

HAA NEWS

Houston Alumnae Association of
Zeta Tau Alpha's Newsletter

MAY 2021

SUMMER EDITION

HAA Feedback Survey for Term 2020-2021

The end of the term means we want to know how we did, what you think, and how we can improve for the next term. Definitely for next term, we should remove COVID so we can all get together - regardless, with this interesting year, we hope you still had fun. Survey open till June 30th - [Google survey here](#).

Social: Cooking Class with Underbelly Chef

Fabulous social evening making a mouth-watering Mac 'n Cheese with Sausage and so many toppings, but it all started with a signature cocktail. Yummy!



Stephanie Lex



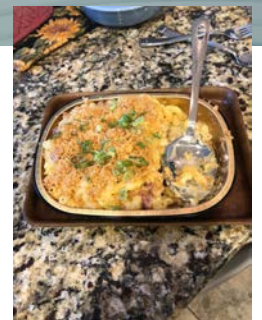
Taryn Hyc



Dana Bryant



Candy Bourgeois



Marla Russell



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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.



Welcome Executive Board of 2021 - 2022!!



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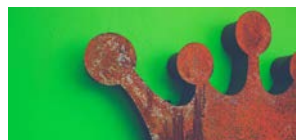
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BREAKING HAA ZTA NEWS

Information and More about Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters

ZTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Sandy Lewis

- Logan Patrick (UH) is attending along with her parents: Shawn and Brent Patrick. Logan is receiving the **Jennie Baker Scholarship**
- Melanie Rodriguez Mejia (UH) is attending. Melanie is receiving the **HAA Believe Scholarship**
- Rebeca Stevens (UH) is attending. Rebeca is receiving the **HAPF Appreciation Scholarship**
- Peyton Palori (UH) is attending with her parents: Nancy and Robert Palori. Peyton is receiving the **Alpha Delta Pi Scholarship**
- Mary Ann Brasher (UT) is NOT attending...taking finals...no representative so far. Mary Ann is receiving the **HAPF Scholarship**.

Ladies, we have 5 scholarship winners this year! Let's welcome them on May 6th (see page 6).

ZTAF: SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Quarterly Alumnae Newsletter: Spring 2021

Winter finally seems to be running out of steam—or more accurately, snow—and we are looking forward to warmer weather and signs of spring! We've made this floral phone and computer background just for you and hope it will remind you that sunnier days are ahead. [Download here.](#)



ZTAF: WANTED: NATIONAL-LEVEL VOLUNTEERS

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Here's an opportunity to put your skills to work and reap those rewards: the Fraternity Housing Corporation is looking to fill its Operations Committee. This is a remote, national-level role! If you're an organized self-starter with prior experience in the nonprofit world, this committee might just be for you. And, hey, if you don't have those skills or experience, you can definitely still apply! If selected, you'd receive training and guidance along the way. [Click here to apply.](#)

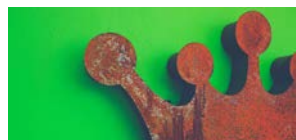


REST IN PEACE

Zeta Tau Alpha is a lifetime of sisterhood and our sisters will remain with us always. Please see the information below about our departed sisters. If someone was missed, please email HAA.

Reinette "Cott" Cottingham Miller : [Obituary & Funeral Information](#)





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COLLEGIATE RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Collegiate Recruitment Ambassador, Angèle Cook Wolk

'Tis the season...recruitment season! You may have noticed some new terms floating around as well as changes to ZTA's Volunteer Roles, Membership Information Sheet (MIS) and Legacy Policy. Let's take a closer look and embrace the changes!

ZTA Terminology... Past & Present

Rush → Recruitment

Rushee → Potential New Member (PNM)

Pledge → New Member

Volunteer Roles

The roles of "Key Woman" and "Reference Chairperson" have been dissolved to make room for a new volunteer role that better meets the current needs of the Fraternity- the "**Collegiate Recruitment Ambassador**" or "CRA". The CRA's role will be to act as educator, mentor and contact point for Potential New Members (PNMs) and alumnae in her area related to sorority recruitment and the overall sorority experience.

Membership Information Sheet (MIS) Updates

All referrals or recommendations should be submitted through the ZTA website's online MIS form found on Sisters Only, under the Engage tab on the personal profile page. Folders and packets are no longer required and will not be accepted. Photos of the PNM are no longer uploaded to the MIS. References are only valuable if they contain thoughtful and specific information about the PNM and written as a result of a close, personal and long-standing relationship. The MIS section Helpful Information for Recruitment is vital as the information you share here with the chapter may increase the likelihood of an authentic connection between the PNM and the collegiate chapter. Authentic connection is where the magic happens! Remember...relevant references are the best references.

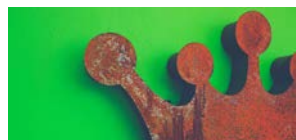
Legacy Policy Updates

ZTA has also recently updated its Legacy Policy to both honor legacies' connections to the organization and also support the needs of our collegiate chapters. The term "indirect legacy" has been removed. According to our new policy, we will only use the term "legacy" and it applies solely to a daughter, granddaughter or sister of a member in good standing. A legacy will be invited back to one invitational event provided she meets the membership requirements of the chapter (scholarship, leadership, service, etc.). No legacy is guaranteed a bid. Bids are based on mutual selection between the potential new member (PNM) and the chapter.

