

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Phi Sigma Rho Foundation

Building the Future Together



*A Legacy of
Giving*



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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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On the Cover...Phi Rhos Everywhere

Phi Rho sisters are everywhere. As Phi Sigma Rho sorority continues to grow, adding chapters and members, networking amongst sisters becomes more widespread. Each sister makes Phi Sigma Rho the great sorority that we all know it to be. This report will highlight the activities of the Foundation this year. These accomplishments would not be possible without your support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making the Foundation successful.

On the cover—Sisters from the University of Washington take a break from volleyball to pose for a picture (top right). During National Convention, alumnae took time to pose for a picture in the Hospitality Suite (middle). The lovely ladies of the Upsilon chapter (bottom right) in Houston show off their sweet gowns with the Phi Sigma Rho letters! Did you know that the Foundation hosts a hospitality suite at Conferences and Conventions for you to meet other alumnae and meet the Board of Directors? This is our way of saying thank you for supporting the Foundation and its cause. Way to go girls!

About the Foundation

The Phi Sigma Rho Foundation, founded in 2005, is one of the newest Greek Foundations for women. The Foundation exists to fund programs that provide professional, educational, philanthropic, and leadership development opportunities for the members and friends of Phi Sigma Rho Sorority.

The Foundation carries out its mission through granting money to the Phi Sigma Rho Sorority and awarding scholarships. Scholarships based upon leadership and merit are available to actives and alumnae currently pursuing an accredited degree program.

The Phi Sigma Rho Foundation is an IRS-recognized non-profit entity. The Foundation has received tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as of March 2005. Therefore, all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.





Over \$2,500 has been raised through Good Search/Good Shop since 2006

The Foundation has over 175 Good Search/Good Shop supporters! Thank you!

15 Scholarships have been given since 2006

Over 429 Sisters have donated to the Foundation since 2003

DID YOU KNOW?

The goal is to raise \$3,000 in 2012 for scholarships

6 Scholarships were awarded in 2011

National Convention in 2013 will be in Irvine, CA, July 25-28. Hello Minnie and Mickey!

2 Previous scholarship winners serve on the Board of Directors

"When I joined Phi Sigma Rho, I knew I was joining a Sisterhood; a group that would develop my leadership skills, help me academically, allow me to give back to the community, and challenge me to go above and beyond the status quo."
-Tricia Fuge
Scholarship recipient

Message from the Board of Directors

What a great year for the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation! We've been able to award 6 scholarships – 5 in the spring and 1 in the fall – to some awesome Phi Rhos, meeting our very rigorous goal set in 2010. We also awarded \$7,098.88 in grants, \$3000 of which went to the 2011 Convention. In July 2011, the Foundation welcomed new board members: Charlene Yauch as VP of Programming, Caitlen Gahm as VP of Development, and Kat Wenger as Treasurer.

Thanks to the generous donations from our donors, the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation is able to support our sisters by providing leadership training opportunities at Conference, Convention and regional conferences. But we're only getting started. Because Convention 2013 is being held on the West Coast, we are especially in need of donations to ensure that sisters are able to attend Convention and take advantage of these wonderful leadership opportunities. With your support, we can continue to provide these opportunities for our sisters to continue to grow.

Thank you!
The Board of Directors



The Foundation Volunteers





2011 Spring Merit Scholarship sponsored by Elana Chapman - Ameené Salois

I sincerely thank you for your donation to the Foundation Merit Scholarship. My name is Ameené Salois and I will be finishing my Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and English after this 5th year at the University of Arkansas. This scholarship is a great help for me in my pursuit of this degree and also my career goals as an Astronomy Educator.

In my time at the University of Arkansas Phi Sigma Rho has been such a moving force behind my pursuits. The sorority has been a constant support to me in a male-dominated field and has introduced me to some of the ladies that I have become closest to throughout college. I hope to repay this scholarship in the future by being an active alumni and encouraging fellow sisters in their endeavors.

