

ALPHA OMICRON PI

parent and family guide

This guide aims to empower and inform you as valued parents and family members about our sisterhood's mission, values, and the exceptional experiences that await your AOII.



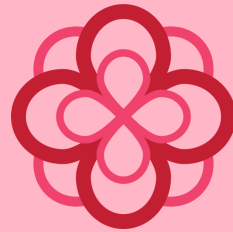
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ALPHA OMICRON PI



Since its founding in 1897, Alpha Omicron Pi has welcomed women into a lifelong sisterhood strengthened by shared values, intentional friendships, personal growth, and an ongoing commitment to service. The Object of the Fraternity, penned by our Founders in 1897, encompasses the heart of its mission.

The Object of the Fraternity shall be to encourage a spirit of fraternity and love among its members; to stand at all times for character, dignity, scholarship, and college loyalty; to strive for and support the best interests of the colleges and universities in which chapters are installed; and in no way to disregard, injure or sacrifice those interests for the sake of the prestige or advancement of the Fraternity or any of its chapters.

Our History



Jessie, Elizabeth, Stella & Helen

On December 23, 1896, four remarkable women from Barnard College—Stella George Stern Perry, Jessie Wallace Hughan, Elizabeth Heywood Wyman, and Helen St. Clair Mullan—came together to establish Alpha Omicron Pi. United by their profound friendship and shared values, they created AOII, a bond that has blossomed into an enduring sisterhood. Just days after making their pledge in the library, AOII was officially founded at Helen's residence on January 2, 1897, now celebrated as Founders' Day.

With the installation of Pi, Nu, and Omicron Chapters, the success of Alpha Chapter at Barnard paved the way for rapid national expansion. Over the past 125+ years, AOII has displayed remarkable growth amidst historical challenges, remaining steadfast to its unwavering values.

Established
1897

OUR VALUES

Character ❀ *Dignity* ❀ *Scholarship* ❀ *College Loyalty*

In Alpha Omicron Pi, character is more than just a word – it's a guiding principle that encourages our members to carry themselves with confidence and integrity. Whether she's in class, participating in recruitment, or engaging in post-graduation endeavors, your daughter will exemplify respect and bring positivity to those around her.

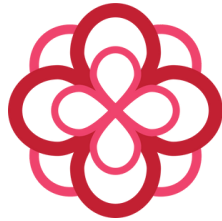
Respect and dignity are at the heart of AOII's values, shaping how our members interact with others. Your daughter will be part of a sisterhood that emphasizes the importance of treating everyone with kindness and consideration, creating lasting connections that go beyond the bounds of her college years.

At AOII, academic excellence is a cornerstone of our commitment. Through tailored scholarship programs, dedicated academic development officers, and the support of fellow members, your daughter will be empowered to achieve her educational goals. The emphasis on scholarship, ingrained by our founding members in 1897, continues to thrive within AOII today.

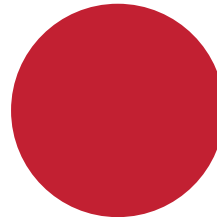
Our members not only serve our Fraternity, but they're also committed to making a positive impact on their communities and universities. From philanthropic endeavors to leadership roles in Student Government or Panhellenic Executive Boards, your daughter will thrive as a leader on her campus, showcasing AOII's dedication to serving others near and far.

SYMBOLS OF *significance*

Every Panhellenic organization proudly carries symbols and emblems that embody its core values. The below symbols hold special significance within Alpha Omicron Pi, reflecting the essence of our sisterhood and what it means to our members.



symbol



color



badge



jewel



mascot



*new member
pin*



flower

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE

Alpha Omicron Pi is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), which is a body made up of 26 women's-only inter/national member organizations that work together to enhance the sorority experience.

These 26 NPC organizations operate across campuses in the United States and Canada. Each campus will have different combinations, chapter sizes, and total organizations present, but all organizations strive to support their members in similar ways with similar values.



ΑΧΩ

Alpha Chi Omega



ΣΔΤ

Sigma Delta Tau



ΚΔ

Kappa Delta



ΔΓ

Delta Gamma



ΑΓΔ

Alpha Gamma Delta



ΘΦΑ

Theta Phi Alpha



ΦΣΣ

Phi Sigma Sigma



ΓΦΒ

Gamma Phi Beta



ΑΣΑ

Alpha Sigma Alpha



ΑΔΠ

Alpha Delta Pi



ΣΚ

Sigma Kappa



ΚΚΓ

Kappa Kappa Gamma



ΧΩ

Chi Omega



ΑΟΠ

Alpha Omicron Pi



ΖΤΑ

Zeta Tau Alpha



ΠΒΦ

Pi Beta Phi



ΔΦΕ

Delta Phi Epsilon



ΑΣΤ

Alpha Sigma Tau



ΑΕΦ

Alpha Epsilon Phi



ΣΣΣ

Sigma Sigma Sigma



ΚΑΘ

Kappa Alpha Theta



ΔΔΔ

Delta Delta Delta



ΑΦ

Alpha Phi



ΦΜ

Phi Mu



ΔΖ

Delta Zeta



ΑΞΔ

Alpha Xi Delta

Welcome Home, New Member!

