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## 2003 Fall Conference Review

by Alison Kaufmann, Program Director



Throughout the biennium, conferences are held in each district. Conferences are meant to be fun, informative experiences where members get to meet new people, attend workshops and much more. This fall conferences were held in Districts IV and III. Look for information about upcoming conferences on Page 9.

### District IV: Houston, Texas

On Saturday, October 11, 2003 collegiate and alumni members gathered at Texas Southern University, the home of the Zeta Pi Chapter. Represented were the Zeta Iota, Zeta Pi, Houston Bayou Alumni, Yellow Rose Alumni and Lone Star Alumni Chapters. In addition, four members of the Mississippi Valley University Colony drove all night to attend.

The day began with a few games and a workshop designed to assist with marketing and recruitment. Other highlights of the day included workshops on officer transition, service, and conflict resolution. The members present also participated in a service project where they made Halloween treats for children in a shelter for abused women and children. Finally, the day ended with the Founder's Day Ceremony. Overall it was a rewarding experienced enjoyed by everyone present.

### District III: Albany, New York

How long is the drive from Maine to New York? Well, the members of Delta Nu found out! Nine members, including three pledges, drove all the way to Albany, New York to attend the District 3 Conference. There, they joined members from Zeta Phi, Gamma Eta, Delta Upsilon, Empire Alumni and Central New England Alumni Chapters, as well as Alumni at Large members, for a day of service, friendship and equality.

District III learned a lot that day. In addition to building a stronger relationship with the other chapters in attendance, participants were able to build on their skills through workshops on fundraising, service, recruitment, communication and more. Special activities were designed for the alumni members in attendance. In addition, roundtable discussions gave members an opportunity to offer feedback and share ideas. Attendees also participated in a fun filled service project—making holiday wreaths for residents of a retirement home. All in all, everyone left with lots of enthusiasm and ideas after a great conference experience.



Collegiate and Alumni Members participating in the service project at Albany.



District IV attendees in front of Zeta Pi's tree.

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# Service Information

by Lisa Fleury, Service Director

## **Support Our 2003 Woman Of The Year & The Better Days Foundation**

The Better Days Foundation was set up out of a great need for long term support for those who lost a loved one in the attacks on September 11th 2001 and is run by people who lost family members, friends and loved ones. It is their mission to provide victims families with support for many years to come though a variety of fun, healing programs. Their Motto is -"It's about the kids!"

For more information about the Better Days Foundation, to volunteer, or to make donations please utilize the contact information below and check out their website at [www.thebetterdaysfoundation.org](http://www.thebetterdaysfoundation.org)

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[amy@thebetterdaysfoundation.org](mailto:amy@thebetterdaysfoundation.org) Phone & Fax 201-216-1561



## **BUDDIES FOR BETTER DAYS PROGRAM**

The Key Clubs of the state of New Jersey have picked the foundation to be there state project for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years. Key Club is an International service organization at the high school level made up of great kids with huge hearts who serve their communities at large thorough their tireless efforts of volunteerism. Key Club is a part of the K family made up of Kiwanis Clubs and Circle K organizations. Serving their communities at large.

Key Clubbers across the entire state of New Jersey are working together to reach a \$50,000 goal, which was set by the New Jersey District Board of Trustees. They ask that you please help them in their efforts to achieve this goal. Whatever you can donate is greatly appreciated! If you plan to donate, please make your checks out to the New Jersey District of Key Club International, and they can be sent to:

DISTRICT PROJECTS PO BOX 447 Roseland, NJ 07068

Key Club's Financial Counselor and District Treasurer will process the money, and a final check will then be sent to the Better Days Foundation. Better Days are on the horizon.

## **Beta Gamma Chapter - U of Delaware** *(Excerpt from the U of D - Review Newspaper)*

A folksy singer-songwriter, hard rock group, eclectic disc jockey and smooth rap artist performed during the Fall 2003 Benefit Concert, sponsored by the Beta Gamma Chapter, that raised more than \$600 for Camp Dreamcatcher, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children infected or affected by HIV or AIDS. Kristine Flowers, Public Relations Chair for the chapter, said although the primary goal of the concert was to raise money for a charity, they also wanted to provide students with a variety of musical talents. Camp Dreamcatcher is the only therapeutic camp in the United States for children infected or affected by HIV and AIDS. The money raised by Beta Gamma will sponsor children from Delaware to go the the camp in Pennsylvania.

