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## DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15



If you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu, you could qualify to be the recipient of a \$1,000 or \$2,000 scholarship to attend graduate school. Pi Gamma Mu awards up to 10 scholarships each year. Why not be one of the next recipients?

Pi Gamma Mu scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together right away. Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield, Kans., with a postmark on or before **February 15**. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form. <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>

## SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Online System Now Available

We wish to thank our Chapter Faculty Sponsors for their volunteerism and support, especially during this difficult time of COVID-19. We understand that this is a challenging time for students and faculty alike and we hope that you remain safe and well. Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we continue our work to support our chapters and members and are here to help. Please take time this semester to recognize your top social science students by providing them with an invitation to join Pi Gamma Mu. An invitation means more now than ever given all the losses students have faced due to COVID-19. Additionally, it is the lifetime membership fees collected by Chapter Faculty Sponsors that allows Pi Gamma Mu to operate and to provide services to its members such as scholarships, a professional journal, conventions, presentation opportunities, and more. The fees also allow the Society to maintain fiscal stability and prepare for a strong future. We thank the Chapter Faculty Sponsors for this important work!

**In response to the increased need for online solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pi Gamma Mu is now accepting online payments for memberships.** Your students are now be able to pay their \$50 lifetime membership fee online, directly to our office, using any credit card accepted by PayPal. **Chapter sponsors are no longer required to collect the lifetime membership fees; students can pay them directly, online!**

**If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and registration forms, we will happily continue to accept memberships through the mail.** Chapters are not required to use the new online payment/registration system. Sending in paper application forms/lists with a check is still acceptable.

We hope that you will strive to make both your chapter and Pi Gamma Mu stronger by inviting **all eligible students** to join. Remember that students may now qualify as second-semester sophomores and that Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature. We encourage your chapter to include all eligible disciplines: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography - human, gerontology, history, history of education, human services, international relations, political science, psychology, social philosophy, sociology, social work, as well as related interdisciplinary programs anchored in the Social Sciences, particularly those that focus on age, environment, ethnicity, gender, race, and regional studies. In addition to undergraduate members, don't forget to invite eligible graduate students, faculty, and professional staff.

Please contact our office if you any assistance with your chapter's membership drive or any other matter.

Thank you!

## CHAPTER NEWS—WAYNE STATE COLLEGE



The Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College had an active year despite the challenges of COVID-19. The chapter's annual Graduate School/Law School workshop was held as usual but required participants to wear masks and socially distance. The chapter also co-hosted a speaker via ZOOM. Dean Jacobs, "the Dean of Travel", provided a speech on the topic of "Why We Need to Continue Exploring During Covid-19".

Working with their Student Senate partner, the chapter raised \$600 through donations collected during the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser. Can you find the Pi Gamma Mu tree in the photo below? The chapter also created 'tie blankets' again in 2020 and, through the local Gifts for Kids program, donated them to local families in need.

The Co-Advisers of the chapter are Randy Bertolas, Lisa Nelson, and Jean Karlen.



The Festival of Trees fundraiser. Pictured is Nebraska Delta chapter co-advisor Lisa Nelson standing next to a few of the Festival entries – can you pick out Pi Gamma Mu's tree?



Nebraska Delta chapter co-advisor Lisa Nelson along with (left to right) Pi Gamma Mu members Kayla Arnold, Selma Taylor, Jennifer Berridge, and Cassie Grell. Working on other blankets but not shown in picture were PGM members Courtney Kamler, Jasmine Martinez, Natalie, Gasseling, and Michaela Derickson.

## 2021 TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

Considering on-going developments with COVID-19 and after thoughtful discussions with our Board of Trustees, Pi Gamma Mu has decided to move our 2021 Triennial International Convention to a fully online, virtual experience that will take place in November of 2021. We believe that this is the safest approach, and we are excited that a virtual convention will make it possible for even more of our members to participate.

**Please stay tuned for details.**

## VOLUME 96, No. 4 OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW IS NOW LIVE

Volume 96, No. 4 of the International Social Science Review, Pi Gamma Mu's keystone journal, is now live. The journal is available free-of-charge, online.

