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The pathway to parenthood is one many endeavor upon, but no two journeys are the same. As you read about the journeys of the Pi Phis in this issue, we hope you find insight, support and solidarity in their experiences. No matter the twists and turns, love and loss, heartbreak and optimism, we hope Pi Phis know: when you walk with sisters, you never walk alone.



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CORRECTION

In the Spring 2022 issue of *The Arrow*, the photo captions on pages 14 and 15 misidentified the pictured members. We sincerely apologize for the error. The caption on page 14 should have read, "From left: Past Grand Council member **EVELYN PETERS KYLE**, Illinois Alpha, Past Grand President **DOROTHY WEAVER MORGAN**, Nebraska Beta, Marianne [Reid Wild] and past Grand Council member **EDYTHE MULVEYHILL BRACK**, Kansas Alpha. The caption on page 15 should have read, "From left: Past Grand Presidents Marianne [Reid Wild] and **MAY LANSFIELD KELLER**, Maryland Alpha."

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We Never Walk Alone



ASHLEY HALLOWELL KARTHAssociate Executive Director

Illinois Eta Millikin University Dear Sisters.

For Pi Phis, Sincere Friendship is a promise that's woven into the way we live—our words, our actions and the relationships we foster. Our sisterhood is founded on our mutual pledge to support and care for one another along every step of life's journey. We're called to hold space for our sisters to share the hopes, fears, challenges and dreams of their lived experiences, whether they mirror or differ from our own.

As women, at some point in our personal journey, we answer the questions of whether, when and how our pathway leads to parenthood. For each of us, the route we take is unique and leads to a different outcome. As you'll read in the stories our members share within this issue, the path is charged with emotion. The spectrum of feelings and experiences is vast and deep, and the need for empathy is great.

Though our journeys are as individual as our fingerprints, as sisters, we walk together in spirit—even when our paths diverge. Because this conversation touches each of our lives, it's an opportunity for us to listen to each other, learn from one another and provide the compassion and respect of Sincere Friendship. I have been fortunate enough to have Pi Phi sisters walk alongside me through many phases of my own parenthood journey. They provided encouragement through the many years I was sure being a parent would not be a part of my path, and my sisters remained my greatest supporters when I changed direction and recently became a new mom. No matter the journey we take, our sisters extend the reassurance that none of us walk alone.

Right now, wherever we are on our personal journey, we could all use the support of sisterhood as we endeavor down these paths. Questions around parenthood, and the infinite number of paths to it, have been pushed into the social spotlight in the wake of this summer's landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Despite the timing of the ruling, we felt it essential to not deviate from our year-long work of sharing our members' parenthood stories with you. Just as the question of parenthood does, the ruling impacts all of us—but in ways unique to each individual. We must remain committed to showing Honor and Respect to one another regardless of our individual experiences, backgrounds and beliefs. We have a truly golden opportunity to authentically support each other as women and Sincere Friends.

I am in awe of the vulnerability these Pi Phis have shown in sharing their stories with our sisterhood. When faced with U-turns and road bumps they exhibited bravery, resilience and perseverance, many with Pi Phi sisters by their side along their pathway. The strength of our bond in Pi Phi comes from open minds, open hearts and the mutual promise that no matter where we are, no matter where our journey leads, we never walk alone. \leftarrow

In Pi Phi.



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 Spring issue of The Arrow, "Hope Endures"

MARY RAKOW TANNER, Maryland Beta, initiated 1971

"New issue of *The Arrow* is wonderful. The stories of pain and hope. The diverse faces! Love that Pi Phi continues to support and grow."

In response to the Fraternity's social media post on Founders' Day asking members, "What has Pi Phi given you?"

ANN GEHRET MCKINNEY, Tennessee Beta, initiated 1984

"Friends from all over the country and ages spanning from 20 years younger to 20 years older that I love dearly. Pi Phi is the best decision I made, and it just keeps getting better! I belong to two outstanding Alumnae Clubs—shout out to Nashville, Tennessee and Naples, Florida—along with my Tennessee Beta sisters."

In response to the Fraternity's response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

KATHLEEN BOON, Illinois Eta, initiated 1979

"Pi Beta Phi believes every woman deserves to make decisions about their own future."

Until the word 'future' is changed to healthcare this message is completely tone deaf and seems only intended to pile on as organizations rush to be heard. Until individual women are heard and respected with the right to determine their healthcare in the privacy of their relationship with their doctors, women will be less than. Think about that."

SUSAN CIOTTI WIVELL, Connecticut Alpha, initiated 1987

"100% Pi Beta Phi! The advancement of women in a society where their fundamental rights are stripped will not progress. Now's NOT the time for organizations that exist to promote the success of women to hide behind curtains."

HEATHER RUBACKY WARD, D.C. Alpha, initiated 2007

"Thank you for acknowledging the situation and saying something. Many organizations are not even doing that much. I hope the statement leads to action, but thank you for taking at least this step."

The opinions expressed in Letters to Pi Phi do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, nor does Pi Beta Phi endorse the opinions or viewpoints expressed within these letters.

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UPDATES TO THE ARROW

The Arrow has been published and distributed to Pi Beta Phi members in a variety of ways throughout its 137-year history While the magazine has been distributed quarterly for much of this time, it's not unprecedented to print more or fewer issues in a year. As Pi Phi leaders worked to create a thoughtful comprehensive budget, the decision was made to change the frequency of issues of the magazine. Due to increased costs of producing the magazine and the stagnant number of dues-paying members, *The Arrow* will now be published three times per year; January, May and September.

Pi Phi is not alone in making such changes, as many fraternal organizations are assessing their printing and distribution plans to meet the needs of their members while remaining cost-effective. The September issue will be mailed to all members with a valid address on file, and the January and May issues will go to dues-paying collegiate and alumnae members. Please know that the quality of the magazine will not diminish. We will continue to prioritize impactful storytelling, while also conveying relevant, important information to our membership.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 109 scholarship and fellowship recipients receiving awards totaling \$282,435 for the 2022-2023 academic year! Thank you to all the sisters and friends who make these scholarships possible by supporting our Foundation. Undergraduate, Graduate Fellowship and Alumnae Continuing Education (ACE) Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year open November 15. Submit your application before 11:59 p.m. PST on February 15, 2023, to be considered for more than 100 scholarships and fellowships. View the full list of scholarship recipients and learn about the application criteria at **pibetaphi.org/scholarships**.

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 this fall: Charleston, South Carolina, Omaha, Nebraska, and Chicago. For more information and to register for a Halo Happenings near you, visit pibetaphi.org/halohappenings.

131 COLLEGIANS GATHERED FOR PI BETA PHI LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

In July, Pi Phi leaders from across North America gathered on the Washington University campus in St. Louis for Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute. During this four-day experience, attendees explored their unique leadership capabilities and were given the tools to make change in themselves, their campuses and their communities.

"I think what is most special about Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute is that it is designed especially for women," says California Eta Vanessa Hsia. "It goes beyond being a Pi Phi or even being a college woman; the program challenges the fundamental expectations and socialization of women – and that is something I have never experienced before."

Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute is supported by Pi Beta Phi Foundation through gifts to The Leadership Fund. When you give to our Foundation, you empower young Pi Phis—helping them find and use their voices. Learn more and make your gift at **pibetaphi.org/foundation**.

PI PHI WINS FRATERNITY COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (FCA) AWARD

At the FCA Annual Conference in April, Pi Beta Phi was recognized for excellence in magazine design. The Self-care is Not Selfish feature in the Winter 2021 *Arrow* was named Second Place in the Design – Feature Article category. Congratulations to the Fraternity volunteers and Headquarters staff who contributed to this accomplishment!

HELP PI PHI CONTINUE TO THRIVE

In 1867, our founders laid the foundation for a sisterhood built on friendship, leadership and Lifelong Commitment. Today, Pi Beta Phi continues to thrive thanks to more than 2,000 dedicated volunteers who serve and strengthen our organization by leading at the local, regional and international levels.

Pi Phi volunteers practice and expand their leadership skills while supporting members across our sisterhood. No particular Pi Phi experience is required—we look for women with time, energy and a passion for Pi Phi, and provide training throughout the volunteer experience to make sure you feel comfortable and successful in your role.

"From resources on the Pi Beta Phi website and Regional Team support to transition materials from past officers and support from other AAC members, every volunteer is set up for success from the very beginning," says Michigan Alpha KAREN BOLL ROBIDEAU, a longtime Alumnae Advisory Committee member at Michigan Alpha and Michigan Beta. "The support and training I received made the transition very easy! I had a few training sessions with the outgoing Advisor and would even contact her with questions for the first few months in the role. After a while, I felt completely comfortable in the position and knew how to seek out any other support I might need."

Learn more about the volunteer experience and the impact you can make for our members at **pibetaphi.org/volunteer**.

CHAPTER AND ALUMNAE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

As Pi Beta Phi celebrates 155 years of sisterhood, many of our chapters and alumnae clubs are achieving their own milestones. Chapter and alumnae club anniversaries are true testaments to the Lifelong Commitment of our members. Congratulations to the chapters, clubs and members celebrating significant milestones in 2022! Did you recently celebrate a reunion or anniversary? Share your story and photos at pibetaphi.org/stories for a chance to be featured in a Pi Phi publication.

CHAPTERS

Indiana Gamma - 125 years Illinois Theta - 75 years Pennsylvania Kappa - 25 years

ALUMNAE CLUBS

Cheyenne, Wyoming - 100 years Wichita, Kansas - 100 years Yakima, Washington - 100 years Harrisburg-Carlisle, Pennsylvania - 75 years Knoxville, Tennessee - 75 years Vancouver, British Columbia - 75 years Edmond, Oklahoma - 50 years Catalina Mountain, Arizona - 25 years Conejo Valley, California - 25 years Grand Junction, Colorado - 25 years Nations Capitol-DC - 25 years Potomac Falls, Virginia - 25 years

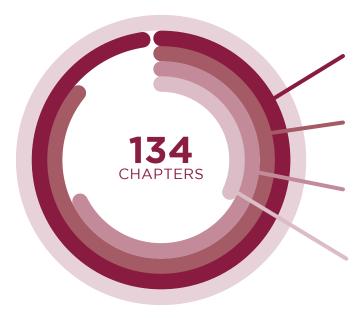


FHC HOSTS HOUSE DIRECTOR SYMPOSIUM

In July, Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) hosted the second House Director Symposium in St. Louis. Fifteen House Directors from FHC-owned properties came together for three days of professional development training with internal and external experts in the field. House Directors were able to learn from one another, build relationships with peers and FHC staff and discuss best practices to create the best possible housing experience for the Pi Phi collegians we serve. ←

House Directors from across North America at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters in St. Louis for House Director Symposium.

2021-2022 Recruitment By the Numbers



participating in primary recruitment*

113 matching or exceeding quota

89Recruiting chapters in the fall

42Recruiting chapters in the spring

* Newly established chapters Connecticut Gamma and Wisconsin Epsilon did not participate in primary recruitment on their campuses this year.

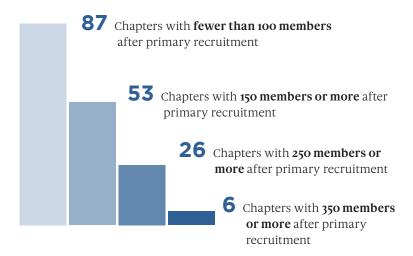
WHAT ABOUT PI PHI LEGACIES?

Whether you're a recent graduate or Golden Arrow, it's likely the recruitment process has changed since your experience. A recent change for Pi Phi was in our legacy recruitment polices. (A legacy is a sister, daughter or granddaughter of an initiated member.) Pi Phi has watched carefully to see the impact on our recruitment efforts based on the policy change removing "special considerations" extended to legacies during recruitment

In this past academic year, just over 8% of our New Members were legacies, down only slightly from the five-year average of 9.6%.

Our biggest challenge in tracking the number of legacies who pledge Pi Phi has become knowing exactly how many legacies are taking part in recruitment. Most universities and College Panhellenics are no longer asking Potential New Members (PNMs) to provide legacy information when registering for recruitment—so, we simply don't know how many Pi Phi legacies started the recruitment process and pledged Pi Phi.

Pi Phi continues to celebrate the special family connections shared within the bonds of our sisterhood—while also ensuring Pi Phi membership is accessible to a more diverse membership pool.



5,663 NEW MEMBERS ACCEPTED A PI BETA PHI BID DURING PRIMARY RECRUITMENT

3 Smallest Quota • Illinois Beta-Delta, Knox College

162 Largest Quota • Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas

Smallest # of NPC groups in a college Panhellenic community - 2
Ontario Gamma, University of Guelph and
Colorado Epsilon, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs



Largest # of NPC groups in a College Panhellenic community - 22 Indiana Beta, Indiana University





2,372 Largest # of PNMs participating in the first round of recruitment on one campus
Alabama Beta, University of Alabama



488 Largest chapter size after primary recruitment

Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas

Panhellenic Recruitment PRACTICES

Recruitment practices for all National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) organizations continue to evolve as NPC works to ensure relevance and accessibility of fraternity/sorority life for all PNMs. While modifications to primary recruitment have happened in incremental stages, there was a substantial shift in the recruitment experience with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Fall 2020, most if not all campuses introduced hybrid models with virtual rounds of recruitment or went fully virtual to protect the health and safety of members and PNMs. Some of these changes have continued even as other pandemic precautions have been retired. Campuses continue to offer virtual opportunities for recruitment, with some implementing virtualonly Open House rounds and other modifications to accommodate accessibility and streamline the process.

Additionally, NPC continues to focus on no-frills, values-based recruitment. New guidelines approved at the NPC annual conference in March include eliminating the requirement for Panhellenic officers and recruitment counselors to disassociate from their chapters, setting a cap on membership recruitment expenses including donated goods and services—and budgets, eliminating required attire for chapter members, eliminating all gifts, favors letters or notes to PNMs and eliminating extraneous and costly performances including skits and door stacks.

