



INDIANA STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER  
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# The LAMP



## MAY YOUR SUMMER SPARKLE & SHINE !

**President - Kary Soto**



Hello!

It has been an honor to serve as the Indiana State Council President this year.

Thanks to all the board members that made this year so amazing and thanks to the membership for everything you guys have done.

I truly appreciate it.

I can't wait to see everyone at the State Convention in June!

SPARKLE & SHINE !!

Kary Soto  
President

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## First Vice President Jennifer Morris

Hello Indiana ESA members!

The 2024/2025 Indiana ESA year is quickly coming to a close. Please remember to submit all the reports to all the people by May 15! I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful ways we sparked and shined this year.

Thank you to those members who will take a Journey for All in 2025/2026 on the ISC Board.

President - Jennifer Morris

1st Vice President - Pam Vogel

2nd Vice President - nomination will come from the floor at State Convention

Treasurer - nomination will come from the floor at State Convention

Recording Secretary - nomination will come from the floor at State Convention

Parliamentarian - nomination will come from the floor at State Convention

Education Direction - nomination will come from the floor at State Convention

LAMP Editor - Mary Brewer

ESA Foundation Counselor - Carmen Oswalt

Webmaster - Courtney Ginder

Collegiate Coordinator - Maddie Kerr

Chaplain - Judy Flannery

Easterseals Coordinator - Megan Grey

Easterseals Special Project - Brandy Small

ESA for St. Jude Senior Coordinator - Aphrodite Hudson

ESA for St. Jude Junior Coordinator - Jennyfer Balkema

Awards Chairperson - Elaine Chaney

MARC Representatives - Stacey Brummett & Makayla Greeson

Association of the Arts Chairperson - Morgan Nichols

Corresponding Secretary - Jenni Russ

Jr. Past President - Kary Soto

Fall Conference - 9/13/2025 hosted by Chi Omicron

Spring Conference - a bid will come from the floor at State Convention

2026 State Convention hosted by Gamma Pi at the Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis Airport, 8910 Hatfield Drive

2027 State Convention hosted by Delta Delta at the Season's Lodge and Event Center, 560 IN46 Nashville

Our first meeting will be at State Convention **Saturday, June 21, from 4:30-4:45 P.M.** in the lobby of the hotel. Please note this is different from the time listed on the Agenda at a Glance that was emailed to the membership on May 1 and posted on social media that week.

Feel free to contact me at [jbshmorris@gmail.com](mailto:jbshmorris@gmail.com) or 317-223-9716 with any questions you have.

Continue to Sparkle and Shine in ESA!





## Second Vice President Pam Vogel



Hello, everyone!

It's hard to believe this will be my final Lamp article serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The year has gone by very quickly. I am very honored to have served the Indiana State Council in this capacity. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

Thank you to all the chapters who participated in the Future Camp Riley survey. It enabled membership to have a great discussion about which direction the state should take for our next Camp Riley project. Another survey can be found on the state website. Please discuss among your chapter which project you would like to see the state adopt. Results will be discussed at State Convention in Indianapolis.

Speaking of State Convention, I am happy to announce that a representative from Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation (ACOLF) will be a guest speaker during our session. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get to learn more about this great organization and to ask questions you may have.

On the state website, you will also find the wish list for Camp Riley. If you were unable to bring items to Camp Riley day in April, you will have the opportunity to do so at State Convention in June.

Dates of Interest:

·**April 9, 2025** - Indiana ESA had the pleasure to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Crossroads Easter Seals' sensory garden.

·**April 26, 2025** - Indiana ESA had the opportunity to attend Camp Riley Day.

·**May 15, 2025** - All philanthropic forms are due to me. Please contact me if you have any questions or need guidance on filling out the form.

·**May 15, 2025** - Please have all Camp Riley Surveys completed.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

-Pam Vogel

## Junior Past President Cindy Norman



Hello all!!

