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**72<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

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A photograph of a woman with long blonde hair, seen from behind, looking out over a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a clear blue sky.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA  
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"Convention! The very word thrills us. Every memory of that glorious week fills us with joy." —**Edith Hendren Maddock**, *Indiana, The Key*, October 1916.

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# Welcome Dinner ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

## Elevating Our Game

Denver is known as the Mile High City. Not for the reason you might be thinking, but because it sits at 5,280 feet (or one mile) above sea level. 1,056 Kappas flocked to the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel to attend the 72nd Biennial Convention to elevate their Kappa experience by attending educational sessions, engaging in conversation, and sharing in sisterhood.

Colorado's capital city was founded in 1858 during the Pikes Peak gold rush, and Convention Chairman **Collett Beers Rangitsch**, *Wyoming*, says she likes to think "they were preparing for the surge of gold needed 12 years later to create the most spectacular little gold keys."

Collett and **Gail Simpson Owen**, *Monmouth*, greeted members at the Welcome Dinner on Wednesday night. The event culminated in the Parade of Flags—a Convention highlight since 1986. Denver's parade welcomed 141 chapter delegates, each flying her bespoke Kappa flag with pride. The grand finale? The proud debut of the Fraternity's three newest chapters—Eta Chi Chapter, *NC State*; Eta Psi Chapter, *Pfeiffer*; and Eta Omega Chapter, *Binghamton*—whose delegates were greeted with a standing ovation from the Convention body.



Downtown Denver was home base for Convention 2018 where attendees welcomed Kappa's three newest chapters during the Parade of Flags.



# KAPPA KANDY

SWEET SELECTIONS FROM DENVER'S BLUE OWL BOUTIQUE



## ROYAL AND LOYAL

Feel like a duchess in this "Royally Kappa" tank top from the **Chicago Loop Alumnae Association**. // \$15 //



## PUNCHING IN

Stash your stuff in style with these swoon-worthy sisterhood clutches from **Punch Hutton, Northwestern**. // \$55 //



## WE'LL TUMBLE FOR YA

These Yeti tumblers from members of the House Board of **Gamma Omicron Chapter, Wyoming**, will keep you hooting about hydration. // \$45 //



## RAISE YOUR GLASS

Hand-blown tumblers from Snazzy Glass by **Eve Pollard Cascella, Purdue**, feel as good in your hand as they look on your table. // \$20 //

# President's Message

## THE POWER OF SISTERHOOD

Excerpted and condensed from the 2018 Presidential Message of **Beth Uphoff Black, Illinois Wesleyan**



**Top:** Beth delivers her 2018 address in Denver's Convention Hall.

**Bottom:** These items from Kappa's collection of Presidential jewelry are passed down to each Fraternity President to wear during her term of office.

I don't know about you, but I often wonder what our Founders would think if they could see us today. Did they have any idea that what they created at Monmouth College in 1870 would stand the test of time, growing to include more than 280,000 members?

In the 1870s, when only 11,000 of the 3 million college-age women pursued higher learning, our Founders were pioneers in their quest for equal education. Kappa provided a safe space for women to achieve their educational goals and hone their leadership skills. When you consider how much the world has changed in even the past five years, it's remarkable to think that anything that was created 148 years ago could be sustained for almost a century-and-a-half.

But as one of my NPC friends says, there may be some dark skies ahead. Instead of ignoring the warning signs, it's essential to pay close attention to these headwinds and adjust accordingly. Everything is changing. To ensure our survival, we must adapt to meet evolving needs.

This isn't the first time, however, that our industry has come under fire. At the turn of the century, Greek-letter organizations were growing in power and influence. At the same time, they faced opposition from university administrations that charged them with secrecy, anti-democratic practices, anti-intellectualism and lavish socializing. Kappa and other women's fraternities came together to place new emphasis on scholarship.

Then, again during the 1960s, Greek-letter organizations faced uncertainty. The Greek-letter system was frequently attacked by university administrations. Because of Kappa's policies of inclusion and its focus on scholarship and standards, it maintained its relevance on college campuses while instilling the value of fraternity life to its collegiate and alumna members.

