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Gamma Phi Beta Wins Elevation In Practice – Impact Award for Belonging, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (BEDI) Summit

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Centennial, Colorado – Gamma Phi Beta is honored to accept the 2024 Elevation in Practice – Impact Award from the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) for the Belonging, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (BEDI) Summit. This new award recognizes programs that demonstrate originality in advancing the modern fraternal movement, with the "Impact" category focusing on initiatives that make a significant positive change in communities.

Since its launch in 2021, the BEDI Summit has emerged as Gamma Phi Beta's signature leadership event, dedicated to fostering a more just, equitable and inclusive sisterhood. Over the past four years, the Summit has engaged nearly 6,500 members and friends of the Sorority in critical discussions on topics such as race and racism, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation, disability and BEDI action. The event's learning assessments show positive outcomes in attendee development, with many participants noting increased self-awareness and a greater sense of belonging within Gamma Phi Beta.

The BEDI Summit's ongoing success is made possible through the generosity of Gamma Phi Beta Foundation donors.

"We are incredibly grateful for this recognition from AFA. The BEDI Summit exemplifies our commitment to our values, and we are thrilled to see the impact it's had on our members. This award highlights the collective effort of our staff, volunteers and members to build a more supportive, inclusive sisterhood," said Stephanie Gauchat Carriere (Arizona), International President of Gamma Phi Beta.

Gamma Phi Beta previously received the Excellence in Educational Programming Award from AFA in 2021 for the inaugural BEDI Summit, and again in 2007 and 2017 for its Collegiate Advisor Development Program and REAL Leadership Experience, respectively.

To learn more about the BEDI Summit and Gamma Phi Beta's ongoing initiatives in belonging, equity, diversity and inclusion, [visit our website](#).

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



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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 250,000 initiated members.



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