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### KATHERINE HAWES RECOGNIZED WITH GAMMA PHI BETA FOUNDATION'S 2016 RISING STAR AWARD

**Centennial, Colorado** – The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation presented Katherine Hawes with the Rising Star Award at the Sorority's 77th biennial Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. This award recognizes individual sisters for their outstanding leadership and philanthropic service to Gamma Phi Beta and their community.

Katherine Hawes has recently completed her freshman year at the University of Oklahoma, where she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta's Psi Chapter. In her short time with Gamma Phi Beta, Hawes has shown her philanthropic spirit and devotion to volunteering.

Hawes currently volunteers with OK Humane at the intake facility and adoption center for animals. She assists with PetSmart's mega adoption event in Oklahoma City and the Pups on the Plaza event. Hawes has fostered dogs, spread awareness about volunteer opportunities and started a donation drive for supplies to support OK Humane.

Hawes also volunteers her time to Disability Inclusion and Awareness. She played an important role in rebranding the club to focus more on advocacy and awareness through social media and event promotion.

With 2016 as its inaugural year, the Rising Star Award will be presented at each Convention. The award recognizes one member who has contributed exceptional leadership service and made an impact on the Sorority and organizations outside of Gamma Phi Beta.

#### **About The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation**

Established in 1959, the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support and inspire the lifelong development of women. The Foundation provides charitable and educational funding for leadership development, financial aid for members and philanthropic opportunities for Building Strong Girls; the Foundation has distributed \$12.5 million to date.

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## **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 185 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada, and has more than 200,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

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