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- *What you should know about meningococcal disease*
- *Mothers help children with developmental disabilities*





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- To inform, inspire  
and challenge
- To promote leadership,  
scholarship and friendship
- To sustain and nurture  
loyalty and interest
- To recognize the  
accomplishments of  
individuals, groups, the  
Fraternity and its Foundation
- To provide a forum for  
an exchange of information  
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- To be a permanent record.

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# Kappas Rally for Hurricane Aid

**W**e all watched in horror as hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast. We witnessed families being separated from one another, homes flooded and livelihoods ruined by the devastation of nature. For many, the unbelievable happened, and it happened twice within a month's time.

In the wake of this tragedy, Kappas local to the region, as well as others throughout North America, have rallied to aid individuals in need. Below are just a few of the many acts of kindness and giving that Kappas have engaged in and continue to participate in to help individuals and members affected by the storms.

- The Baton Rouge Alumnae Association has collected books and coloring books for children living in shelters. They gave away many of the books at a Kappa/RIF Big Buddy book giveaway. The BATON ROUGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION has also housed many Kappas who lost their homes in the storms as well as volunteered in shelters and animal shelter/rescue facilities.
- In Fort Worth, Kappas have been working regular shifts preparing and serving meals to Katrina evacuees at the YMCA's Camp Carter.
- Kappa chapters, including GAMMA NU, *Arkansas*; BETA MU, *Colorado*; DELTA IOTA, *Louisiana State*; DELTA PHI, *Bucknell*; GAMMA PI, *Alabama*; BETA PI, *Washington*; PSI<sup>Δ</sup>, *Cornell* and PI<sup>Δ</sup>, *UC Berkeley*, have housed Kappas from Tulane University.
- Alumnae associations throughout North America have collected books, coloring books and crayons and have sent them to the Baton Rouge Alumnae Association to assist the association with the book project.
- The BOULDER and DENVER alumnae associations held a fund-raising dinner at the chapter house to welcome the undergraduate women from Tulane. It was a "Southern Style" dinner for the chapter members, alumnae and their families. The dinner was free and all donations were given to the Rose McGill Fund to benefit Hurricane Relief.
- DELTA RHO, *Mississippi*, hosted a chapter fund-raising event and gave all proceeds to hurricane victims.
- Many Houston alumnae volunteered for hours at the Astrodome trying to console evacuees and provide dry clothes and food for the many displaced families. They also found housing for many Kappas who are medical students staying in Houston for the semester.
- We have received e-mails from our Canadian chapters offering to assist any undergraduate displaced by the storms.
- The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation worked quickly to provide a system of support for our sisters affected by the hurricanes. Emergency Assistance Grants have been made available through the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation's Rose McGill Fund. To date, gifts to the hurricane fund total close to \$22,000, and 18 Kappas have received help so far. Their letters of application describing what they have lost are heartbreaking. Their expressions of appreciation for aid from Kappa are heartwarming. Here are some of their comments:

"It has been six weeks since I left New Orleans. With help from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, I was able to piece my life back together, just in a slightly altered path. It is amazing to be welcomed into another house with only KKG in common at first, then find such great friends so quickly." (a collegian)

"The support of my Kappa sisters through this disaster has been amazing and is one of the things that lifts me up on the bad days." (an alumna)

"I want to personally thank the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for the Katrina aid. I cannot explain in words how much this has helped me. I am blessed to be a part of Kappa." (a collegian)

"Any amount of help you all can provide would go a long way toward giving me some peace of mind. It is an amazing thing you all are doing." (an alumna)

"Thank you so much for your extraordinary kindness at this difficult time in my life. Not only did I have to relocate, but also my entire family. This aid has enabled me to continue with college, making the transition so much easier. I am so grateful for your help and support." (a collegian)





KAY KERRIGAN, *Colorado*, of New Orleans, (third from left with hat) organized a lemonade and cookie stand to raise money for hurricane victims. On her left is Linda Pfeifer, a Kappa mom. The other helpers are New Orleans residents. In four days the stand raised \$15,000 in donations, which were matched by the Alpine Bank in Aspen. Kay also coordinated a dinner and wine auction with the owner of the Cache Cache restaurant in Aspen, Colo. This effort raised \$68,000 for victims.



Members of the BATON ROUGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION promoted Kappa's RIF philanthropy by distributing books to shelters and schools where evacuated children have enrolled. Region 3 Advisory Board/Housing representative KIM SINGLETARY, *LSU*, (shown above assisting children) was overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity of all the books, which arrived at her home for distribution.



BETA NU, *Ohio State*, alumnae gather for a 33-year reunion at the chapter house. The group of 25 made a donation to Kappa's Rose McGill Hurricane Relief Fund.

"I have to say that I am really proud to be a Kappa at this time. I will never forget the time when I was an active and, through Rose McGill, [the chapter] adopted a family who had been devastated by Hurricane Hugo. I'll never forget the sense of desperation and humility we read in that sister's letter. I also will never forget how happy we were to be able to help and to...know that we were giving directly to a family in need. At this time I can relate very personally to her sense of need." (an alumna)

"Katrina taught me that the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma are not just sisters in name, but in truth. No one but family would ever show me the kind of generosity that I have been shown since I pledged my name and interest to the Fraternity, and especially since that fateful day that I evacuated the "Big Easy." Even though my parents raised me to be a strong and independent woman, Katrina taught me that my sisters are there to support me when I cannot support myself." (an alumna)

Thank you to all who have given and continue to give of your time, talent and treasure to aid in the Gulf relief effort. If you or a Kappa you know needs assistance, please call Fraternity Headquarters or visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org).

Loyally,

*Pris Gerde*

PRISCILLA (PRIS) MURPHY GERDE  
*Purdue*  
Fraternity President





## Seeking Recommendations for Fraternity Leadership Positions for 2006-2008 Biennium

**T**his is every member's opportunity to participate in the Fraternity's nominating process. Influence Kappa's tradition of leadership by recommending the most qualified candidates for the Fraternity Council and Regional Director positions. Complete the following form and mail it to **MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS, Missouri, Nominating Chairman, 1450 Honeysuckle Drive N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87122, postmarked by February 1, 2006.**

### Who is elected at the General Convention?

The seven members of the Fraternity Council, the six Regional Directors of Alumnae and the six Regional Directors of Chapters are elected by the delegates of the General Convention in Salt Lake City, June 21-25, 2006.

### Who may recommend a candidate?

Any Kappa may recommend a candidate. Suggestions are also solicited from chapters and alumnae associations. Interested individuals also are encouraged to submit their names to the Nominating Committee.

### What are the required qualifications for a candidate?

Any alumna in good standing who has served the Fraternity within the past 10 years as a member of the Fraternity, Regional or Associate Council, chairman of a Fraternity Standing or Special Committee, Fraternity Council Assistant, Leadership Consultant or member of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

### What qualities are important?

The candidate must have proven leadership ability and strong managerial, communication and analytical skills. She should be mature, a good team player, self-motivated and able to relate well to others. She should be a role model—someone who will represent the Fraternity well.

### What is the term of office?

Fraternity Council members and Regional Directors are elected by a majority vote to a two-year term at the close of each General Convention. No one may hold the same position for more than two terms.

### Responsibilities of Council Members

The members of the Fraternity Council are responsible for the management and administration of the Fraternity. They set policy, determine the direction of the Fraternity, deal with Greek-related issues, have jurisdiction over all cases of loss of membership and reinstatement, appoint alumnae to serve on committees, supervise the work assigned to those committees, interpret the Fraternity *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, work closely with the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, and report to the General Convention all action taken by the Council.

### Fraternity Council Positions

**President:** Presides over all meetings of the Fraternity and the Council, supervises Fraternity operations and administration, oversees relations with colleges and universities, presides at the Installation of new chapters, is an *ex officio* member of all committees except Nominating, and appoints individuals to vacancies with the approval of the Council.

**Vice President:** Presides in the absence of the President, assists the President in all ways, oversees all publications, public relations projects and special programs.

**Treasurer:** Reviews the Fraternity's financial operation, develops a fiscal plan for the future, oversees all areas of Fraternity finance, directs the work of the Finance Committee, prepares the budget, serves as treasurer of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, and reports on finances to the Council and the General Convention.

**Director of Alumnae:** Supervises the organization and administration of alumnae associations, participates in the alumnae association extension program, directs the work of Fraternity volunteers involved with the development and management of alumnae associations.

**Director of Chapters:** Supervises the organization and administration of all collegiate chapters, is responsible for the annual review of chapter management and needs, directs the work of Fraternity volunteers involved in the development and management of the chapters.

**Director of Membership:** Directs the program and selection of new members, is responsible for membership policies and procedures, and assists in the annual review of chapter needs.

**Director of Standards:** Is responsible for standards, policies and procedures, works with the chapter



Standards Committees, and participates in the annual review of chapter needs.

### **Responsibilities of Regional Directors**

Regional Directors of Alumnae and Regional Directors of Chapters oversee the work of the Province Directors of Alumnae and Province Directors of Chapters. Regional Directors confer with the Fraternity Council regarding the effective operation of the regions and the business of the

Fraternity. They make recommendations to the Fraternity Council and Associate Council for the functioning of the alumnae associations and chapters within their regions. They are responsible for program development, implementation of policies and procedures, and training.

### **Regional Director Positions:**

Regional Director of Alumnae (six positions to be slated)  
Regional Director of Chapters (six positions to be slated)

## **Kappa Kappa Gamma Recommendation for Fraternity Position**

Mail to: MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS, *Missouri*, Nominating Chairman, 1450 Honeysuckle Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122, postmarked by February 1, 2006. Form is also available online at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org).

I recommend: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name Middle/Maiden Last Husband's First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address City State/Province Postal Code*

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this Kappa for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

I have worked/interacted with this Kappa in the following ways: \_\_\_\_\_

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What skills, talents and experiences will this Kappa bring to a Fraternity Officer position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name Middle/Maiden Last Husband's First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address City State/Province Postal Code*

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: ☐ Chapter ☐ Association ☐ Individual ☐ Other



*Please mark your calendar for Kappa Kappa Gamma's 66th Biennial Convention, Wednesday, June 21, through Sunday, June 25, 2006. Convention will be held at The Grand America and Little America hotels in downtown Salt Lake City. Join Kappa sisters for fun-filled days of Fraternity business, educational programs, a community service project, leadership training and friendship. Please look for additional information at [www.kappa.org/2006convention](http://www.kappa.org/2006convention) and in the Spring 2006 issue of The Key.*

## Plan to Come to the 66th Biennial







## Convention Program Overview

### See What's New!

A program has been created that blends traditional events like the Presidents Luncheon, Awards Celebration and Parade of Flags with new intergenerational ideas.

The Fraternity Council is also planning the first-ever **Convention Leadership Festival**. The goal is threefold—to share all that is Kappa, creating opportunities for members to see the variety of areas for potential involvement; to gather names of potential volunteers; and to hold focus groups to hear from our members about areas where the Fraternity can grow and improve. This information will be used to create the Fraternity Strategic Plan.

The Leadership Festival will be a fun-filled evening where members will have the opportunity to freely browse the many different booths, talk to Fraternity officers and give input. All areas of the Fraternity will be represented.

# Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah!



In Salt Lake City, we will have an afternoon of service where we will give of our time and talent. “In Our Hearts and In Our Hands” is the theme for **Kappa’s first hands-on Convention service project**. All Convention attendees are encouraged to bring children’s books to donate as part of our ongoing partnership with RIF (Reading Is Fundamental).

This afternoon will be dedicated to service projects, which will provide alumnae and collegians the opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life. All the projects will be donated to children in the Salt Lake City area. “In Our Hearts and In Our Hands” will be one session you won’t want to miss.

You also won’t want to miss the **combined NPC/Presidents Luncheon** hosted by our National Panhellenic Delegate J.J. FRASER WALES, *Ohio State*. This special luncheon will celebrate leaders in Panhellenic as well as our former Fraternity Presidents. BETTY QUICK, Gamma Phi Beta, NPC Chairman, will be the inspirational keynote speaker.

General Convention is an **intergenerational experience** that provides unique opportunities to meet Kappa sisters from across the United States and Canada to share ideas, develop lasting friendships and be reminded of the common bond we share through our ritual.



## Leading With Dignity and Grace

Meet Kappa's Seventh Executive Director

—By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

**K**appa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters is many things—from a beloved home and museum of our historic treasures to a modern, busy office that handles the finances, member records and programs of the Fraternity. Selected to oversee Headquarters as the seventh Executive Director in Kappa's history is LAUREN SULLIVAN PAITSON, *Penn State*.

Lauren brings myriad skills to her position, along with experience and dedication to Kappa. She served as Associate Executive Director from 2001 to February 2005, when she was appointed interim director. A search committee and the Fraternity Council determined Lauren was the person to fill the position.

Having served as director of youth programs at Chiller Ice Rinks, Dublin, Ohio, as a figure skating coach, camp director, and as owner-founder and head teacher of a Montessori School in State College, Penn., Lauren has experience as a manager and supervisor in dealing with personnel, finance and other business-related topics as well as involvement in creative programming.

Described as one who "leads with quiet confidence" and who works through difficult situations with "dignity and grace," Lauren approaches her position with a "heart-felt interest in making an impact on the future direction of Kappa Kappa Gamma." She faces decision-making as an opportunity to encourage the growth and strength of Kappa and works with the expectation of excellence from the Headquarters staff. Lauren says, "I am energized working with volunteers and staff who are committed to serve the Kappa Kappa Gamma membership." She quotes the

Headquarters service statement: "To treat each interaction as an opportunity to create a positive experience" and continues, "I strive to live this creed, so accepting the Executive Director position was a natural fit."

A wife and mother, fan of the Penn State Nittany Lion football team, and gracious Kappa with a great sense of humor, Lauren will be a delightful hostess for our Fraternity home and will oversee Fraternity business with energy and dedication.

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Lauren can be reached at [lpaitson@kappa-kappagamma.org](mailto:lpaitson@kappa-kappagamma.org) or (866)KKG-1870.



LAUREN SULLIVAN PAITSON, *Penn State*, Kappa Kappa Gamma's new Executive Director





Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters and Heritage Museum, Columbus, Ohio

## Internships at Fraternity Headquarters

The department of Education and Training of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity in Columbus, Ohio, seeks an intern for 12 weeks during the summer of 2006. Members with an interest in education who have a concentration of course work in education, adult learning, sociology, psychology, journalism, communication, marketing or other related fields are encouraged to apply. The application is available at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org). If you have questions, please contact BETSY STILWELL STRAIN, *Nebraska*, Education Chairman, at (402)489-4115 or e-mail [nebstrain2@aol.com](mailto:nebstrain2@aol.com).

