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GAMMA PHI OMEGA ANNOUNCES 2014-2015 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sorority attains a full Board of Directors and welcomes four new sisters to the board

Chicago, Ill.—Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Incorporated has elected a National Board of Directors (NBOD) for the 2014-2015 term. The NBOD has nine returning members and welcomed four sisters to serve the organization on a national level. The NBOD is the governing body that oversees the various entities of Gamma Phi Omega. These ladies establish policies and procedures for chapters and colonies to abide while also creating programs encompassing the Sorority's four goals: academic excellence, community service, cultural awareness and sisterhood.

The 2014-2015 National Board of Directors:

- Gina Sanchez, DePaul University Communication master's graduate, brings with her six years of experience on the NBOD and will be celebrating 10 years as a sister of Gamma Phi Omega in December 2014.
- Andrea Keller, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville masters in Public Administration graduate, has helped create policies beneficial for Gamma Phi Omega and the institutions where membership is held.
- Jazmin Romo, alum from DePaul University's College of Communication, continues to serve the organization she joined six years ago and will provide the Sorority's body with an open line of communication increasing transparency regarding NBOD matters.
- Nycole Natalia Smith, DePaul University graduate with a Bachelors of Science in Finance and Marketing, will ensure that all three Sorority trademarks submitted to United States Patent and Trademark Office are fully approved and active.
- Daisy Magaña, masters graduate from DePaul University's College of Communication, continues to increase the Sorority's online presence through her web content development and social media skills.
- Kimberly Roberts, Indiana University alumnae with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting/International Business and Spanish, will oversee expansion efforts.
- Vanessa Valentin, Indiana University graduate with a Bachelors of Arts in Journalism, will continue to improve national programs for the undergraduates and alumnae in her role as program director.

- Melissa Claudio-Lewis, Masters of Education from National-Louis University graduate with a Masters of Education, will service the Sorority as director of alumnae affairs and organize a graduate chapter retreat.
- Kathy Portillo, a DePaul University alum with a Bachelors of Arts in Public Relations & Advertising, plans to establish an official academic month and scholastic challenge to promote the Sorority's goal of academic excellence.

“This is a very exciting time for us. For the first time in recent years, we have a full board comprised of sisters ranging in years of membership and professional experience,” said Gina Sanchez, national president of the National Board of Directors. “I am looking forward to what this diverse group of women will accomplish in the upcoming year.”

Joining this year are Northern Illinois University Master of Arts graduate Constance Ervins, masters candidate Valerie Vargas, Indiana alum with a degree in Sports Marketing & Management Sophia Lugo and recent Indiana University graduate from the School of Education Tania Figueroa. These new directors bring a combined 11 years of involvement.

The new term begins June 1, 2014 and will end May 30, 2015. During the term the NBOD will meet on a monthly basis to discuss agendas and establish action items in addition to participating in a summer and winter retreat for business and social purposes.

Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Inc. is a Latina-oriented organization founded on the campus of Indiana University April 17, 1991. Gamma Phi Omega promotes and fosters collegiate academic success, creates serving leaders within the community, raises cultural awareness, and unites women through the values of sisterhood. Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority Inc. is committed to the values of diversity and inclusion in order to attain and maintain excellence within our sisterhood providing women an equal opportunity without regard to race, age, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, marital status or disability. Gamma Phi Omega is a proud member of the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations. Visit our webpage at www.gammaphiomega.org, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GammaPhiOmega. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/GPhiO1991.

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