings Venus, 1959

#### OKLAHOMA ALPHA

Jola Higginbottom Houchin, 1969 Jane Burtis Smith, 1953 Carol McMahon West, 1965

#### **OREGON ALPHA**

Jean Steiner Grasle, 1948 Janet Woods Livesay, 1953

OREGON BETA

Carol Mortensen Dukehart, 1962 Janet Smetts Paul, 1954

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

Anne Bickel Emerson, 1958 Mary Ambrosius Nelles, 1953

**PENNSYLVANIA ZETA** Audrey Workman Parise, 1989

**TENNESSEE ALPHA** Janice Smith Payne, 1956

**TENNESSEE BETA** Janice Holliman Stanfield, 1965

**TENNESSEE GAMMA** Barbara Norman Haynes, 1957

#### **TEXAS ALPHA**

Margaret Gray Becker, 1961 Charlotte Grissom Brelsford, 1946 Jo Ann Nelson Law Davis, 1944 Dorothy Thompson Montgomery, 1945 Frances Dossett Swann, 1948

**TEXAS DELTA** Sue Vining Jared, 1965

#### UTAH ALPHA

Ann Marie Boyden, 1958 Kay Bateman Ensign, 1956 Mary Carlquist McDermott, 1960 Anne McDonough Moore, 1954 Reagan Michelle Tolboe, 1994 Suzanne Hintze Weaver, 1957

VERMONT ALPHA Janet von Wettberg Cowles, 1955

VIRGINIA GAMMA Nancy Bryan Johnston, 1970

#### WASHINGTON ALPHA

Joan Dennis McKeown, 1955 Lora Peterson Mebust, 1954 Margery Johannes Nelson, 1951

#### WASHINGTON BETA

Joy Vanasse Goodenough, 1955 Susan Kelley Marker, 1961

WISCONSIN ALPHA Maybelle Runkle Traut, 1953

WYOMING ALPHA Barbara Fox Roach, 1951

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Happy #wingitwednesday AND #nationalreadingday! Today, we are participating in Fraternity Day of Service by kicking off this year's Champions are Readers program! We are so excited to have the opportunity to read to the children of the Oxford community and can't wait for the rest of this year's CAR programming!





#### @pibetaphi\_unl

Happy National Read Across America Day and Fraternity Day of Service! Today we celebrate the joy reading brings to all ages!! With our philanthropy Read > Lead > Achieve at Pi Beta Phi, we want to recognize today how important literature is in our lives! So pick up a good book, and enjoy the weather outside

#### @scpiphi What a great

What a great way to spend #NationalReadAcrossAmericaDay! We had our first CAR of the semester! We are so grateful for our elementary schools that are allowing us to visit in our goal to promote children's literacy.

#### @bostonianpiphi

We are so excited to be returning to volunteering at the Prison Book Program in Quincy for the first time since 2019. The Prison Book Program is an organization providing reading materials to prisoners in response to their handwritten letters.







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