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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2021 VIRTUAL TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Social Scientists: Leading the Way

Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society. Its purpose is to award academic excellence and service. Started in 1924 by the Deans of Southwestern College and the College of William and Mary, its headquarters today are in Winfield, Kansas. Throughout its 97 years of existence, it has produced many well-known scholars, diplomats, political leaders, business leaders, and pioneering professionals.

Over the last several decades, members of the prestigious Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society have attended the Triennial Convention in various cities across the United States. Students in chapters of this organization have waited for this convention for the opportunity to present papers and posters, hear notable speakers, and meet other honor students from colleges and universities nationwide. This year will be no different but with the continuing issues with the COVID pandemic, and decreasing revenue available for student travel, this year's convention will be held virtually. Dr. Suzanne Rupp, executive director of the society is enthusiastic about the shift in offering the convention. "The board of trustees is excited to be offering the convention online this year so that more chapters can participate. Having a virtual convention is very affordable for the students and we expect that more Pi Gamma Mu members will be able to attend".



The virtual event will be offered from Wednesday, November 3rd through Saturday, November 6th. The keystone of the convention is student paper presentations in which selected students will present their research to convention attendees. Webinars and zoom sessions will highlight speakers in our Leadership Program and awards will honor students and chapters who have excelled in academics and service to their communities. We will also recognize historical and current Pi Gamma Mu members who have demonstrated excellence in their field. Dr. Clara Small, Professor Emerita Salisbury University, Pi Gamma Mu board member, and author of several African American history texts, presented at the 2017 convention. We are proud to bring such impressive speakers to our conventions for students and faculty. Pi Gamma Mu has an illustrious history of members who include such famous leaders as U.S. Admiral Richard E. Byrd and U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Another feature of the Convention is the popular Leadership Development Program, a series started at the last convention in Kansas City, MO. Under the direction of professor and board member, Allison G. S. Knox, the 7-hour event will feature segmented sessions on Leadership in Literature, featuring what has been written about leadership as a social science, Leadership in Special Circumstances, focusing on the skills needed by leaders in emergency or dangerous situations, and Leadership in Academia, addressing management issues in education as well as how to write effectively as a leader. Information on how to successfully publish your work will be important for students who are in or are heading to, graduate school. Students will finish the Leadership Program with a presentation and virtual field trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Leadership speakers include a program administrator, an emergency manager, a college dean, a journal editor, and experts from the Marine Museum on leadership in military combat. Certificates of completion will be awarded to all students who attend and finish the assignments.

Dr. Susan Kinsella, convention committee chairperson indicates, "the convention is open to all Pi Gamma Mu members, undergraduate and graduate. It is chock-full of surprises with a social networking event and webinars and interactive sessions through Zoom, allowing students to socially network with other chapters in attendance and learn what service projects they are engaged in, especially during this time of COVID". Service is part of the mission of Pi Gamma Mu and projects during the convention allow students to participate in assisting non-profit organizations with needed supplies and resources. Over the years students have collected and donated stuffed animals to a children's residential home, sent books to military veterans, and provided toiletries to the homeless. This year an online project will allow students to participate in another service project.

If you have never presented a paper in your discipline, attended a leadership program, visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps, or listened to an address by a leading authority in the social sciences, then this is the year to advance in your discipline. You can begin to network with other professionals in your area and find out what careers await you with your degree. There are also opportunities to be a part of the student caucus if you want to run for a student seat on the board of trustees for Pi Gamma Mu. We encourage students to come meet other honor students from around the country, and for faculty to meet other chapter sponsors and share their ideas of the activities conducted on their campuses. The Pi Gamma Mu 2021 Convention promises to be a worthwhile scholarly event and we will look forward to meeting everyone there. Pi Gamma Mu conventions are open to all members of Pi Gamma Mu. Visit piggammamu.org/convention-2021 for more information.

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS - 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Convention

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (March 29, 2021)

Pi Gamma Mu was forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year by the global viral pandemic. The 2021 Triennial convention will thus take place in early November of this year (November 3-6, 2021), **but** it will be a virtual convention. The convention will have most of the features of in-person triennial conventions, with some extra features, and will be much more affordable. Student members are encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for presentation consideration at the 2021 Convention.

