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Theta Phi Alpha Announces Indefinite Suspension of the Alpha Eta Chapter

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – The Grand Council of Theta Phi Alpha recently voted to indefinitely suspend the charter of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. For the past several years, the chapter struggled to grow in size and operate at a level that best meets the Theta Phi Alpha member experience that our legacy dictates.

The Alpha Eta Chapter was originally chartered from 1968 to 1972, and then reinstated in 2008. More than 150 members were initiated into the chapter during these years. Alpha Eta has received dedicated support from volunteers and staff for many years. However, insurmountable challenges related to membership recruitment resulted in the indefinite suspension of the charter.

"This is among the most difficult decisions we face as Grand Council members," said National President Susan Lee. "Indefinitely suspending a chapter's charter is never easy but we look forward to continuing our lifelong sisterhood with the Alpha Eta Chapter members through their membership as alumnae."

Alpha Eta will forever remain a valued part of the Theta Phi Alpha sisterhood and each collegiate member has been granted alumna membership status so they may continue their involvement in the Fraternity alongside more than 35,000 proud sisters.

Questions can be directed to Dr. Shane McGoey at the Theta Phi Alpha National Office at (440) 899-9282.

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Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women's organization to provide close comradeship; to advance educational, social, and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship; a fraternity for college and university women and alumnae. Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; today there are 57 active collegiate chapters, 33 alumnae associations and four alumnae clubs in the United States.