

THE ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER OF  
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

# Poodle Pages

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## Letter from The Editor

Greetings Sorors!

It is with great pleasure that I bring you the first edition of the Poodle Pages, Alpha Sigma's Official Newsletter, of the Sorority Year. I hope that you enjoy some of the highlights of Alpha Sigma's first few months of service to the Indianapolis community. We were definitely a chapter on the move. Let's keep this momentum going, as it will propel us into our busiest month: Founders' Month! Oh, and keep an eye out on our Undergraduates and Affiliates as well.



I have been so blessed to serve in this office this year, and we have only just begun! I believe that as we inch closer and closer to Centennial, Alpha Sigma will only continue to be that beacon of light that our community needs.

In Service and In Sigma,

*KayRae*

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# Our Intentional Journey: 57th Biennial Boule

JULY 11-15, 2018 | DALLAS, TX

The 57th Biennial Boule brought a memorable and historic delegation to the great state of Texas for this year's record-breaking Boule. We packed a lot into just a few days! Here are some Alpha Sigma Highlights:

At the beginning of the Third Plenary Session, Sorors and Affiliates participated in a beautiful Legacy Parade. The introduction video was given by none other than Central Region's Anti-Grammateus, our very own Dr. Khalilah Shabazz. Soror Shabazz and her legacy, Soror Brittany Payne (Gamma Zeta), along with countless other members of the Sigma Family, paraded through the conference room in a sea of blue, gold, and white. It was truly an uplifting and joyful way to begin the day on Friday!

Congratulations to our new Cultured Pearl Soror Edna May and Ruby Syntaktes Delia A. Harris! Your chapter thanks you both for your continued service and dedication to Sigma.

Alpha Sigma received awards recognizing us as a Centennial Chapter (100+ members), which has us in the top five chapters in the entire sisterhood. Our retention awarded us another honor for the Boule to Boule contest!

The theme that carried over throughout the conference was service and membership efforts leading up to Centennial. As 2022 approaches, we must continue to uplift the the city of Indianapolis through our partnerships and service.



## Hearts for Service

COVERING KIDS (7/28) | MEET ME UNDER THE BRIDGE (8/26) | ST. JUDE WALK/RUN (9/29)

Alpha Sigma participated in Covering Kids & Families of Central Indiana's 18th Annual Back to School Family Day on Saturday, July 28. Each child who attends receives a backpack with free school supplies! Sorors and guests served the community at one of the chapter's annual service traditions. The chapter also participated with Meet Me Under the Bridge, serving Indianapolis by lending our helping hands feeding the homeless a nutritious meal, water and snacks in Downtown. This event is gearing up to become a treasured Alpha Sigma tradition as well! In September, the Alpha Sigma Family served at the St. Jude Walk/Run. So far this year, the chapter has raised \$1,120 in support of St. Jude!



# 2018 Circle City Classic

## MAKING A SPLASH

In support of our strong partnership with USA Swimming, Alpha Sigma hosted a Classic Swim 1922 Swim Clinic, in partnership with the Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club. The main focus was on water safety and basic swimming skills. Over 50 people showed for this event, with around 35 people (youth and adults) getting in the water! The event was supported by not only Sorors, but the Indianapolis community, Rhoers, and guests as well. A special thank you to Soror Maggie Lewis and the Wheeler-Dowe Boys and Girls Club for opening their doors for us to return again for future events!



For the 35th Annual Circle City Classic Parade, Alpha Sigma focused on the theme “Phenomenal Sigma”, going along with our theme from our 2018 Regional Conference. Our parade float honored Regional and Local Officers, Life Members, and Cultured Pearls, adorned with motivational quotes and visuals from our 2018 National membership campaign, “It begins and ends with Sigma”. Alpha Sigma showed up, showed out, and had a blast!

Congratulations to Performace Chair Ti’auna Williams & the entire Alpha Sigma Step Team for your amazing First-Place Winning Performace!

The Classic Parade is a time for fellowship, as well as showcasing the beauty this is The Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to the city of Indianapolis. In the weeks leading up to parade day, the chapter hosts a variety of different sisterhood and service events. This year’s line up included our Swim 1922 event, an Ol’ School Backyard BBQ Sisterhood Night, and a Battle of the Yard Sales Fundraiser!

A huge shoutout to CCC Co-Chairs Karin Saratt and Jennifer Clayton, as well as everyone who participated on a sub-committee this year. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. You have truly set the standard!



# Operation R3

RECRUITMENT, RECLAMATION, RETENTION

## 2018 SIGMA ROUND-UP

When did you fall in love with Sigma? At this year's Sigma Round-Up, we hosted 85 Sorors & Rhoers, including 22 non-financial Sorors during our 2018 Alpha Sigma Round-Up on Saturday, August 4th. This is a one-third increase to the attendees at last year's Round-Up! We saw an amazing turn out for this event, which showcased sister-to-sister networking activities, Sigma knowledge games, professional and personal development workshops, and a committee fair. This event was also an opportunity to drop off donations for our OPERATION Big Book-Bag initiative. We had a total of 275 items donated at the event alone! We hope that Sorors enjoyed time to reconnect and engage with their fellow Sorors.



