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99 years!*

Introducing Convention Keynote Speaker Holland Haiis

Holland Haiis (*Loretto Heights College, CO, '83*) will be the keynote speaker on July 19 for the 47th biennial KGP National Convention in Indianapolis.

Holland Haiis (www.HollandHaiis.com) is a visionary business strategist and leadership expert dedicated to elevating performance, engagement, and workplace culture. With a deep understanding of human behavior and high-performance psychology, she specializes in professional development programs, executive coaching, and corporate retreats that inspire transformation at every level.



Holland Haiis

For 30 years, Holland has designed, developed, and implemented leadership solutions that help senior executives, emerging leaders, and their teams excel. Her work spans Fortune 500 companies, healthcare and dental service organizations, start-ups, and

nonprofits. Some of Holland's clients have included Bloomberg, Mashable, Shamut Design and Construction, Northwell Health, Harvard in Tech, S&P Global, Envista, Cohn Reznick, Mass Mutual, Nobel Biocare, and many others where she provided science-backed strategies to drive retention, decrease stress, and increase profits.

Her expertise lies in equipping leaders with the tools to shift organizational culture, increase influence, and execute with purpose. Whether working with acknowledged or emerging leaders, and their teams,

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Join Us for Pillars of Celebration!

Honoring the values of generations of Kappas and the milestones in our lives. Join us as we kick off Kappa's centennial year celebration commemorating 100 years of *Faith and Service*.

Along with memorializing Kappa's upcoming centennial, our Pillars of Celebration theme calls us to reflect on our own well being and milestones as members: Are you hitting a special anniversary or turning a landmark birthday?

Join us for an enthusiastic celebration of the many ways members have contributed to KGP's legacy. Kappa has been around for 100 years because of members who invest themselves. Thank you for your abiding faith and dedicated service!

Can you help us?

Plans for the 2025 Convention are well underway, but the more, the merrier!

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Holland's approach fosters accountability, innovation, and sustainable success.

An award-winning author, Holland was named one of the 100 Global Thought Leaders alongside Deepak Chopra, Suze Orman, and Brendon Burchard for her pioneering work in Conscious Leadership. She has also been recognized as one of 28 International Digital Wellness Experts for three consecutive years, further solidifying her reputation as a leader in modern workplace strategy.

Frequently sought after by top media outlets, Holland has been featured on and in CNN, ABC, NBC, FOX News, CNBC, Inc., Fast Company, Thrive Global, HR. Com, The Globe and Mail, and Cosmopolitan. She serves as the Productivity Expert for Paper & Packaging, is the Founder of Stand Up To Lead, and is a highly regarded international speaker.

Holland's mission is clear: to help organizations cultivate empowered, accountable, and high-performing teams. With a rare blend of strategic insight, practical application, and inspiring leadership, she transforms businesses from the inside out—creating workplaces where leaders thrive, teams excel, and organizations reach their fullest potential and profitability.

Holland is a proud Kappa and continues to lead with faith and service both professionally and personally. §

Pillars *from page 1*

We are looking for more members to serve on the *Convention Planning Committee*, the *Nominating Committee*, and the *Resolutions Committee*.

If you would like to assist with Convention preparations, especially if you live in the Indianapolis area, please email president@kappagammapi.org.

Join us at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport hotel in July for three days of important discussions, sightseeing in Indy, and Kappa sharing time with other members. Kappas may call (317) 244-6861 to reserve a room at the Crowne Plaza (www.crowneplaza.com/ind-airport). §

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 for details.

Sightseeing in Indy: Lilly House Tour

On Friday, July 18, Kappas attending the 2025 Convention will have an opportunity to tour the Lilly House in Indianapolis, followed by dinner at the Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House.

Kappas will enjoy a guided tour of Lilly House, a National Historic Landmark and exemplary example of a 20th century country estate. Then they will be free to wander and explore the gardens surrounding the house on their own.

The Landon family founded the estate in 1907, building their French-inspired home, greenhouses, and other support buildings. In the 1920s, Jessie Landon invited the Olmsted Brothers to design a garden landscape to match the grandeur of their home. The Lilly family purchased the property in 1932 and acquired the neighboring properties over the next few decades. They would eventually donate the 56 acres to the Art Association of Indianapolis to build an art museum. The entire 152-acre campus surrounding the house and museum is now known as Newfields.

