

# Gamma Phi Beta

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## Dr. Ruth Seeler's Legacy Empowers Future Gamma Phi Betas

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Centennial, CO – In a testament to the enduring power of generosity, the Gamma Phi Beta community mourns the loss of Dr. Ruth Seeler (Vermont), an extraordinary individual whose legacy will continue to shape the lives of aspiring female physicians within our sisterhood.

Dr. Ruth Seeler, an esteemed board-certified pediatric hematologist-oncologist, made an indelible mark on the medical community throughout her five-decade-long career. As the first woman to graduate from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1962, she blazed a trail for countless women in healthcare. Her passion for empowering fellow sisters led to the establishment of The Ruth A. Seeler, M.D. Scholarship and Fellowship Endowment through the Gamma Phi

Beta Foundation, providing vital financial aid to undergraduate and graduate sisters pursuing medical studies. In recognition of her exceptional contributions, Gamma Phi Beta bestowed upon her the prestigious Carnation Award in 1984 and the Philanthropist of the Year Award in 2004.

Upon her passing on October 14, 2022, Ruth's commitment to sisterhood persevered. Her generous bequest included an estimated \$4.2 million (Ruth's estate is still in the process of being settled), the Foundation's largest gift to date. Additionally, she contributed \$250,000 to establish the Ruth Andrea Seeler Leadership Endowment, furthering leadership training and development programs for Gamma Phi Beta members.

As we remember Ruth's spirit of empowerment, her legacy will serve as a guiding light for future generations of Gamma Phi Beta sisters. Her impact on our sisterhood and the medical field stands as a testament to the transformative influence of an individual dedicated to making a difference.

Ruth is featured in the **fall 2023 issue of *The Crescent***. She was also featured in the **fall 2022 issue of *The Crescent***.

### 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 250,000 initiated members.



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