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Bring Election 2000 to Life On Your Campus

Let me begin by saying that it is indeed an honor to serve as your president for the next two years. I look forward to working with each of you to strengthen and promote Pi Sigma Alpha. A presidential election year affords our chapters a golden opportunity to bring the excitement of the campaign season to campus. As you help your officers and members plan activities, consider some of the following ideas:

Conduct a presidential straw poll on your campus. Cooperative efforts involving student government, campus Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Reform, Green, and other party and student organizations work well. Florida's Pi Sigma Alpha chapters and Student Government Association are co-sponsoring a statewide presidential straw poll in October. Individual campuses are holding voter registration drives at the same time. Many have planned lots of local press coverage of the events. Remember, local television and radio stations, as well as newspapers, need stories about young people's participation in Campaign 2000.

Send a team of Pi Sigma Alpha members to local high school classes. Have members talk about elections and conduct a straw poll. The team can wear Pi Sigma Alpha shirts, if your chapter has such available for its members.

Volunteer to help with KidsVote projects in your area.

Local election supervisors and schools often need help promoting these efforts. Research has shown that such efforts have as much impact on the parents as on the kids.

Sponsor a Political Fair and Candidate Forum. Offer students a chance to meet candidates running for office at all levels. Encourage political parties and various organizations to set up a table or booth where they can distribute literature and recruit volunteers.

Sponsor and conduct candidate and/or issue debates campus wide or in individual classes. If a particular contest or issue is "hot" in your area, why not put on a debate moderated by Pi Sigma Alpha members? These often stir up even more interest than the presidential contest.

Whatever you do, be sure you do something to help

students experience the thrill and fun of politics!

Susan A. MacManus, University of South Florida
President, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

Editor's Note

After much organizing, coordinating, nail-biting, worrying and long hours of debating issues from layout to production, here it is- the first Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter produced under my watch as its new editor. It is the editorial staff's hope that readers will find it fresh, interesting, informative and simply enjoyable to read as we attempt to produce a periodical of which Pi Sigma Alpha may continue to be proud. In fact, it is precisely because we have inherited such an outstanding publication from the previous editor, John Tierney of Boston College, that we bit nails and worried so frenetically in the first place. Could we maintain or improve upon the standard set by previous issues of the Newsletter? That was the primary question we asked ourselves as we began collecting content for it, and in the end, we believe we have lived up to the challenge set by the high standards expected by the members and officials of the Society. It is our hope that you, as the end consumer, agree.

I say "we," because in order to produce a publication that is relevant, timely and informative, there is almost always a need for cooperation from the skilled talent of others. Professor Tierney set an outstanding example

as editor, and continued to be of assistance even after the torch was passed, so to speak, by numerous helpful email messages which ensured a smooth transition of editorial responsibility. So, too, I was edified by the collegiality and support of the Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Committee during our Washington meeting earlier in the summer; in the day-to-day operation of our respective chapters across the country, it may be easy to forget the incredible talent and experience which comprises this committee (and in fact, the entire Executive Council). For one brief moment, at least, in my first notes to the readership, I wanted to be sure to go on record as reminding us all that Pi Sigma Alpha is blessed with outstanding leadership which constantly concerns itself with the welfare of the Society and all of us associated with it- perhaps as befits an honor society for political science! In particular, Jim Lengle and Nancy McManus in the National Office are in no small part responsible for ensuring that this is the best publication it can be.

I also say "we" because of the excitement created by my naming as editor among the members of Beta Iota Chapter at The Citadel- and the team spirit displayed among its membership in agreeing to run errands, do small jobs and perform other, often mundane chores associated with the behind-the-scenes production of any publication such as this. My two editorial assistants in particular, Courtney Walsh and Dion Trahan, stepped forward to volunteer additional time and talent in creating and organizing content, and I am pleased that they have taken a personal stake in the reputation of the Newsletter as we begin the process of publishing and distributing it from Charleston. I am immensely proud of Beta Iota Chapter; its members not only live up to every one of the stringent expectations of scholarly excellence and leadership development The Citadel demands of its cadets, but they set a remarkable example for Pi Sigma Alpha as a whole.

