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## 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson, Dr. Clara Small, recommended ten students and four alternates to receive Pi Gamma Mu Scholarships to the Board of Trustees. Two of the top ten applicants declined their awards so the first two alternates were offered and accepted scholarships. The Board of Trustees awarded the scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu:

**Connor Eichenauer** was awarded the \$2,000 Carroll Parish Scholarship. The International Board of Trustees funded the Carroll Parish Scholarship to memorialize Carroll Parish, the late chancellor of Pi Gamma Mu's Western Region. Eichenauer completed a B.A. in Psychology from Manchester University (Indiana), where he was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu. During his time at Manchester, he interned at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C., traveled abroad in Eastern Europe, and was a four-year varsity student-athlete on the men's tennis team. Eichenauer is currently an M.A./Ph.D. student in Michigan State University's Organizational Psychology program. His primary areas of interest are employee selection/assessment, diversity in the workplace, and leadership. Upon completion of his graduate degree, he hopes to become an applied practitioner and help organizations develop evidence-based solutions to solve workplace problems. Dean Leonard Williams is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Indiana Theta Chapter at Manchester University.



Connor Eichenauer



Saliyah J. George

**Saliyah J. George** was awarded the \$2,000 Marvel Stockwell Scholarship. The International Board of Trustees funded this scholarship to memorialize Marvel Stockwell, late Pi Gamma Mu International First Vice President. George was inducted in 2018. She graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Health (Government) and Africana Studies. As an undergraduate student, she developed a strong appreciation for the fundamental role research plays in promoting health equity and inciting social change. George is currently attending CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy. In June 2020, she will graduate from graduate school with a Master of Public Health in Community Health and Social Sciences. Her long-term career goal is to establish several health centers in low-income communities throughout the United States. These centers will provide culturally competent, high-quality, and accessible health and social services to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. In November, she presented her research about the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy at the American Public Health Association conference. Alan S. Glazer is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Mu Chapter at Franklin and Marshall College.

The Effie B. Urquhart Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded to **Neetu (Julie) Singh**. The Effie B. Urquhart Scholarship is funded by the Board of Trustees to memorialize Effie B. Urquhart, Pi Gamma Mu's late national executive secretary. Singh earned a dual B.A. degree in Political Science and International Studies from the University of California Irvine, where she was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu in 2015. During her undergraduate years, she studied abroad in France, interned at the Department of Education in Washington D.C., and was a selected participant of the Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA). Singh is currently a Master of Public Policy candidate at the University of Michigan. Upon completion of her graduate education, Singh plans to pursue a career in education policy, addressing issues of equity and access. Teresa Neighbors is the chapter faculty sponsor of the California Pi chapter at the University of California Irvine.



Neetu (Julie) Singh



Takako Muramoto

**Takako Muramoto** was selected to receive the Gordon Mercer Scholarship of \$1,000. The International Board of Trustees established this scholarship to honor Dr. Gordon E. Mercer, Pi Gamma Mu's 13th International President. Muramoto graduated from Soka University of America with a BA in Liberal Arts. Inspired by the words of her school founder, Daisaku Ikeda, "one's own happiness should never be built on the misfortune of others," she determined to contribute to equality for all, particularly to fight for multi-dimensional poverty of women. Her senior thesis was on how human rights law and SDGs jointly tackle the issue of human trafficking in the Thai fishing industry. Subsequently, she conducted field research in Thailand to study obstacles that victims of human trafficking face in the judicial system. Muramoto is currently pursuing an MA degree in Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies, the University of Sussex in the UK, preparing herself for her dream career in the UN system. Dr. Peter Burns is the chapter faculty sponsor of the California Chi chapter at Soka University of America.

**Gabrielle M. Williams** received the Dan Quigley Scholarship of \$1,000. The International Board of Trustees funded this scholarship to memorialize Atty. Dan Quigley, Pi Gamma Mu's late legal counsel. This scholarship is awarded specifically to students in their first year of law school. Williams graduated from Delaware State University with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy. In undergrad she maintained a 3.9 GPA and graduated summa cum laude. Williams is currently in her first year of law school at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. She is a Juris Doctor Candidate (JD Law Degree) and she is a part of the class of 2022. Interests include appellate post-conviction litigation and corporate law. She plans to pursue a judicial clerkship after completing her degree. Dr. Sam Hoff is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Delaware Alpha chapter at Delaware State University.



Gabrielle Williams

The following were selected to receive \$1,000 Pi Gamma Mu Scholarships:



Ting Chang

**Ting Chang** went to Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo, California. She was inducted by the California Chi chapter in her senior year, which was also the year that Soka University joined Pi Gamma Mu. During her undergraduate studies she majored in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Chang is currently pursuing my Master of Behavioral and Decision Sciences degree at the University of Pennsylvania. In the long-term she plans to utilize her knowledge in behavioral economics to help people make better decisions. She would like to work in the field of behavioral consulting, translating her research and analytical skills into actionable uses in the real world. Her research interests lie in judgment and decision-making, choice-making, and consumer behaviors. Currently, she is part of the Wharton Analytics Fellow program at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Peter Burns is the chapter faculty sponsor of the California Chi chapter at Soka University of America.

