

Gamma Phi Beta Announces Closure Of Alpha Xi Chapter (Southern Methodist)

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Centennial, Colorado — With sadness, International Council (IC) announces the closure of Alpha Xi Chapter at Southern Methodist University (SMU), effective May 12, 2024. All current collegiate members of Alpha Xi Chapter in good standing will be granted alumnae status.

International President Autumn L. Hansen (Idaho) expressed her thoughts on the closure of Alpha Xi Chapter with deep consideration. She shared, "Making the decision to close a chapter is always a solemn moment for IC. Alpha Xi Chapter at Southern Methodist has faced unique challenges over the years, and our alumnae, members and volunteers have shown unwavering dedication to sustaining its presence on campus. Despite these efforts, the competitive campus culture at SMU and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have posed significant obstacles to recruitment and retention. Throughout its history, Alpha Xi Chapter has been a cherished part of Gamma Phi Beta's sisterhood. The commitment of its members has been commendable, and we appreciate their determination to create lasting sisterhood bonds. The decision by the chapter to relinquish its charter at the end of the 2023-24 academic year, while a difficult one, is a reflection of their desire to prioritize sisterhood and their legacy."

Autumn continued, "To our Alpha Xi sisters, please know that your journey with Gamma Phi Beta does not end here. You will forever belong to our beloved Sorority, and we are here to support you in your transition to alumnae life. Your resilience and the bonds you have formed will continue to be a source of strength and inspiration, both within our sisterhood and beyond. We are grateful for your contributions to Gamma Phi Beta and eagerly anticipate the positive impact you will make in the world as dedicated alumnae. Thank you for your enduring loyalty and commitment."

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 248,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