A Flavor All Its Own

Few things connect us to the people, places and experiences we love as powerfully as our favorite foods. A few bites or a drifting aroma—even a mere mention—can be enough to instantly transport us to cherished memories, treasured friendships and moments indelibly etched in our hearts.

Among members of Pi Beta Phi, favorite foods often include specialties from our time in the chapter facility. Whether it's the comfort food we crave after a long day of classes, a treat with a dedicated following on campus or a delicacy reserved for special celebrations, the recipes and dishes we savor during our college years give our Pi Phi chapter experience a flavor all its own.

For Ohio Theta **NICOLE ERDELJAC**, the meals prepared by longtime cook Barb Self are deeply interwoven with her memories of the chapter house. Every Thursday for decades, Barb made endless grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup for lunch. "If you ask an Ohio Theta about their favorites from their time in the chapter, it's likely Barb and grilled cheese Thursdays," Nicole smiles. "Some of my fondest memories from college involve sitting around our kitchen tables, surrounded by sisters, dunking grilled cheeses and talking about life."

Love for the culinary tradition extended far beyond Ohio Theta members—an invitation to lunch at Pi Phi was coveted among students at Bowling Green State University. "The whole campus knew about it and our friends would try their hardest to get an invite to lunch that day," Nicole laughs. "Barb would make enough so we could bring guests to experience the same joy we did. We even talked about it during recruitment. So many of our fun conversations revolved around food!"

> Yet the nostalgia Nicole feels for the meal transcends the food itself. Though nearly





From left: Chef Barb Self (third from left) and Ohio Thetas NICOLE ERDELJAC, JESS FERGUSON, MEGAN HANCZ MURRAY, KAYLA DRIETH BOGNER and EMMA HEITMEYER DONADIO gathered at the Ohio Theta facility during Bowling Green State University's Homecoming in October 2016.

10 years have passed since their graduation, she and her sisters still consider Barb's specialty an important connection point to their time in the chapter. "Grilled cheese is the quintessential comfort food, and it makes me think of home," Nicole says. "It takes me right back to a place where I'm constantly surrounded by sisters and support. No matter what your day was like, the Pi Phi house was always there waiting for you. It stood for something consistent and stable, something you could count on during a time that wasn't always easy—we were stressed, juggling classes and work. Knowing the chapter house and a group of women were there waiting as a support system, just on the other side of the door, was special. It was a safe space where you knew what you would get."









Ohio Theta's Fall 2012 New Member class enjoyed their first Cookie Shine on Bid Day as they passed around a homemade cookie cake baked by Chef Barb.

For Nicole and her friends, the sense of community they found in the chapter facility was a transformative aspect of their collegiate experience—and a key part of that experience was Barb's presence. "Within the Pi Phi house, she was the bright spot of our days," Nicole says. "She got to know us, and the way she listened and acted on what we needed is something you wouldn't find anywhere else on campus. She was so thoughtful and intentional; we truly felt heard and cared for."

Barb's involvement in the local community also made a strong impression on Ohio Theta members. She often recruited Pi Phis to help at the nearby soup kitchen where she volunteered. "She was a mother figure for us," Nicole recalls. "She was so involved in the community, and so loved by her family and friends—she was someone we looked up to. She is a thread of tradition and care that connects generations of Ohio Thetas."

Whether she and her chapter sisters were bonding over grilled cheese, preparing for events like Initiation or just talking late into the night, Nicole says the Ohio Theta facility provided a physical space for their friendships to grow. "We were so comfortable with each other because we spent every waking moment together; we could be goofy and totally ourselves," she explains.

"When you live with a group of women, you form strong bonds that continue to grow into something bigger and deeper. It's so beautiful to see all the sides of your friends."



What are your chapter favorites?

"Party potatoes! I don't even know what they were exactly; some sort of magical blend of potatoes and cheese and potato chips. There are many days I wish I could travel back in time for one more heaping spoonful."

KALIE PAGEL RUSSO, Missouri Alpha

"Our cook Joy made the best cheeseburgers every Saturday night at Kansas Beta back in the late 1970s."

KELLY CURRY, Kansas Beta

"Pi Phi Pie at Washington Beta. Oreo cookie crust, pink peppermint ice cream with crushed red and white peppermint candy cane topping, drizzled with chocolate sauce. You cut off a corner in the beginning and save it for your last bite, make a wish and then eat it."

SUSIE BLAKE LANE, Washington Beta

"Debbie—Michigan Alpha's House Director extraordinaire—makes the best balsamic chicken! It's one of the biggest things I miss since graduating."

KAITLYN ROWLAND, Michigan Alpha

"We lived in the dorms, and when we had gatherings, I loved the store-bought sugar cookies with thick, colorful icing everyone says they don't like! Now when I see them, I miss my chapter so much."

CAROLE KREIDER, Kentucky Gamma



Honoring Our 75-Year Diamond Arrow Members

This year, 968 women celebrated their Lifelong Commitment to our Fraternity by joining the Order of the Diamond Arrow. Certificates were requested to honor 75 years of membership in Pi Beta Phi for the following members. ←

Maggie Strum Allesee

Florida Beta

Katherine McKay Belk

California Beta

Barbara Potter Birnie

California Gamma

Frances J. Black

Texas Beta

Rosemary Drumright Cantrell

Tennessee Beta

Lenore West Chillingworth

California Delta

Jean Hess Clark

Michigan Gamma

June Miles Collins

Pennsylvania Beta

June Miles Collins

Pennsylvania Beta

Norma Kimble Coop

Illinois Alpha

Nancy West Dewey

Oregon Beta

Barbara Clark Diekman

New Mexico Alpha

Martha Miller Driver

Virginia Alpha

Martha Miller Driver

Virginia Alpha

Barbara Bilsten Ferguson

Iowa Gamma

Mary Clyde Baker Flesher

Oklahoma Alpha

Jane Barkman Freeman

Indiana Delta

Nadine Smith Green

Kansas Beta

Melba Trott Griffin

Massachusetts Beta

Mary Jo Griffith

Kansas Beta

Mary Rice Grissom

Michigan Alpha

Frances Glasgow Hatch

Colorado Beta

Joanne Tartre Herrin

Washington Alpha

Jeanne Basnight Hoft

North Carolina Alpha

Jan Jeans Hooten

Missouri Alpha

Betty Ayres Huffman

New Mexico Alpha

Nancy Krueger Keahey

Wisconsin Alpha

Beverly Lake Keith

California Delta

Iris N. Kimble

Connecticut Alpha

Catherine Walton Latham

Tennessee Beta

Marilyn Turner Link

Oregon Alpha

Eleanor Gaffey Little

Texas Alpha

Candice Taylor McClung

Montana Alpha

Dee Beagle McInnes

West Virginia Alpha

Genie Betts Miller

Virginia Alpha

Martha M. Millhone

Iowa Beta

Jean Smith Montgomery

Alberta Alpha

Genelle Grant Morain

Iowa Beta

Helen Compton Newman

North Carolina Alpha

Billie Vancleave Nuttall

Illinois Theta

Marjorie Bircher Page

Tennessee Beta

Gloria Muncy Pearson

Illinois Alpha

June Cadle Phillips

Colorado Beta

Jane Edgcomb Prichard

Illinois Epsilon

Josephine Powe Rankin

North Carolina Alpha

Denise Lambert Riddle

Virginia Alpha

Dorothy Lasher Rodgers

Ohio Alpha

Dorothy Lasher Rodgers

Ohio Alpha

Patty Palmer Roloff

Oklahoma Alpha

Catherine Conroy Ryan

Alberta Alpha

Rosella O'Neil Sayers

Iowa Gamma

Susie Boyle Simonson

Kansas Alpha

Marjorie Lynch Stamm

Connecticut Alpha

Lilian Guitard Steen

Alberta Alpha

Donna Cross Stewart-Williams

Alberta Alpha

Marilyn Watkins Stone

Indiana Epsilon

Marilyn Watkins Stone

Indiana Epsilon

Barbara Leppert Timbrook

Indiana Alpha

Emily Manchester Townes

Tennessee Beta

Anita Coates Vandenberg

Nevada Alpha

Cora Sue Wootters Warren

Texas Beta

Virginia Clark Wehner

Connecticut Alpha

Donelda Hight Wheatley

Oklahoma Beta

Elaine Anderson Whitney

Washington Alpha

Kay Didricksen Wood California Gamma



Our sisterhood is not confined to our collegiate years;

Pi Phi is for life

As an alumna of Pi Beta Phi, you forever have a home in our sisterhood. Your loyal support ensures sisters for years to come will have the same opportunities to develop Sincere Friendships and develop into the leaders of tomorrow.

One crucial way to show your Lifelong Commitment is through paying your alumna dues. When you pay your \$35 international annual dues, you help the Fraternity maintain a premier experience for all members—providing vital resources to maintain operations at every level of our organization. And, when you pay your dues, you receive all three issues of the award-winning Arrow magazine* and remain connected to thousands of sisters.

Alumnae—pay your dues by check using the enclosed envelope or pay online by scanning the QR code below or at pibetaphi.org/paymydues.

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PHONE	EMAIL			





KATE WALSH, California Epsilon Leadership Development Consultant

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Congratulations to our 2021 Award Winners

Every year, we celebrate and honor sisters for supporting Pi Beta Phi and positively impacting their communities. While there are thousands of members making a difference, we send special congratulations to our 2021 award winners. These awards celebrate philanthropic service, academic success and overall achievement, among other categories. We are proud to present the following individuals, chapters and clubs an award for their contributions in 2021.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

Emma Harper Turner Leadership Award

MARGARET SUNDBERG, Washington Alpha

Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for Club Service

JOY VANASSE GOODENOUGH, Washington Beta

Awarded posthumously

Young Alumna Achievement Award

MORGAN RILEY SEXTON, Kentucky Gamma

Amy Burnham Onken Award for Outstanding Scholarship & Campus & Community Leadership

CLAIRE ROSENBERGER, Arizona Alpha

Carol Inge Warren Award for Outstanding Alumnae Advisory Committee Advisor

KATHERINE ROBERTS SACKMAN, Virginia Theta

Chapter Service Award for Outstanding Servant Leadership

NAREH DERHARTOUNIAN, California Theta

Jean Wirths Scott Leadership Award for Outstanding Change Leadership

KAITLYN REYES, Ohio Lambda

Silver Slipper Award - Excellence of a Chapter Vice President of Finance/Housing

ALLISON EILER, California Eta

COLLEGIATE AWARD WINNERS

Balfour Cup

Pennsylvania Eta, Lafayette College

Balfour Cup 1st Runner Up

Ontario Gamma, University of Guelph

Balfour Cup 2nd Runner Up

Florida Beta, Florida State University

Excellence in Alumnae Advisory Committee Service

Ontario Beta, Western University

Excellence in Community Relations

Michigan Gamma, Michigan State University

Excellence in Finance/Housing

Florida Beta, Florida State University

Excellence in Member Experience

Tennessee Gamma, University of Tennessee

Excellence in Operations

Michigan Beta, University of Michigan

Excellence in Recruitment

South Carolina Alpha, University of South Carolina

Excellence in Risk Management

Connecticut Alpha, University of Connecticut

ALUMNAE CLUB AWARD WINNERS

Premier Club (Large)

Charlotte, North Carolina, Alumnae Club

Premier Club (Small)

Southlake Area, Texas, Alumnae Club

Premier Club 1st Runner Up (Large)

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club

Premier Club 1st Runner Up (Small) Colorado Springs, Colorado, Alumnae Club

Premier Club 2nd Runner Up (Large)

Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club

Premier Club 2nd Runner Up (Small)

Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Alumnae Engagement (Large)

Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Alumnae Engagement (Small)

Southlake Area, Texas, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Fun and Friendship (Large)

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Excellence in Fun and Friendship (Small)

Southlake Area, Texas, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Literacy Initiatives (Large)

San Jose, California, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Literacy Initiatives (Small)
Glen Ellyn-Wheaton, Illinois, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Community Service (Large)

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Alumnae Club

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Excellence in Community Service (Small)

Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Lifelong Commitment (Large)

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club

Excellence in Lifelong Commitment (Small)

Colorado Springs, Colorado, Alumnae Club



Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest **Awards Winners**

Pi Beta Phi is proud to recognize and celebrate our accomplished alumnae members. Each year, we recognize distinguished alumnae with the Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award for their efforts in the areas of community service or professional achievement. The award honors past Grand President Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg, Ohio Alpha—a visionary leader for Pi Beta Phi whose efforts can still be felt throughout the Fraternity. We are proud to present the following individuals with an award for their contributions in 2021.

CAROLYN HELMAN LICHTENBERG CREST AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

DONNA SALZ ISSENMANN Arizona Beta



Donna started The Trolley Tour in 2016 with approximately 40 participants, one trolley and no sponsors. Under her leadership as the founder and president, it has evolved into Jingled Elves, a 501(c)3 with a board of four and 20 committee members. Since its inception, Jingled Elves has raised more than \$100,000 for

women and children's charities in Collier County, Florida. What began as a one-evening event has grown into a month-long event, which includes fundraising activities at local stores and malls and practicing for a flash mob dance. For the 2021 Tour, the organization secured more than 41 sponsors and 150 participants.

Solicitation Committee. Her insight and engagement were instrumental to the campaign's success. Betsy has also served as an active volunteer and leader at the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit and is an active volunteer and member of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre. "Pi Beta Phi is one of the connected communities I have enjoyed contributing to as a volunteer," Betsy said.

CLARE VARN RUGGLES Texas Beta

Clare has served as the Northern Moore Family Resource Center (NMFRC) Executive Director since 2006. NMFRC supports home ownership, after-school programming, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and clothing support in Moore County, North Carolina. In 2015, under her tenure, the NMFRC received a \$10,000 grant from Pi Beta Phi Foundation which helped to open the Harnessing Opportunity - Promoting Education (HOPE) Academy Preschool to drive literacy and learning in rural, economically challenged Moore County. HOPE Academy more than doubled access to early-childhood education in the area.

