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DEAR Sistens

Fall is a favorite time for me, and not just because of my birthday and name. It brings a great deal of nostalgia seeing our sisters return to their campuses, collegiate chapters and True and Constant friends.

This summer was especially great for Gamma Phi Beta as we joined, in person, for the 80th Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. "As Long As We're Together" was the theme of this Convention, and it was apropos after so much time apart. There was an ease that came with returning to the rituals and routines of Convention I've experienced these past 22 years.

There were many poignant memories I made at Convention 2022. One being the State of Gamma Phi Beta speech I delivered with Chief Executive Officer Megan Smiley Wick (Washington State). Another was a moment I will forever cherish. Following the election of International Council (IC), I left the stage to congratulate our newest Vice Presidents, Teresa Haney (Northern Arizona) and Victoria Lopez-Herrera (Alumnae Initiate). Walking up to them, I saw a collegiate member speaking Spanish with Victoria, both emotional in this exchange. It struck me – **sisterhood is family**. And family is where you can be your whole self. For sisters whose second language is English, having a Spanish-speaking sister on IC affirmed their place in our family. The person you are in your biological family is the person you can be with sisters in Gamma Phi Beta; not just parts of you, but all of you.

Being together at Convention reminded me of the diverse identities our sisters bring to Gamma Phi Beta. I reveled in conversation with sisters from across North America and the ways they are – in their own unique way – living the values of Gamma Phi Beta while also defying a singular archetype of Sorority. We celebrated the work of Maribeth Johnson-Flakes (Bridgewater State) and Victoria Lopez-Herrera (Alumnae Initiate) in belonging, equity, diversity and inclusion while also celebrating the lifelong service of Betty Quick (Indiana), Gamma Phi Beta's third chair of the National Panhellenic Conference and member of IC from 1992-2012.

This issue of *The Crescent* is one that sparks the Convention nostalgia. I hope it prompts recollection of your own special experiences at Gamma Phi Beta events or memories with sisters in our cherished circle.

Much love in IIKE,

Autumn f. Hunsen

Autumn L. Hansen International President



WHO IS AUTUMN?

Autumn Hansen is currently serving her second term as International President of Gamma Phi Beta. She also serves as the IC-appointed Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Trustee and is a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Bylaws Committee and the Governance and Personnel Committee.

Autumn has served on IC since 2012 as Education Vice President (2012-16), Alumnae Vice President (2016-18) and Vice President (2018-20). In the 2018-20 biennium, she chaired the Sorority's Governance and Personnel Committee and was a member of the Leadership Development Committee. A member of Xi Chapter at the University of Idaho, Autumn has bachelor's degrees in sociology, psychology and criminal justice studies and a master's degree in social work from Indiana University.

HEELS OR FLATS A solid block heel or wedge

YOU CANNOT LEAVE THE HOUSE WITHOUT

A hair tie, Burt's Bees Chapstick, my phone

Building Strong Girls BEYOND GRADUATION

Lexie Hill discovered her dream career path through philanthropy By Laura Mishkind (Colorado-Boulder)

"My story is a long one of how I got here, but it all started with Gamma Phi," Lexie Hill (George Mason) says. The 2022 graduate recently began her career as an annual giving specialist with Girl Scouts of Nation's Capital while earning her master's degree in public administration and a graduate certificate in nonprofit management. Her passion for philanthropy began on the second day of recruitment when she fell in love with the concept of Building Strong Girls.

Lexie joined Gamma Phi Beta, and during her sophomore year, she was elected philanthropy chairwoman. She applied for an internship with Girls on the Run (GOTR) Northern Virginia (NOVA). After interviewing, she was offered the role of development intern, and that's when everything changed.

"I fell in love with the work that everyone was doing, the passion of the staff and knowing there is a direct positive impact of the work," Lexie explains. She had originally wanted to pursue a degree and career in education policy, but seeing the work being done at her internship changed her plans. "During my first semester interning with GOTR, I declared a concentration in nonprofit management. I continued to intern for GOTR (Magee or NOVA) until I graduated college."

While interning with GOTR NOVA, Lexie assisted in fundraising appeals, inputting donor information, stewardship and 5K prep. At the GOTR Magee council in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Lexie worked with volunteers and supported new program site onboarding and volunteer management logistics. Once graduation arrived, Lexie was confident she wanted to work at a nonprofit focused on inspiring women, but she wasn't sure it would be possible as her first job after college. "When I saw the job listing, I immediately started the application because it seemed like a perfect position for me at an organization focused on empowering young females. I was fortunate enough to be offered the job, and I have loved knowing that my work leads to young females turning into strong women," she says.

Now, as an annual giving specialist at Girl Scouts, Lexie says her job is a perfect mixture of development and volunteer management. "I always struggled to decide if I wanted to do volunteer management or fund development since I loved both so much. In volunteer management, you work directly with the people that spend their free time volunteering for a cause that matters to them. In development, you work with donors who gift their hardearned money to your organization," she explains. At Girl Scouts, Lexie gets the best of both worlds and oversees more than 800 volunteers!

"Everything I know and my personal successes stems back to Gamma Phi Beta," Lexie says. "I chose Gamma Phi largely because of the philanthropy. However, there was also that gut feeling when going though primary recruitment and talking to sisters."

Thankfully, Lexie joined Gamma Phi Beta and learned more about GOTR and Building Strong Girls, which led her down the path she's following today.





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Autumn Hansen

(Idaho) INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Autumn Hansen is currently serving her second term as International President of Gamma Phi Beta, She also serves as the International Council (IC)-appointed Foundation Trustee and is a member of the 150th Celebration Steering Committee, Audit and Finance Committee, Bylaws Committee and Governance and Personnel Committee, Autumn has served on IC since 2012 as Education Vice President (2012-16), Alumnae Vice President (2016-18) and Vice President (2018-20). She recently chaired the Sorority's Governance and Personnel Committee and was also a member of the Leadership Development Committee. Autumn holds bachelor's degrees in sociology, psychology and criminal justice studies as well as a master's degree in social work from Indiana University (IU). By trade, she is a licensed clinical social worker and certified employee assistance professional who supervises a team of counselors at the IU Health Employee Assistance Program and provides counseling services. She's also the proud mom of Mary Jo and Hazel, her 5-year-old twin daughters.



Crissy Carlisle

(Alabama) VICE PRESIDENT

Crissy Carlisle is currently serving her second term as a Vice President on Gamma Phi Beta's IC. Crissy also serves as Vice Chair of IC and chairwoman of the Audit and Finance Committee. As a member of Gamma Phi Beta's Epsilon Lambda Chapter, she received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in business administration from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Crissy is a senior executive with 25+ years of experience in finance and accounting, with expertise in financial reporting, corporate recoveries and internal controls. She has served Gamma Phi Beta in various volunteer roles, including a member of the Facilities Management Company (FMC) Board of Managers (BOM), president of the Affiliated House Corporation Board of Epsilon Lambda Chapter and regional and new chapter recruitment specialist. Crissy is also a passionate community leader who enjoys cooking, traveling and exercising. She resides in Dallas, Texas, with her husband, Mark, and their son, Nicholas, a student at the University of Tennessee.





Dr. Judy E. Graham

(Oklahoma)
VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Judy E. Graham is currently serving her second term as Vice President on Gamma Phi Beta's IC. She has served Gamma Phi Beta in numerous roles over a lifetime, including Foundation Trustee, international philanthropy chairwoman, international camping chair, endowment loan board member, BOM board member, chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, Alpha Xi Affiliated House Corporation member, ritual advisor, among others. Judy earned the following degrees: social work (bachelor's and master's), special education (master's) and public administration (doctorate). Judy has a unique background in both nonprofit management and business. She has 25 years of experience in behavioral health and is a licensed clinical social worker and former nonprofit executive director. Judy was an account manager with the international pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly for 17 years. She currently contracts with the federal government as a peer reviewer and content expert. Judy resides in Dallas, Texas, with her husband, Neal Cullum Griffith. She enjoys tai chi, gi gong, meditation, genealogy and rooting on the University of Oklahoma football and softball teams.