Today, the first floor of Lilly House has been restored to closely resemble its appearance in the 1930s. In fact, the majority of the furnishings and decorative arts objects on display belonged to the Lillys and were used in the home. The upper level of the Lilly House hosts a variety of events and public programs and offers an expansive view of the Oldfields' landscape and gardens. The garage features an early 20th century-era car on loan from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

The newly reimagined lower level of the Lilly House invites guests to explore the stories that make the 26-acre Oldfields Estate the historic heart of Newfields. Richly illustrated with historic and contemporary photographs, the new orientation space guides guests through an exploration of the evolution of the estate and the different people who lived and worked in the house and gardens, as well as key designers who created the landscape guests can enjoy on their visit. A new, hands-on activity encourages guests to try their hand at designing the estate.



Oldfields-Lilly House & Gardens at Newfields

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 you would like to serve as a Cornaro judge for 2025, please reach out to II Vice President **Dr. Carl Cain** at cornaro@kappagammapi.org.

KGP National Board

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A Message from KGP's National President

Spring has just sprung and I'm already looking forward to seeing dear Kappa friends at our National Convention in July. Join us for this memorable event!

This gathering will be a hybrid event. Members are warmly invited to join us in person July 18-20 in Indianapolis or to tune in online for the National Business Meeting on Friday, July 18, and/or our program Pillars of Celebration on Saturday, July 19. I am excited to announce that our guest speakers are **Holland Haiis** (Loretto Heights College, CO, '83), **Kate Ficke** (Dominican University, IL, '75) and **Luonna Lancaster** (Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN, '21).

Constitution Revisions Committee - My sincere thanks to the members of this Committee - Chairperson **Joseph J. Devney** (Holy Names University, CA, '93), **Betty Bloom Hopkins** (Holy Names University, CA, '61), **Alene Finn Griffin** (Mount St. Mary's University, CA, '66), **Rondi Persaud Pacheco** (St. Catherine University, MN, '08), and **Theresa Rush Woo** (Holy Names University, CA, '85) - for their diligent and thoughtful work reviewing the KGP Constitution and By Laws and preparing the revisions proposed (see pages 7-9 of this NEWS).

Nominating Committee - Thank you to **Kelly Haden** (University of Holy Cross, LA, '98), KGP President 2013-2017 for chairing this Committee. We're looking for members to represent each of the KGP regions - Eastern, Mississippi, Plains, and Western - on the committee that will prepare the slate of officers to be elected to serve for 2025-2027. *Members interested in serving on the National Board are encouraged to submit their own names to the Nominating Committee for consideration.*

Resolutions Committee - We welcome resolutions related to philosophical statements, concepts, and ideas that do not impact the Constitution, including recognition for other members and expressions of congratulations and thanks. Any member may submit a resolution to be considered at the Convention during the National Business Meeting.

May the holy season of Easter fill your heart with hope, your soul with peace, and your life with the joy of new beginnings.

In Faith and Service,

Anne Dunlap-Kahren

Anne Dunlap-Kahren
Holy Names University, CA, '88
Kappa Gamma Pi National President
president@kappagammapi.org



Convention Presentations: Reflections on the Call to Service

Two Kappas will speak during the Convention program on Saturday, July 19, about their commitment to service and the ways their experiences in volunteer roles and public service have yielded personal rewards.

The Joy of Service

Kate Coulihan Ficke (*Dominican University, IL, BA '75, MBA '83*), KGP Recording Secretary

Like mother, like daughter. A 1936 Kappa from Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois (which in 1997 became Dominican University) not only did volunteer work and pursued a full career in



Kate Coulihan Ficke

the nonprofit sector but who also devoted the last 20 years of her life to service as a member of a religious order in Los Angeles-Sr. Lucille Z. Coulihan, IHM. Her daughter Kate followed in her footsteps with graduation from Rosary College and nomination to Kappa. (Side note: We at Kappa are thankful that Kate found a way to pressure Rosary College to re-instate its lapsed affiliation with Kappa Gamma Pi, but that's another story).

And then another life of service. In June, Dominican University will present Kate with the O'Keefe Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award at her upcoming 50th Anniversary Reunion.

