

Kappa Kappa Gamma

University of Arizona

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*Gamma Zeta
is making a difference*

Hoops for Hope

Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual philanthropy, Hoops for Hope supports a different cause each year as members present philanthropies that have personally impacted their lives. This year, the Chapter voted to donate all proceeds to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This organization hit close to home as two members recently lost a close family friend to suicide this. Hoops for Hope is a well-known event on the University of Arizona campus as it involves the whole community in a fun-filled basketball tournament. This year, over 275 teams competed in the tournament raising over \$30,000. Kappa was excited to raise awareness and donate a substantial amount of money to a worthwhile cause in hopes of making a difference.

President's Report

Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

Key Chapter Leaders & Active Volunteers 2017-2018

House Board:

President: Nancy Burton Kinerk '59
Vice President: Carole Cathcart Siegler
Treasurer: Diane Marshall Diamond '80
Secretary: Lynn Youngren Feulner '66
Fundraising Committee: Susan Bowman Hand '67
Member-at-Large: Karen Kerr Ashurst '65
Member-at-Large: Jeanne Lafond Hoover '85
Member-at-Large: Page Chancellor Marks '86
Member-at-Large: Shelly Johnston Tanner '86
House Corp Events: Theresa Mansour Marquart '87

Advisory Board:

Advisory Board Chairman: Bonnie Berline Darby '81
Finance/Treasurer: Diane Marshall Diamond '80
Membership: Jaime Faulkner '11
Corresponding Secretary: Sally Rolle Gershon '63
Ritual: Pennie Harcus '72
Advisory Member: Teenu Agarwal Hebbar '87
VP Academic Excellence: Kit Caples Kimball '69
Panhellenic: Marianne Crosby Landrith '81
Education: Natalie Loomis '08
Registrar: Sloan Macy '94
VPAE Co-Advisor: Malinda Kiesler Magel '77
Public Relations: Page Chancellor Marks '86
House: Shelly Johnston Tanner '86
Recording Secretary: Emily Hassinger McCall '62
New Member: Anja Ensio McLouth '04
Philanthropy: Kathleen Phillips '83
Events: Sara Miller Sidi '10
Risk Management: Alyssa Stephenson Jenkins '08

Executive Board:

President: Maddie Halaburda '15
VPS: Cassandra Tomchak '16
VPO: Erica Richardson '16
VPAE: Amy Claire Abel '16
Recording Sec: Marlo McElroy '17
Registrar: Olivia Elwer '17
Membership Chairman: Hayley Kinseth '15
Recruitment Chairman: Claire Gordon '15
Risk Management: Sydney Fuller '16
New Member Educator: Paige Cooley '16
House Chairman: Cameron Kay '16
Philanthropy Chariman: Kelsey Hodge '16
Panhellenic Delegate: Riley Ford '16
Education Chairman: Devyn Edelstein '16
Treasurer: Alexandra Bala '16
Public Relations Chairman: Avery Romano '16
Marshal: Allie Kelley '16
Event Chairman: Lauren Whitenack '16



Hello Gamma Zeta Chapter,

The Gamma Zeta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has had an eventful and triumphant school year. The University of Arizona is an innovative school that is home to students from near, far, and all walks of life. The Greek Community in Tucson is no different. With 13 active Panhellenic chapters, our community is drawing in students who are empowered, driven, and diverse. The Gamma Zeta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma is excelling in this ever-growing environment. As the new President of Gamma Zeta, I could not be more proud and grateful to be surrounded by such strong, dedicated, and talented young women. This past semester, we initiated 93 beautiful and intelligent women into our sisterhood. With amazing friendships and warm hearts, we are beyond happy to see our chapter legacy continue within this new member class. In the past academic year, we maintained our 2nd place standing in the Panhellenic grade point average. Our active members held a 3.38 while the all-Greek average is a 3.1. In our philanthropic endeavors, we have taken great pride in the impact we are making on communities and organizations around us. This year at the University of Arizona's Greek Awards, we won the award for largest philanthropic donation made by a Panhellenic chapter as well as being recognized as a Chapter of Excellence. In the Fall, we raised over \$4,000 for Reading is Fundamental by having our first annual Kappa Kampfire event. We served hot dogs, hamburgers, and s'mores to hungry UA students and bonded as a sisterhood. This Spring, we held our unique philanthropic event, Hoops for Hope, which benefited the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. With such a special cause in mind, we raised over \$30,000 by hosting a Hot Dog Eating Contest and a 3-v-3-basketball tournament with over 220 teams. None of these amazing events would take place without the help of our hardworking, courageous, and lovely advisory board and house board. The Greek Community named our very own chapter council advisor of 33 years, Bonnie Darby, the Chapter Advisor of the Year. In addition to what we have done as a chapter, our House Board worked tirelessly in Summer 2017 to add to our beautiful home. Now housing 96 women and giving us an amazing chapter room to accommodate all of our members, we could not be more grateful to call the Gamma Zeta facility our home away from home. While 2017 was a busy year full of change and excitement; we are thrilled to welcome the new adventures and memories to come in 2018.

