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2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson, Dr. Clara Small, recommended 6 applicants to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees awarded scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu: Kristen Renee Moran, Laura Guida, Branson Michael Freeman, Canei Mone't Hines, James Langford, and Shantecia Lynette Johnson.

Kristen Renee Moran was awarded a \$2,000 Pi Gamma Mu scholarship. She was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu during her undergraduate studies at Wilmington University. In 2019, Moran received her Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Sciences, along with certificates in Conflict Resolution and Child Advocacy Studies. She credits her close relationship with her brother, Brian, for influencing her career path and passions in assisting families to operate at their full potentials. Since graduating, Moran is continuing her education, working toward a Master's degree in Applied Family Science from Wilmington University. With this degree, she plans to become a Certified Family Life Educator to provide educational resources for families within her community. Throughout her academic career, she has mentored freshman students navigating their transitions to college life through her university's Student Success Center. She now works for EPIC, a Delaware nonprofit organization promoting opportunities for independence and community integration for adults with intellectual disabilities. In her personal time, Moran enjoys spending time with her nieces, making jewelry, cooking, writing music, and exploring other creative outlets. Regarding her membership with Pi Gamma Mu, she is "truly appreciative of the personal connections, funding, and publishing opportunities made available to [her]." This Pi Gamma Mu scholarship will allow her to graduate debt-free from her graduate program. Dr. Johanna Bishop is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Delaware Beta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



Kristen Renee Moran



Laura Guida

Laura Guida received a \$2,000 scholarship from Pi Gamma Mu. Guida graduated from Trinity College, Connecticut, and is presently attending New York University. She is working towards a Master's degree in Clinical Social Work. Guida said, "Pi Gamma Mu has provided me with an incredible network of people and opportunities that have inspired me to pursue my career goals. After working three years in marketing, I decided to pursue the career I had always known I wanted to be in. I currently attend New York University Silver School of Social Work in the hopes of becoming an LCSW and working in a clinical setting with children and adolescents who are struggling with various mental illnesses." Dr. Nicholas Woolley is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Connecticut Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.

Branson Michael Freeman

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was awarded a Pi Gamma Mu scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Freeman earned a Bachelor of Science Degree while majoring in Sociology and Criminal Justice at Newman University in May of 2020. He was a member of the Honors

Program and was inducted into the Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University as an undergraduate student. He is currently working on a Master of Social Work degree. He has long-term goals to promote policies that support human rights and serve clients in a private practice. He has an interest to support immigration rights in the United States and may do so through political aspirations. He has served internships at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention and Residential Facilities, Serenity Home Health and Hospice Care, and currently works with the Wichita Fire Department. He hopes his variety of educational interests and experiences makes him a more complete person and a well-rounded social worker. Dr. C. Laurence (Larry) Heck is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Kansas Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.





Canei Mone't Hines

Canei Mone't Hines received a \$1,000 Pi Gamma Mu scholarship. Hines completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Women's Studies at the University of Maryland Global Campus in July of 2019 and is presently attending Boston University where she is working towards a Master's degree in Social Work. Regarding her graduate education, Hines said, "Earning this degree will be bigger than a personal achievement. It will allow me the space and opportunity to make a difference in my community. I will use my platform to advocate for public policy that protects women, recognizes their significance to our society, and ensures equality across all social dynamics." Katherine Im is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Maryland Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.

James Langford received the \$1,000 Gordon E. Mercer Scholarship. Langford graduated from Colorado College in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He was inducted into the Colorado Epsilon Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu in the same year. He is currently attending the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), where he is working on a Master of Arts degree in political science. There he works as a tutor for UTEP's student athletes. Dr. Dana Wittmer is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Colorado Epsilon Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



James Langford



Shantecia Lynette Johnson

Shantecia Lynette Johnson 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. Johnson attended undergrad at Southern University A&M College and was inducted into the Southern University Chapter in 2017 where Professor Blanche Smith was the faculty advisor. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Johnson enjoys researching and learning about new and passed laws. In the future, she hopes to help falsely accused victims become free of the system. She will be receiving a dual MPA/JD degree at Southern University Law Center. Her long-term goal is to become a criminal, civil and juvenile defense attorney. After approximately ten years serving the field, she plans to run for a judge seat at the 19th JDC in Baton Rouge, La. When asked about his membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Johnson said, "My membership in Pi Gamma Mu has impacted me immensely, especially in providing me with opportunities such as this to earn scholarships that have helped towards lowering my financial burden in achieving my career dreams and obtaining a legal education." Dr. Shawn Comminey is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Louisiana Epsilon chapter at Southern University.

