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2020 TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RESCHEDULED FOR 2021

The 2020 Triennial International Convention has been postponed and rescheduled for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Convention will be held on **November 4-6, 2021, in Washington, DC.**

Student research papers will still be accepted this year. The submission deadline is November 20, 2020. Consider submitting your research paper NOW!

Even though Pi Gamma Mu has been forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, student members are still encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for the 2020 Convention. Even though there will be no convention in November of this year, accepted papers can be listed in resumes as "Accepted but not presented, due to the cancellation of the 2020 Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

The submission deadline for 2020 student papers is November 20, 2020. Submitters will be advised within two weeks whether or not their paper had been accepted. All accepted papers will then be ranked by the Committee of Readers. Up to the top ten rated papers will receive consideration for publication in the *International Social Science Review* (ISSR), and if published, will be accepted for oral presentation at the 2021 International Convention in Washington, DC. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

[Read more about student paper submissions here...](#)

We will share more information about the 2021 Convention as it becomes available. The health and welfare of Pi Gamma Mu members continue to be our primary concerns.



CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30



We hope that you remain safe and well. Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we understand that 2020 has been an extremely challenging year. COVID-19 has disrupted all of our lives and we mourn those who have been lost.

College students and faculty in particular have experienced extreme and sudden changes to how they learn, teach, and live. Despite the many challenges we are facing, we are adapting and working together in new ways to keep the wheels turning in higher education and here at Pi Gamma Mu. We wish to thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu and your good students during this difficult time. Without the dedication and leadership of the Chapter Sponsors, like you, Pi Gamma Mu would cease to exist.

Given the many challenges of 2020, we are extending the deadline for Chapter Annual Reports to September 30, 2020. Please visit <http://pigammamu.org/chapter-reporting.html> to complete your annual report if you haven't already done so. If you have already sent in your chapter annual report, thank you! There is nothing more you need to do related to the report although we have added one question:

How has COVID-19 impacted your college/university and your chapter and how do you think COVID-19 will affect your chapter in 2020-2021?

If you have already submitted your report and wish to answer this question, you may email your response to suzannerupp@pigammamu.org.

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All submissions must include a completed cover page (see example below), including the title of the paper, the author's name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, telephone number, **AND** the e-mail address and phone number of their Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor *AND/OR* the professor for whom the paper was originally written. Students are to include their personal information **only** on the cover page and the e-mail sent with their entry, to ensure a completely blind or unbiased evaluation when the paper is sent to the evaluation committee. The paper itself must include none of the identifying information from the cover page other than the title of the paper. Completed papers should be at least 12 pages but no longer than 30 pages in length, including endnotes and references; double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 font. No review comments will be shared with submitters, either verbally or orally.

Papers need to be submitted via e-mail to Dr. Charles W. Hartwig, Chair of the Committee of Readers, at hartwigc@suddenlink.net, with a "cc" copy to the Convention Committee Chair, Dr. Susan Kinsella, at Susan.Kinsella@saintleo.edu. The papers should be attached to an e-mail cover letter as a Microsoft Word document. Other word-processing software is unacceptable. The **deadline** for submitting papers is Friday, November 20, 2020; earlier submissions are highly encouraged.

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

We are encouraging members of Pi Gamma Mu, undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni alike to submit their work. Past conventions have demonstrated that Pi Gamma Mu members have completed truly outstanding research – we look forward to learning about new research.

Now is the time to decide to submit a research paper.

Questions? Contact Dr. Hartwig at hartwigc@suddenlink.net, or 870-935-9454.

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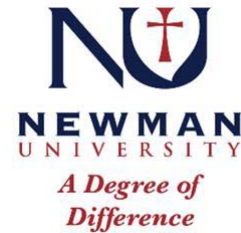
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CHAPTER NEWS

News in this issue comes from American Military University & American Public University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and Newman University.



