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MISSION

To inspire the highest type of womanhood.

On the cover: The teal ribbon serves as a symbol of sexual assault awareness.

College campuses are incredible places. They offer endless opportunities for students to network, learn and grow. College students are given the freedom to redefine themselves, meet new people and follow their passions. But if a student has had a traumatic experience, the campus that once seemed too good to be true can begin to feel small and isolating. Survivors of traumatic experiences such as sexual assault can feel completely alone at even the largest universities.

Through our philanthropic focus of Building Strong Girls, Gamma Phi Betas are proud to serve as mentors who build confidence in girls and help them achieve their goals – but what are we doing to help our own sisters feel strong and supported?

Sexual assault happens all too often, especially on university campuses. The physical effects of sexual assault are damaging, but the emotional effects can be even worse. Having a friend and confidant who will take the time to listen to your experience can make all the difference. For that reason, it is important for the Greek community to come together to educate ourselves on important topics like sexual assault and learn how to be part of the solution to this problem. Sorority and fraternity members are fortunate to be part of a large, inclusive community, but in order to strengthen this community, we must develop our awareness about this widespread issue. Gamma Phi Beta fosters an environment where women can support others and be supported in return. Whether you are an alumna or a collegian, you can make a difference by learning more about this problem. As a sister, you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of others – take the initiative to learn how to effectively support someone you love.

In this issue of *The Crescent*, you will read articles written by professionals about bystander intervention, consent, how to best support a survivor of sexual assault and how the Greek community can come together to work toward change. I hope this issue can serve as an educational tool for our members and can provide readers with insight about this topic.

Help is out there. If you are a survivor of sexual assault, do not be afraid to share your story. Please see page 30 for a list of resources that will provide you with the guidance you need. You deserve to feel supported.

You are not in this alone.

In IIKE,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Krista".

Krista Spanninger Davis
International President

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**ΓΦΒ mailbox****Dear sisters and friends of Gamma Phi Beta,****We need to talk about sexual assault.**

From documentaries and television shows, to headlines and rallies, there is no denying sexual assault has been a hot-button topic in 2015. While sexual violence is not a new problem, it is becoming a major talking point in the media and across the continent. Sexual assault is a widespread and prevalent issue – in fact, every 107 seconds, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted.¹ On college campuses, the number of sexual assault cases is even higher. Recent studies reveal that an estimated 20–25 percent of women are victims of attempted or completed rape over the course of their collegiate experience.²

The intent of this issue of *The Crescent* is to serve as a tool to educate our readers and provide resources for those in need. In order to most effectively cover this topic, the feature of this issue includes eight writers from six different organizations who specialize in sexual assault education, bystander intervention training and survivor advocacy and support. These authors – both men and women – are experts in their field. In the process of putting together this issue, we intentionally connected with both men and women, both Greek and

non-Greek, to provide articles and stories. This is because sexual assault – though the majority of victims are women – is not just a women's issue, nor is it strictly a Greek life issue. In order to lessen the prevalence, and maybe one day eliminate sexual assault from our culture, we all need to join the conversation.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault and is in need of assistance, please turn to page 30 for a list of resources. If you are a collegian, you can also talk to your university to find out what resources are available on your campus.

I hope you take the time to read the articles and educate yourself about this problem. If we work together to start a conversation about sexual assault, we can be part of the solution.

Forever in IIKE,

Amanda Lubeck

The Crescent Editor

1 Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN),
RAINN.org/Statistics

2 National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC),
NSVRC.org/SAAM/Campus-Resource-List

Gamma Phi Betas are REAL Leaders

In the winter 2015 issue of *The Crescent*, we discussed REAL Leadership, Gamma Phi Beta's leadership movement to build responsible, ethical, authentic and lifelong leaders. Check out this great feedback.

Dear Gamma Phi,

I want to commend you on your powerful cover of the winter 2015 issue. I received my copy the morning after the news from the University of Oklahoma broke [where fraternity members were videotaped singing a racist chant], and I had more than a few acquaintances ask me about my own experiences in a sorority and if I felt that membership in one was an asset or a detriment. That cover and the accompanying articles reinforced my belief that fraternal organizations are indeed opportunities for young men and women to grow as leaders, help their communities and leave a legacy of service. My children are too young to consider Greek life yet, but one of them even cut out the cover verbiage and tacked it on her memo board!

Regards,

Suzu Gubb Scuderi
Alumna, Beta Sigma Chapter
(Washington State)

Tell us what you think! Send your feedback to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org, post on our Facebook page or tweet using the hashtag #TheCrescent!



points of Pride

Shining bright since 1874, here's a snapshot of some notable Gamma Phi Beta moments and accomplishments!

Congratulations to Elizabeth "Beth" Hernandez (Southern Methodist), who recently received the American Association of Political Consultants "**40** Under 40" Award. Only 40 political consultants in the United States were named to the prestigious list based on their achievements in politics and public affairs.



GAMMA PHI BETA
FOUNDATION

200

This year we had more than **200** parents honor their daughters and invest in the strong future of Gamma Phi Beta through gifts to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation!



In April, Gamma Phi Beta celebrated Advisor and Volunteer Appreciation Month. Throughout the entire month, sisters across the continent showed their gratitude for our more than **2,000** volunteers and advisors. Thank you to those sisters who dedicate their time and talents to bettering our Sorority!



Gamma Phi Beta was proud to sponsor and present **three** awards to successful college Panhellenic programs at fraternal leadership conferences this spring. This year's winners were the University of West Florida, Villanova University and University of Kentucky Panhellenic councils. These programs do an exceptional job promoting a positive Greek image to their university faculty, campus and community.

This fall, we will be establishing **three** new Gamma Phi Beta chapters at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida; Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut; and Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. #GrowGammaPhi

Seven Gamma Phi Betas traveled to Washington, D.C., this spring to lobby for issues important to the Greek community as part of the Fraternity Government Relations Coalition (FGRC). Panhellenic Affairs Vice President Sandy Burba (Miami-Ohio), Sorority Director-Government Relations Julie Pawelczyk (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Sorority Director-Panhellenic Resources Betty Quick (Indiana), Carmela Carr (Lander) and three collegians – Katherine Burke (Michigan State), Brooke Harris (Colorado-Boulder) and Liza Moskowitz (Boston) – visited Capitol Hill to help educate policymakers on the needs of the interfraternal community.



Share your point of pride for an opportunity to be featured! Email TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org with your chapter's inspiring accolades.

Collegiate Chapter Profile

EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER

"For Epsilon Iota, inspiring the highest type of womanhood means being the best person you can be at all times, no matter the situation or the pressures you may be feeling, because you are always somebody's role model," says Chapter President Brooke Watson (Christopher Newport).

The Crescent discovered more about how our sisters in Newport News, Virginia, are serving as role models in their community.

The Crescent: Epsilon Iota in three words.

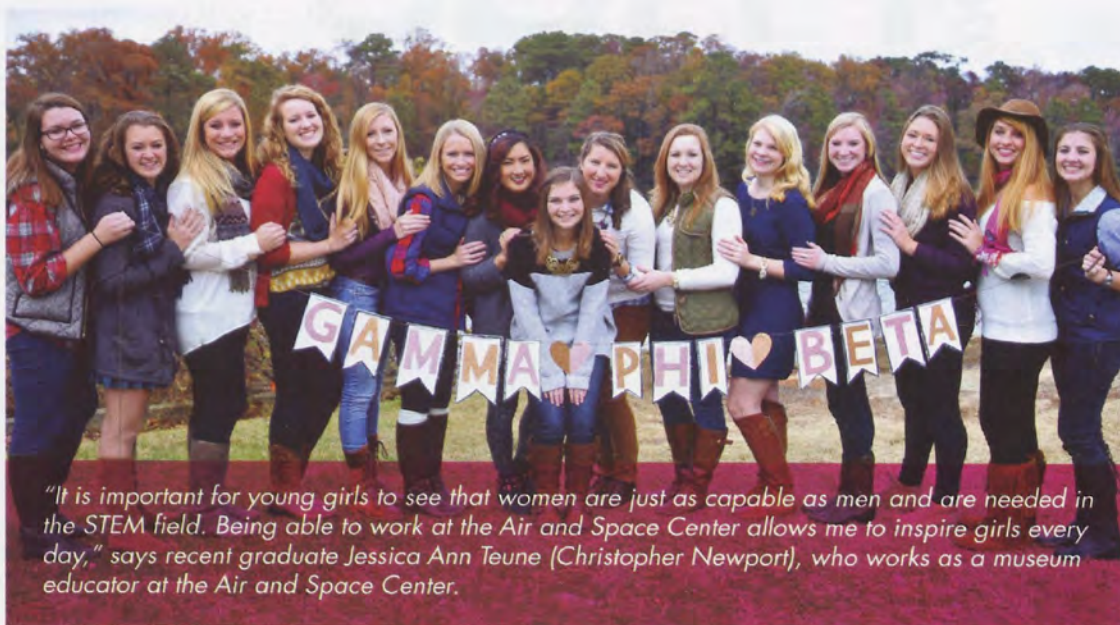
Brooke Watson: Traditional, enthusiastic and innovative.

How do members of Epsilon Iota serve as role models?

BW: Our chapter volunteers regularly with Girls Inc., a nonprofit that inspires girls to be strong, smart and bold. We have sisters who volunteer at their after-school program, support girls before speaking at Girls Inc. fundraising events and recently, we co-hosted a new event with Girls Inc. focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Tell us more about your STEM event.

BW: More than 20 sisters volunteered with 45 Girls Inc. participants who aspire to enter the STEM fields at the Air and Space Center in Hampton, Virginia. The girls were able to participate in several STEM-related activities, such as building their own rockets, constructing parachutes that would be safe for an astronaut and experiencing a space simulator. Additionally, the girls were able to explore the museum. It was neat for our chapter to see the girls applying what they are learning in their classrooms to the activities in the museum.



"It is important for young girls to see that women are just as capable as men and are needed in the STEM field. Being able to work at the Air and Space Center allows me to inspire girls every day," says recent graduate Jessica Ann Teune (Christopher Newport), who works as a museum educator at the Air and Space Center.

How does the chapter support Girls on the Run (GOTR)?

BW: The nearest council to us, GOTR of South Hampton Roads, is 45 minutes to an hour away, so our chapter has been working long-distance with the program. We send cards of encouragement to GOTR girls and on Philanthropy Day during recruitment, members and potential new members make t-shirt headbands together that we send to council.

What is the chapter's favorite PACE activity?

BW: In our loyalty circles, we each had to come up with an empowering quote about Building Strong Girls. We then wrote our quotes on mirrors and we each took a picture in front of our quote and mirror. It was interesting to see how we reflected on our own quotes; the activity was very powerful!

What Core Value best describes Epsilon Iota Chapter?

BW: Love. At the end of the day, we have a strong sisterhood. After the formals, the t-shirts, etc., these are the sisters we all want to be connected with years from now.

FAST FACTS!

What is the current chapter size?

121 members

How many NPC sororities are on campus?

