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## 2025 KGP National Convention: Join Us in Indianapolis Next July!

We are pleased to announce that the next Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention will be July 18-20, 2025, in Indianapolis. This KGP Convention will be the first to be held in the state of Indiana and will serve as the kick-off event to celebrate Kappa's centennial in 2026.

Next July, we invite Kappas to gather at the newly renovated Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport hotel (which offers a free, 24-hour airport shuttle) for three days of discussions to conduct KGP business, stimulating presentations and conversations, sightseeing in Indy, and time for Kappa sharing with other members.

Indianapolis's official slogan *Crossroads of America* refers to the city's historic significance as a transportation hub and we look forward to welcoming Kappas from near and far for this grand event. The KGP National Board is working on the program for the 47th biennial Convention and we welcome your input. Please reach out to the National Office or email [president@kappagammapi.org](mailto:president@kappagammapi.org) if you would like to join the Convention Planning Committee or one of the other

### Kicking off Kappa's Centennial Year Celebration



**47<sup>th</sup> biennial National Convention  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 18-20, 2025**

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## Member Spotlight

By Joseph Devney (*Holy Names University, CA, '93*)

Kappa Gamma Pi's motto is "Faith and Service." I was asked to write about my recent service, volunteer talks to nonprofit organizations. I am a professional writer, editor, and linguist, and I have picked up a lot of knowledge over my career. I try to share what I know with people who can take advantage of it. Here is a recap of three such talks I have given in the last year.

The International Association for Forensic and Legal Linguistics (IAFL) is a professional organization for students and practitioners who are interested in the intersection of language and law. In 2023, I learned about a research paper with the intriguing title, "Poor Writing, not specialized concepts, drives processing difficulty in legal language." Another research paper I was familiar with, from decades ago, said something similar about jury instructions, a specific type of legal language. I decided to draw from both of them for that year's IAFL conference (held at a Catholic university in the Philippines), and gave a talk called



*Joseph Devney*

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### Help Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in Kappa? We are looking for members to serve as III Vice President and as Long-Range Planning Committee Chair.

Reach out to the National Office or [president@kappagammapi.org](mailto:president@kappagammapi.org) for details.

## Convention *from page 1*

temporary convention committees: Nominating, Resolutions, Constitution Revisions, Budget, or Awards Committees.



*Monument Circle looking southeast from the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre. By alexeatwhales, Wikimedia Commons, July 27, 2014.*

There are so many awesome things to see and do in Indy that we will be hard-pressed to prioritize them. Here's a bit of information about some of the top choices.

### *Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields*

The Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) is one of the largest and oldest art museums in the United States. IMA traces its roots to the Art Association of Indianapolis, which was founded in 1883. The museum is approximately three miles north of downtown Indianapolis. Its 152-acre Newfields campus also includes the Lilly House, the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park, eight gardens, and four performance spaces. IMA's permanent collection comprises more than 54,000 works including African, American, Asian, and European pieces. Significant areas of the collection include Neo-Impressionist paintings; Japanese paintings of the Edo period; Chinese ceramics and bronzes; paintings, sculptures, and prints by Paul Gauguin and the Pont-Aven School; a large number of works

by J.M.W. Turner; and a growing contemporary art and design collection.

### *Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens*

Located in White River State Park, the Indianapolis Zoo is accredited as a zoo, aquarium, and botanical garden. Originally a separate facility that was a collaboration between the Indianapolis Zoo and the White River State Park, the White River Gardens is now part of the Zoo's entrance that creates a total immersion into nature from a guest's first steps inside the Zoo. This beautiful 3.3-acre landmark attraction includes the Hilbert Conservatory, a 5,000-square-foot tropical oasis inside a glistening glass building, as well as the outdoor DeHaan Tiergarten that combines gardening ideas, plant information, and inspirational design to connect animals, plants, and people.

### *Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art*

The only museum of its kind in the Midwest, the Eiteljorg Museum houses a diverse collection of visual art by indigenous peoples of the Americas and Western American art.

### *James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home & Visitor Center*

One of the only preservations of a 19th-century residence in the entire country, this National Historic Landmark offers visitors a chance to step through the front door and back in time. Built in 1872, the Italianate style home at 528 Lockerbie Street, Indianapolis, features original Victorian art and furnishings, as well as many artifacts that belonged to James Whitcomb Riley, a writer who became a national celebrity through his poetry about Indiana, nature, and childhood.§



*Indiana State Capitol at the end of Market Street, Indianapolis. By Daniel Schwen, Wikimedia Commons, January 11, 2022.*



## 2025 Cornaro Scholarship

KGP is pleased to sponsor the 2025 Cornaro Scholarship. This scholarship is exclusive to members and allows them the opportunity to advance their academic and professional careers by pursuing a graduate degree or professional program. To be eligible, one must be a member of Kappa Gamma Pi, be a current dues payer, and have already been accepted into an accredited graduate or professional program.