Rev. Dr. Lillian Hallstrand Jammers

(Denver) VICE PRESIDENT

Lillian (she/her) is currently serving her second term as Vice President on Gamma Phi Beta's IC. She previously served as chairwoman of the Alumnae Awards Committee, president of Memphis Alumnae Chapter and held numerous positions working with collegians over the years. She has four degrees under her belt, including a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in college student personnel, a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry, in which she focused her studies on vocational discernment. In recent years, Lillian has served as a hospital chaplain and the director of stewardship and vocational planning at her alma mater, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She currently serves as an associate pastor at First Congregational Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and on the boards and committees of several local nonprofits. She resides in Memphis, Tennessee, with her spouse, Philip, and their three young daughters, Ingrid, Miriam and Rosemary. In her free time, Lillian and her family love to go looking for animal babies at the Memphis Zoo!





Fran Mayfield Stevenson

(Kansas State)
VICE PRESIDENT

Fran Mayfield Stevenson is currently serving her second term as Vice President on Gamma Phi Beta's IC. She joined Beta Upsilon Chapter at Kansas State University, earning a bachelor's degree in marketing. Fran later earned a master's degree in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University. She serves as the senior vice president of customer experience for GoodUnited, a nonprofit software company. As a member of the company leadership team, Fran leads the marketing, sales, professional services and customer success teams. She has been a dedicated Gamma Phi Beta volunteer for decades and has held many roles, including chapter advisor, director of extension and regional director. Fran is an active member of Charleston Women in Technology. She and her husband, Brad, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, currently reside in Charleston, South Carolina. Their family includes Taylor and Hali Stevenson, Braden Stevenson, Elizabeth and Christian Hess and Grant and Nick Lapham, both members of Beta Theta Pi at the University of Cincinnati.

Victoria Lopez-Hernera

(Alumnae Initiate)
VICE PRESIDENT

Victoria Lopez-Herrera is currently serving her first term as a Vice President on Gamma Phi Beta's IC. Her passion for the empowerment of women, social justice issues and advocacy for marginalized communities has guided her volunteer and professional work. A proud alumna initiate, Victoria has continuously volunteered since her Initiation. Over the past 12 years, she has served in roles that support collegiate and alumnae chapters, as a member of the presentation team, cochair of the Belonging and Inclusion Taskforce and a member of the Leadership Development Committee. Victoria has worked in higher education for over 20 years in the following areas: residence life, fraternity and sorority life and collegiate recreation. Currently, she works at the University of Texas at San Antonio as the senior associate director for Campus Recreation. She also serves on the board of directors for her professional association, NIRSA Leaders in Collegiate Recreation. Victoria is a first-generation college student, partner, mother and fitness instructor who is awe-inspired by the great outdoors.





Teresa Haney

(Northern Arizona)
VICE PRESIDENT

Teresa Haney joined Gamma Phi Beta's Beta Omega Chapter at Northern Arizona University. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in child and adolescent development from California State University, Fullerton. She later earned a master's degree and teaching credential in early childhood special education from California State University, Los Angeles. Teresa is an early intervention special education teacher, educating toddlers 18 months to 3 years of age and their families for ABC Unified School District. Teresa is a site representative for the ABC Federation of Teachers, Diversity and Inclusion Committee member and previously developed a competitive cheerleading program within her school district. Teresa has served Gamma Phi Beta for more than 15 years as an alumnae chapter president, regional team member, presentation team member, special recruitment consultant, sorority director alumnae development and collegiate chapter supervisor. Previously, she was a member of the Nominating Committee and Belonging, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Teresa also served on the Access and Equity Advisory Committee for the National Panhellenic Council. She resides in Anaheim, California, with her husband.

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In just **two** short years, Gamma Phi Beta will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary – that's **150** years of True and Constant sisterhood! Keep an eye out for communications surrounding our 150th celebration soon.



Get to Know This Year's Collegiate

leadership Consultants!

Compiled by Elizabeth Liberatore and Laura Mishkind (Colorado-Boulder)

Evelyn Gooding Dippell (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1933) was Gamma Phi Beta's first traveling secretary, known now as a collegiate leadership consultant (CLC), in 1943. Since Evelyn, countless other recently graduated alumnae have filled the critical role of CLC, traveling across the country to assist Gamma Phi Beta collegiate chapters with recruitment, leadership training, educational programs and operational support. Following in Evelyn's footsteps is this year's incredibly talented CLC team ensuring the continued success of Gamma Phi Beta. Learn more about these sisters below!





CLCS WHO STARTED IN AUGUST 2022

Aurora Cotton-Suda (Tennessee-Chattanooga)

MAJOR: Environmental Science

DREAM JOB: I'd love to work on the nonprofit side of wildlife conservation.

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN A FEW WORDS OR PHRASES:

Curious, logical, adaptable

WHAT IS BRINGING YOU JOY IN LIFE RIGHT NOW?

Right now, traveling as a CLC and meeting so many amazing people!

LIFE MOTTO: Keep yourself open to new opportunities and experiences!

CELEBRITY YOU'D DINE WITH: *Taylor Swift*

FAVORITE FOOD:

Anything with potatoes

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TRAVEL WITHOUT THAT WILL BE IN YOUR SUITCASE THIS YEAR?

My headphones, under-eye masks and a phone charger.

WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU TO BECOME A CLC?

The opportunity to meet sisters from all over the country and make a lasting impact on this organization and its members was what encouraged me to become a CLC!

Macy Dykes (Kennesaw State)

MAJOR: Media and Entertainment

DREAM JOB: TV writer

WHAT IS BRINGING YOU JOY IN LIFE RIGHT NOW? The new Sabrina Carpenter album

HIDDEN TALENT: I can name any One Direction song within seconds

CITY YOU'D MOST LIKE TO LIVE IN: Anywhere warm and near a beach

CELEBRITY YOU'D DINE WITH: *Taylor Swift*

FAVORITE ANIMAL:

Red Pandas

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TRAVEL WITHOUT THAT WILL BE IN YOUR SUITCASE THIS YEAR?

My headphones! I'm always listening to music and noisecanceling is a necessity for plane rides.

WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU TO BECOME A CLC?

I talked about applying with some amazing mentors in my life, and they encouraged me to go for it! I'm so glad they did because I have had such an amazing experience so far.





Michaela Lafountaine (Idaho)



MAJOR:

Secondary Education-Chemistry Teaching and Natural Sciences Teaching

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN A FEW WORDS OR PHRASES:

Energetic, intentional, an overthinker and eternal optimist

FAVORITE ANIMAL:

Dog

HIDDEN TALENT:

I can braid on the go thanks to years of being the team braider on basketball and volleyball buses.

LIFE MOTTO:

Make the most of each day, slow down to enjoy the little moments and give yourself grace along the way.

CITY YOU'D MOST LIKE TO LIVE IN:

Seattle or Chicago

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU MOST TO GAMMA PHI BETA?

I felt like Gamma Phi Beta brought me the opportunity to surround myself with women who could be my biggest role models and closest friends; women who would support me as I learn and grow and that I would be so proud to support in return.

Hannah Peitsch (Alma)

MAJOR:

History

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN A FEW WORDS OR PHRASES:

Confident, easygoing, organized and adventurous

FAVORITE ANIMAL: Penguin

DREAM JOB: Archeologist

HIDDEN TALENT:

Solving puzzles

WHAT IS BRINGING YOU JOY IN LIFE RIGHT NOW?

My family and friends, starting a new job and getting to travel.

