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Greater Service, Greater Progress

Gamma Beta

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50 Years Strong



The Newest Member of **Gamma Beta** Chapter of **Sigma Gamma Rho** with Chapter Founders. Posing for a photo at the 50th celebrates!

The Ladies of **GAMMA BETA** at the annual NPHC of SIUe Step Show.



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Celebrating 50 years of Service, Scholarship and Sisterhood!

Chapter History

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (ΣΓΡ) was founded on November 12, 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven young educators. It was incorporated within the state of Indiana in December 1922 and became a national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted and the Alpha.

The sorority is a non-profit whose aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and the education of youth are the hallmark of the organization's programs and activities.

Founded in the midst of segregation, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is the only sorority of the four historically African-American sororities which comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), to be established at a predominantly white campus. Sigma Gamma Rho also supports two affiliates: the RHOERS, a group of young women, and PHILOS, women who are friends of the sorority.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has over 100,000 members with more than 500 undergraduate and alumnae chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Canada, Africa and Korea.

Foundation

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven young educators: Mary Lou Allison Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin and Cubena McClure. The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to Alpha chapter at Butler University.

Soaring To Greater Heights Of Attainment Around The World, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., as a leading national service organization, has met the challenges of the day and continues to grow through Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service.

Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to service is expressed in its slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." The sorority has a proud history of offering service wherever chapters exist, including OPERATION BigBookBag, a program designed to address the needs, challenges and issues that face school-aged children who are educationally at-risk in local homeless shelters and extended care hospitals. The objective is for chapters to provide their local homeless shelters and children hospitals with educational materials, equipment and supplies. Other national projects include Wee Savers, Project Reassurance and Habitat for Humanity, Sigma Gamma Rho built seven homes across the United States in Florida, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, California, and Texas.

The service of Sigma Gamma Rho from a global perspective includes Project Africa and Project Mwanamugimu. Through active participation in programs and through networking with other organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women, Urban League and the NAACP, Sigma's legacy of service to improve the quality of life for all mankind continues.

UpComing Events

October 2012 - National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) October 15

The HIV epidemic continues to be a serious threat to the Latino community. While Latinos represent approximately 16% of the U.S. population, they accounted for 20% of new HIV infections in 2009, the latest year for which data is available. Additionally, at some point in their lives, approximately 1 in 36 Latino men will be diagnosed with HIV, as will 1 in 106 Hispanic women. In fact, the rate of new HIV infections among Latino men is almost three times that of white men, and the rate among Latinas is more than four times that of white women. [Read More Here!](#)

September 2012 - National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day

The AIDS Institute invites all join them for the 5th annual National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAAD), observed on September 18, 2012. National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness day focuses on the challenging issues facing the aging population with regards to HIV prevention, testing, care and treatment. [Read More Here!](#)

Catching up with Alumni



Quick Sigma Facts

Established: Nov. 12, 1922 at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana

Classification: Nonprofit service and social organization

Membership: 85,000+

Division: Five Regions

Central, Northeastern, Southeastern, Southwestern, Western

Service Channel: Over 500 chapters in the U.S., Bermuda, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany and Korea

Sorority Flower: The yellow tea rose.

Sorority Mascot: The Poodle.

Sorority Colors: Royal blue and gold.

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