Thank you,

Maddie Halaburda

Chapter Accomplishments



Gamma Zeta Career Network

Gamma Zeta is starting a new career network. If you are on LinkedIn, please join: Kappa Kappa Gamma – Gamma Zeta Chapter LinkedIn page. Also, if you are willing to come and speak to the Chapter about your career and/or take a phone call from an undergraduate to discuss your career, please email FMGTaylorFricke@gmail.com.

2020: Gamma Zeta 100th Anniversary

Gamma Zeta is starting to make plans for our 100th Anniversary in 2020. If you are willing to join the Planning Committee and/or willing to help promote the 100th once we start promoting in early 2019, please email Theresa Marquart at findtheresa@yahoo.com.

Gamma Zeta Chapter Gains Notable Awards

UA Greek Awards Gives Kappa recognition as a:

- Chapter of Excellence
- Bonnie Darby awarded Chapter Advisor of the Year
- President Maddie Halaburda awarded the Panhellenic Living Your Values Award and Scholarship
- VPO Erica Richardson won the Tucson Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Convention 2018

Gamma Zeta awarded:

- Philanthropy Signature Event Award
- Excellence in Chapter Management Award

Gamma Zeta received five honorable mentions in the areas of:

- Standards
- Risk management
- Panhellenic
- Ritual
- Academic Excellence



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Photo Gallery



Undergraduate Updates



Name: [Courtney Nash](#)
From: [Granite Bay, CA](#)
Major: [Retailing & Consumer Sciences](#)
Double Minor: [Business Administration](#)
[& Fashion](#)

It was Courtney's dream to attend the University of Arizona and major in retail ever since she was 14 years old. Fortunately, her dream became a reality in the fall of 2014. Since embarking on her college career, Courtney has become very involved within the retailing and consumer science major, as well as with the school itself. She is the President for the National Retail Federation Student Association, is on the student advisory board for the retail school, and is also the Chief Justice of the Greek Standards Board. The NRFSA is the largest trade association in the retail market, and they present awards to a few hard working students whom are interested in pursuing a retail career. After seven long months of projects, interviews and essays, she was honored to be a semifinalist for the award, and was asked to attend a gala in New York, where she met with industry professionals and other semifinalists this past January. At the Gala, Courtney was named the top-recipient of the award, and was given \$25,000 for her future endeavors. Along with her achievements in her education,

Courtney is actively involved in Kappa and the University. Her freshman year she held the position of Public Relations Assistant, and was later elected as the PR Chair her sophomore year. She continued her involvement through senior year as she was on the nominating committee for chapter council, and was a finalist for homecoming queen this past fall. She has gained remarkable work/internship experience over the past four years, including an internship abroad in London at a PR firm, as well as at DSW in Columbus, OH, and is currently a manager of a boutique in Tucson. She has accepted a job offer in San Francisco at Athleta in inventory management after graduation. Courtney shares, "My favorite memory of Kappa would have to be formal my freshman year because I finally felt settled into the year; and I was able to spend it with all the amazing friends I have made in the Chapter. Also, being on Chapter Council was an amazing experience because I was able to learn how Kappa works behind the scenes and get to know all the tremendous leaders."



