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## Introducing the New Editor of the KGP NEWS: Madison Denton (Lourdes University, OH, '18)

Born and raised in Northwest Ohio, I would describe myself as a family-oriented and down-to-earth young woman. I live with my parents – Richard and Kendra, my younger sister – Reegan, and our puppy – Mazie. I was raised from a young age to appreciate family as we support and help each other grow. As a family, we enjoy vacations camping and off-roading. I also enjoy playing volleyball with friends. I love being around people and making them laugh. As a young adult I have worked to challenge myself and do things outside of my comfort zone. This is especially true as I grew through high school and began my college adventures.

Education has always been important to me, so pursuing my higher education was never a question. When I first began my college experience, it was a rocky transition and I debated if I was cut out for college. I challenged myself through this time and put my nose to the grindstone, so to



Madison Denton

speak. It was at this time I discovered my passion for business. I decided to transfer to Lourdes University

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## Welcome 2019 Kappa Nominees! You join a community of more than 59,000

As of June, KGP-affiliated colleges and universities nominated 749 new members – honor graduates (recipients of baccalaureate and postgraduate degrees) from the class of 2019.

Kappas reside in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam and 90 countries around the world.

## Delegates at 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention Elect Officers for 2019-2021



National Officers and Regents (Front row, L-R): Past President Katie Pease and President Susan Smith Jaros; (Back row): Eastern Regent Elizabeth Navitsky; Mississippi Regent Catherine Wright-Volante; Western Regent Jani MacGregor-Medeiros; Plains Regent Henrietta Okoro, HHCJ; Recording Secretary Anne Dunlap-Kahren; III Vice President Alene Finn Griffin; II Vice President Betsy Shortle; and I Vice President Renae Oswald. Not pictured: Treasurer Anne Simon.

**University of Portland, Portland, Oregon** – On June 22 at the National Business Meeting of the KGP National Convention, delegates elected **Susan Smith Jaros** (Lourdes University, OH, '90), Rossford, OH, as National President for 2019-2021. Other elected officers are: *I Vice President* - **Renae Oswald** (Our Lady of the Lake University, TX, '04), Houston, TX; *II Vice President* - **Betsy Shortle** (Ursuline College, OH, '88), North Myrtle Beach, SC; *III Vice President* - **Alene Finn Griffin** (Mount Saint Mary's University, CA, '66), Modesto, CA; *Recording Secretary* - **Anne Dunlap-Kahren** (Holy Names University, CA, '88), Sacramento, CA; *Treasurer* - **Anne Simon** (D'Youville College, NY, '94), Buffalo, NY.

Regents elected to represent geographic areas are: **EASTERN** - **Elizabeth Navitsky** (Misericordia University, PA, '01), Pottsville, PA; **MISSISSIPPI** - **Catherine Wright-Volante** (Madonna University, MI, '05), Taylor, MI; **PLAINS** - **Henrietta Okoro, HHCJ** (College of Saint Mary, NE, '12), Houston, TX; **WESTERN** - **Jani MacGregor-Medeiros** (Holy Names University, CA, '83), Covington, WA.

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## 2019 Faith and Service Award

*Editor's note: Many thanks to Kappa Carole Strawn, SNJM (Marylhurst University, OR, '96), Portland, OR, for her excellent write-up of the achievements of her colleague Lucinda Peightal, SNJM.*

At each biennial National Convention, Kappa Gamma Pi presents the Faith and Service Award to an outstanding non-Kappa who exemplifies leadership in local or national church or secular affairs.

The recipient of the Faith and Service Award for 2019 is Lucinda Peightal, SNJM. Sister Lucinda was unable to attend the convention banquet on June 22, so Sister Carole accepted the award on her behalf. In her remarks about Sister Lucinda, Sister Carole noted:

"War and repression have forced countless individuals worldwide to leave their homelands to seek asylum and safety elsewhere. These circumstances challenge the people of the world to 'Welcome the Stranger' in their midst. Sister Lucinda not only welcomes the strangers in her midst but embraces them.

"After a long career in elementary education as a teacher and administrator, Sister Lucinda applied her skills as an educator to another classroom, a welcoming space for refugees. As a longtime activist for peace and justice, she recognized the need of recent immigrants for language and math skills."

For over a decade Sister Lucinda worked as an ESL instructor at Portland Community College (PCC). After her retirement from PCC, she continued as an instructor on a volunteer basis.

"It is not unusual for Sister Lucinda to be attuned to current needs. Over the decades she has been an energetic member of the Justice Network, both globally and locally, of her religious community, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. For many years, she has also been a member of the Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good (MACG), a nonpartisan, proactive organization dedicated to making the Portland Metro area a better place for all to live and thrive. Her particular interests with MACG have been issues of affordable health care for all and justice in the workplace.

