

A young woman with curly brown hair is smiling broadly while sitting in the cockpit of a white jet airplane. She is wearing a dark green flight suit with patches and is holding a black helmet. The background is a clear blue sky.

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## Called to Serve



**MOLLY HARRIS-STEVENS**

Grand Vice President  
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When I reflect on the many forms of service I've encountered—through my career, community and within Pi Beta Phi—a theme remains constant: true service is rarely loud. It is selfless, enduring and impactful in ways that often extend far beyond what is visible.

In Pi Phi, service also means the responsibility of stewardship: honoring the values and traditions entrusted to us by generations of sisters while shaping the experience for those who follow.

As a new member of Grand Council, I'm grateful for the opportunity to help steward the member experience in a way that honors our history while thoughtfully guiding it forward. What excites me most is the chance to strengthen connection, reinforce belonging and preserve the sense of sisterhood that extends far beyond collegiate years.

Through every season of life—from college, careers, cross-country moves or military deployments—Pi Phi is a place where members can find community. Whether someone is stationed overseas, starting fresh in a new city or simply seeking connection, our sisterhood offers continuity and a steady source of understanding and support. I've experienced that care and constancy in my own seasons of demand and overwhelm, when my sisters showed up exactly when I needed them most. In those moments, Pi Phi wasn't an abstract ideal. It was practical, personal and deeply sustaining.

Throughout my professional life, I've had the privilege of working alongside individuals who embody deep commitment to service, including veterans whose dedication continues long after their military duty ends. What stands out most to me is how thoroughly service can shape a person's life. It's a value that extends far beyond a role or title, influencing how one shows up every day for their community and for others.

In this issue, we honor Pi Phis with military ties and the profound commitment that military service represents. The courage and sacrifice of those who serve—as well as the families and loved ones who support them—deserve our deepest respect and gratitude. Their stories remind us of the many ways service can shape our lives—through leadership, volunteerism and caring for others. We are grateful to all who serve—or have served—in the United States, Canadian or joint armed forces. ←

In Pi Phi,

*Molly Harris - Stevens*

# 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](mailto:thearrow@pibetaphi.org).

*In response to the Winter 2026 issue of The Arrow.*

**REBECCA HATTEN MACKEY**, *Indiana Gamma, initiated 2016*

As my fingers touched the cover of the Winter 2026 issue of *The Arrow*, I was immediately drawn to the cover photo and headlines; I wanted to read those stories. When each issue arrives, I often peruse the pages and stories. I enjoy reading to see how the chapters and alumnae clubs plan events and activities—sharing the love and sisterhood of Pi Beta Phi. This issue was all-consuming and each article and special story was so interesting and written in a way that kept my attention.

*In response to the "History of Headquarters" piece in the Winter 2026 issue of The Arrow.*

**DIANA SHORB EYRE**, *Illinois Zeta, initiated 1959*

I want to note how much I enjoyed the article; it brought back fond memories. I grew up in Decatur, Illinois, and joined Pi Phi at the University of Illinois. During the summer of 1961, I was chosen as Pledge Trainer and practically lived at Central Office. Every time I needed to correspond with the New Members, I would jump in the car and gather what I needed from the office; it was my "home away from home." I can't believe how much information was honored in that little space. I can relate to all the information in that article, thank you.

*In response to the "Honoring Heritage and Sisterhood" blog shared during Native American Heritage Month featuring California Omicron* **KAITLYN CLARK**.

**GINA TABACHKI**, *Illinois Epsilon, initiated 1981*

I love that you continue to share sisters' stories to amplify that our various identities create our sisterhood. When we have representation in our sisterhood, it builds empathy, understanding and a stronger sense of community.

*In response to the Summer 2025 issue of The Arrow cover photo from the Convention 2025 kickoff even at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.*

**PENELOPE LOVE**, *Florida Alpha, initiated 1995*

Several people outside our sisterhood have commented on what a fabulous image it is of so many women together on the cover. The bond is palpable—and it gets noticed! I always appreciate belonging to this special organization and look forward to the next issue.

*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. ←*



From left: Oregon Alphas **MADDY HERINGER, ELOISE DICK, CHLOE BRANSON, KATIE CHENG** and **ANDRIA YAO** volunteer at the FDS Signature Event in Portland, Oregon.

## 10,000 NEW BOOKS FOR PORTLAND

Every March, Pi Phis around the world come together to celebrate Fraternity Day of Service (FDS) as a way to live our values and inspire a lifelong love of reading. This year, on March 14, the Fraternity hosted a book distribution in Portland, Oregon, as part of our FDS Signature Events. Pi Phi volunteers distributed 10,000 new, culturally responsive books to Portland youth-serving organizations and schools. Our Signature Events offer a tangible demonstration of Pi Phi's ongoing support for children, teachers and communities—especially in places where budgets often cannot stretch to provide new, diverse books.

Gifts to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation are critical to the success of Pi Beta Phi's literacy initiatives—providing full financial support for all Read > Lead > Achieve® programs, including FDS Signature Events.

Scan the QR code to ensure Pi Phi continues to improve access to books in our local communities by donating to The Literacy Fund today!



## \$270,018.67 RAISED ON PI PHI GIVING DAY

On March 14, more than 1,200 Pi Phis and friends celebrated Pi Phi Giving Day by raising \$270,018.67 for Pi Beta Phi Foundation, our highest giving day yet! New this year, donors could direct their gifts to chapter fundraising pages—sparking friendly competition and adding a competitive spirit to our Pi Phi Giving Day celebration. Pi Beta Phi Foundation awarded a literacy grant to the top three fundraising chapters to donate to the 501(c)(3) of their choosing—directly providing books and school supplies to children in the communities they serve. Congratulations to our top three chapters: Arizona Beta, Oregon Alpha and Oklahoma Beta. Thank you to everyone whose gifts, encouragement and enthusiasm helped make Pi Phi Giving Day a success.

## YOUR WILL, YOUR FUTURE, YOUR LEGACY

Pi Beta Phi Foundation has partnered with FreeWill to give members a free, secure way to create or update a will or revocable trust. This partnership offers a meaningful, practical way to plan for your future while helping shape Pi Phi's future for generations to come by considering an estate gift to Pi Beta Phi Foundation. By removing common barriers to estate planning, FreeWill empowers you to take important steps in planning for your future and creating a pathway for legacy giving.

Scan the QR code to learn more and start your free will today.



## *The Power of Collective Impact*

Each year, Pi Phi chapters and alumnae clubs showcase their dedication to our core value of Philanthropic Service to Others through their financial contributions to Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Through their efforts, they invest in every Pi Phi sister and ensure a bright future for generations to come.

In 2025, our chapters and clubs collectively raised \$1,098,282.97 for our Foundation. We are immensely grateful for their continued partnership and are proud to recognize the top 10 chapters and clubs for Foundation giving in alphabetical order below:

### TOP 10 CHAPTERS

Alabama Beta  
California Eta  
California Theta  
California Zeta  
Florida Beta  
Mississippi Beta  
Missouri Gamma  
Nevada Alpha  
Ontario Alpha  
Texas Eta

### TOP 10 CLUBS

Boca Raton, Florida, Alumnae Club  
Fort Worth, Texas, Alumnae Club  
Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club  
Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club  
Philadelphia-Main Line, Pennsylvania, Alumnae Club  
Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club  
Richardson-Plano, Texas, Alumnae Club  
South Bay, California, Alumnae Club  
St. Louis, Missouri, Alumnae Club



## A Recipe for Sisterhood

It's the familiar aroma of a home-cooked meal the moment you walk through the door, and the soft clinking of pans in the kitchen. You hear echoes of laughter drifting from where your friends are gathered around the dining tables. You breathe a sigh of relief after a long day, comforted by the simple truth that you're home. For many Pi Phis, this is where a favorite memory begins: the cherished tradition of sharing a meal with their sisters. The Nevada Alpha Chapter is one that deeply values this time to connect and unwind, and it's not only the sisters who make these moments special—it's also the chef behind their beloved meals.

Kevin Ashton, also known as “Oldscoolkevmo” across social media, is a successful restaurant chef and longtime lover of cooking who has amassed more than nine million followers across his social media channels.

From left: Kevin and Katie inside the Nevada Alpha Chapter facility kitchen.



After stumbling upon a job opening at the Nevada Alpha Chapter facility, he began sharing his homemade meals as a sorority house chef, gaining attention for his creativity, sense of humor and calm presence. While his followers see the same familiar kitchen backdrop in every eagerly awaited recipe video, countless memories and friendships are being made just outside the frame.

From popular classics like sloppy joes and pasta alla vodka to innovations such as French onion grilled cheese, Kevin is devoted to fostering both a fun and comforting living experience—one Nevada Alpha sisters can attest to. Chapter President **KATIE HARRIS** treasures Nevada Alpha's tight-knit sisterhood and finds that bonding over meals only brings them closer together. “As a college student living away from home, it's really special to share a homemade meal with your friends at the end of the day,” Katie shares. “It's a time when sisters can truly relax and open up without judgment.”

Kevin shares this sentiment, often witnessing Nevada Alpha's sisterhood flourish through catching glimpses of smiles and hearing joy spill from room to room. “The dining room is full of laughter, and I see these friendships form that I know will be friendships for life,” Kevin says. “I love giving them a moment to step away from their hectic lives, enjoy a meal and just take a deep breath.”

Like many members of the chapter, Katie has gotten to know Kevin behind the scenes of his iconic videos, gaining a deeper appreciation for who he is beyond the meals. Even with the stress of bulk grocery shopping,

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cooking for more than 20 people daily and uploading new videos every week, Kevin never fails to brighten someone's day. "Kevin knows who we are," Katie says. "Whether we're having a good day or a bad day, his willingness to be there for us and be present in our lives is so meaningful."

Showing up authentically and remaining fully present comes naturally to Kevin, who believes connection is at the heart of cooking. His work with Nevada Alpha has only reinforced this perspective, as Kevin notes that many meals spark conversations with members, whether a dish reminds them of childhood or a cherished memory. In these moments, Kevin has found meaningful touchpoints of his own. "The absolute best part of my job is that I'm among some really great people," he says. "These members are constantly giving back to the community or are nose deep into their studies, and they inspire me every day."

Nevada Alpha members place friendship and connection at the core of everything they do. Although Katie felt drawn to our sisterhood from the beginning, it's this sentiment that made her fall in love with Pi Phi, noting that the small moments together over shared meals deepened her appreciation. "There's always someone I can sit with and talk to which taught me that I can rely on my Pi Phi sisters," she reflects.

As Katie prepares to graduate this spring, she plans to carry this love for her sisters and the memories she's made with her into alumna life. As for Kevin, he continues to spread positivity not only within the chapter, but across the world through his social media platforms. Alongside his work with Nevada Alpha, Kevin recently created his online digital cookbook, Kevmo's Kitchen, inviting his followers to gather around their own tables, share his favorite recipes and experience the same care he extends to our sisters.

Though sisters will continue to graduate and new ones will move in, the special bond between Nevada Alpha and Kevin has infused the walls with laughter and belonging that will be felt for generations to come. These moments between meals are a testament to food's ability—and the care behind cooking it—to connect us, reminding us that home is found both within the comfort of familiar dishes and the people we share the table with. ←

Want a glimpse inside the kitchen?  
Scan the QR code to watch the  
New York Times Cooking video  
featuring Kevin.



# A WEEK in the life

Below are some Nevada Alpha favorites straight from Kevin's kitchen.



## MONDAY

Chicken quesadillas  
Taco pie



## TUESDAY

Shrimp & broccoli penne  
Chicken piccata



## WEDNESDAY

French bread pizzas  
Chicken chile verde



## THURSDAY

Chicken Caesar salad  
Italian sausage sandwiches



## FRIDAY

Hawaiian bread quiche





# renie MISSISSIPPI BETA ANDERSON

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

I have worked in the sports industry for nearly 30 years, and, in 2019, I was named chief revenue officer and executive vice president, National Football League (NFL) Partnerships by Commissioner Roger Goodell. I oversee global partnerships—including sponsorships, consumer products, new business and media sales—with partners such as Nike, PepsiCo, Apple, Verizon and Microsoft. I also lead projects such as media sales for NFL Network and digital media. I've been honored as a Hall of Fame 40 Under 40 member, a Game Changer by Sports Business Journal, number six on the Most Powerful Women in Sports list by Forbes and Adweek, and a WISE Woman of the Year.

## WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST FULFILLING IN YOUR CAREER?

I've had the privilege of collaborating with some of the hardest working people in the business, all in support of an amazing product. The men who play our game are incredibly dynamic not only on the field, but off it as well. I work with brands and partners that help bring the NFL to life for our fans—from their favorite jerseys to immersive experiences that connect them more deeply to the game and the players they love.

## YOU'VE HELD MANY POSITIONS WITHIN THE NFL. TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY.

I've been fortunate to have exceptional mentors throughout my career. Each time a new opportunity came my way, I raised my hand and stepped up to the challenge. If I didn't have all the answers, I asked questions and learned from my experiences. Working across the NFL with my colleagues has allowed me to help others achieve their goals while also achieving mine.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU'VE FACED IN YOUR CAREER, AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THEM?

Many of the challenges I've faced have come from the expectations and pressures I've put on myself. If I could

go back in time and tell my younger self anything, it would be: "It will all work out." You don't need to have every moment planned while juggling work, school events and everything in between.

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO PI PHIS WHO WISH TO PURSUE A SIMILAR CAREER?

You can build a career in sports and have a background in almost anything—accounting, law, marketing, sales, medicine and more! The key is to excel in your area of focus and be a sponge for learning. Understand how your skills and experiences can fit into the broader ecosystem of sports.

## HOW DO YOU MEASURE PERSONAL SUCCESS?

Am I happy and energized by my work and life choices? Am I maintaining meaningful relationships? Am I helping others and continuing to learn and grow? If the answer is yes, then I know I'm doing okay.

## "PI BETA PHI HAS TAUGHT ME..."

The importance of collaboration and servant leadership. Through planning events and supporting my sisters, I developed skills in teamwork, communication and intuition I still use in my career today. Pi Beta Phi also gave me the confidence to take on leadership roles and the resilience to navigate challenges. It helped shape the way I approach life—professionally and personally—with integrity and purpose.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE AND WHY?

"Some people say, never let them see you cry. I say, if you're so mad you could just cry, then cry. It terrifies everyone." - Tina Fey, "Bossypants"

This quote celebrates emotional honesty and power. Vulnerability isn't a weakness. It's a strength and owning it can be liberating! ←



Ashlyn (front row, middle, in white shirt) with members of Oklahoma Beta during their safety seminar.

## Understanding Your Power

### *The Strength Within Women's Self-Defense*

**Content warning: The following content discusses themes of stalking and violence against women which may be triggering for some readers.**

Look over your shoulder. Change your routes. Carry a weapon. These are the internal instructions Oklahoma Alpha **ASHLYN DARTER** followed every single day while she was being stalked on her college campus for months.

Ashlyn, along with another Pi Phi sister who lived in the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter facility, was targeted and harassed online by a stranger—from incessant calls to messages revealing private information about her family. As the threats escalated, Ashlyn sought support from her father, a retired police officer, who advised her on how to respond and even kept surveillance of the chapter facility himself. It was later discovered Ashlyn and her sister were not the only victims—this man notoriously posed as a student to harass sorority women on multiple campuses. Though he had a warrant out for his arrest, their stalker eventually fled the campus. “That was the first moment I realized I was one of the lucky ones,” Ashlyn says.

Having grown up with a parent in law enforcement and a deeply-rooted interest in criminal justice, Ashlyn felt prepared to handle the situation despite her fear and safety concerns—but she knew that’s not the case for many women. Motivated to provide other women the same support she had, Ashlyn co-founded Operation Halo LLC in 2023, a platform designed to empower

young women with preventative safety training and situational awareness skills.

With online courses, self-defense seminars and more, Operation Halo’s platform equips young women with life-saving knowledge for a variety of scenarios. Co-founded alongside her father, Mike Darter, and law enforcement instructor Stanley Campbell, Ashlyn’s organization combines her personal experiences with credible safety expertise. Designed to ensure a comprehensive approach through a female lens, the curriculum was also developed with support from an advisory board of 12 women with expertise in psychology, victim’s advocacy, law, medicine and more.

In the beginning, leading Operation Halo posed challenges for Ashlyn, including burnout, imposter syndrome as a young CEO and difficulty speaking on heavy topics closely connected to her own experiences. Though Ashlyn learned self-defense from a young age and is currently pursuing a law degree, she still faces moments of insecurity and draws on her inner strength to overcome them. “I have to remind myself what I bring to the table and the drive I have to create this,” Ashlyn shares. Even in moments of doubt, Ashlyn’s vision for Operation Halo kept her anchored to her ultimate purpose: to teach young women how to protect themselves from harm.

“Many self-defense courses are taught by male instructors and framed from a male perspective, which can be intimidating,” she says. “I’m convinced it’s my purpose to bridge that gap.” Since founding Operation Halo, Ashlyn has led several in-person seminars, allowing her to witness the empowerment that comes from women learning how to harness their physical strength. “There’s always a switch that flips when women learn what they’re capable of,” she shares. “It’s like a secret weapon they never realized they had, and it gives them a better understanding of their power.”

Ashlyn is not only helping spread awareness among women and girls around the world, but also to her own Pi Phi sisters. Combining her passion for women’s self-defense with her love for our sisterhood, Ashlyn experienced a full-circle moment when she had the opportunity to lead New Members of the Oklahoma Beta Chapter through one of her self-defense seminars. Especially for young women new to campus life, Ashlyn reiterated the importance of situational awareness and demonstrated several survival tactics that could be used in dangerous scenarios—teaching her sisters not only how to use their strength, but how to use it strategically. “I think I gained just as much from that experience as they did,” she shares. “I explained how close in age I am to them and the experiences I’ve had, not to scare them, but to help them realize these things can happen to anyone.”

Though Ashlyn has already made an impact in the early years of Operation Halo, she continuously looks to advance her mission—from developing specialized training programs for women with disabilities to partnering with more Pi Phi chapters across North America. In her unwavering passion and pursuit of meaningful change, Ashlyn’s heart remains in the same place as it did from the beginning: ensuring women know they’re not alone. “If you have experienced any type of safety threat, know it is never your fault,” she says. “When you’re ready, there are resources to help you.” ←

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*There’s always a switch that flips when women learn what they’re capable of.*

## Ashlyn’s TOP 3 self-defense tips:

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Practice noticing every available exit—not just the one you entered through.

Limit distractions to tune all your senses into what is happening around you.

Rehearse setting and holding boundaries, raising the volume and firmness of your voice each time someone attempts to push past them.



## Pi Phis Making WAVES in World War II

On December 7, 1941, Pi Phis across North America listened in disbelief as news broke of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a moment President Franklin D. Roosevelt would call “a date which will live in infamy.” For many Pi Phis, this moment signaled a turning point, forever altering their futures and the roles they would play in a nation at war.

The editorial in the March 1942 issue of *The Arrow*, titled “Then Came War,” acknowledged the profound changes in collegiate and alumnae life. The author wrote, “We must accept the fact that such a war will demand of us all changes in the very fabric of our existence; we shall need a courage almost superhuman to bear what is to come.” Pi Phis across America responded to the December 7 attacks with resolve—volunteering with the Red Cross, studying to pursue nursing and, for many, answering the call to enlist in the U.S. Navy Women’s Reserve, known as WAVES.

Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) for the U.S. Navy Women’s Reserve was

established to free men for sea duty by having women fill shore-based roles such as clerical work, cryptography and weather forecasting. Iowa Gamma **ELEANOR BUTLER WHITE** was working in Chicago when she saw a poster for WAVES and decided to enlist, becoming one of 180 women selected from 14 Midwestern states.

In the March 1943 issue of *The Arrow*, Eleanor wrote an article recounting the adventures of Pi Phis who stepped forward to serve as WAVES. She described how while most left their Pi Phi badges at home, a few members wore them while not in uniform. Eleanor wrote that the Pi Phi WAVES housed at the Hotel Northampton in Massachusetts, gathered one afternoon in the lobby, “rivaling a convention discussion group, with eight different chapters represented.” According to her account, the conversation led to plans for their rendition of a Cookie Shine at a local tearoom a few weeks later, even inviting Northampton resident and former First Lady **GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE**, Vermont Beta. She graciously accepted,

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*We must accept the fact that such a war will demand of us all changes in the very fabric of our existence; we shall need a courage almost superhuman to bear what is to come.*

Back row, from left: Eleanor White, Jean McMurray and Ethel McCarthy. Front row, from left: Barbara Bassett, Frances Hennessey, Barbara Northern, Grace Coolidge, Jane Trowbridge and Jo Crook.



met with the WAVES and even posed for a photo. Eleanor recalled, “As you can see from the pictures, we were yet seamen when this picture was taken. All the girls now are full-fledged ‘Ensigns’ of the United States Naval Reserve.”

Throughout the war, many Pi Phis and young women continued to rise to the occasion by enlisting in WAVES and serving in the United States Navy—living out their values of servant leadership. In a time of global uncertainty, these women stepped into new roles with courage and conviction, contributing in meaningful ways to the nation’s war effort. Their service not only helped secure victory but also expanded opportunities for women in the armed forces, leaving a legacy of resilience, leadership and sisterhood that still endures today. ←

A 1943 recruitment poster for women to enlist in WAVES.



## *Some of the Pi Phi WAVES in WWII identified from the 1940s issues of The Arrow*

**ANNE ALLEN,**  
Iowa Gamma

**BARBARA BASSETT,**  
California Delta

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Montana Alpha

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Arkansas Alpha

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Oregon Beta

the places  
you'll go



# Publishing with Purpose

When a little girl is struggling with reading and writing, her Pi Phi mentor helps light the path toward a brighter future. As the two write letters back and forth, the little girl not only strengthens her literacy skills, but becomes inspired to write her own book someday—and to become a member of Pi Beta Phi. This is the story Missouri Gamma **ABBEY OLIVER** tells in her original children's book, "My Pi Phi Pal." Though told through the eyes of fictional characters—affectionately named Riley and Polly the Pi Phi—this is the real-life impact made through Missouri Gamma's literacy initiatives.

Abbey already had strong familial ties to Pi Phi and a foundational passion for literacy, stemming from her own experience with dyslexia, but becoming Vice President Community Relations during her freshman year inspired a deeper look into Missouri Gamma's philanthropic efforts—including a special pen pal program with a local elementary school.

During the pandemic, Missouri Gamma implemented a pen pal program with Disney Elementary as a thoughtful way to continue building connections and promoting literacy in the community. Despite the social distance, the bonds formed with students left an impact on every sister, and because the program was so well loved, Missouri Gamma has continued the pen pal tradition to this day. "I loved getting to know the kids through their writing and seeing how they learned—from the colors they would use to the pictures they would draw," Abbey shares.

When tasked with a project to create her own publication for a small press publishing course, Abbey knew she wanted to highlight her connection to Disney Elementary students. Tapping into her imaginative side and mimicking childlike illustrations throughout, her children's book, "My Pi Phi Pal", tells the story of how even one sister has the power to make a real difference. Drawing from her experience living Pi Phi's values, and remembering her early struggles with dyslexia, this project filled Abbey's cup in more ways than one. "Pi Phi holds such a deep part of me," she says. "Expressing that connection to our sisterhood and my own childhood was truly fulfilling."

When creating "My Pi Phi Pal," Abbey envisioned the book as more than just a class project, but rather a special way for the entire chapter to showcase Missouri Gamma's sisterhood during recruitment. "It's a great conversation starter for our sisters," Abbey says.

"Talking about the book shows Potential New Members our local impact and highlights our chapter's passions." With growing interest in her book, she eventually expanded the idea by creating custom T-shirts for her chapter.

Featuring original drawings from students at Disney Elementary, the T-shirts have fostered an even stronger connection between not only the school and chapter members, but also with local alumnae. What began as a small order quickly grew as New Members and Advisors asked for shirts of their own, prompting Abbey to place larger orders—with some alumnae purchasing shirts for their own children.

Between the lines of "My Pi Phi Pal," Abbey also found a greater sense of purpose and vision for her future—building lifelong skills while strengthening Missouri Gamma's sisterhood. "This book allowed me to create something meaningful and tell a real story, which is something I will take with me forever," she reflects. "I hope to continue sharing this experience to inspire future Pi Phis to have a one-on-one impact with students in their local community."

