This inaugural edition of the Panhellenic newsletter will highlight individual chapter philanthropic efforts.

This year the Panhellenic Council has decided to adopt Circle of Sisterhood as our philanthropy. This organization teams up with sorority members to raise money for the construction of schools and educational supplies for women. Keeping with the theme of women’s issues, the Panhellenic Council put on our first ever Sisters Against Sexual Assault event to raise awareness about this important issue. At this event women from every sorority came together to decorate sheet signs that will be hung all around campus during the month of April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness month. Additionally, there were a number of campus and community agencies present for women to learn more about resources and prevention efforts. The council is excited to continue these and other efforts in the upcoming academic year.
**Sigma Sigma Sigma**

Tri Sigma’s main philanthropy event is Cupcake Wars, which was held in February this semester. Anyone can purchase a ticket to taste the competing cupcakes for $5 or register a team to compete for $15. The proceeds benefit the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation, which focuses on play therapy programs for ill children and awards funds through the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation.

The Robbie Page Memorial Fund was founded by members of Tri Sigma to honor the life of Robbie Page, the son of our fourth national president of Tri Sigma, who lost his life to polio at the age of five in 1951. Although the Robbie Page Memorial Fund was originally created to fund polio research, it continued on even after the cure for polio was found by providing grants for play therapy in hospitals and other health care centers around the nation.

The Delta Omicron chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma at Gettysburg College is delighted to host a fun and philanthropic event like Cupcake Wars, and we are proud to announce that it was a great success this year. The proceeds from this year’s Cupcake Wars event reached around one thousand dollars, which will directly benefit the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation and the Robbie Page Memorial Fund. Philanthropic events like Cupcake Wars are extremely important to Tri Sigma because they are a great way to live out our sorority’s five pillars: wisdom, faith, hope, love, and power. They are a fun and fabulous way to give back to the community.

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**Chi Omega**

Chi Omega’s national philanthropy is the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We host many events that raise money for this cause here on campus. The main purpose of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is to grant wishes to children that have life-threatening medical conditions. Fun fact, Make-A-Wish grants a wish every 38 minutes! The main way Chi Omega raises money for this philanthropy is through an annual event called Mr. Fraternity that is hosted in the fall. Mr. Fraternity resembles a pageant in that a member from each fraternity competes in a series of performances, this includes a talent portion and a question and answer. The most recent show raised about $7,500 through donations, t-shirt sales, and ticket sales. Another upcoming event that will have all proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation is an outdoor volleyball tournament and barbecue. Although we love our national philanthropy, we raise money for other local charities that are unique to our chapter as well. For example, we co-sponsored a bowling tournament that raised money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and have an upcoming basketball tournament in April that raises money for ALS research. Chi Omega takes pride in our philanthropic efforts and our contributions towards making a difference.

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**Zeta Phi Beta**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc has been working endlessly with our philanthropy March Of Dimes. Because of March of Dimes and the many contributions, we are able to not only help women further their prenatal care, but we give incentives to them as well. Therefore, we have stores which are called Stork’s Nest and when women bring in a note affirming that they have been seen by a doctor, we reward them with pampers, cribs, bottles, etc. With this, we hope that we are helping to alleviate the pressure women have when it comes to thinking of their newborn child. In the beginning of February, the Rho Tau Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, here on Gettysburg’s campus did a joint bake sale with the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Inc, and jointly raised over $100.00’s for our respective philanthropies! Further events will be held to contribute to the wonderful organization.
Delta Gamma
Delta Gamma’s Beta Lambda chapter is looking forward to a spring semester full of philanthropic activities. Every month the chapter visits the Gettysburg senior center where our sisters play bingo with the senior citizens in attendance. In addition, we will be co-sponsoring the “Walk in her Shoes” event with Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This event was a great success last year and we are looking forward to the event again this April. The event consists of members of our college campus walking a mile in high heals. This symbol of unity is fun to participate in and will greatly help support Survivors Inc. in Gettysburg. The chapter’s main philanthropic event this semester will be “DG FIJI Luigi.” At this event members of Delta Gamma will be teaming up with members of Phi Gamma Delta to provide the campus a delicious Italian dinner (provided by Labellas) while raising money for Service for Sight. Last spring was the first time our chapter had worked with Phi Gamma Delta to put on this event and it was a great success. We are hoping for even more people to be in attendance at this event to help raise money for this great cause. Service for Sight is an organization that seeks to prevent blindness, increase eye safety awareness, and aid those who are visually impaired. More specifically the proceeds from “DG FIJI Luigi” will help veterans whose vision was damaged while fighting for our country. The whole Delta Gamma chapter is extremely excited for all of our philanthropic events this spring and we hope to see members of the community there!

Gamma Phi Beta
The philanthropic mission of Gamma Phi Beta is to Build Strong Girls. This semester we focused on our international philanthropy, Girls On the Run by making a donation with the proceeds of our car wash with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Creating incentives for both the girls and the volunteers that make Girls on the Run possible. Gamma Beta chapter also made a donation of $1874 to the Gamma Phi Beta foundation and are second year members of the 1874 society. We are starting to rebuild our chapter and are beginning to continue our philanthropic events throughout the rest of the year and into next semester. We strive to build strong girls and make sure to uphold our philanthropic r

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Delta Pi is proud of its long-standing relationship with Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). The mission of RMHC is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. RMHC has been able to carry out its mission by providing families with ailing children with a comfortable and supportive place to stay so that all of their time and energy can be spent caring for and visiting their children. Alpha Delta Pi at Gettysburg College holds events throughout the year that raise money for RMHC and provide support for our local house in Hershey, Pennsylvania. On April 11, our chapter will be holding our annual fundraiser event for RMHC, Airbands. This event allows the entire Greek community to come together on stage for a dance competition that spreads awareness and raises proceeds for our philanthropy. In another effort to raise money, ADPis can be seen on campus saving can tabs and collecting them in the CUB, a simple task that allows RMHC to receive a monetary benefit. The most beneficial aspect of our partnership with RMHC is the opportunity to work directly with our local house. Our sorority sends groups of girls to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey to cook and clean for the house, as well as interact with children and families. Being able to witness parents and children being helped by our philanthropy is truly one of the most rewarding aspects of Alpha Delta Pi.