



## MEET FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

*Harriett Bedwell Cogan*  
(INDIANA STATE)

Harriett Bedwell Cogan has been elected to serve for a three-year term (August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2021) as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

Harriett recently retired after a 31-year career at State Farm Insurance Companies. She held various leadership positions in multiple locations with the organization.

Born and raised in Indiana, Harriett earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University and was initiated into Gamma Phi Beta at the Beta Pi Chapter. She has been an active volunteer for the organization for more than 40 years. She served as chapter advisor for Beta Pi Chapter (Indiana State) and Delta Pi Chapter (Illinois State), as well as a member of the affiliated house corporations for Delta Pi Chapter (Illinois State) and Delta Iota Chapter (Purdue). She is a past president of the Terre Haute Alumnae Chapter and a current member of the Denver Alumnae Chapter. She has served as a Gamma Phi Beta volunteer as philanthropy chairwoman and regional team leader for Region 5.

In addition to her volunteer work with Gamma Phi Beta, Harriett is co-owner of Special Occasions Event Planning, a full-service event planning business. She creates event designs, full-scale wedding planning and manages the day-of schedule for events. She has created unique events, intrinsically reflective of the client. Special Occasions also designs corporate events as well as weddings and private social events.

Harriett has also been a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI), Association of Bridal Consultants (ABC) and served on the Board of Directors for PATH, a social service crisis center in Bloomington, Illinois. She currently serves as a volunteer docent for the Highlands Ranch Mansion.

With her husband Mike, Harriett lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and is enjoying retirement. They have two grown daughters and are the proud grandparents to Ceinwen, Emma and Cogan.