2021 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 and encouraging high achievements of Pi Gamma Mu's newest chapters).

The Rolls are the result of 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

Florida Lambda, St. Leo University, Susan Kinsella, Chapter Sponsor

Delaware Beta, Wilmington University, Johanna Bishop, Chapter Sponsor

Kansas Theta, Newman University, Larry Heck, Chapter Sponsor

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas & Jean Karlen, Chapter Sponsors

West Virginia Iota, American Military University/ American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox, Chapter Sponsor

Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus, Katherine Im, Chapter Sponsor

ROLL OF MERIT

District of Columbia Alpha, Catholic University of America, Abby Adler Mandel, Chapter Sponsor

Indiana Theta, Manchester University, Tim McKenna-Buchanan, Chapter Sponsor

New York Tau, Pace University, Linda Quest, Chapter Sponsor

Georgia Epsilon, Shorter University, Jared Linebach, Chapter Sponsor

Philippines Alpha, University of the Philippines Diliman, Elisio A. De Guzman, Chapter Sponsor

INCENTIVE ROLL

Oklahoma Iota, Langston University, Charles Spurlock, Chapter Sponsor

South Dakota Zeta, Presentation College, Brad Tennant, Chapter Sponsor

Vermont Gamma, Castleton University, Scott Roper, Chapter Sponsor

Virginia Mu, George Mason University, Kathleen Hoepf, Chapter Sponsor



APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Each year, Pi Gamma Mu awards scholarships to outstanding members. Three scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each, and the remaining scholarships are valued at \$1,000 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 now. Applications must be fully completed 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>

2021 VIRTUAL CONVENTION A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

In light of ongoing developments with COVID-19, Pi Gamma Mu decided to move its 2021 Triennial International Convention, "Social Scientists Leading the Way", to a fully online experience that took place on November 3-6 of 2021. By all accounts, the Convention was a resounding success!

The pivot to a virtual convention made for an exciting, affordable, and safe event available to more attendees than ever before. It is the first virtual convention attempted by the organization, but one that pleased everyone during this COVID period. Pi Gamma Mu members enjoyed the opportunity to present papers and posters, hear notable speakers, and meet other honor students from colleges and universities around the globe. With the continuing issues with the COVID pandemic, and decreasing revenue available for student travel, this year's virtual convention was a crowd-pleaser. Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director of the organization, reports that attendance was higher than ever. "The online format of the Convention not only provided for the safety demanded by the pandemic, but it also provided an affordable way for more members to attend than ever before. The online event platform also houses the video presentations created by the student research paper presenters and the poster presenters, giving the presenters and attendees even more opportunities to network. Registered convention attendees have access to view the videos through February 6, 2022. We have seen ongoing interaction among convention attendees on the platform even a month after the conclusion of the event, which indicates that attendees are still enjoying the online Convention."

The highlight of any Pi Gamma Mu Convention is the student research paper presentations and this year was no different with seventeen (17) students presenting their research. Even more students presented their research during the research poster session which included seven (7) presenters. Chapters also had time to share their achievements during the chapter poster session which included nine (9) additional presentations.

At this year's convention, Pi Gamma Mu recognized historical and current Pi Gamma Mu members who have demonstrated excellence in their field. We were proud to present impressive speakers again this year. Pi Gamma Mu has an illustrious history of members who include such famous leaders as Admiral Richard E. Byrd and President Lyndon B. Johnson. One such member is Dr. Judith Rodin who was selected to receive our Outstanding Alumni Award at this year's 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Virtual Convention. Dr. Rodin, a Pi Gamma Mu member since her undergraduate days at the University of Pennsylvania, has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the world's most powerful and influential women. Over her 22 years at Yale University, she held various professional and academic positions as Associate Professor, Chair of the Department of Psychology, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Provost of the university. Rodin was appointed president of the University of Pennsylvania in 1994 and became the first female president of an Ivy League institution and the first graduate of the university to take on its highest leadership role. From 2005 to 2017 she served as President of the Rockefeller Foundation and in her philanthropic role authored, "The Resilience Dividend," which has become a strategic guide for leaders around the world.

United States Senator Chuck Grassley (IA) also joined us for a keynote message to the Convention participants. Senator Grassley completed his Political Science undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa and is a lifetime member of Pi Gamma Mu. He has been instrumental in American policymaking as an American politician.

