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Do you enjoy writing and wish to be published? Looking for another way to use your talents and be involved as a Sigma Kappa volunteer?

Sigma Kappa has a new volunteer position available - Features Editor for the Sigma Kappa Triangle. The Features Editor will assist the Editor with the publication of the magazine by preparing, researching, and writing feature articles, as well as assisting in the long range planning of future feature articles.

Interested? Contact Mallory Curtis, director of publications at mcurtis@sigmakappa.org

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Sigma Kappa News

Welcome!



Our featured Alumnae Chapter, The Nashville Alumnae Chapter, shown here after participating in a Memory Walk.

Throughout the month of May, 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 2009-2010 Field Consultants

National headquarters is proud to announce the following additions to national headquarters staff. During the upcoming year, these recent graduates will travel to collegiate chapters across the country on behalf of Sigma Kappa. Please join us in welcoming our field consultants for the 2009-2010 year! [Meet the 2009-2010 Field Consultants!](#)

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Featured Alumnae Chapter

Along with spotlighting our alumnae members we are also shining the spotlight on alumnae chapters that display sisterhood and service in their cities.

May's Featured Alumnae Chapter: [Nashville Alumnae Chapter](#)

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Reunions

Check out our [Reunions](#) page to view all upcoming reunions and reunions in the planning stage that need your help.

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Significant Sigma Kappas

Don't forget to check out this month's featured Significant Sigma Kappa [here!](#)

If you know of an alumna who should be recognized in our Significant Sigma Kappas section, we encourage you to submit her information to include name, chapter of initiation, bio and, if possible, a photo to virtualviolet@sigmakappa.org. For Sigma Kappas who've made a new accomplishment in their career or education, we have Sigma Kappa Kudos located in Simply Sisterhood.

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Did You Know?

Mother's Day is May 10th! 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 find out more information click [here](#). To order, contact Pamela Levy, associate director of finance, at plevy@sigmakappa.org.

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I just found out that I am available to attend the College Officer Training School in July. Is it too late to register?

It's not too late! The last date to register for [COTS](#) is May 25. Grab your chapter sisters and register today to make sure you don't miss out.

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Significant Sigma Kappas

Showcasing sisters who have made a difference by living our values!

Madalyn Brand Teal, Ph.D.



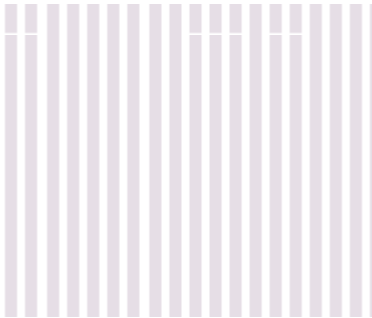
Madalyn Brand Teal, *Gamma Chi*, Stephen F. Austin University, is a woman of great perseverance, faith and heart. Her passion for helping children learn, specifically those children who struggle with learning disabilities, has been a stronghold in her life for well over two decades.

Madalyn has earned her Master's in guidance and counseling, followed by her Doctorate in Philosophy from Texas Woman's University and has used her education, certifications and experience to review articles for publication in the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*. She has served as an instructor, teacher and now Director of Special Education. Not only is she active in the field of education, but she currently serves as the President of the Sigma Kappa Foundation and is actively involved with Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. This May she will be one of five mothers given honors by Easter Seals North Texas at their annual Hats Off to Mothers event.

Through tough times in life and joys of accomplishments, Madalyn Brand Teal has risen above and beyond the norm with grace and an iron will. She credits her parents for

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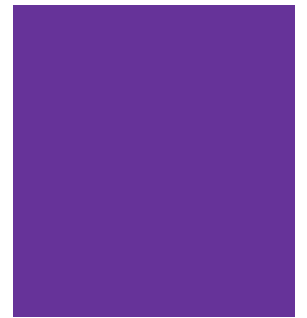
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instilling a deep faith and heart for the less fortunate within her. It is this heart that continues to inform parents and public alike, that just "because a child has a disability doesn't mean the child isn't enjoying life or doesn't have possibilities."