I'm honored to be stepping into our new CRA role and am grateful to both Pamela Walker (former Reference Chair for Houston) and Carol Petrussek (current Fort Bend County CRA) for so generously sharing their knowledge of all things recruitment and reference related! Please remember to email me at recruitment@ztahouston.org and share the names of PNMs for whom you submitted the MIS. Thank you for your time given and dedication shown to the membership selection process and for supporting our Houston girls as they participate in recruitment. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (713) 249-1528.

ZLAM Angèle Cook Wolk, Lambda 1986

If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please email Newsletter@ztahouston.org.



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HAPF 35th Annual Scholarship Celebration

Panhellenic Chair, Cheryl Brady

HAPA Dear Friend of HAPF,

Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation (HAPF) is excited to announce our 35th annual Scholarship Celebration honoring the 2021 college scholarship recipients along with the installation of our 2021-2022 Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association President, Alpha Xi Delta, Ivonne Delgado!

We are reaching out to you, as a past patron and/or attendee, to invite you to join us in our effort once again. **"The Journey Continues"** is our fitting theme, as we work to provide scholarships and meet the mission of this outstanding organization during these unusual times during this pandemic. Proudly, since our inception in 1987, the HAPF Scholarship Fund has awarded nearly 600 scholarships, totaling over 1 million dollars to women in accredited colleges and universities across the country. Last year \$71,500 was awarded to 22 collegians and we are committed to reaching our financial goal for 2021. We would very much appreciate your support in attaining this goal. As we continue to offer these need-based scholarships our organization depends on ladies like you to help us in our endeavor. Thus far we have more applications than we received in many years! Please forward this information to anyone you know who may want to participate as a Patron!

This lovely event includes introductions of the scholarship recipients, featuring our speaker, Ms. Micaela Isler, the National President of Alpha Xi Delta, and the installation of Alpha Xi Delta, Ivonne Delgado. As always, we have fabulous door prizes and this year a wonderful "take out" lunch, provided by the Junior League of Houston is included!

Door Prize tickets are available in advance of the event and also at the door! You do not have to be present to win! 5 tickets cost \$20. All prizes are valued at \$100+. The celebration event is to be held on **Thursday, May 6, 2021**, from 10 AM-Noon at the Memorial Church of Christ located at 900 Echo Lane, Houston 77024. This venue has adequate space for social distancing, and we would love for you to attend. If you prefer to not attend we ask that you consider making a donation. Your past donations have made such a difference! *Patrons will be recognized in the printed program! The deadline for reservations to be received (for program printing purposes) is April 17, 2021.

The Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation gratefully acknowledges your generous support and commitment. HAPF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

*Patron level \$150 / Regular Registration \$75 / Any amount donated is appreciated!

Your reservation including your lunch options or a donation can be sent to us by:

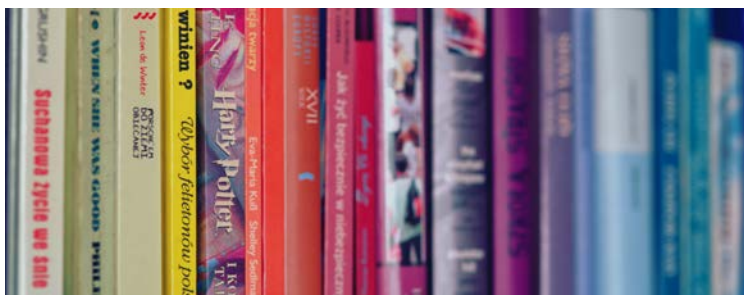
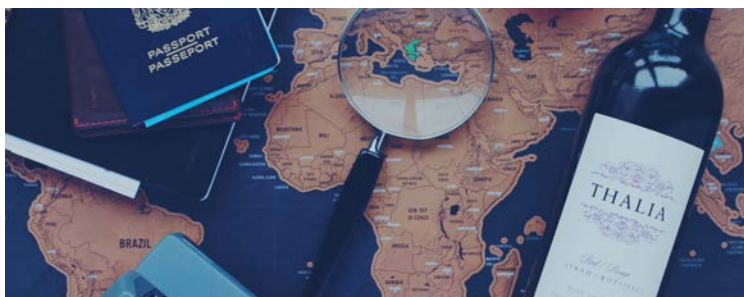
- Mailing the attached form & check payable to HAPF:
Mrs. Jill Mannino Peck / 3207 Vintage View Lane / Pearland, TX 77584
- Zelle direct pay app bank to bank option <http://www.houston-panhellenic.org/hapf/luncheon/luncheon.htm>
- Pay with Credit Card by Square online at <https://houston-alumnae-panhellenic-foundation.square.site/>

Sincerely,

The Ways and Means Committee and The Entire HAPF/ HAPA Organization

<http://www.houston-panhellenic.org/hapf/luncheon/luncheon.htm>

SAVVY SISTERS



*Dues-paying members receive additional Crown Connection Evites to book club, happy hours, dinner groups and more.

HAPF 35th Annual Scholarship Celebration

Happening: **May 6th**

Find more about the HAPF Luncheon on page 3.

Sisters Who Sip*

Happening: **May 6th - See Evite for details.**

Happy hour, sisters, and fun times - could you ask for a better evening with friends? Check out new bars and hot spots around Houston with this group.

Book Club*

Happening: **May 19th at 7 PM**, see Evite for details.

Join this Crown Connection group virtually for literary discussion as we dish on our latest read. Don't forget your wine! Visit the website for all the books.

Ladies Dine Out*

Happening: **May 25th - See Evite for details.**

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

HAA Survey

Happening: **Now - June 30th**

Share your opinions, suggestions, and feedback anonymously so we can continue to grow and serve as a sisterhood. [Click here.](#)

Memorial Day

Happening: **May 31**