

FOUNDATION FOCUS



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KAPPA IS FOR A LIFETIME

Dear sisters and Kappa friends,

I am continuously touched by your generosity that enables the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation to meet the needs of so many members throughout the various stages of their lives. Can you believe our beloved organization's members range in age from 18 to 103? How many organizations can boast such a wide but connected audience? Thank you for committing to connect with Kappa and one another while caring for our sisters each year.

As I take in these stories, it strikes me how the women are from all ages and stages of life. You'll meet a future physician and a woman who never gave up on her graduate school dreams. You won't want to miss the story of the Porch Sitters, an example of sisterhood across the years and generations. Their inspiring bond is now celebrated permanently at The Stewart House. And, Kappa's updated flagship educational program, Leadership Academy, is inspiring collegiate and alumna members to make a global impact.

These stories remind me that "Kappa is for a lifetime." While I gave my name and interest in 1976 at Kappa Chapter at Hillsdale College, I am still enjoying all of my Kappa connections and experiences. My pledge sisters and I get together to this day. In fact, our next trip is in October.

Since 2003, I have been fortunate to work for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation as the Director of Planned Giving and since 2018 as the Executive Director. What a joy to work for Kappa! The best part is the relationships I have made and continue to make. As Kappas, we should all be so proud of how we support our members with scholarships, confidential aid, educational programs, and the preservation of our history.

Now, it is time for my next chapter. I will be retiring on June 30, 2023. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as the Executive Director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation please contact Beth Filipkowski, Director of Human Resources, at bfilipkowski@kappa.org. It truly is the best job ever!

Loyally and gratefully,



Maggie Sims Coons

Maggie Sims Coons, Hillsdale
Executive Director



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2022

BLAZE A TRAIL. LEAD THE WAY.

Leadership Academy is a one-of-a-kind, intergenerational experience that fosters the development of emerging leaders. Members hone their leadership skills, form connections and deepen their commitment to Kappa. Because Leadership Academy is endowed by the generosity of Foundation donors, it's offered at no cost to collegians and only \$50 to alumnae.

After attending Leadership Academy, these Kappas often go on to serve in leadership roles in their chapters, on their campuses and in their communities. In 2022, the program was updated to align with the evolving needs of our members: The Purpose Project hones passion, vision and values. These changes created a more cohesive curriculum and encouraged Kappa's emerging leaders to think globally about making an impact.

At Leadership Academy 2022, **Addisen Pennington**, *Idaho*, and 180 fellow Kappas were encouraged to dream big, examine their innermost selves and learn principles of leadership to apply in their chapters, careers and communities. "I spent four days learning about what traits it takes to be a leader and how to strengthen those specific traits and ... I was challenged in hands-on activities in group settings to solve specific tasks and lead alongside my peers," Addisen says.



FIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES
USED TO BUILD A PURPOSE PROJECT:



VISION



GRIT



RELATIONSHIPS



CONFIDENCE



ADAPTABILITY



HERITAGE

PORCH STORIES

For many years, a group of Kappa sisters met at the Colorado cabin of **Robin Whitfield Brown**, *Texas Tech*, and the Michigan cottage of **Jane Tourner Curry**, *Indiana*. Oh, the fun we had! We spent hours talking, reminiscing, and playing Bridge or Rummikub. We not only shared a golden key, but we also shared life's moments with one another: struggles and triumphs, weddings and babies, illness and heartbreak. Jane's cottage had a porch where we would gather and we began to call ourselves the "Porch Sitters." We hailed from different chapters and several decades, but Kappa brought us together.

Over the years, our group grew close while sharing sisterhood, laughter, and experiences volunteering during the early days of the Kappa Foundation. Although some are no longer with us, our bonds of sisterhood have transcended time and space. **Martha Hodson Erwin**, *Texas*, and I are proud to continue the group's memory to this day. In summer 2022, I reached out to the Foundation in the hopes of celebrating our special bond and supporting our Kappa heritage at The Stewart House Museum.

Together with Foundation Executive Director **Maggie Coons**, *Hillsdale*; Stewart House Museum Director **Mary Osborne**, *Monmouth*; and Archivist/Museum Director **Kylie Smith**, *Simpson*, we came up with a project near and dear to the Porch Sitters' love for Kappa history: The Stewart House Museum's front porch. Soon, we were in touch with the daughters of the Porch Sitters, who joined the effort to raise funds to improve the porch. More than \$27,000 was raised from 11 gifts. The timing couldn't

have been more perfect since 2021 was also the year that Martha celebrated 75 years of membership in Kappa. Just one more reason to celebrate!