The Heritage Museum in Columbus, Ohio, also has an internship available for the summer of 2006. Details and applications are available at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) or can be requested by contacting Fraternity Headquarters at (866)KKG-1870. Kappas of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applications for both positions are due postmarked by February 1, 2006.

## 2006 Association and Chapter Anniversaries

*(January through June anniversaries listed in order of Installation month. Previous lists contained errors, so please use this updated list.)*

Cleveland, Ohio	.....01/26/1901	.....105 years
Muncie, Ind.	.....02/01/1916	.....90 years
Greater South/ Southwest Suburban, Ill.	.....02/08/1996	.....10 years
Clearwater Bay, Fla.	.....02/20/1956	.....50 years
Huntsville, Ala.	.....02/21/1966	.....40 years
Beta Kappa, <i>Idaho</i>	.....02/26/1916	.....90 years
Clay-Platte County, Mo.	.....03/07/1956	.....50 years
Epsilon Beta, <i>Colorado State</i>	.....03/10/1956	.....50 years
Tuscaloosa, Ala.	.....03/12/1941	.....65 years
Columbus, Ohio	.....03/16/1901	.....105 years
West Chester Area, Pa.	.....03/17/1981	.....25 years
Mid-Oklahoma, Okla.	.....04/04/1941	.....65 years
Beta Mu, <i>Colorado</i>	.....04/05/1901	.....105 years
Richmond, Va.	.....04/15/1931	.....75 years
Northwest Suburban, Ill.	.....04/19/1966	.....40 years
Atlanta, Ga.	.....04/20/1931	.....75 years
Ft. Collins, Colo.	.....05/19/1956	.....50 years
Duncan, Okla.	.....05/20/1966	.....40 years
Western Colorado, Colo.	.....05/29/2001	.....5 years
Stanislaus- San Joaquin Co., Calif.	.....05/30/1996	.....10 years
Kappa, <i>Hillsdale</i>	.....06/09/1881	.....125 years

## Attention Parents of Collegians and Graduates

The Key Editorial Board hopes you enjoy reading your daughter's issues of *The Key* when they arrive at your home. Please remind your daughter to update her address at Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters when she moves to a new permanent address. *The Key* is her best way to stay connected to Kappa for life!

Address updates may be made several ways: Online at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org), by mailing the form on the inside back cover of this issue or by contacting the Membership Services Department at (866)KKG-1870 or [kkghq@kappa.org](mailto:kkghq@kappa.org).



## A New Alumnae Association!

The Fraternity welcomes the GREATER WHATCOM COUNTY (WASH.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. To join, please contact association President DEBBY WHEELER WESTLIN, *Puget Sound*, at (360)647-7372 or [cwestling@comcast.net](mailto:cwestling@comcast.net).

# Wear Your Badge!

**Monday, March 6, 2006**, is international Badge Day. The National Panhellenic Conference asks sorority women to honor their Greek affiliations by wearing their badges or letters and by participating in volunteer activities. Whether you're at the office, out of town, on campus or in your neighborhood—show your Greek pride by wearing your badge and tell others why you're proud to be a Kappa! For more information about NPC, visit [www.npcwomen.org](http://www.npcwomen.org) or call (317)872-3185.

## Protect Your Badge

In order to ensure that your membership badge is properly protected, please fill out the form below and keep it with your badge or personal papers. This simple step will help make sure that your precious badge, an official emblem of the Fraternity, does not fall into the possession of a nonmember who may not realize its significance.

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Statement of ownership for *The Key*  
submitted to the U.S. Post Office  
September 29, 2005.

# Kappa Kappa Gamma Badge Disposition Instructions

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, request that my membership badge, a one-inch golden key bearing the Greek letters ΚΚΓ and ΑΩΟ, be ...

(Check one)

\_\_\_\_ returned to Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters (530 E. Town St., P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43215).

\_\_\_\_\_ left to my sister, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter or other direct legacy connection.

\_\_\_ left to \_\_\_\_\_ chapter to be used as an award badge for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ left to \_\_\_\_\_ alumnae association to be used as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ buried with me.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Keep with your badge or legal documents.*



## Need a Reference Form?

The Membership Data Form (Reference Form) used to recommend women for membership will be published in the spring (March) 2006 issue. Forms are also available online at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) or by calling Fraternity Headquarters toll free at (866)KKG-1870 to request a form via mail, fax or e-mail.

Membership Data Forms or letters of recommendation should be sent to the chapter 10 days prior to Membership Recruitment. Chapter addresses will be listed in the spring issue and they are also available at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org). Recruitment dates will be available online, but these dates are subject to change; it is best to contact the university if you want the exact dates.

## Calling All Military Kappas and Kappa Military Families

Do you know of Kappas currently serving in the armed services or Kappas who have family members serving? Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity would like to provide connections to Kappa military personnel or Kappa families of military personnel either at home or overseas. Please contact:

**Lee Bennett Miller, Drake**  
2080 Harper's Mill  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
[kkglbm@cox.net](mailto:kkglbm@cox.net)

## What *The Key* Is Looking for:

- Feature stories that inform, inspire and challenge.
- Stories that exhibit leadership, scholarship and friendship.
- Informative, heartwarming or humorous stories.
- Stories with broad appeal to our more than 160,500 readers.
- Good ideas from one alumnae association or chapter that may be used by others.
- Feature articles from Kappa experts in various fields of interest.
- Articles about Greek and campus trends.

## What *The Key* Can't Use—and Why:

- Stories or photographs of weddings, babies, birthdays and 50-, 65- and 75-year pin recipients. (There are simply too many to allow for fairness and broad reader interest. These are more appropriate for local alumnae association and chapter newsletters.)
- Photos that show glasses, bottles or cans that may contain alcohol.
- Obituaries or profiles of deceased members (Exceptions are made only for former Fraternity Presidents.)

## Tips for Submitting Photographs to *The Key*

- Digital images and film prints are acceptable—but digital photographs must be large, high resolution (300 dpi).
- Use at least a 3.2-megapixel camera on the highest-quality settings. The resolution must be set on large, while the compression must be set on superfine.
- Taking a picture with a small-resolution setting, then increasing the file size to 300 dpi in a photo-management program won't work! Images must originally be captured at the highest/largest resolution.
- Aim for good lighting, minimal clutter and no beverage containers. Have your group step away from the dinner table and find an uncluttered area.
- Get up close so faces can be seen.



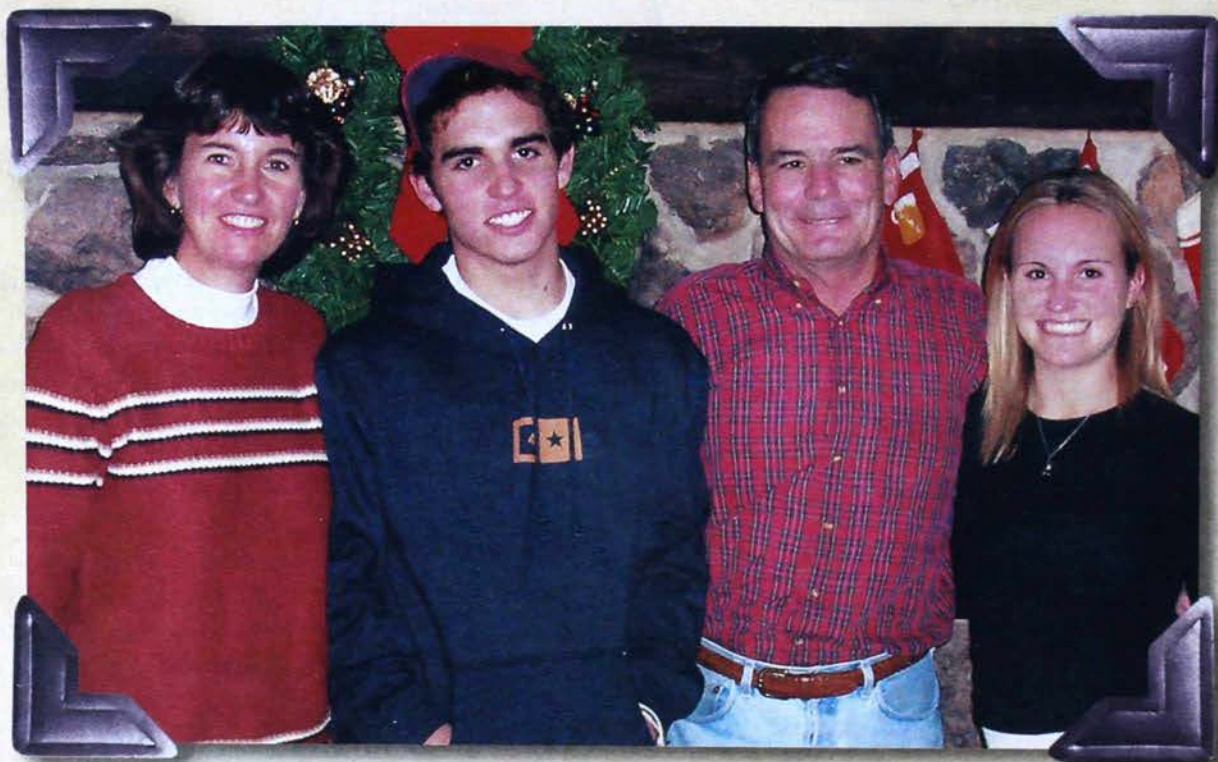
# A Mother Shares a Tragic Story

What you should know about meningococcal disease

— By LESLIE TALMAGE MAIER, Arizona

**W**e're nervous when our children learn to walk or ride a bike, scared when our teens learn to drive. But how many sniffles do we nurse them through, never thinking that a little cough could turn into something that kills an athletic son, that the boy with the infectious smile could be lost to a potentially vaccine-preventable disease?

Everyone, especially students and parents, needs to be aware of the risks associated with the disease that took our precious son. Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection expressed as meningitis, an inflammation of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord, or as meningococcemia, shock resulting from the meningococcal bacteria in the bloodstream. Occurring mostly during the late winter and early spring, 3,000 Americans are diagnosed with meningococcal disease each year. Our son was one of them, but his diagnosis came too late.



The Maier Family: Leslie, Chris, John and Kristen



## Life Was Good

My life was truly blessed. I grew up in a loving family, followed my parents to the University of Arizona and earned a degree in elementary education. I joined Kappa, as did my younger sister Leigh, and later served as a GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER adviser and active alumna member.

My husband, John, and I recently celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary, and our lives have been filled with pride in the activities of our children. Kristen joined Kappa and is now a senior at Arizona studying communications. Chris was a good student, consumed with sports. During a school break, our adventurous son went snowboarding with his friends in Durango, Colo., and was on top of the world.

## Countdown to Disaster

**February 28, 2005:** Chris returned from Durango with a slight cough. Some of his friends had developed a cough on the trip and had been sharing a bottle of cough medicine. It was a bad flu season and it seemed as though everyone we knew had an upper-respiratory infection.

**March 1:** Chris went to school and I picked him up after his soccer team had its state championship picture taken. I remember the boys were sharing water bottles.

**6:30 p.m.:** As he was preparing for soccer practice, Chris said he felt weird—"kind of light-headed"—but wanted to go to practice.

**8:00 p.m.:** The coach noticed Chris appeared ill and suggested he go home. John picked him up.

**8:45 p.m.:** I returned from Bible study and Chris was taking a bath but later said, "I can't get warm."

**10:00 p.m.:** Some of Chris' friends called but he wasn't up to talking. I found he had a fever, though he still couldn't get warm. He also had a headache and vomited ... another blanket and some Tylenol.

**March 2, 1:30 a.m.:** I heard Chris vomit again and take another bath. He told me he just couldn't seem to warm his body. I wasn't overly worried because friends had shown the same symptoms and were miserable with the flu the previous week.

**8:00 a.m.:** I left to teach my kindergarten class and John stayed home with Chris. Again Chris said he couldn't seem to get warm, despite another bath, and John suggested going to Urgent Care but Chris said, "No, I think I'll be okay." A few minutes later, Chris agreed to go but when John checked to see if he was dressed, he found Chris lying on the bed saying, "Dad, I can't even move my feet."

## Those were Chris' last words.

Minutes later paramedics arrived. Chris had stopped breathing. They administered CPR and gave medication to revive his breathing. Chris was in a coma by the time they arrived at the hospital. The doctors suspected a heart defect that sometimes affects athletes. However, at the insistence of an experienced paramedic who had recently responded to a meningitis case, a spinal tap was taken.

John contacted me at school. We reached Kristen through her roommates who tracked her down on campus. Our family gathered in the ER and stayed through a bewildering morning of CPR and medication. Though Chris was in a coma, we continued to talk to him, touch and comfort him, and pray.

We scrambled to contact family members and worried about Chris' girlfriend, teammates and friends. The hospital director of ER has a son on Chris' team and, knowing the gravity of Chris' condition, contacted the coach and asked him to assemble the team.

Shortly after noon, the spinal tap results confirmed meningococcal disease. We immediately felt a sense of urgency from the ER staff and were given surgical masks and locked in the treatment room.

**12:20 p.m.:** Our son was lost. Although he had a sudden fever, headache and vomiting—symptoms that resembled the flu, Chris had not had the stiff neck or rash that are common symptoms of meningococcal meningitis. The doctors even told us that had we brought him in the night before they probably would have diagnosed flu and sent him home.

## Understanding Meningococcal Disease

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, meningococcal disease is transmitted through air droplets and direct contact with an infected person through kissing, coughing, sneezing, or sharing utensils, drinking glasses, lip balm, cigarettes, etc. The incubation period is generally three to four days but can be as long as 10. The bacteria attach to the mucosal lining of the nose and throat where they can double every 18 minutes. When bacteria penetrate the lining and enter the blood it causes vessels to dilate and blood pressure to drop.

Lifestyle factors common among young people are linked to the disproportionate number of cases in their age group. Moving to a new residence and being with new people from geographically diverse areas are



factors that contribute to a higher incidence of meningitis among groups such as college freshmen and military recruits at basic training. Crowded living conditions in dormitories or summer camps, irregular sleeping habits and active and passive smoke are additional risk factors.

