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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Our 2026 Panhellenic team is beyond excited to begin what we hope becomes a long-standing tradition and recognition of our community. For all that our leaders, alumni, advisors, and prospective new members have done (and will continue to do) to better our community, thank you!

We want to document the hard work and commitment happening today so it can be preserved, celebrated, and remembered for years to come. Being a member of Panhellenic has already left a lasting mark on my life, as I know it has for many of you. The power of female friendships is something that will follow me into every chapter of my life following this.

As we head into April, a month full of Finals, Philanthropy events, and the Greatest College Weekend, our team wanted to share a few reminders and tips to help you stay grounded, supported, and aligned through this final stretch of the semester. As a community, our word of the year is Alignment. A reminder to stay rooted in our values, intentional in our actions, and connected to one another as a community. I am proud to be a Panhellenic woman and beyond grateful for all this community has given me.

Sincerely, Leah Chudy

DATES AND REMINDERS

PHA COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Carb Day/Wear your letters day April 23rd
- United Way Service Pop-Up- April 9th 4-9 PM
- Earth Day Greek Wide Clean-up April 22nd 6:30-8:30PM
- Hygiene Drive March 22nd-April 26th

ACADEMIC REMINDERS

You've got this! Finals are coming up, but remember how much you've already accomplished this semester. Take things one assignment at a time- you're closer to the finish line than you think!

CAMPUS-WIDE EVENTS

- Women's Little 500, April 24 @ 4pm
- Men's Little 500, April 25 @ 2pm
- Spring Football Showcase, April 23 @ 8pm

PHILANTHROPY

- AXO "Kickin' It with Alpha Chi" 4/15
- ADPI "Sweet as Pi" 4/12
- AGD "Knockout Hunger" 4/8
- AOII "Spike Out Arthritis" 4/15
- GPHI "Volleyball Tournament" 4/19
- THETA "Grilled Cheese Night" 4/19
- XO "Wags for Wishes" 4/15
- KD "Kappa Delta Karnival" 4/10
- KKG "Kappawderpuff" 4/7
- SDT "Philo Fest" 4/10
- SK "Blockparty" 4/15
- ZTA "Zlam Dunk" 4/14

THE WORLD'S GREATEST COLLEGE WEEKEND

The Little 500 is one of the most iconic parts of IU history. In the third week of April, the campus explodes with excitement, passion, and Indiana pride. For those who are unfamiliar or are new to campus, the Little 500 is a bike race started by Howard S. Wilcox Jr. in 1951. Modeled after the Indianapolis 500, an automotive race which his father had won, racers competed in teams of four, racing in relay-style for 200 laps. Thirty-three teams are selected in the qualifications to

photo: Bobby Goddin/Herald-Times

participate in the race day. Proceeds raised by the event funds and fundraising from teams go towards scholarships or the chosen benefit by the Indiana University student foundation.

Until 1988, the race was only open to male teams, and women could only participate in the Mini 500, an indoor trike race. In the early 1980's, after hearing whispers of how women wanted an equal spotlight in the race, the then-Dean of Women's Affairs proposed a separate women's race. It took nearly six years of planning and persuasion, and female teams, including Kappa Alpha Theta, attempting to qualify for the men's race, for the university to host the first women's-only race in 1988.

The rules would be the same as the men's race; however, the number of laps around the Bill Armstrong Stadium was reduced from 200 to 100. Thirty-one teams competed in 1988; the winning team was an all-freshman team, Wilkie Sprint. Now, Kappa Alpha Theta holds the record as the most successful team, winning ten times.

Now, in 2026, 21 of the 37 races have been won by Panhellenic teams. 2026 marks the year of the most women's teams attempting to qualify (36) for the 33 available grid spots. 20 of the 33 grid spots will be filled by Panhellenic teams in the 2026 Little 500.



