Transforming The Future Through ESA

The LAMP

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President Pam Vogel



Hello, everyone! Welcome to the new ESA year. I am back from IC Convention and ready to hit the ground running. I hope you are as excited for the new year as I am.

For those who may not know me, I am Pam Vogel. I am a member of Delta Delta in Seymour. I am working towards my 10th year as an ESA member. I am married to Brian, and I have a son named Sam. If you did not meet them at State Convention, I'm sure you will meet them at an event this year. I also have a Golden Retriever named Sadie. I am passionate about raising money for charity, especially Camp Riley and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I will be participating in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon in December in the 10K event. This will be my second year. I will be dedicating this year's run to Grayson, a first grader from Hope, IN, who is a current patient at St. Jude.

Another of my greatest passions is helping others achieve their goals, and it will be my focus this year. Indiana is blessed with many people with an abundance of leadership skills and we would love for you to join us. If you have thought about serving on a committee, the board, or chapter positions but are not sure where to start, I would love to help. Please reach out to me or a board member and we will be happy to help guide you in the correct direction. Also, if there are topics that you would like for us to present or discuss this year, please let me know. We will work on getting that training to the membership as well.

If you did not join us at IC convention in July, you missed a great conference. Incoming IC President Angie Butenschoen outlined her objective for this upcoming year. Her theme is ***"If Not You, Then Who?"*** ESA is slowly losing members every year. Who will help build the organization up again? Will it be you? If not, then who? Who will take your place in raising money for charities like St. Jude, Easterseals, Camp Riley, and Anna's Celebration of Life? Or better yet, who will join you? Who do you know that has a passion for helping others and would love to join ESA? I sat next to a friend from another state during the Celebration of Life ceremony, and she leaned over to me when Jan Rahn's photo was shown and said, "You really don't know all the lives you touch by being a member of ESA." What a fitting description of Jan's life work. Let's keep it up!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Conference on September 12, 2026. Thank you to Alpha Xi for graciously hosting this event. In the meantime, please reach out to me or Susan Waltz if you have any questions or need anything.

Sincerely, Pam Vogel

INDIANA STATE COUNCIL NEWS



1st Vice President Jaycee Peak

Hello! I'm Jaycee Peak from Chi Omicron, Avon. A little about me … I joined ESA in November 1970. I live in Avon and work in Employment & Labor Law as a Legal Assistant. I met David on a blind date in September 1969. We married on June 16, 1972. Brent and Missi have blessed us with 2 handsome grandsons, Garrett (16) and Koltyn (15) who keep us very busy attending sports events (wrestling and baseball) and their school academics at Danville High School. I love everything about ESA!

I am excited to be 1st VP this year! I'm more excited about growing Indiana's membership and encouraging ESA activities within our respective communities!! Let's get them to join ESA!

It's also time to start thinking about how you'd like to be involved during the 2027-2028 year! You can start looking at the forms on our state website. Please reach out with any questions. There will be more information on this coming soon!

December 31, 2026 Reminders

- Conference & Convention Bids Due
- Interest Forms for State Offices, Appointments, & Committees Due
- Formal Nominations for State Offices Due

2nd Vice President Jan Engel



Greetings from 2nd Vice President, Jan. I am so very excited to serve as the 2nd Vice President and Philanthropic Chair. I am excited to learn more about Anna's Celebration of Life and continue the work we do for Camp Riley. Please share your projects with me and anytime I can I hope to be able to attend.

I am Purchasing Manager at Dickson's Gifts in Seymour. We are a manufacturer and distributor of Christian Gifts and Home Décor. You will find our company's name on many gift items sold in Christian Stores and online. I'm the mother of 2 boys, David and AJ, both 23 years old. We are a sports family, love IU, men and women teams, Colts and Pacers. We are active in Special Olympics and will all three be playing on the Unified Volleyball team this year.

If you are your chapter's Philanthropic Chair, please send me your email address. My address is janengel@frontier.com, my cell is 812-528-0549, and please don't hesitate to email or call me. We are working aggressively to learn more about the new philanthropic reporting system from ESAMC and continue to find ways to make it easier for us all, so stay tuned for more information.

State Philanthropic Project Updates


Tabitha Freeman, Director of Bradford Woods



Chad Simmons, Program Director at Bradford Woods


DeOn Cahill (Eta Pi, PIP) and Lynn Howley (Gamma Pi, PIP) at Anna's 18 Hole Challenge this year!

Camp Riley Day

Join us on **Saturday, September 26,** as we walk the paths of Camp Riley for a tour and see the dock (with new ESA signage!). Transportation other than walking will be available to get to the boat dock. Meet the new Camp Director and hear firsthand the new and exciting programming the camp is offering.

Saturday, September 26, 2026
9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Very light refreshments will be served

New Camp Riley Staff

Meet Tabitha Freeman and Chad Simmons, who will be hosting us at Camp Riley Day!

Tabitha Freeman is the Director of Bradford Woods and brings more than 16 years of executive and educational leadership experience. Prior to joining Bradford Woods, she served as Chief Operations Officer for INcompassing Education and held leadership roles including Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Director, Principal, and Grant Administrator in PK–12 public education. Throughout her career, Tabitha has focused on strengthening organizations, developing teams, and creating opportunities for people and communities to thrive.

Chad Simmons is the Program Director for Bradford Woods and has been part of the organization for more than 10 years. A recreational therapist by training, Chad is passionate about creating meaningful outdoor experiences that help campers build confidence, independence, and connection. Throughout his time with Bradford Woods and Camp Riley, Chad has seen firsthand the difference that dedicated supporters like Epsilon Sigma Alpha make. He is incredibly grateful for ESA's longstanding partnership and commitment to helping Camp Riley provide life-changing experiences for campers and their families.

