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The Phi Eta Sigma national office staff is a close-knit family. At the 2018 national convention, staff members (from left) Beth Britton, Kaley Allen, Elaine Powell, and Ria Butts shared a hug after congratulating Elaine on her upcoming retirement as Executive Director in 2019.

The past and current members of the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee collaborated on strategic plans for the future of the honor society. Back row (left to right): Jennifer Miller (McKendree), Alyssa Kane (IUPUI), Alex Belisle (Boise State), Christian Hildebrandt (Brigham Young), Jeremy Ball (Southeast Missouri State), Michaela Machekeya (Georgia Southern); middle row (left to right): Tony Kemp (Mercer), Grand President Molly Lawrence (Alabama), Grand President Emeritus John Harrell (Indiana), Grand Historian Mary Jo Custer (Syracuse), Grand Vice President Tim Lemper (Indiana); front row: Executive Director Elaine Powell, and Andrew Stone (Boise State).
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The magnificent World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC, was one of the stops for the 2018 Phi Eta Sigma national convention attendees during their Saturday afternoon free time to explore the nation's capital. (Photo credit: Yossi May, Christie's Photographic Solutions)

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Phi Eta Sigma has a history of strong, competent leaders. I have been involved in Phi Eta Sigma since 1975 and have witnessed the development of the Phi Eta Sigma national office. From a tiny room in the Auburn University Student Union, Dr. and Mrs. James Foy worked diligently in conducting the business of the honorary. Dean Foy served as Grand Secretary from 1952 to 1992. He and Mrs. Foy did it all—kept the membership records (then on individual 3” x 5” paper slips), had the membership certificate names printed by hand calligraphy, coordinated the finances with the Grand Treasurer, chartered new chapters, served as a resource to the chapter advisers, and planned conventions.

When Dean Ray Glos resigned as Grand Treasurer in 1980 to accept the role of Grand President, the Twenty-fifth National Convention voted to combine the offices of national secretary, treasurer, and Forum editor and elected Jim Foy into that position for a four-year term. He would continue in the position of Grand Secretary-Treasurer until he retired in 1992.

Upon Dean Foy’s retirement, Jack Sagabiel became the next Grand Secretary-Treasurer. Dean Sagabiel negotiated physical space for Phi Eta Sigma in Western Kentucky University’s College of Business. Being an attorney, he expanded the legal components of the honor society. Phi Eta Sigma became incorporated, staff members were bonded, an investment strategy was developed, and annual financial audits were performed and published. The staff of the Phi Eta Sigma national office also grew: Mrs. Marge Sagabiel assumed the role of office manager.
with bookkeeping responsibilities; and another staff member, Ria Butts, was hired to record memberships in a computer database, produce the membership certificates, and perform general office duties. As the office continued to expand, an executive assistant was hired, and Mrs. Sagabiel continued part time as office manager. Elaine Powell was employed in 1996 and assumed increasing financial and managerial responsibilities. The office also employed WKU students to assist the staff with records and certificate production as Phi Eta Sigma grew and the office operations expanded.

When Dr. and Mrs. Sagabiel announced they would retire in January 2010, there was discussion with Phi Eta Sigma advisers as to whether someone was interested in running for the office of Grand Secretary-Treasurer. No one showed interest in the position, and the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee decided to hire Elaine Powell as the Society’s first Executive Director. For the first time, the Phi Eta Sigma national office was staffed by employees and an Executive Director who served at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The national office continued to be housed on the Western Kentucky University campus.

Being extremely familiar with Phi Eta Sigma operations, Mrs. Powell knew where there were opportunities to improve Society operations. She set about using technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness. She developed position descriptions for all staff and conducted annual performance evaluations. Phi Eta Sigma staff members were encouraged to develop their skills and, consequently, performed at higher levels. As staff responsibilities evolved, Ria Butts assumed the role of executive assistant. The Executive Committee authorized adding the position of communications and media specialist in 2013, and Beth Britton joined the staff in that position.

Other initiatives by Mrs. Powell included recognizing chapters for their impressive operations, growth, and vitality. The Executive Committee approved her proposal for establishing the Pyramid and Capstone Awards for chapter excellence in 2015. Also, the Phi Eta Sigma website became more robust and served as a resource for student members and advisers, and the Society’s presence on social media became more active. When Phi Eta Sigma publications were reviewed recently, some printed publications were eliminated, and many publications became available through the website. A crowning achievement of Mrs. Powell and her staff was the redesign of the Forum of Phi Eta Sigma to a full-size, full-color magazine highlighting the achievements of members, advisers, and the Society as a whole.

Now we come to the next chapter of Phi Eta Sigma operations as Mrs. Powell will retire in summer 2019. The Executive Committee recently met and developed strategies for continued operations. While the Committee is considering several management options, a search will begin in January 2019 for a new Executive Director. As Phi Eta Sigma is approaching its 100th Anniversary, the Society will move into the future with a new management structure striving to meet the needs of Phi Eta Sigma members and chapter advisers.

We all wish Mrs. Powell well as she becomes a full-time grandmother and extend our appreciation for her twenty-three years of loyalty and service to Phi Eta Sigma. Thanks, Elaine, and we wish you the best of everything!
Teamwork—We use that word to indicate a group of people working together. But true teamwork comes about when those people have common goals and are committed to a successful outcome from their efforts. Phi Eta Sigma is an example of such teamwork.

From its first chapter established at the University of Illinois in 1923 to an organization with more than 1.25 million members in 2019, Phi Eta Sigma’s strength is rooted in teamwork among its founders, national leaders, members and advisers. The members of the Executive Committee work together to secure a productive and prosperous future for the honor society on the national level, while advisers and student leaders at the chapter level work together to make Society involvement a rewarding and enriching experience for all members.

As I look ahead to my retirement this summer, I consider it a privilege to have teamed up with so many dedicated people in Phi Eta Sigma over the past twenty-three years. My first contact in 1996 was with Jack Sagabiel, who would become my boss, mentor, supporter and friend. He and his wife Marge worked together in the Phi Eta Sigma national office (housed on the Western Kentucky University campus) like a well-oiled machine, while making sure others in the office felt like valued team members as well. Jack served as Grand Secretary-Treasurer for twenty years and recommended me for the position of Executive Director in 2009. One of his favorite lines is, “Together, we are a good team,” a statement that continues to embody our staff at the Phi Eta Sigma national office. I am deeply grateful to Jack and Marge for allowing me to be part of the great team they formed.

This column does not allow enough space for me to list and thank the multitude of people who have influenced me or impacted my life through Phi Eta Sigma. From the outstanding members of the Executive Committee who have worked side-by-side with me during these past ten years, to the hundreds of chapter advisers whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in person or assisting by phone or correspondence, to the phenomenal student members from all across the nation who continually amaze me with their insights, innovation, passion and commitment. I appreciate the relationships I have made through our vendors and service providers such as Kenneth E. Jernigan and Associates, The Trophy House, and Gerald Printing, who partner with Phi Eta Sigma to bring honors recognition to academically successful college students.

Also, I have been fortunate to establish relationships with leaders of other national honor societies across various disciplines and focus areas. Certainly, all of these people have created an outstanding team of Society leaders and partners, and I am proud to have been associated with them.

I would be remiss if I did not mention just a few individuals who have meant so much to me over the years. Molly Lawrence became Phi Eta Sigma’s first female Grand President in 2007, and the two of us have worked closely together for the past ten years. Even when situations arose that caused me a moment of panic, Molly’s calm demeanor and expertise brought me through each “crisis” with skill and sound judgment.

I greatly appreciate Molly for her strong leadership, her support, and her friendship.

John Harrell was Grand President and Indiana University chapter adviser when I first joined the Phi Eta Sigma staff. He and his wife Sharon made me feel very welcome when I first met them at the 1998 national convention in Indianapolis. Since then, John has become a dear friend, a trusted adviser, and a loyal supporter. I cannot thank him enough for his wise counsel and words of encouragement that have meant so much to me, both professionally and personally.

The Phi Eta Sigma national office staff is the backbone of the Society’s operations. We have been blessed over the years with dedicated student workers who exhibit a strong work ethic. English major Kaitlyn Craft came to us last spring with no knowledge of the organization and no experience with the kind of work we do here. What I most appreciate about Kaitlyn is her warm personality, her reliability, and her willingness to learn and take on new tasks. Kaley Allen has been our bookkeeper and office assistant for the past two and a half years, working 12-18 hours per week. In addition to taking a full load of classes toward her combined bachelor’s & master’s degrees in accounting, she has been involved with student leadership organizations on campus and served as treasurer and president of the WKU chapter.
of Phi Eta Sigma, working to grow and promote the honor society on campus. She has helped me navigate numerous changes in accounting procedures and tax laws, and I am extremely grateful for her fine work, her commitment to Phi Eta Sigma values, and her friendship.

Beth Britton joined our office team in 2013 and helped bring many of our office systems up to date. Her professionalism, innovation, and dedication to getting the job done have helped bring about many improvements in national office operations in recent years. Beth looks for ways to streamline procedures and better serve the Society’s members and advisers. She and her family have become an important part of our Phi Eta Sigma family, and I am proud to call her my professional associate and my friend.

What can I say about Ria Butts? Having held the titles of records assistant, records manager, and now executive assistant, Ria has been my right hand and constant support throughout my career with the Society. She has a keen sense about interpersonal relations and often advises me about dealing with individuals in unique situations. A past recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award, Ria has given loyal service to Phi Eta Sigma for twenty-five years. She has been my co-worker, assistant, confidant, close friend, and “partner in crime” for most of that time, and I am extremely blessed to have her in my life.

My work with Phi Eta Sigma is also strengthened by the love and support of my family. My son often expresses his pride in my work and accomplishments. He and his family have been very forgiving when I was unavailable to join them on various occasions because of Society obligations such as national conventions or chartering a new chapter. I look forward to spending much more time with them, especially the grandchildren, after retirement.

Finally, my husband Ricky has always been supportive of my work, and he is there for me anytime I needed a box carried, a bookshelf moved, or mail dropped off. But since his retirement from police work in 2013, he has worked tirelessly alongside me for so many Phi Eta Sigma events and projects. When attending conventions and other meetings with me, he has dubbed himself Phi Eta Sigma’s “very amateur photographer and self-appointed chief of security,” titles for him the Executive Committee members readily embraced. Ricky has often been my sounding board when I needed to talk out various issues. His love and encouragement have been my rock and my safe haven for forty-three years, even more so during my leadership tenure with Phi Eta Sigma. My work with the honor society could not have been accomplished without him at my side.

Teamwork definitely has been the foundation of my leadership efforts with Phi Eta Sigma. From the Executive Committee, advisers and student members who keep the honor society strong on the campus level, to the external partners who have cooperated and supported Phi Eta Sigma in various ways, to the dedicated staff members at the national office whom I consider my close friends, to my wonderful family who give me unconditional love—all of these individuals are important components in everything we have accomplished through this organization over the past twenty-three years. I am excited to see what the future holds for the remarkable team of scholars and world changers who make up Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for allowing me to be a part of your team!
Chapter News

New Chapters

Since the 2018 Forum was published, Phi Eta Sigma has reactivated one previously inactive chapter and chartered one new chapter. Several other institutions are in the planning phase for chartering their chapters.

MORAVIAN COLLEGE
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania - February 11, 2018

Moravian College, officially founded over 275 years ago as the sixth oldest college in the United States, is a private liberal arts college located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. It was originally formed as a girls’ school by Countess Benigna von Zinzendorf and her family with old roots in the Moravian denomination. These roots emphasized the importance of education and the belief that every person should be educated, putting education second only to church.

The Bethlehem Female Seminary was chartered out of the original girl’s school in 1863, and the name was changed to Moravian Seminary and College for Women in 1913. The Moravian College and Theological Seminary for men was moved to Bethlehem from Nazareth in 1858, finally merging with the women’s college in 1954 and forming a single coeducational institution.

Moravian College offers numerous undergraduate degree programs accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, with many programs such as accounting and nursing also accredited by specialty agencies. The College is one of the six institutions that constitute the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC), with a mission to broaden educational opportunities for students, offer professional development for faculty and staff, achieve greater economy and efficiency of operation, establish a structure for regional planning, and provide a vehicle for relating to the community.

Moravian has a distinguished reputation of tradition while pushing its students to be “a little revolutionary” and to challenge themselves in everything that they do. According to its mission statement, “Moravian College’s liberal arts education prepares each individual for a reflective life, fulfilling careers, and transformative leadership in a world of change.”

The Moravian College chapter of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society was originally established on November 13, 1999, but was declared inactive in 2009. Under the leadership of chapter advisers Dr. Kevin Hartshorn, Dean of Student Success, and Ms. Lisa Johnson, Student Success Program Coordinator, the chapter was rechartered on Sunday, February 11, 2018. The ceremony welcomed over 250 new inductees to the chapter and almost 400 guests to celebrate the accomplishments of the first-year students at Central Moravian Church.

Phi Eta Sigma Grand Vice President Timothy Lemper spoke at the ceremony and presented the chapter with a new charter. Dr. Hartshorn and Moravian College President Byron Grigsby also spoke at the ceremony. Newly elected chapter officers conducted the induction ceremony for new members and spoke of the values upheld by the honor society: president Gavin Kemery, vice president Chrissy Anselmo, secretary Ashley Magee, treasurer Conor Frehill, historian Shelby Breen, and correspondent Rachel Mikols.

Honorary members who were inducted included President Grigsby, Dr. Hartshorn, Provost and Dean of Faculty Dr. Cynthia Kosso, Associate Provost Dr. Carol Traupman-Carr, and chapter co-adviser Lisa Johnson.
Hampton University
Hampton, Virginia - November 6, 2018

Hampton University’s origins come from a camp just outside the walls of Fort Monroe for escaped slaves in 1861, when Union Major General Benjamin Butler decreed the escapees would not be returned to bondage. The small class of twenty refugee students was taught by Mary Peake, a free Negro, meeting under a simple oak tree that would later be called the Emancipation Oak because it would be the site of the first Southern reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. The Emancipation Oak remains on Hampton University’s campus as a lasting symbol of diverse education for everyone, even in the face of adversity.

Mary Peake’s class would eventually become the Butler School for Negro Children. In 1868, Brigadier General Samuel Armstrong opened Hampton Normal and Agriculture Institute for the purpose of providing education and skill training for African American youth. The Butler School (later the Whittier School) and the Hampton Institute would work together to provide practical experience in trades and industrial skills in order to prepare students for their lives in the workforce.

One of the Hampton Institute’s most distinguished graduates was Booker T. Washington, who would be a pioneer in education and helped found the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Beginning in 1878, Hampton would educate Native Americans and started a Native American education program that would span more than forty years. With increasing enrollments in the later 1880s and expanded programs in the early 1900s, Hampton Institute would be known as a “college” with its chief administrator taking the title of president. As time went on in the 1950s, the school’s programs changed focus from agriculture and trades to new programs in chemistry, mathematics, and physics. The Hampton campus would also have a major role in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Dr. William R. Harvey was unanimously elected the twelfth president of Hampton Institute in 1978 and continues in that position today. His accomplishments as president include the creation of an MBA program and scientific research centers, as well as the expansion of the Continuing Education Program. In 1983, student enrollment was almost 4,000, and SAT scores of entering freshman improved by 93 points. The name changed to Hampton University in 1984 as a result of the school’s growth and development in quality of students. Today Hampton University stays true to its promise of “The Standard of Excellence, An Education for Life.”

Hampton University is a comprehensive institution of higher education, dedicated to teaching, character building, preparation of students for leadership positions and service. A historically black institution, Hampton University is committed to multiculturalism. Phi Eta Sigma joins other nationally accredited honor societies such as Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi, Phi Alpha Theta, Psi Chi, and Sigma Tau Delta on the Hampton campus.

Phi Eta Sigma chartered its 384th chapter at Hampton University on November 6, 2018. Dr. Rikesha Fry Brown, director of the Freddye T. Davy Honors College, served as chapter adviser and arranged the decorous chartering ceremony for more than 120 charter members and guests. Charter chapter officers included Cashara Quinn (president), Miracle Bailey (vice president), DeJuana Coleman (secretary), Maurice Johnson and Hadassah Smith (co-treasurers).

Following a musical selection by pianist Roman Elmore, Phi Eta Sigma Executive Director Elaine J. Powell addressed the inductees about the significance of honor society membership. She presented the chapter charter to Dr. Rikesha L. Fry Brown, Chancellor and Provost JoAnn W. Haysbert, and President William R. Harvey. Both Dr. Haysbert and President Harvey made brief acceptance remarks and congratulated the charter members on their outstanding achievement.

The chapter adviser and officers inducted the student members in attendance, and Mrs. Powell assisted with the induction of eight administrators and faculty members as honorary members of Phi Eta Sigma, including President Harvey, Dr. Haysbert, and Dr. Fry Brown. The chartering and induction ceremony concluded with a lovely reception for inductees and guests, as well as lots of photos to commemorate the occasion.
The University of Alabama chapter held a fundraising event benefitting the American Red Cross (2018 national convention philanthropy) at a local restaurant, Taco Mama, which raised more than $300.

Alabama member Alexis Elston (chapter secretary) volunteered for the “Get On Board Day” member recruitment event.

University of Alabama chapter members at the Taco Mama fundraiser benefitting the American Red Cross.

Riley Boegel (chapter vice president of philanthropy) and Cole Richards (chapter president) at a fundraiser for the American Red Cross.

Jacqueline Berg (senior adviser) and Cole Richards (president) tabled for the “Get On Board Day” recruiting event.

Anna Clay Adams (social media chair) posed at Alabama’s “Get On Board Day” recruiting event.

A flyer created by members of the University of Alabama chapter for their fall 2018 fundraiser.
Emory University

The 2017-2018 Emory University inductees were required by their executive board to participate in a few events prior to induction. Inductees raised money for a service project in Atlanta and attended “Omicron Delta Kappa Networking Night,” which facilitated inductees networking with upperclassmen honor society members about college tracks and how to continue pursuing excellence.

Sophomores were given the opportunity to network with professors who were actively seeking undergraduate researchers at a new event dubbed as Research Night by the executive board. Thirteen professors from various departments attended and shared information about their areas of expertise. The event was very successful, and many members were able to secure research positions with professors who attended.

Chapter members have decided to hold revenues to help students in need of financial assistance with their initiation fee. At year’s end, the Emory chapter accumulated a profit which will be allocated towards hosting future philanthropic events and establishing a scholarship fund for low-income students.

On March 24, 2018, the chapter inducted 202 members at the historic Oxford campus. Megan Johnston was named the chapter’s chief executive officer and Nikita Dsouza was named chief financial officer for the 2018-2019 year.

The Florida State University

Pictured are the 2018 Florida State University inductees. The induction ceremony was held March 25, 2018, with approximately 800 of 1,100 inductees attending the ceremony.

Members were dressed for a Halloween costume contest at the FSU leadership council and general member workshop in October 2017.

FSU held a leadership council interest workshop for general members who want to learn how to join the FSU leadership council. Members wrote their semester goals on a “vision board” then discussed how those goals can be achieved through Phi Eta Sigma. As members tossed around a ball, each catcher stood up and said what they expect to gain or want out of Phi Eta Sigma for the year, such as academic assistance, leadership opportunities, intramural sports, and service events. Photographed are (left to right): Caven Hamilton, Vanessa Burden, Anthony Munia, and Brittany Stevens.