HISTORY OF PHA & THE LITTLE 500

1987

4 members of Kappa Alpha Theta attempt to qualify for the men's little 500 race. They qualified in 34th, missing the final field by one spot

The first women's Little 500 race takes place after 6 years of perseverance

1988

1994

Kappa Alpha Theta becomes the first greek team to win a woman's race

Record number of women's teams (36) register to compete for 1 of the 33 grid spots in the Little 500

2025

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

1994

1995

2000

2003

2014

2015

2017

2018

2024

2025

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

1996

1998

1999

2004

2006

DELTA GAMMA

2008

2012

2013

2021

KAPPA DELTA

2007

PI BETA PHI

2009

PHA
WINNERS
OF THE
LITTLE 500

Panhellenic Riders in the Little 500 Hall of Fame



LEE ANN (TERHUNE) GUZEK
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
1988



MARTHA (GILLUM) HINKAMP
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
1988



JILL (KELLY) JANOV
ALPHA EPSILON PHI
1988



SANDI (LEIB) MILLER
ALPHA EPSILON PHI
1988



KRISTIN YOUNGQUIST
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA
1992



LISA (RISSING) BRAUN
ALPHA CHI OMEGA
1996



GRETA HOETZER
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
1996



GINA (NAAS) MURRAY
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA
1996



JULIE (PEACOCK) BECK
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
1997



LINDSEY HAWKINS
CHI OMEGA
1999



ANNE HOLTERHOFF
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
2000



JESS SAPP
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA
2006

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Alpha Chi Omega at Indiana University (Alpha Mu chapter) is a women's fraternity focused on building strong, supportive sisterhood and developing leadership and character. The chapter is active on campus and is especially known for its philanthropy supporting domestic violence awareness through work with Middle Way House in Bloomington. Members value academic success, service, and personal growth while fostering a close-knit community.



ZETA TAU ALPHA

Zeta Tau Alpha at Indiana University (Alpha Xi chapter) is a women's fraternity centered on sisterhood, leadership, and service. The chapter is active on campus and is best known for its philanthropy supporting breast cancer education and awareness through partnerships with organizations like the ZTA Foundation. Members prioritize academics, community involvement, and building meaningful connections within a supportive and empowering environment.



PANHellenic & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNSHIP & PART-TIME PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN PANHELLENIC, ON CAMPUS, AND IN THE BLOOMINGTON AREA:

- IUB WOMEN RISING LEAD INTERN [JOBS | HANDSHAKE](#)
 - WALTER CENTER FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT - COLLEGE AMBASSADOR [JOBS | HANDSHAKE](#)
 - RECREATIONAL SPORTS STUDENT TEAM MEMBER [JOBS | HANDSHAKE](#)
 - PART-TIME STUDENT MULTIMEDIA PHOTOGRAPHER, MARKETING, OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE [JOBS | HANDSHAKE](#)
 - RUSH BOWLS GENERAL MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP [JOBS | HANDSHAKE](#)
- CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION - KID CITY STAFF ASSISTANT [JOBS | HANDSHAKE](#)



TIP! CHECK OUT HANDSHAKE AND OTHER IU RESOURCES FOR JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS IN THE BLOOMINGTON AREA OR REMOTE!

LEADERSHIP TIP OF THE MONTH

CONTINUOUSLY DEVELOP SELF-AWARENESS

“WHENEVER YOU ARE ABOUT TO FIND FAULT WITH SOMEONE, ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:
WHAT FAULT OF MINE MOST NEARLY RESEMBLES THE ONE I AM ABOUT TO CRITICIZE?”

- MARCUS AURELIUS

MEET ABIGAIL SCOGGIN

THETA PHI ALPHA ALUMNA, 2024 GRADUATE



MY NAME IS ABIGAIL, I ALSO GO BY GAIL! I AM A WEDDING AND CONCERT PHOTOGRAPHER CURRENTLY BASED IN INDIANAPOLIS, WHERE I FOCUS ON CAPTURING MOMENTS OF CONNECTION AND STORYTELLING THROUGH MY WORK. DURING MY TIME AS A STUDENT AND NOW AS AN ALUMNA, I'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT I RECEIVED NOT ONLY FROM MY SISTERS IN THETA PHI ALPHA, BUT ALSO FROM MEMBERS ACROSS THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION. STARTING A CREATIVE CAREER CAN FEEL INTIMIDATING, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE FIRST TRYING TO BUILD A PORTFOLIO AND ESTABLISH YOURSELF PROFESSIONALLY. HAVING A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AROUND ME MADE THAT PROCESS SO MUCH EASIER! MANY OF MY SISTERS AND FELLOW PANHELLENIC MEMBERS TRUSTED ME TO PHOTOGRAPH MEANINGFUL MOMENTS IN THEIR LIVES, LIKE GRADUATION, ENGAGEMENTS, AND WEDDINGS, WHICH HELPED ME GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONFIDENCE WHILE ALSO ALLOWING ME TO GROW MY BUSINESS.

