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## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson, Dr. Clara Small, recommended nine students and five alternates to receive Pi Gamma Mu Scholarships to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees awarded the scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu:



Mehak Rajesh Advani

**Mehak Rajesh Advani** was awarded the \$2,000 Carroll Parish Scholarship. The International Board of Trustees funded this scholarship to memorialize Carroll Parish, the late chancellor of Pi Gamma Mu's Western Region. Advani graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Science from Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, California. She was inducted into the California Chi Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu in 2019. Dr. Peter Burns is the Chapter Sponsor.

As an undergraduate, Advani was particularly interested in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Her bachelor's senior thesis is entitled, "*Does a Giving Culture Make People More Willing to Share Counter-Normative Ideas?*" Through this research Advani investigated individuals' giver/taker nature (derived from Adam Grant's *Give & Take* book), and how it influences their constructive deviance behaviors in the workplace. She is currently attending graduate school at the Krannert School of Management, Purdue University, where she is pursuing a Master of Science in Human Resource Management. Her long-term career goal is to develop tailored policies, strategies and programs to effectively manage workforce. She also hopes to publish peer-reviewed articles in the field of business psychology.

When asked about how her membership in Pi Gamma Mu impacted her, Advani said, "My membership in Pi Gamma Mu enabled me to have intriguing social science conversations even outside class and problem-solve with peers. It gave me a platform to express myself and share ideas. I also benefitted from reading peer-reviewed articles in the journal, *International Social Science Review*, and aim to present at the Pi Gamma Mu research convention."

**Elisabeth S. Noland** was awarded the \$2,000 Marvel Stockwell Scholarship. The International Board of Trustees funded this scholarship to memorialize Marvel Stockwell, late Pi Gamma Mu International First Vice President. Noland was inducted into the Chapter at Valparaiso University, where Dr. Daniel Saros is the Chapter Sponsor. She majored in Psychology and Spanish and is particularly interested in prejudice reduction strategies.

Noland is attending graduate school at Purdue University where she is working toward a PhD in Social Psychology. For her Master's thesis she is examining the potential relationship between personal and systemic bias. Her long-term career goal is to be a professor at a research institution working with and mentoring underrepresented students and shaping the next generation of scholars. Regarding Pi Gamma Mu, Noland noted that her membership has provided her with a network of other scholars and provides great funding opportunities.



Elisabeth S. Noland



Peter J. Varga

**Peter J. Varga** received the Effie B. Urquhart Scholarship of \$2,000. This scholarship is funded by the Board of Trustees to memorialize Effie B. Urquhart, Pi Gamma Mu's late national executive secretary. Varga completed his BA degree at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC where he was inducted into the DC Alpha Chapter. Varga majored in Psychology with minors in Neuroscience, Philosophy, and Theology & Religious Studies. In addition to being Vice President of his Pi Gamma Mu Chapter, he was President of the university's Medieval Society. He was also an undergraduate peer tutor in the University Writing Center, where he conducted a study of the effects of writing center consultations on clients' writing apprehension and self-efficacy. Within the Psychology Department, he was a senior research assistant in the Mental Load and Performance Laboratory (examining the effect of social stress on prospective memory) and a research assistant in the Lunar Psychophysics Virtual Reality Laboratory (comparing visual perception in environments with terrestrial and lunar light scattering effects). He continues to serve as a research consultant for the Global Research on the Aesthetic Dimensions of Science project (based out of the Sociology Department), which is examining the role of experiences of beauty, awe, and wonder on scientists' job satisfaction and well-being.

Varga is currently working toward a Master of Science in Psychology at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. His long-term goals include becoming a professional psychological scientist, most likely in an academic setting at the university level. Regarding how his membership in Pi Gamma Mu has impacted him, Varga said, "As someone who has always striven for interdisciplinary collaboration, I came to really appreciate the integration of the social sciences promoted by Pi Gamma Mu. It was the first formal setting

in which I could engage with my colleagues from the whole breadth of the social sciences--from social work to politics--rather than just my peers in psychology."

At the time of Varga's induction into the DC Alpha Chapter at The Catholic University of America, Prof. Sandra Barreuco was the faculty sponsor of the chapter. The current chapter sponsor is Dr. Abby Adler Mandel.