## **Become a part of ΓΣΣ** **National Online Chat**

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**Congratulations to the newly  
reactivating Delta Phi Chapter  
at Dillard University in  
New Orleans, Louisiana.**

**Want to share your service ideas with others?  
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bers from other chapters? Then join the NEW  
GSS National Online Bulletin Board!  
Visit the National website to register today!**



**Congratulations to the Philadelphia Area  
Alumni Chapter on their 50th Anniversary!**



## Lynne's Lines - A note from our National President



As we reflect on the recent holiday season, we can remember the happiness of spending time with our family. Family means different things to each of us. Families are small and large, related by blood or choice, close or distant. But one thing is true – families are filled with special people. We each have more than one family – there is the people we grew up with, our parents and siblings; the family of people we work or attend school with; and there is our sorority family.

The members of Gamma Sig are a special part of my family. As with my biological family, some of the GSS family members are closer to me than others. All my GSS family members are important to me, and as I serve the family in a leadership capacity I am blessed to be able to get to know more and more of my sorority family.

To make our GSS family work as it should, we all need to acknowledge and accept our family responsibilities. When any of us fails to live up to our responsibilities, we weaken our family. How do we know what our family responsibilities are? Let's take a quick look, I'm sure most of you know these already.

- We all have a duty to do our best every time we act in the name of Gamma Sig. Give 100% - don't cheat the family.
- We have the duty to always act with our ideals and purposes in mind. Friendship, service and equality must be at the forefront of our actions, especially when we are interacting with each other.
- We need to ensure the success of our family by continually adding new members. To be successful we not only need to attract new members, we also need to teach them about our family.
- We must preserve our history to ensure our future. Remember why we are here and do what we can to ensure others can see the best we have to offer.
- We need to learn all we can and share that knowledge. Others have shared with us, we must do the same.
- We must honor our commitments. If we offer help then we need to carry through with our offer. Doing what we agree to do illustrates our integrity and strengthens our family's reputation.
- We must take an active role in our family – at the chapter level, the district level and at the national level. We need to give of ourselves to make our family stronger.

It may sound like a daunting task, being part of a family. But it really isn't, especially when you stop to remember that we all joined Gamma Sig to provide service to others. When we remember to provide service to our own family as well, our bonds grow stronger, our members are happier, and we are able to make a bigger impact on our communities.

May the New Year bring our sorority family closer together so that we may help improve our world through friendship, equality and service.

Lynne

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# Meet The National Staff



**Char Scott, Administrative Assistant  
Joined Alumni Chapter: 1995**

Char has a husband, Robert and a dog named Star. She likes to collect Ziggy items and loves camping. After Char was appointed our Administrative Assistant first

back in 1995, she wanted to join to find out more about the organization and get involved. Char's job on the National Staff is to attend all national meetings, store supplies and publications, prepare and mail mass mailings, handle 800# calls, distribute chapter reports, process PO Box mail, handle membership material requests along with a ton of other things too long to list. :)



**Deb Folsom, Perspectives Editor  
Collegiate Chapter: Alpha Pi  
Pledged: 1989**

Deb has a husband, Jeff and a son, Michael. She joined Gamma Sig her freshman year to make new friends and to continue doing service.

Her job on the National Staff is to collect ideas, stories and news on chapters and individual members and publish them in Perspectives three times a year.



**Jo Charest, Webmaster  
Collegiate Chapter: Epsilon Phi  
Pledged: 1977**

Jo has four cats and is a stepmother to two small dogs. Jo joined GSS because of its unconditional acceptance of all with a

focus on community service. In her free time she makes fabric and painted crafts to benefit animal rescue, producing live music, websites, cross stitch, reading and herbology. She has learned to never give up discovering who you are as she has recently started a master's to doctorate program in natural healing. Her job on the National Staff is to update and maintain the national website.



**Bea Segal, Archivist  
Collegiate Chapter: Zeta  
Pledged: 1969**

Bea has a husband, Harvey and a dog named Bear (pictured). Her favorite hobby is reading the New York Times.

