

## JUNE ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT

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**Occupation:** Account Executive at AT&T Mobility

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with minors in Organizational Leadership and Human Resources

**Professional/Civic Activities:** Big sister for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee, event coordinator for Purdue Alumni Club of Nashville, Compassion International Ambassador, Women's Community Group

Leader at Cross Point Community Church

**Family:** Mother, Jelena; Father, John and dog, Pinky

**Favorite things to do when not doing Sigma Kappa work:** Spending time with friends, traveling, playing on my kickball team, volunteering, going to concerts, getting manicures/pedicures, walking Pinky in the park

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:** President of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter and advisor for Epsilon Zeta, Western Kentucky University

**The best part of being involved in Sigma Kappa as an alumna:** Being a part of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter has allowed me to meet sisters from chapters all over the country. These women have become some of my closest friends in Nashville and without Sigma Kappa, I would have never known them.

**How Sigma Kappa has helped you in life:** Sigma Kappa has given me a support system that has continued even after college. It doesn't matter how many miles separate us because sisterhood knows no bounds. We've been there for each other through life's ups and downs and I know I can always count on my sisters.

## SPOTLIGHT (CONT.)

**Most memorable Sigma Kappa moment:** My favorite Sigma Kappa memory is becoming a big sister. I have two little sisters and I adore them both. I loved giving them gifts and clues about who I was throughout initiation week and enjoyed the big sister/little sister revealing. I was so happy to have each of them as my little sister.

**Words to live by:** "Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Gandhi

## FEATURES

### WELCOME

*Virtual Violet* would like to welcome our 2010 spring graduates to the alumnae side of our triangle. Because growth and friendship are important to women throughout their lives, the Sigma Kappa experience does not end with graduation. Our bond continues to bring us together over the years, to share experiences, serve others and have fun. All you have to do is make contact!

Sigma Kappa enthusiastically welcomes all our new *Virtual Violet* subscribers. Let *Virtual Violet* support you to stay connected with your collegiate chapter sisters and be up-to-date with Sorority news, locally, regionally and nationally.

## FEATURES

### **NEXT ISSUE OF THE VIRTUAL VIOLET**

National volunteers and headquarters staff will be busy preparing for the national convention in July. Therefore, watch for the next issue of Virtual Violet delivered to your email inbox in August.

### **DRESSING FOR THE MAGIC OF CONVENTION**

If you are attending convention in July, maybe you were wondering what kinds of clothing you should pack. Please bring a light jacket or sweater; the meeting rooms tend to be cool. In addition, the following appropriate attire for convention is listed for you below:

#### CONVENTION ATTIRE

**Travel and National Council Reception:** All attendees represent Sigma Kappa when they travel. Travel in attractive attire that represents Sigma Kappa well and is appropriate to meet National Council upon arrival. Dressy casual, such as a sundress or pants outfit is appropriate.

**Workshops, Banquets and Formal Business Meetings:** Professional attire such as a dress, suit, skirt and shirt, blouse, sweater or pantsuit of appropriate lengths are required. The Sigma Kappa badge is recommended.

**Walt Disney World Outing:** All Sigma Kappa members are encouraged to wear comfortable and casual clothes (skirts or shorts of appropriate length are acceptable) with a Sigma Kappa shirt.

**Initiation Ceremony and Model Meeting:** All white dress of any length and white shoes. Attendees should be aware that Initiation dress guidelines, including appropriate accessories (shoes, jewelry, etc.), will be enforced. Pants, off-white or cream dresses, and inappropriate dresses (too short, plunging necklines, etc.) are not acceptable.

**Achievement Banquet:** Semi-formal or formal, any length, elegant dress.

**Free Time:** Orlando is very warm in the summer. Cool attire such as sundresses, skirts and shorts of appropriate length and comfortable shoes are acceptable.

**Not appropriate for convention:** Short shorts, jeans, boxers, abbreviated attire such as micro-mini shorts/skirts, tube/mini-tops and indiscrete swimming attire.

### **HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION YET?**

June 7, 2010 is the deadline for registration for convention! Go [here](#) to register.

## SIGNIFICANT SIGMA KAPPA

### **Cynthia Morikone, *Epsilon Lambda*, California State University, Sacramento**

(November 25, 1976 - April 28, 2010)



Cynthia was living out a promising career as a lawyer, crusading against domestic abuse and seeing her clients as people rather than just “cases.” She earned her law degree at Georgetown University in Washington in 2004. She studied under Supreme court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who led her summer course on fundamental rights in Europe and America through McGeorge School of Law.

She spent a year as a teaching assistant at Harvard Law School before going to work representing misdemeanor suspects for the Sacramento County Public Defender’s Office. She joined the California Parole Advocacy Program (CPAP) at McGeorge in 2007 as an attorney for former prison inmates facing revocation of parole. For the last two years, she also supervised staff lawyers while representing parolees at a CPAP office in Dublin.

“She put her heart into helping people,” said her father, Abraham Morikone. “I told her she shouldn’t work so hard, but I was proud of how committed she felt to her job.” Family and friends remembered Ms. Morikone as a tireless advocate who spent long hours preparing for parole hearings.

Her work often went beyond professional matters to help clients resolve personal problems. “She had a lot of compassion,” Sacramento County Assistant Public Defender Sunny Paley said. “One of our clients had a child who passed away, and Cyndi went to great efforts to ensure she could attend the funeral.” [excerpt from The Sacramento Bee] [Read more here.](#)

“I was her ‘Big’ and I always said, she should have been mine. I am so proud of her and everything that she did in her life. She was so amazing.”

-Jocelyn Tyler, *Epsilon Lambda*, California State University, Sacramento

“I met Cyndi through Sigma Kappa. She was responsible for me joining and was my first heart sister. She was such a sweet, kind and mature woman. . .I can’t thank her enough for welcoming me to her sorority. I wouldn’t be the person I am today without her introduction. She holds a special place in my heart.”

- Christina Daubeneck-Martin, *Epsilon Lambda*, California State University, Sacramento

A slideshow of photos has been compiled by Cynthia’s friend, Julia Kalua, with the help of family and friends in memoriam of her beautiful life. To view, [click here.](#)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The first convention was called by the Alpha chapter on August 1, 1904 in Waterville, Maine.

## **SHOP SIGMA KAPPA**

New Pearl Court Pin is new, improved and available for purchase! - [click here](#)

## **HAVE A LEGACY?**

Recommend a New Member: Have a potential new member to recommend? Go to the Recruitment Introduction Form on [SigmaKappa.org](http://SigmaKappa.org) > Discover > Forms & Policies > Recruitment Introduction Form

## **CONVENTION 2010**

The 84th National Sigma Kappa Convention is coming up! Registration open until June 7!