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Service to Humanity

Sisters serve others at home and abroad

Service to Humanity. . . a Gamma Phi Beta Core Value



Do you think of Gamma Phi Beta as a service or philanthropic organization? Usually we speak of our activities in terms of sisterhood, academics, social activities and leadership. Yet our mission statement clearly speaks of a “life long commitment to individual worth, intellectual growth and service to humanity.”

I’m proud to read in these pages of the alumnae and collegiate sisters who are impacting our world—around the world and in their own back yard; sisters who dedicate their summers, their spring breaks, a week of their busy lives or their entire career to serving others and making a difference.

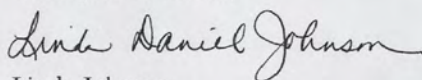
From Mozambique to Latin America to Burma to

New Orleans, Gamma Phi Betas have been teaching children, building houses, exchanging ideas and cultures, working in community development and working for peace. These sisters speak of believing that what they are doing is too important to stop; becoming really inspired to work to create change and being surrounded by communities without resources but teeming with life and love. The stories have an impact on both the reader and the writer!

Gamma Phi Beta as an organization makes a philanthropic impact also. Our chapters raise funds for Camp Fire USA, and support local camps across the United States and Canada, providing transformational camping experiences for girls who would not otherwise have an opportunity. Gamma Phi Beta’s financial support for camping exceeded \$171,000 in 2006–07. We do make a difference.

Service and philanthropy are vital components of our organization. Celebrate the way we live our core values.

With pride in IIKE,



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Our mission is to foster a nurturing environment that provides women the opportunity to achieve their potential through life-long commitment to intellectual growth, individual worth and service to humanity.



ON THE COVER

International President Linda Daniel Johnson (Vanderbilt) demonstrates what Gamma Phi Beta members are doing to make a difference in the world around them. Page 10.

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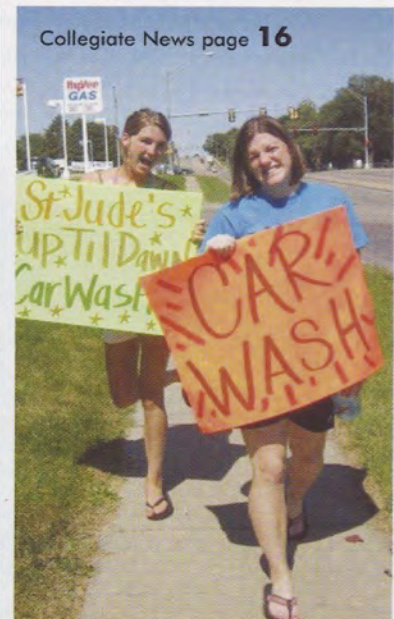
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Ginger
Kathrens
(Bowling
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shows her
Emmy off
to her
Spirits of
the
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co-star.



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Headquarters Staff: Front row, from left: William Bishop, John Rice, Jane Kerr, Loraine Meech, Megan McDermott, Amy Dana (Colorado College), Kate Sabo (Colgate), Carol Sellers. Back row, from left: Suzanne Lee, Patricia Crowley (Northwestern), Jody Anderson, Christa Fruchtl (Eastern Washington), Janet Martinez, Geneva Vallejo (Minnesota State-Mankato), Kendra Bocher (California State-Long Beach), My Le Nguyen (Wichita State).

Dear Editor,

I want to bring to your attention a fundraising event that was thrown in honor of Tyler DeMille, the 1 year-old son of Erica Face DeMille (George Mason) and her husband Dan. Tyler is fighting a rare form of Leukemia called JMML that affects 1 in 100 million children. His only hope for survival was a bone marrow transplant he received at the beginning of July. Amy Walter Bancroft, Kim Person Ranno



and I (all Epsilon Pi Chapter alumnae) joined together to throw the DeMille family a Las Vegas Casino Night & Silent Auction fundraiser on July 14, 2007. It was a huge success, due in part to the mobilization of Gamma Phi Betas from across the country.

After his transplant, Tyler continued to make huge leaps and bounds in his recovery. Erica and Tyler became outpatients and lived at a Ronald McDonald type-hotel where Erica was his nurse and mother on a daily basis. At one point, she figured she was only outside the hotel for 15 minutes a week during their quick walks to the hospital for clinic visits.

The family's goal for Tyler was to make it 100 days post-transplant. If he made it to 100 days and had 100% donor cells at that time (meaning no leukemia cells had grown back), they would be able to come home. He did so well, they were able to come home before their 100-day mark.

The family is now at home in Fairfax, Virginia. Tyler has to be quarantined 24-hours a day. He is only allowed to come in contact with Erica and Dan, who have to remain completely healthy. Erica is still Tyler's primary nurse, handling all of his daily medical care. Erica and Dan are grateful for their friends and family and the support, both financial and emotional, they continue to receive. Their positive outlook has gotten Tyler where he is today.

It was incredibly moving to see so many women come out of the woodwork to help, and we all only knew each other through our Sorority. We kept saying "If EVER there was a reason to join a sorority..."

If you would like to read Erica's blog, view photos of Tyler, or donate money to help the DeMille family, please visit <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/tylerdemille>.

Sincerely,

Windy Mattice Jennings (George Mason)



Epsilon Pi Chapter (George Mason) alumnae helped raise money for the DeMille family at a Las Vegas Casino Night & Silent Auction Fundraiser.

Dear Editor,

In the early 1980s I was a founding sister of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter (La Salle).

Since my college days I have been busy raising a family, working and coaching cheerleading. I was a cheerleader in college and continue to coach because of my love for the sport. I am the cheer advisor for the Montoursville Area School District and coach of the varsity cheer squad. Recently, a young woman named Hanna wanted to try out for the squad. Hanna has Down Syndrome. Needless to say, I made her part of the varsity cheer team. It has been a wonderful experience for the cheerleaders, community and me. I believe I have shown everyone that children with disabilities can be involved in sports.

This year with Hanna has made me think of my days as a Gamma Phi Beta collegian. I am proud to continue the tradition of serving the community as a Gamma Phi Beta alumna!

Sincerely,

Danielle Miller Swisher (LaSalle)



Hanna and Danielle

NPC Update

BELOW: Top left, Patricia Crowley (Northwestern), Sorority Executive Director, Karen Gamel Urette (Oklahoma), Sorority Director-Panhellenic Resources and Darla Click Dakin (Arizona State), Sorority Director-Panhellenic Resources. Bottom left, Linda Daniel Johnson (Vanderbilt), International President, Betty Ahlemeyer Quick (Indiana), Panhellenic Affairs Vice President and Margaret West Pape (Oklahoma), Sorority Director-Panhellenic Resources.



From left, International President Linda Daniel Johnson (Vanderbilt) presents Betty Ahlemeyer Quick (Indiana) with a gift from International Council celebrating Betty's service to NPC.



Event Manager Christa Hamilton Fruchtl (Eastern Washington) teamed with Betty Ahlemeyer Quick (Indiana) to plan the NPC Biennial Session themed, "Partnerships, Expanding the NPC Tradition."

Generations of Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood attended the meeting to see Betty complete her term as NPC Chairman.

From left, Gloria Swanson Nelson (Oklahoma), Mary Jane Hipp Misthos (Colorado College) and Betty Quick.



From left, Rebecca Boyd-Obarski (Illinois), Bylaws Chairwoman, Ann Mullen Bronsing (Indiana State), Nominating Committee Chairwoman, and Sally Erikson Lewis (Bradley), a member of the Foundation Development Committee, were all smiles as they showed their support for Betty and NPC.



2007 NPC Biennial Meeting

Gamma Phi Beta International Council, volunteer leaders, and area alumnae were on hand for the 60th Biennial Meeting October 26–27, 2007, at the Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling, Illinois.



Connect with Sisters at the Ultimate Sisterhood Event

Convention 2008 in Cincinnati, June 25–29, 2008

With the Cincinnati Zoo, King's Island, the Museum Center at Union Terminal, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Newport Aquarium and the Purple People Bridge only minutes away, there are plenty of ways to **CONNECT** with sisters in the Queen City.

Participate in leadership workshops and attend motivating seminars while Gamma Phi delegates **IMPACT** the future of our Sorority.

Sisters will **SHINE** in the Hall of Mirrors at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel. This French Art Deco hotel features soaring ceiling murals and Brazilian wood paneling all restored to its 1930s grandeur.

Watch www.gammaphibeta.org for information about Convention registration, sightseeing, transportation and more. For additional area information, visit <http://www.cincinnati.com>.

HOTEL RATES

Single/Double: \$129 per night + 17% tax
Triple: \$142 per night + 17% tax
Quad: \$152 per night + 17% tax

"Gamma Phi Beta's Conventions are a priceless and memorable experience. On a daily basis, you are able to experience Gamma Phi Beta on your campus. However, *attending Convention gives you the rare opportunity to meet hundreds of amazing sisters—you might never meet otherwise—from all across North America*, all in the same place! The opportunity to create friendships with women who cherish the same values you do is really wonderful. The G-Phi pride, enthusiasm and spirit will stick with you always!"