## Fighting the Disease


In talking with doctors, we have learned that an estimated 10 percent or more of people in the United States are carriers of the meningococcal bacteria. They are not ill, but can transmit the bacteria to others who may become ill. A blood culture and spinal tap are the only ways to diagnose meningococemia and meningitis respectively. There are five significant strains of meningococcal bacteria that can cause human disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the newly licensed vaccine, Menactra, contains four of these strains and can provide long-term protection against 83 percent of the cases of meningococcal disease occurring in adolescents and young adults.

Since having our lives rocked by this terrible disease, John and I are working closely with the National Meningitis Association and the Centers for Disease Control to raise awareness of meningococcal disease and educate others about the dangers of the disease and the availability of the vaccine. A month after losing Chris, I spoke to Gamma Zeta Chapter members, and they are planning an awareness campaign for the University of Arizona. Recently, the campus medical director sent letters to parents advising them that all incoming freshman students and all members of Greek-letter organizations should be vaccinated against the disease.

In May 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that all children at the 11- or 12-year-old doctor visit and all children who are 15 or entering high school (whichever is earlier) receive the Menactra vaccination. Additionally, all freshman students entering college who will be living in a dormitory should also be vaccinated with Menactra. Every family should discuss the vaccination and its possible side effects with a doctor.

We never expected to be spokesmen for a disease we knew little about a year ago. However, we have received opportunities from all over the United States to share our story and have gladly accepted invitations from academic and civic groups and countless sports organizations that want to promote awareness and vaccination. We know of two students whose families

had heard Chris' story, recognized the symptoms of the illness and were able to get prompt treatment. Our hope is that our efforts will continue to save lives.

Prevention of meningococcal disease can be so simple and the threat of this disease is too dangerous to ignore. Please share this story and help save lives. 

For more information, contact the National Meningitis Association at [www.nmaus.org](http://www.nmaus.org), The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), or Leslie Maier via e-mail at [lmaier@cox.net](mailto:lmaier@cox.net).

## Contributing Factors Meningococcal Disease

- Moving to a new residence
- Being with new people from geographically diverse areas
- Crowded living conditions in dormitories, summer camps, military basic training camps
- Irregular sleeping habits
- Active and passive smoke

## Centers for Disease Control Recommendations

- Routine meningococcal immunization at age 11 or 12
- Immunization for young adults who have not previously been vaccinated before entering high school or at about age 15 (whichever comes first) and for college freshmen in dormitories.

— Information provided by the National Meningitis Association, [www.nmaus.org](http://www.nmaus.org). Discuss the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination with a doctor. This article is for informational purposes only and should not take the place of your doctor's recommendations or be used to diagnose any illness.



# A Diagnosis ... Just in Time

— By CAROL GEORGE SANDERS, *Cal. State Northridge*, Director of Alumnae

One week after spending a day at Disneyland, “the happiest place on earth,” my daughter, LINDSEY SANDERS, UCLA, was in the hospital intensive care unit fighting for her life. What had seemed like a flu virus turned out to be meningococcal meningitis.

What makes Lindsey’s story unique is that she was inoculated against meningococcal disease before entering UCLA in September 2003 where she is a member of GAMMA XI CHAPTER. Unfortunately, Lindsey had contracted strain B of meningococcal meningitis, a non-vaccine strain.

Lindsey was home for the weekend and woke up complaining of muscle aches in her arms and legs, chills, fever and an overall “funny feeling.” By midmorning her symptoms included a headache, fever and vomiting. We were not overly concerned since it was flu season.


At one point during the day, she began feeling slightly better but by late afternoon her symptoms worsened. By evening she had purple splotches on her legs, but we dismissed them as heat rash since she was wearing flannel pajamas and was in bed with flannel sheets and a down comforter.

At 2:30 a.m., Lindsey cried out for us. She said she had the worst headache she had ever experienced and her neck was stiff. Her body and face were now covered in distinct purple spots, which we now know is called petechiae—tiny hemorrhages of capillaries in the skin that can signal bacteria in the bloodstream. While trying to fall asleep earlier in the night, Lindsey had researched her symptoms on the Internet. She had read about meningococcal meningitis but dismissed it because she didn’t have all the symptoms.

Arriving at the emergency room, Lindsey told the triage nurse she thought she had a form of meningitis. A spinal tap and CT scan confirmed our fear. Lindsey had meningococcal meningitis. Those who had been in close contact with Lindsey would need to be treated with antibiotics. I began making a list of everyone who would need to be contacted.

The infection caused an inflammation of the membranes around Lindsey’s brain and spinal cord. We were told she could have brain damage, hearing loss, vision loss, limb amputation and could possibly even die.

During the long nights when Lindsey was running a high fever and was violently ill, I sang her favorite Kappa songs she had heard since childhood. On the fifth day in ICU, Lindsey began to show improvements. She was still very ill but she was beating the odds. Lindsey’s eyesight did change, but it was correctible. She still experiences intense headaches from residual fluid and swelling in her brain, but she is learning to cope.

News of Lindsey’s struggle spread quickly among dear Kappa friends and others. She received hundreds of e-mail messages from across the continent. My heart swells with love when I think of the support Kappas gave us during this terrifying ordeal. My heart swells with pride when I look at my Kappa daughter who has let this life-threatening experience make her stronger. 

Carol can be reached at [jclsanders@adelphia.net](mailto:jclsanders@adelphia.net).

EDITOR’S NOTE: Discuss the benefits and possible side effects of the vaccine, *Menactra*, with a doctor. This article is for informational purposes only and should not take the place of your doctor’s recommendations. As of press time, the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted a consumer alert indicating there is a possibility that five reported cases of a neurological disorder called Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS) may be linked to *Menactra*. These five individuals diagnosed with GBS have since recovered or are recovering.

The FDA and CDC are still investigating these reports, and it is unknown whether the cases of GBS are related to *Menactra* or are coincidental. The rate of GBS based on the number of cases reported following vaccination is similar to what can be expected to occur by coincidence, even without vaccination. However, according to the FDA and CDC, the timing is of concern since all five cases occurred 2-4 weeks after vaccination. *Menactra* is still being recommended as indicated in the previous article, so please discuss the vaccination with your doctor. For more, visit [www.fda.gov/cber/vaccines.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cber/vaccines.htm) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or call (888)INFO-FDA or (800)311-3435.



CAROL GEORGE SANDERS, *Cal. State Northridge*, (front 3rd from left) and daughter LINDSEY SANDERS, UCLA, (back, 3rd from left), join a group of Kappa mothers and daughters during the 37th Biennial Province Meeting for Kappa Province in San Diego.



# Mothers Face Fear and Frustration to Help Children with Disabilities

## *An Activist for Literacy*

— By COLLEEN CAVANAUGH PYRON, *Bowling Green*


A former OMEGA CHAPTER President, and President of the WICHITA (KAN.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, GRETCHEN ANDEEL, *Kansas*, was facing a personal struggle. Her daughter, Kate, at age 14, was still unable to read. Severely dyslexic, Kate needed educators trained to help her with her learning disability but there were no qualified instructors in Kansas. When periodic sessions in Texas just were not enough, Gretchen sent Kate to Kildonan, a boarding school in Amenia, N.Y., to continue her education. This frustration spurred Gretchen to take action.

Gretchen traveled to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, Texas, where she attended a two-week training program—the first step in becoming an academic language therapist. This training used the Alphabetic Phonics curriculum, an Orton-Gillingham-based multi-sensory method of teaching originally developed by Dr. Samuel Orton and Anna Gillingham in the early 1930s.

Returning to Wichita, she teamed with another therapist, Jeanine Phillips, who also had a child with dyslexia. Together, in 2000, they formed the nonprofit Fundamental Learning Center, bringing their multi-sensory method of instructing dyslexic children and teenagers to Wichita. Fundamental Learning Center provides assessment and support for children, as well as training for language therapists and teachers in multi-sensory teaching methods. The center also offers parental assistance through education and counseling.

According to the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), “Dyslexia is the most common cause of reading, writing and spelling difficulties.” Learning differences can also affect math, communication and social skills. Gretchen says that the educational gaps that result lead not only to poor school performance and decreased quality of learning, but also to feelings of failure and frustration.

The IDA reports that 15-20 percent of the U.S. population has language-based learning disabilities, which are neurologically and genetically based. The Fundamental Learning Center offers individualized teacher attention and consistent behavior management in addition to learning sessions based on the most advanced research in this area. The center has trained 200 language therapists in Alphabetic Phonics in its four years. Gretchen is known as an activist who will fight for literacy for children who learn differently due to dyslexia, ADHD, dysgraphia (disability with writing or fine-motor skills), auditory processing disorder, and dyscalculia (mathematical disability).

Gretchen is pleased that Kappa Kappa Gamma has committed to improving literacy through the Fraternity’s official philanthropy partner, Reading Is Fundamental. Gretchen says that the leadership skills she gained through Kappa have been an asset. “Kappa taught me that there really was nothing I couldn’t do.” 

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*For more information, check out the Fundamental Learning Center’s Web site, [www.funlearn.org](http://www.funlearn.org). Gretchen can be reached at (316)684-READ or [gandeel@funlearn.org](mailto:gandeel@funlearn.org).*



GRETCHEN ANDEEL, *Kansas*, helped create the Fundamental Learning Center to help children with learning disabilities.





PAULA DOZIER ROME, *Pennsylvania.*

## An Extraordinary Woman

PAULA DOZIER ROME, *Pennsylvania*, has received the "Extraordinary Rochester (Minn.) Woman Award." For many years Paula has campaigned for effective ways to treat students with reading disorders. In Rochester, she established an organization for the training of teachers of dyslexic students and taught them a special type of instruction known as the Orton-Gillingham Approach. Paula started The Reading Center in the basement of her home and it is now a nonprofit corporation called the Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota. Today, nearly 1,000 teachers have been trained to work with dyslexic children.

In 1972, she co-authored an internationally recognized book directed to teachers titled *The Language Tool Kit*. She also helped to form the Upper Midwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. The award recognizes Paula's nearly 60 years of helping children with reading disorders and their families. She enjoys being a part of the ROCHESTER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

## Deal Head On with Developmental Delays

— By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

DIANE DRAKE BURNS, *Texas*, calls herself a chicken. When her son, Jonathan, born in 1993, suddenly stopped developing, she submerged her worries, scared of the unknown and too worried about a diagnosis of a neurological disorder to seek help. She ignored books and Web sites dealing with childhood development and shunned well-meaning advice. She allowed years to go by before seeking answers.


One day, a conversation at a swimming pool with another mother sparked a desire in Diane to put aside her fears, stop being "chicken" and do something to help Jonathan.

When he was eventually diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, Diane began looking for answers and discovered the gluten-casein free diet. With more research, she learned that developmentally delayed children are deplete in such things as zinc, calcium and essential fatty acids. She tried several types of therapy. Some helped a little, some not at all, but Jonathan began growing.

Now, Diane has authored a book in hopes of helping other parents who fear their children may have delayed development. Her book, *Autism, Aspergers, ADHD, ADD: A Parent's Roadmap to Understanding and Support*, combines information and a light-hearted approach to help readers accept a different child, while motivating them into action. She doesn't assume a parent is ready for a diagnosis, but understands their need to know what to do. The book reiterates the importance of early intervention and early therapy. Finding a diagnosis, she says, is secondary.

She well understands the turmoil of emotions that surround having a different child and in the book

shares her journey to understand the many therapies, diets and treatments for autism spectrum disorder. Her advice merely gives parents a roadmap and common-sense approach to helping children with autism, Aspergers, ADHD or ADD as early as possible.

Diane says the past 15 years have seen autism rates spiral upward. Many parents have no idea where to begin to help their child. The book, which includes Jonathan's story, offers hope and resources so families can learn more. 

Diane's book is available through Future Horizons, Inc., at [www.futurehorizons-autism.com](http://www.futurehorizons-autism.com), [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.dianedrakeburns.com](http://www.dianedrakeburns.com).

**Editor's Note:** For additional information about autism, call (602)340-8717 or visit [www.autismcenter.org](http://www.autismcenter.org) or contact DENISE DREISESZUN RESNIK, Arizona State, founder of the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center, via e-mail at [denise@resnikpr.com](mailto:denise@resnikpr.com). Denise was featured in the spring 2000 issue.



DIANE DRAKE BURNS, *Texas*, wrote a parent's guide to helping children with developmental disorders.



# Early Intervention Helps Children Lead Normal Lives

— By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

After a difficult pregnancy, LORI CHRISTOPHER CHAMBERLIN, *Bowling Green*, delivered her first born, Nina, prematurely. As she watched Nina's developmental milestones—rolling over, sitting up, pulling up, crawling—she noticed she wasn't performing these skills the way other babies her age did. Nina was diagnosed with hypotonia, a condition where the person's joints are so loose that muscle tone is extremely low. Lori says Nina's arms and legs could be bent almost like pretzels.

Nina fell down so often without the arm strength to catch herself and she almost always had bruises on her face, hands and knees. "I was in constant fear that some day she'd fall so severely that she would end up with serious injuries," says Lori. In other areas of her development, her tiny hands couldn't hold a crayon with enough pressure to scribble on a sheet of paper. She also had difficulty feeding herself. Finally, Nina's pediatrician sent them to a physical therapist who recommended early intervention (EI).

Nina qualified for physical, occupational and developmental therapies. Over a period of time, therapists "played" with Nina in creative ways, making therapy fun while strengthening her muscles and endurance. The EI program, developed for children birth to 3 years old, provides babysitting assistance and special workshops and it helped Lori and her family transition once Nina turned 3.

Today, Lori says Nina is a happy, healthy third-grader, age appropriate in all her skills and no longer needs therapy. Without

EI, Lori feels Nina would be struggling still today. Simple tasks like playing in the park, writing, drawing or riding a bike would have been difficult.

