

## Gamma Phi Beta Recognizes Cheryl Darcel Gunter With Carnation Award

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Centennial, CO – Gamma Phi Beta presented Cheryl Darcel Gunter (Tennessee-Knoxville) with the prestigious Carnation Award at the Sorority’s 81st Convention in Chicago, Illinois. The award recognizes members whose outstanding achievements in fields outside the Sorority have brought them honor or great distinction. Gunter graduated from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where she was initiated into Gamma Xi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. She also earned a master’s degree at the University of Memphis, completed a clinical fellowship at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center-Memphis and received a doctorate at the University of Texas-Austin.

Gunter is a distinguished academic and clinical professional, who advanced the discipline of communication sciences and disorders in a variety of local, state, national and international roles. She began her career at Iowa State University-Ames and currently serves as associate dean for the College of Health Sciences at West Chester University, where she is also a professor of communication sciences and disorders.

Gunter has significantly advanced her field as an educator, scholar, administrator and practitioner. She has received over 20 teaching excellence awards, received 15 grant awards and has authored three books, 50+ publications and 90+ conference presentations. She has held leadership roles in multiple professional associations, including national president for Alpha Eta, the honor society for Allied Health. Her clinical work has improved health literacy and service delivery to populations facing obstacles. Her long-list of honors includes the Distinguished Service Award from Iowa State University and the Honors of the Association from the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Gunter is an active member of Philadelphia West Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta and has served the Sorority in countless leadership roles. Passionate about her faith, she serves in her local church and enjoys traveling, crocheting, baking and entering culinary competitions.



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 Annie Mitchell (Puget Sound), Dr. Callie Cox Bauer (Minnesota-Twin Cities) and Muriel Lipsey Smith (Manitoba).

### **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 250,000 initiated members.



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