"In the past with women of other religious communities in the area she helped to establish the Women's Intercommunity Aids Resource. She has lobbied on issues of earth stewardship and the trafficking of women and children, two of the corporate stands adopted by the Sisters of the Holy Names.

"With the support of a local parish that lent her space in the parish rectory, she met with refugees for language

training and cultural readiness assistance. As more refugees came, Sister Lucinda recruited and trained volunteers from the parish to work with the new arrivals on language and cultural skills.

"Most recently, she and other Sisters and Associates of the Holy Names Sisters have been involved in the creation of a house

for immigrant women, the dream being to establish a community with and for refugee women." It was while visiting various parishes they gained a deeper understanding of the community's needs in Portland. In particular, they wanted to offer housing, even possibly one of their convents. Eventually, an option was found through their connection with another parish in Portland. The parish owned a house on the same block as the church; when it became available, Mariposa Ministries was founded in 2017 with support from the Sisters of the Holy Names to provide a home of caring support for up to four women in transition.

"Sister Lucinda now volunteers there. The coordinator of the house notes that not knowing English is such a huge barrier to the women in finding jobs and even getting settled in their new country. Sister Lucinda's skills as a teacher are invaluable for a consistent, sure plan of growth for each woman's language and math skills.

"Sister Lucinda is a woman who edifies Gospel values, the heritage of Catholic social teaching, and the values of justice and social responsibility of her religious community. She is a woman of the Beatitudes, living Jesus' call: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice...' She perceives a need and is moved to do something about it."

Sister Lucinda wrote to the National Office to express her gratitude to Kappa for awarding her the 2019 Faith and Service Award. The honorarium allowed her to make gifts to MACG and the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice. She said that supporting these two organizations brings her much happiness. §



Lucinda Peightal, SNJM

## A Message from KGP's New National President

I am sincerely humbled to be writing my first message to you as the new Kappa National President. I was inducted into Kappa in 1990 and have had the privilege of being involved in varying capacities. I have served on the Kappa National Board as the I, II and III Vice President and now as your National President. Each position has been rewarding and having the privilege of meeting so many phenomenal Kappas has been such a blessing. As your new National President, I look forward to your help to address existing concerns within the organization, facilitate organizational growth, and achieve a fulfilling term.

The National Convention in Portland, Oregon, was a success. The experience was productive, inspiring and fun. Past President **Katie Pease** and Kappa Executive Secretary **Jamie Asher** (University of Holy Cross, LA, '05) did a phenomenal job running the business meeting and convention. Long Range Planning Committee Chair **Pat Kubistal** (Loyola University, IL, '59) shared a fact-finding and eye-opening presentation regarding declining membership and affiliates. Kappa started in 1926 as a vibrant and growing society. The Kappa Gamma Pi Key was adopted as the organization's official insignia in 1929. At that time, the total member count was 346 with 20 affiliated colleges. In 2006, the membership database had more than 47,000 members, with 1,778 dues-paying members and 141 affiliated colleges and universities. In 2019, the database has 59,000+ members, but only 964 dues-paying members and approximately 60 affiliates are active. Unfortunately, in the last 13 years, the number of dues-paying members has drastically declined and many of our affiliated institutions have closed, merged or no longer nominate graduates to Kappa.

At this point in time, national organizations are experiencing a downward trend in membership. Why? What makes Kappa different from other organizations? It is simple. Take a look at our mission statement that is posted on our website. When people ask me about Kappa my response is simple:

**Kappa Gamma Pi is a Catholic honor society to which I was nominated and inducted by my university. Our motto is *Faith and Service*, which we pledge to continue throughout our lifetimes through leadership in church and secular affairs and community service.**

As your National President, I am committed to the growth and sustainability of this organization. I highly recommend the book *Bowling Alone* by Robert Putnam. In the book Putnam explains why people no longer join groups or want to belong to organizations such as Kappa. I challenge each one of you to reach out to your

*alma mater* and the National Office to explore ways you can help support our affiliates to seek nominations. Be sure to welcome our newest members of the 2019 graduate class. I challenge you to start a chapter in your area or meet with other Kappas.

Our III Vice President **Alene Finn Griffin** and the Regents have developed a vibrant plan of action to address the issues of declining members and chapters. Our previous National Treasurer **Ed Hosmer** presented an aggressive budget to sustain Kappa. At the Convention, an *Ad Hoc* Budget Committee was formed to evaluate the approved budget and we await their recommendations.