ELISABETH HUGHES PHILLIPS





Betsy has volunteered in various capacities for her entire life. She currently serves as Vice President of The Connection, a women-led nonprofit based in Summit, New Jersey, that is dedicated to enhancing lives and fostering community. Betsy often takes on the responsibilities other volunteers won't-especially in

the area of fundraising. During The Connection's capital campaign, Betsy served as a key volunteer on the Member

CAROLYN HELMAN LICHTENBERG CREST AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

JANIE DUNNE COOKE Texas Alpha



Ianie built a business giving women an extra hand through her signature product, the Big O Key Ring, and now uses her success to give back to others. Her product has been featured on "Good Morning America" and "Today," as well as in O Magazine, Harper's Bazaar and many other publications. In 2021, Ianie and her co-CEO

launched a partnership with United Way of Greater Dallas to support, empower and inspire female entrepreneurs who have been hit hard by COVID-19 and the winter storms of 2021. Janie inspires a future generation of entrepreneurs as a mentor, speaker and judge in numerous entrepreneurial think tanks, competitions and classrooms. "My business has connected me with a community of inspiring women since the beginning - our customers, our team members, our fellow small business owners from coast to coast. This community is truly the best part of my job and what inspires me to work hard every day to accomplish our mission of giving women an extra hand," Janie said.



MARY GRABLE **MCLEOD** Illinois Alpha

Mary has worked for Stanford Hospitals and Clinics for nearly 30 years. As a cell therapy quality manager with Stanford Health Care. Mary ensures patients receive the lifesaving treatments they need during medical emergencies such as

organ transplants, brain injuries and cancer. Her team treats patients as young as three months, providing bone marrow therapy during leukemia and lymphoma and generating new cardiac and neural tissue to assist with recovery following strokes or accidents. Her consistent dedication, initiative, motivation, positive attitude and customer service to those she supports and with whom she interacts have led her to receive Employee of the Month at Stanford Health Care. "As a team leader, I'm guiding a group of people toward a mission and a goal, and our purpose is to cure cancer," she says.



JUDITH MANVILLE **RUNSTAD** Idaho Alpha

Judy has practiced law for 45 years and is a leading Seattle attorney in the representation of clients in all aspects of real estate development, land use and environmental law. Throughout her career, Judy has been active in a wide variety of civic matters that benefited both Seattle

and the entire Puget Sound area. She served—and continues to serve—on boards of directors of multiple major corporations and civic organizations. She has made substantial civic and philanthropic contributions to the arts, the University of Washington, educational opportunities from early childhood through college, and teacher training and preparation.



JOANN SPENCER SIEGRIST West Virginia Alpha

Ioann's passion is to make children and adults smile through puppetry productions, and she built a career around it. Shortly after graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from West Virginia University (WVU) and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Georgia,

Joann took a position as coordinator of the Puppet Mobile where she traveled with WVU students visiting all 55 West Virginia counties to perform puppetry shows. She first taught a puppetry class, which grew into a full curriculum allowing WVU students to major in puppetry. She retired after nearly 40 years of teaching but continues to perform with her puppets around the United States. Joann says of her most honorable moment: "I was honored to join my Pi Phi sister and First Lady Barbara Bush to promote the READ America campaign. Rex and Rita Saurus (two of my puppets) and I performed on 'Good Morning America' and at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., to support the First Lady's literacy efforts." ←

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FERTILITY JOURNEYS THROUGH HEAR

From the Editorial Board: This issue of The Arrow has been in production since August 2021 and addresses issues that affect every member of our organization. Fertility, infertility and the many ways to build a family are deeply personal, impactful journeys. There are many ways to start a family and many perspectives to consider. There is no way to tell an all-encompassing story, but we hope the following stories will help break through the barriers and contribute to a necessary conversation. We are immensely grateful to the women who bore such personal experiences for the benefit of their fellow Pi Phis. Many of the conversations for this issue took place before access to reproductive healthcare came to the forefront of national conversation in the United States. We found it crucial to share the stories from these members because the underlying message has not changed; we are a women's organization, and these stories reflect women's real experiences and may bring support and comfort to others who read them.



TBREAK AND OPTIMISM

The pathway to parenthood is one many endeavor on, but each journey is unique. As a women's organization, each member of Pi Beta Phi will walk this pathway in their own way; whether and how you seek to grow your family is a deeply personal, intimate process. For some, it is relatively uncomplicated and filled with hope and excitement. For many others, it means coping with infertility, medical interventions, loss and heartbreak.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—which defines infertility as an inability to conceive after one year of trying—20% of women experience infertility and 25% have difficulty with both getting pregnant and carrying a pregnancy to term. That means one in five Pi Phis struggles with infertility in their lifetime. Thousands of sisters are facing a daunting, heartbreaking challenge, and many do so silently. No matter the journey, it's crucial to have a network of support and a source of comfort during such an emotionally draining time. Despite this need, women often find themselves carrying an invisible pain and are unable to overcome the barriers to discussing a topic that's viewed as taboo.

As sisters, showing up is an essential step. Each of us can play a role in destigmatizing these conversations and breaking down walls to offer necessary comfort and care. The following stories are from members who share their journeys to break through barriers. If you are the one in five Pi Phis, know that as you walk this pathway, you don't walk alone.

A rainbow at the end of a storm

BY **JAYME JOHNSON GARCIA**, CALIFORNIA LAMBDA

Today, I'm sitting with my daughter in my arms and my five-year-old son who dotes on her and shows all the love and excitement you could hope for from a big brother. The road to get here—to this beautiful moment—was the most painful, exhausting experience of my life. And I'm not alone. One in five women face infertility while trying to build their families, and I've found that many in the other four are largely unaware of how common this painful process truly is.

We welcomed our son, Isaiah, in 2016 after trying to conceive for about a year. I was 27 years old, married to my high school sweetheart, Jeremi, and had recently completed my residency in pharmacy. I'd done everything I'd hoped to do, and starting our family was the next step. Conceiving within a year is considered common, so my first pregnancy didn't indicate to me that I'd have trouble conceiving when we started trying again after Isaiah's first birthday.

After more than a year had passed without getting pregnant again, our OBGYN recommended a fertility specialist; frankly, I thought that was absurd. I'd had no problems the first time and was still young. After another six months passed without conceiving, we went to the fertility specialist. Walking in was a shock to my system. Was this our life now? It felt like an extreme jump from my first experience and completely jarred me. To top things off, none of our tests came back with an indication as to why I wasn't getting pregnant.

When we first tried intrauterine insemination (IUI), I was hopeful; I had follicles, and everything looked great. But, after three rounds of IUI, I still didn't conceive. Going into the clinical setting, I thought we'd found our answer. I had hopes that IUI—an expensive but more accessible option—would work, but by February 2020, the disappointment, as well as the emotional and financial burden, had taken a toll. We opted to take a break after the third failed cycle.

I consider this break a blessing in disguise. With the onset of the pandemic shortly after, many couples and individuals were forced to halt treatment, but we'd had the blessing of making that decision for ourselves. It broke my heart to know others were still trying and were forced to stop, and I was grateful we'd taken a step back rather

than lose our opportunity due to circumstances outside of our control. Then, another blessing came. I got pregnant in April 2020, three years after we started trying and two since we'd first tried IUI—it felt like a miracle.



Infertility cycle of wait

Sadly, the feeling didn't last long. We lost that pregnancy at seven weeks, the lowest moment of my life to that point.

All we wanted was to grow our family, to welcome another child, and it felt like our hopes were completely sapped. Through all the pain and disappointment, we found a new level of hope and energy to continue trying to grow our family, even with the pain and loss we'd endured. After taking a few months to heal and process our loss, we began a new treatment—in vitro fertilization (IVF).

I didn't think IVF was part of our story, but through a lot of processing, learning and support from our medical team, I knew we needed to try another path. Over the course of seven months, we did two egg retrievals, multiple rounds of genetic testing due to speculations about my egg quality, other cycles of testing and even a mock transfer before we transferred our only viable embryo in June 2021. Over a very short amount of time, I experienced more emotions, heartbreak, joy, hope, grief and excitement than I could ever have imagined. Infertility, I've found, is a constant cycle of waiting, hope and heartbreak.

In my case, I'm incredibly grateful that cycle eventually led to our daughter, Isla June. Her middle name signifies the month she was transferred and encapsulates all the hopes and prayers we sent to ensure we could meet our baby girl. In the sweetest and biggest miracle of all, her due date was my birthday; she's the greatest gift I've ever received, and it's such a sweet bond to share my birthday with the daughter I fought so hard to have.



Jeremi and Jayme after the successful embryo transfer.

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What Should You Say?

An underlying message from every member who shared their story was that even well-intentioned comments can have an impact on those struggling with infertility. Misconceptions and preconceived notions about parenthood and pregnancy have the potential to harm the already delicate psyche of someone trying to start or grow their family.

As Jayme shared, if someone you know is coping with infertility, the best thing you can do is listen and validate rather than offer advice or platitudes. "Even things you think are comforting can be hurtful," she says. "Any comment that starts with 'at least'—at least you weren't far along or at least you know you can get pregnant—is likely something better left unsaid for the sake of the person you're trying to support."

Dianelle encouraged her sisters to lead with empathy—I'm sorry you're going through this. I'm here to listen if you want. She shared, "Just adopt, you'll get pregnant. Just relax. None of that works, so don't say it. While I did become pregnant after adoption, adoption is not the reason I became pregnant."

Karli said, "Hearing that everything happens for a reason? Sure, I believe that, but I don't need to hear it. There doesn't seem to be a good reason to lose our baby, so I don't hear the positive intent behind that message even when I know it's there." Her experience also included an expectation that she educate people about the process for a same-sex couple, a position that marginalized communities are often placed in. "Some people would ask questions and I'd have to just tell them to Google it. There's a difference between curiosity and forcing a person to be an educator about their personal experiences."

Even now, with my daughter and son happy and healthy, the heartbreak and pain of infertility never goes away. I witnessed and lived through so much, and largely did so silently. I don't want that for anyone else. There shouldn't be a taboo about sharing intimate, vulnerable moments because we have more collective experiences than we think. Infertility is widespread, but so is isolation, guilt and shame. The biggest thing that helped me through was hearing stories from other women and knowing if they came out the other side, so could I. Many of those women were my Pi Phi sisters, who after I shared my story began reaching out to thank me, offer their support and help break down the walls we build around our shared struggles.

> The narrative is changing, and it can only do so if we share our stories. One in four pregnancies ends in loss; that means women all around usour family, friends and, yes, Pi Phi sisters—are carrying a burden no one should shoulder alone.

Jayme's daughter, Isla, with the injections Jayme administered while trying to conceive.



A mother in adoption and childbirth

BY **DIANELLE MEIS AMIN**, CALIFORNIA LAMBDA

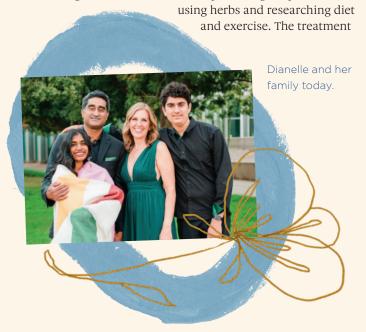
Today, I'm the mother of two incredible teenagers. Now that I'm on the other side of my infertility journey, I'm able to look back on my experience differently. But the emotional weight and isolation of the experience still hold true.

After a year of trying to conceive, my husband and I started seeing an infertility specialist. I went through five rounds of IUI followed by IVF every six months as we could afford it and as my body allowed.

Throughout my journey, I had the support of close friends and family, but even when you have support, experiencing infertility can still feel isolating. Some of the people who understood it most were those going through it—like New Mexico Beta LISA REDE ROMAN and others I met in my infertility support group.

It was especially difficult to watch my friends start their families. I quit several activities because it was too hard to see everyone around me getting pregnant. Even more so, I had to experience those tough emotions at work. Sometimes I was able to share the clinical side of procedures with those who asked, but the emotional side was much more difficult to bear.

In all, I did four egg retrievals and two frozen cycles of IVF with a variety of doctors. I pursued Western medicine alongside Eastern medicine—practicing acupuncture,



protocols and procedures were not always easy, but I always had hope that each one would be different.

My husband and I both knew we had a lot of love to give and felt it was more important for us to be parents than to give birth. While continuing my IVF procedures, my husband and I began researching adoption. We decided to pursue an international adoption from India. My husband's parents, who were born in India, provided support and understanding as we determined specific areas of the country to focus our efforts and looked for a U.S. adoption agency to partner with an agency abroad.

Eight months after submitting our dossier, we received a call about a 13-month-old ready for adoption in India. We first learned about our daughter while visiting my husband's family at the Taj Mahal. With much of the country shut down for the Diwali holiday, we couldn't travel to her orphanage before our trip home, but six months later—after coordinating travel, visas and passports—I finally met my daughter.

Once we brought her home, I spent so much time getting to know and understand her. I learned what she liked, what scared her, what she ate and so much more. There were tears of happiness, tears of sadness and nights when I wondered, "Will this child ever sleep?" After spending the last year in India, she was scared to be someplace new with people she didn't know. My husband and I read all we could on bonding and attachment; we did everything possible to make her feel safe, comfortable and loved.

Two months after I brought her home, I was surprised to learn I was pregnant with my son. Within ten months, I had two children under the age of three—a toddler whom I still didn't fully know and a newborn who wouldn't sleep or eat. Like other first-time parents, I hadn't been through it before, so I didn't know what to do.

