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CHAPTERS CELEBRATE NEW INITIATES

Chapters across the country celebrated their new initiates this spring. The purpose of the ritual of initiation is to celebrate academic excellence in the social sciences by inducting initiate-worthy individuals into the Society. Induction into Pi Gamma Mu is an extraordinary moment that represents years of hard work and commitment to academic excellence in the Social Sciences. It is often an event that many members remember fondly for the rest of their lives.
The New Hampshire Gamma chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Plymouth State University held its annual induction ceremony on May 8, 2016, and nine out of the ten new inductees were present and posed for some photos. The new lifetime members pictured are: Kaitlin Burt, Sean Donohoe, Kelsey Dustin, Hannah Dutton, Kyle Kosiorek, Matthew LeBlanc, Brian Spink, Cynthia Wade, and Megan Wirtz. (Not present: Cody Bain.) Dr. David Starbuck, professor of anthropology, is the chapter sponsor.

The South Carolina Nu chapter at Allen University celebrated its initiation of new members in April. Both photos include the chapter’s two graduating members, five new inductees, and three rising stars. The photo on the right includes the chapter co-sponsors, Dr. Christopher Rounds and DaLisa Hutchinson. Dr. Rounds is the Division Chair of the Social Sciences at Allen University. The new inductees are Ma’Kendric Tyquan Funnie, Gaurachandra Nimai Garrett, Janequa Tawena Huggins, Brianna Nicole Jenkins, and Jade O’am Tolliver.
Saint Leo University’s Florida Lamda Chapter at the Ocala Center celebrated its induction ceremony on April 21, 2016. The 2016 initiates at the St. Leo University Ocala Center are: Kenneth Patrick Austen, Idalia Barlow, Michelle L. Dean, Monique Latrice English, Christina Marie Lello, Markita Shaunta McCann, Brandon James Palermo, Gregg Anthony Senko, Cheryl L. Wesley, Samantha Brook Watkins, Nazimah Ying, and Esther Zamora. Dr. Nancy Wood, Associate Chair of Undergraduate Human Services is the chapter sponsor at the Ocala Center. Dr. Susan Kinsella, Professor and Central Region Academic Director in the Department of Human Services at Saint Leo’s Savannah campus, is a co-sponsor of the Florida Lambda Chapter. Dr. Kinsella is also the First Vice-President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu. The chapter at Saint Leo University is active on several of Saint Leo’s campuses including locations in Savannah, GA, Conley, GA, Ocala, FL, and Newport News, VA.
The Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University held its annual initiation ceremony on April 24, 2016 at the school’s Dugan Library. Sister Tarcisia Roths, Past-President of Newman University and Charter Member of the chapter, and Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director of Pi Gamma Mu, spoke at the event. Ethan Young, chapter President, and chapter Co-Sponsors, C. Laurence (Larry) Heck and Jill Fort, also participated in the event. Heck is the President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu and has been a member of the Board since 1987. He has served as Faculty Sponsor of the Kansas Theta chapter from 1984-1996 and from 2002-present.
The 2016 initiates of the Kansas Theta Chapter are: Nycholle Archuleta, Pedro Arellano, Codie Barry, Beth Biddle, Sharon Binder, Molly Bradley, Desiree Butcher, Bobbie Cooprider, Kylee DePina, Jessica Dotson, Brooke DuPree, Courtney Edwards, Jessica Engel, Jamie Farrelly, Rosa Garcia, Raquel Gibson-Ford, Stacie Gonzela, Lance Goodell, Edith Herrera, Kayla Hiebert, Joshua Hull, Fessica Logan, Ashlee Lusch, Joseph Macupa, Cristal Magdelano, Kathleen McCain, Stacie McMurty, Nicholas Mitchell, Kira Molina, Laurel Myers, Mary O’Neal, Jennifer Otis, Marrissa Palacios-Ontiveros, Candice Quinn, Taylor Schawe, Jasmine Schopplein, Ashton Schrag, David Shubert, Melissa Smitherman, Diana Stanley, Monica Turner, Shoshana Wernick, and Janet Wilhite.