CELEBRITY YOU'D DINE WITH:

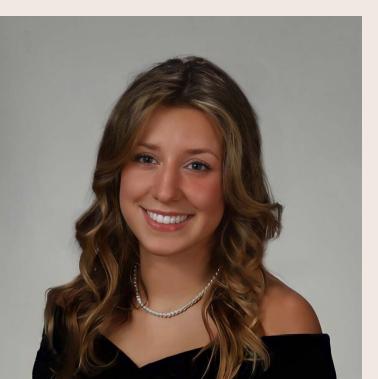
Jeff Probst (host of "Survivor")

CITY YOU'D MOST LIKE TO LIVE IN:

Marshall, Michigan, or Charleston, South Carolina

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU MOST TO GAMMA PHI BETA?

I loved how welcoming my chapter was during recruitment. The Gamma Phis I met were so friendly to everyone, and I saw myself joining a community of likeminded women.





Karima Soliman (Oklahoma)

MAJOR: International Business and Marketing

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN A FEW WORDS OR PHRASES:

I'm a middle child to my core who loves traveling, shoe shopping and quality time with my people!

FAVORITE ANIMAL:

Dog

HIDDEN TALENT: I can solve physical puzzles and word searches quickly!

CITY YOU'D MOST LIKE TO LIVE IN: Paris or New York City

LIFE MOTTO: A cute pair of shoes is always worth it!

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU MOST TO GAMMA PHI BETA?

The members I spoke to during recruitment my freshman year made me feel heard, and they wanted me for me and not the persona we sometimes get wrapped up in during recruitment. Gamma Phi made me feel comfortable, which is one of the things I love most about this organization.

CLCS WHO ENDED THEIR ROLE IN APRIL 2022

Kimi White (Sonoma State)

MAJOR: Communications and Media Studies

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN A FEW WORDS OR PHRASES:

Someone who enjoys laughing, making others laugh and can't turn down an iced coffee.

FAVORITE ANIMAL: Hedgehogs

HIDDEN TALENT: I can recite the bunk bed scene from the movie "Step Brothers" perfectly.

LIFE MOTTO: Be kind to others and yourself.

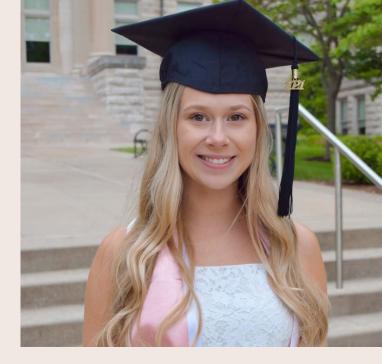
CITY YOU'D MOST LIKE TO LIVE IN:

Tie between Los Angeles and Amsterdam

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER CLCS OR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE ROLE?

Take a deep breath in, enjoy every moment and know you are doing great. During this unique experience, you will meet great people and learn important skills that will help you beyond your time as a CLC.





Emma Wille (Southeast Missouri State)

MAJOR: Corporate Communications and Marketing

DREAM JOB: Starting my own nonprofit

FAVORITE ANIMAL: *Sloth*

HIDDEN TALENT: I took six years of karate!

CELEBRITY YOU'D DINE WITH: *Kim Kardashian*

CITY YOU'D MOST LIKE TO LIVE IN: New York City

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU NOW THAT YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR TIME AS A CLC?

I currently work in marketing for another National Panhellenic Conference organization, Alpha Chi Omega. I also continue to volunteer as a recruitment specialist and at my initiating chapter!

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER CLCS OR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE ROLE?

Connect with the wonderful members you get to meet. Soak up every moment you can because it's such a rewarding experience to meet people from across the country that share the same values and love for Gamma Phi Beta as you do!

Are you a graduating senior interested in becoming a CLC?

Learn more about the program and application process at GammaPhiBeta.org/About-Us/CLC-Program/About-the-CLC-Program.

Living WELL

LET'S make THIS!

BUTTERNUT SQUASH ALFREDO PASTA

Ready in 40 minutes Serves 4-6

There's something so satisfying about curling up with a warm dish inside when it starts to get cooler outside. Whether it's a stew, casserole or, in this case, pasta, heartier meals taste better in the fall. This butternut squash Alfredo pasta recipe, courtesy of Food Network Kitchen, will surely give you warm fuzzies this season.

What you'll need

3/4 cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1 pound butternut squash, cubed (about 4 cups total)
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg, plus more for serving
Kosher salt to taste
1 pound fettuccine
2 ounces freshly grated Parmesan (about 3/4 cup), plus more for serving

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Add the cream, butter, squash and 3/4 cup water to a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and continue cooking until the squash is tender when poked with a fork (about 15 minutes). Puree using an immersion blender until super creamy and smooth (about three to five minutes). Season with the nutmeg and one teaspoon salt.

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Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook until al dente according to the package directions. Reserve 1/2 cup starchy pasta water and drain the pasta. Stir the pasta and Parmesan into the squash sauce and toss until well coated. Add the reserved pasta water one tablespoon at a time if needed to loosen the sauce.

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Serve with more Parmesan and grated nutmeg, if desired.



By Laura Mishkind (Colorado-Boulder)

Lauren Miller Hernandez (Chapman) always wanted to own a clothing store. She grew up playing "store" with her sister and cousins and always wished for a good boutique nearby when she was attending school at Chapman University. In June 2010, Lauren made that wish a reality by opening the doors to her first boutique, Laurenly, in Old Towne Orange in Southern California — within walking distance of her alma mater. Lauren went on to start an online store and had a second physical location for a while, but when that lease ended, she decided to focus more on digital sales. Now, she's running her original storefront and the online store while beginning to design her own clothing line. Keep reading to learn more about Lauren, Laurenly and what's on the horizon!



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR BOUTIQUE, AND HOW DID YOU DECIDE ON THE CONCEPT?

I would describe my boutique as feminine, trendy, fashionable, a mix of well-known brands and independent lines, welcoming, positive vibes, happy energy and cute. The concept was born out of my personal style, what I like and what I would want to experience in a store when shopping.

HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE STORE'S NAME?

After a lot of contemplation and options, I opted to name the store after myself since it's based on me and the personal style I wish to share with the world (and hope everyone likes as much as I do). My first name is Lauren, my middle name is Leigh, so I combined the names to become Laurenly (I think an 'ly' is really pretty and feminine).

WHAT WAS THE TRANSITION TO OPENING AN ONLINE STORE LIKE?

I wouldn't say it was difficult, it was just vastly different. An online store is a completely different business. So, it was all new again: a different/new structure, a different/new strategy, selling tactics, customer engagement, etc. It was a learning curve for sure but an exciting challenge for me.

HOW DO YOU SELECT THE PRODUCTS YOU WANT IN YOUR STORE?

I base my buys on what I like personally and would want to wear. Also, now that I have had the store for 12 years, I am able to select products that I know my customers would love, styles that I can envision my regular customers gravitating toward. My biggest muses for the store are my mom and sister. I think to myself, 'Do I love this? Would my mom and sister like/wear this? Will my customers love this?'





5 WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START YOUR OWN CLOTHING LINE? AND HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN AESTHETIC?

Just like owning a store, [starting a clothing line] was something I have always wanted to do. Just easy, everyday wear (think basics and t-shirts) that are inspiring and cute. My aesthetic is the everyday girl. Something that is on the edge of trendy and classic.

HAVE YOUR TIES IN GAMMA PHI BETA BENEFITED YOUR BUSINESS?

Especially in the beginning, I was able to reach out to some fellow alumnae I knew were in different areas of business that could offer assistance and guidance. Reaching out to sisters in industries such as paper products and other advertising majors enabled me to have those ties that I wouldn't have had without Gamma Phi, and get true, real, honest advice and help to start my business. The bond between sisters is something that never goes away, whether it's an alumna you graduated with many moons ago or a new student who just joined the Sorority — it's something that you share together, which is really cool.

WHAT IS BRINGING YOU JOY THESE DAYS?