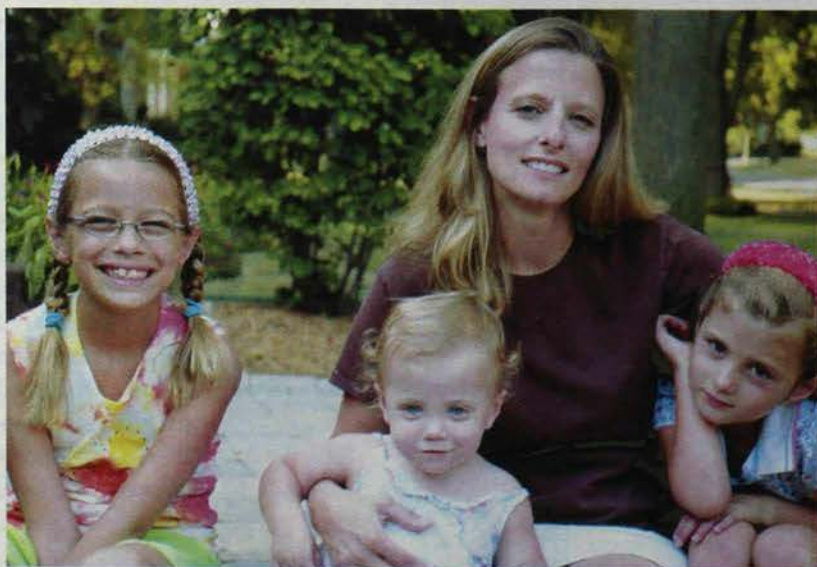
EI programs exist in every U.S. state as part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. These programs provide professional help for children birth to age 3 who are experiencing developmental delays or disabilities. Most of the cost, in some cases all, is covered by the state. Services vary by state, some fund only the more serious disabilities, some provide free service and others require payments based on income.

Lori is saddened that many people she has talked to have never heard of EI and that many children don't have the opportunity to develop to their full potential because their parents don't know about the program. Lori believes that if therapists can reach at-risk children early enough, it could

possibly ease some of the burden off the states later on, as well as improve the quality of life for those children and their families.

Lori's third child, Giana (almost 2), has delays similar to Nina's, and she receives speech and occupational therapy. Hope (age 5) had a few months of speech therapy to resolve some mild stuttering. Because Lori has three children, therapists come to her home. She says her children's delays were not as profound as many others, but she believes their issues would only have gotten worse as they got older and they would have been at a disadvantage in school and their daily lives. With first-hand experience, Lori hopes to help spread the word about state-funded EI and how it can help families. 

**Editor's Note:** *Pediatricians and school administrators should have information about early intervention programs (EI). A national Web site is not available since the program varies by state.*



LORI CHRISTOPHER CHAMBERLIN, *Bowling Green*, with daughters Nina, Giana and Hope.



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# KAPPA KTRAVELS







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"The Bradford Wood experience has shown me what Kappa really is. Kappa is larger than my chapter, it is women from the United States and Canada coming together ... it is networking opportunities ... it is an open door wherever you go ... it is a history and a tradition—something to be proud of!"

— ETA BETA, *Pepperdine*, active





# Inspiring the Future, Preserving the Past

Kappa's Second  
Leadership  
Academy Brings  
Leadership Skills  
to Life

The weekend of September 30, 2005, was one of personal growth, new friendships, leadership education and the preservation of Kappa's intrinsic capacity to develop leaders who strive to set the standard on their campuses and in their communities. More than 150 collegiate and alumna members participated in the second Leadership Academy, an intensive four-day retreat designed to help emerging leaders enhance their leadership skills.

Leadership Academy takes place in the fall and is funded through a generous grant from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. The retreat consists of activities involving personal reflection, group interaction and outdoor leadership challenges in the picturesque setting of Bradford Woods Challenge Education Center near Martinsville, Ind.

Each Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter is expected to send one active member and pays a minimal fee of \$150 for that participant to attend. Chapter advisers are encouraged to apply for one of the 70 Leadership Academy positions available to Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae. Thanks to the funding provided by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, there is no cost to the individual.

This intergenerational experience is not only a wonderful way for alumnae to reconnect with Kappa sisters but also for undergraduates to realize that Kappa is not only a part of their present, but also their future. Students and alumnae alike are encouraged to nurture their inner leader and inspired to share what they've learned with their chapters and communities-at-large. Leadership Academy participants gain insight about their individual strengths as well as those of others, allowing them to gain an acceptance and appreciation of assorted leadership styles. This, in turn, provides them with the ability to work well independently and in a team environment—skills that will prove useful in their personal, professional and academic lives.

This year's participants were welcomed by Fraternity President PRIS MURPHY GERDE, *Purdue*, and Foundation President KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, *Idaho*, while Philanthropy Chairman LINDA PRICE PATTON, *Oklahoma State*, spoke about the Five Exemplary Practices of Leadership at the opening ceremony. KELLN ZIMMER, *Texas A&M*, founder of Sister Strength, a support group for Kappas of all ages who have been affected by cancer, served as the keynote speaker for the graduation dinner at the conclusion of the weekend.

The dynamic speakers, enlightening activities and essential life-lessons learned at the 2005 Leadership Academy made a lasting impression upon all those in attendance. As shown by the following comments from participants, they left Bradford Woods with renewed enthusiasm and vigor, armed with fresh ideas and abilities. Comments from participants shared during the weekend prove that they are women willing to learn from their past, embrace their present and use the knowledge they have gained to become valuable leaders in the future. 🔑



"Not only have I learned ways to improve as a leader but also as a role model for my children."

— DELTA PSI, *Texas Tech*, alumna



"I was sincerely astounded by the comprehensive curriculum and how it inspired me to move our chapter forward and allowed me to emerge as a leader."

— BETA PI, *Washington*, active

"This weekend was filled with opportunities to learn tangible examples of leadership through interactive activities and introspection."

— GAMMA IOTA, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*, alumna

"So many times I have been unsure of taking leadership roles in Kappa and on campus and the academy has given me the added confidence I lacked before."

— ZETA ZETA, *Westminster*, active



"I have learned so much about myself and how to be a better communicator, and I really am leaving this wonderful place with a better sense of who I am and who I want to be, not only in Kappa, but also in life."

— ZETA MU, *Virginia Tech*, active

"Please know that the leaders you have shaped this weekend will change the outcome of the future."

— ETA DELTA, *Valparaiso*, active



"Kappa Leadership Academy has made me grow so much as a leader, and it has helped put me in sync with our positive, ethical morals, and given me the courage to ensure that they are at the heart of my chapter."

— DELTA TAU, *Southern Calif.*, active

"I personally was challenged to go beyond my comfort zone as well—normally it would not be considered a wise thing for a 56-year-old woman to fall backward off a picnic table no matter who is there to catch her!"

— DELTA, *Indiana*, alumna

"This academy has really helped me see the importance of being an involved alumna and the need for alums to serve as mentors for the current and future fraternity members."

— ZETA EPSILON, *Lawrence*, alumna



"Being around all the different perspectives and energies this weekend has broadened my own leadership scope and given me an invaluable life resource."

— Psi<sup>1</sup>, *Cornell*, active

"Not only have I learned from the interactive classroom curriculum supplemented by the outdoor challenge course, but also I have had the incredible opportunity to interact with collegians and alumnae from all over the U.S. and Canada, which has been so powerful."

— DELTA ZETA, *Colorado College*, alumna



## Be a part of Leadership Academy 2006!

Kappa Kappa Gamma wants fabulous alumnae to help encourage and develop the Kappa leaders of tomorrow! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Kappa sisters and enhance your leadership skills.

In addition to a participant from each chapter, there are 70 additional alumna positions available for Leadership Academy 2006. Priority will be given to chapter advisers, but all are encouraged to apply.

Thanks to the generous funding provided by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, there is no cost to the individual to attend.

Applications are due May 1, 2006. For an application, visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) or call (866)KKG-1870. Please apply today!



## Scholarships Support Lifelong Learning

**S**cholarships for our members, undergraduate and graduate, are one of the many wonderful programs supported by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. In keeping with our Tradition of Leadership, Kappa Chapters throughout the United States and Canada pride themselves on scholarship. Many of our chapters lead their campuses in academic performance.

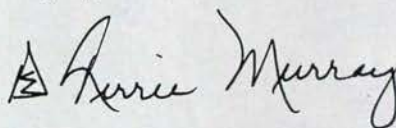
Just around the corner is February 1, 2006, the deadline for submission of scholarship applications to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Scholarships are generally \$3,000 each and are available to Kappas with an overall GPA of at least 3.0. Many members have benefited from these scholarships and we encourage all eligible Kappas to apply.

We are excited to report that the Foundation has formed a scholarship work group to study the possibilities of converting our scholarship applications to an online process. As this study progresses, we will apprise the membership of our work. Hopefully in the near future, our entire scholarship application process will be online at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org).

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our members who have been impacted by recent hurricanes. Through our Rose McGill program, we have made money available for alumnae and collegians who have been impacted by this horrific devastation. Please go to the Kappa Web site for more information about how the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation can assist members in need.

All of us at the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation hope that your holiday season will be filled with lots of family and friends and plenty of joy.

Loyally,



KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, *Idaho*  
Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation  
President



## Thank You, Houston!

Foundation representatives receive a check for \$20,000 from proceeds from the Houston 2004 Holiday Pilgrimage Home Tour. The gift will be used to fund need-based confidential aid for undergraduates. Pictured are: VALERIE NELSON RENNER, *Indiana*, Foundation Financial Assistance Chairman; DEBBIE BROWN ROBINSON, *Texas*, Houston Alumnae Association Philanthropy Chairman; SUSIE MCGOOGAN GOGUE, *Auburn*, hostess and KKT Charitable Foundation Trustee; SUE RAYBURN BRENNIG, *LSU*, Foundation Development Committee; and DARCY HOWE, *Indiana*, Foundation Development Chairman. Susie Gogue, wife of the Chancellor of the University of Houston, Dr. Jay Gogue, welcomed guests to The Wortham House for the "Presentation of Pilgrimage Funds."





## Tribute Gifts Enhance Your Giving

### A Gift in Memory

HELEN C. HANSSON, *Toronto*; ALICIA JOHNSON RENARD, *Minnesota*, Foundation Development Committee; and SUE MCGINTY RICHES, *Oregon State*, Foundation Development Committee, attend a Foundation luncheon in San Diego, Calif., in April 2005. Helen made a generous gift to the Foundation in memory of FLORENCE HUTCHINSON LONSFORD, *Purdue*, and PATRICIA KEOGH, *Adelphi*.



## Celebrating 50 years of Sisterhood

### A Gift in Honor

The 1955 BETA UPSILON, *West Virginia*, pledge class celebrates 50 years of sisterhood at the Lambda Province Meeting April 9, 2005, in Morgantown, W.Va. Back: RUTH SPENGER GARDNER, KITTY LEHMAN CLOVIS, NANCY SEITZ MARTIN, KITTY CARROLL BUTTS PATTISON BYUS, MARY JARVIS CURRENCE. Front: JANE GERWIG WHARTON, PRISCILLA MILLER HADEN and MARJORIE GERWIG MEHL. Many have been friends since childhood. A gift was made to the Foundation in honor of pledge sister BETSEY GRAMLICH KING BEAM who was unable to attend.

## "Tri-Tip Dinner" Raises \$3,158 for Foundation

Every year DELTA OMEGA, *Cal. State Fresno*, donates to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. A spring philanthropic event generates the funds for this gift. Through the years, the event has changed and in the spring of 2004 the philanthropy took the shape of "tri-tip dinner." If you're not familiar with a tri-tip roast—it's a cut of beef from the bottom of the sirloin. Western palettes enjoy this meat as a barbeque meal.

The chapter relied on the overwhelming support of the Fresno community as well as the family and friends of collegians and alumnae of the chapter. All the food and prizes were donated by local businesses and merchants. Chapter members, family and friends worked together to plan and orchestrate this successful event, which was held at the chapter house.

The other Greek-letter organizations on campus were supportive as well, helping the chapter reach its grand total of \$3,158, which was given entirely to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. "The Kappa Foundation is very important to Delta Omega chapter," says Chapter President LAUREN NIXON. "We feel privileged to be helping our sisters everywhere, not just in our own chapter."

**The Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 provides a temporary window of opportunity to make charitable contributions this year.** Congress has temporarily suspended limits on deductions for gifts of cash to qualified charities, including the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, made during the period beginning August 28, 2005, and ending December 31, 2005. The new legislation opens an opportunity for donors to make fully deductible contributions of up to 100 percent AGI, which is double the normal limit of 50 percent. Please consult your tax advisor for details.



## Meet the New Director of The Stewart House

Jane Warfield became the Director of The Stewart House Museum in Monmouth, Illinois, effective August 1, 2005. Previously, Jane served for several years as curator at the Holt House, the home where Pi Beta Phi was founded in Monmouth. Jane is a graduate of Monmouth College with a double major in history and English. While in college, Jane served as president of Pi Beta Phi as well as the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta.



Jane Warfield, the new director of The Stewart House

## Need a Holiday Gift Idea? Consider a Tribute Gift!

Why not make a gift to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation in honor of that special Kappa in your life! A letter will be sent to your honoree letting her know that you have made a gift.

### Mail gifts to:

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation  
P.O. Box 38  
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Or give online at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org)!

## Correction

For information about the GAMMA PHI, *Southern Methodist*, Brighton bracelet fundraising program, please go to [www.kappabracelets.com](http://www.kappabracelets.com). The contact information was listed incorrectly in the fall issue. *The Key* apologizes for the error.

## A Founder's Legacy

Much of Kappa Kappa Gamma's early history has been reconstructed using the reminiscences of Founder MARTHA LOUISA STEVENSON MILLER, *Monmouth*, Lou as she was fondly called. Several of Lou's personal effects are in our Museums today, and they help tell the story of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Victorian-era women. Perhaps her greatest legacy is her granddaughter, SARA MILLER JOHNSON, *Missouri*.

With great pride, Sara has collected and preserved several letters written by Lou to her family. The most intriguing letter is one written by Lou to Sara when Sara was just three months old. Lou writes that being a girl is in Sara's favor, and commented on the great joy she brought her parents and grandparents. Like so many Kappa grandmothers, Lou added the following suggestion:

"I'm writing to you under the little gold key; someday I hope you will wear one like it, I'll not be here to see it, but I like to think you will."

Sara joked that her father was perhaps the greatest Kappa of them all. He assured his mother's legacy would

be perpetuated through his daughter Sara. She notes that while she has no recollections of her grandmother, she remains a vivid memory. Much of this is due to the fact that she was raised on the oral traditions of Kappa Kappa Gamma, hearing them from her father. Sara Miller Johnson is a living link to our Founder, Martha Louisa Stevenson Miller, and for that we are extremely fortunate.



KATY BREMER, *DePauw*, Heritage Museum Intern, and SARA MILLER JOHNSON, *Missouri*, meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, to discuss letters written by Founder LOU STEVENSON MILLER, Sara's grandmother.



# Great Holiday Gifts for Friends and Family

A gift of a magazine continues to bring enjoyment throughout the entire year.

