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## Theta Phi Alpha Announces New Executive Director



BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – Theta Phi Alpha is proud to announce the appointment of Kathryn Owsianiecki Hartmann, Gamma Iota, as the organization's new Executive Director.

Kathryn comes to the National Office staff after serving on the Grand Council as National Vice President—Collegians during the 2016-18 biennium. Professionally, she brings extensive experience in higher education as the Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Pace University and prior to that, the Assistant Director for Leadership and New Student Programs at La Salle University.

Kathryn will be responsible for directing the day-to-day operational support of Theta Phi Alpha and staff, which includes direct oversight of the work of our Directors of Collegiate Services, Alumnae, Growth and Extension, and Communications. She will also serve as Theta Phi Alpha's representative in a variety of professional business capacities. Kathryn will oversee the implementation of Fraternity policies and procedures established by the Convention body and support the strategic vision of the Grand Council.

"We extend a warm welcome to Kathryn and look forward to the addition of her skills and talents to our team. Kathryn has demonstrated strategic planning and budgeting skills, as well as leadership, team building, and successfully managing multiple projects both professionally while working in higher education, and personally while serving in her roles as a National Officer and as a member of the Grand Council," said Susan Lee, Sigma, National President. "We are excited for Kathryn to further the mission of Theta Phi Alpha with her talents and passion for growing our organization."

Kathryn earned her Master of Arts degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She will join the staff this summer.

Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women's organization whose mission is 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 collegiate women and alumnae, Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Today there are 58 active collegiate chapters, 35 alumnae associations and five alumnae clubs in the United States.