

THE SCROLL

The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the
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Announcements

🔊 Alumnae, as we plan next year's meetings and activities, please remember that it is an obligation of membership for every member to help with hostessing. We are in need of hostesses as well as meeting locations and musicale performers for next year. If you are not at the May meeting, please contact a board member to see how you can help!

🔊 Alumnae, at the May meeting we will start accepting your local dues for the next year before our summer break. If you can't make the May meeting, feel free to mail your money to our treasurer, Sherye Halliburton, at 4113 E. 42nd St., Tulsa, OK 74135. To be an active, voting member, dues are \$25. To be an associate member without voting status, dues are \$10. Checks should be made out to Sigma Alpha Iota, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter. National Alumnae Association dues of \$35 are paid separately, not to the chapter.

🔊 Remember to sign up to help with the Mayfest ticket booth! Even an hour of your time helps. This fundraiser helps pay for the Bowles Memorial Scholarship and the Palmer Convention Fund. Thank you for doing your part to help make this fundraiser a success!

🔊 Sue Amstutz is getting rid of an old candelabra (which formerly held real and battery powered candles used for ritual ceremonies) and a large frame (which held the old Coat-of-Arms which we replaced this year. The new Coat-of-Arms was given its inaugural use at John Rush's initiation!). If you would like either of these items or could include it in an upcoming garage/yard sale, please let Sue know!

Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting and Potluck Salad Luncheon Saturday, 12 May 10:30 am

Location:

Nancy Haswell's Hyde Park Clubhouse
8450 S. Phoenix Pl., Tulsa, OK

2017-2018 Musicale Theme: "Musical Creation and Inspiration"

May Musicale: *"Playtime and Lullabies: Beginnings of Invention"*

Pan's Flute Choir, Kelly Bezan

Hostesses

Nancy Haswell
Mary Snyder
Peggy Cooper

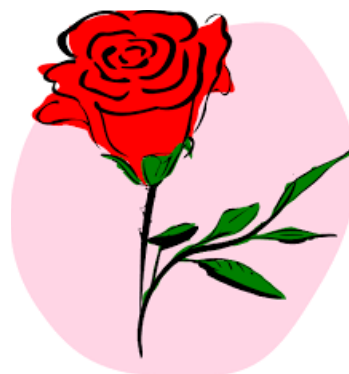
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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Amber Bunnag-Stoner

Our chapter loved the senior luncheon and we'd like to thank the alumnae chapter for hosting us and helping to honor our graduating seniors. We received several donations at our instrument drive last month and they'll be sent down to Sullivan Middle School, which was hit particularly hard by Hurricane Harvey. I'm so honored and grateful to be serving as Sigma Gamma's president and will be working hard to prepare for the job over the summer. In July, I'll be attending the national convention as our voting delegate. Another sister, Rachel Wallis, received the Palmer scholarship, a free ride to convention, so she'll be going too! I think we're all relieved that a stressful school year has come to a close, but also very excited and hopeful for the coming year.



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

Wow, SUCCESS is the only way to describe April for Tulsa Alumnae! Our calendar was full and every event was rewarding and notable.

Zeta A Province Day at Kappa Rho was the usual fantastic celebration from our Langston sisters, our chapter meeting at Anna Norberg's was lovely and delicious with a lively musicale (next spring there will be dueling pianos!), Initiation of Distinguished Member John Rush was followed by his benefit concert for Pan's Cottage Campaign, the Senior Farewell Luncheon honored 45 Sigma Gammas, including their 16 graduating seniors, auditions were held for the Bowles Scholarship and Harmon Scholarship and awards given, and finally Iota Alpha and Sigma Gamma sisters received two Palmer Convention Scholarships. We're looking forward to experiencing convention with them.

To those of you who contributed your financial support and/or your most valuable time individually and through committees the Board gives a **BIG SHOUT OUT!** The chapter remains viable only through our collaborative efforts.

The pressure is off, let's enjoy our chapter salad luncheon and our Mayfest ticket booth. If you haven't put in a little time at Mayfest you should try it. It isn't work, it's fun! ... and the money earned pays a lot of chapter bills.

“WHAT I LEARNED READING K. MARIE’S BOOK”

“Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho! It’s off to Convention We Go!” by Sue Amstutz

With the 2018 National Convention just around the corner, it would seem of interest for us to look at some of the tidbits K. Marie included in her reports of the Fraternity’s Triennial meetings, many of which she personally attended.