Just as "My Pi Phi Pal" will remain a cherished piece of Missouri Gamma's history, Pi Phi sisterhood continues to shape the unfolding chapters of Abbey's own journey. "It was scary to step into leadership my first year as a member, but I know I was placed in that position for a reason," she shares. "I can see the growth I've had over the years, and it's all because of Pi Phi and the sisters who have pushed me to be who I wanted to be." Whether it be Polly the Pi Phi inspiring Riley, or Missouri Gamma empowering Abbey to find her voice, Abbey's story is a testament to Pi Phi's power in helping sisters find their purpose. ←

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# IN SERVICE

## *and Sisterhood*

**IN EVERY  
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Whether on the front lines, in command posts or supporting fellow service members from afar, these sisters have led with courage, resilience and conviction. As we celebrate these Pi Phis, we recognize their strength, dedication and the sisterhood that has uplifted them through challenge and change. Their stories remind us of what it means to be a leader and to live the values of Pi Beta Phi, in and out of uniform.



Pennsylvania Theta **KATIE CONTENTO** is a search and rescue helicopter pilot for the U.S. Coast Guard.

From the Editorial Board: This feature does not reflect the full scope of Pi Phi who have served or supported the United States and Canadian militaries and is shared in recognition and appreciation of all members of our sisterhood with military connections. This piece was developed prior to current global events and is intended as a reflection centered on the individuals featured and the connections that shape their experiences.

**M**ajor General Trudy Hartzell Clark served 33 years in the U.S. Air Force, rising through the ranks as a communications operations and maintenance officer in assignments that supported senior military and national leadership. Her career spanned every level of leadership, from directing a branch to commanding a squadron and group, to serving as the Air Force Deputy Chief Information Officer. She held high-profile assignments at the White House Communications Agency, became the first woman Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and broke barriers as the first woman commandant of a professional

military education program. She also served for almost a year as acting commander of a Defense agency.

Trudy entered the Air Force in 1973, at a time when opportunities for women in uniform were limited. The first class of women pilots had not yet been commissioned. In officer training, men were issued fatigues and ran the obstacle course, while women attended makeup and wig sessions. Throughout her career, she encountered both overt and subtle barriers, from possibly being overlooked for assignments to having her qualifications questioned and leadership underestimated. But Trudy met those challenges with preparation and hard work. “I always had a plan B if plan A didn’t work,” she says. “And I knew they couldn’t argue with data.”

As she advanced, Trudy embraced a leadership philosophy rooted in servant leadership. “As you rise in rank, you have an opportunity to remove obstacles that prevent people from meeting their goals,” she explains. “You can see more of the playing field. That’s a responsibility.” Trudy notes that in the military, leaders are assigned, not chosen—but effective leaders cultivate respect and empower their teams.

One day from Trudy’s military service stands apart. On September 11, 2001, Trudy was a one-star general stationed at Strategic Command. She was preparing for a change of station move when she received a call ordering her to report immediately to the Command Post. As the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center unfolded, the scope of the

crisis became clear: the nation was under assault.

Soon, it was evident President George W. Bush and Air Force One would be heading Trudy’s way. In that moment of uncertainty and national vulnerability, communication was paramount. Trudy drew upon her prior assignment with the White House Communications Agency, the organization responsible for providing secure, worldwide communications to the President. She stepped up, understanding the technical requirements, vulnerabilities and urgency of the moment. “I was in the right place, at the right time, with the right experience,” Trudy says. Her career had prepared her for exactly that kind of situation.

While her military career defined decades of professional accomplishment, Trudy’s connection to Pi Phi has remained a steady force in her personal life. After transferring to the University of Maryland as a junior, she found herself without an immediate community. A chance friendship with a Pi Phi led her to the Maryland Beta Chapter, where she found a group of women whose values mirrored her own: commitment to academics, campus engagement and principled living.

No matter where the military sent her, Trudy says she always felt the support and Sincere Friendship of Maryland Beta sisters **MARY RAKOW TANNER** and **LURA POWELL KING**. Today, she continues to give back to Pi Phi, volunteering with Pi Beta Phi Foundation for more than a decade and serving on D.C. Alpha’s Alumnae Advisory Committee.

# MAJOR GENERAL TRUDY HARTZELL CLARK

*Maryland Beta*



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Emma Graves' decision to enlist in the U.S. Army began with a "quarter-life crisis" and a YouTube video featuring one of the first women to graduate from Ranger School. Feeling inspired, Emma enlisted the next day, walking into the recruiter's office in a Pi Phi jersey. She quickly proved herself and after completing Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at

Fort Sill, Oklahoma, she became the first and only soldier in her Military Occupational Specialty school to graduate with a perfect GPA.

Emma served nearly seven years as a 14H, an Air Defense Enhanced Early Warning Systems Operator, working with the Patriot Missile System to detect incoming missile threats. She was then stationed at Osan Air Base in South Korea and later at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, serving almost her entire career overseas.

Beyond her technical role, Emma sought opportunities to serve in broader ways. With a background in psychology and crisis counseling, she supported mental health initiatives within her units, helped organize social services programs for soldiers and worked to ensure those lost to suicide were remembered. Her advocacy stemmed in part from her own negative experiences in the Army.

Because she never fit the mold of a "typical" soldier, Emma became proof that no single story defines military

service. In 2021, she was invited to help share that message through a national Army recruiting campaign designed to challenge stereotypes about who wears the uniform. The campaign included her family story—being raised by same-sex parents—and the public response was overwhelming and cruel. "It derailed everything—I thought my life was over," Emma says. Her family was doxed, and she received terrifying threats—a period she calls one of the darkest times of her life.

Rather than diminishing her sense of purpose, the backlash clarified it. She emerged determined to support veterans and military families. "It made me more of an advocate for the military community—reminding civilian folks we are people who deserve to be treated with kindness," Emma says.

# EMMA MALONELORD GRAVES

*california theta*

UNITED STATES ARMY



*Read Emma's full story on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/emma](https://pibetaphi.org/emma).*

Emma with her family.





Christina during her promotion ceremony.

# CHRISTINA LOWRY

*virginia theta*

UNITED STATES ARMY

When Christina Lowry accepted a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship at Washington & Lee University, she envisioned a few years of service and an opportunity to see the world. More than a decade later, she is still serving, now as Chief of Military Justice for U.S. Army Japan.

Commissioned in 2014, Christina began her career as a Chemical Corps officer, training units to respond to chemical, biological and nuclear threats. Although she was initially assigned to an aviation unit, as a non-pilot, it was unusual to have the opportunity to fly. Over the years, however, she earned rare opportunities to ride in OH-58 Kiowa, CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, soaring above German forests, the Korean countryside, Tokyo and circling the Statue of Liberty.

In 2017, she was selected for a highly competitive program that sent her to law school, transitioning her into the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. Today, she serves as the command's military justice advisor and lead prosecutor for soldiers court-martialed in Japan.

Her path to JAG was shaped in part by difficult early experiences. A senior officer once told her, "No one will respect your leadership as a woman, because your men will all want to sleep with you." In another instance, when she attempted to report harassment, she was dismissed and told to "stop having such a victim complex." The experiences nearly drove her to leave the Army. Instead, they drove her forward. "As a JAG, I'm in a much better position to help victims get justice and advise leaders on eliminating abuse in their ranks," Christina says.

Throughout years of moves and assignments across nine states and four countries, Christina has carried the confidence she gained as a member of Virginia Theta. "As a tomboy, college was one of the few times in my life I was surrounded by a large group of women," she says. "Thanks to my Pi Phi sisters, I learned to embrace femininity." Today, a bright pink Pi Phi mug sits on her desk, alongside a poster with a "Legally Blonde" quote. "Despite what some bad actors in the Army may say, womanhood is not a weakness," Christina says.



## WOMANHOOD IS NOT A WEAKNESS

Linda Murphy Marshall spent decades in public service as a foreign language and intelligence analyst, supporting national policymakers and diplomatic, intelligence and national security leaders—often in dangerous, high-stakes environments few will ever understand or know about.

After earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Denver—including a year studying abroad at the University of Madrid—and completing both a master's degree and doctorate at St. Louis University, Linda built a 30-year career as a language and intelligence analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense. A gifted linguist, she worked in 15 languages,

# LINDA MURPHY MARSHALL

*colorado beta*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**



including Spanish, Portuguese, French, as well as several languages spoken in Africa, such as Swahili, Shona, Amharic and the click languages of Xhosa and Sotho.

Much of her work was largely classified. She analyzed foreign-language sources to uncover critical intelligence, identifying information relevant to U.S. officials, policymakers, military and diplomatic leaders and counter-terrorism experts. Often, she was the only person at the agency—or in the intelligence community—who understood a particular language. That meant she alone had to defend her findings and analyses in a clear, factual manner. “You’re contributing a piece of the puzzle,” Linda says. “It may be an important piece, but rarely is it the whole story. You have to collaborate, but you also have to lead.”

Her assignments frequently took her overseas, particularly to Africa. She was sent to Zambia during a violent coup attempt, to the Democratic Republic of Congo during wartime, to South Africa shortly after the end of apartheid and to Ethiopia on a special mission. She traveled to Kenya following the 1998 Al-Qaeda bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. On another occasion, she accompanied former President George W. Bush to Tanzania as a Swahili linguist on the Presidential Executive Protection Team.

Those experiences required both intellectual precision and personal resilience. During moments of unrest in a foreign country, Linda often relied solely on her own instincts, language skills, cultural awareness and training to remain safe. “I had to think and act quickly to avoid danger,” she says, recalling moments when she was operating alone in volatile areas of the world.

One moment remains especially vivid. After the embassy bombing in Nairobi, Linda, part of an interagency team investigating the attack, walked alone through the devastated building. Ever mindful of the potential for further terrorist activity in the area, she also felt the weight of the devastation surrounding her. “I saw blood on the walls, gaping holes where windows had been blown out, desks and tools of the trade that were destroyed,” Linda says. “I was overcome with emotion. These were real people—colleagues—who lost their lives doing their professional best.” At her agency, a memorial honors those American intelligence professionals who died in service with the words: They served in silence. The phrase resonates deeply with Linda. “Few people will ever know what we did, what crises we helped avert and the difference we all made,” she says.

Linda acknowledges that while her professional path in the Department of Defense was deeply rewarding, it was not without challenges. Early in her tenure, advancement often meant pursuing a management track—something not aligned with her passion for the hands-on application of her language skills. She remained committed to her craft as the workplace evolved to recognize technical expertise as equally valuable—and in some critical areas, more essential—than management roles.

As a woman in what was then a male-dominated, military-oriented space, she also navigated assumptions about her role. “For many years, people assumed women in my generation were in clerical positions,” she says. “Part of the reason I wrote my memoir was to set the record straight.” In 2022, she published “Ivy Lodge: A Memoir of Language and Discovery,” followed by “Immersion: A Linguist’s



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Memoir” in 2024, chronicling her career across continents and cultures.

Linda continued expanding her understanding of African languages and cultures while working as a research scientist at the University of Maryland’s Center of Advanced Study of Language from 2009 to 2013. Today, she serves as an associate at the National Museum of Language and works as a docent

at the Library of Congress. After four months of intensive training, she leads tours (in Spanish and occasionally Swahili), works with visiting dignitaries and guides guests through special exhibitions. “It’s like a museum, a library and a historical monument all rolled into one,” she says. “There’s always something to learn.” She also assists researchers at the Library’s American Folklife Center with African language research.

Through reunions, weekly Zoom calls and decades of friendship, Linda’s Colorado Beta sisters continue to walk beside her through it all. “We’ve supported each other in good times and in bad,” Linda says. “These are the women who know me, support me and are there for me, just like sisters.”

## CHRIS GIZA *kansas beta*

### UNITED STATES NAVY

**R**aised overseas by a U.S. Army veteran and parents who later worked for the U.S. Department of State, Chris Giza grew up immersed in service. After graduating from Kansas State University, she answered that same call—becoming one of the first women to attend Navy pilot training, ultimately serving more than 20 years as a Naval Aviator before retiring.

One of her most cherished moments came at her “winging” ceremony, when her father pinned on her gold Navy wings. It marked the beginning of what she calls her true calling. “There was never a day I couldn’t wait to get in the airplane and discover whatever adventure life would hold for me that day,” Chris says.



*Read Chris' full story*

on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/chris](http://pibetaphi.org/chris).

Laurel Klinge's military career began with a letter. When she received a memo from the United States Military Academy at West Point in high school, she was intrigued—enough to research, ask questions and ultimately pursue a path not as common for women at the time. Laurel became a member of the ninth class of

women to attend a U.S. service academy. “Many men still didn’t think women had a place in the military,” she says. “We had to be very determined, work hard and never quit.”