Growing up in New York City, Kate started her volunteer efforts early as a pre-teen Girl Scout helping at the organization's NYC Headquarters collating, folding and stuffing various mailings while her mother worked there in a professional capacity. From then to now, it's been a long and winding road to the University Award, involving not only Scouting but a myriad of other groups and organizations that span the country as well as the decades.

Little did Kate know that through her membership

in one of these groups she would meet her "former farmer" husband - an Air Force veteran - and end up in a partnership resulting in numerous opportunities for various service roles in their local and wider communities in the Chicago metro area over the past

44 years. Somehow, Kate (and Jim) managed to find ways to help others - and have fun doing it - no matter where they went.

Join us to learn more about the *Joy of Service* as seen through the filters of Kate's perhaps "off the beaten path" ways to find a need and fill it. As you will see, KGP is just one grateful recipient of Kate's dedication as she has



Luonna Lancaster

served as Recording Secretary and a member of the National Board multiple times.

Advocating for the Human Spirit

Luonna Lancaster (*Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN, '21*)

Luonna is the Indiana State Opioid Response Outreach Manager for the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. Having received her Master of Science in healthcare administration and Bachelor of Science in psychology from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), her lived experiences and passion for public health have laid the foundation for her desire to work within the state's Family and Social Services Administration.

Along with providing public health advocacy for Hoosiers, Luonna's compassion for veterans and their families is reflected through her work as a trained facilitator for the National Alliance on Mental Illness' (NAMI) Homefront courses in addition to serving on St. Mary-of-the-Woods College Alumni Board. Luonna will briefly share her life journey, where she is now, and why she feels compelled to advocate for a person's human spirit.

Friday evening in Indy: Dinner at the Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House

After touring the Lilly House and exploring Newfields, Kappas will enjoy dinner at the Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House located in the deconsecrated Catholic church in downtown Indianapolis.

Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House was established in 2015, but the building it occupies has quite a history. To meet the demands of the growing population in the northeast section of Indianapolis, the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis, led by Bishop St. Palais, established the parish of St. Joseph in 1873, at that time the fourth Catholic parish in Indianapolis.

Father Joseph Petit was appointed the first pastor of the new parish. A two-story brick structure was built at the corner of Vermont and Liberty Streets (now Park Ave.) the top floor served as the parish church. Father Petit was replaced as pastor in 1874. Bishop Silas Chatard was determined to establish a hospital in Indianapolis and the structure at Vermont and Liberty seemed ideal for this purpose. He purchased two lots on the corner of North and Noble Streets (now College Ave.) and urged the congregation to build a church on the site. The cornerstone of the church was laid on July 20, 1879. The church was designed by architect Diedrich A. Bohlen of Hamburg, Germany and was finished in less than a year. On July 4, 1880, Bishop Chatard blessed the church and Father Petit returned to celebrate the first Mass.

Father Francis B. Dowd was named pastor in August of 1900. Four new parishes established between 1881

and 1909 cut into the original boundaries of St. Joseph with homes in the area being replaced with industrial factories and mills. Father James Jansen was named to succeed Father Dowd in 1942, but the decrease in membership led to the decision to close and deconsecrate the church. The last Mass at St. Joseph church was said on June 26, 1949.

The church building, still owned by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was then converted to the Catholic Community Center, to be used as a meeting hall and auditorium for several organizations including the Catholic Charities Bureau and Catholic Youth Organization. This use continued into the 1970s until those organizations moved out and the building was used for storage. After many years of disuse, the building fell into disrepair until the massive renovation occurred in the 2010s, allowing the building to be repurposed as the restaurant and brewery which we see there today.



Interior: Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House

A Visit to the Racing Capital of the World

No visit to Indy would be complete without a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway!

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) is one of the oldest and most revered motorsports facilities in the world. Since its construction in 1909, this famous 2.5-mile racetrack has become a National Historic Landmark and a legend in the world of auto racing.

Known as the Racing Capital of the World, the IMS just completed a \$60.5 million, 17 month renovation and on Sunday, July 20, Kappas visiting Indianapolis for the Convention will have an opportunity to visit the Museum. Featuring more than a century of motorsports history, this museum's engaging and educational exhibits bring the thrill of the Indianapolis 500 and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to life.

