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To inspire the highest type of womanhood.

*On the cover:* Sydney Silverman (California Polytechnic State) interned for Project Happy Hearts and loves sporting her "I woke up this happy" shirt. Turn to page 18 to learn more about Project Happy Hearts and the inspiration behind the shirt.

Dear sisters,

A vital part of inspiring the highest type of womanhood is teaching young women and girls to have self-confidence and respect for themselves and others. Our collegiate members may learn the value of Building Strong Girls through volunteering with Girls on the Run, but there are many ways to embrace our philanthropic focus beyond the college years.

I am a firm believer in positive reinforcement. I strive to provide positive feedback to our chapters and volunteers through social media, personal letters and phone calls. These simple acts, that don't take much time out of my day, might build up someone's confidence. They may also create a chain reaction by encouraging one person to pass along the positivity to someone else.

Of course, everyone has their own unique ways of inspiring others in their lives. In this issue of *The Crescent*, you will read about sisters who have made a difference in women's lives everywhere by following their passions and inspiring others along the way, often without realizing they were doing so.

Hailey, a collegiate member, is highly involved in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. She has taken her passion for these subjects and found organizations where she can help inspire girls to get involved in these male-dominated fields. She has journeyed through her collegiate years without a role model who is similar to herself, so she is working hard to be that person for other women.

Melissa pursued a career in criminal justice and is now working her dream job. She speaks with high school students and her own children about following their dreams and working hard to succeed. She exemplifies perseverance and is an inspiring example of how to build strong girls in your career and personal life.

Yet another inspiring sister, Heidi, was born with congenital heart disease, but instead of letting that limit her, she built a nonprofit with the help of another Gamma Phi to bring awareness to diseases like her own. She asks people what makes their hearts happy. This simple question encourages optimism in others and her outlook on life is refreshing.

In the spirit of Heidi, I'd like to ask each of you, what makes your heart happy? For me, every day is a gift. As a cancer survivor, every morning I ask myself, "What good can I do today?" I love spreading joy to others, and hopefully I inspire someone along the way. My heart is full when I have helped someone be the best they can be, and my heart is happiest when I am with my family and friends.

I hope that while reading this issue, you are reminded of what makes you happy and inspires you to build strong girls at every stage of your life. Building Strong Girls and inspiring the highest type of womanhood doesn't end when you receive your diploma. In fact, it is only just beginning. Gamma Phi Betas everywhere can make a difference in a girl's life by being a good role model, sending a thank you note or just paying a compliment.

In LIKE,

Annabel Jones  
International President

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# Gamma Phi Gets Social

## @GammaPhiBetaSorority

Gamma Phi Beta loves to see what our sisters are doing throughout the year, and social media is the perfect way to show us! If you're interested in having your photos shared or published in *The Crescent*, tag @GammaPhiBetaSorority on Instagram and use #GammaPhiBeta. Be sure to follow all our social media accounts to see our chapters in action.



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A graphic for Gamma Phi Beta's 'Save the Date!' announcement. The background is a light pink color with a faint, repeating pattern of the words 'GAMMA PHI BETA' and '1874'. A large, stylized, dark pink ribbon-like shape curves across the top and right side of the image. The text 'Save the Date!' is written in a large, orange, cursive font in the center. The text 'Gamma Phi Beta' is written in a dark pink, cursive font along the curve of the ribbon on the right side.

Convention 2018 is right around the corner! From June 27 to July 1, 2018, join us at our 78th biennial Convention at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Don't miss this exciting opportunity—registration will be available online at [GammaPhiBeta.org/Convention](http://GammaPhiBeta.org/Convention) in early 2018.

Interested in volunteering at Convention 2018?  
Email [convention@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:convention@gammaphibeta.org) to learn more.



# points of Pride

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



Elizabeth Wilbur (California State-Fullerton) was one of 20 recipients of the 2017 Distinguished Leadership Award. Her leadership of California State University, Fullerton's TitanTHON Dance Marathon helped raise more than **\$54,352** for Children's Hospital of Orange County!



In 2015-16, Gamma Phi Beta gained **7,934** new members. We can't wait to see our chapters continue to grow and thrive this recruitment season!

In the 2017 Fraternity and Sorority Experience Survey, we found the **three** most commonly cited reasons for joining Gamma Phi Beta were friendships, philanthropy and community service and social opportunities.

# 3

The Crescent received **two** awards at the Fraternity Communications Association Conference in May! Follow [Bit.ly/TumblrFCA2017](http://Bit.ly/TumblrFCA2017) to check out our tumblr story and learn more about the awards and experience.



Congratulations to our **6,314** Gamma Phi Beta 2016-17 graduates! Welcome to alumnae life!



*Share your point of pride for an opportunity to be featured! Email [TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org) with your chapter's inspiring accolades.*



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Life Loyal is a special program available for all Gamma Phi Beta members to continue their lifelong support of our beloved Sorority beyond their collegiate years while receiving exclusive benefits. This is just one way to continue your lifetime involvement as a member of Gamma Phi Beta while fulfilling your financial obligations with an easy, one-time payment. The dedication of our alumnae members who continue to be involved and financially supportive helps ensure the future of our traditions and sisterhood.

Thank you to the following sisters who joined Life Loyal between February 1 and April 30, 2017.

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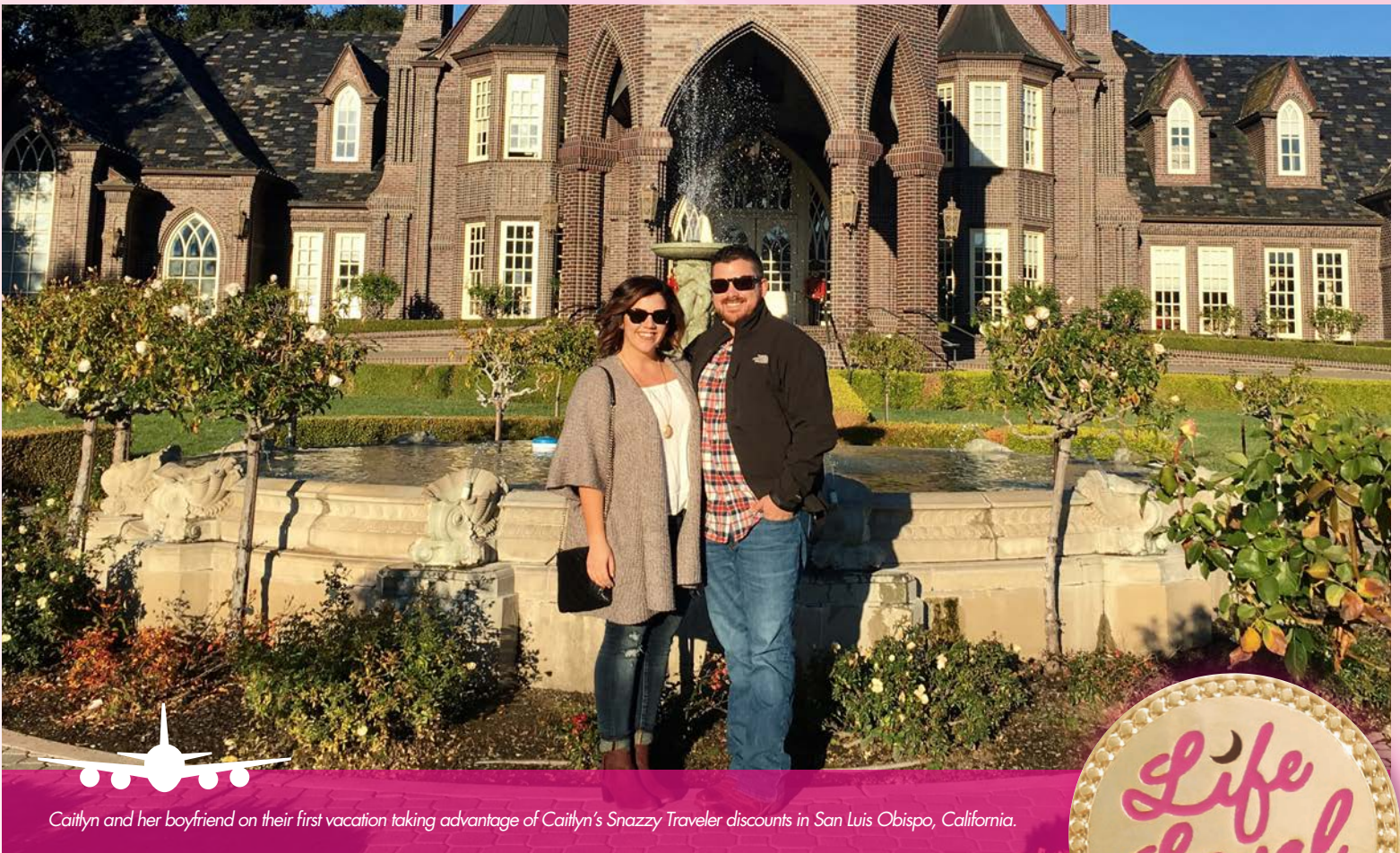
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Caitlyn and her boyfriend on their first vacation taking advantage of Caitlyn's Snazzy Traveler discounts in San Luis Obispo, California.



## Putting Some Snazzy in Her Travel

Gamma Phi Beta's Life Loyal program gives you the opportunity to fulfill your lifelong promise to Gamma Phi Beta with a one-time dues payment of \$299.\* In addition to this convenience, Life Loyal members receive a few special perks. We talked to Caitlyn Mason (St. John's) to hear why she loves being Life Loyal and how she uses the Snazzy Traveler benefit to her full advantage.

"Being Life Loyal is important to me because it allows me to give back to the organization that has given me so much. Gamma Phi Beta is still one of the dearest interests of my life and anything that makes it easy to support is worth it!

