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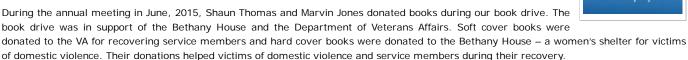
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CHAPTERS IN ACTION – West Virginia Iota

Allison G. S. Knox

West Virginia Iota Faculty Sponsor, American Military University/American Public University Chancellor of the Southeast Region, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

The West Virginia Iota Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at the American Military University and American Public University held a couple of service projects last year that had some wonderful results!



Additionally, the West Virginia Iota Chapter had a total of 15 members that donated goods to homeless shelters in their area – part of the national service project initiative by Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society. As part of the homeless drive, members were asked to find an organization in their area to donate goods to in an effort to help those less fortunate during the fall and winter months. Blankets, sweaters, candy, canned goods, toiletries, travel bags, over-the-counter medications, food storage containers, diapers, baby wipes, kitchen utensils, mugs, clothes, hats, scarves, coats, pizza, pasta, gloves, pillows, Thanksgiving meals, trays of dinner meals and professional clothing was donated on behalf of 15 Pi Gamma Mu members. Their contributions to organizations in their area made a difference and helped others going through difficult times. We appreciate all of the efforts of our West Virginia Iota members!



The organizations receiving the donations included:

- Women, Infants and Children of Moreno Valley, CA
- · Courage Connection, Champaign, IL
- Arundel House of Hope, Day Resource Center
- Phoenix Rescue Mission, Mission Support Center and Donation Warehouse, Phoenix, AZ
- Star of Hope, Houston, TX
- Waterfront Rescue Mission, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Las Vegas NV
- The Philadelphia Veterans House, Philadelphia, PA
- Boy Scots of America, Woodbridge, VA
- Loaves and Fishes Hedgesville United Methodist Church, Hedgesville, WV
- Martinsburg Rescue Mission, Martinsburg, WV
- Men's Emergency Shelter, Rockville, MD
- Nam-Vets of Cape Cod, Cape Cod, MA

Members who participated in this project:

- Rasheada Rodgers
- Marie Tan
- Natasha Roberson-Curry
- James S. George
- Patricia Menard
- Daniel Martin
- Dana Shensky
- Jobina Madison
- Anthony F. Pirrone III
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- Amanda Sonday
- Habib Baig
- Lew Taylor
- *Several members did not want to be included in the newsletter

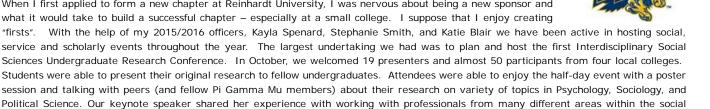
A BUSY YEAR FOR THE GEORGIA RHO CHAPTER

M Katrina Smith

Georgia Rho Faculty Sponsor, Reinhardt University

sciences. We look forward to expanding our conference next year.

One chapter simply should not have so much fun in a single year. The Georgia Rho chapter is getting ready to welcome new members at our third induction as we top off our busiest year yet. Making the final plans for the ceremony, I had the chance to reflect on what I have learned as we have developed the Georgia Rho chapter. When I first applied to form a new chapter at Reinhardt University, I was nervous about being a new sponsor and what it would take to build a successful chapter – especially at a small college. I suppose that I enjoy creating



Our work did not end with a single scholarly event. Our chapter members also worked on social and service events. We participated in campus events like our Year of Mexico festival which was led by our chapter co-sponsor, Dr. Cheryl Brown. This year's fall celebration was set up like a traditional street fair found in small towns in Mexico. We had a many cultural experiences available for students including food and games. A major goal for the festival was to raise money to build a well for a small town in rural Mexico. Before the event, our members worked on raising awareness for the event and the cause. At the festival, the Pi Gamma Mu chapter set up a contest where participants ran an obstacle course while carrying a 5-gallon bucket of water. We developed the challenge to help students understand the experiences of town members who were currently faced with carrying water for several miles each day. They were able to better appreciate the physical challenge and importance of the well. The festival was a huge success as together the University community raised over \$1500 to contribute to the project.

