

Theta Phi Alpha

FOUNDATION

To my sisters,

For the past six years I have had the pleasure of serving as a Director for Theta Phi Alpha Foundation, with my last three years being Chairman. I am thankful for such a great experience, and as my last term comes to an end I have chosen to step away from the Foundation to focus on other priorities.

When I came on the Foundation I knew only the bare essentials as to what the organization did and how they operated. Looking back, I can say that there is no better experience than being in the middle of everything to really learn and get an appreciation for this organization. That is a big lesson I want to share. For those sisters out there who just want to be involved in the Fraternity or Foundation in some capacity, please volunteer. Sign up for things you are unfamiliar with. Get out of your comfort zone and you will be surprised at the amount of growth and friends you will make. You may not know everything, but everyone brings something to the table and be willing to share your talents with others for the greater good.

When I took on the role as Chairman I really had one personal goal - to realize small successes in such a way that when I would leave the position, I could do so knowing the organization was stronger than when I started. I can without a doubt say that I feel Theta Phi Alpha Foundation is stronger today than ever before. During my time as Chairman we have met and exceeded every financial goal we have set as a group. We have launched a collegiate giving campaign to actively get our collegians involved, we have increased our sustaining sisters program, we continue to give more scholarships every year, and we've executed Giving Tuesday, the most successful campaign to date. And as we pray for all of our sisters in disaster areas, including our own Directors, we have also become more proactive in soliciting our ability to provide financial help to those sisters in need through our Disaster Relief Fund. And there are the activities that are less noticeable, such as beginning to integrate ourselves into the leadership activities we sponsor, such as Officer Leadership Training and taking active steps to be a cohesive part of the growth of the Fraternity.

I feel one of my biggest achievements for the Foundation has been an organizational one, our Strategic Planning Meeting. We are a group of volunteers working from all over the country and for the past three years we have made the commitment, and the trek, to an in-person meeting. We have used this meeting to set goals and budgets, create our mission statement, brainstorm campaigns, and to take a hard look at our plans for the year. This year, we held our meeting at the end of August to better align our budget and campaign planning. I left that meeting there was a clear direction going forward for the next year, milestones were set, significant financial goals agreed to, and a plan to bring more focus onto educational programming and supporting Camp Friendship. I left knowing our launch of the new Theta Phi Alpha Foundation logo would be coming and that I would be turning over the Chairman position to someone who will continue the forward momentum and success of the Foundation.

September will be my last meeting on the Foundation and I am so thankful to have such wonderful women who are willing to do so much hard work to make it a success. Each one of the Directors has given of themselves to ensure that we are meeting the mission and goals of the Foundation, we are being accountable to our donors, and we are continuing to grow. And I especially want to say thank you to our donors. Because of your generosity this organization is achieving everything they set out to accomplish.

I leave this position grateful for the opportunity and knowing the Foundation is in good hands and will do even greater things going forward.

With Ever Loyal Commitment and Ever Lasting Support,
Amanda Boysun, AT