Anna's Celebration of Life Opportunities

Interested in being a part of Anna's Celebration of Life as they strive to help children with special needs thrive? This link (also on the Indiana ESA website) will take you to opportunities to be a part of this important work.

acolf.org/volunteer



Treasurer Jenni Russ

Greetings and welcome to the new ESA year!

I look forward to serving as your State Treasurer this year. I welcome your questions about the state budget and treasury, as well as any questions you might have about managing your chapter treasury. ***If you are a chapter treasurer and have not yet received an email from me, please get in touch with me.*** My information is at the end of this article.

Most of you already know me from my nearly 34 years of membership and the many board positions I've held. I joined at Ball State and am so grateful for the experiences, opportunities, and friendships ESA has given me. My husband Joe and I are looking forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary next month, visiting and hiking in the Utah Mighty 5 (all 5 National Parks in Utah)! We have one son, David, who will turn 25 this month and who lives in Columbus, Ohio, not far from where I grew up. I enjoy walking, hiking, running, reading, and card crafting. I also have what some call an odd obsession with spreadsheets!

To raise funds for the Council, I'm selling cotton canvas zipper pouches, decorated with your choice of one of 5 fun designs. They are $10 each and you can pre-order for delivery at Fall Conference, or take your chances with the inventory I have that day. I can always do a second run if demand exceeds supply! See the informational flyer on page 8 or the August 15 e-blast.

At the State Convention in June, the membership approved several changes to the Indiana State Council governing documents (Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules) that impact the Treasury. Below is a summary:

- The fiscal year was changed to begin on August 1 of the current year and end on July 31 of the following year (Article XII). This change also achieves alignment with Tax Facts reporting.
- All bylaws related to financial/fiscal management are now located in Article XII.
- The Treasurer now assumes their duties at the start of the fiscal year and continues until the end of the fiscal year. (Article II Section 1a)
- The period of time for the host chapter to send the State Council's share of the profit from the Annual State Convention has been clarified as within 30 days of convention or before the end of fiscal year (Article XI Section 7)
- The new practice for memorials upon the death of an active Indiana ESA member is that the State Council will send a $20.00 donation directly to the charity identified by the President of that member's chapter or the member's family. (Standing Rule #1)
- All bylaws regarding other expenditures are now located within the same Article (Article XI).

REMINDERS

- **Tax Facts are due September 15.** If you are a chapter Treasurer, you should have received an email from ESAMC with instructions on where to find and complete the online Tax Facts form. I included more details in my email to Chapter Treasurers.
- **Chapter Dues are now payable to the Indiana State Council.** The form is available on the Indiana ESA website and was emailed to Chapter Treasurers. To remain in good standing and be eligible to vote at the State Convention, dues must be postmarked by12/31/2026.
- **Chapter Dues are also now payable to the International Council.** A fillable version of the form is available on the Indiana ESA website and was emailed to all chapter treasurers. All chapters must pay IC dues by December 31, 2026 to be considered a chapter in good standing with ESA and the Indiana State Council. These dues also are critical to maintaining your chapter's non-profit tax-exempt status with the IRS.

- **Donation forms have been updated** and are available on Indiana ESA website or by request. Please note, you can no longer send Hope for Heroes donations to the ISC.
- **NEW! You can now use Zelle to pay the Indiana State Council for chapter dues and State Project Contributions.** You must still complete and email the appropriate form, but using Zelle will save you a stamp and make the money land on time! This is especially helpful when deadlines are creeping up! As always, you can still send a check or hand- deliver at a state meeting. See details on the dues and donations forms.

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION



On August 15, the Indiana State Council Executive Board approved the 2026-2027 budget, which is included on page 6. A few highlights:

The budget dates reflect the new fiscal year timeline (8/1/2026-7/31/2027). Costs for various expenses - particularly IC Convention attendance - which previously overlapped two years now all fall only into the fiscal year in which the convention was held so there is no longer overlap between Presidents/years.

Income

- #108 reflects interest received in August from the CD which matured. The principal was reinvested. It also reflects the interest that will be earned from the current $5,000 9-month CD, which matures in April.
- Philanthropic Income and Expenses (with the exception of Memorials) function on a pass-through/ in-out basis
- Restricted Philanthropic Funds (near bottom of page 1) reflect a prior-year donation. Since no designated Hope for Heroes charity exists, Jan Engel, 2025-2026 Treasurer, consulted the donor, who requested the funds be directed to Wreaths Across America (reflected in approved Philanthropic Expenses on page 2)

Expenses

- #311 – Light the Way Strategic Plan Initiative - New line item funded by approximate proceeds from 2026 State Convention. Designated for activities or programs that educate, engage, and grow our membership.

The budget involves two strategies:

1) Use of reserve funds to cover operating funds defecit:

- Our total combined account balances are equal to approximately $26,000, roughly 5 times our typical annual operating expenditures
- While maintaining responsible reserves is crucial as dues income and convention revenues gradually decline, these funds belong to you, the members, and the Executive Board believes they should be reinvested into your experience.

2) Strategic Savings & Investing:

- For the past two years, the ISC has invested in a series of 9- to 12-month Certificates of Deposit to earn more interest than available in a savings account. Building on that practice, the ISC has invested an additional $10,000 in a 1-year CD, earning 4.05%, yielding approximately $400 in interest, which will post at the start of the 2027-2028 fiscal year.
- Rather than keeping a high balance in our checking account, $5,000 has been transferred to the Savings Account. This allows us to earn a little interest on money that exceeds our spending needs, while keeping it within easy reach.
- Because transfers between accounts are not budget income or expenses, they are displayed at the end of the document to show the decrease in funds in the checking account. Those funds are then reflected in the CD and Savings Balances.

