

Pi Gamma Mu News

2021 CHAPTER HONOR ROLLS

Each year, the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees recognizes Pi Gamma Mu's most active chapters by placing them on the annual Roll of Distinction (the highest award for chapters), Roll of Merit, and Incentive Chapters (recognizing and encouraging high achievements of Pi Gamma Mu's newest chapters).

The Rolls are the result of the Awards Committee's evaluation of the annual reports filed by chapter officers. Among the criteria reported are facts indicative of the activity and effectiveness of the chapter on its campus, as well as its efficiency of operation according to procedures suggested or required by the international board. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty members and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiatives in developing new activities or methods of operation are considered.

ROLL OF DISTINCTION

Florida Lambda, St. Leo University, Susan Kinsella, Chapter Sponsor
Delaware Beta, Wilmington University, Johanna Bishop, Chapter Sponsor
Kansas Theta, Newman University, Larry Heck, Chapter Sponsor
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas & Jean Karlen, Chapter Sponsors
West Virginia Iota, American Military University/ American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox, Chapter Sponsor
Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus, Katherine Im, Chapter Sponsor

ROLL OF MERIT

District of Columbia Alpha, Catholic University of America, Abby Adler Mandel, Chapter Sponsor
Indiana Theta, Manchester University, Tim McKenna-Buchanan, Chapter Sponsor
New York Tau, Pace University, Linda Quest, Chapter Sponsor
Georgia Epsilon, Shorter University, Jared Linebach, Chapter Sponsor
Philippines Alpha, University of the Philippines Diliman, Elisio A. De Guzman, Chapter Sponsor

INCENTIVE ROLL

Oklahoma Iota, Langston University, Charles Spurlock, Chapter Sponsor
South Dakota Zeta, Presentation College, Brad Tennant, Chapter Sponsor
Vermont Gamma, Castleton University, Scott Roper, Chapter Sponsor

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2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson, Dr. Clara Small, recommended 6 applicants to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees awarded scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu: Kristen Renee Moran, Laura Guida, Branson Michael Freeman, Canei Mone't Hines, James Langford, and Shantecia Lynette Johnson.



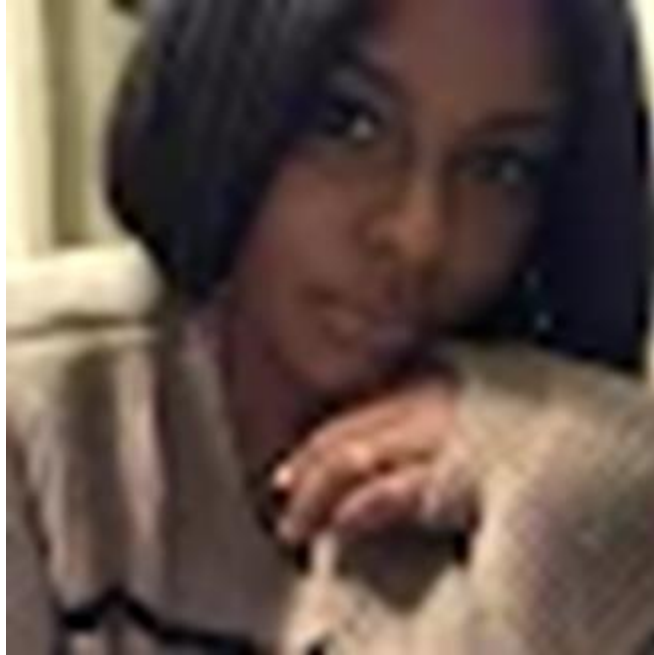
Kristen Renee Moran was awarded a \$2,000 Pi Gamma Mu scholarship. She was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu during her undergraduate studies at Wilmington University. In 2019, Moran received her Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Sciences, along with certificates in Conflict Resolution and Child Advocacy Studies. She credits her close relationship with her brother, Brian, for influencing her career path and passions in assisting families to operate at their full potentials. Since graduating, Moran is continuing her education, working toward a Master's degree in Applied Family Science from Wilmington University. With this degree, she plans to become a Certified Family Life Educator to provide educational resources for families within her community. Throughout her academic career, she has mentored freshman students navigating their transitions to college life through her university's Student Success Center. She now works for EPIC, a Delaware nonprofit organization promoting opportunities for independence and community integration for adults with intellectual disabilities. In her personal time, Moran enjoys spending time with her nieces, making jewelry, cooking, writing music, and exploring other creative outlets. Regarding her membership with Pi Gamma Mu, she is "truly appreciative of the personal connections, funding, and publishing opportunities made available to [her]." This Pi Gamma Mu scholarship will allow her to graduate debt-free from her graduate program. Dr. Johanna Bishop is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Delaware Beta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



