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# THE ROSETTE GAZETTE

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



## A Letter From Our President

Dear Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation Family,

As your new president, I want to take a moment to express my excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you. Over the past few months, I've seen the passion and dedication that drives our mission: "The Foundation" strives to provide funds and opportunities for sister development in academics, leadership, spiritual growth, and mission work. These activities not only enhance our bonds as sisters but, most importantly, deepen our relationship with Christ.

Ephesians 3:20-21 reminds us, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." This verse inspires me as we embark on this journey together, knowing that through faith, we can achieve remarkable things.

As we move forward, I encourage each of you to reflect on your own spiritual journeys and how we can support one another in our growth. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Let us lean on one another and Christ for strength as we strive to fulfill our mission.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of the Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation, especially for those who have generously contributed to our Sisters Helping Sisters initiative. Your donations play a vital role in supporting our active sisters who may need financial assistance to pay their dues, ensuring that everyone can participate fully in our community. Your kindness and commitment to uplifting one another truly embody the spirit of sisterhood that we cherish. Thank you for believing in our mission and for being a source of encouragement and support for our sisters!

I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the years to come. Let's be bold in our actions, committed in our service, and faithful in our relationships.

Dove Love,

Brett Pasquinelli  
President  
Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation

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## Convention 2024 Recap

COVINGTON, GA

Convention 2024 in Covington, Georgia was a blast! Over the convention weekend, we raised \$865.43 between the t-shirt auction and the Light to Others campaign! We loved meeting so many sisters and can't wait to see you next year!

## Sisterhood Marketplace

CALLING ALL OF SANTA'S HELPERS!

I know what you're thinking: it's only October!  
BUT... Christmas is right around the corner!

So hold your horses on buying your Christmas gifts on Amazon Prime Day, October 8-9 because the SAO Foundation will be having the SISTERHOOD MARKETPLACE this year where you can purchase all of your gifts.

This year, our Sisterhood Marketplace will be all digital and you will have the opportunity to shop from your sisters beginning Thanksgiving week. We want to spotlight our small business owners and entrepreneurs.

If you want to be in the marketplace or if you were a vendor this previous year, please reach out to Erin Wood Huang, the Vice President of SAOF at [vicepresident@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org](mailto:vicepresident@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org) for more information.

Whether you sell physical goods or services, we want to know!!! Our sisters are so talented and we want to support you, as well as the SAO Foundation to help grant more scholarships for the ladies who want to experience this amazing sisterhood. Tis the Season!

# Sisters Helping Sisters

**THIS SEMESTER WE HAVE 15 SISTERS IN NEED OF DUES ASSISTANCE!**

Donate to help support sisters from the following chapters: Beta Delta, Nu, Beta Zeta, Alpha Xi, Beta Mu, Alpha, Beta Eta, and Alpha Delta

So far, we have received just over \$1,500 from active and alumnae sister donors.

Amount Needed to Fully Fund all 15 Sisters:  
\$4,005.00

We will be accepting donations through October 10.  
Grant recipients will be notified on October 13.



## Fall Leadership Grant

**CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Applications for The Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation's Fall Leadership Grant will open on October 5th!

This year, applicants will be asked to write a short essay (200-500 words) about servant leadership as it relates to Matthew 20:26.

Active, associate, and alumni sisters are invited to apply. One winner will be selected and awarded a sum of \$100!  
Check out our social media for the application to be released on October 5th! The application will close on October 31st at 11:59 pm CST. If you have any questions about the Fall Leadership Grant, or other grants from The Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation in general, please contact Ashleigh Crouch at [programs@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org](mailto:programs@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org)!

# Fellowship with the Foundation

**AHEAD OF NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DAY ON DECEMBER 3RD, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SIGMA ALPHA OMEGA FOUNDATION WILL BE VIRTUALLY VISITING ALL SNAP AND ACTIVE CHAPTERS TO SHARE ALL OF THE RESOURCES THAT THE FOUNDATION CAN PROVIDE FOR YOU!**

Chapter Executive Committee Members:

Be on the lookout for an email from a member of the Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation Board of Directors with the subject line "Fellowship with the Foundation" in your chapter inbox so that we can set up a time to attend your chapter meetings and share a brief presentation with you! If you have any questions or concerns about the Fellowship with the Foundation program, please contact Ashleigh Crouch at [programs@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org](mailto:programs@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org)!





# Donations and Tithing

ABBY MCHENRY

Hello! My name is Abby McHenry, and I am the Director of Engagement and Donor Relations for the Sigma Alpha Omega Foundation. Something that has been on my mind since our fiscal year began in July is reframing how we view tithing and Stewardship.

Although we are not obligated to give, we are called to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:35-40). One way that people show this love is by giving funds to their church and other causes they support.

I used to think I had to give 10% of my income to the church I attended. That's it. Instead of that, I now think of tithing as giving back to the Body of Christ and the big "C" Church with whatever percentage is appropriate for you. What does that mean?

I currently give about 10% of my monthly income, but I divide it. I give about 40-50% of my monthly tithing to my actual home church, but the other 50-60% is allocated to alternative spaces. You do not need to do this, but I would encourage you to consider including SAOF or other smaller organizations that you care about in your monthly tithing. I budgeted everything and give accordingly.

Some people are unable to give financially, and that is completely understandable. We can only give what we are given. I know that sometimes it can be easy to be guilted into giving because we feel it's an obligation, but Jesus fulfilled the law and we are not required to do anything but love God and our neighbors.

However, if you are able to give, please consider partnering directly with SAOF by becoming a monthly contributor. One way to do this is by clicking on the PayPal link on our website and clicking the box that says "make this a monthly donation". The reason I ask this is so SAOF can provide more supports than we currently offer. We have the Emergency Relief Fund & Sisters Helping Sisters programs, but are also wanting to help sponsor a mission trip and continue offering grants throughout the year. I did the math. If every person in the Alumni Association on MySAO gave \$5 per month, SAOF would make \$7,200 per year on individual donors alone. Currently our operating budget is approximately \$4,000.

So please consider supporting us if you are able. No matter what decision you make, we love and appreciate all you all are doing for God's people on earth. If you have any questions, reach out to Abby at [engagement@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org](mailto:engagement@sigmaalphaomegafoundation.org).

In Christ,  
Abby McHenry  
Director of Engagement and Donor Relations

# Cookbook Fundraiser

THE FOUNDATION IS COOKING UP SOMETHING EXCITING THIS FALL!

We will be accepting pre-orders for our e-cookbook on October 13th for \$13.

Regular Sales will begin October 31st for \$15.

Keep an eye on our instagram and your email for the order form.

Instagram: [sao\\_foundation](https://www.instagram.com/sao_foundation)





## Donate

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

**Venmo:** @SigmaAlphaOmegaFoundation  
OR @SistersByGraceFoundation

**PayPal:** @SistersByGrace

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

Donate button on website



## 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



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## 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!