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Prayer: A Conflicted World

By: Madison Denton (Lourdes University, OH, '18)



We live in an ever-conflicting world where we turn on the television and are not fazed when we see the newest tragedy. Unfortunately, it has become all too common from the conflict in Ukraine to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

Lord, we call on you, the Prince of Peace. We live in an imperfect world riddled with deceit, violence, and injustice. Please open the eyes of the world leaders and let them not be swayed by their own self-interests in their pursuit of Peace. We ask you to bring peace to all those impacted by the tragedies of this world and give them the strength to endure. For those who have been displaced from their homes or have lost their child in circumstances outside of their control, we ask you to bring them peace and the support they need to process what they are going through. For those of us who are not directly impacted by tragedy at this time, help us to be your hands and feet in this world as living breathing examples of your love, light and support to all those struggling. Please help all to cling closer to you whenever they encounter an obstacle.

While we live in an ever-conflicting world we can choose to see the great things happening and be the light we are all called to be to those around us. §

Fall Lecture Series: Tooting your own horn...with humility and grace...tips for navigating a job search

The fifth session in the KGP Lecture Series, an education workshop series, will take place on October 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm EDT. All presenters are Kappa members who are sharing their time and expertise with us. Recordings will be available for dues paying members who cannot attend the live sessions. To attend the workshop, register at <https://bit.ly/3a734rI>.

Kathleen (Kathy) Smith (Notre Dame of Maryland University, MD, '97) earned a Master of Liberal Arts specializing in Science, Technology and Ethics from The Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. from Notre Dame of Maryland University. She is now Maryland's Assistant Secretary of State where she provides executive oversight and ensures the statutory and regulatory compliance of the Office of the Secretary of State's Charities and Legal Services Division which includes 18,000+ charitable organizations, 90,000+ Notaries Public, processing nearly 500 extraditions annually, and the annual \$2M Maryland Charity Campaign, the State's Employee Giving Campaign.



Kathleen (Kathy) Smith

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*Mark your calendars for KGP's
46th National Convention on July
21-22, 2023 in Detroit, Michigan.
We hope you are able to join us!
More details to follow.*

Tooting horn

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In addition, Kathy is the CEO of local, national, and international nonprofits as well as being an adjunct faculty member in Nonprofit Management. She is Principal and Founder of Smith Associates, a consulting practice specializing in strategic planning, executive coaching, and business and board development. Kathy has served as the Chairs of the Board of local, national, and international nonprofits. Her credentials include years of executive leadership acting as a change agent, leading and managing change and staff in both public and private sectors. Kathy is recognized for strategically creating policies and processes to improve organizational performance; while building and maintaining relationships.

Kathy has extensive experience and she has seen how techniques and events unfold that many of us wish we could have insight into. This gives her unique insight on how to toot your own horn with humility and grace, tips for navigating a job search. She will cover topics like:

- Self-assessments - Aligning Skills with Job Sought
- Pitfalls of Exaggeration
- The Hiring Process
- Preparing a Resume
- Searching for and Applying for Jobs
- Tips when Prepping for Interviewing Skills, Techniques & Etiquette
- And more!

This lecture will be a great opportunity to ask questions and be a resource for anyone who is looking to set themselves apart from the pool of candidates for any position. §

In Loving Memory

- J. Shanahan (*Dominican University, IL, '52*)
- Joyce Meyer (*Marygrove College, MI, '53*)
- Judy Mucci Colasante (*Ursuline College, OH, '87*)
- Leonora Guinazzo (*Marylhurst University, OR, '50*)
- Patricia Ann Matonak (*Georgian Court University, NJ, '52*)



If you know anyone who has passed on please send an email to admin@kappagammapi.org. §

Ecumenical Service

By: Michele McCombs (*Notre Dame College, OH, '89*)

Recently, Michele McCombs read the ecumenical service at the memorial for Marjorie (Marge) Durbin (*Notre Dame College, OH, '56*). Michele has been kind enough to share her experience with us:

Fifteen years ago, I attended calling hours for a member of the Cleveland Chapter of KGP. A group of chapter members and I conducted the KGP Memorial Service as part of the wake. The memory of this special honor has remained with me over the years.