I spent those early years feeling overwhelmed, but I experienced support from my Pi Phi sisters. South Dakota Alpha RENEE RICHARDSON BENNETT, New Mexico Beta **HEATHER WILSON MILLER** and Lisa Roman started a group called Wiggles and Giggles where we celebrated our kids' birthday parties and went on trips to parks, playgrounds and the zoo. Over the years, along with Pennsylvania Eta KATHRYN TAYLOR and Indiana Gamma PAMELA NAYLON SCANDRETT, we experienced celebrations and learned from one another.



From back left: Kathryn Taylor, Heather Wilson Miller, Renee Richardson Bennett, Pamela Naylon Scandrett, North Carolina Alpha **GRACE TAYLOR**, Dianelle Meis Amin and Lisa Rede Roman.

If there is one piece of advice I'd want to share with my Pi Phi sisters who may be on this journey, it's to cherish every moment—even the hard ones. I can still feel the emotions, isolation and ache you might be experiencing. As much as it might be difficult to understand at this moment, there is something you're learning about yourself. If we take time to listen to our emotions, we have time to learn about ourselves and grow in ways we never thought we could. I don't know that I'd be the mom I am today if I hadn't gone through this journey.

People will sometimes ask me what it's like to have "my own child" after adoption. And my response is always: they're both my children. While conceiving after adoption is quite rare, we were blessed with the miracle of growing our family in both ways. No matter how a child is brought into a family, they are a gift. I feel incredibly grateful to have become a mom through both adoption and childbirth.

Planning, patience and perseverance

BY KARLI HANSEN, COLORADO GAMMA

In starting our journey to parenthood, my fiancée Erika and I had to first accept some hard truths; our genetics together cannot produce a child. We can't create a life that is a combination of the two of us, and that's the reality we're in. Rather than look at this as a negative, we've instead asked ourselves, "What can we control? What can we take ownership of in making our own family?" Our journey to starting a family is unique to us, but the same is true for everyone. This is more complicated than what many others face, but we also know we aren't alone. So, how did we get here? How did we get to our child, Krosby Pep?

Our story began with an Instagram giveaway. A couple we follow online had used a cryobank and was running a promotion for access to this facility's resources as well as two vials of donor sperm which the winner would choose (as with any other donor process). Amazingly, we won the giveaway and were able to begin the process of selecting a donor sample. The next decision we had to make was who would carry a possible pregnancy. For us, we said whoever had the better probability of conceiving would be the one to do it. Through testing, we determined I had a higher likelihood, and it was most important that we used our best chance to conceive.

We got pregnant for the first time in August 2020, and I experienced a missed miscarriage in October. We hadn't shared widely that we were trying to conceive, but we shared fairly early on that we were expecting because we wanted to celebrate the growth of our family. Because we'd shared the news of the pregnancy, it allowed us to have a network of support and I'm so grateful we did. As we'd been trying to conceive, we'd only let a few close friends and family members know. After our loss, I started having more conversations about how I was feeling and what we were going through, which was a blessing but also had its downsides.

So often when we talk about fertility, infertility and pregnancy, people can be well-intentioned while not fully understanding the things they're saying if they haven't experienced it firsthand. Erika and I got so many lovely

responses and messages of support when we shared the news of the miscarriage, but in the mix were also some hurtful misconceptions that only serve as a setback when you're already facing the emotional upheaval of loss.

My own trauma, rage, anger, shame and guilt was another challenge I hadn't even considered; both about the loss and the feelings I had after the fact. All these emotions were piling up and compounding the underlying pain, and I needed a way to process and find a pathway forward. I was able to find a miscarriage support group through a birth and bereavement doula. Joining a group of people who had a similar experience and knew that pain of loss was a gamechanger; it was my way to healing.

I've learned that being honest and vulnerable with those you love and the people in your life can pay off and benefit everyone involved; it did for us. It also gave me the opportunity to return that support to others. I was connected by a mutual friend to a woman who also experienced a loss, and she had her rainbow baby shortly before we did. We have become each other's biggest supporters, and I never would have found this connection if I hadn't been vulnerable enough to share my experience.

I've learned that the journey to parenthood is one of planning, patience and perseverance. Exactly a year after getting pregnant the first time, we conceived again. Our babies would both have the same due date one year apart. Today, Erika and I are now on the other side after Krosby Pep arrived on Mother's Day. As we look ahead, we know we want to grow our family further in any way we can, whether it be fostering, adopting or conceiving again. We're comfortable with letting the universe find us and play its role in building our family. For now, we're new parents, full of love for our rainbow baby. We're also hoping that our story can help others feel less alone, more informed and open to possibilities as they take their own steps toward their family journeys.



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Planning for my future family

BY SARAH HINNERS, IOWA GAMMA

In the middle of my junior year of college, fertility and family planning weren't exactly at the top of my mind. Then, in December 2020, I was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma—a cancer that most often occurs in or near the bones. What I thought was a surgery to remove a benign mass on my side turned out to be a cancer diagnosis, and from that point on things progressed quickly. Upon meeting with the medical team, it became clear I needed to begin chemotherapy treatment soon, but there were other things to consider, namely fertility. Suddenly, I'd gone from a relatively routine procedure over winter break to planning for my immediate health as well as the long-term possibility of starting a family. The shift was disorienting, and there were so many important decisions to make in such little time.

Because of the course of my cancer treatment, there was a real chance I would have difficulties conceiving later in life, or even the chance of not conceiving at all. However, I felt lucky because I had so many people from the oncology specialist to my patient advocate to my parents—who were supportive of what I needed and helped me understand and weigh all my options. I can't understate how quickly things moved, but also how much the people around me were advocating for me and listening to what I wanted as we planned what to do next.

Those plans had to come together quickly, as delaying decisions meant delaying treatment. I first met with my fertility specialist the day after I was diagnosed because fertility treatments would have to happen before treatment for my cancer. Once I knew egg harvesting was likely my only chance to use my own eggs to conceive, I knew it was the course of action I wanted to take. It was the right decision for me at that moment and for the long term.

Ultimately, I had to make decisions based on what my heart said. By choosing egg harvesting, I was also choosing to put off other treatments for a month; that's precious time when it comes to fighting cancer. What won out was my hopes for the future—my health as well as a future family. It's scary to think that on top of everything else, I was faced with making decisions about a hypothetical future family at such a young age. I'm grateful for my support system of loved ones and doctors who helped me see the bigger picture and keep my



perspective. At this point, I still don't know if my fertility was affected by my cancer treatment, but I know I made the right decision.

As soon as the egg harvesting process was complete, I began chemo in January 2021. My cancer treatment became my whole life for the better part of a year. Between January and September, I had 14 rounds of chemo. I took a few online classes during that time, but my life was mostly consumed by treatment, TV and trying to fill the time. The thing that meant the absolute most to me was how many people reached out; the ones who showed their support, but also those who just wanted to say hi and take my mind off cancer. When people asked about other parts of my life or wanted to talk about the latest show we watched or even the weather, that meant so much because it helped me keep connected and have a distraction from the heavy weight I'd been carrying.

The most important thing for me when seeing others going through illness or hardship is to reach out and let them know they aren't alone. Since my diagnosis, I've heard from other women my age—and even Pi Phis from other chapters—who have had similar experiences and wanted to offer support and encouragement. I want to share my story and my experience, so others know it doesn't have to be a secret or something you hide; you don't have to go through it alone. We shouldn't be afraid to talk about these things.

A Pathway Lined with Pi Phis

BY ELIZABETH ROBBINS SALATA, ILLINOIS IOTA

When I think about my pathway to parenthood, I picture the many Pi Phis who lined that path and showed me support throughout the journey. As I found my way to the family I have today, there were so many sisters and friends who played integral roles in offering guidance and resources and reassuring me I wasn't alone.

When my husband Ron and I started trying to conceive in 2013, we had already been married six years and were more than ready to start our family. It felt like the natural next step, and we were both excited to build our family together. As we kept trying, we explored options for various fertility treatments and I'm grateful I had friends and Pi Phi sisters who had gone through similar processes and shared their support and insights.

As we tried new treatments, we found none of them to be successful or a good option for my body. I felt discouraged and dejected, both because of our deep desire to start a family and because of the toll it took physically, mentally and emotionally. As Ron and I reassessed, we knew the most important thing was for us to have a family—it didn't matter what that looked like or how we got there. We just wanted to be parents and love our children, so that's the mentality we held onto as we forged ahead.

The options at hand were primarily adoption and foster parenting, both of which we began to research. I was daunted by the sheer magnitude and scope of what adoption looks like internationally, so that didn't feel like the pathway for us. When we turned to foster parenting,

Elizabeth with her husband. Ron. and children. Aaron



it solidified the fact that we were open to parenting any child and weren't setting any age limits for ourselves or for the organizations we worked with. That open-mindedness and willingness to grow our family—however it might happen—would ultimately lead us to our children, Aaron and Mackenzie.

In January 2015, after six months of classes and home studies, we became licensed foster parents. We worked with Children's Home and Aid, a nonprofit adoption and foster care organization in Illinois, and were readily waiting to receive a call to take in a child or siblings at any time. In March, we received our first call and unfortunately missed the placement of a newborn by only a few minutes. I was devastated to have missed that opportunity, but our children, as it turned out, were right around the corner.

The next day, we received a call about a brother and sister, five and three years old respectively. What began as a short-term placement has turned into our family, with Mackenzie now 10 years old and Aaron 12. The ensuing years have honestly been a blur; on March 6, 2015, our family had only just met, but we've since adopted and become the family we were always meant to be.

Now, I'm a mom in more ways than one; a lacrosse mom, dance mom, adoptive mom and foster mom (both for children and for dogs!) and I couldn't be happier to hold those titles. I'm also a Pi Phi mom, which has been an essential part of my entire parenthood journey. We wouldn't be where we are without a lot of Pi Phi intervention and incredible support.

Sisters like Indiana Epsilon MARLETTA FARRIER **DARNEL**, who helped us navigate the licensing process in Illinois, or Illinois Iota ALLIE MENDEZ PARKS who became a foster parent shortly after us and who shared in that journey with me, or Wisconsin Alpha BRENDA **BALKUNAS WIRTH**, who became a mother around the same time the children were placed with us and with whom I've shared a close—but also vastly different parenting experience; these are just a few of the women who ensured I never felt alone and always had my sisters by my side while finding my way to parenthood.

Everyone has a unique, personal journey, but many walk that pathway in isolation. The ways to start turning the tide are by offering a listening ear, a comforting shoulder and an open heart and mind. When you walk with sisters, you'll never walk alone. ←

Celebrating Read > Lead > Achieve **Month in Your Community**

Every September, Pi Beta Phi celebrates Read > Lead > Achieve® Month. All Pi Phis are encouraged to participate, donate and advocate for literacy through our reading initiatives, both during Read > Lead > Achieve Month and all year long. There are countless ways you can celebrate, and we hope you observe the month in a way that both benefits your community and is meaningful for you and your sisters. Are you a member outside a club area? Grab a fellow Pi Phi sister and put together an event in your community or virtually. Below are five ideas to get you started.

1. BECOME A LITERACY ADVOCATE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY

Attend school board and parent/teacher association meetings or use time at home to research ways to advocate in your community. Submit a letter to the editor of your local paper, write to your Member of Congress, use social media to reach elected officials or attend town hall meetings to bring the discussion to local or state officials.

2. APPLY FOR AN FDS500 GRANT

Through Pi Beta Phi Foundation's FDS500 program, the Fraternity awards grants to recipient groups nominated by chapters and clubs. The grants are used to purchase up to \$1,000 worth of books from First Book*, which are then given to children in need. Grant nominations are open at pibetaphi.org/literacy from September 1-15, 2022.



In 2021, Michigan Gamma used funding to donate 500 books to local East Lansing and Lansing schools. The chapter also supports literacy in their community through projects like a Little Free Library. Front row, from left: EMILY MCCUE and OLIVIA MENOSKY. Back row, from left: CLAIRE LANKO, ALLIE HORNING, KRISTEN GRAHAM, MICHELLE POWELL and LAUREN BRESKY.

3. HOST A PHILANTHROPY EVENT

Philanthropy events can be as simple as partnering with a school or literacy program to host a book or school supply drive or creating a neighborhood library for local children. They can also be more knowledge-based events, such as spelling bees, trivia nights or speed reading. If you can't gather with your sisters to host a traditional book drive, work with a library, school or organization in your community to make an online wish list, then send them the donated books you receive. Consider the following event ideas from chapters and clubs as inspiration for future event ideas.

The Illinois Eta Chapter hosted its annual Breakfast for Champions spring philanthropy event. This event raised more than \$2,500, and the chapter collected over 1,500 books.



Members of Illinois Eta at the chapter's Breakfast for Champions event.

The Connecticut Alpha Chapter hosted a Blind Date with a Book philanthropy event. Chapter members bought new and used books, wrapped them in brown paper and sold them with a few clues as to the genre and plot— a great way to bring literacy into philanthropy.



Members of the Memphis, Tennessee, Alumnae Club at the club's Bowling and Books event.

The Memphis, Tennessee, Alumnae Club hosted a Bowling and Books event during Read > Lead > Achieve Month where sisters and friends could gather together, and books were collected for a local elementary school.

4. MAKE A GIFT TO THE LITERACY FUND

Gifts to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation make all Read > Lead > Achieve initiatives possible—from Champions are Readers® and the FDS500 grant program to Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events. Any gift, no matter the amount, will make a difference by helping our members share the lifelong love of reading with a child. Consider donating or asking friends and family to make a gift as well.

5. VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

To be a servant leader, it's important to work with our communities. Ask community organizations what they need from Pi Phi and how we can help meet their needs. If they have their own events or fundraisers, see how you can get involved and help promote their work on social media. Work in partnership with your community leaders to provide more support for libraries, schools and reading programs.

The South Carolina Beta Chapter offered a variety of inperson and virtual service opportunities for members, including an annual book drive competition with South Carolina Alpha, a virtual book buddies YouTube page, letter writing to residents of a local retirement home and collecting school supplies to fulfill teacher wish lists at a local elementary school.