The National Board has heard your concerns and listened! Two major changes you will see in the near future concern the dues payment envelope and printed copies of the newsletter. The elimination of the envelope and the address label for this issue of the *NEWS* saved Kappa hundreds of dollars! Please note dues payers will receive four printed copies of the *NEWS* per year, with the exception of those who request only the electronic version.

Be sure to review this issue of the *NEWS* as it includes recaps of the Convention, including our Treasurer's report. A special thanks to **Anne Dunlap-Kahren** who has retired as our *NEWS* Editor after ten years. We thank her for her years of service and dedication and also welcome her to her new role as Recording Secretary. A special welcome to our new Editor **Madison Denton**. Madison brings enthusiasm and energy to her new role and we are fortunate to have her.

I invite your comments, ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

In Faith and Service,

**Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros**  
Lourdes University, Ohio, '90  
Kappa Gamma Pi National  
President  
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Thank you!

... to National Board members who completed their terms of service at the National Convention

President Katie Pease (St. Catherine University, MN, '10)  
Treasurer Ed Hosmer (Madonna University, MI, '02)  
Past President Kelly Haden (University of Holy Cross, LA, '98)

We are grateful for your dedication and leadership in these positions as well as others on the national level over the last several years!

## Meet Our 2019 Cornaro Scholar

II Vice President **Betsy Shortle**, Chair of the Cornaro Scholarship Committee, announced the winner of the 2019 KGP scholarship competition at the Convention banquet on June 22. The prestigious Cornaro Scholarship—open only to Kappa members—is used for graduate expenses at any accredited university.

Our Cornaro Scholar for 2019 is **Sarah Kathleen Knapp** (Madonna University, MI, '19). Sarah is from Livonia, Michigan, where she received her undergraduate degree in biology from Madonna University and will pursue a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan. Her desire to earn this degree is to help others develop behaviors to prevent diseases and improve their quality of life. While she worked in a local hospital emergency department, she learned firsthand about flaws within the healthcare system. Her goal is to take skills she will obtain from this Master's program to improve the lives of the vulnerable. She is committed to using her leadership skills, servant heart and education "to graft solutions and to better the lives of populations suffering from health disparities." She also desires to collaborate with healthcare providers in interprofessional education settings to develop a more holistic approach to treating all patients.

About her volunteer work and leadership experience, Sarah wrote in her Cornaro application:

"Through my roles as president and founder of the Biological and Health Sciences Club and vice president of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, I have coordinated a variety of service projects with the Felician Sister Ministries including St. Joseph Mercy Care Center, the former Ladywood High School where I graduated, and the Montessori Center of Our Lady. Growing up being taught by Felician Sisters, and having the opportunity to attend school in Felician-sponsored ministries, it is important to give back to the Sisters and help inspire other students to do the same.

"Since freshman year, I have been involved in Ford Community Corps (FCC), which supports student initiatives aimed at improving quality of life within the community by pairing students with local nonprofit organizations. I lead a team in implementing our program, Team Science, for the afterschool programs within St. Vincent Sarah Fischer (SVSF) in Detroit. At SVSF, I teach weekly supplemental science lessons to elementary-aged children from underserved communities who are victims of the area's growing education gap.

"For four years, I have volunteered as a CYO softball coach for St. Damian (my former parish and grade

school) and for the Livonia Junior Athletic League (LJAL), which was the first fastpitch softball team I played for. It is my goal as a coach to teach developing athletes in my community the fundamentals of softball and the importance of good sportsmanship, teamwork and a strong work ethic. Coaching demands leadership, discipline and accountability; and I work to provide an example of that to my athletes."



Sarah Knapp

About her career aspirations, Sarah is pursuing a Master of Public Health to "obtain the dynamic skillset needed to analyze socioeconomic health behaviors and develop health interventions to prevent disease and improve quality of life for vulnerable populations. This drive to improve the health of the vulnerable stems from my strong Catholic upbringing and the values of the faith instilled within me.

"Through my work in my local hospital's emergency department, I witnessed the structural flaws within our healthcare system and the negative effects of our policies, inadequate patient and interprofessional education, and insufficient resources on the health of vulnerable populations within my community. It was this acquired knowledge and exposure to healthcare, interprofessional networking and patient interaction that showed me that clinical treatment wasn't enough. As I encountered patients being readmitted to the emergency department with the same chief complaints, I began to question the bigger picture. The patients of vulnerable populations are living in a continuous cycle of their environment; failing to receive the right care and support...The uncertainty of clinical medicine is not fully satisfying as I look to how can we prevent these issues in the first place. I do not want to see patients on a treatment basis or simply manage their disease, but rather assess their lifestyles and behaviors to implement resources that manage the social determinants of health." §

## Convention Keynote Speaker and Donations for Portland Charities



Dr. David Houglum with (L-R) Betsy Shortle, Teresa Bosh and Kate Coulihan Ficke

David Houglum, Ph.D., an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Portland, was the Convention keynote speaker on June 22. He spoke about the roots of servant leadership and presented an interactive workshop to help delegates identify what motivates them to lead and to serve. Kappas collected socks, toiletries and children’s books and presented them to Dr. Houglum for distribution to two Portland charities he works with: the Maybelle Center for Community and Start Making A Reader Today (SMART).

