


# THE SCROLL

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## Announcements

 If you are an SAI Alumna (or soon to be alumna!) but not yet affiliated with our Tulsa Alumnae chapter, make sure to stay connected:

Get on the *Scroll* list by emailing the editor at [saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com) or visit *Scroll* issues at our website, listed below.

Be sure to stay updated when we reconvene in the fall, and feel free to join us at any meeting, whether or not you are affiliated with us, pressure free!

 Family & Children's Services' COPES team is operating as the local COVID-19 emotional support line. They have also compiled a list of resources available to people who may be struggling during this time. COPES is available 24/7 at 918-744-4800. Please utilize these resources if you need them.

 Active Tulsa Alumnae, don't forget to vote online for our 2020-2021 Board Officers! Email the editor if you need the link!

*The remaining meetings for the  
Tulsa Alumnae 2019-2020 year  
have been cancelled.*

*Though we will not meet in person,  
we hope that you will continue to  
act in sisterhood by connecting  
with sisters in alternate ways.*

*Hope that everyone has a safe,  
healthy, and happy April!*

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## Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

### Sarah Carr

Hello, hello! This has been a crazy, bizarre time... but Sigma Gamma is making the most of what we have--our sisterhood! :)

Although we have not been able to see each other in person for a meeting since March 8th, we have still been able to keep in contact and get stuff done. Of course this is not ideal, and we have been learning along the way. We have been able to try and keep things as normal as we can make them.

Since we have been on this break, we have been able to do our awards nominations, our new officer voting, MIT exams, and have a virtual meeting as a chapter. We have sadly had to cancel our Philanthropy Dinner and Choir with the bART, our weekly meetings, initiation, and the annual Senior Luncheon. However, we are looking forward to a lovely Initiation ceremony in the beginning of the fall semester (date TBD). In addition, this upcoming Sunday the 19th, the sisters have requested to have an Unofficial Senior Appreciation Night; so we will all get together on Zoom, announce awards for the seniors made by an underclassman committee, do some fun trivia, and just enjoy each other's companionship. I know I am so thankful for these lovely women of Sigma Gamma, and the sisterhood that we have created. :)

Also, a fun fact is that we applied for a grant from SAI Philanthropies for help in sponsoring a commission and performance of an original piece by Mr. Walter White, a modern composer and jazz trumpettist. This piece would be in recognition of the Centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre. We are super excited about this potential opportunity, and hopefully we will have more information to come about this event!

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy. Love and Roses!



## Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

### Patty Mandrell

We are living in surreal times ... a pandemic crisis is sweeping the globe and it is falling to each of us to help curb its spread. Our current mandate is physical distancing.

Cancelling or postponing our remaining chapter activities for the rest of the semester might initially seem disappointing. But on reflection it is a very very small price to pay to do our collective part to help fight this pernicious disease. And by each of us doing our individual part of staying home and social distancing we can prevent the spread of coronavirus claiming or irreparably changing more and more lives. Keep the legions of victims and their families in your thoughts and motivations and prayers.

We will hopefully resume our chapter life in August, but only time will tell if that is possible. Until then stay safe and be well.

## FRATERNITY EDUCATION: „QUOTES IN CELEBRATION OF S.A.I.”

### “A Quote From a Modern National President”

*From Elsie Sterrenberg, Addressing the Opening Session of the 1990 National Convention, Minneapolis July 21, 1990  
“The Legacy of SAI Leadership”*

“From SAI’s inception, the leadership in the fraternity has been strong. The original creed of our Founders was ‘To help each other with sisterly affection, to stand for the highest musical scholarship, for nobility and uprightness of character, and for the maintenance of friendly and unselfish relations among women in the music profession.’ That standard still holds. SAI stands alone in the academic professional world. Our heritage is that of a Greek organization with appropriate ritual ceremonies for women. Today’s world needs SAI more. We need chapters to continue setting standards and making a difference. Strengthening music in general, which is our second national objective, and proving the fact that the SAI legacy of leadership truly exists. Our next century future board members and leaders are sitting in this room today, or maybe they have not been initiated yet. The standards and high ideas of SAI must not be compromised.

We all have the joy and privilege of experiencing SAI to its very fullest, to strengthen Love of Fraternity, and to have firsthand knowledge of the SAI Legacy of Leadership.”



## People of eNote



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Kaycee Nicole Schaper (SG, March 2), Debra Rue (TA, March 2), Sherye Halliburton (TA, March 12), Michaela Bueche (SG, March 13), Laney Peak (SG, April 6), and Allison Pennybaker (SG, April 6)!

🎵 Our sincerest condolences go out to our dear sister, Alumna Kathy Huber, whose mom passed away recently.

🎵 Check out Sue Amstutz’s update on the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter in the latest April 2020 *Tempo*! Well done!