And the money that is generated by our magazine sales makes it possible to help more Kappas through the Rose McGill Fund of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

Do you know that approximately 50% of the price of each subscription Kappa sells comes back to Kappa?

What better way to share the holiday spirit—a gift of a magazine for family or friends and a gift of financial aid for Kappas.

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## ANIMALS

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Horse Illustrated	\$16.00

## BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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Forbes	\$30.00
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Money	\$20.00
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Disney's Princess (4-11)	\$22.00
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National Geographic Kids (6-14)	\$20.00
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SI for Kids (12-16)	\$20.00
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Scientific American	\$25.00

## SPORTS

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Golf Digest	\$18.00
Golf for Women	\$17.00**
NASCAR Illustrated	\$42.00
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Pledge sisters from **GAMMA Nu, Arkansas**, **MELINDA BLAIR FRENCH**, **PEGGY CREWS JONES** and **LEANNE KNOWLES HELMERICH** meet in Palm Springs to watch Melinda's daughter, Sarah, compete as Miss Arkansas Teen in the Miss Teen USA pageant.



A chance meeting aboard the *Corinthian II* sailing off the coast of Spain made traveling companions of **LORI STEVENS, William and Mary**, and **FRANCES COX NODLAND, Penn State**. Lori, who works for Harvard University, was keeping tabs on a group of Harvard alumni studying in the area. Fran was a guest of her brother who was the lecturer on the tour. The newly acquainted Kappas continued their journey through Morocco and Spain. They are pictured atop the Alhambra.



At Christmas, the **WEST VALLEY (ARIZ.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** prepares cookies and fills goodie bags with sample sizes of shampoo and lotion, combs, notepaper and pens to be delivered to shut-in Kappas unable to attend meetings during the year.



Members of the **LANCASTER (PA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** tour the Lancaster Quilt and Textile Museum where hundreds of Amish quilts from the late 19th and early-20th centuries are displayed.



A group of "Kappa Travelers" met and became friends during a tour of Sorrento, Italy.



DELTA SIGMA, *Oklahoma State*, alumnae met for their 50-year reunion, staying in the chapter house in Stillwater for three days of fun and reminiscing.



The Westmoreland Human Resources Association of Greensburg, Pa., has named KAREN REDIC, *Penn State*, the HR Professional of the Year. Karen is the HR manager for distribution services at Dick's Sporting Goods, and has responsibility for their Smithton, Pa., distribution center that services 150 U.S. stores.



The HAWAII ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION celebrates 80 years. Shown at their annual holiday party are HAYLEY MATSON-MATHES, *Kansas State*; JEAN TRINKLEIN HULL, *Michigan State*; and association President ELIZABETH HEETDERKS, *Penn State*.

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TEAL ANDERSON WILLIAMS, *Oklahoma State*, (2nd from L), and her sister, HEATHER ANDERSON FEAGANS, *Colorado State*, (4th from L), who live in Kansas City, entertained Kappa friends from their chapters and invited them to the KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION Founders Day luncheon.



At their annual holiday brunch, NASHVILLE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members collect gifts for their Rose McGill Holiday Sharing recipient.



Cousins LYNN GREEVER ALLEN and JEANNE RUSTEMEYER KERN, Kansas, show off a carousel horse named "Kappa" that has been restored and housed in a museum in Leavenworth, Kan. The rare 1918 wooden horse by C. W. Parker was produced in Abilene, where a young Dwight Eisenhower worked part time sanding the steeds. Jeanne sponsored the restoration of this horse, earning the privilege of naming it.



Members of the NEW HAMPSHIRE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION tour their State Capitol. With them is the New Hampshire State Representative, BETTE RAPPAPORT LASKY, Massachusetts, (3rd from R), and former representative BOBBI SMITH ARNOLD, Massachusetts, (3rd from L) who served 14 years. Others pictured are NANCY ACHESON MCGAAN, Monmouth; JANE PARSONS SPRINGER, Allegheny; JANE BRODNAX PATTERSON, Illinois; and association President JOYCE GUSTAFSON JANOSKY, Illinois.



The BIRMINGHAM ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION holds its first luncheon for members who are 65 or older. Twenty-three attended and plans are being made for an annual luncheon.





**ZETA KAPPA, Bowling Green**, alumnae **CHRISTY GLEINE MERCER**, **JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER**, **BONNIE ROBERTSON HARKER**, and **LAURA SHOCK SCHERER**, enjoy a mini-reunion at a park in Westerville, Ohio, with their children.



**LITTLE ROCK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** members collect toys for Arkansas' Children's Hospital during their annual Christmas party. Shown are **PEGGY CREWS JONES**, *Arkansas*; association President **MARSHA McNEIL ALLBRITTON**, *Arkansas*; hostess **JEAN MARIE SUGG**, *Arkansas*; and **CINDY THOMAS PUGH**, *Arkansas*.

Eight members of **EPSILON DELTA, Arizona State**, meet in New York City to celebrate their 50th birthdays.



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Members of the **CORVALLIS-ALBANY (N.Y.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** celebrate 40 years as an association at a special anniversary party.



At an annual Christmas party, Kappas in London, England, hold a raffle to raise money for their Rose McGill Holiday Sharing recipient. A small group spread throughout the United Kingdom, members meet three to four times a year. Besides their holiday party they celebrate Founders Day, and in the spring, they enjoy a high tea at a fancy hotel.



Tulsa alumnae and actives from DELTA PI, *Tulsa*, held an alumna/active Bunko night with door prizes and prizes for the most wins and losses. The event also served as a Continuous Open Recruitment event.



TANYA BRIEGER, *Mississippi*, is the director of enrollment for Belhaven College where she oversees recruiting and accounting for bachelor's and master's adult degree programs in Memphis, Jackson and Orlando. Enrollment has increased 35 percent under Tanya's guidance. She was named to the Institute of Professional Development's President's Circle and received an achievement award.



The DOOR COUNTY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION hosts its "Christmas in July" benefit to raise funds for a 2006 scholarship for a local senior planning to major in nursing or rehabilitation. Shown are RUTH ANNE SPRINGER SORSEN, *Wisconsin*; PATRICIA JOHNSON O'BRIEN, *Monmouth*; STEPHANIE EMPKIE VITTUM, *Duke*; SALLIE FERGUSON HEIDLER, *DePauw*; and NANCY VORHEES LAITNER, *Purdue*.



Several members of the NEW HAMPSHIRE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION gather for coffee, conversation and a "workshop" to help get the fall newsletter ready for mailing.

Seniors, chapter officers, alumnae and members of the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing gather in front of the BETA LAMBDA, *Illinois*, chapter house to celebrate receiving a plaque from the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1928, the English Revival limestone is one of several historic Greek chapter facilities on campus.





The "Out and About Group," which is part of the **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, tours the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.



**TIANA ARMOUR, Bucknell,** and **JANET SCHADEWITZ LAWHUN, Oregon State,** met while in Atenas, Costa Rica, working for Habitat for Humanity. They were surprised to discover they are both from Oregon and are Kappa sisters.



Members of the **FORT COLLINS (COLO.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** enjoy an annual holiday brunch. This group donates to Project Self-Sufficiency for Larimer County, a program to assist low-income, single parents striving to achieve economic independence. They also support Reading Is Fundamental with the proceeds from their spring flower sales by purchasing and donating books.

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Members of the Gavel Club of the **SARASOTA/MANATEE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, celebrate their 10th anniversary. They are a group of former association Presidents who keep in touch with members who have moved away or who no longer can attend meetings.





CAROL DAVIS AASTAD, *Oklahoma State*

## It's All About Networking

"Making connections is important to business and also to personal satisfaction—it's all about networking," explains CAROL DAVIS AASTAD, *Oklahoma State*, a manager in the field of promotional business products. "Connections are the key to a well-rounded and balanced life and you can make connections volunteering." Carol even met her future husband as a result of networking and they have been married for 15 years.

Carol credits her days as an active member of DELTA SIGMA, *Oklahoma State*, with learning about volunteering. Majoring in sociology and English, Carol says her experiences within Kappa were transformational in learning about bonding and networking—two skills she uses often in her career.

It was through giving her time to others that Carol discovered a career path in the promotional products field. When Carol's sons were in high school, her father encouraged her to turn her volunteer skills into a career in order to find the right combination of family time and work. This led her to start her own business.

While building her business, Carol has carved out time to volunteer for the United Way, American Cancer and Heart Associations, plus the Presbyterian Church, Junior League, and Family and Children First. Working with these nonprofit organizations gave her personal satisfaction as well as a wealth of contacts for her

business, which is part of a \$16-billion-a-year-industry. Promotional products are a way for a company to bring its image and brand to targeted audiences. Carol is known for her skill in matching the right product with the right audience at the right time.

Carol ran her company until she merged with Forrester-Smith Promotional Agency in Tampa, Fla., where she now serves as vice president and general manager over a team of 45 sales associates. Carol serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Promotional Products Association International (PPAI), one of the largest trade associations with more than 6,000 suppliers, distributors and affiliated members worldwide. One of her favorite aspects of this position is being able to mentor new people in the field. She is even willing to mentor women via e-mail. For more information, contact Carol at [carola@forrestersmith.com](mailto:carola@forrestersmith.com).

## Persevering Despite Her Disability

After an exciting semester studying in France, exploring Paris and skiing in Mont Blanc, life as she knew it changed suddenly for JANE KRYSKI, *UC Davis*.

The adventure to study abroad began in September 1997 as Jane, age 20, boarded her flight to France and met fellow students who would spend the semester together. That fall was a whirlwind of classes coupled with seeing the sights in Paris, Giverny and Monte Carlo, even a trip to Oktoberfest in Munich. At the end of the semester, she traveled with friends for a skiing holiday in Mont Blanc, Chamonix, France. It was to be a farewell vacation before heading back to the United States.

After a day of skiing, she awoke at 4 a.m. with a headache, then passed out. Frightened, her friends called paramedics who rushed her to a little mountain hospital where it was determined that she had suffered a stroke. She was transported to Geneva, where tests showed she had experienced an arterial venous malformation, a rare malformation that hemorrhaged and resulted in a stroke. She was in a coma for six weeks, could move only one eye for three months and could not speak for five months.

Her parents flew to her side in Switzerland, and then finally flew her to doctors in San



Francisco. With the support of her family and friends, and with what she calls a "miraculous recovery" and months of rehabilitation, Jane went on to finish her undergraduate degree and, at age 26, has earned a master's degree with honors.

Wheelchair-bound, Jane has had to learn to exist in a world not especially conducive to people with disabilities, despite recent laws. She has encountered places that are difficult for her to maneuver her chair. And because it is still difficult for her to speak, she has been embarrassed when people become impatient with her and speak to her companions instead.



JANE KRYSKI, *UC Davis*

Before her stroke, she hadn't given much thought to the inconveniences facing disabled persons. For this reason, Jane has written a book about her experiences, in diary form, illustrating her two lives: one walking and one in a wheelchair. Titled *Malchance: From Walking to a Wheelchair*, she strives to bring more understanding of what life is like as a young person with a disability. (*Malchance* means "bad luck" in French.) She hopes her book will help others coping with similar experiences. For more information, contact Jane via e-mail at [janiekryski@aol.com](mailto:janiekryski@aol.com).



## Giving Back to Help Students

Each college at Ohio State University has an alumni society. DOROTHY "D.A." MCGINNIS KREINBIHL, *Ohio State*, serves as president of the College of Human Ecology Alumni Society Board of Governors. The mission of the society is to bring alumni together for support of the college, have annual meetings, and plan student recruitment and networking events, alumni award programs and football reunions. She says she is "glad to have an opportunity to assist in a very real way in the education of a student."

D.A. is also active in the COLUMBUS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and works part time at Fraternity Headquarters, having served as chairman of The Heritage Museum.

## Achievement in Tourism

ELIZA BENINGTON KOZLOWSKI, *St. Lawrence*, received the first "I Love New York Award for Cultural Tourism Promotion" at the 2004 New York State Governor's Tourism Conference. The award recognizes Eliza's work in nationally promoting George Eastman House, where she is director of

communications and visitor services. She is a former chairman of the Visitor Industry Council of the Greater Rochester Visitors Association and was previously named Outstanding Tourism Employee of the Year and included in the top "40 Under 40."



ELIZA BENINGTON KOZLOWSKI, *St. Lawrence*



## The Gift of Life

MARGARET (PEGGY) McLOSKEY McNITT, *Monmouth*, has given the gift of life to her sister, MARY ALICE McLOSKEY TOAL, *Monmouth*. Peggy donated a kidney to Mary who has had diabetes for 38 years. Both recovered well and say the hospital personnel got a kick out of their T-shirts. It is estimated that 88,000 Americans are waiting for organ donations, and 17 of them die each day because so few are available (*Parade Magazine*, July 17, 2005.) A third sister, ANNE McLOSKEY ROMINE, *Monmouth*, writes that the three are "proud loving McLoskey sisters and Kappa sisters." Mary is active in the MONMOUTH ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and has been a longtime volunteer with the Minnie Stewart Foundation for which she served as treasurer for many years.



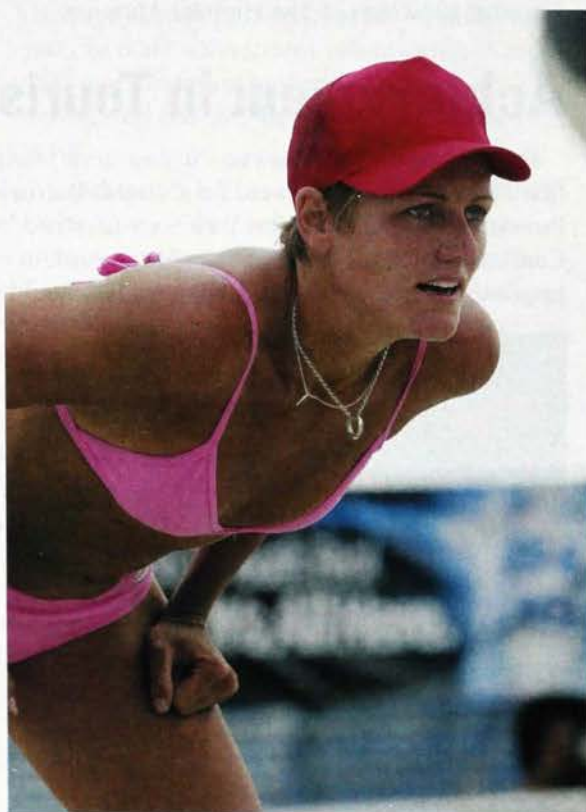
MARGARET (PEGGY) McLOSKEY McNITT, *Monmouth*, right, has given the gift of life to her real-life sister, MARY ALICE McLOSKEY TOAL, *Monmouth*. They are pictured just before undergoing surgery in which Peggy donated a kidney to Mary.