My daughter. I could end there because she is my biggest joy of life. Everything about her — getting to see her grow and learn, seeing the world again through her eyes and all the little things we get to do together is the happiest part of my life. It's amazing how much she has taught me about life in three short years. I also get so much joy out of meditating, yoga, spending time with my husband (which is truly sacred now), anything creative (painting, drawing, etc.), walking, reading, running and above all spending time with my family.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD SISTERS KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I'm a Capricorn (and truly one). I'm continuously thinking about new business ideas I want to start one day, especially something to empower and support women. My beverage of choice is an almond milk matcha. I'm very sarcastic and I have more than 80,000 pictures on my phone.

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN A FEW WORDS OR PHRASES.

I'm tenacious, industrious, curious, creative and overly inquisitive, as evidenced by my relentless interrogations (just ask my family). On second thought, don't ask them.

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A Recap: Convention 2022

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The 2022 Gamma Phi Beta Convention was a celebration like no other! After four years of no in-person Convention, sisters raced to St. Louis, Missouri, to gather for the 80th Convention. The theme — an appropriate nod to our connections — was "As Long As We're Together." Collegians and alumnae alike enjoyed the opportunity to meet old and new friends and get back to creating in-person memories. And this year's Convention was historic in another way — it was a hybrid event for the first time! This meant that members could log in from home to watch the business sessions, awards presentation and 150th launch luncheon. Did you meet us in St. Louis, online or on-site? Or are you simply curious to learn more? Turn the page for our 80th Convention highlights!

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Convention 2022 was an eagerly anticipated event after Virtual Convention 2020. After receiving member feedback about the accessibility of past Conventions, Gamma Phi Beta professional staff created an abbreviated schedule to provide members with a better opportunity to attend by reducing the cost and time associated with the event.

To get started, Wednesday, June 22, served as an optional day of events. Registration, the hat decorating room and the Foundation room were open throughout the day and remained open throughout Convention. A sisterhood event at the St. Louis Union Station took place in the evening.

Things really began to gear up on Thursday, June 23, when members arrived and laughter and hugs filled the halls. Before the infamous welcome dinner, sisters were invited to attend smaller meetup groups focused on particular interests and affinities. This was something new for Gamma Phi, and a great opportunity to build stronger connections. The LGBTQIA+ Meetup, Sisters Who Serve (military/military family) Meetup, STEM Professionals Meetup, Women of Color Meetup and Moms Meetup were options for strengthening sisterhood in a more intimate environment.

After creating stronger bonds, attendees filed into the reception space to officially kick off the 80th Convention. The Red and Black Brass Band played as members from around the world enjoyed their meals, and Louie, the NHL St. Louis Blues' mascot, made an appearance to welcome Gamma Phis to the city.

Although having fun is a major focus of Convention, so is conducting Sorority business. No time was wasted on that front! After dinner, sisters joined the first business session of Convention with opening ritual, the chapter roll call and flag processional, an introduction to the Convention committees and a message from International President Autumn L. Hansen (Idaho). In Autumn's



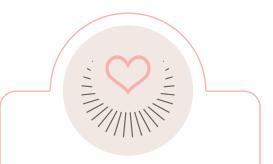
speech, she shared some personal details of how welcomed she felt in Gamma Phi Beta when she joined as a first-generation college student. She also introduced the concept of dialectical thought — the practice of accepting opposites.

Dialectical thought focuses on moving away from the black and white, embracing more of the gray area and accepting that two opposite things can be true at the same time. For example: I'm doing my best, and I want to do better. Autumn introduced the concept for Gamma Phi Beta like this:

"Gamma Phi Beta was founded on a rock, and Gamma Phi Beta is a dynamic, ever-evolving organization."

This concept tied in throughout her report on how the Sorority, Foundation and Facilities Management Company (FMC) have weathered the past biennium. To view the full updates, visit **Bit.ly/StateOfGPB22**.

In addition to Sorority wins and losses, attendees heard an update from the Foundation about the newest annual giving program — something members have been asking for! Barbie Chadwick (Vanderbilt), Chairwoman of the Foundation Board of Trustees, recognized sisters who have made significant investments in building confident women of character through scholarships, emergency grants, leadership development and educational programs. The new orders are as follows.



- The Clara Worden Order Donors giving \$10,000 - \$24,999
- The Helen M. Dodge Order Donors giving \$25,000 - \$49,999
- The Frances E. Haven Order –
 Donors giving \$50,000 \$99,999
- The E. Adeline Curtis Order
 Donors giving \$100,000 \$249,999
- The Mary A. Bingham Order
 Donors giving \$250,000 \$999,999
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It is also important to acknowledge that Roe v. Wade was overturned on June 24, 2022. This news came during the Friday business session. "We recognize that what our 200,000 plus members believe about this incredibly complex and personal issue runs the full spectrum, and therefore, the emotions of our Convention body to today's news will run the full spectrum as well," Autumn said to attendees. She encouraged sisters to take care of their mental health by taking breaks or engaging in conversations.

Autumn also encouraged members to listen more and talk less while seeking out viewpoints and perspectives that are different from their own. Continuing to respect sisters was at the forefront of the International President's message, just as it was in the original statement released by International Council (IC) on June 10 regarding the at the time pending decision:



"While the language and dialogue surrounding Roe v. Wade can be incredibly polarizing, we believe women's rights to be nonpartisan. Women should have the right to determine their own future, and Gamma Phi Beta will support her members as they, and they alone, make those decisions."

On both Friday and Saturday mornings, members were welcome to attend an optional Jazzercise to get their days started. This was followed by Coffee and Conversation — a causal and easy way to chat with sisters.

Friday opened with an important business session focused on reports from the Credentials Committee and Nominating Committee (NC). The NC's role is to identify, recruit and slate potential candidates for election to the NC and IC. It comprises seven elected alumnae members (a new Bylaw change voted on by members at this Convention), two appointed collegiate delegates and one appointed chairwoman, all of whom serve in their roles for a two-year term.

This NC spends the biennium searching for candidates with a variety of different backgrounds and experiences, both within and outside of Gamma Phi Beta, and how they match up to our member competencies. These hardworking alumnae help to find the best leaders to set our organization up for success in the years to come. After elections, sisters broke for lunch. And a special lunch at that!



Learn more about the confident women of character serving the Sorority as the 2022-24 IC, starting on page 6.

PREPPING FOR 150

At this special event, attendees learned more about the upcoming plans for Gamma Phi Beta's 150th anniversary celebration. The focus of all the events taking place in 2024 is to celebrate our history, foster pride and connect with members. What better way to do that than traveling around the country? Eight reception cities have been selected for sisters to gather in to honor 150 years of True and Constant connections. More information is coming soon on the specifics of events. The cities and months (all in 2024) are as follows.



- January: Orange County, California
- **February:** San Francisco, California
- March: Seattle, Washington
- April: Denver, Colorado
- May: Dallas, Texas
- June: Chicago, Illinois
- August: Columbus, Ohio
- September: Charlotte, North Carolina
- October: Orlando, Florida
- November: Syracuse, New York

Chicago, Illinois, will play host for Convention 2024 in June! This will be the Sorority's sixth Convention in Chicago, and the city and surrounding areas have some very special ties for our organization.

In 1887, Epsilon Chapter at Northwestern was installed as the Sorority's fifth collegiate chapter. Founder Frances E. Haven's father worked there, and he took the job on the condition that women were allowed to attend the university — Frances was among the first class of women accepted. Frances also helped open Omicron Chapter at the University Illinois-Urbana Champaign — the only chapter started by a Founder! Her daughter, Alida Moss, was initiated at Omicron and the only daughter of a Founder to become a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

In addition to Frances's ties, in 1892, Chicago became the first city where alumnae were granted an alumnae charter, which was presented at that year's Convention.