—Krista Spanninger Davis (Bowling Green), Collegiate Vice President

"Attending my first Convention opened my eyes to what a big Gamma Phi Beta world there is! I was in my early thirties when a sister and I decided to reconnect with ΓΦΒ. Neither of us had done anything with the Sorority in years. We felt so energized that we came home and re-chartered our local alumnae group. It felt good to be a part of such a large, vibrant group of amazing women."

—Nancy J. Truesdale (Georgia), Alumnae Vice President

CONVENTION ALUMNAE BOUTIQUE

As Gamma Phi Beta prepares for Convention 2008, we invite all alumnae chapters and crescent circles that will be attending to participate in the Convention Alumnae Boutique. This is a fun and financially rewarding experience for your alumnae group. Boutique sales were more than \$10,000 at Convention 2006 in Phoenix. Revenue was made from the sale of approved merchandise, including cookbooks, jewelry, homemade note cards, flower pens, and cookie kits. Watch for more information in the Call to Convention.

Gamma Phi Beta Sisters Continuing To Help With Hurricane Katrina Relief

By Suzanne Lee, Staff Writer

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina swept through New Orleans and much of the Gulf coast, leaving devastation in its wake. Major levees in New Orleans breached as Katrina passed through the city, leaving about eighty percent of the city and most of the surrounding areas submerged. Federal disaster areas added up to approximately 90,000 square miles (an area almost as large as the United Kingdom), and thousands of people were left without power and/or without a home.

Relief efforts were rigorous, but there is still work to be done. Many Gamma Phi Beta sisters have stepped up to the challenge of helping rebuild cities and lives after one of the most costly and deadly hurricanes in U.S. history.

CARLY MCKEEMAN (California-Santa Barbara)

Carly McKeeman, a law student at Pepperdine, had the opportunity to embark on a university-wide relief trip to the New Orleans area in the winter of 2006. She and three other law students had an amazing week of gutting and rebuilding homes affected by the hurricane.

Simultaneously, Carly was working with the Student Hurricane Network on their MatchMakers4Justice Project. The project pairs law students with New Orleans residents to help mitigate their legal issues and connect them with lawyers or social service workers. Carly secured contacts in Louisiana and managed to obtain a position working with Acadiana Legal Services, a low-income legal services clinic. This position allowed Carly to help her low-income clients with a wide variety of legal matters such as landlord-tenant issues, FEMA appeals and government benefits issues. The job also put her in Louisiana for the summer and allowed her to continue her volunteerism, which included rebuilding work with a local church.

Now in her last year of law school, Carly is planning another relief trip for winter break, this time to Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi. She's hoping to use her legal education to become a public interest lawyer, and would one day love to return to law school as a faculty member running a law school clinic, where she could connect other law students with public interest work.



Above, Carly (right) and a fellow law student during a University-wide trip they took in December 2006. She and fellow Pepperdine students gutted and cleaned houses devastated by the hurricane. Right, Carly and a client she counseled during the summer of 2007. Carly provided counseling with legal matters such as FEMA appeals and government benefits issues.



Right, Monica enjoys time with some of her students. Hurricane Katrina changed the lives of thousands of children, but Monica works to create a stable environment for the children she teaches.

MONICA THOM (Detroit-Mercy)

Monica Thom has been in New Orleans since August 2006, working at a low-income school as second-grade teaching assistant through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Because nearly all of her students were displaced after Hurricane Katrina, Monica believes that her work returning students to a structured life is vital to the students' development. In addition to her work at the school, Monica has aided in rebuilding in Biloxi, Mississippi.



Left and above, devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina was extensive and cleanup of parts of the city is still in progress.



SEDONA VALENTINE (California-Santa Barbara)

In March 2007, Sedona decided to take a trip to New Orleans, but it wasn't to celebrate Mardi Gras or take a spring vacation. Instead, she and a group of friends cleaned out and helped demolish uninhabitable houses. She and her friends also distributed food and water to people who were still struggling financially.

"It was amazing to see how much damage was done by the hurricane, and how much work still needs to be done," says Sedona. "The people of New Orleans should not be forgotten."



Photo taken in Tultitlan, Mexico, by Mandy Carden (Colgate). Mandy and her team worked for a week to construct sanitary latrines in the town, which is just outside Mexico City.

Gamma Phi Beta Sisters Making a Difference Around the World

By Suzanne Lee, Staff Writer

The definition of philanthropy is broad, and can encompass anything from donating a dollar to spending years researching and writing a book that will generate awareness about a little-known disease. The Gamma Phi Beta sisters featured on the following pages have gone the distance for the causes in which they believe.

Mozambique

KATIE AIRD (Virginia)

Since September 2006, Katie Aird has lived in Inhassaro, a coastal village located in the central eastern region of Mozambique. Katie teaches biology and English through the Peace Corps. She began teaching biology to students ranging in age from 13 to 22, but her situation changed slightly when her housemate, another Peace Corps volunteer, left due to medical reasons. Katie now also teaches English to three classes of ninth graders.

Katie also works with an organization called Raparigas em Desenvolvimento, Educação e Saude, REDES for short. REDES works with teenage girls to promote self-esteem and healthy decision-making, and educates them about future planning, basic business skills, public speaking and negotiation. In December, Katie will assume the role as the representative of REDES, acting as the liaison between the Department of Education and the Peace Corps.

"Personally, I came here with the expectation of changing the world," says Katie. "But I quickly realized that change is a slow process. What's more, the huge change I was envisioning begins with individuals, in my case, my students and faculty members."

Katie's school doesn't have microscopes, something vital for next year's ninth-grade biology unit. The vast majority of students don't have textbooks, and some teachers are using notes from their collegiate years as guides. Yet the lack of resources does not stop the volunteers from forging ahead.



Katie Aird (Virigina) teaches a class in Mozambique. Katie is working with the Peace Corps and teaches biology and English.

"What amazes me is the attitude of the people," says Katie. "Never have I felt so surrounded by a community teeming with life and love despite poverty and the lack of resources. While I hope to give back to this community with books or my skills as a teacher, there is no way I can affect this community the way they have affected me... my community has given me a new lease on life and filled me with patience and an appreciation for the little things."



Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa

TONYA HOOBLER (Kansas State)

In the spring of 2007, Tonya Hoobler traveled to Malawi, Mozambique, and South Africa to work with HIV/AIDS victims. Tonya spent two weeks in Africa, working with Sojourner: Help, Advocacy, Development, Education (SHADE), an organization that focuses on helping women and children affected by HIV and AIDS. She and eight other women from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City assisted with the funding of feeding programs, AIDS orphanages and support of caretakers of HIV and AIDS victims.



Tonya Hoobler (Kansas State) with children in Malawi. Tonya and her church group assisted with the funding of various programs in Africa dealing with HIV and AIDS care and awareness.

"They have nothing," says Tonya, speaking of the villagers. "No clothes, shelter or food. Yet they are the most happy and spiritual people I've ever met."

In September 2007, Tonya helped host a 5K run/walk, where they collected \$170,000, 100% of which will go directly back to SHADE. She is currently in the process of putting together a medical mission to Malawi for the fall of 2008.



Lindsay Lane (California-Berkeley) reads to a Cambodian woman. Lindsay spent a month in Cambodia, speaking with dignitaries and working with organizations to teach informal education classes.

Cambodia

LINDSAY LANE (California-Berkeley)

Through Global Youth Connect, Lindsay Lane traveled to Cambodia for a month to study the human rights situation, particularly on the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. Lindsay spent time meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, individuals who worked for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and people from various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) who promote peace and justice.

Lindsay says the best part of her trip was working for Khemara, an NGO that runs kindergartens. Khemara also provides informal education classes to women who never attended school, administers microfinance loans for start-up businesses and gives support to people living with HIV/AIDS.

"We weren't doing tangible service work like building houses," says Lindsay. "But I think the exchange of ideas between young people from such different walks of life left everyone better educated on the topic of human rights, more aware of the world in general, and really inspired to work to create change."





A road in a refugee camp on the Thai-Burma border. Sally Whitby Mooney (Toronto) traveled to Burma to teach refugees in 2007.

Burma (Myanmar)

SALLY WHITBY MOONEY (Toronto)

Sally Mooney traveled to the Thai-Burma border in January 2007, where she spent a month teaching in a refugee hostel with Project Umbrella Burma. Project Umbrella Burma (www.projectumbrellaburma.com) is a not-for-profit organization that provides direct aid to Burmese refugees by fostering the development of medical clinics, youth hostels and education.

