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GAMMA PHI BETA

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**GAMMA PHI BETA DECLINES INVITATION TO RE-ESTABLISH CHI CHAPTER AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Centennial, Colorado** – After careful thought and deliberation, Gamma Phi Beta’s International Council made the difficult decision to decline the invitation from Oregon State University to re-establish our Chi Chapter in fall of 2017.

At this time, International Council does not believe a return to Oregon State is favorable due to the lack of a safe, reliable, attractive, affordable and competitive chapter facility in Corvallis, as well as current Panhellenic numbers that do not demonstrate the interest to sustain a healthy and viable chapter.

“We want to thank the Oregon State Panhellenic and campus community for their partnership and collaboration over the past several years,” said Membership Vice President Caitlin Capozzi. “We are proud of our legacy at Oregon State and want nothing more than to maintain a positive and fraternal relationship with the Oregon State community.”

International Council wants to see Chi Chapter re-established and thriving. Gamma Phi Beta believes current factors do not demonstrate an ability for the organization to come back successfully and maintain a competitive, healthy chapter.

Gamma Phi Beta wishes the Oregon State community much future success.

**About Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority**

Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. The Sorority’s mission is to inspire the highest type of womanhood. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered more than 180 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada, and has more than 200,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

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