For those who argue that our industry is broken and irrelevant in today's world, I beg to differ, and here's why. Throughout the past year, I visited 57 chapters and 12 alumnae associations—my "Tour de Fleur." I met with amazing undergraduate and alumna members who inspired me with their passion and loyalty for our beloved organization. These were women—just like you—who are making an impact on their campuses and in their communities. After each visit, my heart was bursting with pride, and my conviction in the fraternal experience was strengthened. I am convinced now—more than ever—that women can benefit from the mutual support Kappa provides. I will never stop believing in the power of sisterhood.

It's hard to believe that in just two short years, Kappa Kappa Gamma will be celebrating her 150th birthday. As we reflect upon our Sesquicentennial celebration, now is the time for us to think about how we can continue to provide this beautiful thing we call sisterhood for many more years. It may not look the same as it did 50, 25 or even five years ago. And although we may need to change the way we operate, one thing will never change: The values those six young women in Monmouth held so dear will remain steadfast forever.

# A KAPPA CALLING

## Our 2018 Loyalty Award Recipient

Chances are, when you encounter **Joan "Joanie" Cook Cohen, Colorado**, you are greeted with a hug. If you're just meeting her, she'll draw you in with her magnanimous personality. Soon, you are fast friends.

As a lifelong educator, Joanie is known for developing self-confidence and leadership in others, so it's no surprise that she found her niche as a leader and mentor in Kappa Kappa Gamma. Many Kappas claim Joanie as their mentor and inspirational leader. **Vicki Hill Carrigan, UC Riverside**, summed it up with the hashtag: #everyonewantsjoanie. **Katti Bowling Nash, Kentucky**, posted on Facebook: "I'm grateful for women like Joanie who model what being Kappa-true looks like."

Joanie says it was her mother, **Elizabeth Baumann Cook, Northwestern**, who modeled Kappa for her. Joanie recalls attending House Board and alumna meetings as a young girl with her mother and being involved with Kappa for "nearly as long as I can remember." When Elizabeth received the Alumnae Achievement Award from Kappa in 1984, Joanie was a young alumna. Beta Mu Chapter paid for her to attend the Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, to see her mother receive the award. It was an act of sisterly love that she is still grateful

for today. In addition to her mother, Joanie also claims **Phyllis Brinton Pryor, Colorado**, and **Marian Klingbeil Williams, Missouri**, as her early and longstanding mentors, showing her the way in Kappa.

Joanie has shared her deep love for Kappa with generations of women. At Leadership Academy, which she calls the "hottest ticket in Kappa," she leads a small group—Team Navy, Blue Fleur or Royal Blue—and has been known to stand her ground for a shade of blue. She loves all things Kappa and is passionate about the new brand: "I love the new brand," she says, "but I won't be getting a tattoo."

Those who have been lucky enough to be part of a team with Joanie say they have learned so much from her. **Collett Beers Rangitsch, Wyoming**, shared that "Joanie always has wise words. She showed me how to be less direct and more personable, words that I still hear in my head today."

When someone calls the Cohen home and asks to speak to "Joanie," her husband, Steve, will call out, "Joan, it's a Kappa calling." Although she goes by "Joan" to those who know her outside of Kappa, to us—and only to us—she's our Joanie.

## MODELING THE WAY

### A SNAPSHOT OF JOANIE'S SERVICE TO KAPPA:

- Province Director of Chapters
- Assistant to the Director of Membership
- Nominating Chairman
- Extension Chairman
- Coordinator of Chapter Support
- Leadership Academy Facilitator
- GIRLS Academy Facilitator
- Adviser to Beta Mu Chapter, *Colorado*
- Denver Panhellenic Delegate
- Province Director of Chapters, *Eta*



# Alumnae Achievement Awards ON THEIR HONOR

First established at the 1946 General Convention, the Alumnae Achievement Award is the highest honor for personal and professional achievement that Kappa Kappa Gamma presents to its members. The seven extraordinary women honored in Denver include:



**Anna Maria Chávez, Yale\***

Anna is the chief strategy officer and senior vice president for external affairs for the National Council on Aging (NCOA). She was named one of Fortune's 50 World's Greatest Leaders in 2016.