**Gregory Michael Rivera** was selected to receive the Gordon Mercer Scholarship of \$1,000. The International Board of Trustees established this scholarship to honor Dr. Gordon E. Mercer, Pi Gamma Mu's 13th International President. Rivera is a member of the New York Tau Chapter at Pace University, Pleasantville. He majored in Political Science with a double minor in History and Philosophy. He participated in the National Model U.N. Conference in the Fall of 2018 held in Washington, DC. Rivera was awarded Outstanding Position Paper for the General Assembly First Committee (GA1) Germany and Honorable Mention Delegation. He also participated in the Southern Regional Model U.N. Conference in the Spring of 2019 held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Rivera said, "One of my passions is politics. I have been fortunate to intern for the government on the local, state and federal levels."

Rivera currently attends Pace University Graduate School, working on a Master's degree in Public Administration, Government Track. His long-term career goal is to work in public service. He hopes to play a role in public policy agenda setting that will influence salient and positive change. Regarding his membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Rivera said, "My membership in Pi Gamma Mu encouraged me to strive for academic excellence, building a framework for critical thinking, communications, leadership, teamwork and research." He is currently working as a Graduate Assistant helping Pace Faculty Members with research on a Covid-19 study.

Dr. Linda Quest is the Faculty Sponsor of the New York Tau Chapter and Dr. Gregory Julian is the Faculty Sponsor at the Pleasantville campus.



Gregory Michael Rivera



William Samuel Godwin

**William Samuel Godwin** 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. Godwin attended undergrad at Campbell University and was inducted into the North Carolina Mu Chapter where Dr. Lloyd Johnson is the faculty sponsor. He earned a BBA degree with a double major in Economics pre-law/Business Administration.

Godwin enjoys learning about economic development. In the future, he hopes to help combat the ever-increasing burdens rural communities like his face, and to help empower the small businesses in these areas. He is attending law school at Campbell University, Norman A. Wiggins School of Law where he is a candidate for a JD degree. His long-term career goal is to become a practicing taxation/bankruptcy/business attorney within his rural community. When asked about his membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Godwin 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."

The following were selected to receive \$1,000 Pi Gamma Mu Scholarships:



Nicole Balbuena

**Nicole Balbuena** recently graduated from the University of California - Irvine ('19), majoring in Sociology, Chicana/Latina Studies, and Political Science. Balbuena is a member of the Pi Gamma Mu chapter at UC - Irvine, where Dr. Teresa Neighbors, the Chapter Faculty Sponsor, inducted her. Currently Balbuena is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in Social Welfare with the specialization of Strengthening Children, Youth, and Families at the University of California - Berkeley. She also is a Title IV-E Scholar and Title IV-E Representative for UC - Berkeley. Balbuena is an active leader in her community and a driven researcher with expertise in immigration, gender studies, and intimate partner violence. Through Pi Gamma Mu, Balbuena fostered connections with professionals and like-minded peers and found her career passion in social work through Pi Gamma Mu's community service events. Her long-term career goals include completing her two-year fellowship work at the Orange County Social Service agency after she graduates and returning to school to pursue her Ph.D. in Social Welfare.

Inducted into Pi Gamma Mu in 2018, **Gabrielle M. Etzel** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Economics from Grove City College in 2019. Professor of Political Science, Samuel S. Stanton, the Chapter Sponsor of Grove City College's chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, had a significant impact on Etzel's appreciation of both the necessity and limitations of social science in the study of political activity. In Summer 2020, she began her graduate study in Political Science at Baylor University, specializing in American political thought and public policy with the intention of combining her passions for policy analysis and teaching. Etzel's interdisciplinary education and co-curriculars that sought to synthesize the social sciences and the humanities have made a strong impression on her academic trajectory, and she plans to utilize her experiences to bring about positive sociopolitical change in the United States.



Gabrielle M. Etzel



Madelyn M. Cittadino

**Madelyn M. Cittadino** was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at Le Moyne College where she majored in Political Science with minors in Legal Studies, Philosophy, and Criminology. Dr. Jeffrey Chin is the Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter. During undergrad, Cittadino was in the Integral Honors Program and wrote her senior thesis on the intersection of race theory and mass incarceration. Cittadino is attending law school at Syracuse University pursuing a J.D. Her long-term goal is to become a public defender and work on criminal justice reform. Regarding her membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Cittadino said, "Pi Gamma Mu has given me opportunities to connect with other social science majors and faculty in my undergrad institution and the PGM scholarship specifically has eased so much of my burden transitioning into law school."

