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PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2017 TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY, MO

November 2-4, 2017

This year's convention is sure to be one of the best yet with a spectacular program including student paper presentations (oral presentations and poster sessions), a new Student Leadership Program including guest speakers, workshops, and a decision-making simulation at



the Truman Presidential Library, a Chapter Development Showcase including poster presentations by some of Pi Gamma Mu's most active chapters, a keynote address, a welcome reception, an awards ceremony, roundtables and panel discussions, student elections, and more!

Venue - 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 room rate is \$139 per night (plus applicable taxes) for up to four people per room. The Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza is located at 4445 Main Street; phone 816-531-3000; [link to hotel website](#). Attendees can fly into Kansas City International Airport and take the SuperShuttle or UBER. Reservations are required – call SuperShuttle at 800-258-3826 or get the UBER app for your smartphone.

Funding - Selected student presenters and Student Leadership Program participants will receive funding from Pi Gamma Mu to help cover the costs of attending the convention. Many colleges and universities also provide funding for students and faculty members to attend professional conferences. Pi Gamma Mu Chapters also earn funds to attend the convention by initiating new members. Why not take advantage of this great opportunity to participate in the 2017 Triennial Convention? Now is the time to start planning your trip to Kansas City!

Events (visit our website for details):

- Student Presentations:
 1. Student Paper Presentations (for oral presentation)
 2. Student Academic Poster Session
- Student Leadership Program
- Chapter Development Showcase
- Roundtables and Panel Presentations
- Convention Launch Party/Convention Opening
- Awards Ceremony
- Keynote Speaker
- Service Project
- Student Elections
- and more!

Invitation to Alumni – Pi Gamma Mu continues to encourage alumni to attend and participate in the triennial international convention. If you are able to attend, we would love to see you at the convention!

Registration – The early registration deadline is October 1 with a reduced registration fee of \$75. The standard convention registration fee is \$100. The registration deadline is October 15. On-site registration will be available for \$125.

The registration deadline for the Student Leadership Program is also October 15 and the fee is \$75. Student Leadership Program participants must register for the Convention to be eligible for this additional program. Seating is limited and this program includes the Truman Library simulation and tour.

Convention attendees who are not participating in the Student Leadership Program may purchase a ticket to attend the Truman Library simulation and tour on Saturday. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$45 and will be available on the convention registration form available on our website. Convention registration will open at a later date. Register today!

CORRECTION: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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An article published in the March 2017 Newsletter regarding the Leadership Development Program included an error. The date for the Truman Library Decision-Making Simulation and Tour was incorrect. The corrected program schedule is listed below:

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2017

Webinar (online): Saturday, October 21, 2017

Webinar (online): Saturday, October 28, 2017

Workshops and Lectures (Kansas City, MO): Thursday, November 2, 2017

Truman Library Simulation, (Independence, MO): ~~Saturday, November 11, 2017~~ Saturday, November 4, 2017

For complete details about the Leadership Development Program please visit our website or [see the article in this Newsletter](#). We hope to see you in Kansas City in November!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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A good leader inspires others—and makes difficult decisions when faced with adversity. Many of us have a vision of what a good leader is, and many of us have known someone that inspired us. Leadership is a difficult skill to attain but is so important in a variety of different disciplines, jobs, and decisions that need to be made.

The Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society proudly presents the Leadership Development Program launching for the first time at the Triennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Program participants will learn about leading in difficult situations, leading volunteers, and making decisions when faced with difficult circumstances. The program will consist of a series of lectures and workshops. The program ends with a decision making simulation at the Truman Library's White House Decision Center. Program participants will receive a certificate upon program completion.



The Program Schedule:

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Webinar (online): Saturday, October 21, 2017

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Workshops and Lectures (Kansas City, MO): Thursday, November 2, 2017

Truman Library Simulation (Independence, MO): Saturday, November 4, 2017

Registration for the program is \$75.00. Registration for this program includes the Truman Library tour and simulation. All participants must also register for the convention. Space is limited.

For more information, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, co-chair of the Leadership Development Program: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

Register today!

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

2017 PI GAMMA MU CONVENTION

Think about it! Presenting at an international academic convention looks great on a resume. Submit your papers now!