Outside of Phi Sigma Rho, this scholarship has only enhanced my drive

to pursue science education as an Astronomy Educator. Recently, I have completed an internship at the Smithsonian, National Air and Space Museum (NASM) as an Astronomy Educator. There I was able to interact with visitors on a daily basis to not only teach them about Astronomy, but also to get them excited about it. I participated in the Public Observatory Project (POP) which brings an astronomical observatory to the people rather than asking the people to come to the observatory. This is a fabulous project which my supervisor, Katie Moore, brought to light through a National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant. This summer I was even placed in charge of the observatory for *Astronomy Night on the Mall* while my supervisor was away. During this night I was able to introduce more than 300 visitors to views of the Moon, Saturn, and even

Albireo, a binary star. It was such a thrilling experience for me and has solidified my aspirations. To see a time-lapse video of the night please visit the NASM blog (<http://blog.nasm.si.edu/2011/07/28/astronomy-night-at-the-museum/>). With your help I will be able to continue pursuing this dream along with so many others, such as fighting light pollution through government legislation and public awareness. After this year I will graduate from the University of Arkansas and pursue a position at a science center, museum, or national or state park as an Astronomy Educator. I will also be pursuing a Master's degree in Museum Education, Museum Studies, Science Education, or Science Writing. There is a lot to do but it is all being made possible with your help! Thank you for your support and encouragement.

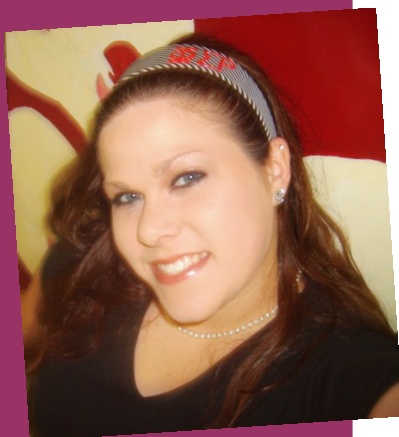


2011 Spring Leadership Scholarship Sponsored by Christine Jackson - Tricia Fuge

I would like to say thank you so much for this scholarship! When I joined Phi Rho I knew I was joining a sisterhood. A group that would develop my leadership skills, help me academically, allow me to give back to the community and challenge me to go above and beyond the sta-

tus quo. I knew that my sisters would always have my back when times were rough and rejoice with me when something went well. It means so much more than I can express in words that a sister would donate money to help me achieve my goal of graduating college and to help alleviate the

financial burden of this goal. It is on days like today that I am reminded that sisterhood is a very strong love and a very powerful bond. Thank you so much Christine Jackson for being such an amazing sister to me and helping me on my path through college!



2011 Spring Merit Scholarship sponsored by Good Shop/Search - Sharon Snyder

Thank you so much for your donations to the scholarship fund! While I am excited to have my achievements in Phi Rho, academics, and the community recognized, the best part of this is knowing that I can cover my student fees for the fall semester at Purdue University and can travel to Estoril, Portugal this fall to present my Master's thesis research at an international conference. This scholarship allows me to worry about one less thing while I study for my PhD qualifying exams this coming semester as well! I am so grateful for generous alumnae and friends like you. Phi Rho was a great experience for me as an undergraduate and has opened up many amazing opportunities as a graduate student. I appreciate your support through scholarship donations and I look forward to continuing at Purdue for my PhD this fall.



2011 Spring Merit Scholarship sponsored by Omicron Alumnae attending 2010 LEAP Convention - Anna Koch



My name is Anna Koch and I am writing to thank you for selecting me to receive the Merit Scholarship from the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation.

Next year I will be a junior at Oregon State University where I am majoring in electrical and computer engineering. The support and friendship that my Phi Rho sisters provide helps to make OSU my home. As an out of state student, I came to OSU knowing no one. But PSR has provided a foundation of loyal friendship that I love being a part of. It continues to open the doors to so many opportunities like volunteering with girl scouts, leadership skills, and outdoor adventures. I was surprised and honored to learn that I was chosen for the award and cannot thank you enough for your support of the Phi Sigma Rho Foundation. As an out of state student, tuition is steep, but it is worth the price because I am studying in a top notch engineering program and feel so at home at OSU. I cannot imagine going to college anywhere else. This scholarship will allow me to continue to focus on school work and be involved in PSR and other extracurricular activities without working a job during the school year. I am excited for the fall term because I will be taking all engineering courses, but I know I will need to continue to study and work hard. Thank you for supporting my studies and providing me with the opportunity and time to commit to them.