State Budget



Epsilon Sigma Alpha Indiana State Council
Budget 2026-2027

Beginning Checking Balance 8/1/2026 (actual bank balance)	**$**	**21,851.96**
Expenses paid in 2025-26 that did not clear before 8/1/2026	$	(1,951.00)
Beginning Ledger Balance (Checking) incl. restricted funds	**$**	**19,900.96**

Acct #	General Income	Bylaw		Proposed
100	Chapter Dues ($50/chapter + $10/member)	Article IX, Sect 2	$	1,900.00
101	Fall Conference	Article 1, Sect 3a	$	250.00
102	Spring Conference	Article 1, Sect 3a	$	250.00
103	State Convention (1/2 Profit)	Article XI, Sect 7	$	1,300.00
104	ISC Treasurer Ways and Means Project		$	250.00
105	PIP Donation (1/2 MARC & IC Convention Booklets Ad Fee)		$	100.00
106	State Convention Loan Repayment	Article XI, Sec 6	$	-
107	Miscellaneous		$	-
108	Interest payout from CD (principal deposit reinvested)		$	292.59
	Total General Income		**$**	**4,342.59**

Philanthropic Income

200	Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation		$	-
201	Camp Riley		$	-
202	Camp Riley - Campership		$	-
203	Disaster Fund		$	-
204	ESA Foundation Scholarship		$	-
205	MARC Scholarship		$	-
206	Start Up Fund		$	-
207	Easterseals		$	-
208	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital		$	-
	Total Philanthropic Income		**$**	**-**
	less restricted funds (Hope for Heroes carryover)		**$**	**(25.00)**
	Total Income (incl. ledger starting balance)		**$**	**24,218.55**

Operating Expenses (items with an * have expense breakdown on file)

300	Awards - supplies for certificate printing		$	30.00
301	Bank Charges and Check Printing		$	-
302	ESA Member of the Year Ceremony		$	85.00
303	Gift: Incoming IN MARC President		$	-
304	Gifts: Outgoing, Incoming President*	Standing Rule 2	$	233.00
305	IC Convention 2027-2028 (Jaycee Peak)*	Aricle X Sec. 1f	$	1,610.00
306	IC Convention Book Ad (full page)		$	100.00
307	IC Leadership Seminar Registration (Incoming President)	Article X, Sect 1d	$	50.00
308	IC State Presidents (Incoming) Retreat		$	600.00
309	International Council Dues		$	45.00
310	LAMP Printing & Postage		$	200.00
311	Light the Way Strategic Plan Initiative		$	1,250.00

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312	MARC & IC Representative State Convention Registr.		$	360.00
313	MARC Conference Book Ad (full page)		$	100.00
314	MARC Conference Expenses (State President)*	Article X, Sect 1e	$	702.50
315	Miscellaneous		$	-
316	Officers' Postage		$	78.00
317	President/Treasurer's Bond		$	100.00
318	State Convention Loan	Article XI, Sec 6	$	-
319	State Convention Program Ad		$	30.00
320	State President's Allowance	Article X, Sect 1c	$	50.00
321	State Scrapbook Expense (2025-26 Jennifer Morris)		$	150.00
322	State Scrapbook Expense (2026-27 Pam Vogel)		$	150.00
323	Tech Expense		$	125.00
	Total Operating Expenses		**$**	**6,048.50**

Philanthropic Expenses

400	Memorials	Standing Rule #1	$	60.00
401	Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation		$	-
402	Camp Riley		$	-
403	Camp Riley Campership		$	-
404	Disaster Fund		$	-
405	ESA Foundation Scholarship		$	-
406	MARC Scholarship		$	-
407	Start Up Fund		$	-
408	Hope for Heroes (restricted funds carryover 2025-26)		$	25.00
409	Easterseals		$	-
410	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital		$	-
	Total Philanthropic Expenses		**$**	**85.00**
	Total Expenses		**$**	**6,133.50**
	Transfer to Certificate of Deposit		**$**	**(10,000.00)**
	Transfer to Savings		**$**	**(5,000.00)**
	Projected Ending Balance (Checking Account) 7/31/2027		**$**	**3,085.05**

Other Accounts	**Starting 8/1/2026**	**Projected 7/31/2027**
CD (Edward Jones) matures April (option to reinvest)	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 5,000.00**
CD (Edward Jones) matures August 2027 *est. $400 int.	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 10,000.00**
Savings (Chase)	**$ 800.06**	**$ 5,800.50**

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Indiana State Council Fundraiser

Support Indiana ESA!



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Got my ducks in a row!



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CHAOS COORDINATOR





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Stuff I'll be looking for later



If you don't have a favorite pen



you're doing it wrong

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Once order received, you'll receive a message regarding payment and pickup.

Educational Director & Awards Jan Lantz



As we are "Transforming the Future" through ESA, we are transforming this new dual role of Education Coordinator & Awards Chair in the 2026-2027 ESA Year. I look forward to the excitement and opportunities serving and to continue being a part of the ESA Indiana State Board.

I'm Jan Lantz, ESA member since 2017. I've had the unique privilege of being an active part of 3 of our Indiana State Chapters, most recently stepping into the office of Chapter President 2026-2027 for Gamma Pi.

As Educational Director, I hope to share focuses of transforming through "Kindness to yourself and others." I look forward to hearing your chapter themes and reading your amazing monthly educational reports. I point out *monthly.* It would be amazing to get these monthly and not stacked all at the end of the year. I really look forward to reading these in the future year ahead.

In Awards, we will continue honoring our Outstanding Chapter of the Year, continue spotlighting the Outstanding Pledge, and I look forward to all the submissions of "What ESA Means to Me." I would love to have an overwhelming response higher than every year previously in numbers of submissions for "What ESA Means to Me" essays.