Adam Dajani (far right) coordinated a new event named “tacos and trivia.” An FSU professor hosted a trivia game while students dined on Moe’s tacos provided by the chapter. The event was a huge success, and chapter members plan to host the event again during FSU Phi Eta Sigma Week (a week dedicated to promoting Phi Eta Sigma on the FSU campus to attract current and future members).
After making a poster during a membership workshop, Phi Eta Sigma members attended an FSU basketball game. Go Noles! (Left to right): Sam Gumula, Cashen Neilson, Adam Dajani, Hannah Lyons, and Paige Kearley.

The FSU chapter’s first intramural women’s 3-on-3 basketball game. Shooting is Vanessa Burden. Other team players were Paige Kearley, Brittany Stevens, and Sofia Morgan.

Georgia Southern University
The chapter marked its twenty-seventh year as an active chapter on October 19, 2018. Chapter members hosted the annual induction ceremony March 4, 2018, at the Performing Arts Center, inducting 390 freshmen scholastic achievers.

Through the University’s Wings Incentive Program, the chapter has achieved gold status as an organization with 280 hours of community service. The Wings Incentive Program was established to recognize organizations whose members make it a priority to improve the organization as a whole and the experience of each of their members. One example for the chapter was participation in ArtsFest, an annual community event beloved by generations of children, parents, and Georgia Southern students. Chapter community service chair Libby Hartley was featured on the front page of the local newspaper, the Statesboro Herald, dressed as a clown.

The chapter has partnered with the office of first-year experience since 2007 to help new students adjust to college. The day before classes began in the fall, sixty-four members served as student assistants in a “conversations with professors” program. The program involves a faculty member and a student assistant who introduce a small group of new students to the expectations of a college classroom and discuss how to be successful in college. Ninety-four percent of first-year students participated in the program this past fall.

The 2018 fall semester began with chapter members serving the community at the Retails Thrift Shop in downtown Statesboro. Retails is a non-profit store operated by a local animal rescue group. In October, the chapter sent nine students to the Phi Eta Sigma National Convention in Washington, DC.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
The IUPUI chapter gets a cake from local Taylor’s Bakery for the induction ceremony each year.
IUPUI adviser Lisa Ruch with graduating IUPUI student advisers Charly Wolford, Marc Jones, Tyler Hatton, and Alyssa Wickham, recipients of senior book awards. Charly received a national Founders Fund graduate scholarship in 2018, and Marc is a former $1,000 national undergraduate award recipient. The members presented chapter adviser Lisa Ruch with flowers and a card.

The induction ceremony audience heard from IUPUI senior speaker Alyssa Wickham. The senior speaker is selected by a vote of chapter officers for the graduating officer they think is most deserving and representative of the group.

Five teams of IUPUI chapter members competed in the annual Battleships competition sponsored by Jagathon (the IUPUI dance marathon) to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children. Thanks to many chapter member “sinkers” on the sidelines who dumped water into the “enemy” teams’ boats, the Phi Eta Sigma member teams finished first, second, and third, thereby retaining their championship title from the previous year.

Pictured are the IUPUI chapter’s Battleships teams with the three winning teams holding their prizes. Battleships proceeds are donated to Riley Hospital for Children. The chapter had the most teams (5) of any organization on campus.

Chapter adviser Lisa Ruch presents each of the IUPUI officers with a framed certificate for their service. Lisa is pictured with David Kane, former officer and 2017 Thomas Arle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year. David finished his master’s degree in May 2018 and is an engineer with Rolls Royce in Indianapolis.

IUPUI inductees attending the spring 2018 induction ceremony. The IUPUI initiation ceremony program was distributed to all members and guests.
IUPUI’s David Kane and Tyler Hatton at their graduation. Both were chapter vice presidents and served as student advisers their junior and senior years.

Charly Wolford (chapter senator for Undergraduate Student Government and Founders Fund national scholarship recipient) and Alyssa Wichham (chapter president) photographed at their graduation. These ladies also served as IUPUI student advisers during their junior and senior years.

IUPUI scavenger hunters socializing with the deer at the Eiteljorg Museum: Supriya Chittojallu, Ragan Kelley, Mackenzie Neeley, Hannah Beltz, Marissa Boyer.

IUPUI officers held a downtown scavenger hunt to get to know each other better. Scrapbook committee members jumping for joy on a downtown Indy street are (left to right): Jessica Vera, Allison Kochanski, Tessa Madigan, Sheetal Presanna, Gabby Sblendorio, and Megan Martin.

IUPUI officers held their annual transition retreat at Eagle’s Hideaway in September 2018. The weather didn’t cooperate for outdoor activities, but members had a lot of fun and learned much about what it means to be a Phi Eta Sigma officer. Front row (left to right): Logan Lindsay, Sheetal Prasanna, Allison Kochanski, Sarah Harris, Blessing Olagundoye, Jessica Vera, Faith Prochaska, Reilly McGovern, Angela Klunk, and Supriya Chittojallu. Second row (all leaning over): Lisa Ruch (advisor), Michila Weddle, Ashley Timmons, Madison Wilson, Gabby Sblendorio, Taylor Galbari, Lauren Reinhart, Anna Martin, Nicole Zellers, Kylie Dennis, Jaci Zook, Tessa Madigan, and Emily Combs. Third row: Megan Martin, Madelyn Smith, Katherine Roberson, Jaysynn Hardrich, and Curry Morgan. Back row: Marissa Boyer, Ragan Kelley, Collin Aycoch, Christopher Jackson, Youssef Sorous, Ryan Fraser, Breanne Fox, Tessa Soderling, Mackenzie Neeley, Alyssa Kane, and Hannah Beltz.

IUPUI service committee members taking a scavenger hunt break at the yogurt shop: Madison Wilson, Reilly McGovern, Michila Weddle, Cassidy Hurt, Delanie Burgess, Madelyn Smith, and Ashley Timmons.
Kansas State University The chapter inducted thirty-nine new members on September 16, 2018. Following the ceremony, members and their guests participated in a kindness act, posting inspirational messages written on Phi Eta Sigma sticky notes throughout the student union. K-State students who were in the Union studying were surprised and appreciative.

K-State chapter members also did a “grocery cart challenge” to purchase food for their on-campus food pantry. Nearly forty percent of K-State students struggle with food insecurity, so members felt this was a great way to support fellow students. The chapter received a donated gift card from HyVee, and members used chapter funds to match the donation. Chapter members were very thoughtful shoppers, comparing prices, shopping sales, figuring cost per unit, and mainly thinking about items they themselves would want to use. The students chose items that were allergy-friendly, hair care for all hair types, personal hygiene, and shelf-stable food. More than 200 items were donated.

Kennesaw State University The chapter remains focused on building connections for members on the two campuses (Kennesaw and Marietta). The 2017-2018 chapter executive board was an enthusiastic and committed cadre of officers who devised plans to offer “mirrored” general body meetings, social events, and service events at the two campuses to spark greater member participation. Members are encouraged to venture to the “other campus” for chapter meetings and events so they can interact with the variety of majors in Phi Eta Sigma. Furthermore, both campus groups come together to support the Phi Eta Sigma signature programs, such as the First-Year Student Convocation Program (fall term) and annual Phi Eta Sigma induction ceremony (spring term). Volunteers at these programs represent all of KSU’s eleven undergraduate colleges.

Shortly after the start of the semester, the KSU chapter surveyed its members for feedback on service and social events, and the executive board used the results in planning chapter activities. Some of the year’s key activities, based upon members’ input, included supporting campus housing move-in day, hosting chapter game events such as bingo and trivia nights, remembering U.S. military and senior citizens with handmade greeting cards for holidays, and joining with KSU Day of Service teams for off-campus community engagement projects. During Phi Eta Sigma
Jessica Bailey wants to give back to Phi Eta Sigma some of the confidence and joyful experience she gleaned from her years as a member of Phi Eta Sigma at Kennesaw State University. Jessica was inducted in March 2013 and served as a member of the KSU executive board for three years. She earned her bachelor’s degree in accounting in 2016 and will have her MBA in spring 2019. She accepted an offer to serve as co-adviser in Fall 2018. Jessica stated, “Phi Eta Sigma is near and dear to my heart. When I was a freshman at KSU, I had an extremely hard time adjusting to college; however, with the assistance of this wonderful organization, Mrs. Matthews, and my fellow Phi Eta Sigma peers, things really began to change for the better. I really believe if you utilize the many resources that Phi Eta Sigma has to offer, you, too, will realize what a wonderful gem we have in this organization.”
**Louisiana State University** The chapter volunteered with LSU departments for University College’s 2018 Stock Your Room Bengal Bound event. This event provided packaged food items, drinks, and toiletries for LSU students to stock their dorm rooms with necessities. More than 500 students attended the event. Members of the LSU chapter assisted University College by distributing items to students, keeping record of attendance, and making every student feel welcome.

The LSU chapter participated in a new event, University College’s Bengal Bound “Stock Your Room.” Some volunteers for the event included Mason Arnette, Mae Mongaoil, chapter advisor Allison Hargrave, and other LSU staff.

LSU hosted its annual initiation ceremony on April 18, 2018, at LSU Union Royal Cotillion Ballroom. LSU’s chapter of Phi Eta Sigma inducted eighty-six new members and presented chapter awards.

Since 1928, the LSU Chapter has inducted more than 10,828 students. Allison Hargrave, faculty advisor of Phi Eta Sigma and academic counselor in the LSU Center for Freshman Year said, “Our officers have been doing an amazing job bringing in new ideas and leadership into our chapter, and I look forward to new opportunities the future will bring to our organization.”

The 2018 L.B. Lucky Award for the LSU chapter sophomore with the best overall academic performance was presented to Catherine Pearson. Catherine is pursuing her bachelor of arts degree in history, with a current 4.23 GPA. She is the recipient of several university awards and recognitions, is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies, and is the vice president of the Society for Student Historians. She plans to graduate in 2020 and pursue a career in education programming for a museum or work for the state or federal archives.

Andrew Ammons received the Outstanding Senior Award, which recognizes a chapter member who is a graduating LSU senior and has maintained the best cumulative grade point average and overall academic record at LSU. Andrew is pursuing dual degrees in biological sciences and Spanish with a minor in psychology. With a GPA over 4.0., he received a scholarship his freshman year that allowed him to study abroad for a summer in Spain. Since his sophomore year, he has worked in the Shell Tutorial Center on campus as a biology, chemistry, physics, and Spanish tutor. He is a member of Tri-Beta Biological Society and has played on both the club soccer and club tennis teams. Since graduating in May 2018, he attends LSU Medical School and is pursuing a career in medicine.

**University of Maryland**

After a University of Maryland basketball game win, chapter members collected excess food from concession stands throughout the stadium for the Food Recovery Network to deliver to shelters and those in need across the metro area.

Maryland members labeled and stuffed envelopes for prospective members’ parents.

Members advertised Phi Eta Sigma and informed potential members (especially freshmen and sophomores) about the organization during their annual First Look Fair at the University of Maryland.
**McKendree University** student officers Matthew Bachman, Ciara Jones, and Robert Watkins visiting Lambeau Field during the Midwest Area Regional Conference, November 11, 2017.

McKendree chapter co-adviser Jennifer Miller speaks to inductees at the April 26, 2018, induction ceremony.

McKendree co-advisers and student officers at the April 26, 2018, induction ceremony (left to right): Meredith Geyer (co-vice president), Jennifer Miller (co-adviser), Sydney Rey (senior adviser), Ciara Jones (historian), Madeline Shea (co-service chair), Aleksejs Ivasenko (secretary), Robert Esson (junior adviser), Magdalena Knap (co-president), Matthew Bachman (former historian), Haegen Boyer (public relations), Shelby Summer (co-service chair), Dominic Naas (co-president), Calypso Pohlman (treasurer), and Ann Collins (co-adviser).

McKendree student officers Robert Watkins, Matthew Bachman, and Ciara Jones traveling to the Midwest Area Regional Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with chapter co-adviser Ann Collins.

Chapter members tailgating with the McKendree community at their first home football game of the 2018 season (left to right): Shelby Summer (co-service chair), Hannah Murphy, Konnor Arrowood, Miranda Gajewski, and Haegen Boyer (public relations officer). These ladies are also student athletes on McKendree’s softball team.

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**A Mercer University Graduating Senior Reflects: ΦΗΣ Shaping My College Experience** by Sarah Donnelly

HarvestFest is an annual event that Mercer University students host for children in the Macon community to trick-or-treat. Organizations at Mercer are invited to devise an activity that will engage the kids, as well as pertain to the organization itself. At the last HarvestFest in 2017, Phi Eta Sigma set up a table where children could decorate a toy car or a frisbee. It was so rewarding to see how this event could blend three integral parts of my college experience: my school, the community of Macon, and Phi Eta Sigma.

The takeaway from this event that lasts with me, even a year later, is how willing and dedicated the Phi Eta Sigma members volunteering at this event were to make it exciting for families they did not even know personally. Our ΦΗΣ chapter loves to volunteer in the community, and this event emphasized that our chapter members do it because they want to. With each volunteer opportunity, it is never about forcing our members to participate. They do so out of a genuine interest of working alongside fellow Phi Eta Sigma members to serve a bigger cause.

Phi Eta Sigma has shaped the way I approach volunteering my time—whether it is on Mercer’s campus or in the Macon community. I was inspired by my ΦΗΣ peers at HarvestFest from that day on to consciously participate in volunteer work with the pure purpose of wanting to engage with the community, not for community service hour requirements or the fun Instagram picture. I encourage other Phi Eta Sigma chapters to explore the volunteer opportunities available near them—you never know what a lasting impact one event can have.

Sarah Donnelly served as the chapter secretary during the 2017-2018 academic year and will graduate with degrees in psychology and women’s gender studies in May 2019. She serves as a member of the University’s Orientation/Peer Advisor program and is currently the Panhellenic Executive Council president.
Missouri Southern State University

New inductees at the Missouri Southern State University induction ceremony in April 2018.

(Left to right) MSSU recipients of Founders Fund undergraduate awards Kennedee French (chapter president), Angelica Macias (chapter vice president), Vice President of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Darren Fullerton, Dusty Braddish (ceremony guest speaker), and co-advisers Teresa Thompson and Stephanie Hopkins.

Missouri State University

The chapter is one in which members can find a campus home, a group of lifelong friends, and professional connections. The Missouri State chapter is proud to be a home for its members.

At monthly meetings chapter officers review and share activities and opportunities for members. In an effort to keep members involved and present at meetings, the executive team hosts various games with a prize for the winner. In order to develop relationships among members, participation in many social and community service activities is encouraged. Members participate in homecoming festivities, attend tailgates for various sports, attend sporting events, host socials, and form intramural teams for various sports. As a chapter devoted to service, members host street cleanups each semester, participate in fundraisers, and host their annual big event One Homeless Night. This event brings awareness to homelessness in Springfield, Missouri, and chapter members collect canned food items and blanket donations for the local homeless population. The event also features a speaker, contests, and refreshments. Members also participate annually in Bear Crew to help freshmen move into their dorms and to create a comfortable experience transitioning to campus life.

Chapter president Nicholas Goers and treasurer Peyton Sharp received 2018 Founders Fund scholarships. The MSU chapter takes pride in submitting solid candidates to the national scholarship competition each year.
Monmouth University  The chapter inducted 156 new members on Friday, March 9, 2018. Shannon Marren, a graduating senior and chapter president, welcomed the audience of inductees, guests, and faculty and staff members. Professor Golam Mathbor, chapter adviser, reported that out of 1,125 students in the class of 2021, the inductees were among 33% students who qualified for membership.

Dr. Walter Greason, dean of the Honor School at Monmouth University, addressed the inducted members as guest speaker. Dr. Greason urged students to pursue interdisciplinary study and research, using his work about the history of racial violence and the successes of the Marvel film, “Black Panther,” as examples. According to Dr. Greason, “When we stand for justice and equality, we create a better world for each other. When we create new media, we inspire audiences everywhere.”

Following the ceremony, inductees and relatives were encouraged to gather in the lobby of Pollak Theater for refreshments.

Otterbein University  The chapter has begun a philanthropy partnership with the Westerville Otterbein Women’s Club. Founded in 1921, the Women’s Club raised funds through bake sales, rummage sales, and “radio teas” to establish an endowed scholarship fund for Otterbein University. In 1952, the Club opened a thrift shop to continue raising funds, and the University recently recognized the Club for contributing more than one million dollars for Otterbein scholarships.

The Phi Eta Sigma chapter adopted the Thrift Store as its philanthropy project in 2016-2017, and members continue to volunteer at the Store to organize displays, assist customers, and even box up clothing for hurricane relief. For homecoming last year, volunteers helped create a parade float and acted as live mannequins, showcasing the clothing available for purchase at the Thrift Store. Chapter members also adopted a store mannequin named “Chic Shelby,” who showed up all over campus promoting the Thrift Store merchandise and scholarship fundraising efforts.

During the annual tree lighting on campus, Phi Eta Sigma members sold holiday mugs filled with tea or cocoa, as well as fuzzy socks and other treats, as a fundraiser for the Thrift Store and, in turn, student scholarships. Focusing community service efforts primarily in one direction allowed the Otterbein chapter to make a greater impact with one charity.
Otterbein chapter officers (left to right) Amanda Drake and Holly Bernhold and adviser Katherine Reichley with “Chic Shelby,” a mannequin from the Thrift Store, the chapter’s signature philanthropy.

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

The chapter members and other university students attended their annual snowtubing trip in February 2018. The chapter later welcomed fifty-two new members at the spring induction ceremony, at which inductees had a chance to become acquainted with executive board members and advisers. Later in the semester, members served at the annual campus creek clean-up, which provided an opportunity for new inductees to chat with veteran chapter members while helping the environment and community. New officers were elected and three of them were very excited to attend the Phi Eta Sigma national convention in Washington, DC, in October 2018.

The UPG chapter began the 2018 fall semester with its newest tradition, sponsoring the “Before I Die” wall project. Students, staff, and faculty were given an opportunity to write “bucket list” sentiments on the wall and hang ribbons of different colors to represent different causes. This event took place in September to coincide with National Suicide Prevention week. In October chapter members hosted their seventh annual Oktoberfest, one of the most anticipated events for the campus. Phi Eta Sigma members worked with other organizations’ members to celebrate fall with various activities. The chapter had a booth to distribute alpine hats and root beer floats, and members led a “hammerschlagen” game. In November, chapter members hosted a Veterans Day luncheon for local veterans and their families to be recognized for their service and enjoy a free lunch on campus.

University of Puget Sound

At a University of Puget Sound general body meeting in October 2018, chapter members were excited to make “feely hearts” for a local children’s hospital. The hearts are given to children who have experienced some kind of loss.

University of Puget Sound chapter members making “feely hearts” for a local children’s hospital.
Salisbury University

Purdue University The chapter held its spring 2018 induction ceremony on March 25 in Loeb Playhouse on campus. More than 700 initiates, family, and friends attended. The 2017-2018 officers, led by chapter president Lawrence Burgess, vice president Heather Heyrman, and adviser Susan Melson Huffman, inducted 408 student members and three honorary members. Dr. Jay Akridge, new university provost, spoke at the ceremony and was inducted as an honorary member.

More than fifty new initiates completed applications for an officer or committee chair position, and the current officers and adviser conducted thirty-five interviews. During the last few weeks of the semester, the new and outgoing officers had one officer transition meeting and a new officer/old officer pizza party/passing of the baton celebration.

The 2018-2019 school year started with a bang as the Purdue chapter manned a booth at the freshman B-Involved Fair and held weekly officer meetings to plan homecoming activities, service projects, and general member meetings. Several officers volunteered to help set up for the community’s Hunger Hike, and another group walked in the homecoming parade. Two staff members from the Office of Undergraduate Research came to the first general member meeting and spoke to more than forty students on the topic of how to find professors who need research help and the benefits of getting involved with research early in college.