For instance, delegates to the 1935 National Convention held in Denver were scheduled to arrive on the 7:00 a.m. “special S.A.I. train,” only to be delayed an hour. Due to the “special” train’s late arrival, welcoming Denver SAI’s had to wait at the station in a downpour for the delegates to finally arrive. Thank goodness for umbrellas and donuts!!!!

In 1947, during the opening session of the Detroit Convention, college delegates were instructed by National President Kathleen Davison to open the billfolds they had received at registration. Inside, each of the young ladies found a \$20.00 bill with which to take care of her hotel bill.

Founders Minnie Davis Sherrill and Georgina Potts played a two-piano arrangement of the *Chorale*, with the Convention body singing along, during the opening session of the 1950 National Convention which was held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

At the 1959 National Convention in San Francisco held at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, the centerpiece on the head table for the Welcome Luncheon was a replica of the Golden Gate Bridge. Since most of the collegiate delegates in attendance were underage, special arrangements had to be made for them to visit the Mark Hopkins Penthouse Lounge in order to appreciate the panoramic views of the city from “The Top of the Mark.”

So it’s off to Scottsdale for Convention 2018 we go! What “tidbits” will we return with to share with our SAI sisters?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **5 May:** University of Tulsa Graduation, 9:45am, Reynolds Center, TU Campus
- **6 May:** Tulsa Youth Symphony Concert and Silent Auction, 2:00pm, Union High School
- **12 May:** Tulsa Alumnae Salad Luncheon, 10:30am
- **17-20 May:** Mayfest
- **26-30 July:** SAI National Convention

Tulsa Youth Symphony sets silent auction, concert May 6

Tulsa Youth Symphony will hold a silent auction and concert on May 6 at the Union High School Performing Arts Center, 6636 South Mingo Road. The auction, to benefit the symphony’s operating fund, will begin at 2 p.m. in the PAC lobby and will continue through the concert intermission. Prizes include a weeklong trip to Branson, Missouri, restaurant vouchers, concert tickets, and many other items.

The concert, “Spring Serenade,” will start at 3 p.m. and will feature the Preparatory String Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, and Symphony Orchestra. Soloists will be the winners of the Tulsa Youth Symphony Concerto Competition: Sophie Fears, clarinet, and Jennifer Ripley, cello.

Music includes the march and grail scene from *Parsifal* by Richard Wagner, the finale of Symphony No. 2 by Jean Sibelius, *Francesca da Rimini* by Peter Tchaikovsky, and selections by Edvard Grieg, Maurice Ravel, and Johannes Brahms.

Ronald Wheeler, an SAI National Arts Associate, is music director of Tulsa Youth Symphony.

For tickets or more information, call 918-592-7725 or go to www.tyso.org. Tickets are also available at the door.

Benefit Concert with new Friend of the Arts!

On Sunday, April 22, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter initiated John Rush as a Friend of the Arts.

John Rush is the Principal Flutist with the Tulsa Symphony, Tulsa Ballet, and Tulsa Oratorio Chorus, a position he has held since August 2006. He received his Bachelor of Music Degree in Flute Performance from Wayne State University in 1996. In 1999 he earned a Master of Music Pedagogy degree from Louisiana State University and in 2003 he received a Master of Music degree from Indiana University. Following graduation, he became Principal Flute of the School House Symphony with the mission to educate children between the ages of four and seventeen on flute, piccolo, and miscellaneous percussion instruments, a position he held from December 2004-May 2006.

His other professional career endeavors include: Principal Flute with Tulsa Opera (2006-2009), Principal Flute with Light Opera Oklahoma Musical Theatre (2006-2015), Founder and Teacher of Tulsa Suzuki Flute (2010-present), Adjunct Professor of Flute at The University of Tulsa (2006 to present) teaching flute lessons, flute pedagogy, and chamber music, Adjunct Professor of Flute at Tulsa Community College (2006 to present) teaching flute and chamber music.

Mr. Rush is familiar with SAI as his sister is a member.

Initiation was followed by a Benefit Concert which raised money for SAI Philanthropies, Inc.'s Pan's Cottage Campaign. Altogether, Tulsa Alumnae raised \$875 towards renovations to our artist's retreat at MacDowell Colony in Petersborough, NH! We are extremely thankful to each of our donors, to those who attended the concert, and especially to John Rush for volunteering his time and talent to our cause. The concert was beautifully performed with collaborative pianist Paul Sweet, featuring selections ranging from Handel and Mozart to Cecile Chaminade, Gary Schocker, and James Galway inspired tunes. We even got to hear some stories about how these songs influenced his love of flute! Thanks again, Mr. Rush, and Congratulations! We are so proud to have you in SAI!



Celebrating our Sigma Gamma Sisters!



