

Phi Sigma Sigma Connections

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Founders' Day Month Edition 2012



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Centennial Convention
 July 10-14, 2013
 Crowne Plaza Times Square
 New York City



Seen & Heard

Jacqueline Murphy (Theta Tau Chapter at Lebanon Valley College), Co-Owner and Co-Founder of Move Together Fitness, was featured on the Rachel Ray Show for a healthy recipe she submitted from her company.

Tiffanie Didonato (Theta Sigma Chapter at The University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth) will publish *DWARF: A Memoir*. The book will be on sale Nov. 26.

Joni Lahr-Magee (Nu Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania) won the Courage Award at the university's 50th reunion women's luncheon. The luncheon is chaired by sister **Bonnie Stein Squires**, also from the Nu Chapter.

Message from the Grand Archon

As Founders' Day draws near, Phi Sigma Sigma is strengthening its commitment to ritual - through a reliance on key words for future programming and the introduction of a Fraternity creed! [Read more>](#)

What's Happening

Share Your Phi Sigma Sigma Story!

Phi Sigma Sigma encourages sisters to share their story and verify information

Phi Sigma Sigma has partnered with Harris Connect Publishing Co. of Chesapeake, VA., to publish a history book to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Harris will help produce a beautiful hardcover publication that will allow you to reconnect with old friends, reflect with sisters on the past 100 years of sisterhood and network professionally. [Read more>](#)

Annual Report

The 2011-2012 overall state of the Fraternity is available!

Phi Sigma Sigma as an organization has a lot to boast about. The results are in and you should be proud of the organization you represent! With initiation numbers, service hours, donation amounts, the average GPA and much more hitting record highs, how could you not be excited? [Click here](#) for a detailed 2011-2012 annual report.

New House For Beta Alpha Chapter

Our chapter at the University of Maryland's new home away from home!

The Beta Alpha Chapter has a new place to call home. Phi Sigma Sigma moved out of the house for year and lived with Alpha Phi in the Alpha Xi Delta house. "The house has enabled our sisterhood to grow even stronger," said chapter President Gaby Auerbach. "We appreciate all the hard work that went into making this house a home. The teamwork between the local housing corporation and our fantastic house director was awesome to see." [Read more>](#)

Call for Bylaws

Help make an impact on the future of Phi Sigma Sigma! Submissions for Constitutional changes are being accepted. Email HQ at phisighq@phisigmasigma.org

Phi Sig Design Contest!

Phi Sigma Sigma launched our new online store in Sept., the 19thirteen boutique.

With all the positive and helpful feedback we have received from our members, we have decided to create a "1913" line in honor of Centennial including, but not limited to: mugs, t-shirts, hats, infant apparel, etc.

BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are currently holding a t-shirt design contest for the "1913" line. Submit your designs to communications@phisigmasigma.org

The top five designs will win a giftcard to the online store. Deadline for submissions will be Dec. 31, 2012.

Seeking Volunteers for Foundation

The Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation is seeking volunteers with experience in marketing, communications, public relations or social media to serve on the Foundation Communications Committee.

The Foundation is dedicated to raising funds to advance women through educational grants and scholarships and to strengthen chapters through leadership programming.

If you have a few hours a month to volunteer, please join one of the Foundation's dynamic committees by contacting Foundation Executive Director Michelle Soucy at foundation@phisigmasigma.org

"Due" Your Part! *Sister Loyalty Program*



You're invited to take your sorority experience to the next level by participating in Phi Sigma Sigma's new, completely voluntary Alumnae Dues Program. Find out how - for just \$35 a year - this affordable program benefits you and the entire sorority! [Read more>](#)

Connect with Phi Sig!



From the Archives

From Ethel, Phi Sigma Sigma Founder...

Founder Ethel Gordon Kraus reflects on her membership in Phi Sigma Sigma in Oct. 1933, as the organization celebrates 20 years of sisterhood

Dear Sorors: Twenty years now look down upon the charter members of our fraternity. In our hopeful "teens" in November, 1913, little did we realize how well we were building for the future. Now, in our late and somewhat mellowed thirties, we see our numerous chapters in colleges scattered throughout the length and breadth of our land. [Read more>](#)



Foundation News

Foundation Sets Goal to Honor 100 Years of Sisterhood

Join us by helping us reach our goal!

Generous alumnae and collegiate chapter giving enabled the Foundation to award 44 deserving sisters over \$85,350 in scholarships and grants this past academic year.

While we are proud of what we were able to accomplish with your support, so many sisters' requests went unfulfilled, as funding ran out for the remaining 48 sisters with need totaling over \$1.2 million.

The Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation board of directors is in full swing planning activities to help commemorate Phi Sigma Sigma's 100th anniversary, including a goal to award at least \$100,000 in scholarships and need-based educational grants for the 2013-2014 school year.

Check your email for the 2012 [Founders' Day Campaign](#) and the many ways you can support this goal. You can even sponsor a 2013 [Centennial Educational Grant](#) to truly impact a sister's life. The Foundation established 2013 Centennial Educational Grants in honor of Phi Sigma Sigma's 100th anniversary.

For the first time ever, these one-time grants, awarded at the Centennial Convention, will be sponsored by an individual, number of individuals, or an alumnae or collegiate chapter. The sponsor will be listed on the certificate received by the winner.

The minimum donation for a Centennial Educational Grant is \$2,013 and the winner will be selected by the Foundation.



Who can fund a Centennial Grant?

Phi Sig sisters, of course! Any and every sister, a group of individuals, or an alumnae or collegiate chapter is invited to sponsor one award. The sponsor will be listed on the winner's certificate, enabling the recipient to have a personal connection to her generous benefactor.

For more information and details contact Foundation Executive Director Michelle Soucy at foundation@phisigmasigma.org.



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by "Following" us on Twitter and
"Liking" us on Facebook!

Games for Sisters!

Congratulations to our last issue's
winner: **Megan Motyczka** (Zeta
Theta Chapter at Fairleigh Dickinson
University of Madison)

All those who complete this month's
word search puzzle correctly and within
the timeframe will be entered into a
drawing for a special Phi Sigma Sigma
prize!

[Click here for word search puzzle](#)

Email completed puzzle to
tbates@phisigmasigma.org
or Fax to 410-799-9186
ATTN: Tristin Bates.
Deadline - Dec. 15

Alumnae Spotlight

Our Ten Fearless Leaders

*As Founders' Day nears, let us give thanks to the ten women who
started our amazing organization*

Ten young women wanted to join the same sorority at the Normal College of the
City of New York (it was renamed Hunter College in 1914), but could not because
they did not share the same religion. Undaunted, they formed their own sorority so
they could create their ideal sisterhood. On November 26, 1913, our Founders very
quietly started a sisterhood that has chartered over 100 collegiate chapters.
Imagine the vision of starting a non-sectarian sorority in 1913, with a ritual not
based on scripture. [Read more>](#)

Submit Your News

Phi Sigma Sigma Wants to Hear from YOU!

Do you have news you want to share with Phi Sigma Sigma?
HQ is always looking for updates on our members.

communications@phisigmasigma.org

*Note: Make sure to include the who, what, when, where, why
and any contact information.*

