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NEW ORLEANS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

SPRING, 2023



From the President's Pen

What a year of rebuilding for our chapter! So much happened so quickly, and lots with great successes and some to be reconsidered or rejected. The learning experiences have been immense to say the least. This undertaking has been a major project, and I am so appreciative of those who have joined our mission and been understanding of my mistakes over the bumps in the road as our officers have navigated as a team to rejuvenate and renew NOAC!

With joint efforts and success, we have rebuilt a strong relationship with our local collegiate chapter, Epsilon Phi-Loyola (EPhi) and reconnected with Gamma Zeta-Louisiana through the Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter. We are working together to Do Good and can't wait to see what the future holds!

Generosity from members and nationwide EPhi alumnae has strongly impacted what we were able to do with dues payments, monetary donations, contributions and fundraisers.

We can't thank all of you enough for whatever you have been able to share, and truly appreciate your much needed support.

As you will see in this newsletter, there has been lots going on in 2023, especially as we piggy backed on EPhi events already planned and needing our support as well as Founders Day! Now we want to start planning more alumnae focused fun, so please take time to share your interests and ideas via the link on page 8.

Soon our NOAC leadership will be meeting for reviewing the past year and preparing for the upcoming fiscal year starting 7/2023. We want your input and need your assistance to take this chapter's goals and successes to the next level. Please consider sharing your talents and connections as we greatly need more participation and ideas. See the spotlight on our 2023-2024 Officers Team and Volunteer Leaders on pages 8-9, and offer what you can share to make a difference in this meaningful endeavor to Do Good for our Sisterhood.

Grateful and still determined more than you can ever imagine!
ITB, Liz Ferguson, Alpha Psi-Mississippi



*Founders Day 2023
See pages 4 - 7
for details and
many award winners!*

Epsilon Phi ATC, Savannah Chamblee,
Past President and Senior, Margaret
Whitton with NOAC president, Liz Ferguson

*Anchors Spotlight
Spring, 2023*

*Let's Crawl to
Celebrate our Chapter &
150 Years of Delta Gamma*

~ Thirsty Thursday June 1 ~
5:30-7:30 pm Ancora Pizza on Freret Street
followed by Ice Cream 504 before
crawling to Cure by 8:30 pm.
Join us when you can, and watch for more
Details Coming Soon!

The New Orleans Alumnae Chapter
is celebrating our rebuilding and
charter of 72 years with
Delta Gamma's Sesquicentennial
Celebration of 150 years!
Please pay your dues to enjoy the fun.

**Click here for Details and
RSVP by May 25!**

Join us where and when you can as we casually
enjoy fun, friendship and food together!
Great opportunity to meet members in small
groups for conversations.

Alumnae Group Bylaws

The name of this group shall be
New Orleans Alumnae Chapter
of Delta Gamma Fraternity
petition granted June 27, 1951.

*Happy Birthday
to NOAC*

Click to check out the feature of
Delta Gamma's founding and 150 years
of DG including the homecoming tour of
historical sites in Oxford, MS.

150 years of SISTERHOOD

Let's Get to Know Our Members and Stay Connected

So often members say they don't participate because they don't know anyone else or don't want to walk in alone. Let's change that by getting to know more about our members and ways we are connected!

Sister Spotlight

We want to hear from sisters about happenings in your life to get to know more about each other and our connections. Let us share in celebrating your achievements, special life events or times spent with other Delta Gammas.

Business Brags & Networking

Let's support our local business owners and entrepreneurs! Please share a photo and a short blurb about your business and services with a website or contact info.

Send your name, contact details,
and photos to share to
DeltaGammaNOLA@gmail.com

#DGNOACalumnae

Sister Spotlight

Recently our Greater New Orleans Alumnae Panhellenic delegate, Angie Sweeney, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana, was installed as Treasurer, which she has been serving loyally for many years! The GNOAP connects panhellenic alumnae women throughout the area, and this year awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving collegian! Funds were raised through a silent auction, and we greatly appreciate the generous donation from Nikki Spreen, Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi with her business, [Sign Gypsies](http://SignGypsies.com).



