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Above: This month's featured alumnae chapter, Greater New Orleans Alumnae Chapter

For many of our collegiate chapters, September is more than the end of summer and the beginning of another school year. It is a month filled with homecoming, football games, philanthropy events and numerous recruitment activities. We wish all our chapters a successful recruitment and an enthusiastic fall new member class!

While these new members are just beginning their Sigma Kappa journey, we are reminded that we are members of one of the oldest and strongest women's organizations in the world, offering benefits that last a lifetime.

Virtual Violet would like to welcome all new subscribers. We hope you will make *Virtual Violet* a regular part of each month.

Alumnae Introductions Needed for Fall Recruitment

If you know a collegiate woman who is registering for formal recruitment this fall, please complete a Recruitment Introduction Form and send it to the collegiate chapter prior to the beginning of formal recruitment. For a listing of chapter addresses and timing, please refer to the spring edition of the *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, or go to For Sisters Only>Discover> Forms and Policies>[Recruitment Introduction form](#).

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 communities.

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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

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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Greater New Orleans Alumnae Chapter

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

Sister collegiate chapter: *Epsilon Beta*, University of New Orleans

Membership: age range is 22-60

Philanthropic service:

- Memory Walk
- *Ultra Violet* Gala

Chapter activities:

- Progressive dinner
- Outlet mall excursion
- Memory Walk
- Founders' Day/*Ultra Violet* Gala
- Christmas party
- Annual New Year's Eve brunch
- Day at the Races at the New Orleans fairgrounds

Most successful event: Their 2009 Founders' Day Celebration/*Ultra Violet* Gala which will be a joint event with their sister collegiate chapter, *Epsilon Beta*. This event includes celebrating Sigma Kappa's heritage and a silent auction with proceeds being donated to the Sigma Kappa Foundation.

Message from president on the value of alumnae chapter membership: Membership in an alumnae chapter provides an outstanding opportunity for networking and socializing

with both old and new friends.

Alumnae chapter contact information: For more information about the Greater New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, contact the president, Holly Atwood Syrdal, at hsyrdal@yahoo.com or 985-778-6077.

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Kimberly Kanner, *Beta Upsilon*, Ohio University

Alumnae Chapter: Greater Connecticut Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: Founding member and co-president of the Greater Connecticut Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Technical Director for ESPN

Education: Bachelor of Telecommunications with a specialization in Journalism, Ohio University

Professional/Civic Activities: Ohio University Alumni Association

Family:

- Mom - Jodi
- Dad - Bruce
- Sister - Rachel
- Boyfriend - Mike, *Alpha Epsilon Pi*

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Scrapbooking
- Running
- Being outside

Favorite things:

- Her family
- Her boyfriend
- Her friends
- Gymnastics
- Running
- Talking on the phone

Words to live by: "Everything happens for a reason."

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Jammie Rubio, *Theta Tau*, Kansas State University

Alumnae Chapter: Chicago (Illinois) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisor to the vice president of new member education, foundation and social chairman for *Gamma Zeta*, Northern Illinois University
- Foundation chairman for the Chicago Alumnae Chapter
- Past social chairman for the Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Legal Assistant/Paralegal

Education:

- Master of Forensic Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology expected in 2011
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Political Science, Kansas State University

Family:

- Mom - Mina
- Dad - Esiquio
- Stepdad - Stephen
- Brother - Steve

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Participate and raise funds for the MS Society Walk
- Run multiple 5K's throughout the year

Favorite things:

- Movies
- Music
- Reality TV on Bravo
- The color blue
- Trying new things
- Hanging out with girlfriends and family

Words to live by: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

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Katie Boggs Tomici, *Mu*, University of Washington

Alumnae Chapter: West Orange County (California) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Current advisory board chairman for *Kappa Rho*, University of California, Irvine
- Advisor to the executive vice president for *Beta Psi*, San Diego State University
- Advisor to the vice president for membership for *Mu*, University of Washington

Occupation: Director of Operations for Hilton Hotels

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, University of Washington

Family:

- Husband - Remus
- Dog - Baller
- Cat - Bucky

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Spending time with her husband
- Shopping
- Watching movies
- Going to the beach

Favorite things:

- Sushi
- Starbucks
- Sleeping in on the weekends
- Weekend getaways

Words to live by: "Always say 'I love you' to the people you care about. Whether it's your spouse, a family member or a dear friend - always show them that you care."

