

## APRIL ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT

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**Occupation:** Associate Director Student Involvement and Leadership Center for the Greek Life and Leadership Programs at the University of Kansas

**Education:** Received a Master of Science in College Student Personnel Service and a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism from Western Illinois University.

**Professional/Civic Activities:** Mentoring as a big sister for Big Brothers/Big Sisters

**Family:** My mom, Jody; Dad, Glen; brother, Chris and my sister-in-law, Keona

**Favorite things to do when not doing Sigma Kappa work:** Being with my dog, hanging out and talking with friends, being outdoors, wine tasting and trying new things.

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:** Director of Membership Development and former Director of Scholarship

**The best part of being involved in Sigma Kappa as an alumna:** The ability to connect with sisters all over the country and truly feel how the bond of sisterhood brings us together and unites us around our purpose.

**How Sigma Kappa has helped you in life:** Sigma Kappa led me to my career which has led me across the country. In each place I stopped, whether for a few years or a weekend, I have had plenty of opportunities to connect with sisters who have made my transition and trip that much easier.

**Most memorable Sigma Kappa moment:** My first convention when I participated in Initiation with sisters of all generations from around the country. I remember having chills when I saw for the first time how the bond of Sigma Kappa united us all.

**Words to live by:** "Do your best to make someone's day, everyday."

## FEATURES

### WELCOME TO LIFELONG MEMBERSHIP

Lifelong – this word applies to our Sigma Kappa membership. Soon we will have many collegians joining us as new alumnae once they graduate or leave school permanently this spring. If you know of any woman who will be going through the Order of the Triangle, encourage them to stay involved with Sigma Kappa after college. There are so many opportunities around the world to be involved in an alumnae chapter, support a collegiate chapter or even mentor a collegiate woman. It is a fun and rewarding experience. Let them know that anywhere they may go they will find a Sigma Kappa sister willing to assist them. That's the unique opportunity we provide for our members. Sisterhood is for life!

To our newest subscribers, we hope you enjoy each issue of *Virtual Violet*. And to everyone, may Sigma Kappa be a lifelong experience filled with many memories surrounded by friendship.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 75-YEAR MEMBERS

Earlier this year, Sigma Kappa congratulated our alumnae who were celebrating their 75th year of Sigma Kappa membership. Diamond Anniversary Certificates were sent to these women initiated in 1934.

### WAITING ON TAMMY FOR LIST

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### ALUMNAE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to connect with sisters in your area? Are you wondering if there is an alumnae chapter in your city? Would you like the opportunity to be involved in an alumnae chapter? All of the active alumnae chapters around the world are listed on the Sigma Kappa national website to find them and their contact information, log into For Sisters Only > CONNECT > Alumnae Chapters. They would love to have you as a member! You can also see some of the activities the alumnae chapters are hosting by viewing the alumnae chapter event calendar.

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

April is National Volunteer Month. Thank you to everyone who supports Sigma Kappa by volunteering your time and skills. You are truly the glue that holds our wonderful sisterhood together. To read National Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 18-29; Take a Breather, click here.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

National council will meet April 29, via conference call. Should you have any item of business or suggestions for discussion you wish to have considered, please send an email to Andi Fulton Sligh, national vice president for communication. Please submit these items no later than April 22, 2010.

An additional conference call is tentatively scheduled for May 17. National Council appreciates having the benefit of your ideas and viewpoints on all matters pertaining to Sigma Kappa Sorority.

### STARTING AN ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC

If you are in an area and do not have a National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Alumnae Panhellenic, there are a few straight forward steps to make this happen. The National Panhellenic Conference has a dedicated advisor who can assist ladies trying to initiate Alumnae Panhellenic. Advisor to Prospective Alumnae Panhellenics Ellen Morris ([ellenmmorris@msn.com](mailto:ellenmmorris@msn.com)) will communicate and provide the NPC materials relating to the appropriate steps in generating the interest of Greek women in a geographical area. The documents provided by Ellen will be the suggestions for establishing the initial meeting, draft bylaws and application forms. When the bylaws are approved, the minimal requirements for Alumnae Panhellenic are two-fold – annual dues and at least one structured meeting. As soon as the Alumnae Panhellenic has been established, another NPC Area Advisor will be assigned to the newly created organization. In addition, the National Panhellenic Conference office will provide the Handbook for Alumnae Panhellenic to provide the guidance and structure for the new organization.

For more details, please refer to National Panhellenic Conference web site [www.npcwomen.org](http://www.npcwomen.org). Select the link to Alumnae Panhellenics. On the right hand column, select Directory to see all of the Alumnae Panhellenic organizations in state order.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION 2010

National Convention registration is now open! Orlando, Florida will serve as a beautiful location for this year's event, July 7-11, as we come together to celebrate the "Magic of Service" together. The registration book, explanation of fees, menus, and much more can be found on the website. Click here for more information, and remember to book your flight so you can join us this summer!

### ADVISOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Campus professionals, chapter advisors, faculty advisors and alumnae provide support for the collegiate sorority experience. Be sure to say "thank you" to all those who mentor and guide you down the sorority path during April, NPC's Advisor Appreciation Month.