**Yaminah C. Holt** attended Undergraduate at Saint Leo University-Marietta Campus and was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu May 2017 at Saint Leo University-Morrow Campus. Her undergraduate major was Criminal Justice with a minor in Business Administration. She is currently attending Saint Leo University-Atlanta Campus where she is working on a graduate degree in Criminal Justice and a specialization in Legal Studies and Corrections. Holt's long-term career goals include graduating with a Master's degree in the Summer of 2020. Her long-term goals include working in an administrative position at a facility where her expertise can be used to help ensure the safety of staff and inmates. She is also exploring the option of teaching and being a mentor for other individuals looking to enter the world of law enforcement. Dean Susan Kinsella is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Florida Lambda chapter at Saint Leo University.



Yaminah Holt



Samyra Leonard

**Samyra Leonard** was inducted into the Indiana Epsilon Chapter at Valparaiso University in April 2018. She was a double major in Social Work and Sociology and graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) from Valparaiso University in May 2019. She is now attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to pursue her Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in Leadership & Social Change. In her undergraduate career, she interned for Housing Opportunities where she developed a passion for working with people who are homeless and those who have substance use disorders. Currently, she is a Program Assistant for CU Trauma & Resiliency, an organization that helps communities, organizations, and local governments adopt trauma-informed practices and policies. After graduating next August 2020, she hopes to become a nonprofit manager and help community organizations implement trauma-informed mental health and substance use treatments to vulnerable populations. Dr. Daniel Saros is the Faculty Sponsor for the Indiana Epsilon Chapter at Valparaiso University.

**Rachel Tauber** attended Wayne State College in Nebraska as an undergraduate. She majored in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Office Administration and a minor in Prelaw. She is currently in her first year of law school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law. She will earn her Juris Doctor in May 2022. Tauber plans to become a lawyer and return to the northeast Nebraska region and serve the small town population there. If there is no need in northeast Nebraska, she plans to go further west. Tauber has participated in the Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP) which was founded due to a massive shortage of attorneys in rural Nebraska. RLOP encourages undergraduate students from small towns to go to law school at UNL and return to smaller communities through networking, academic assistance, and undergraduate scholarships. This program got Tauber interested in law, and she will be forever grateful she joined. Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen are the chapter faculty sponsors of the Nebraska Delta chapter at Wayne State College.



Rachel Tauber



Emma Grace Thompson

**Emma Grace Thompson** was inducted into the Virginia Delta Chapter at Emory & Henry College in 2016. She earned a BA in History and Mass Communications as well as an MA, Ed. from Emory & Henry. In 2017 she was elected as a Student Representative on the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees at the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention in Kansas City, MO. Currently, Thompson is a graduate student at the University of Tennessee studying American History. She will complete her MA in the Spring of 2020 and hopes to continue her education. Thompson is interested in public history and hopes to work as a museum professional. For now, she enjoys her graduate assistantship in the Arts and Culture collections of the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture. Dr. John T. Morgan is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Virginia Delta chapter at Emory & Henry College.

## 2019 CHAPTER HONOR ROLLS

Each year, the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees recognizes Pi Gamma Mu's most active chapters by placing them on the annual Roll of Distinction (the highest award for chapters), Roll of Merit, and Incentive Chapters (recognizing high achievements of Pi Gamma Mu's newest chapters).

The Rolls are the result the Awards Committee's evaluation of the annual reports filed by chapter officers. Among the criteria reported are facts indicative of the activity and effectiveness of the chapter on its campus, as well as its efficiency of operation according to procedures suggested or required by the international board. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty members and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiatives in developing new activities or methods of operation are considered.

### Roll of Distinction

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas and Jean Karlen  
Louisiana Eta, Grambling State University, Frances Staten  
Florida Lambda, Saint Leo University, Susan Kinsella  
Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus, Katherine Im  
West Virginia Iota, American Military University/American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox  
Georgia Rho, Reinhardt University, M. Katrina Smith  
Hawaii Alpha, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Lorey Takahashi  
Georgia Xi, Brewton Parker College, Vance Rhoades

### Roll of Merit

Kansas Theta, Newman University, Jill Fort and Larry Heck  
Massachusetts Eta, College of Our Lady of the Elms, Jennifer Rivers  
Massachusetts Zeta, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Ingrid E. Castro  
Kansas Alpha, Southwestern College, Cheryl Rude  
South Dakota Zeta, Presentation College, Brad Tennant  
New York Tau, Pace University, Linda Quest  
California Upsilon, American Jewish University, Sue Kapitanoff  
Indiana Alpha, University of Evansville, Mari Plikuhn