Check out the list of [Significant Sigma Kappas!](#)

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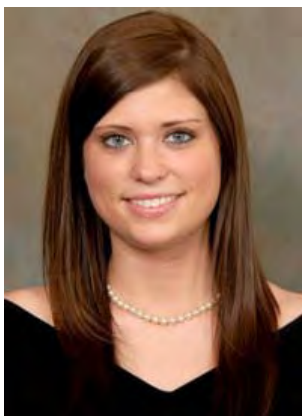
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Introducing the 2009-2010 Field Consultants



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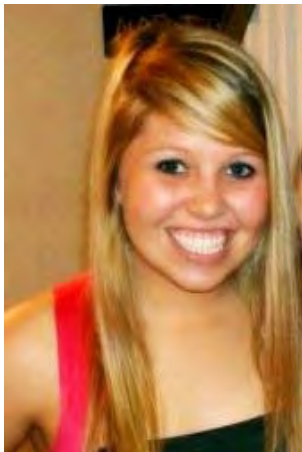
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Alumnae Chapter Spotlight



Nashville Alumnae Chapter

Location: Nashville, TN

Sister collegiate chapters : *Gamma Pi*, Kentucky Wesleyan College and *Epsilon Zeta*, Western Kentucky University

Membership: In the past year, their membership has grown over 600%. They have 25 paying members and over 30 active alumnae in their chapter. More than half of their members have graduated college in the past 10 years. They have several SIGs, including a monthly Ladies Who Lunch group, a book club and a movie club.

Philanthropic service : Their chapter volunteers quarterly at Barton House, a local Alzheimer's care facility, where they visit with residents and do arts and crafts with them. They also participate in the Nashville Memory Walk. In 2008, they walked with *Epsilon Zeta*, Western Kentucky University, and together raised more than \$3,600 to support Alzheimer's disease research. This summer, they are going to have a garage sale and the proceeds will be donated to

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the Alzheimer's Association.



Chapter activities: The chapter hosts at least two social activities each month. Events range from Ladies Who Lunch, wine & cheese, pottery painting, new member ice cream social, movies in the park, date night, bowling, girl's night out, etc. They also host an annual holiday party.

Most successful event: Their 2008 Founders' Day brunch. They mailed out formal invitations to all local alumnae and had a great turnout with nearly 30 sisters in attendance, including several women who had never attended an event previously.

Message from president about why alumnae chapter membership is valued: As sisters, we all share a bond that unites us, no matter our age or chapter of initiation. I can honestly say that now, as an alumna, I have never been prouder to be a Sigma Kappa. I've come to realize that sisterhood is not something that stops at graduation. I would definitely encourage all new alumnae to get involved in her local alumnae chapter. It's a great way to build friendships, develop business contacts, give back to the community and create new memories of Sigma Kappa.

Alumnae chapter contact information: For more information about joining the Nashville Alumnae Chapter, please contact president Jeannie Jamison at Jeannie.Jamison@gmail.com. You can also visit the chapter's Web site at www.nashvillesigkap.com.

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Alumnae Spotlight - District I



Louise Harclerode, Alpha Sigma, Westminster College

Alumnae Chapter: Ocean Area (New Jersey) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: President for the Ocean Area Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Retired

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Art Education, Westminster College

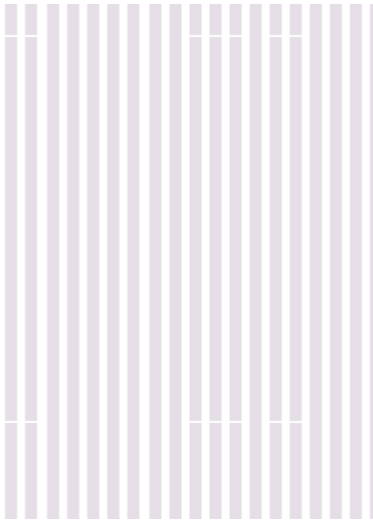
Professional/Civic Activities:

- President of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)
- Treasurer of the Barnegat Windjammers of Questers

Family:

- Husband - Don
- Sons - Jason and Erik and their wives
- Grandson - Cole

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:



Leading the P.E.O.

- Doing finances for Barnegat Windjammers of Questers

Favorite things:

- Her pet Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Cash
- Her garden
- Going to the beach

Words to live by: "Take one day at a time and enjoy the sun when it shines."