In May, I was able to represent Kappa Gamma Pi at the wake of Marjorie Durbin, long-time member and past National Executive Secretary. Having both been members of Holy Family Parish in Stow, Ohio, Marge and I would occasionally see each other and share news about our families as well as about Kappa. We shared rides to meetings for the Cleveland Chapter and attended National Conventions together. When I heard Marge's passing announced at mass, I immediately thought of the KGP Memorial Service. Fortunately, I was able to find a copy among my Kappa files and took it to the wake.

Marge's three sons were grateful for the opportunity to pause and reflect on their mother's years of service and membership. After the formal reflection, they each shared personal memories. They laughed when they recalled helping their mom stuff hundreds of Kappa envelopes at their dining room table on many occasions. They each thanked me for representing the honor society that was an integral part of her life. It was a privilege to pay tribute to her in this way.

Members may not be aware that KGP has an Ecumenical Service script available to any members who would like to read it at the memorial service of any KGP member. This is a unique opportunity to honor a Kappa and the incredible things they have done during their life as well as a special service we can offer to their families. A copy of the Kappa Ecumenical Service is available on the Kappa website. §

Wise Words from Past President



"Let our desires for excellence and the perfection of talents in the service of God and society be a spiritual bond uniting us." (*KGP NEWS* October '55)

Frances Perry Babbitt
Immaculate Heart College, CA, '35
1955-1957
Deceased

A Message from KGP's National President

Welcome Fall! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. Living in Northwest, Ohio, I enjoy the different seasons and as I get older each season is just as busy as the next.

Plans are well under way for the Kappa Convention in July, 2023. It will be a hybrid convention so everyone can join us. Excellent speakers are lined up. Be sure to read the *NEWS* for more specifics. Liz Navitsky has been appointed Nomination Chair for the term beginning July 2023 – June 2025. If you are interested in serving Kappa on the Board, please let us know. We are ramping up for the Kappa 100-year celebration in 2026 and you could be part of it. Please consider serving Kappa as an officer and contact me if you have any questions.

Our next Kappa lecture speaker is scheduled for October 19 at 7 pm EDT. I am very excited to introduce Kappa Kathy Smith as our speaker. She is going to be a dynamic speaker and I know you will enjoy her as much as I have enjoyed speaking and planning this lecture with her.

In closing, I would like to quote Amelia Earhart from the book *The Generosity Habit* by Matthew Kelly:

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."

I have found kindness to be contagious as I have been practicing the Generosity Habit and recently had the

most profound act of kindness given to me by a complete stranger at Lowe's. This random act has made me be more intentional to do my part. As a Kappas I believe each of you do your part in *The Generosity Habit* with your support of this organization, the Cornaro Scholarship, your communities, and each other. Please continue to do what you do and to pass on random acts of kindness and generosity. §

In Faith and Service,

Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros

Lourdes University, Ohio, '90

Kappa Gamma Pi National President

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President Jaros awarding the St. Catherine Medals at Lourdes University. Picture L-R: Sr. Barb Vano, Erin Sasala (Recipient); Susan Jaros, Christian Wagenhauser (Recipient)

Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributors

Education is a key component of Kappa Gamma Pi's mission. Our organization is fortunate to have a healthy scholarship fund due to the generous donations of our members who see the value of a quality higher education. As a result, KGP is able to provide Cornaro Scholarships to deserving individuals who are pursuing graduate degrees. We understand how expensive higher education can be and this scholarship helps to alleviate some of the financial burden for recipients.

The decision to donate to the scholarship fund is a financial one and we thank everyone who has contributed. A list of our scholarship donors can be found on Kappas website. If you would like to donate please send to the KGP National Office. We encourage anyone considering contributing to the scholarship fund to reflect and see what you are called to do. §



Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions February 2022 - August 2022

In memoriam...

Judy Mucci Colasante
(Ursuline College, OH, '87).

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.

Our 2022 Cornaro Scholars!

The Cornaro Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship available only to Kappa members for use toward graduate expenses at an accredited university. The Cornaro Scholarship Committee selected two recipients this year: Katherine Esser (*Notre Dame College, OH, '21*) and Sashoy Milton (*St. Joseph's College Brooklyn, NY, '20*).