Seated in blue, is Faculty Chapter Sponsor, Sheryl Chapman, with new initiates and leadership from the International Board of Trustees.

The Kansas Lambda chapter at Wichita State University celebrated its new initiates on April 22, 2016 in the Rhatigan Student Center on its main campus in Wichita. President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu, C. Laurence (Larry) Heck, and Executive Director of the Society spoke at the event. The Faculty Chapter Sponsor is Sheryl Chapman of the Department of Social Work.

The 2016 initiates of the Kansas Lambda chapter are: Kenya ReaAnn Guidry, Stacia Janet Hardyway, Judith M. Jones, Akia Brianna Kerr, Kendra Elizabeth Kraus, Jessica Jordan Kurth, Emily Lynn Matta, Amber Dawn McAnulla, Clinton Lee McClure, Teresa Lynn Moses, Viette Sanders, Elena Isabella Soto, Sharon Ann Troutman, Angela Jo Wilson, and Michael Doral Woods.
THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

C. Laurence (Larry) Heck
International President

One of the happiest and proudest occasions in my academic life occurred when I received an invitation to join an honor society. My many years of sponsorship of our campus Pi Gamma Mu chapter results from my desire to pass that experience on to our contemporary students. I hope they experience happiness and pride upon the receipt of their invitation to Pi Gamma Mu membership!

I have long pondered if Pi Gamma Mu chapters successfully identify all students eligible for recognition through membership in the honor society; finding all eligible candidates can be a difficult and time-consuming task. One of my past ideas involved challenging each chapter sponsor to search for one or two additional eligible students. If successful, across all our chapters, that would result in a significant increase in recognition of deserving students. At the same time the outcome would sustain and strengthen the honor society. I was unable to find a way to implement the idea.

Fortunately, others conceptualized an even better idea--the Star Chapter Award. All the credit for the Star Chapter idea goes to our staff at Headquarters. The idea encourages increased recognition of student excellence by identifying and designating any chapter with a growth of 20% over the previous year as a Star Chapter.

The idea appears successful. During the academic year of 2014-15, thirty chapters achieved the Star Chapter Award. Those thirty chapters are identified on the Pi Gamma Mu website. My appreciation and congratulations goes out to all the sponsors and chapter members of the Star Chapters for their extra efforts to gain this designation--growing their chapters and supporting Pi Gamma Mu, the Social Science Honor Society.

I send a challenge to every sponsor and the chapter membership--could you earn the Star Chapter Award in the 2016–17 academic year? I encourage you to make that a goal, and I look forward to seeing your chapter listed on the Pi Gamma Mu website.

HELP PI GAMMA MU GROW

Pi Gamma Mu is seeking to charter new chapters at colleges and universities around the globe and we need your help. Please share your Pi Gamma Mu success story with students and faculty at four-year colleges and universities who are not currently housing a chapter of the society and encourage them to get started. Our website is a great resource to share and Pi Gamma Mu staff is always available to help. For a list of currently active chapters visit http://pigammamu.org/chapters.asp

There is no cost to the university to host a chapter of the society and there are many benefits of membership. In addition to providing well-deserved recognition to top social science students, members are eligible to apply for one of ten annual scholarships, present research papers at international and regional conventions, submit articles for publication in our peer-reviewed professional journal, and those interested in federal jobs have the possibility for advancement in government service rating.

Faculty chapter sponsors also receive recognition for their work with the chapter via thank you letters to university administration including the President of the institution, listings on our website, eligibility for annual Chapter Honor Rolls and related recognition, the opportunity to attend or host Pi Gamma Mu conventions, publication opportunities, increased networking, and more. Honor society chapter sponsorship can be helpful to faculty in promotion/tenure applications. Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature, allowing chapter sponsors and members to expand their professional networks by working collaboratively with society members from various fields of study.