So again, here it is- the first Newsletter produced by a group of talents that space will always be inadequate to thank personally and sufficiently. I may be one of the luckiest people in the Society to have the title of Editor, since with it comes something of a de facto belief that I am the one who puts the whole thing together. Now that the record has been set straight, however, I am pleased to invite each and every member of the Society- and particularly Chapter Advisors across the country- to share in the perpetuation of this myth by contributing small reports on their activities, officers and initiates to future issues! Please distribute the Newsletter to your interested members, and don't feel imposing to ask us for more copies if they're needed. Even if you don't wish to contribute an actual story or report but have an idea, comment or criticism about making the Newsletter more valuable or user-friendly, my email address is at your disposal. The more we all contribute to the content and consumption of this publication, the better it will continue to be.

We have, in addition to the traditional chapter reports, award winners and new chapter admissions, included the first of several new member-and-chapter-oriented features in this issue of the Newsletter- called PSA Profiles- that we hope to use in making the publication more direct and relevant to the average Pi Sigma Alpha member in the average chapter over the coming years. On behalf of the editorial staff and the National Office, I hope this slight reorientation is both noticed and appreciated. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any ideas that will make the Newsletter a solid and useful link between you, your chapter and the rest of the Pi Sigma Alpha family on a regular basis.

John C. Kuzenski

Business Meeting and Election Delivers New Program Information and Executive Council; Hamilton Delivers Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture at APSA.

As usual, Pi Sigma Alpha was both busy and productive at this year's American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference in Washington, DC. The Society held a meeting of its Executive Council and sponsored the Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture- which has become a widely appreciated and attended speech by a notable figure in politics or political science- on Thursday, August 31. On Friday, September 1, business continued with the convening of the biennial business meeting and election of new Society officers and

Executive Council members. Faculty advisors from 61 Pi Sigma Alpha chapters across the nation came to take part in the business meeting.

The audience for the Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture, open to all conference participants, was significantly larger- a reflection of how important the event has become to APSA attendees. This year, the Lecture featured guest speaker Lee H. Hamilton. Hamilton, a 17-term veteran of the US House of Representatives (D-IN) and now Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington and the Center on Congress at Indiana University, spoke on "What I Wish Political Scientists Would Teach About the Congress" to a rapt audience of over 300. His very thoughtful and cogent lecture reflected his own conviction that the work of Congress is poorly understood and often badly misperceived by most of the voting public. He explained his great respect for the legislative process and for most of the individual members of Congress, and blamed both the sensation-seeking media and inadequate civic education for the popular notions that Congress as an institution is inept and overly contentious. He also strongly challenged the stereotype that members of Congress are generally venal and unethical. At the conclusion of his comments, Hamilton received a standing ovation from the assembled political scientists, most of them teachers of government.



2000 Pi Sigma Alpha Distinguish Lecturer, Lee Hamilton, Director, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars.

Pi Sigma Alpha arranged to videotape Hamilton's important and enlightening comments so as to provide a teaching resource to the political science community. According to Nancy McManus, Administrator of the National Office, the national organization will let chapters know when this resource is ready for distribution; she added that "we hope to make it available to Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter Advisors either free or at very low cost." In the meantime, however, the text of Hamilton's address is scheduled to appear on the Wilson Center's WWW server, at www.wwics.si.edu, in the near future. (NOTE: The address is currently available via the American Political Science Association web site at www.apsanet.org/PS/dec00/hamilton.cfm.)

In other news delivered at the Business Meeting to the attending advisors: the Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council, at its annual meeting, approved an addition of \$5,000 to the Chapter Activity Grants budget, bringing the total available for the program to \$45,000 for the year 2000. The Activity Grants program is a highlight of chapter membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, and the Executive Committee was pleased to be able to increase the amount of money available to fund important chapter projects as a result of the outstanding current financial health of the Society.

The Council also worked to expand the Penniman scholarship program to the advantage of more academically distinguished and promising individual members of Pi Sigma Alpha; it approved the addition of 3 more graduate scholarships to the currently budgeted 5. The three new awards will be reserved for second-year graduate students, and the original five will still be for first-year students only. Details of the program and its available awards, according to McManus, will be sent to chapter advisors shortly after the new year. The Howard Penniman Scholarship program is designed to assist in funding the costs of graduate political science study, and has become a very popular program within the Society. More details on the program are available in the Newsletter, as well as on the Pi Sigma Alpha national website at www.pisigmaalpha.org.