### Incentive Chapters

California Chi, Soka University of America, Peter Burns  
Texas Alpha Beta, Saint Edwards University, Mity Myhr  
Florida Xi, Jacksonville University, Laura Atkins  
Georgia Iota, Clark Atlanta University, Henry Elonge

### Top Ten Chapters by Membership

For the first time, Pi Gamma Mu also recognized it's Top 10 Chapters by Membership. The following chapters sent in the most chapters in 2018-19:

1. **Philippines Alpha**, University of the Philippines Diliman, 311 Members, Elisio A. De Guzman
2. **West Virginia Iota**, American Military University/American Public University, 255 Members, Allison G. S. Knox
3. **Maryland Theta**, University of Maryland Global Campus, 154 Members, Katherine Im
4. **District of Columbia Alpha**, Catholic University of America, 125 Members, Sandra Barrueco
5. **Hawaii Alpha**, University of Hawaii Manoa, 82 Members, Lorey Takahashi
6. **California Tau**, University of San Francisco, 75 Members, Richard G. Johnson III
7. **North Carolina Mu**, Campbell University, 64 Members, Lloyd Johnson
8. **New York Iota**, Mercy College, 59 Members, Dorothy Balancio
9. **Illinois Xi**, Elmhurst College, 58 Members, Karen Musser
10. **New York Sigma**, LeMoyne College, 58 Members, Jeffery Chin

## APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEB. 15

Each year, Pi Gamma Mu awards up to 10 scholarships to outstanding members. Three scholarships are worth \$2000 each, and the remaining scholarships are worth \$1000 each. These scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together right away. Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield, Kansas, with a postmark on or before February 15. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded during the following fall semester. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and application instructions

<http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT November 2019

The Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Council congratulates all Pi Gamma Mu members on their accomplishments. The Council encourages alumni members to email their educational and career updates to [executivedirector@pigammamu.org](mailto:executivedirector@pigammamu.org) for inclusion in a future issue of the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*.

### Neveen Shafeek Amin

Neveen Shafeek Amin was elected as the Vice President of the Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association (ASAA) for 2019-2020. Amin also had two recent publications:

Shafeek Amin, Neveen and Nichola Driver. 2019. "Sex Differences, Duration of Stay in the US, and Serious Psychological Distress: The Case of Middle Eastern Immigrants in the United States." *Journal of Family and Community Health*, Vol. 42, No. 2, Pp. 90-103. doi: 10.1097/FCH.0000000000000217.

Driver, Nichola and Neveen Shafeek Amin. 2019. "Acculturation, Social Support, and Parental Maternal Stress: Evidence from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study." *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 5, Pp. 1359-1367.

### Wesley R. Attwood

Wesley R. Attwood and two other Pi Gamma Mu alumni from the Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter recently had a research manuscript published in the *Criminal Justice Policy Review* journal. The title of their research is Circumstantial Powers of "Special Fire Police" in Pennsylvania: Statutory Consequences and Recommendations

### Michael Barile

In February 2019 Michael Barile graduated from American Military University (AMU) Cum Laude with a B.A. in Political Science. He is presently in AMU Graduate School pursuing an M.A. in the same field.

### Allen Bonner

Since becoming a member in 2011, Allen Bonner has obtained a master of science in counseling psychology and then became the disability

services coordinator and counselor at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He became a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Mississippi in 2014. Bonner obtained his doctorate of professional counseling (August 2018). In addition to his role at William Carey University, he also now serves as a psychology instructor. Bonner practices counseling at the Oaks Integrative Christian Counseling, also in Hattiesburg. He lives in Petal, MS with his wife and three daughters and attends Carterville Baptist Church.

#### **Jake Brown**

Jake Brown is a graduate student in the Student Affairs program at Troy University. He recently accepted a full-time position at Troy University as Coordinator of Housing Operations. Bonner graduated from Troy University with an undergraduate degree in Social Science.

#### **Alan Bruce**

Alan Bruce is a Professor of Sociology and Director of the Criminal Justice program at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. His teaching and research interests include issues related to children's justice, media effects upon thinking about crime, and prisoner re-entry to reduce recidivism. He recently completed the co-authored text "A Re-Introduction to Criminal Justice" which is forthcoming from Kendall Hunt publishing.



#### **Lisa Burnham (left)**

Lisa Burnham earned her Master of Science degree in Human Services Administration in Summer 2019 from Saint Leo University. She maintained a 4.0 GPA and carried the Gonfalon for the College of Education and Social Services for the afternoon graduation ceremony. Burnham is now the Interim Treasurer for the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for Madison, Florida. She also is President-Elect for the Madison Kiwanis Club of Madison, Florida. Burnham is an Adjunct Instructor for Saint Leo University's Introduction To Human Services and Human Services Administration courses for the Human Services Undergraduate Programs.

#### **John Carter**

Dr. John Carter is Central Methodist University's Director of Graduate studies.

#### **Lashonda Dale (right)**

Lashonda Dale is a Graduate of Langston University in Langston Oklahoma as of May 18, 2019 with a Bachelor's of Corrections Social Science and Associate of Criminal Justice Social Science and a proud lifetime member of Pi Gamma Mu.



