

Arizona Council Bulletin

June 2025



Hello to Everyone,

It is my honor to serve as your State President for 2025-2027. Thank you for putting your trust in me. I am looking forward to working with the chapters in any way I can to help them achieve their goals. I am also hoping to be able to visit a number of your chapters. Please let me know if you'll be having a summer social or other event and I'm always open for chapter meeting visits or to assist with ceremonies, etc.

Thank you to Eta Gamma for a great State Convention and to Kathy Riebock and Suzanne Godard for my lovely installation ceremony.

A reminder to Chapter Presidents to update your Chapter Officers information for ESA HQ. Go to www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/officerchanges and input your information as soon as possible. Access to your chapter roster information is provided to your Chapter President and Treasurer so having the correct persons listed is critical.

Saturday night, at State Convention, I was pleased to announce the 2024-2025 Gladys Bagley Schafer Outstanding Pledge. This year's honoree was Vickie Simmons from Alpha Chi. Congratulations, Vickie!



In my final Membership Report I announced that, sadly, our membership numbers were down from this time last year. There were numerous reasons for our membership decline. Please reach out to Paula Fisher, your new Membership Director, for any assistance with recruitment or retention ideas.

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I wish everyone a great summer. I'm looking forward to representing Arizona at IC Convention in July.

ESA Love,

Terrie

Terrie Rust

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Terrie's Acceptance Speech

Any organization, in order to fulfill their mission, needs to set goals and head in the direction that will lead to accomplishing those goals. It is critical that the members of such an organization identify the "True North" of their heading and agree on the path to take.

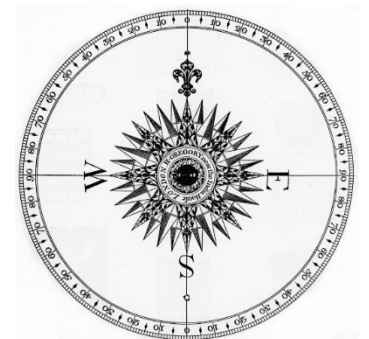
My Presidential theme is Our ESA Compass. To understand what this represents, we need to first consider the purpose of a compass. Most everyone is familiar with a compass rose, the icon that points to the 4 cardinal directions: north, south, east, and west, each separated by 90 degrees, with north being 0 or 360 degrees, east at 90 degrees, south at 180 degrees, and west at 270 degrees.

But a compass does more than just point to these directions. A compass is a precision tool for navigation. It provides guidance as we find our way to or from a place. The security in knowing that we are able to find our way accurately is comforting and keeps us from the anxiety we can feel if floundering or getting lost. However, deviating from the course even slightly can take us to an unplanned location or even get us completely turned around!

Many people think that just one degree difference is a small, barely noticeable thing. But the truth is, there are huge ripple effects to changing course by just one degree. Here's an example of a plane flight...

Imagine an airplane leaving from Los Angeles flying direct to Rome, Italy. The flight will take about 12 hours if the plane goes in a direct and straight line.

But, if the nose of the airplane is pointed just 1 degree off course to the south, after 12 hours the plane will land somewhere in Tunisia, Africa! If there is a 1 degree difference to the north, the plane might land in Slovenia or Austria!



A tiny difference in direction has a huge effect in outcome over a long distance.

It's the same with us... just a small change in direction can have either a positive or negative impact on our lives, in our chapters, and on those around us.

Setting a new course can sometimes create confusion if a heading is not clearly in mind. Our personal lives are guided by core standards that we have learned or developed over the course of our lives. The same can be said about ESA standards, also known as core traditions, that we have learned and practiced, some of us over a period of decades! They provide a common bond between members and chapters. Many of these core standards keep us firmly rooted so we're not moving aimlessly. They also provide grounding so we can join together in a common experience.

Just like in the airplane analogy, your AZ ESA Executive Board, your chapters, and your members should be aiming for a precision course destination, whatever that course may be – but there should be one. It only takes one minor diversion for the course to head away from the intended destination. This is not to say that we all need to move in the same direction. What makes ESA unique is that as chapters, we can determine our own course.

To this end, I have created a new appointed position, that of a Compass Ambassador. The Ambassador's responsibility will be to seek out, identify, and acknowledge those chapters that accomplish taking their ESA chapter in a new direction. What this looks like will vary and can be something like creating social media promotions, establishing reciprocal community partnerships, or something entirely different. These chapters will be acknowledged at our State Council meetings with a Golden Compass Award.