A new slate of Executive Council members was elected at the Business Meeting, and their names appear on page 2 of this issue of the Newsletter with congratulations. Outgoing members of the Executive Council, whose terms expired on September 1, 2000, are also to be thanked for their selfless dedication to the mission and noble purposes of Pi Sigma Alpha; they are Naomi B. Lynn (University of Illinois-Springfield), Leslie

Feldman (Hofstra University), Jewel L. Prestage (Prairie View A & M University), Michael Preston (University of Southern California), Darryl Roberts (Tuskegee University) and Elaine Swift (Eastern Washington University). Christopher J. Bosso (Northeastern University) was reappointed to the Council for the 2000-2004 term. At the Executive Committee meeting in Washington earlier in the summer, the Committee made special note of the outstanding job John Tierney (Boston College) had done as editor of the Newsletter upon his retirement from that position.



William J. Keefe, Pi Sigma Alpha President 1998-2000, introduces Lee Hamilton at the 2000 APSA Annual Meeting in Washington.

Finally, in his comments to the audience at the Business Meeting, Executive Director Jim Lenge reported that Pi Sigma Alpha continues to grow both financially as well as in the number of programs it offers for its members and for the profession of political science. The Society is still at or near the top of the list of member societies within the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) in terms of the percentage of operating budget returned to chapters and members via programs and awards.

Pi Sigma Alpha National Office Gets New Web Address

One major and positive change came to Pi Sigma Alpha's efforts to disseminate information over the World Wide Web over the summer; its old Web address of www.apsanet.org/-psa was replaced with a new, easier-to-remember home page location (or URL) www.pisigmaalpha.org. Members of the Society that are interested in locating information, purchasing Pi Sigma Alpha merchandise or downloading any of the helpful documents and forms that are on the national site should take note and use the new address from now on.

The old address is still technically where all of the National Office's web files reside, but thanks to the new domain forwarding service being employed, www.pisignzaalpha.org will take you straight to the Pi Sigma Alpha home page from anywhere on the World Wide Web! The domain name, which had been reserved by Beta Iota Chapter at The Citadel, was offered as a donation to the National Office during the Society Executive Committee's annual meeting in Washington. The committee unanimously agreed to accept Beta Iota's offer, and the forwarding service to the national PSA home page began in May, 2000. The ".org" extension is a standard identifier used by non-governmental, non-profit civic groups.

Chapter advisors are reminded that they may still participate in another important internet-based means of communication within Pi Sigma Alpha by subscribing to the H-Net email network-which, among other things, allows users to receive regular updates on important Society information via email! To participate in the H-Net list (faculty advisors only, please), send an email to [LISTSERV @ H-NET.MSU.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@H-NET.MSU.EDU). In the message text (not on the subject line), type **SUBSCRIBE APSA-PISIG**, followed on the same line with your name and institutional affiliation. You will receive a confirmation message welcoming you to the H-Net mailing list and providing more information on using the system at that time.

Outgoing Heads of FBI's New York Office Addresses Hofstra Inductees

The Eta Pi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, held a banquet May 1, 2000 for its annual induction ceremony. Sixteen new members were inducted. The banquet was held at the Hofstra University Club and was attended by the Political Science faculty, student officers and guests.

The induction ceremony speaker was Hofstra alumnus Lewis D. Schiliro, the Assistant Director of the FBI's

New York office, who retired in April. Schiliro spoke about the many high profile issues and cases in which he has been involved, including the World Trade Center bombing, TWA flight 800, Y2K counter terrorism detail in New York City, and organized crime. He also discussed the Federal Bureau of Investigation, how it has evolved over the years, and career opportunities in law enforcement. In addition to hosting Schiliro as a guest speaker, the ceremony included the awarding of the Herbert D. Rosenbaum/Pi Sigma Alpha prize for the best student paper in Political Science at the university. The award was sponsored by a Pi Sigma Alpha chapter grant and presented by Professor Emeritus Herbert D. Rosenbaum. This year's recipient was Katherine Dubin, for her paper entitled "The Failure of the Court Packing Plan and the

Limits of Presidential Character." The Hofstra chapter also received a chapter activity grant for a speaker series titled "Challenges in the Millennium;" the first speaker in this series was Hempstead. NY councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, known as the "Rosa Parks of Hempstead."