Sigma Gamma Seniors at Initiation



Sigma Gamma Seniors at Senior Luncheon



Sigma Gamma Chapter at Senior Luncheon



Tulsa Alumnae at Senior Luncheon

Congratulations Sigma Gamma Award Winners!

On Saturday, April 28 we were able to celebrate many achievements and awards earned by Sigma Gammas this year at the annual Senior Luncheon, hosted by the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter. We are so proud of all of these ladies and the leadership, dedication, hard work, and sisterhood that they have exhibited during their time in Sigma Gamma! Here are the awards that were announced:



From Sigma Gamma:

Ruby Sword of Honor (Province Collegiate Leadership Award): Julie Mitchener

Sword of Honor: Kristina Scott, Erin Jones, Carlie Wiseley

From TU School of Music:

(announced by faculty advisor Judith Pannill Raiford)

Scholastic Award: Brettany DeMier

Collegiate Honor Award: Julie Mitchener

From Tulsa Alumnae Chapter:

(announced by President Patty Mandrell)

Mary Bowles Scholarship: Hope Bradford

Cindy Harmon Scholarship: Jesica Santino

Patroness Scholarship Award: Hope Bradford and Jesica Santino

Above: Julie Mitchener, Kristina Scott, Erin Jones, and Carlie Wiseley

Left: Brettany DeMier

Below: Kacie Heckler and Meg Kepley—
Patroness Scholarship Award winners for
2017-2018



Hope Bradford and Jesica Santino



Congratulations!

Congrats to our 2018 Sigma Gamma Graduating Seniors!

Check out what they studied at TU and what they have planned for the future:

Jenni Jurgenson is a Speech Language Pathology major. She will take a gap year in Birmingham, Alabama as a youth group leader and audiology tech before attending Washington University's Audiology Medical School.

Hannah Kloppenburg is a Communication and Spanish double major. She plans to work in the field of communication after graduating.

Brettany DeMier is a Biochemistry major. She will be attending medical school in St. Louis next year!

Kristin Caliva is a Religion major. After a summer trip to China, she plans to take a gap year before applying to graduate programs for a Master's in Higher Education!

Erin Jones is a Media Studies and Spanish double major with a minor in music. She has accepted a position in Tulsa as a Corporate Communications Specialist at Bank of Oklahoma Financial.

Kristina Scott is a Chemistry major. She plans to attend medical school at the University of Oklahoma next year!

Sarah Noonan is an Electrical Engineering and Mathematics major. She has accepted a Computer Science position on the East Coast after graduation!

Kathleen Endicott is a Chemical Engineering major. She will be working in Tulsa after graduation and getting married in November!

Meg Kepley is graduating with a BM Violin Performance. She plans to audition at Signature Symphony and Tulsa Symphony and further pursue conducting.

Rebekah Johnson is a Nursing major with a minor in Early Intervention. Her ultimate goal is to work in a neonatal intensive care unit and eventually do community work within pediatrics.

Julie Mitchener has a double major in Music and English. She plans to take a gap year before pursuing a Doctorate of English Literature and hopes to become an English Professor.

Carlie Wiseley is Media Studies and Spanish double major. She plans to take a gap year before attending the University of North Texas for a Master's of Library Sciences with an emphasis in Youth Librarianship.

Yiyi Chen is a Biology major. She plans to attend medical school at OU-Tulsa next year.

Jacqi Cole is graduating with a BME Vocal and plans to teach music in an elementary school.

Nicole Asay will be graduating in December 2018, after completing her student teaching in the fall semester.

Kacie Heckler will be graduating in December 2018, after completing her student teaching in the fall semester.

*Love
and
Roses*



People of Note

♪ Alumna Hope Forsyth was selected as the 2017 Outstanding Law Student at TU. Congrats! We are so proud of you!

♪ Alumna Lynette Bennett Danskin has published her book *Broadway Dreams, a New York Actor's Memoir*. Congratulations! We can't wait to read your work!

♪ Bravae to all of our sisters who performed in ensembles, shows, concerts, Junior and Senior recitals, and more this past month. We are so proud of you and are thrilled to celebrate of all of the incredible talent and hard work of our Tulsa sisters!!

♪ Congratulations to John Rush, our newest Distinguished Member and Friend of the Arts! Welcome to SAI!!



Sherry Crosby, Anne Norberg, and Megan Gibson—hostesses of the Alumnae Chapter April meeting



*I planted an
SAI Garden
with joy for each
member to view.
The language of
flowers
has guided me
to blossoming
sisterhood too.*



Keep up with our Tulsa chapters online!

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