Cornaro Scholar Sashoy Milton is from Jamaica. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from St. Joseph's College Brooklyn in 2020 and graduated Magna Cum Laude. During her undergrad studies she received several scholarships and awards including SJCNY Departmental Honors, SJCNY-BK Student Leadership Award, Dean's Scholarship and was in the honors program. Sashoy was inducted into honor societies as well including Kappa Gamma Pi, Sigma Lota Chi, and Delta Epsilon Sigma. She is in the second year of her Master's of Environmental Management (MEM) at Duke University. Since pursuing her master's degree she has received the Nicholas Scholar and Jenan Institute for Ethics Awards.

Sashoy has widespread volunteer and leadership experience as she shared in her Cornaro application.

She started volunteering her freshman year of college, serving as an orientation leader where she worked with the Office of Student Involvement and Engagement welcoming new students to campus, sharing her experiences as a student, and being a peer mentor for students over the academic school year. This experience taught her anyone has the capacity to be a leader which means using your knowledge, experiences, and resources to improve your surroundings. Her involvement in this position emboldened her to "be the change, [she] wanted to see in the world." She continued as an orientation leader each year during her undergrad degree and had the opportunity to be the Chair of the Orientation Committee her junior year.

Sashoy's leadership experiences thus far range from founding and leading the International Student Union to acting as Vice President of St. Joseph's Student Government Association. During her graduate career, she wants to advocate for diversity and inclu-

sion. She has learned how to support minority groups outside of her own identities. In order to help make a difference in this space she served as the Culture and Identity Programming (Native & Indigenous Communities) Graduate Assistant at the Duke's Center of Multicultural Affairs. She has learned how to listen effectively and serve respectfully when she is seen as an

outsider to a group to assist them in achieving their goals.

All of her experiences have influenced her current work. She is a co-founder of the Caribbean Youth Development Institute (CYD Institute) and also has smaller roles such as working as a park volunteer and a peer tutor. She uses all of her experiences when crafting educational workshops for children in Jamaica.

Sashoy shared in her application her career successes thus far as well as her aspirations for the future.

Currently she is pursuing her MEM degree designed to teach students how to use their understanding on contaminant fate, environmental toxicology, and epidemiology to determine the potential for chemical contaminants that can impact the ecosystems and human health. Her goal is to pursue a career in environmental health regulation to improve the environmental health of communities. She has an internship position of Earth Justice as a Science Fellow in Toxic Exposures and Health Advocacy Program that is a step towards her career goal. Her master's project will explore how law and environmental health interact and increase the understanding of how social factors can influence chemicals in the US sub-populations.

In her personal life, she wants to grow and sustain her outreach with CYD Institute. She hopes to continue developing workshops similar to "Earth Day 2021: Discover Your Backyard" encouraging students to explore their backyards. Sashoy is committed to serving the global community to ensure the right to live in a healthy environment for all. 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Sashoy's ultimate goal is to use her life of faith and service to leave behind a better world than she found it. §



Sashoy Milton

Our 2022 Cornaro Scholars!

Our second Cornaro Scholar is Katherine Esser from Hong Kong. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Biology with a minor in Political Science from Notre Dame College (NDC), OH in 2021 and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She received awards and scholarships during her undergrad career including Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Biology, NIRA Academic All-American, Hugh O'Neill Endowment Scholarship, USA Nationally Ranked Moot Court Competitor in Louisiana, NDC Dean's Honor List all academic semesters, and NDC Honor's Scholar. She is currently in grad school at the University of Toledo College of Medicine (UTCOM).

Katherine shared her extensive volunteer and leadership experience in her application.

She went on a service trip in January 2022 to Antiqua, Guatemala with the Students for Medical Missions. Katherine helped to fundraise allowing the team to bring 40 bags of medical supplies. She served as a Spanish medical translator to help patients. One of the cases that stood out to Katherine was a four-year-old patient with cryptorchidism or undescended testicles. Katherine was able to communicate with the child's mother to raise money for the patient to get the surgery he needed.

