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TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

"Ocean View of a Global Future" - October 16-18, 2014

Plans are coming together for our next Triennial International Convention. Our hotel, the Crowne Plaza Charleston, is located in North Charleston, South Carolina. Please mark your calendar now - we hope to see all of our chapters represented with a delegation. More details will follow as they are formulated, but we want chapters to be aware of the date and begin making plans to attend. There will be concurrent student panels presenting their research, student poster presentations, a delicious banquet with guest speaker, music, and our traditional convention service project involving stuffed animals to be donated to a local shelter.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Anytime you move, such as after graduation, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your mailings from being interrupted or discontinued. We would appreciate it if you would mail a change-of-address card, post card, or letter with your name and old and new address to: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156. You can also E-mail the information to us at pgm@sckans.edu, or use the [Web site form](#).

When you graduate, please give us a new E-mail address if you have been using your college address to receive your *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*. At some point (each college is different), your college E-mail address will be eliminated and you will no longer receive the newsletter or other information from Pi Gamma Mu.

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Chapter Annual Report forms will be mailed to chapter sponsors in April. It is very important that all sponsors fill out and return this form to headquarters by September 1. We will put the [form on our Web site](#) soon for those of you who would prefer to send it back that way. We appreciate each sponsor taking the 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 gladly file a 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*, you must 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 activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an E-mail message to headquarters. Please send the original digital image if possible.

You need 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 is September 1 to submit your chapter's report to our international headquarters.

VIEW FROM THE PODIUM

The Inevitability of Change

The saying goes that there are three kinds of organizations: those that make things happen, those that watch things happen, and those that wonder what happened. In a world of rapid change, a lot of us will be astonished sometimes to notice what has happened.

Just over a year ago, my co-workers and I at North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU) received word that a lot of things were about to change. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia decreed that NGCSU in Dahlonega and Gainesville State College in nearby Gainesville, Ga., should initiate a process to consolidate. On January 8, 2013, the consolidated institution proceeded to operate under the new name of the "University of North Georgia." Instead of feeling responsible for 6000 students, I now feel responsible for 15,000 of them. (Whether I can actually *do* anything for 15,000 students is, of course, subject to debate.) I revised the bylaws of the Georgia Kappa Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu to reflect the university's new name. Then, I visited the bookstore on the Dahlonega campus and purchased a new UNG wardrobe, so that I would continue to be in fashion as I make my way around the campus each day.

The late Columbia University political scientist, Wallace S. Sayre, famously remarked, "Academic politics is the most vicious and bitter form of politics, because the stakes are so low." Unless I am missing something, the creation of a new political-science department, encompassing NGCSU's and GSC's political scientists, seems to be happening without rancor and with a real desire by the faculty members to work together. I am currently a member of three departmental committees that are reviewing and reconciling the two separate sets of policies to create one set of policies for all of us. I am actually finding the effort to be an entirely pleasant enterprise. It seems to me that we all recognize the similarity of our missions, which involve giving our students a solid educational experience, preparing them for productive careers, and--as a consequence of their productivity--enhancing the quality of life of people in Northeast Georgia and wherever else our graduates may choose to live and work. I think that we are also aware that the delivery of a credible educational experience takes vision, planning, and cooperative execution. A credible educational experience does not happen automatically, or randomly, or as a result of faculty members chasing their own self-interests. I have seen the results of an uncoordinated effort to educate students, and they do not paint a pretty picture. My experience suggests that a college or university is best served by having a truly committed, imaginative faculty, each of whose members regards teaching as a calling and *all* of whose members participate wholeheartedly in an active system of shared governance.

Pi Gamma Mu depends on the voluntary contributions of unpaid labor from faculty members who operate their chapters, energized by the conviction that honor students deserve recognition for their commitment to their studies. Many or most of our faculty volunteers will attest that their efforts in administering chapters are labors of love, which is fortunate because material rewards may be few and far between. I happen to believe that the *luxury* accommodations in heaven are occupied by people who were officers of honor societies while they were on earth. I *have* to believe that to keep going. Our international Board of Trustees deeply appreciates the sacrifices that our chapter officers devote to Pi Gamma Mu, and the members of our professional staff in Winfield, Kans., enjoy their interaction with chapter officers. As I have explained to many audiences, "Faculty advisors do not grow on trees." The training that professors undertook to qualify for their positions would ordinarily attract substantially more compensation, as it would if they went to work in industry. However, professors understand their careers to be a calling that is not based on the creation of tangible commodities in exchange for pay that reflects the value that they added to the goods produced. Rather, the professors seek the opportunity to enhance the lives of students. Professors are notoriously concerned about the well-being of students. Not much of the modern pressures for research or anything else seems to have tampered substantially with professors' commitment to students. Not much having to do with pay seems to have the potential to disrupt professors' commitment to



