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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 10 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 the spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form. <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



SEEKING A GUEST BOOK REVIEW EDITOR FOR PI GAMMA MU'S FLAGSHIP PUBLICATION

Pi Gamma Mu's flagship academic publication, the International Social Science Review (<http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr>), is searching for a guest book review editor for the 2017 summer/fall issue. The guest book review editor will be responsible for providing the editor-in-chief with 12-15 book reviews for the issue. This process includes identifying books and obtaining them from publishers, assigning books to reviewers, and editing their work. While the guest editor will be provided with the ISSR's list of reviewers and publishers, the guest editor is encouraged to seek out new contacts in terms of both publishers and reviewers. The guest book review editor will also be provided with support from the main editor, and must follow the ISSR's standards for book reviews. Beyond that, the book reviewer will work independently.

Qualifications: The guest book review editor should have a PhD in a social science, but advanced ABDs will be considered. The best candidate will work independently, and meet and set deadlines that ensure he or she will deliver the book reviews to the main editor on time. Strong writing and editing skills are a must.

Please send a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Editor-in-chief of the journal, Dr. Candice Quinn at Quinn.issr@gmail.com to apply. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 19th, 2017. On January 2nd, this position (which is a strong addition to an academic's resume), will be cross-posted. The guest book review editor does not need to be a Pi Gamma Mu member (although it would be wonderful if they were a member and hence already familiar with the society's high standards), so please feel free to share this opportunity with colleagues and advanced graduate students.

UPDATES TO PI GAMMA MU CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMING SOON

As part of its strategic planning process, Pi Gamma Mu Trustees have been working diligently to review and update its constitution and bylaws. The updated versions will be made available electronically in July. If approved, they will be adopted at the International Convention in November. To be eligible to vote, chapters must have initiated members during the previous fiscal year or before the ballots are mailed in the new year. Pi Gamma Mu's fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31.

PI GAMMA MU MEMBERSHIP REPORT - August 31, 2016

ALABAMA Delta	Troy University	Robert Burroughs, Sue Ellen Weeks	48
AL Eta	Athens State University	Harry Joiner	4
ARKANSAS Delta	Southern Arkansas University	Paul Babbitt	6
AR Eta	University of AR, Fayetteville	Kelly Hammond	3
CALIFORNIA Epsilon	Holy Names University	Charlie Sarno	9
CA Kappa	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Lin Wu	14
CA Xi	University of LaVerne	Gitty Amini	1
CA Omicron	Mount St. Mary's College	Jane Crawford-Muratore	3
CA Pi	University of CA-Irvine	Teresa Neighbors	51
COLORADO Epsilon	Colorado College	Dana Wittmer	24
CO Theta	Adams State University	Edward Crowther, Jess Gagliardi	11
CONNECTICUT Alpha	Trinity College	Nicholas Woolley	24
DELAWARE Alpha	Delaware State University	Sam Hoff	7
DE Beta	Wilmington University	Johanna Bishop	40
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Alpha	Catholic University of America	Sandra Barrueco, Judith Falk, Franssy Zablah	74
FLORIDA Eta	University of South Florida	John Napora	16
FL Theta	Barry University	Lisa Konczal	12
FL Kappa	Warner University	Nancy Anderson	9
FL Lambda	St. Leo University	Susan Kinsella	66
GEORGIA Gamma	Wesleyan College	Barbara Donovan	15
GA Epsilon	Shorter University	Jill Borchert	33
GA Kappa	University of North Georgia	John Stuart Batchelder	1
GA Xi	Brewton Parker College	Vance Rhoades	9
GA Rho	Reinhardt University	M. Katrina Smith	9
ILLINOIS Gamma	Bradley University	Darcy Leach, Bernard Zant (Gov., IL)	22
IL Kappa	Dominican University	Janice Monti	14
IL Xi	Elmhurst College	Michael Lindberg, Karen Musser	70
IL Omicron	Benedictine University	Patrick Polasek	14