Manchester Area, Connecticut, Alumnae Club members volunteer in a local classroom, but most recently visited a nursery school to read with children, donate books, provide literacy exercises and grow the children's love of reading.



Members of the New York City-Manhattan Alumnae Club at their philanthropy event with Story Pirates Changemakers.

The New York City-Manhattan, New York, Alumnae Club partners with Story Pirate to read and review stories submitted from all types of classrooms. A handwritten note is sent back to every student to encourage their literacy skills and provide genuine feedback. Club members have encouraged and advocated for the importance of literacy via these notes to more than 200 kid authors.

How will you participate, donate and advocate for literacy during Read > Lead > Achieve Month? Share stories and photos with us at pibetaphi.org/stories.

Preparing Pi Phi Leaders for the Real World



From left: Florida Alpha JACQUELINE NUGENT FLAKE, New York Delta LAUREL KRUKE, Kentucky Alpha MAGGIE IBRAHIM-TANEY, Florida Alpha KATE TAYLOR, Virginia Zeta AMANDA KIRPITCH and Kelley.

As a U.S. Solution Assessments Lead at Microsoft. Tennessee Gamma KELLEY GOLDEN knows the real-world value and impact of fraternity and sorority involvement. Kelley has witnessed how Pi Phi prepares young leaders for the workforce and she notes that some of the strongest potential candidates come from the fraternal community. "People who were involved in the fraternity and sorority community, and especially those who held a leadership position, know how to build relationships and have a social IQ that is oftentimes missing in a professional environment," she says.

Looking back at her collegiate experience, it's no wonder Kelley found the success she has today. She was the only freshman on the University of Tennessee's Panhellenic Council and finished her time in Knoxville as Panhellenic President. Kelley was involved in a variety of campus organizations—opportunities she wouldn't have been exposed to if not for her involvement in the fraternity and sorority community.

Kelley's Panhellenic involvement eventually propelled her to apply for the Leadership Development Consultant (LDC) Program where she experienced the impact of Pi Phi's leadership programming firsthand. "At 22 years old,

I was speaking in front of hundreds of people," Kelley says. "I was having difficult conversations and influencing members who were only a year or two younger than myself. You cannot learn those skills in a classroom, and you don't learn those skills in corporate America until you have five to 10 years under your belt."

The nine-month experience had a powerful impact on Kelley and wouldn't have been possible without financial support from Pi Beta Phi Foundation. "Based on everything I learned as a consultant, I felt like I was five years ahead of my peers when I came out of the LDC program," she says. "When you look at what you can achieve in your career because of these leadership programs—especially for students who really want to participate and growthe impact is obvious. No matter what field you enter, you're going to have skillsets that set you apart. We need to continue offering leadership programming for the next generation; I think we'd be doing a disservice to our members if we didn't."

Several years after her time in the LDC program, Kelley stepped into action and established a Chapter Leadership Education Expendable (CLEE) Fund for North Carolina Delta—the chapter she supported as a second-year Resident LDC. CLEE Funds provide financial support for chapter members to attend Pi Phi leadership training opportunities such as Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute or College Weekend and can also be used to provide leadership education for an entire chapter. Kelley notes that newer chapters don't always have funds to provide

From left: Kelley and Grand Vice President Fraternity Growth ANA MANCEBO MILLER at the California Omicron Chapter Installation.



the same leadership experience as more established chapters. Kelley's support helped to open more doors for emerging Pi Phi leaders.

Over the years, Kelley has continued to foster leadership development and serve our Fraternity in a number of ways—as an Alumnae Advisory Committee Advisor, Chapter Support Officer, Regional Officer, Foundation Stewardship Committee Member and the list goes on. While Kelley has gone into what she calls Pi Phi "retirement" several times throughout her alumnae experience, she has always maintained her support of our sisterhood through regular gifts to our Foundation.

"As a collegian, I had a great experience in Pi Phi and I still do," says Kelley. "Every time I move, I look up the closest alumnae club. Every job I've held throughout my career I've gotten through Pi Phi connections. The friends I met 22 years ago are still my closest friends today. I don't know where I'd be without Pi Phi."

This lifelong impact is the driving force behind Kelley's decision to regularly support the Friendship Fund at our Foundation. "Gifts to the Friendship Fund allow for more diversification so the Foundation can use the resources wherever the need is greatest," says Kelley. "I'm in a position where I can donate, and I have a company that will match it 100%. Why should I limit my support?"

Kelley encourages her sisters to evaluate where they would be in their life without Pi Phi—to think about how it might have impacted their relationships, their careers or even their families. She reminds us that by supporting our Foundation, we ensure future generations benefit from these same moments of life-changing impact. ←



Kelley (right) at the Microsoft Executive Key Note.

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Katie Rosborough

KANSAS BETA

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF-PERSONALLY, PROFESSIONALLY AND AS A PI PHI.

I grew up in a small town in Kansas and attended Kansas State University with the intention of going to medical or dental school. Only through my involvement in numerous clubs, organizations and, of course, Pi Phi, did I come to realize while the health field is fascinating to me, my real strength is in communications. (In fact, I likely invested far more hours in numerous leadership opportunities at K-State than studying human anatomy, physiology and organic chemistry!)

I was fortunate to have an opportunity to work for Sen. Jerry Moran—at first focused on Kansas media. Eventually, that evolved to working with D.C.-area reporters and, ultimately, leading Sen. Moran's communications team. I spent six wonderful years working in the U.S. Senate learning from lawmakers, public policy experts, reporters and fellow communicators. I'm particularly proud of my time serving on the board of the bipartisan Senate Press Secretaries Association. While Washington feels more divisive than ever, I learned new perspectives and found surprising alliances working across the aisle.

I currently serve as North American Policy Communications Lead for Twitter, where I've been for nearly four years. Working at a tech company has been my most exciting professional adventure yet! Especially with my focus in policy communications and base in D.C., it's a daily opportunity to work with smart people not only in the United States, but around the world.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK?

The most rewarding aspect of this role is that it's global in nature. Every decision could have ripple effects on my colleagues around the world. I was the only American on the policy communications team for the first couple of years, which really pushed me to listen, evaluate my thinking and consider different points of view.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL?

Carve out time to take the phone call, grab the coffee or catch up with an old friend or colleague. You never know what opportunity, connection or lesson may come from it.

WHO IS SOMEONE WHO CONSISTENTLY **INSPIRES YOU?**

My mom—especially her heart for service, endless real-world knowledge and support as I have children of my own.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE PERSONAL SUCCESS?

Focusing on empathy, kindness and hopefully—no matter how busy the day—leaving someone with a smile.

BETWEEN YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, HOW DO YOU FIND BALANCE?

I'm not sure balance truly exists for anyone. I am so fortunate to have a partner (my husband) who knows how much energy and joy work brings me. He supports that I've chosen a career that's "always on" with aroundthe-clock news cycles and requests. (That said, I recently heard someone who put things in perspective by saying, "We work in PR, not the ER." It's totally true!)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PI PHI MEMORY?

Way too many to name—late-night study sessions, date parties, Homecoming, Bid Day and living in the Kansas Beta Chapter house come to mind. To this day, being able to pick up where we left off with my chapter sisters underscores the Sincere Friendships we developed. The memories continue!

"PI BETA PHI HAS TAUGHT ME..."

How to manage conflict, find consensus and to be comfortable if not everyone is your biggest fan. Ultimately, respect is more meaningful than popularity.

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

I wish I would have had more empathy for working parents earlier in my career. Trust me, it's not fun to leave at 5 p.m. to pick up a child from daycare when there's a deadline to meet or work to do. It's impossible to be in two places at once, and I feel so fortunate for the individuals on my team who are supportive of me being a mom and their manager. -

The Art of Storytelling

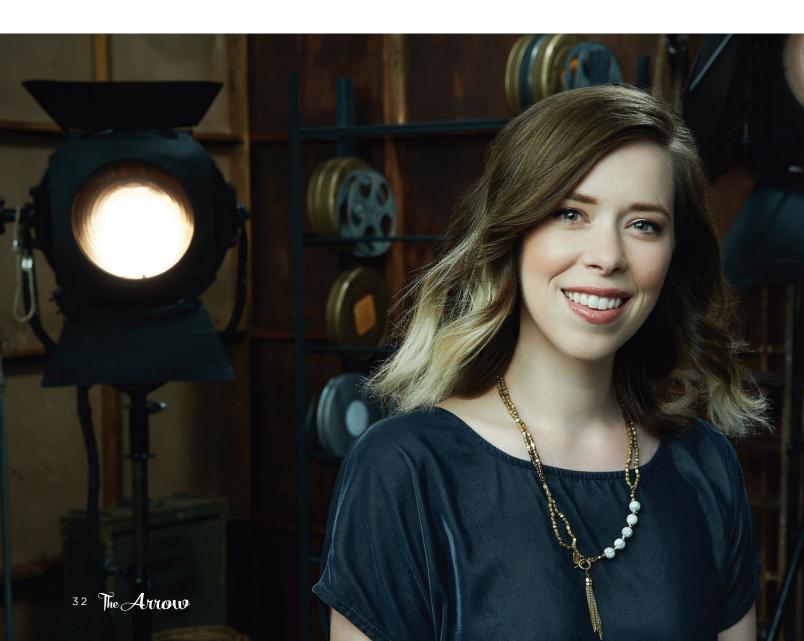
Oregon Alpha **NATALIE NOURIGAT** started her time at Disney as a storyboard artist on widely acclaimed films like "Encanto," "Raya and the Last Dragon" and "Ralph Breaks the Internet." As a storyboard artist, she was responsible for creating the rough draft of each movie.

"We receive the script from the writer and create the first images of the movie," Natalie says. "We draw out everything you see: the camera could be here, the character could be this far away, they could act like this. It's a black and white, sketched out layout of the entire movie."

Natalie had her first taste of directing when she was chosen to participate in Disney's experimental Short Circuit Program—a program that encourages anyone at Walt Disney Animation Studios to pitch an original short film through a blind submission process. Through the program, Natalie created Exchange Student, her first animated short.

The 90-second short film was also Natalie's first-ever completed film project and was an incredible learning experience. "I didn't go to art school, so I didn't have a lot of training," she says. "The cool thing about Disney is you know you're working with some of the best people in the business and you've got the support of the studio."

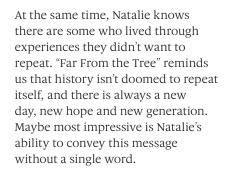
At the end of the program, Natalie was invited to pitch theatrical animated shorts. Inspired by her native Oregon beaches, Natalie pitched "Far From the Tree," the animated short which would go on to play in theaters before



"It took me extra time to get here, but I'm grateful for all the life experiences I gained."

Disney's "Encanto." Similar to "Encanto's" exploration of family dynamics, "Far From the Tree" explores different styles of parenting and how to break harmful cycles.

"A lot of my friends are becoming parents, and I've seen them start to realize and understand their own parents," she says. "It's easy to say, 'I'll never do that,' but when you get there it's much more complicated."



Both of Natalie's animated shorts were intentionally created to be free of dialogue. "I believe there is immense power in story," she explains. "You and I might have very different lives, but we can connect over a story or even just a moment or character in a story. Every day I go into the mind of a character and try to bring out what they're feeling in a way that's going to illicit an emotional response from people all over the world."

Today, Natalie is Head of Story for Walt Disney Animation Studios on the upcoming project "Iwájú," set to launch on Disney+ in 2023. She manages a team of storyboard artists and provides notes and feedback while also connecting with the director, writer and producer to ensure everything is running smoothly.

While her future in animation seems certain now, that wasn't always the case. "I always knew I wanted to draw, but I did give up the idea of being an artist for a while," she says. Growing up outside of a major film hub, Natalie remembers thinking a career in animation felt like a faroff fairy tale.

As a student at the University of Oregon, she focused her efforts elsewhere. Although Natalie had written off art as a viable career path, she continued to pursue it as a hobby. From interning at a comic collective and networking in the comics community to attending comics conventions and selling mini comics, Natalie began to meet publishers and other artists.

Before graduating college, a publisher reached out to Natalie with a book deal on a graphic novel. "The publisher first went to another artist who was busy, but instead of telling them no, she recommended me," she says. "Every major break I've gotten in my career has come from another artist recommending me." Natalie extends this practice today and finds opportunities to recommend artists on projects she's unable to take on.

During her first few years as a storyboard artist at Disney, Natalie also wrote the graphic novel "I Moved to Los Angeles to Work in Animation." Her autobiographical comic answers frequently asked questions alongside what she wishes she would've known when she first started. As Natalie reflects on her journey, she feels lucky to have made it and continues to do what she can do to keep the door open for aspiring artists.

"It took me extra time to get here, but I'm grateful for all the life experiences I gained," she says. "By the time I got to Disney, I knew a bit more about who I was and what I wanted to do and say with my art."

As for the future, Natalie hopes to have the opportunity to direct again. "I would love to direct a feature," she says. "There are not many women who have directed feature animated films, so that would be the dream for me." More than anything, she hopes to continue developing original ideas and collaborating with others to contribute to the immense power of storytelling. \blacktriangleleft



The Lesser-Known Notable Pi Phi

By Historian and Archivist FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE, New York Alpha

The history of Pi Beta Phi is brimming with stories of accomplished alumnae, many of whom are considered particularly notable due to their tremendous contributions to our sisterhood. These are the women for whom awards and scholarships are named, those who leave a legacy we rightfully celebrate long after they leave us. There are yet other women whose contributions to Pi Phi are pivotal, but whose names are lesser-known. This is the story of one such woman, past Grand President RAINIE ADAMSON SMALL, Illinois Beta.