Each chapter is eligible to apply for lectureship grants to help bring dynamic speakers to campus. Each chapter must have one or more faculty sponsors.

Thank you for your support!
Members of the Nebraska Delta chapter at Wayne State College gather to sort and pack donated items collected and given to a nearby homeless shelter. Chapter members also organized a "Chocolate & Popcorn Sale" on campus (using remaindered and perfectly delicious confectionaries from a local candy factory) in order to raise an additional $200 that was given to the shelter. Dr. Randy Bertolas, Chair of the History, Politics, and Geography Department (pictured first from the left), is the faculty chapter sponsor. Dr. Jean Karlen, Professor Emeritus at Wayne State College and Past-President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu is a previous faculty sponsor of the chapter (pictured second from the right).
The Texas Eta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Texas State University co-sponsored several educational events during the academic year. Their co-sponsors were the university’s Center for International Studies, Department of History, International Studies Club, and chapter of Sigma Iota Rho. On February 24th the group hosted its first panel of the semester with Dr. Elizabeth Bishop from the Department of History, Dr. Roger Gorman from the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Brian Cooper from the Department of Geography. The panel discussed perspectives on the international refugee crisis. On September 10, Dr. Manual Gonzalez Oropeza gave a lecture entitled, “The Recent Elections and Democratization in Mexico.” Dr. Oropeza is a judge of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judicial Branch in Mexico. He is also an acting member of the Venice Commission, which seeks to promote democracy through the rule of law. On October 15, Dr. Ellen Tillman gave a talk on the U.S. role in the development of Panama. Dr. Tillman’s research has focused on 20th-century U.S. Intervention in the Caribbean and how these interventions shaped Latin American development, U.S. foreign policy, and U.S. naval power. On November 5th, the guest lecturer was Dr. Jeremi Suri. Dr. Suri spoke on “The Evolution of Diplomacy and the Future of American Foreign Policy.” Dr. Suri holds the Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a professor in the University’s Department of History and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. Professor Suri is the author of six books on contemporary politics and foreign policy.

The Texas Eta Chapter Sponsor is Dr. Dennis Dunn, Professor of History and Director of International Studies. The Chapter Secretary is Jose Sanchez. The Chapter President is Molly Williams. Mr. Jeremy Pena, the Coordinator of Academic Programs at the Center for International Studies, also helps facilitate the chapter.

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15

Chapter sponsors should have received chapter annual report forms via email in May. It is very important that all sponsors fill out and return this form to the international office by August 15. Many of you have already submitted your reports – thank you! If you haven’t sent in your report, it’s not too late. The form is available on our website for those of you who would prefer to send it back that way. We appreciate each sponsor taking the few minutes to complete and return this report.

The annual-report form helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations pertaining to your chapter’s obligation to submit information to headquarters. The international office will file a Form 990-N tax return on your chapter’s behalf based on your answers to the two financial questions on the annual-report form. Please help us to keep your chapter in compliance with the IRS regulations, so that our society and your chapter will maintain our tax-exempt status.

If you would like to see your chapter’s activities mentioned in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter, you must send in your annual report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us photographs to put in the newsletter to accompany the description of activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an E-mail message to the international office. Please send the original digital image if possible. We love to hear you brag about your students and what they are doing. We don’t know what happens on your campus unless you inform us, so please take a few minutes to fill out the annual report. The deadline to submit your chapter’s report is August 15. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.

REMEMINDERS FOR CHAPTER SPONSORS

The International Board of Trustees wishes to express their thanks to the chapter sponsors that help keep Pi Gamma Mu going. Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsors donate their time and talents to provide the recognition top social science honor students deserve. Pi Gamma Mu values the time, energy, and resources you commit to your students every day.