HATS OFF TO SISTERHOOD

On Friday evening, it was time for another Convention celebration: Confirmed Conventioneers! Sisters had the opportunity to decorate their hats and add one pink carnation for every Convention they have attended. They then paraded from the Convention site to the Ballpark Village, the area of St. Louis surrounding the baseball stadium.

The eagerly anticipated parade is an opportunity to celebrate Convention and the extremely dedicated sisters who attend the event year after year. Sisters with the most carnations on their hats have the honor of leading the parade. This year, Phyllis Choat (Nebraska-Lincoln) and Sally Lewis (Bradley) were recognized as having attended 25 Conventions and led the charge to an evening of sisterhood and baseball!





CARNATION AWARDS AND CONFIDENT WOMEN

After a fun and busy few days, Saturday morning arrived quickly for attendees. The final business session took place to wrap up any unfinished business. Attendees enjoyed a presentation from Girls on the Run celebrating 10 years of partnership and the presentation of this year's Carnation Awards. The 2022 recipients are Jeanne Duncan Waggener (Texas-Austin), Shibani Joshi (Oklahoma), Heather McDonald (Southern California) and Dr. Margaret Myers (Colorado College).

The Carnation Award recognizes members whose outstanding achievements in fields outside the Sorority have brought them honor or great distinction. To give a snapshot of what these women have accomplished, Jeanne has been a licensed pharmacist in Texas for 50 years and was named Pharmacist of the Year by Walmart Pharmacy in 2007. She was appointed by the governor of Texas to two six-year terms as the first member representing Walmart Health and Wellness to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. She was also appointed to serve as president of the board for six years. Shibani succeeds in a different field. She is an experienced journalist who has covered business, technology and general news for global media outlets, including ABC News, Fox News Channel, Yahoo Finance and the *Huffington Post*. She currently provides commentary on business, technology and lifestyle topics and hosts events for leading corporations.

Heather is known for her successful comedy and pop culture podcast, "Juicy Scoop with Heather McDonald." However, she is most recognized from E!'s top-rated show "Chelsea Lately" where she wrote, produced and appeared for its entire sevenyear run. She has two New York Times bestselling memoirs: "You'll Never Blue Ball In This Town Again" and "My Inappropriate Life."

The final Carnation Award recipient, Margaret, is the director of the Institute for Defense Analyses Information Technology and Systems Division. She leads more than 90 researchers who address cybersecurity and other cyberspace challenges of national and global importance. A recipient of the Defense Department Distinguished Civilian Service Award, Margaret was also recognized with three Presidential Rank Awards, one at the Distinguished Executive level and two as Meritorious Executive. She also currently serves as member of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Following the introduction of these outstanding women was the flag recessional and closing ritual. Members then headed to the awards luncheon to celebrate the phenomenal accomplishments of sisters and chapters over the past biennium. Turn to page 30 to see a full list of the award winners. Sisters had the opportunity to get to know some of our Carnation Award winners and a few featured confident women of character from past issues of *The Crescent* in a panel discussion. Panelists shared their personal experiences with the Sorority and how their careers and lives benefited from their membership and skill sets. This exciting and entertaining panel was just one opportunity to learn how to empower one another and oneself at Convention. Keynote speaker Tianna Faye Soto shared tips with attendees on how to amplify their authentic voices.

HONORING THE SORORITY

Members gathered in white attire to celebrate sisters who passed away since the last Convention. This included Sue Schlessman Duncan (Colorado College, 1949) who holds a special place in Gamma Phi Beta's Foundation. Sue is the sole member of the Syracuse Order for donating more than a million dollars to support our sisterhood. After honoring and remembering the sisters we've lost, attendees recognized sisters gained. Five women joined the ranks of our sisterhood as alumnae initiates at this special Initiation ceremony. The celebration and ritual kept spirits high as sisters prepared for the final Convention event — the Pink Carnation Banquet!

FLY ME TO THE MOON

Spirits soared as attendees entered in their formal attire for the Pink Carnation Banquet. The 2022-24 IC was installed, and sisters had the opportunity to meet and congratulate the newly elected IC members in a receiving line to close Convention.

Convention 2022 will be remembered as a time for celebration and connections. After four years apart, sisters gathered again. Collegians participated heavily and learned just how important their voices are in this organization. "As Long As We're Together," sisters will continue to be strong as a united Gamma Phi Beta.



SHE WHO RUNS WITH WOLVES

Gamma Phi Beta is on a mission to empower confident women of character, but it's easy to lose sight of your passion, wisdom and power while pursuing accolades, achievements and status in today's hectic world. As a result, you can feel anxious, unfulfilled or even depressed. So how do we reground, reconnect and regain that confidence in ourselves? That's where Tianna Faye Soto steps in as the Convention keynote speaker.

Tianna is a New York City-based writer, speaker and educator. With expertise in psychology, mental health and wellness, Tianna is dedicated to empowering college students to face their journey with clarity and confidence. At Convention, she gave attendees tips on how to amplify their authentic voices and live in alignment with their true selves.

As a Puerto Rican, Jamaican-Chinese woman born and raised in the South in a family of New Yorkers, Tianna understands what it's like to exist between worlds. She encourages students to honor their personal narratives and the qualities that make them unique while sharing practical guidance for mental health and wellness.

In her keynote speech, "She Who Runs with Wolves," Tianna began an empowering and thought-provoking conversation among members. Sisters left Tianna's speech equipped with the skills and tools necessary to cultivate confidence and embrace their inner "wild woman."

If you'd like to learn more about Tianna and how to embrace your "wild woman," visit her website at **TiannaFaye.com**.



Convention 2022 Award Winners

The theme for the awards luncheon was Together We Shine! Like the stars that surround the crescent moon, each one of our sisters adds her own sparkle to our sisterhood. And when you look up at those stars together, it creates a truly dazzling sight. As a nod to the theme, the categories — organized by chapter size — were named after stars.

In the collegiate chapter division, Atlas represents chapters of fewer than 75 members; Polaris is for 76 to 150 members; and Sirius is chapters with more than 151 members. In the alumnae chapter division, the Rigel category is for chapters of fewer than 25 members and Vega is for chapters with 26 members or more.

Congratulations to all our chapters that were awarded for their excellence in the 2020-22 biennium!

MARY A. BINGHAM AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that have shown excellence in all areas of chapter life.

Winner: Omega Chapter (lowa State) Honorable Mention: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma)

E. ADELINE CURTIS AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that have shown excellence in sisterhood, friendship, cordiality, concern and consideration of others during the previous biennium

Winner: Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln) Honorable Mention: Gamma Omicron Chapter (Kentucky)

FRANCES E. HAVEN AWARD This award recognizes collegiate chapters that have shown consistent improvement in multiple areas of chapter life during the previous biennium.

Winner: Gamma Omicron Chapter (Kentucky) Honorable Mention: Zeta Theta Chapter (Pepperdine)

HELEN M. DODGE AWARD

This award recognizes an advisor who has provided outstanding guidance and support to the entire collegiate chapter.

Winner: Taylor Burchard (Colorado State) Honorable Mention: Kelly Sandeen (Arizona)

HALL OF FAME AWARD

This award recognizes the alumnae chapter that has shown superior efforts in all areas of an alumnae chapter including, but not limited to, sisterhood, growth and retention, service and philanthropy.

Winner: Dallas Alumnae Chapter Honorable mention: Princeton Alumnae Chapter

CHICAGO AWARD

This award is named in honor of Gamma Phi Beta's first alumnae chapter, Chicago Alumnae Chapter and is given to the alumnae chapter that promotes the values of our Sorority through consistent demonstrations of sisterhood, loyalty and support of sisters though various events, programs, activities and individual caring of members.