## 2019-2020

### FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Congratulations to Tulsa Alumnae for your overwhelming support of our fundraising efforts this year.

To those of you who dined out at either Hideaway Pizza in November or at Taziki’s in March, you helped the chapter earn almost \$175 just for eating! Also a thank you to those who didn’t or couldn’t join us for dinner but sent donations to support our dining out fundraising effort.

Thanks are also in order to those of you who played the 20/20 game. Your contributions to that fundraiser earned the chapter nearly \$40. All of our fundraising efforts this year has allowed the chapter to reach the budgeted goal for our annual service project and have a bit left over for other chapter expenses.

So a big THANK YOU to all Tulsa Alums for your continued support of our chapter. Each of you makes a difference in enabling Tulsa Alumnae to be a great SAI chapter. Plan on keeping up the good work next year when we’ll once again be dining out and playing yet another “can you or did you” game.

# MOVED TO THE FALL

## Sigma Gamma Initiation

Sigma Gamma's initiation of Spring 2020 MITs has been moved to the fall, and will take place at the beginning of the semester. We look forward to welcoming our newest Tulsa members and recognizing their hard work this past semester!

## Harmon Scholarship

SAI Tulsa Alumnae is planning to hold the Cindy Harmon Scholarship audition next fall, likely to take place in mid September. The amount will remain at \$1000 and updated applications will be available soon from the Sigma Gamma president.

We will get back on schedule in spring 2021 with the Bowles Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) and Palmer Convention Scholarship. It will be a busy year, one Tulsa Alumnae looks forward to. We are very proud of Sigma Gamma (and Kappa Rho and Iota Alpha) and plan on continuing our love

## Membership Awards

Though Tulsa Alumnae had planned to give some membership awards this spring, we are postponing these until the fall, so that they can be given in person. We are so proud of all that our members have accomplished, and can't wait to recognize them officially at an in-person chapter meeting!

## Senior Farewell

Though Senior Farewell Luncheon has been cancelled for the spring, Tulsa Alumnae intends to send off our seniors when we reconvene in the fall! We are so proud of this year's graduates, and can't wait to celebrate you in person!



## CORONAVIRUS ETUDE

For Piano and Disinfecting Wipe

Piano Teachers Everywhere  
arr. by Jeff DePaoli

**Molto Rub-ato**

*col Pirello*

*Cloroxissimo*

**Molto Agitato** **Placido**

*senza infezione* *secco*





Though we are not able to conduct many of our spring celebrations in person, we want to acknowledge and congratulate the hard work and accomplishments of our Sigma Gamma sisters. Please read the following note from Judith Raiford, announcing the Sigma Gamma awards for this year. We are so proud of each of you and though we are celebrating with you now in spirit, we cannot wait to celebrate with you in person in the fall!

Dear Sisters,

As Faculty Advisor for Sigma Gamma, it is my pleasure to announce on behalf of SAI and the TU School of Music the recipients of two annual SAI awards presented to outstanding senior members of Sigma Gamma:

The **Scholastic Award** is presented to the graduating senior member with the highest Grade Point Average. This year the award goes to **Sarah Carr**.

The **Collegiate Honor Award** is presented to a graduating senior member who has made significant contributions to her chapter and school, demonstrating outstanding musicianship, scholarship and service to her chapter. This year the award goes to **Ariel Rodriguez**.

Additionally, each year one or two eligible junior members of the Sigma Gamma Chapter are selected to receive a scholarship from the **SAI Patronesses' Scholarship for Music Endowment Fund** established by Tulsa Patroness Chapter of SAI in 1974. These scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, musical achievement and degree program, musical participation, character, financial need, and participation in the activities of the Sigma Gamma Chapter. In 2019-20, the recipients of the SAI Patroness Scholarship were Sarah Carr and Ariel Rodriguez. The recipient of the **2020-2021 SAI Patronesses' Scholarship** is **Alexandra Vest**.

Congratulations to all the award and scholarship recipients!

I would like to express my special thanks to Vernon Howard, Director of the School of Music, Suzy Thompson, Senior Director of Development and steward of the SAI Patronesses' Scholarship for Music Endowment Fund, and Vicki Hendrickson, Director of Student Financial Services for their assistance in administering the awards.

With much joy and love,

Judith Raiford, Faculty Advisor for Sigma Gamma Chapter of SAI  
Associate Professor of Music in Voice  
The University of Tulsa School of Music



Sigma Gamma members were asked about their favorite things to do during quarantine, and here are some of their responses! If you have anything to add for the next newsletter (Sigma Gammas and Alumnae), please email the editor at [saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com)!



←Chapter Zoom meeting where SG celebrated this year's seniors and did a fun kahoot quiz!



↑ Kaycee has been nursing her angelfish, Leroy, back to health. ↑ Sarah Carr's dog, Todd, has been her class and homework buddy.

