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“Kappas, Forever Friends”



Our 2025 National Convention in Chattanooga was an outstanding gathering. My thanks to Psi State/Tennessee Kappas for hosting the 76th Annual Kappa Kappa Iota National Convention. A special thank you to Past National President Christine Hockert and her team for creating such a special and memorable convention. Who would know that when I first joined Kappa so many years ago that one day I would become the National President. I would like to send a special thank you to my installation team. I do not know what I would have done without their support and guidance. My installation was so special because my theme is “Kappas, Forever Friends” and those ladies are certainly my “forever friends.”

I started my journey with Kappa, not for the good works that Kappa does, but looking for friendships that would travel with me through my life time. I would like to thank Joie Lovelace for inviting Peggy Earl and myself to join Omicron Chapter/Rho State. Without her, I would never have known the love of my Kappa friends. My wish today would be that each one of you reach out to a Kappa Sister or Kappa Brother and tell them how much they mean to you. I encourage each of your chapters to reach out to others to become Kappa members. Do not let your chapter die out because you do not want new people. The “new people” are the future of your chapter. Welcome new prospects, make them feel welcome and comfortable. Encourage their attendance by making them feel included in your chapter. Friendship and membership go hand in hand.

As the old Girl Scout song goes, I challenge each of you to go out and “*Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.*” I want to thank each one of you for being my “Kappa, Forever Friends.”

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e-Postcard
file your electronic IRS Form 990-N

The 990-N (e-postcards) are due by each state chapter, local chapter, and state council by September 1, 2025.

Filing will ensure that National Kappa Kappa Iota will remain current as a 501© (3) not for profit organization.

Contact National Headquarters at

1-800-678-0389 if you have questions.



Over 700 Books and Bears were donated at convention!

Empathy

The Heartbeat of Kappa

Submitted by Joie Lovelace
Omicron Chapter/ Rho State/ NC

One of the best ways to express Kappa loyalty is through empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. We can celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, awards, and special occasions; or show compassion for sickness, death, accidents, or catastrophes.

Kappas should be the most caring people in the world. We interact with people of all ages and cultures all the time. Being aware of what others are going through should prompt Kappas to act accordingly. We We should always be aware of people’s feelings and be a good listener. When needed you can offer confidential support. You can offer to pray for the individual and thank them for sharing. It is important as a Kappa to celebrate joyous occasions and show compassion in sad times.

Kappas go the extra mile to reach out to others with a phone call, message, email, card, or a helping hand. Empathy concerns are shared at the local, state, and national levels to give others an opportunity to respond. Memorial services are also observed at the state and national conventions. Kappas are faithful to contact people who need encouragement by the large numbers of contacts reported each year at the national convention.

As you can see empathy is one of the key ingredients in positive friendships. The receiver feels compassion and encouragement while the giver feels appreciated and rewarded. Sharing Kappa love helps our hearts to be healthier and stronger. Together we can make a difference in the world.

DONATIONS & Sales

~ June 2025~

Special Projects	\$3335.00
“K” Dollars	\$2943.00
General Fund/ HQ Maintenance.....	\$ 155.00
Memorial Garden	\$ 800.00
Brick Orders	\$ 100.00
Any Capital Improvement	\$ 460.00
NEC Skit	\$ 399.00
Educational Grant	\$ 50.00
Past State Presidents	\$ 1180.00
Past State Presidents Sch.	\$ 150.00
PSP/ Sara Sunderman Campus Sch..	\$ 500.00
Retired Educator Grant	\$ 200.00
Terrell Scholarship	\$ 50.00
Undesignated Scholarship	\$ 50.00
Kappa Store Sale	\$ 1397.30
Any Budgeted Area of Need	\$ 2735.51
Mable Caldwell Scholarship (Post Tour)..	\$825.00

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SPOTLIGHT

Do you know a great Kappa member we should feature in the Spotlight section on the national website? You may submit an article about the member, including a

picture, by sending the information to headquarters for consideration.