Christopher Newport University has seven National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) organizations on campus: ΑΔΠ, ΑΣΑ, ΑΦ, ΔΓ, ΓΦΒ, ΦΜ and ΖΤΑ

Top Three 2014-15 Chapter Highlights

1. CNU's Best Dance Crew, our philanthropy event
2. Summer sisterhood retreat
3. Ropes course sisterhood event

Alumna Spotlight

ALYSSA SKIPPER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

"The most rewarding part about being a school counselor is making a difference in the life of a kid," said Delta Psi alumna Alyssa Skipper (California-Santa Barbara). "When I first started my career, I worked with a student who disclosed something to me that happened two years prior. I was able to help connect her to the resources she needed. It was as though a weight was lifted off her shoulders and she was able to move forward. It was then I knew this was a worthy career."

School counselors wear many hats, but one of the most important roles is being a confidant to many – from helping students set future goals to guidance through hardships.

Learn more about Alyssa's day-to-day job duties and how she balances work with her involvement in Gamma Phi Beta in her interview with *The Crescent*.



Alyssa says she lives by the mantra "no day but today" and encourages her students to do the same.

You in three words?

Passionate, motivated and enthusiastic.

What inspired you to become a school counselor?

I have always had a drive to help people – from being there for friends in their times of need to sharing advice. I kept this career option in the back of my mind, and I ended up studying sociology and applied psychology during my undergraduate years and got my master's in school counseling.

Do you work with a specific age group?

I currently work with high school students, but I enjoy working with middle school students. That age range can feel traumatic to many kids and providing guidance before high school can be life changing.

Tell me about your day-to-day job duties.

Counselor life is completely unpredictable! It's almost impossible to plan my day, because if a crisis comes in, my schedule can change instantly. My door is open any time for a student to come talk about a problem, whether they have an emotional issue to talk through, are having a bad day in class or having troubles at home.

Advice for sisters interested in this career?

You first have to understand that everyone has a different story. You also need to have passion, be open-minded, selfless and non-judgmental. This job is not about the money, it's about helping others.

How do you practice self-care?

It's easy to let this industry burn you out. I take the approach of appreciating what I do have, knowing first-hand how many kids don't have much. And, Long Beach Alumnae Chapter has been great support system for me. I always have a sister who is there for me.

How do you balance work and your involvement in your alumnae chapter?

I keep my work life separate from my personal life in order to enjoy my free time. As president of Long Beach Alumnae Chapter, I set aside time each evening to work on Gamma Phi Beta related items. I think it's important to understand that alumnae life is different than collegiate life. For graduating seniors, don't let that scare you! You can pick and choose the events you wish to attend based on what works with your professional and personal schedule. I have found immense support and lifelong friendships by doing so.

#GrowGammaPhi – Welcome Back, Iota!



Iota Chapter members as shown in *The Crescent*, 1908.



Alice Carpenter (Barnard, 1901), activist and suffragette.



Grace Banker Paddock (Barnard, 1912), winner of the Distinguished Service Medal during World War I.



Iota Chapter charter members pose with International President Krista Spanniger Davis (Bowling Green) at Grand Central Station after the chapter's Installation.

Gamma Phi Beta is proud to welcome Iota Chapter at Columbia University in New York, New York, back to our chapter roll! Originally installed on November 16, 1901, on the Barnard College campus, Iota Chapter positively impacted the lives of many collegiate women before the college faculty voted to discontinue sororities on the campus in 1915. Over these 14 years, Iota Chapter helped shape many impressive and intelligent women, including the first Iota initiate, Alice Carpenter (Barnard, 1901). As head of the Woman's Department of the National Progressive Party, Alice endorsed the platform that included espousing universal women's suffrage. Also a novelist and an activist for immigrants and the underprivileged, Alice left her mark on America with her zeal for progress and belief that everyone deserves an equal opportunity. Among other prominent Iota members is Grace Banker Paddock (Barnard, 1912), winner of the Distinguished Service Medal for her work as chief operator for the first unit of Signal Corps telephone operators during World War I. In this role, Grace trained the unit, also called the "Hello Girls," to improve communications on the western front.

On April 25, 2015, an elegant Installation ceremony was held near campus at the Roosevelt Hotel to welcome back this historic chapter. Following in Alice Carpenter and Grace Banker Paddock's footsteps, the women of Iota Chapter have high aspirations and are enthusiastic about involvement. Check out some of Iota's charter members and their impressive accolades!

- Briana Draguca – editorial intern at *InStyle Magazine*.
- Elizabeth Heyman – General Studies Student Council president.
- Madelyn Magee – NCAA Division I track and field athlete.
- Nina Mandracchia and Shelby Unger – NCAA Division I softball players.
- Meredith McAneny – volunteer support intern for Girls on the Run.
- Devon Roeper – NCAA Division I basketball player and member of the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team, a team composed of female student-athletes who make outstanding contributions in the areas of volunteerism and civic development.
- Nicole Rondeau – dancer on the Columbia University Dance Team.
- Alex Zhang – Board member of the Chinese Students Club, the Governing Body of Barnard and the Ferris Reel Film Society. She is also a violinist in the Columbia University Orchestra.

Overall, the 83 charter members are involved in more than 200 different organizations on campus. We are proud to welcome back Iota Chapter and look forward to seeing the members' many accomplishments to come.

INTRODUCING 2015-16 GAMMA PHI BETA'S COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS!

Kaitlin Apostolik
(Creighton)

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(Northern Iowa)

Natalie Pearson
(South Florida)

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(Virginia Tech)

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(Delaware)

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(Florida State)

 **Caitlin Drummy**
(Nebraska-Lincoln)


Rachel Mohler
(Syracuse)

Sadie Reeves
(Chapman)

Amanda Hart
(Iowa)


Liza Moskowitz
(Boston)

 **Sarah Kate Rogers**
(Oklahoma State)

 **Betsy Hendrick**
(Minnesota-Twin Cities)

Korey Odum
(Christopher Newport)

Ashley Torres
(California State-Sacramento)

 = Senior CLC

Learn more about these inspirational women in
the fall issue of *The Crescent*.

REAL Leadership EVENTS

By Carri Houser, Sorority Programming Coordinator

More than **900 CHAPTER LEADERS AND ADVISORS** attended a REAL Leadership Conference (RLC) in five cities across the country this spring. Our sisters left RLC inspired and recharged to lead their chapters and Greek communities. Attendees participated in programs intended to develop a stronger sisterhood, build their personal brands, motivate and inspire their members and bring home an action plan to help their chapters thrive.

REAL Leadership Conference was followed by the REAL Leadership Academy, a weekend retreat for newly-elected chapter presidents. Attendees spent the weekend sharing ideas, networking and discussing important topics like sexual assault and mental health that impact our members.

Below is a peek at what our members learned at these REAL Leadership events. For more REAL Leadership visit Gamma Phi Beta's online leadership resource, GammaPhiBeta.org/REALLeadershipOnline.

> ENGAGING THE MIDDLE

All organizations can be broken down into thirds. The middle third – the group that is involved, but do not readily take on leadership roles – makes up the majority of membership, but they get the least attention. Build up your chapter by focusing on the middle third. To help shift your focus to this important group, do the following:

- Ask for their opinion
- Spend time with them
- Give them a meaningful supporting role
- Start and end meetings on time
- Minimize conflict and drama
- Say, 'thank you!'
- Slow down decision making

> BUILD YOUR PERSONAL BRAND

A strong personal brand leads to high credibility as a leader. Your brand is made of your values, actions and reputation. What actions do you take every day that speak your values? What reputation do your actions give you? Check out the activity on the next page to learn how to define your personal brand. Don't forget to share your results with us on Twitter using the hashtag #REALLeadership.

> TECHNICAL CHALLENGES VS. ADAPTIVE CHALLENGES

Sometimes our chapters face challenges that threaten their current or future success. These challenges can come in two forms. A technical challenge can be addressed through making adjustments to processes or systems. Adaptive challenges can only be addressed through changes in people's priorities, beliefs, habits and loyalties. The mistake leaders often make is to treat adaptive challenges with technical fixes. Increasing meeting attendance by moving the meeting to a different day is a technical fix. Identifying competing priorities or values that keep members from Gamma Phi Beta and asking sisters to reevaluate those priorities is an example of dealing with a challenge by applying an adaptive fix.



> Create Your Personal Logo

At the REAL Leadership Conference, attendees were challenged to create a logo that illustrated their chapters' values. This is a leadership activity you can do in the comfort of your own home to help identify your own personal brand. Grab a piece of paper and some markers – let's get started!

You don't need to be an artist to create something completely original. Think of different images, objects, places and acquaintances that inspire you. How do they represent who you are? Using a plain sheet of paper and different colors of markers, create a "logo" that represents you. Include images and words that symbolize your values and the traits and skills that make you unique.

When you're done, snap a picture with your new logo and upload it to social media using the hashtag #REALLeadership!



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4 Miles for FOUR Founders

A Virtual Race Brings Sisters across the Globe Together to Support Building Strong Girls

With coffee in hand and rain gear at the ready, sisters from the greater Sacramento Valley area met on the steps of the California State Capitol on a gloomy November morning.

The air was filled with sounds of laughter and energetic conversation as the sisters completed four laps around the beautiful gardens of Capital Park, thereby finishing the Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter Four-Mile Founders Run/Walk, a virtual “race” and fundraiser completed by hundreds of Gamma Phi Betas from around the globe throughout the month of November.

Planning the race began nearly a year before that rainy November day. The Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter executive council was searching for a different type of fundraiser to benefit Building Strong Girls. They knew they wanted to host an event that was unique and ambitious, and believed that in order to maximize fundraising they would need to come up with an event that could be “globalized” to allow sisters from outside the Sacramento Valley area to get involved.

The concept of the virtual race was simple – after registering for the race online, sisters from around the world were invited to run or walk four miles

throughout November, either all at once or spread over multiple segments. Each sister tracked her own mileage and submitted a form once they had completed their four miles. Racers were awarded a beautiful custom medal upon completion and were encouraged to share photos and race updates on social media. Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter also sent electronic progress reports sharing runners’ stories and showing photos of sisters and chapters who participated.

The event was more successful than Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter could have ever imagined. Sisters from 43 states, two Canadian provinces, 129 collegiate chapters and 88 alumnae chapters participated in the virtual race. ***Overall, the event raised more than \$12,000 for Girls on the Run and the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.***

“The most rewarding part of the event was the support we received from our sisters. The positive comments were so appreciated and kept us moving forward,” says Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter President Stacy Lowrance (California State-Sacramento). “Of course, the greatest pleasure that came from all the hard work is that the event was able to raise a significant amount of money for Girls on the Run and the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. We don’t really see ourselves as ‘the fundraisers’ for this event, but rather the conduit for gathering the funds that we all helped raise.”

Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter looks forward to hosting the race again in November 2016.

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Collegian Spotlight

BRITTANY SIMON

"Consent is not the absence of a no. It's the presence of a yes."

This is just one of many powerful statements from recent graduate Brittany Simon (Northern Arizona), who directed Northern Arizona University's (NAU) campaign for sexual assault awareness this past spring. Through a series of relatable events, resources and education, Brittany was able to capture more than 1,000 pledges from students to be part of the movement to keep women and men safe from sexual assault.

Just like any crime, sexual assault does not discriminate. "Everyone is affected by sexual assault, whether you experience it firsthand, know someone who has been assaulted or have heard about it in your community," says Brittany.

Brittany's non-invasive approach showed support for survivors and empowered students to speak up. Brittany's actions inspired *The Crescent* to share more about her efforts to end the stigma that surrounds sexual assault.



