

Gamma Phi Beta

TRUE AND CONSTANT

Dear Gamma Phi Beta Sisters:

I would be remiss to not address the current happenings in North America and across the world right now. COVID-19 has quickly generated a time of stress and uncertainty to our members. I want you to know how much Gamma Phi Beta cares about you, how much I care about you and how important it is for us to be there for one another in this time of crisis.

My heart goes out to our sisters who have been directly impacted by COVID-19, and for those indirectly impacted. Many families are navigating day-to-day logistics with school closures, small businesses are struggling, retirement savings are suffering – all of us facing our fears and anxieties of what may come.

Many of you are likely wondering how our collegiate members are being impacted. Several universities have dismissed students for the remainder of the year, and many others have moved to online learning. We are diligently working with our chapters and facilities to provide guidance, leadership and resources, but this is certainly a challenging time for all. I invite you to visit our [web page](#) dedicated to COVID-19, which includes a tracking document surrounding the impact at each college campus where we have an active chapter.

I want to draw particular attention to our Gamma Phi Beta sisters nearing the end of their senior year – just months away from graduation. My heart goes out to each of these women. Even though this might not be the graduation celebration you imagined, know that your sisters are here for you, now and forever.

We are compelled to help our sisters in need during this challenging time, and yesterday, we posted a [press release](#) to our site surrounding our [Chapter Challenge 2020](#). We will be dedicating a portion of our proceeds raised during Chapter Challenge to our Loyalty Grant program to help support those affected by COVID-19. Loyalty Grants are funds made available to members who are undergoing financial hardships due to unforeseen life circumstances, such as natural disasters, health, displacement, etc. We certainly understand that not everyone can give right now, but we do ask that you respect our sisterhood's decision, as some members can and want to give at this time.

We will also donate a portion of our proceeds to the World Health Organization's (WHO) COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund to contribute to the WHO-led effort to respond to the pandemic.

We must be able to rely on each other during this time – a family of sisters who are strong alone, but even stronger together. We are confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around us. Now is the time to honor that sisterhood and make a difference.

Remember to call your sisters to check in on them and ensure they have everything they need – especially those who are considered high risk. Be a True and Constant friend.

And if nothing else, remember to wash your hands!



Love in IIKE,

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