Angie also serves on our Officers Team as vp:finance, and tirelessly keeps up with all of our financial needs and reports. At this year's Founders Day, she was awarded a much deserving DG Cable Award.

Angie's daughter, Kayla Sweeney, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana, will be joining our 2023-2024 NOAC Officers Team. We can't wait to see what they do together to Do Good!

Some of our "Anchored Pages" Book Club members recently enjoyed reading and eating *Black Cake*!

Our Ladies Lunch Bunch enjoyed social time at Ralph's on the Park. Incoming president, Beth O'Quinn (front left) and outgoing president, Janet Vidrine (front right) from the Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter joined us, too!



Spring 2023 Events with Epsilon Phi-Loyola



NOAC provided a King Cake Party with Mardi Gras Trivia for the EPhi collegians at the home of Megan Layman, Epsilon Phi-Loyola. Elizabeth Tarsi-Delta Lambda-Mississippi State and Nikki Spreen-Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi led the trivia game including interesting and some educational questions about Mardi Gras and local traditions. Teams of collegians and alumna competed with a tie-breaker winning challenge! With over 20 King Cakes for tasting, the group favorites were from Dong Phoung and Nonna Randazzo's.



A new program was created to pair NOAC members volunteering as Aunt Hannahs for each collegian senior. We learned a few fun facts about each before announcing the pairs for friendship, mentoring or a listening ear for the senior's final semester before graduation.

NOAC columnae chair, Melissa Aucoin, Epsilon Phi-Loyola, led **Career Night & Networking Resources** program supported by alumnae from a variety of professions for EPhi collegians. NOAC vp:membership, Gianna Yancey, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana and an HR professional, presented job search information and resume tips to the collegians who had many questions for her assistance. Break-out groups by professionals gathered collegians with alumnae to offer more guidance and helpful information as they navigate their career journey.

This annual event will now be held in the fall, so mark your calendar for Monday, October 23.



Epsilon Phi rituals chair adviser, Kate Harrison, Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi and Founders Day chair, Mackenzie Creamer, Alpha Psi-Mississippi hosted DG Trivia at an EPhi chapter meeting. Collegian teams competed for Starbucks gift cards. Collegians learned DG facts and information related to the upcoming Founders Day celebration.



FOUNDERS DAY 2023

An important rebuilding expectation of the NOAC Officers Team was to host a successful and meaningful Founders Day for alumnae and Epsilon Phi collegians, which had not been done for several years. Founders Day chair, Mackenzie Creamer, and president, Liz Ferguson, both Alpha Psi-Mississippi alumnae worked together creating a team with Epsilon Phi officers including Olivia DeSantos, president, Gabrielle Tanet, vp:programming leading a decorations committee and senior programming director with the chapter's advisory team chair (ATC), Savannah Chamblee, Eta Eta-Spring Hill and programming adviser, Mary Claire Kramer, Epsilon Phi-Loyola.

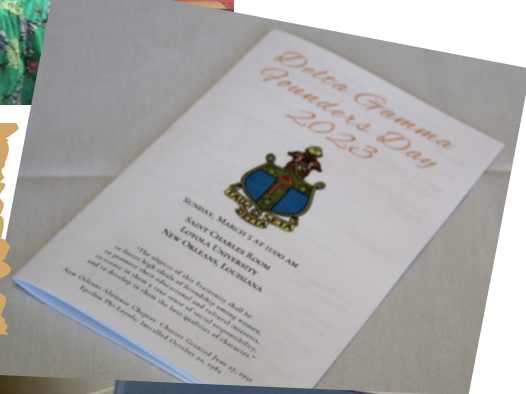
The team wanted to create opportunities for sharing information about Delta Gamma as well as the Epsilon Phi chapter. Scrapbooks and photos from alumnae members of Epsilon Phi were shared. Informational tables included topics such as DG Foundation, Volunteering Opportunities, EPhi's upcoming Anchor Splash fundraiser, Career Night and more.

Collegians created decorations including a balloon archway upon entry to the Loyola St. Charles room. Christina DiMaggio and Megan Layman, both Epsilon Phi-Loyola alumnae, created lovely floral pieces for our tables.