Upon joining Alpha Omicron Pi, new members become a part of our sisterhood and begin attending weekly meetings with their new member class. During these meetings, new members will learn about the organization's values, history, and efforts toward campus engagement.

Pinning Service

As the first formal AOII event a new member experiences, this is when the candidate will receive her AOII new member pin.

Big Little Reveal

New members are matched with a big sister, who is an older chapter member, to serve as a mentor throughout her time in college and in AOII.

Lifelong Membership

College is temporary, but your daughter's membership in AOII lasts a lifetime! She joined a sisterhood that will continue to enrich her life beyond just four years.



Bid Day

Through weekly meetings and modules, your daughter will explore AOII's values and history. Guided by the Director of New Member Experience, she'll engage in dynamic meetings to reflect, connect with peers, and discover different aspects of her chapter, all designed to make her experience enjoyable and enriching.

New Member Meetings



At the initiation ceremony, your daughter will be embraced by her sisters and led by a dedicated sponsor, who could be a current chapter member, her big sister, or a chosen alumna. She will receive her cherished AOII badge, a heartwarming symbol worn over the heart, marking her lifelong commitment to our sisterhood.

Initiation

**AS WOMEN OF
ALPHA OMICRON PI,
WE AIM TO**

Inspire Ambition

IN ONE ANOTHER.

the BIG PICTURE

More than
200K

Initiated Members

More than
130

Collegiate Chapters

More than
150

Alumnae Chapters

Our enduring sisterhood boasts a rich history spanning generations, with over 200,000 sisters who have embraced our values, forged lifelong connections, and made a lasting impact on their communities.

Across the nation, our vibrant collegiate chapters serve as nurturing communities for personal growth, academic achievement, and leadership development. Your daughter is joining a diverse network of young women who share her dedication to AOII's values.

Beyond the collegiate experience, our extensive alumnae network offers ongoing support and opportunities for involvement. It's a lifelong connection that extends far beyond graduation.

These numbers tell a story of a thriving sisterhood that stretches across the country, fostering personal growth, meaningful connections, and a commitment to service. Welcome to the Alpha Omicron Pi family, where your daughter's journey is part of a legacy of excellence.

AOII's *Ends*

Alpha Omicron Pi's Executive Board has defined what are referred to as Ends, or outcomes, which set a clear vision for what you and your daughter can expect from her AOII experience. These statements are more than goals; they embody the essence of our values and the meaningful growth she'll undergo during her time in our sisterhood.

GLOBAL END

Alpha Omicron Pi exists to enrich members' lives through lifelong friendships and the ideals of character, dignity, scholarship, and college loyalty, which is achieved through the responsible stewardship of resources.

AMBITION

AOII members are confident, ambitious, and engaged.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

AOII members are culturally competent global citizens committed to a sisterhood grounded in unique perspectives and experiences.

LEADERSHIP

AOII members develop and demonstrate impactful leadership and valuable life skills.

SENSE OF BELONGING

AOII members have a strong sense of belonging through friendships and a personal connection to the Fraternity.

SERVICE

AOII members are committed to meaningful service to the Fraternity and their communities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP IN AOII

As Alpha Omicron Pi, we hold high expectations for our members to ensure a safe and enriching experience throughout their collegiate journey. We prioritize their well-being, personal growth, and adherence to both AOII and campus policies.

MEMBERSHIP INTEGRITY

Alpha Omicron Pi promotes a respectful environment, expects positive representation from members, and has a confidential conflict-resolution process with resources for member support.

As a member of AOII, your daughter will actively engage in chapter events and meetings, fostering bonds with her sisters and maximizing her sorority experience. We believe that active participation enriches the journey.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

HOUSING OBLIGATION

If her chapter has a housing facility, she may have the opportunity to live there when space is available. Members are responsible for filling open spaces in chapter facilities.

Your AOII member will be expected to meet financial obligations promptly. Dues are collected through BillHighway, and fees may vary depending on her college or university, as well as membership status, whether she's a new member or has been initiated.

COLLEGIATE FINANCE

EMPOWERING MEMBER CONVERSATIONS

As communities of women, open communication and direct member-to-member resolutions are essential to the success of our members and chapters. During her time in AOII, your daughter will benefit from strong relationship building, problem solving, and a sense of responsibility as it pertains to her membership.