Dr. Barry D. Friedman
International President

students, either. Pi Gamma Mu appreciates the valuable opportunity to "cash in" on this commitment, because it is the attribute that attracts faculty members to voluntary service in our honor society.

So I am excited to have 11 more colleagues in our expanded political-science department at the University of North Georgia. No doubt, I will recruit them for membership in Pi Gamma Mu and to be chapter officers. One of my new colleagues, Dr. H. Lee Cheek Jr., is a long-time Pi Gamma Mu organizer who helped Dr. Gordon E. Mercer, immediate past international president, to establish a Pi Gamma Mu chapter at Western Carolina University in 1983 and as an academic administrator at Brewton-Parker College in Georgia and Athens State University in Alabama activated the processes of establishing chapters at those institutions. I think that my affiliation with them will enhance my professional life. This time, change might work out very nicely for me.

Barry D. Friedman
International President

SHADOW PRESIDENT UPDATE

President vs. Republicans – Budget Battles Continue

President Barack Obama went from battling Republicans to the edge of the fiscal cliff, to what appears to be a series of impending budget battles with Republicans in Congress over a deal to offset the impact of the across-the-board spending cuts known as the Sequester which kicked in March 1st. The President failed to negotiate a deal that would offset the impact of 85 billion dollars in budget cuts aimed primarily at domestic and defense programs. On March 1 President Obama met with four Congressional leaders for an hour-long meeting in an effort to come up with a solution to the budget cuts, but politicians on both sides were unwilling to yield on demands to negotiate an alternative.

President Obama had until midnight on March 1 to instruct the various branches of government to shrink their budgets based on a specific formula. After the budget adjustments, federal agencies will begin to inform the state and local governments on how the cuts will impact the amount of federal money they will receive. Emergency /extended unemployment benefits are set to be cut immediately. Many fear the cuts will negatively impact military readiness and the broad national economy.

According to reports, the President remains optimistic about reaching a deal to offset the budgets cuts, but President Obama spoke with uncertainty on how long he thought it would take to hash out a deal. He has been quoted as saying, "it may take a couple of weeks," "it may take a couple of months." President Obama has maintained that any deal will have to include across-the-board tax increases and spending cuts. Republicans are opposed to any further tax increases after agreeing to 600 billion dollars in tax increases to avert the "so called" fiscal cliff. Obama has been criticized by Republicans for going to the public in campaign mode, linking Republican unwillingness to compromise to the overall detriment the Sequester will have on the economy.

Most business executives are not concerned with the impacts of the budgets cuts. Some executives have spoken in favor of the cuts as opposed to more across-the-board tax increases proposed by the President. During the fiscal cliff debates, CEOs unsuccessfully advocated for a deficit reduction deal that included both tax increases and reductions in entitlement spending. President Obama came into an economic crises and it seems as if the majority of his two-term presidency will be beset with economic issues. Attention now will shift to another budget deadline—the need for a bill to extend government funding by March 27th. If there is no extension, the result will be a partial government shutdown.

Dr. Matthew Anderson
Shadow President



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GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Institute for Humane Studies

Fund for Future Scholars – PhD Applications Made Affordable

Have you applied or do you still plan to apply for PhD programs this year? IHS can help maximize your chance of getting accepted and funded by making it affordable to apply to all programs of interest!

In 15 minutes, you can apply for application fee reimbursement up to \$300 through the [Hayek Fund for Future Scholars!](#)

Who's eligible? Undergraduates and recent graduates applying for full-time doctorate programs to start in the 2013-14 academic year; interest in individual and economic freedom, and strong academic potential are essential. While most disciplines will be considered, preference will be given to disciplines in the humanities and social sciences: economics, philosophy, political science, history, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and fine arts. Find out more: www.TheIHS.org/hayek-fund-future-scholars. For more information, you can contact Keri Anderson, Student Coordinator, Institute for Humane Studies, www.TheIHS.org.