The scholarship is competitive and the applicants must demonstrate how they embody the Kappa motto: *Faith and Service*. Recipients must also exemplify the values of volunteer work, leadership, academic excellence and well-defined career aspirations.

The submission deadline for applications and letters of reference is June 1, 2025. KGP will award two \$3,500 scholarships. To access the 2025 Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies Application and Frequently Asked Questions, please login to KGP Engage by visiting <http://kappagammapi.org/cornaro-scholarship>.

We would like to thank those who served as judges for the 2024 Cornaro Scholarship.

**Kate Ficke** (Dominican University, IL, '75)

**John Casey** (St. Thomas University, FL, '23)

**Henley Marcelus** (St. Thomas University, FL, '24)

If any other Kappas would like to serve as a Cornaro judge for 2025, please reach out to II Vice President **Dr. Carl Cain** at [cornaro@kappagammapi.org](mailto:cornaro@kappagammapi.org).

### Missed a KGP Lecture?

- Creating an Advance Directive presented by Dr. Dolores L. Christie (Ohio Dominican University, OH, '59) Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViUfa6Xj\\_qA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViUfa6Xj_qA).
- Treasures in Grief: Discover 7 Spiritual Gifts Hidden in Your Pain presented by Lo Anne Kinney Mayer (Caldwell University, NY, '84) Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHXLxK8hL\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHXLxK8hL_0).
- Exploring the Imposter Syndrome presented by David W. Seeger, Ed. D. (Lourdes University, OH, '05) Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDHf3CcSnmc>.
- Designing a Presentation: Choosing the Right Tools for Effective Communication presented by Joe Devney (Holy Names University, CA, '93) Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=tkKNYVvldYM&feature=youtu.be>.

## A Message from KGP's National President

KGP National Conventions are a time for networking and developing friendships with other Kappas as we chart the future of our organization.

The 2025 National Convention will be a hybrid event. Members are invited to join us in person July 18-20 in Indianapolis or online for the National Business Meeting and/or guest speakers. Kappa will mark 100 years of Faith and Service in 2026 and the 2025 Convention will be the kick-off for a year of celebration.

The KGP National Board is working to form the temporary committees for the Convention. **Alexis Kilcoin** (Saint Mary's College, IN, '23) has volunteered to assist with the planning of the Convention. If you would like to join Lexi on the Convention Planning Committee, please email me at [president@kappagammapi.org](mailto:president@kappagammapi.org).

We are looking for members to serve on the other temporary convention committees:

**Nominating Committee** - We are looking for members to represent each of the KGP regions on the committee to prepare the slate of officers for 2025-2027. Members are encouraged to submit their names to the Nominating Committee for consideration if they are interested in serving on the National Board.

**Constitution Revisions Committee** - All Kappas are asked to help evaluate the KGP Constitution for clarity and relevance. You may download a current version of the constitution at <https://www.kappagammapi.org/constitution/>. Any member may submit recommendations for edits to [kgp@kappagammapi.org](mailto:kgp@kappagammapi.org).

**Awards Committee** - Past President **Susan Smith Jaros** (Lourdes University, OH, '90) is the Chair of the Awards Committee. Presented at each biennial Convention, Kappa's Faith and Service Award honors a non-Kappa who exemplifies outstanding leadership in local or national church or secular affairs. If you know of a deserving individual or agency in the Indianapolis area to recognize with this award, please contact Sue at [susan5107@buckeye-express.com](mailto:susan5107@buckeye-express.com).

As the end of 2024 quickly approaches, I wish you and your families a festive and peace-filled holiday season.

In Faith and Service,

*Anne Dunlap-Kahren*



**Anne Dunlap-Kahren**  
Holy Names University, CA, '88  
Kappa Gamma Pi National President  
[president@kappagammapi.org](mailto:president@kappagammapi.org)

## Announcing Our 2024 Cornaro Scholars!

The Cornaro Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship only available to Kappa members for use toward graduate expenses at an accredited university. The Cornaro Scholarship Committee selected two recipients this year: **Richard James Rommeney Jr.** (*Saint Joseph's University, NY, '24*) and **Hailey Shuman** (*Fontbonne University, MO, '24*).

2024 Cornaro Scholar Richard James Rommeney Jr. earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Saint Joseph's University where he graduated *summa cum laude*. During his undergraduate studies he received many awards including Dean's List, Honors Program, and was inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta) Biological, Sigma Iota Chi, Delta Epsilon Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi Education, and Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Societies. He will be completing his studies for a Masters of Arts in Special Education with an Annotation in Severe and Multiple Disabilities.