Confidentiality

We deeply respect your daughter's privacy. In AOII, all conflict-related discussions are treated with the utmost confidentiality. Maintaining confidentiality is not just a practice, but a commitment to building trust within our sisterhood. It allows members to speak openly and honestly without fear of judgment.

Support

AOII provides a strong support network that includes chapter leaders, advisors, and resources. Our commitment to membership integrity leads to a nurturing sisterhood where members feel heard, valued, and supported.

Empowerment

We believe in empowering your daughter to take ownership of conflicts and concerns. This approach promotes independence and resilience—qualities that will serve her well into the future.



On matters of finance, housing, membership integrity, or membership status, Alpha Omicron Pi works directly with the member in order to maintain a member's right to privacy.



AOII GOES BLUE



Strike Out Arthritis!

SERVICE TO OTHERS

Guided by our foundational principles, AOII is dedicated to making a positive impact on the world around us. Our commitment to service extends to both local and international levels. While individual chapters enthusiastically engage in supporting philanthropic initiatives within their communities, all chapters rally together to uphold AOII's international philanthropy—arthritis.

Our primary philanthropic partner is the Arthritis Foundation, and our Canadian sisters support the Canadian Arthritis Society. Through our collective efforts, we channel resources towards a wide range of causes, with a particular focus on addressing juvenile arthritis.

This commitment resonates with our dedication to making a meaningful impact. By raising funds and awareness, AOII aims to better the lives of those affected by arthritis. As parents, your daughter's participation in this mission highlights her dedication to compassionate service and reflects the strength of AOII's sisterhood.

In 2022 - 2023, sisters raised over
\$1,000,000
for the Arthritis Foundation!

GET TO KNOW THE *foundation*

The Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that enhances the sisterhood of AOII through investment in our sisters, and inspires a lifetime of giving to innovative leadership, educational, and philanthropic causes. The AOII Foundation was established in 1977, and since its inception, the Foundation has contributed over \$7 million to philanthropic causes, scholarships and grants that help our sisters grow in their careers and lives.



The Ruby Fund assists AOII members who are facing serious health issues, unforeseen financial conditions, natural disasters, and other forms of crises. Since 1946, AOII's Ruby Fund has assisted more than 390 sisters in need.

RUBY FUND

The Foundation provides leadership scholarships to enhance members' leadership and life skills. These scholarships cover expenses for Leadership Academy, Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute, and Camp AOII.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The AOII Foundation awards merit-based academic scholarships each year to AOII members pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Thanks to contributions from AOII alumnae chapters, collegiate chapters and friends, the Foundation awarded \$270,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year!

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation annually grants funds to Alpha Omicron Pi for educational and leadership development. These grants support members in gaining vital leadership skills, strengthening personal qualities, and promoting positive role modeling for future AOIIs. Funding is sourced from contributions to our Endowment Fund and Loyalty Fund.

LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

We are proud to partner with the Arthritis Foundation to raise support and awareness for this important cause. Since 1967, millions of dollars have been raised by AOIIs and donated through the AOII Foundation to support the mission of conquering arthritis.

ARTHRITIS GRANTS





Home Sweet Homicron!

