

Nu News

Nu Chapter & Greater Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta ~ Welcoming 2022

Founder's Day

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting Founder's Day on **Sunday, April 3rd IN-PERSON**. Come mingle with alumnae and current Nu Chapter members to celebrate Alpha Xi Delta's birthday! We hope to see you at the **Sunset Bay Lodge at the Ballard Elks** (6411 Seaview Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98107) **from 11am to 2pm** (check-in begins at 10:30 am). Your registration **fee of \$35** includes light refreshments and a chance to reconnect with your sisterhood. As part of Washington State's current guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask at the event.

You can register online or by mail by March 19th! Visit <https://forms.gle/oa8fefnG2yfnYecz6> or scan this QR code and click the yellow donate button (please note funds are for Founders Day and add your initiation year, chapter of initiation, and email address), or instead fill out the registration card below and send with a check made out to "Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta" to: Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta

21226 Shell Valley Rd.
Edmonds, WA 98026



We're finalizing details but Lauren Zawacki welcomes questions via email at Lauren.zawacki@Outlook.com or check our Facebook event for updates. Regardless whether you plan to attend, please consider donating as all of the extra money received will be used towards collegiate scholarships.

Upcoming Senior Ceremony welcoming Grads into Alumnae status

We want to make an effort to welcome graduating Nu seniors to Alumnae status this spring as well as celebrate those new alumnae we haven't had the opportunity to meet in person the past couple years. We are collaborating with the Nu advisor and Nu executive officers to get our senior ceremony on the calendar, date TBD for May 2022. Last year we resorted to a video zoom call. Please keep an eye out for more information on this in future e-newsletters and Facebook posts as we finalize all the details. We'd love to include many alumnae in our welcoming ceremony, mingling, and treats!



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Phone # _____ - _____ - _____
Chapter: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Reserve Your Seat for Founders' Day by March 19th!

- This contains updated contact info for me
- Let's go paperless! No more mailers for me
- I've enclosed \$35 to attend Founders' Day
(made out to Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta)
- I've also enclosed \$45 for my Annual Dues
- I've enclosed a National Scholarship donation
(separate check to Alpha Xi Delta Foundation)

Dues Please

Your \$45 Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae dues can be paid from September 1 through Founders Day each year.

\$20 stay local to pay for Nu News and other mailings, Overlake and Seattle Area Panhellenic dues, and alumni events like Nu Chapter Senior Night.

\$25 are forwarded to our National Fraternity to allow our organization to perpetuate fraternal growth while providing opportunities to foster intellectual, professional, and personal growth for all Alpha Xi Delta Sisters (annual check is sent to Nationals just after Founder's Day).

Please email Lisa questions at lisahackney@comcast.net. You can pay your **\$45 total** annual dues three ways:

1. <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html> >Donate (click the yellow Donate button and enter "Dues" in the comment section).
2. Write a check while you're attending one of our two signature events - our Annual Pickle Mix Scholarship Auction or Founders Day in April.
3. Mail a check made out to "Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta" with the contact form on the front page to our Treasurer, Lisa Hackney Hatfield, at 21226 Shell Valley Road, Edmonds, WA 98026.

Alum Aunts: Connect with a Local Junior

We are excited to announce that we have 15 Nu chapter members and 14 alumnae participating in this year's Alum Aunts Program. The program pairs up current juniors at the Nu Chapter with interested alumnae in the area. Alum Aunts will be mentors throughout member's last two years at the University of Washington - and even after! We encourage Alumnae Aunts to provide job search help & career advice and assist with member's transition from college to post-graduate life.

Our 'Alum Aunt Reveal' will be hosted on February 28th by the alumnae association where Nu nieces will meet their new Alum Aunt.

On behalf of Nu Chapter and the alumnae association, THANK YOU to all the alumnae who signed up to participate. If you didn't sign up to be an alum aunt but are still interested in mentoring a collegiate or providing career/life advice please contact Lauren Zawacki via email: Lauren.zawacki@Outlook.com, as there will likely be other events and programs in the near future!

Partnering with Nu Chapter at UW

Here are a few of the ways that we have supported Nu chapter! Treats and snacks delivered multiple times (recruitment treats, cookies and baked goods throughout the year, celebration cake), holiday decorating of chapter facility exterior, Pandemic Pals program, Alumnae Aunts program (Winter 2022), Alumnae ceremony, postcards for scholarships, sip and paint sisterhood and fundraiser, Pickle Mix, career support and programs partnership, organized and supported recruitment item needs, and much more!



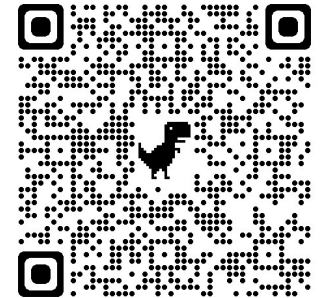
National Philanthropy

As you likely already know, this has been a transition year for our philanthropy program. This year's National Philanthropy has been dubbed the **Kindly Hearts Campaign**. This project is aimed at supporting K-12 education and helping combat food insecurity as a temporary program until a new National Philanthropy is selected.

