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# THE ROSETTE GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of the Sigma Alpha Omega® Foundation<sup>SM</sup>



## A Message From Our President

Dear Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation Family,

As winter settles in and we reflect on the close of another meaningful year, I am filled with gratitude for the strength, generosity, and enduring sisterhood that defines Sigma Alpha Omega. This season invites reflection—and it is clear that our Foundation's impact continues to grow because of you. Throughout the past quarter, the SAO Foundation has been honored to support initiatives that uplift our members, strengthen our chapters, and preserve the values upon which our sisterhood was built.

Winter is also a season of quiet purpose—a time to recommit ourselves to service, stewardship, and sisterhood. The Foundation remains dedicated to investing in opportunities that empower our women today while ensuring that future generations of SAOs inherit a strong, vibrant organization. Every act of involvement—whether through giving, mentoring, volunteering, or simply showing up for one another—helps sustain that legacy.

As we look ahead to the new year, I encourage each of you to stay engaged with the Foundation and with one another. Together, we can continue building something greater than ourselves—rooted in faith, friendship, and lifelong purpose.

Dove Love,  
Brett Pasquinelli  
President  
Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation

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## A New Year, A New Heart

EZEKIEL 36:26

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

As we welcome a new year, many of us like to reflect on what we hope will be different from the year before. We all make our resolutions that range from our health to our relationships to our careers to the next chapters of our lives. Many of us also feel prompted to do a spiritual reset, to pray more consistently, to spend time in Scripture, to serve others more intentionally, and to live in a way that better reflects Christ's love.

Yet even with the best of intentions, we often find that change is hard to sustain. Life gets busy, things change, and/or our resolve fades. Scripture reminds us that true transformation isn't rooted in willpower alone but that it begins within the heart.

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God offers a powerful promise: a new heart and a new spirit. Not an actual new heart, but a new heart in spirit. In the Bible, the heart represents the center of who we are: our desires, motivations, and responses. Over time, our hearts are often hardened by disappointment, fear, and/or fatigue. God wants to replace our hearts with ones that are open, responsive, and alive to His presence. The New Year is the perfect time to accept this amazing and important gift from God of a new heart renewed in His Spirit.

Our world can often feel overwhelming, and it's easy for our hearts to grow weary or guarded. But God promises us renewal. He promises a heart of flesh, one capable of compassion, hope, trust, and a new Spirit sustained by His strength. The Old Testament gives us a word for spirit, ruach, which means breath or wind, and it reminds us that the Holy Spirit is God's very breath, giving us life, courage, and endurance when we need it most.

Renewal begins through faith in Jesus Christ. As Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Real change is possible, not because we strive harder, but because God works within us.

As we step into 2026, may we do so with open hearts and renewed spirits. Let us ask God to soften what has grown hard, to restore what feels worn down, and to breathe new life into our faith. May this year be marked not just by new goals, but by lasting transformation rooted in Him. Happy 2026!

Written By:  
Emileigh Crouch  
Vice President  
Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation

## Sisters Helping Sisters: Donors Needed

**\$1,355**

LAST SEMESTER, WE RECEIVED \$1,355 IN DONATIONS FROM OUR INCREDIBLY GENEROUS SISTERS AND ALUMNAE. EACH GIRL WHO APPLIED RECEIVED AT LEAST \$80 TOWARDS THEIR DUES.

Sigma Alpha Omega is an incredible opportunity for young, Christian women to be involved on her campus.

We want to ensure that those women are able to do amazing things through SAO without being held back by financial restraints.

If you are able to donate, please do so. Even \$5 can go far with supporting sisters.

Donate via Venmo, PayPal, or check.

Be sure to designate that your donation is for Sisters Helping Sisters!

**Venmo:** @SigmaAlphaOmegaFoundation  
OR @SistersByGraceFoundation

**PayPal:** @SistersByGrace

**Check:** Email Shelby Howard, Treasurer, for address

Donate button on website

# RENDRA SCOTT RECAP

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Kendra Scott fundraiser this fall! If you missed it, keep an eye out for our next Kendra Scott partnership later in the year.

KENDRA  
SCOTT

## NCFD RECAP

National Charitable Foundation Day (NCFD) takes place every year on Giving Tuesday. Money raised goes directly to SAOF to help us support sisters! This year, we hosted a Double Good fundraiser, where sisters could purchase for themselves and share with family/friends.

As an organization, we raised \$733, with the Beta Mu Chapter raising the most!



## SAO GRAD STOLES

IS YOUR CHAPTER LOOKING FOR A VENDOR TO MAKE GRAD STOLES FOR YOUR UPCOMING ALUMNAE?

Sigma Alpha Omega Mu Chapter Alumnae and National Board Trustee, Meghan Williams, will be offering SAO graduation stoles that can be purchased by individuals or chapters at a special SAO price.