Fundraiser raffles including Kendra Scott jewelry were coordinated by NOAC's vp:Foundation, Megan Layman and fundraising chair, Christie Poindexter, Eta Eta-Spring Hill. Through raffles and floral centerpiece sales, NOAC raised over \$1000 with proceeds benefiting [Delta Gamma Foundation!](#)



New Orleans
Alumnae Chapter
Officers Team



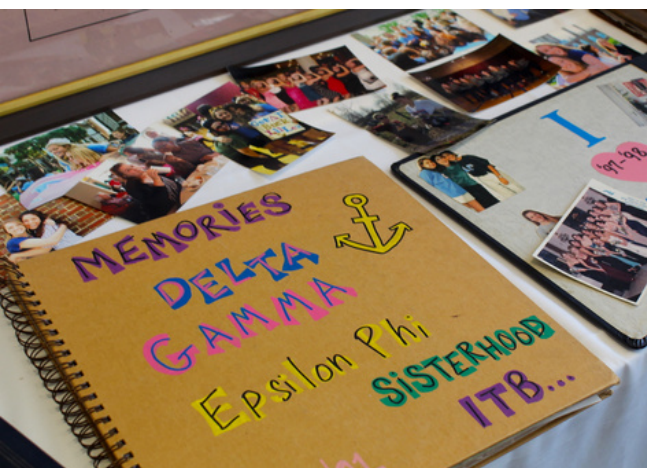
Founders Day Sisterhood with Epsilon Phi - Loyola



Collegiate Management Team and Directors



Alumnae Advisers: Joelle Thompson, Lauren Dunn, Kate Harrison, Jen Bernard, Andrea Gunn, Savannah Chamblee (ATC), Lydia Hopewell, Caroline Starr, and Liz Ferguson



Anyone have time to assist scanning past EPhi chapter memorabilia?

2023 Founders Day Awards Winners



Founders Day Chair, Mackenzie Creamer, Alpha Psi-Mississippi (right) worked tirelessly to ensure our Founders Day celebration was fabulous and included many DG Awards for our deserving members!

Alma Dunlap, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State (center) with past Loyalty and Cable Awards led our Grace & Blessing.

This year's celebration was even more meaningful with the inclusion of DG Individual Awards honoring alumnae, many of whom were very overdue. Cable Awards require at least 10 or more years, and Hope Awards require at least 5 or more years of Delta Gamma volunteer service. Members are nominated by an alumnae chapter and require at least 3 letters of support with examples of service from sisters who have worked with them or witnessed their dedication.



Cable Award winners (above): Angie Sweeney, Courtney Lane, Missy Quigley, Kate Brignac, all Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State and Heather Passler. Eta Eta-Texas.

Hope Award winners (below): Megan Layman, Yvonne Winchell, Cheryn Robles and Jen Bernard, all Epsilon Phi-Loyola and the first awards ever for their alumnae chapter members to receive!



Senior, Margaret Whitton received the highest honor with the chapter's Tau Delta Eta Award. [Click here to read her "Epsilon Phi Chapter Report" as past president.](#)



Epsilon Phi chapter traditionally shares multiple awards with various guidelines and criteria for collegians to qualify for selection.

Member Class Awards are selected by their peers and given to one member of each class who best exhibits the values stated in our beloved Article II. Congratulations to Margaret Whitton (2019), Madison Bergeron (2020-2021), Jacqui Porras (spring 2022), and Kai Johnson (fall 2022).



Collegians receiving the Founders Awards were Maggie Andrews, Demari Esqueda and Kinsley Welch.

Founders Day 2023 ~ What a Meaningful Experience!



This year's senior class is one of a kind! They continued membership through the Covid years filled with many challenges including missing numerous events and opportunities that collegians usually enjoy. Not only did they continue their dedication to their education, but also to the Delta Gamma oath they took at Initiation. They definitely deserve congratulations knowing they made a difference and impact for Epsilon Phi setting a strong example to Do Good for our Sisterhood.