The final paper submission deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. Submitters will be advised within two weeks whether or not their papers have been accepted. All accepted papers will then be ranked by the Committee of Readers. The top fifteen papers will receive free conference registration. The top ten rated papers will receive publication consideration in the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)*. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

All submissions must include a completed cover page (see example below), including the title of the paper, the author's name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, **AND** the email 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 email 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, before the submission deadline. Authors are reminded that their paper is being submitted for viewing by an audience of scholars in a number of social science disciplines, and that if their paper was originally written for a specialized class it should now have language and terminology which could be understood by non-specialists in their discipline.

Papers need to be submitted via email 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 email cover letter as a Microsoft Word document. Other word-processing software is unacceptable. The **deadline** for submitting papers is Friday, October 8, 2021; earlier submissions are highly encouraged.

Submissions will be acknowledged by email 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 email 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.



Student presenters pose at the podium at the 2011 Triennial International Convention. The highlight of the Convention was the day-long presentation of 40 members' research findings, which took place in the ornate Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building, located across from the U. S. Capitol on the northern side of Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC.

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Sample Title Page

The Impact of Tourism on Cultural Identity in Bali

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CALL FOR STUDENT AND CHAPTER POSTERS - SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSALS

The 2021 Student and Chapter Poster Session will be held during the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention this November 3-6.

Poster proposals are being accepted now.

Purpose: The Poster Session is designed to feature both student work in the Social Sciences or highlight the history/activities of a chapter. Posters are exhibits of materials that report academic work or chapter activities in visual and summary form. Pi Gamma Mu's bylaws define the social sciences to include those disciplines that emphasize the scientific study of human societies and social relationships including, but not limited to, such disciplines as 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.

Student Posters: Students experience and study the Social Sciences in many ways. This session is designed to feature the variety of these experiences, disciplines, and studies. Posters may present completed original research and data collection, projects and papers which may be "in progress", theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy and summaries of applied experiences such as service-learning projects or internship experiences. In addition, posters provide a means for students to present group projects as well as those of individuals.

Chapter Posters: Pi Gamma Mu is also interested in posters from Pi Gamma Mu Chapters. Chapter posters can exemplify the diverse strengths of our chapters and share ideas regarding a wide range of chapter-related activities including an overview of a year's activities, a chapter's history, service projects, initiations, programming, or recruitment strategies.

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

Students must be members of Pi Gamma Mu and register for the convention in order to be included in the convention program.

Deadlines:

Poster Proposals - Poster proposals may be submitted any time; however, the deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021.

Virtual Poster: If a proposal is accepted, the deadline for submitting your poster presentation is Friday, October 22, 2021. Submission details will be forthcoming.

Submission Information:

Send poster proposal submissions directly to Dr. Brad Tennant (brad.tennant@presentation.edu). Contact Dr. Tennant with any questions you may have.

NOTE: Once reviewed and accepted, the presenters/chapters will be notified of their acceptance. This process may help the chapter in seeking institutional funding for the presenters. Thus, members are encouraged to develop their poster ideas now and submit poster proposals early.

Poster Proposal Submissions should include the following information:

POSTER TITLE:

PRESENTERS: Please provide names and email addresses for all student and faculty presenters, if possible. At a minimum, each poster submission must have the name and contact information of one individual who will serve as the key contact for the session.

CHAPTER and FACULTY SPONSOR: Provide the chapter name, institutional affiliation, address, name, and contact information (email and phone number) of a faculty sponsor.

ABSTRACT: A summary of the poster's content in 150 words or less including the social science discipline (e.g., psychology, sociology, criminal justice, history, etc.)

Format: Only the proposal needs to be submitted at this time. If a virtual poster proposal is accepted, the poster presentation should include slides **to help visually** explain the poster topic. The presentation should not exceed five (5) minutes **allowing for questions and comments afterward**. Posters will be available during the convention.

Send poster submissions directly to Dr. Brad Tennant (brad.tennant@presentation.edu).