Bea joined GSS because she was on the Drexel Drill Team and one of the members was the Vice President of Membership along with having already been active in service clubs in high school. Her first Convention was at the University of Connecticut where six of them drove. Bea's job on the National Staff is to maintain all permanent records of the sorority.



**Mary Strife, 2005 Convention Chair  
Collegiate Chapter: Delta Upsilon  
Pledged: 1978**

Mary's favorite hobbies are reading, doing crossword, word and logic puzzles and making blankets for

Project Linus. The reason Mary joined Gamma Sig was she knew someone already in the chapter and wanted to continue to do service as she had been in high school. Mary's job on the National Staff is to handle the overall coordination of Convention and supervises the Convention Committee.

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**Celeste McNeil, Alumni Assistant  
Collegiate Chapter: Zeta Iota  
Pledged: 1994**

Celeste's favorite hobbies include sewing, decorating, games and watching movies.

The reason Celeste joined Gamma Sig was that the primary goal was service. She really liked the members of the chapter and wanted to help continue to do service in the same spirit. Her favorite service project while at Prairie View A & M was their blood drives because you could see the benefits immediately. Celeste's job on the National Staff is to work with the Membership Director to help reactivate and start alumni colonies and to work with Alumni-at-large along with other duties.



**Karen Flores-Kerr,  
Database Coordinator  
Collegiate Chapter: Delta Chi  
Year Pledged: 1997**

Karen has a husband, Darren, and two children, Alexzander and Penelope.

In her spare time she reads, is on-line and spends time with family. Karen joined GSS because they were a non-selective group with a service focus. Karen is also our District II Director. In her job on the National Staff Karen helps maintain the sorority database of both alumni and collegiate members and the Perspectives mailing list.

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**Tracy Polovick, Nominating Comm Chair  
Collegiate Chapter: Beta Psi  
Pledged: 1992**

Tracy has a husband, Brad, and two children, Tyler and Kaleigh. Her favorite service project while at college was when her chapter hosted a spaghetti dinner for a

gentleman that needed a kidney transplant. The chapter got to see first hand what a difference they could make. Tracy's job on the National Staff is to plan and facilitate the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the next National Convention. She will also handle the application process for any openings in the current National Board.

Correction Notice- In the Fall 2003 issue Liashelle Scott's year pledged was incorrect. She pledged in 1999, not 1991. Also, on Page 15 Bea Segal's first named was spelled wrong. We are sorry for any inconvenience these may have caused.



## Introducing The Document Compliance Committee Sharon Tompkins, National Parliamentarian

The Documents Compliance Committee for 2003 was named at the National Board of Directors meeting. This committee will assist with the initial review and needed revisions of chapter bylaws, standing rules and pledging policies. Each chapter and colony in our sorority must strive for approval of these governing documents.

The National Bylaws require that each chapter and colony submit these documents annually. Chapters must make the required changes to their own bylaws to incorporate changes made to the national bylaws at the convention. A committee member has been assigned, by district, to assist with the approval of chapter's documents. The final approval will come from the National Parliamentarian.

<u>Chapters In</u>	<u>Send To</u>	<u>Email</u>
Districts 1 and 4	Deb Folsom	<a href="mailto:perspectives@gammasigmasigma.org">perspectives@gammasigmasigma.org</a>
Districts 6 and 7	Susan Lee-Martin	<a href="mailto:secretary@gammasigmasigma.org">secretary@gammasigmasigma.org</a>
Districts 3 and 5	Keli Connor	<a href="mailto:district6@gammasigmasigma.org">district6@gammasigmasigma.org</a>
District 2	Sharon Tompkins	<a href="mailto:parliamentarian@gammasigmasigma.org">parliamentarian@gammasigmasigma.org</a>
All colonies	Sharon Brice	<a href="mailto:membership@gammasigmasigma.org">membership@gammasigmasigma.org</a>

Chapters should e-mail or mail copies of the bylaws, standing rules and pledging policies to their committee member and their District Director. A final approval will be forwarded from the committee member. The national deadline for submission of these documents is January 31st; early submissions are greatly appreciated.