Chapter president Leigha Hermann, vice president Blake Hinch, and adviser Susan Huffman attended the National Convention in Washington, DC, in October. Later in October, chapter members again provided service for a community Halloween event called Boo At the Zoo. The Purdue chapter participates every year, and members enjoy dressing up in costume, doing fun activities, and working with the children who attend the event.

UPS chapter members Emily Saling and Hadley Mcgee create “feely hearts” for children.

Purdue chapter members marched in their homecoming parade (left to right): Leigha Hermann, Justan Zommers, Renee Wayner, and Blake Hinch.

Salisbury chapter officers proudly displayed their Phi Eta Sigma honor stoles as they conducted the annual induction ceremony. Front row (left to right): Camille Supplee (president), Dr. Melissa Boog (adviser), and Abiodun Adeoye (vice president). Middle: Dorothy Maclean-Blevins (co-activities coordinator) and Kathryn Sullivan (co-activities coordinator). Back: Luke Sparr (historian) and Madison Tivvis (secretary).
Salisbury officers recognized Dr. Jathan Austin as an honorary member. Front (left to right): Camille Supplee (president) and Abiodun Adeoye (vice president). Middle: Dr. Austin, Luke Sparr (historian), and Kathryn Sullivan (co-activities coordinator). Back row: Dorothy Maclean-Blevins (co-activities coordinator) and Madison Tivvis (secretary).

The Salisbury University chapter induction ceremony took place on September 16, 2018, with more than one hundred inductees attending.

Syracuse University The chapter held bi-monthly executive board meetings followed by chapter meetings. Members were excited to participate in and utilize the information from the national convention in Washington, DC, to energize the chapter for the 2018 fall semester.

The members started the fall semester by participating in the student involvement fair. The executive board has improved communication with members through email and social media. The board encouraged members to support fellow members who are scholar athletes by attending women’s field hockey games. Members were also encouraged to assist with local Somalian refugees – teaching parents how to sew and speak English, while also supervising and helping with young children through Hendricks Chapel. The chapter members enjoy participating in clean-up around the community and the campus for Earth Day. The chapter supported the national convention philanthropy, the American Red Cross, with several blood drives. Members also volunteered at the Good Samaritan Center and Rescue Mission, International Thanksgiving Dinner, and Kids Fest.

The Syracuse chapter executive committee enjoyed the student involvement fair (left to right): Valerie Rosas, Dan McMurray (co-president), Sophie Niesenbaum, and Katherine MacDonald (co-president).

University of Tennessee With hundreds of new inductees, six dedicated officers, and an increased focus on membership development and community outreach, growth was the buzzword for the University of Tennessee chapter during the 2017-2018 school year.

Members elected three new officers to join the leadership team. Morgan Street took over the dutiful role of treasurer. The role of secretary evolved into two positions, with Hunter Mann leading the chapter as secretary of membership and Anna Stewart stepping into the secretary of induction role. Together, these three newest officers led efforts to plan and organize monthly meetings for the chapter. From stress relief methods to career development resources on campus and even student health and nutrition, meeting topics provided members with both educational and practical information, along with plenty of delicious food. The study break event, days before finals each semester, continues to be one of the chapter’s favorite events of the year. Two UT traditions allowed members to officially make their mark on campus: painting “The Rock” with Phi Eta Sigma pride and roasting marshmallows at UT’s inspiring Torchbearer statue.

The UT chapter members also took their role as Tennessee Volunteers to a new level as they made community service a major part of members’ experience with Phi Eta Sigma. The fall semester included a focus on holiday traditions in Knoxville, such as passing out candy at Trunk-or-Treat in Circle Park from an outer space-themed car, as well as assisting with decoration and marketplace setup at the Fantasy of Trees to support East Tennessee Children’s Hospital. In the spring, members got the chance to give back to parts of the Knoxville community in need. Members participated in VOLServe, for which members mulched the playground, sorted clothing for students, and wrapped appreciation gifts for teachers at a local school. Members also traveled throughout Knoxville checking batteries in home fire alarms with Sound the Alarm for the American Red Cross. These service opportunities were made possible by the chapter vice president and service coordinator Donna Mehdiyar and president Ana Casey.

The chapter held its annual induction ceremony for more than 250 scholastically gifted freshmen in April 2018 at the renowned Crowne Plaza in downtown Knoxville. The deans of several disciplines, from Art & Architecture to the Haslam School of Business, greeted newly-inducted members. Former recipient of the Founders Fund Charles Burchett Scholarship, Catherine Hawley, presented her inspiring experience, not only as a member and chapter president of Phi Eta Sigma, but also as a student with very high-achieving goals. The crowd was delighted with her
account and gave her roaring applause for her bravery and commitment to school, the honor society, and community. Officers and advisers continue to see growing involvement in the chapter, and public relations officer Tina Pliagas has ensured that members stay up to date on all of the latest news and events regarding the chapter.

Members felt this fantastic year would not have been possible without the help of chapter advisers Mary Mahoney and Erin Bennett. Together, these two amazing women have served the UT chapter for more than a decade. The 2017-2018 academic year was their last year as chapter advisers, as the chapter transitions under the direction of the First Year Studies office on campus. Chapter members expressed gratitude for Erin and Mary’s countless contributions and unwavering support of the chapter. The officer team is also excited to welcome new advisers, Meagan West and Heather Davis, to the Phi Eta Sigma family.

In this graphic (top) are former officers and advisers, induction volunteers, and new advisers Heather Davis and Meagan West. Bottom: New members and guests at a dessert reception.

The UT Rock has brought students and faculty together for centuries. Following the Spring 2018 induction, members ventured out to The Rock to engage newly-inducted members with the rest of the standing Phi Eta Sigma team. Everyone had the opportunity to sign their names, network with each other, and get creative with Phi Eta Sigma emblems.

Officers Hunter Mann and Donna Mehdiyar get excited with members as the first marshmallow is officially roasted in the flame of UT’s majestic Torchbearer statue.

Officers Ana Casey, Donna Mehdiyar, and Morgan Street host a booth during the spring Student Engagement Fair to give students a chance to get to know the chapter.

Officers and members pose after mulching the playground at South Knox Elementary School with VOLServe.
Texas A&M University

The Big Event at Texas A&M University is the largest, one-day, student run service event in the nation. Phi Eta Sigma members worked in small groups to provide needed services to the Bryan and College Station areas. Officers Edrianne Wood, Brook Hoffman, Jana Gomez, and other members did yard work for this family, including pulling weeds, trimming trees and bushes, and planting a garden.

University of Utah

The chapter continued its commitment to community service through three events held in the 2017-2018 academic year. Last year’s chapter president Anna Pillman was a recipient of a 2018-2019 Founder’s Fund Scholarship for her academic excellence and noteworthy leadership and community service. Because of Anna’s initiative, new University of Utah President Ruth V. Watkins delivered an inspirational welcome address at the chapter’s induction banquet in April. Departing seniors Malorie Jahn (chapter senior adviser, secretary, and Founder’s Fund scholar) and Ashley Chin-Mark (historian) both left lasting legacies through their dedication and innovative developments in social engagement and publicity.

The Utah chapter’s Halloween and Valentine’s Day events benefited Salt Lake City’s Homeless Youth Center through donations of treat bags, hygiene kits, and warm fleece scarves. Ryann Foster, co-chair of the social/publicity committee, serves at the center and coordinated both need-based projects. Seated (left to right): Paige Redford and Lauren Thompson, (standing) Rachel Grant, Rachael Gordon, Anna Pillman, and Megan Evans.

At the Utah chapter’s annual Warm Your Hearts event in November, members participated in the 2nd Congressional District’s Holiday Cards for the Troops drive for Utah’s National Guard members serving overseas. (Left to right): Anna Pillman, Ashley Wiltsie, and Carly Ho. In recognition of the chapter’s contributions, members received a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Congress.

Utah chapter members check in inductees at the induction ceremony. Seated (left to right): Candace Winterton, Brennan Mahoney, Caroline Ramous, and Christopher De Freitas, (standing) University of Utah President Ruth V. Watkins.
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

The chapter is a very active and involved chapter. In addition to monthly meetings incorporating study nights and homework, members actively participate in various community service events and activities. A favorite fundraising event is The Morgue haunted house, for which members dress in costume to spook attendees. Chapter members also participate in Cards for Vets, Smart Cow Week, and the Highway Cleanup Program, in which they work to improve the community and campus. Members also volunteered for Halloween Spooktacular, an event held at Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers, to benefit the American Red Cross.

UWGB members Joshua Vollmar and Mihaela Reed participated in a Smart Cow frozen yogurt fundraiser.

Chapter co-adviser Teri Ternes said, “We hope you will consider joining us as we listen to and learn from great speakers. We will also work together on a community service project, share chapter ideas, and grow with our fellow Phi Eta Sigma members. At this conference, you will learn a lot about yourself and the leadership skills you possess.” Watch for details in the spring of 2019 and contact phietasigma@uwgb.edu with questions.
Phi Eta Sigma Members Earn Recognition from Upper Division Honor Societies

Tau Beta Pi, founded at Lehigh University in 1885, is the world’s largest engineering honor society. The Fellowship Board of the honor society has announced the selection of 288 Tau Beta Pi Scholars for undergraduate study during the 2018-2019 academic year. These scholars receive $1,000 or $2,000 cash awards for their senior year of engineering study. These scholarships are awarded on the competitive criteria of high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession. The list of Tau Beta Pi Scholars includes the following Phi Eta Sigma members:

Nicholas Seier
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Shashwati Shradha
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Lindsey Blanshan
Purdue University

Alvaro Sahagun
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chapter Excellence Recognition

The pyramid on the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society crest symbolizes strength, stability, and long-standing tradition. Phi Eta Sigma seeks to recognize and reward the local campus chapters that demonstrate those characteristics by presenting annually the Society’s Pyramid and Capstone Awards. Chapters may earn Pyramid status each year by meeting specified requirements for consistency in new member inductions, appropriate communication with the national office, proper reporting of activities, and participation in the national scholarship program.

Pyramid Award

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the following thirteen chapters of Phi Eta Sigma earned Pyramid status and received a certificate of achievement and publicized recognition in the FORUM of Phi Eta Sigma, as well as on the national website and social media pages.

- Abilene Christian University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Gannon University
- Georgia Southern University
- University of Illinois
- Kennesaw State University
- Mckendree University*
- University of Nebraska–Kearney
- Pittsburg State University
- University of Tennessee
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Virginia
- Wartburg College

*Previous Capstone chapter continued to uphold the Capstone Award standards.

Capstone Award

From among the Pyramid chapters, one elite chapter was selected to receive the Capstone Award, which also bears a cash award of $100. Capstone chapters must meet all Pyramid requirements, in addition to other criteria including service or leadership events/projects and participation at the national level.

The Capstone Award recipient chapter for 2017-2018 is:

Georgia Southern University

These award recipients were honored at the 2018 Phi Eta Sigma National Convention and Leadership Workshops.

Georgia Southern University delegate Sharmita Saha Porshia accepted the Capstone award on behalf of her chapter at the 2018 National Convention. Presenting the award were Ria Butts (national office staff), Molly Lawrence (Grand President), and Beth Britton (national office staff).
Statute VII of the Constitution and Laws of Phi Eta Sigma provides that all of the income from the Founders Scholarship Fund shall be used “to grant annually to members of Phi Eta Sigma one or more scholarships designated for students pursuing graduate degrees, undergraduate degrees, or undergraduate research.”

Fund income for the 2018-2019 scholarships made it possible to award one $10,000 Scholar-Leader of the Year Scholarship, six $7,000 Distinguished Member Graduate Scholarships, and thirty-seven $5,000 Distinguished Member Undergraduate Scholarships, in addition to several $1,000 undergraduate awards.

The members of the Scholarship Committee were: Mr. Tim Lemper, Chairperson, Indiana University; Mr. Tony Kemp, Mercer University; and Ms. Mary Jo Custer, Syracuse University. The committee used the following criteria in selecting recipients:

1. High scholastic record with recommended minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Participation in local chapter activities.
3. Evidence of creative ability.
4. Potential for success in chosen field.

Profiles and photographs of the recipients of the 2018-2019 scholarships follow, as well as photographs of the award recipients.

### Summary of Founders Fund Scholarship Awards 1940-2018

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$10,000 Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year Award

Dean Clark, dean of men at the University of Illinois and Senator of Phi Beta Kappa, was one of the three founders of Phi Eta Sigma and our first Grand President, serving from 1927 until 1933.

2018-2019 Scholar-Leader Christian Hildebrandt

The thirteenth recipient of the Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year Award is Christian Hildebrandt, a graduate student at Brigham Young University. Christian is pursuing a dual bachelor of science and master of accountancy degree program with a minor in accounting information systems. He plans to graduate with both degrees in May 2019.

Inducted into Phi Eta Sigma in 2012, Christian has served the BYU chapter in multiple offices including public relations chair, president, and senior student adviser. Christian recruited four friends from the accounting program to assist in a consulting project in service to his chapter. The team’s objective was to identify issues with which the chapter struggles and offer recommendations for improvement. The chapter is now implementing recommendations from his team’s research. He was elected as a student member of the Phi Eta Sigma national Executive Committee following the 2016 national convention in Orlando. Christian also attended the 2012 national convention in Salt Lake City and the 2017 national Executive Committee meeting in San Antonio. He was very proactive in helping plan and conduct the 2018 national convention in Washington, DC, and assisting the Executive Committee with other tasks.

Christian is actively involved in many aspects of campus life, including membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Alpha Psi, BYU Accounting Society, and the Institute of Management Accountants. He has received numerous awards and honors for his BYU academic achievements, including multiple Dean’s List honors. He received the national Phi Eta Sigma Founders Fund G. Robert Standing Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship, the BYU Edwin S. Hinckley Scholarship, Moss Adams Peer-2-Peer scholarship, and the Institute of Management Accountants CMA scholarship.

Christian took a three-year leave of absence from school to go on a service mission and gain work experience in public accounting. He has held internship positions with six different firms. “I look for opportunities to perform small acts of service each day. I believe that serving others, whether in the community or on an individual basis, benefits me more than it does anyone else. I find my greatest satisfaction through leadership and serving others, and I’m always looking for new opportunities to make a difference,” Christian remarked.

In addition to academic and professional pursuits, Christian and his wife Erin are now proud parents to their son Kenneth, born in September 2018. Upon completion of his degrees, Christian will take certification tests for the CPA and CIA. He has already received CMA certification. In fall of 2019, he will begin employment with Deloitte, the largest accounting firm in the world. He plans to work in public accounting for five years before returning to school to seek an MBA in finance. After earning an MBA, Christian will seek a CFO or controller position at a large public company.
The Kendrick C. Babcock Scholarship

Dean Babcock, one of the three founders of Phi Eta Sigma, was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois.

Favour Akinjiyan graduated from the New York Institute of Technology with a major in life sciences. She served her Phi Eta Sigma chapter first in the office of secretary and later as president for two years, helping to revive her stagnant chapter. Favour received a national Phi Eta Sigma undergraduate scholarship in 2014. She volunteered in the chemistry department at Columbia University, as an operating room observer at Stony Brook Medical Center, as a patient advocate at the emergency room of NYU Langone, and as a mentor with Science Club for Girls. Favour is pursuing a joint degree at Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri, in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), which provides training in both medicine and research (MD/PhD). Favour plans to use her platform as a physician-scientist to mentor and encourage young female persons-of-color to pursue STEM careers.

The Charles M. Thompson Scholarship

Dean Thompson, a founder of Phi Eta Sigma and Grand President from 1939 until 1963, was dean of the College of Business at the University of Illinois.

Kaley Allen is pursuing a five-year joint program to obtain a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a master of accountancy degree from Western Kentucky University. She serves her chapter of Phi Eta Sigma as president and previously served as treasurer. She attended the 2018 National Convention in Washington, DC, where she served on the Constitution and Scholarship Committee. Kaley is the recipient of a WKU Regents Scholarship, Wiley Publishing Accounting Scholarship, BKD accounting scholarship, and Gordon Ford Foundation Scholarship. She is a student ambassador for the WKU Gordon Ford College of Business and member of the Institute for Management Accountants Accounting Honor Society. Kaley has worked as bookkeeper for the Phi Eta Sigma national office and provides accounting services for her family’s business. She plans to earn her CPA license this spring and pursue a career in corporate accounting with a goal of working in upper-level accounting management.

The Scott Goodnight Scholarship

Dean Goodnight, Grand President of Phi Eta Sigma from 1933 until 1939, was dean of men at the University of Wisconsin.

Ashley Archer graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in political science and minors in computer science and graphic design. She is now pursuing a master’s degree in higher education at the University of Colorado. Ashley served her chapter as president for two years and coordinated a group of ten students to attend the 2016 National Convention. She has also performed more than 800 hours of community service as a GSU student for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. Ashley interned in the office of United States Senator Johnny Isakson in Atlanta. She desires to pursue a career in social justice education.

The Fred H. Turner Scholarship

Dean Turner, member of the Executive Committee from 1938 until 1976, served as editor of the FORUM and Grand Historian. He was dean of students at the University of Illinois.

Kimberly Oslin earned a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry with a minor in sustainability studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is now attending medical school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Kimberly served her chapter of Phi Eta Sigma as a member of the volunteerism committee, vice president of volunteerism, and co-president. She is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi. Kimberly has volunteered at Washington Adventist Hospital, Wilmington Hospital, her church, Girl Scouts, Supporting Hospitals Abroad, Wider Circle, Capital Area Food Bank, and a turtle rescue and rehabilitation center. She works as a health technician at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine for a mental health care management service and as a scribe for an ear, nose and throat physician. Kimberly desires to become a physician who will improve the lives of patients with chronic and debilitating illnesses and help alleviate disparities in healthcare, while also applying her knowledge of sustainability to the healthcare field.
The Arno “Shorty” Nowotny Scholarship

Dean Nowotny served as Grand President from 1975 until 1980. He was dean of students at the University of Texas-Austin from 1942 until 1964.

Theresa Abela 2018 Recipient
Chapter: The Catholic University of America
Majors: Philosophy & Mathematics - Minor: Actuarial Science
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; organized chapter induction ceremony and planned many social and service events.
Plans: I intend to either pursue a PhD in statistics or work to become an actuary by passing a series of exams offered by the Society of Actuaries.

The William Tate Scholarship

Dean Tate, member of the Executive Committee of Phi Eta Sigma and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, was dean of men at the University of Georgia.

Charly Wolford is a graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis with a degree in exercise science pre-occupational therapy. She is pursuing a master of science degree in occupational therapy at Indiana University. Charly served her chapter as undergraduate student government representative for Phi Eta Sigma and student adviser. She attended both the 2015 and the 2017 Midwest Area Regional Conferences at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Charly has received numerous scholarships through IUPUI for her academic performance. In her junior year, she was recognized by the IUPUI alumni association as one of the Top 100 juniors and seniors on campus. Charly was also chosen to give the commencement speech at IUPUI’s graduation. Her desire is to become a geriatric occupational therapist.

The G. Herbert Smith Scholarship

Dr. Smith, active in Phi Eta Sigma from 1924 until 1980, served as Grand Secretary, FORUM editor, and as Grand President from 1963 until 1975. He was president of Willamette University.

