

Gamma Phi Beta Reappoints Barbie Chadwick (Vanderbilt) as Foundation Chair

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Centennial, Colorado — International Council (IC) is pleased to announce that Barbie Chadwick (Vanderbilt) has been reappointed to serve another three-year term as chair of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Board of Trustees.

“Barbie has provided the Foundation with steady, strategic and deeply committed leadership,” said International President Stephanie Gauchat Carriere (Arizona). “Under her leadership, the Foundation reached significant milestones in its work to inspire generosity and invest in our sisterhood. In partnership with the Board of Trustees, International Headquarters staff, volunteers and donors, Barbie has helped strengthen the Foundation’s impact and position it to support Gamma Phi Beta

members for years to come.”

In this last biennium, the Foundation awarded nearly one-million dollars in scholarships and fellowships, including the largest fellowships in the Foundation’s history, thanks to the Ruth Andrea Seeler, M.D. Fellowship Endowment. More than 300 Gamma Phi Gives Day ambassadors helped raise nearly \$600k during the biennium and over \$1 million since it began to support scholarships, leadership programming and more.

Barbie has extensive fundraising, nonprofit and leadership experience. Before becoming Foundation Chair, she served as chair of the Facilities Management Company (FMC) Board of Managers. She also completed a seven-year term as a member of the board of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Foundation, two years as chair, where she helped double the organization’s endowed scholarship, established policies and procedures and evaluated its mission and purpose. Barbie has more than 30 years of individual giving experience, including five years at the Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation, four of those as executive director.

Her experience in donor cultivation, solicitation and stewardship, combined with her understanding of fraternal foundation operations and Gamma Phi Beta, has helped guide the Foundation through a period of meaningful growth.



IC looks forward to continuing its partnership with Barbie and the Foundation Board of Trustees as they invest in high-impact leadership development, support educational success and strengthen a culture of philanthropy throughout Gamma Phi Beta.

About

Gamma Phi Beta was founded on November 11, 1874, at Syracuse University by four bold and courageous women. The Sorority's mission is to build confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around us. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered 190 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada and has more than 265,000 initiated members.



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