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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 \$2000 or \$1000 award to attend graduate school. Pi Gamma Mu awards up to 11 scholarships each year. 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., with a postmark on or before **February 15**. Winners will be notified in May, with the grants awarded in September. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form. The URL address is <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



PAST IΓM PRESIDENT, JEAN KARLEN, INDUCTED INTO PI GAMMA MU HALL OF FAME

The 14th International President of Pi Gamma Mu, Dr. Jean Karlen, was inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame at the annual meeting of the International Board of Trustees in September of 2015. Karlen served as the President of the society from 2002 to 2005 and currently serves on the Board as a Past-President. Previous roles include Chancellor of the North Central Region (1985-1990; 1993-1996) and First Vice President (1996-2002). Karlen has chaired several Pi Gamma Mu committees over the years including the Convention Committee, Student Paper Sessions Committee, Publications Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the Executive Committee. As chair of the Convention Committee, Karlen has helped plan numerous Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Conventions including its first in 1987 and now the 11th one which will be held in Kansas City, MO in November of 2017. Her current work on the board also includes developing the society's strategic plan for the future, updating its constitution, and creating bylaws for the society.

Karlen joined the faculty at Wayne State College in Nebraska in 1976. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1969, a master's degree in 1976, and a Ph.D. in 1981 all from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Karlen served as division head of Social Sciences at Wayne State from 1989 to 2001 and as Service-Learning campus coordinator from 1999 to 2010. She is currently Professor Emeritus and continues to remain active on campus. She still serves as a co-sponsor of the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College, a chapter she worked to reactivate in 1978. She has helped initiate hundreds of deserving students into lifetime membership over the years and sponsored student presenters at every convention since 1990. The Wayne State Delta Chapter has consistently appeared on Pi Gamma Mu's honor rolls.

Karlen has received many awards and honors in her career. In 2003, she received the Nebraska State College System George T. Rebensdorf Teaching Excellence Award. She received the Midwest Consortium for Service-Learning in Higher Education Voyager Award in 2006 for outstanding commitment to furthering service-learning and the Midwest Sociological Society Board of Directors Distinguished Service Award in 2000. Karlen's career and 38 year history of volunteerism with Pi Gamma Mu demonstrates a commitment to education, rural communities, women's issues, and her students, many of whom have gone on to complete master and doctoral degrees in a variety of fields.

The Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame was started in 2004, when the International Board of Trustees decided that it is right and proper to formally recognize some of Pi Gamma Mu's leading volunteers, who truly poured their heart and soul into this organization. Pi Gamma Mu has been a labor of love for its many volunteers, including international officers and trustees and the chapter sponsors who are the backbone of the society. While all of our volunteers over the past nine decades are deserving of acclaim for giving of themselves in the service of the society, some stand out. Jean Karlen is one of those outstanding volunteers. If you would like to congratulate her on her many accomplishments including her induction into this exclusive Hall of Fame, please email her at [\[email protected\]](#).



Dr. Jean Karlen

Dear Chapter Sponsors,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu! It is you, the chapter sponsors, who keep Pi Gamma Mu going and we owe you a debt of gratitude. Without the new initiates you induct into your chapters each year, Pi Gamma Mu would cease to exist. In order to prepare for a strong future we must continue to grow by initiating more outstanding students and we need your help. If you increase your chapter's membership by 20% or more as compared to the previous year, we will: 1) write a letter to your college/university president, 2) send you a Pi Gamma Mu Star wall plaque, and 3) recognize you in our *Newsletter*, journal, and on our website.

Please review the following suggestions for increasing your chapter's membership:

1. If your school has **satellite campuses**, invite eligible students from all campuses to join your chapter.
2. Utilize your school's registrar or data specialists to request a list of **all eligible students** and invite all of those students to join.
3. Remember that **graduate students** are eligible to join.
4. Invite **faculty and administrators** to become lifetime members.
5. Does your school have a growing **online** student population? Remember that both online and on-ground students are eligible to join.
6. If you use an **electronic invitation**, please email the invitation 2 or 3 times in order to increase the response rate.
7. Make use of Pi Gamma Mu's **interdisciplinary** nature and invite students and faculty from various departments.
8. Promote the **benefits of lifetime membership** in your invitation letter:
 - o Recognition for your high scholastic achievement,
 - o Lifetime membership,
 - o A handsome certificate worthy of framing,
 - o A membership card,
 - o A gold-plated keypin,
 - o Opportunities to publish in the society's newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
 - o The opportunity to apply for Pi Gamma Mu scholarships,
 - o The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at graduation,

- A valuable item for your resume,
- Advancement in Government Service Rating,
- The opportunity to present research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions, and more!