A 1988 graduate of West Point, Laurel commissioned as an Army officer and spent nearly 11 years on active duty before retiring. Her assignments took her across the United States and overseas, including four-and-a-half years in Germany and time in Hawaii. She was deployed during Operation Desert Storm, leading convoy operations as a truck platoon leader and earning the distinction of combat veteran. Laurel also completed Airborne School—becoming qualified to jump from airplanes—Jungle Warfare School and Inspector General School, embracing each opportunity to expand her skillset.

Twice selected for company command, Laurel found fulfillment in building strong, cohesive teams. As a commander of a transportation company in Germany supporting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, she fostered a culture where soldiers felt empowered and valued. Under her leadership, the unit was recognized as the best transportation company in the Army. “My strength is making each team member feel valuable,” she says. “It’s important to let every member participate and contribute, so they can learn and lead in the future.”

In 1997, Laurel was initiated into Missouri Gamma as an alumna, continuing a proud, multigenerational Pi Phi legacy.



*Read Laurel's full story on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/laurel](http://pibetaphi.org/laurel).*

# LAUREL KLINGE

*missouri gamma*

UNITED STATES ARMY

From left: Laurel, her husband and friend in Germany.



# KATIE CONTENTO

*pennsylvania theta*

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

After working as an engineer for more than five years, Katie Contento felt called to serve. She joined the U.S. Coast Guard and now serves as an active-duty maritime search and rescue helicopter pilot stationed in Kodiak, Alaska, flying the MH-60T Jayhawk.

In one of the Coast Guard's most demanding environments, Katie and her team respond to emergencies where coordination, precision and trust are critical. "Every crew member has a role to play in ensuring the rescue is conducted safely and survivors get the care they need," Katie says. "It's inspiring to be part of such a professional, humble crew."

This summer, Katie will begin training at the prestigious U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Maryland.



*Read Katie's  
full story*  
on the Pi Phi website at  
[pibetaphi.org/katie](http://pibetaphi.org/katie).



From left: Katie's husband and Katie following a Coast Guard flight.

# MAJOR MADELEINE TERRY VINTICINQUE

*oregon alpha*

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



Leadership, for Major Madeleine Vinticinque, has less to do with rank or title, and everything to do with service and lifting others up. “Long before I ever wore a uniform, Pi Phi taught me how to be a leader,” she says. “The Air Force gave me the opportunity to live that lesson every day. For that, I will always be grateful.” Over the past six years, Madeleine has worked as a prosecutor, defense attorney and executive officer. Today, she leads professional development efforts for the Air Force’s legal force worldwide as Chief of Education and Training for the JAG Corps at the Pentagon.

Serving as Vice President Philanthropy as a collegian helped her discover a love of mentorship and servant leadership. This strong foundation carried her through cross-country moves, new responsibilities and moments of doubt. “Early in my career, a male supervisor told me I needed to change my personality to be ‘more Air Force,’” Madeleine says. “What changed everything was finding strong female mentors who showed me I did not have to be less myself to succeed. I learned how to speak with confidence, authenticity and femininity while still excelling.”

Now, Madeleine models that same sense of courage for younger officers, encouraging them to trust their voices and speak up. “Integrity is not about rank or comfort,” she says. “It’s about doing what’s right, even when it’s uncomfortable. Pi Phi prepared me for that.”



*Read Madeleine's full story on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/madeleine](http://pibetaphi.org/madeleine).*

## WOMEN CONTINUE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MILITARY SERVICE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA.

As of 2024, women make up **17.9%** of the U.S. active-duty military

and **16.3%** of Canada's Regular Force, with both countries working to grow that representation.

Today, more than **2.1m** women veterans live in the United States, a number that continues to rise.

*Sources: U.S. Department of Defense's 2024 demographics report; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Canadian Armed Forces 2024.*

Once representing just 4% of the veteran population in 2000,

women are projected to make up **18%** by 2040, making them the fastest-growing group within the veteran community.

# JESSICA COX PEÑA

UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE

*mississippi  
gamma*

After graduating from Mississippi State University, Jessica Peña enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, following in the footsteps of her parents, both U.S. Army officers. Over the next eight years, she served as an MQ-9 Sensor Operator, flying remotely piloted aircraft in high-stakes environments.

Early in her career, Jessica's crew provided overwatch for 20 U.S. soldiers during a clearing operation in contested territory. "I knew in that moment the gravity of my job and my purpose," she says. When the Ground Force Commander personally called the next day to thank her crew, the weight of that responsibility became even clearer.

Now serving in the Air Force Reserves while living in Japan, Jessica is pursuing a master's degree in organizational and industrial psychology, inspired by her experience in Special Operations units.



*Read Jessica's  
full story*  
on the Pi Phi website at  
[pibetaphi.org/jessica](http://pibetaphi.org/jessica).



# SANDRA *florida delta* SIMONS BAXTER

UNITED STATES NAVY



Thirteen years ago, Sandra Baxter joined the U.S. Navy to combine her passion for healthcare with a desire to serve. Today, she's a Patient Administration Officer in the Navy Reserve and Assistant Director for Administration at Expeditionary Medical Facility Camp Pendleton, California, where she oversees administrative and patient operations for a 450-person command and Role 3 field hospital. Her team can build and fully staff a deployable hospital—from tents and Conex boxes—in just 72 hours.

Sandra also volunteers with the Navy Funeral Honor Guard and has rendered final honors at more than 800 services. Among those, one funeral remains etched in her memory. Serving as Officer in Charge for the funeral of a Navy SEAL, she watched as each SEAL in attendance pressed their SEAL Trident insignia into the coffin—an act symbolizing enduring brotherhood. "I've never felt so moved or appreciative of the sacrifices our military makes every day," she says.

Sandra has navigated the challenges of serving as a working mother and formal dual-military spouse with resilience. Through it all, she leads with conviction and courage, values she strengthened as a member of Florida Delta. "Pi Phi taught me how to stand up for my beliefs and voice my opinion, even if it's not popular," Sandra says.



Read Sandra's full story on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/sandra](http://pibetaphi.org/sandra).



# LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAWN DESHEFY *california omicron*

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Dawn Deshefy built her U.S. Air Force Reserve career from the ground up, beginning as an enlisted aircraft electrician and rising to senior leadership over nearly three decades of service.

While balancing full-time work and college courses, Dawn joined the Air Force Reserve to help fund her education. She started maintaining C-141 aircraft before

transitioning into education and training roles and, after earning her degree, she was commissioned as an officer in 1989. She went on to serve as Squadron and Group Executive Officer and later led the Commander's Action Group at March Air Reserve Base until retiring in 2017.

Activated in support of Desert Storm in 1991, Dawn traveled to Japan, the Philippines, Thailand

and Diego Garcia. She also spent years mentoring prospective cadets and families as an Admissions Liaison Officer for the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Read Dawn's full story on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/dawn](http://pibetaphi.org/dawn).



# COLONEL DEANNA KETTERER

*tennessee gamma*

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

Colonel DeAnna's Ketterer's nearly 30-year U.S. Air Force career began when she decided she wanted to stop learning how to build planes and start learning how to fly them instead. After joining ROTC as a collegian, she earned her wings and went on to fly C-5 aircraft out of California and Learjets and 737s in Germany, later holding leadership roles at the Pentagon and Air Force Reserve Headquarters. Now retired, she continues her aviation career as a pilot for United Airlines.

One of her proudest moments came while flying a C-5 filled with Army troops returning from deployment. To get them home to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in time for Thanksgiving, DeAnna executed an inflight refueling—taking on 11,000 gallons of fuel from a tanker aircraft midair, one of the most challenging maneuvers a pilot performs. “The collective pride of the entire crew radiated around the flight deck,” she says. “We knew we were getting them home on time.”



*Read DeAnna's full story*

on the Pi Phi website at [pibetaphi.org/deanna](http://pibetaphi.org/deanna).

**WHILE SPACE ALLOWS ONLY FOR A GLIMPSE INTO THESE MEMBERS' EXPERIENCES, YOU CAN EXPLORE SOME MEMBERS' FULL STORIES—AND MORE EXAMPLES OF PI PHIS WITH MILITARY TIES—ON THE PI BETA PHI BLOG. ←**



From left: Jen and her dad, Colonel John “Buck” Mandeville, in Pendjari National Park, Benin.

## Leave it Better

Virginia Theta **JEN MANDEVILLE** serves Pi Beta Phi as Director Community Relations. As a longtime volunteer, Jen has contributed to Pi Phi in a variety of roles over the years. Influenced by her father’s military service and her own time in the Peace Corps, she brings a global perspective to leadership guided by service, collaboration and drive to create lasting, positive change.

### **YOUR FATHER SERVED IN THE ARMY. HOW DID GROWING UP IN A MILITARY FAMILY SHAPE YOUR WORLDVIEW?**

Moving frequently as part of a military family was one of the best parts of my childhood. I loved experiencing different countries and cultures. It taught me to be adaptable, open-minded and able to connect easily with new people. Those experiences helped me become comfortable with change, taught me to stay curious and gave me a global outlook that still shapes how I approach life and work. Most of all, it helped me see how connected people are, and gave me a deep appreciation for finding common ground wherever I am.

### **YOU LATER SERVED IN THE PEACE CORPS. WHAT LED YOU TO PURSUE THAT PATH?**

Growing up immersed in different cultures shaped my curiosity about the world and created a desire to serve others. Before graduate school, I wanted an opportunity to give back while deepening my awareness of the environmental challenges communities face globally. I served in Benin, a small country in West Africa, as an environmental volunteer,

where I learned as much from my community as I hope I gave in return.

### **WHAT LESSONS DID YOU TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR TIME IN BENIN?**

I saw firsthand the importance of women’s empowerment—how investing in women can transform entire communities. I also came to appreciate the power of local, community-led solutions. The most sustainable progress always started within the community itself. Education was central to this. I watched mothers and children go to great lengths to attend school, showing how deeply they valued literacy and learning.

### **HOW DID YOUR FAMILY’S MILITARY BACKGROUND AND YOUR PEACE CORPS SERVICE INFLUENCE YOUR APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP?**

Both experiences shaped my understanding of leadership as an act of service. In the Peace Corps, I learned the best leaders don’t just give directions—they listen, collaborate and work alongside others. I try to carry that forward, whether I’m mentoring

new volunteers, sharing lessons I've learned or helping improve systems for future leaders. For me, leadership is about making things better for the people who come after you, not just accomplishing tasks yourself.

### WHAT DOES PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE TO OTHERS MEAN TO YOU?

It means having a service-oriented mindset—decentering yourself and working to make a meaningful impact for others. It's about leaving things better than you found them. That mindset has shaped my career in ecology and planetary health, where I focus on how changes to Earth's systems affect both ecosystems and human health, particularly for the most vulnerable communities. I hope my work contributes to a future where people and the planet can thrive, just as I hope my volunteer efforts help ensure a thriving future for our Fraternity.

### HOW HAS PI PHI HELPED YOU NAVIGATE LIFE TRANSITIONS?

Pi Phi has been one of the most consistent communities in my life. I moved schools every year from fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, so I never had a hometown community—and I've relocated a lot as an adult. Through it all, Pi Phi has always been there. Volunteering keeps me connected to our sisterhood, even when I'm in an area with fewer Pi Phis. Knowing I have Pi Phi in my life makes moving easier and reminds me I'm part of a massive network, no matter where I am.

### WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO STAY INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER?

I love staying involved with Pi Phi because it allows me to give back to a sisterhood that's given me so much. In many ways, it mirrors my Peace Corps experience—it's helped me see Pi Phi from a much broader perspective than just my collegiate chapter. Building friendships with sisters across generations is also incredibly rewarding.

### HOW HAS VOLUNTEERING WITH PI PHI HELPED YOU GROW PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY?

Volunteering has been a supportive space to grow my leadership and change management skills. I've had opportunities to take on new responsibilities and lead projects, always knowing I had the support of sisters. I've become a better collaborator, improved my ability to communicate across different perspectives, strengthened my skills in team building and have been pushed to take on challenges I might not have otherwise. ←

When you volunteer for Pi Phi, you're not just giving back—you're gaining skills, confidence and connections that last a lifetime. No matter how much time you have available to give, there's a meaningful way to make an impact. Discover how you can get involved at [pibetaphi.org/volunteer](https://pibetaphi.org/volunteer) or scan the QR code. →



Above: Jen (back row, third from left) and her Virginia Theta sisters during Bid Day 1996.