**Carolyn Everson, Villanova**

Carolyn is the vice president of global marketing solutions at Facebook. An innovator in technology, she has been recognized as one of Bloomberg TV's Women to Watch and Fortune's 40 Under 40.



**Jane Lubchenco, Colorado College**

As a marine biologist, Jane's work to protect the environment has earned her a multitude of honorary degrees and notable awards, including the National Academy of Sciences' Public Welfare Medal for extraordinary contributions in science and to the public good.



**Kristin Armstrong Savola, Idaho**

The most decorated female cyclist in U.S. history, Kristin is a three-time Olympic gold medalist, a two-time world champion, and a six-time U.S. national champion.



**Mary Sellers, Florida\***

A national leader in nonprofit services, Mary is the U.S. president of United Way Worldwide. She has been recognized as one of Business Record's Top 25 Most Influential Business Leaders in 2016 and 2017.



**Shelley Smith, Nebraska\***

Shelley is an award-winning sports reporter for ESPN's "SportsCenter." A successful journalist and author, Shelley has received the William Randolph Hearst Award and four Emmy Awards.



**Whitney Wolfe, SMU**

Whitney is the CEO of Bumble, a woman-led dating app. She has been named one of the 30 Most Important Women Under 30 in Tech by Business Insider, as well as Forbes' 30 Under 30 in consumer tech.

\*In attendance for the 72nd Biennial Convention in Denver

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE 2018 AAA WINNERS

File under #goals: Inspiring thoughts that Mary Sellers, *Florida*; Shelley Smith, *Nebraska*; and Anna Maria Chávez, *Yale*, shared in an exclusive interview with *The Hoot*.

**The Hoot: If you could give a younger version of yourself advice, what would it be?**

**MS:** Don't worry about having a grand plan for life – you'll miss the nuanced opportunities that will be the most rewarding.

**The Hoot: What is the smartest decision you ever made?**

**SS:** Pledging Kappa was no doubt the best decision of my life. I have lifelong friends...and I had an immediate support system during the

toughest time of my life...our bond is stronger than anything I could ever imagine.

**The Hoot: What's something you were once afraid of, but you're no longer afraid of today?**

**AMC:** Failure. I still face challenges that seem impossible, but I am not afraid to fail because I know that I will pick myself up and learn from the opportunity.

# 2018 RESOLUTIONS

1. Review electronic means for voting during General Convention.
2. Fully or partially pay for Loyalty Award recipients to attend General Convention.
3. Create a volunteer position to oversee educational training of diversity and inclusion for chapters, Advisory Boards, House Boards and alumnae associations. Also, identify a similar role on Chapter Councils to address social justice.
4. Fraternity Council will review Fraternity messages and rituals, beginning with the "Kappa Blessing."
5. Study how best to regularly and deeply connect collegiate members with Kappa alumnae outside of their chapter and throughout their time as chapter members.
6. Create a task force to more fully develop our alumnae associations and provide ongoing support.
7. Task force findings will be posted in a members-only area within 60 days of the final report.
8. Examine expanding the definition of a legacy to include stepdaughters and stepsisters.



## *Updates* **BYLAWS & STANDING RULES**

The business of Convention saw several amendments to the Fraternity Bylaws and Standing Rules. Highlights include the addition of Alumna Initiation for unaffiliated women who attended a college or university. They also include options for reduced requirements for alumnae associations that can no longer fulfill Fraternity requirements. Additionally, chapters will decide on a chapter-specific GPA requirement for active members, and chapter facility visitation will be gender-neutral and approved at the local level. A fee increase raised the new member fee to \$175, the per capita fee for active and associate members to \$92, and the per capita fee for alumna members to \$25.

## **BRAND SPANKING NEW**

It's a new era, thanks to a robust refresh of Kappa Kappa Gamma's values and brand.

"This process was an opportunity to rearticulate our long-held beliefs in a way that is relevant for today and for our future members as we approach our Sesquicentennial," says **Beth Uphoff Black**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, 2016–18 Fraternity President.

The updated brand includes a shortened version of the mission statement, six core values, a new tagline, and refreshed icons and logos. Beth says the full brand rollout will happen in the coming academic year. In the meantime, she invites all Kappas to "dream boldly. live fully."

