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## Annual Awards Event Recognizes Six Chapters and Five Alumnae Members

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – Theta Phi Alpha and the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Annual Awards and the fall 2017 Compass Points Awards which were presented October 16 on social media during the 3rd Annual Awards event.

The online awards event brought together sisters from various states and countries to celebrate as each of the winning chapters and individual alumnae members were recognized. The annual event was introduced in 2015 by the Board of Trustees as a way to provide yearly recognition for the great achievements and efforts of our collegian and alumnae members. The remaining biennial National Awards will continue to be presented at the Theta Phi Alpha National Convention.

The Board of Trustees now also oversees the Compass Points Awards, which are presented each spring and fall to alumnae worthy of individual recognition. The awards are named for a directional point on the compass, although more than one winner may be named for each time period.

Congratulations to the recipients of the fall 2017 Compass Points Awards:

<b>North Compass Point for National Service</b>	<i>Cristin Brown, Alpha Upsilon</i>
<b>East Compass Point for Emerging Younger Alumna</b>	<i>Kayte Ahearn, Beta Gamma</i>
<b>South Compass Point for Special Achievement outside of Theta Phi Alpha</b>	<i>Kelly Watkins, Alpha Tau</i>
<b>West Compass Point for Wisest More Experienced Alumna</b>	<i>Kathy Sullivan, Alpha Gamma Deb Vargo, Sigma</i>



Congratulations to the recipients of the 2017 Annual Awards:

<b>Selma Gilday Improved Academic Excellence Award</b>	<i>Gamma Alpha Chapter (Penn State Erie, The Behrend College)</i>
<b>Anna Rose Kimpel Academic Excellence Award</b>	<i>Gamma Mu Chapter (Clarkson University)</i>
<b>Esther Burke McCormick New Member Retention Award</b>	<i>Beta Xi Chapter (William Paterson University)</i>
<b>Patricia Giallanza Hospitality Awards</b>	<i>Gamma Lambda Chapter (Suffolk University) Delta Delta Chapter (Ashland University) Gamma Omega Chapter (Trine University)</i>

More information about the history and requirements of each award can be found here:

<https://www.thetaphialpha.org/awards-forms>

*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 56 active collegiate chapters, 33 alumnae associations and four alumnae clubs in the United States.*