Below: Jen with a youth soccer team she sponsored in her village in the Atacora region of Benin. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, she supported girls in forming soccer teams that promoted community development, health education and women's empowerment, partnering with local leaders during weekly sessions to teach HIV/AIDS prevention, malaria awareness, entrepreneurship and leadership.

## Reinvesting in Pi Phi

After years focused on building her career and raising a family, Oregon Gamma **BARBRA BOYEN LITRELL** found herself ready to reconnect—with Pi Phi and with a part of herself that had quietly waited in the wings. A conversation at a Pi Beta Phi Foundation event rekindled her bond with Pi Phi's sisterhood and opened the door to a new role. Today, Barbra serves on the Pi Beta Phi Foundation Finance Committee, bringing her professional expertise full circle in support of the organization that shaped her.

For more than 25 years, Barbra has thrived in a dynamic, fast-paced career at Nike, where she currently works on the Finance Workforce Planning Team. But long before she was managing billion-dollar budgets and contributing to global investment planning, Barbra was learning how to lead within the walls of the Oregon Gamma Chapter facility.

"Pi Phi shaped my college experience," she says. "I stepped into leadership opportunities early on, first as treasurer (now Vice President Finance/Housing). That was one of my first chances to work with finances, and it helped me understand how to run what felt like a mini business." Later, she served as Chapter President, a role she credits with helping her grow in confidence and character.

After graduating from Willamette University, Barbra continued her Pi Phi leadership journey as a traveling consultant, offering financial support to chapters across the country. "I loved rolling up my sleeves and helping them figure out their budgets and find the best path forward," she says. "That experience ended up being a great stepping stone into my professional career." Following her consultant experience, Barbra served Oregon Gamma in several Alumnae Advisory Committee roles and volunteered as a Collegiate Regional Risk Management/Policy Specialist.

Members of Barbra's consultant class gather at Convention 1997 in Atlanta, Georgia. Back row, from left: Virginia Eta **SHEILA MCKENNA BINDON**, Oregon Alpha **KATIE MATSON REGELIN**, California Zeta **ERICA WOOD GANZ**, Virginia Zeta **AMY DAILEY**, Iowa Zeta **KRISTIN LOUPEE BECKMAN** and Nebraska Beta **ANNIE JONES MAGNUSSON**. Front row, from left: Iowa Gamma **ERIN WALTER JORDAN**, Florida Delta **TILLIE GALAN BORCHERS**, California Beta **KATRINA KUEHN ONDERDONK** and Barbra.



In the years that followed, Barbra's life filled with new responsibilities and priorities. Between a growing career and raising children, she made the decision to step away from her volunteer service. "Pi Phi was always in the back of my mind, but at that stage in life, I had to prioritize," she says. "I always knew this sisterhood would be there for me again when the time was right."

That moment came in 2023 when Barbra attended a Foundation event in Portland, Oregon. There, she reconnected with Pi Phi friends and mentors, including then Grand Vice President Fraternity Growth, now Grand President **JENN PLAGMAN-GALVIN**, who served as Barbra's supervisor during her time as a consultant. "It felt like a full-circle moment," she says. "Talking with Pi Phis I hadn't seen in years reminded me how special this organization is. I decided it was the right time to step back into the fold."

With her daughter entering college and preparing for recruitment, Barbra considered how she wanted to engage with Pi Phi as an alumna. While volunteering at the chapter level didn't feel like the right fit at that time, her professional expertise led her to the Foundation Finance Committee, which she joined as the new fiscal year began in July 2025.

In her first few months as a volunteer, Barbra jumped right in, supporting the Foundation's work on the annual budget, external audit and tax documents. "The content was familiar from my corporate experience, but learning how it all comes together for the Foundation has been so interesting," she says. "I didn't realize how far-reaching the Foundation's work really is—chapter housing support, scholarships, literacy initiatives. There's so much going on behind the scenes."

Barbra's renewed Pi Phi connection didn't stop with her time or talent. She also gives back financially, leveraging Nike's Give Your Best program to maximize her impact. Through the program, Nike matches employees' charitable donations and contributes additional funds for each hour of volunteer work they log.

"For every hour I volunteer, I log it, and Nike donates \$10 to the organization of my choice," Barbra says. "If the time is spent volunteering for Pi Phi, I direct those dollars to Pi Phi, in addition to the monetary donations I make. It's very easy to do, and it feels like reinvesting in the organization that gave me so much."

She encourages other sisters to find opportunities to do the same. "Oftentimes, people donate to organizations they aren't personally connected to," she says. "But for me, this is personal. Pi Phi has meant so much to me throughout my life. Giving back is a way to make sure other women get to have the same experience."

Today, Barbra is excited about what lies ahead, not only in her personal journey, but for the future of Pi Phi. "Women today are so empowered and inspiring," she says. "When I look at my daughter and her peers, I see so much potential. Pi Phi continues to evolve and support women throughout their lives. It's a foundation everyone can take with them into the world to make it a better place." ←

From left: Oregon Alpha **KERRY BOYEN SWENSON** and Barbra.



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# ALUMNAE news



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## ALABAMA

**1. Alabama Gamma Alumna MOLLY WICKSTROM** recently published her new children's book, "Blair Finds the Beat," a heartwarming story celebrating friendship, perseverance and inclusion. Inspired by Molly's niece, Blair, this book is written for both children and caregivers alike to teach the importance of embracing differences.

## ARIZONA

**2. Arrowhead West-Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club**  
In November 2025, 30 members of the Arrowhead West-Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. From Fraternity awards and grants to community service, the club has left a lasting impact on our sisterhood and continues to

do so through their dedication to friendship and giving back.

**3. Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club**  
The Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club recently baked and delivered fresh cookies to residents at Hospice of the Valley. Coordinated by Arizona Alpha **LIN SUE FLOOD**, members were grateful for the opportunity to offer a small gesture of kindness and compassion to those receiving end-of-life care in the community.

## CALIFORNIA

**4. Long Beach, California, Alumnae Club**  
The Long Beach, California, Alumnae Club hosted a tour of the Long Beach Airport for members and their families, hosted by Alumnae Club President **GABRIELLA TUTSON**,

New York Eta, and Airport Advisory Commissioner **MARVA DICKSON THOMAS**, California Zeta. Tour attendees had the opportunity to learn about the airport's importance during World War II and the historic 1941 terminal.

## INDIANA

**5. Indiana Zeta Alumna**  
Award-winning meteorologist at NBC10 Boston, **PAMELA GARDNER** appeared on the Today Show to surprise weather presenter Al Roker on his 30<sup>th</sup> "Aliversary." A group of NBC meteorologists from across the United States, including Pamela, planned the surprise and pulled off the difficult task of meeting on set in New York City after a record-breaking winter storm.



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**IOWA**

**6. Iowa Gamma Alumnae**

In August 2025, Iowa Gamma sisters gathered in Spokane, Washington, to celebrate six decades of sisterhood. An annual tradition, these sisters meet for a reunion to reminisce on their friendship over the years and celebrate one another's growth. Though the destinations are new—from gatherings in the Appalachians to trips in Cape Cod—the bonds they formed 60 years ago have endured.

**KANSAS**

**Kansas Alpha Alumna**

**AMY MARTIN BARICKMAN** recently published her book, "Love You to Pieces: A Gift of Friendship." Inspired by the ways our sisterhood has impacted her life, this

book highlights the power of friendship through heartfelt messages and charming imagery, celebrating the bonds that lift, support and shape us.

**LOUISIANA**

**7. Louisiana Beta Alumna**

After moving back home to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, due to her mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, **PEGGY SWEENEY-MCDONALD** detailed her journey in her new memoir, "Life in the A-Zone: How I Embraced My Mother's Alzheimer's, One Pink Cloud Moment at a Time." This memoir is a heartfelt story sharing Peggy's moments of love, loss and caregiving.

**1. Alabama Gamma MOLLY WICKSTROM** with a copy of "Blair Finds the Beat."

**2. Arrowhead West-Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club members** gather for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**3. Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club members** baking cookies to deliver to Hospice of the Valley. From left: Ohio Zeta **KIM OBRIEN**, Wyoming Alpha **CONNIE ASHMORE BREZIK**, Ohio Epsilon **JULIE PAL MOWKA**, California Lambda **DIANELLE MEIS AMIN**, Arizona Alpha **LIN SUE FLOOD**, Arizona Gamma **WENDY OWENS**, Arizona Alpha **LISA ASHMORE GOOS**, Arizona Gamma **KYRA JOHNSON** and Arizona Alpha **MACI MCMEEL**.

**4. Long Beach, California, Alumnae Club members** and their families at the Long Beach Airport.

**5. From left: Indiana Zeta PAMELA GARDNER** and **AI** after surprising him for his 30<sup>th</sup> "Aliversary."

**6. Iowa Gamma sisters** celebrating six decades of sisterhood in Spokane, Washington.

**7. Louisiana Beta PEGGY SWEENEY-MCDONALD** with her book, "Life in the A-Zone."



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1. Members from Minnesota Alpha and the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Alumnae Club participate in the dyslexia workshop.

2. Members gather for a “Pi Phis in Politics” pop-up event.

3. Missouri Alpha **NATALIE HOFFMAN PFOST** (seated, second from left) celebrates her 71<sup>st</sup> year as a Pi Phi alongside her Missouri Alpha sisters.

4. From left: Missouri Alpha **LINDA WETZEL SHANTZ**, Mississippi Beta **NATALIE STRANCZEK**, West Virginia Alpha **MICHELLE KERR**, Missouri Gamma **KAREN DIESING WHITE** and Oklahoma Alpha **PERI HICKMAN PEPMEULLER** at the Missouri Alpha Chapter facility.

5. Chattanooga, Tennessee, Alumnae Club members gather for their Angel Swap and Sister Social.

6. From left: Iowa Zeta **JANE BURROWS OOMS**, Arizona Alpha **MINDY PENDLETON ADAMSON**, Indiana Gamma **KATHERINE SOTO SHANNON**, Arizona Beta **MARJORIE ELLIS MANNING**, Mississippi Beta **NANCY MARTIN TICE**, Tennessee Gamma **MAGGIE YOUNG LUCY**, Tennessee Delta **CATHYE ADELMAN HANCOCK**, California Epsilon **JANICE ASHTON** and Colorado Alpha **DAWNIELLE KELLEY** in front of the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee.

## MINNESOTA

### 1. Minneapolis, Minnesota, Alumnae Club

The Minneapolis, Minnesota, Alumnae Club recently hosted a dyslexia simulation workshop in collaboration with the Minnesota Alpha Chapter, curated and moderated by Ohio Eta **WENDY PALK LUNDSGAARD**. With strong support from the chapter, the event created an impactful, hands-on experience that gave participants a deeper understanding of the daily challenges faced by individuals with dyslexia.

## MISSISSIPPI

### 2. Mississippi Beta Alumnae

Grand Vice President Member Experience **MOLLY HARRIS-STEVENS** coordinated a new pop-up, “Pi Phis in Politics,” emailing nearly 200 members working in the federal government to get together. With nearly 35 members in attendance, representing more than 25 chapters, these sisters had a great evening together.

## MISSOURI

### 3. Missouri Alpha Alumnae

Missouri Alpha alumnae recently honored **NATALIE HOFFMAN PFOST** at a Cookie Shine in Kansas City, Missouri, to celebrate her





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71<sup>st</sup> year as a Pi Phi and her service to the chapter and Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club. More than 20 past chapter officers and alumnae toasted Natalie's leadership and mentorship topped off with a special video tribute from the chapter.

**Missouri Gamma Alumna SAMANTHA WILLIAMS** was honored with Drury University's 2026 Young Alumni Award. As the Springfield, Missouri, Alumnae Club President, a community advocate and an exemplary leader in her professional career, this award celebrates Samantha's integrity, work ethic and genuine care for others.

**4. St. Louis, Missouri, Alumnae Club**

Members of the St. Louis, Missouri, Alumnae Club joined alumnae from around the state to assist the Missouri Alpha Chapter with recruitment practice. The alumnae posed as Potential New Members for collegians to practice their Philanthropy Round program. Following the program, the alumnae were treated to tours of the recently renovated chapter facility and a Cookie Shine.

**TENNESSEE**

**5. Chattanooga, Tennessee, Alumnae Club**

The Chattanooga, Tennessee, Alumnae Club recently gathered for its annual Angel Swap and Sister Social at the home of Alumnae



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Club President **ELENA CALSETTA HASKEW**, Tennessee Alpha. Arrow and angel themed gifts were exchanged as sisters celebrated the club's achievements in 2025.