Laura Guida received a \$2,000 scholarship from Pi Gamma Mu. Guida graduated from Trinity College, Connecticut, and is presently attending New York University. She is working towards a Master's degree in Clinical Social Work. Guida said, "Pi Gamma Mu has provided me with an incredible network of people and opportunities that have inspired me to pursue my career goals. After working three years in marketing, I decided to pursue the career I had always known I wanted to be in. I currently attend New York University Silver School of Social Work in the hopes of becoming an LCSW and working in a clinical setting with children and adolescents who are struggling with various mental illnesses." Dr. Nicholas Woolley is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Connecticut Alpha Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



Branson Michael Freeman was awarded a Pi Gamma Mu scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Freeman earned a Bachelor of Science Degree while majoring in Sociology and Criminal Justice at Newman University in May of 2020. He was a member of the Honors Program and was inducted into the Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University as an undergraduate student. He is currently working on a Master of Social Work degree. He has long-term goals to promote policies that support human rights and serve clients in a private practice. He has an interest to support immigration rights in the United States and may do so through political aspirations. He has served internships at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention and Residential Facilities, Serenity Home Health and Hospice Care, and currently works with the Wichita Fire Department. He hopes his variety of educational interests and experiences makes him a more complete person and a well-rounded social worker. Dr. C. Laurence (Larry) Heck is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Kansas Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



Canei Mone't Hines received a \$1,000 Pi Gamma Mu scholarship. Hines completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Women's Studies at the University of Maryland Global Campus in July of 2019 and is presently attending Boston University where she is working towards a Master's degree in Social Work. Regarding her graduate education, Hines said, "Earning this degree will be bigger than a personal achievement. It will allow me the space and opportunity to make a difference in my community. I will use my platform to advocate for public policy that protects women, recognizes their significance to our society, and ensures equality across all social dynamics." Katherine Im is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Maryland Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



James Langford received the \$1,000 Gordon E. Mercer Scholarship. Langford graduated from Colorado College in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He was inducted into the Colorado Epsilon Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu in the same year. He is currently attending the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), where he is working on a Master of Arts degree in political science. There he works as a tutor for UTEP's student athletes. Dr. Dana Wittmer is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Colorado Epsilon Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.



Shantecia Lynette Johnson received the Dan Quigley Scholarship of \$1,000. The International Board of Trustees funded this scholarship to memorialize Atty. Dan Quigley, Pi Gamma Mu's late legal counsel. This scholarship is awarded specifically to students in their first year of law school. Johnson attended undergrad at Southern University A&M College and was inducted into the Southern University Chapter in 2017 where Professor Blanche Smith was the faculty advisor. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Johnson enjoys researching and learning about new and passed laws. In the future, she hopes to help falsely accused victims become free of the system. She will be receiving a dual MPA/JD degree at Southern University Law Center. Her long-term goal is to become a criminal, civil and juvenile defense attorney. After approximately ten years serving the field, she plans to run for a judge seat at the 19th JDC in Baton Rouge, La. When asked about his membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Johnson said, "My membership in Pi Gamma Mu has impacted me immensely, especially in providing me with opportunities such as this to earn scholarships that have helped towards lowering my financial burden in achieving my career dreams and obtaining a legal education." Dr. Shawn Comminey is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Louisiana Epsilon chapter at Southern University.

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2021 AWARDS

During each Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention top chapters, chapter faculty sponsors, top student research paper presenters, and other contributors to Pi Gamma Mu are recognized during the Awards Ceremony. Although the convention was online this year due to COVID-19, the Awards Ceremony was as exciting as ever and the following chapters and individuals were recognized during an online ceremony. The ceremony was kicked off by Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director of Pi Gamma Mu, who shared a video recognizing chapter milestones. Several members of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees followed with presentations to the following 2021 Pi Gamma Mu award recipients:

Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Medal Recipients

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley - Convention Keynote Speaker and Lifetime Member
U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette - Convention Welcome Event Speaker and Lifetime Member
Clara Small - Convention Hall of Fame speaker and Second Vice-President on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Joseph B. James Chapter Award

Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus - Kathy Im, Chapter Faculty Sponsor

Outstanding New or Reactivated Chapter Award

University of Hawaii at Manoa - Lorey Takahashi, Chapter Faculty Sponsor

Distinguished Service Award

Jean Karlen - Past President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees
Richard Gregory Johnson III - Pi Gamma Mu Governor of California
M. Katrina Smith - Pi Gamma Mu Governor of Georgia