As ESA members, and as individuals, we all should be looking for ways to move ourselves in new directions to keep from stagnation and to generate enthusiasm to engage. The following story helps illustrate this point.



Two people come to a mountain with a pot of gold on top, 5,000 feet up. The first is so lazy that, although he wants to get to the gold, he refuses to take an upward step. He walks around the base of the mountain, always staying at exactly the same elevation.

The second guy is pretty lazy too, so he too refuses to hike the steep trail to the top. In fact, he heads off on almost the same course as the first guy, except that he angles off just enough that with each step, he goes up half an inch -- about a 1-degree slope.

No matter how long the first guy walks, he'll always remain at the base of the mountain. The second guy has a long road ahead of him, but after about 23 miles of hiking, he reaches the pot of gold.

The difference is one degree.

How many people live their lives walking around the base of the mountain, never getting anywhere? Everyone travels 24 hours every day, whether they're climbing or not. How much more could we accomplish if we'd make even "one-degree" of effort to improve something about ourselves or our chapter. It doesn't even have to be anything hard. You just have to do something, to pick something to do one degree better today, and then never stop doing it.

- How will you challenge yourself this year to make that "one degree" change?
- What goal will you set personally - and as a chapter - and what steps will you take to achieve that goal?
- What will you do this year to move your chapter in a new direction? How will such a move strengthen your chapter?
- What can you do this year to challenge and engage all your members?

As we focus this year on the theme of Our ESA Compass, we need to hold fast to those core traditions that keep us rooted in why ESA was founded, and how the overall goals of our organization impact our actions and outreach. Even so, as we move forward, consider how our compass can also lead us in new directions, guide us to establish new traditions, and point to new horizons we may never have thought possible.

It's time to pick a heading and set your compass.

Thank you.



2025-26 Incoming state Officers

Patti Gale stood in for Connie Cole, Treasurer, Shari Stapleton-Smith stood in for Paula Fisher, Vice President, Terri Rust, 2025-27 AZ Council President, Yolanda Chislon, Secretary and Deana Walters, Past President

Appointed Board Chairs 2025-2026		
Auditor	Sherry Day	Delta Omega
Awards Chair	Tiffany Rivera	Omega Alpha
Bulletin Editor	April Aguiñaga	Delta Pi
Chaplain	Shari Stapleton-Smith	Eta Pi
Compass Ambassador	Pam Wojtkun	Omega Alpha
Convention Chair	John Vitt	Alpha Omicron
Treasurer	Roxanne Vitt	Alpha Omicron
Easter Seals – Phoenix	Baz Winsor	Alpha Kappa
Easter Seals – Tucson	Terry Smith	Eta Pi
ESA Foundation	Kathy Riebock	Alpha Chi
Financial Secretary	Jacqui Smith	Eta Pi
Hope for Heroes - Phoenix	Terence Chislon	Omega Mu
Hope for Heroes – Tucson	Chris Goldberg	Beta Kappa
Ocotillo Express	Shari Stapleton-Smith	Eta Pi
Philanthropic Chair	Roxanne Vitt	Alpha Omicron
Philanthropic Co-Chair	Colleen Luger	Beta Gamma
Properties Chair	Suzanne Godard	Alpha Chi
Registrar	Laury Watson	Eta Pi
Registrar – Co-chair	Pam Wojtkun	Omega Alpha
Roster Chair	Patti Gale	Eta Pi
Roster Co-Chair	Stephanie Potts	Alpha Chi
Social Media Chair	Suzanne Godard	Alpha Chi
St Jude Coordinator - Phoenix	John Vitt	Alpha Omicron
St Jude Coordinator – Tucson	Karen Madrid	Alpha Chi
Website Chair	April Aguiñaga	Delta Pi
Western States Rep	Donna Ort	Alpha Nu

Roster Chair

Greetings everyone,

I hope that you are all doing well. This is just a gentle reminder to turn in your Chapter's membership forms to me as soon as possible. I would LOVE to have them by June 22, 2025. Between now and August 1, 2025 make sure to let me know of any changes that have occurred to what has been submitted, so those changes can be made before the rosters are printed.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Take care,

Patti Gale

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Flag ceremony from State Convention

Awards Lists

Disaster Fund Participation Awards

Alpha Kappa

Eta Gamma

Alpha Omicron

ESA Foundation Awards

Most money donated by an individual - Kathy Riebock and Jacqui Smith

Most money donated by a chapter - Alpha Chi, Eta Pi, Beta Kappa

Best use of the Turnaround Funds - Alpha Omicron

Membership Awards

Membership Contest:

1st Place (tie) - Alpha Kappa and Alpha Chi

2nd Place - Alpha Omicron

3rd Place - Omega Mu

Rushing Contest:

1st Place - Alpha Chi

2nd Place - Alpha Kappa

3rd Place (tie) - Alpha Omicron and Omega Mu

St. Jude Awards

Participation Awards

Alpha Chi

Beta Kappa

Alpha Kappa

Delta Pi

Alpha Nu

Eta Gamma

Alpha Omicron

Eta Pi

Alpha Sigma

Gamma Iota

Beta Gamma

Omega Mu

Oasis of Hope Gala, 2025 Rock-n-Roll Running Series Phoenix, and 2025 Rock-n-Roll Running Series Las Vegas Participation - Alpha Omicron

2024 Walk/Run - Phoenix top three chapters

1st Place - Alpha Chi

2nd Place - Alpha Omicron

3rd Place - Beta Kappa

2024 Walk/Run - Las Vegas - Participation

Eta Gamma

Las Vegas Dream Home - Top four chapters

1st Place - Eta Gamma

2nd Place - Beta Kappa

3rd Place - Alpha Omicron

4th Place - Alpha Nu

Arizona Dream Home - Top three chapter

1st Place - Alpha Omicron

2nd Place - Beta Kappa

3rd Place - Beta Gamma

2024 -2025 Top ten St. Jude FUNraising Chapters in Arizona/Nevada

1st Place - Alpha Omicron

2nd Place - Eta Gamma

3rd Place - Beta Kappa

4th Place - Alpha Nu

5th Place - Beta Gamma

6th Place - Alpha Chi

7th Place - Arizona Council

8th Place - Eta Pi

9th Place - Omega Alpha

10th Place - Omega Mu

Easterseals and Hope for Heroes Participation Awards

Omega Alpha

Beta Kappa

Omega Mu

Alpha Omicron

Eta Pi

Alpha Kappa

Delta Pi

Eta Gamma

Alpha Chi

Philanthropic Awards

Chapters with 1 - 5 members

Hours per member

1st Place - Beta Kappa

2nd Place - Alpha Sigma

3rd Place - Delta Pi

Donated Monies per member

1st Place - Beta Kappa

2nd Place - Delta Pi

3rd Place - Alpha Sigma

Donated Goods per member

1st Place - Alpha Nu

2nd Place - Beta Kappa

3rd Place - Delta Pi

Miles in dollars per member

1st Place - Beta Kappa

Grand Totals money per member

1st Place - Alpha Nu

2nd Place - Beta Kappa

3rd Place - Delta Pi

Chapters with 6 - 10 members

Hours per member

- 1st Place - Eta Pi
- 2nd Place - Alpha Omicron
- 3rd Place - Eta Gamma

Donated Monies per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Omicron
- 2nd Place - Eta Pi
- 3rd Place - Omega Alpha

Donated Goods per member

- 1st Place- Eta Gamma
- 2nd Place - Alpha Omicron
- 3rd Place - Omega Alpha

Miles in dollars per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Omicron
- 2nd Place - Eta Gamma
- 3rd Place - Beta Gamma

Grand Totals money per member

- 1st Place - Eta Gamma
- 2nd Place - Alpha Omicron
- 3rd Place - Omega Alpha

Chapters with 11 plus members

Hours per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Chi
- 2nd Place - Alpha Kappa
- 3rd Place - Omega Mu

Donated Monies per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Chi
- 2nd Place - Alpha Kappa
- 3rd Place - Omega Mu

Donated Goods per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Chi
- 2nd Place - Alpha Kappa
- 3rd Place - Omega Mu

Miles in dollars per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Chi
- 2nd Place - Alpha Kappa
- 3rd Place - Omega Mu

Grand Totals money per member

- 1st Place - Alpha Chi
- 2nd Place - Alpha Kappa
- 3rd Place - Omega Mu

State Totals

- Total Hours per person - 93.54
- Total Donated Monies per person \$897.86
- Total Donated Good(value) per person \$ 7630.58
- Total Miles per person - 222.79
- Total Miles(in dollars) per person \$145.93
- Grand Total (in dollars) per person - \$8674.37

Member of the Year

John Vitt has been a member of Alpha Omicron for 13 years.

Chapter members say:

John embodies the spirit of ESA. He not only holds Regional, State, and chapter offices, he also volunteers with a number of philanthropic organizations that ESA supports. He volunteers for nearly every St. Jude opportunity, coordinates our chapter volunteering at Cardinal Stadium and does it all with a smile. We are proud to honor John as our Alpha Omicron Member of the Year.