The Rutherford Institute Summer Internship Program

The Rutherford Institute Summer Internship Program offers law students and undergraduates the unique opportunity to learn practical legal skills, while developing a critical understanding of constitutional law. The Summer Internship Program, open to qualified law students interested in receiving a grounding in critical areas of law impacting civil liberties and religious freedom, has attracted top students from law schools across the country and abroad. The program's intensive lectures and course work are coupled with practical assignments related to the ongoing work of The Rutherford Institute.

Many students have made contacts through the intern program that proved to be beneficial in developing career opportunities. Former interns now serve in nationally recognized law firms, as clerks for federal and state judges and in leadership roles with various civil liberties groups, including The Rutherford Institute. But perhaps more importantly, Summer Interns at The Rutherford Institute learn that we all have a duty to rise above our self-interests and work to help fight human rights abuses.

An internship at The Rutherford Institute offers:

Practical Legal Experience

Interns research and write legal memoranda and briefs for attorneys affiliated with the Institute in cases in state and federal courts throughout the country, including the United States Supreme Court.

Intensive Instruction in Law, Philosophy & Culture Affecting Human Rights & Religious Freedom

Interns analyze and discuss a broad range of constitutional and cultural issues under the instruction of attorneys who have practical and theoretical knowledge of their fields.

Direct Client Contact

Interns receive and respond to calls and letters for legal assistance from potential clients. Under the supervision of qualified personnel, interns gain hands-on experience in the art of integrating theoretical knowledge into real cases.

Opportunities for Cultural Enrichment

Charlottesville, nestled at the foot of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, is home to the University of Virginia, which was founded by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson's home, Monticello, is just outside the city limits, as is Ash Lawn, the home of James Monroe. Montpelier, the home of James Madison, is a 20-minute drive from Charlottesville. The colonial city of Williamsburg, Virginia, and the nation's capital are also nearby.

Work Study, Independent Research and Externships

Work Study, Independent Research and Externship Programs provide law students with the opportunity to gain procedural and substantive knowledge through legal research and writing. Most of the assignments are for cases in litigation, providing a unique opportunity to improve legal skills while researching cutting-edge law.

The Rutherford Institute uniquely provides a way for law students to expand their legal education, increase their research skills and gain practical experience while attending law school through participation in these programs.

First, second and third-year law students are encouraged to apply. Undergraduate students are also welcome to apply. Please send a resume and writing samples to: internships@rutherford.org.

[Click here to read more about TRI's Summer Intern Program](#)

Capital Semester in Washington, DC

www.DCinternships.org/CS

August 28 – December 14, 2013

- Guaranteed Internships - Courses for Credit - Housing in DC
- **Extended Deadline:** March 26, 2013
- Scholarship Funding Available

Spend a semester in Washington, DC making an investment in your future that will help set you apart after college. This comprehensive program sponsored by The Fund for American Studies includes a **guaranteed internship placement**, courses for transferable **credit**, and furnished **housing** on Capitol Hill.

Experience

We've been creating academic internship experiences for over 40 years and guarantee all participants an internship placement. Your options are endless – we work with over 300 different federal agencies, policy groups, international affairs organizations, media outlets, public affairs firms, government relations offices, and nonprofit organizations.

Connections

Who you know does matter - especially when it comes to your future job search. Our programs are designed to allow students to make valuable professional connections and practice networking skills in a real-world setting. You can participate in a mentor program, as well as roundtable discussions and networking receptions with program alumni.

Location

Washington, DC is the perfect place to explore a variety of career paths while enjoying a vibrant arts and culture scene. Take advantage of the

free Smithsonian museums, many musical and theatre performances, as well as sports events. You can explore DC and meet fellow program participants through program-planned social activities including a guided tour of the monuments, a day trip to Mt. Vernon, canoeing on the Potomac River, and outing to the National Zoo.

Courses for Credit

Earn 12 academic credits from the DC Metro Area's George Mason University. Mason was recently ranked #1 Up and Coming University by *U.S. News and World Report*. Capital Semester has a curriculum that is designed to complement the internship experience.