We will continue this year the Shout-Outs that we had throughout 2026 State Convention. I would love to hear quick shouts outs all year of "Transforming through Kindness." Please take a moment when you observe or hear about this from your chapter sisters and please drop me a quick e-mail at esamlantz17@gmail.com.

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Dalai Lama

Challenge: Do one intentional act of kindness for yourself and for someone else. You never know if that act of kindness could be transforming another person. Reflect on how those acts affected you and others.



Parliamentarian Kary Soto

Kary is a member of the Alpha Xi: Online Chapter and a Past Indiana President (2024-2025).

To view the current Indiana State Council Bylaws and Standing Rules, log in to your account on the Indiana ESA Website and go to More > Bylaws, or visit indianaesa.org/bylaws.

If you want to submit an Amendment, Addition, or Deletion to the Bylaws, Constitution, or Standing Rules, submit them using the Google Form on the Indiana ESA website by ***December 31, 2026***.

Junior Past President Jennifer Morris



Hello,

I am Jennifer Morris. I am serving as the Jr. Past President this year. I am a member of Gamma Pi Chapter, Indianapolis. I have two children, Samuel and Hannah. I have a 7 year old German Shepherd/Rotweiller named Mac.

I am looking forward to reading each chapters submission for Member of Year. It is not too early to start thinking about who from your chapter would be submitted for Member of Year at State Convention in June 2027. Please include the Disaster Fund and Hope for Heroes in your chapter plans for the 2026-2027 year as We Transform the Future through ESA.

Thank you to all who attended State Convention in June. I enjoyed spending the weekend with you. It was a great journey.

In Friendship, Jennifer Morris







Corresponding Secretary Susan Waltz

Hello, I am your Corresponding Secretary this year. I live in Brown County, IN with my husband on our family farm. I served as Past Indiana President 2003-2004, so it has been a while since I was on the ISC Board. I am a professor of nursing for Chamberlain University Online so I work from home. I also serve as the treasurer for the Indiana League for Nursing.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meetings. I plan to send out an e-blast each month and when things come up. If you wish to opt out of receiving the e-blast, I will be attaching a link for you to do that.



Chaplain Pam Grenard



Hi! I'm Pam Grenard and I've been in ESA for 47 years and I've held almost every office on the State Board except Chaplain, so I decided I wanted to do that this year.

It looks like we are going to have a great board and I wanted to be a part of it. I have been Chaplain on the MARC Board so I know what I'm doing except technology, which I'm very illiterate with so I will be asking for help in that area.

I'm asking you to send me any information that needs to be sent out to the chapter Presidents to pass along to all the members. I can't inform our members unless the information is sent to me at pgrenard@comcast.net. I sent out more information to the chapter Presidents on June 23. If you didn't get it, please let me know.

ESA Foundation Counselor Carmen Oswalt



Hi! Hope everyone is having the summer they wished for. Mine are never long enough-even on retirement. On August 31, it will be 19 years since I retired and that is hard to believe, but on the same day I will be 79 years old. (I had just typed 78-does that tell you anything?)

Anyway, this will be my last year on the Appointed Board of Indiana ESA and I hope to finish having achieved all of my wishes for the Indiana ESA Foundation Counselor. I know with everything else asking for your time that the Foundation will not be first on your list, but please give it a moment or two and think about becomimg a member of this important organization.

The Foundation goes directly to the "Education" part of ESA. At the very least I again ask you to notify your High School of the opportunities offered with the Indiana Scholarship or any of the other specific scholarships offered through the Foundation.

Hope to see you at the Fall Conference!
Carmen Oswalt, ESAF Counselor

2025-2026 ESA Foundation Scholarship Recipients in Indiana

- Indiana State Council / Judy & Morton Lester Memorial Scholarship: $550 awarded to Jacqueline Cooper of Noblesville, IN
- Bob & Jan Jones Scholarship: $800 awarded to Melissa Casner of Seymour, IN
- Carol Murphy Memorial Scholarship: $500 Award to Melissa Casner of Seymour, IN



Easterseals Coordinators Beth & Kayla White

Hello, Beth and Kayla White here. We are your new Easterseals Coordinators. We are both Life Active members. We are members of the Beta Kappa chapter. We live in Seymour and enjoy spending time with each other and family and friends. Kayla has many "babies" that she takes care of. I'm sure you all have met a few of them at meetings. We love to go to the movies, water aerobics, and out to eat. Kayla is in a dance group called Shake Down Dancers and participated in the Special Olympics Talent show in July. She is also a special advocate board member for the Jackson County Arc. We stay pretty busy now that Kayla has regained her health. We are excited to head to Disney World in October after rescheduling 3 times.

We are very excited to be back on the State Board and look forward to assisting you with Easterseals this year. God bless you all and have a great fall.

ESA Love, Beth & Kayla White



St. Jude Coordinator Jennyfer Balkema



Hello Indiana! I hope that you had a great summer and are ready for a year of supporting St. Jude and all of our other philanthropies! I am excited to spend the year celebrating all of our accomplishments for St Jude. I have been in contact with Taylor at ALSAC, and she is excited to be working with us!

Thank you to all who shopped in the online Pampered Chef party! We raised $353 for St. Jude – a great start to the year!

As a follow up to some of last year's discussions about the ESAMC portal and the St Jude Portal. Below is a breakdown of both and what they are used for:

- ESAMC Portal: This can be used to log hours, miles, donations and donated goods for St. Jude and other philanthropies.
- St Jude Volunteer Portal – The primary purpose of this is to find, get more information and sign up for St. Jude ALSAC events (such as St Jude Walk or Radiothons). The reason for this portal is due to most, if not all, of the volunteer opportunities needing to have a background check. There will be an option to "donate" the cost of the background check and pay for it out of your pocket or you can not pay it and that cost goes back to St Jude. Just keep following the prompts when you sign up for an opportunity. These opportunities are not the chapter ones such as Eta Pi's Golf outing.

