

Zeta Tau Alpha

Local Housing Corporation Update

It's that time of year again when you open your Sigma of Zeta Tau Alpha Spring newsletter and know you're going to be asked for money! There are only so many ways to ask, so we're taking a break from that on this newsletter – sort of!

Instead, we want to share with you the optimism and positive energy on campus and within the Baker community as the new administration is now in its second semester. President Jody Fournier is saying positive things and there seems to be change afoot – and plans for a return to the excellence in all areas that is the Baker University we have all been so proud of which to be a part.

Perhaps the biggest change at the alumni level is the level of communication and engagement from the administration to the stakeholders. BU Administrators have a very full plate and are working through just about everything, which will take time. But they are taking the time to listen, and ask questions – both from the standpoint of historical perspective and current challenges, including Greek life!

The Sigma of Zeta Tau Alpha House Corporation (your LHC) has a very long to-do list for upgrades to our home at Baker. By the time you receive this newsletter, the Board will have decided on summer projects. We are not doing more window replacements this summer as other delayed expensive projects now must take precedence for a bit.

Designated funds received for windows (past, present or future), are still welcome and will be held for when we do the next group of replacements.

Please watch for information on our summer projects to come out on the Sigma Alumnae Facebook page ([Zeta Tau Alpha- Sigma Chapter- Baker University](#)) by mid-March. If you're not on Facebook, please go to our website, www.bakerzta.com.

Remember the “sort of” phrase at the top of this article? Perhaps now is the time you'd like to consider a financial donation to help with upgrades to our chapter home away from home? Financial gifts of any size are valuable. As always, they are non-tax-deductible and from the heart of our Sigma sisters. Thank you in advance!



House Corporation Officers

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Anita Miller Hempy '69

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Blaylock '13
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Ryenn Johns Yarbrough '13

Your Zeta Story Continues: Reconnect, Celebrate, Belong

One of the greatest gifts of Zeta Tau Alpha membership is that sisterhood does not end at graduation, it simply takes a new shape. Alumnae chapters across the country offer wonderful opportunities to reconnect, build lasting friendships, and continue living out the values that first brought us together.

This spring, the Missouri-Kansas Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha will gather for Zeta Day on April 11 at Drury University for *Cruisin' Crowns, ZTA's on Route 66*, a celebration filled with sisterhood, fun, and meaningful connections. Zeta Day is a special time to gather with fellow alumnae, celebrate traditions, and make new memories with sisters from different generations.

Whether you join a local alumnae chapter near home or connect through the virtual alumnae chapter, there is a place for every Zeta to stay involved. If you are celebrating your 50 year membership or a White Violet milestone, you can be honored not only at STAG, but also recognized at Zeta Day among sisters who share in your journey and legacy.

While this year's festivities may already be set, now is the perfect time to explore opportunities for next year and find the alumnae chapter that fits you best. Visit Zeta Tau Alpha news at ZetaTauAlpha.org/news for future Zeta Day information and discover new ways to keep sisterhood blooming for years to come.

STAG *Celebration*

ZETA TAU ALPHA



75 yr Members

Initiated 1951:

Phyllis Pitcher Epps
Nancy Galbraith Brandenburg
Marge Halbrook Depoe

25 yr Members

Initiated 2001:

Ashley Cleveland Douglas
Jana Rosebrook Parks
Jenny Elizabeth Schultz
Jessica Anne Schroeder
Jessica Yarmo Lewellen
Kimberely Dawn Gibbens
Carolyn Masoned Jones
Katie Hollingsworth Walker
Debbie Swinehart Fernandez
Elizabeth Jakle McMahan
Emily Finger Fleming
Virginia Brown Podschun
Jennifer Uden Reyes
Kat Lynn Naylor
Kellee Ferguson Hartman
Kerry Fitzgerald Johnston
Kristi Skinner Seacat
Laura Irene Wells Anderson
Rebecca Mills Griffiths
Susan Lynn Buckmaster
Tina Johnson Gantt

White Violet Recipients 50 yr Members Initiated 1976:

Barb Dreese Fulton
Carolee Farris Vincent
Claudia Morton Holcombe
Dana Armstrong Gaedtke
Denise Chubb Masoned
Donna Sue Francis
Janet Morris MacLeod
Kelly Jo Clifton
Kimberly Ann Ingels
Laura Trentalange Siano
Laurey Sue King
Mary Anne Flanders Denning
Rebecca A Ruble MD
Sally Stoll Jorgenson
Sara Seacat O'Connell
Vickie Lynn Bly

Baker University Alumni Weekend Schedule/Agenda

Saturday, May 16 2026

- 10am:** Class of 1976 Golden Medallion Ceremony at Osborne Chapel
- 11:30-1pm:** *Alumni Luncheon* at Long Student Union Cafeteria, 615 Dearborn, Baldwin City, KS. Lunch is \$20/person.
- 1pm:** *Golden Alumni Photo* at Parmenter Hall steps — Class of 1976 and all Golden Alumni are welcome.
- 1:30-3pm:** *Quayle Bible Collection Tour* located inside Collins Library.
- 2-3:30pm:** *Pulliam Society Gathering*. Members of the Pulliam Society will meet in Collins House.
- 4pm:** *Zeta Tau Alpha Festivities*. Annual meeting, Membership Milestones and Dinner.
- 6pm:** *Alumni Weekend Social* at Baldwin City Beer Company (former IGA grocery store downtown).

