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## Sigma Kappa News

### Welcome

Mother's Day is just one of the occasions we celebrate in May. Throughout the month, we will be acknowledging graduates. Honor your high school graduates and support the Sigma Kappa recruitment process at the same time.

Complete [Recruitment Introduction Forms](#) to introduce young women to Sigma Kappa before they get to college. For your favorite Sigma Kappa graduate, check out the wonderful graduation gifts available at [Shop Sigma Kappa](#).



To our newest subscribers - welcome! We hope you will enjoy each monthly issue of Virtual Violet. We look forward to presenting Sigma Kappa and Panhellenic news, entertainment and updates to all member subscribers.

### Meet the 2008-2009 Field Consultants

National headquarters is proud to announce the following additions to national headquarters staff. During the upcoming year, these new graduates will travel to collegiate chapters across the country on behalf of Sigma Kappa. Please join us in welcoming our field consultants for the 2008-2009 year!

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### Sigma Kappa Invited to Colonize at Florida International University

National Council is pleased to announce Sigma Kappa has been chosen to become the newest sorority at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. Sigma Kappa was selected to colonize after presenting with three other National Panhellenic Conference group this past February. Read more about the upcoming colonization [here](#).

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### Alpha Nu Reunion

Join other Alpha Nu, University of Montana, alumnae from the 1940s through the 1970s for a weekend of fun and friendship this autumn.

Date: September 12-14, 2008

Place: Billings, MT

Contact & for more information: [Dr. Marcella Kocar](#), '59 Alpha Nu

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### **Thanks for Asking**

I just found out that I am free the last week in June. Is it to late to register for convention?

It's not too late! The last date to register for convention is May 15. Grab your chapter sisters and register today to make sure you don't miss out!

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### **Did You Know?**

Mother's Day is May 11th! You can honor Mom this Mother's Day with a Sigma Kappa mother's pin. The mother's pin is the Greek letters Sigma Kappa in a small hollow triangle enclosed in a gold circle. To order a mother's pin for \$15.50 plus shipping, contact Pamela Levy, associate director of finance, at [plevy@sigmakappa.org](mailto:plevy@sigmakappa.org).

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## 2008-2009 Field Consultants

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Elon, NC



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*Delta Upsilon*, Southwest Missouri  
State University  
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University  
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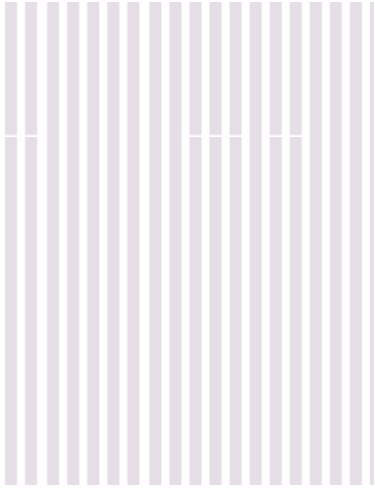
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A special thank you to Jen Hohman, national vice president for membership; Desiree Collado, director of extension; Sarah Womble, extension development coordinator; Sara Chacon, district recruitment coordinator; Kelly Jeffrey, collegiate extension specialist; Lauren McPartland, field consultant, and area alumnae and the members of Beta Tau Chapter, University of Florida, who represented Sigma Kappa with enthusiasm and professionalism.

The colonization is scheduled to take place in September on the Florida International University campus. More details on the colonization event are forthcoming and will be posted in the For Sisters Only portion of Sigma Kappa's Web site by September. To send a Recruitment Introduction Form for an unaffiliated woman attending Florida International University, go to the Sigma Kappa Web site, [www.sigmakappa.org](http://www.sigmakappa.org), and select "complete a recruitment introduction form" under the "quick links" button.

If you have specific questions please contact the Sigma Kappa extension team at [fiu@sigmakappa.org](mailto:fiu@sigmakappa.org), or via mail at 8733 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. We look forward to seeing local alumnae and area chapters at the colonization events!

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## Alumnae Spotlight - District I



### **Susan Kilham Mack, *Tau*, Indiana University**

**Alumnae Chapter:** European Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- European Alumnae Chapter
  - Founding member
  - Past president

**Occupation:** School Board Finance Director – Kindergruppe Haan e.V.

**Education:**

- Bachelor of science in finance – Indiana University
- Bachelor of arts in French – Indiana University
- Master of business administration in international finance – University of Southern California
- Certified Management Accountant

**Professional/Civic Activities:**

- Institute of Management Accountants member
- IU Kelley School of Business alumni group member
- USC Marshall Business School alumni group member
- Friends of the Haan Public Library member