Since conflict began in Burma, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has chosen about 4,500 people from the Thai-Burma camps to be relocated to several different countries, including Canada and the United States. A very rewarding activity for Sally has been volunteering with the group that welcomes refugees to her city in Canada and helps them resettle in her community.

Guatemala

LINDA DANIEL JOHNSON (Vanderbilt)

Through her church, which partnered with the Guatemalan Presbyterian Church and Faith in Practice, International President Linda Johnson answered the call to help Guatemalans in need. She has participated in several mission trips to Guatemala, helping provide residents with medical and dental personnel, medication and much-needed supplies.



Linda Johnson (Vanderbilt) visits with one of the Guatemalan families she helped while on a mission.

"Mission work in Guatemala changes my perspective," says Linda. "On each trip, I am reminded that happiness is not related to material wealth or status. I come home humbled, renewed and grateful for the many blessings in my life."

Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Panama

SARAH WARD (Colorado-Boulder)

Amigos de las Americas, an international non-profit working with communities and agencies to



Sarah Ward (Colorado-Boulder) takes a break with Panama community members. Sarah has served communities in several Latin American countries.

provide health and education solutions in Latin America, has provided Sarah Ward with several different volunteer opportunities to learn and grow. Sarah began working with the organization in the summer of 2001 as a rural community volunteer in the Dominican Republic.

In 2005, Sarah returned to the program as a supervisor in Costa Rica, where she and nine other volunteers worked on various community development projects and taught youth empowerment classes.

In 2006, Sarah spent the summer with Amigos de las Americas as an associate project director in Panama. By partnering with the Ministry of Health and the Panama Verde environmental awareness organization, Sarah's volunteer group hosted an environmental festival and a cultural fair, and completed community development classes in 24 communities. The volunteers also held education classes based on the communities' wishes and needs.



Mexico

MANDY CARDEN (Colgate)

In a small area called Tultitlan outside of Mexico City, approximately 75 families have constructed a community on top of a dump. For many people in the area, lack of sanitation facilities meant contaminated food and drinking water.

To help residents take a step toward a healthy, permanent community, Mandy Carden and eight Colgate students spent their 2007 spring break constructing rudimentary but sanitary latrines. The students partnered with Northwest Medical Teams International, an organization that provides volunteer medical services to impoverished communities throughout the world.



Mandy Carden (Colgate) builds latrines to help Tultitlan residents take steps toward a healthier community.

Get Involved!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD AROUND YOU

An afternoon at a soup kitchen, volunteering at a senior center, working with Gamma Phi Beta collegians or interning at a non-profit organization are all examples of small steps we can make to create a better world around us.

Most schools and universities have their own volunteer office right on campus that offers everything from one-day placement to alternative spring break trips. There are also numerous volunteer opportunities after graduation. Check out some of these Web sites to see where you can make a difference:

Alternative Spring Breaks:

www.alternativebreaks.org.

Amigos de las Americas: www.amigoslink.org.

Cross-Cultural Solutions:

www.crossculturalsolutions.org.

Faith in Practice: www.faithinpractice.org.

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IdeaList: www.idealists.org.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps: www.jesuitvolunteers.org.

Medical Teams International:

www.medicalteams.org.

United States Peace Corps: www.peacecorps.gov.

USA Freedom Corps: www.usafreedomcorps.gov.

Volunteer Match: www.volunteermatch.org.

Windows for Peace: www.windowsforpeaceuk.org.



Israel

HILARY STISS (Colgate)

The Middle East is an area filled with conflict, yet Hilary Stiss decided to spend the summer of 2007 in Tel Aviv and the surrounding areas, working with an organization called Windows for Peace. She traveled between the territories and Israel, interacting with youth and educating Palestinians and Israelis about each other. The goal of Windows for Peace is to not only educate youth but also to provide relief for Palestinians.

In an e-mail over the summer to her Gamma Phi Beta sisters, Hilary shared her work and her fears. "Right now there is heavy fighting in Gaza," said Hilary. "It's really scary, but we believe that what we are doing is too important to stop, so we will continue until the Israelis will no longer let us into the territories."



Sara Hamilton Christopherson (Florida State) outside of an orphanage in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Sara's company helps provide these orphanages with the medical and emergency supplies they truly need.

A Career of Service

It's a great thing to donate extra time and energy to a good cause. These Gamma Phi Beta sisters have taken a great thing to the next level by dedicating their careers to helping others.

CHERIE GIESSMAN DINOIA (St. Louis)

Honduras, United States

Through her company, Shelby Financial Group (www.shelbyfinancialgroup.com), President Cherie DiNoia provides financial advice that specializes in sustainable investing. The intent of Shelby Financial Group is to assist individuals and organizations in making financial choices that not only increase their potential for growth but also help to create a sustainable world.

A special project within Shelby Financial group is a community development project in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, an area hit hard by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Cherie and Shelby Financial Group worked with engineers of DSA International to create a safe, strong community in the wake of the devastation. The project has created over 300 new jobs and, once completed, will have



Cherie Giessman DiNoia (St. Louis) and her son, Raffaele, in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Cherie takes her children with her on projects as much as possible.

built 400 homes, providing housing for about 2,400 people. To date, the project is a little more than \$400,000 away from the \$9.5 million goal.

SARA HAMILTON CHRISTOPHERSON (Florida State)

Worldwide

Donations are appreciated worldwide, especially in areas where there is great need. But what happens when donated medications are expired? Or when there's a need for mosquito nets but aspirin arrives instead? That's where Sara Christopherson and the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations step in.

In response to the problem of inappropriate or misdirected medical donations, the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) was formed in 1999. PQMD provides donation guidelines, education programs, research and partnerships to advance quality medical donations worldwide. As the Director of Programs and Communications, part of Sara's role is to manage various programs within the organization, including several research projects. She's currently working on a Metric Project to measure donations and treatments, as well as a Global Mapping Project to evaluate the health, economic and quality of life effects of quality donations.

One Chapter *with* Outstanding Service

There are women within each collegiate chapter who exhibit a dedication to service. But the women of the Zeta Theta Chapter (Pepperdine) have gone above and beyond their call to serve. Each year, members of the chapter participate in Project Serve, an alternative spring break trip offered by Pepperdine University, which sends teams of students across the United States and Latin America. Three Zeta Theta sisters have been chosen as team leaders for this year's Project Serve, an amazing accomplishment, as only twenty individuals are accepted campus-wide.



Cindy Nham (Pepperdine) with several Panamanian children.

CINDY NHAM

Cindy Nham and 11 other students traveled to Panama to visit local churches and orphanages. Working in conjunction with Youth With A Mission, the students helped clean a girls orphanage in San Vicente, clearing out years of filth. The group also traveled by canoe to visit the Embrera Tribe, where they rebuilt roads and bathrooms.

Cindy and her team also delivered toys to the children of the Embrera Tribe. "They were old toys that we had collected from neighbors and family, simple toys like dolls and cars," says Cindy. "Yet when the Embrera children received them, their faces lit up. They made me realize how fortunate and privileged I am to have the things that I have."

Cindy has been chosen this year as the site leader for a trip to the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona, a community faced with high unemployment, homelessness and drug problems.

ALEJANDRA GARCIA

Alejandra Garcia and her Project Serve team went to Florida to work with Habitat for Humanity. She helped a family build their future home.

"One of my favorite memories was from the last day we worked on the job site," recalls Alejandra. "We worked alongside the families that would be living in the houses. They were so grateful and it made the week so much more worthwhile."

Alejandra has been chosen as a Project Serve team leader for 2008, and will travel to the South Bronx in New York to tutor elementary school children and help them prepare for their state exams.

WENDY TRAN

Wendy Tran has been on a Project Serve trip every year of her undergraduate career, has led two teams and served as a 2007 coordinator for Project Serve, planning all aspects of last year's 14 team trips. Even though she's graduated, she continues to participate in Project Serve.

"In both groups [Gamma Phi Beta and Project Serve], I was able to just be me, serve and develop as a leader," says Wendy. "There is no way that all the poverty, education, emotional, hunger or social issues in the cities Project Serve teams visit would be solved in a week, but we can show the people we serve that we care and that they have not been forgotten."



Alejandra Garcia (Pepperdine) with her Project Serve team in Florida. Alejandra will travel to New York in 2008 as a Project Serve leader.



Commitment to Service

Alpha Nu Chapter sisters took turns teeter-tottering for 12 hours in the center of the Wittenberg campus to raise funds for Camp Joy.

Collegiate chapter life is filled with recruitment, study groups, socials, meetings, and more—not to mention that each member has her own collegiate obligations to fulfill. Even though it seems as if there might not be enough hours in the day, these chapters have managed to do some excellent work in the field of philanthropy.

OMICRON ILLINOIS

Omicron Chapter hosted their annual spring philanthropy, Gamma Phi-esta. More than 350 guests attended the taco dinner, which generated \$2,671 for Camp Fire USA. The women also hosted their annual golf tournament in October, which resulted in more than 200 participants and significant donations to Camp Fire USA.