Rigel: Princeton Alumnae Chapter Vega: Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that excel in chapter administration.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Zeta Theta Chapter (Pepperdine) Sirius: Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln)

BELONGING, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes chapters that have excelled in BEDI initiatives during the biennium. These could include education initiatives, implementation of inclusive and equitable chapter practices or leadership in campus BEDI initiatives.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Kappa Chapter



(Minnesota-Twin Cities) Sirius: Epsilon Nu Chapter (Chapman)

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that have excel in member education programing.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Omega Chapter (Iowa State) Sirius: Epsilon Nu Chapter (Chapman)

FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that excel in finance.

Atlas: Delta Chi (Cal State-Sacramento) Polaris: Omega Chapter (Iowa State) Sirius: Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln)

MCCORMICK MEDALLION PUBLIC RELATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award honors chapters who excel in public relations on their campus and in their community.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Gamma Omicron Chapter (Kentucky) Sirius: Epsilon Nu Chapter (Chapman)

RECRUITMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that excel in recruitment, a vital function to our Sorority's continued growth and success.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Zeta Theta Chapter (Pepperdine) Sirius: Epsilon Nu Chapter (Chapman)

ELIZABETH AHLMEYER QUICK PANHELLENIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that excel in Panhellenic affairs and is named after our very own Betty Quick, who served as the 61st National Panhellenic Conference Chairman from 2005-2007, making her just the third Gamma Phi Beta to serve in the role.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Phi Chapter (Washington University) Sirius: Epsilon Delta Chapter (Creighton)

LILLIAN THOMPSON INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is named for Lillian Thompson, a sister who served as Grand President from 1902 to 1903 and was the first Gamma Phi Beta to serve as the National Panhellenic Conference Chairman. The award recognizes a collegiate member who excels as a leader in her chapter and on her campus.

Winner: Sarah Sheathelm (Alma) Honorable Mention: Alyssa Hargis (Kentucky)

CHANCELLOR E.O. HAVEN AWARD

Named for Frances E. Haven's father and the chancellor of Syracuse University at the time of our founding, this award goes to the collegiate chapter with the highest overall grade point average for the biennium.

Winner: Alpha Iota Chapter (California-Los Angeles) Honorable Mention: Beta Omicron Chapter (Oklahoma City)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award is given to all the collegiate chapters that have achieved a GPA that is a 3.0 or higher and a GPA that is at or above the all-sorority and all-women's averages on their respective campus during the past two academic years.

Kappa Chapter (Minnesota-Twin Cities) Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln) Omega Chapter (Iowa State) Alpha lota Chapter (California-Los Angeles) Beta Omicron Chapter (Oklahoma City) Beta Chi Chapter (Wichita State) Beta Psi Chapter (Oklahoma State) Gamma Gamma Chapter (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Epsilon Delta Chapter (Creighton) Epsilon Tau Chapter (Rochester) Zeta Delta Chapter (Southeast Missouri State) Zeta Theta Chapter (Pepperdine) Eta Theta Chapter (Connecticut) Eta Lambda Chapter (Central Florida) Eta Pi Chapter (Quinnipiac)

PHILANTHROPIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes collegiate chapters that have donated the





most money for Girls on the Run during the previous biennium.

Atlas: Delta Lambda (California-Riverside) Polaris: Gamma Kappa (Nebraska-Kearny) Sirius: Epsilon Theta (Clemson)

DONOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

(Collegiate Chapter) This award recognizes collegiate chapters that have provided the most outstanding support during the biennium to the Foundation.

Atlas: Gamma Beta (Gettysburg) Polaris: Theta (Denver) Sirius: Epsilon Theta (Clemson)

Advisory Board Excellence Award

This award recognizes collegiate chapter advisory board for their outstanding service and dedication.

Atlas: Epsilon Beta Chapter (Alma) Polaris: Gamma Omicron Chapter (Kentucky)

ALUMNAE/COLLEGIATE RELATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD

This next award honors collegiate and alumnae chapters who are working together to have strong communications, rapport, understanding and cooperation toward a shared goal.

Rigel: Oakland County Alumnae Chapter

Vega: Dallas Alumnae Chapter

BEATRICE LOCKE HOGAN AWARD

This award is earned by an alumnae member who promotes the Panhellenic ideals in her role in an alumnae chapter or local community.

Winner: Marcy Roberts (Midwestern State), Dallas Alumnae Chapter Honorable Mention: Erin Devereaux (Oakland), Oakland County Alumnae Chapter

CLARA WORDEN MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award, named for our very first initiate, honors alumnae chapters that have shown continuous growth of membership over a four-year period.

Winner: Dallas Alumnae Chapter

PHILANTHROPIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award is given to the alumnae chapter who has shown continuous, direct support of Girls on the Run and the promotion of Building Strong Girls.

Winner: Denver Alumnae Chapter

COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes alumnae chapters in good standing that have shown superior efforts in communications during the biennium. Rigel: Oakland County Alumnae Chapter Vega: Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter

ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes alumnae chapters that have demonstrated continuous and consistent outstanding contributions, involvement and promotion of the Panhellenic community.

Vega: Atlanta Southern Crescent Alumnae Chapter

DONOR EXCELLENCE

AWARD (Alumnae Chapter) This award recognizes the alumnae chapters that have provided outstanding support to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation during the past biennium.

Rigel: Princeton Alumnae Chapter Vega: St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes an individual alumna member who excels in any recognized volunteer role with Gamma Phi Beta through promoting Gamma Phi Beta's mission, vision and Core Values. One award will be given to individuals who have volunteered for one to five years; one for five to ten years of volunteer services; and one for more than ten years of service.

Less than five years: Hannah Sullivan (California State-Fullerton) Five to 10 years: Haley Severson (Minnesota State-Mankato) 10+ years: Lindsay Champion (Southern Methodist)

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Celebrating 10 Years of the

Facilities Management Company

This past June, Gamma Phi Beta's Facilities Management Company (FMC) turned 10! Since 2012, The FMC has provided members with much more than a house. Overseen by the Board of Managers (BOM), the FMC offers Gamma Phis a welcoming, inclusive space — a home away from home —that promotes sisterhood and community. There is so much love that permeates the walls of Gamma Phi facilities that when homecomings occur, alumnae often return to their chapter house first. A telltale sign that a structure is more than four concrete walls but someone's home. To celebrate a decade of the FMC, here's a list of its greatest achievements as well as a chat with some of the FMC's founders and earliest leaders.

- Established 15 new chapters between 2015-17 while supporting new housing initiatives for a few of the FMC's most established chapters simultaneously.
- Created processes for medical accommodations in compliance with the Fair Housing Act to provide equitable space and meals for members who have access and functional needs.
- Developed Deferred Maintenance, Capital Improvement and Pricing Model processes to ensure that the FMC is being both fair with pricing and competitive with the services facilities can offer.
 - The FMC prides itself on always coming in lower than the cost of university housing at each chapter in the FMC portfolio while providing the unmatched value of the sisterhood experience.
 - Through dissolutions has acquired five properties after the affiliated house corporation (AHC) determined they wanted to hand things over to the FMC to provide a professional edge to the management of the facility.
 - A dedicated position was added in 2017 to provide support to AHC properties of Gamma Phi Beta.
 - Property management was brought fully in

house in 2019 after relying on the support of outside property management consultants formerly.