IL Pi	McKendree University	J. L. Kemp (Chancellor, N/NW Region)	17
INDIANA Alpha	University of Evansville	Mari Plikuhn (Gov., IN)	12
IN Epsilon	Valparaiso University	Daniel Saros	6
IN Zeta	Indiana Wesleyan University	David Bartley	4
KANSAS Alpha	Southwestern College	Carrie Lane, Jacob Goodson	10
KS Eta	Baker University	Timothy Buzzell	15
KS Theta	Newman University	Larry Heck, Jill Fort	44
KS Iota	Emporia State University	Michael Smith	2
KS Kappa	Central Christian College	Jamie Sparks	7
KS Lambda	Wichita State University	Sheryl Chapman	15
LOUISIANA Epsilon	Southern University	Shawn Comminey	5
LA Eta	Grambling State University	Frances Staten (Gov.,LA)	20
LA Iota	Dillard University	Robert Collins	5
LA Lambda	Xavier University	Russell Frazier	13
MARYLAND Gamma	Salisbury University	Alexander Pope IV	1
MD Epsilon	Coppin State University	Elias Taylor (Gov.,MD)	11
MD Theta	University of Maryland University College	Katherine Im	95
MASSACHUSETTS Beta	Regis College	Kathryn Edney	6
MA Delta	Wheeloock College	Marcia Folsom	3
MA Epsilon	Springfield College	Richard Davila, Camille Elliott	48
MICHIGAN Gamma	Siena Heights University	Julienna Frost	5
MISSISSIPPI Delta	Delta State University	Garry Jennings	15
MS Eta	Alcorn State University	Antrina Bell	17
MS Theta	Blue Mountain College	Stewart Bennett	4
MISSOURI Delta	Lindenwood University	Donald Heidenreich, Jr.	13
MO Kappa	Cental Methodist University	Kristin Cherry, John Carter (Gov.,MO)	14
MO Omicron	Evangel University	Lew Hall	4

NEBRASKA Delta	Wayne State College	Randy Bertolas, Jean Karlen	19
NE Epsilon	University of NE at Omaha	Gregory Petrow	11
NE Eta	Bellevue University	Patrick Artz	5
NEW HAMPSHIRE Beta	St. Anselm College	Tauna Sisco	40
NH Gamma	Plymouth State University	David Starbuck	10
NEW JERSEY Delta	Rider University	Janani Umamaheswar	21
NEW YORK Gamma	Alfred University	Karen Porter	11
NY Theta	Keuka College	Athena Elafros	12
NY Iota	Mercy College	Dorothy Balancio, Marla Moulton	56
NY Lambda	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Heath Bowen	13
NY Mu	Dominican College	Christopher Libertini	27
NY Nu	St. Joseph's College	Barbara Morrell	10
NY Omicron	Long Island University Post	Anke Grosskopf	13
NY Sigma	LeMoyne College	Jeffrey Chin	42
NY Tau	Pace University	Linda Quest	9
NY Phi	Nazareth College	Virginia David	16
NY Alpha Gamma	Siena College	Ausra Park	33
NY Alpha Delta	Cazenovia College	John "Bob" Greene	8
NORTH CAROLINA Alpha	Elon University	Rene Zito	94
NC Delta	North Carolina Central University	Carlton Wilson	11
NC Epsilon	Appalachian State University	Kathleen Simon (Gov., NC)	24
NC Iota	Johnson C. Smith University	Deborah Carter Quick	14
NC Kappa	Salem College	David Foley	12
NC Lambda	Western Carolina University	Tony Miller, Gordon Mercer	22
NC Mu	Campbell University	Lloyd Johnson	73
NC Nu	St. Andrews University	David Herr	10
NC Xi	North Carolina Wesleyan College	Jay Quinan	5
NC Tau	Winston-Salem State University	Okori Uneke	10
NC Upsilon	Fayetteville State University	Kofi Johnson	1

