

WELCOME TO PI BETA PHI



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Celebrating 150 Years

WHO WE ARE

The founders of Pi Beta Phi® created the Fraternity to cultivate lifelong friendships among its members and inspire them to achieve the highest and best in life. Throughout its history, Pi Beta Phi has helped young women develop meaningful relationships while reaching their personal potential through leadership opportunities.

These relationships help members adapt to college life by providing a sense of mutual support and guidance. But, finding a place to belong on campus is only the beginning. Pi Beta Phi's many programs offer a variety of services and benefits to its members including a lifetime of sisterhood, personal development, philanthropic service, leadership opportunities, mentor relationships and networking.

MISSION

The **mission** of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women is to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service.

VISION

The **vision** of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women is to be recognized as a premier organization for women by providing lifelong enrichment to its members and contributing to the betterment of society.

CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Lifelong Commitment
- Honor and Respect
- Personal and Intellectual Growth
- Philanthropic Service to Others
- Sincere Friendship

Pi Beta Phi Foundation and Fraternity Housing Corporation further the mission of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity and provide a premier member experience. Pi Beta Phi Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization where Pi Beta Phi members and friends can make tax-deductible donations to fund qualifying Pi Beta Phi programs, scholarships and financial assistance for members. The Fraternity Housing Corporation is a 501(c)7 organization assisting local Chapter House Corporation volunteers to ensure thousands of members are offered affordable premium housing during their collegiate experience.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Pi Beta Phi was founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. Our 12 founders had the vision to form the first secret society for women patterned after men's groups at a time when only five state universities admitted women. These courageous women set the stage for a thriving organization that continues to enrich the lives of many during their collegiate years and beyond.

Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women distinguishes itself in the fraternity and sorority world by leading the way as one of the first of seven founding members of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), which provides support and guidance for its 26 member inter/national sororities/women's fraternities. Pi Phi was also the first to organize a national philanthropic project, form an alumnae department, establish an Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) for each collegiate chapter and was the first NPC group with a Canadian philanthropy.

To learn more about Pi Beta Phi history, check out the Fraternity's timeline at www.pibetaphi.org. Simply click on About Us and then History of Pi Beta Phi.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

When choosing to become a member of a fraternity or sorority, there are many choices. **What makes the Pi Beta Phi experience stand apart?**

Pi Beta Phi Fraternity is a values-based organization for women. It is the Fraternity's goal for all members to put Pi Phi values into action. Pi Phis are afforded many benefits of membership including:

- A network of sisters and friends supporting each other, as they achieve personal and professional goals throughout their life.
- The opportunity to make a difference in their communities and in the lives of others by establishing a lifelong love of reading that can unlock true potential.
- Access to leadership development through Pi Phi's award-winning member development program, *Leading with Values*®.
- Opportunities for leadership and professional skill development through networking and events, including Leadership Institute, College Weekend, convention and officer retreats.
- Lifelong commitment to and from Pi Beta Phi.
- Scholarship opportunities as an undergraduate, for graduate study and for continuing education through Pi Beta Phi Foundation.
- The opportunity to give back, whether through volunteering their time and talents or financial resources.
- Fulfillment of membership to an organization deeply rooted in core values.
- The opportunity to live in a chapter house or residence hall creating fun memories and shared experiences.
- Pi Phi friendships that will last a lifetime. As an alumna, Pi Phis continue to build friendships outside of their individual chapters through professional networking and alumnae clubs.
- The opportunity to continue the legacy established by the first women's fraternal organization, Pi Beta Phi, and to make an impact on generations of Pi Phis to come.



PI PHI FOR LIFE



The benefits of Pi Beta Phi membership transcend the collegiate experience. Career networking and mentoring programs help members make the transition from collegiate to professional life. Pi Beta Phi provides ongoing support for all members as they continue a journey of lifelong commitment to the Fraternity.

As alumnae, members are part of a network of Pi Phi sisters worldwide. Members draw from the depth and strength of more than 291,000 women who have proudly claimed membership in Pi Beta Phi. We hear countless stories of Pi Phis relying on one another when moving to a new city or starting a new career.

Local alumnae clubs provide outlets for social interaction and opportunities for service and philanthropy. With nearly 300 alumnae clubs across the globe, there are sure to be sisters along the way no matter where life takes you.

There are so many ways to stay involved. Pi Phi's hope is each member takes full advantage of the sisterhood, leadership development, volunteer opportunities and support lifelong membership in Pi Phi offers. Giving back, whether through volunteering or financial means, are just a couple of the ways members can stay engaged after college. Members aren't just Pi Phis in college. Our members are Pi Phis for life!

WHAT WE DO

READ > LEAD > ACHIEVE®

Read > Lead > Achieve is Pi Beta Phi's philanthropic effort, which inspires a lifelong love of reading that can unlock true potential.

Pi Beta Phi believe in the power of reading. Pi Phi believe reading always has been — and always will be — a powerful step toward a life of enduring impact. Members believe that when **one out of four children cannot read***, that is one too many.



Pi Beta Phi believe in inspiring readers, sparking imaginations and igniting the desire to learn. Pi Phi believe that readers become leaders. And, members believe reading is the foundation of all that can be achieved in life.

For more than a century, Pi Phi have committed themselves to creating a more literate and productive society. Pi Beta Phi has changed with the times, but never shifted its vision. So at Pi Beta Phi, members honor the past while they build for the future ...