West Virginia Iota Chapter at American Military University & American Public University

The West Virginia Iota Chapter had a busy year despite challenges related to COVID-19. In September of 2019 the chapter held its officer elections and made plans for the upcoming year. The chapter held monthly meetings online and conducted several service projects including participation in the Teal Pumpkin Project, the Wreaths Across America Project, and Pi Gamma Mu's national service project, the Homeless Donation Box Project. The chapter made donations to Harmony House in Mansfield, Ohio, The Southern California Indian Center in El Segundo, California, The Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills Illinois, the Saint George Roman Catholic Church, and Michigan Works. Chapter members Bill Wenger, Michelle Luson, and Whitney Gibbs (along with chapter advisor Allison G. S. Knox) also serve as university ambassadors. In March, the chapter suspended service project work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and donated \$250 to the American Ranger Association. Also in March, the chapter faculty sponsor, Allison G. S. Knox, received the AMU/APU Chapter Advisor of the Year Award.

Massachusetts Zeta Chapter at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

The Massachusetts Zeta Chapter had a successful year despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The chapter was able to open up membership to more eligible students and with some of the changes from the PGM home office, many more students were invited to join the chapter this year (almost 50 students were invited!). The chapter ended up inducting 13 new members, the same number as in the previous last year, a very good accomplishment given the disruptions caused by the pandemic. The chapter held several Brown Bag talks and other events on campus co-sponsored by the chapter. A few other events were planned, including a breakfast induction ceremony, but were canceled when schools closed down for the remainder of the year due to COVID-19. However, the chapter was able to use a portion of the budget money designated for PGM events to help update a hallway in the Sociology department including a plaque commemorating our Sociology majors and the PGM inductees of 2020 for their perseverance this year. Dr. Ingrid Castro is the chapter sponsor.

Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University



The Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University had a very active year in 2019-2020. The chapter sponsored a voter registration event on October 3, 2019. Members of the chapter organized the drive for Newman University students and visitors, alongside a Sedgwick County Election Commission officer. Later that month the chapter participated in a Trunk-or-Treat event in which members created a pirate-themed display and handed out candy from a treasure chest to local children to provide a safe Halloween trick-or-treating experience and to foster community spirit and bonding. In November, Master of Social Work students from the chapter spoke at a Day of the Dead Celebration, providing grief coping advice as well as other mental health coping skills training to help with the loss of a loved one. The event was co-sponsored by HALO, another student organization on campus. In December, members of the Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University were invited to celebrate the holidays and end of the semester at the chapter adviser's home. Members also prepared baked goods for the Pedal Thru Youth Non-Profit Organization Bake Sale Fundraiser. The organization provides bicycles to children in low-income or impoverished neighborhoods. On March 16, the University switched to an online format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The chapter responded by conducting a completely online membership drive for the first time in the chapter's history. The drive was a big success with 41 students accepting membership into Pi Gamma Mu. Dr. Larry Heck is the chapter sponsor.

Left: Members of the Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University celebrated the holidays and end of the semester at the chapter adviser's home. Members also prepared baked goods for the Pedal Thru Youth Non-Profit Organization Bake Sale Fundraiser.

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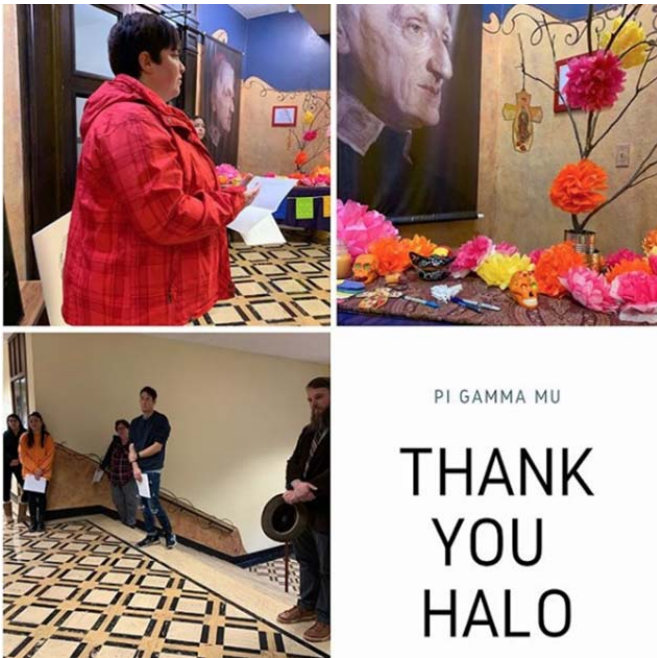
registering to vote

Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University sponsors a voter registration event.



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The Trunk or Treat Event at Newman University.



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Day of the Dead Celebration at Newman University – MSW students speak about how to cope with grief.



Bake Sale for Pedal Thru Youth at Newman University.

PI GAMMA MU RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BY ESTABLISHING NEW CHAPTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences recognizes academic excellence in the social sciences by establishing new chapters at colleges and universities across the United States.



Winfield, KS -- ([ReleaseWire](#)) -- 08/25/2020 -- Founded in 1924, Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society in the United States. While many chapters of Pi Gamma Mu have been active for decades, new chapters are being established around the country. Some of the newest chapters are located at The University of Mississippi, Ithaca College, Castleton University, Tiffin University, Saint Ambrose University, Voorhees College, Georgia Southern University, and Rutgers University – Camden. Trustee president C. Larry Heck reports that "The presence of a chapter at such a wide variety of colleges and university attests to the interest of sponsors and faculty members in honoring students who excel in the social sciences."

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. The society seeks to accomplish this mission in a variety of ways. The scholarship program encourages members to attend graduate school; conferences and conventions provide opportunities to present research; and the society's journal, *International Social Science Review*, provides publication opportunities. Pi Gamma Mu works not only to further the scholarship of members but also to assist the community at large. From national donation drives to local fundraisers, service is more than a concept at Pi Gamma Mu. The society also provides leadership opportunities to members at the chapter and national level in which student members can run for a variety of positions.

Pi Gamma Mu is certified by the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). Membership in a certified, credible honor society provides prospective employers with instant verification of exemplary performance and achievement, distinguishing members from competing job applicants at a glance. In fact, the US Government's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers incoming federal employees a two level pay grade increase for "Superior Academic Achievement," which can be obtained through membership in ACHS-certified honor societies,

including Pi Gamma Mu. Trustee president C. Larry Heck claims that, "Having ACHS certification offers an important advantage, and faculty and students can know that Pi Gamma Mu is a credible honor society, devoted to recognizing and developing outstanding social science students."

In response to the increased need for online solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pi Gamma Mu recently launched a new online membership registration and payment system. This allows chapter sponsors to invite eligible students and permits students to provide registration information and submit lifetime membership fees online. Due to temporary campus closures, some chapters have begun holding meetings and initiation ceremonies online as well.

Pi Gamma Mu seeks to continue to support the social sciences by establishing new chapters at colleges and universities around the globe. For more information about Pi Gamma Mu, please visit <https://www.pigammamu.org>

<http://www.releasewire.com/press-releases/pi-gamma-mu-recognizes-academic-excellence-by-establishing-new-chapters-around-the-country-1300957.htm>

ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

At Pi Gamma Mu we understand that this has been a challenging year for students and faculty alike who have had to make sudden adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that you are safe and well during this very difficult time.

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 will now be 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 this new online payment system.

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

2019-20 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pi Gamma Mu chapters inducted 2262 new members in 2019-20. See the full report below.