"Having a member of a Greek organization spearhead NAU's campaign showed our campus that the Greek community does not condone or tolerate sexual assault," says NAU's Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life Brittany Johnson, member of Alpha Phi Sorority.

Three words to describe you.

Dedicated, compassionate and just.

Tell us more about NAU's campaign for sexual assault awareness.

The week started off with blue flags being placed on campus to represent those who are sexually assaulted during their time in college. From there, NAU hosted an array of events – Coffee and Consent, a question-and-answer water pong tournament, skits that talked about pressuring your partner and even a flash mob. Local businesses got involved by wearing our campaign t-shirts and handing out prevention information.

An event that really left an impression, How We Dress Does Not Mean Yes, gave survivors the opportunity to speak up. The number of different organizations on campus that attended the event in support of their members was impressive. Not only did it show that we needed to come together as a community, but it was a great opportunity for university administrators to see students support one another.

Did NAU's Greek community participate in the campaign?

Yes. NAU's Fraternity and Sorority Life hosted an event, The Clothesline Project, where each Greek organization designed t-shirts that were displayed on campus to represent the intolerance our Greek community has for sexual assault. There was a hashtag contest on social media where fraternities used one hashtag and sororities used another in order to help us extend our message. The sororities used their hashtag more, so the fraternities donated \$500 to a local women's shelter in the name of our campus Panhellenic.

Why did you take on this project?

Statistics are great, but our generation wants action. We want to have conversations; we want to make a difference. I knew it was time to hold myself accountable and ask others to do the same. By leading this project, I was able start those conversations.

What was your proudest campaign moment?

I was proud that students weren't just signing a pledge; they were asking questions and thanking me for bringing awareness to this issue.

What's next for you?

I'm really passionate about justice. I'm excited to attend law school at Chapman University in the fall!

What's *your* Crescent Corner Style?

Pretty in Pink

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Dreamy in Darks?



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Beta Alpha Chapter's longtime housekeeper and friend Fannie Randle (pictured center) was surprised with a check for \$21,000 from chapter collegians and alumnae to go toward the purchase of a new car. The act of kindness began when past Chapter President Alicia Jewell (Southern California) established an online fundraising page and asked sisters to support this member of the Beta Alpha family. The chapter wanted to thank Fannie for serving the chapter for more than 24 years.



WELCOME TO ALUMNAE LIFE

Congratulations to the more than 3,250 sisters who graduated this academic year! May you find all the happiness and success in the world with fellow Gamma Phi Beta sisters by your side.

Pictured are recent graduates from Eta Kappa Chapter (Tennessee-Chattanooga).



HAVE YOU EXPLORED THE LEGACY?

Do you love Gamma Phi Beta history? Check out GammaPhiBetaHistory.org to learn about our Sorority's impressive heritage. Updates are made to the website regularly so there is always something new to learn. From our founding to history in the making, celebrate the accomplishments of our Founders and all who have come since with this interactive website.

A WORLDWIDE VOYAGE

As a child growing up in Hawaii, Shaaroni Wong (Boston) saw stories of Hōkūle'a – a double-hulled Polynesian voyaging canoe – in the news and dreamt of going on adventures like the crew members on board. She recently had the chance to join the veteran crew on the first leg of the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage.

"Our goal is for crew members to connect with communities to share the idea of Mālama Honua – caring for the earth," says Shaaroni. "The opportunity to sail with people who have changed the way we speak of indigenous knowledge in the Pacific, to learn from them and hear their stories, was the greatest part of this trip for me. It was such an honor to be a part of this amazing story."

Pictured right: Shaaroni Wong video chats with her students at Puhahou School.





We Need to Talk about **SEX**

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT RAPE, we often picture a young woman walking home alone in the dark, examining her surroundings nervously. From behind her, a man she has never met attacks her violently and leaves the scene immediately.

In reality, however, this is not the most typical way in which sexual assault occurs. Sexual assault can take many forms, from the scene described above to the more common instance of a victim being violated by an acquaintance with relatively little physical struggle. Both men and women of any age, race, educational background and social class can be victims of sexual assault. When it comes down to defining sexual assault, the tie that binds all of these cases is that it occurs when a sexual act – whether attempted or completed – is perpetrated without clear consent.

While there is some dispute over the incident of sexual assault on the American college campus — the White House

sexual assault in some way during your lifetime. There is no clear solution to eradicate sexual assault from our culture but there are steps that everyone can take to make progress in this area.

Over the next nine pages, you will read articles and stories from professionals who specialize in sexual assault education, survivor advocacy and support and bystander intervention. You will learn about the importance of Title IX, discover how our culture has inadvertently discouraged survivors from sharing their stories, examine case studies to increase your understanding of consent, gain insight on the best way to support survivors and find out how the Greek community can lead the way to change. Finally, you will find a list of resources

SEXUAL ASSAULT

report “Not Alone” says one in four collegiate women will experience a sexual assault, The Washington Post reported on June 15, 2015, that it is one in five, other sources say one in six — sexual assault is a problem that needs to be addressed. Whether you are a survivor of sexual assault personally, know someone who has experienced it or have a friend who has disclosed something to you, it is highly likely that you will be affected by

sexual assault survivors as well as organizations that can provide you with educational programming and awareness event planning assistance.

We encourage you to carefully consider the content presented in these pages. By educating yourself, you are taking the first step to becoming part of the solution.



TITLE IX TOOLKIT: THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

By Gentry McCreary, affiliated consultant with the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management and CEO of Dyad Strategies, LLC



I recently had the opportunity to attend Gamma Phi Beta's REAL Leadership Academy, speaking with collegiate chapter presidents from across the continent about the issue of sexual violence and Title IX. I applaud Gamma Phi Beta for taking this issue seriously and providing training to members on how to address this issue.

Title IX of the 1972 reauthorization of the Higher

Education Act is the federal law prohibiting gender-based discrimination in higher education. It states, in part, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in the U.S. Department of Education is the branch of government responsible for enforcing this law. Beginning in the early 2000s, the OCR began issuing guidance to colleges and universities, making the point that sexual assault represents the most severe form of gender discrimination and is thus subject to the requirements in the Title IX law. The result of that guidance has been dramatic – colleges and universities around the country have drastically reshaped the manner in which they handle cases of sexual violence in the last several years.

The general point of my program with the chapter presidents at the REAL Leadership Academy revolved around a simple idea – statistics tell us that, at some point during their presidency, they will have to confront the reality of a chapter member who has been victimized by sexual assault or relationship violence. I want to highlight three of the ideas I shared to better understand the issue of sexual violence because they apply broadly to all members of the organization, not just chapter presidents.

1. If a sister tells you she has been sexually assaulted, the most important thing you can do is believe her and support her.

It is likely that, if it has not happened already, at some point someone close to you will disclose that they have been assaulted or violated in some way. Receiving information like this can be a difficult burden to bear – if a friend or sister shares with you that they are hurting, the natural inclination is to try and help "fix the problem." Instead, you should simply listen to your friend, believe what they tell you and offer your support.

Belief and support are incredibly important to survivors of sexual violence. Knowing that those closest to them believe their story will encourage victims to tell that story to others. Knowing that they are supported can be a major step forward in the process of regaining control of their lives and beginning the healing process. Knowing that they are believed can encourage them to seek justice.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of reasons why women may not believe their sisters, or may not support them in their decisions to seek restitution for what happened. There is a great deal of fear when it comes to the issue of sexual assault – fear that a "nice guy's" life might be ruined because of an allegation; fear that the sorority may become a social pariah on campus if one of their members goes forward with a sexual assault allegation; fear that members of the sorority may be retaliated against if one of their members files a complaint. While these fears are real, and may even be justified, they should never cause you to not support one of your sisters in going forward with a complaint under your campus's Title IX policy or reporting the incident to the police because failing to believe and support a sister could have disastrous effects.

2. Different people respond to things in different ways.

Imagine an all-too-common scenario that a collegiate woman may find herself in: she goes to a party on Saturday night, has a bit too much to drink, goes home with a guy, and wakes up the next morning, naked, with

73% of
sexual assaults
are committed by
a non-stranger.

Every **107** seconds,
another person is
sexually assaulted in
the United States.

a vague recollection of what happened the night before. Unfortunately, this is a scenario with which we have all become accustomed. Imagine that you know 10 women who have experienced a night/morning like this. The first nine may not make a big deal about what happened. They may even laugh about it the next day. To them, it was just a casual hookup and the fact that they were extremely intoxicated and do not remember everything that happened is not really a big deal. The notion that they were somehow violated is not one that crosses their minds. But the 10th woman who finds herself in that situation may experience it very differently. She may wake up the next morning and immediately be upset about the fact that something happened to her body that was beyond her control. She may feel violated. She may feel that she was assaulted.

Here's the thing you need to keep in mind – just because the first nine women defined their experience one way doesn't mean the feelings of the 10th are not valid. Just as it is not your place to tell the first nine women that they were assaulted and should be really upset about what happened to them, it is not your place to tell woman number 10 that what happened to her really wasn't a big deal. It is not your place to define people's experiences for them. People experience things in different ways, and whether or not any act constitutes "sexual assault" is a fact-based determination. If a sexual act is non-consensual or if one person involved is incapacitated at the time of the sexual activity, then what happened is not "regretted sex" or "a drunken hookup," but an act of sexual violence. You are not in a position to define for people what happened to them – which is why it is important that you do not over- or under-react if someone discloses an assault to you. You should maintain a calm disposition, believe what they tell you and encourage them to get help.

3. Creating a safer social environment is everyone's responsibility.

My years as a campus fraternity/sorority advisor at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Alabama provided me with some amazing experiences, and those experiences led me to hold certain beliefs. One of the more salient beliefs is this: there is no force on a college campus more powerful than a unified group of sorority women.

Here is the most important thing you can take away from this article – if you are not happy with the social culture on your campus, I promise you that you are not the only person who feels that way. The most important thing you can do is to find like-minded people, connect with them and begin talking about ways to change the culture on your campus. Panhellenic women need to stand up and lead on this issue, thinking about ways you can create a safer social culture, holding the students on your campus to a higher standard and creating an environment in which sexual violence is less likely to occur.

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THE CULTURE WE CREATE AROUND SEXUAL ASSAULT

By Tim Mousseau, speaker for CAMPUSPEAK



When I first realized that I was sexually assaulted, my response was sadly far too typical of many survivors. I stayed silent. I told a very limited number of individuals and was painfully afraid of sharing about my assault. I was terrified of the repercussions behind telling anyone because instinctually, the culture around me convinced me I should be ashamed of what someone had done to me. I was petrified about

what others might think of me. More importantly, I had a very negative experience in some of my limited conversations I had about my assault, further convincing me I should be ashamed – the terms used, the manner people addressed the issue and how we talked about it culturally drove me toward a negative world of silence.

Having now processed my experience and spent time with this topic, I recognize the troubling culture of shame and silence that exists around this issue. As a society, we often treat sexual assault in hushed

tones because it is a difficult concept to address. It is hard to talk about prevention and even more difficult for survivors. Any form of sexual assault is a very intimate violation of someone's life – thus, it is often

easier to treat this topic with shame and ignore the issue. For the longest time, we have allowed assaults to go unexplored from a seeming fear of what we might find if we open up this conversation.

The problems caused by treating assaults with shame are two-fold. First, it leaves survivors feeling isolated – even when you might want to open up about your experience, it is frightening wondering how others will react. This pushes survivors toward silence. Second, this culture complicates the conversation on prevention – how can we stop sexual assault from occurring when we are afraid of talking about it in the first place?