**6. Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club**

Members of the South Coast, California, Alumnae Club visited Nashville, Tennessee, where they met up with sisters in the Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club. Reminiscing on their favorite memories from Convention 2025 and sharing ideas for their respective club meetings, these sisters met by the famed Ryman Auditorium for a sweet get-together filled with friendship and sisterhood.





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## TEXAS

### Texas Beta Alumna

**CLARE VARN RUGGLES** was named the 2025 Moore County Community Foundation Woman of the Year. A nonprofit leader in the community, Clare has served as the executive director of the Northern Moore Family Resource Center for 20 years and oversaw the organization's expansive development of Hope Academy, a preschool program serving children in Robbins, North Carolina.

### 1. Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, Alumnae Club

The Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, Alumnae Club and collegiate members from several nearby universities came together to celebrate Texas Alpha **SUSAN KEENEY** for receiving her Golden Arrow pin, a symbol of her 50 years of Pi Phi membership.

### 2. Southlake Area, Texas, Alumnae Club

In addition to their regular monthly meetings, Southlake Area, Texas, Alumnae Club members gather for special "Just Winging It" events.

The January "Just Winging It" event was pickleball, and some members played while others cheered on their sisters from the stands. They awarded prizes to the players for "Best Pickleball Student," "Most Improved Player," "Pickleball Boss," "Best Cheerleader/Team Player" and "Just Here for the Party!"

## WASHINGTON

### 3. Seattle, Washington, Alumnae Club

The Seattle, Washington, Alumnae Club gathered for its annual Angel Brunch hosted at the home of Texas Eta





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### ERIN KIRKPATRICK SUZUKI.

Nearly 25 alumnae attended the festive morning event, which brought sisters together in the spirit of generosity, friendship and philanthropy. Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast while reconnecting with one another, reinforcing the club's commitment to lifelong sisterhood. A highlight of the Angel Brunch was the silent auction, which followed the creative theme "Make it, Bake it, Sew it, Grow it or Buy it." Members contributed a wide variety of handcrafted, homemade and thoughtfully curated items, resulting in a successful fundraiser that supported both the Seattle,



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Washington, Alumnae Club and its philanthropic efforts.

### WISCONSIN

**4. Wisconsin Alpha Alumna ELLISHA BOSCHUETZ** was on a global immersion summit in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia for her Master of Business Administration degree when she became friends with another woman in her class, Missouri Alpha **CLAIRE WILLIAMS**. After two weeks of traveling together, the two realized they were Pi Phi sisters! Becoming fast friends through sisterhood, Elisha and Claire have already started planning their next international trip together. ←

1. Texas Alpha **SUSAN KEENEY** (middle row, fourth from right) with collegiate and alumna sisters celebrate her Pi Phi membership.
2. Members of the Southlake Area, Texas, Alumnae Club with pickleball paddles in hand ready for a friendly competition.
3. Seattle, Washington, Alumnae Club members gather at their annual Angel Brunch.
4. From left: Wisconsin Alpha **ELLISHA BOSCHUETZ** and Missouri Alpha **CLAIRE WILLIAMS** in front of the Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia.



From left: Colorado Alphas **SYDNEY STICH**, **HAILEY SCHURR** and Lily.

## You Can Be Both

Bridging two paths that are often seen as separate, Colorado Alpha **LILY BAUER** defies expectations as both a sorority woman and a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadet. Before entering her collegiate years, Lily felt equally drawn to both pursuits and was unsure which to follow. Choosing to embrace both, she discovered that her strength and grace were not only complementary but needed in both spaces.

With a strong military upbringing, Lily assumed she would follow in her family's footsteps and felt passionate about continuing their legacy. Joining ROTC, a military training program for college students, would be the first step in reaching this goal. However, a piece of her also wondered what it would be like to explore a more traditional college experience and find community within sisterhood. This desire only deepened when she came to the University of Colorado, Boulder (CU Boulder), and met the women of Colorado Alpha during recruitment. "I fell in love immediately," she says. "It just felt like home."

Fully embracing fraternity/sorority life, Lily decided not to join CU Boulder's ROTC program until her

sophomore year of college—allowing herself to be present within each experience. Though this new journey connected her to generations of family members who have served, joining ROTC posed a unique set of challenges to Lily in the beginning. "It's not only difficult to join ROTC as a woman, but I came in as a sorority woman and later than most people joined in my class," Lily explains. "That creates an assumption that you're weak until you prove yourself."

Though she is one of four women in her class of nearly 20, Lily paid little mind to this preconception, letting her discipline, training and grit speak for themselves. Immediately making her way up the ranks, Lily not only became second in her class but also won Cadet of the Month twice, a prestigious award only bestowed to one student across the entire battalion. "I didn't feel the need to prove myself to them, but I did want to show that I'm not just a pretty face," Lily says. "I'm someone who is smart and driven with goals and aspirations."

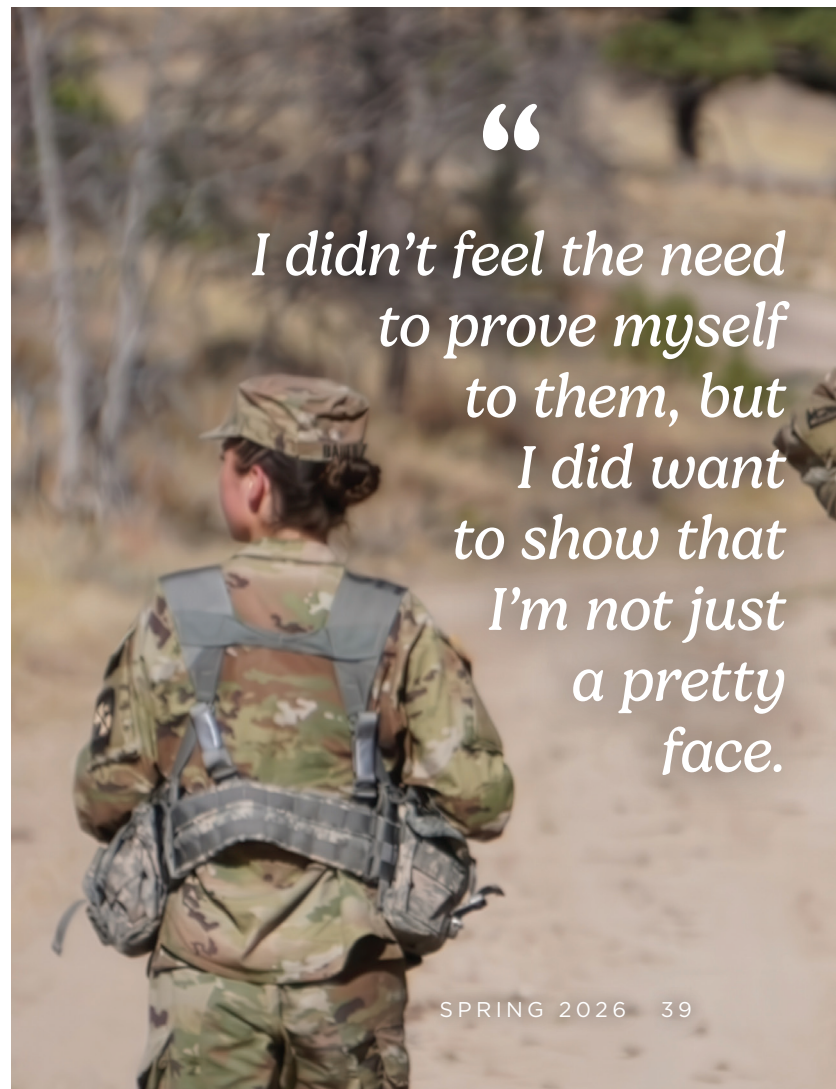
These accomplishments were not an easy feat as ROTC training can be both physically and mentally draining. Waking up at 5 a.m. on a regular basis, Lily splits her



Lily (second from left, standing) with fellow ROTC cadets.

time between strength training, military classes and labs while also balancing a neuroscience major and quality time with her Pi Phi sisters. Though she carries herself with confidence, Lily notes it's the friendships she's built within her chapter and her ROTC mentors that make this possible. "The way my chapter supports me helps keep me motivated," she shares. "They admire me, respect what I'm doing and are always there for me—just as they were even before I joined ROTC."

Lily's dedication to both sisterhood and military service has proven not only to herself that both are possible—but also to those following in her footsteps. As the first in her family to join fraternity/sorority life, Lily laid the foundation for her younger sister and cousins to aspire to do the same. This inspiration has also expanded to CU Boulder's ROTC program, with younger members looking up to Lily and her achievements. "Young women have joined our ROTC program and become members of sororities themselves after learning I'm a Pi Phi, which feels amazing," she says. "I want to show them strength and grace go hand in hand, and that they don't have to pick one—they can be both." ←



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# COLLEGIATE *news*

## ARIZONA

### 1. Arizona Alpha – University of Arizona

Arizona Alpha Director Service and Philanthropy **MALIA O'CONNELL** worked with Build On to allocate donated funds from the chapter's 2025 Fall philanthropy event toward the creation of an adult literacy program for a community in Malawi, Africa. Last year, Malia and other Arizona Alpha members traveled to Malawi for a Build On trek to help support the construction of a Pi Phi-sponsored primary school. Expanding that impact to include adult literacy is an incredible step forward, and the chapter is so grateful and proud to continue supporting education and lifelong learning in such a powerful way.

### Arizona Gamma – Northern Arizona University

Last fall, Arizona Gamma hosted a book drive benefiting a local

Flagstaff, Arizona, school to raise awareness of Native American heritage. Northern Arizona University is located at the base of sacred Native American land, and to honor and support the history and culture of Indigenous peoples, Arizona Gamma collected more than 150 books which promoted Native American heritage. These books were donated to Summit High School's Teenage and Parent Program, which provides childcare services for teenage parents and their children in Flagstaff.

## CALIFORNIA

### 2. California Beta – University of California, Berkeley

California Beta **RILEY HERTSTEIN** has been involved in flag football since fifth grade. What began as a childhood passion grew into meaningful advocacy during her senior year of high school in Irvine, California, where she helped lead efforts to pass flag football as a

recognized sport. After a lengthy approval process, the proposal was successfully passed, creating new opportunities for female athletes across the state. That momentum continued this semester at University of California, Berkeley, where Riley helped establish a women's flag football club team on campus. The team is entirely student-run and will compete in the new Pacific Coast Conference alongside other collegiate club programs in the region. At tryouts held this semester, 45 students competed for roster spots, including six members from California Beta.

### 3. California Mu – Pepperdine University

During their annual fall philanthropy event, California Mu sold "Lemonade for Literacy" to Pepperdine's student body and staff during the week and shared more about Pi Beta Phi's philanthropic efforts, Read > Lead > Achieve®



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and Champions are Readers®. The chapter was able to donate a total of \$1,919.26 to Pi Beta Phi Foundation and sold 276 tickets to their event.

## COLORADO

### 4. Colorado Delta – Colorado School of Mines

Last year, Colorado Deltas **EMMA ACKER, LISA OVERY** and **JACI LANGFORD** competed on the Colorado School of Mines women's rugby championship team. As engineers at Mines, these women prove intelligence and toughness go hand in hand, showing engineers can compete at the highest level and win a National Championship. These three Pi Phi sisters exemplified leadership, resilience and teamwork both on and off the pitch.

## GEORGIA

### 5. Georgia Alpha – University of Georgia

Georgia Alpha **HALLE BRYAN** has made a lasting impact on the University of Georgia (UGA) community through her involvement within Pi Beta Phi and on the executive board of UGA Miracle—the official philanthropy of UGA Greek Life and the largest student-run organization on campus. This incredible organization directly benefits Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, UGA's local Miracle Network Hospital. Many members of Pi Phi have followed in Halle's footsteps and joined UGA Miracle leadership teams or donated to fellow sisters' donor drives, allowing for a chapter-wide commitment to making a lasting impact on the Athens, Georgia, community.

1. From left: Arizona Alphas **MALIA O'CONNELL** and **GRACIE HENNINGS** in Malawi, Africa, during a Build On trek to support literacy.

2. California Beta **RILEY HERTSTEIN** during a University of California, Berkley, women's flag football practice.

3. California Mu members before their fall philanthropy event.

4. From left: Colorado Deltas **JACI LANGFORD, EMMA ACKER** and **LISA OVERY** pose with the Colorado School of Mines women's rugby championship trophy.