### The Cornaro Corner

by Betsy Shortle (Ursuline College, OH, '88)

II Vice President, Cornaro Scholarship Committee Chair

The Cornaro Scholarship is named for Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman in the world to receive a university degree of any kind. A member of a noble Venetian family, Elena Cornaro received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1678 from the University of Padua, Italy.

**Since 1985, KGP has awarded \$246,520 in scholarships to 93 deserving Kappas!**

This year, the Cornaro Scholarship Committee was pleased to award one \$7,500 scholarship.

I am very grateful to the Kappas who served as judges for 2019: **Donna Adkins** (St. Leo University, VA, '08), Hayes, VA; **Ivana Anderson** (Cabrini University, PA, '10), King of Prussia, PA; **Desireé Caldwell** (Cabrini University, PA, '11), Philadelphia, PA; **Alicia Cordoba Tait** (Benedictine University, IL, '04), Bolingbrook, IL; and **Catherine Wright-Volante** (Madonna University, MI, '05), Taylor, MI.

Congratulations to our newest Cornaro Scholar! And **thank you** to all who contribute to the Cornaro Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is appreciated!

## New KGP President Spotlight: Meet Sue Jaros

**Sue Jaros:** family nurse practitioner, college instructor and bicyclist



Sue resides in Rossford, Ohio, with her husband of 38 years, Paul, and their rescue pets. They presently have two rescue pets: Shirley, a special-needs deaf Jack Russell terrier, and Fred the cat. Sue and Paul are both active in their hometown parish of All Saints Catholic Church in Rossford and enjoy traveling.

Sue has a robust academic background. She received her two-year associate degree in nursing at Owens Community College (OCC) in Toledo, Ohio. She earned her BSN from Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, where she was nominated to Kappa. Sue attended the University of Toledo Medical School where she obtained her master’s degree and became a certified family nurse practitioner. Her passion for her field has led her to teach medical terminology, pharmacology and pathophysiology for the past 16 years at OCC.

Sue has worked as a registered nurse at Mercy Health in Toledo in varying capacities throughout her 45-year career. In addition to working for Mercy, Sue also works for the government performing military assessments for American service members.

Sue’s main hobbies include bicycle riding and teaching. She has recently started riding her bike on tours through the countryside of Northwest Ohio. Recently she rode the 30-mile loop of Lakefront Drive in Chicago, IL. She has served as a district officer for the National Exchange Club that works on child abuse prevention, Americanism projects, community service and youth scholarships. She has had the privilege of traveling to the Dominican Republic along the border of Haiti on medical missions. She has also participated in the Read for Literacy program at her local library.

Sue welcomes her new role with Kappa and is impressed with the current Board Members’ enthusiasm and dedication. §

## 2019 Convention Recap

*Editor's note:* The Portland Convention was a blast! Kappas from across the U.S. gathered in Portland June 21-23 for a wonderful time socializing, networking, sightseeing and taking care of Kappa business. The University of Portland campus is gorgeous and the weather was idyllic. We are grateful for the tremendous hospitality extended by everyone we met on campus!

On Friday, Kappas plowed through a full agenda during the National Business Meeting and then enjoyed a relaxing dinner cruise on the Willamette River aboard the *Portland Spirit*. Saturday featured a keynote address and a guest speaker, Kappa Sharing and the Convention banquet with the announcement of the 2019 Cornaro Scholarship winner and the presentation of the Faith and Service Award.