In addition to visiting the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, guests can opt to do the Victory Po-

dium Tour. This 30-minute tour shows you what the winner sees on Race Day. The tour features a trip through the Garage Area and famed "Gasoline Alley" with a final stop at the top of Victory Podium - where the Indianapolis 500 winner celebrates their triumph with the customary bottle of milk.



Exhibit of some of the many cars on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

2023-2024 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 2023-2024 academic year. Presentation is made to a student who has achieved special recognition, served the college in an extraordinary manner or has the best record of progressive achievement.

Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ

Tonianne Poccia

Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA

Anjuli Aker

Emily Duggan

Dominican University, River Forest, IL

Grettel Gomez Reyes

Elms College, Chicopee, MA

Brooke Alexis Bailey

Jackalope Carol Labbe

Emmanuel College, Boston, MA

Julyanne Pacheco

Lanesha Emma Joseph

Fontbonne University, St. Louis, MO

Brandon M. Schmiedeskamp

Gannon University, Erie, PA

Emily Donahue

Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ

Belynnda King

Hilbert College, Hamburg, NY

Jeffrey Schmidt

Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA

Madison E. Borkowski

Lourdes University, Sylvania, OH

Brooke Albert

Marywood University, Scranton, PA

Sara M. McCormack

Mount St. Joseph University, Cincinnati, OH

Marie Specker

Newman University, Wichita, KS

Nathan Galicia

Thomas Munn

Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD

Averee Radonovich

Emma Reed

Jennifer Connelly

Mackenzie Lookingland

Marielie Carrasquillo Rivera

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

Aaren Fernandez

University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

Ana Salazar

Hailey Boekelheide

Kaelie Schumacher

University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Timothy Jordan

Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH

Breanna Banks

Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI

Alexis Oestreich

Ernesto Ascenzo Villaran

KGP affiliates have awarded the Saint Catherine Medal since 1956. Medals may be given on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Institutions may award medals for different schools or divisions.

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

Missed a KGP Lecture?

- Probing the Lasting Impact of Gender Leadership Styles Learned in Childhood presented by David W. Seeger, Ed. D. (*Lourdes University, OH, '05*) Link: <https://youtu.be/t0cM5e7WlUk>
- Creating an Advance Directive presented by Dr. Dolores L. Christie (*Ohio Dominican*

University, OH, '59) Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViUla6Xj_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

Resolutions Proposed for 2025 Convention

The delegates assembled at the Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention will process resolutions during the business meeting on July 18, 2025. Resolutions that include proposed changes to the Constitution and By Laws are required by Article IX to be posted at least 60 days before the start of the convention. Delegates will discuss and vote on three such changes that include adding a method for determining possible dissolution of the organization, modifying the size of convention committees, and omitting the stated dollar amounts of annual dues and nomination fees.

If you plan to attend the convention, please consider participating on a convention committee. It involves about an hour of time to attend a committee meeting Thursday afternoon before Friday’s business meeting. If you would like join a convention committee, please contact the National Office.

Resolution 1 - Dissolution Based on Convention Registration

Whereas Kappa Gamma Pi has in recent years experienced low attendance at conventions, a decline in dues support from members, a reduction in the number of active chapters, difficulty recruiting members to serve on the National Board, the closure of multiple affiliated colleges and universities, and fewer nominations of new members from the remaining affiliates, therefore be it resolved that the following language to be added to the KGP Constitution, following the current text of Article XI - Dissolution as a separate section: “If fewer than ten delegates, not including National Board members, are registered for a National Convention sixty (60) days before the Convention begins, the event shall be canceled, and Kappa National shall be dissolved on July 1 of the following year. Any assets remaining on that date shall be handled as described above.”