NC Omega	Livingstone College	Toni Sims-Muhammad	3
NC Alpha Beta	Chowan University	Danny Moore	57
OHIO Epsilon	Baldwin-Wallace University	Liya Wang	22
OH Eta	Kent State University	Clare Stacey, Brooke Long	5
OKLAHOMA Epsilon	University of Science & Arts of OK	Christopher Garneau	5
OK Zeta	Northeastern State University	Benjamin Kracht	9
PENNSYLVANIA Alpha	Grove City College	Tracy Miller	9
PA Gamma	Susquehanna University	Nick Clark	47
PA Kappa	Mansfield University	Janice Purk	3
PA Lambda	California University of PA	Beverly Ross	21
PA Mu	Franklin and Marshall College	Alan Glazer	26
PA Xi	Seton Hill University	John Spurlock	4
PA Pi	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Sarah Wheeler	1
PA Psi	University of Pittsburgh at Bradford	Marvin Thomas	10
PA Alpha Epsilon	University of Scranton	Christie Karpiak	9
PA Alpha Zeta	Widener University	Mariah Schug	16
PA Alpha Eta	Marywood University	Adam Shprintzen, Kathy Dougherty	15
PA Alpha Kappa	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	Geoffrey Wood	26
PA Alpha Xi	Wilson College	Kay Ackerman	4
PA Alpha Omicron	Washington & Jefferson College	Zheya Gai, Yongsheng Wang (Chancellor, NE Region)	26
PHILIPPINES Alpha	University of the Philippines	Eliseo De Guzman, Maria Luisa Camagay Ofelia R. Angangco (Gov.,PH), Elizabeth Ventura (Gov.,Asia/Pacific)	274
PH Beta	De La Salle University	Romeo Lee	4
SOUTH CAROLINA Gamma	Winthrop University	Jeannie Haubert	22
SC Theta	University of South Carolina-Aiken	Douglas Kuck	8
SC Iota	Claflin University	Patricia Koger	2
SC Nu	Allen University	Marta Washington	5
SOUTH DAKOTA Alpha	Dakota Wesleyan University	David Mitchell	8

SC Beta	University of South Dakota	Jack Niemonen	1
SC Zeta	Presentation College	Brad Tennant	4
TENNESSEE Zeta	Middle TN State University	Karen Petersen	3
TN Kappa	Union University	Nina Heckler	14
TN Mu	Martin Methodist College	Doris Wossum-Fisher	21
TEXAS Zeta	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Janet Adamski	17
TX Eta	TX State University-San Marcos	Jeremy Pena	3
TX Omicron	West TX A&M University	John David Rauch, Jr.	15
TX Rho	Howard Payne University	Robert Mangrum	10
TX Tau	Texas Wesleyan University	Eddy Lynton	28
TX Upsilon	University of Houston-Downtown	Joanna Kraftan	8
TX Psi	Huston-Tillotson University	Michael Hirsch	11
VIRGINIA Delta	Emory & Henry College	John Morgan, Jack Roper (Gov., VA)	14
VA Epsilon	Radford University	Sharon Roger Hepburn	36
VA Zeta	University of Mary Washington	Bradley Hansen	12
WEST VIRGINIA Beta	Fairmont State University	Charles Shields	47
WV Zeta	Glennville State University	Arthur DeMatteo	2
WV Eta	Bethany College	Gary Kappel	6
WV Theta	Bluefield State College	Amanda Matoushek	11
WV Iota	American Military University	Amanda Wilson, Allison Knox (Chancellor, SE Region)	349
WISCONSIN Alpha	Marquette University	Richard Jones (Gov., WI)	5
Total Members 265,242	Chapters 132	Members 2910	

PI GAMMA MU MOURNS LOSS OF DR. LORREE BYKERK



Dr. Lorree Bykerk, who served as Pi Gamma Mu chapter faculty sponsor of the Nebraska Epsilon Chapter at the University of Nebraska – Omaha from 1997 to 2008, died on November 30 at the age of 69 after a nine-year battle with lung cancer. Bykerk taught political science at UNO for 32 years. During her career at UNO she served as the first female chair of the political science department and played a leadership role in the creation of UNO's Women's and Gender Studies program. Cecil Bykerk, her husband of 47 years, said, "She was always mentally doing research. She was always collecting articles and such things. But her greatest love was teaching students." Cecil Bykerk is also a lifetime member of Pi Gamma Mu, inducted at the University of Denver in 1965.

