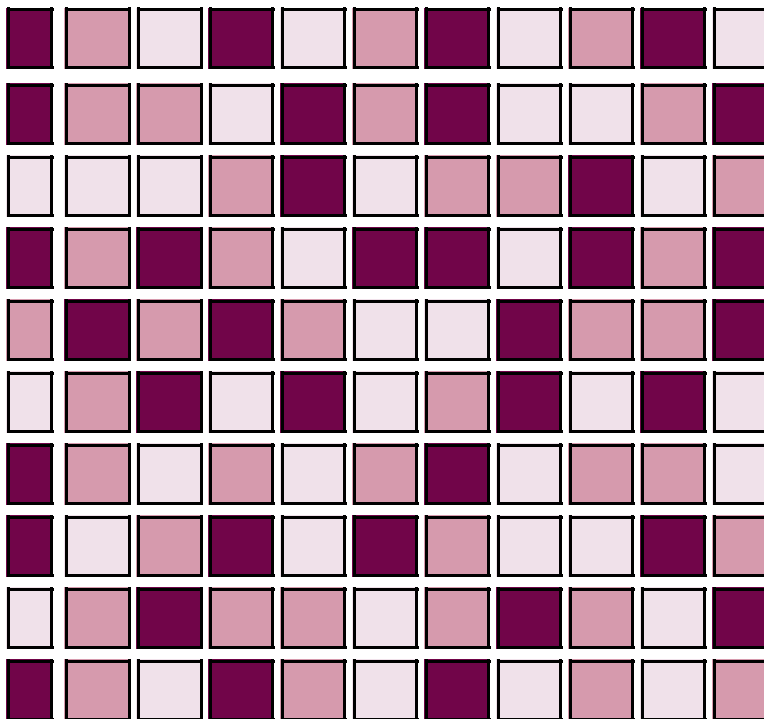


Building the Future Together



Phi Sigma Rho Foundation
2005 ANNUAL REPORT





From the President

Dear Sisters and Friends,

It is with pleasure that I present the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation's first Annual Report to you. This year has offered both challenges and rewards.

In 2005, the Foundation became officially established as an incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit and therefore can accept tax-deductible donations. Receiving this recognition is a tremendous milestone for Phi Sigma Rho as we continue to grow as a sorority.

As part of becoming officially established as a Foundation, we have elected a Board of Directors and the board has started to spread the message of the Foundation to the sisterhood and beyond. The board includes the National President as an ex officio member of the Foundation. She serves as a vital link between the Foundation and the National Council of Phi Sigma Rho. Though incorporated separately, both bodies are charged with the same purpose - to ensure that Phi Sigma Rho continues to provide the best possible experience to young women throughout their college careers and beyond. Working together, we can make this goal a reality.

During the Foundation's first year we have set up online donation capabilities, awarded a scholarship, and started fundraising for the 2006 Leadership Conference in Dayton, Ohio. The Foundation aims to raise \$5000 to support the first ever Leadership Conference for Phi Sigma Rho. These goals could not be accomplished without the help of sisters like you. We are entirely dependent upon your contributions to continue and expand our work. On behalf of the Foundation and the beneficiaries of our programs, I would like to assure you of our heartfelt thanks. I hope you enjoy the first edition of the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation Annual Report.

In sisterhood,

Colleen Matthews
Phi Sigma Rho Foundation President

Scholarship

The Phi Sigma Rho Foundation values the Sorority's high regard for scholarship and continues to support the Phi Rho membership by awarding scholarships. Currently scholarships are awarded through unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund and in the future will be established from endowments. Actives and alumnae who have been initiated into a chartered chapter of Phi Sigma Rho National Sorority were eligible for scholarships while in pursuit of engineering/science higher education. Selection for 2005-06 scholarships was made to reward merit, based on the following criteria: exceptional acts of community service; leadership, volunteerism, and meaningful participation in Phi Sigma Rho and/or other activities; and academic achievement.