Alpha Lambda Chapter (British Columbia) competes in the annual Longboat Challenge hosted by the University of Columbia Recreation Center. Team I AM A G rowed their way to second place.

Note on the Wildfires that Ravished Southern California

During production of this issue, southern California was under attack by 23 wildfires that were blamed for 14 deaths and charred more than 508,000 acres, destroying about 1,600 homes. The fires have been extinguished, but the affect on our members in southern California is long-lasting. Stay tuned to hear stories from sisters affected by the fires.

SIGMA KANSAS

The Eileen Teehan Gold Tournament, hosted by Sigma Chapter, provided friends and family with an exciting day of golf while supporting the Kaw Valley Center, an organization that helps send children in need to a variety of camps.

TAU COLORADO STATE

Before recruitment, the women of Tau Chapter volunteered at an elementary school carnival. The women also donated their time to the Fort Collins Annual Doggie Olympics, a community service event that supports the Larimer Animal-People Partnership.



The new members of Eta Chapter (California-Berkeley) skate the night away with their sisters on Bid Day.

OMEGA IOWA STATE

The Gamma Phi Beta women of Iowa State hosted their annual philanthropic Pancake Breakfast.

ALPHA LAMBDA BRITISH COLUMBIA

Alpha Lambda Chapter was awarded Top Philanthropic chapter of the year. President Leanne Leong was awarded the Top Individual Philanthropy Award among the entire Panhellenic Council. The chapter hopes to carry their philanthropic legacy well into the future.

BETA ALPHA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The women of Beta Alpha Chapter are looking forward to their annual dodgeball fundraiser.



Beta Mu Chapter (Florida State) members display their Greek Week and President's Cup awards from Florida State's Greek Awards night.

Philanthropy is the focus of this issue, but here's a quick look at other amazing accomplishments by collegiate chapters:

The **Delta Chapter** (Boston) of Gamma Phi Beta was presented with the Most Improved Chapter of the Year Award from Boston University's Greek system. In addition, Vanessa Porter was honored with the Sister of the Year Award.

Xi Chapter (Idaho) added 25 new members, including nine legacies during formal recruitment. The chapter grade point averages jumped to 3.6 for the spring semester.

Not only did **Psi Chapter** (Oklahoma) have an outstanding formal recruitment (75 new members), they also traveled to the Texas Christian University (TCU) Colony to participate in the colony's Preference Night. The women had a great time getting to know the potential new members and, the next day, helped welcome dozens of new members into TCU's colony.

Delta Theta Chapter (California Polytechnic State) hosted one of 40 pot-luck neighborhood parties in September. The event, SLO Night with Your Neighbors, was co-sponsored by the city of San Luis Obispo, the university and the Associated Students Inc. The night was designed to break down stereotypes and strengthen the city and campus connection throughout the community. Attendees included campus and community members, city officials, university dignitaries, firemen and policemen.

Delta Psi Chapter (California-Santa Barbara) celebrated fall recruitment in their beautiful new courtyard, complete with a fountain and barbeque, thanks to alumnae donations and help from the Gamma Phi Beta loan fund.

"With these letters in front of you, your sisters are behind you," was the main theme of the **Zeta Iota Chapter's** (Valparaiso) recruitment. The chapter welcomed seven new members during their fall recruitment.

Zeta Rho Chapter (Texas A&M-College Station) enjoyed their first recruitment in their beautiful new house. They had impressive returns each night and a great amount of support from local alumnae. International President Linda Johnson also made a surprise appearance on Preference Night.

Zeta Tau Chapter (Emory) had much to celebrate at the 2006-2007 Emory Greek Awards. Andrea Heflin was awarded Outstanding Chapter President, Rina Mandel was awarded Outstanding New Member and Alyse Finkel was presented with the Unsung Heroine Award. Randi Palmer was presented with the Sonny Carter Scholarship, an award chosen based on academic achievement, campus involvement and commitment to physical activity.



The local fire dog joined the Delta Theta Chapter (California-San Luis Obispo) at their potluck neighborhood party. The event was designed to break down stereotypes and strengthen connections between the city and the campuses.



Gamma Tau Chapter (St. Louis) presented Girls, Inc. with a check (and cake!) after the chapter hosted a fundraiser for the organization.

GAMMA TAU

ST. LOUIS

Girls, Inc. was presented a check for \$11,252 by Gamma Tau Chapter, who held a fund-raiser for the group. The women also participated in a campus-wide toy drive.

GAMMA MU

MINNESOTA STATE-MOORHEAD

A Teeter Totter-a-Thon was held with Delta Zeta Sorority to raise money for local tornado relief in Northwood. Gamma Mu Chapter sisters also attended a TEARS Walk in Grand Forks to raise suicide awareness.

DELTA PI

ILLINOIS STATE

This year's annual Camp Week, hosted by the sisters of Delta Pi Chapter, generated more than \$1,500 for Camp Fire USA and the McClean County Child Protection Agency.

EPISLON DELTA

CREIGHTON

A campus-wide car wash generated \$1,600 for the all-Greek philanthropy, Up 'Til Dawn.

EPSILON ETA

BRIDGEWATER

The Epsilon Eta Chapter held its annual Mr. Greek Competition to benefit Camp Fire USA. Last year, nearly \$1,200 was donated to Camp Fire USA.



ABOVE: The women of the Delta Psi Chapter (California-Santa Barbara) enjoy a successful recruitment in their beautiful new courtyard.



LEFT: The ladies of Xi Chapter (Idaho) add 25 new members in the fall, and celebrate a 3.6 grade point average.

ZETA DELTA

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

Over the summer, several Zeta Delta Chapter members participated in Race for the Cure in St. Louis.

ZETA OMICRON

JOHN CARROLL

Zeta Omicron Chapter held its campus-wide philanthropy, the 6th annual PowderPuff football tournament. All proceeds from the tournament benefited Camp Fire USA and the chapter's local camping organization, Camp Cheerful.



Epsilon Phi Chapter (Bentley) members take some time during their chapter retreat to relax and have some fun.

Members of the Tulsa alumnae group participate in the local Race for the Cure. The women collected money for breast cancer research by selling Gamma Phi Beta T-shirts designed for team Gamma Phi.



Symbol Key:



Sisterhood



Leadership



Philanthropy



Scholarship

ALABAMA


The Birmingham Alumnae Chapter had a busy fall season, hosting a kick-off in August, facilitating a cooking class in September and participating in the Susan G. Komen Break Cancer Walk in October. The chapter has also incorporated First Fun Fridays, when members meet informally on the first Friday of each month to relax.

CALIFORNIA

To connect with sisters in the area, the South Bay Alumnae Chapter held a phone-a-thon to contact local alumnae. The chapter hosted a multitude of events during the fall, including Operation Teddy Bear, an October event where alumnae stuffed backpacks for underprivileged children. They also hosted breakfasts around the South Bay area and a cookie exchange/holiday party in December.



Birmingham alumnae members at their fall kick-off.

 Members of the San Diego Alumnae Chapter met for their annual July luncheon. Charter members, all San Diego State alumnae, in attendance were Charlotte Waters Fairbairn, Frances Maloney Mehling, Georgi Pelonis Newlee, Dorothy Vance Burns, Sharlott Hardesty Small and Iola Nelson Arakelian.

COLORADO

The Denver Alumnae Chapter began celebrating its 100th year in style. Events included a tea with a presentation on historic hats and fashions, a leadership training workshop, their annual fall kickoff gathering and Founders Day. The year-round LINKS Program continues to draw alumnae interested in Saturday morning breakfasts, scrapbooking, book discussions, game nights and more.

Member News | Alumnae



Greater Toronto Area Crescent Circle gathers at the Alpha Alpha Chapter (Toronto) house for a social potluck.



The Atlanta Southern Crescent Alumnae chapter hold its annual two-day garage sale to collect money for local George Camp Fire USA day camps.



Members of the Cleveland West, Cleveland East and Kent Alumnae Chapters hold their third annual Senior Celebration.

FLORIDA 📖 🐼

The Naples Alumnae Chapter is proud to announce the Naples Area Alumnae Scholarship is entering the fourth year of a five-year plan. The group has raised \$16,060 toward their \$20,000 goal and has over 50 donors on their Scholarship Roster. Members are looking forward to choosing their first scholar soon. The group also met in January, and donated new or gently used items for migrant workers.

IOWA 🌸 🐼

Breast cancer met another foe as fourteen Central Iowa alumnae ran in the Race for the Cure in October. The group also met for a bunko night in November and is planning a cooking class in January.



Members of the St. Louis Chapter celebrate sisterhood at their annual welcome reception.