Terence Chislon has been a member of Omega Mu for 3 years.

Chapter members say:

Terence is someone who leads with heart, shows up with purpose and truly makes a difference in everything he does. He has been a shining example of dedication, positivity, and teamwork. Whether it's lending a hand at the Cardinal games, offering words of encouragement, or stepping up when no one else would. He does it all with humility and grace. His passion and commitment have not only helped move our mission forward but have inspired those around him to give their best too.

Tiffany Rivera has been a member of Omega Alpha for 2 years.

Chapter members say:

Tiffany started with Omega Alpha in Spring 2024, she quickly moved into a leadership role of chapter secretary. During the year she has proven to be integral part of the Omega Alpha chapter and constantly goes above and beyond. Tiffany has stepped up to assist and take on tasks that keep Omega Alpha focused and 'Poised to Impact' with our philanthropic works and community volunteerism.

Tammy DeVeau has been a member of Eta Gamma for 2 years.

Chapter members say:

Tammy was a volunteer for one of our Dream Home Open Houses. She volunteered several times that year and I asked her if she would like to see us at our Chapter Gathering and she signed the paper that same night. She has stepped up when a member had to back down for awhile. She also stepped up to be our Secretary along with being the Philanthropic Chairman. She never says no and is always willing help when help is needed. She is a go getter and wants to learn all that she can about ESA and our mission!

Terri Andrews has been a member of Alpha Chi for 2 years.

Chapter members say:

She doesn't hesitate to volunteer for opportunities. Terri has cheerfully and consistently participated in all of our chapter events. She comes to every chapter meeting, has attended State Council meetings and the State Conventions. Recently she stepped up to fill a vacant spot on our chapter board. Terri has always been kind and compassionate to others in our chapter. Although she is one of the quieter members of our chapter, she has a great deal of energy and the drive to get things done. She also makes fabulous desserts.

Colleen Luger has been a member of Beta Gamma for 7 years.

Chapter members say:

She's special!! Special to Beta Gamma because she is always innovative in finding ways for our chapter to accomplish the goals we set. She is special to the Arizona council because she has always been willing to serve on the Appointed Board on several different committees. A good example of giving - to Beta Gamma, the Arizona Council and ESA Intl.

Connie Reifschneider has been a member of Alpha Kappa for 3 years.

Chapter members say:

Connie has been selected as Member of the Year because she went above and beyond gathering donations for our silent auction.



Vice President

Building Our Legacy Through Strong Chapters and Engaged Members

Dear ESA Members,

As we journey through another remarkable year in Epsilon Sigma Alpha, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your unwavering dedication to service, sisterhood, and personal growth. Our strength as an organization is built on the foundation of vibrant chapters and active, engaged members—and your continued commitment makes all the difference.

One of our greatest opportunities right now lies in recruitment. Each of us knows someone in our community—a neighbor, a coworker, a friend—who embodies the ESA spirit of service and compassion. Let's invite them into our story. When we extend the gift of membership, we not only grow in number but enrich the lives of those we welcome. New members bring fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and a shared passion for making a difference.

I encourage every chapter to be intentional in their recruitment efforts. Host an informational social, share your chapter's community impact, or invite prospective members to a service event. These moments are powerful ways to show who we are and what we value. Remember: recruitment is not just about adding members—it's about expanding our impact.

At the same time, it's essential that we ensure every current member is in good standing with ESA International. Our ability to continue doing meaningful work and access national resources depends on each of us upholding our responsibilities. Please take time to verify that all dues have been submitted and member information is up to date. If any member is unsure of their status, reach out to your chapter treasurer or contact ESA Headquarters for guidance.

Our collective success depends on the health of our chapters and the active participation of our members. Let's continue to lift each other up, welcome new faces, and maintain the standards that make ESA such a special organization.

Thank you for all that you do to advance our mission. Together, we are writing the next great chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

Paula Fisher,
Vice President



Philanthropic Chair

Sisters and Brothers of ESA,

A huge **Thank You** to all of the members for making this year's Philanthropic so fantastic.

If you missed it, we had a wonderful time up in Henderson at the State Convention. Good Food, drink and visiting friends.

I will be contacting my committee members from this year, to see if you are still willing to be on the committee next year.



If your chapter is collecting something that is not the State list, and would be willing to collect it for the state please let me know.



Remember to keep collecting, and tracking all of your miles, hours and donations for next year. Let's make next year even better than this year.

See you in September.

Roxanne Vitt

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Secretary



Yolanda Chilson is the incoming Secretary – please make sure you bring a copy of your reports to upcoming Council meetings.