*"The strength of our sisterhood still amazes me every day, and I will be forever grateful."
-Lauren Buerkle*

This year's recipient was Lauren Buerkle who is a Case Western-Omicron active pursuing a B.S in Biomedical Engineering with plans on entering the Ph.D. program in Macromolecular Science and Engineering. Not only is she an excellent student, but Lauren is involved in several service activities such as organizing a benefit concert for a campus scholarship fund, a book drive for Cleveland Public Schools, and founding the Journal Distribution Project which allows local hospitals and clinics to donate their unwanted medical journals to other parts of the world. She is a devoted and active member of her sorority, taking on such roles as secretary, scholarship chair, and membership educator, as well as participating in their philanthropic events by giving nursing home assistance, helping to run the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Late Night Walk, and volunteering in school's around her area.

Foundation Board Members

- Colleen Matthews (Penn State-Lambda), *President*
- Christine Jackson (Purdue-Alpha), *Treasurer*
- Heather Lazar (Ohio State-Beta),
Vice President of Programming and Publicity
- Amanda Kitzberger (Ohio Northern-Iota),
Vice President of Development
- Reiko Yoshida (Ohio State-Beta), *National Council ex officio*



Fundraising

The Foundation attempted a quick fundraiser to bring in more income within its first year. The campaign involved buying gift cards from the Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLS; www.glscrip.com) at a reduced price and then reselling them at the full retail price. In its trial run, the Foundation decided that this was a very easy way to raise money and plans to run it again in the future.

Another fundraiser the Foundation led was the *Chapter Challenge*. The *Chapter Challenge* was a good way to involve and educate actives on the Foundation. Any active chapter could participate by fundraising specifically for the Foundation using any fund raising method available to them. The prize was a Mary Kay Bundle donated by Christine Jackson. Congratulations to the Case Western-Omicron Chapter for raising the most amount of money for the Foundation.

Testimonial

Why did you donate or why do you think it is important to donate?

"Writing that check was hard for me, because it was not a small amount of money for me. You know, when I made the pledge, I wasn't even sure if the Foundation would ever get its tax deductible status, and when the time came to make good on my commitment, I had second thoughts on whether or not I should or could give that much; but in the end I knew it was important to follow through. You know I spent some time as an officer on National Council, and as a Foundation Committee Member during its formation, and one of the most common complaints I heard sisters (active and alumna) make about the organization (Chapters and National) is that it wasn't very good on following through on its commitments. So I knew that this was one way I could make a personal contribution to this common complaint, making and following through on my own commitment. I think even if I had pledged a smaller amount, I might have had a hard time getting myself to close out the deal, but I'm really proud of myself that I did what I said I would do, and **glad that I can contribute to an organization that meant and gave so much to me**, during a very influential time of my life. 'Do what you say, and say what you do' is one important lesson that I got out of Phi Rho, and a lesson that I try to live by still."

- Amanda (Barnette) Brown, Dayton-Gamma Alumna

Road to the Foundation

The Foundation owes its gratitude to many donors who contributed prior to this first annual report. We want to thank those initial donors who made our Foundation possible.

2003

Pittsburgh-Zeta Chapter
Penn State-Lambda Chapter
Washington-Mu Chapter
UCLA-Nu Chapter
Case Western-Omicron Chapter
Detroit Regional

Alumnae Organization

Cincinnati/Dayton

Alumnae Organization

Anita Ambani, Lambda
Amanda Brown, Gamma
Elana Chapman, Gamma
Christina Dudley, Delta
Tracy Egut, Iota
Sara Engel, Zeta
Erin Gross, Zeta
Casey Hetrick, Zeta
Ariel Hodari, Alpha
Jennifer Hunt, Lambda
Sarah Johnson, Theta
Amanda McCoy, Delta
Amber Mills, Delta

Adriane Perrone, Theta
Kellan Ponikiewicz, Lambda
Gretchen Reed, Gamma
Sharon Sicafuse, Gamma
Charlene Yauch, Alpha
Rebecca Zanatta

2004

Purdue-Alpha Chapter
Ohio State-Beta Chapter
Toledo-Delta Chapter
Arkansas-Kappa Chapter
Anita Ambani, Lambda
Amanda Brown, Gamma
Elana Chapman, Gamma
Ariel Hodari, Alpha
Cathy Howell, Alpha
Jennifer Hunt, Lambda
Christine Jackson, Alpha
Mindy McGregor, Alpha
Lisa Ott, Gamma
Christine Payne, Gamma
Charlene Yauch, Alpha

Corporate Donations and Matching

The Phi Sigma Rho Foundation is eligible for corporate matching. If you would like to have your company match your contribution talk to your HR department or email Tracy Egut, Corporate Donations Chair, at psrfcorporatedonations@gmail.com.