## Volleyball Pro Tours the U.S.

Volleyball tournaments aren't just for Southern California beaches. JENNIFER KESSEY, *Southern Calif.*, is a rising star with the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP), which recently toured the United States competing in matches similar to those that brought home gold and bronze from the 2004 Olympic Games.

Jennifer was named AVP Most Improved Player in 2004, and with her partner, Olympian Barb Fontana, consistently finished in the top 10 throughout 2005. The AVP Pro Beach Volleyball tour was featured in the AVP Nissan Series broadcast on Fox Sports Network and NBC Sports.

Jennifer earned her first beach title in 2001, and while at USC was a member of the volleyball team all four years. She was named All-District in 1997, All-American in 1998 and earned All-PAC selection 1995-98. She was also a member of the U.S. Junior National Team.



Pro beach volleyball player JENNIFER KESSEY, *Southern Calif.*



## Entrepreneur Promotes Healthy Food and Fun

After years as a public-school teacher of Spanish, **TAMI VIQUE BADINGER**, *Washington State*, opened her own business in Spokane, a gourmet wine shop named *Cena* that offers "entrees to go." *Cena* ("Say-nah," from the Spanish and Italian word for supper) allows clients to register for cooking sessions where they prepare 12 freezer-friendly meals from prepared ingredients. She enjoys watching clients have fun with friends and leave with their arms filled with healthy foods to reheat during the coming month. Tami displays her logo design on her apron, a quarter moon with a fleur-de-lis at its bottom tip. She recently hosted the **SPOKANE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** with a luncheon at *Cena*. Her shop has done so well she is beginning to franchise. For more information, visit [www.cenatogo.com](http://www.cenatogo.com).



**TAMI VIQUE BADINGER**, *Washington State*



**JENNIFER HILTON SAMPSON**, *Baylor*, has been named chief operating officer of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

## Chief Operating Officer of United Way

The United Way of Metropolitan Dallas has named **JENNIFER HILTON SAMPSON**, *Baylor*, executive vice president and chief operating officer. She held the title of senior vice president and chief financial officer for the past three years during which she restructured the finance and operations department and put into place a new leadership team of skilled professionals.

Jennifer, a CPA, was appointed to the United Way of America's Financial Issues Committee in 2003. Prior to joining United Way in 2002, she spent nearly 10 years with the Dallas audit firm of Arthur Andersen.

She is involved in several professional and community organizations, including the **DALLAS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, the Junior League of Dallas and the Cattle Baron's Ball Committee. While an undergraduate at Baylor, she served as **EPSILON UPSILON** chapter President.

## Alumna Named VP Communications for Health Firm

Pinnacle Care International has appointed **CAROLYN BODIE O'KEEFE**, *Virginia*, to the position of vice president communications to oversee marketing, communications and special events.

Carolyn has more than 20 years experience in marketing and public relations. Her philanthropic efforts include leadership positions with the Baltimore Symphony, the Maryland Historical Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Union Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Eubie Blake Cultural Center and Baltimore's promotional LiveBaltimore organization for whom she created the "I love city life" campaign.

Carolyn, along with five pledge sisters, appeared on the cover of *The Key* in 1976 as founders of **EPSILON SIGMA** chapter at the University of Virginia. She served as chapter President.



**CAROLYN BODIE O'KEEFE**, *Virginia*.





Architect LISA BATE, Toronto

## Risk-Taking Pays Off for Toronto Architect

Taking a risk paid off for LISA BATE, Toronto, and her architectural firm, Six Degrees Architecture and Design, Inc., when they won a competition to design "Canadian Maple Town" outside Shanghai—China's largest city. The project will be a four-square-kilometer city housing 28,000 residents, with a city hall, cultural center, art gallery and museum, convention center and five-star hotel. Lisa expects it to be completed in 2010.

Having success with local projects, Lisa decided her mid-sized firm needed to be reinvented and she looked to China where there is already a strong Canadian architectural presence. Also, one of her architects is from China, which gave her firm some leverage.

They began by entering and winning a competition for an "Eco City" project in Jiangxi Province, and then won a second contract for a bus terminal in Hunan Province. When they won the Canada Maple town project, the contract signing was seen on national television and she appeared on the front page of the *Toronto Star*.

## Mission of Mercy Visit Provides Music and Gifts in Calcutta

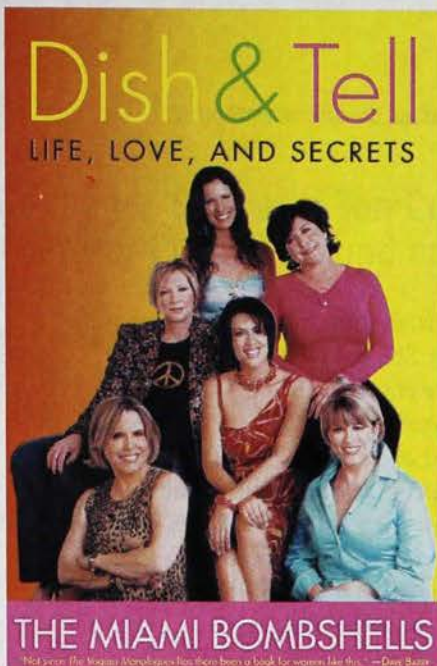
JENNIFER DAVIS STANLEY, Butler, was a guest artist for "Songs of the Season" in Calcutta, India, a 37-year-old outreach program in the mostly Hindu and Muslim city. While there to perform concerts, Jennifer says that a huge reason for going to Calcutta was her involvement with Mission of Mercy (MOM). She searches for "sponsors" for children all over the world in Mission of Mercy schools, orphanages and project houses and she wanted to see the work done there.

As an artist representative, she spent several days visiting a Blind School, a Hindi Medium School, and a Boys Home, delivering gifts, talking with the children and singing. While her concerts reached 5,000 people, it was her visits throughout the city that impacted her. She met the founder and director of the Blind School, Jabesh Dutt, who began his ministry in his home, but now houses 98 children in a clean, small building in town. During her visit to the Hindi Medium School, she was able to pass out gifts from the children's sponsors. The school is for the poorest and all have American sponsors. Jennifer posted a journal of her experiences along with several photos at [www.jenniferstanley.com](http://www.jenniferstanley.com). (*Jennifer was originally featured in the summer 2003 issue.*)



Musician JENNIFER DAVIS STANLEY, Butler





PATRICIA SAN PEDRO, *Miami*, the original Miami Bombshell.

## "Miami Bombshells" Offer Advice for Stressed-Out Women

In a different sort of sisterhood, six accomplished Miami, Fla., women have published a book that reaches out to over-worked, under-appreciated, stressed-out women. *Dish and Tell: Life, Love and Secrets* (William Morrow/an Imprint of Harper Collins) exposes the secrets, hardships, fears, joys and truths that are felt but not often shared by today's over-scheduled "super-moms."

Four years ago, PATRICIA SAN PEDRO, *Miami*, organized "girls night in" gatherings where she and her friends discovered that the best way to cope with life is to develop a support network—their "Bombshell Circle." Pat says, "It's only in dropping all pretenses and everyday inhibitions that we've been able to share our stories, acknowledge our inner demons and embrace our imperfections."

Their get-togethers inspired the book of mini-memoirs covering subjects such as career choices and changes, happy marriages and painful divorces, fighting depression, raging hormones and the feeling that women have to "do it all." The premise of the book is for women to realize how alike they are, despite whether one works in corporate America or at home.

Pat is a three-time Emmy award-winning producer and media executive who runs a marketing firm. Other Bombshells include a well-known broadcast journalist, a school psychologist, a single mom who runs her own TV production company, a mortgage banking executive and a marketing expert. For more information, visit [www.miamibombshells.com](http://www.miamibombshells.com).

## Lady Pirate Retires from Coaching after 25 Years

Pensacola Junior College Lady Pirates' basketball coach, VICKI CARSON, *Arkansas-Little Rock*, has retired from 25 years on the courts to go back to the classroom. During her coaching career, Vicki recorded more wins than any other active junior college coach in Florida and ranks 10th on the national wins list. She recently recorded her 500th win, a remarkable achievement in competitive team sports.

She has recruited and coached three All-Americans, 20 All-State players and 90 All-Conference players. She has also placed more than 100 players in university-level basketball programs. The Panhandle Conference Championship trophy is named in her honor. Vicki believes that while winning is an admirable goal, teaching her players to win with respect, humility and grace is what counts.

At the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Vicki was a standout in three sports: volleyball, basketball and tennis. She was an All-State selection there and won three state championships. She later served as assistant coach in basketball and volleyball at the University of Alabama where she pursued a master's degree. Vicki, who started out as a teacher, returns to the classroom at PJC teaching Concepts of Life Fitness and will stay involved with the Physical Education program there.



Basketball coach VICKI CARSON, *Arkansas*





PAT BOSWELL MCCALL, *Southern Methodist*

## Texas Business Association Award

The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) has awarded its highest honor, the Mr. TIPRO Award, to PATRICIA DEAN BOSWELL MCCALL, *Southern Methodist*. Pat is credited with being a successful businesswoman, noted philanthropist, and civic and social leader who has made significant contributions to the people of Texas and the oil and gas industry.

TIPRO is the largest statewide association in the United States representing independent producers and royalty owners. Pat serves on its finance committee and as a key advisor to TIPRO leadership, having served as a regional vice president.

## Former President of Oklahoma Library Association

Completing a year as president of the Oklahoma Library Association, LYNN LIVINGSTON MCINTOSH, *Oklahoma*, says she is thrilled with Kappa Kappa Gamma's Reading Is Fundamental philanthropy. She says, "I think books are extremely important and reading good fiction encourages the use of imagination, which is a positive for both children and adults."

As director of the Chickasaw Regional Library System, Lynn began her year as president of OLA with the theme "A New Spin @ Your Library," illustrated by a pinwheel with the following words—

connections, destinations, generations and serendipity. She feels libraries should be "destinations where connections are made, generations are brought together and surprise and excitement result." And even with all the databases and computer programs, Lynn feels there is no replacement for a good librarian to help people find information in many formats. The OLA also is active at the state and national levels educating legislators about pending bills.

One successful reading campaign she oversaw was the statewide "Read Y'All" promotion featuring posters depicting well-known Oklahomans, including Country singer Toby Keith, Governor and Mrs. Brad Henry and actress Kristin Chenoweth.

Lynn is active in the ARDMORE (OKLA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and served Theta Province for four years as Province Director of Chapters. She and her daughter, SHANNON MCINTOSH, *Miami*, helped colonize ZETA PHI, *Princeton*, where Lynn served as Advisory Board Chairman and Shannon as Chapter Council Adviser.



LYNN LIVINGSTON MCINTOSH, *Oklahoma*

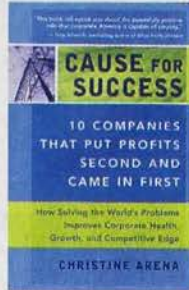


# Kappa Authors

## Cause for Success: Ten Companies That Put Profits Second and Came in First

By **CHRISTINE ARENA**, *Syracuse*  
(www.causeforsuccess.com)  
195 pages, New World Library

Companies featured in Christine's book approached a world problem, such as cancer or poverty, as a business opportunity and made more money as a result. A former strategy director and co-founder of several businesses, Christine heads an initiative that helps Fortune 500 companies develop innovative and profitable corporate responsibility programs.



## Landscape

By **DONNA COUSINS**, *Northwestern*  
266 pages, iUniverse,  
Editor's Choice

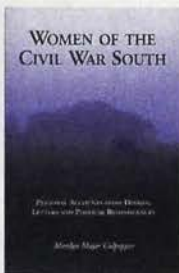
In her first novel, Donna, a founding editor of *Career World* magazine, weaves a tale of suspense about an out-placed executive starting anew as the owner of a landscape business who discovers the company he owns is part of a vast criminal network that threatens his livelihood and life.



## Women of the Civil War South

By **MARILYN MAYER CULPEPPER**,  
*Michigan*  
267 pages, McFarland and Co., Inc.

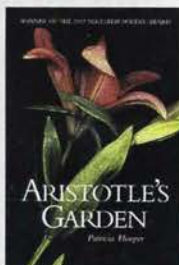
These compiled personal accounts from diaries, letters and postwar reminiscences tell poignant stories of Southern women and their families from different perspectives and parts of the country. Marilyn is a retired professor from Michigan State University.



## Aristotle's Garden

By **PATRICIA HOOPER**, *Michigan*  
67 pages, Bluestem Press, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

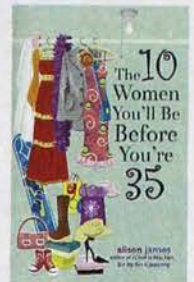
Winner of several poetry awards, Patricia has written two previous collections of poetry and four children's books.



## The 10 Women You'll Be Before You're 35

By **ALISON JAMES**, *Princeton*  
241 pages, Adams Media, Polka Dot Press

In her second book, Alison James offers a humorous guide for young women who are bombarded with mixed messages galore on the expectations of society: "Be sweet and feminine!" "Build your career!" "Meet the right guy!" Laugh at and learn from the different phases you'll go through as you figure out who you are and discover how each stage of life teaches valuable lessons.



## Ruby Tuesday

By **JENNIFER ANNE KOGLER**, *Princeton*  
320 pages, HarperCollins

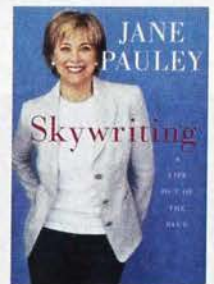
"To Vegas and back again ... Ruby is on the run." A cum laude graduate with a B.A. in English, this 23-year-old author spins a tale, based on many of her own experiences, about a girl whose life gets turned upside down by a winning bet on the World Series.



## Skywriting—A Life out of the Blue

By **JANE PAULEY**, *Indiana*  
264 pages, Random House

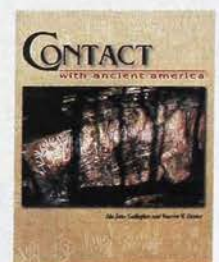
Jane Pauley tells a remarkable story of self-discovery and self-reinvention. An award-winning journalist, Jane began her broadcasting career in 1972. She began her 13-year tenure on NBC's *Today Show* in 1976. From 1992 to 2003, Jane co-anchored *Dateline NBC*.