Without the new initiates you induct into your chapters each year, Pi Gamma Mu would cease to exist. In order to prepare for a strong future we must continue to grow by initiating more outstanding students and we need your help. If you increase your chapter’s membership by 20% or more as compared to the previous year, you will receive special recognition including: 1) a letter to your college/university president, 2) a Pi Gamma Mu Star wall plaque, and 3) recognition in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter, our journal -- The International Social Science Review, and on our website. Please become a Star Chapter by inviting more eligible students during your next membership drive.

Serving as a chapter sponsor can be an incredibly rewarding job and our staff is dedicated to keeping sponsors informed of resources that can contribute to their success. Please note that the lifetime membership fee is $50. If you have any old membership application forms that are out of date, please destroy (or recycle) them. We will be sending you new forms in the mail in the fall and you can request additional forms at any time. Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu!

Please review the following suggestions for increasing your chapter’s membership:

1. Promote Pi Gamma Mu at chapter meetings.
2. Encourage students to join Pi Gamma Mu through social media.
3. Offer benefits to new members, such as discounts on books.
4. Attend recruitment fairs and events on campus.
5. Collaborate with other organizations on campus.
6. Provide information about Pi Gamma Mu at your department’s open house.
7. Host Pi Gamma Mu events, such as guest lectures or networking events.
8. Offer opportunities for members to get involved in Pi Gamma Mu activities.
9. Provide a welcoming atmosphere for new members.
10. Encourage members to attend Pi Gamma Mu events and meetings.
If your school has **satellite campuses**, invite eligible students from all campuses to join your chapter.

Utilize your school’s registrar or data specialists to request a list of **all eligible students** and invite all of those students to join.

Remember that **graduate students** are eligible to join.

Invite **faculty and administrators** to become lifetime members.

Does your school have a growing **online** student population? Remember that both online and on-ground students are eligible to join.

If you use an **electronic invitation**, please resend the email invitation several times in order to increase the response rate.

Make use of Pi Gamma Mu’s **interdisciplinary** nature and invite students and faculty from various departments.

Promote the **benefits of lifetime membership** in your invitation letter:

- Recognition for your high scholastic achievement,
- Lifetime membership,
- A handsome certificate worthy of framing,
- A membership card,
- A gold-plated keypin,
- Opportunities to publish in the society’s newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
- The opportunity to apply for Pi Gamma Mu scholarships,
- The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at graduation,
- A valuable item for your resume,
- Advancement in Government Service Rating,
- The opportunity to present research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions, and more!

Please remember that we are here to help you. If there is anything we can do to assist you with your chapter’s membership drive or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

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**CLARA SMALL, PI GAMMA MU SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, GIVES RUTH STARR ROSE LECTURE IN EASTON, MARYLAND**

On June 8, 2016, Dr. Clara Small gave the Ruth Starr Rose lecture in Easton, Maryland. She was the first speaker in a series of talks focusing on African-American life on the Eastern Shore. Small is Professor Emeritus of History at Salisbury University in Maryland and serves on the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees. During her lecture she shared profiles of notable individuals from the Eastern Shore, such as the first African-American woman to serve in a state legislature who lived on the Delmarva Peninsula. Also from the Delmarva Peninsula are two Tuskegee Airmen, a Buffalo Soldier, and the second president of Liberia. Small hopes that her new book, *Compass Points: Profiles and Biographies of African Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula*, will get into the heads of her readers. “Most people who live here have no idea about [the book’s subjects'] contributions to Delmarva,” she said. “Most of them are national figures.” The book features 56 African-Americans from the region.

Over the course of her nearly 40-year career as a professor at Salisbury University, Dr. Small became known as one of the leading scholars and historians on African American history on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Years after her retirement from SU, Dr. Small is as busy as ever. She is working on a soon-to-be released follow-up volume to her acclaimed book, *Compass Points*, and gives presentations at a variety of events including Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremonies in her area.

Dr. Small was the co-sponsor of the Maryland Gamma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Salisbury University from 1983-2014. Under her leadership, the chapter made the Pi Gamma Mu chapter honor rolls many times. Small is also a former Chancellor of the Northeast Region and is the current Second Vice President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu. She serves as Chair of the Society’s Awards Committee which has responsibilities related to Pi Gamma Mu scholarships and other awards.