Backstage Pass

You will have a front row seat to a variety of exclusive briefings and uniquely D.C. events, allowing you to further explore your career field, make important professional connections and have fun while doing so.

You will have the chance to attend once in a lifetime tours and hear from leaders within such powerful institutions as the State Department, U.S. Congress, White House, World Bank and the Pentagon.

Application Information

Students will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of June 1, 2013. There is a substantial amount of scholarship funding available, and awards are made based on financial need and merit.

For more information and to begin an online application, visit www.DCinternships.org/CS. Questions may be directed to Dana Faught at dfaught@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.

ROLLS ANNOUNCED

The Awards Committee of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees announced their decision on the Roll of Distinction and Roll of Merit at the annual meeting in October 2012.

The Rolls are the result of the decision by the Awards Committee on the basis of the annual reports filed by responsible 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 Pi Gamma Mu's international board. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiative in developing new activities or methods of operation is especially noted. These lists are in alphabetical order.

ROLL OF MERIT

Illinois Kappa, Dominican University, Janice Monti
Indiana Alpha, University of Evansville, Mari Plikuhn
Missouri Omicron, Evangel University, Lew Hall
New York Nu, St. Joseph's College, Barbara Morrell
Ohio Eta, Kent State University, Will Kalkhoff
Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron, Washington & Jefferson College, Yongsheng Wang
Texas Psi, Huston-Tillotson University, Michael Hirsch

ROLL OF DISTINCTION

Florida Zeta, Florida State University, Robert Crew
Georgia Kappa, University of North Georgia, Kathleen Dolan, Barry Friedman
Maryland Gamma, Salisbury University, Clara Small
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Jean Karlen, Randy Bertolas
North Carolina Mu, Campbell University, Lloyd Johnson
Pennsylvania Kappa, Mansfield University, Janice Kay Purk
West Virginia Iota, American Military University/American Public University, Allison G.S. Knox, Carolyn Todaro

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

One of the [ideals of Pi Gamma Mu](#) is Social Service, and, as the ritual for initiation states, "The pursuit of our ideals requires giving freely, fully, and joyously of our time, talent, and energy. The fruit of our scholarship, science, and idealism is reaped through service to others for the benefit of all humanity, and this, in turn, requires the cooperation, dedication, passion and participation of all people and of all the social sciences." The members of Pi Gamma Mu are very generous with their time and talents. Look at some of the projects undertaken this past year. You might see one in which your chapter could participate.

The West Virginia Iota chapter at **American Public University/American Military University** initiated a Speakers Series featuring a member leading a presentation on a high-profile topic. This chapter held its first induction ceremony and annual meeting during graduation week festivities. The meeting brought members together from around the world in its first in-person meeting. The meeting also served as a

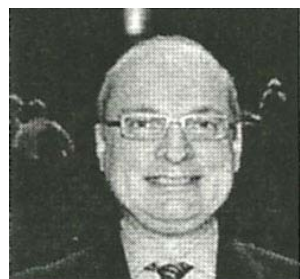
change of leadership, with the new president being sworn in.

The chapter held four conference calls for members. The calls enabled the officers to reach the members who are spread out throughout the world with important news and information. Calls also provided an opportunity for members to interact. The chapter was very active on Facebook, with over 200 members visiting the page frequently. Facebook provided members the ability to read chapter news, have discussions on social science topics and to connect with each other. They also launched a monthly newsletter to provide information about chapter activities. The newsletter featured columns from the chapter advisor, chapter president as well as profiles of members.

This chapter partnered with the USO on the United Through Reading Campaign. Members raised money or collected books that were sent to the USO so that service members may be video-recorded reading the book for their child/children. The book and DVD are then sent to the child. The service project, as of July 28, had collected 69 books and raised \$1,763.85 which was sent directly to the USO.

At **Salisbury University**, the Maryland Gamma chapter participated in the annual Wicomico County Jaycee Christmas Shopping Spree. The chapter members have been assisting the Jaycees in this project for many years. This year 250 underprivileged children participated in the event. The chapter sponsor, Dr. Clara Small, and several Pi Gamma Mu members volunteered to help. It was held at a local Wal-Mart and began at 4:45 a.m.

The Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta chapter at **Widener University** raised donations with online pledges and participated in a Leukemia Walk. Chapter members adopted a family and purchased gifts for the members of this family during the holidays. They also paired with a sorority on campus and held a charity event to raise money for a local school.



The New York Tau chapter at **Pace University** holds their very popular Current Global Issues, Classroom Conversations each year. José Luis Castro (left), deputy executive director of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease; chief executive officer of the World Lung Foundation and vice president of development and donor relation, president of the board of directors of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease – North America led a discussion entitled *Ignored Global Killer Diseases*. Dr. Edward Tseng, executive director and roving lecturer for Kwan Fong Institute

came to Pace University two times to discuss *Journey Through Third World Countries*. Dr. Glen Martin, Esq., JD, Ph.D., an attorney and lecturer on Immigration Law and Citizenship gave a talk on *Immigration: Why the U.S. Should Welcome It*.

At **Wayne State College**, the Nebraska Delta chapter granted a student senate allocation of \$250 to support two funded speakers. They again held their successful campus Book and Bake Sale featuring home-baked goods provided by Pi Gamma Mu students and books donated by the Wayne community. The sale raised \$401. A major goal of their fundraising is to support community service projects and provide for travel to the Pi Gamma Mu conventions. During the fall, the chapter sponsored a Graduate School Workshop to provide information for students interested in continuing their education. Nine Pi Gamma Mu students majoring in various academic programs received Social Sciences academic scholarships at the college.

With the Wayne State College Student Senate, Pi Gamma Mu members co-sponsored the annual Festival of Trees, a campus-wide holiday season fundraiser founded by the chapter in 2004. Organizations from across campus were invited to decorate and display "themed" trees in the Student Center. Passersby "voted" for their favorite tree by donating money to each organization's tree bucket. Collected funds were then evenly distributed throughout all participating organizations and used for gift purchases requested by local families in need. Nearly \$350 in gifts were delivered to area families.

Along with the Wayne County Clerk's office, Pi Gamma Mu co-sponsored a Voter Registration Drive on campus. Over 70 students got registered to vote in the fall elections. They hosted the popular social activity "Faculty vs. Students Bowling Challenge." Approximately 35 students and faculty were in attendance at this event. Chapter members organized and hosted the year-end Social Sciences Day activities. Chapter members planned all aspects of the day including initiation ceremonies for all social sciences honor societies, the end-of-the-year Student Awards ceremony, and the evening student/faculty social event held at a downtown restaurant.

The chapter hosted speaker, Dr. Amy Gross, who was being recognized as a Wayne State College outstanding alumna. They also hosted Weysan Dun, FBI Special Agent in Charge at the Omaha field office, who gave a recap of efforts at fighting terrorism during the past decade.

At **Mansfield University** the chapter held fall and spring inductions jointly with Phi Alpha, the social work honorary. A light lunch was provided, and all faculty members from departments where students reside were invited to the inductions along with the Deans and Provost.

The Georgia Kappa chapter at **University of North Georgia** (formerly North Georgia College & State University) donated \$25 to the colon-cancer fund-raising project of the Florida Zeta chapter at Florida State University.

The Missouri Kappa chapter at **Central Methodist University** has held the Gaddis Memorial Lecture since 1984. This annual event honors the memory of Dr. Merrill Gaddis (1891-1958) who founded the Kappa Chapter in 1935 and later served as a Regional Chancellor of Pi Gamma Mu. This year the guest speaker was Linda Ziegler Black (right) who received her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Central Methodist University. Ms. Black taught school for 11 years. In 2008, she was elected as a Democrat to the Missouri House of Representatives. The



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lecture was entitled, "The Missouri House: Ordinary People Making Extraordinary Decisions."

At **North Carolina Central University**, the North Carolina Delta chapter members participated in several symposiums including Black History Month, Women's History Month, and its department's annual African Diaspora Symposium.

The Georgia Xi chapter at **Brewton-Parker College** co-sponsored the Albert Sidney Johnson lecture series on American History. They also donated items to the local Baptist church to help feed the needy in the area.

At **De La Salle University** the members of the Philippine Beta chapter held a forum entitled, "Research Excellence in Social Sciences in Private Higher Education Institutions" which was to include representatives from private colleges and universities in the Philippines. They co-sponsored and conducted a large-scale survey on depressive symptoms among university students. The sample size for this survey was about 2,800 students.