2017 Convention attendees enjoy presentations during the Student Poster Session.

2021 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Join us for the second Leadership Development Program during the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention! Program participants will learn about leadership in a variety of different contexts to include leadership in academia, stressful environments, non-profit organizations, public policy, and in the United States Marine Corps. The virtual event will consist of webinars, lectures, and a unique online experience with the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. While the program is tailored for undergraduate students, graduate students are welcome to attend. Students will earn a certificate of completion for their resume upon the conclusion of the program.



2017 Leadership Development Program Participants attend a decision-making simulation at the Truman Presidential Library's White House Decision Center in Independence, MO.

Participants must be Convention participants (convention registration is \$60.00) and Pi Gamma Mu members. Registration is \$40.00 and must be submitted by October 8, 2021.

Some funding is available for students to attend the program. Interested Pi Gamma Mu members must submit the Leadership Development Program Grant Application by **August 1, 2021** to be considered. [Grant Application Form](#).

Questions about the program should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chair of the Leadership Development Program: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE HALL OF FAME



Pi Gamma Mu solicits your nominations for new inductees to the Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame. Nominees should have at least ten years of services to the organization as a chapter advisor, officer, or Board of Trustees member or in some other meritorious capacity and should have an exemplary record of achievement and contribution in the social sciences and dedication toward Pi Gamma Mu.

In 2004 the international Board of Trustees established the Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame. The first inductees were announced during the triennial international Convention in 2005. They were the late Dean Leroy Allen, Pi Gamma Mu's founder, and first national president; Effie Urquhart, late executive secretary; retired executive director Ina Turner Gray; and Dr. C. Howard Patterson, late national president. At a 2006 board meeting, Dr. Scott Johnston, past international president, was inducted into the Hall of Fame. During the 2008 triennial convention, Dr. Orville D. Menard, late international president; Dan Quigley, late legal counsel to the Board; the late Dr. Patricia A. Mulvey, the founding sponsor of our chapter at Bluefield State College; and Dr. Stephen L. Fisher, long-time Pi Gamma Mu volunteer at Emory & Henry College were inducted into the hall. In 2011, P. Kay Anderson, past international president, Hugh C. Bailey, past international president, A. Wayne Burton, Pi Gamma Mu governor for Pennsylvania, Susan Stoudinger Northcutt, Pi Gamma Mu governor for Florida, Linda G. Quest, past chapter sponsor, and Daniel M. Schores, past chancellor of the south-central region were inducted. In 2013, Dean J. Fafoutis, editor of the *International Social Science Review* from 2002 to 2013, was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The nomination process is relatively simple. Individuals can be nominated by chapters that submit a detailed narrative of the activities and accomplishments of the nominees. Chapters nominate, but the Selection Committee decides who best meets the criteria. Once nominated, the individual remains under permanent consideration; chapters may--and are encouraged to--submit at any time additional information about the nominee to strengthen the case for selection.

The Selection Committee will receive applications at any time, although the selection of inductees will take place no more frequently than once each year. Nominations and supporting materials should be sent to: Hall of Fame, Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

Visit our [website](#) for more information on how to nominate individuals for the Hall of Fame.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 PGM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Don't Miss This Chance to Learn about Leadership from Docents of the Museum!

The leadership program developed by the National Museum of the Marine Corps incorporates the fourteen leadership traits that are central to the United States Marine Corps. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with a member of our docent corps to learn more about both Marine Corps history and the importance of developing strong leadership traits within the Marine Corps. Docents will present from within the National Museum of the Marine Corps and participants will work collaboratively to analyze the ways in which each historical account represents one or more of the fourteen leadership traits. Following the docent presentations, participants will examine the methods used by the Marine Corps to foster leadership skills within active-duty Marines. The program will conclude by giving participants the opportunity to reflect on their own leadership experiences and will provide them with the opportunity and framework to develop a plan to facilitate future personal growth.

Laura Shaw

Teacher in Residence

National Museum of the Marine Corps

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Pi Gamma Mu Leadership Development Program will be taking place during the Triennial Convention this coming November. Program participants will learn about leadership in a variety of different contexts including leadership in academia, stressful environments, nonprofit organizations and leadership principles within the United States Marine Corps.