Jessica Pittner is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she majored in psychology and minored in human development, public administration and non-profit management. She is now pursuing a graduate degree. Jessica has served her Phi Eta Sigma chapter as media coordinator and co-president. She attended the 2015 Midwest Area Regional Conference and then became one of two members who coordinated the 2017 Midwest Area Regional Conference. She is also a member of Psi Chi psychology honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, and the National Residence Hall Honorary. Jessica has worked as a student ambassador at UWGB and as the district development intern for Downtown Green Bay Inc. and Olde Main Street Inc. Jessica’s goal is to become an urban and regional planner.
$5,000 Undergraduate Scholarships

The Raymond E. Glos Scholarship

*Dean Glos, active in Phi Eta Sigma from its founding in 1923 until his death in 1988, was Grand Treasurer from 1932 to 1980, Grand Secretary from 1943 to 1948, and Grand President from 1980 to 1984. He was dean of the School of Business Administration at Miami University in Ohio.*

**Carlos Bejarano** 2018 Recipient  
Major: Athletic Training - Minor: Psychology  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter vice president and then as president; attended the 2017 Western Regions Conference at the University of Puget Sound.  
Plans: My plans for academic study consist of ... graduating as a certified and licensed athletic trainer. I will be applying to a doctor of physical therapy program. I am hoping to serve the athletic population as a physical therapist and carry out various research focused on preventing traumatic and recurring injuries, ... [allowing] me to not only specialize in emergency response and injury prevention, but also to diagnose and rehabilitate a wide range of various pathologies.

The Karlem Riess Scholarship

*Dr. Riess, professor of physics at Tulane University, served on the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee from 1954 to 2005 and was Grand Vice President and Grand President of the Society.*

**Joi Best** 2018 Recipient  
Major: Computer Science  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; planned community guest speakers for meetings, social events for relationship building among members, and service projects to impact the community.  
Plans: I plan to complete a master’s degree program for computer science. After I graduate, I would like to obtain a full-time job at NASA Langley. I want to start my own company to get females interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and travel the world encouraging young people to explore the various STEM opportunities.

The James E. Foy Scholarship

*Dean Foy served as chapter adviser at Alabama and Auburn for twenty years. His Executive Committee leadership from 1948 to 1992 as Grand Editor, Grand Secretary, and Grand Secretary-Treasurer-Editor of Phi Eta Sigma and as president of ACHS is legend. He was student affairs dean from 1952 to 1975 at Auburn University.*

**Katelyn Boisvert** 2018 Recipient  
Major: Environmental Science - Minor: Sustainability Sciences  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter vice president; introduced a chapter email newsletter and planned chapter events.  
Plans: I plan to attend graduate school to earn a PhD to specialize, as the field of environmental science is so diverse.

The John W. Sagabiel Scholarship

*Dr. Sagabiel was the charter adviser to the Western Kentucky University chapter for sixteen years, elected to the Executive Committee in 1975, served as Grand President from 1986 to 1992, was Grand Secretary-Treasurer from 1992 to 2012, and continues to serve on the Executive Committee as Grand President Emeritus.*

**Emily Drown** 2018 Recipient  
Major: Biology - Minor: Environmental Science  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; active participant in local service projects including volunteering for a 5K race and a haunted house attraction.  
Plans: I plan on continuing my education after obtaining a bachelor's degree and working towards a master of science in management. With my degrees, I will work to conserve endangered wildlife and plant species and stop the spread of invasive species. With the addition of a master's degree in management, I will secure a supervisory or managerial role within a prominent company or business and become a strong leader in the environmental and wildlife sector.
The Gaylord F. Hatch Scholarship

Dean Hatch served as the University of Illinois chapter adviser from 1968 to 1993 and as Grand Historian from 1976 to 1994. He was a 1982 recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award.

Huimin Zhao 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of Illinois
Majors: Supply Chain Management, Accountancy, and Information Systems & Information Technology
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served chapter as member of social and professional development committees and later as treasurer; took lead of events and became experienced in event-planning and engaging large audiences.
Plans: I would like to work as a supply chain analyst in the manufacturing industry.

The James G. Allen Scholarship

Dean Allen served as Texas Tech University charter adviser from 1946 to 1984. He was the fifth recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1968.

Margaret Ebacher-Rini 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of Maryland, College Park
Majors: Chinese and Government & Politics - Minor: Spanish
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Worked as assistant to the chapter adviser; helped to manage chapter’s budget, website, and email; recorded member involvement for tracking participation in events.
Plans: I plan to complete a JD/PhD program with a focus on international law and Chinese. I hope that my experiences abroad, language skills, and openness to other people and cultures will prepare me for a career as a diplomat or in the international sphere.

The Charles Burchett Scholarship

Dean Burchett served as University of Tennessee chapter adviser from 1954 to 1999. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

Donna Mehdiyar 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of Tennessee
Majors: Psychology and Pre-Med - Minor: Business Administration
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter vice president, organized service project for chapter members to install free fire alarms in local homes and educate families on the importance of having an emergency safety plan in conjunction with the 2018 national philanthropy benefitting the American Red Cross.
Plans: My aspiration is to attend medical school and earn my MD. I ultimately hope to improve the quality of life for all of my future patients in an environment that is free from bias or harm.

The Archie L. Lejeune Scholarship

Mr. Lejeune served as Louisiana State University chapter adviser for thirty-six years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1984. The LSU chapter hosted the 1970 national convention.

Victoria Ford 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of California, Los Angeles
Major: Neuroscience
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Volunteered for many chapter service projects including reading to elementary school children, restoring an elementary school garden, multiple trash clean up events, and creating crafts for a local children’s hospital.
Plans: I aim to pursue further clinical research in pediatrics. I will be involved in laying the groundwork for future treatment of children and intend to develop my own clinical research project directed towards pediatric patients in the future.
$5,000 Undergraduate Scholarships

The Larry L. Mangus Scholarship

Dr. Mangus provided the leadership for the establishment of six Phi Eta Sigma chapters, most recently at Shawnee State University in Ohio, where he served as chapter adviser for thirty-five years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

Nicholas Gavin 2018 Recipient

Major: Exercise Physiology - Minor: Chemistry

 Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter induction committee chairman welcoming nearly 2,000 attendees and inducting more than 1,100 students, the chapter’s largest attendance for an induction ceremony in years.

Plans: I plan to attend medical school and become a physician. I am interested in pursuing surgical residencies in geriatrics or orthopedics. As a physician, I would like to serve underserved communities and populations around the world.

The M.L. Wardell Scholarship

Dr. Wardell was elected Grand Historian during the first Phi Eta Sigma national convention in 1928. He served as chapter adviser for the 1927 University of Oklahoma chartering and Grand Historian until his death in 1958. The 1935 national convention was held on the Oklahoma campus.

Nicholas Goers 2018 Recipient

Major: Actuarial Mathematics - Minor: Risk Management & Insurance

 Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of chapter president and points chair; volunteered for a variety of community service events including Relay for Life, street cleanup and many more.

Plans: To achieve the highest credentials in the actuarial world, one must pass about ten vigorous examinations, which I am working on. I plan to take other statistics courses during my final few semesters so I can continue to expand my knowledge on creating statistical models that will be helpful during my career. I have taken all the insurance classes to complete the minor; so depending if I go into life insurance or property & casualty insurance, I will have a good understanding of the industry.

The G. Robert Standing Scholarship

Dr. Standing was the charter adviser to the California State University-Chico chapter for thirty years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1990.

Caroline Graham 2018 Recipient

Majors: Microbiology/Cell and Molecular Biology, and Biochemistry - Minors: Accounting & Chemistry

 Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served chapter in the offices of vice president and president; coordinated all aspects of induction ceremony planning.

Plans: I plan to continue to dental school when I finish my degrees. I want to be a dentist because I believe that smiles are the beginning of love, and I want to share love with my community.

The Robert D. Place Scholarship

Dr. Place provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for Otterbein College students for thirty-four years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Holly Bernhold 2018 Recipient

Major: Allied Health

 Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter secretary and treasurer; recorded and distributed meeting minutes; tabled at campus events to spread awareness of Phi Eta Sigma.

Plans: I plan to graduate with a doctorate in physical therapy in three years and get a specialization in pediatrics. My goal is to become a developmental physical therapist; having a specialization in pediatrics will better allow me to treat the population of my patients.
**The Oscar Beck Scholarship**

*Dr. Beck served as charter adviser to the University of North Alabama chapter for thirty-one years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.*

**Lia Nora Granger** 2018 Recipient  
Chapter: New Mexico State University  
Major: Communication Disorders - Minors: Linguistics, Counseling and Educational Psychology  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the offices of chapter secretary and vice president; handled chapter emails; volunteered for multiple community service projects.  
Plans: The research exposure I have encountered thus far has reinforced my decision to eventually get my PhD in research to further discover complexities in communication disorders. My experience throughout my education, such as my core classes, the privilege of networking with graduate students and professors, as well as shadowing experience, confirms my decision of going into this field of study.

**The Gary Grikscheit Scholarship**

*Dr. Grikscheit provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for University of Utah students for thirty-one years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.*

**Anna Pillman** 2018 Recipient  
Chapter: University of Utah  
Major: Honors Finance - Minor: Drawing  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served chapter in the offices of co-chair of service and learning committee and president; active participant in chapter service and social events.  
Plans: I hope to attend the master of science in finance program at the University of Utah before beginning a career in finance. I plan to use my degree to help people by creating solutions to worldwide issues such as poverty and climate change, and to further research crises in order to predict and help prevent future economic collapses.

**The W. Lee Johnston Scholarship**

*Dr. Johnston was the charter adviser for the Campbell University chapter and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington chapter of Phi Eta Sigma. In 2000 he was the recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award. He provided Phi Eta Sigma leadership for a total of thirty-seven years.*

**Elizabeth Hartley** 2018 Recipient  
Chapter: Georgia Southern University  
Major: Nursing - Minor: Health Education & Promotion  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Chapter social chair; participated in numerous service projects, fundraisers, and social events.  
Plans: While I do not know what discipline of nursing I want to pursue, I know that nursing gives me the ability to move between disciplines. My experience is currently in low-income populations and the elderly. While I love both these disciplines, I am also interested in pediatric oncology. Having a minor in health education and promotion allows me to pursue other avenues of nursing, such as being a school nurse.

**The Curtis F. Lard Scholarship**

*Dr. Lard provided the encouragement and support for the Texas A&M University chapter officers to host national conventions in 1976 and 1996. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and served as chapter adviser for thirty-seven years.*

**Ecaroh Jackson** 2018 Recipient  
Chapter: Texas A&M University  
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies: Math/Science-4th-8th  
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Chapter social chair; participated in numerous service projects, fundraisers, and social events.  
Plans: I will work to receive my master’s degree in curriculum and instruction. I will finish graduate school in August of 2020. With this degree, I will be able to take a few additional classes and receive my master’s in administration. Post-graduation, I will immediately transition into a teaching job. I eventually want to transition into administration. After being in administration for 5-7 years, I plan on focusing on educational reform.
$5,000 Undergraduate Scholarships

The Stanley L. Stephens Scholarship

Dr. Stephens provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for Anderson University students for thirty-two years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Connor Hutchins 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of Virginia
Majors: History and Religious Studies - Minor: Politics
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter vice president for two years; recruited prospective members; organized induction ceremony and member meetings; hosted study sessions; successfully increased new member inductions.
Plans: My ambition is to go to law school and become a lawyer

The Roy E. Thoman Scholarship

Dr. Thoman served as charter adviser to the West Texas A&M University chapter for forty-three years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Elise Illius 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of Toledo
Major: Pharmacy
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Held office of chapter treasurer; volunteered for many service projects including trash cleanup, helping at a local food kitchen, Relay for Life, and Salvation Army Adopt a Family to provide them Christmas gifts.
Plans: Once I receive my doctorate, I plan to complete a one-year residency before securing a job as a pharmacist in the U.S. Army Medicine Civilian Corps. This position will allow me to provide medical care to those who serve in the United States Army.

The Richard Tuerk Scholarship

Dr. Tuerk provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for students at Texas A&M University–Commerce (formerly East Texas State University) for thirty-three years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Timothy Jones 2018 Recipient
Chapter: Mercer University
Major: Music, Organ Performance
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Attended 2017 Region X Conference at Florida State University; volunteered with the chapter welcoming new students to campus; active participant in chapter meetings and social events.
Plans: Completing this degree will be my first step toward my career goals of becoming a church organist and possibly concert organist and/or pianist. I would also like to teach music, especially to blind students, since as a blind musician, I can identify with their needs and serve to inspire them. I plan to pursue a master's degree in a program that combines performance and pedagogy studies. I would later like to add on a computer science degree with a view to working in IT for assistive technology for the blind alongside my musical pursuits.

The G.T. (Jerry) Cowley Scholarship

Dr. Cowley served as chapter adviser to the University of South Carolina chapter for thirty years. In 1992 he was the recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Gavin Kemery 2018 Recipient
Chapter: Moravian College
Major: English - Minor: Economics
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served newly re-chartered chapter in the office of president and leadership committee chair; planned philanthropy, tutoring, social, and community outreach events.
Plans: I am pursuing a career in market analytics and plan to publish my works of literature, especially my children's books.
The John R. Harrell Scholarship

Mr. Harrell served as Grand President of Phi Eta Sigma from 1992 to 1999 and now serves on the Executive Committee as Grand President Emeritus. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1982 and served as the Indiana University adviser for thirty-one years. He provided leadership for the Indiana University chapter to host national conventions in 1982 and 1986.

Brittany Smith 2018 Recipient

Chapter: Indiana University

Major: Biology, concentration in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics - Minors: Chemistry and Psychology

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Maintained chapter social media accounts; attended 2017 Midwest Area Regional Conference; planned masquerade ball to fundraise for local animal shelter.

Plans: I plan to go to medical school to obtain my PhD as a medical oncologist. As a medical oncologist, I will be able to study the formation and termination of cancerous cells in the body, and I can work to find new methods or improve current methods of cancer treatment.

The Bill W. Shafer Scholarship

Dr. Shafer served as chapter adviser at the University of Southern Mississippi for twenty-five years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Magdalena Knapp 2018 Recipient

Chapter: McKendree University

Major: Psychology - Minors: Journalism and Sport Psychology

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter secretary and president; organized Relay for Life event on campus; responsible for face painting for homecoming weekend; assisting with distributing new member invitations in person.

Plans: I am planning to get my master’s degree in psychology and sport psychology at a university in Padova, which is in the southern part of Italy. During my graduate program I will be doing unpaid internships at local hospitals to gain some experience in counseling because this is another field of psychology I am very interested in.

The Emma O’Rear Foy Scholarship

Mrs. Emma O’Rear Foy, a Phi Beta Kappa member from The University of Alabama, was office manager and steady support for Dean James E. Foy during his tenure as Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

Andrew Linkletter 2018 Recipient

Chapter: Wartburg College

Majors: Biochemistry and Spanish

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Participated in philanthropy projects including dance marathon, scholarship day, candlelight dinner fundraiser, and blanket making for a local shelter.

Plans: After graduation I intend to use my Spanish degree as an asset to teach English in Spain, which will allow me to gain a higher proficiency in Spanish and acquire the skills necessary to communicate with a wide variety of individuals in my future career. I aspire to be an MD-PhD student working towards graduating from medical school. My intended goal is to be a medical professional serving in my community.

The Kyle C. Sessions Scholarship

Dr. Kyle Sessions, a Phi Beta Kappa member from The Ohio State University, served as chapter adviser at Illinois State University for twenty-nine years and was the author of Looking Back: A Seventy-fifth Anniversary History of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. He served on the Executive Committee as Grand Historian from 1994 to 2004.

Ahsi Lo 2018 Recipient

Chapter: Florida Institute of Technology

Major: Computer Science - Minor: Business Administration

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of senior adviser; planned events including monthly meetings, a resume workshop, and the chapter’s annual induction ceremony.

Plans: I plan to use my knowledge in computer science to solve software related problems in the field of engineering and business administration. I am interested in writing software for enterprise resource planning software to improve the organization and capabilities of businesses. I am also interested in writing and maintaining software for existing programs.
The Herb Songer Scholarship

Dean Herb Songer served as chapter adviser to the Fort Hays State University chapter for thirty-three years. Student delegates attending the 2000 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Emma Martin** 2018 Recipient

Chapter: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Major: Interior Design

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as a chapter officer; volunteered for multiple service projects collecting canned goods, working with United Way, and participating in trash cleanup.

Plans: I plan to use my degree to help create safer and more efficiently designed environments, particularly environments that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. I want to go beyond meeting the laws and regulations that are set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, I want to use my knowledge of interior design in combination with my artistic abilities to make universal accessibility aesthetically pleasing.

The Franklin B. Krauss Scholarship

Dr. Krauss served as Pennsylvania State University chapter adviser for twenty-five years. Student delegates attending the 2002 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Odwuar Quinonez** 2018 Recipient

Chapter: University of Nebraska at Kearney

Major: Elementary Education - Minor: Mathematics

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president and senior adviser; increased new member inductions by more than 30 percent by speaking to freshmen classes, handing out brochures to freshmen, passing out candy for finals week, and managing chapter Facebook page.

Plans: I hope to get a job at a low-income public school because I want to help students from low-income households succeed. In addition, I plan to go teach in Guatemala where I grew up for a couple of years. In the future, I plan to get my master’s degree in administration because I want to become a principal someday.

The William L. Robinson Scholarship

Dean Robinson served as Ohio Northern University chapter adviser for twenty-five years. Student delegates attending the 2002 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Karen Richtar** 2018 Recipient

Chapter: Saint Francis University

Major: Physician Assistant - Minor: Psychology

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of chapter vice president; coordinated service projects to benefit the American Red Cross and a local youth in need of a service animal.

Plans: I am currently a physician assistant student in a five-year program and plan to graduate with my master’s degree in physician assistant sciences. I will use my extensive liberal arts background, my minor in psychology, as well as my intensive medical knowledge, to be a well-rounded physician assistant who takes the time to listen to her patients’ needs and worries.
The Marjorie T. Sagabiel Scholarship
Mrs. Sagabiel, a University of Louisville graduate and retired business educator, was a recipient of the Association of College Honor Societies Certificate of Distinction in 2000. She assisted her husband, Phi Eta Sigma Grand Secretary-Treasurer John Sagabiel, with his Society roles since 1974 and with national office leadership from 1992 until their retirement in 2010.

Jerry Simmons 2018 Recipient
Chapter: Kennesaw State University
Major: Psychology - Minor: Applied Statistics and Data Analysis
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Volunteered with the chapter for the March for Babies, first year convocation ceremony, Caught You Studying, and food drive collection.
Plans: My plan includes graduating from the University of Georgia’s industrial-organizational psychology master’s degree program, earning an entry level job in my field, and pursuing my doctorate in organizational psychology. With my degrees and financial knowledge from a student managed investment fund, I will be able to work with students in meaningful ways to help develop their academic and leadership potential.

The Mary Jo Custer Scholarship
Ms. Custer, member of the Executive Committee and Grand Historian of Phi Eta Sigma, was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 2000. She also serves as chapter adviser at Syracuse University.

Katherine MacDonald 2018 Recipient
Chapter: Syracuse University
Major: Television, Radio, and Film
Minors: English & Textual Studies and Information Management & Technologies
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; setup tabling on campus to inform students about Phi Eta Sigma; organized bake sale fundraiser.
Plans: I plan on spending the spring semester of my junior year studying in London, England, through Syracuse’s study abroad program. I also plan on spending the spring semester of my senior year studying and interning in Los Angeles through the Newhouse School’s immersive professional development program. My plan is to move to Los Angeles after graduation and work on the pre-production/production of television shows or films. I hope to eventually become a TV or film producer.