MASSACHUSETTS 🌸 🐼

Members of the Boston Alumnae Chapter enjoyed some pampering while raising money for Camp Fire USA during their spa fundraiser. Alumnae also invited the local collegiate chapters to join them for Founders Day, which was paired with the alumnae chapter's annual Holiday Super Party Fundraiser.

MISSOURI 🌸

Greater Kansas City young alumnae members met in September to cheer on the Kansas City Royals. In October, the group met for a Shop

'til you Drop event, which included an evening of visiting, shopping and refreshments. November brought a Founders Day celebration, where the chapter celebrated 133 years of sisterhood.

🌸 🐼 The Meet me in St. Louis Antique Show and Sale to benefit the St. Louis Panhellenic Scholarship fund was a great success with St. Louis alumnae. Sisters also celebrated the month of September with their annual welcome reception.



GREEK PHONE MARCH FOR COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

by Cele Hoffman Eifert (Southern California)

On September 19, 2007, Gamma Phi Betas and hundreds of Greeks across the country participated in a Phone March to increase the number of Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) sponsors in the Senate and the House. According to the Capital Fraternal Caucus (CFC), a group founded in 2002 to advocate Greek concerns and issues to legislators in Washington D.C., there are now 168 sponsors in the House and 34 in the Senate. For more information and to contact your elected official, visit <http://www.fraternalcaucus.com/getinvolved/>.

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Area alumnae celebrate the chapter's installation in May.

NEW MEXICO 🌵

Gamma Phi Beta alumnae in Albuquerque donated the proceeds of their annual Jalapeno Pepper Jelly sales to the Zeta Xi Chapter at The College of Idaho.

OHIO 🌸

The third annual Senior Celebration was hosted by the Cleveland West, Cleveland East, and Kent Alumnae Chapters. During the luncheon, each group presented a small gift to the graduating seniors and discussed how Gamma Phi Beta integrates into their adult life.

OKLAHOMA 🌸

In support of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation's flip-flop promotion, the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter held their first annual Gamma Phi Beta Flip-Flop Party, encouraging members to buy flip flops. Later everyone celebrated with an end-of-the-year pool party. Other activities included a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, Founders Day brunch, a Christmas party and gift exchange, pot-luck dinner and a recruitment information meeting for alumnae.



Several charter members and area alumnae gather for the San Diego Alumnae Chapter's annual July luncheon.

TEXAS 🌸

The Houston Alumnae Chapter started their year with a brunch and officer installation in September. Events planned for the year include the annual Founders Day luncheon and silent auction and a December gift exchange.

VERMONT 🌸

The Green Mountain Crescent Circle enjoyed some lunch after taking a historic preservation tour of Burlington, VT.

A Day of Service

March 20, 2008

On Thursday March 20, 2008, Gamma Phi Beta collegians and alumnae are encouraged to participate in the second annual Day of Service. This event allows our members/chapters/groups the opportunity for a “hands on” service experience.

Focused on providing experiences and resources that build spiritual, mental and social resiliency in girls (our philanthropic mission), the Day of Service unites our members in a common philanthropic cause/activity while giving Gamma Phi Beta the opportunity to CONNECT with our sisters, IMPACT young girls (ages 5-12) and SHINE in our communities.

Why make a difference in the life of a girl?

Research (2006) from Girls, Inc., reveals that girls today experience intense pressure, at ever-younger ages, to be everything to everyone all of the time. According to the study, girls need support systems to bolster their ability to believe they can achieve their dreams and endure stress. One in ten girls state they do not know three adults to whom to turn if they have a problem. To learn more, visit <http://www.girlsinc.org/ic/>

Gamma Phi Beta's Day of Service is held in conjunction with Camp Fire USA's Absolutely Incredible Kid Day. For more information on the Day of Service, contact your regional coordinator-philanthropy resources.



Gamma Phi Chapter (Auburn) members Katie Brock and Laura Cherry wrote letters on Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, 2007 to a little girl named Emily.



Gamma Phi Chapter (Auburn) delivers bears to Camp Fletcher, in Birmingham, Alabama.

Here are a few ideas on how you can get involved on Day of Service:

Featured Activity: Cutie Phi program

Sisters from Gamma Iota Chapter at Midwestern State work with elementary and middle school girls serving as mentors and friends. Throughout the school year, the chapter plans fun and educational experiences for girls. This fall the chapter brought the Cutie Phis to the college campus to visit with a professor who spoke to them about college life. Sitting in the large lecture hall gave the girls the understanding of what it is like to sit in a college classroom. Afterwards the chapter provided ice cream sundaes for the girls. This mentoring program is an award winning program in the Wichita Falls, TX community.

Others Activity Ideas:

Scrapbooking: Gamma Phi Beta alumna Carmen Namenek (Western Ontario) is a unit leader with Creative Memories. Each month, she scrapbooks with girls in a foster care group home, helping them capture fun memories.

Homework Helpers: Sisters of Epsilon Delta Chapter at Creighton University work with Camp Fire USA's Nebraska council after school program. They tutor girls in need of help with their homework.

Bowling: Work with a non-profit such as Girls Inc. (with affiliates around the U.S and Canada), to take girls in the program bowling.

Teach Safety: Together with Camp Fire USA's I'm Safe and Sure program, teach kindergarten and first grade students self-help skills, home and personal safety and family responsibility.

Explore New Horizons: Many girls have never seen a play or been to a music performance. Work with a non-profit in your community to enrich the lives of girls and experience the thrill of a live performance.

In IIKE | Blessings of Sisterhood

When I tell people that Gamma Phi Beta saved my life, they usually look at me like I've sniffed one too many pink carnations. However, my story demonstrates the love and blessings of sisterhood.

I pledged Gamma Phi Beta, Psi Chapter (Oklahoma), in the fall of 1995. I'd been drinking heavily and using drugs for over a year prior to attending the university, but managed to get through recruitment without anyone discovering my little secret. College afforded me a freedom to drink and use drugs that I had not experienced at home. By the end of my first year as a Gamma Phi, I was struggling personally, physically, and spiritually. A few sisters noticed and tried to assist me, but I quickly pushed them away to continue my destructive lifestyle.

I started my sophomore year with a bad attitude and a worse addiction. This time my suffering could not be ignored and a kind and wonderful sister reported me to the executive committee for drinking and drug use. I was strangely relieved when I found the notice of the meeting in my house mailbox. By this time, I had wrecked my car, been fired from my job, and had found myself in many compromising situations that left me feeling shameful and alone. I tried a couple of recovery meetings but never stayed sober more than a few days. However, this new consequence, the possibility of losing my home and sisters, struck me at the core of my being. They say, "It takes what it takes," for a person to get sober, and I was about to discover what it would "take" for me.

I walked into the exec meeting full of shame, remorse, and disillusionment. I had the overwhelming feeling that life could not get much worse and that a body could not endure much more. The president and chapter advisor spoke sympathetically about the discovery of my condition and actions. For the first time in my life I was honest about my condition and admitted that I knew I had a problem and I would seek help. They encouraged me to do so and offered emotional support to get started.

Thanks to caring sisters and a daily recovery program, I have not had a drink or drug since that meeting eleven years ago. Through it all, my sisters stuck by me and encouraged me. Gamma Phi granted me the opportunity to give back to the Sorority in my junior and senior years, as song chair, a recruitment day chair and a participant in two University sing events and activities. It felt wonderful to finally be a beneficial and contributing member of the Sorority. It was also during this time that I met my wonderful husband, the brother of one of my sorority sisters!



ABOVE: Leslie shows her pride at a University of Oklahoma football game.
LEFT: Leslie and her husband, John.

For the last four years, my husband and I have resided in northwest Arkansas on beautiful Beaver Lake. We decided that life is simply too short to not enjoy our careers and surroundings. My husband gave up a lucrative engineering job to become a police officer and I gave up a career to return to school and obtain my master's degree in

English. I currently teach freshman composition at the University of Arkansas, and I love working with students. I am also excited about the start of a new alumnae chapter in Northwest Arkansas!

My dearest friends, fondest memories, and a clean and sober life are all due to Gamma Phi Beta and my Higher Power. Thank you to all the amazing women that have helped me grow over the last eleven years. I owe Gamma Phi Beta my time as an alumna, my money in the form of dues and donations, and, most importantly, my life.

In IIKE,

Leslie Eames Seawright (Oklahoma)



Ginger Kathrens with her Emmy.



Ginger rides Trace on the Pryor Mountains where Cloud lives and where Trace once lived.

Look to the Clouds

When Emmy-winning filmmaker Ginger Kathrens (Bowling Green) recorded a tottering newborn wild foal, she hardly anticipated how he would change her life.