Please let me know when you have St Jude Events so that we can shout them out! Please let me know if you have any questions! Upcoming St. Jude events include:

- Eta Pi Golf Outing: September 17. Reach out to Eta Pi if you have any questions or want to play or help!
- St. Jude Walk/Run: Septemebr 26 at White River State Park in Indianapolis
- Memphis Marathon: First Weekend in December. You can support Team ESA and/or Indiana members who participate in the race
- St. Jude Grateful Hearts event in Memphis: February 12-13. Cost will be around $150 per person plus transportation and hotel. More information coming at the end of September.

For the month of September, please consider a donation to St. Jude or another pediatric cancer organization in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In the words of Danny Thomas: no child should die in the dawn of life!

MARC Representatives: Laura Sanders & Gloria Wilson





Hello fellow members! My name is Laura and this is my 4th year in ESA. I live in Brownsburg, Indiana with my husband, Mitchell, and 2 children, Noah (age 11) and Caleb (age 7). I work at a local school district as an occupational therapist. Outside of work, I am honored to be a member of the Chi Omicron chapter in Avon. For the past 2 years, I have served as my chapter's Ways and Means Chair, and I am currently transitioning to the roles of Corresponding Secretary and Social Media Chair. I have attended most of the fall and spring conferences since becoming an ESA member, as well as the past couple of state conventions. This will be my first year as a member of the state board, but I am excited to learn from such a great group of leaders!

Hello, I am Gloria Wilson and I have been an ESA member for over 45 years. First as a member of Delta Iota in Huntington and am now a member of Alpha Zeta: Fort Wayne. I held nearly all offices in local chapter and numerous offices at the state level, including State President in 2006-2007. I have always enjoyed going to state conferences and IC Conventions and many MARC Conferences.

The MARC conference will take place this year in Bloomington, Minnesota on October 8-10, 2026. If you are interested in joining us, please visit the MARC website (https://www.esamarc.org) for registration. There will also be a registration in this issue of The Lamp. We will be collecting gift cards of $10 or more for a "Punch Card Game" fundraiser at the conference. We are also collecting baby items for the "Star Spangled Baby Bundle Shower" to support Hope for Heroes. Donated baby items can be baby bag, diapers, wipes, onesies, towels, washcloths, bibs, lotion, wash, etc. and will be bundled together and dedicated at the conference to military families. If you or your chapter are able to donate, please bring to Fall Conference and give to Laura Sanders (Chi Omicron: Avon) and Gloria Wilson (Alpha Zeta: Fort Wayne) will be collecting items and taking them to the MARC Conference.

There will be an election at the MARC Conference and we are proud to announce that Indiana sisters Alley Gary of Alpha Xi: Online is running for Vice President and Brandy Small of Gamma Pi: Indianapolis is running for Communicator. Susan Waltz of Delta Delta: Seymour will be nominated from the floor for Parliamentarian. Also on the Ballot, Beth Pompa KS, for President, Anne Murray MO, for Secretary, Sheri Meyer Harden KS, for Treasurer.

We look forward to seeing you at Fall Conference and we hope to also see you at MARC Conference where you will have fun and meet some new people and some old friends as well!

Laura Sanders & Gloria Wilson

MARC Conference Registration

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

Midwest Area Regional Council 41st Conference

UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS!

October 9-10, 2026

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MARC Executive Board		MARC Appointed Board		MARCette		IC Executive Board		IC Appointed Board	
ESAMC Staff / Board		ESA Foundation		ELAN		1st Time Attendee		Guest	

REGISTRATION FEES – Check boxes as appropriate						
Conference Registration Fees (Meetings, Fri. Lunch, Sat. Lunch & Dinner, A/V use, tax & service charges	Postmark/ email by 9/17/26		Postmarked or emailed 9/18-10/4		10/5 or after – Cash or Money Order ONLY	
Conference Registration and Leadership	___	$185	___	$195	___	$210
No Leadership – Conference Registration Only	___	$155	___	$180		
Friday Leadership Only (Lunch, Speakers, Mixer)	___	$75	___	$85		
Guest Saturday Lunch Only (qty ____)	___	$50	___	$65		
Guest Saturday Banquet Only (qty ____)	___	$75	___	$85		

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES $_____

Paying by Check: Check # _____ Amount $_____ Make Checks Payable to "*MN State Council ESA*" with "*MARC Registration*" in the memo line.

- Mail form & check to: Dee Rotering, 11764 Red Fox Dr., Maple Grove, MN 55369 *($45 returned check fee)*
- Paying by Credit Card: Use QR Code Confirmation Code _____
- Emailing Registration form: dee.rotering@nutanix.com
- Questions? Contact: Dee Rotering 612 819 8735

Special Dietary Restrictions: _____

Hotel Information: Embassy Suites Bloomington, Group Code: 2026 MARC Conference

Reservations: *2026 MARC Conference - Embassy Suites by Hilton [hilton.com]* or 800-774-1500

Room Rates: King $139; 2 Queen $159 (small Add'l charge for more than 2 people)

Includes (per person): hot made-to-order breakfast, evening reception, airport shuttle and free Wi-Fi

Cancellation/Transfer Policy: written request must be submitted by 9/30/26. Cancellation fee of 20% of the registration amount will be charged. Reservations may be transferred to another member by emailing Dee Rotering. Transfer request and any associated fees must be postmarked by 9/30/2026 along with written request.

