

**XI STATE AWARDS LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017
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 2, 2017 and began at 11:45 a.m. (CDT).

Judy Cross on behalf of Beta Beta 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, Xi State President Dr. Dorrie Powell, Beta Sigma, welcomed members and thanked Beta Beta and Beta Gamma chapters for the decorations.

Thelma Scott, Beta Gamma, provided the inspiration.

The 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 who were in attendance at the Xi State Convention. Membership Committee members Jo Price, Theta; Cindy Tarkington, Alpha Nu; Chasity Webb, Alpha Rho; and Diana Womble, Alpha Rho; distributed award certificates.

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

10 Years (2007): Marge Lofstorm, Alpha Nu; Vicki Mackzum, Beta Lambda; Kim Malone, Beta Pi; Dr. Elaine Vaughan, Alpha Epsilon;

20 Years (1997): Nancy Bibler, Alpha Xi; Freda Branam, Beta Phi; Theresa Brown, Phi; Pam Jefferies, Beta Phi; Donna Lamkin, Alpha Xi;

30 Years (1987): Patricia Aldridge, Pi; Carolyn Earnest; Gamma Zeta; Jackie Maggard, Gamma;

40 Years (1977): Carolyn Winn, Alpha Gamma.

Alexander presented awards to Alpha Nu and Alpha Rho for having the highest number of members in attendance at convention (12 members) and Alpha Rho for having the highest percentage of its membership at convention (34 %). Alexander continued with special recognition of chapters who met the 2016-2017 membership challenge of adding three new members: Beta; Gamma; Xi; Rho; Tau; Alpha Epsilon; Alpha Eta; Alpha Kappa; Alpha Nu; Alpha Xi; Alpha Tau; Beta Epsilon; Beta Nu; Beta Xi; Beta Rho; Beta Upsilon; Beta Phi; Gamma Eta; and Gamma Iota.

President Powell mentioned ladies who were initiated in 1967 therefore celebrating 50 years of membership. Powell asked a chapter member to accept certificates for any fifty year member not in attendance at convention: Margaret Bays, Iota; Bonnie Burnett, Zeta; Regina East, Theta; Dorcas Fairchild, Alpha Iota; Barbara Lawson, Psi; Martha Lewis, Alpha Epsilon; Jo Belle Masters, Nu; Ann Moore, Alpha Eta; Paula Morris, Beta Omega; Betty Neely, Beta Delta; Florence Plemmons, Alpha Epsilon; Frances Reasons, Tau; Joann Walker, Gamma Beta; and Pearl Williams, Nu.

Powell recognized members who were initiated in 1957 celebrating 60 years of membership and asked a chapter representative to accept certificates for members not in attendance: Frances Crosson, Beta Eta; Rose Dale, Alpha Upsilon; Luzell Hughes, Gamma Eta; and Mary Pace, Alpha Xi.

President Powell declared that according to membership records, the Xi State Organization member who holds longevity for membership is Dr. Alicia Tilley, Beta Gamma, who was initiated in 1942, making her a seventy-five year member.

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

Honorable Mention: Gamma, Rho, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Psi, Alpha Sigma, Beta Iota, Beta Sigma, Gamma Iota, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Mu, Gamma Nu, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Zeta;

Honors: Delta, Tau, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Omega, Beta Delta, Beta Eta, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Eta;

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

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

Honorable Mention: Beta Iota, Beta Sigma, Beta Theta, Gamma Zeta; Tau;

Honors: Alpha Alpha, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Lambda, Beta Kappa;

Highest Honors: Gamma, Iota, Kappa, Phi, Pi, Theta, Zeta, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Sigma, Beta Epsilon, Beta Lambda, Beta Omega, Beta Pi, Beta Upsilon, Beta Xi, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Mu, and Gamma Nu.

President Powell introduced the Xi State Legislative Chair Trish Stephenson, Alpha Sigma, who announced the following chapters earned the Xi State Legislative Awards:

Alpha Gamma, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Nu, Beta, Beta Kappa, Beta Upsilon, Beta Phi, Beta Zeta, Iota, Pi, and Rho.

The Xi State Awards Committee member, Holley Zigler, Gamma, presented Maycie Excellence Awards to the following chapters:

Honorable Mention: Nu, Alpha Tau, Beta Iota, Gamma Eta;

Bronze: Omicron, Beta Delta, Beta Eta, Beta Rho, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Omicron;

Silver: Beta, Tau, Upsilon, Alpha Beta, Alpha Pi, Alpha Phi, Beta Mu, Gamma Iota, Gamma Lambda;

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

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

Maycie K. Southall Scholarship (\$3000) to Jamie Lawson, Alpha Rho;

Louise Oakley Scholarship (\$1250) to Kimberly Thurman, Alpha Xi;

Evangeline Hartsook Scholarship (\$1250) to Kathleen Roovers, Pi;

Lottie McCall Scholarship (\$1250) to Brooke Sampson, Gamma Iota.

President Powell recognized International Scholarship recipient Jamie Lawson, Alpha Rho, for the Maycie K. Southall Scholarship (\$6000) for Tennessee Advanced Master's Degree.

Linda McCrary, Alpha Gamma, presented a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to Glenna Stone, Sigma Chapter, to attend the Tennessee First Grade Teacher Conference.

The Xi State Vision Foundation Chair, Dr. Elaine Vaughan, Alpha Epsilon, and Lynn Caruthers, Phi, announced new Visionaries for 2017: Dr. Elaine Vaughan, Alpha Epsilon; Martha McCluen, Zeta; Alpha Xi Chapter, Zeta Chapter, and Kelly Anne Reed, Zeta, by her grandmother Vera Jo Henegar.

The Xi State Special Events Chair Pam Jefferies, Beta Phi, provided Silent Auction information. Total funds raised will be announced at the Birthday Brunch on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

President Powell announced \$1621 had been collected for Xi State Scholarships during the luncheon meeting.

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

President Powell extended congratulations to all chapters whose successes were acknowledged and encouraged members to celebrate achievements during a chapter meeting. Powell reminded members that two afternoon breakout session opportunities were offered after conclusion of the luncheon; she requested all morning and afternoon workshop presenters stand and receive member appreciation. Powell applauded members of the Xi State Organization Convention Steering Committee, table hostesses, and pages.

The luncheon ended at 1:49 p.m. (CDT).