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Lyndsay Schaub Holder, *Epsilon Mu*, University of Missouri, Columbia

Alumnae Chapter: Greater Oklahoma City (Oklahoma) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: Advisor to the recording secretary, philanthropy and foundation chairman for *Delta Chi*, The University of Central Oklahoma

Occupation: Assistant Director for the University of Central Oklahoma Volunteer and Service Learning Center

Education:

- Master of Education in Adult Education, The University of Central Oklahoma expected in 2010
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations, The University of Central Oklahoma

Professional/Civic Activities:

- The Junior League of Oklahoma City
- NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education)

Family:

- Husband - Geoff, *Alpha Tau Omega*
- Son - Hank

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Spending time with her family
- Traveling
- Gardening
- Reading
- Watching movies
- Giving back to her community

Favorite things:

- Manicures and pedicures
- Sephora
- The *Twilight* novel series
- Her job
- Shopping
- Discovering new and fun things to do in Edmond/Oklahoma City

Words to live by: "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

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Andie Robinson, *Epsilon Tau*, California State University, Fullerton

Alumnae Chapter: Grand Rapids (Michigan) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Current advisory board chairman for *Kappa Beta*, Grand Valley State University
- Past advisor for *Beta Psi*, San Diego State University
- Past president for Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter
- Past member of San Diego (California) Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Enrollment Counselor for University of Phoenix

Education:

- Currently pursuing her Master's Degree
- Bachelor Degree in Political Science, California State University, Fullerton

Family: Daughters - Carlisle, Peyton and Reagan

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Being with her girls who are involved in Girl Scouts, gymnastics, Odyssey of the Mind, soccer and softball
- Doing projects around her house
- Spending time with her boyfriend, Brandon

Favorite things:

- Her kids
- The beach
- Reading
- Playing
- Traveling
- Doing anything with her family

Words to live by: "Life is an adventure - get out and experience it!"

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Inaugural Digital Edition of the *Sigma Kappa Triangle*



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Our first digital edition of the *Sigma Kappa Triangle* has been introduced! We hope you enjoy the new look and feel of the magazine. We encourage you to share it with your sisters, friends, family members and anyone else that you believe would be interested in reading about Sigma Kappa. If you didn't receive the e-mail with the link to the digital version, please contact Tammy Wiggins at national headquarters. We may need an updated e-mail address for you. You can also go online to correct your contact information by logging in to For Sisters Only. Here is the link to the digital magazine, <http://sigmakappatrianglesum09.easyviewer.net>. Happy reading!

Calling All Sigma Kappa Cooks!

Are you tired of Monday night meatloaf or tuna Tuesdays? Do you want new recipes but don't have the time to find them? Do you miss that collegiate sisterhood connection? The Nashville Sigma Kappa Alumnae Chapter has the solution for you!

They would like to introduce their 2009 fundraising event, *Heart to Heart*, a Sigma Kappa inspired cookbook created with you in mind. This cookbook will be filled with extraordinary recipes that have been submitted from sisters across the United States. So how do they get those extraordinary recipes? They get them from you, our sisters! All recipes are welcome, but if you have a specific one that a sister gave you, please send it as well.

All they ask is that you send an e-mail to cookingwithsigmakappa@gmail.com with your name, collegiate chapter, alumnae chapter and favorite recipe(s) by **October 31, 2009** and they will do the rest! If it would be easier for a sister to send a hard copy of the recipe instead of e-mailing it, please have someone send an e-mail to the previously mentioned address for further information on how they can send a recipe(s) through the US Postal Service.

Once they have gathered the recipes, they will send out more information regarding how you can order your cookbook, shipping and other pertinent information. Check out www.nashvillesigkap.com/hearttoheart for more information regarding the cookbook. Have questions? E-mail the Sigma Kappa Chefs at cookingwithsigmakappa@gmail.com.



Alumnae Chapter/Club Membership

For those of you who are members of alumnae chapters/clubs, we thank you for all you do to strengthen Sigma Kappa and the alumnae chapter/club program. You are setting the example for others to follow.

If you have not already taken the step, I encourage you to join other Sigma Kappas in alumnae chapter/club membership. Your membership is important to our Sorority. It is a wonderful way to stay even more connected with the national organization and your sisters. It's also a great opportunity to meet and network with alumnae you may have never met previously.

An alumnae chapter/club directory appears in the autumn issue of the *Sigma Kappa Triangle* and on the Sigma Kappa Web site at Engage>[Chapter Map](#). If you desire additional information about an alumnae chapter or club, please contact your alumnae district director.

Thank you for this important commitment to Sigma Kappa!

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Did You Know?

Sigma Kappa has a new and improved Web site! Same great information and more, but with a whole new style! If you haven't already created your user name and password, now is a great time to do so! www.sigmakappa.org

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Thanks For Asking

What is the Pearl Court Award and how can we present it to a worthy alumna? The Ernestine Duncan Collins Pearl Court Award is designed to recognize alumnae who are, and have been, the backbone of our chapters and clubs. Pearl Court works on a national level, gives uniform recognition and is not limited to one recipient per biennium. It is suggested that recognition be made in 5-year increments (i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years of service to Sigma Kappa). For more information and a copy of the award application, please click [here](#).

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