Please remember that we are here to help you. If there is anything we can do to assist you with your chapter's membership drive or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Rupp
Executive Director

MAKE YOUR CHAPTER A "PI GAMMA MU STAR"

Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year and **receive special recognition** including:

1. A "Pi Gamma Mu Star" wall plaque,
2. a letter to your college or university president,
3. recognition in the Pi Gamma Mu *Newsletter*,
4. recognition on the Pi Gamma Mu website,
5. and recognition in our professional journal, the *International Social Science Review*.

Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more students. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more.

To see how many students your chapter initiated in 2014-15, see the [2014-15 Membership Report](#) in this newsletter.



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

This fall and winter, we are putting together donation boxes for the homeless in our own respective areas. If every chapter put together one box for an organization in their own community, Pi Gamma Mu could collectively help thousands of people. Together, we can work to make a difference across the country!

To get involved, please find a homeless shelter in your own town or city. Call them and ask them what they need to help others in terms of donations. Put together a box, (perhaps including canned goods, blankets, coats, etc.), and take it over to them during the fall or winter seasons. Please be sure to let the international office know that your chapter has contributed to this service project.

Most importantly, thank you for taking the time to contribute to this project. Thank you for helping to make this project a success!



PLAN TO ATTEND THE AAAS CENTER FOR SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CONFERENCE IN MAY 2016

The American Association for the Advance of Science Center for Science Diplomacy will host the second annual science diplomacy conference, "**Science Diplomacy 2016**," on May 5, 2016, at AAAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The one-day conference will bring scientists, policymakers, practitioners, and students together around emerging aspects of science diplomacy. Please note that resources, including **a conference report and videos of sessions**, are available from last year's conference.

Consider submitting a session or poster proposal. The poster session will provide the opportunity for a limited number of participants to present their ideas and fresh thinking on science diplomacy and will serve as a venue for extended informal discussion with other meeting attendees. Submissions are due by **February 1, 2016**. The association also welcomes creative session proposals that will further advance the scope and intellectual foundation of science diplomacy. Submissions are due by **January 20, 2016**.

Site:

<http://click.aaas.sciencepubs.org/?qs=50b2d575d507405de302ed6cb83f8e03f28de90f167bbd223db0fdea3cdf8494f8fe6fccf4e4859a>

Submit a Session Proposal

<http://click.aaas.sciencepubs.org/?qs=1b4ea6c17f2b32f9d2dda2d6c3ce96b540b7413be2b89cb42bc8f746da6bec0d11eb5a01af9d7e3a>

Submit a Poster Proposal

<http://click.aaas.sciencepubs.org/?qs=1b4ea6c17f2b32f94959072c902cea2e5f1004f7082cfbde3f0185591f45db016e84916d07fc32a4>

Pi Gamma Mu encourages you to help promote a deeper dialogue on the intersection of science and diplomacy by participating in this conference.

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](#).



SAVE THE DATE! November 2-4, 2017 Attend the 2017 Triennial International Convention in Kansas City, MO

Mark your calendars! Plans are coming together for our next Triennial International Convention. Join us in Kansas City on November 2-4, 2017! Our hotel, the Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza puts you in the heart of Kansas City's world famous Country Club Plaza, the Midwest's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district. Situated between two distinguished art museums, The Nelson Art Gallery and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, the Marriott is an ideal location to get together to celebrate Pi Gamma Mu's rich history. Let the hotel's complimentary shuttle pick you up after a great meal or a shopping trip at the Plaza or travel just a little further to visit Kansas City's Crown Center entertainment district, Union Station and Science City, the historic City Market, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Westport, the Power and Light district, and much more.



Up to 32 students will receive funding from Pi Gamma Mu to help cover the costs of attending the convention. This represents an approximate \$4,000 commitment to support students' travel to the convention. Many colleges and universities provide additional funding for students and faculty members to attend professional conferences. Why not take advantage of this great opportunity to participate in the 2017 Triennial

Convention? Now is the time to start planning your trip to Kansas City!

Student Paper Presentations - Pi Gamma Mu student members may propose to present their research papers at the convention. Pi Gamma Mu will pay for one night's lodging at the convention hotel for up to 12 students selected to present their papers orally. Up to 8 additional students will be selected to present their research in a poster format and will receive free convention registration (a \$100 value). Proposals must be submitted in the form of a completed research paper. Complete instructions for paper proposals will be available on the website soon. Think about it... presenting at an international convention looks great on a resume and can provide a boost to your career!

Leadership Program – We will be launching the new Pi Gamma Mu Student Leadership Program at the 2017 convention. If you are interested in learning more about Pi Gamma Mu student leadership roles or leadership in general this program is for you! Pi Gamma Mu leadership positions include two student representatives on the International Board of Trustees (a three year term on the board) and a variety of student officer positions at the chapter level. Several students who write winning entry essays will receive financial support to attend the convention. Complete instructions to apply for this program will be available soon.