One child ... one moment at a time ... one life changed forever.

In the past several years, Pi Phi have donated **\$1 million dollars** and they have donated **1 million books**. Now, the goal is to impact **1 million lives** by the time Pi Beta Phi celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2017, building on its legacy of literacy. Pi Phi promotes various ways members and non-members can help promote reading and get involved. **To watch our powerful video and learn ways you, too, can get involved in Read > Lead > Achieve, visit www.pibetaphi.org/readleadachieve.**

READ > LEAD > ACHIEVE PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

There are several Pi Phi-sponsored programs for collegians and alumnae, such as Champions are Readers®, Fraternity Day of Service and Arrow in the Arctic. In order to get thousands of new books into the hands of underprivileged children across North America, Pi Beta Phi works closely with First Book®, an international nonprofit organization with a single mission, to give children from low-income families the opportunity to own brand-new books. **To learn more about these unique Pi Phi programs, and partnerships, please visit www.pibetaphi.org.**

**According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy*



THE LITERACY FUND

Collegiate chapters, alumnae clubs and individuals, including non-members, financially support Read > Lead > Achieve through The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation. **To make a contribution for Pi Phi's philanthropic efforts, visit the Foundation's website at www.pibetaphifoundation.org.**

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

Throughout its history, Pi Beta Phi has recognized the importance of serving others. Pi Phi's commitment to literacy began in 1912 with the founding of the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School, which brought education, economic development and health care to residents of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Literacy has always been Pi Phi's philanthropic focus, and through its Read > Lead > Achieve initiatives members remain committed to this relevant cause today.

LEADING WITH VALUES

Leading with Values, Pi Beta Phi's member development program for collegians and alumnae, is based on Pi Beta Phi's core values. The program sets the stage for understanding and living the values of the Fraternity, fulfilling leadership potential, serving others and achieving academic excellence. This first-of-its-kind program paved the way for other fraternity and sorority member development programs. **For more information, visit www.pibetaphi.org/leadingwithvalues.**

PI BETA PHI FOUNDATION



Pi Beta Phi Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Pi Beta Phi, enabling the Fraternity to realize its mission and ensuring the future of the sisterhood. Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation annually awards more than 100 academic scholarships, supports leadership and personal development training for every undergraduate Pi Phi, provides emergency assistance grants to sisters facing dire financial hardships and supports the Fraternity's Read > Lead > Achieve initiatives across North America.



SUPPORTING PI PHI

The Friendship Fund makes all Foundation-supported programs possible. When you make a tax-deductible gift to the Friendship Fund you truly are giving young women the resources they need to graduate and become the next generation of outstanding women leaders.

A Foundation gift is also a great way to honor your favorite Pi Phi's initiation, birthday, graduation or any special occasion. With your gift, she will receive a special card letting her know you have made a gift in her honor and, when appropriate, the occasion you are recognizing. What better way to support the woman you love than with a gift to the organization that means so much to her?

For more information about Pi Beta Phi Foundation or to make a gift, please visit www.pibetaphifoundation.org.

FRATERNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

Pi Beta Phi believes building a sense of community is integral to a lifetime membership experience. Data shows quality housing is a critical component in delivering a positive member experience. This is why the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) strives to ensure the highest level in chapter facility operations, leadership, safety, security and finance. The mission of FHC is to strengthen, support and service housing within Pi Beta Phi Fraternity.

FHC owns several chapter facilities and provides these chapters with property management, employee supervision as well as accounting services. FHC is staffed with five full-time housing experts who partner and collaborate with other departments and are dedicated to day-to-day facility management and long-range planning. Their expertise includes:

- New builds and renovations
- Completing housing assessments – a tool in identifying greatest facility needs
- Recruiting, hiring and training new local housing employees
- Up-to-date knowledge of changing state and federal laws
- Contract negotiation and oversight of vendors
- Payroll services
- Loan refinancing
- Record keeping and annual audits
- Financial planning
- Fundraising



In addition, FHC serves as a resource for local Chapter House Corporation (CHC) boards, which are made up of Pi Beta Phi alumnae volunteers who manage and maintain some chapter facilities. FHC assists CHCs in a variety of areas, including volunteer development and recruitment, safety issues and training. FHC works with CHCs to ensure they are in compliance with local and federal safety standards as well as being in good standing with the IRS and Secretary of State. For more information about the **Fraternity Housing Corporation**, visit www.pibetaphi.org/fhc.



PI PHI SYMBOLS

COLORS:

Wine and Silver Blue



OFFICIAL SYMBOL:

Golden Arrow



NON-OFFICIAL SYMBOL:

Angel



CREST



FLOWER:

Wine Carnation



CONTACT PI BETA PHI

Pi Beta Phi is supported by more than 2,000 alumnae volunteer officers who help manage the operations of Pi Beta Phi's chapters and alumnae clubs. Alumnae volunteers give freely of their time as a commitment to Pi Beta Phi.

In addition, the Fraternity has more than 50 professional staff members at its Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. Pi Beta Phi staff are equipped to answer or find answers to questions you have regarding the organization. Pi Beta Phi Fraternity Headquarters is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.

To reach a Headquarters staff member call (636) 256-0680 or submit a question online at www.pibetaphi.org/contactus. It's important to remember Pi Beta Phi does not share private information about its members, even with parents, without the consent of the member.





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