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Winfield, KS -- ([ReleaseWire](#)) -- 01/04/2021 --The Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences is thrilled to announce the publication of Volume 96, No. 4 of the International Social Science Review. This issue includes four articles, "Examining the Effect of Pregnancy on Women's Power in Ancient Egypt and Greece" by Sara Divija Varadharajulu (UCLA), "The Intersectionality of Blackness and Disability in Hip-Hop: The Societal Impact of Changing Cultural Norms in Music" by Matthew Gavieta (Cornell University), "The Cooperative Business Model in the Near West Side of Milwaukee" by Brendan Shine (Goldsmiths University of London), and "The Mere Extinguishment of [Human] Life" by Anthony Cosentino (Columbia University). The journal's book review editors, Blake Duffield, Benjamin Sorensen, and Eric Bell, have curated twelve book reviews on recently published books related to social sciences. The issue also includes Dr. Clara Small's (Professor Emeritus at Salisbury University & Second Vice President of Pi Gamma Mu) keynote address given at Pi Gamma Mu's 2017 Triennial International Convention, and Rising Scholar Narayan Kini's article "A Cycle of Slavery: Migrant Labor and Human Rights Violations in the United Arab Emirates."

The International Social Science Review has been in continuous publication since 1925 and is one of the oldest social science academic journals in North America. In 2014, this enduring journal moved online, making it free and accessible to all at [digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr](http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr). As Dr. Susan Kinsella (Saint Leo University, Georgia & First Vice President Pi Gamma Mu) notes, "Pi Gamma Mu's International Social Science Review is a scholarly journal with quality publications from authors in top U.S. universities as well as from a growing number of international social scientists. The readership includes faculty, practitioners, and students from around the globe with Pi Gamma Mu's membership reaching at least 22,000 members. We are proud of the contributions of this journal and have increased the editions to four (4) per year as a result of its popularity."

The International Social Science Review invites the submission of manuscripts in anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography - human, gerontology, history, history of education, human services, international relations, political science, psychology, social philosophy, sociology, social work, as well as related interdisciplinary programs anchored in the social sciences, particularly those that focus on age, environment, ethnicity, gender, race, and regional studies. Being published in a peer-reviewed professional journal, such as the ISSR, can help boost a career in academia or aid in gaining admission to graduate school. Articles are accepted on a rolling basis. Articles are accepted on a rolling basis. Send submissions to the editor of the ISSR, Dr. Candice Quinn, as attachments to [quinn.issr@gmail.com](mailto:quinn.issr@gmail.com). As Dr. Quinn shares, "Publishing with an established, well-respected journal does not need to be intimidating; professors and students alike should feel welcome to email me to discuss potential research articles, policy point-counterpoint pieces, writing book reviews, or, in the case of established academics, blind peer-reviewing for the journal."

### *About Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences*

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences, (<http://www.pigammamu.org>), based in Winfield, Kansas, provides recognition and opportunities to high achieving Social Science students at chapters located on college and university campuses around the world. Visit our website to learn more about starting a chapter. Pi Gamma Mu was founded in 1924 and has been certified by the Association of College Honor Societies since 1953. Our mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the Social Sciences and to uphold and nurture scholarship, leadership, and service. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Gordon Mercer, Clara Small, and Larry Heck. Small was inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame, the Society's highest honor, at the 2017 Triennial International Convention, where she also provided the keynote address.



Student Poster Session at the Pi Gamma Mu 2017 Triennial International Convention.

## THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN AN HONOR SOCIETY WHILE JUDGING CREDIBILITY

Honor Societies have existed as a part of the higher education tradition since 1885. In 1925 the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) was established to help colleges and universities assess the value and credibility of these organizations. Pi Gamma Mu has been an accredited member of the ACHS since 1953. This link lists all member honor societies that are certified and meet the standards of the ACHS: <https://achs.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/Member%20List%209.29.20.pdf>

Over the past few years there have been several groups that have emerged that are calling themselves honor societies but do not meet the standards to be certified by the Association of College Honor Societies. Based on the calls and questions that come to the ACHS office, these organizations are marketing themselves as honor societies and possibly creating confusion for students.

In order to help students and administrators make more informed decisions, the ACHS has asked us to share with you basic questions to ask or assess before determining any organization to be an honor society:

- Does the organization require minimum scholastic criteria?
- Does the organization provide transparent governance?
- Does the organization have campus chapters?
- Are they a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization?
- Does the organization have a website that includes: membership criteria; fees and benefits; Bylaws; headquarters staff with contact information; national elected officers?
- Are members of the organization involved in governing the organization?

You can find more information about how to judge the credibility of honor societies at <https://www.achshonor.org/judging-credibility> Please help us share this with individuals on your campus who can help students make better informed decisions.

Thank you for making a difference with Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.

# NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Please join other chapters in the Pi Gamma Mu National Service Project!

Chapters are working together to support veterans, the homeless, and animals in animal shelters. Chapters may choose to do one, two, or all three components of the service project.