In her remarks, Chapter Advisor Dr. Leslie Feldman, Associate Professor of Political Science, urged new members of Pi Sigma Alpha to get involved in civic life and "serve your fellow creatures."

IOTA MU Chapter Sponsors Lectures, "Law Day" on UALR Campus

Iota Mu chapter at The University of Arkansas-Little Rock co-sponsored two distinguished Rockefeller lectures (endowed by former Governor Winthrop Rockefeller) in the past academic year. Last Spring, the chapter welcomed Professor Richard Fenno of Rochester University as its guest speaker, and this past Fall, John White of Catholic University was the chapter's invited speaker. White elaborated on themes from his book *Still Seeing Red*, which explains how the party system evolved and produced conflict over the cold war; he also explained how these themes persist between the parties today. Fenno's lecture focused on why the Republican Revolution of the 104th Congress failed, with the distinguished author and professor noting that the GOP had been out of power so long in Congress, they simply forgot how to govern. Both lectures drew large audiences from both the university community and the public.

In addition to the Rockefeller Lectures, Iota Mu also sponsored a lecture by the Alaskan Wilderness Society and cosponsored "Law Day" on the UALR campus. The latter event was one in which current law students and lawyers presented their tips on how to "make it in law school."

During Spring semester 2000, Iota Mu sponsored a millennium forum entitled "Campaigns, Technology, and the 2000 Elections." Featured guests at the forum included pollsters Ernie and Zoe Oakleaf, Republican Consultant Ron Fuller and Democratic Political Consultant Bill Paschall, who have worked for a number of congressional campaign throughout the South. On April 22nd, Iota Mu initiated 15 new members at a dinner at which Paul Greenberg, the Pulitzer prize winning editorial page editor of the local Democrat-Gazette

New Pi Sigma Alpha Chapters in the Year 2000

Chi Psi McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LP
Psi Alpha Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
Psi Beta University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
Psi Gamma Centenary College, Shreveport, LA
Psi Delta St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY
Psi Epsilon Westminster College, Fulton, MO
Psi Zeta Elmira College, Elmira, NY
Psi Theta Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL
Psi Iota Samford University, Birmingham, AL
Psi Kappa Cameron University, Lawton, OK
Psi Lambda Oklahoma City University
Psi Mu La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA
Psi Nu Marietta College, Marietta, OH
Psi Xi University of Southern Maine, Portland
Psi Omicron St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, NY
Psi Pi Clarion University, Clarion, PA
Psi Rho St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT
Psi Sigma Trinity College, Washington, DC
Psi Tau Merrimack College, North Andover, MA
Psi Upsilon Aquinal College, Grand Rapids, MI
Psi Phi High Point University, High Point, NC
Psi Chi University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
Psi Psi California State University, Bakersfield
Psi Omega University of California, San Diego
Omega Alpha Millikin University, Decatur, IL
Omega Beta Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant

newspaper, spoke; Greenberg was also inducted as an honorary member. The format for his talk was somewhat unusual; Greenberg took questions submitted in advance by members of the Iota Mu chapter to discuss such diverse topics as what it was like to have only one major daily in Arkansas now that the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette was the only paper in town. The state had been served by the prize winning Arkansas Gazette for over 150 years- until its demise in a fierce newspaper war in 1990. One additional questioner raised an issue of more national scope; the query asked Greenberg why the paper "had such a strong anti-Clinton editorial policy."

Pi Sigma Alpha Award Winners, 2000

Best Chapter Awards

with enrollment under 6,000

Xi Xi, SUNY Geneseo, Dr. Alan Shank, Advisor

Chi Theta, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), Dr. Angela High-Pippert, Advisor

Chi Upsilon, U. S. Military Academy, Capt. Susan Bryant, Advisor

Schools with enrollment between 6,000 and 15,000

Epsilon Mu, University of Montana, Dr. Jeffrey D. Greene, Advisor

Theta Iota, California State University, San Bernardino, Dr. Brian Janiskee, Advisor

Alpha Sigma, Tulane University, Dr. Ronald King, Advisor

Schools with enrollment over 15,000

Xi, University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Robert Donaldson, Advisor