Pi Gamma Mu student members are encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for presentation consideration at the 2017 Triennial International Convention of Pi Gamma Mu. To encourage more student paper presentations at the Kansas City convention submitters (and their chapters) will be quickly notified whether their papers have been accepted for presentation. This will allow students and their chapters to begin making plans to attend the convention and, if possible, to use the acceptance of their papers to seek institutional and chapter funding. Early submissions are encouraged; the final submission deadline is September 15th. At that time, all accepted papers will be rated by a Committee of Readers. The authors of the top ten rated papers will receive a one-night free hotel room at the convention hotel,

with the winners notified by September 25th. All students who have their papers accepted for presentation will present their research in a formal 10-15 minute oral presentation at the international convention.

All submissions must include a completed cover page (see example below), including the title of the paper, the author's name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, **AND** the email address and phone number of their Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor *AND/OR* the professor for whom the paper was originally written. Students are to include their personal information **only** on the cover page and the email sent with their entry. The paper itself must include none of the identifying information from the cover page other than the title of the paper. Completed papers should be at least 12 pages but no longer than 25 pages in length, including references, and in a standard format. No review comments will be shared with submitters, either verbally or orally.

Papers need to be submitted via email to Dr. Charles W. Hartwig, Chair of the Committee of Readers, at hartwig@suddenlink.net, with a "cc" copy to the Convention Committee Chair, Dr. Jean C. Karlen, at jeankarlen@gmail.com. The papers should be attached to an email cover letter as a Microsoft Word document. Other word-processing software is unacceptable. **The deadline for submitting papers is Friday, September 15, 2017; earlier submissions are strongly encouraged.**

Submissions will be acknowledged by email when received. Chapter sponsors and/or the relevant faculty member will also receive notification. If a submission is not acknowledged within three days of being sent, the student submitter should follow up by contacting the Convention Committee Chair (Dr. Karlen) at the email address above.

Outstanding papers may also be considered for a special convention issue of the *International Social Science Review*.

We are encouraging student members of Pi Gamma Mu, undergraduate, graduate, and alumni, to submit their work. Past conventions have demonstrated that Pi Gamma Mu members have completed outstanding research – we look forward to learning about new research at the 2017 Kansas City triennial convention in early November.

Now is the time to plan your trip; **now** is the time to decide to submit a research paper; **now** is the time to request support from your local institution for travel funds.

Questions? Contact Dr. Hartwig at hartwig@suddenlink.net, or 870-935-9454. See you in Kansas City!

Sample Title Page

The Social Impact of the Union Pacific Railroad on Fairbanks, Alaska

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Submitted for presentation at the 2017 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Convention
Kansas City, Missouri, USA; November, 2017

CHAPTER POSTER SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Share Your Ideas and Success Stories!

2017 PI GAMMA MU CONVENTION

Purpose: This session is designed to feature posters from Pi Gamma Mu chapters that exemplify the diverse strengths of our chapters, to create a forum for exchanging ideas regarding a wide range of chapter activities, and to promote interaction among participants and attendees. It is a chance for convention attendees to come together and use poster displays to share the good work they do.

Poster: A poster consists of an exhibit of materials that reports activities or information in visual and summary form. During a poster session, the presenter(s) stand by the display while others come and view the poster and interact with the presenter(s). In this way, chapter poster presentations provide a unique platform that facilitates discussion of chapter activities, generates ideas and exchanges, and allows meeting attendees to browse through highlights of chapter practices and ideas.

Content: PGM chapters are diverse and promote scholarship, leadership, and service in a variety of ways. This session offers a venue for chapters to feature their various experiences, activities, and strengths. Posters may provide a general overview of a chapter's activities for a previous year or focus on a particular type of activity a chapter wants to share with others. This may include programming, initiation ceremonies, recruitment strategies, fund raising, a chapter's history, and/or service projects.

Submission Information:

Poster proposals are welcome anytime but are due no later than September 15, 2017.

Send poster submissions directly to Jean Karlen (jeankarlen@gmail.com). Contact Dr. Karlen with any questions you may have.

NOTE: Once reviewed and accepted, the presenters/chapters will be notified of their acceptance. This process may help the chapter in seeking institutional funding for the presenters. Thus, chapters are encouraged to develop their poster ideas now and submit poster proposals this spring or early in the summer.

Submissions should include the following information:

POSTER TITLE

PRESENTERS: Please provide names and email addresses for all student and faculty presenters, if possible. At a minimum, each participating chapter needs to submit the name and contact information of one individual who will serve as the chapter's key contact for the session.