## Contact with Ancient America

By **IDA JANE GALLAGHER**, *West Virginia*,  
and Warren W. Dexter  
146 pages, Sovereign Terrace Books

The result of 28 years of research, photography and writing, Ida Jane views this book as one of the great accomplishments of her life. Presenting evidence of early foreign contact with North American people, the book is a revisionist history written for a popular audience. For more information, contact Ida Jane at [ijgall@earthlink.net](mailto:ijgall@earthlink.net).





ZETA CHI, *Marist*, members enjoy a sisterhood picnic on the shore of the Hudson River.



EPSILON UPSILON, *Baylor*, members enjoy performing with other Greek members in "Stompfest."



GAMMA NU, *Arkansas*, celebrates its new chapter room made possible through a donation by Jim Gaston in memory of his late wife, Sue Gaston. This past spring, the chapter was named Most Outstanding Chapter in Xi Province and received the Province scholarship award.



EPSILON EPSILON, *Emory*, members help raise \$44,000 for the Children's Miracle Network through the campus 12-hour dance marathon.

DELTA PSI, *Texas Tech*, won the all-university intramural football championship title as well as the "Organization of the Year" award in the sorority category.







DELTA IOTA, Louisiana State, members hand out candy during the sorority row trick-or-treat event where sororities block off the street so costume-wearing children can safely collect candy.



KHI, Minnesota, members celebrate Bid Day.



GAMMA THETA, Drake, members help make earrings and inspirational "quote cards" for a breast cancer survivor organization called "Gems of Hope," which was co-founded by alumna CINDY BRAND SALE, Drake, a breast cancer survivor. The group distributes the earrings and cards to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.



# Recording Artist Releases Albums While Earning Her Degree

A fresh face in country music, BRITTANY WELLS, *Southern Methodist*, has accomplished more in her youth than some people achieve in a lifetime. Yet in many ways, Brittany is a typical collegian who enjoys campus life and works hard to balance her responsibilities.

An advertising major with a business minor, Brittany released a 14-song album titled, *Loving Every Minute of It*, (Spindletop Records) earlier this year. Her first single and video, "Somebody's Somebody," airing on GAC-TV, is a hit with radio listeners and video viewers from coast to coast. Her newest single, "Too Long," is a melodic ballad that is climbing the country music charts. A second album is in the works.

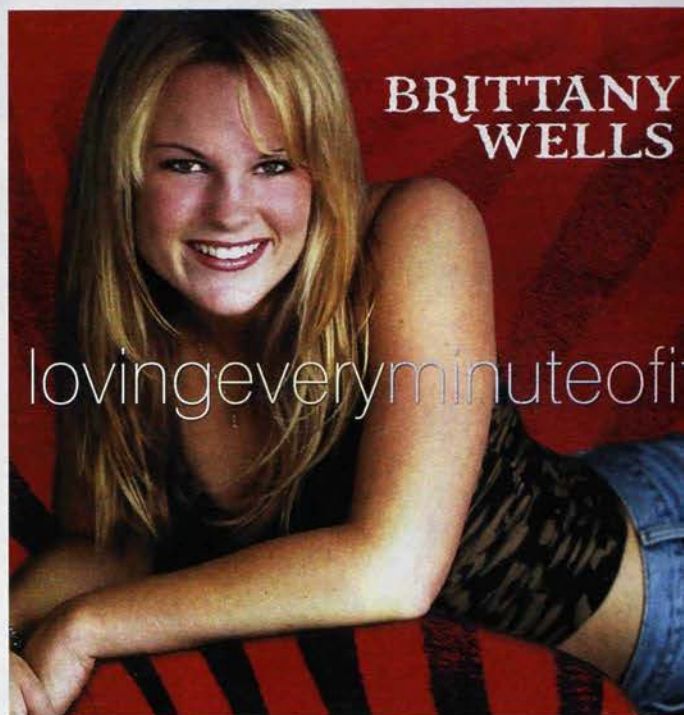
Girls ages 10-17 are a large portion of Brittany's audience, and she takes seriously her opportunity to be a role model. "I want to be someone they can look up to and see it's OK to be a good girl with strong morals," says Brittany, adding that her family's values and her faith are her foundation for life. "These things make you who you are."

With plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in December 2006, Brittany says a degree is important in order to have choices in life. While it is tempting to put college on hold to give 100 percent to her music career, she feels it would be difficult to go back later to complete her education.

Brittany carves out time from academics to perform at concerts, embark on radio tours and participate in media interviews, as well as spend time in the recording studio. Her time-management techniques include studying on airplanes and posting sticky notes on her computer. A daily planner and master calendar keep track of tests and public appearances. Brittany light-heartedly admits that she often has to let things go, such as tidying her room.

Brittany spends free time socializing with Kappa sisters and studying by the pool. Although she is disappointed when she has to miss out on campus social events while she is on the road, she acknowledges that sacrifices are required in order to make her dreams come true.

Forming new friendships seemed difficult during her first semester on campus, but after



Brittany's first album

joining GAMMA PHI CHAPTER, Brittany says she feels "blessed" to be a Kappa. "I value these women who, just like me, are striving to do their best." She values the emphasis Kappa puts on leadership, and she is proud of the many chapter members who are campus leaders. "We all praise and encourage each other often," says Brittany who was deeply touched when her chapter threw a surprise CD release party in honor of her new album.

Brittany says she is accustomed to a demanding schedule having "grown up that way." Showing early talent in many areas, her parents supported her goals but never pushed her. Her mother instilled organization skills, and juggling multiple activities taught her to prioritize.

Born in England, where her family lived until she was 2, Brittany showed a natural affinity for performing. When her father, a U.S. Air Force Fighter pilot, completed his tour of duty he returned his family to their roots in Wichita Falls, Texas.



## Collegians Paint Murals to Promote RIF

Encouraged by family and friends, Brittany took piano and voice lessons and practiced singing along to songs on the radio.

During elementary school, Brittany learned to play tennis and soon began playing competitively. Daily tennis and fitness training gave her an understanding that hard work and commitment is the only sure path to success, whatever the goal. Her talent in tennis allowed her to travel throughout the United States and earned her a United States Tennis Association ranking until age 14, when her love of singing surpassed her love of tennis.

In order to increase her opportunities to sing before a live audience, Brittany entered and won the Miss Teen Texas America pageant in 2002 and spent a year fulfilling speaking and singing engagements.

Brittany's next step as an aspiring vocalist took her to Nashville looking for a way to break into country music. She shortened her name from Wellsfry to Wells and, through working with various producers, began to understand and develop her unique sound. She was introduced to Nashville producer and songwriter Wyatt Easterling, and that meeting resulted in a debut single and video, "From Harm's Way," about the day-to-day wait for the safe return of a loved one from war. Soon after, her first album was released.

Hoping to be a headliner for a national tour, Brittany has learned the importance of persistence and hard work no matter what challenges may arise. "People will try to tear you down ... but you have to believe in yourself."

Along with her parents, two others who believe in Brittany's success are her younger brothers; one attends Southern Methodist and the other is in junior high school. Brittany appreciates her parents for the confidence they have instilled in her and her brothers. "They had to make sacrifices but at least one parent was always at every event." Now, Brittany's mother books performances and an enthusiastic publicist helps Brittany keep her career on track.

Keep an eye on this talented Kappa who is likely to be the next big thing in country music.

To learn more about Brittany, visit [www.brittanywells.com](http://www.brittanywells.com).

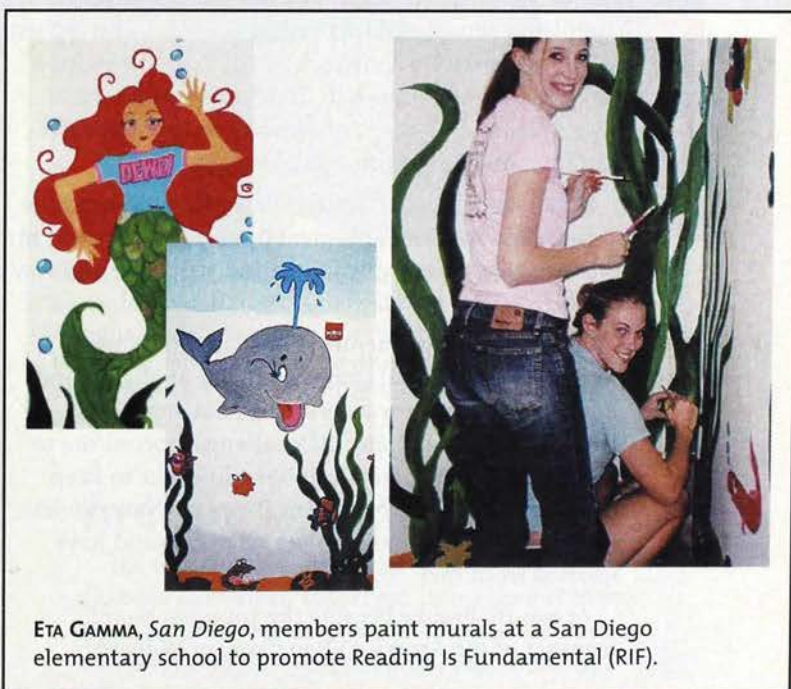
ETA GAMMA, *San Diego*, members painted two murals at George Dewey Elementary School to promote Kappa Kappa Gamma's official philanthropy, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

Eta Gamma Philanthropy Chairman ELIZABETH PAXTON approached the elementary school with the idea and the entrance and library were the areas selected for the murals. "We designed it, then we traced it on the walls in one day, then it took just two more days of painting, and it was done," says senior member Kristin Hancock. The whimsical design includes fantasy scenes with a castle and dragon, and an outer-space theme with planets and a rocket ship. A quote painted inside a large book on one wall reads, "Books have the power to make time stand still, retreat or fly into the future."

The mural was a group effort with nearly the entire chapter participating in some way. Even those who felt they had little artistic talent were encouraged to pick up a brush. "I told them, 'Just do it,' ... It's like paint-by-numbers," says Elizabeth. "Once they started, they saw how easy it was. And in the end they were so proud; it was their masterpiece."

Elizabeth recalls the excitement of the students when they filed out of the building on Fridays when the murals were in progress. "We'd have to move all our stuff to the side and just stand there so they didn't touch the wet paint. And they would walk out and say, 'Wow!'"

When people asked about the chapter's mural project, Elizabeth made a point to tell them that Kappas try to focus on activities where they give their time rather than only focusing on raising money. "There is power in numbers, and we want to show what we can do when we share our resources."



ETA GAMMA, *San Diego*, members paint murals at a San Diego elementary school to promote Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).





BROOKE JOHNSON, *Denison*, received a 2005 Congressional Award Gold Medal.

## Congressional Award Gold Medal

This past summer, BROOKE JOHNSON, *Denison*, received the Congressional Award Gold Medal, a goal she had been working toward since her junior year in high school. The six-stage award, which must be completed between the ages of 14 and 23, is the highest honor bestowed on America's youth. Criteria include 400 hours of public service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness and a five-day, four-night expedition/exploration.

While working to complete the various stages of the award, Brooke says, "This great opportunity opened my eyes to a new world of volunteering, medicine and way of life."

One of her most memorable experiences was working as a personal camp counselor at High Hope Equestrian Camp for a child with autism. "This young man and his specific challenges forced me to predict and anticipate his actions in order to keep him and others safe," explains Brooke. "Nevertheless, I learned more from him than he ever could have learned from me."

At age 16, Brooke became the youngest board member of the American Red Cross of Williams

County, Ohio, and served on the Fire and Disaster Services Team. She also volunteered and lived in a homeless shelter, worked as an athletic trainer, cooked and served meals in Ohio and Washington, D.C. soup kitchens, observed surgical procedures, and volunteered at Sauder Historical Village. "All of these and many other experiences have shaped who I have become as an adult," says Brooke.

## Send Us Your Photos!

*The Key* wants your high-quality, color photographs—NOT plain-paper copies or low-resolution digital images pasted into an e-mail message or Word file. Actual 4-by-6 prints (or larger) are preferred over digital files. If only digital files are available, *The Key* requires photographs that are originally taken at 100 percent/300 dpi (high-resolution). Send as jpeg or tiff attachments. Do not e-mail us links to online photo services—order the print you like and mail it to the address below. Include pertinent details and contact information via e-mail or on a separate sheet or sticky note if sending via regular mail—do not write on the backs of photos. Send news and photos to: *The Key*, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038 or via e-mail to [jhoover@kappakappagamma.org](mailto:jhoover@kappakappagamma.org).

## Studying Abroad?

If you or someone in your chapter has studied or worked abroad, *The Key* wants to know! Please submit photos and stories about study-abroad experiences to [jhoover@kappakappagamma.org](mailto:jhoover@kappakappagamma.org) or P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038. We can only accept real photographs or large, high-resolution digital images. Small, blurry or low-resolution images will not be used. Visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) (click on *The Key*) for submission guidelines.



# Five Tips for Fantastic Event Planning

*College is a time of growth and learning in more areas than academics. Here's what one campus leader has learned about successful special event planning on campus and beyond.*

— By **SARAH MILLER**, *Arizona*, University of Arizona Panhellenic Council Vice President of Programming.

## 1. Break on through to the other side.

Many programs we design have quality outside our Greek-life community. Sometimes, we collegians forget the bigger picture or bigger community population, which also conveniently consists of Greek alumni. This year, our Fifth-Annual CatWalk, which benefits basketball coach Lute Olson's late wife Bobbi Olson's Endowment for ovarian cancer research, is not only taking center stage with the Greeks but is also open to the public. If a program can work inside your Greek community, why not see what your wider community can add to it?

## 2. Take the money and run.

For our fall Panhellenic New Member Symposium, I switched things up a little. Instead of spending \$3,000 on a speaker to fly halfway across the continent to entertain our new members, I tapped into the university's resources. With early planning, I was able to convince the dean of students, student government leaders, campus health counselors, sexual awareness advocates and career service representatives to gather on a Sunday afternoon to educate new members. Not only did the members leave better educated on various student issues, but also with tools and resources available through the university. Costs were minimal—just room reservations and gift certificates—and benefits were high.

## 3. Twist and shout.

My first programming event resulted in only three participants, including two Kappas whom I bribed into going. The lesson? Public relations and marketing are the golden keys to programming. You can plan away but if no one knows the details, no one will show. Work with your university's marketing department to produce flyers, brochures, Web sites and anything to get the word out about a special event.

