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DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15

If you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu, you could qualify to be the recipient of a \$1,000 or \$2,000 scholarship to attend graduate school. Click [here](#) to learn about last year's scholarship recipients. Why not be one of the next recipients?

Pi Gamma Mu 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, Kans., on or before **February 15**. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form. <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Online System Now Available

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 and we hope that you remain safe and well. Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we continue our work to support our chapters and members and are here to help. Please take time this semester to recognize your top social science students by providing them with an invitation to join Pi Gamma Mu. An invitation means more now than ever given all the losses students have faced due to COVID-19. Additionally, it is the lifetime membership fees collected by Chapter Faculty Sponsors that allows Pi Gamma Mu to operate and to provide services to its members such as scholarships, a professional journal, conventions, presentation opportunities, 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!

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 a credit card. Chapter sponsors who use this option are no longer required to collect the lifetime membership fees and mail them to headquarters.

If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and registration forms, we will happily continue to accept memberships through the mail.

We hope that you will strive to make both your chapter and Pi Gamma Mu 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.

CHAPTER NEWS

Grambling State University

Bryson J. Bradford (pictured) and Avana Thompson, members of the Louisiana Eta Chapter at Gramling State University, recently presented their research during the online 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention – Social Scientists Leading the Way. The pair presented their paper entitled, "Exploring Race, Gender, Marital Status, and Longevity". Their co-authors are: Jordan Hall and Jada Starks. Other contributors include: Amaya Wright, Jalen Spencer, Briana Urena, Natalie Washington, and Lauren Williams.

The group's past and present faculty mentors are Dr. Frances Staten of Grambling State University and Dr. John Nwoha of Louisiana Tech University. Following graduation, Bradford sent a message to Dr. Staten thanking her for her mentorship and for inviting and encouraging him to join Pi Gamma Mu. He reported that presenting at a Pi Gamma Mu convention was a rewarding experience. Branson is picture below celebrating his graduation from Grambling State University in 2021.





VOLUME 97, NO. 4 OF THE *ISSR* IS NOW LIVE

Volume 97, Issue 4 of Pi Gamma Mu's keystone journal, the ***International Social Science Review*** is now live! The journal is presented in an open-access digital format and does not require a subscription, so feel free to share it with your colleagues, and friends. You can find it here:

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

This issue includes the following articles:

[U.S. Immigration and Human Trafficking Overlap](#)
Stephanie Pedron and José de Arimatéia da Cruz

[Parenting and the Development of Social Competence in Early Childhood](#)
Meredith Karam and Kathryn A. Degnan

[Women in Literature: The Impact of Feminism on Fantasy Literature, 1950–1990](#)
Jessica Dassler

[Glorious to Gruesome: Callot, Goya, and Picasso, and the Art of War](#)
Mary-James Capers

The issue also contains 11 book reviews, Pi Gamma Mu News, the journal's publication guide, and the following commentary: [Extended Commentary: Meritocracy and Its Discontents: Inequality in Higher Education](#) by Ronald J. Berger.

Enjoy!



THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN AN HONOR SOCIETY WHILE JUDGING CREDIBILITY

Honor Societies have existed as a part of the higher education tradition since 1885. In 1925 the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) was established to help colleges and universities assess the value and credibility of these organizations. Pi Gamma Mu has been an accredited member of the ACHS since 1953. This link lists all member honor societies that are certified and meet the standards of the ACHS: <https://www.achshonor.org/certified-societies-member-directory-#/>

Over the past few years there have been several groups that have emerged that are calling themselves honor societies but do not meet the standards to be certified by the Association of College Honor Societies. Based on the calls and questions that come to the ACHS office, these organizations are marketing themselves as honor societies and possibly creating confusion for students.

In order to help students and administrators make more informed decisions, the ACHS has asked us to share with you basic questions to ask or assess before determining any organization to be an honor society:

- Does the organization require minimum scholastic criteria?
- Does the organization provide transparent governance?
- Does the organization have campus chapters?
- Are they a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization?
- Does the organization have a website that includes: membership criteria; fees and benefits; Bylaws; headquarters staff with contact information; national elected officers?
- Are members of the organization involved in governing the organization?

You can find more information about how to judge the credibility of honor societies at <https://www.achshonor.org/judging-credibility>
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.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

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

Chapters are working together to support veterans, the homeless, and animals in animal shelters. Chapters may choose to do one, two, or all three components of the service project. This year's National Service Project will end on *June 30, 2022*.

Chapters are encouraged to email photos and descriptions of their participation in the National Service Project to suzannerupp@pigammamu.org for inclusion in a future issue of the Pi Gamma Mu *Newsletter*.

Descriptions of the national service project are listed below. If 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. allison_g.s._knox@hotmail.com.

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.

Veterans - chapters contact a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and collect toiletries and soft cover books in support of the veterans. Supplies are donated to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital.

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.



One of the service projects the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College completes annually is the creation of 'tie blankets' which are donated through the local "Gifts for Kids" program in Wayne, Nebraska. The blankets go to local families in need. Dr. Randy Bertolas, Dr. Lisa Nelson (pictured, far left), and Dr. Jean Karlen are the Chapter Faculty Sponsors of the Nebraska Delta Chapter.

SHOW YOUR PI GAMMA MU PRIDE

Pi Gamma Mu's exclusive merchandise not only allows you to proudly display your achievement and affiliation with the society, but merchandise purchases also support the activities of Pi Gamma Mu and help us finance our programs and awards.

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.**

Buy a Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords **bundle** and save! \$41 **\$36.**

Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.

<https://pigammamu.org/store.html>

Other items include coffee mugs, bumper stickers, wooden Greek letters, and more.

SCHOLARSHIP MEDAL

The Pi Gamma Mu scholarship medal is a time-honored tradition of the society. This award has been in use since the early days of the organization. Once a year chapters have the privilege of awarding one medal to a person who has distinguished him/herself in the social sciences. It has usually been given to an outstanding student as a prize for scholarship and/or service. However, it may also go to some other person deserving recognition in this field or to a faculty officer of a Pi Gamma Mu chapter.

Finished in gold plate, the award is available to chapters at a cost of \$35. The name of the recipient and the date can be engraved on the back of the medal for no additional charge. You can order via the Pi Gamma Mu website.

Important: The scholarship medal may ONLY be ordered directly by chapter sponsors.



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

If you prefer to mail your donation, please complete the donation coupon below and mail it with a check payable to Pi Gamma Mu, at the following address: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

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

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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.

 **Like us on Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/PiGammaMuHonorSociety/>

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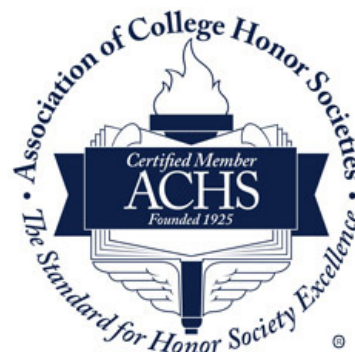
 **Connect with us on LinkedIn** - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/>

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 or go to our Web site (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 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

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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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