# Kappa Foundation HISTORY IN THE MAKING

## Launching the Digital Archives Initiative

With nearly 150 years of history, Kappa has amassed a significant archival collection — an estimated 542,900 pages of material and 2,450 objects and recorded media — of treasures that allow us to tell stories from the Fraternity's past and its history of empowering women.

Founder and CEO of History IT Kristen Gwinn-Becker, Ph.D., unveiled the digital archive and interactive history of Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted at [kappa.historyit.com](http://kappa.historyit.com). Her goal, she says is to connect Kappa's rich history with members who will be able to engage with it directly in new ways.

Nearly half of Kappa's items, photographs, scrapbooks and documents have been cataloged and digitized. Funded by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, this process will continue through September 2019. Gwinn-Becker promises there will be more history at members' fingertips in the coming year, including the addition of a password-protected sisters-only section.

"As a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma you are part of a longer tradition. You share the vision and values of generations of women for the past 150 years," Gwinn-Becker says. "And women 150 years from now will share the vision and values that you hold today."



The Tribute Table in Denver raised over \$114,000 in Foundation donations.



## FLEUREVER FLEXIBLE

### A Bit of a Stretch

On Friday evening, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation invited Convention-goers to find their centers through the practice of yoga. More than 60 Kappas held their downward dog and warrior poses in a light yoga session, followed by a time of mindfulness and introspection, all atop Kappa-themed yoga mats.

# CONVENTION AT A GLANCE

“Convention: The word brings a crowd of happy memories. Here we broke the bonds of our narrow chapter life and realized for the first time that we were part of a great whole.” —**Jean Frey**, *Allegheny, The Key*, May 1908



Kappa Sisters

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# Speaking Volumes

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND FEATURED PRESENTERS

### Tackling Tough Topics

Convention programming this biennium focused on well-being, human dignity, and engagement; three of Kappa's Pillars of Education that create an environment of care and support. Listening to speakers and engaging in conversations gave Convention attendees rich opportunities to expand their thoughts about tough issues and to see Kappa Kappa Gamma (and themselves) in new ways.



#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Lawrence Ross

(*University of California, Berkeley*)

A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Lawrence Ross says that "college" means many things to many people: a space for knowledge, a place to gain lifelong friends, an opportunity to transcend your socio-economic station. But, he says, sometimes college reveals a "dark and persistent world of racial politics." In his presentation in Denver, Ross challenged Kappas to think about their idealized visions of what happens behind the ivied walls of higher learning, and to consider that "racism on college campuses is as American as college football on fall Saturdays."

Ross has lectured at over 600 colleges and universities, speaking about fraternalism, student development, and hazing. His recent book, *Blackballed*, explores racism on hundreds of American college campuses.



#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Lori Hart (*Auburn University*)

Dr. Lori Hart believes that Greek-letter organizations should focus on one thing: friendship. "We all seek a place to belong and a place where we form friendships that will shape us and guide us throughout our lives. As long as we stay true to that purpose, fraternities and sororities are powerful forces for good on our campuses and in our communities," she says. But sometimes groups stray from that purpose, finding themselves in serious trouble. "We make the papers. People get hurt. Our image in society becomes toxic," Hart explains. She says members of Kappa should commit themselves to leadership guided by the principles of good friendship.

Hart has served Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity in a variety of roles. She currently works as the director of educational initiatives for Holmes Murphy Fraternal Practice, and visits close to 70 campuses each year to speak about relationships, alcohol education and Greek life.



### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ross Szabo (*American University*)**

A social innovator who pioneered the youth mental health movement, Ross Szabo says that while we are often supportive of a struggle with our physical health, we don't give ourselves enough credit for our journey with mental health issues. In his keynote address, Szabo explained that Kappa collegians and alumnae can connect in powerful ways and provide support to all members through open communication about mental health. "It's vital to harness that unique connection to enhance membership development and build the critical component of resilience in an organization," he says.