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2024-2025 STATE PRESIDENTS "The Moonbeams"



Alpha State/ OK
Judy Landers
"VIOLET– Visionary-
Inviting-Outgoing-
Loyal-Enthusiastic–
Thankful"



Theta State/ AL
Sharon McClure
"Kappas: Spark That
Lights the Flame"



Upsilon State/ SC
Ann Burnette
"Kappas Grow
Through Service to
Others"



Beta State/ NM
Laura Still
"Kappas Shining
with Warmth, Make
the World Brighter"



Iota State/ NE
Jodi Norton
"Kappa ...Hearts
That Inspire,
Influence and
Impact"



Phi State/ OH
Kim Starkey
"Phi State Kappas
Shine Like
Diamonds"



Gamma State/ KS
Peggy Yenser
"Kappas, Ever
Growing...in
Teaching, in
Learning, in Serving"



Lambda State/ GA
Ken Russell
"Lambdas Keep
Kappa on Their
Minds"



Psi State/ TN
Marsh Doebler
"Kappa Friendship is
the Butterfly
Fluttering in Your
Heart and Gives You
Joy"



Delta State/ TX
Sandra Martin
"Crafting Our World
with Kappa's Light"



Mu State/ MS
Beth Byrd
"Friendship Blooms
in Kappa"



Chi State/ HI
Suellen Sulunga
"Kappa in Hawaii in
the Aloha Spirit"



Epsilon State/ AR
Michele Phillips
"Kappas, like the
elephant, are a
unique sisterherd"



Nu State/ CA
Kay Palush
"Blaze a New Trail
for Others to Follow"



**Alpha Alpha State/
KY**
Sandra Mullikin
"Kentucky Kappas
Light the Way to a
Brighter
Tomorrow"



Zeta State/ MO
Barbara Brown
"Kappas are Friends
who Leave
Footprints on Our
Heart"



Xi State/ FL
Jennifer Avellino
"Building Lifelong
Kappa Friendships
through Mutal
Respect,
Commitment, and
Collegiality"



**Maryland
Chapter**
Pam Niziolek
"Maryland Kappas
Shining Brightly with
Positivity, Kindness,
and Friendship"



Eta State/ LA
Renee Spencer
"Peace, Love, and
Kappa"



Rho State/ NC
Brenda Morrison
"Tapestry of
Friendship"


2025-2026 National Scholarship & Grant Recipients


Educational Grant \$1000.00 Kiley Muse
Educational Grant \$500.00 Katelyn Henderson
Kappa Scholarship \$2500.00 Madeline Smith



Educational Grant \$500.00 Laura Peters
Educational Grant \$1000.00 Alexis Grizzle



Kiley Muse. is a student at University of Nebraska in Omaha. She will graduate with a degree in Early Childhood and Inclusive Special Education Endorsement. She is currently completing her student teaching assignment in the Bennington Public Schools. When she graduates she plans to teach in an elementary school as a special education teacher. Kiley has been a paraprofessional, which inspired her pursuit of a teaching degree.

Katelyn Henderson is a working mother who returned to school seeking certification in Elementary Education. She is enrolled in a micro-credentialing program for Alternative Teaching Certification at East Central University in Oklahoma. She has 12 graduate-level courses to earn her certificate.

Madeline Smith attends Blue Mountain Christian University pursuing a masters degree in Reading and Literature K-12. As a professional educator, she is sharpening her skills by completing this course work. When certified, she plans to share her knowledge with her school and district.

Laura Peters recently started her Masters of Education, Education Technology and Instructional Design Degree through Western Governors University. She will take ten courses this year ot complete her degree. She hopes to improve student engagement and outcomes through the incorporating of eLearning. She also teaches at Norfolk High School, coaches Junior High Track and High School Girls Basketball.

Alexis Grizzle graduated from Pickens High School in Jasper, GA in 2025. She is now attending Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC. She is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. As a volunteer for Special Olympics and Partners Club for four years. She also worked as an after school teacher for three years in a local elementary school. She plans to continue her education after completing her bachelor's degree by obtaining a Masters Degree and a Specialists Degree. Her goal is to help kids learn and grow academically so opportunities are opened to them. She wants to be a teacher who changes lives.

Any Budgeted Area of Need

Bronnie Rose Alpha Iota/Epsilon/AR

Linda Berthold Xi/Phi/OH

Past State Presidents All Chapters/
Chattanooga National Kappa Convention

*In memory of PSPs Louise Read,
Helena Harrison, Shirley Asher,
Jackie Braun, Joan Malcolm,
Cathy Widdick, Martha Thibodeaux,
Josephine Allen and any other Omega
PSPs*

Cheryl Lafargue MAL/Eta/LA
*In honor of PNPs Linda Smith,
Carolyn Dye and Jean Adams*

Laurie Konrad Xi/Iota/NE
*In memory of Kenneth and Connie
Ray (Laurie's parents who taught her
so much.)*

Delta State/TX

Rho State/NC
*In honor of Brenda Morrison, Rho
State President*

Bonnie Bell Delta/Omicron/IA

Cindi Thompson Alpha Beta/Zeta/MO
In memory of Charlotte Harvey

Phi State/OH

Carolyn Dye Pi/Zeta/MO
*In memory of Louise Read PSP/
Alpha State*

Lambda State/GA

Melinda Sams Tau/Lambda/GA

Lenora Gunnoe Nu/Phi/OH
*In honor of Phi State sisters and
fellow Moonbeams for their love and
support this spring
In honor of PNP/PSP Linda Smith
whose presence is missed.*

