

Gamma Phi Beta Recognizes Dr. Valerie Verge With Carnation Award

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Centennial, Colorado — Gamma Phi Beta presented Dr. Valerie Verge (McGill) with the prestigious Carnation Award at the Sorority's 82nd Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The award recognizes members whose outstanding achievements in fields outside the Sorority have brought them honor or great distinction.

Dr. Verge is a McGill-trained neuroscientist, a University of Saskatchewan distinguished professor and distinguished researcher and director of the College of Medicine Cameco MS Neuroscience Research Centre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Her longstanding research program focusses on nervous system repair and developing strategies that significantly enhance the ability of the nervous system to repair itself using preclinical peripheral nerve injury and multiple sclerosis (MS) models that are now moving into translation.

Her many distinctions include being a Medical Research Council of Canada scholar, president of the Canadian Association for Neuroscience, the 2019 MS Canada Women against MS honoree, receiving the 2025 Association of Faculties of Medicine Canada Scientist award and being named to Stanford University's list of the top 2% most highly cited scientists worldwide.

She is also a committed mentor and strong advocate for neuroscience research, contributing to many national and international committees and efforts.

Since 1974, Gamma Phi Beta has presented the Carnation Award to members who excel in their careers and positively represent themselves and the Sorority. The award recognizes impressive personal accomplishments and identifies role models within the organization. This year's additional Carnation Award winners are Kari Watkins (Oklahoma), Gina Schaefer (Wittenberg) and Jill Castilla (Oklahoma State).

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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