ALABAMA Delta	Troy University	Stephen Carmody	16
ARIZONA Gamma	University of Phoenix	Sharon McNeely	4
CALIFORNIA Kappa	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Kristen Conway-Gomez	11
CA Xi	University of La Verne	Gitty Amini	2
CA Pi	University of CA-Irvine	Teresa Neighbors	41
CA Tau	University of San Francisco	Richard Johnson III (Gov., CA)	30
CA Phi	Fresno Pacific University	Ray Nickson	29
CA Chi	Soka University of America	Peter Burns, Esther Chang	22
COLORADO Epsilon	Colorado College	Dana Wittmer	9
CONNECTICUT Beta	University of Bridgeport	Beth Skott	6
CT Epsilon	University of Saint Joseph	Kevin Callahan	8

DELAWARE Alpha	Delware State University	Sam Hoff	4
DE Beta	Wilmington University	Johanna Bishop	57
FLORIDA Kappa	Florida State University	Lisa Turner de Vera	17
FL Kappa	Warner University	Winnifred Whittaker	8
FL Lambda	Saint Leo University	Katrina Maxwell, Susan Kinsella, Nancy Wood, Suzie Cashwell, Felicia Wilson, Michelle Allen, Amina Abdullah, Cheri Chambers, Michelle Boone Thornton	70
FL Nu	University of Central Florida	Michael Armato	3
FL Xi	Jacksonville University	Laura Atkins	24
GEORGIA Gamma	Wesleyan College	Barbara Donovan	9
GA Epsilon	Shorter University	Jared Linebach	30
GA Iota	Clark Atlanta University	Henry Elonge, Terry Kight	80
GA Lambda	Georgia State University	Glenwood Ross II, Grace O	3
GA Xi	Brewton-Parker College	Vance Rhoades	6
GA Sigma	South University	Laura May, Laura Rodriguez-Kitkowski	26
GA Upsilon	Georgia Southern University	Daniel Skidmore-Hess	27
HAWAII Alpha	University of Hawaii - Manoa	Lorey Takahashi	75
ILLINOIS Gamma	Bradley University	Bradford Brown	43
IL Eta	Wheaton College	Annette Tomal	7
IL Kappa	Dominican University	Christina Perez	24
IL Xi	Elmhurst College	Michael Lindberg, Bhoomi Thakore, Karen Musser, Michelle Reidy	69
IL Pi	McKendree University	J. L. Kemp, Michael Hahn	30
INDIANA Alpha	University of Evansville	Mari Plikuhn	8
IN Epsilon	Valparaiso University	Niru Devaraj	8

IN Theta	Manchester University	Leonard Williams	17
IOWA Gamma	University of Northern Iowa	Jennifer McNabb	2
KANSAS Alpha	Southwestern College	Cheryl Rude	7
KS Eta	Baker University	Timothy Buzzell	1
KS Theta	Newman University	Larry Heck	42
KS Iota	Emporia State University	Michael Smith	2
KS Kappa	Central Christian College	Jamie Whitehouse	5
LOUISIANA Epsilon	Southern University	Shawn Comminey	5
MARYLAND Beta	McDaniel College	Julie Routzahn	24
MD Theta	University of Maryland Global Campus	Katherine Im (Chancellor, NE Region)	171
MASSACHUSETTS Beta	Regis College	Kathryn Edney	23
MA Epsilon	Springfield College	David Rudder	6
MA Zeta	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Ingrid Castro	13
MA Eta	College of our Lady of the Elms	Jennifer Rivers, Autumn Mathias	12
MICHIGAN Gamma	Siena Heights University	Julieanna Frost	11
MI Zeta	Madonna University	Elizabeth Prough, Tara Kane	5
MISSISSIPPI Eta	Alcorn State University	Antrina Bell	23
MS Theta	Blue Mountain College	Terry Taylor	6
MISSOURI Kappa	Central Methodist University	Kristin Cherry, Richard Bradley, John Carter (Gov., MO)	16
NEBRASKA Delta	Wayne State College	Randy Bertolas, Jean Karlen	38
NE Epsilon	University of NE at Omaha	Gregory Petrow	13
NE Theta	Midland University	Megan Nielsen, Cortney Wilder	7
NEW HAMPSHIRE Beta	St. Anselm College	Kevin Doran	12
NH Gamma	Plymouth State University	David Starbuck	8
NEW JERSEY Delta	Rider University	Elizabeth Radziszewski	5
NJ Theta	Stevens Institute of Technology	Lindsey Cormack	15
NJ Iota	Rutgers University-Camden	Chinyere Osuji	16