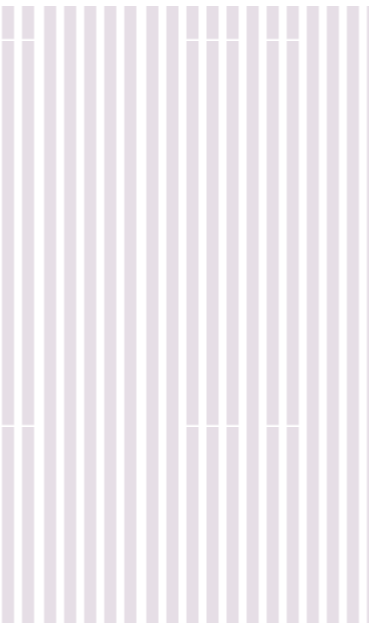
**Family:**

- Husband
- Children – Son, age 8, daughter, age 6

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

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- Traveling
- Playing her cello
  - Reading
  - Counting her blessings

**Favorite things:**

- Her children's laughter
- A good bottle of red wine
- The Black Forest in the fall

**Words to live by:**

"Today can be a good day or a bad day; it's up to you."

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## Alumnae Spotlight - District II



**Susan B. Lorimor, *Kappa Alpha*, Northwest Missouri State University**

**Alumnae Chapter:** Chicago Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- Chicago Alumnae Chapter – Corresponding secretary

**Occupation:**

- Editor – The Magazine of Sigma Chi
- Director of communications – Sigma Chi Fraternity

**Education:**

- Bachelor of science in journalism – Northwest Missouri State University
- Bachelor of science in political science – Northwest Missouri State University

**Professional/Civic Activities:**

- College Fraternity Editors Association member
- St. Gertrudes Catholic Church member
- Beta Sigma Phi member

**Family:** Chocolate Lab - Cassie

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Spending time at the beach
- Hanging out with friends
- Working out
- Reading

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**Favorite things:**

- Beginning her day with a walk on the beach
- The scent of a freshly cut lawn
- The smell of spring lilacs
- Junior Mints
- Diet Coke

**Words to live by:**

“The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already.” John Buchan

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## Alumnae Spotlight - District III



### **Anna R. Lathen, Mu, University of Washington**

**Alumnae Chapter:** Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter
  - Vice president of programming
  - Newsletter designer/editor
- Past alumnae/collegiate liaison - Seattle Alumnae Chapter

**Occupation:** Freelance creative project manager

**Education:** Bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary visual arts – University of Washington

**Professional/Civic Activities:**

- Los Angeles Creative Club member
- Local volunteer projects

**Family:**

- Mother – Della Coburn
- Grandmother – Julia Coburn
- Numerous extended family members

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Hanging out with friends
- Doing Yoga

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- Enjoying Southern California sunshine
- Volunteering

**Favorite things:**

- All things creative
- Sushi
- Traveling
- Cooking
- Meeting new people

**Words to live by:**

“Half the secret of success in life is just showing up!” Woody Allen

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## Alumnae Spotlight - District IV



**Lois Perigo Truax, *Gamma Eta*, Ball State University**

**Alumnae Chapter:** Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- Property committee member – Kappa Eta, Texas Christian University
- Advisory board member – Kappa Eta, Texas Christian University
- Held numerous offices – Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

**Occupation:** Housewife

**Education:** Bachelor of science in elementary education – Ball State University

**Professional/Civic Activities:**

- The Woman’s Club of Fort Worth – Music chairman
- Harmony Music Club
  - Fourth vice president
  - Chorus member
  - Sextet member
- Arlington Heights Methodist Church
  - Chancel choir officer
  - Grace Notes ensemble
  - Office volunteer

**Family:**

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- Three grown children
- Eight grandchildren

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Making crafts
- Entering craft shows
- Singing
- Doing for others

**Favorite things:**

- Spending time with her friends
- Her grandchildren

**Words to live by:**

“Treat others as you would have them treat you.”

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## Alumnae Spotlight - District V



### Hallie R. Bolin, *Alpha Chi*, Georgetown College

#### Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Theta Rho, University of Kentucky
  - Advisory board chairman
  - Recruitment supervisor

**Occupation:** Branch Manager – Chase Bank

#### Education:

- Bachelor of arts – Georgetown College
- Series 6 and 63 License

#### Professional/Civic Activities:

- Kentucky Women in Leadership member
- Chase Bank volunteer
  - Junior Achievement
  - Toys for Tots
  - Bowling for Kids Sake

#### Family:

- Parents
- Sister and brother-in-law
- Two nieces
- Boyfriend - Brad

#### When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- At work

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## Planning a trip to somewhere warm

### **Favorite things:**

- Sweets
- New clothes
- The beach
- Summer
- Traveling to new places

### **Words to live by:**

“Life is too short to be unhappy. Spend time with the ones you love, travel to places you’ve never been, and don’t count calories!”

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