DO GOOD SISTERHOOD

I am very thankful for our members who volunteered their time, knowledge and talents to serve on our 2022-2023 Officers Team and led our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)! These sisters took the leap of faith to join together this past year without the opportunity for training or past information for guidance, and gave tirelessly throughout numerous meetings, events and communications to reach success in such a short time. We have already met the chapter goals our Officers Team set in August and are continuing to create more ways for us to reach the next level for NOAC!

Welcome and thank you to members continuing to serve and those joining our 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 Leadership.

We still have areas that need assistance and creativity, so please think about yourself or other members who might be interested in volunteering. I want roles with everyone's limited time to share and participate to not add stress to your already full-time busy lives, family needs, professional careers and more. Volunteering should include what you enjoy and how you can be personally rewarded for your service to pay it forward. I really need more support and am looking forward to determining how we can work together to Do Good for our Sisterhood! ~ Thank you, Liz

NOAC 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

President: Liz Ferguson, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, DeltaGammaNOLA@gmail.com;

VP: Finance: Angie Sweeney, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State;

VP: Communications: Maddy Brocato, Alpha Psi-Mississippi; 2023: Media Chair to assist with the written communications including Newsletter, Webmaster, Anchora/PR, etc., Julia Stewart, Epsilon Gamma-Virginia; **and need more volunteers!**

VP: Membership: Christina DiMaggio, Epsilon Phi-Loyola; New Members Chair: Elise Johnson, Epsilon Omega - Louisiana Tech; Young in Spirit Chair and 50+ Milestone Members Chair: Courtney Lane, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State **and need more volunteers!**

VP: Foundation: Nancy Giaccone, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State working with Fundraising Chair: Christie Poindexter, Eta Eta-Spring Hill, and Caleigh Foto and Kayla Sweeney, both Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State to be co-Chairs for Philanthropies and Do Good (Week);

VP: Programming: **REQUIRED TO BE FILLED** or co-chairs as Liz continues to do this role, too!

Programming Columnae Events Co-Chairs: Kate Harrison, Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi; Natalie Alleman, Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi; and Whitney McBay, Epsilon Phi-Loyola; and **need more volunteers**, especially for EPhi Recruitment Meals and On-Site Support!

Programming Alumnae Events Co-Chairs: **TO BE FILLED** - need at least 3 volunteers;

Awards Chair: Mackenzie Creamer, Alpha Psi-Mississippi;

Columnae Chair: Melissa Aucoin, Epsilon Phi-Loyola;
need more volunteers to co-chair!

Founders Day Chair: Mackenzie Creamer, Alpha Psi-Mississippi;

Recommendation Chair: Nikki Spreen, Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi;

Rituals Chair: Christina DiMaggio, Epsilon Phi-Loyola;

Auxiliary Officers are appreciated for their many years of service and encouraged to join the Officers Team meetings whenever possible:

Kay Allen, Alpha Psi-University of Mississippi;
Alma Dunlap and Courtney Lane, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State;
Megan Layman, Epsilon Phi-Loyola;

Past President: Missy Quigley, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State;

NOTE: VPs serve on the Executive Board and are included with these Chairs noted on our Officers Team.

*Click here to share your interests and ideas
for Planning our Programming!*

Special Event Coordinators

Special Event Coordinators (SECOs) do not serve on the Officers Team and work with Committees for these Events listed with typical time for planning starting at least a couple of months in advance.

Late Jan./Feb. - King Cake Party (columnae) - planning starts in November;

March/April and/or Oct./Nov. - Career Night & Networking Resources (columnae) - planning starts about 2 months in advance;

early June (fiscal) - Year End Celebration (alumnae) - planning starts in March;

late July/early August - Kick-Off Year Party (alumnae) - planning starts in May;

early Dec - Holiday Party (alumnae) - planning starts in October;

Hot Girl Hannahs Fundraising Walk - a new opportunity for us to consider and include the collegians and our local philanthropy partners;

*All of these events need a lead or co-lead volunteers,
so please consider offering your assistance and talents!*

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Group (SIGs) Leaders do not serve on the Officers Team.