NEW MEXICO Epsilon	University of the Southwest	Dianna Carmenaty	3
NEW YORK Gamma	Alfred University	Robert Stein	3
NY Theta	Keuka College	Jessica MacNamara	7
NY Iota	Mercy College	Dorothy Balancio, Marla Moulton	52
NY Lambda	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Heath Bowen	19
NY Mu	Dominican College	Christopher Libertini	35
NY Nu	St. Joseph's College	Kirk Lawrence, Basak Horowitz	8
NY Sigma	LeMoyne College	Jeffrey Chin	39
NY Tau	Pace University	Linda Quest	7
NY Phi	Nazareth College	Virginia David	13
NY Alpha Epsilon	Marymount Manhattan College	Erin O'Connor	5
NORTH CAROLINA Delta	North Carolina Central University	Carlton Wilson	1
NC Epsilon	Appalachian State University	Marian Williams, Kathy Simon (Gov., NC)	12
NC Mu	Campbell University	Lloyd Johnson	33
NC Nu	St. Andrews University	David Herr	4
NC Xi	North Carolina Wesleyan College	Jay Quinan	3
NC Tau	Winston-Salem State University	Okori Uneke	2
NC Upsilon	Fayetteville State University	Kofi Johnson	4
NC Chi	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Paulina Ruf	2
NC Alpha Beta	Chowan University	Danny Moore, Lewis Nicholson	38
OHIO Epsilon	Baldwin-Wallace University	Liya Wang	13
OKLAHOMA Zeta	Northeastern State University	John McIntosh	26
OK Iota	Langston University	Charles Spurlock	6
OK Kappa	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Kay Decker, Jana Brown	3
PENNSYLVANIA Gamma	Susquehanna University	Nick Clark	26
PA Lambda	California University of PA	Beverly Ross	24
PA Mu	Franklin and Marshall College	Alan Glazer	21
PA Psi	University of Pittsburgh at Bradford	Marvin Thomas	10
PA Alpha Epsilon	University of Scranton	Christie Karpiak	13

PA Alpha Zeta	Widener University	Mariah Schug	9
PA Alpha Kappa	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	Geoffrey Wood	16
PA Alpha Lambda	Lincoln University	Jernice Lea	29
PA Alpha Nu	Holy Family University	Stephen Medvec	1
PA Alpha Omicron	Washington & Jefferson College	Zheya Gai	14
SOUTH CAROLINA Theta	University of South Carolina-Aiken	Phillip Mason	11
SC Iota	Claflin University	Caroletta Shuler Ivey	1
SC Nu	Allen University	Christopher Rounds	1
SC Xi	Voorhees College	Louis Howell, Jr.	11
SOUTH DAKOTA Zeta	Presentation College	Brad Tennant (Chancellor, N/NW Region)	17
TENNESSEE Lambda	Cumberland University	Rick Bell, Tara Mitchell Mielnik	22
TN Mu	Martin Methodist College	Alicia Webb	13
TEXAS Eta	Texas State University	Jeremy Pena	7
TX Omicron	West TX A&M University	Keith Price	7
TX Upsilon	University of Houston-Downton	Joanna Kaftan	11
TX Psi	Huston-Tillotson University	Michael Hirsch	5
TX Omega	East Texas Baptist University	Laurie Smith	6
TX Alpha Beta	St. Edward's University	Mity Mihr	1
VERMONT Gamma	Castleton University	Scott Roper	58
VIRGINIA Zeta	University of Mary Washington	Bradley Hansen	8
VA Mu	George Mason University	Vita Chalk	85
WEST VIRGINIA Theta	Bluefield State College	Amanda Matoushek, Rodney Montague	3
WV Iota	American Military University	Amanda Wilson, Allison Knox (Chancellor, SE Region)	183
Total Members	277,465	Chapters	112
		Members	2,262

