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as we reach for our goal of raising \$175,000 for our Foundation's mission of supporting women's education, leadership and philanthropy.



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ALPHA GAMS ARE *Loving*



REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD!

After two *long* years, The Academy for Collegiate Officers (ACO) made its triumphant return to Indianapolis, IN! The excitement in the air was palpable as the in-person event hosted Vice President-Member Experience and Vice President-New Member Experience officers from 115 chapters to learn, grow and foster meaningful connections with other sisters. These officers are instrumental in creating meaningful experiences for current members and ensuring the well-being of new members within Alpha Gam.

Attendees gained confidence skills and tangible leadership tips throughout the weekend from keynote speakers, Summer Owens, award-winning author, speaker, success coach, and founder of the S.O. What! Foundation; and Tina VanSteenbergen, Beta Omicron-Illinois State University, professional speaker and facilitator.

Summer took the floor Friday night to inspire our youngest leaders to reframe their imposter syndrome and take charge of their circumstances. Summer used her life story, from becoming a successful first-generation college graduate to becoming CEO of her own foundation, to teach our sisters how to turn self-doubt into positive catalysts for impactful leadership in Alpha Gam and throughout their lives.

"Never ever doubt your ability to figure it out."

Saturday morning saw Tina reignite the officer's passion for creating a profoundly deep sisterhood and restoring personal relationships and connections after two disjointed years, thanks to the global pandemic. "The best part of sisterhood is we all need it regardless of our differences within our chapter, campus, location or ourselves. **We need it.**"

Officers then broke into small groups with facilitators to discuss and collaborate on ways to better develop connections within their chapters and beyond with the guidance of Leadership Consultants and staff.

"ACO exceeded my expectations," VP-Member Experience Natalie Tuft, Sigma-University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign shared. "I'm very excited and I'll be going back with a lot of ideas. ACO helped me see some flaws in my chapter but inspired me to come back and tackle those issues. Tina's talk really resonated with me because she talked about supporting your sisters and being there for them in a real way and I'm excited to take that skill back."

The Academy for Collegiate Officers is funded in part by the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation.

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ALPHA GAMS ARE *Leading*



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Nearing its 65th anniversary, Alpha Pi Chapter-Wayne State University, is celebrating generations of sisters who have cared for one another, and who have ventured forth with remarkable achievements. As the chapter continues to

look forward, its need for alumnae to support its sisters in their educational goals – a cornerstone of our Alpha Gam experience – remains as important as ever.

For the first time since its founding in 1959, the chapter has an endowed scholarship for its sisters. Created this winter by an Alpha Pi sister, the Alpha Pi Endowed Scholarship will begin awarding a scholarship this summer to a chapter sister pursuing her undergraduate or graduate degree.

“Endowments are investments in sisters we will never meet.

They are tangible acts of our belief in future generations of women leaders – women we know will move forward to make the world better,” shares Foundation Executive Director, Julie Waitman.

We invite all Alpha Pi sisters to give to grow this fund. Visit alphagamdeltafoundation.com/donate and note “Alpha Pi Scholarship” in the designation field. If you’re interested in establishing an endowment for your chapter, contact the Foundation at **317.663.4242**.

ALPHA GAMS ARE *Lasting*



GOING FOR GAMMA PHI GOLD

When our Gamma Phi Chapter was installed on Georgia Tech’s campus in 1972, women comprised less than 2% of graduates. Ask any of our charter members what daily

campus life was like and they will describe the challenges of being the only female student in engineering classes as well as the important role Alpha Gam played in providing a supportive, caring environment. Today, nearly 40% of all Yellow Jackets on campus are female.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary and to ensure our sisters complete their critical STEM education, several Gamma Phi sisters created the Gamma Phi Gold Scholarship with a goal to raise \$100,000 for scholarships to undergraduate and graduate sisters once fully funded.

Will you help? Give a gift today to reach the goal! Visit alphagamdeltafoundation.com/donate and note “Gamma Phi Gold Scholarship” in the designation field. If you’re interested in establishing an endowment for your chapter, contact the Foundation at **317.663.4242**.

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CONVENTION:

Convention is right around the corner, and we can’t wait to see **YOU!** We will be in Louisville, KY, on July 14-16, gathered together for the first time in four years. We’re so excited to meet up again for celebrations, learning and sisterhood.

IMPACT *talks*

What are Impact Talks? They are monthly, 30-minute conversations with Polaris Counseling as a part of our Fraternity’s focus on personal development, mental health and wellness. All Impact Talks are funded through the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Can’t join us live? Listen at your convenience through Acorn – Alpha Gam’s member portal at acorn@alphagamdelta.org

UPCOMING IMPACT TALKS:

- Money in the Bank | March 17 at 12 P.M. ET
- Let’s Talk About Sex, Baby: What You Can Do to Confront Sexual Violence | April 21 at 12 P.M. ET
- Cyber Savvy: Protecting Yourself Online | May 19 at 12 P.M. ET



JEWEL AND CORINTHIAN EVENT:

Join us at Convention on Thursday, July 14, at Churchill Downs for an exclusive event for our Jewel and Corinthian Society members! Gather with us in the historic Stakes Room for dinner, a tour of historic Churchill Downs and sisterhood! Not a Jewel or Corinthian Society member? There’s still time to join us! Visit alphagamdeltafoundation.org or call the Foundation to join!

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