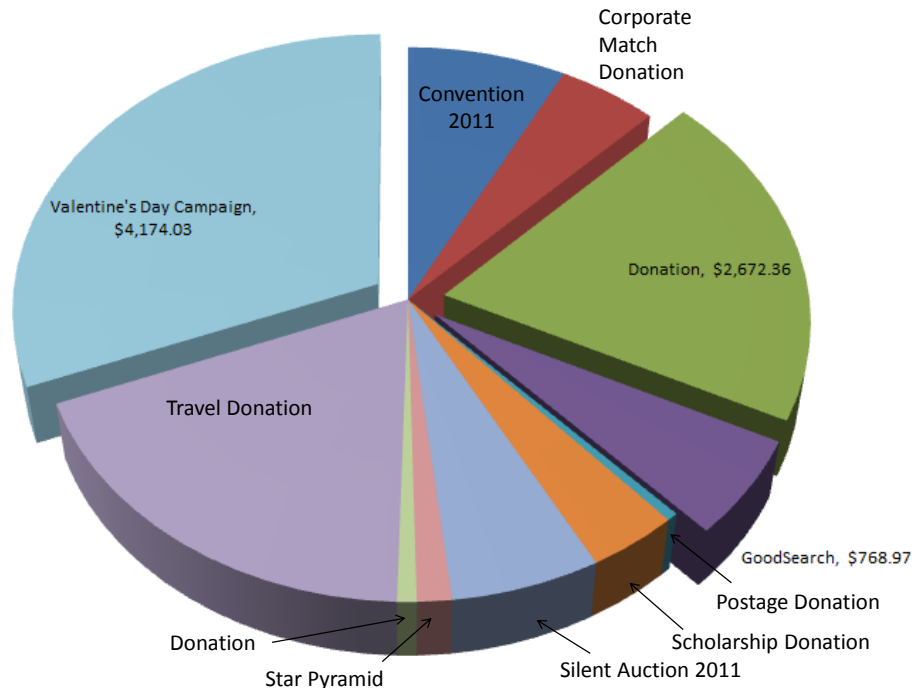
2011 Spring Merit Scholarship sponsored by Hillary Emer and Kathy Beck Johnson - Holly Mahoney

I'd like to take the time to thank all those that have made Phi Rho Scholarships possible through their generous donations to the sorority. The past 2010-2011 school year was my first active year in Phi Rho and I wasn't sure what to expect. I tried out different positions and found myself with the opportunities of responsibility and leadership that I have always wanted from college. That is something only Phi Rho has been able to give me thus far. Throughout the past year and with the help of different projects I have dived into within the sorority, I finally understand what it means to be part of that sisterhood and rely on others when your projects don't go the way you planned. This scholarship means so much to me because it is once again, help given to me by my sisters, that will let me find success. I am a Chemical Engineering major with a Biomedical Engineering minor and my ultimate goal is to design and fit prosthetics which specialize in increased mobility for athletes. While it isn't the most traditional route for a Chemical Engineer, I also plan to attend Orthotics and Prosthetics school upon graduation and with this scholarship I am one step closer to being able to accomplish that goal. I want the opportunity to create new lives for people and every little bit helps so thank you so much for supporting me in my endeavor.