TOP 10 CHAPTERS BY MEMBERSHIP

The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees and staff wish to thank and congratulate the 2019-2020 Top 10 Chapters by Membership. 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. Our fiscal year ends on August 31. The following 10 Chapters sent in the most members compared to all other active chapters during the 2019-2020 academic year:

1. West Virginia Iota – **American Military University** – 183 Members – Allison G. S. Knox and Amanda Wilson
2. Maryland Theta – **University of Maryland Global Campus** – 171 Members – Katherine Im
3. Virginia Mu – **George Mason University** – 85 Members – Vita Chalk
4. Georgia Iota – **Clark Atlanta University** - 80 Members – Henry Elonge, Terry Kight
5. Hawaii Alpha – **University of Hawaii - Manoa** – 75 Members – Lorey Takahashi
6. Florida Lambda – **Saint Leo University** – 70 Members – Susan Kinsella, Katrina Maxwell, Nancy Wood, Suzie Cashwell, Felicia Wilson, Michelle Allen, Amina Abdullah, Cheri Chambers, Michelle Boone Thornton
7. Illinois Xi – **Elmhurst College** – 69 Members – Michael Lindberg, Bhoomi Thakore, Karen Musser, Michelle Reidy
8. Vermont Gamma – **Castleton University** – 58 Members – Scott Roper
9. Delaware Beta – **Wilmington University** – 57 Members – Johanna Bishop
10. New York Iota – **Mercy College** – 52 Members – Dorothy Balancio, Marla Moulton

Congratulations, 2019-2020 Top 10 Chapters by Membership!

CONGRATULATIONS, STAR CHAPTERS!

The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees and staff wish to congratulate and thank the 2019-2020 Star Chapters for their dedication and success in increasing their chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the 2018-2019 academic year. This accomplishment is particularly impressive given the unexpected and unprecedented challenges chapters have been facing related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-seven chapters achieved this goal in 2019-2020! Congratulations on your success, 2019-2020 Star Chapters! Join this elite group by increasing your chapter's membership by 20% or more in 2020-2021.

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. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and we ask for your continued support in this area. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year and we will send you a Pi Gamma Mu gift and will recognize your chapter in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter and on our website. Our fiscal year ends on August 31. The Star Chapter program was started in 2014-15.

2019-2020 Star Chapters

(Increase in membership of 20% or more over 2018-2019)

Delaware Beta – **Wilmington University** – Johanna Bishop
Florida Lambda – **Saint Leo University** – Susan Kinsella, Katrina Maxwell, Nancy Wood, Suzie Cashwell, Felicia Wilson, Michelle Allen, Amina Abdullah, Cheri Chambers, Michelle Boone Thornton
Florida Nu – **University of Central Florida** – Michael Armato
Georgia Epsilon – **Shorter University** – Jared Linebach
Georgia Iota – **Clark Atlanta University** – Henry Elonge, Terry Kight
Georgia Lambda – **Georgia State University** – Glenwood Ross II, Grace O
Georgia Xi – **Brewton Parker College** – Vance Rhoades
Illinois Gamma – **Bradley University** – Bradford Brown
Illinois Eta – **Wheaton College** – Annette Tomal
Illinois Kappa – **Dominican University** – Christina Perez
Indiana Theta – **Manchester University** – Leonard Williams
Kansas Theta – **Newman University** – C. Laurence (Larry) Heck
Kansas Iota – **Emporia State University** – Michael Smith
Michigan Gamma – **Siena Heights University** – Julieanna Frost
Mississippi Theta – **Blue Mountain College** – Terry Taylor
Missouri Kappa – **Central Methodist University** – Kristin Cherry, Richard Bradley, John Carter
Nebraska Delta – **Wayne State College** – Randy Bertolas, Jean Karlen
New Jersey Iota – **Rutgers University** – Cambden – Chinyere Osuji
New York Lambda – **Saint Thomas Aquinas College** – Heath Bowen
North Carolina Epsilon – **Appalachian State University** – Marian Williams, Kathy Simon
Pennsylvania Psi – **University of Pittsburgh at Bradford** – Marvin Thomas
Pennsylvania Alpha Epsilon – **University of Scranton** – Christie Karpiak
Pennsylvania Alpha Lambda – **Lincoln University** – Jernice Lea
Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron – **Washington & Jefferson College** – Zheya Gai
South Carolina Theta – **University of South Carolina Aiken** – Phillip Mason
South Dakota Zeta – **Presentation College** – Brad Tennant
Texas Eta – **Texas State University** – Jeremy Pena