| Article XI - Dissolution | |
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| Current Verbiage | Proposed Amendment |
| <p>If the National Board by a simple majority, decide at any time, on grounds of expense or otherwise, that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Organization, it shall call a Special Convention of the Organization. The National Office shall provide all current dues paying members written notice of the Special Convention and include the date, location, and time of the Meeting at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date. Dissolution shall require a two-thirds vote. The National Board may also submit a Convention Resolution to the delegates assembled at a Biennial Convention if less than three Local Chapters remain active.</p> <p>Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to any charitable organization with similar aims and objectives to Kappa Gamma Pi as determined by the delegates at the Special Convention or Biennial Convention.</p> | <p>Section 1. Dissolution by Vote of the National Board</p> <p>If the National Board by a simple majority decide at any time, on grounds of expense or otherwise, that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Organization, it shall call a Special Convention of the Organization. The National Office shall provide all current dues-paying members written notice of the Special Convention and include the date, location, and time of the Meeting at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date. Dissolution shall require a two-thirds vote. The National Board may also submit a Convention Resolution to the delegates assembled at a Biennial Convention if less than three Local Chapters remain active.</p> <p>Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to any charitable organization with similar aims and objectives to Kappa Gamma Pi as determined by the delegates at the Special Convention or Biennial Convention.</p> <p>Section 2. Dissolution Based on Convention Registration</p> <p>If fewer than ten delegates, not including National Board members, are registered for a National Convention sixty (60) days before the Convention begins, the event shall be canceled, and Kappa National shall be dissolved on July 1 of the following year. Any assets remaining on that date shall be handled as described above.</p> |

Resolutions Proposed for 2025 Convention cont.

Resolution 2 - Committee Sizes

Whereas declining participation of KGP members over time has made filling volunteer committee assignments more difficult, therefore be it resolved that the required number of members of the Convention Nominating Committee, the Convention Constitution Revisions Committee, and the Convention Resolutions Committee shall be changed from five members to a minimum of three and a maximum of five members.

| Article V - Organization Structure Section 7. Committees b. Convention Committees | |
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| Current Verbiage | Proposed Amendment |
| 3. The Convention Nominating Committee shall consist of five members and, as far as possible, each Region shall be represented. The Convention Nominating Committee Chairperson shall submit a list of candidates to the delegates assembled at Convention during the National Business Meeting. The list shall include Committee recommended candidates for the offices of National President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. | 3. The Convention Nominating Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. If possible, multiple Regions shall be represented. The Convention Nominating Committee Chairperson shall submit a list of candidates to the delegates assembled at Convention during the National Business Meeting. The list shall include Committee recommended candidates for the offices of National President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. |
| 4. The Convention Constitution Revisions Committee shall consist of five members. The Convention Constitution Revisions Committee shall process resolutions that include any potential changes or impacts on the current language in Constitution and By Laws. The Chairperson shall submit a Committee recommendation to the delegates assembled at Convention during the National Business Meeting for each resolution assigned to it. | 4. The Convention Constitution Revisions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. The Convention Constitution Revisions Committee shall process resolutions that include any potential changes or impacts on the current language in the Constitution and By Laws. The Chairperson shall submit a Committee recommendation to the delegates assembled at Convention during the National Business Meeting for each resolution assigned to it. |
| 6. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members and, as far as possible, each Region shall be represented. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall process resolutions related to Kappa Gamma Pi philosophical statements, concepts, and ideas that do not impact or change the Constitution and By Laws. The Chairperson shall submit a Committee recommendation to the delegates assembled at Convention during the National Business Meeting for each resolution assigned to it. | 6. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. If possible, multiple Regions shall be represented. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall process resolutions related to Kappa Gamma Pi philosophical statements, concepts, and ideas that do not impact or change the Constitution and By Laws. The Chairperson shall submit a Committee recommendation to the delegates assembled at Convention during the National Business Meeting for each resolution assigned to it. |

Resolution 3 - Omitting Dollar Amounts for Annual Dues and Nomination Fees

Whereas historically Article VIII of the KGP Constitution has not specified the amount of annual dues or nomination fees, and whereas an amendment has not been added each time the dues amount or nomination fee has been changed, therefore be it resolved that the sentence noting the amount of annual dues and nomination fees recommended by delegates at the 2017 National Convention be removed from Article VIII.

Resolutions Proposed for 2025 Convention cont.

