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Happy Founders' Day!

This year marks the end of a milestone celebration honoring 125 years of sisterhood in Alpha Omicron Pi. Just in the 25 years since our last milestone anniversary, we have welcomed thousands of new sisters, said goodbye to many others whose legacies will long be remembered, sustained our sisterhood in times of economic prosperity and hardship, and persevered amid a global pandemic. Still, here we are, carrying on in the footsteps of our founders, who experienced equally challenging times in their own lives and emerged with renewed strength and commitment to our values, offering guidance and inspiration to our members.

A 1949 Founders' Day greeting penned by Jessie Wallace Hughan shared, "May our candle burn bright and steady through the coming AOII year. May we not forget that in our candle we carry a sacred flame – a flame to light the way of love, which the world must find or perish."

Throughout their lives, our founders remained steadfast in their dedication to the character, dignity, scholarship, and college loyalty. Their love for one another, and for all whose paths they crossed, encouraged us to remain true to the keystone of our Fraternity. It is this spirit of love that continues to guide us each year as we seek to inspire a new generation of women who will lead us into our future.

Just as our past now includes another milestone on our timeline in history, our future now includes the opportunity for us to gather together in person for the first time in four years at Convention 2023. As we prepare for this celebration of our sisterhood and for all that will follow may we always remember, in the words of Elizabeth Heywood Wyman, that "love admits of no boundaries."

Fraternally,

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