Ver.3 Feb 2026

MARC Fall Conference Booklet Ad Form



2026 Bloomington, MN Oct. 9-10

2026 MARC Conference

Program Book Advertising Order Form

Please use this order form to advertise in the 2026 MARC Conference Program Book. Advertisements will be accepted through September 15, 2026. Please check the SIZE of the ad you are placing.

- ☐ **Full Page $100**
- ☐ **½ Page $60**
- ☐ **¼ Page $35**

Advertising Placed by: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

- Make check payable to ESA Minnesota State Council make sure the comments state "MARC advertisement) and mail to: Dee Rotering, 11764 Red Fox Dr., Maple Grove, MN 55369 ($45 returned check fee)
- *Questions?* Call Dee Rotering 612 819 8735 or email dee.rotering@nutanix.com
- Electronic (jpeg or .pdf only, please) copies of the ad MUST be sent to the email listed above with the email subject "MARC AD from (contact name)"

MARCet Place Registration Form

MARCet Place

Showcase Your Work. Support the Mission. Strengthen MARC.

October 8-11, 2026

$25 for full sized six-foot tables!

Register early to lock in your spot and make sure your craftsmanship *sparkles* at the event.



Payment Options

Venmo: @Christina-Fritschi

Zelle: Christina Fritschi 573-355-4427

Check: Christy Fritschi 9175 Lake Meadows Way Columbia, MO 65201





Set Up begins Thursday, October 8th at 2:30pm

MARCet Place Open Thursday afternoon, Friday & Saturday before meeting and various blocks (TBD) throughout the days



MARC Proposed Budget

Treasurer: Judy Baxter	BUDGET 2025-2026	ACTUALS AS OF 05/25/2026	VARIANCE	PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027
INCOME				
Ways and Means Fundraisers	$ 3,555.00	$ 700.00	$ 2,855.00	$ 3,700.00
Conference Profit	$ 2,055.00	$ 2,459.42	$ (404.42)	$ 2,200.00
Repayment of Conference Loan	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ -	$ 500.00
Miscellaneous (IN/OUT)	$ 1,500.00			$ 1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	$ 7,610.00	$ 3,659.42	$ 2,450.58	$ 7,900.00
EXPENSES				
MARC Spring Board Meeting	$ -			$ -
IC Dues (Due after IC Convention)	$ 45.00	$ 45.00	$ -	$ 45.00
President Expenses				
IC Conv Registration/Travel/Hotel	$ 1,300.00		$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00
MARC State Visit Registration/Travel/Hotel	$ 550.00		$ 550.00	$ 550.00
MARC Conference Registration/Travel/Hotel	$ 450.00	$ 185.00	$ 265.00	$ 450.00
President Elect Expenses				
IC Leadership Registration/Travel/Hotel	$ 1,100.00			$ 1,100.00
Incoming President's Retreat		$ 410.86		
Other Expenses				
Ways and Means Chair	$ 30.00		$ 30.00	$ 30.00
Treasurer	$ 25.00		$ 25.00	$ 25.00
Chaplain	$ 75.00		$ 75.00	$ 75.00
Presidents Gavel Guard	$ 25.00	$ -	$ 25.00	$ 35.00
MARC REPS State Convention Expenses	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,280.54	$ 219.46	$ -
MARC Conference Speakers	$ 1,500.00		$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00
IC Ad	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ -	$ 100.00
Website domain	$ 20.00	$ 39.90	$ (19.90)	$ 20.00
Website 2 yr (pd 10/2025)	$ 240.00	$ 240.00	$ -	$ 120.00
IC Audio	$ 150.00	$ 161.24	$ (11.24)	$ -
Bond (Due 4/10/27)	$ -		$ -	$ 550.00
Miscellaneous (IN/OUT)	$ -		$ -	$ 1,500.00
Conference Loan	$ 500.00	$ 1,000.00	$ (500.00)	$ 500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 7,610.00	$ 3,462.54	$ 3,458.32	$ 7,900.00
OVER / UNDER		$ 196.88	$ (1,007.74)	

Miscellaneous (IN/OUT)	
MARC Rep St visits	$ 1,500.00
Domain annually; pd 2 yrs 10/13/25	
Website (every other yr) due 10/13/2027	
TOTAL EXPENSES	

Balance as of 05/26/2026
$14,758.60
Balance as of 10/10/2025
$14,516.72

MARC Bylaw Proposals: Brandy Small, MARC Parliamentarian



Hello Indiana ESA Members!

Please review the attached proposed Standing Rule changes that were submitted by May 1, 2026. These were presented during the MARC meeting at the annual IC Convention. Please review at the individual chapter level and be prepared to discuss at Fall Conference in preparation for voting in October. As always, any questions or concerns please reach out! It has been an absolute honor to serve as MARC Parliamentarian this year! Thank you all for your support and guidance!

And remember…. Share your SPARKLE with the world one act of kindness at a time!
Brandy Small, MARC Parliamentarian

Proposal #1.1
Standing Rule
Article II Section D2
Action: Amend

Now Reads:
Shall keep accurate records of all monies received and paid out with receipts to substantiate a record for auditing purposes. These records shall be retained for seven (7) years.

Change to Read:
Shall keep accurate records of all monies received and paid out with receipts to substantiate a record for auditing purposes. These records shall be retained for three (3) years.

Reason:
IRS general rule to keep records is 3 years unless claiming losses from worthless securities or bad debts which is 7 years.

Proposal #2.1
Standing Rule
Article II Section A10
Action: Remove

Now Reads:
Shall sign the hotel contract for the annual MARC leadership/conference.

Reason:
To remove from the Presidents duties and add to the vice Presidents duties because the President will no longer be on the elected board at the time of conference. They are signing the contract for which conference they will be presiding over.