- A property maintenance tracking system (BlueFolder) was added in 2019 so things were being tracked uniformly across the FMC portfolio.
- Armatic, the FMC's electronic contract and billing software, went live in 2020, allowing our members to better operate in a virtual setting necessitated by COVID-19. The planning began in 2018 and the timing was fortuitous for the FMC!
- Negotiated and secured national partnerships to provide better access and rates for supplies and services needed at both FMC and AHC properties.
- During the pandemic, provided prorated refunds to all members at FMC facilities and kept housing rates locked in for members for the following the 2021-22 academic year.
 - Empty bed fees were suspended in spring 2020 and the 2020-21 academic year for all FMC facilities. The empty bed fee was charged at 65% of the total rate for the 2021-22 academic year as a sign of partnership to our chapters in sharing the burden created by the pandemic.
- Partnered with landlords to build new shared livinglearning communities at:
 - Gamma Chi (Texas State) in 2014
 - Beta Xi (Ohio State) in 2022
- \$2M renovation of Beta (Michigan) in 2015-16 to modernize a property that has been in Gamma Phi Beta possession for more than 100 years.
- The FMC built its first house from the ground-up, Eta Xi (Florida) in 2018 for \$10M. The facility boasts state of the art design and sets a new standard for Gamma Phi Beta facilities.
- Was one of the first organizations to offer facility directors full benefits and in-person training annually.

Welcome Home to Welcome HIBETA GAMMA PHIBETA

Members of the 2010-12 International Council (IC) were the visionaries behind the FMC, including Linda Lyons Malony (Southern California), who served as International President, and Annabel Jones (Oklahoma), a Vice President of IC. Annabel went on to serve as the first FMC Chairwomen, with Linda, Leigh Ann Price (Texas Tech), Karen Kline (Iowa State) and Amy Peterson (Minnesota-Twin Cities) as the first members to comprise the BOM. While reflecting on the past 10 years of the Sorority's official housing entity, here's what Linda, Annabel and Leigh Ann had to say.

WHAT WERE SOME CHALLENGES YOU FACED AS THE FIRST FMC CHAIRWOMAN? HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THEM?

ANNABEL JONES (AJ): It was a lot of organizational prework, plus developing our mission, all of which took a lot of time. Then we had an immediate project to renovate Beta Chapter's facility at the University of Michigan. Because of the facility's age, it was essential that we designed it to be as competitive as possible with other chapters on UM's campus. It wasn't easy, but the first BOM and Director of the FMC Kay Wilms (Colorado State) worked well together to accomplish these tasks.

WHAT FMC ACCOMPLISHED ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

AJ: It's a tie between Beta Chapter's renovation and the construction of our Eta Xi Chapter facility at the University of Florida.

WHY DID GAMMA PHI BETA DECIDE TO CREATE THE FMC IN THE FIRST PLACE?

LEIGH ANN PRICE (LAP): We had been talking about national housing for 10 years or so according to the notes in the materials I inherited when I became the director of housing in 2002. It would be another 10 years before I wrote the "Facility Management Solutions" white paper during my first term as financial vice president during the 2010-12 biennium. This document created the rationale and roadmap for establishing a national housing corporation in the context of what was happening at our existing facilities.

WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR THE FMC OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

(LAP): I wish for greater financial contributions directly to the FMC so the Sorority doesn't have to turn down any viable and appealing extension opportunity because we cannot afford to create a community for sisterhood (i.e., a place where the living laboratory of chapter life plays out).

YOU WERE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT WHEN THE FMC FIRST LAUNCHED. WHY DID IC DECIDE TO CREATE THE FMC?

LINDA MALONY (LM): For years, ICs discussed how to better assist our housing volunteers and provide safe, inviting facilities on all campuses where we had chapters that required them, but no one could quite figure out how to make it happen. Near the end of the 2010-12 biennium, IC reviewed a serious proposal to address these issues and took the giant leap to form the FMC, announcing it at Convention 2012. What an exciting announcement!

Creating Lasting



For more than 50 years, Dr. Ruth Seeler (Vermont) has been at the forefront of her field as a boardcertified pediatric hematologistoncologist, diagnosing and treating blood disorders and cancers in

children, teens and young adults. She also reviewed manuscripts and books for medical journals, wrote more than 80 scientific papers and taught at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. In 1979, Ruth earned the Faculty of the Year award from the University of Illinois.

Ruth was initiated into Beta Nu Chapter at the University of Vermont and completed her undergraduate degree there. She went on to become the only woman to graduate from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in the 1962 class. Ruth was running the pediatrics teaching program within three months of her arrival at the University of Illinois to complete her training in pediatric hematology. She was among the first to take the board exam for pediatric hematology and, within 10 years, she was writing questions for and proctoring the exam.

It should come as no surprise that Ruth felt passionately about her work and the role medicine plays in our society. She says, "There is a dearth of primary care physicians. We have a desperate need for them, but students are drawn to traditionally higher paying specialties, particularly in view of the need to pay off their student loan."

To help allow more students to become primary care physicians, she began the Ruth Andrea Seeler, M.D., Scholarship Endowment Fund at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

In 2000, Ruth also endowed a scholarship at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine (UVM) to help students meet the cost of their medical education. This scholarship is awarded annually to a third- or fourthyear student specializing in primary care. Ruth explained, "I want to help reduce the debt burden for students who want to specialize in primary care so they can afford to do so."

Even before these generous gestures, Ruth was highly involved in assisting medical students. She was president of the UVM Medical Alumni Association Executive Committee from 2008 to 2010, was presented with the Service to Medicine and Community Award in 1998 and the A. Bradley Soule Award, the highest UVM medical alumni honor, in 2007.

For her outstanding contributions to the medical world, Gamma Phi honored her with the Carnation Award in 1984. Ruth also received the Merit Award from Gamma Phi Beta for her local service as treasurer of Chicago Alumnae Chapter for many years, and the Service Award for her service in Chicagoland. She was also a Trustee of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation and received the Philanthropist of the Year Award at the 2004 Convention.

Ruth was heavily involved with the Sorority and Chicago Alumnae Chapter. For 40 years, she hosted the group's holiday party and advocated for sisters to make donations to the Foundation. And she set an example for sisters everywhere.

In 2014, she became the first Foundation donor to donate \$1 million, and in 2003 she began the Ruth Andrea Seeler, M.D. Collegiate Leadership Consultant Endowment. This gift will forever fund a significant portion of the annual expenses of one traveling consultant. "Many donors have endowed financial aid to provide perpetual funding for educational support. In my opinion, the collegiate leadership consultant program has proved its worth over many years and is a perfect choice for a major gift," Ruth told *The Crescent* in 2015.

Her endowments don't end there. The Ruth Andrea Seeler, M.D. Endowment and The 1874 Society Ruth Andrea Seeler, M.D. Endowment are also a part of her legacy. The first is to provide financial aid to undergraduate and graduate member who are studying in the field of medicine. The second is an endowment to recognize Ruth Andrea Seeler, M.D. as a member of The 1874 Society in perpetuity. The 1874 Society is an annual giving society that provides support to our greatest area of need to ensure a strong sisterhood for generations to come.

This is just a sample of the impact Ruth has made. With a generous spirit and unwavering dedication, she has created a lasting legacy within Gamma Phi Beta, and her gifts will benefit the medical community and the Sorority for years to come.

Our sister Dr. Ruth Seeler passed away when this issue went to print. Her incredible presence will be missed but never forgotten.

LIFE LOYAL

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 May 1 through July 31, 2022.