Szabo is the wellness director at the Geffen Academy at the University of California, Los Angeles, and CEO of the Human Power Project — a company that designs mental health curricula. Szabo has spoken to more than two million people about mental health. His efforts with mental health have earned him a 2010 Didi Hirsch Erasing the Stigma Leadership Award and the 2012 Changing Minds Award. Szabo is the co-author of *Behind Happy Faces: Taking Charge of Your Mental Health*, and a blogger for The Huffington Post.



### **FEATURED PRESENTER: Suzette Walden Cole (*Mercer University*)**

Kappa chapters today face the incredible responsibility of providing environments of care and support for their members. Suzette Walden Cole says that understanding your role as a leader in this effort is essential. She spoke to collegians and alumnae about ways to assess the chapter environment, practice responding to sexual assault allegations, explore how to support a sister, and how to utilize campus and community resources.

As a global educator, speaker and consultant with SWC Speaks, Walden Cole focuses on facilitating tough conversations about diversity and inclusion, sexual and relationship violence, risk management for college students, leadership development, and personal authenticity.



### **FEATURED PRESENTER: Ariana Bostian-Kentes (*University of Michigan*)**

What do Kappa's Human Dignity and Membership Selection Position Statements mean in practice? Using case studies, Ariana Bostian-Kentes gave Kappas a foundational knowledge about gender and sexuality. Attendees took away practical skills they will be able to take back to their chapters and associations, as well as resources to further their ability to navigate the frontiers ahead.

As a leadership, diversity, equity and inclusion consultant, and the vice president of people and culture at Shaw + Scott, Bostian-Kentes has worked in the higher education, business, health care, military, technology, and nonprofit sectors. She leads the design and facilitation of leadership programs with the objective of developing people-oriented leaders who leverage their strengths and values to cultivate positive impact in their organizations.

# Officers & Directors

## 2018-2020

### FRATERNITY OFFICERS

“The election of the Fraternity officers who will lead Kappa for the next two years is one of the most important actions of our Convention.”—**Jennifer Williams**, Drake, Nominating Chairman.

#### FRATERNITY COUNCIL



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*Syracuse*



**JENNA CICCIARELLI WIESNER**  
*Iowa*



# Presidents' Dinner VIEW FROM THE TOP

## Poised and Presidential

Nine former Fraternity Presidents gathered on stage at Thursday night's Presidents Dinner to share their thoughts on the word "elevate." They reflected on its meaning as members and leaders of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and challenged attendees to export Denver's Convention theme into their daily lives. **Ann Stafford Truesdell**, *Ohio Wesleyan*, encouraged members to reflect on ways Kappa has elevated their lives "on the plane ride home, with your earbuds in and neck pillow supporting your tired head. How will you enlighten, encourage, empower and elevate all those extraordinary women around you to make a difference in the future?" Ann said.

**Beth Uphoff Black**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, 2014-2018

**Julie Marine Leshay**, *Colorado College*, 2010-2014

**Denise Rugani**, *UC Davis*, 2006-2010

**Pris Murphy Gerde**, *Purdue*, 2004-2006

**Ann Stafford Truesdell**, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 2000-2004

**Cathy Thompson Carswell**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, 1996-2000

**Juliana "J.J." Fraser Wales**, *Ohio State*, 1992-1996

**Kay Smith Larson**, *Washington*, 1988-1992

**Marian Klingbeil Williams**, *Missouri*, 1984-1988

## If you could have lunch with one of our Founders or another historic Kappa, who would you choose and why?

Minnie Stewart. She is said to have had the original idea to establish a women's fraternity "like the men's." —**Kay Larson**, *Washington*

Lou Bennett. She watched the Fraternity grow from the beginning in 1870 to when she passed in 1947. Would she be proud of how Kappa has evolved and changed to meet the growing needs of its members? Have we lived up to their vision and continued to be forward-thinking? —**Denise Rugani**, *UC Davis*

The delegate who attended the 1922 Convention and "modestly explained that their chapter could no longer care for their chapter member financially." That young delegate from **Beta Psi Chapter**, *Toronto*, found the courage to speak up to help her sister, Rose McGill. I'd tell her that her goodness set into motion who Kappa is today. —**Julie Leshay**, *Colorado College*

## What is one important lesson that Kappa has taught you?

Although it may be easier to stick with the status quo, true growth can only happen when one is willing to push the boundaries and pursue dreams that are bigger than anyone thinks possible.