#### **Viviana DeCohen (left)**

As Viviana DeCohen was being honored by her alma mater at a planned event recently, she was surprised to receive an additional distinction: a proclamation from the Westchester County Board of Legislators. At their Bronx Leadership Awards Reception, Mercy College recognized DeCohen as an alumna who has worked to deepen and strengthen the institution's connections in the Bronx community; DeCohen served as the Program Manager and Military/Veterans



Counselor at Mercy before joining Concordia. DeCohen didn't realize she'd have an additional honor to take home. The Westchester County Board of Legislators has named June 29, 2019 Viviana DeCohen Day, and presented her with an official framed proclamation in honor of her career-long commitment to veterans.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, DeCohen has over 20 years of experience in veteran services and health care. She also serves as the Associate Pastor of Mount Vernon Heights Congregational Church and in 2018 was named one of the Bronx Times Reporter's 25 Influential Women for the impact she makes in the Bronx. DeCohen is also now an Adjunct Professor at Concordia College- NY, teaching First-Year Experience, in addition to being the Director of Military & Veteran Affairs.

#### **Christopher Demers**

Christopher Demers started his career at KOAA News 5 right out of college. He has been there for a little over a year. During this time Demers has received two raises and a promotion. He is now a director, editor, floor director and photographer.

#### **Marika' Dillard**

Marika' Dillard, LMSW is a therapist at Stepping Stones Counseling Services, LLC in South Carolina. She received her certification as a Licensed Master Social Worker in 2018. She is currently under supervision to obtain her certification as a Licensed Independent Social Worker- Clinical Practice.

#### **Terri Goodman**

Terri A. Goodman, graduated from the University of Maryland University College with a BS in Social Science in May 2019. Goodman began working as a Prevention Specialist at an HIV clinic in August 2019, and started working on his Masters in Psychology degree in September 2019.

#### **Shawn Hardiman**

Shawn Hardiman is happily married to his beautiful wife Barbara and is raising a beautiful daughter Madison (14). He has a B.S. Social

Studies Education (Secondary) with a minor in History from Evangel University, Springfield, MO. Hardiman also has an M.A. in Educational Leadership from Evangel University. He is a secondary education teacher and teaches Social Studies, AP Human Geography, AP World History, and U.S. History and the Constitution at the Faith Christian Academy in Orlando, FL. He is also the Washington D.C. Historical Study Trip Co-Coordinator for the Academy.

#### **Kia Harris**

Kia Harris joined Pi Gamma Mu as an undergraduate student at Coppin State University in 2013. Harris has a graduate degree from Edinboro University in Educational leadership (2015) and an Executive Certificate in Business Communication from Johns Hopkins Carey Business School (2018).

#### **Clay Hatfield**

Clay Hatfield completed a 2nd Master's Degree in International Relations through American Public University last September and is beginning his 16th year as a public school teacher. It is Hatfield's 1st year at Homedale High School in Homedale, Idaho teaching Spanish 1-4 and AVID.

#### **Chris Hernandez**

Chris Hernandez completed his master's program capstone project and will have his degree conferred on the 1st of August. This has been a long road for Hernandez spanning multiple deployments and moving across the country.

#### **Tara M. Kane**

Effective July 1, 2019 Tara M. Kane was named the Interim Dean for the College of Natural and Social Sciences at Madonna University. She has been the Department Chairperson for the Criminal Justice Program for the past six years and will continue to teach in the Criminal Justice graduate program while working on completing her dissertation.

Kane is also a Madonna University alumnus - B.S. in 2002 and M.S.B.A. in 2008.

#### **Betsy Koch**

Betsy Koch is now Vice President of Global Human Resources at Afiniti, an AI data and software company located in Washington DC, next to the White House. In her role, Koch oversees all aspects of Human Resources for all employees and all locations (over 1,000 employees in over 30 countries). In 2019 she was inducted as a member of the Forbes Human Resources Council.

#### **Jocelyn Lacey (right)**

Jocelyn Lacey is an alumnus from East Tennessee State University, class of 2002 and received a B.A. in Mass Communications.

She has published two children's books. One is about a peacock that was inspired by one that showed up at her back door and is called "Pierre the Peacock" and the other is about a mermaid named Coral who lives off the coast of Maine and goes to her first sleepover. That one is fittingly called "Coral's First Sleepover."

Her books can be found on Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites.

#### **Cheryl Lovell**

Cheryl Lovell is President of Adams State University.

#### **Michael C. Martin**

Michael C. Martin is an LAC in NJ, expecting LPC status shortly. He also became a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional

#### **Jesse McGuire**

After receiving an MA in Spanish, with a concentration in Literature and a certification in Latin American, Caribbean and U.S Latino Studies, Jesse McGuire has been working for the Schenectady County Legislature, in Schenectady, New York. McGuire was the Director of Legislative Operations, and was recently appointed to Deputy Clerk of the Schenectady County Legislature.