The Molly M. Lawrence Scholarship
Mrs. Lawrence, Grand President of Phi Eta Sigma and member of the Executive Committee, was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 1992. She served as chapter adviser at The University of Alabama for thirty-five years.

Leigha Sommer 2018 Recipient
Chapter: University of Illinois at Chicago
Majors: Economics and English - Minors: Philosophy & Political Science
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of chapter volunteer coordinator; created monthly themes for service opportunities and made four service events per month available to members.
Plans: I plan to attend Northwestern Law school. Success at Northwestern Law School is a gateway to working at a large corporate law firm. In the long term I hope to use my education to open opportunities to advance women’s education in the Chicago area and further women’s education in middle eastern countries. I plan to start schools for girls that focus on a wide range of intellectual concepts.
The Harry B. Shucker Scholarship

Dr. Shucker served as the charter chapter adviser of the Furman University chapter for twenty-six years. He received the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 2002. Furman University has also established a campus-endowed scholarship in his name.

Youssef Souryal 2018 Recipient

Major: Computer Engineering - Minors: Mathematics and Computer Information Technology

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter webmaster and then as student adviser for webmasters; volunteered for the chapter’s annual holiday service project shopping for local families in need; helped with annual fundraising dance.

Plans: I am a junior following my passion for computer engineering on a combined five-year BS-MS program at Purdue School of Engineering and Technology. I intend to work for five to ten years to gain sufficient experience to qualify me to enroll in an executive MBA degree program.

The Nancy S. Kaplan Scholarship

Dr. Kaplan provided the charter adviser chartering leadership for the St. John’s University chapter on April 3, 2000. She was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award during the University of Texas convention in 2006.

Laura Thackeray 2018 Recipient

Major: Human Development - Minor: Gerontology

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as service committee member and vice president of service; planned all chapter service projects; prepared event proposals for submission to chapter president and university staff; assisted vice president of activities with social events; attended weekly officer meetings.

Plans: I will pursue a master’s degree in child life and complete the child life certification exam. Although my university has some child life courses, a specific degree is not offered. This has required me to be proactive in seeking additional educational opportunities. I have taken additional online courses through the University of California in order to meet certification requirements and gain more knowledge about child life. My ultimate career goal is to become a certified child life specialist in a pediatric hospital.

The Lois Edwards Alexander Scholarship

Mrs. Alexander, a graduate of Tarleton State University and former elementary school teacher in Texas, assisted her husband, Phi Eta Sigma Grand President Emeritus B.J. Alexander, with chartering and advising the Tarleton State University chapter for twenty years. She faithfully attended national conventions, assisted with registration, and welcomed convention attendees.

Mohammad Yasin 2018 Recipient

Major: Osteopathy

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter treasurer; developed annual budget and maintained financial records; participated in multiple service projects including fundraisers for American Heart Association, National Eating Disorder Association, and volunteering at the local soup kitchen.

Plans: I am in the life sciences, BS/osteopathic medicine, DO program at NYIT. This program allows me to complete my bachelor’s degree and doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in seven years. I plan on acquiring my MBA degree within medical school to help gain knowledge on opening up my own business and to gain networking opportunities. Later, I would like to continue on with my residency in pediatrics and later specialize and do my fellowship in gastroenterology.

The Sharon Dine Harrell Scholarship

Mrs. Harrell, a graduate of Indiana University and Butler University, was a registered nurse and served on the IU nursing faculty for thirty years. She was wife of Grand President Emeritus John Harrell and assisted with Phi Eta Sigma national conventions for more than twenty-five years.

Isabella Liu 2018 Recipient

Major: Health Sciences: Pre-Physician Assistant

Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; handled membership recruitment and initiation planning; helped recruit chapter adviser when previous adviser retired; worked to improve chapter member involvement by providing community service opportunities.

Plans: I aim to be a physician assistant who can diagnose patients efficiently, but I will also strive to be a good listener in order to help the patients. I also wish to be a better physician assistant by taking a Spanish medical terminology class. Being able to speak fluently in English and Chinese and proficiently in Spanish will be an asset for my physician assistant career.

$5,000 Undergraduate Scholarships
SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

$1,000 Undergraduate Awards

Max Barnes
Brigham Young University

Justin Bartell
The Florida State University

Audrey Belnap
Brigham Young University

Carly Duncan
Kennesaw State University

Catherine Eichler
Purdue University

Melanie Flores
The Florida State University

Sonali Khanna
Southeast Missouri State University

Emily Coats
Georgia Southern University

Carly Duncan
Kennesaw State University

Jennifer Fried
University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

Katherine Gallagher
University of Virginia

Daniel Gallegos
Western Washington University

Alayna Gamboa
University of New Mexico

Rachel Gordon
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

Justin Holmstead
Brigham Young University

Erica Johnson
University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

Elizabeth Lennon
Georgia Southern University

Faith Lopez-Flores
Whitworth University
$1,000 Undergraduate Awards

Angelica Macias
Missouri Southern State University

Emily Meskimen
Mercer University

Samantha Miceli
University of California, Los Angeles

Curry Morgan
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis

Shantyl Neely
Kennesaw State University

Alexia Peralta
Texas A&M University

Cassey Poole
Abilene Christian University

Kristin Rayment
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Erin Roberson
Central Michigan University

Phoebe Scheidegger
The Florida State University

Dominique Sciulli
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Peyton Sharp
Missouri State University

Trenna Soderling
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis

Congratulations
Tradition and Vision

After a year of transition in 2010, the national Executive Committee met in Birmingham, Alabama, in summer 2011 to make critical decisions regarding Phi Eta Sigma’s opportunities and operations. The Committee members approved restructuring the scholarship offerings, changing the number of graduate scholarships from four to six. A sub-committee consisting of Jack Sagabiel, Tim Lemper, and Jeremy Ball examined and reviewed the Society’s Constitution and Laws for correcting vagueness and inconsistencies. Their work also included a general clean up of the language in the document, in addition to inserting the amendments passed at the 2010 convention. After a called “cyber convention” of all chapters that facilitated an email vote to approve the sub-committee’s recommendations, the clean-up changes to the Constitution and Laws went into effect in January 2012.

The Executive Committee selected Salt Lake City, Utah, as the site for the Forty-First National Convention and Leadership Workshops. The University of Utah and Brigham Young University chapters volunteered as the hosts for the October 5-7, 2012, event. The convention theme proposed by the Executive Committee student members was “Different by Nature – Empowered by Knowledge.” The theme reflected the unique history of the Salt Lake City area and the strengths of Phi Eta Sigma members. The Little America Hotel was chosen as the host hotel for its unique charm, impressive meeting space, and convenience to downtown.

Continuing Phi Eta Sigma’s proud tradition of excellence, leadership and service, the Committee selected the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) as the beneficiary of the 2012 philanthropy project. The USDB leads the way in teaching the deaf and blind to be self-reliant and contributing citizens of their communities, and it has served students with sensory impairments throughout Utah for more than one hundred years. USDB services...
literacy and arts programs, Junior Blind Olympics, early intervention services, parent resources, residential programs and more.

Birmingham, the 2011 off-convention-year meeting site, was also home to EBSCO Media, the company that had printed the Forum since 2001. The Executive Committee took advantage of an opportunity to tour the facilities and witness the production process for the magazine, as well as learn about EBSCO’s sustainability efforts. (In 2015, EBSCO became part of Walker360, the company that would produce the 2016 and 2017 issues of the Forum.)

The 2012 Phi Eta Sigma National Convention and Leadership Workshops in Salt Lake City proved to be one of the largest conventions to date. Early arrivals could explore the city or participate in roundtable discussions. The convention workshops offered by Executive Committee members included: “The WOW Factor in your Scholarship Application” by Tony Kemp, Grand Vice President (Mercer University); “Considering Graduate School” by Christina Christiansen (Brigham Young University); “How to Build/Rebuild Your Chapter” by Shayla Priddy (Tarleton State University); and “Holding an Effective Business Meeting: The Key to Success” by Andrew McGuire (Gannon University). The chapter adviser workshop was led by Marilyn Moore (Gannon University), Tim Lemper (Indiana University), and Jeremy Ball (Boise State University).

During the awards luncheon, four Distinguished Service Awards were presented to outstanding chapter advisers: Ron Aaron (Baruch College), Ryan Dye (St. Ambrose University), Robert Luscher (University of Nebraska-Kearney), and Golam Mathbor (Monmouth University). In addition, Ria Butts, records manager in the Phi Eta Sigma national office, was also presented with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of nearly twenty years of dedicated service to the Society.

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg chapter was the recipient of the 2012 Best Philanthropy award. The Executive Committee student members presented Mr. Mike Hillstrom, a representative of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, with a check for $5,000 on behalf of the participating chapters and Phi Eta Sigma. The following chapters were thanked for their participation in the philanthropy project: The University of Alabama, Brigham Young University, The Florida State University, Gannon University, Otterbein University, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, University of Utah, Western Washington University, and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

At the final business session of the 2012 convention, the student delegates approved a $5 increase in the national membership fee from $20 to $25, with the portion of each membership fee contributed to the Founders Fund also increasing from $2.50 to $5.00 per membership.

The delegates also elected the following candidates to positions on the Executive Committee: Tim Lemper (Indiana University) as Grand Vice President; Tony Kemp (Mercer University) and Christine Boyd (Florida State University) as at-large chapter adviser members; and Sarah Fortney (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), Sean Freeman (Florida State University), and Jennifer Vuia (Texas A&M) as student members. These Executive Committee student members continue to serve as ambassadors for Phi Eta Sigma beyond their two-year terms.

Phi Eta Sigma recorded another outstanding year of recognizing and rewarding academic success among first-year students in higher education in 2012, inducting more than 30,000 new members and awarding $295,000 in national Founders Fund scholarships. With these achievements come added challenges, as national leaders recognized. During an interview at the 2012 convention, former Grand Secretary-Treasurer Jack Sagabiel stated, “I admire the Executive Committee members and in particular the faculty advisers, as they have more stresses now than earlier. And the pressure’s today - I would not enjoy.” Continuing his involvement with the Executive Committee in projects as requested, Jack enjoyed another successful convention.

The Phi Eta Sigma Spirit

In May 2013, the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee members met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for their off-convention-year workshop. Phi Eta Sigma was celebrating ninety years as an academic undergraduate honor society. The Executive Committee assessed the 2012 national convention recommendations and actions, and the members made plans for the 2014 national convention in Charleston, South Carolina. The student board members use their imaginations as an endless resource for leading the honor society, and they exhibited genuine care for Society members and the community at large in the meeting discussions. They continued to add value as they worked tirelessly into the evening to create the 2014 convention theme, “Power in Knowledge: Excellence Taking Flight.” The Committee drew upon the Phi Eta Sigma spirit in developing workshop topics and deciding on...
Throughout the year, numerous Phi Eta Sigma chapters reported volunteer opportunities and impactful service projects benefitting organizations such as Global Peace Initiatives, the Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, Special Olympics, Boys and Girls Clubs, and a wide variety of local charities and community service efforts.

The Forty-Second National Convention and Leadership Workshops were held October 10–12, 2014, in Charleston, South Carolina. This was only the second convention that Grand President Molly Lawrence had ever missed in her thirty years of Phi Eta Sigma involvement, this time due to health reasons. Grand Vice President Tim Lemper (Indiana University) presided over the convention in her absence. The workshops offered were: “The ‘WOW FACTOR’ in Your Scholarship Application” by Tim Lemper; “Phi Eta Sigma: Pay It Forward” by Sarah Fortney (IUPUI) addressing service projects; “Leaving a Legacy: Building a Stronger Chapter” by Jennifer Vuia (Texas A&M); and “Undergraduate Research/ Creative Endeavors” by Sean Freeman (Florida State). Jeremy Ball (Boise State) and Mary Jo Custer (Syracuse University) led the advisers workshop.

The Executive Committee student members presented a check for $5,000 to Ms. Eleanor Smythe, South Carolina Executive Director for WINGS for Kids. They also recognized the twelve chapters participating in this year’s national philanthropy, making the gift to WINGS possible: The University of Alabama, College of Charleston, East Carolina University, The Florida State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, University of Maryland, College Park, Morgan State University, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Texas A&M University, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The students presented the Best Philanthropy Award to the Texas A&M University chapter for its “Harry Potter” themed banquet and other fundraising events.

The Nominations Committee presented a slate of officer candidates to the convention, all of whom were elected or re-elected by the delegates: Grand President Molly Lawrence (Alabama); Grand Historian Mary Jo Custer (Syracuse); at-large chapter adviser member Jeremy Ball (Boise State); and student members Alex Belisle (Boise State), Taylor Bernosky (Monmouth), and Jamie Weihe (Stephen F. Austin State).

In addition, the convention delegates voted to approve the following revision of Statute VII, Section 6 of the Society’s Constitution and Laws, which addresses the number of undergraduate scholarship applications each chapter may submit to the Founders Fund scholarship program each year:

**Nominations of undergraduates for the scholarships and awards are to be made by the local chapters, with the selection committee to include the chapter adviser. Each chapter may nominate at least two persons. Chapters inducting 300 to 599 members in the previous academic year may nominate up to three persons. Chapters inducting more than 599 new members in the previous academic year may nominate one additional person for each increment of 300 new members above 599.**

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Founders Fund scholarships continued to be a point of much discussion and debate at the 2014 convention, including during committee meeting and workshop discussions. The Scholarship Selection Committee continues to work diligently during the evaluation period and throughout other times of the year, even teleconferencing and meeting at times to improve the scholarship application and selection process. As a result of the committee members’ work, the “WOW Factor” workshop has become a staple presentation at off-year regional conferences and at every national convention since 2012.

**Phi Eta Sigma’s Esteemed Storyteller**

Phi Eta Sigma said good-bye to a past adviser and Grand Historian, Dr. Kyle C. Sessions, who passed away on December 27, 2014. Dr. Sessions, a Phi Beta Kappa member and professor of history, served as adviser for the Illinois State University chapter from 1976 to 2004 and was
Grand Historian on the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee from 1994 to 2004. Prior to Dr. Sessions tenure, Dean Gaylord Hatch and Dean Fred Turner, both from the University of Illinois, had served as Grand Historian.

One of the highlights of Dr. Sessions' tenure with Phi Eta Sigma was when he authored Looking Back: A Seventy-Fifth Anniversary History of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, a publication for the 1998 national convention. In 2004, when health issues prevented him from participating in the Society's leadership, Dr. Sessions was promoted to the position of Grand Historian Emeritus. As Dr. Sessions concluded his tenure with Phi Eta Sigma, he expressed pride in the Society being founded on “a few basic principles – dedicated leadership, devotion to students, prudent management, constant improvement in efficiency – all infused with an enthusiastic commitment to service. . . .”

Dr. Sessions’ colleagues could use many descriptive terms of elite qualities in referring to him and his contributions to Phi Eta Sigma, including “extraordinary wisdom, insight and comprehension,” as noted by Grand President Molly Lawrence, and the “erudite epitome of the kindly college professor of yore,” according to Grand President Emeritus John Harrell.

Continuing to Embark on New Horizons

The Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee met at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida, in May 2015 to conduct the Society’s business and make plans for the 2016 National Convention and Leadership Workshops, as well as discuss Phi Eta Sigma’s path forward. The Executive Committee approved a proposal to revise the convention registration procedures, allowing convention attendees to make their own housing reservations with the hotel.

Phi Eta Sigma members and leaders have always been passionate about service and giving back to the community. The Executive Committee chose “Innovate Your Story” as the theme for the 2016 National Convention and Leadership Workshops and decided the event would be held in Orlando, Florida. The student members proposed adopting Give Kids the World (GKTW) as the 2016 national philanthropy. Give Kids the World Village is a nonprofit resort that provides cost-free, weeklong vacations in Central Florida to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Then to cultivate service even further, the students proposed that the 2016 convention attendees would also conduct a special service activity, a first for a Phi Eta Sigma national convention. The convention attendees would participate by preparing welcome materials for the children and their families who are guests of GKTW Village.

As the Executive Committee members continued to plan a comprehensive and unique convention program, blending free time with service, workshops and committee meetings, they realized that this convention would be another opportunity for Phi Eta Sigma members and advisers to create memories that would last a lifetime. Little did they know, a “twist” of nature would impact the 2016 Phi Eta Sigma national convention more significantly than anyone imagined.

More to come!

Note: All references in this article are to materials located in the office of the Executive Director of Phi Eta Sigma at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky; in the files of the Grand Historian; and in past FORUM issues. Interviews and conversations occurred with Dr. John W. Sagabiell, Mrs. Elaine J. Powell, and the Phi Eta Sigma national office staff. Editorial comments were also received from Mrs. Powell.
I am so thankful to be the 12th recipient of the Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year Award. 2018 has been such a wonderful year packed with joy and excitement. Because of this award, I was able to focus on achieving my academic and professional goals through graduate school.

I still remember the moment vividly, the moment that guided the next fourteen years of my life. I was ten years old attending a summer leadership camp. It was storming outside, so instead of a campfire they played Apollo 13 in the cafeteria to entertain us. I was enthralled with the historic depiction of bravery and engineering ingenuity. While most children would be inspired to become astronauts after watching this movie, I was inspired to become an engineer. I was amazed to watch the engineers in the movie work until they had a solution that would allow the astronauts to come home safely. From that day forward, I knew that I wanted to be an engineer in aerospace. In the past year, this goal was realized, due to my education and the leadership skills I gained through honor society involvement.

My last year of leadership at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) was bittersweet. It was sad to see my tenure with so many organizations come to a close, but it was also rewarding to watch new students step into leadership roles and drive the organizations. As my Phi Eta Sigma chapter’s senior student adviser, my role last year was all about transition and helping the new leaders and junior advisers. It was rewarding to mentor each new set of student leaders, and I was honored to be selected to deliver the senior speech at the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma induction last spring at IUPUI.

Another incredible experience that came to a close last year was my service as a national student member-at-large on the executive council of Alpha Lambda Delta. It was great to serve schools and students at the national level, helping select scholarship recipients and drafting ALD governance.

Also in 2018, I was selected as one of the Top 10 Students at IUPUI, which was an incredible honor. I’m truly thankful for the opportunities that IUPUI and Alpha Lambda Delta-Phi Eta Sigma provide for leadership and growth. This story wouldn’t be complete if I didn’t take a minute to brag on my wife Sarah Grace, a fellow Phi Eta Sigma member, who was recognized as the Top Student at IUPUI for her leadership and service to the international community.

In May 2018, I graduated from a five-year program at IUPUI with my master of science degree in mechanical engineering, as well as a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a degree in applied mathematics. In June, I married my best friend and college sweetheart Sarah Grace, whom I met through IUPUI’s combined chapter of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta.

In July, I started my dream job as an engineer at Rolls-Royce Corporation in downtown Indianapolis. I work as an assembly and test engineer on the LiftSystemTM, which supports the vertical landing of the F-35B aircraft. It is so exciting to perform work that solves problems in engine testing. It is great to see how I can apply my leadership experiences from IUPUI and Phi Eta Sigma in my current work.

Sincerely,

David Kane
David and his wife Sarah with Top 10 and Top Student Awards at the IUPUI Top 100 Student Dinner.

Clark Scholar-Leader David Kane at graduation in front of Lucas Oil Stadium.

David with chapter adviser Lisa Ruch at the 2018 Alpha Lambda Delta-Phi Eta Sigma induction.