Other speakers included Congresswoman Diane DeGette, a U.S. Representative serving Colorado's 1st Congressional District who has been a leading proponent and expert on cutting-edge scientific research, including the use of human embryonic stem cells. She has been instrumental in expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), a program of health insurance for low-income children, and assisted President Obama in drafting the Affordable Care Act. DeGette is best known for advocating the 21st Century Cures Act, which has modernized research in the nation's medical system.

Another feature of the Convention was the popular Leadership Development Program, a series started at the last convention in Kansas City, MO, which focuses on numerous concepts in leadership. Lectures included discussions about leadership in academia, leadership in special circumstances, and leadership in nonprofit organizations. The program also offered a series of workshops helping students to better understand their own leadership skills, the characteristics of strong and weak leadership, and the importance of team collaboration. Students who attended all of the workshops, lectures, and complete all of the leadership program pieces will receive a certificate of completion from Pi Gamma Mu for their resume.

Event Stats

379 members registered for the Convention.

200 attendees downloaded the Whova event application.

2,458 messages have been sent among attendees (1,204 is the average at Whova events).

93 Community Board Topic Posts (14 is the average at Whova events).

665 Total Profile Views.

1,674 Total Session Views.

BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRIES

1. United States (178)
2. Philippines (24)
3. Canada (1)
4. Italy (1)
5. Japan (1)

BREAKDOWN BY STATES (in the United States)

Total number of states: 34

TOP 5 STATES:

1. Maryland (21)
2. Pennsylvania (13)
3. Georgia (12)
4. Florida (11)
5. North Carolina (11)

14 Organizer Announcements were shared with an 83% open rate.

82 Photos were shared, with 262 total likes.

16 Meet-ups have been arranged with 115 attendees participating.

67% of attendees used Mobile Devices; 64% were desktop users; and 31% used both mobile and desktop versions.

128,451 Sponsor Impressions. The following Chapters provided funding in support of the Convention:

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| Platinum - \$500 | Saint Leo University |
| Gold - \$250 | American Military University/American Public University University of Maryland Global Campus |
| Silver - \$100 | Presentation College Wayne State College |
| Bronze - \$50 | West Texas A & M University |

See the website for videos of the keynote speech and other presentations.

2021 TOP STUDENT PAPERS

Pi Gamma Mu held its 2021 Triennial Convention online due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The convention was held on November 3-6, 2021. The convention had most of the features of in-person triennial conventions, with some extra features, and was much more affordable. Student members were encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for presentation consideration at the 2021 Convention. All accepted papers were ranked by the Committee of Readers. Dr. Charles Hartwig serves as Chair of the Committee of Readers and is the Chancellor of the South/Southwest Region on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees.

The top ten rated papers will receive publication consideration in the *International Social Science Review*. Seventeen (17) students presented during the student research paper sessions at the 2021 Convention. The top ten (10) papers are listed in alphabetical order below:

The Link Between Variation Theory and Effective Crisis Response, **Beneby, Philysha**, American Public University, West Virginia Iota Chapter

The Challenges of Transporting Limestone and Mudbrick to the Pyramids of Hawara and Lahun in the Fayum Oasis, **Boyle, Claire**, Benedictine University, Illinois Omicron Chapter

Academic Predictors of Mental Health Problems Related to Trauma Among Adolescents in Grades 7 through 12, **Carter, Katharine**, Catholic University of America, District of Columbia Alpha Chapter

Time Series Analysis of Intermedia Agenda-Setting in the 2016 Philippine Presidential Election, **Durian, Miguel Victor**, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippine Alpha Chapter

Aging in Place for Older Adults with Serious Mental Illness: An Evaluation of The Bridge's Aging Services Program in the United States, **George, Saliyah**, Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania Mu Chapter

Vivekānanda and Nivedita as Ardhanārīśvara: Why an Indian Svami Chose an Irishwoman as His Lioness, **Glynn-Dindial, Cynthia**, University of Maryland Global Campus, Maryland Theta Chapter

Household Structure, Parental Involvement, and Educational Achievement Among African American Elementary Students, **Haynesworth, My'Ashia**, Allen University, South Carolina Nu Chapter

A Critical Legal Analysis of South Dakota v. Opperman (1976), **Jedlicka, Kyle**, Wayne State College; Nebraska Delta Chapter