Bykerk was known in her community and state as a political expert who journalists often turned to when they needed help understanding state and national political news. As a faculty member and department chair, she was known for encouraging her colleagues to attend academic seminars and to seek grants and fellowships to further their knowledge and to advance the department. She was also known for her kindness and generosity, said Randall Adkins, current chair of the political science department at UNO. Bykerk and her husband frequently opened their home for department gatherings creating a sense of collegiality and friendship among her colleagues. She continued to teach for several years following her diagnosis before retiring in 2013.

Pi Gamma Mu's Board of Trustees inducted Bykerk into its Hall of Fame in 2014. The Hall of Fame was created in 2004, 80 years after the society's founding, to formally recognize some of Pi Gamma Mu's leading volunteers, who truly poured their heart and soul into the organization. Bykerk epitomized this elite group of dedicated volunteers.

Donations honoring Bykerk can be made to the University of Nebraska Foundation. Over \$6,000 has been donated in honor of Bykerk to date. Bykerk is survived by her husband, Cecil, and two daughters: Andrea Christopherson of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Jean Guthel-Bykerk of Valley, Nebraska.

THE ACHS ADDRESSES PROBLEM OF UNACCREDITED GROUPS CALLING THEMSELVES "HONOR SOCIETIES"

Honor Societies have existed as a part of the higher education tradition since 1885. In 1925 the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) was established to help colleges and universities assess the value and credibility of these organizations.

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

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

- **ACHS certification** – this link lists all member honor societies that are certified and meet the standards: <http://achsnatl.org/member-directory.asp>
- **Minimum scholastic standards for membership** – make sure there is a reason that the student is being honored and is not just being invited to join a group with no standards or criteria for membership
- **Non-profit status** – a certified honor society will always be a non-profit, 501(c)3, organization. Don't be deceived by the organization having a .org website address. These groups often don't disclose that they are for-profit in their marketing materials. You have to ask them, or you can check here: <https://www.guidestar.org/Home.aspx>
- **Campus chapters** – make sure the organization is a registered and recognized chapter on your campus with on-campus leadership from students and/or faculty.
- **Fees** – all collegiate honor societies have a membership fee. The fee may be solicited from the invited student or, in some cases, paid for by the institution. Having a fee is comparable to your institution having tuition. The key factor is that the student should be paying to affiliate with an organization that has been certified to meet high standards the same way your institution has been accredited.
- **Transparency** – check the organization's website to make sure that it states it is a non-profit and that there is a phone number and address listed. Is there a listing of a functioning board that provides oversight to the organization?
- **Member participation in governance** – are members of the organization involved in governing the organization?

You can find more information about how to judge the credibility of honor societies at http://www.achsnatl.org/standards_alert.asp
Please help us share this with individuals on your campus who can help students make better informed decisions.

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

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, Missouri 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. Selected student presenters will receive funding from Pi Gamma Mu to help cover the costs of attending 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. Selected student presenters will receive financial support from Pi Gamma Mu to attend the convention. 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. Selected 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 – On Friday join us for the 2017 Awards Banquet. The event will include a meal; recognition of top chapters, alumni, sponsors, and other contributors; recognition of chapter milestones; and a keynote address. There is no additional fee to attend the banquet. Please join us!

Service Project – We will be continuing the Pi Gamma Mu tradition of engaging in an international service project at the convention. 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. Details about this year's service project will be available soon.

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 the welcome reception on Thursday evening and the Awards Banquet on Friday. There will be an additional fee for an optional tour of the Truman Library on Saturday (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. UBER is also available for ground transportation in the Kansas City area.