Where this culture of shame and silence seems implicit in past conversations on sexual assault, we have the power to change this perception through our actions and mindsets. This means reframing how we approach this topic in conversation, changing how we address it in both our organizations and personal relationships. Changing our culture means first looking at the conversations we have on topics around sexual assault, the way we address the issue and the terms we use. These ultimately define our actions that in turn define our cultures.

We need to stop the cultures of shame and silence by providing environments for positive dialogue. How we talk about sexual assault matters. It might sound too easy to say we should start with our dialogues, but we must start somewhere if we are going to transform our culture to one where we address sexual assault with compassion instead of shame.

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A RAPE SURVIVOR IS:

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TWENTY-SIX times more likely to abuse drugs.

FOUR times more likely to contemplate suicide.



WHEN A SISTER HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED, WHAT DO I SAY?

By Deanna Johnston and EJ Smith, counselors at the Sexual Assault Resource Center



Deanna Johnston



EJ Smith

Sexual assault on college campuses is gaining attention. What does this epidemic issue mean to sororities? In short, the effects of sexual assault can permeate an entire chapter. For this reason, the sisterhood's response to sexual assault is worth discussing.

How Should Sisters Respond?

The first step is simple: believe her. Reassure her that she has a network of sisters who will support her decisions on how to proceed. It's important to allow the survivor to make her own choices on how to move forward. How a disclosure of an assault is responded to by others is an important aspect of recovery. You can help by researching options, but give your sister the respect to make her own decisions.

The Blame Game

When tragedies occur, we often want to know who to blame. Most of us are raised to believe that good behavior is rewarded and bad behavior is punished, but given the nature of sexual assault, there may be confusion surrounding the event or the circumstances leading up to it. The truth is that being a victim of a crime shakes the foundations and beliefs of what we hold to be true. This often results in self-blame and questioning one's own behavior and choices.

While we advocate in support of sister empowerment and risk reduction, we must always remember that asking who is to blame fails to place ownership of the assault on the perpetrator. This message must be clear.

It is the choices of the perpetrator that create sexual assault – not whether or not the victim was drinking, what clothing the victim was wearing or anything else.

Living As a Sister and Survivor

Trauma, notably human-caused trauma, often leads to isolation and reduction in previously enjoyed activities. These tendencies, while understandable and even expected in trauma recovery, are clearly at odds with some of the social expectations within the Greek system. Sorority membership, a system that once provided support, may unintentionally create feelings of isolation for the survivor; as activities designed to foster belonging may simultaneously work to trigger memories of the assault or create feelings of vulnerability. It is not uncommon for survivors to feel unsafe in crowds or like they are responsible for the safety of others.

Survivors need to be met where they are emotionally supported and surrounded by people who understand the impact of assault. Sisters need to demonstrate, in action, that they stand united with the survivor.

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ONE out of every SIX 
American women
has been the victim
of an attempted or
completed rape in
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UNDERSTANDING THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD ISSUE: ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS OF NON-STRANGER SEXUAL ASSAULT

By Aaron Boe, founder of Prevention Culture



As the brother of a survivor of non-stranger rape, I have been thinking about this issue daily for more than 20 years and working on solutions to prevent it for nearly a decade. We are making some progress, but non-stranger sexual assault is still perhaps the most widely misunderstood social issue.

No one misunderstands stranger rape. It is obvious to all decent people why it's 100 percent wrong

and that the person who acted to violate another is solely responsible for his or her actions. Everyone understands that it would naturally be a traumatic experience for the person violated and that support is absolutely deserved.

On the other hand, when it comes to non-stranger rape and sexual assault — violations committed by a “regular” person — people tend to confuse the issue. Many misplace responsibility for wrong actions by placing blame on the person who was violated rather than the person who did the violating. Some feel sorry for the person for being “accused” rather than considering the trauma felt by the person harmed. Amidst the confusion, otherwise kind and decent people can fail to provide the critical support a victim needs and deserves.

The problem is that most of the sexual assault that occurs is committed by a person who is not a complete stranger to the victim. In other words, the type of sexual assault that is the most widely misunderstood is also the most common by far.

Although building a complete understanding of non-stranger sexual assault is beyond the scope of this article, there are some simple yet profound concepts that must become common knowledge.

Five Essentials to Know about Non-Stranger Sexual Assault:

1. Even though non-stranger sexual assault happens differently than stranger assault, the harmful effects can be the same or even worse.
2. It does not take what some might think of as “violence” for a person to be violated and traumatized.
3. It does not take an overtly “violent” person to commit sexual assault. Most is committed by an otherwise “regular” person who thinks in a way that justifies one’s actions.
4. The reality of responsibility is that each person is responsible for not violating another’s body in any way. The person who violates another’s most basic human rights is responsible for those chosen actions, not the person who was violated.
5. A survivor of non-stranger sexual assault deserves support just as much as a person who was violated by a stranger.

There are many great resources for education and support both on college campuses and online. Increasing your knowledge about this issue will increase your confidence in your ability to educate others and to help a friend who has experienced something very difficult.

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An estimated 20% of women in higher education institutions are victims of or completed rape or sexual assault during their college years.



THE ROLE OF ALCOHOL AND CONSENT IN SEXUAL VIOLENCE

By Amanda Blaugher, program director for the Take Back The Night Foundation



Alcohol and college life go hand-in-hand for many students. That big Friday night party may be on the minds of many collegians, but those parties are also the place where alcohol – the number one drug used to commit sexual violence – is provided. Students hear many warnings; that the way to not get raped is to not drink to excess; stay with your friends when you go out; use the buddy system; never take a

drink from someone you don't know. The list goes on and on.

When I hear about the drunken hookups that have become commonplace in campus culture, I find myself asking – what can be said about rape when both parties are incapacitated? In these situations, were both parties sober enough to give consent?

When someone is at the point of incapacitation, they cannot give effective consent. Someone who has had too much to drink may seem as if they are consenting to what is going on, but because of the amount of alcohol in their system they actually cannot consent as defined by law.

The tricky part about alcohol and sexual violence is that many times both people involved have been drinking. I'm often asked, "If both people were drinking, then aren't they both at fault for assault?" When both people involved have been drinking, it all boils down to which of the two people knew, or reasonably knew, that the other was incapacitated. Whenever both people have been drinking, it is also the responsibility of whoever was initiating the physical relationship to gain

consent from the other person. ***Bottom line, if you are with someone who is too incapacitated to consent, you should not initiate physical contact.***

California was the first state to pass a law on affirmative consent. Affirmative consent is different than effective consent because it requires a "yes" every step of the way. This means agreeing to the act in general does not suffice. Rather, a party must consent to every part of the act by consenting when asked questions such as, "can I touch you there?" and "can I kiss you here?" Talk with your partner about your expectations for the physical relationship.

Every campus may have a different definition of consent, so it is always best to refer back to the definition on your campus. However, there are a few general facts about effective consent that can be applied on any campus. Consent is a voluntary and unambiguous agreement to participate in an act that is understood by both parties. Consent can be withdrawn at any time before the act is completed and the act should stop immediately when consent is withdrawn. Consent cannot be given when there is physical incapacitation due to alcohol or drugs, physical or mental disability, threat, coercion or when a person is under the legal age of consent.

I would recommend to any current student to become aware of their school policies and know that if you are seeing sexual misconduct on campus, or if you yourself are a victim of sexual violence, that you can report it. The culture on college campuses is changing and I encourage everyone to be part of the movement where sexual misconduct is not tolerated.

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WHAT CONSTITUTES CONSENT?

By Katie Koestner, executive director of the Take Back The Night Foundation



What constitutes consent or lack thereof under school policies and state laws? As I travel from campus to campus, there is no greater source of confusion on the part of both men and women than in this area. To gain clarity, here are two case studies that illustrate the importance of clear consent.

Dahlia and Brett

Dahlia and Brett are in the same chemistry class. They hang out together, but aren't dating. One night they end up at a party together. Dahlia has seven shots of tequila within the first couple hours. She approaches Brett when he is talking with some friends, whispers in his ear that she "needs him" and motions to the stairs. Brett has had two beers that night. He follows her to the room. Dahlia starts kissing him, but loses her balance because she is so drunk. She falls on the bed behind her and tries to keep kissing Brett, but he stops kissing her while he takes her pants off. Then, they have sex.

Consider: Who is the aggressor and who is the initiator in this case? Is Dahlia responsible for what happened because she was so drunk? How can you tell when someone is too drunk to have sex?

Answer: Many college policies state that students cannot give effective consent to sexual activity if they are incapacitated by alcohol or other drugs. Additionally, if students are engaging in sexual activity during which the role of initiator vacillates between partners who have both been consuming alcohol, both students may be in violation of policy. In this case, Dahlia would seem to be incapacitated by the amount of alcohol she consumed, and Brett likely knew or could have reasonably concluded that Dahlia was incapacitated. Possible signs and symptoms could include slurred speech, impaired motor skills, going in and out of consciousness and seeming to forget recent occurrences.

Madison and Clark

Madison and Clark met through Tinder and flirted over text messages. They agree to meet at a party. At the party they hang out, dance and continue to flirt. Clark uses every line he can think of to convince Madison to have sex with him but she adamantly refuses. Finally, Clark convinces her to give him oral sex by complimenting her and hinting that they might go out again. He feels that she was doing what she wanted to do all along but didn't have the guts to do right away. After all, when they were flirting she implied that she was particularly into oral sex. If she really didn't want it, she could have left.

Consider: Did Clark coerce Madison? What should you assume about real-life behavior based on what is sent online or through text message?

Answer: If someone is saying or indicating "no" or even just remaining silent, a "no" is constituted under the law. Madison would need to clearly say or indicate "yes" the first time Clark asks for oral sex in order for her to be giving clear consent. Coercion is not permitted to gain consent – it must be freely given in the moment. Prior flirting or even past sexual history doesn't count as consent.

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Editor's note: These case studies are meant to serve as an educational tool and are not meant to be representative of all instances of sexual assault. It is important to remember that sexual assault can take many different forms and both victims and perpetrators can be any age or gender.



FROM HURT TO HEALING: HOW YOU CAN HELP A SURVIVOR

By Katie Koestner, executive director of the Take Back The Night Foundation

When I walked into the campus police station, I was told to wait in the lobby for the officer who would take down my story. The station walls were made out of the same material as the walls of the room where I had been raped by a fellow student less than a week ago. My stomach was already sick.

A female officer was first. I followed her into a small room. Her questions were manageable. Then, she said another officer would need to come in to ask more questions, difficult questions.

A male officer came in wearing his uniform. He looked like the police officers in movies – he looked confident. I did not feel confident.

This is what many survivors fear will happen when they tell someone – that it will be an uncomfortable interrogation. Fortunately, you can make sure this is not the case. Friends and relatives of survivors can make all the difference in how they can regain their confidence and heal. A strong network of support – or even just one supportive friend – can give sexual assault survivors the confidence they need to share their stories and seek the justice they deserve.

