

## Programming Update from Tri Sigma

March 23, 2020

As the situation with Covid-19 is rapidly changing and campuses are taking greater measures for social distancing, alumnae and collegiate chapter events are not encouraged or advised. Our utmost priority is the health of our members, and the National Organization asks that **chapters cancel or postpone all in-person events** as it is our responsibility to ensure that our programs do not contribute to spread of the pandemic.

### Accreditation

The chapter services staff is working to review all standards that would normally be measured in the spring. After a thorough review the organization will either be revising all spring due dates or eliminating some standards which would no longer apply given the remote nature of majority of our campuses. More specific information on spring standards will be shared in an accreditation special edition of the Weekly Update.

### Founders Day

The National Organization is working diligently to create a meaningful Founders Day experience for our members despite the challenges of social distancing. To fill the gap for canceled Founders Day events, we will provide an opportunity to honor national award winners and celebrate the past and future of Tri Sigma. The Sorority and Foundation will be partnering to host a virtual Founders Day program via Facebook on Sunday, April 19, at 4 pm EST. **Chapters do not need to plan their own events.**

### Other chapter events

The recommendation for event cancellation includes Circle Degree, alumnae initiation, and chapter anniversaries hosted this semester.

**CIRCLE DEGREE:** Members become alumnae by leaving school through graduating, withdrawing, or transferring to a school without a Tri Sigma chapter. An alumna can go through Circle Degree at any time; therefore, we ask for those planning to host Circle Degree for graduating seniors between now and the end of the semester postpone into the fall semester.

**ALUMNAE INITIATION:** All alumnae initiations are to be postponed until the fall semester.

**CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES:** Plans to host an in-person event celebrating your chapter's anniversary should either be postponed to the fall or hosted virtually. Tri Sigma's Chapter Anniversary Coordinator, Amanda Marchegiani, will be in touch with your event contact to further discuss. No national representative will be in attendance.

**GOLDEN VIOLET CELEBRATIONS:** Plans to present an alumna her Golden Violet in-person should be postponed until the fall or hosted virtually. Should you be interested in presenting an alumna her Golden Violet virtually, please contact the Director of Lifetime Engagement, Aimee Boland, [aboland@trisigma.org](mailto:aboland@trisigma.org).

### Jamaica Immersion Trip and Labyrinth Leadership Experience

The Jamaica Immersion Trip and Labyrinth Leadership Experience have been cancelled for 2020. This decision is based our responsibility to ensure that our programs do not contribute to spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of holding these programs at this time. All applicants for these programs have been contacted directly with details of the cancellation.