#### **Stephen Medvec**

Stephen Medvec held a popular off-campus lecture entitled "Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1803-1806". As of mid-January 2019, his lecture is housed in the Library Archives at Monticello. The Head Librarian, Mr. Jack Robertson, wrote to him: "This is an example of exemplary scholarship of the legacy of Thomas Jefferson to this day, that is unpublished, that is unique." Next 2-5 August 2020, Medvec is attending the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia, his first attendance at this event.

#### **Savannah Musto**

Savannah Musto graduated from Campbell University with a BA in History and accepted a position at Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T), a bank founded in 1872. She is currently working full time at the Greensboro center where she was immediately hired post-graduation.

#### **Lisa Nelson**

Lisa Nelson is a Co-Advisor for Pi Gamma Mu at Wayne State College (WSC) in Nebraska. She recently had the wonderful opportunity to accompany WSC students on a Study Abroad trip to Greece. They spent 33 days in May/June visiting archaeological sites, museums, studying the language and working on Service-Learning projects (see photo).







\*Please note that Josephine Peitz (bottom left corner in photo) is also a PGM member, and some of the other students will probably be inducted this fall. Nelson is in the middle of the photo in black.

On May 9th Nelson was recognized with the college's Professional Staff Award – Dr. Randy Bertolas (Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Co-Sponsor at WSC) nominated her and several other faculty members provided letters of support (i.e. Dr. Jean Karlen-Emeritus, Dr. Eric Colvard, Dr. Lesli Rawlings and Dr. Dan Miller all Pi Gamma Mu Co-Advisors and members).

In addition, Nelson was elected to serve on the John G. Neihardt Foundation Board of Directors in April 2019. Neihardt is WSC's most famous student and Poet Laureate in Perpetuity of Nebraska.

#### **Jennifer Falbo-Negron**

Jennifer Falbo-Negron, owner of Phoenix Rising Solutions, LLC, a counseling and wellness practice, has recently expanded from solo practitioner to hiring two new therapists to join the team. The Elgin-based practice is 45-minutes northwest of Chicago along Interstate-90 and ready to serve clients as young as three years old through adulthood. They specialize in mindfulness and trauma-informed practices and welcome referrals for healing the whole person. They are currently seeking a fully-licensed bilingual therapist (Spanish-preferred).

#### **Sharron Ortiz**

Sharron Ortiz graduated from the University of Maryland University College in May 2011 and entered Graduate school at Old Dominion College in January 2012 graduating with an M.S.Ed. in mental health Counseling in December 2013. She obtained her LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) and NCC (National Certified Counselor) and has worked in Emergency Services, Forensic Services, and Private Practice. Ortiz was a military spouse for 23 years during her educational pursuits and now that her husband has retired, they are finally settled in one place she is in the process of transitioning to private practice.

#### **McKinley Pillsbury**

McKinley Pillsbury is a lifetime Pi Gamma Mu member and recently graduated from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa and is currently working at a Law firm in Honolulu.

#### **Christopher J. Purdy**

Christopher Purdy is a Federal Law Enforcement Officer and Veteran. His biggest regret in life was not completing his degree. At the age of 42, he went back to school and completed his undergrad at Mississippi College in 2017, and became a Pi Gamma Mu Member. Purdy immediately began a Masters of Criminal Justice program at Florida State University in August of 2018. Two days after his Florida State Graduation, Purdy began a program to get his Juris Doctor at Mitchell-Hamline School of Law. He did all of this while managing time with his family and working full-time.

#### **Charles Rhoades**

In May, 2019, Charles Rhoades was named Teacher of the Year. He teaches at Brewton-Parker College (Georgia Xi Chapter) and is the program director for the Psychology Department.

#### **Dennis Richmond, Jr.**

On May 23rd, 2019, Dennis Richmond Jr. graduated with his Master of Science in Education from Sarah Lawrence College. He is the founder and director of the NYNJ HBCU Initiative.

#### **Irvin Rivera**

Irvin Rivera is an alumni member. He registered in April 2016 through UMUC. After graduating from UMUC, Rivera was hired full time by the US Secret Service, in their Forensic Services Division. Recently an article on the agency's ink laboratory was released by the Associated Press. His name is mentioned in the photo, and there is a YouTube video of the published article.

### Elizabeth Ruiz

Elizabeth Ruiz is a strategic business consultant with 25+ years of business experience with a focus on leadership development, human capital, psychology, wellness, communication, sales, marketing, strategy, change, and growth. As a result, she has a seasoned perspective on how to grow business and develop leaders. Ruiz provides strategic business solutions for people and organizations with learning assessments, training, and development empowering people with the skills they need to drive success at their organization. For Ruiz, helping others grow is the most rewarding part of consulting.