Steps to Support a Survivor:

1. **Be a good listener.** Stay focused on the person there with you. Look at them when they talk. Nod along.
2. **Tell them you are glad they trusted you** enough to talk with you.
3. Inform them there are **three options for next steps**:
 - Medical attention can be given at a hospital, health center or clinic. Within the first five days after a sexual assault the survivor can have evidence collected (usually at no cost), which can be held for one to two years while a survivor decides about pressing criminal charges. At any time after an assault, the survivor should be tested for STDs and potential pregnancy.
 - The survivor can seek justice through the campus conduct system (if the incident involved someone from the campus community and/or occurred on the campus), the criminal justice system via the police department and/or the civil justice system by using an attorney who specializes in helping survivors.
 - Emotional support can help survivors heal. Survivors typically experience rape trauma syndrome, which can affect nearly every part of their lives. The impact of sexual assault can create issues with sleeping, eating, anxiety, trust, relationships, anger, fear and much


more. Options for emotional support include campus counselors, local crisis centers, social workers, support groups, hotlines, women's or gender centers, online blogs, chat rooms and books.

4. Finally, **check back in with the person within the first 24-hours** after they initially spoke with you. You are important in their healing process as you represent stability, reliability and a source of ongoing support. If you are at all concerned about suicide or mental health risks, call a counselor for help.


There are also a few things that should be avoided when someone discloses their attack. Do not ask questions, clarify or pry. The only question to ask is when the event happened so that you know if medical evidence can be collected. It is also important not to take sides or share your own story. Let the focus be on helping the survivor. Additionally, do not force the survivor to tell anyone else if she is not ready. Offer to go with them to meetings or be on calls, but don't do it for them.

Most importantly, do not treat the survivor as if they are "broken." Survivors want to be included and regain normalcy.

If you have questions about how to help a survivor in a particular situation, visit page 30 for a list of resources that will connect you with a rape crisis center counselor.



It is estimated that less than **ONE-THIRD** of all sexual assaults in the U.S. and Canada are reported to police.



81% of women who experienced rape, stalking or physical violence by an intimate partner reported significant short- or long-term impacts.



EXTENDING THE CHALLENGE TO FRATERNITY MEN

By Gordon Braxton, speaker and writer on sexual violence



It's only natural that sororities might want to include fraternities in their sexual assault education and prevention outreach. One of the biggest barriers to doing so is the myth held by many men that sexual violence is always committed by strangers who use overt physical force. Feminist educators have been pushing against this myth for decades but many men still don't understand the context of intimate

violence. One need only listen to the dialogue surrounding a high-profile alleged assault to see this. You will find many men resist the possibility of an assault with arguments about the normalcy of an alleged perpetrator and the lack of evidence of physical assault. In fact, the popularity of crime shows may even have exacerbated the idea that "real" rapes feature forensic evidence that clearly demonstrates violence, though the truth is that there is no physical evidence that proves the presence or absence of consent.

Divorcing men of these myths leaves us with something deeper to consider – once we accept that many rapes are committed by "normal" men, we realize that men can play a part in preventing violence by challenging perpetrators and the cultures that surround them. After all, these men are our friends and acquaintances. We are all touched by sexual violence – we know victims, we know perpetrators and we interact with cultures that produce violent men. We can become empowered once we realize that we can play a role in shaping the cultures that have shaped us.

As many people consider the undergraduate years to be an optimal opportunity to challenge cultural conventions and discover one's authentic self, then this time would also represent a good opportunity to challenge men to resist norms that excuse non-stranger sexual violence. We might not realize it but many of us spend a good portion of our lives adhering to

norms that don't reflect who we want to be. In many cases, we might think ourselves to be leaders but surrender to pre-determined gendered positions concerning sexual violence. We might think ourselves to be empathetic but cannot fathom the ways in which someone's bodily integrity might be violated without the presence of overt violence.

If you challenge fraternity members to interrogate the myths he holds true, realize that you have at least two resources in your corner. The first is a growing legacy of fraternities standing against sexual violence. One can easily find examples of fraternities holding events to raise awareness of sexual violence and its impact. A fraternity member you know could be challenged to start this tradition if it doesn't already exist on your campus. The second resource that you have at your disposal is the mission statements of fraternities. All organizations have principles that they strive to uphold. Summarily dismissing all violence that isn't committed by strangers with overt physical force doesn't fit neatly into any fraternal mission statement. Rather, most fraternities uphold values such as leadership, honor and community building – ideals that need men who are willing to act on the unfortunate truth that our own organizations harbor violent men.

Invite the fraternities and other groups on your campus to join the conversation about sexual assault. Ask your chapter leadership or local Panhellenic to engage with the Interfraternity Council and other student organizations to join forces and work toward the common goal of making your campus safer for all students.

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FINDING THE "DO'S"

By Bethany Lamolinara, director of program services at the Clery Center for Security On Campus



For college women, the conversation around sexual assault too often starts at don't – as in, "don't walk alone at night," "don't leave your drink unattended" and "don't get too drunk." But what about the do's? Do say something when your sorority sister is stumbling upstairs with a guy. Do tell your chapter leadership about a sexual assault that occurred at a party. Do support those in the community who speak up.

Campus leaders talk about "changing the culture" on campus – sorority women have the power to ignite that change by cultivating an environment that encourages bystander intervention. As a strategy, bystander intervention challenges the norm by encouraging people to do – to speak out and to actively intervene in situations that could lead to sexual assault. Sororities are already situated to support bystander intervention tactics – the very nature of sisterhood implies that we look out for one another.

However, to truly shift the culture and realign the conversation, all parties – including the university, Greek community and national levels of the sorority – have to agree to change their behavior, understanding and expectations.

We know there can be major barriers to this change. Sisters may choose not to intervene because they don't want to ruin a friend's night or are worried their interference will threaten the sorority's relationship with another organization. Leaders face further challenges when reporting processes are ambiguous and complicated.

At colleges and universities, sororities should refocus the conversation on what they do have the ability to change. For example, does your college have a "good Samaritan" policy – where the institution won't punish you for reporting a crime – and if not, would they consider adopting one? The Greek community can collaborate on helpful programming like planning education events – such as one focusing on effective bystander intervention – poster campaigns or partnering with campus safety experts to spark important dialogue. By proactively partnering on campus with

safety outreach efforts, Greeks can model change and improve relations with the institution.

It's easy to be discouraged by the long list of don'ts surrounding campus sexual assault. Engaging your campus community and intervening in unsafe situations are the do's. As a group of dedicated college students and alumni, the Greek community is a strong force. In order for a shift to be successful, the community as a whole must invest in the do's – and we will see a powerful change.

Less than 5% of completed or attempted rape against college women was reported to law enforcement. However, in two-thirds of the incidents, the victim did tell another person, usually a friend.

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RESOURCES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT:

RAINN

RAINN.org

If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence, it's not your fault. You are not alone. Help is available 24/7 through the National Sexual Assault Hotline: **800-656-HOPE** and Online.RAINN.org.



National Sexual Violence Resource Center

NSRV.org

Law Enforcement

If you choose to report sexual assault to law enforcement, contact your local or campus-based police department by calling their non-emergent line or visiting the station. If you are in immediate danger, dial 911. Visit RAINN.org/Get-Information for resources on reporting sexual assault and more.

Campus Resources

College campuses offer a myriad of resources and services to students in need. Visit your university's website for more information – the university may offer resources such as confidential advocates and counseling and psychological services.

The Consortium

Gamma Phi Beta is proud to announce our partnership with Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative (FHSI). As a member of this consortium we are partnering with other dynamic Panhellenic and Inter-fraternal organizations to bring comprehensive education and training to our members on sexual assault. Taking a Stand: Preventing Sexual Misconduct on Campus will be provided to all Gamma Phi Beta members beginning fall 2015. This program is the perfect balance of statistics, education, skills training and personal reflection. Together with other consortium members, Gamma Phi Beta will empower our members to take a stand against sexual assault.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND AWARENESS EVENT PLANNING RESOURCES:



Campus Outreach Services

CampusOutreachServices.com



Take Back The Night

TakeBackTheNight.org



Girls Fight Back

GirlsFightBack.com



Prevention Culture

PreventionCulture.com

CAMPUSPEAK

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Editor's Note: We present the statistics in this feature with the caveat we know they may not be conclusively reflective of the current landscape. Statistics about sexual assault can be hard to confirm and even more difficult to collect because many victims of sexual assault do not report the crimes committed against them. However, we felt it important to present this information as it assists us in opening up the conversation about sexual assault and illustrates the importance of working toward finding a solution.

Statistics presented were gathered from the following resources:

RAINN, RAINN.org | The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, NSOPW.gov | National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), NSVRC.org

The Vision for Our Future

A Strategic Plan for Gamma Phi Beta

This is our path forward, outlining the goals and objectives we will collectively work together to achieve over the next five years and beyond.

GAMMA PHI BETA

Develop specific standards and programs that encourage our members to exemplify the highest type of womanhood.

Increase alumnae engagement.

Grow Gamma Phi Beta existing membership numbers, strength and image.

Build an organization that reflects the best Gamma Phi Beta

Develop members as confident women of character by fostering respect, responsibility and integrity.

Provide a quality member experience for our collegians.

Strategically grow the organization with new chapters.

Create a culture of local volunteer empowerment.

Further develop the volunteer leader program.

Educate and train people who are instrumental to the success of the organization.

Develop and manage our human resources

Assess and develop operational structures to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

Maximize support for the people who are instrumental to the fiscal success of the organization.

Build and maintain revenue streams that are dependable, predictable, sustainable and controllable.

Develop and optimize support resources

Develop and maintain the appropriate technological solutions to meet/anticipate Sorority needs.

Be recognized as a philanthropic leader among NPC organizations.

Expand the influence of Building Strong Girls

Develop a Building Strong Girls service immersion trip or experience.

Develop a signature program for young women/girls (members/non-members) that inspires the highest type of womanhood.

This year, International Council unveiled our strategic plan which is outlined above. To read the full plan visit GammaPhiBeta.org/TheVisionForOurFuture.

SORORITY Life

It's collegiate and alumnae chapter updates – at a glance! Read all about our shining chapters across the continent and their recent activities. For submission guidelines, visit GammaPhiBeta.org.

Symbol Key:



Region 1

CONNECTICUT

☼ Eta Theta Chapter (Connecticut)

Before buckling down to study for final exams, sisters danced the night away at spring formal.

DELAWARE

☼ Eta Gamma Chapter (Delaware)

Members had the privilege of assisting with the reinstallation of **Iota Chapter (Columbia)**. It was an honor for sisters to join alumnae and volunteer leaders to initiate the new members.

MASSACHUSETTS

☼ Epsilon Phi Chapter (Bentley)

The chapter won first place during Greek Week due to their excellent participation in a series of philanthropy events, athletic competitions and fundraisers.

☼ Southern New England Alumnae Chapter

A sisterhood event at Paint Nite provided members the opportunity for laughter and bonding, all while creating a beautiful scene with a crescent moon!

NEW JERSEY

☼ Delta Mu Chapter (Rutgers)

Sisters joined members of **Princeton Alumnae Chapter** at the Central New Jersey Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon where Chapter President Cassie Petty was awarded a scholarship.

☼ Bergen County Alumnae Chapter

The chapter had a busy spring celebrating sisterhood at a "Paint and Brunch" and supporting Girls on the Run at a 5k race. They ended the year with their annual pool party and lunch at a member's home.

NEW YORK

☼ Iota Chapter (Columbia)

Among the tulips and cherry blossoms, New York City experienced a little more pink this spring as Iota Chapter was reestablished. Initiation and Installation was held at the Roosevelt Hotel with photo opportunities at the famed Grand Central Station.