Front row (left to right): Jane Tourner Curry, Indiana, and Eloise Moore Netherton, Texas
Back row (left to right): Mary Jane Jackson Crist, Arizona; Robin Whitfield Brown, Texas Tech; and Martha Hodson Erwin, Texas,

Time spent at Robin's cabin and especially on the porch of Jane's cottage with Kappa sisters meant so much to all of us. We can't redo the porches of all the chapter houses, but we can make sure Kappa's porch — the porch at The Stewart House — is just as welcoming as Jane's was.

— **Mary Jane Crist**, *Arizona*,
Former Foundation Trustee



Inset photo: Nine Kappas — including Jo Eberspacher, *Colorado*; Marjorie Keith, *Kansas State*; Louise Barbeck, *SMU*; Mabel McCoy, *Monmouth*; Ann Harter, *Syracuse*; Bunnie Laine, *Monmouth*; and Mary Alice Toal, *Monmouth* — in front of The Stewart House (c. 1970).

A SUPPORT SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

Sometimes, in life, we hit an unexpected curve. After a divorce, **Wendy Turrell, Allegheny**, had to figure out how to navigate her new reality. In the fallout of the divorce, many of Wendy's plans had fallen through. Her house needed refurbishing and she was pursuing a master's degree at night while working full time. Despite her efforts, she could not afford both tuition and home refurbishing. Wendy felt vulnerable, yet her dream of completing a master's degree drove her to work harder than ever.

Over the years, Wendy has stayed connected to Kappa. During her various moves and life changes, she always joined the local alumnae association, where she found and maintained her connection and ties to Kappa. Wendy found that Kappa had always been a support system and she needed it more than ever after her divorce. She applied for a Rose McGill Grant and received aid to cover her graduate school fees. This support allowed her to complete her major life goal of receiving a master's degree in communications from the University of Akron.

"It was a lifesaver for me," Wendy says. Years later, after achieving her goals and making it through the difficult times, Wendy wanted to give back to the sisterhood that supported her when she needed it most. "I always said I would do something to help somebody else in the same position."

Updating her will to include the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation gave Wendy the opportunity to achieve the goal of helping Kappas who need it. Wendy's estate gift will support the sisterhood that means so much to her for years to come.

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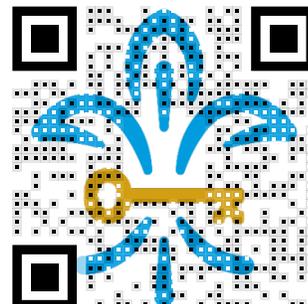


THE STEWART HOUSE FRONT PORCH

The front porch is a popular photo spot for Kappas and guests who stop by, attend an event or take a tour. An extension of the house, Kappas and the public are welcomed on the porch as they learn about women's and Victorian history.

TAKE A TOUR OF THE STEWART HOUSE

The Stewart House Museum and the Kappa Foundation will spend the next year improving the porch. Additional furniture and Victorian-style urns will welcome guests in seasonable weather. Upgraded electrical will allow for period-style lighting as well as ceiling fans to help in the prairie heat. A longer-term project will include replacing the front door and sidelights with one similar to the door used by the Stewart family.



KAPPA SCHOLAR

INSPIRED: A FUTURE PHYSICIAN

When she was growing up, **Megan Mosiman**, *Pepperdine*, spent five years in a back brace due to scoliosis. Megan also supported her sister after she too underwent treatment for scoliosis. Now an aspiring surgeon, Megan hopes to improve treatments for scoliosis and provide support for children who endure such hardship. She's one step closer to this goal thanks to a Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation scholarship.

In Kappa, Megan found a community that empowers her to be the best version of herself. During her time in Eta Beta Chapter, Megan spearheaded a philanthropic event for members to read to kids in underserved communities in Los Angeles; she served on the Academic Excellence Committee and helped raise the chapter's GPA to the highest in its history; and now serves as the Treasurer, ensuring the chapter's financial obligations are met.

In addition to Kappa, Megan is active in other clubs and volunteer roles. She co-founded the Women in STEM Club at Pepperdine and donates her time as a medical scribe to help educate low-income families about health care. "My favorite part about volunteering at the clinic is seeing how physicians truly care about their patient's well-being and take the time to listen," Megan says.

I hope to emulate such care and be a physician who listens intently to every patient. Your donation will bring me one step closer to reaching this goal. There are not enough words to express my gratitude.

—Megan Mosiman,
Pepperdine



provide lifelong learning and growth for others

Your gift supports Kappas throughout their lives. Your continued generosity means so much to your Kappa sisters. Thank you!

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