Funding Available – For each new member your chapter initiates, Pi Gamma Mu sets aside \$2 for your chapter to use to attend the convention. Plan to use your chapter's funds by sending a delegate or delegation to the convention. Earn more convention travel funding by initiating more members. The funds will be capped at \$500 per chapter.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CHAPTER GROWTH IS SUCCESSFUL

A significant goal of Pi Gamma Mu is to bring the ideals of scholarship, collaboration, and service to colleges and universities around the world through reactivating and establishing new chapters of Pi Gamma Mu at these institutions. In addition, growth through the development of new chapters is essential to the future sustainability of Pi Gamma Mu. In order to grow and to achieve our mission Pi Gamma Mu staff continually reaches out to college faculty to solicit interest in providing recognition to top social science students through establishing a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. In 2015, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees expanded this growth initiative by dedicating funds to a new Facebook advertising campaign. The campaign's focus is to help increase awareness of the benefits of hosting a chapter. The campaign was made possible by donations from several of the society's top chapters and private supporters. To date, a total of \$1,250 in donations has been received. Since launching the ads last year, the Pi Gamma Mu website has received thousands of new visitors, hundreds of thousands of Facebook users have been reached, and the international office has received multiple inquiries about starting new chapters!

The society plans to continue this effective social media advertising program and asks for your financial support. Pi Gamma Mu Chapters, chapter sponsors, new members, and alumni are asked to send in donations of any size to help support the society's efforts to continue to grow through this new promotion. A donation of \$50 is suggested but we will happily accept donations of any size. Upon request we will send you an invoice for the amount you wish to donate to provide documentation you might need to release chapter or university funds.

Donations can be mailed to Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Ste. B, Winfield, KS 67156. Thank you for your support!

To make a donation 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.

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

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

PGM TO LAUNCH STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT 2017 CONVENTION

Pi Gamma Mu will launch a new Student Leadership Program at its 2017 Triennial International Convention on November 2-4, 2017 in Kansas City, Missouri. The program will consist of several workshops, webinars, a tour of the Truman Library, and a decision-making simulation at the Truman Library. Participants finish with a certificate. Space in the program is limited.

Applications are due by April 1, 2017. Application instructions will be available soon on the Pi Gamma Mu website.

Registration to participate in the Leadership Program is due by September 15, 2017.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: NEW YORK SIGMA CHAPTER AT LE MOYNE COLLEGE



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SPIRIT. INQUIRY. LEADERSHIP. JESUIT.

The New York Sigma Chapter at Le Moyne College is a pillar of strength to their campus. Dr. Chin, professor of Sociology at Le Moyne College serves as the Chapter Sponsor for the New York Sigma Chapter. The chapter hosted over 100 participants last year at the third annual induction ceremony which included a guest speaker and the families of the newly inducted Pi Gamma Mu members. While Le Moyne College is a small school, Dr. Chin created the "Council of Honor Societies" at the college - a wonderful idea that brought multiple honor societies together for one beautiful induction ceremony. It was *the event* to attend.

During the academic year, the chapter does remarkable work assisting other students at the college. Members serve as tutors and mentors for other social science students. They also serve as a point of contact for prospective students interested in the college through the Admissions office. The dedication of the New York Sigma Chapter embodies the Pi Gamma Mu spirit. To learn more about the New York Sigma Chapter, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Chin: chin@lemoyne.edu.

CHAPTERS IN ACTION – NEBRASKA DELTA CHAPTER AT WAYNE STATE COLLEGE



Wayne State
College

The Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College had a busy fall. During the semester the chapter sponsored or co-sponsored a number of activities including:

- A very successful *Book and Bake Sale* fundraiser (\$600 raised, \$200 of which was given immediately to the local food pantry).
- An informational workshop to help students apply for graduate school.
- A featured speaker at the Nebraska Undergraduate Sociology Symposium.
- A voter registration drive on campus (the chapter registered a two-day total of 212 students, shattering the record of 93 they set in fall of 2014).
- An annual "Festival of Trees" charity fundraiser (the chapter raised \$500, every dime of which went to the "Gifts for Kids" program run by one of the chapter's past presidents who has established an organization that purchases gifts for local children who otherwise wouldn't receive anything over the holidays).