***** only if 2.1 passes*** Proposal #2.2**
Standing Rule
Article XV Section F
Action: Amend

Now Reads:
The annual MARC Leadership and Conference hotel contracts will be signed each year by the current MARC President.

Change to Read:
The annual MARC Leadership and Conference hotel contracts will be signed each year by the current MARC Vice President.

***** housekeeping*** Proposal #3.1**
Standing Rule
Article XII
Action: Amend

Now Reads:

Change to Read:
Article XI instead of XII

Reason:
Renumbering as Article XI is missing. All articles will follow. (XII, XIII, XIV)



Association of the Arts Chair, Aphrodite Chappell



Greetings all! I am excited to serve as your Association of the Arts chair this year. I spent the summer thinking how I could tie in the president's theme with quick, easy, affordable crafts
that focus on using items you likely have laying around the house and can upcycle to transform to works of art. One of my goals is to share a craft idea in the e-blasts.

I have a project planned for Fall and Spring conferences. For Fall Conference, we will be re-purposing tin cans and glass
jars and for Spring, empty bottles. (Don't worry, I'm hard at work saving these and will bring all the supplies!).

Another goal is to demonstrate how easy it can be to use things you likely already have laying around the house, and preparing you during the year for having recent projects you
can submit for the Associate of the Arts program at State Convention. Of course, there are a variety of categories and ways you can enter, but I want to make it easy for anyone to feel confident in displaying a creation of their own.

As for now, here is a fun project for the book lovers, cooks, and anyone that has a page they want to mark and re-visit. This YouTube video link will walk you through creating a corner bookmark with decorative duct tape. If you can't watch the YouTube video, I've included the steps below.

Happy crafting and see you all soon!

Crafting Suggestions

Don't have duct tape on hand? Use decorative paper or gift wrap, cut to the same dimensions, use some thin tape strips along the edges, or double sided tape along the edges.
Add a sticker, embellishment or die-cut object. (TIP: add a butterfly sticker or cut-out to align it with Pam's theme!)

Crafting: Duct Tape Corner Bookmark

Gather your supplies:

- Roll of duct tape of your choice
- Plain paper or thin cardboard (recycle an empty, clean, food free piece from a cereal box or other pantry item)
- Ruler and pen/pencil to mark paper to 2.5 inch squares
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut 2x 2.5 inch squares
2. Fold 1 square in half corner to corner to form a triangle
3. Cut in half along the folded line and set both pieces off to the side
4. Take the full square, set so it's like a diamond on the table and put the piece of tape across the top of the square.
5. Turn over the square and cut the excess tape off the edges in straight cuts on each corner.
6. From the top tip, cut about half an inch in along each side from the tip to ensure smooth folds of the tape.
7. Now, fold the sides of tape so they cover your triangle top half
8. Repeat steps 4-7 on the other half and put aside.
9. Pull off roughly 4 inches of tape and cut it. Lay it sticky side up.
10. Position the triangle on the tape leaving a slight bit of excess along the bottom. The top corner should be aligned with the top edge of the tape strip.
11. Fold the long edge over the triangle at the bottom.
12. Cut straight lines at each of the bottom corners to remove the excess tape.
13. Now place the full square bottom facing up and position it to cover the triangle.
14. Pull the excess tape over the edges to attach both pieces to form a pocket.

Click here to watch the YouTube Video!



Webmaster Maddie Kerr

Hello and welcome to a new ESA year!

I am excited to serve our membership this year as Webmaster. This is a fun challenge and my goal this year is to do some maintenance on the backend. If you notice any functionality changes, or missing information, please let me know.

You will notice that the photos and forms are updated on the website as well as some events, including MARC Conference

If your chapter has any philanthropic events, fundraisers, or recruiting events, please share the details with me! (Name of Event, Date, Location, Times, Cost, and a graphic if possible). We all do our part in supporting St. Jude, Easterseals, Camp Riley, Anna's Celebration of Life, local veterans, and the Disaster Fund. Let's work together to have a one-stop-shop with all of the events we are putting on this year!

I want the Indiana ESA website to be one we can proudly show off and share with others.

Let's transform the future through ESA!



Website Information

- indianaesa.org
- Maddie's Email: mktylenda@gmail.com

Lamp Editor Courtney Ginder



Hello Indiana ESA!

I am excited to serve as your Lamp Editor this year after seven years as Webmaster (yes, Carmen appointed me as Webmaster for her year in 2018-2019!). My degree from Purdue is for Professional Writing and before I started working at Postpartum Support International full-time doing social media marketing, I did technical writing and document design for a software company. Creating beautiful documents is something I really love to do, and I'm truly thrilled to get to create 4 newsletters for you this year!

I am also excited to share an initiative I proposed to the state leadership last spring called Light the Way The name is based on our opening and closing rituals, and is a storytelling campaign through The Lamp and social media to educate, engage, and grow our membership. It stands on three pillars:

- ***Why ESA: Personal stories of belonging.*** Why did you join? Why did you stay?
- ***Philanthropic Roots: The heart of who we are.*** Why did we choose our philanthropic projects?
- ***Chapter Success: Every act matters.*** How does every effort make a difference? From the small chapters to the large ones, we can show that every event and every donation is important.

I love ESA and want to continue to see it grow, and I hope this campaign will showcase the work we do, and also allow potential new members to see themselves in ESA. If you are interested in taking part in Light the Way, please send me an email at cbginder@gmail.com. I'm excited to Light the Way and Transform the Future Through ESA with you!

Light The Way: Jaycee Peak

Please enjoy our first interview with Past Indiana President and current 1st Vice President Jaycee Peak of Chi Omicron: Avon!

How did you learn about ESA? Who brought you to your first chapter?