Life Loyal is super convenient. I don't have to figure out if I've already paid my alumnae

dues or when they're due. It's already taken care of for me!

Anytime I am traveling, I search on Snazzy Traveler for deals on hotels or things to do in the area where I'm traveling. My boyfriend and I live in California, but neither of us are natives to the Golden State. We like to explore different areas of California we've never visited before. For Christmas, I knew I wanted to give my boyfriend a weekend getaway. I found a deal on Snazzy Traveler for 50 percent off an amazing hotel in San Luis Obispo. I saved more than \$300!

So far for summer adventures, I've used Snazzy Traveler to rent a car for a trip to Ohio for a wedding and to visit with my boyfriend's family. I hope to snag another hotel deal so

we can continue our California exploring! Beyond the wonderful perks, Life Loyal keeps me connected to our Sorority in knowing that I am supporting something that has given me years of memories and some of my best friends."

**Do you want to save on your summer travels? Visit [GammaPhiBeta.org/LifeLoyal](http://GammaPhiBeta.org/LifeLoyal) to sign up today, and receive access to a complimentary Snazzy Traveler membership and more exclusive benefits!**

**\*Members of 50 years or more pay a discounted one-time dues fee of \$189.**





## Bergen County Alumnae Chapter: **SHINING FOR 52 YEARS**

In 1965, an Alpha Chapter (Syracuse) sister knocked on doors in Bergen County, New Jersey, to gather the charter members of the Bergen County Alumnae Chapter. Over the years, the chapter has maintained strong bonds of sisterhood and worked hard to lead by example and build strong girls. When asked what it means to build strong girls, Chapter President Maria Cioffi (Ohio State) said, "To help mentor and empower young girls so they will grow to be self-confident and successful women."



Members celebrated Founders Day at a restaurant that had been converted from a bank.

It's this attitude that has allowed the Bergen County Alumnae Chapter to shine in their community through philanthropic work. The chapter volunteers at Girls on the Run events, and some members work as coaches to help the girls build their confidence. In addition to Building Strong Girls with our philanthropic partner, Bergen County Gamma Phis have been volunteering with Spectrum for Living for more than 20 years.

Spectrum for Living is an organization that supports developmentally disabled adults and allows them to live fulfilling and meaningful lives. Members attend various events through the organization and assist in any way they can, including visiting with those who receive assistance from Spectrum for Living, gardening and sharing their individual skills.

**"The rewards of being a Gamma Phi while in college are the same as an alumna," Maria said. "Our sisterhood never ends!"**

With their deep roots in Bergen County, the alumnae chapter is proud to inspire the highest type of womanhood in all that they do. The women ensure continued participation for members by holding meetings and events on first floor venues for those who may need walkers or wheelchairs. Sisters also enjoy sending handwritten notes or giving a fellow sister a ride.

In addition to their love for our sisterhood and their passion for philanthropic work, the Bergen County Alumnae Chapter is proud of their 52 years of loyalty to Gamma Phi and one another. The chapter attracts members by connecting with Gamma Phis in the area and offering the opportunity to continue the bonds of sisterhood that members experience in their collegiate years. If you're living in the Bergen County, New Jersey area, be sure to reach out to the alumnae chapter to strengthen your Gamma Phi Beta bond!



Gamma Phi Beta alumnae volunteer at a Spectrum for Living walk.



The alumnae chapter celebrated the holidays with their annual holiday luncheon.





Gamma Phi Beta is proud to promote healthy lifestyles within our chapters, but there's more to being healthy than exercising and balanced diets.

Mental health is all about emotional, psychological and social well-being and can affect many aspects of life, no matter your age, ethnicity or background. It is vital that we talk about mental health, how it can affect you and your loved ones and how to help a sister in need.

In a future issue of *The Crescent* we want to share the stories of our sisters who work in the mental health field or are living a happy, healthy life while conquering their anxiety, depression and other mental health problems. People everywhere struggle with mental health, and Gamma Phi Beta wants to provide a strong support system for our sisters.

**Email [TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org) to share your story so we can begin a conversation and show sisters across the globe that they are not alone.**



# inspiration board



## SHE IS

In April, Gamma Phi Chapter (Auburn) utilized the Gamma Phi Beta She Is campaign on their campus. They created a board where students could write down a word or phrase to describe strong women in their lives. We love seeing our members inspiring the highest type of womanhood and reminding others to do the same!

*Photo credit: The Auburn Plainsman and Condra Lea Carter.*



## BUILDING STRONG GIRLS

When Eta Xi Chapter (Florida) hosted their first Moonball tournament, member Laura Varon invited her biological little sister, Sophia. Laura said, "Sophia constantly inspires me and pushes me to be a better person. I want to be someone she can look up to, and I wanted her to spend time with my other sisters and see what it means to be a strong girl." We are proud of our Gamma Phis who serve as wonderful role models and help build strong girls!





### **GAMMA PHI SISTER INSPIRES NURSING SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Every semester the graduating class at the University of Nevada, Reno chooses a faculty member that has been the most inspirational to them during their nursing school experience. The December 2016 class awarded Stacy Demitropoulos (Nevada-Reno) with the Orvis School of Nursing Most Inspirational Faculty Award. Stacy (far right) is pictured here with the nursing school's dean and associate deans.

### **GAMMA PHI STUDENT TRUSTEES**

In April, two collegiate Gamma Phi Betas at different universities were elected to serve as student trustees. Faith Voinovich (Ohio), pictured left, and Hallie Jankura (Miami-Ohio), pictured right, are both representing their student bodies on their respective schools' Board of Trustees. Congratulations, Faith and Hallie!



### **KEEPING IT COOL**

These hats are perfect for lounging on the beach or hiking through the mountains, and they come in different colors. Visit [CrescentCorner.com](http://CrescentCorner.com) to order yours for your next summer adventure!



# GAMMA PHIS INSPIRING OTHERS

By *The Crescent* Editor  
Laura Mishkind  
(Colorado-Boulder)

**In this issue of *The Crescent*,** I'm excited to introduce you to a few outstanding Gamma Phis who inspire the highest type of womanhood in all facets of their lives. One sister created an entire nonprofit because of her personal challenges and passions. Another wouldn't take no for an answer, and ignored those who told her she couldn't make it in the criminal justice field. Our featured collegiate sister was missing a strong role model in her life, so she is working hard to become one for future women who want to pursue a career in a male-dominated field. You'll also see encouraging words from local Girls on the Run councils about the incredible work our collegiate and alumnae chapters have done with our philanthropic partner – a reminder of the impact our Sorority has made, and continues to make, in the world.

Overall, these stories remind me of the multitude of strong and inspiring women in our sisterhood. I walked away from all these interviews feeling encouraged by these confident women who are pursuing their dreams, no matter how many people attempted to dissuade them. They are motivating others every day, whether they recognize it or not. Turn the page for a healthy dose of inspiration!





*project happy hearts*





# PROJECT HAPPY HEARTS





When Heidi Burns (California Polytechnic State) woke up from an emergency open heart surgery at the age of 26, she felt happiness. Happiness that she was alive and able to pursue her dream: bring awareness to heart health, especially congenital heart disease. That's when the plans for launching Project Happy Hearts truly began.

**P**roject Happy Hearts is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness about congenital heart disorders and spreads joy. Inspired by a popular Beyoncé song, Heidi came up with the tagline "I woke up this happy." Armed with a catchy phrase, determination and the question, "What makes your heart happy?" she began to create the true plan for Project Happy Hearts.

"I want this to be an organic, grass roots movement," Heidi said. She started simple: taking pictures of people holding signs that said, "What Makes Your Heart Happy?" These gained a strong following on social media, so Heidi received some help from a graphic designer and created the first Project Happy Hearts tank top. It sold out within three days. Now, ProjectHappyHearts.com has eight different options of shirts and packages to purchase. Beyond selling t-shirts and asking people what makes them happy, Project Happy Hearts provides free heart screenings. The nonprofit is going strong, and so is Heidi.

Her operation at 26 was Heidi's second open heart surgery. Her first one took place five days after she was born. She was born with transposition of the greater vessels, meaning her heart was essentially inside out and upside down. At the time, the surgery Heidi needed had never been performed in Orange County, so she was flown to Boston to become the 100th baby to have the operation. "It was big news at the time," Heidi said.

After recovery, Heidi lived a normal life. She was healthy throughout her childhood and traveled and played sports. She was on the track team for years and even chose her university to pursue track and field. "My mom always said, 'You're one of the lucky ones.'"

It wasn't until 2013, when she was training for a half marathon that Heidi was reminded of her congenital heart disorder. She collapsed while on a run during her lunch break and was taken to UCSF Medical Center where she underwent several tests and met with cardiologists. The ultimate decision was

Heidi needed to undergo her second open heart surgery as a 26-year-old, active woman.

Heidi's story was brought to my attention a few months ago by her friend and Project Happy Heart's head of development Jenny Sato (California Polytechnic State). She said Heidi had talked about starting the organization in college, but never did. "Her second heart surgery made her really want to push this subject to the forefront," said Jenny.

"Right after surgery you are surrounded by loved ones and friends wanting to make sure you're okay," Heidi said. But a month later she found herself alone and in need of support. Now, she's working to be that support for children in the same situation.

Project Happy Hearts sponsors a "heart child" each month. Heidi and her team select a child who has a heart disorder and utilize donations to purchase a gift for the child and their family. They take the gift a month after surgery or at a regular check up to surprise the family.



## "My story is helping other people, whether they're living with heart conditions or just having a bad day."

One of the very first heart children was a 13-year-old boy named Jeremiah who had gone into cardiac arrest. He was in critical condition, but survived, and Heidi and her team chose to use some of the funds from the sale of that first tank top to buy him a snowboard and lift pass. They even gave his parents a date night package so they could experience a bit of relaxation after a stressful time.

