

**XI STATE AWARDS LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016
UPPER CRAVENS HALL, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH**

The Xi State Organization Awards Luncheon was held in Upper Cravens Hall at the University of the South on Friday, June 3, 2016 and began at 11:45 a.m. (CDT).

Thelma Norris on behalf of Alpha Nu chapter welcomed members to the Awards Luncheon.

The Xi State Chorus directed by Julie Hughes, Alpha Xi, and accompanied by Janice Enck, Alpha Lambda, presented a musical blessing.

Following the luncheon, Dr. Dorrie Powell, Xi State President, welcomed members and thanked Alpha Nu and Alpha Pi chapters for the decorations.

Membership Chair, Dr. Elaine Alexander, Beta Epsilon, presented membership awards on behalf of the Xi State Membership committee. Alexander began the awards by recognizing members for longevity in the Society. Membership Committee members Diana Womble and Cindy Tarkington distributed award certificates.

Alexander recognized 10, 20, 30, 40-year members:

10 Year (2006): Chrissie Allen, Renee Childs, Lori Davis, Jennifer Lusk

20 Year (1996): Lea Glass, Susan Hoback, Patrica Parker, Karen Phillips, Teresa Sessions, Pat Tyree, Sherry Woods

30 Year (1986): Sharon Brandon, Judy Cross, Connie Silvey, Patsy Smith,

40 Year (1976): Betty Ball, Mary Farris, Jennibeth King.

Alexander presented awards to Alpha Lambda for having the highest number of members in attendance at convention (15 members) and Alpha Rho for having the highest percentage of its membership at convention (13 out of 33 members or 37.1%). Alexander continued with special recognition of Gamma Alpha chapter with the highest percentage of growth last year. Gamma Alpha had an increase of 23.81% growing from 21 to 26 members. Alexander mentioned ten chapters met the 2015-2016 membership challenge of adding three new members: Beta (6); Kappa (4); Psi (3); Alpha Gamma (3); Alpha Epsilon (4); Beta Gamma (3); Beta Theta (3); Beta Iota (3); Gamma Alpha (5); and Gamma Delta (4).

President Powell honored 50 plus years members in attendance: Rose Dover, Frances Hunter, Lois Jones, Julia Householder, and Dr. Williene Paxton. Powell mentioned Dr. Alicia Tilley, Beta Gamma, who was initiated in 1942 making her a seventy-four year member.

The inspirational "Moment of Possibility" was provided by Donna Campbell, Beta Pi.

Xi State Awards Committee member, Holly Zigler, Gamma, presented Chapter Excellence Awards to the following chapters:

Honorable Mention: Gamma, Nu, Alpha Omega, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Delta

Bronze: Upsilon, Alpha Beta, Beta Omega, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Nu

Silver: Tau, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Pi, Beta Mu, Beta Xi, Beta Pi, Gamma Mu

Gold: Beta, Theta, Iota, Kappa, Rho, Phi, Pi, Zeta, Alpha Gama, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi, Beta Gamma, Beta Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Rho, Beta Sigma, Beta Upsilon, Beta Phi, Beta Zeta, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Eta, Gamma Lambda.

President Powell introduced Xi State Communications and Publicity Chair Dr. Jensi Souders, Alpha Phi, who announced that the following chapters earned Communications Awards:

Honors: Tau, Zeta, Alpha Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Pi, Alpha Omega, Beta Phi, Beta Sigma, Gamma, Gamma Mu, Gamma Omicron

Highest Honors: Iota, Kappa, Phi, Pi, Theta, Upsilon, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Nu, Alpha Phi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Xi, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Kappa, Beta Mu, Beta Pi, Beta Rho, Beta Xi, Beta Zeta, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Eta, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Zeta.

Souders named the following chapters for Website and Social Media Awards:

Honorable Mention: Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Mu

Honors: Rho, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Pi, Alpha Xi, Beta Epsilon, Beta Kappa, Beta Pi, Beta Xi, Gamma Zeta

Highest Honors: Gamma, Iota, Kappa, Phi, Pi, Rho, Theta, Zeta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, Alpha Phi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Sigma, Beta Sigma.

Xi State Scholarship Chair Susan Young, Beta Beta, presented the following Xi State scholarships:

Lois Jones Special Scholarship (\$3000) to Cheryl McHone, Gamma

Maycie K. Southall Scholarship (\$3000) to Sarah Creek, Gamma Nu

Eleanor Osteen Scholarship (\$1250) to Brooke Sampson, Gamma Iota.

President Powell recognized International Scholarship recipients Cheryl McHone, Gamma, for the Maycie K. Southall Scholarship, and Susan Young, Beta Beta, for the Sixtieth Anniversary Scholarship.

Linda McCrary represented an award from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to Ashley Whitt, Beta Epsilon.

Xi State Vision Foundation Chair, Dr. Elaine Vaughan, Alpha Epsilon, announced new Visionaries: Marjorie O. Casteel; Dr. Etta Crittenden-Patterson; and Pi and Alpha Alpha Chapters. Vaughan presented Alice Hines Carson, Zeta, with the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award to attend the "Teachers Teaching with Technology" International Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Judy Jackson, International U.S. Forum Chair, presented information regarding the U.S. Forum at the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Xi State Special Events Chair Pam Jefferies, Beta Phi, provided Silent Auction information.

Xi State Second Vice-President Dr. Linda Eller made announcements.

President Powell recognized the members of the Xi State Organization Convention Steering Committee, table hostesses and pages, and workshop presenters. The luncheon ended at 1:49 p.m. (CDT).