—**Beth Black**, *Illinois Wesleyan*

Kappa is built upon the mutual support of one another. We can have well-crafted programs, engaging projects, and academic achievements, but without the foundation of strong relationships, our effectiveness and success in these endeavors are lessened.

—**Pris Gerde**, *Purdue*

The most important lesson Kappa taught me came from my pledge chairman. She said, "Marian, throughout your life, people might not remember your name but they will always remember that you are a Kappa." —**Marian Williams**, *Missouri*

The ideals and purposes of Kappa are what we have in common and they manifest themselves in women who are committed to one another. The shared experiences of being Kappas enable us to recognize these qualities and form deep, life-lasting bonds of friendship. —**J.J. Wales**, *Ohio State*

## What are your hopes for the future of Kappa?

My hope for Kappa's future is that we can continue to attract the finest in young women. We must continue to provide and enhance the values that make us who we are.

—**Cathy Carswell**, *Illinois Wesleyan*

Kappa continues to be a consistent influence for good. This is not an abstract, mythical concept; it is a continual personal choice.

—**Ann Truesdell**, *Ohio Wesleyan*

# Banquet

## CANDLELIGHT BANQUET

Toastmistress **Jean Schmidt**, *Miami (Ohio)*, extended a heartfelt thank you to those who made Convention a success—the Sheraton Denver Downtown staff and executive chef, the Convention Committee, Headquarters staff, and more.

A photo loop featuring Convention images taken by Greek Yearbook played in the background while attendees enjoyed a steak and shrimp dinner. The atmosphere of sisterhood provided the perfect summation of a wonderful week together in Denver.

Following dinner, we paid tribute to retiring Fraternity Council members and welcomed the incoming Fraternity Council.

**Beth Uphoff Black**, *Illinois Wesleyan* acknowledged the many women she describes as supportive of her as President over the past four years: “You’ve inspired me and give me so much hope for the future,” Beth said. “You are stronger and more powerful than you’ll ever know.”

The evening closed with a presentation of the Fraternity jewelry to **Gail Simpson Owen**, *Monmouth*, Fraternity President. Beth passed on the diamond and sapphire fleur-de-lis pin, a replica of one owned by **Minnie Royce Walker**, *DePauw*. Next up was the brushed gold fleur-de-lis pin, originally belonging to former President **Jean Hess Wells**, *Georgia*. **Cathy Thompson Carswell’s**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, pendant was presented to Gail—a disc featuring a diamond and sapphire-studded key and a small gavel inset with a diamond. Finally, the Fraternity President’s badge was presented to Gail. A close replica of Grand President **Katherine Sharp’s**, *Northwestern*, badge; it has been worn by every President since 1930.

Kappas left Candlelight Banquet excited for the future of Kappa and comforted by the ritual and bond that bring us together.

## WARM WELCOME

At Denver’s opening business meeting, Convention attendees welcomed the two new alumnae associations installed during the 2016-2018 Biennium:

- **Inland Southern California Alumnae Association**
- **Northeast Louisiana Alumnae Association**



## IN LIVING MEMORY

Members gathered at the 2018 Memorial Service in Denver to honor those Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters who have died since the last General Convention in 2016. The Memorial Service was developed by **Beta Iota Chapter**, *Swarthmore*, in response to the loss of many outstanding Kappa leaders in the 1910s. It was approved by the 1920 Convention.

# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

2016-2018 Alumnae Association and Chapter Award Winners

## Chapter Awards

### Advisory Board Award

Beta Xi, Texas

### House Board Award

Housed: Gamma Delta, *Purdue*  
Unhoused: Eta Lambda, *Loyola*

### Chapter/Advisory Board Relations Award

Gamma Phi, *SMU*

### Finance Award

Housed: Kappa, *Hillsdale*  
Unhoused: Epsilon Eta, *Auburn*

### Heritage Award

Gamma Nu, *Arkansas*

### Gracious Living Award

Housed: Gamma Delta, *Purdue*  
Unhoused: Eta Lambda, *Loyola*

### Philanthropy

Chapters with 145 or fewer members  
Epsilon, *Illinois Wesleyan*

Chapters with more than 145 members  
Gamma Nu, *Arkansas*

### Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

Zeta Nu, *UC San Diego*

### Signature Event

Chapters with 145 or fewer members  
Beta Eta Deuteron, *Stanford*

Chapters with more than 145 members  
Gamma Zeta, *Arizona*

### Panhellenic Award

4 or fewer Panhellenic groups  
Zeta Phi, *Princeton*

5-7 Panhellenic groups  
Delta Xi, *Carnegie Mellon*

8-11 Panhellenic groups  
Beta Kappa, *Idaho*

12 or more Panhellenic groups  
Eta Eta, *Central Florida*

### Recruitment Award

4 or fewer Panhellenic groups  
Eta Tau, *Georgetown*

5-7 Panhellenic groups  
Eta Iota, *Creighton*

8-11 Panhellenic groups  
Beta Rho Deuteron, *Cincinnati*

12 or more Panhellenic groups  
Gamma Alpha, *Kansas State*

### Academic Excellence Award

4 or fewer Panhellenic groups  
Gamma Beta, *New Mexico*

5-7 Panhellenic groups  
Eta Nu, *Santa Clara*

8-11 Panhellenic groups  
Beta Upsilon, *West Virginia*

12 or more Panhellenic groups  
Pi Deuteron, *UC Berkeley*

### Most Improved Academic Excellence Award

4 or fewer Panhellenic groups  
Zeta Omega, *Waterloo*

5-7 Panhellenic groups  
Eta Epsilon, *Johns Hopkins*

8-11 Panhellenic groups  
Epsilon Xi, *Cal State Northridge*

12 or more Panhellenic groups  
Epsilon Zeta, *Florida State*

### Sally Moore Nitschke Lifelong Education Award

Eta Sigma, *Chapman*

### Public Relations Award

Eta Omicron, *Northeastern*

### Risk Management Award

Chapters with 118 or fewer members  
Zeta Sigma, *North Texas*

Chapters with 119-179 members  
Eta Iota, *Creighton*

Chapters with 180 or more members  
Epsilon Upsilon, *Baylor*

### New Member Program Award

Chapters with 118 or fewer members  
Alpha Deuteron, *Monmouth*

Chapters with 119-179 members  
Mu, *Butler*

Chapters with 180 or more members  
Delta Rho, *Mississippi*

### Ritual Award

Eta Eta, *Central Florida*

### Standards Award

Chapters with 91 or fewer members  
Lambda, *Akron*

Chapters with 92-145 members  
Eta Chi, *NC State*

Chapters with 146-192 members  
Delta Omicron, *Iowa State*

Chapters with 193 or more members  
Theta, *Missouri*

### Greatest Improvement Award

Mu, *Butler*

### Excellence in Chapter Management Award

Chapters with 118 or fewer members  
Zeta Omega, *Waterloo*

Chapters with 119-179 members  
Beta Rho Deuteron, *Cincinnati*

Chapters with 180 or more members  
Gamma Zeta, *Arizona*

### Most Outstanding Chapter Award

Chi, *Minnesota*

## Alumnae Association Awards

### Communications/Public Relations Award

<40

Boulder, *Colorado*

40-60

Atlanta, *Georgia*

61-100

Palo Alto, *California*

101-250

Collier County, *Florida*

>251

Austin, *Texas*

### Rhea Ott Shryock Chapter Assistance Award

<40

Wasatch Mountains, *Utah*

40-60

Waco, *Texas*

61-100

Palo Alto, *California*

101-250

Greater St. Louis Area, *Missouri*

>251

Denver, *Colorado*

### Patsy Bredwick Levang Philanthropy Award

<40

Northern New Jersey, *New Jersey*

40-60

Northwest Suburban, *Illinois*

61-100

Greater Los Angeles, *California*

101-250

Cleveland, *Ohio*

>251

Houston, *Texas*

### Sally Moore Nitschke Lifelong Education Award

<40

Greater Pittsburgh, *Pennsylvania*

40-60

Boston Intercollegiate, *Massachusetts*