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Alumnae Spotlight - District II



Pamela Mosher, *Theta Tau*, Kansas State University

Alumnae Chapter: Greater Kansas City (Missouri) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Collegiate province officer
- Current advisory board chairman for *Theta Tau*, Kansas State University
- Alumnae/collegiate liaison for the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter
- Member of the extension exploratory committee at Kansas State University
- Former field consultant

Occupation: Program Representative

Education:

- Master of Business Administration, Baker University
- Bachelor of Arts in Human Ecology and Mass Communication with an emphasis in apparel marketing, interior design and public relations and a minor in textiles, Kansas State University

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Member of the Education Program Committee for Baker

University

- Honor Roll Member for Institute of Professional Development (IPD)
- 2007 and 2008 Presidents Club Member for IPD

Family:

- Father - Fred
- Mother - Kathleen
- Brother - Rick

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Traveling
- Taking road trips
- Enjoying black and white photography
- Dancing
- White water rafting
- Jet skiing
- Attending K-State football games

Favorite things:

- Pad thai
- Traveling to new places

Words to live by: "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." - Helen Keller

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Alumnae Spotlight - District III



Laura Somers, *Gamma Omega*, Wittenberg University

Alumnae Chapter: South Bay (California) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Corporation board president and secretary for *Gamma Theta*, California State University, Long Beach
- Vice president of membership, vice president of programming and president for the South Bay Alumnae Chapter

Occupation:

- WorkAbility1/TPP Coordinator and Transition Specialist
- Director for Votr  Vu

Education:

- Master of Science, Indiana University
- Bachelor of Science, Wittenberg University

Professional/Civic Activities:

- South Bay Alumnae Panhellenic Association
- AAUW
- Active member of her church
- Relay for Life

- Alzheimer's Walk
- 1736 House (a women's shelter)
- Education Foundation

Family:

- Husband
- Two daughters
- A cat and a dog

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Learning to play golf
- Pilates
- Book Club
- Knitting
- Doing charity work and fundraising



Favorite things:

- Traveling
- Entertaining with friends

Words to live by: “You will never find time for anything. If you want time you must make it.”

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Alumnae Spotlight - District IV



Tiffany Ann-Pastors Mendoza, *Theta Chi*, West Virginia University

Alumnae Chapter: Orlando (Florida) Area Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: Treasurer and Webmaster for the Orlando Area Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: First grade teacher

Education:

- Master of Art in Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Professional/Civic Activities:

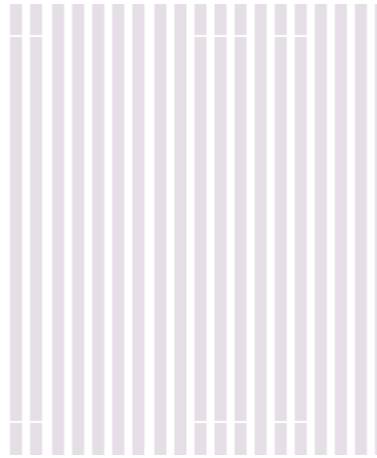
- Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion for her church
- Corpus Christi Catholic Parish
- Teaches first grade Faith Formation

Family:

- Husband - Richard

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Swimming
- Walking her beagle, Cid
- Scrapbooking
- Spending time with friends



Favorite things:


- Shopping
- Getting massages

Words to live by: "Be persistent, but patient. Always know there is someone looking out for you. Friends are the sanity of life. "

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Alumnae Spotlight - District V



Magdalena Anna 'von Haas' Boogaard, Zeta Pi, Colorado School of Mines

Alumnae Chapter: Detroit (Michigan) Alumnae Chapter and European Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Founders' Day coordinator in Stuttgart, Germany
- Spring formal at Colorado School of Mines
- Newsletter officer for the European Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Project Manager, Sensors & Ignition Business Unit Gasoline Systems

Education:

- MBA in-progress with expected graduation in May 2010, Colorado State University
- Master of Science in Automotive Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Colorado School of Mines

Family:

- Husband - Eric
- Cat - Phyrus
- Dog - Kaiser



When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Hanging out with the girls
- Traveling
- Experiencing new things
- Catching up on movies
- Planning events
- Scrapbooking
- Going to musicals

Favorite things:

- Her husband
- Pizza
- Having a dryer that collects lint
- Ben & Jerry's ice cream
- Wine

Words to live by: "Anyone who has never failed has never tried anything new." - Albert Einstein

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