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**Tri Sigma Commits Time, Talent and Treasure
to AFA Annual Meeting**

Renews commitment to professional development through partnership

WOODSTOCK, VA - November 15, 2010 - Sigma Sigma Sigma ("Tri Sigma") National Sorority continues a long-standing commitment to the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors ("AFA"). Tri Sigma believes the focused attention to the fraternal values movement is essential to help all member organizations maintain relevance, especially considering the most recent call for values congruence in all values-based organizations.

Tri Sigma was founded in Longwood, VA, as a part of the "Farmville Four" - a group of sororities founded at the State Female Normal School, now Longwood University. Tri Sigma continues to demonstrate commitment to higher education by supporting AFA, an organization focused on professional development and dialogue around the fraternal movement. To support the emerging professionals in the field, in 2009, Tri Sigma made a \$10,000 commitment to the AFA Foundation to support scholarships for Fraternity and Sorority life professionals.

Laura Ward Sweet, immediate past National President of Tri Sigma, will be honored at the Closing Banquet on Saturday, December 4, as one of five recipients of the 2010 Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award. Kelly Jo Karnes, the current AFA President, will preside over all proceedings and serves as an ex-officio member of the AFA Foundation.

Tri Sigma has six members serving in various volunteer capacities throughout the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Kelly Jo Karnes - 2010 Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors - President

- * Associate Director - Office of Student Life - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- * Pi Chapter - Emporia State University

Kara Miller - 2010 Volunteer Coordinator - AFA Annual Meeting

- * Assistant Dean of Students - Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs - Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

*Epsilon Delta Chapter - Gannon University

Lauren Moran - 2010 Graduate Staff Coordinator - AFA Annual Meeting

- * Director of Alumnae and Volunteer Services - Tri Sigma National Sorority, Woodstock, VA
- * Gamma Rho Chapter - Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Kathleen R. Gillan - First 90 Days Program Committee

- * Assistant Director of Greek Affairs - The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- * Alpha Zeta Chapter - Northwestern State University

Allison Swick-Duttine - Graduate Staff Selection Committee - AFA Annual Meeting

- * Director of Fraternity/Sorority Life & Organization Development - State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, NY
- * Psi Chapter - Marshall University

Bethany Deines - Programs Review Committee - AFA Annual Meeting

- * Director of Annual Giving - Dayton Children's Medical Center, Dayton, OH
- * Beta Kappa Chapter - Arizona State University

Tri Sigma also has a number of volunteers and staff members serving as conference presenters.

Mary-Kate Lobaugh - Thursday, December 2 - 10:15 AM

- * "Giving Potential New Members the Pre-Recruitment Education They Really Need During Panhellenic Formal Recruitment"
- Presenting with: Sunday Tollefson, CEO - Sure Sister
- * Alpha Psi Chapter - Eastern Illinois University

Allison Swick-Duttine - Saturday, December 4 - 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM

- * "The Monster in the Basement: Unrecognized Groups and Their Threat to Interfraternalism"
- Presenting with: Judge Mitch Crane, CAMPUSPEAK, Inc., Dave Westol, Limberlost Consulting, and David Stollman, CAMPUSPEAK, Inc.
- * Psi Chapter - Marshall University

Cori Gilbert Wallace - Saturday, December 4 - 4 PM - 5 PM

- * "Our Cross-Council Conversation: How A Delta and a DG Investigated Cultural Identity Through Honest Dialogue About Affiliation Choice"
- Presenting with: Latorria Griffith - Assistant Director of Greek Life and Student Involvement, Hanover College

We are also proud to have a number of former AFA Award Recipients. A listing is below.

Allison Swick-Duttine - 2007 Distinguished Service Award

- * Sigma Sigma Sigma Executive Council
- * Psi Chapter - Marshall University

Bethany Deines - 2007 Distinguished Service Award

- * Sigma Sigma Sigma Executive Council
- * Former AFA Foundation President
- * Beta Kappa Chapter - Arizona State University

Angie Carr Robinett - 2003 Distinguished Service Award

- * National Volunteer
- * Alpha Omicron Chapter - University of Central Arkansas

Kaye Schendel - 2001 Distinguished Service Award

- * Sigma Sigma Sigma Current National President
- * Gamma Phi Chapter - University of Wisconsin - River Falls

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