## Collegiate Chapter & Member News

### Collegiate Member Killed In Auto Accident - Beta Chi Chapter - Lebanon Valley College - Nov. 21, 2003

Four students were involved in an auto accident on Interstate 81, South of Harrisburg. Three of the four students were fatally injured. The students, all members of the College Taekwondo club, were on their way to the 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Taekwondo Championship in Winston-Salem, NC. Mariko Furukawa, a sophomore chemistry major from Kagoshima, Japan and Beta Chi Chapter member was among the three fatalities. The following was written by her chapter members: Mariko Furukawa was a sophomore who had just pledged last spring. She was an exchange student from Japan who was planning on studying here for all four years. She made a tremendous impact in such a short time. Upon hearing of her death, many alumni returned to LVC to join with the members to reflect and say goodbye. Mariko showed us what it meant to be a member. She was outgoing and optimistic. She absolutely loved being a member. When meeting her host family, her sister said how much she talked about us and the service we did together. She said we made her feel welcomed, while we will always know we were the lucky ones. She will be forever missed and loved. In an effort to make her memory live on, the members wanted to let you know some of the wonderful times we got to share with her.

Both Mariko and I lived on campus this summer. At least twice a week I could count on her stopping by my room and saying "Let's get trained on the high ropes course!" She was very adventurous, filled with energy, and constantly willing to try new things. ~ Julie

Mariko and I helped with Special Olympics Bowling. When we got there, Mariko just jumped right in and started cheering for the bowlers. She talked with each competitor and their families. With just a smile and a laugh, Mariko encouraged each bowler to do his or her best. I will always remember the way that Mariko laughed and smiled that night. She made you want to smile too. ~ Lisa

I remember one day, after we all butchered her name while trying to pronounce it correctly, I asked her if I was saying it right. She just laughed and told me even she couldn't remember how to pronounce it anymore! ~ Amber

One of my favorite memories is last year when we went caroling around town and singing Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer in Japanese. ~ Ande

Mariko and I pledged together. One night we put on a skit. I read it while she did interpretive movements. It was hilarious! ~ Joliene



Mariko was the type of person who would always greet you with a smile and offer to help you with whatever it was that you were doing. She was so full of life and it's hard to imagine that she would be taken from us so young; however, she'll live on in the hearts of everyone she touched. ~ Kyla

My most recent experience with Mariko was donating blood. It was my first time and she was by my side to not only calm me down but also to make me smile. We spent an hour together that afternoon and the whole time, I was glad I was with a sister. ~ Kim

I remember when we did Adopt-A-Highway. Mariko, Ande and I were working on one stretch of road together. Mariko was going down an embankment into the woods to get some trash that was down there. She was all about getting as much trash as possible, then she came to a car that had been down there a while and she said as serious as can be..."I am not carrying that out of there" we all laughed. ~ Ariel

# Collegiate Chapter & Member News



## **Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota**

(Published in the Murray County News)

**"People with disabilities are capable of many things and can be active in society."**

Jen Onsum, is the reigning Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota. "I want to make society see that people with disabilities are people, too, and can be active members of society. People with disabilities can do everything that able-bodied people do; they just may do it a little differently. There are many lawyers, scientists, and teachers, to name a few, that have a disability and who are making great contributions to the world. People with disabilities are intelligent, bright individuals, and want to be active participants in society," says Onsum. Onsum competed for the title of Ms.

Wheelchair America 2004 in Des Moines, IA., where she was judged in personal interviews with the judges and in a platform speech on the topic of her choice. Her platform speech discussed how the media sometimes inaccurately portrays disabilities, the effects of the inaccurate portrayals and ideas for improvement. During her time at the pageant, she also attended an ADA workshop that discussed the importance of standing up for your rights, various scenarios that involved the ADA and how to enforce the ADA. Though she did not receive the crown, Onsum says "I left the pageant feeling inspired, empowered and more confident as a person, wanting to do more to help make a difference for others with disabilities. I feel refreshed and reenergized."

Diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at the age of 18-months, Onsum has used a wheelchair since the age of four. However, she has not let her disability prevent her from being active. **Onsum is a junior at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where she plans to major in public relations and minor in English. She is also a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, a national service organization.** Outside of school, Onsum has been participating in PowerHockey for seven years as a player, team captain and board member. She also spends time volunteering with the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the local Jerry Lewis Telethon broadcast and as a volunteer activities coordinator at MDA Summer Camp.