Resolutions developed by the National Board and proposed for consideration at the 2019 Convention were published in the February/March 2019 issue of the *NEWS*. These resolutions were presented to the delegates during the National Business Meeting on June 21. The following resolutions were approved:

- That the Convention delegates honor the more than 100 members who have died since the last Convention with a moment of silence.
- That all of the revisions to the KGP Constitution recommended by the *Ad Hoc* Constitution Revisions Committee that was formed at the 43<sup>rd</sup> National Convention in Philadelphia be adopted.
- That a suitable token of Kappa's thanks and appreciation be presented to Past President Kelly Haden.
- That the 2023 Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention shall be held in the Mississippi Region. (At the 2017 Convention, resolutions passed that the 2019 Convention would be held in the Western Region and the 2021 Convention location shall be in the Plains Region.)
- That the delegates assembled at KGP's 44<sup>th</sup> National Convention encourage all members to participate in greater acts of service in their communities in the month of October, and to share their success stories with the National Office.
- That the assembled delegates recognize and thank the Convention Planning Committee and the Portland Chapter for all of their time and effort devoted to organizing the 2019 National Convention.
- That Article XI, a dissolution clause, be added to the KGP Constitution to set out the process for dissolving or terminating Kappa Gamma Pi as an organization, should it ever become necessary.



**Convention guest speaker Miriam Daniel Fahey, SNJM**, with Holy Names University Kappas (L-R) Anne Dunlap-Kahren, Theresa Rush Woo and Jani MacGregor-Medeiros.

A professor of Spanish at Holy Names for 26 years, Sister Miriam Daniel spoke about her work after she retired in 1996 as a co-founder of the Santee Mission Center in San Jose, California. The center, which moved to Our Lady of Refuge parish in 2012, has developed programs in response to needs expressed by neighbors for religious education classes, liturgies and a library, along with strategies to combat the violence and drug traffic in the neighborhood.

A resolution suggesting that annual stipends be paid to National Board officers, Regents and standing committee chairs was not approved. The recommendation proposed that stipends of \$500 to \$3,000 would help create an incentive to encourage more members to serve Kappa on the national level. The stipends would not begin until fiscal year 2022-23, when all of the current sitting members of the National Board would have completed their terms of service. If sufficient funds were available, the annual stipends would be paid for the preceding fiscal year, subject to each officer, Regent or committee chair's satisfactory completion of all responsibilities of the position. A motion was made to table consideration of this resolution until after the presentation of the report by the Budget Committee. Kappa's budget, however, is extremely tight, and delegates did not think this resolution would be a viable option.

Delegates approved a recommendation that two Cornaro Scholarships be awarded for the fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 in the amount of \$5,000 each. Delegates reviewed the report of the National Treasurer (see page 11) and approved the budget for 2019-21, although additional recommendations from the *Ad Hoc* Budget Committee are awaited.

Further details are in the minutes of the National Business Meeting. To request a copy of the minutes or the current KGP Constitution, please contact the National Office. §



Left: Past National Presidents: Theresa Rush Woo, Alene Finn Griffin, Pat Baumgarten, Kelly Haden and Katie Pease



Madonna University Kappas with Past National President Katie Pease: Teresa Bosh, Iris Smalenberg, Catherine Wright-Volante, Katie Pease, Pat Baumgarten and Ed Hosmer



Right: Susan Smith Jaros and Jamie Asher



Left: Kappas enjoy the dinner cruise on the Willamette River aboard the *Portland Spirit*. Susan Smith Jaros; Paul Jaros; Sheryl Springer; Ted Navitsky; Elizabeth Navitsky; Pat Baumgarten; Henrietta Okoro, HHCJ; and Catherine Wright-Volante

Below: Katie Pease, Samantha Rainman and Renae Oswald



Yes, Kappas got to steer the ship!

Right: Kate Coulihan Ficke with the captain of the *Portland Spirit*.



Some photos courtesy of Kate Coulihan Ficke.

## New Editor Madison Denton from page 1



my sophomore year. At the larger university where I enrolled my freshman year, I felt as though I was a number on a class list. At Lourdes University, I felt at

home. My professors made me feel important and became mentors to me. My professors went above and beyond my expectations. Of course, they assessed my growth in the classroom, but they also took the initiative to know me on a deeper level. They got to know me as a person outside of my academics and ensured I had the tools to succeed. All of my professors were passionate about their curriculum and motivated me to become a sponge in their classrooms. I graduated *summa cum laude* with my bachelor of science degree in business administration in May 2018. My biggest take-away from my Catholic education is how to treat people and cultivate lasting relationships. This skill is essential in many facets of our lives. Every person deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and dignity. Each day I strive to make people feel important and to actively listen to their thoughts, suggestions and concerns. Being heard is so important. Even though I graduated recently, I consider myself to be a lifelong learner and it is not unusual to find me with my nose in a good book.

Currently I work for Midwest Contracting, Inc., a commercial construction company. My day-to-day tasks span across many fields—accounting, project management, estimating and more. Prior to working at Midwest, I had no construction knowledge. They took a chance on me and I seized the opportunity. With their assistance, I have grown to understand every aspect of a project. I have been involved in more than 100 projects ranging from budget builds to multimillion-dollar design builds. I am now helping to redesign and streamline the client experience on Midwest's website. Outside of working at Midwest, I work with companies to create a custom brand story to utilize in their marketing. I help these companies utilize social media and create eye-catching content to market their services and products.