Using Multiple Intelligences to Motivate K-6 Students, **Stevens, Brian**, Bethany College, West Virginia Eta Chapter

The United States' Hegemonic Transformation: Balancing Power and National Interests--A Case Study Of The Balance-Of-Power Policy Of The United States Concerning Syria, **Thomas, Simonee**, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Iota Chapter

2021 AWARDS

During each Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention top chapters, chapter faculty sponsors, top student research paper presenters, and other contributors to Pi Gamma Mu are recognized during the Awards Ceremony. Although the convention was online this year due to COVID-19, the Awards Ceremony was as exciting as ever and the following chapters and individuals were recognized during an online ceremony. The ceremony was kicked off by Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director of Pi Gamma Mu, who shared a video recognizing chapter milestones. Several members of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees followed with presentations to the following 2021 Pi Gamma Mu award recipients:

Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Medal Recipients

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley - Convention Keynote Speaker and Lifetime Member

U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette - Convention Welcome Event Speaker and Lifetime Member

Clara Small - Convention Hall of Fame speaker and Second Vice-President on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Joseph B. James Chapter Award

Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus - Kathy Im, Chapter Faculty Sponsor

Outstanding New or Reactivated Chapter Award

University of Hawaii at Manoa - Lorey Takahashi, Chapter Faculty Sponsor

Distinguished Service Award

Jean Karlen - Past President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Richard Gregory Johnson III - Pi Gamma Mu Governor of California

M. Katrina Smith - Pi Gamma Mu Governor of Georgia

Hall of Fame Inductees

C. Laurence (Larry) Heck - Past President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Allison G. S. Knox - Chancellor Southeast Region, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Suzanne Rupp - Executive Director, Pi Gamma Mu

Susan Kinsella - President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

President's Award for Outstanding Service

Charles Hartwig - Chancellor South/Southwest Region, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Pi Gamma Mu Outstanding Alumni Award

Judith Rodin - Philanthropist, Past-President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Past-President of the University of Pennsylvania, and Lifetime Member

2021 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENJOYS SUCCESS

After postponing last year's convention due to COVID-19, the Pi Gamma Mu 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention took place November 3-6, 2021, with the theme "Social Scientists Leading the Way." For the second time in convention history, participants could attend a Leadership Development program for a modest fee. Pi Gamma Mu board of trustee member, Allison G. S. Knox, directed the seven-hour event. Professor Knox teaches at the American Military University.

Throughout the program, participants learned about leadership in a variety of different contexts including academia, stressful environments, non-profit organizations, public policy, and in the United States Marine Corps. The virtual event included webinars, lectures, and a unique online experience with **Laura Shaw**, teacher-in-residence at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. Additional Leadership Program speakers included a program administrator, an emergency manager, a college dean, and a journal editor. Twenty-seven convention attendees participated in the program.

Those receiving certificates of completion and their respective Pi Gamma Mu chapters are:

- Miguel Victor Durian** – Philippines Alpha Chapter, University of the Philippines
- Branson Freeman** – Kansas Theta Chapter, Newman University
- Coreen Garrity** – Maryland Theta Chapter, University of Maryland Global Campus
- Bethany Hanford** – Maryland Theta Chapter, University of Maryland Global Campus
- Leander Marquez** – Philippines Alpha Chapter, University of the Philippines
- Rola Ombao** – Philippines Alpha Chapter, University of the Philippines
- Romeo Joshua Redelicia** – Philippines Alpha Chapter, University of the Philippines
- Natasia Skinner** – Hawaii Alpha Chapter, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Eliana Varruciu** – Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College



Some of the many favorable comments made by those who participated include "Thanks again for the wonderful program!" and "My thanks for the opportunity to attend this fantastic event!" A future issue of *International Social Science Review (ISSR)*, Pi Gamma Mu's scholarly journal, will include more detailed commentary on the program. Plans are already underway for the next Leadership Development Program to be held in conjunction with the 2024 triennial convention, which will also mark the one hundredth anniversary of Pi Gamma Mu – International Honor Society in Social Sciences.

2021 TOP 10 CHAPTERS BY MEMBERSHIP

In 2019, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees decided to recognize the ten chapters that sent in the most new members during the previous fiscal year. The Top 10 Chapters by Membership will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement and contributions to Pi Gamma Mu. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and its programs. 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 eligible students. Membership in Pi Gamma Mu provides students with increased opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. The Board of Trustees and Staff wish to thank and congratulate the Top 10 Chapters by Membership.