5. From left: UGA Miracle's executive board member Barret Benton and Georgia Alpha **HALLE BRYAN** at a UGA Miracle event.



**1.** From left: Illinois Zeta and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign student council president **GABRIELLA DALSANTO** and student council Vice President Anjali Kumar.

**2.** The 2026 Iowa Gamma Chapter Leadership Team.

**3.** Mississippi Alpha members pose with students and their brand-new books at the Dubard School for Language Disorders.

**4.** From left: Mississippi Betas **MARTI PACHUTA, ALEXANDRA MEDDERS, HELEN SHEARER, LANEY YOUNG, ADDY STOVER** and **ALLYSON NOWLIN** holding their Wing Ching trophy.

**5.** From left: Missouri Gammas **AVAH ORTIZ-HARRILL** and **BELLA WINDMILLER** during Missouri Gamma's "Puttin' on the Lips" philanthropy event.

**6.** From left: Nebraska Betas **AVA GLOVER** and **MALLORY RINGENBERG** at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Panhellenic Executive Team photoshoot.



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## INDIANA

### *Indiana Alpha – Franklin College*

Indiana Alpha members were excited to partner with the Imagination Library of Johnson County by volunteering at the annual storybook breakfast. This event brings children's favorite books to life as volunteers and community members dress up as storybook characters and interact with students and their families over breakfast. The Imagination Library also received a 2025 Pi Beta Phi Literacy Grant, nominated by Indiana Alpha, which will enable the library to continue its work in the community.

## ILLINOIS

### *1. Illinois Zeta – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

Illinois Zeta is celebrating **GABRIELLA DALSANTO** who is concluding her impactful first term as student council president for

the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Throughout her term, Gabriella represented the voices of more than 55,000 students and continued to make a positive impact on the community.

## IOWA

### *2. Iowa Gamma – Iowa State University*

The Iowa Gamma Chapter welcomed a new leadership team this semester and began the term with a leadership retreat focused on collaboration, goal setting and chapter growth. Chapter officers gathered with members of Iowa Gamma's Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) to reflect on the chapter's strengths and identify opportunities for continued improvement. The retreat provided the leadership team with space to step away from daily responsibilities and focus on long-term planning. Iowa Gamma's new officers look

forward to implementing these ideas and continuing to work closely with their AAC as they lead the chapter through the year ahead.

## MISSISSIPPI

### *3. Mississippi Alpha – University of Southern Mississippi*

Through Mississippi Alpha's annual Arrow Spike competition, more than 900 books were collected and donated to the DuBard School's new location on the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus. The DuBard School for Language Disorders is a specialized public school for students in the area who have severe language/speech disorders. Mississippi Alpha partners with the DuBard School every year for Champions are Readers® and cannot wait to expand their impact by supporting the development of this school and library on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.





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**4. Mississippi Beta – University of Mississippi**

Mississippi Beta proudly hosted their annual fall philanthropy event—Wing Ching—the University of Mississippi’s largest and highest attended Greek philanthropy event. Throughout the event, Mississippi Beta paired each on-campus fraternity with members of the chapter, coaching them in a lip-sync competition. Beyond the performances, fraternities were encouraged to actively fundraise in support of Read > Lead > Achieve® initiatives. Thanks to the overwhelming support of the University of Mississippi community, Mississippi Beta raised \$82,190.12, making Wing Ching a powerful demonstration of the chapter’s dedication to service, leadership and meaningful impact.

**MISSOURI**

**5. Missouri Gamma – Drury University**

Every year, Missouri Gamma hosts “Puttin’ on the Lips”, an annual lip-sync dance competition to support Read > Lead > Achieve literacy initiatives, and to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving. The anticipated philanthropy event was established after the passing of one of Missouri Gamma’s members in a tragic drunk driving accident. Since then, Missouri Gamma has found a way to incorporate both a philanthropy fundraiser and an educational opportunity. This year, campus organizations joined to support the cause by lip-syncing and dancing, and this event was the highest attended student-led event on campus—raising nearly \$6,000 dollars for the Friendship Fund and The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

**NEBRASKA**

**6. Nebraska Beta – University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Two members of Nebraska Beta were elected to the Panhellenic Leadership Team at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. As Vice President of Leadership and Education, **MALLORY RINGENBERG** is dedicated to empowering women through opportunity. From educating chapters on leadership pathways across campus to planning the annual Women’s Summit and Bid Day, her work centers on growth, connection and preparation for life beyond college. Serving as Executive Vice President, **AVA GLOVER** is a key leader in the day-to-day operations of the Panhellenic community. She oversees administrative responsibilities, leads the peer accountability process, and confidently steps in to fulfill presidential duties when needed. Her steady leadership ensures that Panhellenic values are upheld with integrity and collaboration.





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## OHIO

### 1. Ohio Alpha – Ohio University

During Summer 2025, Ohio Alpha officers attended Pi Beta Phi's 75<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, where they were reintroduced to Ring Ching and the Cookie Shine. Many Ohio Alpha alumnae offered to help bring these traditions back to campus, and in November, alumnae were invited to attend the Initiation of 30 New Members after which they celebrated with a new tradition of singing Ring Ching and hosting a Cookie Shine. The signature tablecloths were reintroduced to Ohio Alpha, with some signatures dating back to the 70s!

### Ohio Beta – The Ohio State University

Last December, Ohio Beta furthered their philanthropic efforts by donating books to local students at Graham Elementary and Middle School (GEMS). Ohio Beta partners with GEMS every April for their

annual Champions Are Readers<sup>®</sup> program and they were excited to continue fostering a lifelong love of reading for these students by wrapping and decorating books for the holidays.

## ONTARIO

### 2. Ontario Beta – Western University

Ontario Beta's annual Philanthropy Week was highlighted by their signature event, Lip Sync for Literacy. This event brought together members of the Panhellenic and Interfraternal communities in support of Read > Lead > Achieve literacy initiatives. Lip Sync for Literacy was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$9,000 in support of The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation. In addition to the main event, Ontario Beta hosted their first-ever campus-wide book drive throughout the week. With the support of the Western community, more than 200 children's books were collected and donated to a local

Kiwanis organization, which will distribute them to area schools and after-school programs.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### 3. South Carolina Beta – Clemson University

South Carolina Beta members **COLBI CANTRELL, GRACE GODFREY** and **SOPHIE WALL** had the opportunity to volunteer in Panama through the Global Dental Brigades program. They worked alongside Panamanian dentists to set up free dental clinics in the rural communities of El Libano and Campana. Throughout the week, they helped treat more than 100 patients where they rotated through different roles such as checking in patients, taking vitals, shadowing dentists, sterilizing instruments, working in the pharmacy to distribute medications and leading oral health presentations and activities for children.





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## SOUTH DAKOTA

### 4. South Dakota Alpha – University of South Dakota

Through weeks of spirited collaboration and unwavering sisterhood, South Dakota Alpha proudly claimed the University of South Dakota Homecoming Champion title. From float-building marathons and carnival participation to hours spent pumping—handcrafting intricate tissue-paper decorations for Homecoming displays—and winning the campus wide Lip Sync Battle, the chapter showed up with unmatched energy and creativity. Winning Homecoming wasn't just about the crown; it was about the memories made, bonds strengthened and the legacy being built together.

## TENNESSEE

### 5. Tennessee Gamma – University of Tennessee

Tennessee Gamma held their annual Chapter Leadership Team

retreat at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. They took a guided walking tour of the grounds learning the history of Arrowmont and Pi Beta Phi's connection to the area and visited Pi Beta Phi Elementary. The Chapter Leadership Team stayed the night in the historic Red Barn on the Arrowmont campus where they grew stronger as a team and planned events for 2026.

## TEXAS

### 6. Texas Gamma – Texas Tech University

**BROOKLYN KINSEY** is a proud member of Texas Gamma and a competitor for track and field at Texas Tech University. She ran her first indoor meet in January and exemplifies what it means to balance academics, athletics and involvement, consistently giving her best effort in everything she pursues. ←

1. Ohio Alpha collegians and alumnae celebrate Initiation with a Cookie Shine.
2. Ontario Beta members at their Lip Sync for Literacy philanthropy event.
3. From left: South Carolina Betas **COLBI CANTRELL, GRACE GODFREY** and **SOPHIE WALL** in Panama during their Global Dental Brigades program.
4. From left: South Dakota Alphas **ISABELLE WINTZ, MADDIE GENGLER** and **EMMA BARNES** accept their Homecoming award.
5. The Tennessee Gamma 2026 Chapter Leadership Team during their leadership retreat at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
6. From left: Texas Gammas **SHEYN WALKER** and **BROOKLYN KINSEY** after Brooklyn's track and field competition.

# In Memoriam

We honor the Pi Phi sisters who have passed away and celebrate their part in our sisterhood. This list reflects notification by public obituary received at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters between October 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026. Obituaries may be submitted at [pibetaphi.org/in-memoriam](http://pibetaphi.org/in-memoriam). Memorial gifts made to our Foundation are a lasting way to honor the memory of a Pi Phi sister. To make a memorial gift, call our Foundation at (636) 256-1357 or visit [pibetaphi.org/foundation](http://pibetaphi.org/foundation).

## ALABAMA ALPHA

Nikki Stokes Blair, 1966,  
affiliated Alabama Beta

## ALBERTA ALPHA

Susan Carney Mathieson, 1979

## ARIZONA ALPHA

Michelle Segall Bassett, 1974,  
affiliated Texas Delta  
Judith Hill Gardere, 1952  
Carol Bishop O'Maley, 1965

## ARKANSAS ALPHA

Marilyn Hoag Eason, 1946

## ARKANSAS BETA

Sarah Hooks Berryman, 1984

## CALIFORNIA BETA

Susan Warner Cochran, 1958  
Winifred Brady Noble, 1954  
Catherine Campbell Rasmussen, 1948  
Susanne Sharpe Tyler, 1955

## CALIFORNIA DELTA

Sharon Doty Hayward, 1957

## COLORADO ALPHA

Laurie Wakeman Ames, 1959  
Nancy Jensen Cox, 1957  
Mary Alice Cook Munger, 1947

## COLORADO BETA

Leslie Chew Herr, 1969

## CONNECTICUT ALPHA

Margaret Howgate Bamberg, 1951  
Lisa Melnyk Morris, 1994

## FLORIDA ALPHA

Jane Edwards Holbrook, 1953  
Mary Boone McIntosh, 1951

## FLORIDA BETA

Mary Fields Simms, 1952

## FLORIDA EPSILON

Joy Alexander McGratty, 1981  
Melanie Reingardt, 1998

## FLORIDA GAMMA

Mary Colcord Dunlap, 1945  
Lita Nicholis Stein, 1950

## GEORGIA ALPHA

Peggy Samples Sullivan, 1952

## IDAHO ALPHA

Kathryn Laven Knight, 1952

## ILLINOIS ALPHA

Kaye Crissey Ainsworth, 1960  
Constance Weiser Gregg, 1949,  
affiliated Indiana Delta

## ILLINOIS BETA-DELTA

Marilyn Foster Weidman, 1953

## ILLINOIS EPSILON

Yolanda Brugaletta, 1952  
Sally Essex Kleaveland, 1948  
Susan Spittler Rakow, 1962

## ILLINOIS ETA

Emmy Buchmann Williams, 1945

## ILLINOIS ZETA

Karen Surgalski Canty, 1964  
Marilyn Sheppard Gilbert, 1946

## INDIANA ALPHA

Carra Lian, 1981  
Georgia Bullard Long, 1959

## INDIANA BETA

Carol Mathes Hansford, 1954  
Carole Roe, 1957  
Jane Hattendorf Scudder, 1953  
Nancy Ullrey Witte, 1954

## INDIANA DELTA

Susan Guyton Reuter, 1957  
Virginia Carroll Shively, 1945  
Kim Elaine Leeman Warren, 1973

## INDIANA GAMMA

Anne Bailey Rudy, 1949  
Merrily Dee Stout, 1962

## INDIANA ZETA

Virginia Gates Featherston, 1955  
Barbara Waechter Rager, 1957  
Annette Berlien Sprunger, 1959

## IOWA ALPHA

Charlaine Austin Baskett, 1943

## IOWA BETA

Wendelyn Tutt Fenster, 1958  
Gloria Metcalf Roberts, 1952  
Shelly Stork, 1996  
Lisa Dunsmoor Wagler, 1971