Other achievements and honors for Onsum include being selected as the Twin Cities Jr. Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 1991 and 1992, and then being selected as the State Jr. Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 1993. She was also named the U.S. Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association's Defensive Player of the Year in 1998 and 1999.

**The Gamma Phi Chapter** at St. Francis University currently has 26 members and three pledges. The members help the Red Cross with blood drives. Twice a semester the members publicize the blood drives, organize the area, arrange for volunteers and supervise the volunteers and the canteen.

A few of the members run the PLUS 1 program. The PLUS 1 program is a big brother/big sister program for the area children to be encouraged by college students. Every few weeks, an activity is organized through the program that allows everyone to participate. Ice-skating, Halloween parties, hayrides, Easter parties and other activities are fun for everyone.

Two new projects have been started this semester are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and a project that an alumna brought to their attention. St. Ann's School in The Bronx, NY is very poor and in need of any help anyone can provide. They have set up collection boxes around campus to gather school supplies to send to the school.

The Gamma Jail is an annually held event. The members sell "warrants" to students and faculty. The members serve the warrants and people serve their time in the Gamma Jail. The money goes to a different organization every year.

Throughout the year, the chapter organizes smaller service projects. Once a semester, they clean a section of highway they adopted. Every few weeks, they collect recycling from the community. They support a motorcycle ride for MD and organize a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. The pledge class has a fundraiser to support a different cause every semester. While many of the projects change based on who asks for help and what projects the chapter becomes aware of, the members are always busy with different service projects.

**The Zeta Upsilon Chapter** at Ohio State University has been having a dynamic year. They are a small chapter consisting of five members, but quality outweighs the quantity. They give their undying love to friendship, service, and equality. Some of their upcoming service projects are: Sig Cypher (poetry reading), movie nights, sisterhood dinner, Make-a-Wish Foundation, FAFSA workshop for a local high school, making cards and creating a Wish Tree for Children's Hospital and cell phone drive for battered women.

The members of Zeta Upsilon continue day in and day out to see the maroon & white.

**"We are known by the Staff, chosen because of the Rose and uplifted for the Omicron."**



# Alumni Chapter & Member News

Want to keep up with other alumni? Want your friends from college to know what you are up to? Then this is the place for you! Send in your personal updates: marriages, births, promotions, retirements; anything that other alumni would like to find out about you. Send to Perspectives Editor or to [perspectives@gammasigma.org](mailto:perspectives@gammasigma.org).

**Denise Fecketter - Nu Chapter - AAL - New York - 5th National President**

Denise Fecketter wrote "Now and Forevermore, The Story of Two Hearts Reunited, To Write of Love That Continues Beyond The Grave." In the twenty-three years since her husband's death, she has been employed as a teacher, extension agent, parliamentarian, executive and a management consultant. She has written non-fiction articles for local, national, and international magazines, parented two daughters and traveled extensively. Excerpt: *Now and Forevermore is comforting, thought provoking, loving, and wise as Denise takes the reader on a journey of two hearts connecting as Denise allows herself to be an open channel of communication with her deceased husband sharing the experience of love that continues beyond the grave.*



**Miriam Summerville Dufer - Zeta Zeta Chapter - AAL - Colorado** Miriam became an online Mothers March Volunteer because she is grateful for a healthy, happy family. So many others are not as lucky. Their babies are born too small, too soon or with devastating birth defects. The March of Dimes is fighting for the day when every baby in this country is born healthy. Visit her personal web site and learn more about the things the March of Dimes is doing to help save babies.

<http://site.mothersmarch.org/go.asp?e=9E6C0B3E-0E48-495A-915B-E427BABA784F>

## Washington D.C. Area Alumni

The Cherry Blossom alumni colony is looking for new members. They are based out of Washington, DC but are open to members nationwide. Email Karen Flores-Kerr, President at [karenflores38@yahoo.com](mailto:karenflores38@yahoo.com) for more info.

**Ashleigh Hooks - Delta Chi - AAL - North Carolina** Congratulations on her recent engagement to Daniel Turner. They will be married on June 26, 2004 and will live in Winterville, NC.

The Cottonboll Alumni Chapter made ABC quilts with the Alpha Psi Chapter and their District Director in November. Six quilts were completed and fun was had by all.