The members of the Delaware Beta chapter at **Wilmington University** are encouraged to choose service projects that are personally meaningful. The following are some of the individuals and their chosen projects:



Linda Ziegler Black

Caroline Cornell: Delaware Seashore State Park (clean-up and planting beach grass), Indian River Life Saving Station Clean-up, Delaware Coastal Clean-up, Fantasy Spook Trail, Cape Henlopen

Ashleigh Edelschein: American Red Cross (Burlington County, NJ)

Tara Gould-Willis: Bridgeton Salvation Army, Project Thanksgiving, Christmas Toy Drive

Darlinda Moffett: Mission To The World (MTW), assisted families who were unable to do home maintenance because of some type of physical challenges or unable to afford to have it done, One World Alliance, Girls Can Do Anything Conference (Fairmont, WV)

Robert Roberts: VA Medical Center volunteer (Wilmington, DE)

Frances Aaronson: Field of Dreams Relay for Life

Lauren Earnest: American Legion Shoemaker Post

La Toya Eason: Big Sister program, Cline Singers Community Women's Choir (founding member). The choir serves as a safe haven for women from all over to join in the midst of hardships as well as to share stories of overcoming obstacles.

Margaret Genzano: Training seminar to recognize the signs that may occur in an autistic individual in an emergency; learned methods of aid in the event of a public emergency, Autism Speaks Walk at Bishop's Gate office park (Mt. Laurel, NJ), Palmyra, New Jersey Safety Day – Triboro CERT set up a street display and kiosk to raise public awareness, CPR certification through Triboro CERT

Tara Gould-Willis: Bridgeton Salvation Army

Vanessa Hamm: Collected can tabs for a local Ronald McDonald House

Hanna Karmazyn: Walk for Autism

Kiley Melvin and Samantha Vollono: Milford Veterans Home volunteers

Stephanie Szczerba: Ronald McDonald House BBQ, Blue-Gold football game volunteer supporting Delaware Foundation for Reaching Citizens at the University of Delaware

Rachel Williams: Martin Luther King Day of Service (Girard College, Philadelphia, PA)

At **Blue Mountain College**, members of the Mississippi Theta chapter planned booths of food and fun for students and the local community during the Harvest Festival. Members of the chapter passed out programs during the Morning Chapel and Evening programs during Homecoming. They set-up, served chili and hotdogs and visited with students during the Homecoming Tailgate party. During the fall, Dr. E. Stanly Godbold discussed books on Jimmy Carter which was attended by members of the chapter. In the spring Dr. Michael Ballard discussed and signed his new book. Members of the chapter handed out programs at the presentation, then set up and were servers at the reception following the presentation.

The Maryland Epsilon chapter at **Coppin State University** plans a very nice induction ceremony every year which is well attended by faculty, family and friends of the new inductees. The chapter sponsor, Dr. Elias Taylor, purchases and presents honor cords to the graduating seniors.



Student signing the Pi Gamma Mu membership book



Dr. Elias Taylor with newly inducted members

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS

The Board of Trustees has established the criteria for accepting International Affiliate Memberships. Please think about the foreign students and visiting faculty on your campus that might fit into this category, and consider the benefits of choosing them for this special membership.

The purposes of International Affiliate Membership are to associate foreign visitors with Pi Gamma Mu. This would include individuals who generally are not eligible for full membership because of their brief tenure on a campus. We would like to encourage the international dimension of Pi Gamma Mu by bringing into greater contact with Pi Gamma Mu our foreign guests, to enable them to provide information to colleagues abroad about our organization, and to become a nucleus for foreign chapter development. Therefore the membership criteria are broadly cast.

Criteria for membership: Students, faculty, administrators, and distinguished guests from other nations who have an interest in the social sciences.

Benefits:

1. A certificate issued by international headquarters in recognition of International Affiliate Member status (not the full membership certificate);
2. A Pi Gamma Mu key pin and membership card.
3. A one-year subscription to the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter* and the *International Social Science Review*;
4. Privilege of participating in local chapter activities, except for serving as an officer.

The cost is \$20.00 to be sent by the chapter to International Headquarters to cover the expenses of the publications, journal mailings, and key pin.