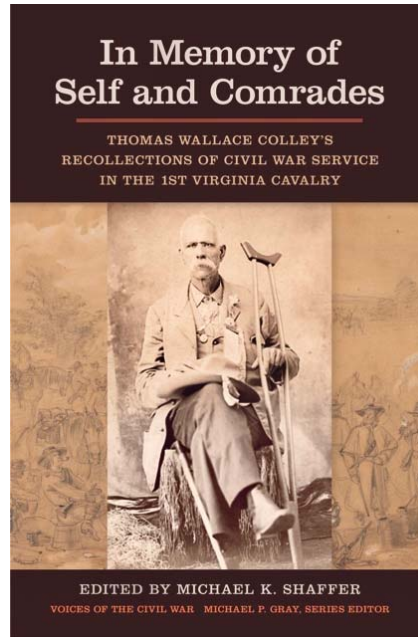
She holds an MBA degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Communication Studies, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Houston-Downtown. Ruiz completes her second masters this December, a Master of Science in Strategic Communication from Columbia University in the City of New York. She is also a doctoral student earning her Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Concordia University Chicago. While her speaking engagements and consulting have taken her around the world, Ruiz is proud to call Houston, Texas home. Outside of the office, she enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, night bike skiing, sailing, flying planes (and jumping out of them), climbing 14ers, SUP, kayaking, biking, hiking, helping animals and those in need.

### Regan Hall Sellers

Regan Hall Sellers received her Ed.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Delta State University, and has taken a district level administration position (Case Manager) at Tate County School District.

### Michael Shaffer (below)

Michael K. Shaffer, American Military University graduate with a MA Military History - Civil War Studies, and a Pi Gamma Mu member, recently authored a new book, "In Memory of Self and Comrades: Thomas Wallace Colley's Recollections of Civil War Service in the 1st Virginia Cavalry," published by the University of Tennessee Press. In addition to teaching at Kennesaw State University's College of Professional Education, earlier this year, he started teaching Civil War courses at Emory University's College of Continuing Education. Shaffer and his wife Karen reside in Kennesaw, Georgia. He remains a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, Georgia Association of Historians, and Georgia Writers Association. Readers can learn more at his website, [www.civilwarhistorian.net](http://www.civilwarhistorian.net).



### Fred A. Shaw

Fred A. Shaw retired in 2011 after 40 years as a lead pastor in the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church. Fred is of Shawnee national heritage and now directs a national school for American Indian pastors who maintain their cultural heritage. He is a published photographer, author, and historian. He participates in historical reenactments of North American history from 1750 through the Cowboy period, mostly on horseback.

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Photos taken by Fred A. Shaw: Lakota Sioux Spirit Lake Reservation, ND and the Durango & Silverton Railroad.

**M. Katrina Smith**

As we begin the new academic year, M. Katrina Smith was granted tenure and has been promoted to Associate Professor.

**Suzanne Farrell Smith**

Suzanne Farrell Smith published two books in 2019. *The Writing Shop* (Brill | Sense) shows teachers and writers how to transform writing workshop into an authentic shop. *The Memory Sessions* (Bucknell) is an experimental memoir that excavates lost childhood memory. Both are available on Amazon.

**Jeanetta Warren**

Jeanetta Warren is a Program Director for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden New Jersey. In this role she is responsible overseeing six counties Community Stabilization Programs, which are chartered to assist individuals and families with achieving sustainable lives. Under her leadership on May 21, 2019 Catholic Charities Employment Program hosted its very first Employment & Resource fair in Atlantic City. The event was a major success. Over 400 people attended seeking employment and resources.



Jeanetta Warren is pictured second from the left, dressed in pink.

**Beth White**

Beth White (American Military University '13, '15, '18) is preparing to enter the dissertation phase of the Ed.D. program at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Her dissertation topic seeks to ease the transition for student-veterans from the battlefield to the classroom and hopes to make improvements in the classroom by using the veterans' perspectives. Beth hopes to teach collegiate American History as a result of earning a terminal degree. She received the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree from Liberty University in 2017 and is a three-time graduate of American Military University (M.A. American History, M.A. Military History/ Civil War Studies, Grad Certificate American Revolution respectively).

**Galan Wortham**

Galan Wortham is currently enrolled in the Business Administration Program at Springfield College and is looking forward to Graduating in December 2020.

# A MESSAGE FROM PGM FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, SUSAN KINSELLA: PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2020 CONVENTION

Hello Pi Gamma Mu Chapters,

Your Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees is busy preparing for the 2020 Triennial Convention to be held next year, Thursday, November 12th through Saturday, November 14th in the Washington, D.C. area. We have booked a wonderful hotel, an Embassy Suites, in Crystal City, a suburb of Washington. We have plans for a Leadership Development Program at the hotel beginning Thursday afternoon, for those students interested in some extra activity. We have plenty of social events planned for later in the evening with a Networking Event from graduate schools, vendors, and other professional organizations. The President's Welcome Reception will follow with Pi Gamma Mu bingo, some icebreakers, and exchange of chapter bling. At the last convention, students brought tee shirts, hats, and other items from their schools that they exchanged with other chapters. This was so much fun we want to do it again. A student caucus will allow students to learn about becoming a Pi Gamma Mu student board member for a 3-year period with elections held during the convention. We have student papers planned for presentations in a special downtown Washington location on Friday. An awards dinner and keynote speaker will follow on the beautiful campus of Catholic University of America on Friday evening. Saturday morning will bring student poster presentations and faculty sharing of chapter ideas at the hotel breakfast. A trip to the Marine Corps Museum will follow for those in the Leadership Program. Others may choose to check out the Washington area highlights. Talk to your chapters now about a trip to the *2020 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention, A Vision for the Future*.