Chapter Development Showcase – Share your chapter's story at this unique event. Chapters can display their histories, service projects, and other accomplishments in this poster session. Help other Pi Gamma Mu chapters learn from you by submitting a poster for presentation at the convention!

Convention Launch Party/Convention Opening – This Thursday evening event will kick off the convention and will feature a Pi Gamma Mu trivia competition, door prizes, and the opportunity to meet and greet Pi Gamma Mu board members, chapter sponsors, and members from around the globe. The event will be immediately followed by the Plenary Session including the Roll Call of Chapters, the President's Triennial Report, and the Service Project Presentation.

Awards Banquet Gala – On Friday evening join us for the 2017 Awards Banquet Gala. The event will include dinner; recognition of top chapters, alumni, sponsors, and other contributors; recognition of chapter milestones; and a keynote address. There is no additional cost to attend the Gala. Please join us!

Service Project – We will be continuing the Pi Gamma Mu tradition of engaging in an international service project at the convention. In recent year, delegates brought stuffed animals to the convention. The toys were donated to a local organization helping families and children in need. This program is a well-regarded Pi Gamma Mu tradition and we hope you will help us achieve this service goal. Previous recipients include the Partnership Against Domestic Violence in Atlanta, GA, the Artemis House in Fairfax County, VA, and My Sister's House, Inc. in N. Charleston, SC.

Invitation to Alumni – Pi Gamma Mu continues to encourage alumni to attend and participate in the triennial international convention. If you are able to attend, we would love to see you at the convention!

Registration – The convention registration fee is \$100. This includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and a dinner banquet on Friday evening. There will be an additional fee for an optional tour of the city (details to be determined). Convention registration will open at a later date. The advanced registration deadline is October 12, 2017. Registrations received after that date including on-site registrations will be \$125.

Hotel – We will be staying at the Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO. The room rate is \$139 per night (plus applicable taxes) for up to four people per room. The hotel is located at 4445 Main Street; phone 816-531-3000; [link to hotel website](#). Attendees can fly into Kansas City International Airport and take the SuperShuttle for \$19 one-way or \$33 round trip. Reservations are required – call SuperShuttle at 800-258-3826.

MERCHANDISE UPDATE

We are excited to announce that new Pi Gamma Mu merchandise is now available on our [merchandise webpage](#). Our exclusive merchandise not only gives you the opportunity 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.

Display your accomplishments by wearing Pi Gamma Mu **honor cords** at commencement ceremonies. Honor cords are \$17 each (or \$15 each for orders of 10 or more).

Other items include gray men's t-shirts and pink women's t-shirts proudly displaying the Pi Gamma Mu logo and name on the front and the mission statement on the back for \$20 and navy and white polo shirts embroidered with the Pi Gamma Mu seal for \$25. Pi Gamma Mu coffee mugs (\$7) and lanyards (\$4) are also available.



Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu!

HELP PI GAMMA MU GROW

Pi Gamma Mu is seeking to charter new chapters at colleges and universities around the globe and we need your help. Please share your Pi Gamma Mu success story with students and faculty at four-year colleges and universities who are not currently housing a chapter of the society and encourage them to get started. Our website is a great resource to share and Pi Gamma Mu staff are always available to help. For a list of currently active chapters visit <http://pigammamu.org/chapters.asp>

There is no cost to the university to host a chapter of the society and there are many benefits of membership. In addition to providing well-deserved recognition to top social science students, members are eligible to apply for one of eleven annual scholarships, present research papers at international and regional conventions, submit articles for publication in our peer-reviewed professional journal, and those interested in federal jobs have the possibility for advancement in government service rating.

Faculty chapter sponsors also receive recognition for their work with the chapter via thank you letters to university administration including the President of the institution, listings on our website, eligibility for annual Chapter Honor Rolls and related recognition, the opportunity to attend or host Pi Gamma Mu conventions, publication opportunities, increased networking, and more. Honor society chapter sponsorship can be helpful to faculty in promotion/tenure applications. Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature, allowing chapter sponsors and members to expand their professional networks by working collaboratively with society members from various fields of study. Each chapter is eligible to apply for up to \$300 in lectureship grants annually to help bring dynamic speakers to campus. **Each chapter must have one or more faculty sponsors.**

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 66 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.



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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 (such as the scholarship application deadline).

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 shown here to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE DONATIONS

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Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and is able to accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation 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 11 scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year.

We are excited to announce that we are now gratefully accepting donations of any size via the internet. Simply 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.

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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