Project Happy Hearts is gaining enough traction to help a child and their family each month thanks to product sales and donations. The company has never paid for any marketing and utilizes word of mouth and social media, just as they have done from the start.

In addition to helping children with existing heart disorders, Heidi and Jenny are big advocates of getting your heart checked frequently. They are using some of their funding to do free pop-up heart screenings in schools throughout California. "I wasn't getting my heart checked enough," Heidi told me. "If I would have just checked it regularly I wouldn't have had the emergency open heart surgery." It's much easier to take care of yourself if you know there's an issue earlier.

In fact, Heidi has been much better about paying attention to her own health and practicing what she tells others. She discovered that her heart rhythm was off and doctors weren't sure if it developed over time or came with her two surgeries. She recently had a third surgery to get a defibrillator. I spoke with Heidi prior to the surgery and she said, "What I'm going into surgery for is why we do the free heart screenings."

I asked what she planned to do after the surgery, and she said, "We will celebrate."

So how does Heidi stay so positive with all the hardships she has faced in her short 29 years? She first told me that the heart moms inspire her. These are the women who are their children's biggest advocates and support system. They stay strong for their children even though they fear what could happen.

She is also inspired by the community of people she has met during her own hospital stays and the Project Happy Hearts journey. Heidi said, "Living in this world where we get to connect with people is what keeps me going."

Of course, Heidi can't be positive and happy all the time. She is human after all. "To be honest, some days it's really a lot to think about and I find myself in tears, or depressed or asking why me? But then I think about how amazing this life is and worth living."

By overcoming these challenges and looking at life through a positive lens, Heidi shows what it means to be a confident woman of character. She builds others up and promotes healthy lifestyles because she knows from experience how important it is to take care of yourself. Even though she has had three heart surgeries, Heidi has lived a happy life and looks forward to what's coming for Project Happy Hearts.

Earlier this year, Project Happy Hearts found out they officially achieved nonprofit status, which opens a lot of new opportunities for the organization. They will be able to work with more hospitals directly and get access to more resources for their free heart screenings.

Project Happy Hearts stepped up their marketing efforts by sending emails to donors and getting the stories of the heart children out to the public. They plan to showcase how the money is helping these children and their

families through an email newsletter to subscribers and donors.

Ultimately, Project Happy Hearts wants everyone to know that getting your heart checked is important for your health, no matter how active or inactive you are in life. Getting tested will allow you to discover irregularities early, which will make taking care of any problems much easier than waiting until there's a real issue.

Heidi and Jenny are following their passion to bring awareness to a cause that's important to them, which is an incredible feat. They want to inspire others to get involved and help those who are living with congenital heart disorders. You can do the same in your life and Heidi is proof of that. "It's okay to fail," Heidi said. "If your mission is good, you shouldn't give up."

What's next for Project Happy Hearts? They are working on new apparel options beyond the shirts they sell now. While continuing to spread awareness and increase free pop-up heart screenings they will always ask, "What makes your heart happy?"



Heidi (left) and Jenny enjoy spending time together outside of working on the organization.





Top: Heidi poses with Delta Theta Chapter (California Polytechnic State) after speaking about congenital heart disease and heart health.

Bottom Left: Jeremiah, the first heart child, shows off the snowboard he received from Project Happy Hearts.

Bottom Right: This photo was the first Project Happy Hearts social media post.





# BECOMING A ROLE MODEL



“I can learn from my own experiences and pass that along to others.”

From a young age, I’ve always put other people before myself and that has turned into a passion for philanthropy,” Hailey Gordon (California-Berkeley) said.

Hailey’s passion for philanthropy is what drew her to Gamma Phi Beta in the first place. At her university, each day of recruitment has a different theme, and Hailey was most looking forward to philanthropy day. “I wanted to join an organization that allowed me to serve others.”

Through Gamma Phi Beta she did just that. She wanted to build strong girls and felt connected to our mission of inspiring the highest type of womanhood. After joining the Sorority, she became a running buddy at a local Girls on the Run (GOTR) council and made attending the 5ks a priority. Hailey said she’s not a runner herself, but she loves helping and encouraging the girls and building up their confidence.

While Hailey was inspired to build strong girls through Gamma Phi and GOTR, she found another way to inspire young women through two other organizations: Black Girls Code and TechGyrls. Black Girls Code utilizes workshops and after school programs to teach computer coding to girls of every race. TechGyrls provides girls with the opportunity to develop their skills in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

As a computer science major, Hailey is very passionate about STEM and has noticed the lack of women in these areas. “From what I can tell, I’m one of the only women and definitely the only African American woman in my classes.” She became involved with Black Girls Code and TechGyrls so she could be the role model she never had.

Hailey’s favorite part of volunteering for these organizations is seeing the excitement the girls have when they accomplish a task. The curriculum at TechGyrls is taught through real life examples, like explaining math problems through shopping. Hailey loves hearing the girls

get excited while saying they calculated a sale over the weekend.

Hailey works hard to ensure she can be a role model every day. She has taken on volunteer roles in multiple organizations, which keeps her very busy. However, if you’re a collegiate member looking for opportunities to build strong girls and don’t have much extra time, Hailey has some advice for you. She recommends looking at philanthropic opportunities in your school departments. It’s easy to find volunteer work in the fields you’re interested in, igniting a passion in yourself or others. Building Strong Girls could also be as easy as cheering on your sisters when they’re working on something they’re passionate about or helping others in your classes.

Black Girls Code hosts a robot expo on Hailey’s campus every year. The girls who participate tend to come from lower income families, and Hailey says many of them haven’t been told that they can go to college. She loves seeing their faces when they tour the campus and see all the high-tech equipment available to the students. “One little moment can change their lives,” Hailey said. She loves hearing these girls say they want to go to college at her university.

Hailey’s passion has inspired her Gamma Phi Beta sisters to volunteer at the Black Girls Code robot expo. More than 300 girls attend the expo, so Hailey and the rest of the Black Girls Code volunteers need all the help they can get. Hailey’s sisters may not know how to code, but they help with parking, showing girls where different buildings are and putting up signs around campus. “I really appreciate that my sisters see my passion for philanthropy and it ignites it in them.”

With the support of her sisters and her confidence that she’s becoming a role model for others, Hailey is ready to take on the world after graduation. She is applying to Ph.D. programs because her dream is to work in pediatric

neuroprosthetics. This means she wants to work with children who need medical devices that can take the place of a function of the body that might have been damaged because of an injury or disease.

As she works toward her goal of helping others in her future career, Hailey said she will always build strong girls. She plans to remain connected to Girls on the Run, Black Girls Code and TechGyrls because all three organizations have locations nationwide. Hailey loves working with elementary school students because it brings her joy and she wants to make a difference in children’s lives everywhere. Knowing that she can begin to instill confidence and knowledge in children at an early age, inspires her to succeed in her own life, so that she may continue to set a good example for these children and others.

So, what inspires Hailey to build strong girls? “For me, it’s knowing that everything I do makes me a role model for someone else.”



Hailey and her sisters enjoy greeting Girls on the Run participants at the finish line.



# JUSTICE FOR THE MISSING

“If I had listened to them, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

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**N**ot everyone finds their calling early in life, but Melissa Gregory (Nebraska-Lincoln) says she got lucky.

In high school, she took a law studies class and discovered her desire to pursue a career in criminal justice. When you think of criminal justice, you may think of police and correctional officers. However, throughout our interview, Melissa stressed that there are plenty of other opportunities in the field.

Melissa is the regional system administrator for the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), “which makes it sound like I do IT work,” she jokes. In reality, Melissa manages missing and unidentified persons cases in seven states and estimates that she has 1,000 unidentified persons cases and 700 to 800 missing persons cases at any point in time.

To effectively manage almost 2,000 cases, Melissa is constantly communicating with family members of missing people, law enforcement, coroners and medical examiners. She works with family members to figure out who the missing person’s dentist was and if they had been finger printed. Getting these answers allows Melissa to utilize some of the biometrics that could help identify a missing person as an unidentified person. Examples of biometrics are fingerprints, dentals or anything that helps make up our unique DNA.

Along her path to success, Melissa had various internships and jobs in many areas of criminal justice and encountered some people who didn’t expect her to succeed. She had male counterparts tell her that she should remain in more administrative roles, rather than pursuing other career paths.

Facing these direct comments about her gender has inspired Melissa to succeed in the criminal justice field and teach her children that if they put their minds to it, they can accomplish anything. Melissa and her husband are teaching their children that you aren’t handed anything for free, you must work for it.

I asked Melissa how she builds strong girls in her life and career and she said, “It’s a question I’ve continued to ask myself now that I have a daughter. I want to make sure she grows up to be a strong woman as well.”

Melissa is showing her daughter how to be a strong woman by modeling the way. As a woman in a male-dominated field, her success and determination allow her to show other women and girls that they can achieve anything if they work hard. “Find what you’re interested in and follow it. Don’t let anyone discourage you.” By following your passions, you can inspire yourself and those around you.

Melissa loves getting to do her dream job, but she said she is also humbled by the work

she does. Working for NamUs, Melissa talks to grieving families quite frequently, which she says really puts her life into perspective. She’s also constantly communicating with law enforcement personnel and a lot of the cases they work on become personal for them as well. She is amazed by the people she works with every day.

Remember the high school class that inspired Melissa to pursue this career path? She reached out to the teacher when she moved back to Omaha, simply to say thank you and share the impact she has been able to make. Now, she speaks to his current law studies students four to five times a year.

“Even if I have an impact on one person, that’s a success to me.”

By speaking to high school students, showing her children they can achieve anything if they work hard and being a strong role model in a male-dominated field, Melissa is an inspiration to us all. She ignored those who discouraged her from pursuing her dreams and inspired confidence in herself, which is no easy feat. She is an inspiring, confident woman of character, and a shining example of how to follow your dreams, no matter what obstacles you might face.