During college, Richard was heavily involved in the clubs and organizations at Saint Joseph's University which have shaped him into the leader he is today. In his first semester he became the vice president of the Science Club and eventually became the president. He helped to organize engaging club meetings, ensure member participation, and represented the club at various university events. He led health-related initiatives to foster a community committed to scientific exploration and wellness awareness. Richard also served as a tour guide which gave him the opportunity to share his love for the university and its Catholic tradition to prospective students. He eventually became a lead tour guide which allowed him to train and mentor

new guides. Richard was a University Senate Representative as a part of Be The Match On Campus, an Independent Researcher as a part of the New York Biology Research Department, and also served as a post judge for the New York HS poster competition.

Outside of his work with the university, he served as a full-time substitute paraprofessional at an elementary school as well as a lead for Emanuel Kaplan Academic Recovery Program. Richard also worked with the Sterling Mets as a team manager for the New York Mets Fest and a promotional sales associate. He was a general manager for Beer Distribution Company. Richard volunteered for Relay for Life, Maspeth Town Hall Kiwanis International Key Club, and Billion Oyster Project.

Richard's future goal is to contribute to the betterment of society by closing the education gap and making a lasting impact on the lives of special education students. The realization students can easily slip through the cracks with support and services fueled Richard's aspiration

to become a special education teacher. He has a desire to support special education students to ensure all students receive the necessary attention and resources to thrive. Richard aims to inspire students of every academic level to engage fully in their education and explore diverse fields of knowledge preparing them for success in the real world. His long-term goal is to become a principal in the New York City Department of Education system. Richard wants to serve as a guide and support to teachers to foster a culture of excellence and collaboration. He envisions furthering his education pursuing a doctorate in administration and earning his administrative license. §



*Richard James Rommeney Jr.*



## Announcing Our 2024 Cornaro Scholars!

The second Cornaro Scholar for 2024 is Hailey Shuman who earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Fontbonne University. During her undergraduate degree she received many awards which include TELOS Honors Program, NWCA Scholar All-American, Ambassador of the Month, Leadership Ideal Member, FCC Grant Recipient, Student Voting Honor Roll, Fontbonne Hall of Fame, and Outstanding Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Student. She will be completing her studies for a Master's in Management and Leadership.

During college, Hailey helped to wrap presents for families in need and provided essentials for struggling families at the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. On campus, she volunteered for Our Founders Day, Fontbonne Day, and Make A Difference Day. She participated in summits and conferences to deepen her understanding of faith and service as well as honing her leadership

skills. Hailey was the emcee for Fontbonne's scholarship breakfast and was able to share her personal testimony of coming to the faith and the significance of faith-based schools. In May, Hailey gave the student address for graduation, where she shared how a faith-based community impacts our foundation to soar to new heights. She hosted an event on campus, "Rock The Vote" which provided an opportunity to promote civic engagement through a lens of faith and

service by encouraging voter registration and active citizenship.

Outside of her academics, she was an intern at Moneta a wealth management company, a new vehicle acquisition intern at Enterprise, Girl's Wrestling Associated Head Coach at Lindbergh High School, peer academic coach, and waitress and hostess at The Pasta House Co. Hailey also participated in events like the Missouri Governor's Student Leadership Forum further strengthening her commitment to faith-driven service.

Hailey's future goal is to pursue a Master's in Management and Leadership to broaden opportunities and expand my financial literacy to better guide and support others. She wants to support and guide first-generation college students or similar populations by drawing from personal experience as a first-generation student. In a recent church service, the topic about harvesters and gardeners was discussed.

We live in a society

where most want to be a harvester whether we are bringing people to God or reaping the benefits/outcomes. Not enough people want to tend to the garden daily to prepare people to get to the point of harvesting. This sermon opened her eyes that she is a gardener with no green thumb. Hailey's plan is to pursue servant leadership by making meaningful changes in individual lives and community settings. §



*Hailey Shuman*

## KGP Lecture Series Recap: Creating an Advance Directive

**“Yeah, I’ll Do It Some Day”** - *What if I cannot communicate my wishes regarding medical treatment as I near life’s end? Who do I want to make these decision for me, if I cannot any longer express them?*

On September 25, this presentation by Dr. Dolores L. Christie (Ohio Dominican University, OH, ‘59) considered many questions surrounding end-of-life needs and the construction of Advance Directives, including Catholic teaching on these issues.

Dee Christie was nominated to Kappa from Ohio Dominican University, where she completed a bachelor of arts degree in biology. Now a retired bioethicist, Dee is the former executive director of the Catholic Theological Society of America, a past president of the Cleveland Chapter of KGP, and past president of the Institute for Learning in Retirement East. She has served on boards of the Jesuit Retreat

House, Diocesan Marriage Committee, and her parish council. Previously, she served on hospital and nursing home ethics committees and the Ohio transplant consortium. Currently, she is a member of the ethics committee for Hospice of the Western Reserve. Dee is the author of four books on ethics and aging. Married to Dr. Richard Christie for over 60 years, 6 children, 11 grandchildren. She enjoys pulling weeds and writing controversial opinion pieces for the local newspaper.