As we close out the academic year, our chapter looks to the future. Faculty, current members, and alumni will come together in April to induct new members and welcome new officers. We will celebrate the successes of those moving on and plan for new adventures just on the horizon.

A MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, CANDICE QUINN

Please keep an eye out for the next issue of the *International Social Science Review*, slated to go live in mid-April. The journal, which has been in continuous publication since 1925, is accessible without a subscription at digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr. If you are interested in submitting an article, I encourage you to do so! Please see the guidelines for submission at pigammamu.org. However, that is not the only way to get involved! The journal is always looking for experts to act as blind peer-reviewers for submitted articles – they are the key to keeping the academic standards of the journal so high! Please email me with your resume if you would like to be added to our bank of reviewers at quinn.issr@gmail.com. In the body of the email, please list your areas of expertise.

Candice Quinn, PhD Editor-in-chief, ISSR 905-616-0300

Dear Chapter Sponsors,

Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu! We would like to offer our support to you during your spring membership drive. This is the most important time of the year for Pi Gamma Mu, and this year is especially critical. In order to continue our 92 year tradition as a leader among honor societies, we rely on you to send in enough new members every year to help the society maintain its ability to serve its members and chapters through scholarships, lectureship grants, conventions, and more.

If you have already sent in your new members this academic year, congratulations and thank you! If you conducted a fall drive, would you consider conducting another membership drive this spring? Chapters who do this often find that more eligible students will join the chapter, even if they passed up a previous invitation.

For those chapters who have not started their spring membership drive, now is the time! If there is anything we can do to assist you, please contact us. Commencement and summer break are just around the corner, so please support Pi Gamma Mu and recognize your deserving students with an invitation to join your chapter. If you run out of membership forms, we would be happy to mail you more at any time. We also have a printable form available on our website. Some chapters prefer to attach this to an email invitation. If you send Pi Gamma Mu invitations via email, we strongly recommend that you send reminder email invitations two or three times to increase the response rate. We accept new members at any time of the year and look forward to helping your chapter grow.

This year we are continuing our Pi Gamma Mu Star program. Chapters who increase their membership by 20% or more over the previous fiscal year will become a Star Chapter, will be listed on our website, newsletter, and journal, will receive a carbon copy of a thank you letter that will be sent to your university president, and will receive a wall plaque. We have already seen a positive response to our request for your help. In 2014-15 thirty chapters achieved this status! View the list of Star Chapters using this link. We hope that you will join these Star Chapters by offering the benefits of membership to more of your top students this year.

We offer the following suggestions for increasing your chapter's membership:

- Invite ALL eligible students to join (eligibility requirements are available on our website),
 - Disciplines include history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, international relations, criminal justice, social work, psychology, social philosophy, history of education, human/cultural geography and other social science interdisciplinary areas such as women's studies, international regional studies, communication and media studies, minority studies, business programs involving economics, education programs involving psychology, and more.
- Ask the Registrar's Office to provide you with a list of students that meet the requirements to join (see our constitution for complete requirements),
- Remember that graduate students are eligible to join,
- Remember that online students are eligible to join,
- Invite faculty members to join (increase Pi Gamma Mu awareness on your campus while honoring your colleagues and increasing membership),
- Make use of Pi Gamma Mu's interdisciplinary nature and invite students to join from other departments,
- Include modest chapter dues in order to keep costs as low as possible for students,
- Promote the benefits of membership in your invitation:
 - o Recognition for your high scholastic achievement,
 - Lifetime membership,
 - o A handsome certificate worthy of framing,
 - o A membership card,
 - o A gold-plated keypin,
 - \circ Access to the society's online newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
 - o Possible advancement in Civil Service Rating and a related pay increase of thousands of dollars per year,
 - o The opportunity to apply for Pi Gamma Mu scholarships,

- o The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at graduation,
- 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!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Rupp
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HEM FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ATTENDS ACHS ANNUAL MEETING



Susan Kinsella, First Vice President of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu and Chair of the Department of Human Services at Saint Leo University, attended the Association of College Honor Societies Annual Council Meeting in Savannah, Georgia last month. The ACHS is the nation's only certifying agency for college and university honor societies. The ACHS sets standards for organizational excellence and for scholastic eligibility for the various categories of members. Pi Gamma Mu has been a member of the ACHS since 1953.