Rainie was a Norwegian immigrant whose family settled in Minnesota in the 1860s. Even before she arrived at Lombard College, Rainie had already forged her own path. including teaching in Colorado prior to the establishment of degree requirements. She joined the Illinois Beta Chapter in 1883 and went on to attend the 1885 Convention in Lawrence, Kansas, as the chapter's delegate. She arrived as a chapter delegate and left as Grand Illustra Regina (what is now known as Grand President). Upon her election, the title became Worthy Grand Illustra Regina. Among other business at this convention was the decision to add the Greek motto "Pi Beta Phi" to the title page of the soon to be published first edition of *The Arrow*.

While serving in her role, Rainie was still a student at Lombard College, graduating in 1886. Later that year and after marrying Delta Tau Delta Wallace Small—she presided over the 1886 Indianola Convention. Two years later, at the convention in Ottumwa, Iowa, Rainie was reelected. She was the presiding officer when our sisterhood officially changed its name from I.C. Sorosis to Pi Beta Phi.

According to one account from a convention attendee, it was the "most spirited convention in the history of the Fraternity; the harmonious way in which most matters were settled was due to the business ability and untiring zeal of Grand President Rainie Small which was reflected in the enthusiasm of every delegate." Rainie also received the first-ever Pi Beta Phi badge, adorned with diamonds and pearls.

Rainie's legacy stretches far beyond these momentous occasions into the everyday operations of the Fraternity. In an 1888 issue of *The Arrow*, she emphasized the importance of chapters submitting their updates to keep alumnae apprised of all matters from each chapter; every issue of the magazine still contains updates from chapters, as well as alumnae and clubs. Rainie was



also elected the first Grand Historian—likely because during her tenure she corresponded with the founders and visited Monmouth to construct and preserve the Fraternity's earliest history. She laid the foundation for future historians.

Rainie was a lifelong committed member and staunchly supported fraternities and sororities. She aided in the establishment of the Washington Alpha Chapter and attended the 1907 installation along with founder INEZ **SMITH SOULE**. She also helped start the Puget Sound, Washington, Alumnae Club after the introduction of the alumnae department in 1893. Rainie died in 1922 at the age of 61; even a century later, this notable Pi Phi's legacy continues to touch us all. As we don the arrow badge bearing our Greek letters, we can always think of the first woman to wear that arrow. ←



Above, from left: California Gammas MELISSA FANTICOLA KNODE, KAMERON KIRBY RADOVANOVIC, CHARITY HILL, ELIZABETH BONFANTI WALKER, ERICA SPEARMAN LOCKHART, HEATHER WILKINSON STERNER, TRACY FRANCIS STOLL. JENNIFER EHLERS POMEROY. FRANCES STARK and KATHLEEN PITCHESS O'CONNELL.

CALIFORNIA

California Gamma Alumnae

Alumnae of the California Gamma member class of 1997 met in Scottsdale, Arizona during May for a reunion. Taking an annual trip together is a way for these sisters to renew their wonderful friendships of nearly three decades. Though their travels had been put on hold because of the pandemic, they were happy to finally spend some quality time together.

California Zeta Alumnae

Golden Arrow sisters from California Zeta met in Palm Springs, California, for a spectacular reunion in June. The weekend began with a western themed day complete with themed activities and outfits. The weekend also included a "come as you were" party with outfits from the mid '60s, including pink pajamas from a pink party, outfits from recruitment parties and tie-dyed t-shirts. The sisters even capped off the weekend of reminiscing with a Cookie Shine. They also paid homage to the sisters who were not present with a memorial service. The bonds of sisterhood could not be stronger even after more than 50 years.

Below: California Zeta Golden Arrow members in their western themed attire at their recent reunion.





Above, from left: Alumnae Club President **JENNIFER VAUGHN BARKWAY**, Michigan Alpha, recognizes new Diamond Arrow Anniversary member Illinois Alpha **GLORIA MUNCY PEARSON**.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Alpha Alumna

AVERY MOSES was recently named the Director of Campus Life for Fraternity and Sorority Life at Quinnipiac University. Avery served as an Assistant Director of Campus Life at Quinnipiac for three years prior, including during the re-establishment of the Connecticut Gamma Chapter in 2021.

FLORIDA

Broward County, Florida, Alumnae Club
At the age of 90, Florida Alpha MARILYN TALTON
JOHNSTON still wears her golden arrow with pride.
Marilyn has attended nearly every event planned by the
Broward County, Florida, Alumnae Club and always brings
encouragement and joy to its members. The Broward
County club planned a special Cookie Shine celebration
for Marilyn's 90th birthday. Club members presented her
with a Pi Phi embossed robe, slippers, cosmetic bag and
other gifts to remind Marilyn of the love and support from
her sisters in the wine and blue.

Clearwater, Florida, Alumnae Club

At the Clearwater, Florida, Alumnae Club's Founders' Day celebration, club leaders recognized six of the club's recent Golden Arrows, as well as the club's newest Diamond Arrow, Illinois Alpha **GLORIA MUNCY PEARSON**. The club celebrated at the Clearwater Countryside Library with a program, book drive and Cookie Shine.

Below: Marilyn (front row, second from left) celebrating with her Broward County Club sisters.





From left: Illinois Theta ALLYSON SUMNER MEYER, Illinois Eta BETTY EBERT LAUGHLIN, Illinois Theta PAULA WHITTLESEY CHODASH, Illinois Theta ANJI RIGG PHILLIPS, Illinois Theta CHERI RABER PATTERSON, Illinois Theta GAYLE ERWIN MCDOWELL, Illinois Theta CAMILLE BERG JOHNSON and Indiana Beta PATTI ROOT BASH celebrating Founders' Day, Illinois Theta's 75th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the chapter house at Bradley University.

ILLINOIS

Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club

A trio of milestones provided the Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club with reason to gather on April 30: the 75th anniversary of the Illinois Theta Chapter, the 10th anniversary of the chapter house, and 155 years since the beginning of Pi Beta Phi in nearby Monmouth. Members were pleased to gather for Founders' Day for the first time since 2019. Alumnae from each decade were asked to recall their days as collegians at Illinois Theta. Two recipients of the Amy Burnham Onken Award for Outstanding Scholarship & Campus & Community Leadership, Illinois Thetas **CAMILLE BERG JOHNSON** and **SUSAN ASH WILLIAMS**, shared memories of the fun they had at the old Pi Phi house across Main Street.

Alumnae Club President CHERI RABER PATTERSON, Illinois Theta, fondly remembered singing competitions and creating house decorations for homecoming.

Attendees were treated to a special account of 1940s Pi Phi life from a charter member of Illinois Theta,

WINIFRED WERCKLE EBERT, who was initiated by Grand President AMY BURNHAM ONKEN, Illinois Epsilon, during three days of ceremonies in 1947 when Lambda Phi, the oldest women's group on campus, was installed as Pi Beta Phi. Winnie's memories were read by her daughter, Illinois Eta BETTY EBERT LAUGHLIN. Illinois Theta Director Fraternity Heritage TAYLOR SHEAD planned the memorable Founders' Day brunch and program.



Above, from left: New York Alpha SUE SKINNER MOELLER, South Carolina Alpha SUE CAROL HUNGATE, Michigan Beta JANET WICKHAM GREGORY, Library Media Coordinator Tim Lubic, Virginia Gamma PAT SANDERLIN BURTON, South Carolina Beta NELLY WELSCH and Virginia Epsilon ELLEN SHOWEN STANDISH posing with some of the books collected for the students at Niner University Elementary.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte, North Carolina, Alumnae Club In March, the Charlotte, North Carolina, Alumnae Club sponsored Niner University Elementary for its Fraternity Day of Service. By collecting books at club events and soliciting donations online, the club was able to provide each child with two new books to take home. Volunteers visited each classroom to distribute the books, read to the students and decorate bookmarks. Through the hard work of club members and the generosity of Pi Phis, the club's Fraternity Day of Service was a huge success.

OREGON

Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club An amazing group of Pi Phi leaders met at the home of Oregon Alpha MAJA TANAKA BERGE to welcome California Eta DAPHNEY BITANGA, California Lambda ELISSA LIONG and Illinois Iota CAROLINE CAMPANA NEALE to Portland, Oregon, and introduce them to several of the present and past international officers who belong to the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club.



Above, back row, from left: Oregon Alpha MARISA STRAUSS STRIBLING, Pennsylvania Zeta SUSAN JONNATTI MAXWELL and California Eta MARIE BALDAZO ANDREASEN. Middle row, from left: Oregon Gamma CAROLYN MUCH REIL, Oregon Alpha GILLIAN TOBIN and California lota CHANEL LACHAPPA SHERAGY. Front row, from left: Oregon Alpha MAJA TANAKA BERGE, California Eta DAPHNEY BITANGA. California Lambda ELISSA LIONG and Illinois lota CAROLINE CAMPANA NEALE

SOUTH CAROLINA

Lowcountry, South Carolina, Alumnae Club
The Lowcountry, South Carolina, Alumnae Club met
in Beaufort, South Carolina to celebrate Pi Phi's 155th
Founders' Day. Club members celebrated with a luncheon
and heard from guest speaker Ford Hutchinson, the
great-grandson of Pi Phi founder CLARA BROWNLEE
HUTCHINSON. Ford shared several stories of his greatgrandmother and her love for Pi Phi.

TEXAS

Dallas, Texas, Alumnae Club The core value of Lifelong Commitment is no better embodied than by Oklahoma Alpha KATHRYN PAYNTER JOHNSON. Kathryn celebrated her Diamond Arrow anniversary in 2017 and remains a lifelong loyal member of Pi Phi and a cherished member of the Dallas, Texas, Alumnae Club. The club celebrated Kathryn's monumental impact on our sisterhood both on her 75year anniversary and again in 2022 when she celebrated Founders' Day with the club at age 99. One way she remains involved with club activities is through the loving support of her sisters, including fellow Oklahoma Alpha alumna **SALLY SEWELL WIGHTMAN**; Sally is the daughter of Oklahoma Alpha BARBARA BERRY **SEWELL** who was a dear friend of Kathryn's during their time at the University of Oklahoma and long into alumnae life. Sally and Kathryn cherish their Sincere Friendship which has spanned generations, states and decades and the club celebrates Kathryn's lifetime of love for our sisterhood.

Tyler, Texas, Alumnae Club

In September, the Tyler, Texas, Alumnae Club nominated the Promise Academy for a Pi Beta Phi Foundation FDS500 Grant. The Academy recently purchased books for students in north Tyler. ←

Right, from left: Pictured at the book fair are Texas Beta ANN WARMACK BROOKSHIRE, Texas Eta SHANNON PATTY GLENNEY, New York Delta JANA DLOUHY DILLARD and Texas Zeta KATY DUNN KUMMERFELD.



Above: Members of the Lowcountry, South Carolina, Alumnae Club gathered to celebrate Founders' Day.



Above, from left: Oklahoma Alphas **SALLY SEWELL WIGHTMAN** and **KATHRYN PAYNTER JOHNSON**.



COLLEGIATE NEWS

ALABAMA

Alabama Beta, University of Alabama

During the spring term, the Alabama Beta Chapter started a community program called MES Rising Authors where the chapter partnered with a local elementary school to encourage story writing in students. Chapter members visited Matthews Elementary School throughout the semester to help students write their own books and were inspired by their creativity. At the end of the term, the students and their families came to the chapter house to read their newly written stories. Each of the members who volunteered at the school selected a book for the student they supported.

ALBERTA

Alberta Alpha, University of Alberta

In March, the Alberta Alpha Chapter hosted a book drive that collected 133 books. The books were donated to The Mustard Seed—a local charity that provides basic needs alongside housing, health, and employment services to Edmonton's most vulnerable community members. All donated books will be sold at The Mustard Seed thrift store. The chapter hopes that providing affordable books at The Mustard Seed will encourage literacy in the Edmonton community. Behind the scenes, all the chapter members came together to ensure the book drive ran smoothly. Each member gave their time to watch over the donation area and assisted in advertising the event; the book drive was made possible by the time and commitment every member showed.

ARIZONA

Arizona Alpha, University of Arizona

This spring, members of the Arizona Alpha Chapter and the Tucson, Arizona, Alumnae Club teamed up to work a booth at the annual Tucson Festival of Books. For two hot days in the Tucson sun, chapter members helped hand out nearly 5,000 books to festival attendees. Some books were given to young elementary school teachers, excited for their upcoming class in the fall and anxious to fill up their student libraries with books! Others were given to grandparents to help foster a love of reading with their grandchildren. Attendees reflected on the true joy of seeing a smile spread across a child's face as they sprinted over to grab their favorite book and take it home. The weekend was filled with heartwarming moments, great conversation and blossoming friendships through the bonds of wine and silver blue. Chapter members listened to alumnae reflect on their memories at Arizona Alpha, where decades before, they set the precedent for the endless laughter and fun that still fills the Pi Phi house today.



Alabama Betas ABBY DAVIDSON and GABBY GARZA at the chapter's philanthropy event celebrating rising authors from Matthews Elementary School.

GEORGIA

Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia

Throughout the Spring 2022 semester, Georgia Alpha participated in numerous literacy initiatives within the Athens, Georgia, community. After kicking off the year with their annual "Books for Brittany" book drive, the chapter donated nearly 1,000 books to Books for Keeps an organization which provides local elementary students with their own books before summer break. In February, the Georgia Alpha Chapter built an official Little Free Library for the students at Alps Road Elementary School to make books accessible to students and inspire a love of reading. After constructing the wooden library, chapter members visited the school to volunteer with the afterschool art club to paint it. After the library was painted, the Little Free Library was presented to the school and installed in their library's reading garden. To end the school year, Georgia Alpha spent time volunteering in Alps Elementary's classrooms. Chapter members set up book fairs, organized the library and helped with school events. This year, Alps gave chapter members the opportunity to sponsor a student. Those students were recognized on Field Day and received prizes for reading a certain number of books for a certain number of hours. The Georgia Alpha Chapter was thrilled to recognize students for their hard work and dedication to reading, all while promoting literacy.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Eta, Millikin University

The Illinois Eta Chapter was honored with Millikin University's prestigious 5-Star Award, an honor presented to fraternity and sorority life organizations on campus that are of "star standing" in five areas of evaluation. The chapter was evaluated on its scholarship, leadership, personal growth and development, relationships, and intake and recruitment. The Chapter Leadership Team, under the direction of the Chapter President, created five goals for each area of evaluation which were carried out throughout 2021. Chapter President ALLY BANKS presented the chapter's work on these goals to the Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement for review. Pi Phi was the only Panhellenic organization on campus to receive the honor this year. Ally accepted the honor on behalf of Illinois Eta at Millikin University's Honors Convocation.