The following chapters sent in the most members during the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

1. **Maryland Theta**, University of Maryland Global Campus – 223 members (tied with #2 below) – Prof. Katherine Im
2. **West Virginia Iota**, American Military University/American Public University – 223 members (tied with #1 above) – Prof. Allison G. S. Knox
3. **District of Columbia Alpha**, Catholic University of America – 177 members – Dr. Abby Adler Mandel
4. **New York Alpha Gamma**, Siena College – 114 members – Dr. Tim Cooper

5. **Hawaii Alpha**, University of Hawaii - Manoa – 71 members – Dr. Lorey Takahashi and Prof. Ulla Hasager
6. **Virginia Mu**, George Mason University – 70 members – Ms. Kathleen Hoepf
7. **Georgia Iota**, Clark Atlanta University – 58 members – Dr. Harry Elonge
8. **New York Iota**, Mercy College – 54 members – Ms. Marla Moulton
9. **Florida Xi**, Jacksonville University – 52 members – Dr. Laura Atkins
10. **Pennsylvania Alpha Rho**, Immaculata University – 51 members – Dr. Dr. Joshua Weikert

2021 STAR CHAPTERS

The chapters listed below increased their membership by 20% or more in 2020-2021 as compared to the previous year. These chapters accomplished this increase in membership despite the unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 and we congratulate them on their achievement and thank them for their good work. These chapters will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement and contributions to Pi Gamma Mu.

Florida Xi, Jacksonville University – Dr. Laura Atkins

Georgia Gamma, Wesleyan College – Dr. Barbara Donovan

Maryland Beta, McDaniel College – Dr. Julie Routzahn

Massachusetts Epsilon, Springfield College – Dr. David Rudder

Missouri Kappa, Central Methodist University – Dr. John Carter

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College – Dr. Randy Bertolas & Dr. Jean Karlen

New Hampshire Beta, Saint Anselm College – Dr. Kevin Doran

New Hampshire Gamma, Plymouth State University – Dr. Patrick May

New Mexico Epsilon, University of the Southwest – Dr. Dianna Carmenaty

New York Gamma, Alfred University – Dr. Robert Stein

New York Nu, Saint Joseph's College – Dr. Basak Horowitz

North Carolina Delta, North Carolina Central University – Dr. Carlton Wilson

North Carolina Mu, Campbell University – Dr. Lloyd Johnson

North Carolina Xi, North Carolina Wesleyan College – Dr. Jay Quinan

North Carolina Alpha Beta, Chowan University – Dr. Danny Moore

Ohio Epsilon, Baldwin Wallace University – Dr. Liya Wang

Oklahoma Iota, Langston University – Dr. Charles Spurlock

Oklahoma Kappa, Northwestern Oklahoma State University – Prof. Jana Brown

Pennsylvania Alpha Epsilon, University of Scranton – Dr. Christie Karpiak

Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta, Widener University – Prof. Sarah Blake

South Carolina Iota, Claflin University – Dr. Caroletta Shuler Ivey

South Carolina Nu, Allen University – Dr. Christopher Rounds

Texas Psi, Huston-Tillotson University – Dr. Michael Hirsch

Texas Omega, East Texas Baptist University – Dr. Laurie Smith

Texas Alpha Beta, Saint Edward's University – Dr. Mity Myhr

Virginia Zeta, University of Mary Washington – Dr. Bradley Hansen

West Virginia Iota, American Military University/American Public University – Instructor Allison G. S. Knox



LIFETIME MEMBER RUNS FOR LOCAL OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Joebert Flores Padata Jr., lifetime member of Pi Gamma Mu, is running for a position on the City Council in his home city of BOGO in the Province of Cebu, Philippines. The election will be held on May 9, 2022. If elected, Padata ("Sir Bert" as he is known in political circles which highlights the fact that he is a teacher) will be part of the legislative body that shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions, and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city. Padata's platform includes boosting tourism in rural areas, increasing IT utilization with enhanced data security in government transactions, teaching reproductive health and responsible parenthood for the youth, and upholding transparency and trust in resource allocation and public spending.

Padata joined Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Society Social Sciences via the Philippines Alpha Chapter located at the University of the Philippines. He was inducted during the chapter's first-ever virtual induction ceremony. The ceremony was held on August 31, 2020. The guest speaker was, Her Excellency, Atty. Maria Leonor Gerona Robredo, the 14th Vice President of the Philippines.