**Aiyana Angeni Gonzalez** earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree at Barry University in May of 2020. She was inducted into the Florida Theta Chapter at Barry University as an undergraduate student. She is currently working on a Master of Social Work degree. Her long-term goals include working within the field of Political Social Work to effect change within legislature, advocacy, and education related to Transgender/Non-Binary/LGBQ issues. Regarding her membership in Pi Gamma Mu, Gonzalez said, "It has allowed me the possibility of bringing LGBTQ issues to the forefront of our University being one that upholds Catholic values and principles."



Aiyana Angeni Gonzalez

**The 5 alternates approved by the Trustees were:** Mikayla Rae Higgins, Samantha Dawn Martin, Jennie Alexis Morton, Dalton Thomas Bailey, and Karlie Peterson.

**Mikayla Rae Higgins** was inducted into the Indiana Epsilon Chapter at Valparaiso University where she studied History and Chinese Studies. Her goals include studying Anthropology in graduate school. Professor Niru Devaraj is the Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter.

**Samantha Dawn Martin** is a member of the North Carolina Mu Chapter at Campbell University where she majored in Social Work. Dr. Lloyd Johnson is the Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter.

**Jennie Alexis Morton** joined Pi Gamma Mu at the North Carolina Mu Chapter at Campbell University with a major in Psychology. Dr. Lloyd Johnson is the Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter.

**Dalton Thomas Bailey** is a member of the Indiana Theta Chapter at Manchester University where he majored in Criminal Justice & Psychology. Dr. Leonard Williams, Dean of the College of Education & Social Sciences, is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor.

**Karlie Peterson** joined the Nebraska Theta Chapter at Midland University where she studied Applied Behavior Analysis. Dr. Megan Nielsen is the Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter.

## 2020 STAR CHAPTERS

The chapters listed below increased their membership by 20% or more in 2019-2020 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 good work.

- Delaware Beta - **Wilmington University** – Dr. Johanna Bishop
- Florida Lambda - **Saint Leo University** – Dr. Amina Abdullah, Prof. Michelle Allen, Dr. Michelle Boone-Thornton, Dr. Suzie Cashwell, Dr. Cheri Chambers, Dr. Susan Kinsella, Dr. Katrina Maxwell, Ms. Felicia Wilson, and Dr. Nancy Wood.
- Florida Nu - **University of Central Florida** – Dr. Michael Armato
- Georgia Epsilon - **Shorter University** – Dr. Jared Linebach
- Georgia Iota - **Clark Atlanta University** – Ms. Terry Kight
- Georgia Lambda - **Georgia State University** – Dr. Glenwood Ross
- Georgia Xi - **Brewton Parker College** - Dr. Vance Rhoades
- Illinois Gamma - **Bradley University** – Dr. Bradford Brown
- Illinois Eta - **Wheaton College** – Dr. Annette Tomal
- Illinois Kappa - **Dominican University** – Dr. Christina Perez
- Indiana Theta - **Manchester University** – Dean Leonard Williams
- Kansas Theta - **Newman University** – Dr. Larry Heck
- Kansas Iota - **Emporia State University** – Dr. Michael Smith
- Michigan Gamma - **Siena Heights University** – Dr. Julieanna Frost
- Mississippi Theta - **Blue Mountain College** – Dr. Terry Taylor
- Missouri Kappa - **Central Methodist University** – Dr. Kristin Cherry
- Nebraska Delta - **Wayne State College** – Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen



New Jersey Iota – **Rutgers University – Camden** – Dr. Chinyere Osuji  
New York Lambda - **Saint Thomas Aquinas College** – Dr. Heath Bowen  
North Carolina Epsilon - **Appalachian State University** – Dr. Marian Williams  
Pennsylvania Psi - **University of Pittsburgh – Bradford** – Dr. Stephen Robar  
Pennsylvania Alpha Epsilon - **University of Scranton** – Dr. Christie Karpiak  
Pennsylvania Alpha Lambda - **Lincoln University** – Ms. Jernice Lea  
Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron - **Washington & Jefferson College** – Dr. Zheya Gai  
South Carolina Theta - **University of South Carolina – Aiken** – Dr. Philip Mason  
South Dakota Zeta - **Presentation College** – Dr. Brad Tennant  
Texas Eta - **Texas State University - San Marcos** - Dr. Dennis Dunn

## 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 plaque 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 2019-2020 fiscal year:

1. West Virginia Iota - **American Military University/American Public University** – 183 members – Prof. Allison G. S. Knox
2. Maryland Theta – **University of Maryland Global Campus** – 171 members – Prof. Katherine Im
3. Virginia Mu - **George Mason University** – 85 members – Dr. Vita Chalk
4. Georgia Iota - **Clark Atlanta University** – 80 members – Dr. Harry Elonge
5. Hawaii Alpha - **University of Hawaii - Manoa** – 75 members – Dr. Lorey Takahashi and Prof. Ulla Hasager
6. Florida Lambda - **Saint Leo University** – 70 members - Dr. Amina Abdullah, Prof. Michelle Allen, Dr. Michelle Boone-Thornton, Dr. Suzie Cashwell, Dr. Cheri Chambers, Dr. Susan Kinsella, Dr. Katrina Maxwell, Ms. Felicia Wilson, and Dr. Nancy Wood.
7. Illinois Xi - **Elmhurst College** – 69 members – Dr. Karen Musser and Ms. Michelle Reidy
8. Vermont Gamma – **Castleton University** – 58 members – Dr. Scott Roper
9. Delaware Beta - **Wilmington University** – 57 members – Dr. Johanna Bishop
10. New York Iota - **Mercy College** – 52 members – Ms. Marla Moulton

## APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEBRUARY 15



Each year, Pi Gamma Mu awards up to 10 scholarships to outstanding members. Three scholarships are worth \$2000 each, and the remaining scholarships are worth \$1000 each. These scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together right away. Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield, Kansas, with a postmark on or before February 15. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded during the following fall semester. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and application instructions <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>

## 2021 TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

In light of on-going developments with COVID-19 and after thoughtful discussions with our Board of Trustees, Pi Gamma Mu has decided to move our 2021 Triennial International Convention to a fully online, virtual experience that will take place in November of 2021. We believe that this is the safest approach, and we are excited that a virtual convention will make it possible for even more of our members to participate.

## MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

### Professor Eliseo De Guzman Pi Gamma Mu's Governor for the Philippines

Eliseo De Guzman is a professor of demography and social science in the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines, from which he retired upon reaching the compulsory age, after rendering forty-four (44) years in the government service. A recipient of both the U.P. Department and College Outstanding Professor awards, he also held the professorial chair awards for excellence in the teaching of demography and of social sciences for several years. He taught for some time as a U.P. professional lecturer after his retirement.

He took his doctoral studies (public administration) and M.A. studies (demography) at the University of the Philippines under full scholarships (University of the Philippines faculty grant and Ford Foundation fellowship, respectively). He majored in educational administration and supervision for his Master of Arts in Education. He finished his basic education course from the Philippine Normal College (now Philippine Normal University), Magna Cum Laude, equivalent. He passed the government Civil Service Examination for teachers while still a first-year education student.

Prof. De Guzman is a member of the international honor societies of Pi Gamma Mu and Phi Kappa Phi. He has served as an officer of both Philippine chapters in various capacities, 23 years in Pi Gamma Mu. In 2020, Dr. C. Laurence (Larry) Heck, President of the Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu, appointed Prof. De Guzman to the position of Governor of the Philippines for Pi Gamma Mu. The position was previously filled by Prof. Ofelia Regala Angangco (1926-2019) of the University of the Philippines.

Prof. De Guzman has written numerous published and unpublished monographs, chapters, and articles on demography, population and development, and related areas. Some of these were published by the United Nations, International Statistical Institute, Netherlands, CICRED, and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, The University of Singapore

He received awards from different government and non-government organizations in recognition of his outstanding achievements. To mention a few: as a student (Most Outstanding Student of the Year - PNU, Model Citizen - Philippine Institute of Public Opinion); as a teacher (Most Outstanding Teacher - City of Manila); as a researcher (Chancellor Award for Outstanding Publication [one of the authors] - U.P., research paper published in a special volume by the University of Singapore); as an extension worker (Outstanding service for conduct of the first demographic survey in the city and conceptualizing a city data management system - City of Mandaluyong, Outstanding service - Commission on Population ).

He remains active in the PGM Philippine Alpha Chapter (U.P.) and, as the Chair, in the Board of Directors of NOMUCO Multi-Purpose Cooperative which he founded in 1995. He lives in Caloocan City, Metro Manila, Philippines with his wife.



## PI GAMMA MU REGALIA FOR COMMENCEMENT



Show off your high academic achievement in the Social Sciences by wearing Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords or a Stole or both to commencement! You may order your regalia as soon as you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu. Order online at <https://pigammamu.org/store.html>

**Pi Gamma Mu stole.** This white satin graduation stole is 76 inches in total length and has royal blue embroidery. On the left side are the Greek Letters and Society name and on the right is the Society's key. **\$24.**

**Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords.** The Society's royal blue and white honor cords include four tassels in royal blue. **\$17.**

Buy a Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords **bundle** and save! **\$41 \$36**

*Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.*



## CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter news in this issue comes from the Louisiana Eta Chapter at Grambling State University and the Florida Lambda Chapter at Saint Leo University.



### GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY – Louisiana Eta

The Louisiana Eta Chapter at Grambling State University is promoting social distancing and the wearing of masks using the custom-made PGM masks pictured below. Dr. Frances Staten, Faculty Advisor of the Chapter, plans to use the items as a fundraiser for the chapter and to promote both community service and academic scholarship.



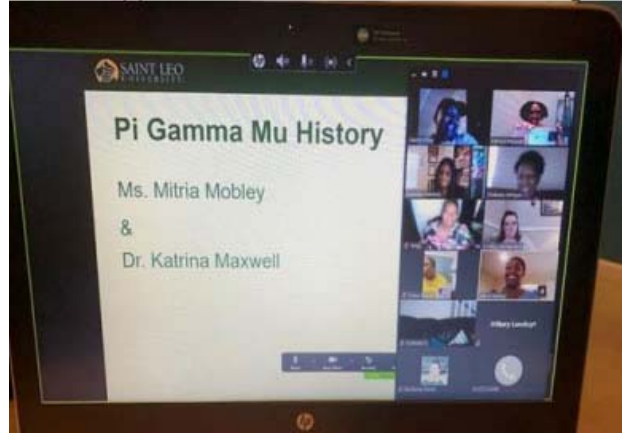
Left to right: Frances Staten, Chapter Adviser and Governor for Louisiana, Alfredo Morelos, Sr., Pre- Inductee 2020, and Inetha Wimberly, Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of the Office of Student Conduct and a three Fs Mentor-Faith/Family/Friend.



**Social distancing and social remembering in the cemetery** – The Chapter continued its collaboration with service learning students to sponsor the annual Founder's Week project, "Save our African American Cemeteries".

### **SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY – Florida Lambda**

The Florida Lambda Chapter at Saint Leo University reported that many community events and activities were cancelled or restructured due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremonies were held virtually through Zoom at all of the University's Centers. Although these events were well attended with faculty, alumni, inductees and their friends and family, it was no substitute for the formal in-person induction with food, fellowship, pageantry, and the actual lighting of the candles. The Chapter consists of members located at several education centers within Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia. Over the 2019-2020 academic year, each chapter participated in a variety of activities which are aligned with the seven ideals including but not limited to: Scholarship, Science, Social Science, Social Idealism, Sociability, Social Service and Sacrifice. Below are a few images and details of each activities that range from initiation ceremonies to community service to professional development.



# NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

## Please join other chapters in the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project!

Chapters are working together to support veterans, the homeless and animals in animal shelters. Chapters may either choose to do one of the three components of the service project or may choose to participate in all three of the service project components.

Descriptions of the national service project are listed below. Should you have any questions, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region and point of contact for the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project initiative.

**Homeless Box Drive** - chapters contact an organization in support of the homeless and put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an organization in support of the homeless from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Veterans** - chapters contact a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and collect toiletries and soft cover books in support of the veterans. Supplies are donated to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Animals** - chapters will contact an animal shelter in their area and will put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an animal shelter from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

## Annual Report

Chapters are encouraged to include the details of their service project in their Annual Report. Chapters that submit their Annual Report will be considered for Pi Gamma Mu's Roll of Distinction and Roll of Merit Awards! Be sure to turn your Annual Report in by August 15, 2021!

## Questions?

Questions about the Pi Gamma Mu National Service Project should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison\_G.S.\_Knox@Hotmail.com.

## Get Involved and Help to Make Your Community a Better Place!

# VOLUME 96, ISSUE 3 (2020) OF THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW* IS NOW LIVE!

We are thrilled to announce that another issue of the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)* is now live. The *ISSR* is the peer-reviewed professional journal of Pi Gamma Mu. The journal is now accessible to everyone - no subscription required. Explore the journal online at <https://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr> or type "International Social Science Review" into any search engine.

A Submission and Publication Guide is available at <http://pigammamu.org/international-social-science-review.html>

Enjoy!

# INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING

The Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees held their annual meeting via ZOOM on November 13-14, 2020. In a typical year, the Trustees meet in person for their annual meeting, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was held online this year. The Board worked on important Society issues including strategic planning for the future, financial planning, and planning for the 2021 Triennial International Convention which will be held virtually for the first time due to the ongoing risks related to COVID-19. This is at least the second time in the Society's almost 100-year history that the Board of Trustees has met "virtually". During World War II, the Trustees decided to handle their business by mail in order to leave as many resources as possible for the war effort.



Pictured are: Larry Heck (President), Mari Plikuhn (Treasurer), Gordon Mercer (Past President), Charles Hartwig (Regional Chancellor), Jean Karlen (Past President), Susan Kinsella (First Vice President), Brad Tennant (Regional Chancellor), Candice Quinn (Journal Editor), Suzanne Rupp (Executive Director), Katherine Im (Regional Chancellor), Michele Price (Attorney), Allison Knox (Regional Chancellor), and Clara Small (Second Vice President). Not pictured is Emma Grace Thompson (Student Representative).

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Online System Now Available

2020-2021 is off to a great start at Pi Gamma Mu despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and we wish to thank our Chapter Faculty Sponsors for their volunteerism and support, especially during this difficult time. We understand that this is a challenging time for students and faculty alike who have had to make sudden adjustments including making the pivot to virtual teaching and learning. We hope that you are safe and well during this very difficult time.

**In response to the increased need for online solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pi Gamma Mu is now accepting online payments for memberships.** Your students are now be able to pay their \$50 lifetime membership fee online, directly to our office, using any credit card accepted by PayPal.

**If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and registration forms, we will happily continue to accept memberships through the mail.** Chapters are not required to use the new online payment system.

It is the lifetime membership fees collected by Chapter Faculty Sponsors that allows Pi Gamma Mu to provide services to its members such as scholarships, a professional journal, conventions, and more. The fees also allow the Society to maintain fiscal stability and prepare for a strong future. We thank the Chapter Faculty Sponsors for this important work!

We hope that you will strive to make both your chapter and Pi Gamma Mu as a whole stronger by inviting all eligible students to join. Remember that students may now qualify as second-semester sophomores and that Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature. We encourage your chapter to include all eligible disciplines: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography - human, gerontology, history, history of education, human services, international relations, political science, psychology, social philosophy, sociology, social work, as well as related interdisciplinary programs anchored in the Social Sciences, particularly those that focus on age, environment, ethnicity, gender, race, and regional studies. In addition to undergraduate members, don't forget to invite eligible graduate students, faculty, and professional staff.

Please contact our office if you any assistance with your chapter's membership drive or any other matter.

Thank you!

## DON'T MISS THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE *ISSR*

Pi Gamma Mu's commitment to scholarship in the social sciences is manifested most tangibly through the publication of our peer-reviewed journal, the *International Social Science Review*. The latest issue is now live! This dynamic issue includes articles, book reviews, editorials, Pi Gamma Mu news, and the *International Social Science Review* Submission and Publication Guide. Be sure to check it out!

You can find it here: <http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/>

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Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we see social media as another way for us to carry out our mission to encourage scholarship and to foster cooperation and service among our members. Now you can connect with us and other members and supporters of Pi Gamma Mu on the social networking sites you like to use. We welcome your comments, posts, and photos of chapter activities. Be sure to *like* us on [Facebook](#), *follow* us on [Twitter](#), and *connect* with us on [LinkedIn](#) to see announcements, opportunities, and deadlines.

Please note that several Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts will come up when you search for "Pi Gamma Mu" as we encourage our chapters to stay connected via social media. Use the links below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

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## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Pi Gamma Mu communicates with its lifetime members via email. Anytime your email address changes, such as after graduation or when you change jobs, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your emails from being interrupted or discontinued. Simply email your new email address to [executivedirector@pigammamu.org](mailto:executivedirector@pigammamu.org) or go to our Web site ([www.pigammamu.org](http://www.pigammamu.org)) to change your address information. We will need both your old email address and your new email address to update our records. Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to keep your information current.

## ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 69 members of the **Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)**, which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has stepped up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS website ([www.achsnatl.org](http://www.achsnatl.org)) for the [list of honor societies](#) that are members.



# MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

The Mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

# IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.
7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

# SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

The **motto** of the Society is the epigram of the Master Teacher, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The society's **key** has a wreath at the bottom to suggest that social science is the outgrowth and fulfillment of natural science. The running figure is reminiscent of the ancient Greek torch race and symbolizes humanity bringing knowledge to the solution of its own problems and passing on the light from generation to generation.

The **colors** are blue and white - for truth and light.

The official **flower** is the blue and white cineraria.

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