After much discussion and deliberation, your local Alumnae Association has decided that our sisterhood can be most effective in this cause by empowering us to each work with an organization in our own neighborhood. I encourage each of you to find an organization close to you that addresses one or both of these aspects and contribute however you are able.

You may not know (I didn't before I took on this role) that our Annual Report collects data on all of the charitable works that our members do each year! You can do this immediately following your philanthropic contribution or you can go back and account for anything that you haven't recorded yet this year. We'd love to know about your contributions even if they don't appear to match the KHC's parameters!

Please help us collect information about the time, money, or in-kind donations you have made. Submit this info via the Google form linked on our Facebook group or this QR code, an email to axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com, or the paper form *on the back of this page* which you can mail in with your dues/Founders' Day check or bring to Founder's Day yourself.



If you have any questions or need some ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you're passionate about volunteering in a specific nonprofit project, post to our Facebook page in hopes nearby Alumnae can collaborate with you! I can be reached via a comment posted to our Facebook page or email to aimeer5301@gmail.com. More details on the KHC can be found at <https://www.alphaxidelta.org/kindly-hearts-campaign>.

-In sisterhood, Aimee Murray, Alum Philanthropy Chair



Meet the House Director of Nu Chapter

In August of 2021, Christy Stewart returned to Nu as the House Director. She was previously a part of our team from 2017-2020 as head chef. We now contract out our cooking services through Campus Culinaire—the girls receive 10 meals a week plus 24/7 access to the toast bar. Christy is passionate about Nu chapter and is excited to be back on our team! She has been a blessing to our board by effectively managing many ongoing projects at both houses on top of her daily responsibilities. We are so happy to have her!

Bunco: Panhellenic's Scholarship Fundraiser Event

Save the date! This year's virtual Seattle Alumnae Panhellenic annual fundraiser for scholarships will be **Saturday, April 9th, 7-9pm!** This game night will be on zoom, with additional time for breakout sessions to socialize with other supporters and surprise extras to this year's program (you'll just have to attend to find out!).

The goal for this event is to have some fun, connect with other Seattle Alumnae Panhellenic supporters, and most importantly.... to raise funds to allow us to award annual scholarships to deserving undergraduate University of Washington sorority women. Even if you cannot attend the virtual event, we encourage you to support scholarships by making direct donations when the time comes.



Watch e-News for further details including registration. We are hoping for a great turnout this year and are looking forward to supporting scholarships for undergraduate University of Washington sorority women.

Philanthropy Reporting Form 2021-2022

Please use this form to document your contributions to the Kindly Hearts Campaign or any other charitable works during our 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Please fill out one form per donation of either time, money, or in-kind items; if you contributed to multiple organizations or on multiple dates this month, please fill out another form. There is no limit on the number of forms you are able to complete. For questions about the Kindly Hearts Campaign, please visit <https://www.alphaxidelta.org/kindly-hearts-campaign> or email us at axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Does this organization support K-12 schools or students, food insecurity, or other basic needs? (Please check all that apply): K-12 Schools Food Insecurity None of the These
 Basic Needs (such as diapers, hygiene items, etc)

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Any additional information you would like to provide about this donation:



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Our Website:

<http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/>

Join our Facebook group: "Alpha Xi Delta Seattle Area Alum"

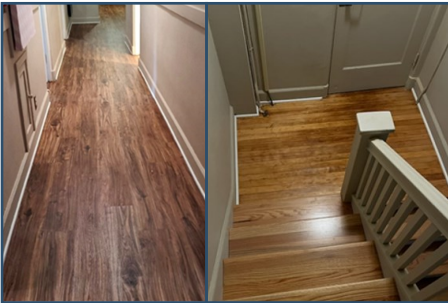
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Meet the Board of WANC

In September of 2021, the Washington Associates of Nu Chapter (WANC) Corporation Board gained 3 new members: Alyssa Huff (Epsilon Kappa chapter) as President, Teri West (Epsilon Zeta chapter) as Vice President, and Meredith O'Connor Schwietzer (Delta Rho chapter) as Secretary. We are so pleased to have returning board members Paige Peacock (Nu Chapter) as Treasurer and Kate Johnson (Nu chapter) as Design Director! Our 5 hardworking and dedicated board members have already implemented changes to both owned properties and are drafting plans for the future of Nu housing. We have room for 5 more general board members and welcome anyone with a passion for Alpha Xi Delta and Nu chapter! We can tailor time commitments to fit your availability. Filling our board to capacity enables better decisions via more diverse opinions and access to information. We meet ~8 times a year, and locations change depending on what works for everyone each month. This year we've dined at Mamma Melina, met at board members' homes, met virtually, and met at our annex. We're very excited for the coming years at Nu chapter and would love to have you on the board!