David and his wife Sarah with Top 10 and Top Student Awards at the IUPUI Top 100 Student Dinner.

Clark Scholar-Leader David Kane is excited to begin his engineering career at Rolls Royce
Phi Eta Sigma membership emphasizes qualities that encompass service and academic excellence. Taking advantage of all the opportunities the Society offers can be life changing. We spoke with nine former student members of the Phi Eta Sigma national Executive Committee regarding what they remember most from their honor society experience and how it has impacted their future. In this article, you will read what Phi Eta Sigma did for them and, if you are proactive, what it can do for you. Below are the six questions and the responses we gathered:

What were your most impactful experiences in Phi Eta Sigma?

Collectively, the nine members agreed that their most impactful experiences included planning and attending the national conventions, being selected for and serving on the Executive Committee, being involved in local chapters, and planning and carrying out service projects and fundraisers.

David Nare immigrated from Zimbabwe prior to attending the New Jersey Institute of Technology and joining Phi Eta Sigma. He shared that he was given opportunities to train leaders and establish a camaraderie within his chapter. These very impactful leadership opportunities provided him with connections throughout the world, opening doors that never would have been opened otherwise.

Chris Cipriano recalls her service and fundraising experiences with her local chapter at Hofstra University. During her senior year, after a friend was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, she recalls fundraising on campus and sponsoring a walk to raise funds to support research of the disease. On another occasion, Chris organized a concert on campus featuring local bands and donated the proceeds to the Save the Music Foundation, putting instruments into local schools surrounding Hofstra University, her alma mater.

Hosting a training at the 2008 Phi Eta Sigma national convention in Louisville, Kentucky, was one of Linda Chu’s (UCLA) most impactful experiences. Her workshop was called “From Job Search to Job Security,” where she leveraged her own internship experiences and knowledge gained from teachers, mentors, and peers about resume-building, networking, and securing a career. Her main goal was to help the Society members discover the proactive steps they could take throughout their college experience to ensure their competitive edge during the job search process.

What are your most impactful experiences in Phi Eta Sigma?

The most impactful experiences that the former Executive Committee members recalled aligned closely with their most memorable honor society achievements. All nine were proud of the fundraisers and service projects they carried out, the national conventions they assisted in planning, and their active involvement with the Executive Committee.

When Christina (Christiansen) Miller was the chapter president at Brigham Young University, she had the idea to create a chapter t-shirt (since all college students love free shirts). She said, “Over the next few years I would
randomly see people wearing those t-shirts on campus, at games, at the store, at the mall, etc.” Christina said she would always greet those students and tell them she was a part of Phi Eta Sigma as well. The t-shirts made her feel a sense of camaraderie with these students and helped her recognize fellow members. Her shirts were such a success that she continues to recommend that every chapter start this tradition if they haven’t already.

The tradition of having a national philanthropy for convention year was something that Brad Lee (The University of Alabama) started while he was on the Executive Committee. He is proud of starting that tradition which continues to this day.

When one of Sarah Fortney’s friends, who had already survived brain cancer once, passed away after the cancer returned, she decided to host a charity dance in his honor. All of the proceeds earned at the dance went to the foundation her friend started at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Every year since that first dance in 2013, Sarah’s chapter at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis has continued to host this charity dance.

Jennifer Vuia-Riser was also very proud of a Harry Potter-themed dinner her Texas A&M University chapter held to raise money for the 2014 national philanthropy benefiting Wings for Kids. Her chapter’s dinner was such a success that it won the Phi Eta Sigma national convention award for Best Philanthropy.

What are some life achievements since your time in Phi Eta Sigma?

After finishing their bachelor’s degrees, the nine former Executive Committee members either continued on to receive master’s and doctoral degrees or started rewarding careers. These individuals have received many scholarships, grants, awards, and distinctions. They have and will continue to contribute in their specific industries and areas of focus. While we could talk extensively about the careers of all nine, we chose to highlight the careers of Chris Cipriano, Brad Lee, and Bruce Johnson.

After finishing her undergraduate degree in political science with minors in philosophy and education at Hofstra University, Chris went to Harvard and received her master’s degree in international education policy. After that she continued on to earn her PhD in applied developmental and educational psychology from Boston College, also earning a certificate in human rights and international justice from the Boston College law school. Finally, she did post-doctoral training at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Chris is now an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and she leads the research program RELATE, which has been funded by the William T. Grant Foundation. After recalling everything she had accomplished, she said her biggest achievement is being a mother to three children!

Brad Lee earned a bachelor of arts in theatre and a bachelor of science in commerce and business administration from The University of Alabama. Brad decided to follow his passion of theatre and earned his master of arts in performance design from The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Since that time, Brad has been a freelance designer and assistant director working on many shows throughout the world. His stage adaptation designs have been selected for international exhibitions, and he is well known in the theatre community. Brad is currently based in Prague working full time as the communications coordinator and programs director for The Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space, the largest international exhibition and festival event dedicated to scenography, performance design, and theatre architecture in the world.

When Bruce Johnson graduated from Dickinson State University with his degree in natural resource management, he was intrigued by government service and took a job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency. Bruce started at the bottom and climbed through the ranks to his current role as the senior lender loan manager for Montana. Bruce manages the busiest office in the state with a coverage area bigger than the state of West Virginia. He works with twenty-five different banks, managing the biggest portfolio of loans in Montana. Bruce’s role is to help beginning farmers and ranchers start a business with the help of the government. These individuals would not have a chance without someone like Bruce getting them started. In addition to his government job, Bruce owns and runs his own cattle ranch. He is proud that he can help so many young entrepreneurs while simultaneously devoting time to his interest of being a cattle rancher.
How did your Phi Eta Sigma experience impact your future and change you as a person?

All of the former Executive Committee members agreed that the Society pushed them to step outside of their comfort zone by doing new and sometimes difficult things. They learned how to work with different people and handle themselves professionally, while gaining leadership and presentation skills. Phi Eta Sigma offered them mentors who impacted their lives, opportunities to travel to new places, and motivation to continue life-long learning.

Brian Murphy (The University of Alabama) said that honor society leadership gave him the confidence to excel in college and in his career at Amazon. “I wouldn’t be where I am today if it weren’t for Phi Eta Sigma,” he said. Similarly, Jennifer Vuia-Riser said that the Society had made her more outgoing, ambitious, and active in her field and professional memberships. After election to a position on the Executive Committee in 2012, she learned that “you don’t have to be the biggest, baddest person on your resume for people to believe in you.”

“Phi Eta Sigma gave me my first leadership opportunity in college,” Christina Miller said. She explained that working closely with individuals much older than her made her comfortable communicating and presenting to her superiors when she started her job at Qualtrics.

David Nare explained that, not only did Phi Eta Sigma improve his communication skills, but the organization also provided him with a network of fantastic alumni. David said that he also learned a lot about diversity though the honor society, helping him develop an unbiased approach when working with others.

In what ways have you continued to live the values of Phi Eta Sigma, including service and encouraging academic excellence in others?

The nine former Executive Committee members have continued to live the values of the Society in many ways. Some examples include mentoring others, advocating for students, developing others professionally and academically, serving and teaching in church, participating in fundraisers and charities, staying involved in the community, and researching solutions to issues in the world today.

Brian Murphy described living the values of Phi Eta Sigma as “taking opportunities to use your intelligence to help or care for others in a positive way.” He looks for opportunities to do this daily. Sarah Fortney encourages academic excellence in others by mentoring high school and middle school members of her running group at church. Bruce Johnson has opportunities to serve others in his day-to-day work. He frequently counsels families and youth on money management skills and on how to qualify for the loans he offers.

Linda Chu has dedicated her career to working in non-profits and academics, attributing that decision to her Phi Eta Sigma experience. She currently serves as the project manager for the Tang Prize Foundation, where she coordinates one of the four prizes rewarding academic innovation and excellence. Linda said, “Working to promote the Tang Prize, I have an opportunity to help recognize the contributions of leading scholars worldwide and encourage aspiring scholars to follow the examples of outstanding role models.” She explained that the prize recognizes academic excellence and service to the world with the ultimate goal of bringing about positive change to the global community and creating a brighter future for all humanity.
What advice do you have for Phi Eta Sigma members?

Each of the former Executive Committee members had valuable words of wisdom to share with current Phi Eta Sigma members. Christina Miller advised, “Keep getting good grades! You got into Phi Eta Sigma as a freshman because of your academic success and achievements, so keep it up.” She said that all of the studying is worth it because it will help you get a job. Christina also advised staying involved in clubs and activities, because well-rounded individuals are impressive and stand out in interviews for jobs and graduate school.

Brian Murphy similarly recommended getting involved in whatever opportunities you can, emphasizing that it will open doors and will benefit your career later on. Within Phi Eta Sigma, Brian acknowledged that each member can choose how involved they want to be, stating, “What you do in Phi Eta Sigma can actually impact the entire nation if you want.”

Jennifer Vuia-Riser suggested, “Find your own way to give back, whether that’s tutoring a friend in class or getting a group of friends together to go to a meeting.” She advises surrounding yourself with others who have the same ambition and drive, so they can provide you with the confidence and support to do anything in life.

Sarah Fortney reminded members to “keep working towards your goals and be okay when they change.” When she changed her plans to do a PhD instead of going to medical school, it was hard for her at first. However, she is very happy she had the courage to make that decision. Sarah said, “Changing your goals can be scary, but it can be great at the same time. You will do great wherever you go, so you should go where you will be most happy.”

Similarly, Brad Lee advised members to find themselves. “You will be happier and more successful in life when you find out who you are,” he said. Brad recalled it wasn’t until he moved to Wales to pursue his dream of theatre production and design that he truly found out who he was and what he wanted in life. Bruce Johnson agreed, saying, “No matter what you go to college for and what you are going to pursue, make sure you enjoy it.” He recommended not focusing on money and climbing the corporate ladder, but focusing on having balance in your life. “There is life outside of work,” Bruce noted.

Another piece of advice from Bruce was that sometimes all you need to do is be present to take advantage of an opportunity. He stated, “When you do honor society, you make yourself present for whatever opportunities present themselves, and you can capitalize on them.” One opportunity of which David Nare advised Phi Eta Sigma members to take advantage is the phenomenal network the organization provides both locally and nationally. He utilizes the connections he made during his honor society involvement to this day.

Chris Cipriano recommended that members should “take advantage of the support system that Phi Eta Sigma provides, to find mentors, seek out jobs and career experiences, and hold meaningful fundraising.” She encourages members moving on after their undergraduate studies to be brave, to take risks, and to view negative experiences as learning opportunities.

Along those same lines, Linda Chu also urges Phi Eta Sigma members to always keep an open mind, to keep exploring and asking questions. She said, “Only by rolling up your sleeves and being unafraid to take risks and try new things can you truly find your passion. Embrace the world—a wonderful adventure awaits.”
No matter the size of our institutions, we can use our annual induction ceremonies as a time of celebration, not only for the new inductees and their guests, but also for our chapters. Whether we host one or two inductions per year, it takes many students, faculty, staff, and possibly even friends to honor this traditional ceremony and give it the attention that it deserves. Here are a few tips:

**Connect with campus reservations.**
Depending on your campus systems, you may need to spend some extra time with those in charge of event reservations and set-up to ensure that you have exactly what you need to make the ceremony truly special. Campus staff members who handle such arrangements are usually excellent at asking questions to ensure that you, too, have thought of everything you need. And don’t forget to thank them with a t-shirt or some other small token later!

**Be intentional about the program.**
Add appropriately to the traditional ceremony without sacrificing the tone of the program. Consider holding a ceremony that is at least 45 minutes in length so that guests who have traveled to the event feel appropriately “satisfied” with their investment. A speaker (or even two) may also be a way to add substance to the program.

**Consider the décor.**
Even in spaces that do not allow major changes to their physical appearances, adding some items of décor can give the event a sense of dignity. Table cloths or covers, flower bouquets, styles of chairs and podiums, and the Society crest and other elements need to be considered. Some of these items make great backgrounds for photos throughout the program!
Add musical elements.

Spotlighting talented students is a wonderful addition to the celebration. But if that’s not an option, create a playlist for before and after the ceremony that is fun and appropriate to the occasion.

Incorporate social media.

Encourage as much posting, hashtagging, tagging, and liking as you can! Depending on your institution’s social media policies, you might even Facebook Live the event, so it can be archived for members and guests who were not able to attend.

Have fun with the planning and executing of this important event! It can be an incredible teambuilding project for your chapter’s leadership and an ideal way to showcase your presence on campus. Reach out and ask for input from leaders of other organizations on your campus who may have more experience in program planning, other Phi Eta Sigma advisers in your area, and/or the national office and Executive Committee. We would be happy to assist!
Convention News
Forty-Fourth National Convention and Leadership Workshops

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As the beautiful Potomac River flowed nearby, attendees of the 2018 Phi Eta Sigma National Convention and Leadership Workshops were welcomed to the Washington, DC, area by the sight of many of the national capital’s monuments and the cooler temperatures of fall. Just as Hurricane Matthew brought about the cancellation of the 2016 convention in Orlando, this time Hurricane Michael made it impossible for the delegation from Florida State University to attend. For the convention participants who arrived at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, members of the Marymount University chapter greeted attendees, provided directions to the hotel shuttle, and answered many questions.

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City provided a very comfortable and welcoming environment for the convention. Upon arrival at the hotel, convention attendees were directed to the Regency Ballroom Foyer by members of the Western Kentucky University chapter. As they checked in at the registration table, attendees could view Society displays while having a snack at the Phi Eta Sigma Hospitality Center. Each person also received a customized t-shirt and drawstring bag containing various materials and gift items. Representatives from invited organizations were available to provide information on internships and study abroad opportunities. Attendees were also able to visit with Ken Jernigan from Kenneth E. Jernigan and Associates to view specialized Phi Eta Sigma items for sale, such as tablecloths and watches. Also in the registration area, student members were afforded the opportunity to sign up for participation on one of Phi Eta Sigma’s standing committees, the Nominations Committee or the Constitution and Scholarship Committee. Several Phi Eta Sigma chapters brought scrapbooks and other related material to display.

Opening Sessions
Friday evening began with a wonderful buffet meal prepared by the Hyatt Regency banquet staff. Dinner in the Regency Ballroom was immediately followed by the first business session.

Grand President Molly Lawrence presided and called the convention to order. Phi Eta Sigma Executive Director Elaine Powell conducted the roll call, which is always a fun time for members to show their school spirit when their chapter name is called. Mrs. Powell presented a convention overview to help prepare everyone for fellowship, learning, and fun. The keynote presentation, reflecting the convention theme “Operation: Opportunity,” consisted of a panel discussion involving the following speakers and organizations:

Mr. Colin Parks, DC Internships (The Fund for American Studies)
Dr. Eugene Alpert, Osgood Center for International Studies
Mr. Melvin Thomas, Peace Corps
Ms. Molly Haskell, Global Experiences
Mr. Reid May, The Washington Center
Mr. Grady Arnao, Washington Internship Institute

These speakers provided information regarding several opportunities for internships, study abroad, and humanitarian service. They also answered numerous questions from students with more specific interests. After the panel discussion, the keynote panelists were again available at their information tables for one-on-one conversations with interested members.

Also after the keynote presentation, Phi Eta Sigma’s two standing committees, the Nominations Committee and the Constitution Committee, would be meeting to discuss and vote on various matters. As the evening wore on, attendees had the opportunity to visit with officers and members of the variousPhi Eta Sigma chapters. These interactions provided a great opportunity for networking and the exchange of ideas and information. Additionally, the Hyatt Regency Crystal City provided a comfortable and welcoming environment for the convention. The hotel staff were friendly and attentive, ensuring that all attendees had a pleasant experience.

Members of the Kennesaw State delegation posed at the airport as they waited for the hotel shuttle (from left): Julianna DeCocco, Kaela Bellamy, Emma Simmons, Emily Rowley, Kristi Derouen, Carly Duncan, and (squatting) Alijah Walker.

Advisers and students alike enjoyed the Friday night ice cream social in the Chesapeake View rooftop room at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City.

New Mexico State delegate Lorena Casiano and Lesley University delegate Madison Noyes enjoyed getting acquainted and sharing the photo booth at the Friday night ice cream social.
and Scholarship Committee, convened to begin their important work. The remaining convention attendees had the option to participate in one of two brainstorming sessions, Best Practices and Challenges of Large Chapters, led by veteran chapter advisers Susan Huffman (Purdue) and Lisa Ruch (IUPUI), and Best Practices and Challenges of Small Chapters, led by Executive Committee adviser members Jeremy Ball (Southeast Missouri State) and Alex Belisle (Boise State).

The final activity of the evening was the always-popular Making New Friends Ice Cream Social. This informal get-together allowed student members and advisers to exchange souvenirs from their respective campuses and have fun while enjoying ice cream sundaes. The Phi Eta Sigma national office also provided several door prizes and a photo booth.

**Saturday Meetings, Workshops and Awards**

After convention attendees took advantage of the Hyatt Regency’s continental breakfast buffet, Grand President Molly Lawrence and Executive Director Elaine Powell made announcements and presented an overview of Saturday’s activities.

A workshop for chapter advisers was conducted by Executive Committee members Jeremy Ball and Alex Belisle. Phi Eta Sigma national office staff members participated in the workshop to discuss My Honor Society, Pyramid and Capstone chapter excellence awards, and Distinguished Service Awards.

Several leadership workshops were offered in two or more sessions:

- **Hosting a Phi Eta Sigma Regional Conference** presented by members of the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay Chapter
- **Make College Count** presented by Executive Committee Member Andrew Stone (Boise State)
- **Revolutionize Your Chapter** presented by Executive Committee Member Christian Hildebrandt (BYU)
- **The “WOW FACTOR” In Your Scholarship Application** presented by Grand Historian Mary Jo Custer (Syracuse)

The workshop sessions were followed by the continuation of committee meetings and another opportunity for “Best Practices” brainstorming sessions. In addition, several chapter advisers and officers volunteered to lead roundtable discussions on various topics. These included:

- Improving Meeting Attendance -Allison Paradise (Puget Sound)
- Strategies for Increasing Membership -Jenni Miller (McKendree)
- Serving Community Needs -Meg Harper (Utah)
- Successful Chapter Leadership Succession -Nicole Zellers & Alyssa Kane (IUPUI)

The “WOW FACTOR” In Your Scholarship Application presented by Grand Historian Mary Jo Custer (Syracuse)

The Nominations Committee discussed the candidates for open Executive Committee positions.
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The convention participants next gathered in the Regency Ballroom for a wonderful luncheon buffet and awards ceremony. Highlights of the awards included recognition of eleven chapters participating in the 2018 convention philanthropy to benefit the American Red Cross and presentation of the 2018 Best Philanthropy Award to the Gannon University chapter. The Executive Committee student members presented a check for $5,000 to Ms. Lynda Ellis, representing the American Red Cross, on behalf of the participating chapters and the national Society.

Grand President Molly Lawrence presented leadership plaques to student leaders Christian Hildebrandt and Andrew Stone who completed their two-year terms on the Executive Committee. Brittany Stevens, the third student member of the committee, was unable to attend the convention due to Hurricane Michael but was recognized for her service.

Thirteen chapters achieved Pyramid status for excellence in their operations during the 2017-2018 academic year. Members in attendance whose chapters attained Pyramid status were asked to stand in recognition of their chapters’ achievement, and their name badges bore the Pyramid logo. From among the Pyramid chapters, the Georgia Southern University chapter was selected to receive the Capstone Award for exceeding the Pyramid standards. Chapter President Sharmita Porshia accepted the coveted Capstone Award on behalf of her chapter.