Make your tax-deductible gift today!

www.phisigmarho.org/foundation/donationform.asp



Giving Levels

Giving levels are distinguished by total gifts or gifts in-kind annually and throughout a lifetime. A level is rewarded if the minimum amount of that level is given or donated in kind. If a donor level is met for a period of five years, a reward of the *Circle of Contributions* is given. Also, the Foundation recognizes collegiate and recent graduate donations with its *Collegiate Programs*. Finally, a *Living Legacy* is rewarded to those who bequeath donations to the Foundation in their will.

Annual Levels

- \$25 Sigmand Club
- \$50 Key Club
- \$100 Pyramid Club
- \$250 Pearl Club
- \$1,000 Rising Sun Club
- \$1,984 1984 Club
- \$2,500 Loyalty Club
- \$5,000 Prosperity Club
- \$10,000 Star Club

Lifetime Contributions

- \$10,000 Visionary Society
- \$100,000 Founders Society
- \$250,000 Silver Society
- \$500,000 Platinum Society
- \$1,000,000 Order of the Orchid

Collegiate Programs

Penguin Pals Program (P3): Any collegiate donor who contributes a total of \$75 over three years paid in any way.



After the Cap and Gown: \$25 or more a year for 3 years after graduating. Only eligible if first contribution is made in year of graduation.



Living Legacy

Individuals who designate gifts to the Foundation in their wills

Circle of Contributions

Donor meets an annual gift level for a period of 5 years

What will 2006 Bring?

2006 will prove to be another challenge. Our biggest goal is to raise \$5000 for the LEAP conference to be held in August in Dayton, OH. This means we will need your help. As our sorority is expanding and growing, our needs are great. Watch for communication from your Foundation and give generously so we can build the future of Phi Sigma Rho together.

Building a Foundation

The *Building A Foundation* campaign began when the foundation received 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and ran through December 2005. Donors to *Building a Foundation* were given the title of Foundation Builder, for gifts over \$1000, or Foundation Paver, for gifts under \$1000. In addition, each gift will count towards annual and lifetime giving levels.

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| <p>Foundation Builders</p> <p><u>1984</u> Amanda Brown, Gamma</p> <p><u>Rising Sun</u> Colleen Matthews, Lambda</p> | <p>Key</p> <p>Case Western-Omicron Chapter Ohio Northern-Iota Chapter Sarah Harding, Lambda Amanda Kitzberger, Iota Audra Malheiro, Theta Lindsey Martin, Alpha Nicolette Yovanof, Lambda</p> |
| <p>Foundation Pavers</p> <p><u>Pearl</u> Heather Lazar, Beta</p> <p><u>Pyramid</u> Katherine Beck, Omicron Jennifer Hunt, Lambda Christine Jackson, Alpha Allison Lenhoff, Eta Charlene Yauch, Alpha</p> | <p>Sigmand</p> <p>Kristin Palecek, Alpha Kellan Ponikiewicz, Lambda Eddy St. Juste</p> |

2005 Statement of Revenue & Expenses

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| Expenditures | | 2005 |
| | Administrative Expenses | \$4,596.65 |
| | Fundraising Expenses | \$761.15 |
| | Scholarships | |
| | Leadership Conference | |
| | Loan Repayment | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$5,357.80 |
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| Income | Fundraising Income | \$810.00 |
| | Donations | \$3,137.39 |
| | National Council Loan | \$5,000.00 |
| Total Income | | \$8,947.39 |
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| Net Assets, End of Year | | \$3,589.59 |

Phi Sigma Rho Foundation

c/o Phi Sigma Rho National Sorority
P.O. Box 525

Mission

"The Phi Sigma Rho Foundation exists to promote social responsibility, personal integrity and lifelong enrichment by providing professional, educational, philanthropic, and leadership development opportunities for the members and friends of Phi Sigma Rho Sorority."

Motto

"Building the Future Together."

Vision

"The advancement of Phi Sigma Rho Sorority and the community through the encouragement of selfless giving."

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