Padata participated in the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention, "Social Scientists Leading the Way" on November 3-6, 2021. The Convention was held online and despite a twelve-hour time zone difference and a convention schedule based on business hours in the United States, Padata attended the middle-of-the-night sessions throughout the convention, including the 2021 Leadership Development Program which focused on numerous concepts in leadership. Lectures included discussions about leadership in academia, leadership in special circumstances, and leadership in nonprofit organizations. The program also offered a series of workshops helping students to better understand their own leadership skills, the characteristics of strong and weak leadership, and the importance of team collaboration.

Padata is currently a member of the Teaching Faculty at Cebu Normal University in the Philippines. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of the Philippines Cebu in 2015 and a Master of Education in Social Studies from the University of the Philippines Professional Schools – Cebu in 2020 where he graduated with distinction.

Founded in 1924, **Pi Gamma Mu** is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society in the United States. Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt, charitable organization. Pi Gamma Mu has been certified by the Association of College Honor Societies since 1953. The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the Social Sciences and to uphold and nurture scholarship, leadership, and service. Pi Gamma Mu serves the various social science disciplines which seek to understand and explain human behavior and social relationships as well as their related problems and issues.

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter news in this issue comes from the Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University and the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College.



Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University

On March 5th of 2021, a total of 73 Delaware BETA Chapter members were inducted into Pi Gamma Mu with 53 being 2020 inductees and 23 being 2021 inductees. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no induction ceremony was held in the spring of 2020. Because of this, a virtual ceremony was held in March of 2021 honoring both 2020 and 2021 inductees.

Member of the Delaware Beta Chapter completed an impressive array of service projects each year. A representative sample of service projects performed by Wilmington University Pi Gamma Mu students include:

- Breakfast Mission meals and Christmas gifts for Adopt-A-Family.
- Volunteered hours at a soup kitchen in Philadelphia, PA.
- Participated in Tip-a-Cop fundraiser for Delaware Special Olympics.

- Volunteered with Children and Families First Seaford House for at-risk adolescents.
- Stuffed stockings at a children's fundraiser for the Salvation Army.
- Worked in the kitchen at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.
- Collected clothing donations for Code Purple in Kent County Delaware.
- Volunteered at the Amazing Race to Adulthood Transition Fair with the Capital School District.
- Volunteered with Dart First State and helped collect food for the Food Bank of Delaware for Delawareans in need.
- Took part in the Spooktacular Community Outreach, helped with face painting, set up, and clean up.
- Worked with the Chrysalis Center, Inc. which serves children living in poverty and coming out of homelessness with an opportunity to make crafts.
- Organized food drive and delivered Thanksgiving meals to 15 families in the Greenwood, Delaware area.
- Created care packages for the homeless in New York City.
- Volunteered at the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society.

Dr. Johanna Bishop is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter. She was also recently appointed to be the Pi Gamma Mu Governor for Delaware.

Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College

The Nebraska Delta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Wayne State College joined with the College's Student Senate to present the 19th Annual Festival of Trees. The festival is a benefit for the Wayne County, Nebraska, "Gifts for Kids" program.

Participation involved any campus group (club, department, dorm floor, office, sports team, support staff, class, individuals, etc.) putting up and decorating a themed tree in the Kanter Student Center atrium from November 15-December 3, 2021.

A donation of \$12 was required for groups providing their own tree, or \$20 for groups wishing to borrow a tree to decorate.

All donations went toward providing clothing and toys for Wayne County families who otherwise could not afford them.

Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen are the Chapter Faculty Sponsors of the Nebraska Delta Chapter.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Please join other chapters in the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project!

Chapters are working together to support veterans, the homeless, and animals in animal shelters. Chapters may either choose to do one of the three components of the service project or may choose to participate in all three of the service project components.

Descriptions of the national service project are listed below. Should you have any questions, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region and point of contact for the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project initiative.

Homeless Box Drive - chapters contact an organization in support of the homeless and put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an organization in support of the homeless from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Veterans - chapters contact a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and collect toiletries and softcover books in support of the veterans. Supplies are donated to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Animals - chapters will contact an animal shelter in their area and will put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an animal shelter from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

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, 2022.

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.

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

PI GAMMA MU REGALIA FOR COMMENCEMENT

Show off your high academic achievement in the Social Sciences by wearing Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords or a Stole or both to commencement! You may order your regalia as soon as you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu. Order online at <https://pigammamu.org/store.html>



Pi Gamma Mu stole.