CHAPTER and FACULTY SPONSOR: Provide the chapter name, institutional affiliation, address, name and contact information (email and phone number) of a faculty sponsor.

ABSTRACT: (a summary of the poster's content in 150 words or less)

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

Students must be members of Pi Gamma Mu and register for the convention by the October 15 deadline in order to be mentioned in the convention program.

Posters may be on display in an open area for some of the convention time; however, on Saturday morning chapter representatives are to be present by their posters during the poster session to offer summaries of their posters and answer questions.

Format/Set up Information: Posters will be placed on easels so will need a backing or clips to be securely attached to the easel. Foam boards or tri-fold cardboard boards work well. No additional materials including tape, pins, glue, or cardboard will be provided. Additional information will be provided to presenters at a later date.

Poster Submission Deadline: September 15, 2017.

Please contact Jean Karlen with any questions you may have.
jeankarlen@gmail.com

STUDENT ACADEMIC POSTER SESSION

2017 PI GAMMA MU CONVENTION

Purpose: The Poster Session is designed to feature student work in the Social Sciences and promote interaction among all Pi Gamma Mu members attending the 2017 Triennial Convention. A poster consists of an exhibit of materials that reports academic work or information in visual and summary form. During a poster session, the presenter(s) stand by the display while others come and view the poster and interact with the presenter(s).

Content: Undergraduate students experience and study the Social Sciences in many ways. This session is designed to feature the variety of these experiences, disciplines and studies. Posters may present completed original research and data collection, projects and papers which may be "in progress", theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy and summaries of applied experiences such as service-learning projects or internship experiences. In addition, posters provide a means for students to present group projects as well as those of individuals.

Format: Detailed guidelines and information on poster displays and size specifications, session logistics (date, time, place), and presenter expectations will be sent to all participants accepted into the session at a later date.

Submission Information:

Poster proposals are welcome anytime but are due no later than Sep. 15, 2017.

Once reviewed and accepted, the presenters will be notified of their acceptance. This process may help the presenters in seeking institutional funding so early submissions are encouraged.

Send poster submissions directly to Jean Karlen (jeankarlen@gmail.com). Contact Dr. Karlen with any questions you may have.

Poster Proposals Requirements:

Poster Title

Presenters: At a minimum, each poster submission needs to include the name and contact information of one individual who will serve as the key contact for the poster session.

Institutional and Faculty Information: The chapter name, institutional affiliation, address, name and contact information (email and phone number) of chapter's faculty sponsor must be provided. Submitters are also encouraged to include the department, course name and faculty member for whom the paper/project may have been initially assigned.

Abstract: (a summary of the poster's content in 150 words or less)

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

Students must be members of Pi Gamma Mu and register for the convention by the October 15 deadline (\$100) in order to be mentioned in the convention program. Please note that the early deadline for registration is October 1 (\$75).

Posters may be on display in an open area for some of the convention time; however, during the scheduled student poster session, participants are to be present by their posters to offer summaries of their posters and answer questions.

Format/Set up Information: Posters will be placed on easels so will need a backing or clips to be securely attached to the easel. Foam boards or tri-fold cardboard boards work well. No additional materials including tape, pins, glue, or cardboard will be provided.

Additional information will be provided to presenters at a later date.

Poster Submission Deadline: September 15, 2017.

Please contact Jean Karlen with any questions you may have.

jeankarlen@gmail.com

STUDENT MEMBERS CAN RUN FOR OFFICE – A message from Student Representative, Mark Mabry, Jr.

Greetings Fellow Pi Gamma Mu Members,

If you have not yet considered attending the 2017 PGM Triennial Convention in Kansas City, MO this November I highly encourage you to do so. Furthermore, if you are the kind of individual who is interested in attending (and perhaps presenting your academic work or attending our leadership program) an international convention, then you might be interested in becoming a student trustee on the PGM governing board.

Every three years, two students are elected by their peers at the organization's Triennial Convention. These students become voting members of the PGM Board of Trustees and possess all the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as their fellow board members. As an undergraduate you will find few opportunities of this kind, so don't miss your chance to be a part of something fulfilling and exceptional.