Arizona Council Secretary
Yolonda Chilson

State Chaplain & Ocotillo Express



Shari Stapleton-Smith is now serving as both State Chaplain & Ocotillo Express, thanks for wearing both hats!

Her contact information is 831-227-3880 or by email
shari.stapleton.smith@gmail.com

Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman /Parliamentarian

I can't thank all of u who came to State Convention enough! The hotel staff loved all of you. If you have a minute please send a thank you note to chief J, Katrina Marie and Jeri Lynn at the Atwell Hotel. I wish we had more hotels in NV and AZ who were willing to help us with reasonable rates and accommodations and outstanding food at a very reasonable prices and allows choices on food for those attending. They were soooooo nice and they wanted to make our stay memorable!

I want to thank all for your support over the past years. I want to encourage all to think about taking an appointment or even consider running for an office. We need you and the new ideas for ESA! Yes, we have survived over the years but we need to be be more open for new visions, new ideas and young minds



to bring us closer together!

Thanks again for all of your support.
I will be putting out a challenge for all in a few weeks. Right now I'm looking forward to some great family time in TX and going to Indy for their State Convention!!
Enjoy the summer!!!!

Hugs to all 🤗

Deana



Compass Ambassador



Hi everyone, My name is Pam Wojtkun and I am a member of the Omega Alpha chapter. President Terrie Rust has Appointed me to lead a new initiative as the Compass Ambassador.

This initiative was birthed to inspire, support, encourage and recognize members and/or chapters that are taking ESA in a new direction.

We are requesting everyone to consider how you can have an impact on our communities and grow ESA.

Please contact me to let me know what you and/or your chapter is doing to achieve this mission. We would like to be able to recognize at least one member/chapter at each Council meeting with a special award.

I can be reached at pam_cma@yahoo.com or 480-707-8961. I am anxious to see how Arizona ESA members and chapters are reaching out to our communities.

Thanks

Pam Wojtkun

Compass Ambassador

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Social Media Chair

I'm excited about this new role as Social Media Chair. We (The Arizona Council) have had a Facebook page for many years. Several of us post things randomly. This new appointment makes our efforts more official.

If your chapter is having an event, send me the flyer, and take pictures! You can text or email me the flyer or pictures with a short summary of your event. I'll add it to the Arizona Council Facebook page to advertise and to celebrate your success.

I will also be posting celebrations of chapters and members. I will also be connecting our Facebook page to Instagram. If you have an idea, let me know!

Those of you who were at State Convention - please send me pictures! I'd like to create a photo album on our Facebook page.

Now, let's talk privacy. If you DO NOT want your picture, and/or name on social media, please let me know and I will honor your request.

Here's my info:

Suzanne Godard

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Greetings from the Foundation!

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone for their participation in the fundraising efforts on behalf of the Foundation. We send a lovely cross body purse filled with gift cards and cash, a Michael Kors wristlet filled with cash, a Swarovski crystal cuff bracelet, and a zipper pull that was indicative of the great state of Arizona as a donation to the Foundation FundFest at IC, value \$476.00. As if that wasn't enough we were able to raise \$425 to be sent to the Foundation to be used as needed. Thank you all!

Please don't forget to pay Foundation dues this year. You may go to your member portal and pay with a credit card OR you may send in a \$40 check with your name, member number, chapter and that it is from the Arizona Council to:

ESA Foundation
2580 E. Harmony Rd. Suite 301-11
Fort Collins, Colorado 80528

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in September at the Council meeting.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 520-559-1944,
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Fondly,

Kathy Riebock
Arizona Foundation Counselor



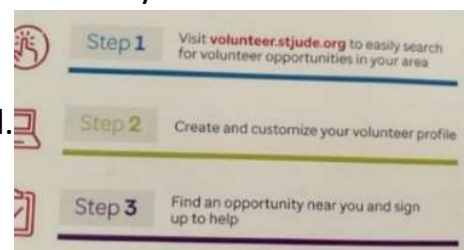
Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



Happy Spring to all of our members and your families!

If you haven't done so, please create a profile in the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS). Visit: [St Jude Volunteer Management System](https://volunteer.stjude.org) This will insure you can participate in any of the events throughout the year.

The three step process shown here will help get you started. Your hours and miles can easily be tracked using VMS!



Some important information is needed is later in this Bulletin.

THE NUMBERS ARE IN!

Again, Thank You to all of our ESA Members for volunteering at all of the events this past year. Whether you crafted a special treasure for a raffle, volunteered at a St. Jude event or hosted a special event, every dollar helps to sustain the mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Here is what YOU gave this year.



ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION

- 1) Chapter participating in the Oasis of Hope Gala - ALPHA OMICRON #2520
- 2) Total of 8 participants and the Top Three Chapters participating in the 2024 WALK/RUN-PHOENIX
 - THIRD PLACE – BETA KAPPA #4621
 - SECOND PLACE – ALPHA OMICRON #2520
 - FIRST PLACE – ALPHA CHI #5372
- 3) Total of 4 participants and the Top Chapter participating in the 2024 WALK/RUN-LAS VEGAS
 - FIRST PLACE – ETA GAMMA #5589
- 4) Chapter participating in the 2025 Handbag Happy Hour for St. Jude - ALPHA CHI #5372
- 5) The Top FOUR Chapters participating in the Las Vegas Dream Home-in Fiscal Year 2025
 - FOURTH PLACE – ALPHA NU #3245
 - THIRD PLACE – ALPHA OMICRON #2520
 - SECOND PLACE – BETA KAPPA #4621
 - FIRST PLACE – ETA GAMMA #5589
- 6) The Top THREE Chapters participating in the Arizona Dream Home- in Fiscal Year 2025
 - THIRD PLACE – BETA GAMMA #1056
 - SECOND PLACE – BETA KAPPA #4621
 - FIRST PLACE – ALPHA OMICRON #2520
- 7) Chapter participating in the 2025 Rock-n-Roll Running Series-Phoenix - ALPHA OMICRON #2520
- 8) Chapter participating in the 2025 Rock-n-Roll Running Series-Las Vegas - ALPHA OMICRON #2520
- 9) The ESA Top Ten St. Jude’s FUNdraising Chapters in Arizona/Nevada in 2024-25:
 - TEN PLACE – OMEGA MU #5620 (\$35.00)
 - NINTH PLACE – OMEGA ALPHA #5626 (\$100.00)
 - EIGHTH PLACE – ETA PI #5575 (\$1,107.25)
 - SEVENTH PLACE – ARIZONA COUNCIL #Z903 (\$1,290.75)
 - SIXTH PLACE – ALPHA CHI #5372 (\$7,546.15)
 - FIFTH PLACE – BETA GAMMA #1056 (\$15,025.00)
 - FOURTH PLACE – ALPHA NU #3245 (\$63,850.00)
 - THIRD PLACE – BETA KAPPA #4621 (\$241,983.00)
 - SECOND PLACE – ETA GAMMA #5589 (\$354,610.00)
 - FIRST PLACE – ALPHA OMICRON #2520 (\$542,574.07)

ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – LAS VEGAS – 2025

You are reading that correct. The Ninth St. Jude Dream Home – Las Vegas broke ground February 18th. The Henderson, NV location of the Dream Home had some issues that could not be overcome. Stand by for a new location to be announced this summer.

VIVA ST. JUDE - 2025

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital invites you to be a part of the **3rd annual Viva St. Jude**, a two-day event that features a Golf Tournament, a Poker Tournament and the Taste of Viva St. Jude, all in support of St. Jude.

Join us **September 26–27, 2025** as we “**Imagine the Possible**: A future without childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.” Volunteer opportunities will be loaded in VMS soon and there is an opportunity for EVERY skill set. A background check may be required for some volunteers.



ST JUDE WALK – PHOENIX 2025 - Volunteers/Donors Needed! (Formerly the St. Jude Walk/Run)

* **OCTOBER 11, 2025.** Making memories. Supporting a mission. Come join the nationwide movement to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support those who need us most - the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **Team ESA AZ** is once again ready to FUNdraise for this great event.

The links for Volunteer Opportunities and to be a member of **Team ESA AZ** is below.



<https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/>



Scan this QR Code

ST JUDE WALK – LAS VEGAS 2025

*** OCTOBER 18, 2025**

Same mission – Different setting. A QR Code will be established once the Team Captain is identified.

Volunteers/Donors Needed!



Finding cures. Saving children.®

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY TO
VOLUNTEER/ATTEND THESE GREAT
EVENTS!**

Does your Chapter have an idea for a great St. Jude FUNdraising event this Summer?

Do you need some swag or some ideas to kick off an event, Raffle, Bingo, Bunco, Dinner, Auction, *Partner in Hope* Drive? Every dollar Counts! Give Karen or John a call.

Let's find a way to get every Arizona/Nevada ESA Member, our Neighbors, and Friends to join the fight to save lives. FOR THE KIDS!!!