Documentation of Federal Benefits of Membership in an ACHS Member Society

According to a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission (now U.S. Office of Personnel Management) stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply." This affords a very tangible acknowledgement that organizations maintaining honor society standards merit distinction.

The following information currently documents the 1973 position statement.

From <http://www.makingthedifference.org/federalbenefits/federalpay.shtml>: College graduates with a Bachelor's degree and without previous experience can expect to start in the GS 5 grade, unless they meet the criteria for **Superior Academic Achievement** or finished a year of graduate school, but did not receive a degree, in which case they will start at the GS-7 level. A college graduate with a Master's typically starts in the GS-9 grade. More information about the amount of qualifying education for each pay grade and what constitutes Superior Academic Achievement can be found at: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-11/s2-e5.asp>.

Superior academic achievement (S.A.A.) -- This provision covers advanced trainee positions that provide opportunities for advancement upon attaining required job skills and knowledge, require no prior experience, and have work classified at two-grade intervals. It recognizes students who have achieved superior academic standing as evidenced by one of the three methods described below. In order to be creditable under this provision, superior academic achievement must have been gained in a curriculum that is qualifying for the position to be filled.

The superior academic achievement provision applies to both initial appointment and inservice placement actions. It is to be used to determine eligibility for applicable GS-7 level positions of persons who have completed (or expect to complete within 9 months) all the requirements for a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Senior students can apply for positions prior to graduation and be considered for a GS-7 appointment based on their grades at the time of application. However, some applicants may not receive their final grades in a timely fashion after graduation. Therefore, agencies can either:

- Require that senior students provide evidence that they maintained the required grades during their senior year prior to entry on duty; or
- Appoint applicants based on their claimed academic achievement, pending verification of final grades. Agencies should inform such applicants that if the required grades were not maintained through their senior year, there is a possibility that they may not be able to retain either the GS-7 grade or the position.

S.A.A. is based on (1) class standing, (2) grade-point average, or (3) honor society membership.

1. *Class standing* -- Applicants must be in the upper third of the graduating class in the college, university, or major subdivision, such as the College of Liberal Arts or the School of Business Administration, based on completed courses.
2. *Grade-point average (G.P.A.)* -- Applicants must have a grade-point average of:
 - a. **3.0 or higher out of a possible 4.0 ("B" or better)** as recorded on their official transcript, or as computed based on 4 years of education, or as computed based on courses completed during the final 2 years of the curriculum; or
 - b. **3.5 or higher out of a possible 4.0 ("B+" or better)** based on the average of the required courses completed in the major field or the required courses in the major field completed during the final 2 years of the curriculum.

Grade-point averages are to be rounded to one decimal place. For example, 2.95 will round to 3.0 and 2.94 will round to 2.9.

The G.P.A. should be credited in a manner that is most beneficial to the applicant. For example, applicants may list their G.P.A. as recorded on their final transcript, or they may choose to compute their G.P.A. The specific provisions are detailed below:

- c. G.P.A. as recorded on the final transcript. The final transcript must cover the period being used to determine G.P.A., i.e., all 4 years or last 2 years.
- d. G.P.A. including course work after bachelor's degree. Undergraduate course work obtained after an applicant has received a bachelor's degree can be credited in computing the G.P.A. of applicants who need those courses to meet minimum qualification requirements, i.e., the courses are required by the standard or by the individual occupational requirement. They are treated as described in the following example: An applicant for a Biologist position has a bachelor's degree that included no biology course work, but has taken 24 semester hours in undergraduate biology courses after obtaining the bachelor's degree. The grades earned in the biology courses should be included in the computation to determine this applicant's eligibility for GS-7 under the Superior Academic Achievement provision. These courses should be counted in determining (1) the overall grade-point average, (2) the average obtained during the final 2 years of the undergraduate curriculum, and/or (3) the average in the major field of study. For purposes of this example, biology would be considered the major field of study.
- e. G.P.A. excluding pass/fail courses. Applicants usually cannot claim credit based on their *overall* G.P.A. if more than 10 percent of their total credit was based on pass/fail or similar systems rather than on traditional grading systems. However, if they can document that only their freshman-year courses (25 percent or less of their total credit) were credited on a pass/fail or similar system, they can use their overall G.P.A. to claim Superior Academic Achievement. If 10 percent or fewer credits or only freshman-year courses were based on pass/fail or similar systems, such credits can be ignored and the G.P.A. computed on the graded courses. Applicants can, however, still claim credit based on their last 2 years if 10 percent or fewer credits were based on pass/fail or similar systems. Applicants who cannot claim credit under the G.P.A. requirements may claim credit for superior academic achievement only on the basis of class standing or honor society membership.