Aunt Hannahs for 2023-2024 EPhi Seniors: new pairs will be created this fall, and **a group lead is needed** as well as ideas for this group to stay connected and share! [Click here to Sign Up.](#)

“Anchored Pages” Book Club – typically meet on Tuesday of the third week of each month, but subject to change and discussed at each meeting.
Led by Madison O’Malley, Epsilon Phi-Loyola and Elizabeth Tarsi, Delta Lambda-Mississippi State. [Click here to Sign Up.](#)

Ladies Lunch Bunch – typically meet for a Dutch Treat in April/May and October – Led by Alma Dunlap, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State.

“Sole Sisters” Walking Group – regrouping soon for a summer schedule, so opportunity to include another location with interest.
Also, planning to organize a DG team to participate in local community walks for breast and various cancers, Alzheimers, etc.
Led by Nicole Favre, Epsilon Phi-Loyola (Audubon Park) and Liz Ferguson, Alpha Psi-Mississippi (City Park).

Mommies and Lil Wee Dee Gees - regrouping soon for a summer schedule, and **need co-leads for this group!**

DG Dialogues – a new group to create opportunities for quarterly gatherings to casually socialize with topic talks of interest like cooking and recipes, TV favs and streaming, gardening and herbs, beauty tips and shopping, or whatever so share your ideas and locations to meet!
Led by Heather Passler, Eta Eta-Texas.

*With our rebuilding efforts, SIGs were created to give members with similar interests
the opportunity to casually gather together. Groups can be expanded or revamped, so please email
DeltaGammaNOLA@gmail.com to share your input and time if you can lead a group!*

DG Foundation and Fundraiser Reports



NOAC invited members, family and friends to join efforts with local community eyesight partners, WRBH Radio for the Blind and Southern Eye Bank for a fundraiser hosted by Kendra Scott and Picnic Provisions & Whiskey. Both local businesses generously offered to donate a portion of sales to benefit DG Foundation's mission. Thanks to everyone who purchased and fundraising chair, Christie Poindexter for making this happen to Do Good!



Exam Study Bag Gifts were created for each collegian to receive a variety snacks, beverage packets, DG gift items, self care products, makeup bag & headband, and a personalized stone drink coaster to enjoy throughout their exam week. Proceeds will support EPhi's fall semester recruitment meals and events supported by NOAC.

We are very appreciative of all nationwide alumnae who supported this gift giving, valuable project:

Ami Falterman, Angelle MacDougall, Angie Sweeney, Ann von Almen, Anne Bradburn, Becky Robitaille, Catherine Berrigan Giroir, Cherie Albro, Cheryn Robles, Courtney Lane, Elizabeth Tarsi, Emily Mazur, Erin Hymel, Janet Vidrine, Jennifer Bernard, Jennifer Longwell, Jennifer Thibodeaux, Julia Stewart, Lauren Dunn, Maria Novo, Marie Chisholm, Megan Layman, Melanie Dziuba, Melissa Wilson, Melissa Wilson Sites, Michelle Moulis, Peggy Rogers, Sarah Dhane, Susan Keller, Susan Sweeney, and Wynde Jones

Thank YOU to everyone who generously contributed to this fundraiser project to support EPhi chapter!



The Epsilon Phi Senior Class was celebrated with alumnae leading the Senior Recommitment Ceremony at their final chapter meeting. We will miss you all-

NOAC Information and Quick Links

Stay In Touch

Update your contact info and include an email to receive our communications!. How to do it?

The same log in and password are used for Delta Gamma and MemberPlanet. If you have trouble resetting your password, consider using your chapter name and year of initiation for your password for an easy option related to DG to remember, ie EpsilonPhi2000. If you still need assistance, email addresschange@deltagamma.org

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Email Us

Our Calendar of Events includes something fun and meaningful for members of all ages and walks of life!

Join Us

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[Click here for the Gamma Zeta-LSU Spring 2023 Newsletter!](#)
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Get to Know our Collegiate Chapters

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[Click here for our Epsilon Phi-Loyola 2023 Newsletter!](#)
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Get to Know Us

Volunteer with Us



Post yours on our social media or email NOAC to share to get to know our members!

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#DeltaGammaFoundation
#DGServiceforSight
#DoGoodSisterhood



[Click here to log your volunteer hours via our DG NOAC Tracker Form.](#)

What Is

MemberPlanet?