Alpha Iota, Utah State University, Dr. William Furlong, Advisor

Zeta Tau, Eastern Michigan University, Dr. Jeffrey L. Bernstein, Advisor

Best Chapter Advisor Awards

Dr. Rosalee Clawson, Delta Omega Chapter, Purdue University

Dr. Susan MacManus, Zeta Pi Chapter, University of South Florida

Dr. Paul C. Manuel, Upsilon Lambda Chapter, Saint Anselm College

Joan S. Ward, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Sewanee-The University of the South

Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Scholarships for Graduate Study in Political Science

Cara Allison, Mary Washington College, Kappa Upsilon Chapter

Mark A. Lynch, Illinois State University, Kappa Sigma Chapter

Asher Rivner, University of Georgia, Alpha Pi Chapter

Bethany Lynn Spencer, Capital University, Phi Epsilon Chapter

Brent Whitaker, Stephen F. Austin State University, Iota Epsilon Chapter

Best Undergraduate Class Papers

First Place: "The Determinants of Labor PAC Allocation to Incumbent Congressional Candidates 1996-1998," by Brandon Fitzsimmons, Creighton University, Theta Alpha Chapter.

Runner-up: "Political Women: Participation, Orientation and Party Identification," by Sara Barokas, Mary Washington College, Kappa Upsilon Chapter.

Runner-up: "A Breath of Fresh Air in Northeast Asia/A Proposed Revision to US-Japan Defense Guidelines," by Cadet Guyton Lee Robinson, U. S. Military Academy, Chi Upsilon Chapter.

Best Undergraduate Honors Theses

First Place: "The Silent Constitution: An Argument Toward Developing a Conception of our Silent Constitution," by Christopher Joseph Roche, Johns Hopkins University, Gamma Rho Chapter.

First Place: "'Better Bitch than Mouse': Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Feminism, and VMI," by Carey Olney, Centenary College of Louisiana, Psi Gamma Chapter.

Runner-up: "At the Will of the Party: A Study of Political Liberalization in China during the 1990's," by Michael Mell, Connecticut College, Omicron Beta Chapter.

Best Graduate Student Papers

First Place: "Amateur or Professional? The California Legislature in the Term Limited Era," by Renee B. Van Vechten, University of California, Irvine, Pi Omicron Chapter

Runner-up: "Electoral System Design in Russian Oblasts and Republics: A Four Case Comparison," by Bryon Moraski, University of Iowa, Beta Chi Chapter.

Runner-up: "Managerialism and Public Participatory Geographic Information Systems," by Paul Schlomer and Manjusha Gupte, Purdue University, Delta Omega Chapter.

PSA PROFILES

Petra Lovetinska, The Citadel

Petra Lovetinska, a Pi Sigma Alpha initiate of the Beta Iota Chapter in 1998, became the first four-year female graduate of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets at The Citadel in May, 2000 and has the distinction of being not only Beta Iota Chapter's first female cadet initiate, but its first female chapter officer as well having been elected to the position of Vice President for Academic Year 1999-2000, and rising to the position of Chapter President for Spring Semester, 2000. She was born and raised in Prague, Czech Republic, moving to the United States in 1992 when her father was offered a position at the Czech embassy in Washington. She attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, distinguishing herself both in academic studies and in Junior ROTC in her four years there; after expressing interest in The Citadel for her college studies, she was provided a scholarship and sponsored for the trip to Charleston, SC by the Greater Washington Citadel Club and former US Ambassador Tony Motley.

Shortly after her graduation last May, PSA Profiles interviewed Petra about her experience as a distinguished student of Political Science, a Pi Sigma Alpha member and a young woman who has made history by being on the front line of gender desegregation at this once-single-sex institution. Here are her comments!

What Must a Chapter do to Keep Its "Active" Status?

To keep its "active" status, every chapter is required to do only two things. First, it must initiate new members at least once in every academic year, and send their names and initiation fees to the National Office. It must also submit an annual report to the national office by June 15. Very active chapters will want to provide a full reporting of their year's activities since these reports are the basis for Best Chapter Awards. All chapters, however, must include at least the following information in their reports:

- Chapter Name
- Department Name
- College or University
- Total student enrollment of institution
- Name of Chapter Advisor

How did you get to the United States, and what were the most dramatic political differences that struck you between it and the Czechoslovakia that you knew as a child?