The Nebraska Delta chapter is sponsored by Randy Bertolas, Ph.D., Professor of Geography and Chair of the Department of History, Politics, and Geography and Jean Karlen, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at Wayne State College and Past President of the Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu.



The Nebraska Delta chapter's *Book and Bake Sale* crew hard at work.



Voter registration drive on the Wayne State College campus.



The *Festival of Trees* charity fundraiser.



Dr. Charles Derber, a Professor of Sociology at Boston College, was a featured speaker at The 49th Annual Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium. With the support of Pi Gamma Mu through a \$300 Lectureship Grant, the Nebraska Delta Chapter sponsored the session called, "The Wilding of America". As a public sociologist, Dr. Derber advocates for widely-accessible scholarship that can empower citizens to seek social justice. He argues that the economic and cultural power of global corporations, which are increasingly melding with the hegemonic power of the American government—coupled with the crises of global capitalism and global climate change—are creating integrated crises. Dr. Derber asserts that new visions and political movements are needed to offer alternative solutions.

MAKE YOUR CHAPTER A "Pi Gamma Mu Star"

Share [this link](#) with students and faculty at four-year colleges and universities who would benefit from housing a chapter of the society. Become a Pi Gamma Mu Star Chapter by increasing your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year.

Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more eligible students. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and we ask for your continued support in this area. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year and we will send you a Pi Gamma Mu Star plaque and will recognize your chapter in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter and on our website. Our fiscal year ends on August 31.

To see how many students your chapter initiated in 2015-16, see the [2015-16 Membership Report](#) in this newsletter.

2015-16 Star Chapters

California Pi, University of California Irvine, Teresa Neighbors
Colorado Theta, Adams State University, Ed Crowther
District of Columbia Alpha, Catholic University of America, Sandra Barrueco
Florida Kappa, Warner University, Nancy Anderson
Florida Lambda, Saint Leo University, Susan Kinsella
Georgia Gamma, Wesleyan College, Barbara Donavan
Georgia Xi, Brewton Parker College, Vance Rhodes
Illinois Gamma, Bradley University, Darcy Leach
Illinois Omicron, Benedictine University, Patrick Polasek
Louisiana Iota, Dillard University, Robert Collins
Massachusetts Beta, Regis College, Kathryn Edny
Missouri Delta, Lindenwood University, Donald Heidenreich, Jr.
New York Gamma, Alfred University, Karen Porter
New York Theta, Keuka College, Athena Elafros
New York Alpha Gamma, Siena College, Ausra Park
North Carolina Iota, Johnson C. Smith University, Deborah Quick
North Carolina Mu, Campbell University, Lloyd Johnson
Pennsylvania Gamma, Susquehanna University, Nick Clark
Pennsylvania Lambda, California University of Pennsylvania, Beverly Ross
Pennsylvania Mu, Franklin & Marshall College, Alan Glazer
Pennsylvania Psi, University of Pittsburgh – Bradford, Marvin Thomas
Pennsylvania Alpha Kappa, University of Pittsburgh – Greensburg, Geoffrey Wood
South Dakota Alpha, Dakota Wesleyan University, David Mitchell
Tennessee Mu, Martin Methodist College, Doris Wossum-Fisher
Tennessee Kappa, Union University, Nina Heckler
Texas Rho, Howard Payne University, Robert Mangrum
West Virginia Theta, Bluefield State College, Amanda Willey
West Virginia Iota, American Military University/American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox

