

Pi Gamma Mu News

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2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson recommended 7 scholarship recipients and 1 alternate to the Board of Trustees in 2022. The Trustees awarded scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu:



Rebecca Colbert received the \$2,000 Carroll Parish Scholarship. Rebecca was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Indiana Theta Chapter at Manchester University. Dr. Timothy McKenna-Buchanan is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Rebecca (Becca) intentionally spent time at Manchester University exploring options for a major. History, secondary education, and educational studies were each experienced during this journey.

Realizing her true passions, Becca chose educational studies as the major needed to set forward motion toward realizing her passions. She will continue her studies in graduate school at Ball State University to study Applied Behavioral Analysis. She knew her place was serving others and that children and young adults intrigued her. Becca is deeply invested in scholarship and thinking critically about topics in education, particularly topics beyond the classroom. Becca hopes to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst to continue advocating for people with autism.



Jacqueline Curry received the \$2,000 Effie B. Urquhart Scholarship. Jacqueline was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Pennsylvania Mu Chapter at Franklin & Marshall College. Alan S. Glazer is the sponsor of the chapter.

Jacqueline graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 2020 with a double major in Government and Spanish. She spent the next two years working in IT and teaching while saving money for graduate school. She currently attends Roger Williams University, studying for her master's degree in Forensic Mental Health Counseling and her clinical license. She hopes to use this degree to work in a child advocacy center and provide forensic interviews and counseling to victims of abuse. Jacqueline thanks Pi Gamma Mu for the generosity and credits the scholarship with allowing her to take this necessary step in pursuing a career in which she can give back and make a child's hardest times just a little bit easier.



Allison Stein received the \$2,000 Marvel Stockwell Scholarship. Allison was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Pennsylvania Alpha Rho Chapter at Immaculata University. Dr. Joshua Weikert is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Allison serves as the chapter president for Pi Gamma Mu at Immaculata University, where she is currently in her second year as a doctoral student, working towards a Psy.D. in clinical psychology. She plans to specialize in assessments, substance use disorder treatment, and has immense interest in teaching at a collegiate level. Her approach to working with clients will have an interdisciplinary approach, as she has formed a collaborative foundation, working with medical doctors and social workers to help identify optimal treatment options for those experiencing addiction—a highly marginalized population. Allison has conducted research at Johns Hopkins regarding substance use screening patterns among pregnant women and is currently working toward publishing a paper at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County which will analyze the comprehensive collaboration between academic researchers and community participants.

Serving the community is one of Allison's core principles and she shared that this is an overarching reason she is a proud Pi Gamma Mu member. Allison is a CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer and is impassioned by mentoring kids in foster care. This work has profoundly impacted Allison and helped fortify an additional interest in working with adolescents who have experienced trauma. As such, Allison currently works for a therapist in Washington D.C. who specializes in play therapy for children who have trauma backgrounds. She received this fantastic opportunity through a supervising mentor who is a provider for therapists, certifying clinicians in Sand-play Therapy. Allison reports that Pi Gamma Mu has provided her with the privilege to further engage the community and connect with countless like-minded students and mentors that have all helped her reach this point in her career as a student and as a professional.



Dylan Mills Eure received the \$1,000 Gordon E. Mercer Scholarship. Dylan was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the North Carolina Mu Chapter at Campbell University. Dr. Lloyd Johnson is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Dylan graduated from Campbell University in the spring of 2021. He majored in political science and public administration. Dylan is attending graduate school at North Carolina State University where he is currently serving as a research assistant for the municipal research lab. He is working on a master's degree in public administration. After Dylan completes his master's degree, he plans on pursuing a career in planning and development for cities and towns.



Andrew M. Schwartz received the \$1,000 Daniel E. Quigley Law Scholarship. Andrew was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Colorado Epsilon Chapter at Colorado College. Dr. Dana Wittmer is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Andrew is a J.D. candidate at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. At Berkeley Law, he serves on the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law, Ecology Law Quarterly, and the Native American Legal Assistance Project, a student-directed pro bono project working to address legal issues faced by Native Americans. Before law school, Andrew served as Executive Coordinator for Community Resource Center, a Colorado-based nonprofit providing nonprofit capacity building. He also spent two years as a Fellow with El Pomar Foundation, where he supported six of the foundation's community stewardship programs, assisted with the distribution of more than \$24 million in grants, and worked closely with many nonprofit and government leaders across Colorado. Andrew was born and raised in Denver, Colorado, and attended Colorado College where he majored in political science. At Colorado College, Andrew served as the chair of the Political Science Advisory Committee and co-chair of the Democratic Dialogue Project. Andrew loves collecting vinyl records, mountain biking, and fly fishing. In 2017, he guided at a remote fly fishing lodge in Iliamna, Alaska.



Stephanie Kohler received a \$1,000 scholarship. Stephanie was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Pennsylvania Alpha Rho Chapter at Immaculata University. Dr. Joshua Weikert is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Stephanie is a first-year graduate student at Immaculata University studying for her master's degree in clinical mental health counseling. She is an active member of her university's Pi Gamma Mu chapter and currently serves as its secretary. When not studying she works as an Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) technician and pursues hobbies including drawing and gaming.



Kennison Kunz received a \$1,000 scholarship. Kennison was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College. Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen are the faculty sponsors of the chapter.

In 2020, Kennison graduated from Northeast Community College with an associate's degree in Human Service Counseling, and this year she graduated from Wayne State College with a

bachelor's degree in Human Services. Kennison reports that she has always had a calling to advocate for others and lend a helping hand where it is needed. She is currently attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha to obtain a master's degree in Social Work. After completing her master's degree, she plans to receive training in Parent Child Interactive Therapy. Her plans include working with families and children who are struggling with their mental health or who need help developing more effective parenting skills. Kennison plans to be an advocate for these struggling families.

In the fall of 2021, she was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at Wayne State College and she shares that she is forever grateful for that opportunity. She reports that her biggest influence in continuing her education to obtain a master's degree is her mother. Kennison shared, "I was able to watch her receive her masters from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and I remember how happy she was. This is a constant reminder that I can do anything I put my mind to, as long as I put in the work. Without the constant support from my family and friends, I don't think I would be as far as I am today. I want to thank Pi Gamma Mu for offering me this scholarship, as it was a generous contribution to my education and a motivator for me to continue working hard!"

2022 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 Honorable Mention.

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

Kansas Theta, Newman University, Larry Heck

Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus, Katherine Im

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas & Jean Karlen

Pennsylvania Alpha Rho, Immaculata University, Joshua Weikert

Philippines Alpha, University of the Philippines - Diliman, Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza

Delaware Beta, Wilmington University, Johanna Bishop

West Virginia Iota, American Military University/ American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox

Roll of Merit

Kansas Alpha, Southwestern College, Cheryl Rude

District of Columbia Alpha, Catholic University of America, Abby Adler Mandel

Hawaii Alpha, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Lorey Takahashi

Indiana Theta, Manchester University, Tim McKenna-Buchanan

Georgia Mu, Emmanuel College, Robert J. Fulton, Jr.

Virginia Mu, George Mason University, Amanda Torres Ogisi

Honorable Mention

Georgia Epsilon, Shorter University, Jared Linebach

Mississippi Eta, Alcorn State University, Antrina Bell

South Dakota Zeta, Presentation College, Brad Tennant