SINCE GRADUATING, I'VE CONTINUED EXPANDING MY WORK: PHOTOGRAPHING CONCERTS, WORKING WITH ARTISTS, AND EVEN STARTING MY OWN MUSIC PUBLICATION (SOUND STAGE MAGAZINE) WITH MY BEST FRIEND AND TPA SISTER, GRACE FRANKLIN. ALONGSIDE THAT WORK, I'VE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PHOTOGRAPH WEDDINGS FOR COUPLES ACROSS THE COUNTRY!

I WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE STAYING CONNECTED WITH CURRENT MEMBERS. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY/CREATIVE CAREERS, I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO OFFER ADVICE, ANSWER QUESTIONS, OR SHARE MY EXPERIENCES NAVIGATING THE INDUSTRY. I WOULD ALSO LOVE TO SUPPORT CURRENT PHA MEMBERS BY PHOTOGRAPHING MILESTONES OR COLLABORATING ON CREATIVE PROJECTS! BEING PART OF THE IU PANHELLENIC COMMUNITY HAS SHOWN ME THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER'S AMBITIONS, AND I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE GIVING BACK TO THIS COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY I CAN.

HOW TO REACH ABIGAIL:

INSTAGRAM- @GAILVISUALS // WEBSITE- [HTTPS://WWW.ABIGAILSCOGGIN.COM/](https://www.abigailscoggin.com/)

Culture Corner

“WHY I LOVE MY CHAPTER” BY JULIET WILL, PI BETA PHI, MC 26

“PI BETA PHI IS SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE AND I AM SO LUCKY I GET TO SHARE IT WITH MY AMAZING SISTERS. OUR SISTERHOOD IS SO BEAUTIFUL AND IT IS SO INSPIRING TO SEE HOW MUCH ALL OF US LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER. OUR SISTERHOOD GROWS DEEPER THAN JUST A NORMAL FRIENDSHIP AND TRULY MAKES THIS PLACE FEEL LIKE HOME. I LOVE HAVING A BUILT IN SUPPORT SYSTEM WHO I KNOW WILL ALWAYS BE BY MY SIDE. OUR PHILANTHROPY READ > LEAD > ACHIEVE IS SO IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL. IT IS AMAZING TO SEE OUR CHAPTER'S GROUP OF WOMEN COME TOGETHER AND WORK SO HARD FOR SOMETHING GREATER THAN OURSELVES. SUPPORTING OUR CHAPTER'S PHILANTHROPY THROUGH OUR EVENTS MAKES OUR SISTERHOOD STRONGER, BRINGING US CLOSER TOGETHER EVERY DAY.”

NOW PLAYING...

1. THIS IS INDIANA / BRICE FOX
2. SPORTS CAR / TATE MCRAE
3. CALL ON ME (RADIO MIX) / ERIC PRYDZ
4. BORN IN THE USA / BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
5. ALL NIGHT / ICONA POP
6. RISING TIDES / LEVITY & LHASA PETIK
7. THIS FEELING / RUDIMENTAL

8. LEVELS (RADIO EDIT) / AVICII
9. CLARITY (FEAT. FOXES) / ZEDD
10. GO YOUR OWN WAY / FLEETWOOD MAC
11. THE BOYS OF SUMMER / DON HENLEY
12. SPRINGSTEEN / ERIC CHURCH
13. DIXIELAND DELIGHT / ALABAMA
14. I DON'T WANT THIS NIGHT TO END / LUKE BRYAN

THANK YOU

Thank you for reading and/or participating in the Panhellenic April Newsletter! This edition is particularly special as the inaugural publication. Our goal for this newsletter is to bring our community closer and to provide all members of the community access to important information.



If you would like to participate in the next publication by being an alumna or current member spotlight, fill out the form linked below.

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