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Above: This month's featured alumnae chapter, the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter.

August is a wonderful time to celebrate the sisterhood that binds us all together by recognizing National Sister's Day. Make a Sister feel special with a gift, a note or an e-card this month. Express how valuable her friendship has been to you over the years and how much you appreciate her. What a perfect opportunity to reflect on what Sigma Kappa means to you, as well.

Welcome to our newest *Virtual Violet* subscribers and thank you to all subscribers who enjoy *Virtual Violet* every month.

Simply Sisterhood

Simply Sisterhood has been steadily growing! Don't forget to take a look at the new faces, new couples, great success stories and Sigma Kappa sightings.

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

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

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Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Kappa at the Founders' Day luncheon on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at noon. To learn more, check out the [Reunions](#) page!

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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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Employment Opportunities

Sigma Kappa Sorority, National Headquarters
- Member Services Specialist position

Sigma Kappa Foundation, National Headquarters
- Executive Director position

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Where can I find copies of handouts from COTS and can I download them?

Of course! Sign into For Sisters Only at www.sigmakappa.org and refer to the LEARN tab where you will find "Event Resources," or click [here](#). You will find PowerPoints, handouts and information from the 2009 College Officer Training School.

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San Antonio Alumnae Chapter

Location: San Antonio, TX

Sister collegiate chapter: *Zeta Nu*, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Membership: The age range is from 24-70

Philanthropic service:

- The Alzheimer's Association of South Texas
- San Antonio Zoo
- The Maine Sea Coast Mission scholarship fund
- Homewood Residence at Shavano Park
- Sigma Kappa scholarship endowment at The University of Texas at San Antonio

Chapter activities:

- Pumpkin decorating
- Alzheimer's Memory Walk
- Founders' Day with *Zeta Nu*, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Cookie/Christmas ornament swap
- Murder mystery event
- Trip to the San Antonio Zoo
- Fiesta potluck dinner
- Board game night

Most successful event: Founders' Day with *Zeta Nu*, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Message from president on the value of alumnae chapter membership: Sigma Kappa is a lifetime of valued friendships. It is a fabulous support system.

Alumnae chapter contact information: For more information about the San Antonio

Alumnae Chapter, contact president Patti Perry Massey at pmassey@satx.rr.com.

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Melissa Hallinan-Pieniazek, *Theta Iota*, State University of New York, Fredonia

Alumnae Chapter: Buffalo (New York) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisory board chairman and recruitment supervisor for *Theta Iota*, State University of New York, Fredonia
- Member of the executive board for the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Marketing Coordinator

Education: Bachelor degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Music Business)

Family: Children - Katherine and Grant

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Spending time with family and friends
- Dancing
- Working as a Partylite Candle Consultant

Favorite things:

- Traveling
- Playing with kids
- Cooking
- Reading

Words to live by: "Who says you have to wait for doors to open. Open them yourself."



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Jessica Cornwell, Xi, University of Kansas

Alumnae Chapter: Greater Kansas City (Missouri) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisor to the vice president of alumnae relations, house manager and webmaster for Xi, University of Kansas
- Corporation board vice president and contract chairman for Xi, University of Kansas
- Vice president of membership for the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Account Administrator

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in History

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Member of the Heartland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk
- Volunteer for the Hospital Hill Run
- Volunteer for Wayside Waifs Animal Shelter

Family:

- Mom - Susan
- Dad - Ben
- Sisters - Madeline and Bradie

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Hanging out with friends
- Watching movies
- Reading books

Favorite things:

- Her cats, Carrie and Chloe
- Movies
- Shopping
- Vacation
- British history
- Gummy bears

Words to live by: "Don't stress the things you can't control and live everyday to the fullest."

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Kelly Scanlan, *Zeta Upsilon*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Alumnae Chapter: West Orange County (California) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Collegiate province officer for *Kappa Rho*, University of California, Irvine
- Advisory board chairman for *Zeta Upsilon*, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- Past advisory board chairman, advisor to the vice president of finance and recruitment advisor for *Theta Beta*, University of LaVerne

Occupation: Senior Operations Manager for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Professional Baseball Team

Education:

- Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Leadership, University of LaVerne
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Advertising and Promotions, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Volunteer for the Special Olympics Championships
- Second in raising the most money for Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Family:

- Mom - Ginny
- Dad - Mike
- Boyfriend - Kerwin, *Sigma Phi Epsilon*
- Dog - Sigma "Kappy"

When not doing Sigma Kappa work: Spending time with her family, boyfriend and big sisters

Favorite things:

- Her Blackberry
- Doing crafts

Words to live by: "Your success springs from the sacrifices of those who came before you. Remember them and what they gave for you to be here."

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Shannon Redmond, *Beta Xi*, The University of Memphis

Alumnae Chapter: Memphis (Tennessee) Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Elementary School Counselor

Education:

- Master of Science in Counseling, The University of Memphis
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, The University of Memphis

Professional/Civic Activities:

- American School Counselor Association
- Tennessee Counseling Association
- Memphis Educational Association
- Recreation committee and other activities for Advent Presbyterian Church

Family:

- Mom - Diana
- Dad - Jim
- Sisters - Erin and Megan
- Brother-in-laws - Harmen and Matt
- Cat - Oreo
- Dogs - Marky and Slinky

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Visiting her family
- Doing whatever she can to enjoy life

Favorite things:

- Being with her family
- Working with children
- Helping others
- Outdoor challenge
- Game night with her friends
- Laughing

Words to live by: "At the center of your being, you have the answer. You know who you are and what you want. There is no need to run outside for better seeing. Rather, stay at the center of your being; for the more you leave, the less you learn. Search your heart and see the way to do is to be." - Lao Tzu

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Aimee Evans Behrman, *Delta Alpha*, Eastern Michigan University

Alumnae Chapter: Ann Arbor (Michigan) Area Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisory board chairman, advisor to the president and social chairman for *Alpha Mu*, University of Michigan
- President for the Ann Arbor Area Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Stay-at-home mom

Education: Bachelor Degree in Communication with a minor in Journalism, Eastern Michigan University

Professional/Civic Activities: Volunteer at her sons' schools

Family:

- Husband - Jonn
- Sons - Zachary and Riley
- Dogs - Grunt and Gunther

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Playing Rock Band with her family
- Traveling
- Exercising
- Having fun with the girls
- Spending nights at home with her family

Favorite things:

- Family and friends
- The tropics
- Warm chocolate chip cookies
- Good jeans
- Naps
- Target

Words to live by: "It's a brand new day and in every way, I am getting better and better and better!"