In 1993, Ginger was approached by the producer and host of the Public Broadcasting Service' popular T.V. show *Wild America* to do a show on the dwindling number of wild horses in the West. Ginger wondered how she could do a show with horses sitting around grazing. Her perception changed when she and her sister spotted a band of wild horses on the Wyoming/Montana border. Their leader was a black stallion locals called Raven. Ginger filmed Raven's band not by hiding, but by sitting quietly and openly on the mountainside, becoming part of the landscape. One day, Raven and a palomino mare found Ginger and paraded a pure white foal before her, as if introducing the newborn to her. Ginger named the playful colt Cloud. That summer, Ginger wrapped up shooting for

the two-part, hour-long documentary *Year of the Mustang* that aired on *Wild America*.

Over the next few years, Ginger returned to the Arrowhead Mountains on various assignments. In 1999, with three years of footage of Cloud, Ginger successfully pitched the idea of a show tracing his life. In 2001, *Cloud: Wild Stallion of the Rockies* aired on PBS. It was a hit, especially among young girls. A companion book with the same title soon appeared and was given the Colorado Book Award for Young Adult Readers.

A second documentary, *Cloud's Legacy: The Wild Stallion Returns* aired on PBS in November 2003, was quickly followed by another companion book, a poster and a four-model set of plastic horses.

Ginger helped co-found the nonprofit Wild Horses and Burro Freedom Alliance, a coalition of animal rights groups that have fought recent changes in the U.S. law



From left, Ashley, CNN's Anderson Cooper and Ashley's AmeriCorps teammate Jackie Smith.

The Year That Changed Her Life

On August 29, 2005, the day Hurricane Katrina struck, Ashley Sloan (Kansas) was working in her cubicle in Kansas City. At the time, Ashley was aware of the hurricane mostly because her favorite television shows were being interrupted by reporters begging for assistance and support in the area. A journalism major, Ashley scoffed at the unprofessional nature of the reporters. Ashley admits she did not see the relevance to the story in her life as it related to her in her cube in Kansas City.

A year later Ashley's cube did not align with how she envisioned her life. So, she exchanged her black suit pants for a pair of khaki shorts and decided to join the AmeriCorps. When driving with her AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps teammates into St. Bernard

Parish, Louisiana, Ashley was acutely aware of cars flipped upside down into buildings, structures painted with an "X" and the words, "one dog dead," and block after block of misplaced belongings. She wondered how it could look like this one year after the storm.

After numerous discussions with their AmeriCorps teammates, the group decided to create Live St. Bernard, a non-profit organization aiming to restore the historic and culturally-rich New Orleans area community and educate people on the necessary steps for community growth.

On the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Ashley was interviewed by CNN's Anderson Cooper on his television show 360. Although her segment was brief, Ashley says it was exciting to draw national attention to Live St. Bernard and the need for further volunteer assistance in the area.

Ashley said, "On Katrina's second anniversary, I had the opportunity to reflect on my life before and after the hurricane. Previously I went to work, came home and sat on the couch. Who would have known that one of those annoying show interruptions was actually a wake-up call telling me I didn't have to remove myself from life, I had to find a job that allowed me to live mine."

Exciting progress has been made since Ashley first became involved with Live St. Bernard. A resident of the St. Bernard Parish donated a home within the neighborhood to use as volunteer housing. Volunteers are currently de-molding the house, which should be completed and ready to take volunteers after the first of the year.

Ashley currently works full time at United Way. After work, she helps with the renovation of the volunteer house. "I really wish that I had more hours in the day to devote to Live St. Bernard," says Ashley. "My work with the organization is fulfilling and it's the reason I'm in this area."

For more information about Live St. Bernard, visit www.livestbernard.org.

that require the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to auction off unadoptable or older mustangs to the highest bidder. Ginger has also founded another non-profit, the Cloud Foundation, which is dedicated to keeping visitors updated on important issues regarding wild horses. The Web site at www.thecloudfoundation.org is an important source of information for wild horse lovers.

Ginger's Emmy came for a Discovery Channel documentary, *Spirits of the Rainforest*, which earned Emmy awards for Best Cultural Informational Documentary and Best Music. Ginger was also awarded Distinguished Alumnus Award from Bowling Green State University.

Her production company, Taurus Productions, has been honored with hundreds of awards.

Ginger is currently producing a third documentary in the Cloud series, in post-production for the film *History of the Western Hills Trail* and filming *Keepers of the Farm*, an educational film on how we treat the animals that are our food sources.

Fast Fact: Ginger's older sister Marian Kathrens Willing (Bowling Green) is also a Gamma Phi Beta!

—Portions used from the *Colorado Springs, CO Gazette*.

2007 Circle of Excellence

Circle of Excellence

All of the Circle of Excellence criteria.

Bakersfield, CA
Columbia, SC
Eugene, OR
Greater Lansing, MI
Gulf Shores, AL
Manhattan, KS
Marin County, CA
Pittsburgh, PA
Stillwater, OK

Carnation Circle of Excellence

All of the Circle of Excellence criteria, plus three of the higher circle criteria.

Corvallis, OR
Evansville, IN
Milwaukee, WI
Phoenix, AZ
San Antonio, TX
Toledo, OH
Tucson, AZ

Pearl Circle of Excellence

All of the Circle of Excellence criteria, plus four of the higher circle criteria.

Beverly-Westwood, CA
Cincinnati, OH
Columbia, MO
Eastern Virginia, VA
Fort Collins, CO
Grand Rapids, MI
Long Beach, CA
New Jersey Metro, NJ

Northern Virginia, VA
Peoria, IL
Philadelphia North, PA
Philadelphia West, PA
Portland, OR
Quad Cities, IA
Washington D.C.

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All of the Circle of Excellence criteria, plus five of the higher circle criteria

Albuquerque, NM
Arlington, TX
Atlanta, GA
Balboa Harbor, CA
Boston, MA
Cedar Rapids, IA
Chicago, IL
Chicago Far West Suburban, IL
Chicago NW Suburban, IL
Cleveland East, OH
Cleveland West, OH
Dallas, TX
Dayton, OH
Denver, CO
Detroit Metro, MI
Evanston North Shore, IL
Greater Fort Myers, FL
Greater Kansas City, MO
Greater Orange County, CA
Houston, TX
Indianapolis, IN
Jacksonville, FL
Kent, OH

La Jolla, CA
Madison, WI
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
Naples, FL
Nashville, TN
North Houston, TX
Oklahoma City, OK
Pasadena, CA
Princeton, NJ
Puget Sound, WA
Raleigh, NC
San Diego, CA
South Bay, CA
St. Louis, MO
Syracuse, NY
Tallahassee, FL
Tampa Bay, FL
Tulsa, OK

Founders Circle of Excellence

This prestigious award is presented to chapters attaining either the Pearl or Diamond Circle of Excellence for the past five consecutive years.

Three of the five years must have been Diamond, although Diamond years need not have been consecutive.

Arlington, TX
Chicago, IL
Chicago Far West Suburban, IL
Chicago NW Suburban, IL
Cleveland West, OH
Dayton, OH
Denver, CO
Evanston North Shore, IL
Greater Fort Myers, FL
Greater Kansas City, MO
Indianapolis, IN
Kent, OH
Long Beach, CA
Naples, FL
Nashville, TN
North Houston, TX
Oklahoma City, OK
Pasadena, CA
Philadelphia North, PA
Quad Cities, IA
South Bay, CA
St. Louis, MO
Syracuse, NY

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE CRITERIA FOR ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

- Payment of alumnae dues, postmarked by December 1 (at least 12 members).
- Payment of Technology, Publications & Forms fee, postmarked by December 1.
- Filing of Alumnae Chapter Officers List, postmarked by May 15.
- Filing of Alumnae Chapter Presidents Report, postmarked by May 15.
- Hold four or more alumnae chapter gatherings, events or activities per year.
- Participate in the Gamma Phi Beta Connection Program by assisting a collegiate chapter.

TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

Meet the Circle of Excellence Criteria as well as three or more other criteria, such as make a Founders Day gift to the Sorority, support Camp Fire USA or any local philanthropy, send a representative to Convention, and increase dues paying members by 5% from the previous year.

2007 Individual Alumnae Awards

Merit Roll

Gloria Gillespie Badgley
KAPPA CHAPTER
New Jersey Metro Alumnae Chapter

Suzanne Deweese D'Ettorre
ALPHA ETA CHAPTER
Cleveland West Alumnae Chapter

Tara Drake
ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER
Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

Joyce Lemon Dunn
EPSILON CHAPTER
Evanston-North Shore Alumnae Chapter

Karen Seyer Dunn
BETA OMICRON CHAPTER
Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter

Mary Lou Bowman Ensign
BETA GAMMA CHAPTER
Cleveland West Alumnae Chapter

Colleen Londergan French
ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER
San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter

Kathleen Gallagher Gatewood
DELTA IOTA CHAPTER
New Jersey Metro Alumnae Chapter

Brenda Press Harden
SIGMA CHAPTER
Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

Lorraine Fox Henson
ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER
Reno Alumnae Chapter

Mary Knaup
DELTA DELTA CHAPTER
Greater Orange County Alumnae Chapter

Denise Gerbi Leath
ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER
Evanston-North Shore Chapter

Laura (Christy) Long McCormick
DELTA ETA CHAPTER
San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter

Shirley MacDonald Walford
THETA CHAPTER
Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter

MERIT, LOYALTY & SERVICE AWARD CRITERIA

MERIT: Member in good standing with a minimum of 15 years of service to the Sorority at the local level and a minimum of five years of financial support.