2014-15 Star Chapters

Arkansas Delta, Southern Arkansas University, Paul Babbitt
Arkansas Eta, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, Laurence Hare
California Pi, University of California – Irvine, Gitty Amini
Delaware Alpha, Delaware State University, Sam Hoff
Delaware Beta, Wilmington University, Johanna Bishop
Florida Lambda, Saint Leo University, Susan Kinsella
Florida Theta, Barry University, Lisa Konczal
Illinois Rho, Eureka College, Junius Rodriguez
Indiana Alpha, University of Evansville, Mari Plikuhn
Kansas Alpha, Southwestern College, Carrie Lane
Kansas Kappa, Central Christian College, Jamie Sparks
Maryland Epsilon, Coppin State University, Elias Taylor
Massachusetts Delta, Wheelock College, Marcia Folsom
Mississippi Eta, Alcorn State University, Antrina Bell
Missouri Theta, Maryville University, Kent Bausman
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas
New Hampshire Beta, Saint Anselm College, Tauna Sisco
New Hampshire Gamma, Plymouth State University, David Starbuck
New York Alpha Delta, Cazenovia College, John Greene

New York Beta, Elmira College, Jim Twombly
North Carolina Nu, Saint Andrews University, David Herr
North Carolina Upsilon, Fayetteville State University, Kofi Johnson
Oklahoma Epsilon, University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma, Christopher Garneau
Texas Psi, Huston Tillotson University, Michael Hirsch
Texas Upsilon, University of Houston – Downtown, Joanna Kaftan
Texas Zeta, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Janet Adamski
Vermont Beta, Norwich University, Emily Meyer
Virginia Delta, Emory & Henry College, John Morgan
Virginia Epsilon, Radford University, Sharon Roger Hepburn
West Virginia Beta, Fairmont State University, Charles Shields

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

This year, chapters of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society will be collecting items for the homeless. To participate, please contact an organization in your area that supports the homeless. Ask them what they need in terms of supplies and donate a box of supplies on behalf of your chapter.

If every chapter works on this initiative, Pi Gamma Mu will be able to help the homeless population throughout the country! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region:

Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

We hope you will participate in this endeavor!

Don't forget to mention it in your Annual Report.

NEW ADDITION TO PI GAMMA MU'S COLLECTION OF COLLEGIATE COFFEE MUGS

Pi Gamma Mu proudly displays in its international office a collection of collegiate coffee mugs. The mugs were received as gifts from chapters located at colleges and universities around the globe. Recently the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians sent a mug representing their tribe to office. Many members of the tribe were inducted into lifetime membership in Pi Gamma Mu through the North Carolina Lambda Chapter at Western Carolina University. We are very proud to add this unique mug to our collection. To learn more about the collection and to see if your chapter is represented visit <http://www.pigammamu.org/newsletter/july2015/article5.html> To add to the collection, send a mug representing your chapter to:

Pi Gamma Mu
1001 Millington Street, Suite B
Winfield, KS 67156





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](#).

NOMINATE TRUSTEES BY FEB. 15

The nominating committee invites all chapters to submit names of candidates for a position on the Board of Trustees to appear on the 2017 ballot. Chapter participation is essential because the Pi Gamma Mu constitution states, "Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot must be nominated by a chapter." Nominations for board members may be sent to Suzanne Rupp at the international office.

All nominations are to be made generally for a seat on the Board of Trustees, without specification of a particular title. A chapter should not specify a position in its nomination. Positions to be filled for three-year terms are president, first and second vice presidents, secretary-treasurer, and chancellors for each of the regions. From those persons suggested by the chapters, the nominating committee will review the nominations and select candidates for each office solely on the basis of their qualifications. The chapters will vote on these candidates this September.

Please give thought to candidates with the ability to fulfill responsibilities and who have been active Pi Gamma Mu volunteers. When a person has proven to be effective in shaping the local chapter, he/she might want to consider playing a role in shaping the future of the whole organization. That is what a trustee does.

Upon receipt of your chapter's nomination, the committee will ask the individual if he/she is willing to serve if elected. Those individuals whom the nominating committee nominates will be asked to provide a vita and a brief campaign statement to be printed with the ballot. Exercise your constitutional right to make a difference in the upcoming election by submitting nominations by **February 15**, and then be sure that your chapter casts its ballot this fall.

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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). Keep your eye out for updates about the Triennial International Convention coming up this October!

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.

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.



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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