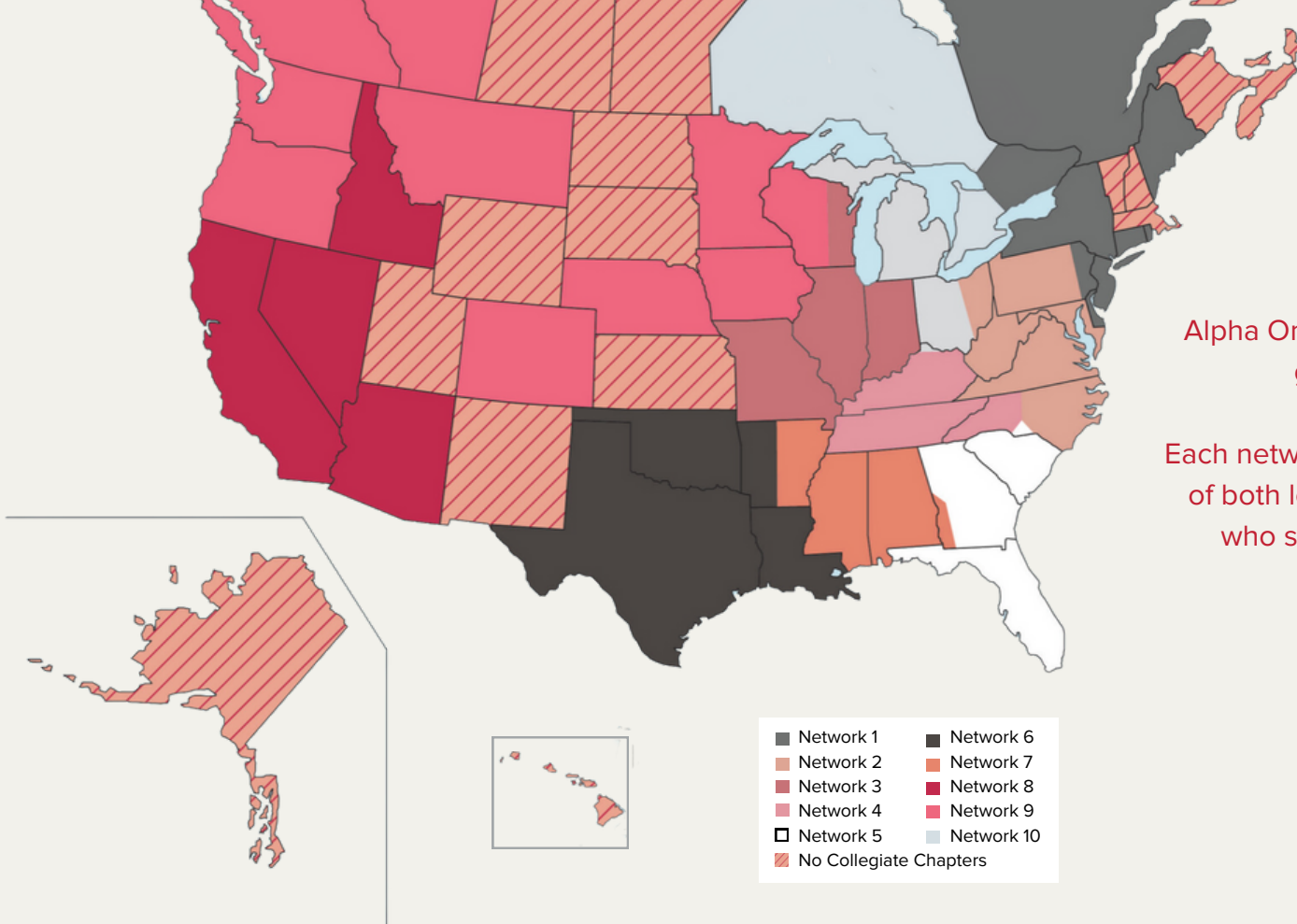
During your family member's time in Alpha Omicron Pi, the chapter house, meeting space or hall, sometimes lovingly referred to as her "Homicron," is a place to gather with sisters for chapter meetings, meals, sisterhood and philanthropy events.

Depending on the structure for the chapter on your daughter's campus, she may get the opportunity to live in the chapter facility.

It's where lifelong bonds are forged, memories are created, and a sense of belonging truly comes to life. We take great pride in providing a welcoming and safe environment where our members can grow, learn, and create cherished moments that will last a lifetime.

Visit the Properties section of our website to learn more!





NETWORK MAP

Alpha Omicron Pi chapters are separated geographically into 10 networks.

Each network is supported by a vast group of both local and international volunteers who support the chapter in all areas of operations.



ALPHA OMICRON PI INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

 *Brentwood, Tennessee*

Alpha Omicron Pi's International HQ is located in Tennessee. Professional staff and Foundation staff provide support to chapters across North America.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

One of the largest areas of growth and development for AOII chapter members is within the area of personal leadership. Your AOII will have opportunities to lead and serve her peers, offering a rewarding personal experience and professional skills that she will utilize in all facets of life moving forward.

VP OF MEMBERSHIP INTEGRITY

- Ensures that membership integrity processes are being conducted with sisterhood at the forefront
- Chapter culture
- Budgeting and billing

VP OF MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

- Recruitment planning
- Recruitment education
- Continuous recruitment initiatives
- Recruitment execution

VP OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- External communication and relations
- Social media
- Chapter website
- Philanthropy/community service
- Social event planning

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

VP OF OPERATIONS

- Internal chapter communication (meetings, minutes, chapter calendar)
- Property management
- Tracking/applying for chapter awards
- Preparing for chapter visitors

VP OF PROGRAMMING & ENRICHMENT

- Educational initiatives and programming
- Ritual education
- Academics
- DEI
- Health and well-being

VP OF MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Sisterhood retreats, activities, and events
- New member education and experience
- Senior engagement and experience
- Engaging with local alumnae

Welcome to the Family!

Alpha Omicron Pi extends our heartfelt thanks for your trust and support and welcoming us into your daughter's journey. Your involvement in her AOII experience is deeply valued and cherished.

We invite you to stay engaged with us on social media! On our Fraternity and Foundation social platforms, we share photos of members, chapter events, and international happenings.

Visit our website for additional information and to learn more about our organization:

www.alphaomicronpi.org



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