♥ Delta Tau Chapter (Colgate)

The chapter hosted a soccer tournament where students and community members were able to form their own teams and compete for a great cause. The event raised enough money to send three girls to the Madison County Children's Camp.

☼ Epsilon Tau Chapter (Rochester)

Three alumnae initiates were initiated along with the spring new member class. Among the alumnae initiates included the executive director of Girls on the Run Rochester.

☼ Rochester Alumnae Chapter

The chapter was happy to help initiate 28 new members into **Epsilon Tau Chapter (Rochester)** and welcomed three alumnae initiates into the alumnae chapter.

PENNSYLVANIA

☼ Alpha Upsilon Chapter (Pennsylvania State)

During the spring semester, the chapter hosted its Crescent Classic. The chapter set up a bouncy house and had peers race through an inflatable obstacle course to raise money for Building Strong Girls.

♥ Delta Kappa Chapter (Lehigh)

Sisters joined the fight against cancer by participating in Relay for Life. Members raised money and supported the cause to honor the loved ones they have lost and all those still fighting.

ONTARIO

☼ Toronto Alumnae Chapter

The chapter had a busy spring, attending the Toronto Area Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon, celebrating Alumnae Spirit Day and hosting its annual event to welcome **Alpha Alpha Chapter (Toronto)** graduating seniors into the alumnae chapter.

QUEBEC

♥ Alpha Tau Chapter (McGill)

The chapter hosted numerous philanthropic events including a day of service at the Boys and Girls Club of Montreal and a dodgeball tournament. The proceeds from the tournament benefitted the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority by Regions



Region 2

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D.C. Alumnae Chapter

The chapter enjoyed a busy spring featuring combination business meetings and pot lucks. Social events included a trip to the zoo and brunch at a local restaurant. The chapter also participated in a Girls on the Run 5k.

FLORIDA

Eta Beta Chapter (Florida Southern)

This spring, a dinner was hosted to celebrate the chapter's fifth anniversary. Sisters gathered to celebrate the Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty that went into growing the chapter.

Eta Eta Chapter (South Florida)

The chapter focused on building a stronger sisterhood this spring. Members enjoyed a fun day filming a recruitment video for the fall.

Eta Lambda Chapter (Central Florida)

Sisters were proud to initiate new members in the spring, including Lindsey Condoleo, a multi-generational legacy.

Emerald Coast Alumnae Chapter

A recipe exchange was held at a local café in Destin, Florida. The recipes were used to put together a recipe book for the chapter.

KENTUCKY

Ψ Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Morehead State)

The chapter earned multiple awards at the Panhellenic Greek Awards dinner including Best in Grades for the semester. Despite weather challenges, the Moonlight Soccer philanthropy event was fun and successful.

NORTH CAROLINA

Ε Epsilon Psi Chapter (North Carolina-Asheville)

During the spring semester, sisters bonded over retreats, formal and the Homecoming parade while working hard academically and making an impact through volunteer work and philanthropy contributions.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Ε Epsilon Theta Chapter (Clemson)

To celebrate the chapter's 45 seniors, sisters held a senior week. The week included senior superlatives and a dinner in downtown Greenville.



Region 2 | Zeta Sigma Chapter (South Carolina) joined forces with Columbia Alumnae Chapter to celebrate Zeta Sigma's 10th anniversary with an afternoon tea. More than 240 collegians and 48 alumnae enjoyed an afternoon of sisterhood during which two alumnae were honored with 50-year pins as part of the ceremony.

TENNESSEE

Ε Eta Kappa Chapter (Tennessee-Chattanooga)

A week of service was held this spring, during which sisters helped out at a spring break camp for Girls Inc.

VIRGINIA

Ψ Alpha Chi Chapter (William & Mary)

At the 2015 Order of Omega Greek Awards, the chapter won Best in Risk Management, Best in Membership Development, Best in Service and Support of Others, Outstanding Underclassman Member and Outstanding Chapter Advisor!

♥ Epsilon Iota Chapter (Christopher Newport)

The chapter hosted its annual Gamma Phi Beta's Best Dance Crew, which raises money for Girls Inc. This year the chapter raised more than \$7,000 for the organization.

Ε Zeta Beta Chapter (Virginia)

During the annual Fireside event, 33 seniors shared their advice, experiences and memories from their time as Gamma Phi Beta collegians. Ready to embark on their next step, they inspired underclassmen to take advantage of their time in Zeta Beta.

Ε Eta Nu Chapter (James Madison)

The newly-installed chapter practiced and perfected recruitment techniques in preparation for the fall.

Ε Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter

Sisters celebrated Pi Day (March 14, 2015 – representative of Π) with a buffet lunch featuring an array of savory and sweet pies. In keeping with the day's theme, the event included a PACE presentation on suggested improvements in mathematics education.

Region 3

ALABAMA

Ε Epsilon Lambda Chapter (Alabama)

Spring was spent gearing up for the chapter's house dedication. Sisters, friends and family came together for a ribbon cutting ceremony in August.

GEORGIA

Ε Delta Omicron Chapter (Southern Polytechnic State)

To celebrate their last semester together, sisters hosted a Big Sister Appreciation Week. Each day of the week was dedicated to doing something nice for Big Sisters.

∩ Atlanta Alumnae Chapter

The chapter enjoyed taking a Pink Barre class together – and all of the registration fees went straight to Girls on the Run! A representative from the organization came to speak and took the class with members.



Region 4 | Sisters of Eta Alpha Chapter (Lake Erie) enjoyed a fun photo shoot on campus this spring.

LOUISIANA

↪ Epsilon Mu Chapter (Loyola-New Orleans)

To support participants in an upcoming Girls on the Run 5k, the chapter hosted a tutu-making party. Sisters and girls from the local Girls on the Run council had so much fun making the tutus for participants to wear during the race.

TEXAS

↪ Alpha Xi Chapter (Southern Methodist)

The chapter hosted Capture the Crescent, a capture the flag tournament in which organizations on campus compete to raise money for Girls on the Run.

♥ Gamma Iota Chapter (Midwestern State)

The chapter was recognized for their excellence in Leadership, Recruitment Intake and Retention, and Philanthropy and Community Service at the Greek Awards Banquet. Ashley Benavides won Greek Woman of the Year and Recruitment and Chapter Advisor Jennifer Moser (Midwestern State) won Outstanding Alumni Legacy.

♥ Gamma Chi Chapter (Texas State-San Marcos)

Sisters volunteered at a local church through Bobcat Build, an event on campus designed to give back to the San Marcos community.

♥ Zeta Lambda Chapter (Texas A&M-Corpus Christi)

The chapter participated in numerous events this spring including the Panhellenic paint party, Greek Week, REAL Leadership Conference and Greek Awards.

↪ Zeta Rho Chapter (Texas A&M-College Station)

Sisters cheered on runners at the Girls on the Run race in Houston, Texas. Members enjoyed celebrating the runners' accomplishments.

Region 4

INDIANA

♥ Zeta Iota Chapter (Valparaiso)

In the spring, executive council members met with other Gamma Phi Beta chapters in the area at REAL Leadership Conference. Sisters were excited to teach the chapter what they learned at the event.

♥ Zeta Kappa Chapter (Southern Indiana)

Sisters Haley Fisher, Maria Anderson, Jessica Richards, Danielle Wire and Olivia Harrison traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for the University Merit Scholar Trip. They were awarded the annual scholarship due to their academic performance in high school and college.

MICHIGAN

↪ Beta Chapter (Michigan)

The chapter hosted the annual Girls on the Run 5k of Southeastern Michigan on campus this summer. Sisters enjoyed preparing medals for the race and served as coaches and running buddies throughout the year.

↪ Delta Omega Chapter (Oakland)

The chapter is proud to announce that their annual Crescent Classic raised more than \$12,000 for Building Strong Girls.

♥ Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma)

Members participated in Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Sisters also had fun working with their local Girls on the Run council.

♥ Zeta Nu Chapter (Detroit-Mercy)

Local alumnae joined the chapter with their children for an Easter egg hunt. Alumnae were able to reconnect with one another and socialize with current collegians while their children enjoyed the fun activity.

↪ Eta Delta Chapter (Grand Valley State)

Friends and family of chapter members as well as Girls on the Run participants ran in the second annual Gamma Phive k on campus.

↪ Greater Lansing Area Alumnae Chapter

The chapter had a blast making colorful hair ties for the Mid-Michigan Girls on the Run council. Members also enjoyed Senior Celebration with Beta Delta Chapter (Michigan State).

♥ Oakland County Alumnae Chapter

The chapter has hosted numerous sisterhood events and members are excited to meet all of the women who are interested in joining this brand new chapter. It is truly rewarding knowing the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta never break.

OHIO

↪ Alpha Nu Chapter (Wittenberg)

Sisters enjoyed making signs, spray painting hair and cheering on runners at the Girls on the Run 5k in Dayton, Ohio.

↪ Beta Epsilon Chapter (Miami-Ohio)

This spring, a few sisters volunteered each week at the local Girls on the Run council. At a 5k, members cheered on the girls as they ran. The chapter handed out water bottles and tie blankets to race participants.

♥ Beta Xi Chapter (Ohio State)

The chapter participated in Ohio State's 24-hour dance marathon, BuckeyeThon. Participants danced to raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital Oncology and Hematology patients. The chapter was named the top fundraising sorority for raising more than \$25,000.

Region 5

ILLINOIS

♥ Epsilon Chapter (Northwestern)

Thirty-eight new members were welcomed into the chapter this spring. Bid Night included a dance party, fun photo shoots and pizza.

↪ Omicron Chapter (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

The year was rewarding for the chapter – they were able to establish strong relationships with participants of the local Girls on the Run council and guide them toward achieving their goal of completing a 5k.

↪ Beta Eta Chapter (Bradley)

Sisters hosted a Crescent Classic week to raise money for Girls on the Run. Events included a grill-off between the fraternities on campus and a bake sale. A social media competition also raised awareness throughout the week.

☪ Delta Pi Chapter (Illinois State)

To honor graduating seniors, the chapter hosted its annual Senior Week. Each day revolved around Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty. A dinner and sleepover were held so seniors could enjoy their final semester as collegians.

♥ Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter

The chapter met to assemble meals for Feed My Starving Children, enjoyed a fun game night sisterhood and closed the year with a catered dinner followed by the installation of new executive council officers.

IOWA

☪ Omega Chapter (Iowa State)

The chapter received the most prestigious award granted by the Iowa State Greek community, the Presidential Award for Fraternal Excellence.

☪ Gamma Psi Chapter (Northern Iowa)

Ten newly-initiated sisters were welcomed into the chapter. Members are excited to see the journey that is to come for these women.

MINNESOTA

☪ Gamma Pi Chapter (Minnesota State-Mankato)

The chapter won the Public Relations and Marketing Award during Greek Awards. Sisters also enjoyed volunteering and participating in the Girls on the Run 5k.

☪ Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter

Sisters came together to take a painting class at a local art studio. They painted the Minneapolis skyline, complete with a crescent moon.

WISCONSIN

♥ Gamma Chapter (Wisconsin-Madison)

Sisters gave back to the community with a carnival for Best Buddies, an organization that creates opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The carnival was filled with games and fun.