3. *Election to membership in a national scholastic honor society* -- Applicants can be considered eligible based on membership in one of the national scholastic honor societies listed below. These honor societies are listed by the [Association of College Honor Societies](#). Agencies considering eligibility based on any society not included in the following list must ensure that the honor society meets the minimum requirements of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership in a freshman honor society cannot be used to meet the requirements of this provision.

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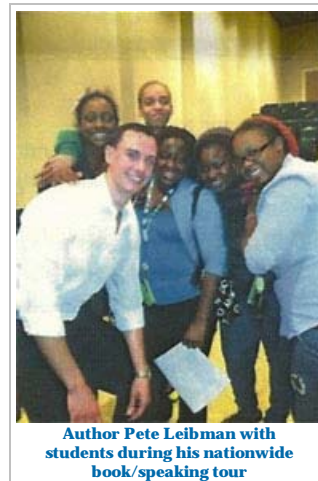
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MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE



Greetings fellow Pi Gamma Mu members, my name is Matthew Tucciarone and I serve as one of the student representatives for the board of trustees. I was formerly the president and founder of the newly-reactivated Zeta Chapter at Florida State University. I am very proud to be such a big part of Pi Gamma Mu, in which I uphold the ideals of scholarship and service in the social sciences to my fullest capacity. I would like to give a big thanks to Pi Gamma Mu - I would not be where I am at today if it was not for this organization.

I graduated from Florida State University in December of 2011, with a B.S. in Social Sciences, along with two concentrations in Public Administration and International Affairs. In January 2012, I moved to Washington, D.C. for an internship with a nonprofit organization called Dreams for Kids. After serving with Dreams for Kids as a Project Manager, I started seeking a job in our wonderful economy. After a year and many grey hairs later, I finally got a break and was offered an amazing position with a startup company called 2U, formerly known as 2tor.com.

The company partners with top-tier universities from all over the world in providing an online learning platform for higher education. It combines social networking with a tech savvy Learning Management System, i.e. Facebook meets Blackboard. My title is Student Support Coordinator and I handle three programs: MBA at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MPA at University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill, and an International Law program at Washington University. Forbes Magazine has named 2U one of the top ten startups to work for in the U.S.

In continuing to serve Pi Gamma Mu, my goal is to be at the service of the current needs of members. However, in order for me to keep that promise, what I need from you is cooperation in thinking outside the box and bringing newly-thought-out ideas to the table. Pi Gamma Mu is already an amazing organization, but there is always room for growth to become even more amazing. The idea of being an unconventional thinker is something that I stressed as Chapter President. My successors have continued this legacy, in which the chapter has thrived beyond expectations in the past year and I want that for the entirety of Pi Gamma Mu.

Let's face it, there are members who want something to put on their résumé and there are members who want more than just a résumé booster. My philosophy coincides with JFK's famous quote in his inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." What can you, as members of Pi Gamma Mu, do to make your time worthwhile and uphold our mission? Well, it's simple; let's start with serving those who have served us.

Pi Gamma Mu has given you an opportunity and a stepping stone that many individuals do not get. You must self-fulfill, and in order to do this, start by helping your fellow colleagues prosper by sharing your prosperity with them. I promise you this: prosperity will continue to come your way once you have recognized this concept of self-fulfillment. I know this to be true because I have built my chapter around this ideology and I have seen many miraculous things happen. How bad do you want it? Well, that is entirely up to you and you should ask yourselves this question every day. The famous shoe company Nike says, "Just do it" so go for it and see what happens.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to the future and success of Pi Gamma Mu. I am going to end with a quote that I used in my farewell address as chapter president. George Washington once said, "We ought not to look back, unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience."

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this article, I hope that it was enlightening and useful. I look forward to hearing from everyone.

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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.

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