More information to come! Don't miss it - make sure you're following us on Instagram or Facebook!



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Sisters Helping Sisters

THE APPLICATION WINDOW IS  
NOW OPEN!

**Application Window: January 5-31**

Please apply for yourself or nominate a sister.  
And share with your chapter sisters!

Please note that new applications are required for each semester in which an applicant would like to receive dues assistance.

Applicants will be notified in February of any assistance that can be given.

Please note that new applications are required for each semester in which an applicant would like to receive dues assistance, and candidates are not eligible.

If you have any questions about Sisters Helping Sisters, please contact Shelby Howard at [treasurer@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org](mailto:treasurer@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org)!

To apply for Sisters Helping Sisters, please [click here!](#)



## Convention Registration Grant

The Sigma Alpha Omega® Foundation is currently accepting applications for grants for sisters wishing to attend the 2026 Sigma Alpha Omega® National Convention, in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. It is the Foundation's hope that these grants will be used on a need-basis to assist Sisters (both Active and Alumnae) who might not otherwise have the resources to attend Convention by assisting with registration or travel costs.

Applications for this grant will be reviewed on a monthly basis, and funds will be awarded through April 2025 or until all funds have been allocated- whichever comes first!

**The 2025 Convention Registration Grant is open now!** All active, associate, and alumni sisters are invited to apply for this grant. If you have any questions about the 2025 Convention Registration Grant, or grants from the Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation in general, please contact Ashleigh Crouch at [programs@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org](mailto:programs@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org)!

To apply for the 2025 Convention Registration Grant, please [click here!](#)

## Founder's Day Grant

This year's Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation Founder's Day Grant is now open!

For this year's Founder's Day Grant, applicants are being asked to write a short (250-500 words) essay about **how SAO embodies the bible verse Matthew 5:16.**

All active, associate, and alumni sisters are invited to apply for this grant. One winner will be selected and awarded a sum of \$100 via PayPal, Venmo, or check!

**Deadline: January 31st, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST**

All applicants will be notified of our decision via email no later than February 10, 2025. If you have any questions about the 2026 Founder's Day Grant, or grants from the Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation in general, please contact Brittany Wright at [secretary@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org!](mailto:secretary@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org)

To apply for the 2026 Founder's Day Grant, please [click here!](#)

# WE STILL NEED YOU!

Dear SAO Alumnae,

We are still searching for **THREE sisters** hoping to serve on the Board of Directors for the Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation! No matter how long you've been away from SAO, **you are welcome and valuable!** As an alumna, your experience and heart for our sisterhood make you an ideal candidate to help guide and grow our mission of supporting the Sorority and its members.

## **Positions Needed:**

Treasurer || 2-year term (ending January 2028)

Director of Public Relations || 2-year term (ending January 2028)

Director of Programming || 1-year term (ending January 2027)

**APPLY HERE**

# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**

This director manages all social media accounts, works to keep the website updated, and creates the quarterly Rosette Gazette newsletter.

## **DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING**

Be responsible for all programs – such as grants, scholarships, leadership programs, and Programs events. The Director of Programming directly supports the following current programs: Fall Leadership Grant, Founder's Day Grant, Convention Grants, National Mission Trip, and others!

## **TREASURER**

The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing all financial operations of the organization, including receiving and disbursing funds, maintaining accurate financial records, and ensuring compliance with legal and tax requirements. They manage banking relationships, prepare financial reports and budgets, and provide regular updates to the board on the organization's financial status. The Treasurer ensures that revenue sources are stable and sustainable, assets are protected, and proper financial policies are in place. Additionally, they support fundraising discussions and oversee specific financial programs such as the Sisters Helping Sisters Program and the Emergency Relief Fund.

## Donate

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE DO  
WITHOUT YOU!

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## Stay Connected

YOUR SUPPORT IS THE DRIVING  
FORCE BEHIND OUR ABILITY TO  
CREATE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT  
WITH OUR SISTERHOOD AND  
BEYOND!

Let's stay linked and make an impact together!

Follow us on social media for upcoming events and  
fundraising opportunities!



@sao\_foundation



The Sigma Alpha Omega  
Foundation

## Ongoing Support

### EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Emergency Relief Fund is designed to help  
SAO sisters that find themselves in an  
unexpected place and need help financially. You  
can apply yourself or nominate a sister.

[Emergency Relief Fund Application](#)

### SISTERS HELPING SISTERS

Are you an active sister in need of financial  
support to help pay your chapter dues? The  
Sisters Helping Sisters Application is released  
twice annually: August/September & January

Are you an alumnae that would like to  
contribute to help support active sisters in  
paying for their dues? You can donate at any  
time! Just be sure to specify that the donation is  
for SHS!

We collect year round to help ensure we can  
support sisters in need!