ZTA STAG SCHEDULE

- 1-4pm:** Stop by the chapter house, take a tour and meet current members.
- 4pm:** Annual House Corporation Meeting
- 5pm:** White Violet Celebration and recognition of our 25 & 75 year members
- 5:30:** Dinner and Socializing



Seniors and Nursing Students Taking Alumnae Status This Summer



Nadia Emperley
Major: Psychology
Minor: Sociology.
Nadia plans to continue working at Envista Federal as a Member Service Representative, and is looking forward to exploring a path in special education.



Kameron Burnam
Major: Studio Art
Minor: Mass Media & Spanish
Kameron is currently job searching and is looking to be working in graphic design of social media management.



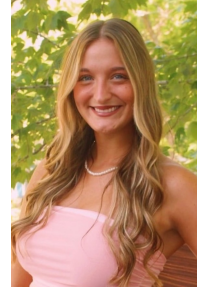
Danielle Holt
Major: Pre-Nursing
Danielle will transfer to Boise State University to pursue a nursing degree. She will also be coaching a high school women's wrestling team next year.



Caitlin Mooney
Major: Mass Media
Caitlin plans to work in Business Development or Public Relations in the Kansas City area.



Johanna Carrasco
Major: Psychology
Johanna is planning to attend graduate school and obtain a degree in Counseling.



Jayda Logan
Major: Psychology
Minor: Conflict Management & Coaching
Jayda is currently substitute teaching and plans to get a masters degree in counseling.



Alexandra Poling
Major: History
Minor: Museum Studies and Studio Art
Alexandra is looking forward to working in the museum field.

Quick Update from Chapter President Carly Youngblood

Sigma currently has 33 active members with 2 COB members welcomed already in the Spring! We plan to continue to host events and grow our sisterhood throughout the spring semester. Our Executive Council has had a wonderful start to the year, and had a team building retreat to start the semester at the beginning of February (List of Executive Council for 2025-2026 below and pictured in pink to the right). Not only do we have members involved in ZTA through the Executive Council and Program Council, we have members in a wide variety of athletics, clubs, and other extracurriculars! Currently, we have athletes in cheer, wrestling, basketball, soccer, golf, and volleyball. We have members that are in band, choir, and a variety of clubs on campus such as student senate and working in the Admissions department. We look forward to finishing the Spring semester strong with our Spring Formal, Think Pink Week, and Greek Week as well as many wonderful Sisterhood events!

President and VP Harm Reduction- Carly Youngblood (Junior)
VP Programming- Lealind Trigg (Sophomore)
VP Learning and Development- Ashley Ossenkop (Junior)
VP Recruitment- Kennedy Bryan (Junior)
VP Finance- Caitlyn Sample (Sophomore)
VP Administration- Abbie Linn (Sophomore)
VP Membership Experience- Riley Fogarty (Freshman)
VP Communications- Melissa Kolle (Sophomore)
VP Campus Relations- Ella Hornberger (Senior)
VP Facility Operations- Liz Cope (Sophomore)
VP Academic Achievement- Nicole Deakins (Freshman)



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SAVE THESE DATES!

March 28, 2026 AGC's Spring Fling
April 11, 2026 KS/MO Zeta Day 11-3pm
May 15-17, 2026 Baker Alumni Weekend
May 16, 2026 STAG! See you there! We'll
 be honoring the classes of
 1951, 1976 & 2001




EVENTBRITE link**for STAG tickets****STAG Registration — Saturday, May 16, 2026 (Dinner \$25)**

You can register online and purchase tickets using a credit card at <https://2026-stag-zta.eventbrite.com> OR Mail this completed Registration Form to Sigma of ZTA House Corporation, 11308 Fontana St., Leawood, KS 66211 and enclose a check for \$25 made out to Sigma of ZTA House Corporation.

Full Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

I am also enclosing a donation of \$ _____ to go toward the  General Fund,  Member Assistance or  Window Fund (Donations of \$2200+ to the window fund have the option for a plaque inscription)

Window Plaque inscription: _____

If you have questions or suggestions please call Steph at 913.940.3310, Pat at 303.888.2899, or email SigmaZTAHouseCorp@gmail.com. Thank you in advance! We look forward to seeing you.