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. **\$24.**

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords. The Society's royal blue and white honor cords include four tassels in royal blue. **\$17.**

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THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

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.

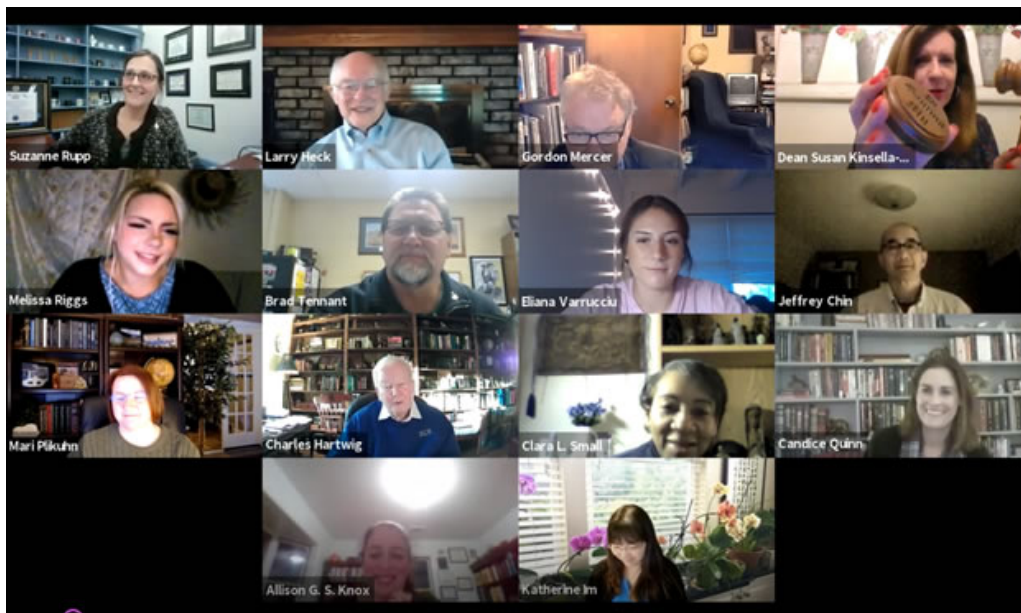
A Submission and Publication Guide is available at <http://pigammamu.org/international-social-science-review.html>

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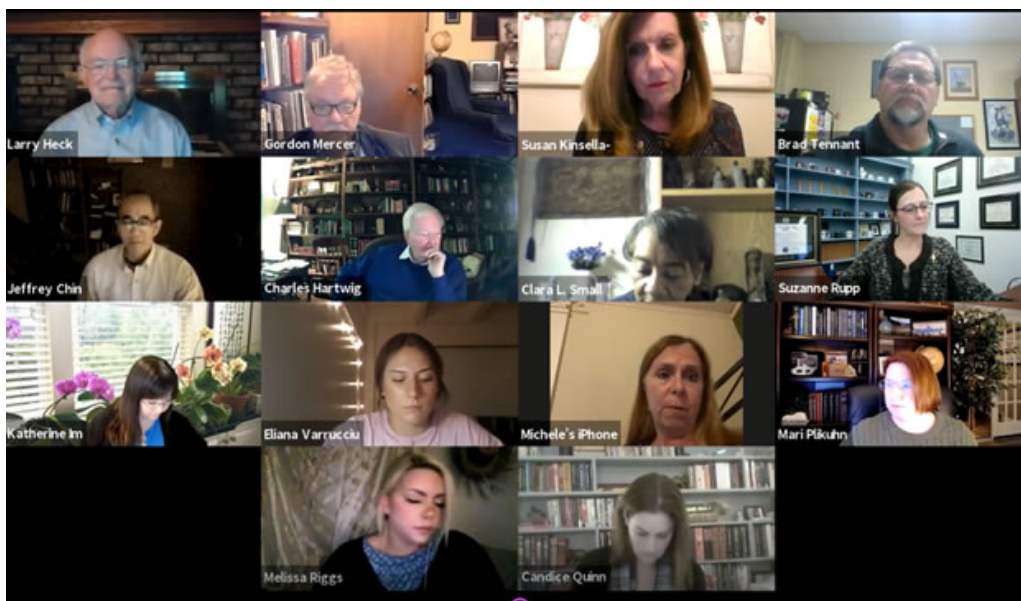


INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING

The Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees held its annual meeting via ZOOM on November 18-19, 2021. In a typical year, the Trustees meet in person for their annual meeting, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held online in 2020 and 2021. The Board worked on important Society issues including strategic planning for the future, financial planning, and planning for the 2024 Triennial International Convention which will coincide with Pi Gamma Mu's Centennial Celebration. This is at least the second period in its history that the Board of Trustees canceled in-person meetings due to extreme circumstances. During World War II, the Trustees decided to handle their business by mail in order to leave as many resources as possible for the war effort.