LOYALTY: Member in good standing with minimum of seven years of service to the Sorority on the international level and a minimum of seven years of financial support.

SERVICE: Member in good standing with minimum of five years of service to the Sorority on the international level and 15 years total at both the local and international level and a minimum of five years of financial support.

Sharon Lauck Walsh
GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER
Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter

Sandra Broome Weeke
BETA TAU CHAPTER
Albuquerque Chapter

Loyalty Award
Dena Brayley
DELTA NU CHAPTER
Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

Gaye Grimsley Bricker
BETA XI CHAPTER
Kent Alumnae Chapter

Shellie King Hodges
NU CHAPTER
Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter

Cinda Keating Lucas
BETA ALPHA CHAPTER
La Jolla Alumnae Chapter

Megan Smiley
BETA SIGMA CHAPTER
Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Service Roll

Tracy Stack Johnson
BETA MU CHAPTER
Charlottesville Crescent Circle

Annabel Jones
PSI CHAPTER
Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

Liz Crosby Martin
BETA RHO CHAPTER
Denver Alumnae Chapter

Laura Mooney Mayville
GAMMA TAU CHAPTER
Atlanta Alumnae Chapter

Gretchen Haller Reiter
BETA ALPHA CHAPTER
Greater Orange County Alumnae Chapter

Ruth A. Seeler
BETA NU CHAPTER
Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Elizabeth Dean Wanderer
OMICRON CHAPTER
Philadelphia West Alumnae Chapter

Scholarship Endowment Honors Member and Benefits Future Generations

A truly exceptional Gamma Phi Beta deserves an equally exceptional legacy! What better way to preserve a legacy than through a scholarship endowment with the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation? Worth Zahour Ludwick thoughtfully considered the wishes of her mother, Noreen Linduska Zahour (Illinois), by honoring her with a \$100,000 scholarship endowment. From the newspaper photo (below) that remained on her mother's dressing table, to the long-enduring friendships with her Gamma Phi Beta sisters, Worth knew the Sorority was an integral part of Noreen's life.



Noreen Zahour

According to family and friends, Noreen was fiercely independent and adventurous, and always lived life to the fullest. She recorded her experiences and thoughts in writing. As a young woman, she had two lengthy bouts with polio and was hospitalized. Her first book, *My Polio Past*, describes this chapter of her life. Following her recovery, she traveled to Mexico, and upon her return, delighted her family and friends with stories of her adventures.

As her children grew up, Noreen served as associate editor of *The Crescent* in addition to volunteering in schools, at her church and for infant welfare. She wrote magazine articles and, in 1975, authored and self-published a second book, *The Rigo*, a novel about the U.S. justice system. Her love of writing is reflected in her scholarship endowment with preference given to a member studying journalism, advertising, creative writing or English.

In a beautiful tribute written by her grandchildren, Noreen (or Gr'een as they fondly called her) is described: "Though one often reads about a person having a presence, a strength of character, rarely is that presence encountered in real life. But Gr'een was the person those authors sought to describe with words like character, dignity, and grace that just begin to touch the surface of a truly amazing individual."

The Zahour family encourages other sisters to add to this scholarship endowment fund.

Thanks to Verona Lynam for Thoughtful Planning

Trustee Verona Dilbeck Lynam (Oklahoma City) recently showed her thoughtfulness and generosity in two unique ways: through the donation of a life insurance policy to fund a Foundation endowment and by fostering succession on the Foundation Executive Committee. "It is a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Foundation," said Verona.



Verona Lynam

Verona has provided exceptional guidance as a Trustee. Until earlier this year, she had served as the chair of the Governance Committee since its origination in 2002. She demonstrated her leadership by stepping down from the executive committee (while remaining a Trustee) a year in advance, solely to help with board transition.

Beginning with her collegiate chapter experience, Verona credits Gamma Phi Beta with "friends, fun, and a place to belong and use my talents." The Sorority also cultivated her love of philanthropy, which began during her experience as a counselor at the Gamma Phi Beta camp in Colorado. Over the years, she found many outlets for her talents and experience, holding both Sorority and Foundation offices. When her husband died two years ago, she found new meaning in sisterhood. She confessed, "My sisters were my lifeblood."

A scholarship provided Verona with the opportunity to pursue an education at Oklahoma City University, and she has never forgotten how much it meant to her. Her dream has been to provide that same opportunity to other young women at her chapter. She is now making that dream a reality by establishing the Beta Omicron Scholarship Endowment. Her goal in setting up this scholarship is to involve "as many people as will come on board." Verona sums up her passion for giving to Gamma Phi Beta: "I give because I believe."

If you are interested in establishing a leadership development endowment or scholarship or fellowship endowment, contact Bonnie Payne, Foundation Executive Director, at (303) 799-1874, x 305, or bpayne@gammaphibeta.org.



Omicron Chapter holiday photo, 1941

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation acknowledges the following individuals and groups who contributed to the Foundation to celebrate a special event or individual. This list represents gifts received through October 11, 2007.

In Celebration of . . .

The birth of Zachary Dunn Eichenberg on June 8, 2007, to Bob and Julie (Dunn) Eichenberg.

*Hallie Anderson
Karen Kline*

Sarah Heath's acceptance into the Ph.D. program at UGA. I'm so proud of you!

Hallie Anderson

The birth of legacy Kate Jensen Harback to Alpha Omega Chapter alumna Barbara Jensen and husband Chris Harback.

Suzanne Lee

Mary Vanier for your work on the online training for advisors.

Anne Layton

The birth of Malia Callie on November 6, 2006, to Epsilon Nu Chapter alumna Sara Parker, her husband Craig, and 3 1/2-year-old big sister Alana.

Sara Cutsinger Parker

The birth of two new legacies: Caitlyn and Rachael to Julie (Pulliam) and Syd Samples.

Hallie Anderson

Epsilon Lambda Chapter's awesome recruitment! I am so proud to be from such an amazing chapter!

Hallie Anderson

Delta Upsilon Chapter's fantastic recruitment! I knew you could do it. Congratulations!

Hallie Anderson

The birth of Timothy John Winburn on July 24, 2007, to Julie (Durante) and Tim Winburn. He's precious!

Laura O'Dell

The birth of Felicity Peyton Gilbert, daughter of Nikki (Yingling) and Jeff Gilbert. She is beautiful!

Laura O'Dell

Betty Quick's term as Chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference.

Ann Bronsing

Barbara Wessel's service to the NPC Foundation.

Ann Bronsing

Julie Dunn Eichenberg's birthday and the birth of her son, Zachary.

Candace Fitzgerald

The birth of legacy Megan Rose Goldsmith! Proud parents are Alpha Tau Chapter alumna Dr. Gail Rose and husband Doug Goldsmith. Congratulations, she is beautiful.

*Grace Lin
Heather Beaton
Dr. Yael Acre
Suzanne Lee*

Molly Popish, Epsilon Delta chapter advisor.

Mitzi Ritzman

Joan Wagoner Kopf, Pi chapter advisor.

Mitzi Ritzman

The marriage of Jessica Jecmen to Steve Brummel.

Mitzi Ritzman

Adra Mason Cheek's service as region 6 regional director.

Mitzi Ritzman

The birth of legacy Kendall Marie Cose to Brooke Christenson Cose and Chad Cose (and big brother Landon) on March 28, 2007.

Mitzi Ritzman

Kris Swain and finding sisters in unexpected places.

Mitzi Ritzman

The birth of legacy Piper Anne Zatechka to Jennifer Putensen Zatechka and Rob Zatechka (and sister Brennan and brother Ryan) on June 15, 2007.

Mitzi Ritzman

Kelley Perkins Winter.

Mitzi Ritzman

The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Philadelphia North Alumnae Chapter.

Philadelphia West Alumnae Chapter

The birth of legacy Georgia Lynn Hanzel on July 13, 2007, to Christi Martin Hanzel, George and sisters Sydney and Lauren.

Mitzi Ritzman

A terrific Foundation staff with many thanks for all you have accomplished!

Maryj Shupert

Jennifer Costello's new national office!

Gloria Nelson

The 2007-2008 executive board of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter.

Gloria Nelson

The birth of legacy Caroline Sarah to Rene' and Donald Thompson.

Gloria Nelson

The adoption of Kainani Heather Highland. Proud new parents are Epsilon Rho Chapter alumna Marcy Hubbard Thomas and husband Jeff Thomas. Congratulations!