## 4. Find your method of madness.

I am confident a program will turn out terrible unless I have given everyone involved a handwritten agenda. There is no wrong or right way to organize an event and no foolproof instruction book telling you

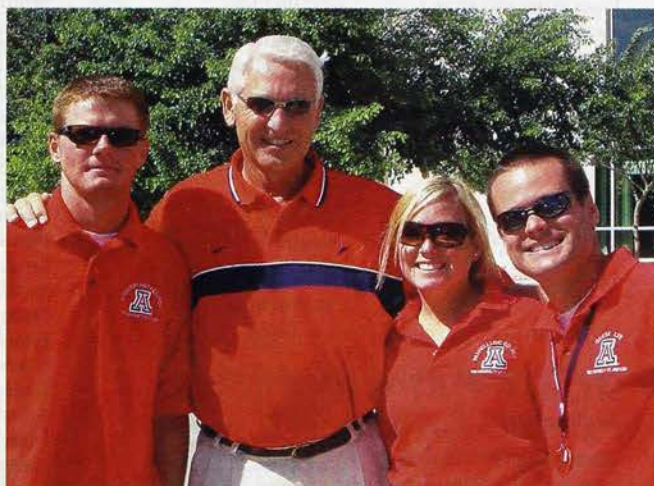
how you do it. Find your method—what works for you—and use it. When things don't go as planned, roll with it, learn from it and try to enjoy the madness.

## 5. Say, *gracias*.

My mother was not lying when she said a note expressing your thanks and your hopes for future engagements can go a long way. It is important to realize that, although you may take the credit for programming an event, you did not get there alone. From the university president to event coordinators to advisers to volunteers at water stations—it is your gracious thanks they will remember.

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*Sarah is a senior communication major with a pre-law minor.*



**SARAH MILLER**, *Arizona*, (3rd from left) worked with basketball coach Lute Olson (2nd from left) and other campus leaders to coordinate the 5th annual "CatWalk," to benefit coach Olson's late wife Bobbi Olson's endowment for ovarian cancer research. A total of \$20,100 was raised.

## Are you a campus leader?

Tell us how your membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma has helped shape you into a leader? Share tips and ideas you have learned. Send information and photos to [jhoover@kappakappagamma.org](mailto:jhoover@kappakappagamma.org).





(Spring 2005 data based on reports received at Headquarters as of September 27, 2005.)

## Chapters at or Above the All-Sorority Grade- Point Average

### REGION 1:

#### Beta Province

Bucknell  
Villanova  
Washington & Jefferson

#### Rho Province

Babson  
Dartmouth

### REGION 2:

#### Gamma Province

Akron  
Cincinnati  
Denison  
John Carroll  
Miami  
Ohio Wesleyan

#### Lambda Province

Virginia Tech

#### Nu Province

Kentucky

### REGION 3:

#### Mu Province

Central Florida  
Emory  
Florida  
Miami

#### Theta Province

Oklahoma  
Oklahoma State  
Tulsa

### REGION 4:

#### Delta Province

Butler  
DePauw  
Purdue  
Valparaiso

#### Epsilon Province

Monmouth  
Northwestern

#### Zeta Province

Iowa  
Kansas  
Kansas State  
Missouri  
Simpson  
Washington Univ. (St. Louis)  
Westminster

### REGION 5:

#### Iota Province

British Columbia  
Whitman

#### Eta Province

Colorado State  
New Mexico  
Utah

### REGION 6:

#### Pi Province

UC Davis  
Oregon State

#### Kappa Province

Cal. State Northridge  
Southern Calif.  
UC San Diego

## Scholastically Ranked First On Campus

### REGION 1:

#### Beta Province

Bucknell

#### Rho Province

Babson

### REGION 2:

#### Gamma Province

Akron  
John Carroll  
Ohio Wesleyan

### REGION 3:

#### Mu Province

Central Florida

### REGION 4:

#### Epsilon Province

Monmouth

#### Zeta Province

Iowa State  
Simpson

### REGION 5:

#### Iota Province

Idaho

### REGION 6:

#### Kappa Province

Cal State Northridge

#### Pi Province

UC Davis

## Kappas With 4.0 GPA

### REGION 1:

#### Alpha Province

Colgate:  
Molly Bate  
Ashley Olentine

#### McGill:

Jamie Wolfe

#### Beta Province

Allegheny:  
Eileen Gallagher  
Haley Woods

#### Bucknell:

Emily Petrack  
Julie Schwab

#### Rho Province

Dartmouth:  
Amanda Burrows  
Vanessa Green  
Meredith Jones

Caroline Lessing  
Laura Randolph  
Diana Szczepanski  
Ellen Tani  
Olivia Whiting  
Katherine Goodman  
Ann Irvine  
Kathryn Jaxheimer  
Kristin Grauer

### REGION 2:

#### Gamma Province

Akron:  
Korisa McCoy  
Jennifer Pollard  
Renee Webel

#### Cincinnati:

Brandi Blankenship  
Abby Brehm  
Leyla Maric  
Sara Stegman

#### Denison:

Lauren Gilanyi  
Sarah Grannemann

#### John Carroll:

Sarah Manary  
Nicole Rishel

#### Miami (Ohio):

Amy Banks  
Blair Davis  
Whitney Stevens  
Amanda VanDoorn  
Amanda Wolfe

#### Ohio Wesleyan:

Sarah Blackburn  
Elisabeth Calhoon  
Amy Collins  
Sarah George  
Suzanne Gill  
Erin Hoagland  
Sarah Lord  
Andrea Minich  
Sarah Otney  
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# Stepping Back in Time

— By KATY BREMER, *DePauw*, the Heritage Museum's 2005 CATHERINE SCHROEDER GRAF Intern

A visitor to Kappa Kappa Gamma's Heritage Museum feels welcomed by the antiquity of a grand 19th century Victorian home. Stepping through the beautiful double front doors is a step back into a different century. The charming melodeon (a small reed organ) in the morning room, elegant sideboard in the dining room, and gold-framed mirror that dresses the wall from carpet to ceiling in the grand parlor reflect the loyalty, devotion and tradition that is Kappa Kappa Gamma.

However, the dearest treasures lie beyond the valuable antiques. To the rear is a brick room with a vaulted ceiling and wooden rafters that bespeak the original purpose of the space as a carriage house. Today, instead of coaches, the space accommodates modern offices and the Fraternity's archives. Photographs, issues of *The Key*, scrapbooks, badges, chapter house floor plans and more are the history of Kappa Kappa Gamma in physical form.

As The Heritage Museum intern, my first week was spent exploring the archives room—pouring over the blue, bound history books, shuffling through photographs of young women in long skirts and coiffed hairstyles, squinting to make out the initials and dates engraved on gold badges. I hoped to find something from which I could create an exhibit and eventually I chose to display some Kappa “firsts”—first chapter, Founders, Grand President, chapter house, Convention, issue of *The Key*, written documents, badges and insignia.

To the left of the room's entryway is biographical information and photographs of our six Founders: Mary Moore “Minnie” Stewart, Martha Louise “Lou” Stevenson, Hannah Jeanette Boyd, Mary Louise Bennett, Susan Burley Walker and Anna Elizabeth Willits. Students at Monmouth College in the small prairie town of Monmouth, Ill., the young women decided to break away from the traditional literary societies and form a

Greek letter fraternity like those of the men. As a result, ALPHA CHAPTER was founded in 1870. Items on display include photographs of the college, a model of The Stewart House (Minnie's family home where the constitution was signed and now a Fraternity museum), the Monmouth gavel, an original chapter member's shawl and Lou Stevenson's silver creamer set and first childhood book.

Following on the brick wall are photographs of the first chapter house at BETA ETA, *Stanford*. After eight years of renting apartments, rooms and homes on Stanford's campus, Beta Eta took the plunge and arranged for a house of their own. Completed in 1900, the house had fleur-de-lis in the artistic glass windows and a wrought iron lattice bearing the Fraternity's letters over the door. After a campus-wide ban on fraternities and sororities, the chapter closed in 1944 and the beloved house became a university residence. The chapter was re-established as Beta Eta<sup>a</sup> in 1978 when the fraternal ban was lifted.

Rounding the first corner of the room, I designed a tribute to TADE HARTSUFF KUHN, *Butler*—the ambitious woman who served as the Fraternity's first Grand President and whose life-size portrait hangs in the foyer of The Heritage Museum. Tade was only a senior and president of MU CHAPTER, *Butler*, when she proposed a change in leadership structure, suggesting the council form of government. Not only was Tade's proposal accepted by the chapters at the 1881 Convention, but she was elected as the first Grand President.

In order to depict Tade's leadership and influence in Kappa history, I displayed a formal dress she donated to the Fraternity. Designed and made in Paris in 1886, the elegant gown of black silk has detailed floral lace adorning the bodice and a flowing skirt that gives the dress an air of timelessness that women today love and admire. It is fun to imagine Tade amazing the women at





**TADE HARTSUFF KUHNS, *Butler***, donated to the Fraternity this silk dress she wore to her first Convention as Kappa's first Grand President.

her first Convention as Grand President of the Fraternity.


It was only five years before Tade's election to office that the first Convention was held in Greencastle, Ind., home of IOTA CHAPTER, *DePauw* University. It was conducted in private homes and the agenda included the soon-to-be-traditional Candlelight Banquet. Very little remains from this Convention; however, the Fraternity treasures materials from other early Conventions. Menus, programs, song books and handwritten constitutional changes are on display along with a pair of elaborate silver candlesticks owned by CHARLOTTE BARRELL WARE, *Boston*, President 1884-1888.

These candlesticks were used in the Passing of the Light ceremony at 30 conventions and in 63 chapter installations.

Looks of awe on the faces of those walking through the exhibit show appreciation for original written documents preserved by the Fraternity. The first issue of *The Key* as well as the famed *Red Book* drew a lot of excitement from the women at this year's Associate Council Seminar. Originally called *The Golden Key*, the first issue of the magazine was published in May 1882. The first magazine continuously published by a women's fraternity, *The Key* has mirrored the life, activities and development of Kappa Kappa Gamma, as well as women's growing recognition in the world.

*The Red Book* is the earliest known Fraternity record in existence and includes the original ritual and bylaws of Alpha Chapter. It was recorded in 1882 by DELTA CHAPTER, *Indiana*, our oldest continuous chapter.

The final display celebrates our beloved badge and other symbols. Beneath a replica of the Grand Seal, the symbols enable viewers to compare their current badges and membership certificates with those from our early history. A variety of old badges draws a lot of attention but perhaps the most fascinating sight is a photograph from 1884 showing the young women wearing their badges in their hair.

Walking through the exhibit, it is nearly impossible to avoid recognizing the rich past that Kappa Kappa Gamma has preserved so well. However, the exhibit merely scratches the surface of the history behind the archive's doors. The Heritage Museum is a wonderful preservation of the era in which the first women's fraternities helped to pave the way for women everywhere. Kappa "firsts" celebrate not only the Fraternity and its progress, but also each and every woman who helped bring Kappa Kappa Gamma and society to where they are today. 

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*An art history/English major, Katy is an honor student and will receive her bachelor's degrees in May 2006.*



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Finley, Velma Zwilling, '37, d. 06/05  
Larson, Wilma Beck, '40, d. 03/01  
Morrison, Joan Loughney, '47, d. 07/05

## Arizona, University of

Elser, Edith Noon, '26, d. 09/02

## Arkansas, University of

McAllister, Jean Day, '32, d. 10/02

## \* Boston University

Beaton, Linda Fuqua, '58, d. 01/05

## Bucknell University

Chamberlain, Amy, '92, d. 07/05

## Butler University

Fobes, Shiela Brown, '35, d. 09/05  
Michael, Gene Clairmont, '39, d. 09/05

## California, U. of, Berkeley

Byington, Janet Clifton, '38, d. 05/05  
Engs, Eleanita Rawlings, '26, d. 12/03  
Hamilton, Peggy Tinning, '41, d. 02/05  
Harris, Helen McDonald, '28, d. 04/05

## California, U. of, Los Angeles

Bennett, Polly Hummel, '41, d. 07/05  
Hanson, MaryJane Lynch, '36, d. 07/05  
Tutton, Judith Griffin, '43, d. 11/89

## Cincinnati, University of

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Parrish, Katherine Allen, '33, d. 03/03

## Colorado College

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## Denison University

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Handlan, Eleanor Brandfass, '49, d. 08/05  
Snider, Betty Bedell, '36, d. 12/04

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Diener, Nancy Hurt, '39, d. 08/05  
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Beel, Margaret Bacon, '42, d. 08/05

## George Washington University

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Flannagan, Holly Rupp, '93, d. 06/05  
Kocour, Ruth Hillbrand, '43, d. 02/05  
Meschke, Janet Scheble, '32, d. 06/05  
Rock, Virginia Carter, '49, d. 03/04  
Shaeffer, Joan Voigt, '39, d. 07/05  
Stauffer, Athelia Woodbury, '36, d. 08/05

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Daily, Sarah Mc Lean, '37, d. 07/05  
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Friedman, Josephine Heberling, '34, d. 08/04  
Henley, Elizabeth Donnell, '39, d. 09/05

Stuart, Beatrice Mc Vay, '37, d. 09/03  
Tucker, Mary McAuliffe, '21, d. 08/05

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Jaquet, Gertrude Fine, '42, d. 03/05  
McAfee, Margaret Waters, '65, d. 12/03  
Miller, Virginia St. Clair, '34, d. 08/05

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Davis, Mary, '41, d. 08/05  
Kirk, Lucille Cox, '34, d. 09/05  
Markusfeld, Sue Saeger, '58, d. 08/05  
Patterson, Ruth Stevens, '42, d. 05/05

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Dove, Meredith Sayle, '56, d. 06/05

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McCandless, Anne Roodhouse, '57, d. 09/04

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Leyden, Madeline, '42, d. 08/05

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Coon, Trellis Meetz, '52, d. 06/05  
Crowgey, Lucy Thomas, '42, d. 02/05  
McCoy, Millicent Hume, '24, d. 07/05  
Powell, Eleanor, '43, d. 01/04

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Gillespie, Martha Meyers, '32, d. 10/04  
Knipe, Ruth Kinman, '22, d. 05/05

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Roberts, Virginia Bacon, '42, d. 06/05

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## Whitman College

Rumpeltes, Doris Danielson, '47, d. 06/05

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