Hall of Fame Inductees

C. Laurence (Larry) Heck - Past President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees
Allison G. S. Knox - Chancellor Southeast Region, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees
Suzanne Rupp - Executive Director, Pi Gamma Mu
Susan Kinsella - President, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

President's Award for Outstanding Service

Charles Hartwig – Chancellor South/Southwest Region, Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees

Pi Gamma Mu Outstanding Alumni Award

Judith Rodin – Philanthropist, Past-President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Past-President of the University of Pennsylvania, and Lifetime Member

2021 TOP 10 CHAPTERS BY MEMBERSHIP

In 2019, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees decided to recognize the ten chapters that sent in the most new members during the previous fiscal year. The Top 10 Chapters by Membership will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement and contributions to Pi Gamma Mu. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and its programs. Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more eligible students. Membership in Pi Gamma Mu provides students with increased opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. The Board of Trustees and Staff wish to thank and congratulate the Top 10 Chapters by Membership.

The following chapters sent in the most members during the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

1. **Maryland Theta**, University of Maryland Global Campus – 223 members (tied with #2 below) – Prof. Katherine Im
2. **West Virginia Iota**, American Military University/American Public University – 223 members (tied with #1 above) – Prof. Allison G. S. Knox
3. **District of Columbia Alpha**, Catholic University of America – 177 members – Dr. Abby Adler Mandel
4. **New York Alpha Gamma**, Siena College – 114 members – Dr. Tim Cooper
5. **Hawaii Alpha**, University of Hawaii - Manoa – 71 members – Dr. Lorey Takahashi and Prof. Ulla Hasager
6. **Virginia Mu**, George Mason University – 70 members – Ms. Kathleen Hoepf
7. **Georgia Iota**, Clark Atlanta University – 58 members – Dr. Harry Elonge
8. **New York Iota**, Mercy College – 54 members – Ms. Marla Moulton
9. **Florida Xi**, Jacksonville University – 52 members – Dr. Laura Atkins
10. **Pennsylvania Alpha Rho**, Immaculata University – 51 members – Dr. Dr. Joshua Weikert

2021 STAR CHAPTERS

The chapters listed below increased their membership by 20% or more in 2020-2021 as compared to the previous year. These chapters accomplished this increase in membership despite the unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 and we congratulate them on their achievement and thank them for their good work. These chapters will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement and contributions to Pi Gamma Mu.

Florida Xi, Jacksonville University – Dr. Laura Atkins
Georgia Gamma, Wesleyan College – Dr. Barbara Donovan
Maryland Beta, McDaniel College – Dr. Julie Routzahn
Massachusetts Epsilon, Springfield College – Dr. David Rudder
Missouri Kappa, Central Methodist University – Dr. John Carter
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College – Dr. Randy Bertolas & Dr. Jean Karlen
New Hampshire Beta, Saint Anselm College – Dr. Kevin Doran
New Hampshire Gamma, Plymouth State University – Dr. Patrick May
New Mexico Epsilon, University of the Southwest – Dr. Dianna Carmenaty
New York Gamma, Alfred University – Dr. Robert Stein
New York Nu, Saint Joseph's College – Dr. Basak Horowitz
North Carolina Delta, North Carolina Central University – Dr. Carlton Wilson
North Carolina Mu, Campbell University – Dr. Lloyd Johnson
North Carolina Xi, North Carolina Wesleyan College – Dr. Jay Quinan
North Carolina Alpha Beta, Chowan University – Dr. Danny Moore
Ohio Epsilon, Baldwin Wallace University – Dr. Liya Wang
Oklahoma Iota, Langston University – Dr. Charles Spurlock

Oklahoma Kappa, Northwestern Oklahoma State University – Prof. Jana Brown
Pennsylvania Alpha Epsilon, University of Scranton – Dr. Christie Karpiak
Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta, Widener University – Prof. Sarah Blake
South Carolina Iota, Claflin University – Dr. Caroletta Shuler Ivey
South Carolina Nu, Allen University – Dr. Christopher Rounds
Texas Psi, Huston-Tillotson University – Dr. Michael Hirsch
Texas Omega, East Texas Baptist University – Dr. Laurie Smith
Texas Alpha Beta, Saint Edward's University – Dr. Mity Myhr
Virginia Zeta, University of Mary Washington – Dr. Bradley Hansen
West Virginia Iota, American Military University/American Public University – Instructor Allison G. S. Knox