INDIANA

Indiana Gamma, Butler University

The Indiana Gamma Chapter celebrated Founders' Day on Sunday, April 25, with a brunch at the chapter house. Chapter leaders shared facts about Pi Phi's founders and took a fun quiz that told them which founder they would be based on their values and personality. Local alumnae attended and encouraged senior members to join an alumnae club, demonstrating their personal Lifelong Commitment to Pi Beta Phi. The Indiana Gamma Chapter ended the celebration with a Pi Phi Cookie Shine. Happy 155 years, Pi Beta Phi!

Indiana Theta, Valparaiso University

During the month of March, the Indiana Theta Chapter partnered with Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, to organize a book drive for Hilltop Neighborhood House—a local nonprofit that provides childcare, preschool and food pantry services to the Valparaiso community. Several chapter members visited Hilltop to read to the children. Among this group were seniors HAILEE GORE and SOPHIE KREINIK, who described visiting Hilltop as an experience that allows them to remember why they joined Pi Beta Phi. Sophie found that when she went through recruitment, Pi Phi's philanthropy spoke to her. She said that "Indiana Theta being able to physically volunteer at Hilltop was beyond what [she] could ever have imagined." Hailee sums up the chapter's relationship with Hilltop in the best way possible, saying, "We were so fortunate to be able to donate over 100 books to the school. I am forever grateful to support Hilltop Neighborhood House."



Above: The Indiana Gamma Executive Council at the chapter's Founders' Day celebration.



Above, from left: Indiana Thetas **SOPHIE KREINIK** and **HAILEE GORE** volunteering with Hilltop Neighborhood House.

IOWA

Iowa Gamma, Iowa State University During the spring term, the Iowa Gamma Chapter volunteered with The Henry Alan Munson Owen (HAMO) Foundation—a local organization focused on literacy and mental health. HAMO is named after a high school student in the area who died by suicide in 2020. His mother, Kansas Alpha SUSAN MUNSON OWEN, created the foundation to celebrate Henry's love for literacy and to advocate for mental health. The foundation has two main programs: Henry's Helpers—a read aloud program at Susan's store in downtown Ames—and Here to Hear You—a program designed to create meaningful relationships between trusted adults and high school students. Iowa Gamma members designed vinyl stickers for the HAMO Foundation and volunteered for a Here to Hear You event at a local arcade and bowling alley in Ames. Guests were encouraged to eat pizza and bowl while learning about the program. Chapter members worked at a table selling HAMO merchandise and providing information about the Here to Hear You program.

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Alpha, Tulane University-Newcomb College Louisiana Alphas KAELYN COLEMAN and LINDSEY **LAFORGE** work for Tulane Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Tulane EMS is a student-run EMS agency that provides no-charge care to the Tulane and surrounding New Orleans community. Kaelyn and Lindsey have grown close as big and little sisters, which has allowed them to thrive as a team within Tulane EMS. Kaelyn says, "Lindsey is the most amazing little sister and friend. Tulane EMS has allowed us to grow together while serving the community, and we wouldn't have had a foundation to grow from without Pi Beta Phi. I am grateful to be a member of both amazing organizations with her by my side. Lindsey is the best friend I could imagine, and being able to give back to the community with her is truly special. I have Pi Beta Phi to thank for that!"

Members of the Iowa Gamma Chapter volunteering with the HAMO Foundation.





Above, from left: Louisiana Alphas **KAELYN COLEMAN** and **LINDSEY LAFORGE**.

MICHIGAN

Michigan Gamma, Michigan State University On April 24, Michigan Gamma welcomed alumnae into the chapter facility to celebrate Founders' Day. The celebration included a look at the chapter's history from scrapbooks and archives and a "Why You Love Pi Beta Phi" activity. Following the Founders' Day event hosted by Vice President Member Experience TARYN RIESKE, Vice President Operations **LAUREN BRESKY** created an "Angel Awards" Formal Dinner where members were encouraged to spend an evening at the house sharing in conversation, taking photos, singing and enjoying a delicious pasta dinner prepared by the chapter's chef. Each member was presented with an award based on nominations from chapter sisters. The event celebrated and honored members' contributions and the uniqueness of each sister.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Beta, University of Mississippi

The spring semester was full of exciting achievements for the members of Mississippi Beta! Twelve members were recognized by faculty and named Who's Who nominees for their high academic achievements and contributions to the University. GRACE MCKISSICK was named Panhellenic Woman of the Year for her outstanding work as Panhellenic President. Additionally, SARAH BROOKE **BISHOP** was named Panhellenic Advisor of the Year for her excellent service to the chapter and Panhellenic community. Along with her acceptance to medical school, **ALEX MABRY** wrapped up her term as Associated Student Body (ASB) Treasurer by passing the new Student Activity Fee. Multiple chapter members were re-elected to their ASB senate seats, and others are continuing to serve in department positions with the student body government. **KATELIN HAYWARD** was one of 10 students inducted into the University of Mississippi Hall of Fame. We are so proud of our Mississippi Beta sisters!



Above, from left: Chapter President **CHARLOTTE SCOTT**, Michigan Gamma alumna **GINA BURNHAM MUDREY**, and Vice President Member Experience **TARYN RIESKE**.



Above: Mississippi Beta **GRACE MCKISSICK** with her Panhellenic Woman of the Year award.

MONTANA

Montana Alpha, Montana State University During spring finals, Director Academics SYDNEY **KOUBA** reinvented what academic support looks like at Montana Alpha. "Dead week and finals week are stressful times for all, so I wanted to offset it with a fun and interactive way to support and encourage, rather than a rigorous plan that would only add more stress." Sydney provided opportunities for academic study by reserving study tables at the library and implementing quiet hours at the chapter house. She also created a Bingo card full of activities meant to promote studying and overall academic success. Finals Bingo not only included academic goals such as studying with a sister, attending office hours or going to the library, but also goals intended to decrease stress such as talking to a friend or family member, taking time for self-care or eating a healthy meal. Sydney adds, "A large part of academic performance is influenced by overall well-being, so I wanted to

Nebraska Beta **ABBY HORNADY** with her plaque recognizing her as the top fundraiser of the University of Nebraska Dance Marathon.



highlight and emphasize this often-forgotten aspect in my programming. I hope sisters were encouraged to not only be prepared for finals academically but also take time for their mental, emotional, and physical health." Not only did Montana Alpha sisters engage in strong study habits during spring finals, but there was also a strong sense of community and chapter well-being throughout the finals season.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Beta, University of Nebraska

Dance Marathon has always been an organization important to the Nebraska Beta Chapter, but this year, the chapter went above and beyond to showcase Philanthropic Service to Others through their dedication to Children's Miracle Network. The Pi Phi team raised nearly \$17,000 for a new operation room at Children's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Team members worked diligently throughout the school year to encourage other students to join the organization, donate funds to the cause and educate others about the importance of changing the future of children's health. Many members also attended the 13-hour HuskerThon event to raise further funds. **ABBY HORNADY** was the top fundraiser of the University of Nebraska Dance Marathon. Nebraska Beta is so proud of all the efforts put in this year and cannot wait to see what is accomplished in the future!

Nebraska Gamma, Creighton University
During Women's History Month, Vice President Inclusion,
KATIE ENGEL created Pi Phis for Positivity—a kindness
initiative that sought to encourage students across
Creighton's campus to spread positivity. For a week,
Pi Phis tabled in the student center and invited those
passing by to write a positive message to be hung in the
student center. More than 200 students participated.





Above, from left: Ontario Betas **MOLLY PHILLIPS** and **HIMANI SHARMA** organized the chapter's Angel Gram box project.

ONTARIO

Ontario Beta, University of Western Ontario
In February, the Ontario Beta Chapter hosted their second
Angel Grams fundraiser in support of Read > Lead >
Achieve*. Organized by Director Service and Philanthropy
MOLLY PHILLIPS, chapter members sold chocolate
and vanilla cupcakes that included a personalized card
from the sender. Included on these cards was a message
describing Read > Lead > Achieve to encourage donations
and raise awareness about the importance of literacy.
More than 200 cupcakes were delivered to students,
friends and families in the London Community. The
sisters of Ontario Beta are already excited for next year's
Angel Grams.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Beta, Clemson University

This April, South Carolina Beta hosted their annual BBQ for Books event which chapter members were excited to bring back to campus in person. South Carolina Beta hosted the event on Clemson's Greek Quad and invited students and organizations from Clemson's campus. The menu included boneless chicken wings, mac and cheese, Hawaiian rolls and BBQ sauce. The event also included a raffle which featured items such as a Dabo Swinney signed football, local gift cards, and t-shirts. After ticket and raffle sales, the chapter raised nearly \$7000 to support Read > Lead > Achieve.



Above, back row from left: South Carolina Betas JULIA DAVIS, Director Service and Philanthropy, Vice President Community Relations EMMA DUNLAP, ALESSANDRA BOFFI and SHANNON MURPHY. Front, from left: AVA BOHN, MADISON MUMMERT and CAMRYN CUBBERLEY.



Above, from left: Tennessee Betas ARIELLE KOPP and MARIA ABELLO volunteering at the Nashville Fraternity Day of Service Signature Event.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Beta, Vanderbilt University

In February, Tennessee Beta volunteered at Pi Beta Phi's Fraternity Day of Service Signature Event in Nashville. Members helped to distribute more than 20,000 books to libraries in the Metro Nashville area. The event was most appropriately hosted at the Nashville Public Library. Members spent the day helping teachers and librarians select and package books for their students. Volunteers voiced their admiration for how carefully and methodically books were chosen, which demonstrated how much Nashville educators care for their students. Chapter members also enjoyed socializing with Pi Phi alumnae during breaks and were impressed by the Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club's dedication to literacy and philanthropy in the local community. The Tennessee Beta Chapter is proud to have contributed to the success of such a fun and fulfilling event!



Above, from left: Chapter President BROOKLYN DEAN receiving Texas Beta's award for Chapter of the Year from Vice President for Student Affairs K.C. Mmeje, PhD.

TEXAS

Texas Beta, Southern Methodist University

The Southern Methodist University (SMU) Greek Awards are designed to recognize outstanding fraternity and sorority chapters as well as their student leaders and Advisors. The awards celebrate the accomplishments of SMU organizations in an effort to display the importance of aligning each chapter's values with those of SMU, and to promote the positive benefits of fraternity and sorority membership. This year, the Texas Beta Chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year due to the chapter's outstanding dedication to servant leadership, diversity and inclusion, mental health awareness and philanthropic efforts!

VIRGINIA

Virginia Delta, Old Dominion University

This year, the Virginia Delta Chapter celebrated Founders' Day with the Tidewater, Virginia, Alumnae Club. This was the chapter's first in-person Founders' Day in three years. The event included a brunch where chapter members enjoyed conversation with local alumnae. Chapter leaders



Above, from left: Virginia Deltas **BRITTANY HOUGHTON** and **CAROLINE KEENAN** celebrating Founders' Day.

also hosted an award ceremony and presented **RILEY BABBIN** and **JAELYN KILLMON** with the award for Golden Angel of the Semester. The Founders' Day celebration ended with a Cookie Shine. Chapter members learned a lot from talking with alumnae about the importance of leadership, and sisterhood.

Virginia Gamma, College of William and Mary This spring, the Virginia Gamma Chapter was recognized with the highest GPA among all Panhellenic sororities. This marks the seventh semester in a row the chapter has earned this honor, holding the title for three and a half years. Members consistently motivate each other academically, making use of the chapter house's dedicated study room and often holding study groups in the school's library. The Member Experience Team also implements a scholar of the week initiative where members can nominate a sister to be recognized for their academic excellence both in the weekly chapter meeting and on Virginia Gamma's social media. Celebration of academic achievement plays a large role in the culture of the chapter. Freshman MAIREAD STACK has found her membership in Pi Phi to be integral to the rigorous academic lifestyle at the College of William & Mary.

"Pi Phis in my chapter are constantly encouraging me to push myself academically," she says. "From hearing about our seniors' honors theses to cheering on our scholar of the week, my sisters are always inspiring me to pursue my intellectual curiosities. Pi Phi has instilled in me a lifelong love of learning and a passion for academic excellence."

WASHINGTON

Washington Beta, Washington State University In March, the Washington Beta Chapter hosted its annual Pi Phi Gives You Wings philanthropy event. The chapter sold flavored Red Bull drinks and stickers to support Read > Lead > Achieve initiatives. Coordinated by Director Service and Philanthropy AUBREY BATTISTE and Vice President Community Relations SAYDEE **PHOTHIVONGSA**, the event raised more than \$900. After a two-year hiatus, the chapter was excited to finally bring this spring philanthropy event back to campus. In the weeks leading up to the event, there was no shortage of support from alumnae and chapter members. Alumnae provided guidance and support on the event execution and chapter members were happy to help with decoration preparation which provided a fun sisterhood event in itself. Not only was the event a success, it was also an all-around fun day. While the weather was a bit chilly, other chapters at Washington State University were happy to show their support. It was heartwarming to see the members of Washington Beta come together to put on this event after not being able to host it for the past two years.

Below, from left: Washington Betas **MICHELLE DIAZ** and **CHA'LIE BAKER** at the chapter's philanthropy event: Pi Phi Gives You Wings.