PI GAMMA MU RECEIVES TOP RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Founded in 2001, *Charity Navigator* has become the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. In their quest to help donors, their team of professional analysts has examined tens of thousands of non-profit financial documents. They have used this knowledge to develop an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess over 160,000 of America's best-known and some lesser-known, but worthy, charities.

Specifically, *Charity Navigator's* rating system examines two broad areas of a charity's performance; their Financial Health and their Accountability & Transparency. Their ratings show givers how efficiently a charity will use their support today, how well it has sustained its programs and services over time, and their level of commitment to good governance, best practices, and openness with information. They provide these ratings so that charitable givers/ social investors can make intelligent giving decisions, and so that the nonprofit sector can improve its performance.

Nonprofits of all sizes are rated on a scale of zero to one hundred based on available data. A score of 75 or above indicates that a nonprofit is effective and transparent in the areas assessed, based on Charity Navigator's criteria. **Charity Navigator has given Pi Gamma Mu a rating of 100, the best score possible.** To see Pi Gamma Mu's rating on Charity Navigator, visit charitynavigator.org/ein/480547708

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Thank you for your generosity and support of Pi Gamma Mu.

WHY JOIN AN ACHS-CERTIFIED HONOR SOCIETY?



Membership in a certified, credible honor society provides prospective employers with instant verification of exemplary performance and achievement, distinguishing members from competing job applicants at a glance. In fact, the US Government's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers incoming federal employees a two level pay grade increase for "[Superior Academic Achievement](#)" which can be obtained through membership in ACHS-certified honor societies.

Membership is also valuable because certified honor societies offer student members opportunities to network with high achieving professionals in their field; to hold leadership positions locally, regionally, and nationally; to win valuable scholarships, fellowships, and grants; to publish their research/work as an undergraduate or graduate student; to attend seminars, workshops, and conferences; to participate in campus and community programming that extends and enhances their academic experience; and more.

Please help us share this with individuals on your campus who can help students make better-informed decisions.

Thank you for making a difference with Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.

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

\$24. 10 or more: \$21 each.



Honor cords. The Society's cords display your affiliation with Pi Gamma Mu during your graduation ceremony. *Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.*

\$17. 10 or more: \$15 each.



Cotton Canvas Tote Bag.

This 19" x 12" x 4" bag is made of 11 oz., 100% cotton canvas, and has 11" fabric handles. It has royal blue accents and has the Pi Gamma Mu name, Greek letters, and key pin printed on the front pocket and the Pi Gamma Mu mission statement printed on the back. **\$20.**



T-shirts. Available in gray crew-neck and pink v-neck. These t-shirts are printed on both sides with the Pi Gamma Mu Greek letters and name on the front and Pi Gamma Mu's mission statement on the back. **\$20.**



Banner. The polyester silk-screened banner measures approximately 20" x 32" and is supported by a twisted white cord with tassels. **\$75.**



Coffee mug. This ceramic mug is emblazoned with the Pi Gamma Mu name and logo. **\$10.**

Bumper Sticker. This premium vinyl sticker measures 11" by 3". \$5



Wooden Greek Letters. This set of three 8" letters is made of ½" thick Baltic birch plywood, ready to paint or display as is. \$21.

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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) 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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