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“I’m very honored to work on these cases, and I’m humbled. I’m surrounded by people who are doing incredible work. Many people don’t know about the work we are doing.”

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# MAKING AN IMPACT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

By Marketing Manager Teresa Tisserat (Denver)



## "You are encouraging. You are role models."

**A**t Convention 2012 in Denver, Colorado, Gamma Phi Beta announced our partnership with Girls on the Run (GOTR) International. From that moment forward, our sisterhood fell in love with a cause that allows us to raise funds and provide service to girls in communities across the U.S. From seeing the smile on a young girl's face as she accomplishes her first 5k, to knowing that confidence is instilled in generations to come, Gamma Phi Betas are making a difference.

The meaning behind Building Strong Girls resonates with each of us. It's not a catchy tagline, it's a sentimental phrase that challenges us to recognize the strong women in our lives, and empowers us to be those women to girls facing challenges today. Whether you realize it or not, you are influencing the lives of many. If you choose to volunteer in-person, behind the scenes or at a Moonball or philanthropy event, your actions matter. We spoke to GOTR councils across the country who shared the impact our members are making.

### You are role models.

"As coaches and as a smiling, encouraging presence at our 5k, Gamma Phi Betas provide young faces that our girls can look up to – positive role models who, as they attend college, give girls a real example of what it looks like for young women to work for their dreams."

– Executive Director Lea Rolfes, Girls on the Run Atlanta

### You show the importance of education.

"Having Gamma Phi Betas involved helps us foster the environment of higher learning and the importance of college. The GOTR participants get the sense that they can aspire

to go to college and become somebody that can inspire others. We are so fortunate to have many universities in our area that support our organization." – Council Director Gretchen Long, Girls on the Run Orange County

### You remind girls to have fun.

"We simply could not do what we do without Gamma Phi Beta collegians and alumnae. Gamma Phi Beta volunteers bring enormous enthusiasm and joy to our 5k! The girls are so happy to have so many 'cool' fans. As we have about 100 Gamma Phi Beta volunteers at each of our 5ks, we simply wouldn't be able to create the same fun experience without them. Gamma Phi Betas are typically the volunteers who hand out medals at the finish line. They are the first people the girls see who acknowledge this tremendous accomplishment and see first-hand the looks of joy and pride on the girls' faces."

– Executive Director Lea Rolfes, Girls on the Run Atlanta

### You set examples.

"Gamma Phi women provide a positive, energetic atmosphere for the young GOTR girls at the 5ks, particularly at the Happy Hair tent. The girls love the extra attention the Gamma Phi collegians give them on race day. The alumnae group is fabulous! They involved collegians in making 220 tutus this season. It was great to witness a group of 20 Gamma Phi members, with about 40 years separating them, connecting around this project for Girls on the Run." – Outreach and Volunteer Director Karen MacFarquhar, Girls on the Run of the Rockies

### You live your values.

"I think it's so important to set an example of service for our girls. We can try to instill in them important values, but it really takes role models that are living it to make a difference. They can look up to Gamma Phi Beta volunteers in a unique way, because they are just a few steps ahead of them in life. Gamma Phi Beta members are teaching by example how to live your values." –Executive Director Mary Gaertner, Girls on the Run Greater Cincinnati

### You create positive reinforcement.

"Gamma Phi Betas have served as advocates for our organization, sharing the values we hold dear of empowering young girls and women to live up to their unlimited potential. Gamma Phi Beta has shared information to the University of Maryland community, increased awareness of our program on social media and has held a very large and successful Moonball fundraiser. Our girls smile a bit more during the race knowing that the Gamma Phi Beta ladies are cheering them on, helping them get through and giving them a hug when they succeed in crossing the finish line. Sometimes all it takes is knowing that somebody believes in you. Positive reinforcement is the best thing for a growing girl in today's environment." – Community Outreach Coordinator Leanne Till, Girls on the Run Montgomery County

To learn more about the difference Gamma Phi Betas make locally, check out a short impact story from Girls on the Run Montgomery County at [bit.ly/TumblrMoCo](http://bit.ly/TumblrMoCo).





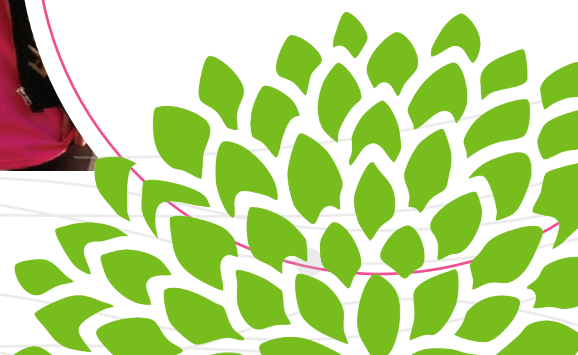
Girls on the Run 5ks take place multiple times a year across America. We love seeing our Gamma Phi Beta members volunteering as running buddies and cheering on the runners throughout the race. We are proud to be women Building Strong Girls!







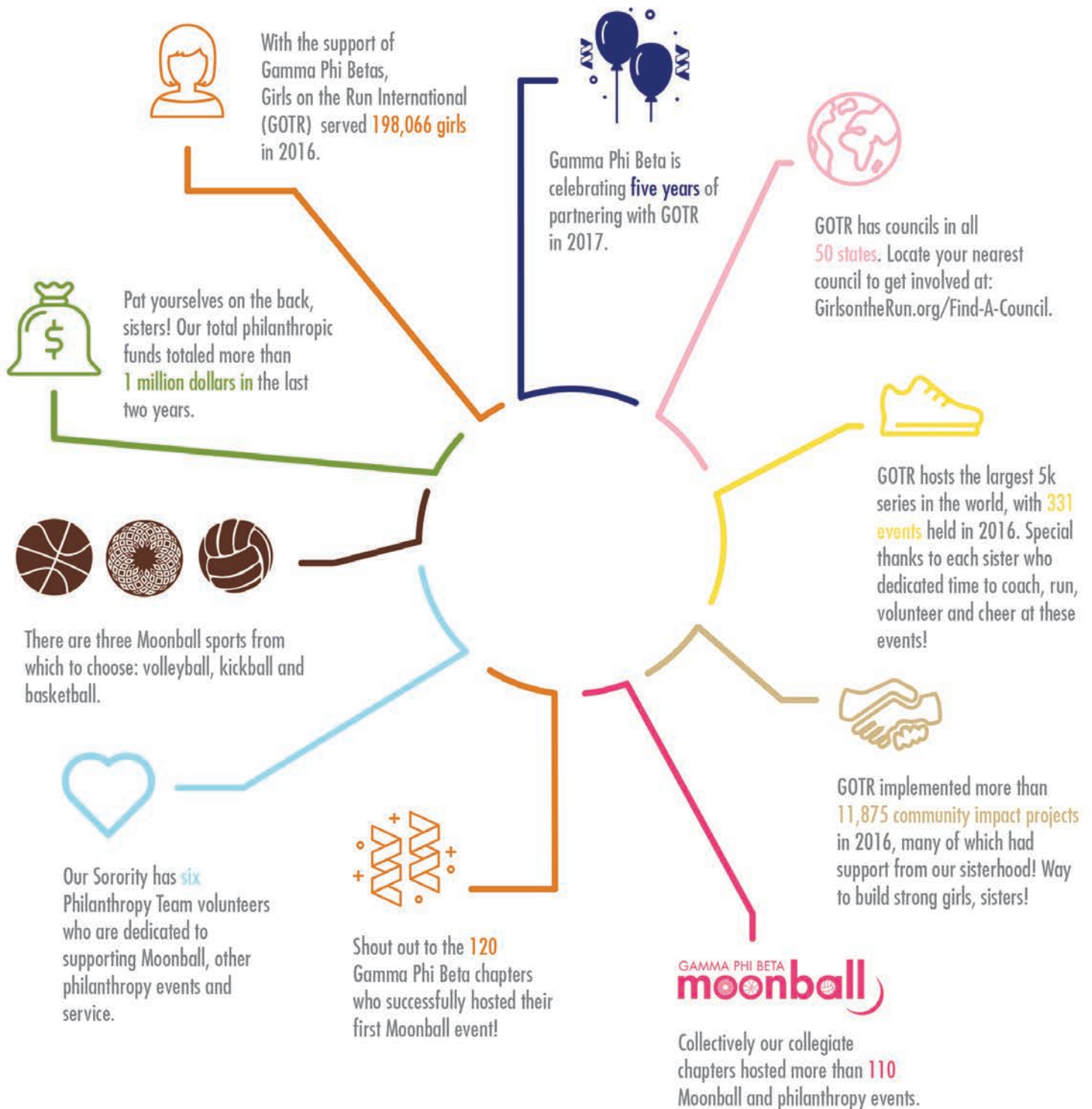
If you'd like to get involved with your local Girls on the Run council, visit [GirlsOnTheRun.org](http://GirlsOnTheRun.org).





# GAMMA PHI BETA'S PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

The impact our organization has made is something to celebrate! Check out these fast philanthropy facts, and be proud that we are women #BuildingStrongGirls.





# Bonds That Last a *Lifetime*

Natalie Juronoc currently serves as the chapter advisor for Delta Omega Chapter (Oakland), the same chapter where she was initiated! She began as the education advisor, but is now proud to advise the chapter on a larger level. *The Crescent* asked Natalie a few questions about what it means to her to be an advisor.

**The Crescent: What inspired you to become an advisor?**

**Natalie Juronoc:** About a year after graduating I decided to join the advisory board. I looked at the opportunity as a unique way to give back to the chapter and my community and gain valuable professional experience that an entry level job in my career might not provide.

