

2016

A YEAR IN REVIEW



PHI SIGMA SIGMA
Foundation



Dear Sisters,

As we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year, it is imperative that we continue to strive as an organization to empower Phi Sigma Sigma women to aim even higher than before. To say that our future is in their hands is far more than just a common cliché. It's reality. Ensuring the strength of that future is a tremendous responsibility and one that the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation has never taken lightly.

Today, we celebrate the success the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation has achieved because of you – our donors – collegiate and alumnae sisters, family members, and friends of Foundation. Together, we have helped many sisters achieve their academic goals and continue to develop their leadership potential. We've provided emergency funds to the victims of natural disasters and supported our philanthropic focus – school and college readiness.

Throughout our 47 years, we have provided more than \$1.5 million dollars to enhance the lives of thousands of Phi Sigma Sigma sisters as they reach for their academic goals and develop their leadership potential. And, we've helped the world through our Twin Ideals fund for disaster relief and our many other philanthropic efforts.



With your support, we've **doubled funding** of scholarships and need-based educational grants since 2011

We are dedicated to developing women leaders.

Foundation continued to support the Fraternity by providing a **\$42,000 grant to fund leadership programming** at the 2016 Leadership Conference for more than 900 women.

Seventeen Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI) scholarships were awarded to Phi Sig sisters. UIFI supports the principles of community, interfraternalism, leadership, and creating positive change.

We help reduce the burden of student debt and assist Phi Sigma Sigma members in their academic pursuits.

In 2016, we awarded **an unprecedented \$100,000 in need-based educational grants** to 31 deserving sisters. We also awarded **\$45,450 in merit-based scholarships** this year to 36 deserving sisters.

We also awarded **our first Compassion Grant**, a program established in 2016 to offer support to collegiate and alumnae sisters who experience a sudden difficult time or emergency in their lives.

We support lifelong learning and continuous improvement.

We established the **Professional Development Grant** for Phi Sigma Sigma alumnae seeking career development through non-credit courses, seminars, or programs, and, this year, we awarded five grants to deserving alumnae sisters.



Today, we celebrate the power in you, the women of Phi Sigma Sigma. As women of Phi Sigma Sigma, we remember our past, embrace our present, and plan for our future – we live greater and aim higher!

None of the Foundation's activities and impact would be possible without our generous donors.

Thank you for your investment in the Foundation and for your investment in the women of Phi Sigma Sigma past, present and future!

Loyally and gratefully yours,

Aggie
Dr. Aggie Malter
Board President

“ Debt is a scary word to any graduating college student. Receiving an educational grant from the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation reassured me that I will not have to add to the loan debt that I already have. This grant helped me complete my bachelor's degree in communications with a minor in human resource development this year. I am so thankful for the work that the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation does to make scholarships and educational grants possible. Phi Sigma Sigma has led me and continues leading me down the road to success.

– **CHELSEA WADE**, DELTA THETA CHAPTER AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

“ To be a recipient of the Compassion Grant not only gave me the financial means to stay at my university and to resume my leadership positions on campus, but it also gave me a reason to keep fighting for myself. It reminded me that I'm worth fighting for and that I don't have to listen to everybody or everything that happens to me. I can keep pushing through that and I can keep becoming a better version of myself. Everything that Phi Sigma Sigma has taught me to stand for, they allow me to now represent by awarding me the Compassion Grant.

– **ELIZABETHE BELL**, EPSILON KAPPA CHAPTER AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

We reinforced our commitment to our philanthropic cause of school and college readiness.

Foundation provided a **\$20,000 grant to our philanthropic partner, the Kids in Need Foundation**. With our support, the Kids in Need Foundation distributed \$120 million of school supplies to 4.8 million children.

Our partnership with the Kids in Need Foundation provides many volunteer and school supply donation activities to support the **16 million children** living in poverty and disaster areas.

To learn more about the Kids in Need Foundation and our work with them, visit phisigmasigmafoundation.org/our-work/philanthropy



OUR VISION

Empower Phi Sigma Sigma women to aim higher.

OUR MISSION

Cultivate relationships, secure and provide financial resources for Phi Sigma Sigma sisters to achieve excellence, impact their communities, and change the world.

OUR NEW WEBSITE



In October, we launched our new website. It is designed specifically to highlight the great work that our sisters do and the impact that we have. We encourage you to visit the site for regular updates, to learn more about the Foundation's work, and to support our initiatives. Visit www.phisigmastatfoundation.org.