Other publications by Dr. Small include:


Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African American on the Delmarva Peninsula (1998, this book was placed in schools and libraries throughout the lower Eastern Shore.)

NEW MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

We are excited to announce that new Pi Gamma Mu merchandise is now available on our merchandise webpage. Our exclusive merchandise not only gives you the opportunity 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.

As always, Pi Gamma Mu honor cords allow you to show off your accomplishments at commencement ceremonies. Honor cords are $17 each (or $15 each for orders of 10 or more).

New items include cotton canvas tote bags displaying the Pi Gamma Mu name, Greek letters, and keypin on the front pocket and the Pi Gamma Mu mission statement on the back for $20 and bumper stickers that read, "The Social Science Honor Society – PI GAMMA MU" FOR $5. Other merchandise includes t-shirts proudly displaying the Pi Gamma Mu logo and name on the front and the mission statement on the back for $20 and polo shirts embroidered with the Pi Gamma Mu seal for $25. Coffee mugs, lanyards, banners, and replacement certificates are also available.
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Visit http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/ or type "International Social Science Review" into any search engine to view the journal. The ISSR, Pi Gamma Mu's peer-reviewed professional journal, transitioned from a print format to a digital format in 2014 making the journal accessible to everyone – no subscription required. The current issue, Volume 91, Issue 2, includes articles and book reviews written by both Pi Gamma Mu members and faculty chapter sponsors.

You can submit articles and book reviews to be considered for publication via the site or by emailing the article to the journal’s editor, Candice Quinn, at quinn.issr@gmail.com

Dr. Quinn also welcomes Pi Gamma Mu members to share important updates for possible inclusion in the journal (members having new publications, faculty positions, etc.).

SAVE THE DATE! November 2-4, 2017
Attend the 2017 Triennial International Convention in Kansas City, MO

Mark your calendars! Plans are coming together for our next Triennial International Convention. Join us in Kansas City on November 2-4, 2017! Our hotel, the Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza puts you in the heart of Kansas City's world famous Country Club Plaza, the Midwest's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district. Situated between two distinguished art museums, The Nelson Art Gallery and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, the Marriott is an ideal location to get together to celebrate Pi Gamma Mu's rich history. Let the hotel's complimentary shuttle pick you up after a great meal or a shopping trip at the Plaza or travel just a little further to visit Kansas City's Crown Center entertainment district, Union Station and Science City, the historic City Market, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Westport, the Power and Light district, and much more.
The Planning Department consists of a Senior Planner, a Development Inspector, an Associate Planner, and Department Secretary. The Planning Department is responsible for current and long range planning within the entire Urban Growth Boundary, Right-of-Way Coordination Historic Landmarks, Urban Renewal, and other special projects as assigned. The Planning director performs all departmental budget and administrative responsibilities. Assists the City Manager and various other City departments to develop administrative programs, policies, and work programs. The Planning Director serves on committees relative to planning issues and acts as project coordinator for other projects. The Planning Director is lead staff person in all matters pertaining to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and serves as the Urban Renewal Staff. The Planning Director works closely with the Economic Development staff and other agencies facilitating healthy growth and maintaining the quality of life for the City's residents. Current projects include:

- Urban Growth Boundary
• Finish work on Transportation System Plan
• New FEMA regulations and how they may affect the City Marijuana rules
• The Planning Department annual budget is approximately $500,000.

The Ideal Candidate

The successful candidate will possess a professional history that shows ability and experience in the following:

• Interpret rules and regulations pertaining to planning and municipal government and ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
• Represent the City before governmental and public groups on matters pertaining to land use planning and urban renewal.
• Affluent in public speaking.
• Develop and maintain effective relationships with property owners, development interests, other governmental agencies and the general public.
• Manage and develop staff to achieve their fullest potential in a positive environment.
• Understand rural Urban Renewal District function and process.
• Long and short range land use planning.
• Demonstrate exceptional administrative, fiscal, leadership, communication and interpersonal skills.