While the program is virtual, students may request funding consideration by submitting the Grant Application. The grant is available to undergraduate and graduate level students and includes the program registration fee of \$40. Students must submit the Grant Application no later than **August 1, 2021** for consideration. Students must register for the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Virtual Convention (\$60) in order to register for the Leadership Development Program and this Grant.

Questions about the Leadership Development Program or the Grant Application should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chair of the Leadership Development Program: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE 2021 VIRTUAL CONVENTION

1. The top fifteen student papers will receive free conference registration. The paper submission deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. Early submissions are encouraged.

2. Some funding is available for students to attend the Leadership Development Program. Interested Pi Gamma Mu members must submit the Leadership Development Program Grant Application by August 1, 2021 to be considered. [Grant Application Form](#).

3. Ask your Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor. Chapters that will be in attendance at the Convention sometimes have funds available for students.

4. Ask your professors or the Student Affairs department or Student Government Association at your university. Sometimes departments have some funds built into their budgets to help students attend conferences.

Note for Chapter Sponsors: Each chapter is building a reserve of convention funding at Pi Gamma Mu headquarters. It grows every time a chapter sends applications for membership and initiation fees. The Convention Reserve Fund was established by action of the international Board of Trustees to encourage more chapters to participate in convention activities. Each chapter that sends a delegation to the convention will receive funding.

ALUMNI CORNER

The Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Corner was created so that Alumni could stay in touch with their updates, career activities, and key events in their lives. The Alumni Council would love to include your update in a future issue of the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter. Please email your update to: executivedirector@pigammamu.org. Please limit your summary to a few sentences and list "Alumni Corner" in the subject line of your e-mail. Please be sure to list the name of your Pi Gamma Mu chapter.

Matthew Anderson, a Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Member, completed his Doctoral research at three of the largest child welfare agencies in New York City. Anderson's published dissertation is entitled "Leader Perceptions and their impact on retention and job satisfaction in child welfare agencies," and is available on Proquest. Anderson was nominated to be Pi Gamma Mu's Shadow President for four years writing articles analyzing the performance of then-President Barak Obama. The *International Social Science Review*, Pi Gamma Mu's keystone peer-reviewed journal, published Anderson's article entitled "Transformational Leadership in Education" in 2017, and will soon feature another of his articles entitled "Supervisory Support, Job Satisfaction, and Leadership Development in Nonprofit Organizations." Anderson has worked as a Leadership Consultant for Saint Vincent's In Brooklyn, New York, and the Seamen Society in Staten Island, New York on projects to develop middle-management personnel and currently works as an Administrator in the New York City shelter system.



Since 2012, **Lisa Burnham, of the Florida Lambda Chapter at Saint Leo University** has aspired to serve her university by becoming a University Senator. This year she humbly accepted the nomination and earned a senate seat through votes from her peers. She promises to represent the online community as a staff member and as an alumnus, while also representing the current and future students within Saint Leo University. With a heart for public service and dedication to serving our students, She is looking forward to serving as a University Senator.

Viviana M. DeCohen of the New York Iota Chapter at Mercy College (right) has been chosen by the Department of Veterans Administration (VA) as one of the 2021 Women Trailblazers. The 2021 "Women Veterans Leading the Way" campaign features 27 women Veterans. The VA's Center for Women Veterans sponsors an annual campaign in honor of Women's History Month and throughout the year celebrates the contributions of these trailblazers and women Veterans, representing all military branches, during and after their military service.

Viviana DeCohen is a Marine Corps Veteran and serves the City of Mt. Vernon as its Commissioner of Veterans Services. Viviana is in pursuing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Gerontology and serving in various capacities in Veterans' organizations such as the National Association of Veteran Program Administrators, Women Marines Association, and the Barbara Giordano Foundation.