Resolution 3 - Omitting Dollar Amounts for Annual Dues and Nomination Fees (cont.)

| Article VIII - Financial Activity | |
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| Current Verbiage | Proposed Amendment |
| Section 1. Dues <p>Upon receipt of billing, the annual dues of this Society shall be payable to the National Office. The amount shall be set by the National Board which shall take into serious consideration the recommendations of the Society. The delegates assembled at the National Convention in 2017 recommended annual membership dues, and nomination fees for new inductees, be set at fifty dollars (\$50). Members of Religious Orders and Lifetime Due Paying members shall be exempt from annual dues payment and shall be considered current dues paying members for Standing and Convention committee purposes.</p> | Section 1. Dues <p>Upon receipt of billing, the annual dues of this Society shall be payable to the National Office. The amount shall be set by the National Board which shall take into serious consideration the recommendations of the Society. The delegates assembled at the National Convention in 2017 recommended annual membership dues, and nomination fees for new inductees, be set at fifty dollars (\$50). Members of Religious Orders and Lifetime Due Paying members shall be exempt from annual dues payment and shall be considered current dues paying members for Standing and Convention committee purposes.</p> |
| Section 2. Nomination Fees <p>Each newly elected member of this Society shall pay a registration fee set by the National Board which shall be forwarded to the National Office by the College Administrator when that officer requests certificates and handbooks for the new members.</p> | Section 2. Nomination Fees <p>No changes.</p> |

Resolution 4 - Centennial Anniversary

Whereas Kappa Gamma Pi anticipates celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Society's founding, starting in July 2025 through June 2026, and whereas the National Board proposes to recognize the official founding date of June 30, 1926, with a special celebration, therefore be it resolved that Kappa Gamma Pi will hold a Centennial Celebration* (hybrid or virtual event) in summer 2026.

Resolution 5 - 2026 National Business Meeting

Whereas the National Board may vote to initiate the dissolution process of the Kappa Gamma Pi organization before the next biennial National Convention in 2027, and whereas a Special Convention (Article XI - Dissolution) may be necessary during 2026, therefore be it resolved that the National Board may hold a National Business Meeting during the Centennial Celebration* to review, evaluate or initiate the dissolution process.

*2026 Centennial event title to be determined

In Loving Memory

- **Joan Dunbar** (D'Youville College, NY, '80)
- **Patricia Fisher** (Notre Dame of Maryland University, MD, '62)
- **Paul Robert Goldie** (College of Saint Elizabeth, NJ, '91)
- **Patricia H. Green** (Chestnut Hill College, PA, '51)
- **Carol Guglielm** (Seton Hill College, PA, '68)
- **Stanley Senkowski** (Madonna University, MI, '88)

If you know of a Kappa who has passed on, please send an email to admin@kappagammapi.org.

Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions May 2024 - April 2025

In memoriam...

Margaret Hodgson (Mount St. Mary, LA, '47)

Mike Smith, brother of Susan Smith Jaros (Lourdes University, OH, '90), KGP Past President

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.

47th Biennial National Convention

Hybrid event: Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport and online via Zoom

KGP National Business Meeting

Friday, July 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Eastern Time

The participation of members at our biennial Convention is vital for Kappa to conduct business and plan programs to sustain and grow the organization. At the National Business Meeting, attendees will review resolutions that have been submitted for consideration, including those that propose changes for the KGP Constitution and By Laws. The slate of members nominated to serve as KGP National Board officers for 2025-2027 will be presented and voted on. KGP Conventions allow open nominations and members may nominate themselves for any position.

Join Us for Pillars of Celebration!

Saturday, July 19, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Eastern Time

8:30 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 - 9:15 am Welcome & Introductions

Recognition of Members - **Anne Dunlap-Kahren** (*Holy Names University, CA, '88*),
National President

Opening Prayer - **David W. Seeger**, Ed. D. (*Lourdes University, OH, '05*), I Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance - **Carl Cain**, Ed. D. (*Niagara University, NY, '16*), II Vice President

9:15 - 10:30 am A Century of Celebration: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future - How We Celebrate Ourselves, Uplift Others, and Strengthen Our Legacy

Holland Haiis (*Loretto Heights College, CO, '83*)

Join us for a powerful keynote experience that honors 100 years of legacy while igniting the next chapter of growth. This isn't just a celebration - it's a call to recognize the people, moments, and meaning that have shaped who we are. Whether you're leading a team, building a career, or shaping your community, you'll leave inspired to celebrate with more purpose, connection, and impact. Together, we'll explore how honoring the past helps us lead with intention into the future.