Suzanne Lee

The marriage of Beta Omicron Chapter alumna Margaret Williams to Tom Gulick. Congratulations and best wishes for your new life together in Hawaii!

Suzanne Lee

Restricted Gifts

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation acknowledges the following individuals who contributed RESTRICTED Gifts and Pledges totaling \$1,000.00 or more to the Foundation. These gifts are designated for specific scholarships/fellowships, chapter gifts and various others. This list represents gifts received from August 1, 2007 through October 11, 2007.

Gifts totaling \$20,000-\$49,999

Sandra Gutru Reilly – Kansas State
Geraldine Epp Smith – Missouri-Columbia*
June Williams Smith – Idaho

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Shirley Ann Hill – Missouri-Columbia
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Gifts totaling \$1,000-\$2,499

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Billie Scott Rose – Kansas State
Marilyn Smith Tennity – Syracuse

* Bequest

In Memory

This list reflects notifications received at International Headquarters from August 4, 2007, to October 22, 2007.

Alpha I Syracuse

Pamela Jorgensen Brown, 1966
Janet Lewis Dickson, 1934
Mary Winshurst Goodwin,
1940

Beta I Michigan

Barbara Bassett, 1937
Barbara Butler Raymond, 1943

Gamma I Wisc-Madison

Pamela SeEVERS, 1960
Cameron Ritchie Uppitt, 1947

Delta I Boston

Ellie Hatzis Bounakes, 1940

Zeta I Goucher College

Mary Patrick Pfouts, 1932

Eta I California-Berkeley

Margery MacKenzie Campbell,
1953
Valma Maddox Evans, 1938
Marion Weller MacDonald,
1944

Lambda I Washington

Erna Meerschmidt Bouillon,
1913
Jennifer Blackburn Dunn, 1961
Ann McMeekin Saunders, 1957

Omicron I Illinois

Jeanne Potter Bowman, 1946
Noreen Linduska Zahuor, 1938

Pi I Nebraska-Lincoln

Barbara Pyles Reaves, 1945

Rho I Iowa

Clara Wallace Behrens, 1929
Waldine Lindquist, 1931
Marylou Warnholtz Slowey,
1947
Janet Butler Yates, 1943

Sigma I Kansas

Betty Brothers Bonde, 1946
Dorothy Donovan Lusk, 1932
Helen Jedlicka Mandigo, 1934
Anne Zimmerman Martin,
1943
Margaret McConnell Pierce,
1943

Tau I Colorado State

Margie Hofen Grow, 1955
Annie Simon Knutson, 1958

Upsilon I Hollins College

Margaret Wade Adams, 1927

Phi I Washington

Sherron Sledge Hawkins, 1958
Verna Weis Krauss, 1929

Chi I Oregon State

Eleanor Fitzgerald, 1974
Gertrude Mueller Strowbridge,
1926

Psi I Oklahoma

Marguerite Newblock Carmody,
1922
Anna Anderson Lemmond,
1938
Rhonda Badeen Lunn, 1975
Stella Grant Russell, 1930
Billie Smith Vadakin, 1944

Omega I Iowa State

Sue Harter Hixson, 1962

Alpha Delta I Missouri-Columbia

Anita Sellenschutter Adams,
1956
Gail Selander Dineen, 1965
Vesta Spurgeon Voss, 1933

Alpha Epsilon I Arizona

Jacqueline Shadley Moore, 1956
Sheryl Tuttle Powers, 1963

Alpha Eta I Ohio Wesleyan

Tracey Harris Holden, 1970
June Dickerson Sturgis, 1950

Alpha Theta I Vanderbilt

Willa Nooe Carmack, 1932

Alpha Iota I UCLA

Kolleen Garcia, 1986

Alpha Lambda I British Columbia

Dorothy Williams Dawson,
1944
Elizabeth McLagan MacPherson,
1943

Alpha Nu I Wittenberg

Pamela Evans, 1980

Alpha Xi I Southern Methodist

Kathryn Peurifoy Elwood, 1929

Alpha Phi I Colorado College

Jane Johnson Meeker, 1946

CORRECTION:

In the fall 2007 issue of *The Crescent*, Dorothy Kent Dorothy (Nebraska-Lincoln) was erroneously listed as deceased. We apologize for the error and are happy to report she is alive and well in Georgia.

Alpha Chi I William & Mary

Alice Roberts Stroud, 1950

Alpha Psi I Lake Forest College

Frances Yarnall Burris, 1948
Barbara Treadwell Roeser, 1945

Beta Beta I Maryland

Dina Klinejohn Jones, 1957
Ginette Neveu Androde, 1984

Beta Gamma I Bowling Green

Edith Jones Batton, 1943

Beta Epsilon I Miami (Ohio)

Pamela Burgoyne Minzer, 1962

Beta Eta I Bradley

Shirley Grubb Tomaso, 1954

Beta Theta I San Jose State

Joyce DeBenedetti Haworth,
1952

Beta Iota I Idaho State College

Beatrice Moore Degohar, 1956

Beta Nu I Vermont

Lois Buccerone Hughes, 1959

Beta Omicron I Oklahoma City

Kay Gordon Jackson, 1956
Phyllisjean Black Newman,
1951

Beta Pi I Indiana State

Gladys Apple Christian, 1952
Elizabeth Johnson Compton,
1952
Ester Morse Thomas, 1952

Beta Chi I Wichita State

Elaine Spray Amos, 1958
Oweida Snyder Snodgrass, 1958
Dedee Decker Wall, 1978
Wauketa Craw Wright, 1958

Delta Psi I California-Santa Barbara

Melissa Petersen, 2002

Zeta Theta I Pepperdine

Lindsey Heston, 1998

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Genie Street
Amy Street Williams

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Vesta Spurgeon Voss (Missouri-Columbia '33)

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Susan West

Jennifer Blackburn Dunn (Washington '61)

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January 1 Spring issue

April 1 Summer issue

July 1 Fall issue

October 1 Winter issue

Bill D. Weldon, brother of Audrey Weldon Shafer (Missouri-Columbia '38)

Gloria Nelson

Carol Nigon, mother of Holly Nigon Schultz (Colorado-Boulder '80)

Theresa Wubben

Melissa "Peanut" Petersen (California-Santa Barbara '02)

Delta Psi Chapter

CORRECTION:

In the 2006-07 Gamma Phi Beta Foundation *Annual Report*, page 8, Melissa Madaio (Colgate) was not included with the other LeaderShape Award recipients. We apologize for this error.



The Foundation Celebrates 50 years

At Convention 2008 in Cincinnati, the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation will begin a two-year celebration of a milestone event—its 50th anniversary. During Convention 1958, the Grand Council voted to establish the Foundation. In January, 1959, it became a legal entity, separate from the Sorority, as a not-for-profit corporation. Several popular events will be back at Convention 2008 including the Opportunity Drawing, Silent Auction, 1874 Society/Major Donors Luncheon and Friends of the Foundation Breakfast. Celebrate with your sisters in Cincinnati!

Capture a Crescent!

Travelers Edition



Julianne Snyder (Nebraska-Lincoln) tries to capture a crescent way up high during a visit to Japan.



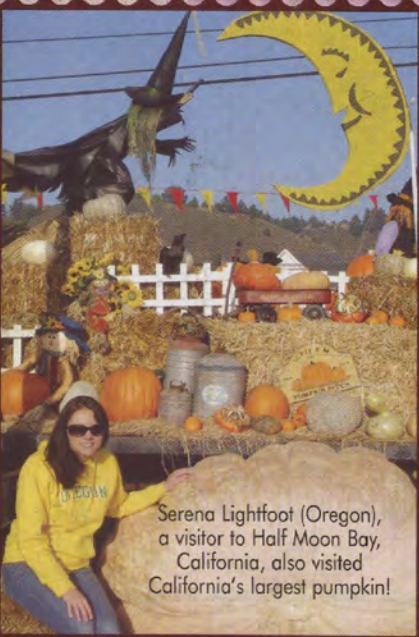
Jennifer Keehn Laws (Oklahoma), right, and Leslie Eames Seawright (Oklahoma) made a stop at The Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.



Erin Lahey (Florida State) and Michelle Gardner (Florida State) catch some casual cuisine in Crescent Beach, Florida.



Kelly Forrester (Georgia) was thrilled to find a giant crescent in Half Moon Bay, California, while on a Pacific coast vacation.



Serena Lightfoot (Oregon), a visitor to Half Moon Bay, California, also visited California's largest pumpkin!



International flight attendants Kelly Krueger Lynch (Southern Methodist) and Linda Ferguson (Lehigh) spotted each other at 35,000 feet while working together on American Airlines flight 767.



Kim Friese (Georgia) found this crescent hanging in the vacation condo she rented at Harbor Island, South Carolina.