The awards luncheon program also included the presentation of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award to four exemplary chapter advisers: Dr. Susan Melson Huffman (Purdue), Mrs. Litna McNickle (John Jay), Dr. Judy Raggi Moore (Emory), and Ms. Tammy White (West Alabama). To conclude the awards ceremony, the keynote panelists at the presentation on Friday night (from left): Eugene Alpert, Osgood Center; Grady Arnao, Washington Internship Institute; Molly Haskell, Global Experiences; Reid May, The Washington Center; Colin Parks, The Fund for American Studies; and Melvin Thomas, Peace Corps.

SATURDAY TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Convention attendees boarded motorcoaches for an exciting afternoon of fellowship, sightseeing and food. The first stop for the group was the World War II Memorial for the convention group photo before enjoying some free time to visit other historical sites and museums along the National Mall. As the sun began to set, attendees again boarded the busses for the short trip to historic Georgetown for food and games. Pinstripes Bistro, Bowling and Bocce provided a wonderful buffet meal that included appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts, as well as game opportunities. Some attendees chose to take advantage of the array of shopping experiences nearby. To close the evening, the group boarded the busses for a night tour of some of DC’s iconic monuments and memorials. Upon arrival back at the hotel, the two standing committees completed their work and prepared their reports for presentation to the convention.

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

After a delicious hot breakfast buffet at the Hyatt Regency, Grand President Molly Lawrence called the convention to order for the final session on Sunday morning. Executive Director Elaine Powell called the roll and determined a quorum was present.

The first item of business was the report of the Nominations Committee and the election of national officers and members of the Executive Committee. Grand President Molly Lawrence (Alabama) and Grand Historian Mary Jo Custer (Syracuse) were unopposed and were re-elected to 4-year terms on the Committee. Jennifer Miller (McKendree) was elected to a 4-year term in an at-large chapter adviser position on the Executive Committee student members presented a check for $5,000 to Ms. Lynda Ellis, representing the American Red Cross, on behalf of the participating chapters and the national Society.
Committee. Newly-elected student members of the Committee, who will serve 2-year terms and will assist in planning and conducting the 2020 convention, are Rebecca Gilbert (Florida State), Michaela Mahekeya (Georgia Southern), and Alyssa Kane (IUPUI).

Next was the report of the Constitution and Scholarship Committee, which included proposed revisions to the Society’s Constitution and Laws. These revisions involved the following:

- **Statute VII, Section 8** – Adding the phrase provided there are sufficient funds to do so, which allows the Executive Committee the option to name an additional endowed scholarship only when adequate income is available from the Founders Fund.
- **Article IX, Section 2, item (b)** – Removal of conflicting terms by deleting the word cumulative from the grade-point average requirement for membership eligibility.
- **Statute I, Section 2** – To support increasing costs of operations and support future programs and services for advisers and members, increasing the national membership fee to $35, beginning July 2019.

The Constitution and Scholarship Committee report also described the committee’s discussions regarding other recommendations for future consideration involving the scholarship program and establishing a travel fund for the Phi Eta Sigma 100th anniversary convention.

After several announcements and closing remarks, the convention was adjourned. The newly formed Executive Committee met briefly to exchange information and take photos, while other convention attendees said their goodbyes to new and old friends. As the 2018 Phi Eta Sigma national convention came to an end, the Phi Eta Sigma leaders left Washington, DC, with renewed energy and ideas for stimulating their chapters, motivating chapter members, and taking advantage of opportunities to impact the world around them.

Kyle and Kody Klumb, coordinators for the 2019 Midwest Area Regional Conference, promote their event at the final business meeting.

The 2018 Phi Eta Sigma National Convention recognized the sacrifices of U.S. military, veteran, and their families. In honor of fallen and missing service members, a “Missing Man Table” was set near the entrance of the Regency Ballroom during convention meals. The traditional meanings of the components are listed here:

Table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one isolated prisoner. The table is usually set close to, or within sight of, the entrance to the dining room. Table is round to represent everlasting concern on the part of the survivors for their missing loved ones.

Tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country’s call to arms.

Single red rose in the vase, signifies the blood that many have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.

The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation’s call.

Slice of lemon on the bread plate represents the bitter fate of the missing.

Salt sprinkled on the bread plate is symbolic of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

Inverted glass represents the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake.

Lit candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

Empty chair shows the missing and fallen are not present.
In 2009-2010 Phi Eta Sigma embarked on a new project encouraging members to become more involved in philanthropic efforts. Students attending national conventions recommended a national philanthropy project to coincide with the theme and location of each national convention. Since the philanthropy element of the national convention was introduced, four programs previously benefited from the efforts of Phi Eta Sigma chapters that accepted the call to action. In 2010, music education in two Knox County, Tennessee, high schools received a $2,000 contribution, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind received $5,000 in 2012, WINGS for Kids after school programs in South Carolina received $5,000 in 2014, Give Kids the World Village in Florida received $5,000 in 2016 to provide vacations for children with life-threatening illness. At the Phi Eta Sigma National Convention and Leadership Workshops in each of those years, the participating chapters received recognition for their work.

The student members of the 2016-2018 Executive Committee (Christian Hildebrandt, Brittany Stevens, and Andrew Stone) researched service programs in the Washington, DC, area and recommended the American Red Cross as the beneficiary of the 2018 national convention philanthropy. Red Cross services have been in great demand during the past year, providing relief for victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, tornadoes, and floods. The organization also trains emergency response workers, collects and supplies lifesaving blood, and supports members of the military, veterans, and their families.

Phi Eta Sigma chapters were asked to participate in this philanthropy effort by conducting fundraising projects that would benefit the American Red Cross and/or relief efforts in their own communities. This year eleven Society chapters participated in the philanthropy efforts. The participating chapters were:

- The University of Alabama
- Brigham Young University
- The Florida State University
- Gannon University
- Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. Indianapolis
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Mercer University
- Missouri State University
- Univ. of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
- Saint Francis University
- University of West Alabama

At the Phi Eta Sigma National Convention Awards Luncheon on Saturday, October 13, 2018, the participating chapters were recognized for their efforts. Each chapter that conducted a special philanthropy project in connection with the convention could submit an entry for competition as “Best Philanthropy.” The student members of the Executive Committee selected the entry from Gannon University as the 2018 Best Philanthropy, the chapter’s second consecutive philanthropy award. The chapter raised $1,500 for the Red Cross. The Gannon members accomplished these donations through partnering with local restaurants for a percentage of proceeds on a designated date and sales of t-shirts, sweatshirts, beanies, and travel mugs on campus.
CONVENTION NEWS

Report of the Executive Director
Forty-Fourth National Convention and Leadership Workshops

by Elaine J. Powell  Washington, DC • October 12-14, 2018

In compliance with Article VIII of the Constitution and Laws of Phi Eta Sigma (as revised in 2011), the Executive Director “shall serve as Secretary of the Executive Committee and of the Grand Chapter.” In that capacity the Executive Director records actions taken and reports to the Executive Committee and to the Grand Chapter at its biennial national convention.

2016 Convention & Leadership Workshops

The Forty-third National Convention and Leadership Workshops of Phi Eta Sigma were scheduled for October 7-9, at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista in Orlando, Florida. Student members of the Executive Committee proposed “Innovate Your Story” as the convention theme. More than two hundred Phi Eta Sigma student leaders and chapter advisers were registered to attend the event. Unfortunately, all plans and goals for this convention fell by the wayside as Hurricane Matthew bore down on central Florida in early October 2016.

On Thursday morning, October 6, 2016, Grand President Molly Lawrence, Executive Director Elaine Powell, and other members of the Executive Committee who had arrived early met with hotel staff to discuss the imminent risks to convention attendees scheduled to arrive over the next 24-36 hours. The national leaders made the difficult decision to cancel all convention activities and to notify attendees that they should cancel travel plans immediately.

The national Executive Committee was able to hold its regular pre-convention meeting since a majority of its voting members were present. In the absence of voting delegates and nominees for national leadership positions, Grand President Lawrence and the Executive Committee members devised a plan to appoint and convene a Nominations Committee from among registered convention attendees, followed by an email vote for election by chapter delegates. The responding delegates voted unanimously to approve the slate of candidates, as follows:

- Grand Vice President—
  Tim Lemper, Indiana University

- Chapter Adviser At-Large Members—
  Alex Beilise, Boise State University
  Tony Kemp, Mercer University

- At-Large Student Members—
  Christian Hildebrandt, Brigham Young University
  Brittany Stevens, The Florida State University
  Andrew Stone, Boise State University

During its 2016 meeting in Florida, the Executive Committee voted to inquire about requirements for Phi Eta Sigma to join an association or caucus of national honor societies, especially the possibility of rejoining the Association of College Honor Societies in which Phi Eta Sigma held membership for several decades. Following discussions about the Founders Scholarship Fund, the Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Lois Edwards Alexander Undergraduate Scholarship. Other Society business would be postponed until the 2017 meeting of the Executive Committee and the 2018 national convention.

The convention philanthropy for 2016 was Give Kids The World (GKW), and eight Phi Eta Sigma chapters had raised funds to support this outstanding organization. On behalf of the national office and the participating chapters, Phi Eta Sigma made a generous donation of $5,000 to Give Kids The World.

Executive Committee

In addition to its convention meeting in October 2016, the Executive Committee assembled for its off-convention-year workshop on June 1-4, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. The Committee discussions address a variety of topics, including decreases in new member inductions, difficulty in recruiting chapter advisers, and inactive chapters. They suggested developing a mentoring program for advisers, improving support for regional conferences and joint chapter events, and developing a “best practices” model for chapters.

Grand President Lawrence reported on her participation in the Association of College Honor Societies annual meeting held in Orlando during February 2017. After a discussion of the costs and benefits, the Committee voted to apply for re-establishment of Phi Eta Sigma’s membership in ACHS. The request was submitted to ACHS in August 2017 for review by its Committee on Eligibility and Admissions. The ACHS Council approved the re-admission of Phi Eta Sigma to the Association at its February 2018 meeting in Albuquerque.

As a follow-up to a previous recommendation from the 2016 national convention’s Constitution and Scholarship Committee, the Executive Committee acted on behalf of the Grand Chapter to revise the Constitution and Laws, Statute VII, Section 5, changing the required minimum 3.5 GPA to a recommended minimum GPA. The Committee members will recommend other revisions of the Constitution and Laws for consideration by the Constitution and Scholarship Committee at the next national convention.

Committee members also discussed Title IX compliance, security issues, and risk management, especially regarding national conventions. They also approved the 2017-2018 operating budget. The ad hoc committee considering guidelines for chartering new chapters identified certain basic criteria the petitioning institution must meet and later will recommend additional benchmarks to guide Committee members in evaluating institutions for chartering approval.

In planning for the 2018 convention, the Committee approved “Operation: Opportunity” as the convention theme and discussed plans for the convention program, philanthropy, and workshop topics. Committee members approved nominees for the 2018 Distinguished Service Awards, which will be presented at the convention awards luncheon. They also proposed creating a mobile event app for the convention and holding a convention logo design contest. The logo contest, conducted last winter, resulted in Conner Chamberlin of the IUPUI chapter submitting the winning design to be used on convention materials and publications.

The Executive Committee also met prior to the 2018 convention. Recommendations and actions from the Committee will be channeled to the appropriate convention committees.

Communications and Publications

Phi Eta Sigma’s national publication, the Forum, is now available on the Society website. To reduce costs and cut waste, the national office now orders only the quantities requested by chapters that submitted a forum order, plus an estimated quantity based on the number of inducted members from the previous academic year for those chapters that did not specify a quantity to receive. Approximately 25 percent of active Phi Eta Sigma chapters elected to receive the electronic version of the magazine only, and other chapters received reduced quantities of printed copies. Approximately 12,400 copies of the 2018 Forum were printed and distributed to members and other interested readers.

Phi Eta Sigma employed a new printing service for the 2018 edition of the Forum: Gerald Printing in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The magazine format and design were also changed to make it more appealing and readable.

The Phi Eta Sigma national office still provides information brochures to chapters upon request at no charge. However, the national office staff refers chapter leaders to the Phi Eta Sigma website for a great deal of information and encourages chapter leaders to use electronic means for communicating with members whenever practical.

The chapter newsletter that the national office publishes three times per year is now a color publication that calls attention to various topics of importance to the chapter. The newsletter and accompanying documents are also sent out to chapter advisers and officers via email. Chapter leaders are urged to share news from the national organization with members and to keep the national office advised of their chapter activities and updated contact information.

In addition to the website, Phi Eta Sigma also uses social media to communicate with members and advisers. Chapter members are encouraged to visit the
New Chapters
Since the Executive Director’s report for the 2016 National Convention was published, two new chapters have been installed and one chapter was reactivated:

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<td>Moravian College (PA)</td>
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The Phi Eta Sigma national office has scheduled the chartering of the 384th chapter at Hampton University (VA) for November 2018 and is currently corresponding with several other institutions regarding chartering or rechartering.

New Initiates
Each year Phi Eta Sigma chapters across the U.S. induct academically motivated students who excel in their studies during the first year of their full-time undergraduate coursework. All chapters are urged to make concerted efforts toward identifying and recruiting eligible lower division students for membership. Stimulating programs aimed at leadership and academic development, service projects and volunteerism, and worthwhile social activities will attract high achieving students. Chapters are also urged to keep the local membership fee as low as possible so no student will decline the invitation for induction because the cost is beyond his or her resources.

The annual number of students initiated has increased from a few hundred to tens of thousands over the years since the honor society was established in 1923. The annual number of inductions peaked at 30,885 for the 2010-2011 academic year. However, the number of inductions has declined in the past several years.

A few of the Society’s larger chapters experienced changes in adviser leadership during the 2017-2018 academic year and were unable to induct new members. Therefore, the number of new members inducted for 2017-2018 dropped to 21,766, down from 24,384 in the 2016-2017 academic year. Phi Eta Sigma national leaders will assist and support those chapters experiencing transitions in order to support their future efforts of recognizing and rewarding the deserving undergraduate scholars on their campuses.

As Phi Eta Sigma celebrates its 95th anniversary this year, the Society will reach the milestone of 1.25 million inducted members during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Sample Induction Figures 1923-2018

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Financial Report
Phi Eta Sigma operates with two financial account classifications. These are the General Fund for the Society’s day-to-day operations and the Founders Fund for scholarship purposes. Every year a CPA audit of these funds is conducted. Phi Eta Sigma and its subordinate chapters have been approved by the IRS as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society makes its annual 990 tax return and supporting documents available for public inspection upon request by contacting the national headquarters.

The $25 induction fee for each member is deposited in the General Fund. No nationally certified honor society has a lower induction fee. A portion of each induction fee ($5) is earmarked for deposit in the Founders Scholarship Fund.

Following is a brief summary of the Society’s financial condition as of June 30, 2018:

Balance Sheet Summary

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Financial records of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Inc., minutes of the Executive Committee, and summary reports of national conventions are available for inspection at the honor society’s national headquarters in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine J. Powell
Executive Director

Financial Disclosure
The financial records of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Inc. undergo a complete audit annually by the accounting firm of Montgomery, Webb, & Beck, CPAs, PSC, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States to express an opinion on the Society’s financial statements. Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Inc. and its subordinate chapters have been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Phi Eta Sigma is required to make its annual information return (Form 990) and supporting documents available for public inspection. Copies of these documents may be obtained upon request by contacting the Phi Eta Sigma national headquarters at: 1906 College Heights Boulevard #11062, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1062.
Distinguished Service Awards

The Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award was established by the Sixteenth National Convention hosted by Indiana University on December 6-8, 1962. The first recipients were recognized during the Seventeenth National Convention hosted by the University of Illinois in 1964.

Members, chapter advisers, Executive Committee members, or national office staff members of Phi Eta Sigma who have given loyal and devoted service to the Society for a period of not less than five years may be recognized with the Distinguished Service Award, to be presented at the National Convention. Since the founding of the award, ninety-four individuals have been recognized for their devotion to honors leadership. Past recipients attending the Forty-fourth National Convention in Washington, DC, include: John Harrell, Molly Lawrence, Mary Jo Custer, Lisa Ruch, Tony Kemp, Ria Butts, N. Bharathan, Meg Harper, and Elaine Powell.

The following citations were read as four additional individuals were presented the Distinguished Service Award at the national convention awards luncheon on October 13, 2018.

CITATION

DR. SUSAN MELSON HUFFMAN
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Susan Melson Huffman is Associate Director of Administration and Assignments for University Residences at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. An Indiana native, Susan was inducted into the Purdue chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta when Phi Eta Sigma was still an all-male society at Purdue. There she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees, later earning her PhD in college student affairs.

During a 17-year career in the Office of the Dean of Students, Susan was asked to advise Purdue’s chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta and worked closely with the Phi Eta Sigma chapter, receiving honorary membership in 1993.

After years of holding joint induction ceremonies for the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma chapters, the chapter officers elected to merge the two societies at Purdue and operate as a joint chapter. Since 2005, Dr. Huffman has been the sole adviser of the joint chapter. She and Purdue student members have participated in every Phi Eta Sigma national convention since 2008. The Purdue chapter earned the Phi Eta Sigma Pyramid Award for the 2016-17 academic year. Throughout her career, Dr. Huffman also has served in national leadership roles with Alpha Lambda Delta and the Association of College Honor Societies.

Susan and her husband Dave live in Lafayette, Indiana, where they are both passionate fans of Purdue University sports. Susan enjoys shopping and traveling, especially to lighthouses, Disney Parks, and presidential museums. She also values time with her family, including her 90-year old mother, three young grandchildren, and a Jack Russell terrier named Peanut.

The Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee unanimously approved Dr. Huffman for this award. The Forty-fourth National Convention of Phi Eta Sigma congratulates Dr. Susan Melson Huffman as a 2018 recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award.

CITATION

MRS. LITNA MCNICKLE
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mrs. Litna McNickle is Phi Eta Sigma chapter adviser and administrative director of the honors program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She earned a bachelor’s degree in police studies at John Jay College, where she met her husband of 39 years.

Litna’s career at John Jay has included working in many departments, including Public Safety, the Registrar’s Office, and Financial Aid. Her most gratifying times have been working with the students as an administrator, mentor, and adviser, especially working with students in a satellite program for corrections officers on Rikers Island.

Mrs. McNickle became adviser to the John Jay Phi Eta Sigma chapter in 2001 and has worked with 17 executive boards for the chapter over the years. While their inductions typically are small, the enthusiasm and leadership of the John Jay student members have always been strong.

Litna is pleased to see these young students develop their leadership skills and grow to become confident agents of change. She states, “We have enjoyed bringing our students to almost all of the national conferences where they have opportunities to meet other leaders and network to develop new ideas to bring home. I am grateful for the magnificent support given to the advisers by the national office who are always at the ready with advice and suggestions. I’m proud of my association with Phi Eta Sigma and extremely humbled to receive this recognition.”

Litna and her husband are proud parents of three exceptionally accomplished children. Now adding to her pride and making her life even better, she is now a brand-new grandmother to Isabelle, born in July 2018.

The Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee unanimously approved Mrs. McNickle for this award. The Forty-fourth National Convention of Phi Eta Sigma congratulates Mrs. Litna McNickle as a 2018 recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award.
CITATION

DR. JUDY RAGGI MOORE
EMORY UNIVERSITY

Dr. Judy Raggi Moore is professor of pedagogy, director of Italian Studies and Summer Studies in Italy, and Senior Faculty Fellow at the Emory Center for Ethics. A native of Italy, she completed her doctoral studies in Italian cultural studies. As a faculty member at Emory College for Arts and Sciences for over 30 years, she created the Italian interdisciplinary major program, complementing it with her own 3-volume classroom learning program.