**Do you have a suggestion for a future KGP Lecture?** If you have a topic you would like to present to other Kappas – or one you would like to see discussed – please contact [president@kappagammapi.org](mailto:president@kappagammapi.org). We look forward to growing this lecture series by Kappas for Kappas with interesting, timely conversations, useful career advice, and life skills insights.

## National Dues Support

Thank you for renewing your financial support for Kappa – we appreciate your generosity! Your KGP national dues billing envelope is enclosed.

### *How You Can Help*

Please pay your membership dues for 2024-2025, if you have not already done so. If you are able, consider paying dues for another Kappa who is living on a fixed income or is experiencing financial difficulties. If you determine that you cannot afford \$50 per year, please contribute another amount that is right for your personal budget. Encourage your friends who are Kappas to become dues-paying members also.

### *Membership Notes*

This NEWS issue is mailed to all who joined Kappa or paid dues any time in the past 10 years. Those who graduated in 2014 or since who have not yet paid dues for the current fiscal year (June 2024-May 2025) should find the annual dues billing envelope enclosed. Our website can take credit card payments.

We encourage you to consider donating 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 National Office Administrator 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. §

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**“Making Contract Language More Comprehensible.”**

The second talk *“Designing a Presentation: Choosing the Right Tools for Effective Communication”* was delivered to Kappa Gamma Pi members via Zoom in January 2024, and is still available via YouTube here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=tkKNY-VvldYM&feature=youtu.be>. I have seen many, many standup presentations in professional, business, and academic contexts, and I observed what made some more effective than others. I also know about how information can be presented, and how the brain takes it in. I realized that one important part of delivering a presentation was choosing the right medium for each idea the speaker wants to get across. My own innovation was analyzing the available information channels (voice, slides, etc.) in terms of their flexibility, ephemerality, and information density, and using those criteria to determine which channel is most appropriate for each idea or example to be communicated.

In June 2024 I gave an online talk to my chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. Every writer should have at least a basic understanding of copyright law, so they can stay out of trouble. The talk explained the basics of copyright law, including the recent changes with the introduction of generative AI (like ChatGPT). I was able to use examples from my own career as illustrations.

I am a longtime member of each of these organizations. I was happy to do my small part to help them continue to carry out their missions. §

# REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

## BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2024

### ASSETS

Current Assets	
General Funds Checking.....	\$60,826
Money Market.....	\$43,589
Investments - Securities.....	\$164,492
Accounts Receivable.....	\$7,900
Petty Cash.....	\$200
Undeposited Funds.....	\$75
Total Current Assets.....	\$277,082
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### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Paycheck Protection Program.....	\$568
Payroll Liabilities.....	\$1,890
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	\$2,458
Long-Term Liabilities	
Deferred Lifetime Dues Revenue.....	\$1,700
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES.....	\$1,700
Total Liabilities.....	\$4,158

Equity	
Gain/Loss on Investments.....	\$34,619
Fund Balance - Prior Year.....	\$216,472
Retained Earnings.....	\$20,040
Net Revenue.....	\$1,793
Total Equity.....	\$272,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS.....	\$277,082

## PROFIT & LOSS

Statement of Income, Expenses and Net Assets for the  
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2024

### INCOME

Member Dues.....	\$20,535
Nomination Fees.....	\$22,235
Convention/National Board.....	\$4,450
Sale of Promotional Items.....	\$5,780
Investment Income.....	\$5,907
Other Income.....	\$345
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$59,252

### EXPENSES

Executive Secretary.....	\$31,827
Publication (Editor, printing, postage).....	\$5,626
National Convention.....	\$8,457
Promotional Item Purchases.....	\$3,843
National Office Expenses.....	\$1,787
Professional and Bank Fees.....	\$3,696
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	\$3,968
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$59,204
Net Operating Revenue.....	\$48

### OTHER REVENUES

Scholarship Donations.....	\$8,745
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES.....	\$8,745

### OTHER EXPENDITURES

Cornaro Scholarship Awards.....	\$7,000
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES.....	\$7,000

TOTAL NET INCOME.....	\$1,793
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## In Loving Memory

- **Amanda Kopff** (Fontbonne University, MO, '09)
- **Julianne Richardson** (Holy Names University, CA, '86)
- **Maureen Guilday** (Barry University, FL, '70)

If you know of a Kappa who has passed on, please send an email to [admin@kappagammapi.org](mailto:admin@kappagammapi.org).

## Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions

Your contribution to the Cornaro Scholarship Fund 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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To renew your financial support for Kappa, please complete the form below, photocopy or mail this section (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 <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>.

National Dues for the June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025 fiscal year US \$50.

Cornaro Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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