Randy Purham, Secretary and member of the West Virginia Iota Chapter at the American Military University and American Public University (left), is running for office! Randy is currently running for the Alaska at-Large seat in the United States House of Representatives. More information about his campaign can be found here: <https://www.rpurham4us.com/>

Bill Wenger of the West Virginia Iota Chapter at American Military University (AMU) (right) was declared the 2021 National Volunteer of the Year for Training from among nearly 4,000 national Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) volunteers on April 15, 2021. ESGR is a 50-year-old Department of Defense volunteer agency across 54 states and territories. Bill has been volunteering with ESGR for five years. He is a US Army Colonel (retired), Real Estate Executive, and post-graduate college professor.



CHAPTER NEWS

This issue contains updates from the Georgia Epsilon Chapter at **Shorter University** and the Nebraska Delta Chapter at **Wayne State College**.



The Georgia Epsilon Chapter at **Shorter University** had an active year despite limitations due to COVID concerns. The chapter worked with the Social Sciences Department to host the Constitution Day on campus. Additionally, a stuffed animal drive took place and the stuffed animals were given to the local policing agency for children involved in traumatic events with whom they interact. The Chapter Faculty Advisor is Dr. Jared Linebach, Chair of the Social Science Department.



Members of the Georgia Epsilon Chapter at Shorter University donate stuffed animals for children involved in traumatic events.

The Nebraska Delta Chapter at **Wayne State College** collected items for donation to the Norfolk Rescue Mission in northeast Nebraska. This year the chapter had the biggest haul they have ever taken in! You can see only a portion of what they collected in the photo below. The month-long event brought in donations from all over campus and some items from the community, too, not just from Pi Gamma Mu members.



(left to right) Nebraska Delta chapter advisors Dr. Eric Colvard (History), Dr. Randy Bertolas (Geography), chapter Vice President Adam P. Smith, chapter President Shelby Hagedorn, chapter advisor Director Lisa Nelson, chapter advisor Dr. Dan Miller (Psychology).

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Here, at Pi Gamma Mu, we understand that this has been a challenging year for students and faculty alike who have had to continue to cope with the many impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that you are safe and well during this very difficult time.

We want to count you among our active chapters in 2020-2021, and it's not too late to induct members this fiscal year. In fact, it is easier than ever and now is a great time to complete a membership drive. Many students are at home with their families who are typically very supportive of accredited honor society invitations... and sometimes pay the membership fee on their behalf. Our fiscal year ends on August 31, so your chapter still has time to be counted on this year's rolls by inducting new members. And, now, with online memberships available, Pi Gamma Mu has made it easier than ever for you to induct new members whether you and your students are at home or on campus.

Our **new online member registration system** allows invited students to register and pay Pi Gamma Mu headquarters directly online. Chapter sponsors no longer need to collect those fees and membership forms and mail them to us. Please note, we will mail the certificates to the chapter sponsor once you send us a request unless other arrangements are made with our office in advance. Individual shipping to students is available for a fee of \$10 per student (contact the office if this service is needed). Bulk shipping to chapters continues to be at no charge.

To use the new online membership system, visit <http://pigammamu.org/adviser-portal.html>. Contact suzannerupp@pigammamu.org with questions.

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

We hope to hear from you soon. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to assist you with your membership drive or any other matter.

THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW*

A new issue of Pi Gamma Mu's keystone journal, the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)*, is now live! The *ISSR* is presented in an open-access digital format and does not require a subscription, so feel free to share it with your classmates and colleagues. You can find the *ISSR* here at:

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

This dynamic issue includes several articles, book reviews, Pi Gamma Mu news, and more. Be sure to check it out!



CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15



Chapter annual report forms are due on August 15. Many chapters have already sent in their forms and we thank you. If you have not sent in your chapter's form, it is not too late. The [form is available on our Website](#). We appreciate each Chapter Faculty Sponsor taking a few minutes to complete and return this report.

The annual report form helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations pertaining to your chapter's obligation to submit information to headquarters. The international office will file your chapter's Form 990-N tax return on your chapter's behalf based on your answers to the two financial questions on the annual report form. Please help us to keep your chapter in compliance with the IRS regulations so that our Society and your chapter will maintain our tax-exempt status.