ESA LOVE TO ALL,

John Vitt, ESA Phoenix-Nevada St. Jude Coordinator
Karen Madrid, ESA Tucson-Sierra Vista St. Jude Coordinator





Easterseals- Terry Smith (Blake Foundation)

This year, Epsilon Sigma Alpha is celebrating 43 years with Easter Seals. It has been wonderful to spend time working with raising money for, and assisting in the events with incredible people at Easter Seals.

Easter Seals is one of the leading organizations, providing assistance to those with all abilities and their families.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed and will continue to do so.

For this year, the following contributions:

donated money was \$18,622 and the donated goods were \$5593, 1302 miles and over 1180 hours.

We are looking forward to the coming years, as we can grow and Thrive on more opportunities as they are given to us.

Thanks again!

Terry Smith (ETA Pi)

Easter Seals

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EASTER SEALS - PHOENIX

Hi everyone--

My name is Baz Winsor and I am your Easter Seals Chairperson for Phoenix - 2025 - 2026. First, a little history. In Phoenix we work through Southwest Human Development. They are the Easter Seals affiliate for central and northern Arizona. Easter Seals Southwest Human Development's goal is "to provide children and their families with the knowledge and tools needed to reach their full potential and live healthy, productive lives". ESA partners with them to give monetary

donations, volunteer hours for their various projects as well as participation in other events during the year. I will be giving you updates throughout this coming year on opportunities for us to get involved.

An ESA favorite that many of you have volunteered for in the past is the Annual Golf Classic. The 10th annual event will be held at Talking Stick Golf Club this fall. More details to come in the September Council Bulletin.

One thing we can start thinking about right now is the Grow a Reader Campaign. Please think about bringing a new children's book to our September Council meeting. These donations go to children, some of whom have never had a book of their own. Getting children to read is a passion of mine. This would be a great way to kick off our new year.

I have a request. PLEASE, if you donate items, money or hours to Easter Seals, I need to know about it. Please email me with the information. You also need to put it on your Philanthropic reports so your chapter gets credit.

I look forward to working with all of you over this coming year. Let's make it a great year!

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Hope for Heroes - Tucson

Madame President Terri has encouraged us to use our ESA Compass to set a direction and follow it.

As the new Hope for Heroes-Tucson chair, my compass direction is TEAMWORK!! I'm teaming our ESA group

with similar non-profits to increase the amount of service and assistance to the veteran community.

The first teaming is with the Bendon Women's Club. I solicited and received a \$100 grant to purchase tickets for 20 veterans in their 6th

Annual Patriotic Quilt Raffle. Attached is a picture of the quilt in process. All the ESA veterans at convention have been entered. If you are a veteran OR close friends of one, please contact me with their name and phone number.

I have also teamed with a VFW Auxiliary chapter to make quilts for the Tucson VA Hospital. EVERYONE in ESA will be able to help, regardless of sewing ability. Stay tuned to next bulletin/council meeting for details.

Anyone wanting to start now, from their home, on their schedule, contact me for early instruction and YOUR quilt will be shown at the September meeting.

Collaboration with outside groups WILL increase our service, WILL help more veterans, WILL spread our name and MIGHT get us more members.

Thank you Terri, for this opportunity.

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Hope for Heroes – Phoenix

Terence Chislon has been appointed as the new Hope for Heroes Chairman for the Phoenix region. Terence brings passion, dedication, and a deep respect for our nation's veterans, making him the perfect leader to guide ESA Arizona's continued support of those who have served.

Under his leadership, we're kicking off a year of impactful service and meaningful giving and we need YOUR help!

Current Focus: Collectibles Drive

We are now collecting books, toiletries, puzzle books, socks, and other comfort items to support Arizona veterans through the ESA Hope for Heroes initiative.

 We encourage all ESA members to start gathering items and bring them to upcoming council meetings or drop-offs coordinated by Terence.

Let's show our appreciation and remind our heroes that they are not forgotten. Together, we can make a real difference.

 Learn more about ESA's national Hope for Heroes initiative at:

www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Heroes

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AZ Council State Director

Great job Eta Gamma on a 2nd successful State Convention!! Congratulations to our award winning chapters and members! Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board and our new Appointed Board. I'm writing to you as the State Director, and a member of the Advisory Board. We welcomed our newest member, Deana, to this group of Past Arizona Council State Presidents at State Convention.

The Advisory Board is here to help YOU, we can help with anything you need. If you aren't sure how to do your new appointment, just call. If you aren't sure how to complete a form, just call. You are wondering if there is a "how to" for something? One of us has it, or we can write it for you. WE are here for YOU!