## Congratulations to our new alumni colonies:

Buckeye City Alumni Colony, Columbus, OH  
Cherry Blossom Alumni Colony, Washington D.C.

## CALLING ALL COLORADO ALUMNI!

All alumni members in the Colorado area that are interested in becoming part of the forthcoming Rocky Mountain alumni chapter, please contact Miriam Dufer, at [miriamdufer@hotmail.com](mailto:miriamdufer@hotmail.com) or at 719-630-1754.

**Peg Zimmerman- Zeta Chapter Philadelphia Alumni Chapter 2nd National President**

Received the Alumni "Service to Profession" Award from Drexel University. The award is conferred upon an alumni who has earned recognition for professional achievements or whose work has contributed to advancements within the field.

Peg also took part in the recent "MDA Lock-Up" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She was able to raise over \$2,500 by taking part in the "Lock-Up". The Philadelphia MDA helps assist with the purchase and repair of wheelchairs and braces, area support groups and a special camp for "Jerry's Kids."



## Western PA Alumni!

If you are interested in becoming part of the Reactivating Western PA alumni chapter, please contact Tara at 412-653-5163 or e-mail [sunflowergirlie@earthlink.net](mailto:sunflowergirlie@earthlink.net).

**Beverly Fitch McCarthy-Kappa Chapter-AAL-California** Founding member of Kappa Chapter at UC-Berkeley. Was awarded the Eleanor Young Volunteer of the Year Award at Junior Aid of Stockton's annual luncheon. This award is for outstanding community service over a period of ten years. Beverly has donated over 7,000 hours as an active Junior Aid member.

## Attention All Alumni!

Do not forget to save March 26-28 for the ΓΣΣ Alumni Spirit Weekend in Las Vegas. This is a chance for you to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. It will be fun and loosely formatted. For more information see page 9, go to our website, [gammasigma.org](http://gammasigma.org) or contact Alison Kaufmann: [program@gammasigma.org](mailto:program@gammasigma.org) - 267-252-5146

The Twin Cities Alumni Chapter decorated Christmas trees at Prairie Lodge, an assisted living center on Nov. 29th. This is their 10th year for this project. After finishing decorating, the members had lunch, a gift exchange and collected needed items for a homeless shelter. This is always their best attended event and is a wonderful way to end the year.

## ALL ALUMNI MEMBERS

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section 2. Collegiate Chapter Information

This information pertains only to those members that were activated through a Collegiate Chapter.

Name of University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Activated: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Separated: \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Cleveland, Ohio  
July 7-10, 2005**

#### **Do you want to design the 2005 Convention T-shirt?**

Submit your design idea to Mary Strife by May 1, 2004.  
The winning chapter will receive two complimentary T-shirts for its voting delegates at Convention. Important details on Convention 2005 that you may want to include on the T-shirt:  
Date: July 7-10, 2005 Theme: Service Rocks! Place: Cleveland, Ohio

Contact Mary Strife at P.O. Box 4727, Star City, WV 26504-4727  
[mstrife2@wvu.edu](mailto:mstrife2@wvu.edu)

#### **Attention District V Members**

The District V Spirit Day will be held February 27-28 in Milledgeville, GA with the theme, "Individually Unique, Together Complete." The agenda for the weekend includes many different workshops along with team building and bonding activities. All registration forms must be received by January 25, 2004. **To receive a registration form or more info., please contact:** Zeta Omicron Chapter, GA College & State University, C/O Lindsay Davis, Campus Box 100, Milledgeville, Ga. 31061 (478) 456-3331 or via email [lindavis2394@yahoo.com](mailto:lindavis2394@yahoo.com)

**Attention District II Alumni**  
Any alumni residing in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania (West of I-81) and Washington, D.C. that are interested in helping out with the growth and development of our chapters in District II, please contact Karen Flores, District 2 Director at [district2@gammasigmasigma.org](mailto:district2@gammasigmasigma.org)



# 2004 Conferences & Alumni Spirit Weekend Information

## Alumni Spirit Weekend!

**March 26-28, 2004 • Las Vegas, Nevada**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21, 2004**

Are you an alumni or a member of the Class of 2004? Then you are invited to the Alumni Spirit Weekend (ASW). Join Alums from across the country as we gather in Las Vegas to share ideas, catch up and remember old times. There is something for everyone! What better place to reconnect with old friends AND make new ones!