Qualifications

Education/Experience/ Training: Applicant must have a combination of education and experience which provide the applicant with the knowledge, skill and ability to perform the job. A degree in urban planning or related field and five years of progressively responsible planning, community development or five years of administrative experience in a related position. Knowledge/skills/abilities: Knowledge of the principles and practices of Oregon land use planning, urban planning, zoning and land use regulations, grant development, budget development/administration, and urban renewal administration. Understanding of building construction, transportation systems development, land development and regulation practices License and certificate: Valid driver’s license.

The Compensation

The salary range for the Planning Director is $75,434.93—$92,775.45 annually plus full benefit package, dependent on qualifications and experience. The benefit package includes:

• Medical—The City pays 100% of the employee and 85% of the premium for spouse/family coverage
• Vision—The City pays 100% of the employee and 85% of the premium for spouse/family coverage
• Dental—The City pays 100% of the employee and 85% of spouse/family coverage · Long Term Disability
• $10,000 Life/Accidental Death
• Retirement plan is paid at 13.5% of base salary fully by the City after one year of employment
• Phone allowance.
• Deferred compensation plans.
• Section 125 flexible spending plan for pre-tax savings.
• Sick time is accrued on a monthly basis
• Vacation time is accrued on a monthly basis, based on longevity.
• Nine paid holidays and two personal floating holidays per year.
• Seven executive leave days per year.

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The City Of The Dalles

The City of The Dalles, Oregon, is located 85 miles east of Portland, and is nestled in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge against the eastern edge of the Cascade Mountain Range. With an elevation of 100 feet, the climate is relatively mild and sunny. The average summer temperature is 85 degrees, with winter averaging about 40. We are typically one of the warmest locations in Oregon and have an average rainfall of 13-17 inches, and yes, it can get windy. The City is a full-service municipality including an airport, urban renewal, and water and wastewater utilities. The Dalles is a strategic home base for year-round recreation. Water sport enthusiasts will find boating, excellent fishing, and one of the finest wind surfing areas in the United States on the Columbia River. To the east are substantial opportunities to camp, fish, hike, and sightsee. To the west, ski enthusiasts have the opportunity to challenge the ski slopes of magnificent Mt. Hood; and there are numerous resorts that lie on Mt. Hood and its base. The Dalles, with a population of approximately 14,400 is the hub of the Mid-Columbia Region and provides a wide variety of services for its residents, nearby communities and tourists. The Dalles is a prospering community that has seen recent growth in its commercial and tourist based industry as well as a rediscovery of its rich historical heritage. All this has led to The Dalles
being able to keep its small town charm while reaping some big city benefits. Agriculture is an important part of the economic base. The Port of The Dalles is nearly filled to capacity with a wide variety of thriving industries including Google with its new data center and campus. The Dalles is fortunate to have the Columbia Gorge Community College to offer a large variety of educational opportunities for full and part time students. Mid Columbia Medical Center together with its state-of-the-art Celilo Cancer Center offers the residents of The Dalles superior medical care. QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency (QLife) is a collaborative effort of public entities in The Dalles, Oregon, that began in 2002, who created a 17-mile fiber optic loop through the city. The goal is to enhance the region’s economic development. The Dalles Main Street Program supports Downtown The Dalles as a great place for locals and visitors alike to spend time and do business! The Dalles downtown has a lot to offer from business services to restaurants to retail stores. The downtown area is also a recognized Historic Commercial District by the National Register of Historic Places. There are several murals that can be found on various downtown buildings which add color and history to the area. There is much to see during a leisurely stroll through Historic Downtown The Dalles!

CONNECT WITH Pi Gamma Mu ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND 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 (such as the scholarship application deadline and convention information).

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.

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 66 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.achsnatl.org) for the list of honor societies that are members.
MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

The Mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

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.