I have found working on the Board of Trustees to be an enriching and rewarding experience. You will have the responsibility to speak on behalf of your fellow students during board meetings and conference calls, helping to keep PGM oriented towards assisting its student members to strive for academic, professional, and social success. As an added bonus you will be working with the other board members who hold a variety of positions in a variety of disciplines at academic institutions across the country. For those of you interested in pursuing your academic career past the undergraduate level they are an amazing trove of information and advice. Why not take advantage of this great opportunity while you participate in the 2017 Triennial Convention?

Sincerely,
Mark Mabry, Jr.

Student Representative, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

If you are interested in running, send a statement regarding your interest and a brief biographical description to executivedirector@pigammamu.org. To be listed in the Convention Program, submit your information by September 15. Students may also be nominated or self-nominate on site at the Convention. Given that the student caucus occurs at the Convention, students must be present to be elected.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVENTION TRAVEL

It can be difficult to travel in college, especially when money is limited. Here are a few ideas that might help you as you contemplate traveling to the Convention in Kansas City.

1. **Ask your professors.** Sometimes departments have some funds built into their budgets to help students attend conferences.
2. **Contact the Student Affairs Department or Student Government Association at your university.** Sometimes the Student Affairs Department (or a similar department) at your college has funds available for student conference attendance.
3. **Paper Submissions/Leadership Program.** Read up on the opportunities available for Pi Gamma Mu students. A few students will have their papers selected for presentation, and there are some funding opportunities through the Student Leadership Program. For more information, please contact the international office.
4. **Ask your Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor.** Chapters that will be in attendance at the Convention sometimes have funds available for students.



Each chapter is building a reserve of convention funding at Pi Gamma Mu headquarters. It grows every time a chapter sends applications for membership and initiation fees. The Convention Reserve Fund was established by action of the international Board of Trustees to encourage more chapters to participate in convention activities. Each chapter who sends a delegation to the convention will receive funding.

We hope to see you in Kansas City in 2017!

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15



Chapter sponsors should have received chapter annual report forms via email in June. 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.

CHAPTERS CELEBRATE NEW INITIATES



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SPIRIT. INQUIRY. LEADERSHIP. *JESUIT.*

The New York Sigma Chapter at LeMoyne College held its annual induction ceremony in April of 2017. The faculty chapter sponsor is Dr. Jeffrey Chin, Professor of Sociology.



The brand new Nebraska Theta Chapter at Midland University initiated its charter members in May of 2017. The Chapter Faculty Co-Sponsors are Dr. Megan Nielson, Professor of Sociology, and Dr. Cortney Wilder, Professor of Religion.



The Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University inducted 63 new members in March of 2017. The Chapter Faculty Sponsor is Dr. Johanna Bishop, Director, Behavioral Science Programs.



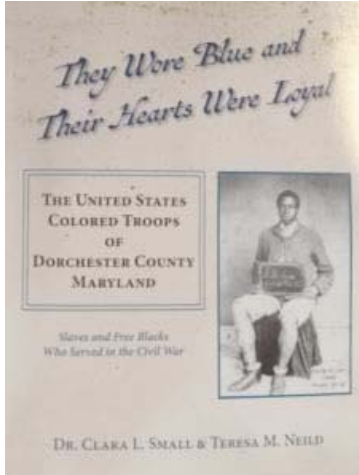
The Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University held its annual induction ceremony on April 23, 2017. The faculty chapter sponsors are Dr. Larry Heck, Professor of Sociology, and Jr. Jill Fort, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice. The event featured a candle-lighting ceremony, guest speakers, and a meal.



De La Salle University

The Philippines Beta Chapter at De La Salle University held its induction ceremony in June of 2017. The faculty chapter sponsor is Dr. Romeo Lee, Professor in the Behavioral Sciences Department.

SMALL CO-AUTHORS NEW BOOK



Private Jacob Cornish was 25 when he joined the Union Army in May 1864. He died of pneumonia just over a year and a half later at a hospital in Point of Rocks, VA. His wife, Aisley, received a widow's pension of \$8 per month.

Cornish was just one of hundreds of African Americans from Dorchester County, MD, who fought for the Union during the Civil War.

Dr. Clara Small, professor emerita of history at Salisbury University in Maryland and second vice-president of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, chronicles over 550 such soldiers in the new book *They Wore Blue and Their Hearts Were Loyal: the United States Colored Troops of Dorchester County, Maryland*, co-authored with Dorchester County Historical Society member Teresa Neild.