**What's your favorite part of being an advisor?**

**NJ:** I love learning from the women. Being an advisor has given me experience, professionally and personally, that I would not have been exposed to otherwise. I'm challenged every day to solve problems, be supportive and follow up with them. I work with women from a variety of backgrounds and am learning various leadership styles. I know this exposure has helped me become more aware.

**What does it mean to you to be able to advise the chapter where you were initiated?**

**NJ:** I absolutely love being able to give back to the chapter where I was initiated. I've been able to leverage campus connections I made as a collegian and have found that I easily relate to the chapter. Even though years have passed, campus and chapter cultures remain similar and it's nice to understand that from the start.



*Natalie (middle) poses for a photo with the Delta Omega executive council at Convention 2016.*

**How do you encourage the women in your chapter to inspire the highest type of womanhood?**

**NJ:** I personally feel that the best way to inspire a behavior is to embody it. I'm far from perfect, but I go out of my way to model what it means to be a sister, friend and sorority woman in an era where we consistently defend what sisterhood is about.

**How do you balance work, social life and advising?**

**NJ:** Organization is key. I keep a planner. I've also learned that being involved and committed to your passions means that some sacrifice must also happen. I've grown to be comfortable saying 'no' when I'm too overwhelmed and remember to save time for myself each week. Understanding what helps you unwind and de-stress is the key to staying fulfilled.



*Natalie received the Outstanding Greek Organization Advisor Award at Oakland University's 2017 Student Activities and Leadership Awards Banquet.*

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**Do you have an interest in helping your collegiate chapter as an alumna? Do you want to discover skills you don't realize you have? Visit [GammaPhiBeta.org/Volunteer](http://GammaPhiBeta.org/Volunteer) to find your volunteer position!**  
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# #KEEPSHINING

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## In April, Gamma Phi Beta celebrated Volunteer and Advisor Appreciation Month.

We received numerous submissions for our social media campaign and couldn't share all the kind words about our hardworking volunteers and advisors. Here are a few of the acknowledgements our wonderful sisters shared that were not featured on social media. Don't forget that you can show your volunteers and advisors appreciation throughout the entire year!

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### Pi Chapter Affiliated House Corporation Board of Directors President Jill Weyand Fiddler (Nebraska-Lincoln)

Jill consistently goes above and beyond. She strives to make sure all voices are heard during meetings, and that each step of the process becomes an opportunity to learn and grow. Jill takes the time to send personal notes to members of the board when they least expect it, to let them know they are appreciated. She illuminates each individual's worth in the group and helps them feel motivated to strive for their own levels of personal excellence.

- Jamie Steckelberg Scott (Nebraska-Lincoln)

### The Gamma Phi Beta Presentation Team

This team of volunteers has committed themselves to ongoing learning and growth. They have stepped out of their comfort zones to practice new material; they have learned new programs and been flexible to the needs of the team and the Sorority; they get excited about feedback opportunities; and they participate in ongoing training to continue to learn new skills critical to their volunteer roles. Through their commitment to lifelong learning and personal excellence, I also see how they are growing in confidence and becoming more self-aware.

- Director of Education Jill Duffy



**Eta Sigma (Central Missouri) Chapter  
Advisor Emily Richey (Minnesota-Twin Cities)**

I doubt you'll ever know just how much of an impact you've made in my life. Your constant love, friendship and counsel has given me the support I needed to find my place in Gamma Phi. Thank you for fearlessly stepping up to advise our new chapter, and thank you for doing so with compassion and patience. You have inspired us all to hold ourselves to a higher standard.

- Jillian Samson (Central Missouri)

**Beta Alpha (Southern California) Affiliated  
House Corporation President Linda Babcock  
(California State-Long Beach)**

Linda, you are a true blessing in my life. You make my job not a job, but a pleasure. You bring me passion to do my best work not only for you and Beta Alpha, but for our organization as a whole. When I think of you, I smile!

- Housing and Facilities Services Manager  
Cheryl Moore (Colorado State)

**Region 5 Regional Coordinator-Recruitment  
Allison Kilfoy (Northern Iowa)**

Over the past two years that I've known Allison, our relationship could be summed up in three words: friendship, accountability and empowerment. She embodies the ideals of what it means to be a Gamma Phi Beta. She builds confidence in those she touches to support them as leaders. She is also a true and constant friend. Not confined by age, similarities, distance or other factors, she loves others with her whole heart.

- Alissa Hibst (Minnesota-Twin Cities)

**Epsilon Nu (Chapman) Chapter Advisor  
Carley Foerster (Chapman)**

Carly is a true force of positivity! She embraces every challenge thrown her way with a smile and a joyful attitude. She mentors her team by listening, encouraging and always looking at the bright side. Carly is authentically herself at every turn, and her positivity is contagious.

- Director of Conferences and Meetings  
Page Adams (Indiana)

**Director of Ritual Mary Knaup  
(California State-Fullerton)**

Mary, I'm so grateful for the time we were able to spend together on the extension project for Eta Upsilon (Nicholls State). Thank you for being one of my biggest Gamma Phi Beta mentors. I can only hope to embody half of the amazing qualities you exude!

- Jennifer Attard (Virginia Tech)

**New Member Education Specialist  
Mitzi Ritzman (Nebraska-Lincoln)**

Your lifetime commitment to Gamma Phi Beta is inspirational! Thank you for dedicating your time and talent to train some of our most crucial Gamma Phi Beta volunteers.

- Member Education Manager  
Shana Makos (Chapman)

**Show your advisors and volunteers  
you appreciate them all year long  
in these small tasks:**

- Write a thank you note.
- Snap a photo and share it on social media.
- Nominate her for campus Greek life awards.
- Send her a text with fun emojis to express your thanks.
- Invite her to a meal to get to know her better.



# 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](http://GammaPhiBeta.org).

## Region 1

### CONNECTICUT

#### Eta Theta Chapter (Connecticut)

Sisters were very active in campus philanthropic events. They competed in Alpha Phi's basketball tournament to raise money for the Ability Experience and joined a fraternity to make care packages for military families.

#### Eta Pi Chapter (Quinnipiac)

Eta Pi Chapter had their first Moonball event this spring. Sisters cheered on other organizations as they participated in multiple volleyball games on campus.

### DELAWARE

#### Eta Gamma Chapter (Delaware)

The chapter initiated 68 new sisters in April. They are so excited to welcome these women into our sisterhood!

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### Epsilon Phi Chapter (Bentley)

Epsilon Phi Chapter won Bentley's Greek Week for the third year in a row! All money raised during the penny wars competition was donated to Girls on the Run.

### NEW YORK

#### Iota Chapter (Columbia)

Iota Chapter hosted their inaugural Moonball basketball tournament in March. Many teams signed up, including two dance groups who performed for everyone.

#### Epsilon Epsilon Chapter (Union College)

The chapter raised funds for Girls on the Run with their Moonball tournament, and enjoyed involving the Union College student community.

#### Epsilon Tau Chapter (Rochester)

The chapter participated in a community service function with Harbor House, a local charity that provides housing and support to families with loved ones in the hospital. They also won an award for raising money for the Relay for Life event on campus.

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Alpha Upsilon Chapter (Penn State)

After a year of fundraising efforts, Alpha Upsilon Chapter participated in another successful Penn State Dance Marathon. The chapter and their fraternity partner raised \$210,849.67, which was the fourth most raised of all the Greek organizations. The money will be donated to help pediatric cancer patients and their families.

#### Philadelphia West Alumnae Chapter

Philadelphia West Alumnae Chapter member Betty Lou Wanderer (Illinois Urbana-Champaign) won the Outstanding Alumnae Award at the Philadelphia Area Alumnae Panhellenic's Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Betty Lou was nominated by her sisters and was supported at the event by 19 Gamma Phi Betas.

## Region 2

### FLORIDA

#### Beta Mu Chapter (Florida State)

Sisters volunteer on a weekly basis for the Big Bend chapter of Girls on the Run. These sisters serve as running buddies and mentors for 20 girls and teach them how to be strong girls.

#### Eta Lambda Chapter (Central Florida)

Sisters from Eta Lambda Chapter delivered colorful shoe boxes for their local Girls on the Run chapter. They were dressed as "Shoe Fairies" and provided the girls with new sneakers so they can cross the finish line in style!

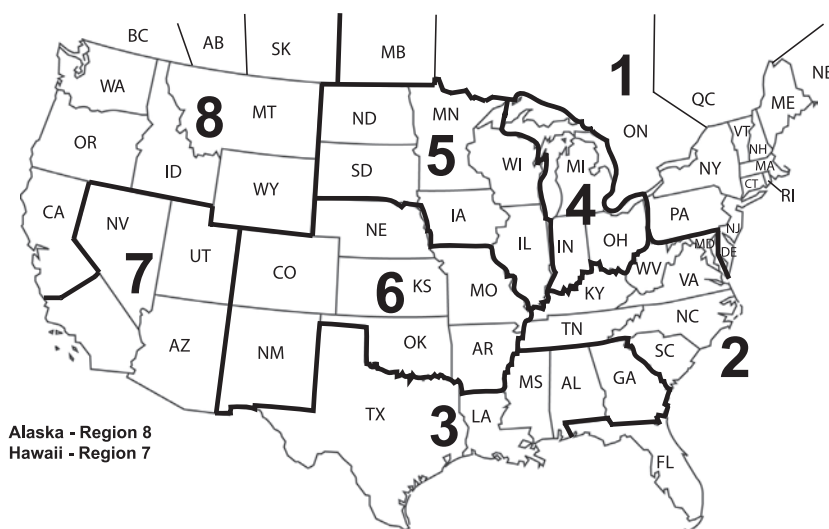
#### Naples Alumnae Chapter

At the chapter's March luncheon they were joined by speakers and dogs from PAWS Assistance Dogs. They donated to the charity as well. In April, they installed new officers and enjoyed a delicious lunch!

#### Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter

In April, the Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter met to enjoy Greek and Cuban food for a Tampa history-themed luncheon. Several members brought supplies to make posters for the Girls on the Run 5k in May.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority by Regions





## MARYLAND

### Beta Beta Chapter (Maryland)

The sisters of Beta Beta were very excited to host their Moonball tournament. They raised almost \$6,000 for Girls on the Run. The chapter is already beginning to brainstorm how to make their event an even bigger success next year!

## VIRGINIA

### Zeta Beta Chapter (Virginia)

Zeta Beta Chapter had a marvelous time at their annual dad's day, mother-daughter tea and Initiation.

### Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter

Sisters created masterpieces at the chapter's second annual Paint Nite event, and alumnae and their children gathered for an outing at a local park. Each month a lunch group met to try new restaurants and assist with fundraising.

## Region 3

## ALABAMA

### Gamma Phi Chapter (Auburn)

Auburn University sisters worked to uplift women in their community through a She Is campaign and supported many young women at the Girls on the Run 5k.

## GEORGIA

### Zeta Tau Chapter (Emory)

Zeta Tau Chapter is very proud of their graduating sisters. They can't wait to see all of them accomplish their goals and are sure the Gamma Phi Beta spirit and Core Values will guide them to further success.

## TEXAS

### Gamma Chi Chapter (Texas State)

Gamma Chi Chapter held their inaugural Moonball tournament. They had a blast coaching the teams and raising funds and awareness for Girls on the Run!



**Region 1** | Several alumnae members and three Epsilon Tau sisters attended the annual Rochester Panhellenic Brunch. Rina Yarosh (Rochester, second from left) received a scholarship for her graduate school education at the University of Minnesota, and Renee Lanthier (Purdue, third from left) was installed as the Panhellenic Board treasurer.



**Region 2** | Epsilon Pi Chapter at George Mason University received seven awards at the annual Greek life awards ceremony, including an award for highest GPA.



**Region 3** | Zeta Rho Chapter (Texas A&M-College Station) enjoyed their spring Bid Day and welcomed new sisters into our sisterhood!



## Region 4 INDIANA

### Zeta Iota Chapter (Valparaiso)

Gamma Phi Beta sisters danced together for 12 hours at the campus-wide Dance Marathon event. Sisters fundraised for months and danced their way to winning the Miracle Cup. They raised \$11,467 of Valparaiso University's campus total of \$69,872!

### Zeta Kappa Chapter (Southern Indiana)

Zeta Kappa Chapter had a semester filled with philanthropic work! They hosted a philanthropy event, made headbands and tutus for Girls on the Run participants and watched their Pirouette Project girls dance at their final recital.

## MICHIGAN

### Beta Chapter (Michigan)

After the cold Michigan winter, sisters look forward to summer break, starting internships, studying abroad and warm weather. They are also anticipating returning in the fall for more sisterhood activities. The members of Beta Chapter want to congratulate the senior class of 2017!

### Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma)

Many Epsilon Beta sisters are traveling around the world, including Ecuador, Germany, London, Africa and more. The chapter is very proud of all the sisters who graduated and wish them the best!

### Eta Delta Chapter (Grand Valley State)

Eta Delta Chapter was thrilled to put on their first Moonball volleyball tournament! Teams from different organizations participated making their event a tremendous success, and all proceeds went to Girls on the Run.

### Detroit Metro Area Alumnae Chapter

Detroit Metro Alumnae Chapter is looking forward to some summer activities starting with their annual June Lunch Bunch. They are also planning other events in June and August. In addition to their upcoming events, they raised funds for Beta Chapter's (Michigan) Initiation robe fundraiser.

## OHIO

### Beta Xi Chapter (Ohio State)

Beta Xi Chapter had a semester full of service and sisterhood. They celebrated another successful philanthropy event and won the Semester of Sisterhood contest resulting in an additional donation to Girls on the Run.

### Zeta Omicron Chapter (John Carroll)

Zeta Omicron Chapter held a successful Moonball event in the beginning of April. Students from different organizations all around campus took part in the volleyball tournament.

### Eta Zeta Chapter (Cincinnati)

The women of Eta Zeta Chapter participated in the Greek Week Games and Variety Show, coming in third place overall.



**Region 4** | Beta Epsilon (Miami-Ohio) sisters enjoyed celebrating 70 years of sisterhood!



**Region 5** | Gamma Gamma Chapter (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) sisters pose during a sisterhood photoshoot in downtown Milwaukee.



### **Eta Omicron Chapter (Ohio University)**

Sisters of Eta Omicron Chapter hosted a philanthropy event to raise more than \$1,600 for Girls on the Run!

## **Region 5**

### **ILLINOIS**

#### **Delta Pi Chapter (Illinois State)**

During the spring semester, the chapter, their chapter advisor and regional coordinator attended a men's basketball game. Everyone enjoyed spending time together and showing their school spirit!

#### **Epsilon Chapter (Northwestern)**

Epsilon Chapter completed their first Building Strong Girls Week. Events included a profit share to support Girl Forward, a campus-wide photoshoot asking students to write down who a strong woman is in their lives, a clothing drive and a successful Moonball tournament!

### **IOWA**

#### **Omega Chapter (Iowa State)**

Omega Chapter held their first Moonball tournament and it was a huge success! They had 30 teams sign up and plenty of people came to watch. The chapter also continues to hold high academic status, ranking fourth in overall GPA and 94 sisters are on the Dean's List.

### **MINNESOTA**

#### **Kappa Chapter (Minnesota-Twin Cities)**

Kappa Chapter spent the semester preparing for their Moonball kickball tournament and were excited to have 27 teams participate! They enjoyed being able to share their love for Building Strong Girls with the Greek community. The chapter's affiliated house corporation has made improvements to décor throughout the facility, and the sisters look forward to re-opening the porch this fall.

#### **Gamma Mu Chapter (Minnesota State-Moorhead)**

Sisters volunteered at a local Girls on the Run 5k as running buddies and cheered girls on from the sidelines.

### **Gamma Pi Chapter (Minnesota State-Mankato)**

Gamma Pi Chapter initiated five new sisters in the spring and danced the night away at spring formal to celebrate a wonderful year. Sisters had a blast cheering on racers and volunteering at a Girls on the Run 5k!

## **Region 6**

### **COLORADO**

#### **Tau Chapter (Colorado State)**

The 2015-16 executive council represented Tau Chapter at Colorado State's Fraternity and Sorority Life award ceremony. The chapter was awarded the Excellence in Community Service and Philanthropy award.

#### **Eta Tau Chapter (Colorado Mesa)**

Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Sigma Alpha have successfully installed their Panhellenic Council. The process was wrapped up with a presentation on what it means to be a Panhellenic woman.

#### **Denver Alumnae Chapter**

Denver Alumnae Chapter celebrated **Theta (Denver)**, **Tau (Colorado State)** and **Beta Rho Chapter (Colorado-Boulder)** seniors and the installation of the new Denver Alumnae Chapter officers. In addition, they spent many months creating 240 tutus that culminated by volunteering at a Girls on the Run 5k.

### **KANSAS**

#### **Sigma Chapter (Kansas)**

Sigma Chapter had so much fun hosting Moonball. More than 200 people came to their kickball tournament to support Girls on the Run and Gamma Phi Beta!

#### **Beta Upsilon Chapter (Kansas State)**

As the school year came to an end, Beta Upsilon Chapter celebrated and said goodbye to the senior members who are joining Gamma Phi Beta's vast network of alumnae sisters.



**Region 6** | During the spring semester, Delta Nu Chapter (Missouri State) sisters won the Outstanding Risk Management and Social Responsibility award at the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards.

#### **Eta Iota Chapter (Rockhurst)**

This April, the women of Eta Iota Chapter honored their beloved seniors with a heartwarming final chapter meeting. Younger members prepared commemorative videos, photo albums and desserts for all the senior sisters they will dearly miss.

#### **Geater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter**

The chapter enjoyed attending the Kansas City Panhellenic Annual Meeting and Scholarship Brunch. They provided all the decorations for the event, which honored Kansas City's Gamma Phi Woman of the Year Julie Colebanks Scott (Kansas) and raised money for the Panhellenic Scholarship Fund.

### **MISSOURI**

#### **Alpha Delta Chapter (Missouri-Columbia)**

At their annual scholarship dinner, the women of Alpha Delta Chapter honored members who have received a 3.75 or higher cumulative GPA. Members in attendance enjoyed a formal dinner and a s'mores bar for dessert. Three members who have maintained a 4.0 all throughout their college career were also recognized at the event.

#### **Gamma Tau Chapter (Saint Louis)**

Gamma Tau Chapter held a paint night sisterhood event where they all painted a sunset and light house. Sisters enjoyed spending time with one another and trying out their painting skills!





**Region 7** | Delta Theta Chapter (California Polytechnic State) presented their Sisters Supporting and Surviving campaign in partnership with the Panhellenic Council and Safer Clothesline Project to stand against sexual assault.

### **Zeta Delta Chapter (Southeast Missouri State)**

The chapter is revamping their recruitment practices and social media strategies. A photoshoot was held to ensure all members will be included on Instagram to show the diversity of the sisterhood!

### **NEBRASKA**

#### **Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln)**

Pi Chapter is so proud to have hosted their first Moonball tournament! Sisters chose volleyball for their sport and enjoyed raising funds for Girls on the Run.

### **OKLAHOMA**

#### **Psi Chapter (Oklahoma) and Norman Alumnae Chapter**

Psi Chapter will celebrate its 100th anniversary September 14-15, 2018. If you are interested in helping with the celebration, please email gammaphipsi100@gmail.com.

### **Region 7**

#### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Beta Lambda Chapter (San Diego State)**

Beta Lambda Chapter adopted a Girls on the Run site led and coached by Gamma Phi Betas for the 2017 season. They also had a wonderful sisterhood retreat at Catalina Island for their 215 members.