Would you like to highlight your chapter by becoming a convention sponsor? There are several levels to choose from with increasing benefits for each level. You can also post your school logo on our Pi Gamma Mu website as a convention sponsor. The levels are:

Bronze	\$50
Silver	\$100
Gold	\$250
Platinum	\$500

Contact Executive Director Suzanne Rupp for more information about chapter sponsorship levels at (620)221-3128 or [executivedirector@pigammamu.org](mailto:executivedirector@pigammamu.org).

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington,  
*Susan Kinsella,*  
Pi Gamma Mu First Vice President

## CHAPTER NEWS

Charter members of the Georgia Upsilon Chapter at Georgia Southern University. The chapter had just held a meeting which included, among other things, planning to attend the 2020 Triennial International Convention in Washington D.C.



## STUDENT OFFICERS FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA MEET WITH THE PGM INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Student officers from the District of Columbia Alpha Chapter at Catholic University of America met with the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees during the Board's annual face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. Joshua Brenner and Megan Krakie, students officers of the D.C. Alpha Chapter, joined the Board for a luncheon on Saturday, November 9, 2019 during the Board's annual meeting in Crystal City, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Plans for the 2020 Triennial International Convention were discussed with Joshua and Megan.



Left to Right: Larry Heck, President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees; Joshua Brenner, graduate student and chapter officer, Catholic University of America; Megan Krakie, undergraduate student and chapter officer, Catholic University of America; and Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director, Pi Gamma Mu. Dr. Sandra Barrueco (not pictured) is the Faculty Chapter Sponsor of the D.C. Alpha Chapter.

The 2020 Convention will be held in Washington D.C. on November 12-14, 2020. The D.C. Alpha Chapter will be one of the "Host Chapters" for the 2020 Convention. Host Chapters will help make the 2020 Convention an even better experience for attendees by sharing their local knowledge with those of us traveling in from out of town. The D.C. Alpha Chapter at Catholic University will be hosting the 2020 Pi Gamma Mu Awards Banquet and Keynote Address at its lovely Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center on Friday evening of the Convention. The "Pryz" is the center of campus activity – the place to meet, eat, study, hang out, and attend exciting social and academic events and programs, like our Awards Banquet. Following a day on Capitol Hill for student paper presentations, we will travel to Catholic University's Pryzbyla Center for an Awards Banquet and Keynote Address on Friday evening.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to visit historic and spectacular locations such as Capitol Hill, The Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA, and Catholic University of America. Start planning now to attend the 2020 Triennial International Convention!



A banquet in the Great Room at the Pryzbyla Center.

## 2020 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Thinking about coming to the Triennial Convention in Washington, D.C., November 12-14, 2020? Consider participating in Pi Gamma Mu's Leadership Development Program. Open only to Pi Gamma Mu student members, the Leadership Development Program will visit several aspects of Leadership including leadership under pressure, leadership in the literature and leadership in academia. The program will consist of several lectures from social science academics and professionals, with a special field trip included. Student grant applications to attend the program will become available next year.

Stay tuned!

## NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Participate in the National Service Project and Be Considered for the Roll of Merit and Roll of Distinction Awards!

Pi Gamma Mu chapters around the world are banding together this year to serve others in the Pi Gamma Mu National Service Project!

The National Service Project consists of three parts: supporting our nation's veterans, supporting our nation's homeless population and supporting animals in our nation's shelters. Chapters may either choose to do one or all three of the service project components. Chapters are encouraged to participate in the National Service Project September 1 through June 30, 2020 and to include a description of their activities in their Annual Report. (Remember that submitting the Annual Report not only allows for the International Office to know about your chapter's fantastic activities, but submitting your report also makes you eligible for one of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards!)

### What's Required?

*To Support the Homeless* - chapters will put together a donation for an organization of their choice that works to support those that are homeless. (Chapters will need to coordinate with the organization of their choice when they bring their donation).

*Veterans* - Chapters collect toiletries and softcover books and donate them to a Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital. (Chapters will need to contact the hospital directly to coordinate bringing the donation to the VA Hospital).

*Animals* - Chapters will put together a donation for an animal shelter or animal rescue organization of their choice. (Chapters will need to coordinate with the animal shelter or organization of their choice).