- Discover the 4 Pillars of Meaningful Celebration and how they can transform you both personally and professionally.
- Understand the science of celebration and how it changes your brain.
- Gain a new perspective for connecting across generations and backgrounds through shared celebration.
- Create a personal blueprint for sustaining a legacy of appreciation and purpose.

10:30 - 10:45 am BREAK

10:45 - 11:30 am The Joy of Service - Kate Coulihan Ficke (*Dominican University, IL, '75*),
Recording Secretary

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Advocating for the Human Spirit - Luonna Lancaster (*Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN, '21*)

12:00 - 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:10 - 1:30 pm In Memoriam Tribute to Kappas

1:30 - 3:00 pm Kappa Sharing

What are your reflections and ideas for celebrating KGP's Centennial?

National Convention Mass Options

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1401 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis (2 miles from hotel)

Saturday: 4:00 pm | Sunday: 11:00 am

St. Anthony Catholic Church, 337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis (7 miles from hotel)

Saturday: 4:00 pm (English); 6:00 pm (Spanish) | Sunday: 8:30 am (Spanish); 11:30 am (English)



Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention

Pillars of Celebration!

**Hybrid event: Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
and online via Zoom**
July 18 – 20, 2025

**Early
Registration
Deadline
July 1, 2025**

Please note all activities you wish to attend, add up the dollar amounts for each selection, and mail your check or money order (payable to Kappa Gamma Pi) to KAPPA GAMMA PI, 1651 Kingsway Court, Suite E, Trenton, MI 48183. For credit card payments, please login to <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>.

Optional Activities

Guests are welcome at all activities!

Friday Afternoon/Evening

Lilly House & Gardens and Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House

Enjoy a guided tour of the historic Oldfields-Lilly House at Newfields followed by a self-guided tour of the gardens and dinner at Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House. Dinner includes a choice from selected entrées, dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea or soda).

_____ x \$55 = \$_____

If you will need a ride to/from Newfields and the Saint Joseph Brewery and Public House, please reach out to Anne Dunlap-Kahren and Michelle Chesney so we can coordinate with Kappas who are driving. **We will leave the Crowne Plaza at 2:30pm on Friday afternoon.**

Saturday Night Banquet

Join us for Kappa's traditional Convention Banquet featuring the announcement of the 2025 Cornaro Scholars, the presentation of the Faith & Service Award, and the induction of officers for 2025-2027.

_____ x \$60 = \$_____

Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza

Continental Breakfast 8:00-9:00am on Friday, Saturday, and for those not departing early on Sunday.

Friday _____ x \$25 = \$_____

Saturday _____ x \$25 = \$_____

Sunday _____ x \$25 = \$_____

TOTAL: \$_____

Sunday Sightseeing

☐ Please check if you are interested in visiting the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum**.

Number of people: _____

The Victory Podium Tour will be offered on July 20. Information about scheduling and pricing is still to be confirmed.

Questions? Please contact National Office Administrator Michelle Chesney: kgp@kappagammapi.org or (734) 393-1222.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Anne Dunlap-Kahren (916) 539-6333

Michelle Chesney (734) 934-1859

Please make a photocopy of your completed registration page for reference.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Food allergies, special dietary needs, or mobility issues

☐ Please check if you have been a Kappa for 50 or more years.

Program Registration

Includes lunch, handouts, notebook, and morning/afternoon breaks as schedule allows

Friday and Saturday _____ x \$125 = \$_____

Friday only _____ x \$50 = \$_____

Saturday only _____ x \$80 = \$_____

Virtual Attendees _____ x \$30 = \$_____

(Friday Business Meeting is free for virtual attendees.)

Add \$15 if registering after July 1 _____ x \$15 = \$_____

Accommodations

You are responsible for making your own guest room reservation. Reserve your room asap to take advantage of the KGP discount rate of \$159/night (plus tax, refundable until 6:00pm on July 16). On-site parking is complimentary.

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241
(877) 227-6963

Room reservations link: [Kappa Gamma Pi Meeting](#)

Airport Shuttle

A complimentary shuttle to/from Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is available 24/7. Call the Crowne Plaza Front Desk at (317) 244-6861 and head to Ground Transportation Zone 2.

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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, 2025 - May 31, 2026 fiscal year US \$50.

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