## BOWL & BINGE

The Membership Committee's 3rd Annual Bowl & Binge was a huge success this year! Sorors and interests were able to mix and mingle amongst friendly (yet serious) competition, food, and lots and lots of laughing and cheering. Congratulations again to all the award winners, as well as our overall winning team!



## FALL 2018 INFORMATIONAL

Alpha Sigma's Fall Informational truly displayed the reach that the chapter has on the city of Indianapolis. We had a packed house, with every table full of women interested in learning more about our organization and Sorors eager to talk to them. Our agenda included several get-to-know-you games, a presentation over our chapter and Sigma Gamma Rho as a whole, as well as a panel discussion. At the end of the event, guests were invited to converse and enjoy the treats at our dessert bar. Hats off to Anti-Basileus Shira Amos, the Membership Committee, as well as all Sorors in attendance. We are truly making an impact!



# #AskAboutASundergrads

## FALL 2018 UNDERGRAD SUMMIT

Alpha Sigma Undergraduates traveled to Ball State for this Fall's UG Summit. The Theme was "Working as ONE". Some of the workshops presented included mental health, branding, resume building, and conflict resolution. Sorors also had the opportunity to participate in a mock Formal Tea. As we get into the thick of the school year, and especially approaching Founders' Week, make sure you are supporting and uplifting our undergrads! Give them a call or text, come to an event, and be present! Let's show our Sorors some love.



### ALPHA BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Soror Long has been doing a wonderful job representing Sigma as the only member on Butler's campus. She has been focusing on visibility, networking, and supporting other student organizations.



### CENTRAL REGION COLLEGIATE AMBASSADORS ZETA CLASS



Jazmine Garrett  
Mu



Kayla Long  
Alpha

### MU BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Ball State Poodles have been putting in work for Sigma this school year, participating in their NPHC's Yard Show, putting on events and programming, and making sure to travel and support Alpha Sigma and other UG chapter events.



### GAMMA ZETA IUPUI

Gamma Zeta hit the ground running, welcoming back new students, volunteering with other organizations on campus, and completing National Programs with creative and engaging programming.



*Congratulations to our UG chapters for having the Top 3 GPAs in Area VII!*

# Affiliate Corner

## RHOER CLUB

Our Rhoer Club (Central Region Rhoer Club of the Year) continues to be a shining light in the city of Indianapolis. These young ladies participate in Study Tables, organize service and social action events of their own, and support Alpha Sigma's events and initiatives as well. With the support of their amazing advisor, Soror Yolanda Mattox, and co-advisor, Soror Rolanda Herron, these ladies continue to do nothing but positive and uplifting things in the city. Please continue to support them. They are the future of our organization!



### EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

The Alpha Sigma Family was in full effect at the Indiana Black Expo, Inc. Youth Leadership Summit this year! Several Sorors volunteered at the registration table Friday morning. On Saturday, youth delegates created and pitched their own business plans Shark Tank style. Sorors assisted the groups and even got to be sharks! On Sunday, the winning team was presented laptops for their presentations. Rhoer Brooklyn received a laptop for her essay submission and was recognized for her GPA! Overall, an enriching and engaging weekend with the youth of Indianapolis. Great job Alpha Sigma Rhoer Club, and thank you to each volunteer that helped make this weekend such a success.



### PHILOS & RHOSBUDS

Philo Coordinator Marian Turner is working diligently to get our Philo Club back up and running strong this Sorority Year! Our Philos are friends of Sigma. If you know of any women who would be interested in joining our Philo Club, please contact Soror Turner at [alphasigmaphiloadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:alphasigmaphiloadvisor@gmail.com).

Our Rhosbud Advisors, Soror Stephanie Groves and Soror Nancy Silvers-Rogers, are creating the groundwork for an amazing Club for our 8-11 year old girls. Be on the lookout for more info to come this Sorority Year!





## *A Message From Our Basileus*



DAWN WRIGHT  
2018-2020 BASILEUS

Each year, members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated pause all over the world to observe Founders' Day on November 12th. As we reflect on our Seven Illustrious Pearls for our 96th Founders Day celebration in Indianapolis, it's important that we truly focus on why we celebrate and pause to pay homage.

We pause to celebrate the birth of the first historically black sorority to be founded at a predominantly white collegiate institution; to celebrate everything that Sigma Gamma Rho has given and continues to give us; to celebrate seven young black educators who dared to be ambitious in how they served their communities.

As we near our centennial in 2022, each Founders' Day seems to gain additional significance. More than it being a celebration, it is a constant reminder of the sisterhood and leadership we exude. It is a

day of reflection, where we should set aside time to be thankful for authentic relationships maintained through the years and the new friendships that will surely bloom as we continue to serve together.

Each Founders' Day should remind us that we are an essential link to the progress of our historically rich organization founded by remarkable women whose achievements were ahead of their time. Our Founders were both inspiring and ambitious in their desire to establish the great legacy of Sigma Gamma Rho. May we be equally as inspired and ambitious to press forward with the good works and deeds of Sigma into the days and years ahead.

I look forward to reflecting our sisterhood and celebrating with sorors at our chapter Founders' Celebration events this year!!

Forever yours in Sigma,

*Dawn Wright*  
Basileus Dawn Wright