Carolyn Dye Pi/Zeta/MO
*In honor of Linda and Danny
Reutlinger, Office Managers*

Amy Weaver Alpha Gamma/Epsilon/AR
*In memory of Mary Lou Young, PSP
Epsilon/AR and mother of Amy
Weaver*

Judy Craig Psi/Rho/NC
*In honor of Psi Chapter President
Sandra Bollinger*

Omicron State/IA

Memorial Gardens

Margaret Gund Alpha Rho/Alpha State/OK
In honor of Cindy and Don Fravel

Margaret Gund Alpha Rho/Alpha State/OK
*In memory of Nancy Myers (Sherry
Read's Aunt)*

Margaret Gund Alpha Rho/Alpha State/OK
*In memory of Joanne Factor (Tammy
Johnson's mother)*

Margaret Gund Alpha Rho/Alpha State/OK
*In memory of Dr. Martin Davis
In memory of Ann Maxine Leslie
In memory of Melba Stephenson (Jeri
Hunter's Aunt)*

Gamma Chapter/Psi/TN
*In memory of Ernest Barnes (Judith
Largen's brother)*

Peggy Earl Omicron Chapter/Rho State/NC
In honor of Gail Lancaster

Margaret Gund Alpha Rho/Alpha State/OK
*In memory of Patti Cox Reif
In honor of Thomas H. Bates*

Carol Lunsford Mu Chapter/Lambda State/
GA
*In memory of Past Chapter Presidents
Ammie Lou Peacock, Diane Pyron,
and Carolyn Clark*

Teri Poreda Gamma Beta/Alpha State/OK
*In memory of Dr. Larry Thomas,
Principal*

Cheryl Lafargue MAL/Eta State/LA
*In memory of Kappa Guy, Walte
Lafargue and PSP Oberia Price
In honor of PSP Martha Higgins and
new member Bill Higgins*

Brenda Morrison Omicron/Rho State/NC
*In loving memory of Larry Morrison
(Brenda's husband)
Connie Schobert Gamma/Omicron State/IA
In loving memory of Melody Schobert
(Connie's sister)*

Headquarters Maintenance

Deborah Blickley Psi/Xi State/FL
*In memory of Carol Neary and Jackie
Braun*

Xi Chapter/Nu State/CA
*In memory of Joan Malcolm PSP Nu
State/CA*

Gamma State/ KS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Undesignated
Beta Omicron/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Louise Read

Linda and Danny Reutlinger
Beta Omicron/Alpha State/OK
*In honor of Christine Hockert,
Convention Chair Chattanooga 2025*

National Kappa Convention

Sara Sunderman

Teri Poreda Gamma Beta/Alpha State/
OK
*In memory of Louise Read, PSP
Alpha State
In honor of Marilyn Bridges, Gamma
Beta/Alpha State/OK*

Mary Jane Robling Psi Chapter/Xi
State/FL
*In memory of Louise Read and all the
Beacons who have joined the Omeg-
Chapter*

Omicron State/IA

Jean Terrell

Sherry Read Epsilon Beta/Alpha State/
OK
*In memory of Louise Read Zeta
Theta, Beta Nu, Beta Omicron/Alpha
State/OK*

Educational Grant

Carolyn Wilkins Tau/Lambda State/GA
*In memory of Jackie Braun Xi State/
FL*

Retired Educator Grant

Mitzy Johnson-Mills Beta/Mu State/MS
and Patsy Johnson Gamma/Mu
State/MS
*In memory of Mr. Cayce DePoyster
In memory of Ann Sims Beta
Chapter /MS and Past State
Treasurer*

Past State Presidents

Lenora Gunnoe Nu/Phi State/OH
*In memory of Jane Bowser
Sallie Kilgore Xi/Phi State/OH
In memory of Shirley Asher PSP
Phi State*

Any Capital Improvement Project

Christine Hockert Gamma/Psi/TN

Jane Otradovec Lambda/Zeta /MO

Jennifer Otradovec Lambda/Zeta/MO

Mary Lou Hughes Alpha/Eta/LA
*In memory of Mark and Ralph Hughes,
Dr. Walter Low and Henry C. Low*

Jean Adams Sigma/Alpha State/OK
*In memory of Evelyn Martin, Sue Burden,
Janice Jones and Louise Read*

Eta PSP/Eta State/LA
*In memory of PSP Martha Thibodeaux
and PSP Omega Dobard*

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