

KAPPA GAMMA PI SCHOLASTIC AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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KAPPA GAMMA PI is the national Catholic college graduate honor society for honors graduates who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, service achievement, and leadership ability as undergraduates, and who further pledge themselves to continued leadership and service activities in the future.

The Society was founded in 1926 at the Conference of Catholic Colleges for Women of the National Catholic Educational Association. It was originally intended to provide gifted lay women graduates of Catholic colleges with an organization for developing their leadership and potential. In recent years, KAPPA GAMMA PI has broadened its membership to include women and men of various faith commitments who are graduates of affiliated colleges.

Kappa Gamma Pi, at the national level, has outlined certain criteria for membership. In order to be considered for membership, a student must have completed 7 semesters of college with honors, with two of those years at the nominating college (in our case, Rivier). The individual must be willing to embrace the mission of Kappa Gamma Pi as a service-oriented graduate honor society and be eager to assume leadership roles in church, civic, or other altruistic causes.

In addition to the national criteria, Rivier as the nominating college sets forth the following criteria:

- that the candidate has been attending Rivier for the past two years and is currently enrolled;
- that the candidate has a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 50 Rivier credits earned to date;
- that the candidate has been enrolled fulltime at Rivier for a minimum of 5 semesters with a semester GPA or 3.5 or higher in at least 4 of those 5 semesters.

The KAPPA motto – *“Faith and Service”* – inspires members to active participation and leadership in a myriad of causes for the improvement of the human condition.

This year the following students were nominated:

Cassandra Anganes	Cheri Cimon	Amanda Hall	Stacey Reddington
Kara Bayrouy	Scott Cummings	Shannon Kelley	Jaymie Stoops
Rene Beaudoin	Amanda Ditzel	Kristi Lamb	Danielle Tilders
Danielle Berube	Alicia Dunham	Kristen Morey	Kathryn Yee
Sarah Blagdon	Kimberly Ford	Kari Osha	
Kayla Bowker	Michael Goff	Vallerie Parisi	

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Only one undergraduate student, **Kristen Morey**, has been qualified for membership'2007 into the National Scholastic and Honor Society of Catholic Colleges and Universities. During the Rivier Scholars Convocation (April 21, 2007), Kristen took the pledge of membership and affirmed the principles of KAPPA GAMMA PI, promising to lend her wholehearted interest and cooperation so that the programs initiated within the Society will be worthy of educational advantages of the individual members and will have a direct bearing on the furtherance of those issues and activities of primary interest to the graduates of Catholic institutions of our times.

Dr. William Farrell, President of Rivier College, presented the certificate and a rose to Kristen Morey.

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