61-100

Akron, *Ohio*

101-250

Albuquerque, *New Mexico*

>251

Austin, *Texas*

### Alphonsine Clapp Howard Alumnae Association Membership Reference Award

<40

Ft. Lauderdale, *Florida*

40-60

Jackson, *Mississippi*

61-100

Milwaukee, *Wisconsin*

101-250

Desert, *California*

>251

Houston, *Texas*

### Heritage Award

<40

The Golden Key, *Massachusetts*

40-60

Hilton Head, *South Carolina*

61-100

Nashville, *Tennessee*

101-250

Orange County, *California*

>251

Denver, *Colorado*

### Membership Growth Award

<40

Palm Beaches, *Florida*

40-60

San Francisco-Marin, *California*

61-100

Charleston, *West Virginia*

101-250

Little Rock, *Arkansas*

>251

Denver, *Colorado*

### McNaboe Most Outstanding Association Award

Pittsburgh, *Pennsylvania*



## CONVENTION QUEENS

When Kappa came to the “Queen City,” it took a team of dedicated volunteers to make things Convention-ready.

For local Denver chairman **Susan Reynolds Harned, Nebraska**, that meant starting to make plans as soon the 2016 Convention in San Diego, California, wrapped up. Alongside her committee, she has spent the past two years creating décor and coordinating volunteer support. “Everyone has brought something to the table to make this Convention a success,” Susan says. “I just brought people together and let them do their thing.”

Convention Chairman **Collett Beers Rangitsch, Wyoming**, agrees. “We’ve been surrounded by a really amazing team that has created a seamless and successful event.”

Susan and Collett make things look easy, but looks can be deceiving. Hosting one of the largest conventions in the Greek-letter world means following a 60-page protocol manual—complete with charts and diagrams—that spells out what to do in almost any eventuality.

All of that protocol and planning paid off. “The entire team is thrilled with the outcome of our Mile High City Convention,” Collett says. “I hope all of our attendees have found the last few days to be as inspiring, energizing and elevating as I have!”



## Boca Raton BEACH PLEASE!

### Convention 2020

Celebrate Kappa’s Sesquicentennial in style in Boca Raton, Florida. Be sure to save the date for Convention 2020 at the beautiful Waldorf-Astoria Boca Raton Resort and Club from June 24–28.



## START THE COUNTDOWN

### Gearing up to 150

Sesquicentennial Chairman **Betsy Stilwell Strain, Nebraska**, said it best: “The first challenge is to pronounce sesquicentennial. The second challenge is to figure out how to spell it!”

At Convention in Denver, Kappa Kappa Gamma kicked off the countdown to its 150th birthday—to take place on Founders Day, October 13, 2020. Stay tuned for exciting details to come on how you can take part in this meaningful milestone.

# TAKE A NUMBER

The numbers don't lie. Here's a peek at some of the details it took to make Kappa's 72nd Biennial Convention a reality.

**1056**

TOTAL ATTENDEES

**2**

SEMI-TRUCKS FULL

**5280**

MILES ABOVE SEA LEVEL

**1**

TRAVEL AGENT  
BOOKING 141 DELEGATES' FLIGHTS

**34**

SKI BOOTS USED AS CENTERPIECES

**7**

LETTERS IN "ELEVATE"

**\$114,135**

TRIBUTE TABLE TOTAL

**71**

EXPRESS LEARNING TABLES

**65**

FOUNDATION YOGIS

**72**

ORDER OF THE OWL ATTENDEES

**174**

HABITEERS

**842**

DAYS UNTIL FOUNDERS DAY 2020

**354**

BOXES SENT FROM HEADQUARTERS

**4**

SESQUICENTENNIAL STREAMER CANNONS

**385.2**

MILES WALKED BY  
STAGING COMMITTEE OVER 6 DAYS

**500+**

VOLUNTEER HOURS BY LOCAL COMMITTEE

A photograph of two young women sitting on a dock or boat, facing a calm lake. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a light-colored jacket. The woman on the right has long blonde hair and is wearing a dark jacket. They are both looking down at a smartphone held by the woman on the right. In the background, there are mountains under a hazy sky.

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