I can't believe we are wrapping up another ESA year already! Please remember to get your Disaster Fund and Hope for Heroes forms and money sent in by May 15th. I'm hoping to have a lot of Member of the Years forms in my inbox by May 15th. My email is cbaggs65@yahoo.com, all forms are on the website. I will see everyone in Indianapolis for State Convention in June.

-Cindy Norman

**Treasurer  
Jennyfer Balkema**



Happy Spring! Reminder that your donations for Riley, Anna's Celebration of Life and the Disaster Fund are due and must be postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Make checks payable to: ISC-ESA (\*Can be one check for all three donations)

Send to:

Jennyfer Balkema, ISC Treasurer  
13292 Fringe Tree Trail  
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Be sure to completely fill out the form so that I know which philanthropy your donations belong to! 😊

Hope to see everyone at State Convention in June!  
And don't forget that:



ESA Love and mine - Jenn Balkema

**Webmaster  
Courtney Ginder**



Hello Indiana ESA!

Happy Spring! I can't believe another ESA year is almost over! As you all know, May 15 is your deadline for all forms. If you ever need help finding a form or need assistance logging into the website, send me an email at [cbginder@gmail.com](mailto:cbginder@gmail.com) and I'm happy to help you out!

One form I do want to draw attention to is the Chapter President Contact Information form, which can be found on the Chapter & Council Management Forms page:

<https://www.indianaesa.org/chapter-council-management-forms/>

Please use this form to submit your 2025-2026 Chapter President information so that I can update the Chapters page when I turn the website over for the 2025-2026 ESA year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at State Convention in June!

ESA Love- Courtney Ginder







## Collegiate Coordinator Maddie Kerr

Hello everyone!

What a wonderful year it has been as the collegiate coordinator! Phi Alpha had a great year and has a few new members! They are a small but mighty chapter.

Haley Spurgeon is graduating and has served her chapter well as a dedicated and organized President. She was a pleasure to work with and a steadfast

leader. I hope to see her in a community chapter soon. Ella Feliciano will be President for the 2025-2026 school year. I am excited to see how Ella's positive energy and joy spreads the mission of ESA across Ball State's campus.

Please keep the Phi Alpha members in your prayers as they start their summer break. May they all return to campus safely and with renewed energy.

Congratulations to the Phi Alpha members on another successful year! Have a wonderful summer break!

I look forward to seeing you all at State Convention!





**Chaplain  
Elaine Chaney**



Thank ISC for allowing me to learn and serve in this office. It has been a true adventure.

At State Convention we will continue the tradition of Celebration of Love presentation on Sunday.

Please submit your celebrations (with pictures when you have them). You can submit directly to me: [ChaneyElaineJ@gmail.com](mailto:ChaneyElaineJ@gmail.com) or fill out the forms found on the state website.

-Elaine Chaney

### **Email Blast Update**

The ISC Board is dedicated to promptly updating all its members but prefers communication through the ISC ESA Lamp Editor email address. Time-sensitive notices are dispatched on the 1st and 15th of every month. For any communications intended for the entire membership, kindly use the ESA Lamp Editor email address [iscsalamp@gmail.com](mailto:iscsalamp@gmail.com).



**Lamp Editor  
Mary Brewer**



It has been a pleasure serving as the Lamp Editor this chapter year! Your articles & pictures are appreciated. Please remember to capture chapter events & pictures over the summer!

New members? Please use the new Lamp Contact Addition form to add them to our ISC distribution list. More > Forms > Chapter & Council Management Forms: <https://www.indianaesa.org/chapter-council-management-forms/>

Suggestions are welcome to improve communication, if you need help submitting information to share with the membership, please reach out to any ISC board member, your chapter president, or your LAMP Editor.

-Mary Brewer

### **STAY CONNECTED**

**INDIANA ESA WEBSITE:**  
[HTTP://WWW.INDIANAESA.ORG/](http://www.indianaesa.org/)

**ESA INTERNATIONAL (IC) WEBSITE:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.EPSILONSIGMAALPHA.ORG](https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)

**FACEBOOK:**  
INDIANA EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



## Easterseals Coordinator Brandy Small



Thank you for a great year for Easterseals!