Katherine has been volunteering at the Community Care Clinics and now serves as Director of Public Relations. The organization serves patients with hypertension, diabetes, dermatological, and cardiac specialty care for free. She started serving on the Executive Board in December 2021 where she has been able to help write multiple grants to secure funding.

She serves as the President of the American Medical Association (AMA) chapter at UTCOMLS where she established an executive board of 13 to encourage students to be more involved in medical policy. Katherine served as a voting delegate for UTCOMLS for the annual Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) conference in 2022. She is co-authoring two policies to bring to the AMA for addressing the need for classes on medical racism in curriculums in the US and ad-

ressing residence match rate transparency. She is also the founder and director of the Environmental Committee at NDC where she wrote and lobbied policy to enact change to ban the use of school funds on any single-use materials.

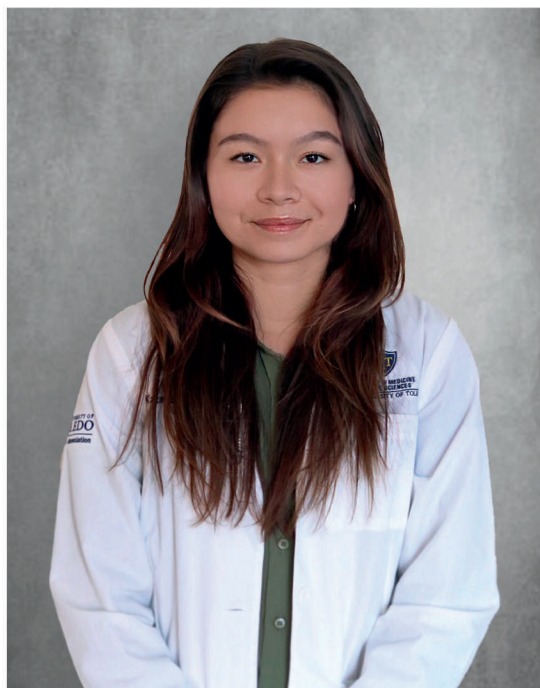
In her application she also shared her career aspirations for the future.

As a child of mixed race, she was drawn to medicine's ability to transcend culture and language to serve citizens of the world. Her Nana shared words of wisdom with her, "If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table not a taller fence." This inspired her pursuit of a career in global health to provide to areas that lack access. She is interested in medical policy to help reform American medicine. She is excited to continue to enact change.

Katherine has played rugby and Dr. Wong, who volunteered at women's rugby clubs made a profound impact on her. They discussed the stigma of being Asian women dedicated to a perceived full-contact "male

activity." Dr. Wong volunteered to ensure female athletes received the same level of care as male athletes. There are many news stories of orthopedists like Larry Nassar who take advantage of the female athletes in their care. Katherine is driven to be a champion for female athletes and her experience as a Division I NCAA Women's Rugby athlete makes her uniquely qualified to specialize in empathetic care.

In her personal life she likes to cook, read and travel. She has been to 25 countries, two for mission trips. She is conversational in four languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and English. She knew being inducted to KGP she was being called to live a life of passionate service. Katherine knows the privilege and responsibility of giving back being a physician entails. Growing up in Southeast Asia where wealth and poverty are separated by a thin line, she is dedicated to living a life giving back to the communities that have given her a unique perspective. §



Katherine Esser

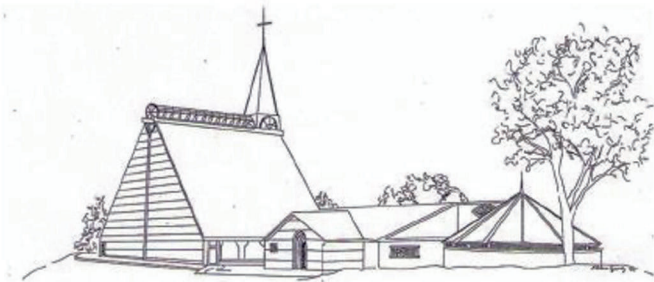
Mass Celebration

All Saints Catholic Church in Rossford, OH, will celebrate the Mass of Remembrance for all Kappa members who have gone before us. The mass will take place on Friday November 25, 2022 at 8:15 am ET, which is the feast of our patroness, Saint Catherine of Alexandria.