☪ Gamma Rho Chapter (Wisconsin-Oshkosh)

The chapter was awarded the Chancellor's Award of Excellence at the Greek Award Ceremony. Additionally, Chapter President Susan Foehs (Wisconsin-Oshkosh) was named Greek Woman of the Year. Sisters also participated in Relay for Life in honor of sister Aly Wolff (Wisconsin-Oshkosh) who lost her battle with cancer two years ago.



Region 6 | Alpha Delta Chapter (Missouri-Columbia) held a sisterhood night this spring with pizza and stories about why each sister chose Gamma Phi. Chapter leaders also enjoyed a ropes course team building event, as seen in the photo above.

☪ Gamma Omega Chapter (Wisconsin-Platteville)

The year's annual Crescent Classic raised three times more money than what was raised last year!

Region 6 COLORADO

☪ Theta Chapter (Denver)

At the annual Greek Awards, the chapter was awarded the Highest Chapter Award of Excellence and the Presidential Pillar of Scholarship. Samantha David was awarded President of the Year, Morgan Thomas won Greek Woman of the Year and Nicole Boerema was recognized as Rho Gamma (recruitment counselor) of the Year.

☪ Tau Chapter (Colorado State)

Every Tau Chapter member anticipates formal until the day it arrives. This spring's formal was a fabulous night of nautical décor and dancing – the theme was "Seas the Day!"

☪ Denver Alumnae Chapter

This spring, sisters made tutus for Girls on the Run participants. After hours of tutu-making, participants were outfitted for the Girls on the Run 5k race in Denver.

KANSAS

☪ Sigma Chapter (Kansas)

Sigma Chapter was excited to celebrate its centennial! The weekend brought hundreds of Gamma Phi Beta alumnae back to the chapter facility to roam the halls and get to know current collegiate members. A dinner reception and entertainment was held in the evening.

☪ Beta Chi Chapter (Wichita State)

At Greek Awards, the chapter received the Outstanding New Member, Outstanding Sophomore, Rhatigan Chapter of Fraternal Excellence and Outstanding Sorority awards.

☪ Wichita Alumnae Chapter

The chapter hosted several Social Sisters and Friends events at different restaurants in the area including the Wichita Candle Club and Felipe's Mexican Restaurant. Members also held a Senior Celebration to welcome **Beta Chi Chapter (Wichita State)** seniors into alumnae life.

MISSOURI

☪ Gamma Tau Chapter (St. Louis)

During the Order of Omega Ceremony, the chapter was honored with two awards. Kristen Williams (St. Louis) was awarded Most Outstanding President and the chapter was awarded Most Outstanding Alumni Relations.

☪ Delta Nu Chapter (Missouri State)

Six new members were welcomed into the chapter this spring. Members look forward to continuing to grow their chapter in the fall.

☪ Zeta Delta Chapter (Southeast Missouri State)

The women of Zeta Delta had a successful Crescent Classic week which included a community service day, a grilled cheese dinner and their annual volleyball tournament. The chapter raised more money for Building Strong Girls than ever before.

♥ Eta Iota Chapter (Rockhurst)

A group of chapter members participated in Relay for Life and the sisters surpassed their goal by raising a total of \$1,515 for cancer research and survivor support.



Region 7 | Nothing but laughter and smiles for sisters of Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Arizona) during their Go for Glow Crescent Classic, a fun evening race and fundraiser.



Region 7 | Inland Empire Alumnae Chapter honored graduating seniors of Delta Lambda Chapter (California-Riverside) with a senior luncheon. Seniors shared their plans for after graduation and alumnae shared their lifetime experiences of sisterhood.



Region 8 | Epsilon Kappa Chapter (California State-Chico) enjoyed a sisterhood retreat to beautiful Lake Tahoe. The retreat focused on building relationships within the chapter, including the chapter's 55 new members.

♥ **Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter**
The Greater Kansas City Alumnae Panhellenic held its Annual Meeting and Scholarship Brunch. The event honored 18 Women of the Year, recognized scholarship recipients and installed a new president. The meeting raised \$5,000 for the scholarship fund!

NEBRASKA

∩ **Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln)**
Sisters raised \$7,000 for Girls on the Run with their annual Crescent Classic. Additionally, the chapter earned the top grade point average among all the Greek chapters on campus with a 3.589!

♥ **Gamma Kappa Chapter (Nebraska-Kearney)**
Five new members were paired with mentors within the chapter during Big/Little Sister reveal.

OKLAHOMA

♥ **Psi Chapter (Oklahoma)**
The chapter paired with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity for Scandals, a campus-wide singing and dancing competition, and won first place!

♥ **Beta Omicron Chapter (Oklahoma City)**
In the spring, the chapter held its National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Week and raised money for the organization with Pancake Palooza. Sisters rocked their teal all week to support NOCC.

Region 7 CALIFORNIA

♥ **Alpha Iota Chapter (California-Los Angeles)**
Sisters participated in Dance Marathon, which raised more than \$446,000 for the fight against pediatric AIDS.

■ **Beta Alpha Chapter (Southern California)**
An annual tradition, the chapter celebrated sisters' academic achievements by inviting professors to the spring Scholarship Dinner. An outstanding 54 women achieved a grade point average of 3.7 or above!

♥ **Delta Delta Chapter (California State-Fullerton)**
The chapter enjoyed many fun sisterhood events, including a paint war.

♥ **Delta Theta Chapter (California Polytechnic State)**
Sisters spent a full day playing games at Gamma Phield Day, where a variety of activities such as a watermelon eating contest and kickball games were held.

∩ **Delta Lambda Chapter (California-Riverside)**
The community joined together under a crescent moon to participate in Ready, Set, Glow., the chapter's Crescent Classic 5k race.

♥ **Epsilon Nu Chapter (Chapman)**
The chapter once again hosted "An Evening under the Crescent," a fundraiser event including dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. All proceeds were donated to Camp del Corazon, a nonprofit organization and summer camp for children living with heart disease.

♥ **Bakersfield Alumnae Chapter**
Members joined sisters of Delta Phi Chapter (California State-Bakersfield) for a fun cookie-making social – sisters baked and decorated delicious sugar cookies.

■ **Balboa Harbor Alumnae Chapter**
At the annual spring tea, sisters enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of sisterhood and refreshments while raising money for the Delta Eta Chapter (California-Irvine) scholarship fund.

♥ **La Jolla Alumnae Chapter**
Cinda Lucas (Southern California) was honored by the San Diego Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary as one of their Women of Distinction. She was surrounded by Gamma Phi Beta sisters who attended the event.

♥ **Long Beach Alumnae Chapter**
A beach clean-up at Seal Beach Pier gave chapter members an opportunity to give back to their community. The event included a PACE program about how trash affects our coastal ecosystems. About five bags of trash were collected.

● Pasadena Alumnae Chapter

Sisters gathered to celebrate the 98th birthday of beloved sister Lucile Dunn (Kansas). Lucile helped organize **Beta Alpha Chapter (Southern California)** in 1938. She has been a dedicated Gamma Phi ever since and is a very special member of the chapter.

● San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter

Members celebrated their sisterhood with a Sunday brunch in Encino, California.

Region 8

CALIFORNIA

● Eta Chapter (California-Berkeley)

The chapter hosted its first annual Alumnae Tea. Collegians and alumnae shared their Gamma Phi Beta experience over tea and other delicious treats.

● Epsilon Omicron Chapter (California-Santa Cruz)

The chapter hosted an event to benefit Girls on the Run this past spring. More than \$2,000 was raised for the organization and sisters look forward to making next year even better!

● Zeta Gamma Chapter (Sonoma State)

Camp Richardson in South Lake Tahoe was the perfect setting for the chapter's first overnight retreat. Seniors were excited to spend their overnight sisterhood event in such a beautiful area.

IDAHO

● Xi Chapter (Idaho)

Young girls from the local middle school were invited to participate in activities with chapter members that allowed sisters to act as role models and teach the girls to love their inner beauty.

● Zeta Xi Chapter (College of Idaho)

Sisters spent a beautiful spring day enjoying a photo shoot. Members were glad to capture moments they will forever cherish.

OREGON

● Nu Chapter (Oregon)

Sisters participated in Relay for Life on campus this spring. Members walked for 15 hours to support cancer research with dozens of other groups from the community. The group was the top fundraising team!

● Central Oregon

Alumnae Chapter

The chapter was happy to be installed early in 2015 and looks forward to continuing to build their sisterhood connections.

WASHINGTON

● Lambda Chapter (University of Washington)

The spring quarter was spent focusing on philanthropic work and getting as many sisters involved as possible. The chapter introduced a new event this year, Gamma Phi Baseball, which helped raise money for Girls on the Run.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

● Alpha Lambda Chapter (British Columbia)

An Italian-themed spaghetti dinner complete with gelato for dessert was hosted to raise more than \$2,000 for a local philanthropy.

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A photograph of three young women standing on stone steps in front of a brick building. The woman on the left is wearing a black halter-neck dress and has her hair in a high ponytail. The woman in the middle is wearing a black dress with a colorful floral pattern. The woman on the right is wearing a dark blue, short-sleeved dress. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

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Life after college can be busy – and the further you are from your undergraduate experience, the easier it is to forget how much of an impact Gamma Phi Beta has had on your life. Think back on your favorite Gamma Phi Beta memories

– the excitement of Bid Day, the thrill of Initiation, the warmth of sisterhood shared. Fortunately, the bond of Gamma Phi Beta does not end when you graduate.

The Sisterhood Society is an exciting new giving society that offers alumnae under the age of 30 an opportunity to begin their legacy by supporting the lifelong development of women through an annual gift of \$187.40. That's only \$15.62 a month! The Sisterhood Society's young alumnae will partner with the Foundation to support current areas of greatest need.

“I chose to join The Sisterhood Society because I think this is a wonderful initiative to get young alumnae together to become more active as dear Gamma Phi Beta alumnae. We need a support system to help in our transition from collegiate to alumnae life and keep us engaged with the Sorority. With this giving society comes a unique opportunity to partner with the Foundation, in addition to growing our sisterhood through serving as advisors, affiliated house corporation members and volunteer leaders. I am a member of The Sisterhood Society so I can help Gamma Phi Beta grow and thrive.” – Lisa Ray Oliver (Lander)

For more information or questions regarding young alumnae giving, please contact Development Coordinator Samantha Borchardt at sborchardt@gammaphibetafoundation.org.

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In Celebration

Celebrate a special sister, loved one or event with an "In Celebration" gift to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. Thank you to the following donors, whose gifts were recorded as of April 30, 2015. Lists are printed as received from the Foundation.

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Victoria Phillips

In celebration of Caitlin Capozzi (Syracuse).

Melissa Grove

My Delta Xi Chapter (Bucknell) sisters celebrating their 50th birthdays.

Susan Herman Darnell

Taylor Drew (Colorado State), we are so proud of you! Congratulations on being initiated as a Gamma Phi Beta in Tau Chapter. We knew you could do it. It is great having you as a niece and now as a sister. Lots of love in HKE.

Christie Black Kjellman

The birth of Tess Marguerite, Shane and Marie Duncan's (Idaho) legacy.

Gigi De'Prey Eyre

Thank you to the outgoing 2014-15 officers of Toronto Alumnae Chapter with special recognition to outgoing president Sylvie Theriault (McGill).