In April, we had the pleasure to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Scensory Garden.

If you have questions or need to discuss other options to get the information turned in, please don't hesitate to reach out

-Brandy Small









## ESA Foundation Jenni Russ



I want to thank Cindy Norman and Kary for the opportunity to serve as the Indiana counselor for the ESA Foundation. I have enjoyed promoting Foundation programs and educating the membership about what the Foundation does.

My last task as counselor is to prepare an auction item for the ESA Foundation Fund Fest to be held at IC Convention in July. I am collecting gift cards for national merchants and there are a variety of ways you can donate. Please see the graphic included in this publication on how you can help.

I am excited to be continuing my work on the ESA Foundation Fund Development Committee, working with other Foundation members from around the country to develop new fundraising and marketing ideas for the Foundation.

**ESA Foundation Fund Fest**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**  
**Overland Park, Kansas**

The ESA Foundation needs your help at IC Convention with the Foundation Fund Fest. Please let me know if you would be able to help at a game, set up and clean up, donate, or work at the silent auction tables and the game areas.

Sponsors: ☐ \$100 – Carnival Sponsor

FFF Patrons: ☐ \$200 Silver ☐ \$300 Gold ☐ \$500 Pearl ☐ \$1,000 Platinum

Volunteer at the Silent Auction Table and Game Areas ☐

Member Name/Email Address Indiana State Council

Chapter Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to Donate: ☒ Silent Auction Items box of assorted handmade cards

☐ Oral Auction Items \_\_\_\_\_

☐ State Basket – Description \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember that successful basket winner will probably be traveling by plane. Possibly donate an 'experience' at a future convention city's event or outing.

(PLEASE mark value of all auction items to assist in bid amounts)

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Name Jenni Russ Phone 317-372-2585 Email jennirussesa@gmail.com

Address 6443 Apache Drive

City Indianapolis State IN Zip 46254

Please return this form to: Patricia Howerton  
146 Alanen Rd, Naselle, WA 98638  
[esaffundfest@gmail.com](mailto:esaffundfest@gmail.com) / 503-440-5268 (text)





## Chi Omicron, Avon

As the year continues to move into spring, the ESA Chi Omicron continues to give back to the community. The 3rd annual Wine Tasting Fashion Show was a great success! Many thanks to all those who participated in making the show so successful. The proceeds of \$2500 will go to the Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation. This foundation has been providing life-enhancing gifts to Indiana children with special needs since 2005. Looking forward to our next annual Fashion Show in 2026.

Gamma Pi invited members to attend the spring conference for 2025, Lucky in ESA This event was held on March 15th at the Little Flower School.

Looking ahead, we will have our annual End of the Year Awards/celebration and Mother's Day luncheon on May 4th. The ESA year ends on May 15th each year. Hope to see everyone there to celebrate the wonderful year we have had and look forward to the upcoming year continuing to give back to the community.

Deborah Evert



## Eta Pi, Fishers

Hello, Indiana ESA!

Happy Spring! We hope that you're enjoying the warm weather!

We have had such a great spring so far - we held our annual Mystery Dinner Benefiting Anna's Celebration of Life on March 29! Titled "Blood on the Silver Screen," we had an Old Hollywood-themed evening with plenty of glitz, glamour, and twists! Thank you so much to everyone who attended; we appreciate you so much!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating Kary's year at State Convention June 20-22, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn: Indianapolis! Zeffy site: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/82nd-annual-indiana-esa-state-convention>! Hotel information and the menus for the weekend are also listed on the Zeffy site. If you have any questions, you can email convention Co-Chairs Alley Gary ([alleygary@gmail.com](mailto:alleygary@gmail.com)) or Brenda Campbell ([brendacampbell040@gmail.com](mailto:brendacampbell040@gmail.com)) or Registration Chair Courtney Ginder ([cbginder@gmail.com](mailto:cbginder@gmail.com)). Eta Pi knows how to throw a party, and we can't wait to Sparkle and Shine with you all weekend!