## IOWA GAMMA

Jane Nichols Hamilton, 1955  
Mary Adams Lindgren, 1947  
Dorothy Will Marston, 1952

## IOWA ZETA

Susan Voss Goodenow, 1983

## KANSAS ALPHA

Mary Swanson Engel, 1949  
Mary Taggart Holderman, 1953  
Diane Klepper, 1955  
Betty Dunne Nelson, 1948  
Eve Stevenson Phoenix, 1957  
Barbara Holladay Rohde, 1955  
Mary Flora Stinson, 1956  
Sally Brown Trotter, 1961  
Maralyn Eyles Williams, 1953

## KANSAS BETA

Mary Lou Schovee Basham, 1945  
Patricia Porter Corrigan, 1950  
Kimberly Smith Dubbert, 1985  
Lou Ann McKinnon Dunn, 1960  
Deborah Lowman Esau, 1958  
Kimberly Rogers Simpson, 1990  
Lindsay Miller Zubeck, 2001

## KENTUCKY ALPHA

Jane Ashton Disney, 1946  
Karen Klemenz, 1973  
Sarah Baker Rothenburger, 1958

## LOUISIANA ALPHA

Leila Flournoy Schumacher, 1949

## LOUISIANA BETA

Mary Barr Wills, 1963

## MARYLAND BETA

Amy Cantwell Saylor, 1946

## MASSACHUSETTS BETA

Marilyn Richardson Humphrey, 1955  
Janet Manning Montminy, 1956  
Deborah Swanson, 1968  
Mary Ann Cooper Worthington, 1954

## MICHIGAN ALPHA

Janet Wiles Kerr, 1952  
Kathleen Fahey Methot, 1956

## MICHIGAN BETA

Fern Law Cooney, 1953  
Carole Corombos Tanner, 1963

## MICHIGAN GAMMA

Barbara Gish Jameson, 1961  
Donna Hockaday Waterston, 1961

## MINNESOTA ALPHA

Joan Snowden Diessner, 1964  
Susan Libby Leslie, 1982  
Barbara Maywald Luther, 1951  
Cammie Nelson Olson, 1950  
Mary Crawford Thompson, 1948

**MISSISSIPPI BETA**

Eloise Born Barnes, 1962  
Melinda Milner Karlson, 1968

**MISSOURI ALPHA**

Betty Helm Bell, 1953  
Bettie Flanders Losee, 1949

**MISSOURI GAMMA**

Sally Orr Bokal, 1964  
Judith Rogers Knight, 1964  
Vicki Rook Lollar, 1962  
Marcia Hughes Rader, 1970

**NEBRASKA BETA**

Barbara Owen Scanlan, 1968  
Jane Foster Thompson, 1960

**NEVADA ALPHA**

Joan Petermann Forman, 1951  
Letitia Sawle Kendrick, 1956

**NEW YORK ALPHA**

Ria Gagas Levidy, 1945

**NEW YORK DELTA**

Nancy Egan Webster, 1950

**NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA**

Estelle Boyce Cheek Cheshire, 1947  
Harriet Bobbitt Moss, 1956

**NORTH CAROLINA BETA**

Ruth Sunderman Ellertorpe, 1945

**NORTH DAKOTA ALPHA**

Patricia Webb Weber, 1947

**OHIO ALPHA**

Mary McPherson, 1955  
Nancy Rice Norris, 1965

**OHIO BETA**

Dawn Voelker Falleur, 1950  
Katherine Ricciuti Kline, 1986  
Martha Cashbaugh Newcomer, 1946  
Sarah Crafts Talley, 1947  
Genevieve Tetlow Toombs, 1946  
Heidi Ebel Triplett, 1983

**OHIO DELTA**

Barbara Bolds Donovan, 1955  
Martha Cecil Stauffer, 1950

**OHIO EPSILON**

Barbara Heesen Harer, 1946

**OHIO ETA**

Holly Bellinger Thom, 1977  
Cynthia Mindrup Maggiore, 1958  
Carol Jaeger O'Neal, 1960  
Carol Wynes Snell, 1955  
Judith Embree Taylor, 1959

**OHIO ZETA**

Joanne Blackburn Bates, 1954  
Carmen Gerig Griffin, 1948

**OKLAHOMA ALPHA**

Judith Early George, 1957  
Louise Ratliff Hazlette, 1949  
Sarah Manning, 1961  
Mary Puckett Moyer, 1964

**OKLAHOMA BETA**

Carla Gaither Jeffrey, 1964  
Ruth McDonald White, 1954

**ONTARIO ALPHA**

Elizabeth Bell, 1958  
Kathleen McCormick  
Bruce-Robertson, 1941  
Sally Baker Grout, 1948

**OREGON ALPHA**

Barbara Ray Hutchison, 1961  
Patricia Case Owen, 1953

**OREGON BETA**

Patricia Nolte Burdette, 1959  
Katharine Graham Kohler, 1943

**PENNSYLVANIA BETA**

Inez Mitchell Sanders, 1953

**PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON**

Beverly Fish Burt, 1956

**PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA**

Linda Adams Bronstein, 1961  
Mary Thomson Thompson, 1958

**SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA**

Jane Dowling Fender, 1966

**SOUTH CAROLINA BETA**

Mary Johnson Belton, 1985  
Elizabeth Mayfield Boggs, 1982  
Katherine Sherrill Orr, 1984

**TENNESSEE ALPHA**

Janice Shipp Wilkerson, 1953

**TENNESSEE BETA**

Martha King Baird, 1952  
Caroline Holland, 2022

**TENNESSEE DELTA**

Corrie Bozeman Herington, 1965

**TEXAS ALPHA**

Eleanor Bering Bailey, 1948  
Carol Chiles Ballard, 1961  
Amelia White Booker, 1957  
Anita Moore Doyle, 1955  
Peggy Payne Johnston, 1946  
Alice Coker Martin, 1977  
Patricia Peyton McAlpin, 1948  
Jeanne Davis McEachern, 1954  
Florence Fitch Patton, 1951  
Dorothy Ball Pope, 1938

**TEXAS BETA**

Patricia Smith Beall, 1953  
Christian Snowden Davis, 1978  
Franklynn Fite Heines, 1960  
Marjorie Hightower Hopkins-May, 1950

Ernestine Poteet Munk, 1956  
Betty Hale Rinker, 1955  
Jacquelyn Ryan Wynne, 1966

**TEXAS DELTA**

Patricia Taylor Slaughter, 1962

**TEXAS ETA**

Brittany Hildebrand, 2011

**TEXAS GAMMA**

Lynn Cary Bratton, 1957  
Carole Crowdus Cudd, 1954  
Sandra Harris Frey, 1965

**TEXAS ZETA**

Emily George Tinsley, 1977

**UTAH ALPHA**

Susan Noyes Anderson, 1969  
Dorothy Moyle Palmer, 1953  
Diane Teece, 1958

**VERMONT ALPHA**

Carol Osborn Moger, 1948

**VERMONT BETA**

Beverly Hillmann Eckhardt, 1947

**VIRGINIA ALPHA**

Nancy McMillan Dedman, 1947,  
affiliated Texas Beta  
Joan Philen Greer, 1955,  
affiliated Texas Alpha  
Sue Shepherd Williamson, 1952,  
affiliated Arkansas Alpha

**VIRGINIA GAMMA**

Judith Dickerson Bullock, 1957  
Carroll Walker Sultan, 1949  
Camille Grimes Whitcomb, 1949

**WASHINGTON ALPHA**

Nancy Mackenzie Turpie, 1948

**WASHINGTON BETA**

Mary Lou Bruno Guenther, 1951  
Nancy Heglar Henry, 1957  
Barbara Vaughan Olson, 1965

**WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA**

Carolyn Garrison Clarke, 1953

**WISCONSIN ALPHA**

Anne Gilbertson Bartulis, 1960

**WISCONSIN BETA**

Roberta Bliss Pittman, 1960  
Barbra Hendrickson Winter, 1950

**WISCONSIN DELTA**

Samantha Gorny La Nuez, 2003

**WYOMING ALPHA**

Mary Jean Harris Holmes, 1948  
Elayne Stickney Molbreak, 1969  
Sallie Bailey Schott, 1963 ←



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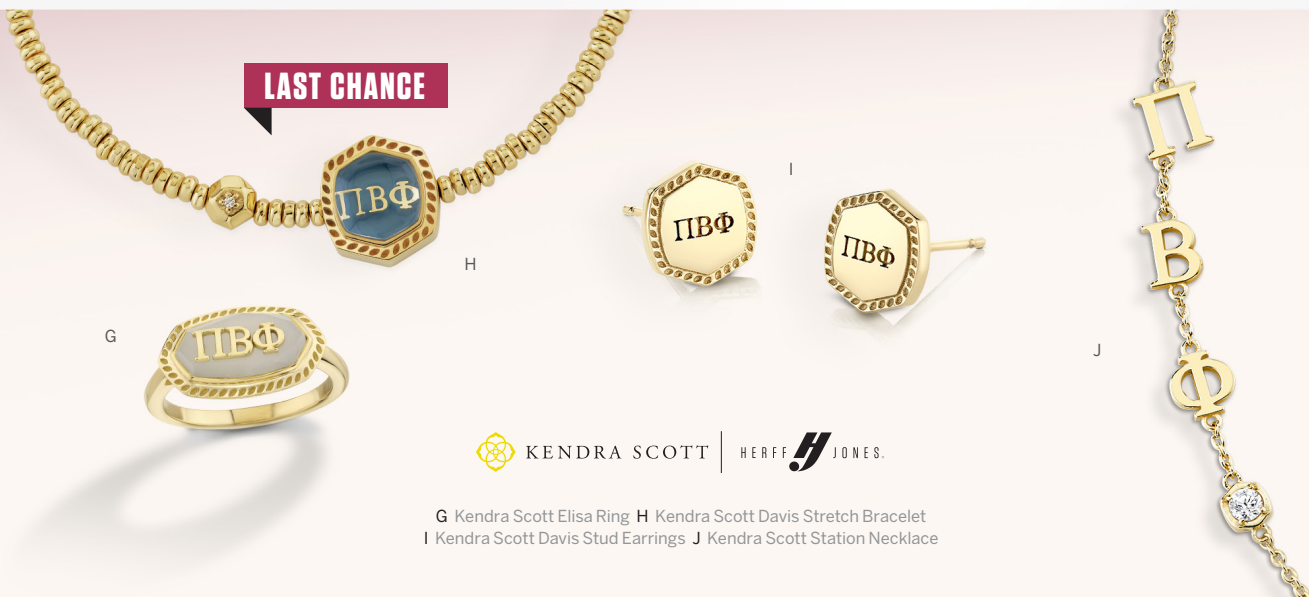
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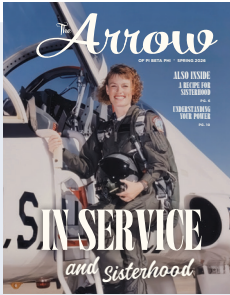
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**@okcpiphi**

We were so honored to attend the Panhellenic Women of the Year Luncheon and celebrate Oklahoma Alpha Alison Evans Taylor, this year's Pi Beta Phi Women of the Year! Surrounded by her daughters—who had the special honor of presenting her—and fellow Pi Phis Oklahoma Beta

Dee Rippetoe Richardson and Missouri Gamma Millonn Wilson Lilly, it was a beautiful tribute to an inspiring woman.



**@lsupibetaphi**

We had so much fun celebrating our soon to be graduates at Senior Dinner! These girls have impacted Louisiana Beta so much during their time at Louisiana State University, and we will miss them lots.

**@sanjosepiphialumclub**

To celebrate Women's History Month, we launched our inaugural Pi Beta Phi read-in with Horace Mann Elementary in San Jose, California. We read books centered around amazing, ambitious and persistent girls and women, most who laid the groundwork for powerful change.



**@kupiphi**

We celebrated Women's History Month with our very first women's networking event. Our members were joined by Kansas Alpha alumnae and strong women in community for a relaxed evening of conversation, connection and advice.

**@uapibetaphi**

Alabama Beta had the honor of announcing Pi Beta Phi's endowment supporting the establishment of the University of Alabama Center for Service and Leadership Workroom for the AI's Pal's Mentoring Program. This \$75,000 gift will support a program that is dedicated to literacy and mentorship, a true reflection of Pi Beta Phi's commitment to creating opportunities through reading and service.