I came to the United States in 1992. I was surprised with the representation that the American people receive in Congress. Czechs do not utilize their representatives half as much. I prefer the US two-party system over the Czech need for a (multiparty) coalition because no party can receive over 50% by themselves. They spent more time trying to build a coalition than working on the country's problems!

When did you become aware of Political Science as a discipline, and/or when did you begin to find yourself interested in majoring in it at college?

When I applied to The Citadel, I was looking for a major that I could use both in the United States and in the Czech Republic. I needed a discipline that was applicable anywhere, so I would not limit my options if I decided to stay in the States or return to the Czech Republic.

Political Science is a very versatile field, useful across the globe. I recommend it highly-there are so many paths to explore as a major!

The Citadel is known for being somewhat different to the traditional college experience, particularly in terms of the regimented lifestyle of the Corps of Cadets and the discipline expected among students both in and out of the classroom- what made you choose it as your college?

I enjoy the structured environment and the challenge the school offers because it is unusual. It brings the college experience to a whole new level- demanding, character-building, but at the same time allowing personal growth and exploration that goes with the liberal arts experience.

When did you become aware of Pi Sigma Alpha, and what made you interested in joining the Beta Iota Chapter at The Citadel?

I was recommended to PSA by a professor based on my performance in Political Science. I was not aware of such an organization before that; it struck me, as the Political Science Honor Society, as a group that was in tune with the kind of experience and opportunities I wanted my studies to provide me. It didn't fail in that respect.

Do you think Pi Sigma Alpha has had a positive impact on your undergraduate college experience? If so, how? How might it affect your work or studies in the future, if at all?

I enjoyed my membership in PSA. It made me more aware of the possibilities in the field of Political Science and I was able to share my views with others interested in Political Science. It brought subjects alive, and made me feel more connected to my studies- and particularly in such do active chapter as ours! That constant series of programs makes you feel as if you're really making a difference on some level, even as just a student.

What was your proudest moment (a) at The Citadel and (b) as a member of Pi Sigma Alpha?

- Daytime phone number and e-mail address of Advisor
- Names and titles of chapter officers
- Dates of initiation(s) during the past academic year, and number of initiates
- Annual budget for chapter
- Amount of cash on hand
- Any national Phi-Y-A programs or services applied for during the academic year
- Programs sponsored during the academic year, including whether the programs were for members only, for department only, or for university community or public
- Any other notable activities during the academic year.

Well, there were plenty of proud moments at The Citadel, from just making it through (laughter) to being awarded the Palmetto Medal the highest honor the school can give you short of an honorary degree. As for being a member of PSA, I was very pleased to step down as a President of such a great chapter, knowing that we have initiated a new generation of members that showed strong interest in PSA and will keep the good works here going into the future.

What are your plans for the future in terms of the military, graduate school and/or work?

I (started) my training at the Officer Candidate Course on June 4, at Quantico, VA, to commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. I've been encouraged, particularly with my background in the Czech Republic, to consider graduate study in comparative politics as well, and I think I'd really like that someday- but we'll have to see!

Like it or not, you will always be remembered as one of the pioneers of coeducational integration at The Citadel as its first four-year female graduate- has that been more of a burden or a blessing to you? What advice might you give to young women who are considering a service academy or a military college-style environment for their higher education, given your experiences at The Citadel?

Looking back at my Citadel experience, I must admit that it was the best thing that ever happened to me. I cannot imagine having gone to school anywhere else! There were times that my "firsts" were a burden, but in the long run it all made me a better person. As for advice to anyone planning on college study, I think the best thought is... do your best and be yourself. What you do and how you rise to the challenge in college will define you for the rest of your life.

Readers with suggestions or ideas for members to be featured in future PSA Profiles are invited to submit them to the Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter for consideration; please write a brief cover letter indicating the name, address and (if possible) email address for your nominee, why you believe the individual merits inclusion in this feature and how long you have known him or her, and your name, address, email address and position (if applicable) to:

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Email submissions are welcome, addressed to the Editor, at kuzenskijc@citadel.edu.

Nominees must be Pi Sigma Alpha members, and preference will be given to current and active student members in their chapters at the time of nomination. We look forward to bringing you future PSA Profiles, and can't wait for your suggestions- so let us hear from you today!