If you would like to see your chapter's activities mentioned in the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*, send in your annual report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us photographs to put in the newsletter to accompany the description of the activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an e-mail message to headquarters. We encourage you to brag about your students and what they are doing. We don't know what happens on your campus unless you inform us, so please take a few minutes to fill out the annual report. The deadline to submit your chapter's report to our international office is August 15.

PI GAMMA MU MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE



Wooden Greek Letters - $\Pi \Gamma \mu$

This set of three 8" tall wooden letters is made of 1/2" thick Baltic birch plywood. The set will arrive sanded and ready to paint or display as is. These letters are great to showcase along with a Pi Gamma Mu Banner during induction ceremonies and new initiates love posing for photos holding the letters. They also look great on display in a home or office. Set of three **\$21**

Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords bundle.

Buy a stole and honor cords and save \$5! **\$36.**

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

Visit <https://pigammamu.org/store.html> to see all of our official Pi Gamma Mu merchandise including stoles, honor cords, t-shirts, tote bags, coffee mugs, and more!

MY EXPERIENCE AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Emma Grace Thompson

When I reflect on my time as a Pi Gamma Mu Student Trustee Representative, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the opportunities provided me by my membership in Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences. When I first joined Pi Gamma Mu, urged by my academic advisor and then-Virginia Delta Chapter Advisor Matthew Shannon, Ph.D., I was initially hesitant. In my experience, honor societies rarely offered benefits beyond graduation day regalia. However, my PGM membership proved to be different.

I was elected as Student Representative to the Board of Trustees at my first, and still only, Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Convention. The only student attending from my small liberal arts college, I at first felt bewildered and overwhelmed by the traditions, knowledge, and convivial energy at my first Convention event. However, the welcoming nature of PGM members, including fellow students, alumni, Chapter officials, and even Board members soon made me feel right at home. I was proud to be elected to the Board after campaigning because I knew that PGM was an organization worth promoting.

From being overjoyed by unexpectedly receiving a birthday celebration at an annual meeting in Washington, D.C., to tough conversations about pandemic safety and organizational responsibility in 2020, it gives me great pleasure to know that I have represented an honor society that truly prioritizes the well-being and success of its student members above anything else. My Student Representative position even helped provide important employment connections! As you start to get excited about Convention 2021, I highly recommend you consider and plan your campaign for Student Representative. PGM rewards engaged and motivated students, and this position is an important example of this.

NEW HISTORY PUBLISHED BY WV IOTA CHAPTER OFFICER

Bill Wenger has now measured the immeasurable, detailing for the first time the monetary contributions of these nations... A truly groundbreaking study.

Larrie D. Ferreiro, Ph.D. is the author of the 2017 Pulitzer finalist book, *Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It*.

William V. Wenger makes a major contribution to literature on the American Revolutionary War by quantifying the financial aid received by the patriots from Europe. In this first study of the foreign subsidies, Wenger adds a vital element to our understanding of how the patriots won the American War of Independence.

Andrew J. O'Shaughnessy, Ph.D., author of *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire*: Vice President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

These are just two of the many favorable comments and reviews on the recent publication of a new History by Vice President of Strategic Planning Bill Wenger of PGM, Iota Chapter entitled

The Key to American Independence: Quantifying Foreign Assistance to the American Revolution

The book, based on Wenger's AMU U.S. History Master of Arts thesis was released in paperback and digital formats by Amazon in late February of this year. The history quickly achieved Number One status in the Amazon history category of "U.S. Revolution and Founding History."

An abstract of Wenger's book will be published this April in the prestigious *Journal of the American Revolution*.

You can get your copy of this innovative and highly-readable history by visiting Amazon Books and entering the title of the book.



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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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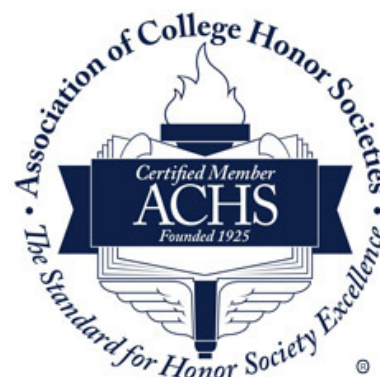
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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

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ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 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.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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