Name: [Courtney Rice](#)
From: [Leawood, KS](#)
Major: [Broadcast Journalism](#)
Minor: [Communications](#)

Continuing in her family's tradition, Courtney is the fourteenth member of her family to attend the University of Arizona. From a young age, she has been a sports junkie,

which has led her to want to pursue a career in sideline reporting for a professional sports team. Courtney has immersed herself in this field during her time at Arizona, including being a part of the school broadcast station, UATV, where she holds the position of lead female sports reporter. She covers most of the football and basketball games, where she interviews players and coaches, which has been helping her work on her broadcast technique so she can be readily available for any sports reporting job post-graduation. Courtney has been very invested in Kappa from the beginning of her membership. Freshman year she sat on the nominating committee, where she was a voice on who she believed would be the best fit for running the Chapter. Sophomore year, and into the beginning of junior year, she held the position of Recruitment Assistant. Finally, her junior year, she was elected as the Philanthropy Chairman, which gave her opportunities she never knew existed in the Tucson community. She was in charge of delegating chapter members to various charities and organizations on campus to serve the community. Courtney ran several events hosted by Kappa, including the food philanthropy Kappa Con Queso in the back courtyard of the chapter house, which

raised over \$4000 to be donated to our national philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental. Kappa chose to nominate Courtney as Homecoming Queen. Courtney had to go through several rounds of interviews, mixers and socials. She was selected as one of the top five finalists for Queen, which started another week-long ordeal of events, including being introduced on stage at Bear Down Friday and the Homecoming Bonfire, riding in the Homecoming Parade on the back of a convertible, but the relationships she made with the other deserving nominees made it an even more remarkable experience. Courtney shares, "Living in [the House] my sophomore and junior years was my favorite Kappa memory. I was fortunate enough to do so because it aided me in making my friendships I have today. Being from out of state, our Kappa chapter really made Arizona feel like a 'home away from home.' Between our slip-in-slide placed in the apartment courtyard, waking up and eating omelets in the Kappa kitchen with my roommates, or having my new friends stick Arizona tattoos on my face for game days. These are the memories I will forever cherish and they will stick with me when I think of my college years in Kappa Kappa Gamma."



Check in with the

Gamma Zeta Alumni

MARY HONENS (PC '56)

Mary currently lives in Orinda, CA. She is the owner of ESL Homestay Program in Berkeley, CA.

PRISCILLA STEELMAN (PC '60)

Priscilla lives in Mesquite, NV with her husband George. She has a daughter named Kathy (55), and a granddaughter who is an active at Epsilon Psi in UC Santa Barbara. Priscilla and her granddaughter attended this year's convention together. She is a retired educator, principal, college professor, and online learning professor. Priscilla is currently a member of the Southern Nevada Alumnae Association, and a 58-year Gamma Zeta. In the past, she held the position of president of the San Bernardino County Alumnae Association, a CCA at UC Riverside, the pledge colony advisor to that chapter which was installed at USC, and Convention Habiteer.



DIANNE HOGERTY (PC '63)

Dianne resides in Kansas City, MO with her husband Daniel. She is the owner of Family Features Editorial Syndicate, Inc, a industry leader in food and lifestyle content.

LORETTA MCCARTHY (PC '65)

Loretta lives in New York, NY where she is a Managing Partner for Golden Seeds.

NANCY K. HALL, Ph.D (PC '67)

Nancy currently resides in Oklahoma with her husband of 30 years, Ed Collins, and her daughter, son in law and granddaughter live close by. She is a David Ross Boyd Professor Emeritus from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, retiring after a 40-year career as a teacher, researcher and administrator. Nancy has received many awards for teaching medical and healthcare students, and was also a dean of the college of medicine overseeing admissions. Some of her recent activities include teaching active duty military in OU masters and doctoral programs on military bases throughout the world. Over the years, Nancy has served as an alumnae chapter advisor in several capacities at the Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Oklahoma. Nancy and her family enjoy spending

their summers in Beaver Creek, CO to avoid the high Oklahoma temperatures.