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Alumnae Engagement Director - Barbara Rua, Connecticut Alpha

Collegiate Regional Director - Laura Clough Redmond, Ohio Eta

Operations Specialist - Emily Beck Wood, Pennsylvania Theta

Risk Management Specialist - Alison Pilgrim, South Dakota Alpha

Member Experience Specialist - Deanne Trent, Pennsylvania Zeta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Debbie Wang Recruitment Specialist - Christine Toth Justice, Connecticut Alpha

Community Relations Specialist - Katie Francis Moore, West Virginia Alpha

Inclusion Specialist - Semrin Aleckson Gillespie, Virginia Iota

REGION TWO TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director- Jackie Jasek, Indiana Gamma

Collegiate Regional Director - Penny Proctor, Michigan Alpha

Operations Specialist - Ritika Khanna, Ontario Alpha

Risk Management Specialist - Jessica Vilcek Kowalkowski, Illinois Iota

Member Experience Specialist - Tiffany Mitchell Senn, Ohio Theta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Lynda Miller Community Relations Specialist - Julia Furtaw, Michigan Gamma

Recruitment Specialist - Monica Diaz-Greco, Ontario Alpha

Inclusion Specialist - Tessa Betz, Michigan Beta

REGION THREE TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Kimberly Sisk Crowe, Kentucky Beta

Collegiate Regional Director - Lara Omps-Botteicher, West Virginia Alpha

Operations Specialist - Sam Duffy, Illinois Beta-Delta

Risk Management Specialist - Alexis Karwoski, Indiana Delta

Member Experience Specialist - Deborah DiNardo Richards, Virginia Zeta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Jessi Bevan Nill, Indiana Gamma

Recruitment Specialist - Kailyn Gray Forbes, West Virginia Alpha

Community Relations Specialist - Kelly Zudycki Perry, Illinois Zeta

Inclusion Specialist - McKinley Paratore, Illinois Eta

REGION FOUR TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Lori Poveromo Haight, Virginia Eta

Collegiate Regional Director - To Be Determined

Operations Specialist - Gianna Salamido Lenzo, North Carolina Delta

Risk Management Specialist - Jenn Waggoner Grimes, West Virginia Alpha

Member Experience Specialist - Kate Coulter, Florida Alpha

Finance/Housing Specialist - Sande Schweier, Oregon Gamma

Recruitment Specialist - Molly Harris-Stevens, Mississippi Beta

Community Relations Specialist - Erin Davis, Michigan Epsilon

Inclusion Specialist - Cara Stombock, Virginia Zeta

REGION FIVE TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Suzanne Gill Kriz, Illinois Eta

Collegiate Regional Director - Brooke Avila, Iowa Beta

Operations Specialist - Ann Wear Wiley, Iowa Gamma

Risk Management Specialist - Emily Carney, Arizona Beta

Member Experience Specialist - Stephanie Shadwick, Missouri Gamma

Finance/Housing Specialist - Lacie Drogen Baumgartner, North Dakota Alpha

Community Relations Specialist - Catherine O'Dea Pallardy, Illinois Eta

Recruitment Specialist - Darcy Dahl, Minnesota Alpha

Inclusion Specialist - Julia Miglets-Nelson, Virginia Theta

REGION SIX TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Alicia Middleton Stephens, North Carolina Alpha Collegiate Regional Director - Jenn Plagman-Galvin, Iowa Gamma

Operations Specialist - Tracy Gilbreath Fenter, Texas Gamma

Risk Management Specialist - Dori Boone, Texas Delta

Member Experience Specialist - Caleigh Greene, Louisiana Beta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Callie Rutherford, Mississippi Beta

Community Relations Specialist - Katie Qualls Fay, Oklahoma Alpha

Recruitment Specialist - Phoenix Pope, Mississippi Alpha

Inclusion Specialist - Lise Byars-George, Missouri Beta

REGION SEVEN TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Lisa Rede Roman, New Mexico Beta

Collegiate Regional Director - Marie Metke Westom, Oregon Gamma

Operations Specialist - Gillian Tobin, Oregon Alpha

Risk Management Specialist - Marisa Strauss Stribling, Oregon Alpha

Member Experience Specialist - Haley Burns-Hodges, Utah Alpha

Finance/Housing Specialist - Gina Schreiner, Alberta Alpha

Community Relations Specialist - Kristen Brandenburg, Colorado Epsilon

Recruitment Specialist - Carolyn Much Reil, Oregon Gamma

Inclusion Specialist - Aubri Tuero, Utah Alpha

REGION EIGHT TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Margo Wilton Lesser, California Gamma

Collegiate Regional Director - Marie Baldazo Andreasen, California Eta

Operations Specialist - Elissa Liong, California Lambda

Risk Management Specialist - Lindsay Thomson, Alberta Alpha

Member Experience Specialist - Jennifer Gapasin Yguico, Texas Beta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Tiffany Flint Caron, Colorado Epsilon

Community Relations Specialist - Claire Parsons, Florida Epsilon

Recruitment Specialist - Stephanie Uchino-Beach, California Eta

Inclusion Specialist - Bennell LaPorte, New Mexico Alpha

REGION NINE TEAM

Collegiate Regional Director - Amy Strickland Dreller, Arizona Beta

Operations Specialist - Tara Abbott Davis, Arizona Alpha

Risk Management Specialist - (Elisabeth) Lis Garcia, Nevada Alpha Member Experience Specialist - Kristi Hanlon Marsh, Illinois Zeta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Ashley Boarts Lewis, Ohio Theta

Recruitment Specialist - Kris Semenza Murphy, Montana Alpha

Community Relations Specialist - Kristin Zemke, New York Eta

Inclusion Specialist - Carla Hashley, Michigan Epsilon

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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 members who have died. The list below reflects notification by public obituary received at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters between February 1 and May 31, 2022. Obituaries may be submitted at pibetaphi.org/in-memoriam.

Memorial gifts made to Pi Beta Phi Foundation are a loving and lasting way to honor the memory of a beloved Pi Phi sister. To make a memorial gift, please call our Foundation at (636) 256-1357 or visit pibetaphi.org/foundation. ←

ALABAMA ALPHA

Jane Henderson Magill, 1940

ALABAMA BETA

Ellen Haas Cooper, 1957

ALBERTA ALPHA

Helen Clark Hume, 1956

ARIZONA ALPHA

Merilyn Matts Cartier, 1955

ARKANSAS ALPHA

Jane Cotten Atwood, 1949 Mary Parker Barron, 1955 Joy Spiva Cragin, 1951 Brooks Maddux Fiscus, 1950 Stevie Wood, 2001

ARKANSAS BETA

Charlotte Ward Williamson, 1968

CALIFORNIA BETA

Mary Hazeltine Cole, 1949 Georgene Calder Neely, 1945 Patricia Stephens Woodruff, 1979

CALIFORNIA DELTA

Hester Bunnell Fleming, 1950

CALIFORNIA EPSILON

Lois Anderson Baker, 1949 Susie Scholfield Faber, 1970

CALIFORNIA GAMMA

Marie McLaughlin Thomas, 1944

COLORADO ALPHA

Charleen Morrison Clinton, 1948 Barbara J. Powrie, 1962

CONNECTICUT ALPHA

Virginia Clark Wehner, 1947

FLORIDA BETA

Mary Anne McGinley Fuller, 1947 Lou Parmelee Hatton, 1954

GEORGIA ALPHA

Iane Hendon Hall, 1947 Joyce Cobb Turner, 1951

IDAHO ALPHA

Joan Wicklund Day, 1955

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Virginia Armstrong Marten, 1946 Julia Dicus Weary, 1949

ILLINOIS ETA

Mary Holloway Hackbarth, 1990 Alice Jones Lambrick, 1948 Kathleen Cline Pettyjohn, 1942

ILLINOIS THETA

Lavern Doering Schmidt, 1948 Marta Tragethon Stanton, 1958 Nellie Snyder Templin, 1947

ILLINOIS ZETA

Jewel Jones Hugo, 1960 Wanda Zimmerman Hutter, 1943 Ruth Breen Van Kirk, 1946

INDIANA BETA

Nancy Richwine Hochadel, 1957 Phyllis Templeton Myers, 1947 Bev Mead Thompson, 1958

INDIANA DELTA

Elizabeth Mercho Khamis, 1990 Del Lynch Kotarski, 1943 Evelyn Jameson Smith, 1953

INDIANA EPSILON

Romaigne Thomas Adams, 1945 Martha Dunlavy Mitchell, 1950 Nancy Cook Wright, 1974

INDIANA GAMMA

Tayler Deann Helgason, 2015 Wylma Hensley Kasberg, 1946 Joan Abraham Kreinhagen, 1957 Connie Aughe Rohrabaugh, 1955 Beverly Grob Swope, 1949

INDIANA ZETA

Judith Miller Williams, 1956

IOWA BETA

Bette Olson Getz, 1953 Janet Walter Perrier, 1948

IOWA GAMMA

Pat Barnes Robinson, 1952

IOWA ZETA

Sally Cleaver Slough, 1955

KANSAS ALPHA

Marcia Fink Anderson, 1957 Patricia Casey Barr, 1954 Nancy Ann Dean, 1972 Joan Stromberg Ewy, 1963 Ann Straub Jett, 1955 Sally Rowe Jones, 1946 Cynthia Diane Katafiasz, 1985 Sharon Corn Reinard, 1968 Phyllis Schneider Wilson, 1963

KANSAS BETA

Julie Ann Bourk-Suchman, 1972 Mary Chamberlain Dodds, 1957 Linda Eatherly Duebendorfer, 1974 Darla Gayle Hall-Emmendorfer, 1979 Linda Beaty King, 1965 Catharine Brown Lykens, 1973 Patty Johnson Schwensen, 1949

KENTUCKY ALPHA

Marjorie Winter Wall, 1965, affiliated Indiana Beta

LOUISIANA BETA

Dolores Dickson Meserve, 1959

MAINE ALPHA

Nancy Mackay Coffin, 1946

MARYLAND BETA

Linda Smith Mullineaux, 1965

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Shelley Green Downey, 1972 Claire Manning Krawczak, 1950

MICHIGAN BETA

Patricia Young Crispin, 1947

MICHIGAN GAMMA

Dottie Roberts Scholtens, 1945 Barbara Hall Terepin, 1948 Doris Woodward, 1946

MISSISSIPPI BETA

Milissa Luck Spayde, 1987

MISSOURI ALPHA

Peggy Todd Ferris, 1949 Pat Wright Langdon, 1958 Janet Winter Thompson, 1956

MISSOURI GAMMA

Maureen Leahy Clements, 1971 Frances Clayton Roberts, 1947

MONTANA ALPHA

Carolyn Fritz Miller, 1947 Marjorie Gleason Peterson, 1945

NEBRASKA BETA

Liz Hackman Hare, 1954 Julie Yost Roach, 1952 Helen-Marie Kincaide Rogers, 1938

NEVADA ALPHA

Lena Quilici Magee, 1953

NEW YORK DELTA

Nancy Stone Jenkins, 1956

NEW YORK GAMMA

Helen Aitchison Ellison, 1943

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Anne Castleman Alexander, 1943 Mary Watkins Ferchaud, 1940 Jane Shivell King, 1945

NORTH CAROLINA BETA

Bess Williams Stephanz, 1946

NORTH DAKOTA ALPHA

Sharon Thompson Odders, 1966

OHIO BETA

Collette Stevens Dierker, 1947 Cynthia Porter Jacobs, 1976 Jo Ellen Dunfee Parker, 1958

OHIO DELTA

Cynthia Stafford Burley, 1953 Margaret Ray Giroux, 1952 Carolyn Kowalik Holland, 1955 Alison Kahle, 1978 Virginia J. Seeman, 1948

OHIO EPSILON

Margaret Vogelsang Malone, 1950, affiliated Ohio Beta Michele Smith Jackson, 1966 Carol Hischka Thompson, 1955

OHIO KAPPA

Sarah Kay Phillips, 2020

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

Virginia Frisbie Barbee, 1952 Jeanne Smith Broome, 1951 Bette Carnahan Timberlake, 1959

OREGON ALPHA

Pat Southworth Dickover, 1953 Merrillyn Hagan Patton, 1956

OREGON BETA

Joyce Heumann Heller, 1950

OREGON GAMMA

Joyce Frost, 1951

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

Ednah Richards, 1894

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Joann Golightly Brown, 1945

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Susan Newton Bennet, 1943 Jean Carroll Holland, 1959

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA

June Danforth Downs, 1943 Sandra Sona Ellis, 1955

TENNESSEE ALPHA

Christy Doolittle Brokmeier, 1975 Janet Ann Jordan, 1976

TEXAS ALPHA

Jane Chipley Bird, 1963 Jeanne Amacker Browning, 1961 Kathryn Barragan Leflore, 1958 Priscilla Scott Lewis, 1947 Bessie Smith Liedtke, 1943 Mary-Morgan Glass Sullivan, 1952 JoAn Oliver Yerger-Bernhard, 1956 Virginia Callan Welder, 1944

TEXAS BETA

Anne Morgan Bruce, 1952, affiliated Texas Alpha Sara Fentress Humphreys, 1955, affiliated Texas Alpha

TEXAS DELTA

Alice Kelly McCurdy, 1960 Suzanne Keast Shepard, 1967 Suzanne Donaldson Wilson, 1957

TEXAS ZETA

Doris Marlow Dudley, 1977 Bette McCall Miller, 1979

UTAH ALPHA

Mary Barnes Caine, 1954 Sara Creer Grant, 1956 Suzanne Harris Rytting, 1949

VERMONT BETA

Lynne Stevens Chase, 1953 Shirley Nichols Christlieb, 1957

VIRGINIA GAMMA

Jeanne Struwe Chisholm, 1948 Pamela Pritchard Edmondson, 1978

WASHINGTON ALPHA

Mary Stahlberg Lane, 1944 Peggy Urie Smith, 1957

WASHINGTON BETA

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