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**MELINDA SUTTON ELECTED EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT
OF GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY**

Centennial, Colorado – Gamma Phi Beta SorORITY announces the election of Dr. Melinda “Mindy” Sutton of Oxford, Mississippi, to the position of Education Vice President.

With more than 15 years of Gamma Phi Beta leadership experience, Mindy has served in a variety of volunteer positions for Gamma Phi Beta including chapter advisor, regional coordinator-collegiate, sorORITY director-new chapters, affiliated house corporation president for Alpha Xi Chapter (Southern Methodist), special recruitment consultant, presentation team member and more. Initiated at Alpha Xi Chapter at Southern Methodist University, Mindy will serve on a board of seven, overseeing a vast international volunteer base and a membership exceeding 200,000.

"The role of Education Vice President within Gamma Phi Beta is an important one, particularly at this point in time as the SorORITY transitions to a new governance model," said Mindy. While fraternities and sorORITYs are under increasing scrutiny on a national stage; and because our philanthropic focus of 'Building Strong Girls' and – ultimately, strong women – remains a relevant and significant need in society, I feel especially fortunate to be able to address and advance these important initiatives, among others, and to serve an organization that has given me so much."

Mindy is the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at the University of Mississippi, a position she began in June 2014. Her portfolio at Ole Miss includes the Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement; the Ole Miss Student Union; the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct; and the Office of the Dean of Students, which encompasses student organizations, leadership programming, fraternity and sorORITY life, advising of the associated student body, volunteer opportunities and crisis response. Mindy earned her bachelor's degree in public relations from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, a master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University-Bloomington and doctoral degree in educational administration from The University of Texas at Austin.

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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