Descriptions of the national service project are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region and point of contact for the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project initiative. [allison\\_g.s.\\_knox@hotmail.com](mailto:allison_g.s._knox@hotmail.com). Chapters are encouraged to email photos and descriptions of their participation in the National Service Project to [suzannerupp@pigammamu.org](mailto:suzannerupp@pigammamu.org) for inclusion in a future issue of the Pi Gamma Mu *Newsletter*.

**Homeless Box Drive** - chapters contact an organization in support of the homeless and put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an organization in support of the homeless from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Veterans** - chapters contact a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and collect toiletries and soft cover books in support of the veterans. Supplies are donated to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Animals** - chapters will contact an animal shelter in their area and will put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an animal shelter from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

# SHOW YOUR PI GAMMA MU PRIDE



Pi Gamma Mu's exclusive merchandise not only allows you to proudly display your achievement and affiliation with the society, but merchandise purchases also support the activities of Pi Gamma Mu and help us finance our programs and awards.

Show off your high academic achievement in the Social Sciences by wearing Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords or a Stole or both to commencement! You may order your regalia as soon as you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu. Order online at <https://pigammamu.org/store.html>

**Pi Gamma Mu stole.** This white satin graduation stole is 76 inches in total length and has royal blue embroidery. On the left side are the Greek Letters and Society name and on the right is the Society's key. **\$24.**

**Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords.** The Society's royal blue and white honor cords include four tassels in royal blue. **\$17.**

Buy a Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords **bundle** and save \$5! \$41 **\$36**

*Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.*

## Pi Gamma Mu Store

Other items include t-shirts, coffee mugs, bumper stickers, tote bags, wooden Greek letters, and more.



# SCHOLARSHIP MEDAL



The Pi Gamma Mu scholarship medal is a time-honored tradition of the society. This award has been in use since the early days of the organization. Once a year chapters have the privilege of awarding one medal to a person who has distinguished him/herself in the social sciences. It has usually been given to an outstanding student as a prize for scholarship and/or service. However, it may also go to some other person deserving recognition in this field or to a faculty officer of a Pi Gamma Mu chapter.

Finished in gold plate, the award is available to chapters at a cost of \$35. The name of the recipient and the date can be engraved on the back of the medal for no additional charge. You can order via the Pi Gamma Mu website.

**Important: The scholarship medal may ONLY be ordered directly by chapter sponsors.**

## CONNECT WITH PiGM ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND LINKEDIN



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Connect with us on LinkedIn

Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we see social media as another way for us to carry out our mission to encourage scholarship and to foster cooperation and service among our members. Now you can connect with us and other members and supporters of Pi Gamma Mu on the social networking sites you like to use. We welcome your comments, posts, and photos of chapter activities. Be sure to *like* us on [Facebook](#), *follow* us on [Twitter](#), and *connect* with us on [LinkedIn](#) to see announcements, opportunities, and deadlines.

Please note that several Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts will come up when you search for "Pi Gamma Mu" as we encourage our chapters to stay connected via social media. Use the links below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

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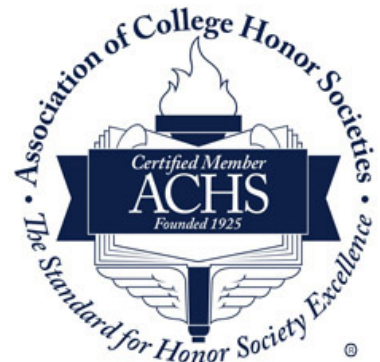
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## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Pi Gamma Mu communicates with its lifetime members via email. Anytime your email address changes, such as after graduation or when you change jobs, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your emails from being interrupted or discontinued. Simply email your new email address to [executivedirector@pigammamu.org](mailto:executivedirector@pigammamu.org) or go to our Web site ([www.pigammamu.org](http://www.pigammamu.org)) to change your address information. We will need both your old email address and your new email address to update our records. Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to keep your information current.

## ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 69 members of the **Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)**, which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has stepped up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS website ([www.achsna1.org](http://www.achsna1.org)) for the [list of honor societies](#) that are members.



# MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

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# IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.
7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

# SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

The **motto** of the Society is the epigram of the Master Teacher, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The society's **key** has a wreath at the bottom to suggest that social science is the outgrowth and fulfillment of natural science. The running figure is reminiscent of the ancient Greek torch race and symbolizes humanity bringing knowledge to the solution of its own problems and passing on the light from generation to generation.

The **colors** are blue and white - for truth and light.

The official **flower** is the blue and white cineraria.

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