

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

I want to start this off by thanking **Taryn Hryc** for all her years of putting together our wonderful newsletter. She does a phenomenal job each month, and I appreciate it so much, as we all do! I also want to thank this year's **Executive Board** for their service to ZTA. They heard the call and served our chapter graciously.

It has been such a joy to serve as president this year, and I could not have done it without our wonderful Board. Our new Board will be installed in just a few weeks, and we are already making summer plans to start the new term. Things are changing slightly to align with our chapter's needs and requests, and I am excited about it.

While things will slow down this summer, we will continue with our crown connections. These are always a great way to get to connect with our sisters better and get to know more about our chapter. I hope you can join us at one of our events! And as always, if you want to see an event happen with your Zeta sisters, please reach out. This is our alumnae chapter and we are always growing and adapting to meet those requests as best as possible.

Thank you all for a wonderful year!

Thank you all,



Heather Whitfield
President
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HAA NEWS

PANHELLENIC UPDATES



President and Panhellenic Delegate, Heather Whitfield

This year's HAPA and HAPF 38th Annual Scholarship Celebration, "Inspiring Ambition," will be held on **May 2nd**, at the Junior League of Houston. I would love to see a table full of ZTA sisters celebrating these ambitious scholars. Reservations are needed by **April 18th**, so please submit your reservation

and payment. Please contact hapahapf.rsvp@gmail.com for any questions and to purchase tickets. Tickets can be purchased by check, cash, Square, and Zelle. Additionally, I, Heather Whitfield, will be selling raffle tickets for the scholarship celebration at our April gathering. You can contact me directly for any raffle ticket purchases. You do not need to be present to win!

HAPA & HAPF

38th Annual Scholarship Celebration

Inspiring Ambition

Honoring

**2024 Scholarship
Winners**

Featuring

**Guest Speaker
Ginger Banks AOP**

Celebrating

**Installation of 2024-2025 HAPA President
Jane Tomsula AOP**

May 2, 2024
The Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, Texas 77027
Check-in 11:00 a.m. ~ Ballroom Doors Open 11:30 a.m.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HAPF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

<p>Reservation Deadline: April 18, 2024 Patron: \$150.00 Individual: \$85.00 Payment Options: Check, Cash, Square, Zelle</p>	<p>Mail To: Kathy Morin, Reservation Chair 8726 Cedarspur Drive Houston, TX 77055 hapahapf.rsvp@gmail.com (713) 822-8438</p>
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BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS FOR 2025!



Book Club Coordinator, Candy Bourgeois

We have a great list of books to read for the rest of 2024, so I'm turning my thoughts to our 2025 list. We have 9 books nominated to date. Below are the categories we'll slot the books into for voting in December. As you nominate books, please look for ones you would be interested in reading and, if possible, identify which category you think best fits.

Categories:

- International Author or Book Originally Written in a Foreign Language
- Banned Novel
- Books About Book Clubs
- Action and Adventure (thrillers, crime dramas, mystery novels)
- Historical Fiction (real places and events as settings and plot points in a fictional story)
- Romance (good romantic comedy or enemies-to-lovers tale full of witty banter)
- Alternative Reality (science fiction, space travel, and alternate realities to dystopian fiction and time travel)
- Nonfiction (real people, real events, real issues, including memoirs)
- TBD (books that don't fit the above categories)

Heads up. Please ensure they are rated highly on Amazon and/or Goodreads. If it is below 3.8 stars or has very few ratings (<200), it might be tossed out if our number of nominations is too large. Thank you for understanding! Please email your nominations to crbourg@gmail.com BEFORE November 27. Electronic voting will open to everyone in HAA on December 1.

A LITTLE NOTE FROM ME

Dear Sisters, as my time as the newsletter and technology chair comes to a close after over eight years of service, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Serving in this role has been an absolute honor and joy, and I am immensely grateful for the opportunity. Over the years, I've cherished the moments spent crafting our newsletters, pouring over every detail to ensure that each edition was not only informative but also a reflection of our sisterhood's spirit. From designing layouts for the website to compiling exciting updates and events, it's been a fulfilling journey sharing our stories, keeping everyone connected, and sometimes hiding little eggs in the mix. Your enthusiasm and support have truly made this experience unforgettable. Whether it was sharing memories, highlighting achievements, or simply keeping everyone informed, your engagement and involvement have been the driving force behind our success. As much as I've loved being your newsletter and technology chair, I believe it's time for a new perspective to enrich our communication efforts further. I am excited to see what fresh ideas and energy our next coordinators will bring to the table, propelling us forward as proud alumnae of our beloved fraternity. Thank you once again for entrusting me with this role and for your unwavering support throughout the years. It has been an incredible journey, and I look forward to continuing to support our sisterhood in new ways. With love and gratitude, ZLAM, Taryn Hryc

SAVVY SISTERS



Sisters Who Sip

Happening: **April 3rd at 6 PM**; see Evite for details.

Happy Hour, sisters, and fun times—could you ask for anything else? Join this Crown Connection group to check out new bars and hot spots around Houston.



Day Gathering

Happening: **April 9th at noon**; see Evite for details.

All sisters are welcome to join us for a monthly update on all things HAA.



Night Gathering

Happening: **April 9th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

All sisters are welcome to join us for a monthly update on all things HAA, and for Officer Installation.



Book Club*

Happening: **April 17th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

Join this Crown Connection group for literary discussion as we dish on our latest read. Visit the website for all the books.



Senior Service

Happening: **April 22nd at 7 PM**; see Evite for details.

Let's support our collegians from the Gamma Omega chapter with their graduating members.



Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **April 30th at 6:30 PM**; see Evite for details.

Test your taste buds with this Crown Connection group as we venture to new and exciting spots around Houston and try the most amazing food and cocktails.

WEARING THE CROWN?

The Houston Alumnae Association (HAA) begins the term in June and ends the following year in July. Whether you are a continuing dues-paying member, a recent graduate, just moved to the area, or are looking to get involved with ZTA again, HAA is here for you.

In addition to being invited to the Day/Night Gatherings, with your membership, you get exclusive access to Crown Connections such as Book Club, Ladies Dine Out, Sisters Who Sip (SWS), Service Projects, ZiesTA, and Social. Learn more about what the membership offers: ztahouston.org/membership.



CLAIM YOUR CROWN

Use the two-step process below to complete your membership renewal or visit ztahouston.org/membership for more information.



Membership Form

Click [HERE](#) to complete the membership form. This information is not publicly shared. Completing the form helps update the HAA information for mailings, invitations and more but does not update the national Sister Search.



Pay Your Dues

Click [HERE](#) for dues. The dues are comprised of payments for International Office, Panhellenic, Secondary Century with Zeta Ta Alpha, as well as HAPA and other local chapters, and finally distributed to different executive positions and committee chairs for support and services.

STAYING CONNECTED: SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you follow HAA on Facebook, Instagram? Don't miss the fun being had in our groups. Here are the links, just click the icons:

HAA uses Evites for invitations - download the app for details. Click on the icons to the right for a direct connection.