### Where is ASW being held?

At the Frontier Hotel Casino at 3120 Las Vegas Boulevard South! Visit them online at [www.frontierlv.com](http://www.frontierlv.com).

### How do I register for Alumni Spirit Weekend?

It is simple—just send the registration form (below and online) with your \$30 payment as directed. The registration fee covers the events on Saturday, March 27th—brunch, roundtables and more. It does not cover the optional Friday evening reception or hotel stay.

**NOTE: Travel pool is NOT available for ASW**

### How do I reserve my hotel room(s)?

A special group rate has been established for those who would like to stay at the Frontier Hotel Casino. The cost per night for Friday and Saturday is \$89 for 2, \$104 for 3 or \$119 for 4. To make reservations you must call 800-634-6966 no later than February 26, 2004. Special rates are also available if you plan to come early or stay late. Contact Alison Kaufmann or go to [www.gammasigmasigma.org](http://www.gammasigmasigma.org) for more info. **NOTE: You must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older to stay at this hotel.**

### Can I bring my significant other/friend/family/etc?

Yes, just think of this as one big reunion weekend. Meal tickets will be available for purchase so they can join us at meals.

### I have more questions about Alumni Spirit Weekend.

Visit us online at

[www.gammasigmasigma.org/conferences.htm](http://www.gammasigmasigma.org/conferences.htm)

or contact Alison at [program@gammasigmasigma.org](mailto:program@gammasigmasigma.org) or 267-252-5146.

## Alumni Spirit Weekend Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Chapter or Alumni at Large: \_\_\_\_\_

Special physical accommodations needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary accommodations needed (Vegetarian, Allergies, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below if you are interested in:

(more information will be sent to you)

\_\_\_\_\_ purchasing additional meal tickets.

\_\_\_\_\_ attending the reception on Friday evening.

Make \$30 check/money orders payable to:  
Gamma Sigma Sigma

Send your payment and completed registration form to:  
Alison Kaufmann; PO Box 7904; Philadelphia, PA 19101

## FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Don't miss the upcoming Spring Conferences:

- February 28, 2004: District 7 Conference in Newark, DE hosted by the Beta Gamma Chapter. **MUST** register by February 7, 2004.
- April, 3, 2004: District 2 Conference in Pittsburgh, PA hosted by the Delta Gamma Chapter. **MUST** register by March 8, 2004.

Many exciting and useful events are planned for collegiate and alumni members. Check out the website for more information!

## Conference Registration Form

Registering for (Please circle one)

**Newark (VII)      Pittsburgh (II)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter (or AAL) \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Information:

(Please check which you are registering for)

**Includes breakfast, lunch and conference materials: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Only, \$30**

**Includes 2 night stay, breakfast, lunch and conference materials:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Quad, \$65      \_\_\_\_\_ Triple, \$85  
\_\_\_\_\_ Double, \$110      \_\_\_\_\_ Single, \$150

**Preferred roommates:**

If you do not have enough roommates for your chosen rate, occupant(s) may be placed with you.