"Books detailing the roles of slaves and free blacks during the Civil War are not that numerous, nor that readily available, nor always very credible," said Small. "As a result, the slaves' roles in the war, until quite recently, have been neglected, brushed over or suffered from benign neglect."

The authors noted that by the start of the war, Maryland had more free African Americans than any other state. Over 8,000 slaves and free African Americans from Maryland fought in the Civil War, some

563 came from Dorchester County.

This is not Small's first look at the historical roles African Americans in the area have taken. In 1998, in response to a student's assertion that African Americans' contributions were inconsequential to the U.S. and especially the Eastern Shore, she wrote the 32-page book *A Reality Check*. It included brief biographies of several historically important African Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula, including Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass.

In 2014, she expanded that booklet into the 317-page *Compass Points: Profiles and Biographies of African Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula*, profiling 56 individuals. Included with figures students may only have read about in history books were contemporary examples such as educator and community leader Mary Gladys Jones, Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator Bryan Collier and former Major League Baseball All-Star Harold Baines. A sequel is planned for release later this year.

Small also has written previously about the role African Americans from the area played in the Civil War. In 2010, she co-authored (with the Rev. David Briddell) *Men of Color to Arms! Manumitted Slaves and Free Blacks from the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Who Served in the Civil War*. That book chronicled the names, ranks, and dates of enlistment, discharge, desertion or death of some 1,300 Lower Shore residents.

Small will be providing the keynote address at the 2017 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention this November. As one of the leading scholars and historians on African American history on the Eastern Shore, her address is sure to be exceptional. In addition to her current role as second vice-president of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, Small served as the chancellor of the northeast region and as faculty co-sponsor of the Maryland Gamma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Salisbury University. Under her leadership, the chapter made the Pi Gamma Mu chapter honor rolls many times. She also serves as Pi Gamma Mu's Awards Committee chairperson, having responsibilities related to scholarships and other awards program. Small recently completed a one-year position as the interim chair of the department of social sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.



PI GAMMA MU MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

Visit our [merchandise webpage](#) to purchase Pi Gamma Mu merchandise. 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.

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).

Other 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 \$20. Coffee mugs, banners, and replacement certificates are also available.

[Visit our merchandise page](#)



Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu!

REMINDERS 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. Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu!

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

1. If your school has **satellite campuses**, invite eligible students from all campuses to join your chapter.
2. Utilize your school's registrar or data specialists to request a list of **all eligible students** and invite all of those students to join.
3. Remember that **graduate students** are eligible to join.
4. Invite **faculty and administrators** to become lifetime members.
5. Does your school have a growing **online** student population? Remember that both online and on-ground students are eligible to join.
6. If you use an **electronic invitation**, please resend the email invitation several times in order to increase the response rate.
7. Make use of Pi Gamma Mu's **interdisciplinary** nature and invite students and faculty from various departments.
8. Promote the **benefits of lifetime membership** in your invitation letter:
 - o Recognition for your high scholastic achievement,
 - o Lifetime membership,
 - o A handsome certificate worthy of framing,
 - o A membership card,
 - o A gold-plated keypin,
 - o Opportunities to publish in the society's newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
 - o The opportunity to apply for Pi Gamma Mu scholarships,
 - o The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at graduation,
 - o A valuable item for your resume,
 - o Advancement in Government Service Rating,
 - o 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!

ACCESS THE *International Social Science Review* ONLINE, ANYTIME, FREE OF CHARGE

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. In 2017, the International Board of Trustees authorized an expansion of the journal from two to three issues annually due to the high volume of quality research papers received.

You can submit articles and book reviews to be considered for publication via the website or by emailing the article to the journal's editor-in-chief, 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.).**

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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). Keep your eye out for updates about the Triennial International Convention coming up this October!

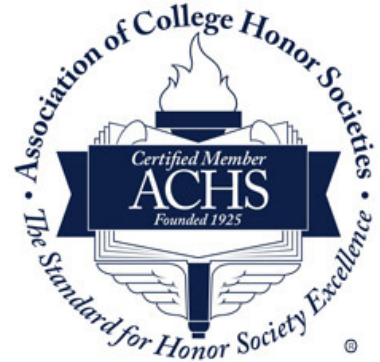
Please note that several Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts will come up when you search for "Pi Gamma Mu" as we encourage our chapters to stay connected via social media. Use the links below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

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 or go to our Web site (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 68 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.achsnaatl.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.