### When?

Chapters are encouraged to participate September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

### Annual Report

Chapters are encouraged to include the details of their service project in their Annual Report. Chapters that submit their Annual Report will be considered for Pi Gamma Mu's Roll of Distinction and Roll of Merit Awards! Be sure to turn your Annual Report in by August 15, 2020!

### Questions?

Questions about the Pi Gamma Mu National Service Project should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: [Allison\\_G.S.\\_Knox@Hotmail.com](mailto:Allison_G.S._Knox@Hotmail.com).

Get Involved and Help to Make Your Community a Better Place!

## VOLUME 95, ISSUE 2 (2019) OF THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW* NOW LIVE!

We are thrilled to announce that another issue of the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)* is now live. The *ISSR* is the peer-reviewed professional journal of Pi Gamma Mu. The journal is now accessible to everyone - no subscription required. Explore the journal online at <https://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/> or type "International Social Science Review into any search engine.

A Submission and Publication Guide is available at <http://pigammamu.org/international-social-science-review.html>

Enjoy!

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING

The Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees held their annual face-to-face meeting in Crystal City, VA, just outside of Washington, D.C., on November 7-9, 2019. The Board worked on important Society issues including strategic planning for the future, financial planning, and planning for the 2020 Triennial International Convention. The Board set aside a little time for a social activity in which many members of the Board of Trustees traveled to Capitol Hill for a tour of the east wing of the White House. This trip to Capitol Hill also served as a research mission to help the Convention Committee become familiar with the public transportation system and the D.C. metro area in preparation for next year's Convention.

The Board also enjoyed hosting two student officers from the D.C. Alpha Chapter at Catholic University of America during a Board luncheon on Saturday, November 9 at the Convention hotel. Joshua Brenner and Megan Krackie represent the chapter, which will volunteer as a "Host Chapter" for the 2020 Convention. The Convention will be held on November 12-14, 2020 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Crystal City-National Airport in Arlington, VA. Convention events will be held at the hotel, Capitol Hill, Catholic University of America, and the Marine Corps Museum. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity and start making plans to attend the 2020 Convention today!



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

2019-20 is off to a great start at Pi Gamma Mu and we wish to thank our Chapter Faculty Sponsors for their volunteerism and support.

In 2018-19 chapters inducted 3,217 new lifetime members bringing the total membership of Pi Gamma Mu to 275,203 as of August 31, 2018. That is a 1% increase in new members as compared to the previous year. We wish our chapters congratulations on their success and hope that they can increase membership again this year. Last year we saw many chapters celebrating more top social science students than ever before by inducting them to membership. Thirty-seven chapters became 2018-19 Star Chapters by increasing their memberships by 20% or more over the previous academic year. Congratulations, Star Chapters! For the first time, Pi Gamma Mu also recognized it's Top 10 Chapters by Membership. The following chapters sent in the most chapters in 2018-19:

1. **Philippines Alpha**, University of the Philippines Diliman, 311 Members, Eliso A. De Guzman
2. **West Virginia Iota**, American Military University/American Public University, 255 Members, Allison G. S. Knox
3. **Maryland Theta**, University of Maryland Global Campus, 154 Members, Katherine Im
4. **District of Columbia Alpha**, Catholic University of America, 125 Members, Sandra Barrueco
5. **Hawaii Alpha**, University of Hawaii Manoa, 82 Members, Lorey Takahashi
6. **California Tau**, University of San Francisco, 75 Members, Richard G. Johnson III
7. **North Carolina Mu**, Campbell University, 64 Members, Lloyd Johnson
8. **New York Iota**, Mercy College, 59 Members, Dorothy Balancio
9. **Illinois Xi**, Elmhurst College, 58 Members, Karen Musser
10. **New York Sigma**, LeMoyne College, 58 Members, Jeffery Chin

It is the lifetime membership fees collected by Chapter Faculty Sponsors that allows Pi Gamma Mu to provide services to its members such as

scholarships, a professional journal, conventions, and more. The fees also allow the Society to maintain fiscal stability and prepare for a strong future. We thank the Chapter Faculty Sponsors for this important work!

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

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

Thank you!

## SUPPORT THE SOCIAL SCIENCES BY DONATING TO PI GAMMA MU

Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and can accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to donate 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 scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year, and much more.

To make a donation, go to our [website](#) and click on the [Donate Now!](#) button from any page, or use the form below. Online payment is by major credit card or PayPal account. Transactions are handled securely at the payment processor site. Pi Gamma Mu does not receive your sensitive financial data.

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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.

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

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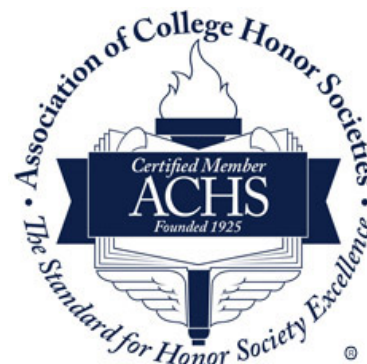
## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

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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