State Director: Suzanne Godard
Treasurer/Secretary: Deana Walters
Philanthropic Advisor: Patricia Gale
Membership Advisor: Shari Stapleton Smith
Financial Advisor: Jacqui Smith
Jonquil Girl: Donna Ort

Other members:

Barbara Appleton
Loralei Collier
Sherry Day
Chris Goldberg
Kay Hicks
Karen Madrid
Sheila McClure
Liz Montgomery

Grace Mullenix
Terrie Rust
Cyndi Sklad
Joni Slama
Coralee Stanley
Carolyn Vasko
Wendy Williams

State Director
Suzanne Godard





Beta Gamma is collecting new and used sneakers

Bring to the future Arizona Council meetings

These shoes go to “GotSneakers?” a company that keep sneakers out of landfills. They give the new sneakers or used sneakers in good condition to secondhand markets and damaged footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to waste into new energy.

<https://gotsneakers.com/>

Beta Gamma gets a check after they send in the sneakers.

Wanted

- **any color, type or size**
- **for men, women and children**



**Contact any
Beta Gamma
member if you
have questions**

Omega Mu Celebrates Independence Day at Copper Sky in Maricopa, AZ – July 4, 2025

Omega Mu of Epsilon Sigma Alpha is proud to join the City of Maricopa for its **Great American 4th celebration** at **Copper Sky Regional Park**! This annual event is a community favorite, filled with family fun, music, food, and a dazzling fireworks show.

Omega Mu will be hosting a vibrant booth filled with **patriotic giveaways, family-friendly games, and community engagement activities**. Guests are invited to stop by to learn more about Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) and its focus on **Good Friends, Good Works, and Good Times**, and our chapter's mission of serving with **Purpose, Compassion, and Unity**, and how we're making an impact right here in Maricopa/Phoenix area.

Don't Miss:

- Free mini flags and patriotic prizes
- Information on ESA, Omega Mu, St. Jude, Easter Seals and, our Hope for Heroes initiative
- Raffle entries supporting Omega Mu's service projects

Come celebrate freedom, fun, and community with Omega Mu!

For more event details, visit: www.experiencemaricopaaz.com/ga4th

Alpha Kappa Update:

"Short but sweet! After a busy March and April preparing for the Annual Spring Fling we have been resting. New officers for 2025-26 were elected and they were installed at our Year End Party in May. We gathered at the home of one of our members and had a Potluck dinner. So many delicious dishes were available, an Alpha Kappa cookbook may be in the offering.

Several members are leaving the valley for most of the summer, but the remaining ones will be gathering ideas for programing for the coming year and getting set for the first State Council meeting of the year in September! We are looking forward to seeing you in September! In the meantime, stay cool, stay hydrated and be safe."

Date	Event & Location
September Council Meeting Sept 21, 2025	Alpha Kappa, Tempe
November 2025	Beta Kappa, Tucson
January 2026	Alpha Chi, Tucson
April 2026	Omega Mu, Phoenix
Arizona Convention May 29-31, 2026 Arizona Council State Convention Hosted by Alpha Omicron	Embassy Suites, Tempe
IC Convention July 12-19, 2026	https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention

<http://www.facebook.com/ArizonaESA>

You do need to have your own Facebook page to view ours. If you are using Facebook, **Like** us so you will keep updated that is happening in ESA as well as the Arizona Council.

Here is the Arizona Council website **<http://azcouncilesa.com>** If you need a login and password please reach out to me.

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Having Trouble Receiving ESA Emails?

Here's How to Resubscribe

Some members have let us know they are no longer receiving ESA emails and want to reconnect. If you've been marked as "Do Not Contact" or previously unsubscribed, follow the steps below to resubscribe and start receiving our updates again:

Option 1: Resubscribe Using a Previous Email

- Open a previously received email sent through iContact.
- Click "Manage Your Subscription" or "Unsubscribe" in the email footer.
- Check the box for the desired email list(s) and click "Update."

Option 2: Sign Up with a New Email Address

If you can't find a previous email, subscribe using a new or alternative email address through our sign-up form.

Option 3: Contact iContact Support

Email support@icontact.com from the email address you'd like to resubscribe. Include the name of our organization (Epsilon Sigma Alpha) and the email list you'd like to join.

If you'd like to customize which ESA emails you receive, resubscribe first and then contact ESA HQ with your preferences.

For questions or assistance, reach out to ESA HQ at [ESA Contact Information](#).

Let's stay connected!

