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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2020 Triennial International Convention Washington, DC

**November 12-14, 2020**

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce that the 2020 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention will be held in Washington DC. Convention events will begin on Thursday, November 12, 2020 and will continue through Saturday, November 14, 2020. Events will include student paper presentations, a Student Leadership Development Program (registration required), chapter and student poster presentations, a keynote address, a welcome reception, an awards ceremony, roundtable and panel discussions, student elections, and more!

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Crystal City-National Airport in Arlington, VA. The hotel is situated just 1 mile from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, three blocks from the Pentagon City Metro Station, and 4 miles from historic sites of Downtown Washington DC. Complimentary shuttle service is provided between the Airport and the hotel. The hotel provides a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, a complimentary evening reception with drinks and light snacks, a fitness center, an indoor pool and whirlpool, and a business center.

On Friday, we will take the Metro to downtown DC to enjoy convention activities in some very historic and beautiful locations. The convention committee is hard at work developing a spectacular program. Stay tuned for details.



## NEW CHAPTERS APPROVED IN 2018-19

The chapters listed below were approved by the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees during the 2018-19 fiscal year. The chapter faculty sponsor(s) are also listed below. A list of all currently active chapters and chapter faculty sponsors of Pi Gamma Mu is available at <https://pigammamu.org/chapters.asp>

**Michigan Zeta – Madonna University** – Elizabeth A. Prough and Tara Kane

**California Psi – Sonoma State University** – Cynthia Boaz and David McCuan

**Virginia Mu – George Mason University** – Vita M. Chalk and Shannon Davis

**Washington Epsilon – Walla Walla University** – Emily Tillotson and Cheris Current

**New Mexico Epsilon – University of the Southwest** – Jenelle Job and Dianna Carmenaty

**New Jersey Zeta – William Paterson University** – Neil J. Kressel

**New York Alpha Epsilon – Marymount Manhattan College** – Erin O'Connor and Jennifer Mueller

**New Jersey Eta – Bloomfield College** – Claudia Kowalchyk

**New Jersey Theta – Stevens Institute of Technology** – Lindsey Cormack

**New Jersey Iota – Rutgers University – Camden** – Chinyere Osuji and Ross Allen

**Georgia Upsilon – Georgia Southern University** – Daniel Skidmore-Hess

**South Carolina Xi – Voorhees College** – Louis Howell Jr. and Tywana L. Chenault

**Iowa Theta – Saint Ambrose University** – Duk H. Kim

# THE PI GAMMA MU ALUMNI COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU TO FALL

Happy Fall Season!

The days of summer are coming to an end and the Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Council welcomes Pi Gamma Mu Alumni and this year's new Lifetime Members. We would like to know how your career and studies are going and if you are working on a graduate degree. We encourage Pi Gamma Mu Alumni to choose to make a difference and let headquarters know how you have accomplished that goal. We would like to know about your career milestones.

The Alumni Council is starting a new "Pi Gamma Mu Spotlight Corner" in the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter* and is requesting stories from our members.

As we all know, alumni are very busy people, often balancing graduate school, volunteer activities, family, and work. Do you know of an alumni member that you want to shine a light on via our "Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Spotlight Corner"? Please let headquarters in Winfield, Kansas know by sending your story by email to [executivedirector@pigammamu.org](mailto:executivedirector@pigammamu.org). The Council wants to keep lines of communication open with all alumni members. Please send us your email address so that we can add you to the alumni email communication list. Please also send us your ideas on ways to encourage Pi Gamma Mu Alumni and Lifetime Members to attend our next Pi Gamma Mu Convention in Washington, D. C. on November 12-14, 2020.

Sincerely,

Gordon Mercer and Nilda Pyronneau, Co-Chairs, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society Alumni Council

## CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT



Chapter annual-report forms will be mailed to Chapter Sponsors in April. It is very important that all sponsors fill out and return this form to the international office by August 15. The [form is available on our Website](#) for those who would prefer to send it back electronically. We appreciate each Chapter Faculty 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 your chapter's 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*, 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 the activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an e-mail message to headquarters. We encourage you to 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 to our international office is August 15.

# PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA CHAPTER INDUCTS CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST COHORT OF DOCTOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM



The Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at California University of Pennsylvania held its annual spring induction ceremony which included twenty-seven new inductees. In attendance were five doctoral candidates from California University of Pennsylvania's first cohort of the Doctor of Criminal Justice (D.C.J.) program who all graduated on May 10.

The ceremony provided an opportunity for interdisciplinary discussion of current events between undergraduate and doctoral students in the disciplines of criminal justice, political science, psychology, sociology, and anthropology.

Dr. Beverly Ross, Assistant Professor and Director of the Serene Leadership Institute in the Department of Criminal Justice, is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor.

Dr. Wesley R. Attwood (pictured center), who earned his Doctor of Criminal Justice degree in May, was the President of the Chapter until the completion of his degree. Attwood's Doctoral Research Portfolio is titled, "The Mitigation of Bioterrorism at the State and Local Levels: Improving Coordinated Response and Investigations Between Law Enforcement and Public Health." Sheila Renz is the new Chapter President.

# SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY'S OCALA, FL CAMPUS CELEBRATES NEW INITIATES

Saint Leo University's Ocala Center located in Ocala, FL celebrated its new initiates with an induction ceremony on April 11, 2019. The campus is one of several Saint Leo University locations that make up the Florida Lambda Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. The chapter operates at Saint Leo University Centers located in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Dr. Nancy Wood, Director of the Graduate Human Services Administration Program, facilitates the chapter at the Ocala Center and Dr. Susan Kinsella, Dean of the School of Education and Social Services and First Vice President of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, serves as the lead Chapter Faculty Sponsor for Florida Lambda. The chapter was named to Pi Gamma Mu's Roll of Distinction, the Society's higher honor for chapters, in 2017.



## CALIFORNIA UPSILON CHAPTER TEAMS UP WITH CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVE

The California Upsilon Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at American Jewish University and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center teamed up to co-sponsor a blood drive this spring. Mary Hellman, President of the Chapter, is pictured with two donors.

The California Upsilon Chapter was approved by the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees in 2017. The chapter has inducted 38 members to date. The Chapter was named to Pi Gamma Mu's Roll of Merit in 2018 for its exemplary service. Dr. Susan Kapitanoff, Chair of the Department of Psychology, is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor.



## CALIFORNIA TAU CELEBRATES BY FRAMING ITS CHARTER CERTIFICATE

The California Tau Chapter at the University of San Francisco celebrated its chapter by framing its charter certificate. The Chapter selected a yellow and green matte to match the University colors.

The chapter was approved by the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees in 2016. Dr. Richard Gregory Johnson III applied to charter the chapter and serves as the Chapter Faculty Sponsor. Johnson is the Chair of the Department of Public & Nonprofit Administration and is a Social Equity Fulbright Scholar. To date, the chapter has inducted 124 members.



## SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Did you know that summer is an excellent time for a Pi Gamma Mu membership drive? Faculty and students alike often have more free time during the summer to consider extracurricular activities like Pi Gamma Mu. We want to count all chapters as "active" in 2018-19, and it's not too late to induct members this fiscal year. Our fiscal year ends on August 31, so if you haven't inducted any members this year, your chapter still has time to be counted on this year's rolls by sending in members.

Some of our most successful chapters conduct summer membership drives. In June of 2018, the **Georgia Sigma Chapter at South University**, one of our newest chapters, inducted 38 new members after inducting 25 in the fall. The **Louisiana Eta Chapter at Grambling State University** recruited 25 members in June after inducting 20 in the spring. The **Mississippi Eta Chapter at Alcorn State University** also conducted a summer membership drive resulting in 21 new members last year. Congratulations to all chapters conducting summer membership drives! Please consider joining this elite group of chapters by holding a summer drive.

Please contact our office if there is anything we can do to assist you with your membership drive or any other matter.

# CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15



Chapter annual report forms are due on August 15. Many chapters have already sent in their forms and we thank you. If you have not sent in your chapter's form, it is not too late. The [form is available on our Website](#). We appreciate each Chapter Faculty Sponsor taking the few minutes to complete and return this report.

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## PI GAMMA MU MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

### Wooden Greek Letters - PGM

This set of three 8" tall wooden letters is made of 1/2" thick Baltic birch plywood. The set will arrive sanded and ready to paint or display as is. These letters are great to showcase along with a Pi Gamma Mu Banner during induction ceremonies and new initiates love posing for photos holding the letters. They also look great on display in a home or office.

Set of three \$21



### Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords bundle.

Show off your affiliation with Pi Gamma Mu during commencement by wearing this custom stole and honor cords. 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. The honor cords come as a set of twisted royal blue and white cords, with a tassel on each end of the cord (for a total of four tassels).

Buy a stole and honor cords and save \$5! **\$36.**

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

Visit <https://pigammamu.org/store.html> to see all of our official Pi Gamma Mu merchandise including stoles, honor cords, t-shirts, tote bags, coffee mugs, and more!



Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords.

# THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

Access the *International Social Science Review* by using this link:

<http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/>

Pi Gamma Mu's commitment to scholarship in the social sciences is manifested most tangibly through the publication of our peer-reviewed journal, the *International Social Science Review*. The journal publishes three times a year in the spring, fall, and winter. Each edition contains about four peer-reviewed articles. Each edition also contains about 15 book reviews, which are written by scholars and carefully polished for publication by the book-review editor and the editor-in-chief.

The journal frequently includes extended commentaries, point-counterpoint pieces, and Pi Gamma Mu News.

Pi Gamma Mu has two compelling reasons to publish an outstanding journal.

- The flagship honor society of the social sciences ought to encourage outstanding scholarship, and showcase it as an example for others.
- Our honor society can encourage the production of excellent scholarship by our members, professors, and students alike--by providing an outlet for their research products.

We encourage our members to expose their research to public view by presenting papers at our triennial international conventions and by submitting them to the *ISSR* for peer review. We hope that this activity might encourage our student members to write not just papers that will placate their professors but to write *inspired* papers that will enlighten others. We hope that this activity might encourage our members, professors, and students alike--to undertake research that will result in manuscripts that the peer-review process will find to be acceptable for publication.



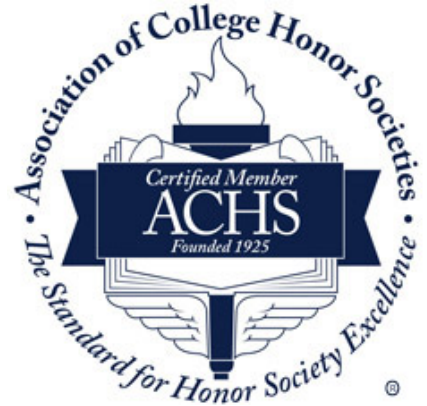
## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

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.achsnatl.org](http://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.

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