MemberPlanet is Delta Gamma's primary communication platform for event details and to RSVP, member surveys, dues payments and fundraisers, etc. Once logged into MP, see the drop down under your name in the upper right corner. From here, you can click "edit profile" to update your contact information, which will also update your membership record with Delta Gamma. In the left column, click on "History" to see "payment history" for any payments you have made for dues, fundraisers, events, etc. Click on "my profile" to update any of your Delta Gamma related and education information. This is from the master Delta Gamma membership roster, which will be updated if you make any changes. It is your "go to" for all about you!

WILL YOU BE OUR 100th MEMBER TO PAY?

Support Us

It is not too late to pay your dues for the 2022-6/30/2023 fiscal year so we can be assured of paying for all of our current expenses and planning for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year starting 7/1.

*Members paying at the Pink Level receive the Babysitting and Dog Walking List.
Look for a recently sent email with the link for summer availability for EPhi collegians!*

Currently our chapter's budget of over \$10K spends almost all for Operating Expenses and required DG Fees (40%), Alumnae Events & Leadership Meetings (40%) and EPhi Collumnae Events (20%).

Last fall, we were able to pay for the meals and supplies needed for EPhi's recruitment thanks to generous donations, and we hope to be able to do this again with the proceeds from our recent Exam Study Bag Fundraiser. Our chapter's donations to Delta Gamma Foundation were possible through various fundraisers and raffles at Founders Day.

NOAC dues are \$30 Blue (basic). \$45 Pink (suggested) and \$75 Bronze (much appreciated!)
Check for a recently sent email "New Orleans Alumnae Chapter Dues 2023-2024" from @memberplanet with a direct link to your account to make a secure, electronic payment or click here. Even if you don't participate, we greatly appreciate your financial support so we can continue to Do Good for our Sisterhood & Communities!

Thank YOU to these members for your generous support!

Natalie Alleman, Melissa Aucoin, Kate Balart, Catherine Barnett, Darlene Bassett, Chelsea Bernard, Jen Bernard, Christe Brewton, Kate Brignac, Maddy Brocato, Lisa Buell, Savannah Chamblee, Amy Cioll, Jeanne Cohen, Amanda Collura-Day, Nicole Craig, Mackenzie Creamer, Virginia Davis, Sarah Dhane, Leigh Diley, Christina DiMaggio, Joelle Drouant, Sonya Duhe, Alma Dunlap, Lauren Dunn, Giselle Eastlack, Susan Ellender, Abbey Evans, Ami Falterman, Nicole Favre, Liz Ferguson, Alicia Generes, Catherine Giroir, Lacey Glorioso, Rebecca Ann Goff, Sara Gootee, KaTrina Griffin, Andrea Gunn, Patricia Hardin, Ann Harold, Kate Harrison, Bonnie Hatrel, Lydia Hopewell, Alicia Joint, Alexis Jones, Wynde Jones, Christy Kane, Cecile Kerber, Rachel Kiedrowski, Mallory Knudsen, Courtney Lane, Megan Layman, Leslie Leavoy, Patricia Lee, Wendy LoCoco, Jennifer Longwell, Chelsea Mahoney, Katie Malone, Michele Milano, Isabelle Montelepre, Katie Morton, Gabrielle Moulis, Michelle Moulis, Jennifer Muller, Marisa Naccari, Ellen Nguyen, Amanda Offner, Christy Parker, Lauren Parker, Heather Passler, Katie Perrien, Kristin Phillips, Jennifer Piazza, Laura Plunkett, Christie Poindexter, Olivia Pritchard, Missy Quigley, Katy Reynolds, Peggy Rogers, Margaret Saik, Juliette Sanchez, Sally Schaefer, Beth Schibler, Kailyn Smith, Nikki Spreen, Caroline Starr, Julia Stewart, Diana Stieffel, Angie Sweeney, Kayla Sweeney, Elizabeth Tarsi, Rebecca Thiberville, Jennifer Thibodeaux, Caitlin Torry, Desiree Valenti, Janet Vidrine, Ann Wallace, Yvonne Winchell, Gianna Yancey, and Carolyn Zeller