BETA (Michigan) Alexis Cobau Brooke McGahey Magee

GAMMA (Wisconsin-Madison) Alexandra Kuisis

ETA (California-Berkeley) Naalla Sirota Schreiber

IOTA (Columbia) Rose Aydin

KAPPA (*Minnesota-Twin Cities*) Claire Wnuk Berrett

NU (Oregon) Sally Hoy Henningsen Bridget Snider

OMICRON (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) Jessica Hillyer Hehman Katherine Gekas Kremer

PI (Nebraska-Lincoln) Hannah Riggle Zoey Schena

SIGMA (Kansas) Heidi Redman Neuenswander Kelly Stavros Simari

CHI (Oregon State) Julie Martin Williams PSI (Oklahoma) Kimberly Kottler Buchanan Sarah Dunlap Dennis Katherine Ethridge Holder Lauren Overton Nowakowski Paula Rozicki Roberts

OMEGA (Iowa State) Elizabeth West Ward Jeanne Moore Warning

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ALPHA EPSILON (Arizona) Leslie Shannon Boyd Kathleen Dubno Stringham Julia Toliver

ALPHA ZETA (Texas-Austin) Kimberly Hill Mullins

ALPHA IOTA (California-Los Angeles) Susan Cheleden Cavanagh Ioie Griset

ALPHA NU (Wittenberg) Kathryn Avery Liotta

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ALPHA CHI (William & Mary) Catherine Langford Jones

BETA ALPHA (Southern California) Kirsten Andersen Greer Lauren Milstein

BETA ETA (Bradley) Karen Reinhold Shifo

BETA KAPPA (Arizona State) Annika Oberg Marshall

BETA LAMBDA (San Diego State) Catherine Webb Hill

BETA MU (Florida State) Stacey Agnew Abigail Serda

BETA OMICRON (Oklahoma City) Kathlene Blackwelder McCracken

BETA SIGMA (Washington State) Elizabeth Mertz Schade

BETA UPSILON (Kansas State) Monica Clapp Krystal Boyles LaBonte Caroline Liebert Law Kylie Milburn **BETA PHI** (Indiana) Carol Goodwin Aldrich

BETA PSI (Oklahoma State) Angela Armstrong Cosby Marsha McCollum Schumacher

BETA OMEGA (Northern Arizona) Kristin Hunsaker

GAMMA EPSILON (Puget Sound) Heather Fielden

GAMMA ZETA (*Texas A&M-Commerce*) Danielle Garber

GAMMA IOTA (Midwestern State) Alessandra Kira Cerreta

GAMMA KAPPA (Nebraska-Kearney) Kristine Panagiotis Tucker

GAMMA UPSILON (Drake) Elizabeth Martin Jefson

GAMMA PHI (Auburn) Bailey Toole Estrada

GAMMA CHI (Texas State-San Marcos) Nancy Brockles Rathmanner

GAMMA PSI (Northern Iowa) Laura Murphy Misuk Kylie Pelletier



DELTA DELTA (California State-Fullerton) Kerry Donnelly Melissa Coleman Morris

DELTA ETA (California-Irvine) Reiko Shibata Reigrut

DELTA IOTA (Purdue) Amy Scamerhorn Elizabeth Walla

DELTA MU (Rutgers) Karen Valli Roy Diane Todd-Sprague

DELTA NU (*Missouri State*) Ally Robinett

DELTA OMICRON (Southern Polytechnic State) Ann Daniell Kim Hopkins Daniell Tabitha Robinson

DELTA TAU (Colaate) Michelle McCarthy Anna Tustison

DELTA UPSILON (Georgia) Sandra Hale Anderson

DELTA PHI (California State-Bakersfield) Dolores limenez

DELTA PSI (California-Santa Barbara) Ariana Freschet Sophia Fuller

EPSILON GAMMA (San Diego) Kanuri Roundtree

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GAMMA (Wisconsin-Madison) Ellen Ryan, 1946

LAMBDA (University of Washington) Carolyn Griffin Reid, 1958 Anne Byington Worley, 1948

XI (Idaho) Avonne Wilcox Higgins, 1947 Janice Johnson Sayler, 1965 Joyce Halley Thomas, 1944

OMICRON (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) Joan Latowsky Gleason, 1947 **PI** (Nebraska-Lincoln) Patricia Garton Bott, 1945 Jeannine Fenton Jacobs, 1959 Barbara Holm Kositzky, 1950

RHO (IOWA) Joanne Emmert Clark, 1945 Elizabeth Maxwell Grask, 1960

SIGMA (Kansas) Jacqueline Kreider Shmalberg, 1949 Glenna Richards Wilber, 1955

TAU (Colorado State) Jo Golgart Spencer, 1958

CHI (Oregon State) Elizabeth Southwick Hellberg, 1946

PSI (Oklahoma) Anne Harrison Herold, 1952 Mary Ford Pate, 1948 Sandra Castle Sanders, 1964 ALPHA BETA (North Dakota) Mary Guloien Davis, 1961

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ALPHA DELTA (*Missouri-Columbia*) Marietta Lenox Kint, 1947 Beverly Hill Peck, 1949

ALPHA EPSILON (Arizona) Elizabeth Harris Evans, 1946 Jeannine Rioux Filiatrault, 1954 Carolyn Pfeil Newcomer, 1968

ALPHA ZETA (Texas-Austin) MaryAnn Pate Hormuth, 1952

ALPHA THETA (Vanderbilt) Gale Castleberry Amond, 1959 ALPHA IOTA (California-Los Angeles) Peggy Higgins Hannawell, 1955

ALPHA LAMBDA (British Columbia) Anitra Paris, 2011

ALPHA NU (Wittenberg) Jennifer Baxla, 2001 Gloria Hawken Bredenkamp, 1943 Marilouise Kerges Marable, 1946 Ruth Swab Tuttle, 1940

ALPHA XI (Southern Methodist) Carolyn Ceirco, 1950 Virginia Shane Hartman, 1950

ALPHA OMICRON (North Dakota State) Lorene Smillie Currier, 1947 ALPHA UPSILON (Penn State) Marian Doty Bickford, 1944 Linda Bolig Rhoads, 1961

BETA BETA (Maryland) Doris Johnson Chamberlin, 1953

BETA GAMMA (Bowling Green) Marilyn Early Rudolph, 1951

BETA DELTA (Michigan State) Debbie Moebs, 1992 Kathy Layher Perrett, 1985

BETA ETA *(Bradley)* Joanne Hicks Bishop, 1948 Marlene Kruswick Prihoda, 1957

BETA THETA (San Jose State) June Pereira Fromm, 1948 **BETA KAPPA** (Arizona State) Barbara Humphrey Cramer, 1952 Mary Dunlop Wedge, 1954

BETA LAMBDA (San Diego State) Holly Hunt, 1972

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BETA TAU (*Texas Tech*) Heidi Kressin Burke, 1977 **BETA UPSILON** (Kansas State) Debbie Sander, 1989 Sharon Anthony Tatge, 1958

GAMMA ETA (California State-Long Beach) Maria Stevens, 1988

GAMMA MU (Moorhead State-Moorhead) Carolyn Anderson LeClaire, 1967

GAMMA XI (Tennessee-Knoxville) Katherine lenkins Eades, 1970

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ELIZABETH HARRIS EVANS

ALPHA EPSILON (Arizona, 1946)

Elizabeth "Betsy" Harris Evans called Phoenix, Arizona, home for most of her life. After graduating from Phoenix Union High School in 1943, she attended the University of Arizona (UA) in Tucson. Betsy earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and joined Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at UA. She met her husband, John Henry Evans III, in college. Together, they had four children. Betsy and her family lived in many different states, including Colorado, where Betsy was supervising librarian at the Old Colorado City Branch Library for nearly two decades. Upon her retirement, Betsy volunteered with the Girl and Boy Scouts, the Old Colorado City Historical Society and other organizations. At age 96, Betsy lived a long and happy life, and she will be missed dearly.



JOANNE HICKS BISHOP

BETA ETA (Bradley, 1948)

Joanne Hicks Bishop joined Beta Eta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at Bradley University, where she earned a degree in journalism. Shortly after college, she worked for the Peoria Journal Star, a daily newspaper that covered stories in her hometown of Peoria, Illinois, and surrounding areas. In addition to the written word, Joanne loved art in all forms. She spent her free time volunteering as a tour guide at The Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences in Peoria. In 1953, she married her first husband, J. Philip Hensley. The two spent family vacations on one of their many boats on the Illinois River and Lake Michigan. After her first husband's passing, Joanne found love again with her second husband, Barry Bishop. The two lived in Iowa for many years before retiring in Surprise, Arizona. Joanne spent her retirement volunteering for organizations close to her heart, including her Sorority. Surrounded by her family, Joanne peacefully passed away at home after fighting a short illness.



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