Join us:

- In Person: All Saints Catholic Church 628 Lime City Road Rossford, OH 43460.
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/all-saintsrossford/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAYYH0VPXB6NiW0zWomt8Kw>

Thank you, All Saints Catholic Church, for celebrating this mass in honor of Kappa members. §



All Saints Catholic Church

October Service Challenge



Each October we issue a service challenge to our members to positively impact their communities with their skills and talents. Service is a cornerstone of the work KGP does as an organization. Share your service projects for this year's October Service Challenge and more. Please email us at newseditor@kappagammapi.org so we can report the great work you are doing in your community! §

Help Wanted: Cornaro Scholarship Committee Members

In a spirit of gratitude and acknowledgement, we would like to invite you to consider serving as a Cornaro Scholarship Judge which is a short-term, time-limited opportunity to get involved and serve Kappas!

The 2023 Cornaro Scholarship committee consists of a chair and judges that review all of the Cornaro Scholarship applications to ultimately select the scholarship recipients. This service is incredibly gratifying. Comments from judges in recent years include statement such as, "I felt truly honored to review such outstanding applications," "I wish we could award a scholarship to all of these outstanding candidates," "I am humbled reading about these accomplishments and goals," and "What incredible Kappas we have!"

If you are a past recipient of the Cornaro Scholarship, here is your opportunity to use your unique experience to help select a new recipient! As a Kappa, this is an opportunity to learn more about the excellent work our Kappas are doing in excellence.

What is required to be a judge?

- You must be a dues paying member of Kappa Gamma Pi.
- Be willing to give 8-10 hours of your time between April 20, 2023 – May 31, 2023.
- Have a computer with email and internet to access scholarship files.
- Be fair minded and objective.

How will you know what to do?

- Comprehensive instructions are provided by the Cornaro Scholarship Committee chair.
- The Cornaro Scholarship Committee Chair is always available via phone and email to answer questions or assist as needed.

How do I sign up?

- Send an e-mail to Kappa Gamma Pi Second Vice President at Cornaro@KappaGammaPi.org.
- Please submit your interest by March 1, 2023! §

Constitution Revision - Suggestions?

Please submit to kgp@kappagamma.org.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

PROFIT & LOSS

Statement of Income, Expenses and Net Assets
for the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2022

INCOME

Member Dues.....	\$35,305
Nomination Fees.....	\$26,000
Sale of Promotional Items.....	\$6,252
Investment Income.....	\$5,775
Other Income.....	\$816
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$74,148

EXPENSES

Executive Secretary.....	\$30,900
Publication (Editor, printing, postage).....	\$16,960
Website.....	\$2,700
Promotional Item Purchases.....	\$3,872
National Office Expenses.....	\$904
National Convention Expenses.....	\$600
Professional and Bank Fees.....	\$3,659
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	\$2,806
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$62,401

Net Operating Revenue.....\$11,748

OTHER REVENUES

Scholarship Donations.....	\$8,865
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES.....	\$8,865

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Cornaro Scholarship Awards.....	\$10,000
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES.....	\$10,000

TOTAL NET INCOME.....\$10,613

BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets	
General Funds Checking.....	\$59,759
Money Market.....	\$44,132
Investments - Securities.....	\$172,495
Accounts Receivable.....	\$4,650
Petty Cash.....	\$200
Total Current Assets.....	\$281,236

Total Assets.....\$281,236

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

SBA PPP.....	\$1,647
Payroll Liabilities.....	\$1,873
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	\$3,520
Long-Term Liabilities	
Deferred Lifetime Dues Revenue.....	\$4,550
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES.....	\$4,550

Total Liabilities.....\$8,070

Equity

Gain on Investments.....	\$40,141
Fund Balance.....	\$216,472
Retained Earnings.....	\$5,940
Net Income.....	\$10,613
Total Equity.....	\$273,166

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS.....\$281,236

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National Dues for the June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023 fiscal year US \$50.

Cornaro Scholarship Donation _____ Total Enclosed _____

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Please indicate any name or address changes here. To ensure that you receive KGP emails and the eNEWS, please provide your email address.

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What doors has your nomination to KGP opened for you that you did not expect?