### **Delta Delta Chapter (California State-Fullerton)**

Delta Delta Chapter's Moonball was a success. They had multiple teams participate in their basketball tournament.

### **Delta Eta Chapter (California-Irvine)**

The sisters of Delta Eta Chapter celebrated their sisterhood by spending a weekend in San Diego, California. During their retreat, they played ice breakers and other games to get to know one another at a deeper level.

### **Delta Lambda Chapter (California-Riverside)**

Delta Lambda Chapter held their inaugural Moonball tournament. More than 15 student organizations participated and they raised almost \$5,000 for Girls on the Run.

### **Delta Phi Chapter (California State-Bakersfield)**

Lorely Davila and Ashley Schmit, Delta Phi seniors, were inducted into California State Bakersfield's Student Leadership Hall of Fame. The sisters served as examples of community involvement, participation in campus life and outstanding scholarship to earn this honor.

### **Epsilon Gamma Chapter (San Diego)**

Epsilon Gamma Chapter had a strong end to the spring semester. The chapter has one of the highest GPAs of Greek life at the university, and senior Keely Palla was named the University of San Diego Business School valedictorian.

### **Region 8**

#### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Zeta Gamma Chapter (Sonoma State)**

Gamma Phi Betas at Sonoma State volunteered at a Girls on the Run 5k. They handed out water, helped the participants do their hair, distributed medals and cheered on the runners.

### **IDAHO**

#### **Xi Chapter (Idaho)**

Several tears were shed as Xi Chapter celebrated their seniors during Senior Week. The seniors received gifts, heartfelt words and a special song dedicated to them. The chapter wishes them luck in their future endeavors.

### **Zeta Xi Chapter (College of Idaho)**

The ladies of Zeta Xi Chapter had a successful first Moonball tournament. They had a great time watching and coaching kickball.

## WASHINGTON

### Lambda Chapter (Washington)

In May, Lambda Chapter hosted their first Moonball tournament. Teams signed up to play volleyball and raise money for Girls on the Run.

### Zeta Alpha Chapter (Eastern Washington)

The sisters of Zeta Alpha Chapter were so proud to be named Sorority of the Year at the end of the school year.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Alpha Lambda Chapter (British Columbia)

Alpha Lambda Chapter hosted their second annual Moonball tournament in the spring. With all the sisters' hard work and dedication, the event went off without a hitch! Everyone had an amazing time watching the tournament, all while supporting Girls on the Run.



*Region 8 | The San Francisco Alumnae Chapter were enjoying their biannual baseball game when they ran into a few Eta Chapter (California-Berkeley) members who were there for college night.*

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# Paying it **FORWARD**

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**As members of Gamma Phi Beta,** we are connected through the unwavering bond of sisterhood. Whether you were in the same chapter, new member class or part of generations of legacies, we are one – joined at the heart. This bond can be shown in so many ways and leave an imprint on your life forever.

The Loyalty Grant program is a personification of the unbreakable bond of sisterhood. It is a commitment to help members who are experiencing unforeseen, extreme financial challenges created by a health crisis, natural disaster or other unexpected life circumstance. These grants through the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation are made possible by contributions from generous donors.

**L♥YALTY  
GRANT**

## **Meet Karen Possehl** (University of Washington)

One of these generous donors, Karen Possehl (University of Washington), saw the need to help sisters who are facing a challenging time through her own volunteer experiences. "Everyone at some time in their life hits a rough spot. I want to help a member who can't continue her education or pay medical bills because of an unforeseen circumstance," Karen shares. Karen has been involved in several charities over the years, but two are very near and dear to her heart; a scholarship program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and Gamma Phi Beta. In the mid-1990s, she was on the Board of Directors for the Women's Foundation of Denver serving on the grants committee. While on this committee, she learned of a scholarship program that the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs wanted to start for abused female students. She joined efforts with the University to start this program. Today it has evolved to providing opportunities for talented and deserving non-traditional female students who have had barriers to completing their education.

Karen and her husband (pictured right) established the Karen Possehl Women's Endowment which not only provides financial support for this program, but pairs the scholars with a mentor in the business community. In 2016, she wanted to provide the sisters of Gamma Phi Beta with the same assistance, so she established the Karen Lundin Possehl Loyalty Grant Endowment through the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. This special endowment will provide emergency funds for sisters facing hard times in perpetuity. "Gamma Phi Beta was a haven for me when I needed it, and I hope to pass that gift on to others," she said.

Applications for Loyalty Grants are available throughout the year at [GammaPhiBeta.org/FinancialAid](http://GammaPhiBeta.org/FinancialAid).



**"I was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease in April 2016.**

I was having a difficult time keeping up with my school expenses, medical bills and new dietary restrictions. I talked to my chapter advisor and learned about Loyalty Grants through the Foundation. This grant made it possible for me to pay portions of my medical expenses and my special restrictive diet. It made it possible for me to remain a member of Gamma Phi Beta and be part of a sisterhood of incredible women who are strong and supportive. Thank you to the donors of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation who make these grants possible. We are a community of women who build each other up."

**– Tess Cersonsky (Columbia)**



**"In September 2013, my family was hit with something completely unexpected;**

the loss of my father's job after more than 15 years. Nine months of unemployment was devastating to my family, forcing us to move across the country where my father finally found a stable job. The most unforeseen and challenging circumstance was when San Diego State University denied my request for in-state tuition. This is a major financial burden that my family and I were not expecting and could not pay. This grant gave me so much more than money. It gave me peace. It gave me peace of mind that even though I am financially struggling, I am not alone. People do still care. People I have never met before, and who know nothing about me, care about a college student just trying to further her education. There are no words to describe how blessed I feel from receiving this grant. I never wanted to consider dropping out of Gamma Phi Beta, but during that time I really did think my only option was to leave. I want to say thank you to these donors, for not only their money, but their faith in me. That is sisterhood to me."

**– Nikki Tolido (San Diego State)**



**Gamma Phi Beta sisters need your help!**

This year we've seen an increased need for these grants and received more applications than these funds can support. Please help us make sure that sisters like Tess and Nikki have the resources available to help them.

**Visit [GammaPhiBeta.org/Donate](http://GammaPhiBeta.org/Donate) to make a gift for our sisters in need.**



# Memorial Gifts

*We acknowledge the following individuals and groups who contributed to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation in memory of a loved one as of April 30, 2017. Lists are printed as received from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.*

Ike G. Batalis, husband of  
Sarah Bartle Batalis (Indiana)  
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Lynch Bryant (Christopher Newport)  
Barbara Boenzli  
Shellie Hodges  
JJ. Kaelin  
Cheryl Speer  
Fran Stevenson

Ellen Sell Brynteson  
(Ohio Wesleyan, 1975)  
Judy Graham

Margaret Collister Busch  
(Bradley, 1953)  
Lila Bolinger  
Frances Griffin  
Sally Lewis

Katie Combs (California  
State-Chico, 2011)  
Gigi De'Prey Eyre  
Jennifer Moody

Taylor Counts (Texas A&M-  
Corpus Christi, 2010)  
Hogan Homes

Melissa deKieffer, mother-in-law  
of Kitty L. deKieffer  
Cathy Griffin

Lucile McVey Dunn (Kansas, 1936)  
Patty Cole  
Pasadena Alumnae Chapter  
Karen Woo

Ada Gergi, mother of  
Denise Leath (Penn State)  
Evanston North Shore  
Alumnae Chapter

Susanne Fisher Hubbach  
(University of Washington, 1938)  
Anne Moldrem

Ann Henderson Kershner  
(Oregon, 1955)  
Trudi Diffendaffer  
Carolyn Boyd Shea

Patricia Henderson Kingery  
(Iowa State, 1958)  
Karen Kline

Bonnie Maines (University  
of Washington, 1946)  
Anne Moldrem

Natalie (Talie) Meyer McKenzie  
(Northwestern, 1955)  
Susan Grimm

Michael Mills, son of Gaye  
Bricker (Ohio State)  
Barbara Boenzli  
Julie Dunn Eichenberg  
Kelly Hane  
Jasmine Herbst

Susan Lupo  
Elyssa Meade  
Shauna Wilson

Patricia Neilson Moen  
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Carol Randels  
Karla Stoebig

Phyllis Deming Parlee  
(Syracuse, 1951)  
Gail Schongar

Mary Jane Ebling Powell (University  
of Washington, 1947)  
Anne Moldrem

Jeanne Callan Richter (Southern  
California, 1954)  
Julia Hart-Lawson

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of Barbara Hurt-Simmons  
(Nebraska-Kearney)  
Julie Dunn Eichenberg

Catherine Colman Spika  
(Iowa State, 1940)  
Janet Coates

Missy Hueben Murray  
Spratford (Kansas, 1969)  
Dee Clifford  
Terrie Huntington  
Janet Koertge  
Mary Kreeger  
Cynthia MacArthur

Maura McGiffert  
Pam Pepper  
Juhree Ring

Dorothy Sutherland Throop (Southern  
California, 1951), mother of Jannen  
Throop Rice (Southern California)  
Mary Busche

Maral Adams Wingo  
(California-Berkeley, 1958)  
Kristi Corley

Michelle Gaudier Yaeger  
(California-Berkeley, 2010)  
Apolonia Arce

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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, 2017. Lists are printed as received from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.*

Blaire Cann (Alabama-Tuscaloosa), in celebration of being my favorite sister, my big sister.

Jenn Sherrill

Krista Davis (Bowling Green), in celebration of your birthday.

Fran Stevenson

Epsilon Zeta Chapter (Jacksonville) graduating seniors: Patricia Havrsh, Celest Legette, Jenna Padgett and Teresa Richardson.

Jane Todd

Maribeth Flakes (Bridgewater State), in celebration of winning the Phillippi Award 2017 at the Northeast Greek Leadership Association Annual Conference.