The theme of this year's meeting was, "Engagement is Our Key to Success". The three day meeting featured lectures, roundtable sessions, business meetings, board meetings, and a tribute to Dorothy Mitstifer who passed away last year. Dr. Mitstifer was the long-time executive director of the ACHS. ACHS Board President and Psi Beta

executive director, Jerry Rudman, provided reports and presented the tribute the Dr. Mitstifer. Dr. Kinsella shared what she learned at the meeting with the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees in a conference call on February 28 and the board and staff are incorporating those new ideas into the work of the society, particularly by expanding its use of social media and technology.

Notable experts and guests included Peter Wolk, Attorney at Law; Dawn Digrius, Senior Project Manager of the SCU STEM Collaboratives Project; Eileen Merberg, executive director of Alpha Lambda Delta; Deborah Tippett, professor and Head of the Department of Human Environmental Sciences at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC; Ahmed Mohamed, a student at the University of South Florida; and more.

Suzanne Rupp, executive director of Pi Gamma Mu, currently serves on the Nominating Committee of the ACHS. She has also served on the ACHS Bylaws and Public Information Committees.



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Application Deadline Extended

www.DCinternships.org

June 4 - July 29

Extended Deadline: April 6, 2016
Scholarship Funding Available

Are you still deciding what to do this summer? It's not too late to spend 8 weeks in Washington, DC completing an internship, earning credit, and expanding your professional network.

The Presidential campaign of 2016 makes this summer a particularly exciting time for students to go to Washington, DC.

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

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Unlike many other Washington, DC internship programs, DCinternships.org guarantees you an internship placement with a

- Federal agency
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- Public policy group
- Nonprofit organization

Their staff works to place you with an organization that fits your skills and career goals. You'll gain real-world experience that will set you apart when it's time to find your first job after graduation.

HOUSING

Live in the heart of Washington, DC on George Washington University's campus, just steps from the White House and Department of State. Click here to learn more about housing accommodations and the neighborhood.

COURSES FOR CREDIT

Maximize your summer by also taking courses for between 3 and 9 credits from George Mason University. Students may choose from a variety of engaging electives.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

DCinternships.org awards over \$1 million in scholarship funding each year and there are generous scholarships still available. Students receive awards based on financial need and merit which typically range from \$1,000 -\$4,500.

APPLICATION

Students are encouraged to visit www.DCinternships.org for more information and to begin an online application. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through the **April 6** extended deadline. Students will be notified of their admission decision within two weeks of completing an application. Questions may be directed to admissions@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.

SEE WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

Check out this video to hear from some of our program alumni on why interning in DC is an experience worth having! Read this recent blog entry to see how program alumni answered the question, "I was just accepted into the program for this summer, and I am very excited, but I'd like to hear about whether the cost was worth it from some alumni of the program. Is it worth it to have political experience in DC? I'd love to hear about your experience as soon as possible!"

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MAKE YOUR CHAPTER A "PI GAMMA MU STAR"

Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year and **receive special recognition** including:

- 1. A "Pi Gamma Mu Star" wall plaque,
- 2. a letter to your college or university president,
- 3. recognition in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter,
- 4. recognition on the Pi Gamma Mu website,
- $5. \ and \ recognition \ in \ our \ professional \ journal, \ the \ \textit{International Social Science Review}.$

Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more students. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more.

To see how many students your chapter initiated in 2014-15, see the 2014-15 Membership Report in the January 2016 newsletter.



SHOW YOUR PI GAMMA MU PRIDE

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.

Display your accomplishments by wearing Pi Gamma Mu **honor cords** at commencement ceremonies. Honor cords are \$17 each (or \$15 each for orders of 10 or more).