Greater Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter

Lynne Hamilton (Toronto), in celebration of your new position serving as National Chair of Equal Voice, Canada's national, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women. We are so proud of this tremendous achievement! Keep up the great

work exemplifying true leadership on behalf of all of us. In HKE.

Paula Konstantinidis

In honor of our January and February speakers, Mary Lucas Hertzfeld and Christine Wheeler.

Naples Alumnae Chapter

Jill Hoakison (Iowa State) for being a wonderful sorority coordinator-new chapter for Beta Chapter (Michigan). Thank you for all you do, Jill! I have loved working with you this past semester!

Victoria Phillips

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Victoria Phillips

Anne Layton (McGill) on her new appointment as sorority director-alumnae resources.

Bergen County Alumnae Chapter

Grace Lin

Katherine Anne Pezzella

Stacy Emily Levyn's (Southern California) engagement to Richard Rozen. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness and love! Forever your sister and mom.

Karen Popovich-Levyn

Connie Butler Long (Pennsylvania State), outstanding Philadelphia West Suburban Alumnae Chapter president for the past seven years. We appreciate your dedication.

Milly McCowan Bulter

Cinda Keating Lucas (Southern California), on being named a Woman of Distinction by the Salvation Army.

Kitty L. deKieffer

Stephanie Hearn

Cinda Keating Lucas (Southern California). Thank you for being such an inspiration to me and to Beta Chapter (Michigan). Thank you for all you do for Gamma Phi Beta.

Victoria Phillips

Leslie Geissler Munger (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) being appointed Comptroller of the State of Illinois, November 2014.

Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Rebecca Boyd-Obarski (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) being elected to the City Council of Naperville, Illinois, April 2015.

Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Jamie Pickel (Oklahoma). Thank you so much for your guidance and support these past two years! I am so appreciative of all I have learned from you. Here's to you and Gamma Phi Beta's new chapters!

Victoria Phillips

Carlin Rhea's (Texas A&M-College Station) graduation and NYC job.

Paula Rhea

JoAnne Nootbaar Rogers (Southern California) receiving the distinguished University of Southern California Alumni Service Award.

Barbara Cannon Johnson

Carol MacDougall

L'Cena Brunskill Rice

Mary Earl Spencer

Suzy Stasulis (Virginia Tech) for being appointed regional coordinator-alumnae for Region 2.

Julia Lynn Wright

Jennifer Gunther Stewart (Oregon State), our dear sister and friend who continues to face life's challenges with strength and grace.

Barbara Weiss Boenzli

Corvallis Alumnae Chapter

The birth of my niece, Eloise Hazel Warnken to Elizabeth Keltner Warnken (Creighton) and Nick Warnken.

Samantha Keltner

Allison Leigh Whittington (Oklahoma State).

Ken and Susan Whittington

The birth of Sonya Ahava Zaila.

Randi Traub Zaila

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In Memory

We acknowledge the passing of the following members and celebrate their part in our circle of sisterhood. This list reflects notifications received at International Headquarters between February 1, 2015, and April 30, 2015. First, maiden, last names and year of Initiation are listed for each deceased members.

Alpha - Syracuse

Corinne Gross Shirk, 1929
Louise Sargent Brewer, 1941
Margaret Northrop Seeley, 1946

Beta - Michigan

Harriette DeWeese Thomson, 1937
Susan Read Beebe, 1957
Crystal Allen Lopez, 1997

Gamma - Wisconsin-Madison

Roberta Collins Ryder, 1940
Shirley West Lightcap, 1946
Janet Place Walker, 1954
Mary Birks Sobota, 1960

Epsilon - Northwestern

Margaret Schnoor Confer, 1940
Beverley Williams Whitehead, 1942
Verna Amling Hauser, 1942
Mary Larimer Snoddy, 1942
Betty Carlberg Ford, 1946
Janet Smalley Stafford, 1946
Betty Masters Mills, 1946
Daria Brown, 1951
Sandra Peterson Kirkbride, 1961

Eta - California-Berkeley

Jean Schaefer Saunders, 1938
Elouise Phelps Jeffries, 1951

Theta - Denver

Theelda Shafer Gunther, 1942

Kappa - Minnesota-Twin Cities

Aleen Junge Klass, 1947

Lambda - University of Washington

Josephine Weiner Coe, 1938
Eleanor Baker Merz, 1952

Mu - Stanford

Harriet Fisher Holstrom, 1939

Nu - Oregon

Alda Hesby Woodman, 1945

Xi - Idaho

Barbara Ballenger Pence, 1942

Omicron - Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Marguerite Locke Brummett, 1938
Nola Poynton Webb, 1945
Mary Crawford Pedersen, 1950

Rho - Iowa

Ida Olin Karson, 1936

Sigma - Kansas

Grace Gwinner Zimmerman, 1947
Marjorie Jenree McCaughey, 1948
Charlene Lashbrook Gibbs, 1948
Suzanne Hoyt Marquis, 1949

Tau - Colorado State

Alice Robinson Hawkins, 1936

Chi - Oregon State

Maryon Whitton Greenough, 1937
Eloise Branch, 1970

Psi - Oklahoma

Carolyn McArthur Howard, 1942
Kay Malcolm Gwinn, 1955
Ann Satterfield, 1991

Omega - Iowa State

Betsy Cassady Nims, 1943

Alpha Alpha - Toronto

Laura Babcock, 2007

Alpha Beta - North Dakota

Helen Gust Keenan, 1938

Alpha Gamma - Nevada

Marguerite Miller Harvey, 1930
Marion Gothberg Reid, 1945

Alpha Delta - Missouri-Columbia

Harriet Mattingly Larkin, 1946
Shirley Harris Garofalo, 1954
Pamela Shafer Burke, 1966

Alpha Epsilon - Arizona

Bertha Coxon Schettino, 1950
Judith Crouch Butler, 1960

Alpha Zeta - Texas-Austin

Louella Moffett Vine, 1938
Mary Foster Green, 1943
Dixie Rawlings Hire, 1951
Marilyn Bailey Cogburn, 1952
Judy Tucker Pahl, 1961

Alpha Eta - Ohio Wesleyan

Harriet Edwards Gamper, 1933
Mary Reese Crowell Cottrell, 1944

Alpha Theta - Vanderbilt

Evalina Casey Cheadle, 1949
Frances Massengale Stewart, 1953
Kristin Rundin Lopez, 1970

Alpha Iota - California-Los Angeles

Mary Rickershauser Blackstone, 1939
Nancy Hilbert Rogers, 1951

Alpha Lambda - British Columbia

Margaret Evans Hodgson, 1937
Gloria Freisen McColl, 1948

Alpha Nu - Wittenberg

Susann Lugibihl Janosek, 1951

Alpha Xi - Southern Methodist

Mary Forrest Merriman, 1941
Dorothy Newby McCaw, 1945
Mary Orning Hooke, 1949

Alpha Psi - Lake Forest

Lillian Scott Cummings, 1934
Joy Simpach Walker, 1958

Alpha Omega - Western Ontario

Margaret Campbell Fennell, 1947
Elizabeth Thomson Drake, 1948

Beta Beta - Maryland

Ruth Myers Cripe, 1948

Beta Gamma - Bowling Green

Roberta Whitclaw Holder, 1948

Beta Zeta - Kent State

Barbara Buchman Hines, 1953

Beta Eta - Bradley

Patricia Shawgo Powers, 1953
Linda Irwin Moore, 1964

Beta Kappa - Arizona State

Amy Franks Gannon, 1950
Sandra Crabtree Holcomb, 1955

Beta Lambda - San Diego State

Carol Green Taylor, 1949
Carolyn Gosnell Scott, 1950

Beta Mu - Florida State

Faye Wells Pullen, 1962

Beta Omicron - Oklahoma City

Kitty Higgins McPherson
Kravitz, 1951

Beta Pi - Indiana State

Susan Storms, 1995

Beta Tau - Texas Tech

Cheri Laurie Steed, 1956
Linda Henderson Winters, 1965

Beta Phi - Indiana

Diane Murray, 1961
Hannah Wilson, 2012

Beta Chi - Wichita State

Sandra Bonicamp Duncan, 1958

Beta Psi - Oklahoma State

Darla Dacus Robinson, 1958
Emily Hansen, 1958

Gamma Alpha - Memphis

Nellie Moses Servold, 1958

Gamma Tau - St. Louis

Nancy Imlay Edwards, 1967

Gamma Psi - Northern Iowa

Paula Plagge Van Deest, 1968

Delta Mu - Rutgers

Dawn Richardson Sudano, 1985

Delta Sigma - Florida Institute of Technology

Rebecca King, 1981

Zeta Epsilon - Duquesne

Kimberly Piraino Miller, 1997

Zeta Gamma - Delaware

Devon Tellkamp, 2007

Dear Sisters,

On behalf of Beta Phi Chapter at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, we extend heartfelt thanks for all your love, support, caring messages and floral tributes sent to Beta Phi Chapter following the tragic death of senior Hannah Wilson (Indiana, 2012). Not only did the chapter receive expressions of sympathy and support from the Indiana University academic, student and Bloomington communities, but we were also touched by the bouquets, notes and memorial ceremonies from other Gamma Phi Beta chapters across the continent, as well as from representatives of the NPC family.

Hannah was much loved by her family, hometown of Fishers, Indiana, friends and academic colleagues at Indiana University and her Gamma Phi Beta sisters.

Thank you,

Joyce McMahan Cookman
Bloomington Alumnae
Chapter President

To report the passing of a sister, please email contactus@gammaphibeta.org so we may honor the member on this page in a future issue.

Vintage ΓΦΒ



Check out this fun photo of Kappa Chapter (Minnesota-Twin Cities) members decorating their house for Homecoming in 1925! Don't forget to share your Homecoming photos with us so we may document history in the making. Send your high resolution photos to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org.

Correction: In the history feature of the spring issue, we incorrectly reported the year in which the Creed was introduced. The Creed was adopted at Convention 1948. We apologize for the error.

Capture a Crescent

Spot it, snap it and email your capture a crescent photos to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org for a chance to be featured on the back cover of a future issue. Tip to get featured: We prefer crescents that wax left!



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1. Arizona: On a day trip to Tubac, Arizona, the crescent moon was shining on four friends when they spotted this piece of art while shopping. Pictured left to right are past International President Vicki Carlson Read, Nancy Noyes Roberson, Jan Wilson Booth and Amanda McCoy Place (all Arizona) who still try to see each other every month.

2. Colorado: While on vacation in Boulder, Colorado, for her daughter's hockey tournament, Becky Klees Majewski (Illinois State) spotted this crescent inside the Mountain Sun Restaurant near the University of Colorado-Boulder campus.

3. California: Fifty-five years after their initiation, Carol Hodges, Bonnie Bailey Thorne and Carole Kaufman McVane (left to right, all Nebraska-

Lincoln) met for a reunion in Coronado, California. During an afternoon of shopping, they happened upon a crescent moon detail in a funky necklace.

4. Alaska: While checking out the World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks, Alaska, Barb Beeman (left) and Pam Pearson (right, both Oklahoma State) braved the -10 degree temperatures to snap this picture with a giant crescent moon ice sculpture.

5. California: Nicole Sprunk (left) and Kendall Cohan (right, both University of Washington) never pass up an opportunity to snap a photo with a crescent moon! The pair was walking to the Venice Beach boardwalk to catch the sunset with some friends when they found this crescent cutout.