Cathy Griffin

Gamma Phi Beta and yoga.

Randy Allard

Molly Glynn

Cathy Griffin (Louisiana State), in celebration of her generous hospitality for the Delta Mu Chapter 40th Anniversary.

Rosemary Lovelace

Autumn Hansen (Idaho), in celebration of you, my wife.

Nathan Hand

Ava Rose Kolaczynski, daughter of Stephanie Tysdal Kolaczynski (Northwestern) and John Kolaczynski.

Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Nancy (Wichita State) and William Mattingly, in celebration of your 50th wedding anniversary.

Vicki Helling

Mary Jane Misthos (Colorado College), in celebration of your 95th birthday and lifetime of dedicated sisterhood.

Camille Favre

Frances Griffin

Melinda Risse Nutter (Kentucky), in celebration of your engagement to Harry Couch. Best wishes!

Cathy Griffin

Shawna Reed (Northern Arizona) and Kevin Reed, in celebration of the birth of your twins.

Stephanie Carriere

Rachel Rhodes (Miami-Ohio), in celebration of your initiation into Beta Epsilon Chapter.

Fran Stevenson

L'Cena Rice (Southern California)

Beth Saul

Team Sharon, in celebration of Sharon Aston (Texas-Austin), Cindy Hawkins Moore (Texas-Austin), Cynde Bowdry Williams (Texas-Austin), Michel Jones (Texas-Austin) and Nancy Chuoke Enright (Texas-Austin).

Nancy Enright

Laurie Veldhuizen (Florida State), in celebration of watching you grow as an outstanding executive director and ambassador for both Gamma Phi Beta and Beta Mu! All the best in the future.

Rosemary Bunn

Laurie Veldhuizen (Florida State), in celebration of her contributions and dedication to Gamma Phi Beta during her time as executive director of the Sorority. As the 2016-17 collegiate leadership consultant team, we value the support she provided as a role model and mentor for each of us.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

2016-17 CLC Team

The birth of legacy Naomi Ruth Westphal to Megan Bowden Westphal (Valparaiso) and Christopher Westphal.

Karla Stoebig

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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 and April 30, 2017. First, maiden, last names and year of Initiation are listed for each deceased member.*

## **Beta – Michigan**

Edna Hyatt Schaub, 1945

## **Gamma – Wisconsin-Madison**

Patricia Neilson Moen, 1945

## **Epsilon – Northwestern**

Marie Paulus Roth, 1951

## **Eta – California-Berkeley**

Barbara Pinger Doyle, 1943

## **Theta – Denver**

Barbara Stacy Gray, 1949

## **Lambda – Washington**

Susanne Fisher Hubbach, 1938

Patricia Shiel Harrison, 1943

Bonnie Maines, 1946

Mary Ebling Powell, 1947

## **Xi – Idaho**

Anna Campbell Anderson, 1952

Joan Mecham, 1964

Julie Cahill Kerner, 1979

## **Pi – Nebraska-Lincoln**

Nancy Weir Mead, 1950

## **Rho – Iowa**

Marilyn Guenther Rummel, 1946

## **Sigma – Kansas**

Lucile McVey Dunn, 1936

Jeanne Carpenter Johnson, 1949

Adele Hueben Murray, 1969

## **Tau – Colorado State**

Ruth Fowler Green, 1940

Oletta Lock Schwabe, 1946

Barbara Burman Stuckert, 1951

## **Phi – Washington University**

Patricia Broeder Dwyer, 1947

## **Psi – Oklahoma**

Marian Miller McFarland, 1943

Martha Clark Fullerton, 1954

## **Omega – Iowa State**

Catherine Colman Spika, 1940

## **Alpha Alpha – Toronto**

Dawn Roper, 2007

## **Alpha Epsilon – Arizona**

Ruth Crist Dyer, 1936

Diane Bilby Beuerle, 1963

## **Alpha Zeta – Texas-Austin**

Margaret Mings Bunnell, 1933

Joyce Bennett Ullom, 1949

Sandra Burnett, 1963

## **Alpha Eta – Ohio Wesleyan**

Betty Baumgartner Freeman, 1946

## **Alpha Theta – Vanderbilt**

Emily Hudgens Coleman, 1956

## **Alpha Iota – California-Los Angeles**

Lorraine Nahas Nuss, 1943

Judith Bowsher Carmichael, 1949

## **Alpha Nu – Wittenberg**

Marian Cutler Russell, 1940

## **Alpha Xi – Southern Methodist**

Bennie Wilson Burkett, 1944

Peggy Warren Tadlock, 1947

Betty Cooper Ellis, 1950

## **Alpha Omicron – North Dakota State**

Elna Moe Brierley, 1944

## **Alpha Pi – West Virginia**

L. Westfall, 1962

## **Alpha Upsilon – Penn State**

Aloyse Cokewell Yorko, 1954

## **Alpha Chi – William & Mary**

Martha Adams, 1945

## **Alpha Omega – Western Ontario**

Donna McKim Johnson, 1945

Isabel McLarty Knauss, 1946

Barbara Fraleigh MacLean, 1948

Jean Shillington, 1948

## **Beta Alpha – Southern California**

Miriam Rowell Awenius, 1940

## **Beta Beta – Maryland**

Barbara Rivenburgh Hall, 1942

Joan Humphrey Brubaker, 1948

## **Beta Gamma – Bowling Green**

Martha Keister Harter, 1943

Vivian Wise Otten, 1948

## **Beta Delta – Michigan State**

Marianne Krenz Schwartz, 1959

## **Beta Epsilon – Miami-Ohio**

Sarah Peck Munn, 1958

## **Beta Eta – Bradley**

Margaret Collister Busch, 1953

## **Beta Theta – San Jose State**

Ann Lawrence Emerson, 1948

## **Beta Iota – Idaho State**

Jackie Turpin Bullock, 1960

## **Beta Mu – Florida State**

Betty Brown Strickland, 1950

## **Beta Omicron – Oklahoma City**

Carolyn Killman Eakin, 1966

## **Beta Psi – Oklahoma State**

Carol Dehner Cone, 1959

## **Gamma Zeta – Texas A&M-Commerce**

Peggy Barton Anderson, 1964

## **Gamma Rho – Wisconsin-Oshkosh**

Marcie Fischer, 1985

Gina Reimer Tristani, 1988

## **Epsilon Xi – Rhodes**

Paula Porter Beeler, 1990

## **Zeta Lambda – Texas A&M-Corpus Christi**

Taylor Counts, 2010

*\*To report the passing of a sister, please email [contactus@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:contactus@gammaphibeta.org) so we may honor the member on this page in a future issue.*

# *Vintage* ΓΦΒ

## *Gamma Phi Graduates from 1911-12*

In 1911, there were only 14 collegiate and eight alumnae chapters of Gamma Phi Beta. With so few collegiate chapters, *The Crescent* featured photos of the graduating seniors and letters from the chapters. Now, 106 years later, our Sorority remains proud of our graduating Gamma Phis, but with 6,314 we are unable to feature them all. Check out the photos below to see a few Gamma Phi graduates from Eta Chapter (California-Berkeley).



*Pictured Above: These Eta Chapter seniors were featured in the June 1912 issue. Unlike today, decorating graduation caps was not a trend for our members.*

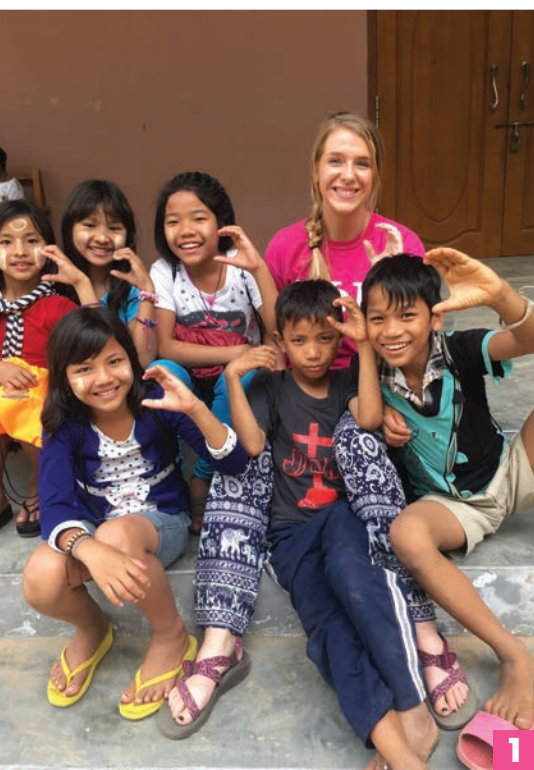
*Pictured Left: E. Marie Derge poses for a graduation photo that was published in the June 1911 issue of the magazine.*





# Capture a Crescent:

Spot it, snap it and email your capture a crescent photos to [TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org](mailto: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!



1. Myanmar (Burma): While serving at Love Children Home orphanage in Myanmar, Danielle Wire (Southern Indiana) taught some of the children about the crescent moon.

2. California: After successfully protecting a home in Tehachapi, California, from a wildland fire, firefighter and Gamma Phi Beta Kelly Witt (San Diego) captured this crescent.

3. Texas: Gamma Iota (Midwestern State) sisters Rachael Miyahara, Michaela O'Brien and Megan Piehler loved how brightly this crescent moon sculpture in Richardson, Texas, shined at night.

4. California: During a garden club meeting in Laguna Beach, Carla Beddome (California State-Long Beach) and Sue Morrison Field (Louisiana State) found this planter that reminded them of our crescent moon. The two women taught high school together for years before realizing they were Gamma Phi sisters!

5. Nepal: Jonelle Rothfuss (Kent State) spotted this crescent at the Moondance Restaurant while traveling in Pokhara, Nepal.