**Special physical accommodations needed:**

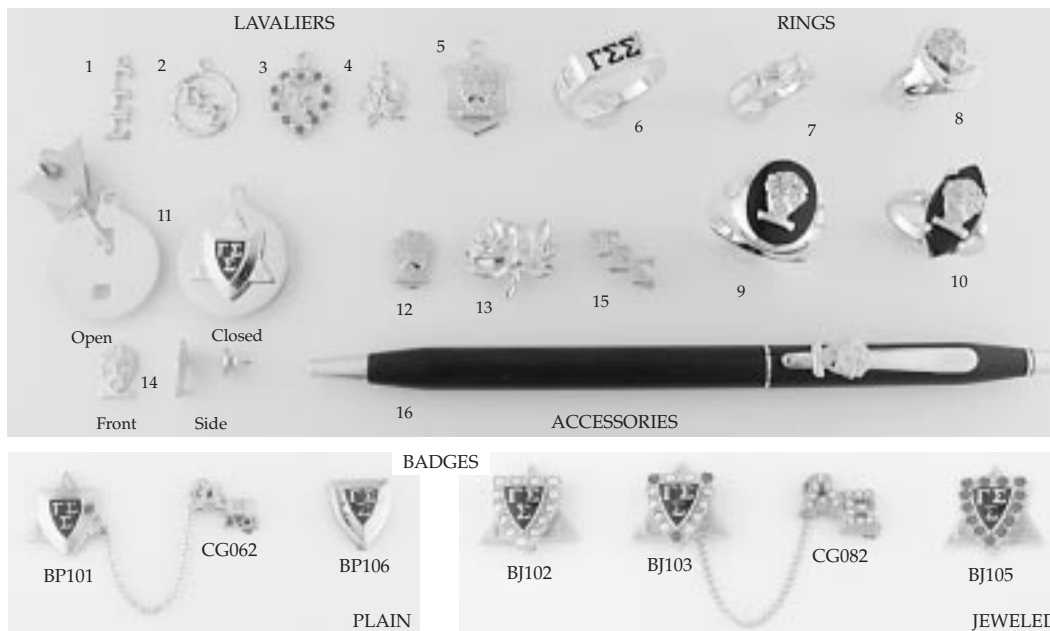
**Dietary accommodations needed:**

\_\_\_ Vegetarian    \_\_\_ Vegan    \_\_\_ Kosher

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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PO Box 7904  
Philadelphia, PA 19101



Item	Description	Gold Plate	Sterling Silver	10K Gold	Total
1	Vertical Monogram Lavalier	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$25.00	
2	Circle Monogram Lavalier	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$36.00	
3	Heart w/ Pearls & Garnets			\$132.00	
4	Rose Lavalier	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$33.00	
5	Badge Charm	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$84.00	
6	Enameled Monogram Ring size: _____	na	\$55.00	\$160.00	
7	Hand Clasp Ring size: _____	na	\$55.00	\$150.00	
8	Crested Ring size: _____	na	\$65.00	\$180.00	
9	Men's Onyx Crest size: _____	na	\$100.00	\$292.00	
10	Onyx Crested Ring size: _____	na	\$65.00	\$180.00	
11	Badge Pendant (badge separately)	na	\$60.00	\$130.00	
12	Plain Crest Rec. Pin	\$20.00	na	\$30.00	
13	Rose Pin	\$16.00	na	\$35.00	
14	Crest Earrings	\$54.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	
15	Diagonal Monogram Pin	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$25.00	
16	Crested Black Matte Finish Pen	\$60.00			

Item	Description	Gold Kase	Gold Filled	10K Gold	Total
BP101	Enameled Badge	\$9.00	\$33.00	\$51.00	
BP106	Chapter Honorary Member	na	na	\$35.00	
BJ102	13 Pearl	na	na	\$109.00	
BJ103	10 Pearl with 3 Garnet points	na	na	\$109.00	
BJ105	13 Garnets	na	na	\$109.00	
CG061	Plain 1 letter Chapter Guard	\$15.00	Chapter _____	\$24.50	
CG062	Plain 2 letter Chapter Guard	\$16.00	Chapter _____	\$31.50	
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**Spring 2004 Issue - February 7, 2004**

**Fall 2004 Issue - August 13, 2004**

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Saturday, January 31, 2004	Chapter Reports need to be received by - send to Administrative Assistant (Page 11)
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Sunday, February 1	National Online Chat-3pm EST - <a href="http://www.gammasigmasigma.org">www.gammasigmasigma.org</a>
Saturday, February 7	Deadline for submissions for the Perspectives Spring Issue - send to Perspectives Editor (Page 11) Deadline to register for District VII Conference
Saturday, February 21	Deadline to register for Alumni Spirit Weekend
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Monday, March 8	Deadline to register for District II Conference
March 26-28, 2004	Alumni Spirit Weekend - Las Vegas
Saturday, April 3	District II Conference in Pittsburgh, PA
Sunday, April 4	National Online Chat-3pm EST - <a href="http://www.gammasigmasigma.org">www.gammasigmasigma.org</a>
Sunday, May 2	National Online Chat-3pm EST - <a href="http://www.gammasigmasigma.org">www.gammasigmasigma.org</a>
Saturday, August 13	Deadline for submissions for the Perspectives 2004 Fall Issue - send to Perspectives Editor (Page 11)
Fall 2004	District IV Spirit Day

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