In addition to being a member of Kappa Gamma Pi, I am a member of Sigma Beta Delta, the business honor society. I am the current editor for the Toledo Chapter of KGP. This has been an incredible chance for me to learn

more about the organization and to share with others. I feel strongly about giving back to our local community and the programs that were a part of shaping me. I have served as a volunteer Catholic Youth Organization volleyball coach for the past five years. I am honored that parents entrust their daughters to me; they allow me to teach them not only about the game but about their faith and the world. I know from my high school experience, girls can be extremely vulnerable as they are trying to figure out who they want to be. Our society has unrealistic expectations of how young women should look and act. It is destructive to their self-worth, self-confidence, and limits their views of whom they can be. I know many of my athletes look up to me as an older sister and I make a conscious effort to be a positive role model whether they are around me or not. I want to be a role model for those I know and those I do not as there are always people watching. My biggest priority when working with my athletes is to make sure they understand how important it is to be their own person and stand for what they truly believe in. I make sure I choose my words carefully and talk about topics that are not just surface level. I want them to think for themselves and be able to have a positive impact on those around them. I teach them on a daily basis that your words have impact and you need to choose them wisely. As a team, we create an environment where everyone feels comfortable to learn in a caring, supportive faith community. I am always willing to put the growth of the individual and team ahead of winning a game every time. I challenge each girl to grow as a person and to be honest with herself and others. I want them to be conscious that they have a personal and social responsibility to develop and challenge social norms and expectations.

I was inducted into KGP a little over a year ago and since then I have been an active member in my local chapter. At first, I did not know what to expect, but I fell in love with the organization's mission statement of faith, service, scholarship and leadership. KGP's motto is in line with the characteristics and traits I value in people and an organization. Since joining, I have found a real sense of community in my local chapter. I look forward to cultivating relationships with people on the national level and being part of a team working toward a common goal. When I joined my local chapter, I volunteered to be the editor of our newsletter and have found a love for writing and creating. It is a privilege to be considered for the editor position and I am very excited to be a part of the National Board and bring my creativity to the newsletter and other publications. §

# 2018-2019 SAINT CATHERINE MEDAL RECIPIENTS



The Saint Catherine Medal for Student Achievement was awarded to the following students at KGP-affiliated colleges and universities during the 2018-2019 academic year. Presentation is usually made to an undergraduate student who has achieved special recognition, served the college in an extraordinary manner or has the best record of progressive achievement.

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| Avila University, Kansas City, MO<br>HANNA QUYNH LY   | Fontbonne University, St. Louis, MO<br>MARIAH DAVIS   | Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary of the Woods, IN<br>CHRISTINA PEARISON   |
| Barry University, Miami Shores, FL<br>AIYANA ANGENI GONZALEZ<br>LLONA KAVEGE                                | Gannon University, Erie, PA<br>FRANKLIN CASTRO ESPINOZA   | Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN<br>ANNE MAGUIRE   |
| Bellarmino University, Louisville, KY<br>ELIZABETH SEEWER<br>NOLAN WESLEY<br>SHANNON WILSON                 | Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ<br>NATALIE HNATH  | Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI<br>GRACE CAREY  |
| Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ<br>KELSEY FAYE MARREN   | Hilbert College, Hamburg, NY<br>MARGEAUX HALLMAN  | St. Edward's University, Austin, TX<br>ELIZABETH R. RODRIGUEZ  |
| Calumet College of St. Joseph, Whiting, IN<br>BRADLEY CURRY<br>MONICA LOPEZ<br>RUBEN SANCHEZ<br>GREGORY ZIA | Holy Names University, Oakland, CA<br>CARLA VALDIVIA  | St. Joseph's College, Patchogue, NY<br>JOSEPH MACELLARO  |
| Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA<br>EDMOND MBADU   | Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA<br>MARIA PISANO   | The College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY<br>JESSICA COLTON<br>YAZMIN IZQUIERDO<br>ISABELLA JEAN-CHARLES   |
| Clarke University, Dubuque, IA<br>IAN MURPHY  | Lourdes University, Sylvania, OH<br>JACOB SUPINA  | Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC<br>SILVIA MEDINA-BALCAZAR  |
| College of Saint Mary, Omaha, NE<br>NICOLE McPHILLIPS   | Madonna University, Livonia, MI<br>KALEEN SNOWDON   | University of San Diego, San Diego, CA<br>MARIBEL OROZCO   |
| Dominican University, River Forest, IL<br>MAYA BANKS  | Marywood University, Scranton, PA<br>JENNIFER AMEND   | University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX<br>JOANNE HARGRAVES<br>MARIANA BARRON ESPER<br>ALEJANDRA FUENTES<br>BEAU D. FUSILIER<br>JENNIFER LINGSCH<br>CHRISTOPHER WINSKI |
| D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY<br>FRANCIS SMITH  | Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA<br>NOELLE REESE  | Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH<br>ABIGAIL ALLARD  |
| Elms College, Chicopee, MA<br>JANE KILEY DUGAN  | Mount St. Joseph University, Cincinnati, OH<br>JENNY KATHMANN   | Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI<br>KATHERINE ROSS<br>STEVEN SAM<br>ANDREW WEGNER   |
| Felician University, Lodi, NJ<br>MARK WHALEY  | Newman University, Wichita, KS<br>MATTHEW NGUYEN  |  |
|   | Notre Dame College, South Euclid, OH<br>DANIEL KARP   |  |
|   | Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD<br>FAITH BROOKS<br>MARION SMEDBERG<br>TRACEY TOKARSKI<br>ARLENE VELEZ-BARTOLOMEI |  |

