

2024 FOUNDERS' DAY MESSAGE

ALPHA OMICRON PI

Fraternity

Sisters,

Recently, we had a unique opportunity to focus on our past. We celebrated the 125th anniversary of AOII's founding by conceptualizing, creating and opening our new Archives Museum. Through this commemoration of our history, we have also been given a glimpse into the potential of our future. Our founders themselves often thought about the future they were creating for each of us, and we are all better for their vision. In Stella's words, "I will say that, if we did not foresee the future, neither did we fear it."

As we celebrate Founders' Day and the legacy left by these four ambitious women, let us emulate their bravery and foresight and look toward the Fraternity's future. By their example, we are shown the possibility of what our Fraternity could be if we continue to progress into our future, as one sisterhood bonded by friendship and fueled by love.

Rather than thinking of Founders' Day as happening only once a year, let us imagine that AOII is founded in small ways every single day. Every time you welcome a new member into our sisterhood, AOII is founded. Every time you gather together to support a sister, AOII is founded. Every time you participate in a philanthropy event, celebrate a milestone in a sister's life or embrace a friend in need, AOII is founded.

Stella said, "You are all founders of Alpha Omicron Pi today, quite as truly as we were in the beginning." So, on this day when we honor our founders, let us honor each other as well, as sisters, as women and, most importantly, as the ongoing founders of Alpha Omicron Pi!

Fraternally,

2023-2025 Executive Board

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2024 RUBY FUND MESSAGE

ALPHA OMICRON PI *Foundation*

Sisters,

As we enter a new year, we have new reasons to unite as AOII sisters to support those in need. Our sisterhood is a safe space where we bring our best and support each other at our worst. Just as we have pledged ourselves to serve Alpha Omicron Pi forever, we have pledged to serve one another forever. Our common bond assures us that we will always have a friend when we are in need.

When you think of the Ruby Fund, think of a sister who shared the following: “Your kindness and generosity have had a profound impact on my life. Receiving the Ruby Fund aid has relieved a significant burden and allowed me to focus more on my academic pursuits and personal growth. I am committed to giving back to the community and helping others just as you have helped me.”

For more than 75 years, the Ruby Fund has provided a lifeline to sisters in need with emergency grants to help them in times of desperate hardship. From our first ever recipient, Founder Stella George Stern Perry, to recipients of past, present, and future, sisters have been granted hundreds of thousands of dollars to help them through times of struggle and uncertainty. In 2023 alone, more than \$33,000 was granted to help sisters to persevere through critical illness, natural disasters, crisis situations and beyond.

As our membership grows, so does the need to remember and grow our Ruby Fund. It is our hope that as AOIIs, we can lean on one another and the Ruby Fund as a reminder of our commitment to serving others. This Founders’ Day, we ask you to remember the Ruby Fund and give to sisters in need to afford them help and hope during the most difficult seasons of life.

Thank you for spreading Alpha Love through your support of the Ruby Fund.

Sincerely,

2023-2025 Ruby Fund Committee

Samantha Buente, Chi Lambda

Becky Gamble, Gamma Sigma

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Sisters – if you would like to give to the Ruby Fund, scan the QR code to donate today!