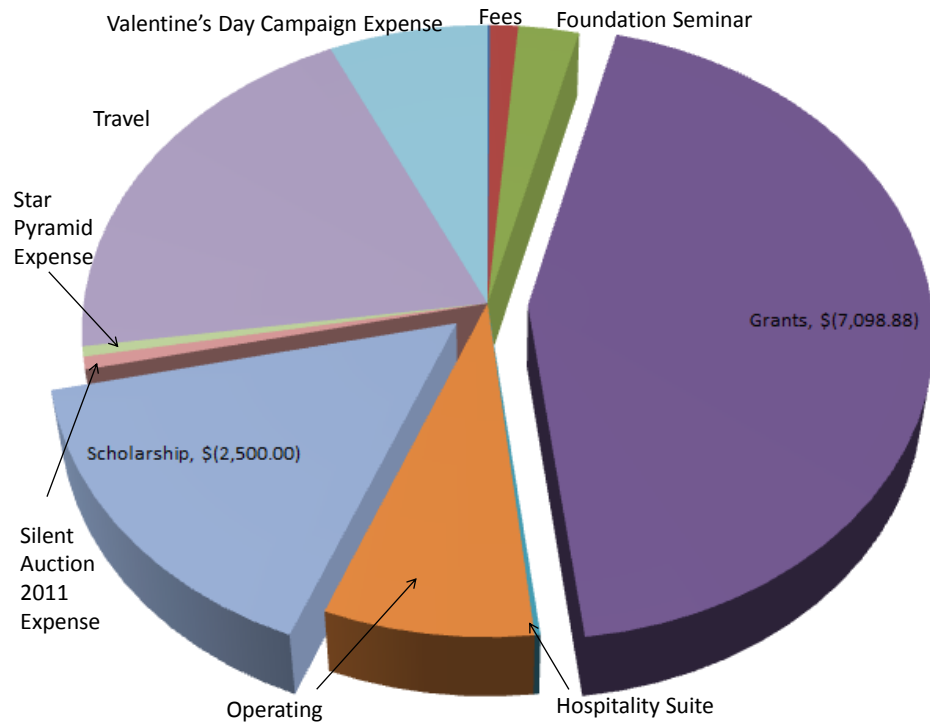


Financial Highlights

2011 Income



2011 Expenses



"Your generous donations provide support for sisters as they strive to become the future of our world. Every donation counts -- thank you!"
 - Kat Wenger, Treasurer



Good Search/Good Shop



Thank you for all your Good Search/Good Shopping this year! **We received a check for \$768 from 2011, which will provide one scholarship for 2012!** We could not have done it without your searches and shopping!

There are small ways you can help the foundation raise scholarship money.

1. Skip google a couple times a week and use goodsearch when surfing the internet.
2. Visit goodshop before making your next online purchase.
3. Register your credit card with gooddining and then dine in or take out at a participating restaurant.
4. Download the toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/phi-sigma-rho-foundation>.
5. Register for an account to track your donations at <https://www.goodsearch.com/Registration.aspx?WMode=MAIN>.
6. Encourage a sister or friend to support the Foundation too.

New Image!

The Foundation has been working on designing an improved and modern website. With the launch of the new website, we will be displaying our new logo. The new logo (right) features the pyramid in silver with Phi Sigma Rho in Greek letters in the center with Foundation along the base. The new banner (bottom) features the outline of the pyramid with Phi Sigma Rho Foundation. The new designs were designed and created to enhance the image of the Foundation. New publications from the Foundation will include the new logo and banner so be watching out for it! This is your sneak peak!



Annual and Lifetime Giving Levels

Annual Levels

\$25	Sigmand Club
\$50	Key Club
\$100	Pyramid Club
\$250	Pearl Club
\$1000	Rising Sun Club
\$1984	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

Circle of Contributions

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

Collegiate Programs

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

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

Alumnae Programs

Corporate Match Donations: If you are considering making a corporate donation, please contact Christine Jackson, our Corporate Match Donation Chair (christina2jackson@gmail.com). She can guide you through the process and answer any question you may have. In addition, you can also send your questions to foundation@phisigmarho.org.

Living Legacy

Individuals who designate gifts to the Foundation in their wills.

"Joining Phi Sigma Rho has opened many doors I would not have found otherwise. Phi Sigma Rho provides a support network for women in engineering which I find crucial to success..."

-Anna Koch
Scholarship
Recipient

"Phi Sigma Rho has meant the world to me...They have become a constant support for me as I have journeyed through a difficult and male-dominated major."

-Ameé Salois
Scholarship Recipient





"I have met some of the most wonderful women through my involvement with Phi Sigma Rho, so I give to the Foundation because it is a pleasure to assist other women as they endeavor to obtain a degree in engineering or another technical field and to help them grow professionally and attain success both in their careers and personal lives. The Foundation supports individual women through scholarships and large groups of women through educational conferences and leadership training. The Phi Rho women I have met are well worth it."

- Charlene Yauch



Donors

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Pearl Club

Rachel Chicchi
Hillary Emer
Katie Shesko
Charlene Yauch

Pyramid Club

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"Circle of Contributions"



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