ELIZABETH LEVANID (PC '87)

Elizabeth currently lives in Towson, MD with her husband Michael. She is the Chief Financial Officer for Maryland Saddlery Inc.

KENDRA CHANDLER (PC '90)

Kendra resides in Orange, CA with her husband Jeff. She currently works for the Urban Land Institute.

KENDAL MINMIER (PC '93)

Kendal lives in Nichols Hills, OK with her husband Jay. She is currently an Administrative Law Judge.



Featured Alumnae



MELISSA VITO, ED.D.

Melissa Vito currently resides in Tucson, AZ, where she holds the position of Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, Enrollment Management & Strategic Initiatives at UA. Before Melissa was where she is today, she earned her BA in English and Journalism with a history minor; a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration, as well as in Counseling and Guidance, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership. She has held positions at UA for years, such as Acting Associate Dean of Students (Sept. 1989- June 1990), Dean of Students (July 1994- June 1997), Vice Provost for Student Affairs/Dean of Students (Sept. 2006- Sept. 2007), and many more.

Melissa Vito Retires after 35+ Years of Service to the University of Arizona

Along with being actively involved on the Arizona campus, Melissa participates in many community activities around Tucson, such as being on the Rialto Theatre Foundation Board (June 2014- present), YMCA of Metropolitan Tucson Board of Directors and Executive Committee (Aug. 2008- present), Catalina Foothills High School Drug Task Force (2005-2006), and several more. Melissa has received many awards and grants over the years, including Kappa Kappa Gamma Outstanding Service award in 1986. While Melissa was an undergraduate in Gamma Zeta, she was actively involved in the chapter and the

campus, where she was Social Chair, Personnel at Large, was involved in student government, model UN, and worked as reporter for the Wildcat. Melissa states that Gamma Zeta is a chapter where she grew up, developed skills, lifelong friends and made memories that will last a lifetime. Advice she would give to undergraduates would be "Take advantage of opportunities, whether it is going to hear a speaker or joining a club, just trying new things is really important. College is that time where you can build on what you did in high school, but you can also look at this time as an opportunity to start over with new friendships, experiences and academic success. Be open to new ideas, people, food, music, travel, etc., this is that moment with the most opportunity to do this. This is also the time to explore what you will do after college. Remember you don't have to have it all figured out, but definitely do internships and part-time work while you are in school to get experience that will truly help you when you graduate."



Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Chi dedicated a paver in the UA Greek Park to honor Melissa's 35+ years of service to the University.
Left-Right: Jack McDuff (Sigma Chi, Past National Officer), Carole Siegler (Drake KKG, GZ House Corporation Treasurer), Melissa Vito '70, Nancy Kinerk '59 (GZ House Corporation President), and Marcos Guzman (Sigma Chi, UA FSP Staff)



CATHERINE CHURCHILL COBERLY

Catherine Churchill Coberly, class of '91, currently lives in Newport Beach, California, where she is a wife and mom of two kids, a 14-year old boy and 12-year old girl. Catherine is also the owner of a boutique interior design firm, Coberly Home, where she designs interiors in and around Southern California. She was actively involved in Kappa where she lived in for three years, as well as held positions, such as, Spirit Chairperson, Sportswear and Registrar. During summers in college, she traveled and worked back east, ending up in Manhattan Beach, California after graduation in 1991.

Catherine Churchill Coberly "Holds Her Kappa Days Near and Dear to Her Heart"

After a career including event planning and advertising, Catherine met her husband, started a family, and returned to her architecture roots when she began her business in the design industry. Catherine holds her Kappa days near and dear to her heart and maintains many close friendships with her Kappa sisters. One of her favorite memories is when her mother, who is also a Gamma Zeta, came for her initiation with a few of her closest friends.



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Homecoming 2018

This year the University of Arizona has selected Saturday, October 27th against the Oregon Ducks for Homecoming, so save the date.

Friday, October 26th 5:00-7:00 PM

"Meet and Greet" with Guided House Tours; complimentary water, lemonade and cookies will be available.

Saturday, October 27th 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Open House - The Kappa house will be open for our alums to explore; grab and go lunches will also be available.

*We hope to see you at
Homecoming!*