With commitment to leadership, service and excellence, Dr. Raggi Moore was honored to be offered the faculty mentorship of two of Emory’s prestigious honor societies: Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma. Combining the two as pillars of the Emory students’ undergraduate goals, she has guided her student honor society leaders to create a strategic comprehensive emphasis on excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service, culminating in recognition and awards at the Honors Ceremony of their graduation commencement exercises.

Under Dr. Raggi Moore’s mentorship, the student leaders of Phi Eta Sigma have developed a rich platform of required events that engage the university across both the Atlanta and Oxford campuses. These activities offer unique opportunities for campus and community service, scholarship and active participation in faculty research, and mentorship by the older ODK seniors.

Judy splits her professional and personal time between Atlanta and Italy. When possible, she indulges in her two favorite non-Emory activities: beach walking at Amelia Island in Florida and skiing in Aspen, Colorado, where her daughter is currently working.

The Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee unanimously approved Dr. Raggi Moore for this award. The Forty-fourth National Convention of Phi Eta Sigma congratulates Dr. Judy Raggi Moore as a 2018 recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award.

CITATION

MS. TAMMY WHITE
UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA

Ms. Tammy White is Director of Career Services at The University of West Alabama, where she has served the students and alumni since 1989 when the school was known as Livingston University, serving as Phi Eta Sigma chapter adviser throughout most of that time. During her tenure as adviser, seven UWA student members have earned Founders Fund scholarships. Phi Eta Sigma has gained increased recognition on campus over the years through University Honors Day events, and the chapter has provided local awards to outstanding members.

During her career at UWA, Ms. White has served as Staff Senate President, as President of The Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers, and in leadership roles within other professional organizations. She has been instrumental in major initiatives and grants for career development programs at the University. She was awarded the Loraine McIlwain Bell Professional Staff Excellence Award in 2006 and again in 2018.

Ms. White earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and a master’s degree in college counseling and student personnel services from The University of Southern Mississippi. She is passionate about helping students learn to “sell themselves” to employers, and she spends a great deal of time critiquing résumés, speaking to classes, providing practice job interviews, and conducting etiquette dinners for students.

Tammy enjoys spending time with her daughter Erin and her dogs Roxy and Cooper, and she loves to travel and attend musical events. As a member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, she also enjoys helping women to pursue their educational dreams.

The Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee unanimously approved Ms. White for this award. The Forty-fourth National Convention of Phi Eta Sigma congratulates Ms. Tammy White as a 2018 recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award.
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Auburn University - December 9, 1950
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Auburn University at Montgomery - (1981-2001)
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Huntingdon College - April 22, 1986
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Maureen K. Murphy
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Chapter Adviser: Dr. Lori Owens
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Chapter Adviser: Dr. Ansley Quiros
Florence, AL 35632
Oakwood University - (1997-2004)
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University of South Alabama - April 12, 1969
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Michael Mitchell
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Spring Hill College - May 9, 1965
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Rebecca Venter-Lombardo
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University of West Alabama - May 8, 1985
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Angela Ward
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University of Arizona - (1959-2017)
Arizona State University - May 3, 1952
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Marcella Gemelli
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ARKANSAS - Region V
University of Arkansas - (1931-1994)
Arkansas State University - (1960-2018)
Arkansas Tech University - (1989-2007)
Harding University - (1992-2010)

CALIFORNIA - Region II
University of California - Berkeley - (1947-1962)
University of California - Los Angeles - Nov. 10, 1936
Chapter Adviser: Carissa Requejo
Los Angeles, CA 90095
California State University - Chico - April 23, 1967
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Shannon Hall
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California State University - Fullerton - (1996-2004)
California State University - Long Beach - (1966-2018)
California State University - Northridge - (1966-2007)
University of the Pacific - (1963-1974)
Pacific Union College - (1994-2000)
Pepperdine University - (1982-2016)
University of Redlands - (1969-1976)
San Diego State University - December 16, 1955
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Charles Goehring
San Diego, CA 92182
San Francisco State University - (1964-1967)
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COLORADO - Region III
Colorado State University - (1965-2012)

CONNECTICUT - Region XIII
Sacred Heart University - (2006-2012)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Region XIV
The Catholic University of America - June 1, 1929
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Lynn Mayer
Washington, DC 20064
University of the District of Columbia - (2009-2014)
The George Washington University - (1929-2012)
Georgetown University - (1967-1973)

FLORIDA - Region X
Barry University - April 29, 1994
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Leah H. Blumenfeld
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University of Central Florida - April 29, 1989
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Gregory Saunders
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GEORGIA - Region X
Augusta University - April 11, 2017
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Chapter Adviser: Dr. Cynthia W. Auzen
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Clayton State University - (2005-2009)
Columbus State University - (1989-1994)
Emory University - April 24, 1993
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Judy Raggi Moore
Atlanta, GA 30322
University of Georgia - (1938-2008)

Edward Waters College - (2011-2015)
University of Florida - January 11, 1930
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Christine Winget
Gainesville, FL 32611
Florida A&M University - (1987-2000)
Florida Atlantic University - (1991-2018)
Florida Gulf Coast University - April 17, 1999
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Christina M. Badali
Fort Myers, FL 33965
Florida Institute of Technology - April 5, 1998
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Kimberly Adkins
Melbourne, FL 32901
Florida International University - Sept. 25, 1982
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Phong "Tony" Vu
Miami, FL 33199
Florida Southern College - April 5, 1984
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Christopher Brandon
Lakeland, FL 33801
The Florida State University - May 13, 1955
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Katie Mikusak
Tallahassee, FL 32306
University of Miami - (1950-1994)
Palm Beach Atlantic University - (1997-2003)
Rollins College - (1987-2018)
University of South Florida - November 13, 1994
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Pedro Henry
Tampa, FL 33620
Stetson University - October 18, 1978
Chapter Adviser: Dr. David Hill
Deland, FL 32723
University of Tampa - October 21, 1973
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Angela Perry
Tampa, FL 33606
University of West Florida - November 22, 1985
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Jennifer L. McCaul
Pensacola, FL 32514
Georgia Southern University - October 19, 1991
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Christopher Caplinger
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Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus -
October 25, 1978
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Marysol Ramirez Ayon
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Georgia Institute of Technology - (1930-2007)

Georgia State University - (1956-1994)

Kennesaw State University - April 30, 1984
Chapter Adviser: Professor Kathy Matthews
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Mercer University - March 26, 1932
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Tony Kemp
Macon, GA 31207

Morris Brown College - (1983-1992)

University of North Georgia-Dahlonega - May 23, 1989
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Cristian A. Harris
Dahlonega, GA 30597

University of North Georgia-Gainesville - April 7, 2011
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Leigh Dillard
Oakwood, GA 30566

Oglethorpe University - (1988-2015)

University of West Georgia - (1973-1994)

HAWAII - Region II

University of Hawaii - (1964-1994)

IDAHO - Region I

Boise State University - April 19, 2010
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Yung Stifler
Boise, ID 83725

The College of Idaho - (1984-2010)

University of Idaho - November 9, 1934
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Sandra Reineke
Moscow, ID 83844

ILLINOIS - Region VI

Aurora University - April 20, 1991
Chapter Adviser: Dr. John McCormack
Aurora, IL 60506

Bradley University - (1951-2006)

DePaul University - (1962-1998)

Eastern Illinois University - April 10, 1999
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Mark Bayer
Charleston, IL 61920

University of Illinois - March 22, 1923
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Neil Baer
Urbana, IL 61801

Illinois State University - (1965-2007)

Illinois Institute of Technology - (1948-1994)

Illinois Wesleyan University - (1967-2010)

University of Illinois at Chicago - April 17, 1967
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Gerardo Jimenez
Chicago, IL 60607

Lake Forest College - (1926-1968)

McKendree University - April 24, 2014
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Ann V. Collins
Lebanon, IL 62254

Northern Illinois University - (1966-2009)

Northwestern University - (1932-1997)

Quincy University - (1994-2012)

Robert Morris University Illinois - June 6, 2013
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Gerard Wozek
Chicago, IL 60605

Southern Illinois University Carbondale - (1954-1993)

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville - June 1, 1982
Chapter Adviser: Dr. James W. Klenke
Edwardsville, IL 62026

Western Illinois University - April 27, 1973
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Brian J. Bellott
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INDIANA - Region XI

Anderson University - February 4, 1966
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Kimberly G. Lyle-Ippolito
Anderson, IN 46012

Butler University - May 7, 1931
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Joseph L. Kirsch, Jr.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

DePauw University - (1929-2017)

University of Evansville - (1976-2015)

Hanover College - (1957-2003)

Indiana University - May 19, 1930
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Timothy A. Lemper, Esq.
Bloomington, IN 47405

Indiana University Northwest - (1984-1995)

Indiana University at South Bend - (1981-2009)

Indiana University Southeast - (1977-2012)

Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
April 16, 1985
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Lisa Ruch
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Purdue University - November 9, 1948
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Susan Melson Huffman
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Purdue University Fort Wayne
April 22, 2012
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Adam D. Dircksen
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Purdue University North Central - (2006-2014)

Saint Joseph's College - (1960-1961)

Trine University - April 27, 1983
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Debra Van Rie
Angola, IN 46703

IOWA - Region IV

Coe College - (1972-1993)

Drake University - (1957-1992)

Grand View University - October 10, 1983
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Felicitas Avendano
Des Moines, IA 50316

University of Iowa - May 5, 1945
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Holly Blosser Yoder
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Iowa State University - June 4, 1947
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Jeremy Best Ames, IA 50011

Morningside College - April 16, 1967
Chapter Adviser: Dr. David Elder
Sioux City, IA 51106

University of Northern Iowa - September 14, 1982
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Douglas Shaw
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

St. Ambrose University - December 11, 1967
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Emily Kinergy
Davenport, IA 52803

Wartburg College - March 31, 2001
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Leilani Zart
Waverly, IA 50677

KANSAS - Region IV

Baker University - October 7, 1979
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Robyn Long
Baldwin City, KS 66006

Emporia State University - December 11, 1998
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Gary Wyatt
Emporia, KS 66801

Fort Hays State University - (1958-2010)

Kansas State University - February 20, 1957
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Brent Weaver
Manhattan, KS 66506

Pittsburg State University - May 11, 2012
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Heather Eckstein
Pittsburg, KS 66762

Wichita State University - (1969-2008)

KENTUCKY - Region XI

University of Kentucky - (1946-2015)

University of Louisville - (1959-2016)

Morehead State University - May 5, 2007
Chapter Adviser: Dr. F. Bruce Engle
Morehead, KY 40351

Murray State University - (1992-2016)

University of Pikeville - (1983-2001)

Western Kentucky University - September 11, 1970
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Charley Pride
Bowling Green, KY 42101

LOUISIANA - Region IX

Centenary College of Louisiana - (1990-1994)

Dillard University - (2008-2015)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - (1961-2004)

University of Louisiana at Monroe - (1972-2007)

Louisiana State University - May 22, 1932
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Allison Hargrave
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Louisiana State University in Shreveport - (1994-2017)

Loyola University - April 19, 1990
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Uriel Quesada
New Orleans, LA 70118

University of New Orleans - (1967-2005)

Nicholls State University - May 14, 1971
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Jenna Portier
Thibodaux, LA 70310

Northwestern State University of Louisiana - (1963-2010)

Southeastern Louisiana University - (1989-1994)

Tulane University - (1954-2016)

MAINE - Region XIII

University of Maine at Presque Isle - April 20, 1982
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MARYLAND - Region XIV

Frostburg State University - December 8, 1981
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University of Maryland, College Park - March 7, 1940
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Andrea Goodwin
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Morgan State University - April 14, 1982
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Debra Jones-Thomas
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Salisbury University - May 15, 1983
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Melissa Boog
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Washington Adventist University - January 27, 1985
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Ralph Johnson
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MASSACHUSETTS - Region XIII

Lesley University - April 25, 2016
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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - (1947-1995)
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
March 17, 1979
Chapter Adviser: Prof. Mark Spaulding
Wilmington, NC 28403
North Carolina Central University - March 21, 1998
Chapter Adviser: Mr. Terrel L. McClurvary
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North Carolina State University - (1930-2012)
North Carolina Wesleyan College - April 25, 1985
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Bill Yankosky
Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Saint Augustine’s College - (1995-2008)
Wingate University - April 3, 1984
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Luke William Mills
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NORTH DAKOTA - Region IV

Dickinson State University - (1996-2006)
University of North Dakota - (1930-2018)
North Dakota State University - September 30, 1964
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OHIO - Region XI

University of Akron - (1940-2011)
Bowling Green State University - May 1, 1954
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Simon Morgan-Russell
Bowling Green, OH 43402
University of Cincinnati - (1933-1976)
John Carroll University - (1998-2012)
Kent State University - (1957-1974)
Miami University - (1928-2005)
Ohio University - (1936-1990)
Ohio Northern University - May 22, 1966
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Patrick Crowsky
Ada, OH 45801
The Ohio State University - May 5, 1928
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Kelsey Tschamen
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Ohio Wesleyan University - April 18, 1985
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Pamela B. Pyzza
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Otterbein University - December 12, 1965
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Kerry Strayer
Westerville, OH 43081
Shawnee State University - April 9, 1996
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Tiffany Hartman
Portsmouth, OH 45662
University of Akron - January 4, 1961
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Diane M. Cappelletty
Toledo, OH 43614
Wittenberg University - April 3, 1938
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Giseill Gill
Springfield, OH 45505
Youngstown State University - (1989-1992)

OKLAHOMA - Region V

Cameron University - October 30, 1985
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University of Central Oklahoma - (1974-2008)
University of Oklahoma - (1927-1993)
Oklahoma Baptist University - December 20, 1958
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Jonathan Callis
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Oklahoma City University - September 11, 1981
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Colbi Beam
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Oklahoma State University - February 19, 1931
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Kelly Kavaller
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The University of Tulsa - May 29, 1948
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Aera K. Thomas
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OREGON - Region I

University of Oregon - (1949-2004)
Oregon State University - (1949-2004)
Pacific University - May 19, 2004
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Paul Snell
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Willamette University - (1947-2006)

Pennsylvania - Region XIII

Bucknell University - (1939-2003)
Clarion University of Pennsylvania - January 25, 1983
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Erin Lewis
Clarion, PA 16214
Drexel University - June 4, 1969
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Kevin D. Egan
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East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania - September 8, 2016
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Edinboro University - (1980-1994)
Gannon University - May 2, 1987
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Melanie Gustafson-Ropski
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Indiana University of Pennsylvania - March 20, 1999
Chapter Adviser: Dr. N. Bharathan
Indiana, PA 15705
Lehigh University - (1930-2016)
Mercyhurst University - April 28, 1966
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Adrienne Foos
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Millersville University - October 14, 1993
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Tiffany E. Wright
Millersville, PA 17551
Moravian College - November 13, 1999
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Kevin Hartshorn
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Pennsylvania State University - November 25, 1929
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Carl F. Cotner
State College, PA 16804
University of Pittsburgh - May 13, 1937
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University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg - April 15, 2000
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Leigh Hoffman
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University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown - March 23, 1980
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Saint Francis University - March 16, 2012
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Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania - (1982-2007)
Temple University - (1962-1974)
West Chester University - (1983-1994)

Widener University - October 24, 1975
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RHODE ISLAND - Region XIII

University of Rhode Island - December 18, 1979
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Kingston, RI 2881

SOUTH CAROLINA - Region X

College of Charleston - February 20, 2007
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Clemson University - (1940-1992)
Coastal Carolina University - December 4, 1990
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Leslie Barrett Brown
Conway, SC 29528
Clemson University - May 12, 1982
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Jason Cassidy
Greenville, SC 29613
University of South Carolina - (1966-2004)

SOUTH DAKOTA - Region IV

Dakota State University - (2006-2018)
Northern State University - (1990-2010)
University of South Dakota - (1930-2015)
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology - October 28, 1995
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Jonathan Gibson
Rapid City, SD 57701

TENNESSEE - Region X

Belmont University - (1996-2009)
Lee University - September 17, 2008
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The University of Memphis - (1974-2010)
Middle Tennessee State University - (1998-2009)
University of Memphis - May 17, 1930
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Meagan West
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University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - Nov. 22, 1947
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson
Chattanooga, TN 37403
University of Tennessee at Martin - May 27, 1974
Chapter Adviser: Dr. George E. Daniel III
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Tennessee State University - May 3, 2004
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Erik Schmeller
Nashville, TN 37209
Vanderbilt University - December 8, 1950
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Natalee Erb
Nashville, TN 37203

TEXAS - Region VIII

Abilene Christian University - April 24, 1986
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Eric Gumm
Abilene, TX 79699
Angelo State University - (1968-1976)
Baylor University - (1962-1984)
University of Houston - (1965-2009)
Lamar University - (1968-2016)
UTAH - Region III

Brigham Young University - May 21, 1947
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Daire Hulick
Provo, UT 84602

University of Utah - June 2, 1939
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Meg Harper
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Utah State University - (1961-1976)


VERMONT - Region XIII

Castleton University - September 27, 1983
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Castleton, VT 05753

Saint Michael's College - (1961-1970)

University of Vermont - (1983-2003)

WASHINGiON - Region I

Eastern Washington University - February 18, 1981
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University of Puget Sound - April 18, 2006
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Alison Paradise
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Washington State University Tri-Cities - April 17, 1993
Chapter Adviser: Mysti Meiers
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Western Washington University - April 16, 1997
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Fred Grote
Bellingham, WA 98225

Whitworth University - October 18, 2011
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Dale Soden
Spokane, WA 99251

WEST VIRGINIA - Region XI

Bluefield State College - March 19, 1990
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson
Bluefield, WV 24701

Marshall University - (1948-2010)

West Virginia State University - (1986-2016)

WISCONSIN - Region VII

Beloit College - (1948-1970)

Carroll University - (1969-1986)

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire - October 6, 1966
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University of Wisconsin - Green Bay - March 16, 1992
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Donna Ritch
Green Bay, WI 54311

University of Wisconsin - Madison - (1927-2010)

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee - (1963-2009)

University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh - (1966-1974)

University of Wisconsin - Parkside - April 13, 2003
Chapter Adviser: Ms. Stephanie Sirotvaska-Marshall
Kenosha, WI 53144

University of Wisconsin - Platteville - May 23, 1960
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Karen McLeer
Platteville, WI 53818

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point - March 9, 1981
Chapter Adviser: Dr. Al S. Thompson
Stevens Point, WI 54481

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater - April 12, 1978
Chapter Adviser: Mrs. Katie Rutenbar
Whitewater, WI 53190
Overview of Moravian College chapter rechartering ceremony in Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, with Dean Kevin Hartshorn speaking.

Purdue chapter officers who participated in the Lafayette Hunger Hike: (back row, left to right) Jaime Davis, Devyn Rover, Leigha Hermann, Noah Curran, Ross Klink, (front row) Blake Hinch, Aditya Bhatt, Justan Zommers, and Renee Wayner.
The 2019 National Convention Nominations Committee worked hard all weekend to select the best candidates to lead the honor society. Shown here in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Crystal City are committee members (left to right) Max Barnes (Brigham Young), Nikita Dsouza (Emory), Christiana Anselma (Moravian), Jessica Elliston (Illinois), Michaela Jones (Mercer), and Diana Nguyen (Utah).