Pictured are (left to right, top row to bottom row): Suzanne Rupp (Executive Director), Larry Heck (Immediate Past President), Gordon Mercer (Past President), **Susan Kinsella (President) top right, preparing to bang the Presidential Gavel for the first time as Pi Gamma Mu's newest Board President**, Melissa Riggs (Student Representative), Brad Tennant (Regional Chancellor), Ellie Varruciu (Student Representative), Jeffrey Chin (Regional Chancellor), Mari Plikuhn (Treasurer), Charles Hartwig (Regional Chancellor), Clara Small (Second Vice President), Candice Quinn (Journal Editor), Allison Knox (Regional Chancellor), Katherine Im (Regional Chancellor), and Not pictured is Michele Price (Attorney).



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Immediate Past President of the Board of Trustees, **Larry Heck**, produced a video for the annual meeting in which he shared some of the history of the Presidential Gavel and presented the Gavel to new President of the Board of Trustees, Susan Kinsella. Because the meeting was held virtually due to the pandemic, President Heck made the video and shipped the Gavel to President Kinsella in advance of the meeting so that she could open the meeting with a bang of the Gavel, a long-standing Pi Gamma Mu Tradition. The wooden gavel is wrapped with a brass band which is engraved with "Pi Gamma Mu" and the strike block is carved with the same, "Pi Gamma Mu".

As the Society started a new Triennial Period, a new President was sworn in. Dr. Susan Kinsella, Dean at Saint Leo University in Florida, became Pi Gamma Mu's 16th President.

The Board also welcomed three new Trustees. Dr. Jeffrey Chin, Professor of Sociology at LeMoyne College in New York is Pi Gamma Mu's new Chancellor for the Northeast Region. Ms. Melissa Riggs, a student at the University of Maryland Global Campus, and Eliana (Ellie) Varrucciu, an international student from Italy currently attending college at Wayne State College in Nebraska, are the Student Representatives for the next three-year period.

Dr. Jean Karlen, Past-President on the Board of Trustees, graduated from the Board, but as an Emeritus Trustee, she plans to continue to provide special assistance to the Board on various projects.

The 2021-2024 Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees:

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Candice Quinn, Journal Editor

Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Online System Now Available

2021-2022 is off to a great start at Pi Gamma Mu despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and we wish to thank our Chapter Faculty Sponsors for their volunteerism and support, especially during this difficult time. We understand that this is a challenging time for students and faculty alike who have had to make sudden adjustments. We hope that you are safe and well.

In response to the increased need for online solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pi Gamma Mu is now accepting online payments for memberships. Your students are now able to pay their \$50 lifetime membership fee online, directly to our office, using any credit card accepted by PayPal.

If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and registration forms, we will happily continue to accept memberships through the mail. Chapters are not required to use the new online payment system.

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 online students, 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!

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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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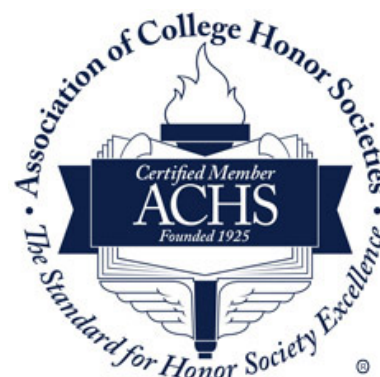
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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

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ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 70 members of the **Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)**, which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has stepped up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS website (www.achsnaatl.org) for the [list of honor societies](#) that are members.



MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

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

IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.
7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

The **motto** of the Society is the epigram of the Master Teacher, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The society's **key** has a wreath at the bottom to suggest that social science is the outgrowth and fulfillment of natural science. The running figure is reminiscent of the ancient Greek torch race and symbolizes humanity bringing knowledge to the solution of its own problems and passing on the light from generation to generation.

The **colors** are blue and white - for truth and light.

The official **flower** is the blue and white cineraria.

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