Please email nu.corporation@gmail.com if interested.

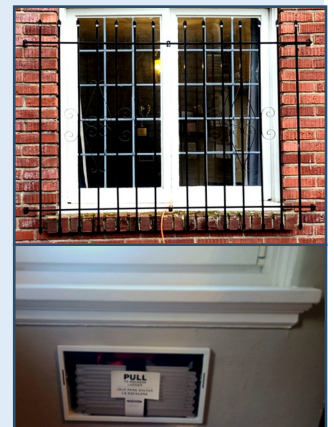


Corporation Update on Nu Chapter

We have 75 members that reside in our main and annex properties, as well as 41 members living out. The live-in fee is \$3,290 and live out is \$340 per quarter. Our combined properties can sleep 116 women, so we're at only 65% of capacity. There are two reasons for low live-in numbers. 1) UW has changed their dorm policy and will not permit those joining sororities to break their contract, so half of PC '21 live there. We anticipate this to grow as in ~5 years UW will push for all freshmen to live in the dorms. 2) Due to COVID-19, many juniors were granted live out status.

Due to the significant decrease in occupancy, we have struggled financially but this has not hindered our ability to make necessary changes to improve both properties. In the summer of 2021, we removed all carpeting from the second and third floors of the main house and installed hardwood. In the fall of 2021, we removed the carpet on the back stairway at the main house and refinished the existing hardwood. There is no longer any carpet any main house living space (more sanitary!). Both houses were upgraded with smart TVs equipped with all the popular streaming services (Netflix, Hulu, HBO, Disney Plus, etc.) instead of cable TV.

Due to the increasing safety concerns and an uptick in crime around UW, we installed new flood lights around both properties to increase the amount of light at night. Each Nu member was given the choice of either pepper spray or a personal safety alarm, and we added security window-bars to some of the less-secure windows at the main house including the first floor windows of the main house (as many do not lock securely anymore). In June of 2022, new energy efficient windows equipped with safety glass will be installed and look similar to the windows that were installed on the main house's upper levels in recent years. The board is also passionate about fire safety and in spring of 2022, wall-mounted fire escapes will be added to the second- and third-floor rooms at both the main and annex properties.



In winter of 2022, annex bathrooms received a cosmetic improvements. We are currently working on plans for improvements at both houses that meet the standards of UW Greek life to keep Nu chapter housing competitive. For any interest in becoming an official member of the board or for general inquiries, please email Alyssa Huff at nu.corporation@gmail.com.

Join our Alum Board!

Scholarship Chair: this position plans out Nu scholarship applications, deadlines, how to go about selecting scholarship recipients, and works with the programs chair to set and reach scholarship goals. In this role we would need you to also participate actively with the board throughout the year.

Panhellenic Delegate: in this position we need someone who can attend monthly virtual meetings with the Seattle Area Panhellenic group as well as our monthly Alumnae board meetings where you'd catch us up and facilitate our involvement in Panhellenic goals.

Please email axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com with interest or questions! All our board meetings are open to fellow alumnae, see Facebook or email us for the details!

Meetings are mostly virtual and on occasion we're striving to be in-person with virtual options as needed.

Programs Chair: this position is currently occupied but will be open for transition during August 2022. Our programs chair plans our scholarship fundraisers, Founder's Day, Alumnae Ceremony (UW graduating seniors), and events with Nu chapter such as Pandemic Pals and Alum Aunts. Keep in mind that this position collaborates with the entire board, divides up tasks and delegates to the board, and has support with each event. Monthly alumnae meetings are critical to this role.

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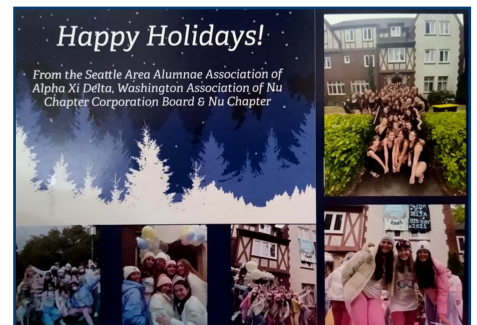


Thanks for Scholarship & Fundraiser Support

We appreciate all of you who have given so generously in response to our postcards and outreach in the past year!

The spring postcard (left) raised over \$1200 for scholarships at a time we

couldn't gather for our traditional Pickle Mix event. In addition to funds from before, we were able to award \$1800 in scholarships to outstanding Nu members for fall quarter!



Our latest postcard (right) has raised nearly \$1900 in funds to be split between Nu Chapter scholarships and facilities' safety enhancements like fire escapes and new windows with better locking mechanisms (never painted)!