See you soon!

ESA Love, Eta Pi







## Gamma Pi, Indianapolis

As the chapter year begins to come to a close, we are so thankful welcoming new members, learning and trying new things, and for the success and fun along the way. Our Reverse Raffle raised more than \$10,000 for Camp Riley and we appreciate all who supported this annual event.

All year, Educational Director Jan Leak has helped us learn about the offerings our own city has for history and volunteer opportunities. Our socials have brightened our hearts as we explored new places and supported other Indiana Chapters in their pursuit of supporting the community.

Early May we hosted a Purse Bingo to benefit Anna's Celebration of Life. In April, we hosted our Get Your Craft On event which supports chapter ways and means. Several craft-related vendors were on hand to help our crafters with supplies and our guests worked on everything from card-making and scrapbooking to fabric crafts.

We are looking forward to all the year-end celebrations and seeing our ESA family at State and IC Convention!





## Financial Statement: 2025 Spring Conference

### Spring Conference Financial Statement 2025

March 15, 2025

Hosted by Gamma Pi, Indianapolis

#### Income

Registrations (68 At \$20 each)	\$ 1,360.00
Ways and Means Tables (12 at \$2 each)	\$ 24.00

**Total Income \$ 1,384.00**

#### Expenses

Building Rental	\$ -
Breakfast Items	\$ 9.17
Lunch Items	\$ 159.56
Printing	\$ -
Supplies (name tags)	\$ -
Decorations	\$ 57.51
Gifts/Entertainment	\$ -
Refunds	

**Total Expenses \$ 226.24**

**Total Profit \$ 1,157.76**

**1/2 to Indiana State Council \$ 578.88**

**Gamma Pi Net Profit \$ 578.88**

Prepared by  
Jenni Russ, Treasurer, Gamma Pi  
March 17, 2025

Paper products and coffee additives were leftover from Reverse Raffle  
Coffee was donated by Little Flower





## 2025 Indiana ESA State Convention



SPARKLE AND SHINE WITH US AT THE

**83rd Annual  
Indiana ESA  
State Convention**

PRESENTED BY ETA PI: FISHERS

**JUNE 20-22, 2025**

HILTON GARDEN INN INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT  
REGISTER BY MAY 1 IF PAYING BY CHECK  
REGISTER BY MAY 15 IF PAYING ONLINE



## ACOLF News







## Traditional Chapters

Avon, Chi Omicron  
Avon, Gamma Tau  
Danville, Zeta Eta  
Evansville, Delta Sigma  
Fishers, Eta Pi  
Fort Wayne., Alpha Zeta  
Franklin, Delta Kappa  
Huntington, Beta Chi  
Indianapolis, Gamma Pi

Lafayette, Lambda Mu  
North Manchester, Epsilon Sigma  
Plainfield, Omega Chi  
Pleasant Township, Alpha Delta  
Rockville, Beta Phi  
Seymour, Beta Kappa  
Seymour, Delta Delta  
Speedway, Gamma Omicron  
Terra Haute, Delta Zeta

## Collegiate Chapters

Ball State University (Muncie), Phi Alpha

## 2024 - 2024 Indiana State Council Board



Office	Name
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Educational	Makayla Greeson
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Sr St Jude Coordinator	Megan Gray
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### Dates to Remember

January 1, 2025	Nomination Forms for State Offices due
January 1, 2025	Forms to host a State Conference due
January 1, 2025	Recommendations for State Projects due
January 1, 2025	Proposals to Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules due
January 1, 2025	State dues are due
February 1, 2025	LAMP articles due
February 8, 2025	ISC Board Meeting
March 15, 2025	Spring Conference (Indianapolis)
April 1, 2025	LAMP articles due
June 20-22, 2025	State Convention (Indianapolis)

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