Other items include gray men's t-shirts and pink women's t-shirts proudly displaying the Pi Gamma Mu logo and name on the front and the mission statement on the back for \$20 and navy and white polo shirts embroidered with the Pi Gamma Mu seal for \$25. Pi Gamma Mu coffee mugs (\$7) and lanyards (\$4) are also available.













Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu!

HELP ΠΓΜ 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 eleven 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 up to \$300 in lectureship grants annually to help bring dynamic speakers to campus. Each chapter must have one or more faculty sponsors.

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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).

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 shown here to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

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.

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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.



Up to 32 students will receive funding from Pi Gamma Mu to help cover the costs of attending the convention. This represents an approximate \$4,000 commitment to support students' travel to the convention. Many colleges and universities provide additional funding for students and faculty members to attend professional conferences. 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!

Student Paper Presentations - Pi Gamma Mu student members may propose to present their research papers at the convention. Pi Gamma Mu will pay for one night's lodging at the convention hotel for up to 12 students selected to present their papers orally. Up to 8 additional students will be selected to present their research in a poster format and will receive free convention registration (a \$100 value). Proposals must be submitted in the form of a completed research paper. Complete instructions for paper proposals will be available on the website soon. Think about it... presenting at an international convention looks great on a resume and can provide a boost to your career!

Leadership Program – We will be launching the new Pi Gamma Mu Student Leadership Program at the 2017 convention. If you are interested in learning more about Pi Gamma Mu student leadership roles or leadership in general this program is for you! Pi Gamma Mu leadership positions include two student representatives on the International Board of Trustees (a three year term on the board) and a variety of student officer positions at the chapter level. Several students who write winning entry essays will receive financial support to attend the convention. Complete instructions to apply for this program will be available soon.

Chapter Development Showcase – Share your chapter's story at this unique event. Chapters can display their histories, service projects, and other accomplishments in this poster session. Help other Pi Gamma Mu chapters learn from you by submitting a poster for presentation at the convention!

Convention Launch Party/Convention Opening – This Thursday evening event will kick off the convention and will feature a Pi Gamma Mu trivia competition, door prizes, and the opportunity to meet and greet Pi Gamma Mu board members, chapter sponsors, and members from around the globe. The event will be immediately followed by the Plenary Session including the Roll Call of Chapters, the President's Triennial Report, and the Service Project Presentation.

Awards Banquet Gala – On Friday evening join us for the 2017 Awards Banquet Gala. The event will include dinner; recognition of top chapters, alumni, sponsors, and other contributors; recognition of chapter milestones; and a keynote address. There is no additional cost to attend the Gala. Please join us!

Service Project – We will be continuing the Pi Gamma Mu tradition of engaging in an international service project at the convention. In recent year, delegates brought stuffed animals to the convention. The toys were donated to a local organization helping families and children in need. This program is a well-regarded Pi Gamma Mu tradition and we hope you will help us achieve this service goal. Previous recipients include the Partnership Against Domestic Violence in Atlanta, GA, the Artemis House in Fairfax County, VA, and My Sister's House, Inc. in N. Charleston, SC.

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 convention registration fee is \$100. This includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and a dinner banquet on Friday evening. There will be an additional fee for an optional tour of the city (details to be determined). Convention registration will open at a later date. The advanced registration deadline is October 12, 2017. Registrations received after that date including on-site registrations will be \$125.

Hotel – We will be staying at the Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO. The room rate is \$139 per night (plus applicable taxes) for up to four people per room. The hotel 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 for \$19 one-way or \$33 round trip. Reservations are required – call SuperShuttle at 800-258-3826.

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.



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Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and is able to accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation to our organization in honor / memory of a professor, sponsor, loved one or friend, or to support our scholarship program, you are encouraged to do so. Pi Gamma Mu gives 11 scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year.

We are excited to announce that we are now gratefully accepting donations of any size via the internet. Simply go to our website and click on the Donate Now! button from any page. This will take you to the Online Donation Form. Online payment is by major credit card or PayPal account. Transactions are handled

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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.
- 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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