## Medal Presentation at Dominican University



On April 14, Provost Jeffrey Carlson presented Dominican University's 2019 Saint Catherine Medal to Maya Banks. Our thanks to Sister Jane Boland for sharing this photo with KGP.

KGP affiliates have awarded the Saint Catherine Medal since 1956.

If your college is not included on this list, please contact the KGP National Office for information. You may sponsor the award at your own *alma mater* or at any other affiliate. We welcome your generosity!

Four Kappas currently sponsor the medal at their *alma maters*, and KGP sponsors this award at the colleges of deceased KGP National Presidents.

Medals may be given on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Institutions may award medals for different schools or divisions. Medals may be ordered only from KGP. Bronze, gold plate, sterling silver or gold-filled medals are available.

## Chapter News: San Francisco East Bay Chapter



Above: On April 24, Betty Jean Bloom Hopkins (Holy Names, CA, '61), San Francisco East Bay Chapter president, presented the Saint Catherine Medal to Carla Valdivia at Holy Names University. Below: The new Kappas from the Holy Names class of 2019.



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## National Dues Payment Notes

Not sure if you have already paid dues for *this* fiscal year? The information line above your name and address printed on this *NEWS* issue verifies your current dues payment status. The first digits relate to the code used to identify from which affiliate you were nominated to Kappa and the final number corresponds to your record in our database; the numbers in between them refer first to your graduation year and then (in most cases) to the last year we received a dues payment from you.

For payments received for the June 2019-May 2020 fiscal year, that second date would be shown as 2019. If the second year is prior to the graduation date, that means we do not have a record of you having paid dues since your nomination. If that number is 9999, we acknowledge you – with thanks for that consideration – as a lifetime dues-paying member. Our most recently welcomed Kappas (2019 as the first date and 2018 as the following one) have the first year's dues payment included in the fee that was paid upon receipt of your nomination confirmation from your college/university.

If we are awaiting your \$50 payment, please consider sending it now either via our website at <https://kgpstore.unionactive.com/> or via check mailed to KAPPA GAMMA PI NATIONAL OFFICE, 1651 Kingsway Court, Suite E, Trenton, MI 48183-1959.

We encourage you to consider donating now to the Cornaro Scholarship Fund or sending in an additional dues payment to be credited to the account of a Kappa who is unable to pay dues at this time.

Please contact Executive Secretary **Michelle Chesney** at [kgp@kappagammapi.org](mailto:kgp@kappagammapi.org) with any questions you have regarding your dues payment history or any changes that are needed to help us keep in communication with you. Please let us know how we can be of further service to you.

### Why I became a Lifetime Dues Payer

From a Cornaro Scholar: "... because I wanted to show appreciation for an amazing organization that believed in me, and wanted to support my aspirations for graduate studies. Members have consistently reached out to offer friendship and support. As a young person in today's complex world, these different forms of support are so needed, and much appreciated. I wanted to pay it forward while I was able to do so."

"... Since I have nearly always paid the annual dues since my nomination, it seemed logical to me to pay the lifetime amount when it was offered as my intent is to continue supporting Kappa's programs. I am aware of the financial constraints of the organization and hope that having these extra funds on hand will be of monetary help now to Kappa."

# REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

## PROFIT & LOSS

Statement of Income, Expenses and Net Assets  
for the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2019

### INCOME

Member Dues.....	\$48,700.00
Nomination Fees.....	\$41,415.00
Convention/National Board.....	\$3,160.00
Saint Catherine Medals.....	\$3,380.00
Honor Cords.....	\$8,028.00
Sale of Investments.....	\$13,500.00
Scholarship Donations.....	\$7,500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$125,683.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Convention/National Board.....	\$7,232.73
Scholarship Awards.....	\$7,500.00
Saint Catherine Medal Purchases.....	\$1,160.26
Honor Cord Purchases.....	\$2,542.35
Publication (editor, printing, postage).....	\$19,803.27
Membership (billing, postage, registration).....	\$11,343.03
Website.....	\$1,141.00
Professional and Bank Fees.....	\$3,544.02
National Office Staff .....	\$61,643.80
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$115,910.46</b>

Net Ordinary Income Gain .....\$9,772.54

### OTHER FY 2018-19 INCOME HELD IN ESCROW

Lifetime Dues.....	\$14,000.00
Investment Income.....	\$5,121.11
Scholarship Donations.....	\$4,884.00
Total FY18-19 Income in Escrow.....	\$24,005.11
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$33,777.65</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

<b>Current Assets</b>	
General Fund Checking.....	\$44,493.91
Money Market – Restricted.....	\$48,776.29
Petty Cash.....	\$200.00
<b>Total Current Assets.....</b>	<b>\$93,470.20</b>

### Other Assets

Investments – Securities.....	\$134,003.32
<b>Total Other Assets.....</b>	<b>\$134,003.32</b>

**Total Assets.....\$227,473.52**

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Fund Balance – Prior Year.....	\$221,688.72
Loss on Investments.....	-\$3,987.74
Net Income – FY 2018-19.....	\$9,772.54
<b>Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$227,473.52</b>

**Total Net Assets.....\$227,473.52**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS .....\$227,473.52**

Submitted by **Ed Hosmer (Madonna University, MI, '02)**  
**KGP National Treasurer**

Winston Salem, NC — June 2019

## Save Some Time for the Annual Kappa Service Challenge in October

Each October, KGP challenges all members to set aside time for special acts of service. KGP’s national service projects are alleviating hunger, promoting literacy and caring for the environment—but you are welcome to pursue any volunteer endeavor you wish and we invite you to share your efforts with other Kappas and to tell us about your work.

Please email [service@kappagammapi.org](mailto:service@kappagammapi.org) or mail your information to the National Office. We’ll share service stories in future *NEWS* issues.

## KΓΠ Trivia

Our question in the last *NEWS*: Can you name the Kappa who was pictured on the cover of *Time* magazine?

Answer: **Corazon Cojuangco Aquino** (College of Mount Saint Vincent, NY, '53) was named *Time* magazine’s Woman of the Year in 1986.



## Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions March – August 2019

*In memoriam ...*

**William H. Haden**, father of Past National President Kelly Haden (University of Holy Cross, LA, '98)

**Ronald Martone**, husband of former National Treasurer Margaret Prior Martone (College of Mount Saint Vincent, NY, '62)

**John Christopher Waitinas**, son of former *NEWS* editor Pamela Wright Waitinas (Notre Dame College, OH, '61) and brother of Laura Waitinas Vokoun (Mercyhurst University, PA, '85)

Your contribution in celebration of a special anniversary or jubilee or in memory of a deceased person is appreciated. Please send donations to the KGP National Office. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent to the honoree or to the family of the deceased.

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## KAPPA GAMMA PI NATIONAL DUES PAYMENT FORM

To reduce costs, KGP will no longer produce a national dues billing envelope. To renew your financial support for Kappa, please complete the form below, photocopy and mail this entire page (including your name and address information printed above) with your check made payable to KAPPA GAMMA PI to **1651 Kingsway Court, Suite E, Trenton, MI 48183-1959**. • Your dues payment via credit card can also be made online at [www.kappagammapi.org](http://www.kappagammapi.org). Or call 504-495-7884. • Cornaro Scholarship contributions and donations to KGP in excess of the dues amount are tax deductible.

**KGP NEWS Schedule** – In response to requests from members, the *KGP NEWS* will again produce four printed issues per year. A digital *eNEWS* version will also be available. The printed *NEWS* will be mailed only to Kappas who are current dues payers. KGP will email the *eNEWS* to all members for whom we have a valid email address.

Dues Payers: Help KGP save funds for our national projects – check here to receive all issues of the *NEWS* via email.

**NATIONAL DUES** US \$50 or **LIFETIME DUES PAYMENT** US \$750  
(June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020 fiscal year)

**CORNARO SCHOLARSHIP DONATION** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

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***What has your nomination to KGP meant to you? Tell us about your volunteer endeavors and call to service.***

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