Jaycee: My Aunt Janet and Uncle Dutch became my guardians when my parents moved to Florida during my junior year in high school. Aunt Janet belonged to an ESA Chapter in Stilesville, IN.

What was one of the first philanthropic events you remember attending, or one in particular that touched your heart?

Jaycee: The first philanthropic event that really touched my heart was when ESA members went to the Hendricks County Home in Danville, IN every Saturday and washed the ladies' hair. They also returned to the Home every month to share snacks, play bingo, play the piano and sing songs with the residents. Seeing their smiles was the best part and knowing that ESA members considered them family was rewarding.

Why did you decide to stay in ESA for 55 years?

Jaycee: ESA became my center when David was drafted to the Vietnam War. He left on Halloween day in 1970, and I became an ESA member in November 1970. David was as much of a supporter from the beginning to the present. When Brent was born, he was also raised with ESA his entire life. Brent participated in our ESA projects, just like David. ESA is my life and I really don't know what I would do if it wasn't!

What is your favorite thing about ESA?

The philanthropic projects and helping those less fortunate than me or my family members.

What do you want to see in Indiana ESA's future?

I truly want to see growth in membership and for our ESA philanthropic services to continue being a beam of light to all of those less fortunate, showing them that *we care* and *we do so they can!*

Is there anything else you'd like to share about ESA?

There is a lot that ESA offers to the members individually and in our daily lives. What other organization can you be a member of that has a Disaster Fund available to assist financially and supportively in those tragic situations? There isn't one! There are so many sources of assistance for ESA members that can be found and accessed through our ESAMC and ESA Foundation, which will make a significant impact on your daily life! It is there, you just need to reach out for the resources! We have the resources even within our own Indiana ESA membership and website, the possibilities are there...just do it!







MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

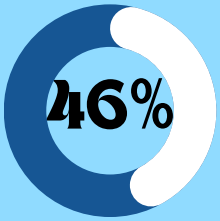
Mental Health America

Did you know...



Nearly 1 in 5 Americans

will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year.



46% of Americans

will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life.

42.5 Million

US Adults with anxiety disorders

22.5 Million

US adults with major depression

3.3 Million

US adults with bipolar disorder

>28 Million

Adults with mental illness who did not receive any mental health treatment

International Council President Angie Butenschoen has encouraged us to raise awareness around mental health and the resources that are available to us to take care of our mental health. Each edition of The Lamp this year will include a focus on an organization that supports mental health along with its resources and how you can get involved. This month we are looking at Mental Health America.

Mental Health America (MHA) is the leading nonprofit dedicated to promoting the mental health and wellbeing of all people living in the United States. Its vision is a world in which all people and communities have equitable opportunity for mental health and wellbeing and are able to flourish and live with purpose and meaning. It was founded in 1909 by Clifford W. Beers, who experienced stays in public and private mental institutions. He was witnessed and subjected to horrible abuse, and set in motion a reform movement that then became MHA.

Millions of Americans live with mental health conditions, including

- Generalized Anxiety Disorder: Chronic, exaggerated worry about everyday routine life events
- Depression: Persistent sadness, loss of pleasure or interest in activities, fatigue, feeling guilt & shame or hopelessness
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD): Repeated, intrusive thoughts and rituals done to reduce the anxiety caused by the thoughts
- Bipolar Disorder: Extreme highs (mania) and lows (depression) in mood and energy

MHA provides information about different mental health disorders, many different screeners that you can take, crisis resources, different treatment options (mental health treatment is often very unique to each individual!), and ways to get involved, including fundraising and advocacy. It also has different regional affiliates, including MHA of Indiana.

Get Help | Get Involved | Take a Test | Fundraise | Learn More

CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha Xi: Online







Alpha Xi has had an exciting start to the new ESA year, and we're looking forward to everything that's ahead!

First, we want to congratulate Gamma Pi on hosting an incredible Indiana State Convention. It was a wonderful weekend filled with fellowship, laughter, and celebrating everything that makes ESA so special.

We also want to give a huge congratulations to our very own Vice President, Brenda Campbell, on her election as International Council 2nd Vice President. Brenda's passion for ESA and dedication to servant leadership make this accomplishment so well deserved. We are incredibly proud to call her one of our own!

September is an exciting month for Alpha Xi as we celebrate our first birthday! On September 6, our chapter officially turns one. We're excited to celebrate this milestone with our Indiana ESA family during Fall Conference with a special treat! Alpha Xi is honored to host Indiana Fall Conference on Saturday, September 12, in Zionsville, and we hope you'll join us! We'll welcome a special guest speaker from Isaiah 117 House to share more about the incredible work they do to support children entering foster care throughout Indiana and United States. Registration is now open, and you'll find the registration link, conference flyer, and donation list for Isaiah 117 House on page 28. We can't wait to welcome everyone for a day of fellowship, learning, and fun.

With ESA Love,
Alley Gary, President

Sept 12

Fall Conference
1100 W Oak St Zionsville, IN
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Registration: $25

Beta Phi: Rockville

Hello from Rockville!! Mary Clark, Debbie Frazier, and I enjoyed the State Convention in Indianapolis. It was great to see all the Indiana members and celebrate all our hard work last year. We held our 21st Car Show on July 25th to start our new year. We had forty-four participants registered and had a great evening listening to the DJ play the oldies and looking at all the old cars. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Conference in Zionsville!

Cindy Norman, President

Alpha Zeta: Fort Wayne

Hello from Fort Wayne! We are excited to start meeting soon. We have two board members in the chapter, Jenn Balkema and Gloria Wilson this year!

Our members have had a busy summer of travel, work, family and friends and we cannot wait for what the year has to bring.

Beta Kappa: Seymour

Beta Kappa is getting a good start on this ESA year. We have already started preparations for our Fall Arts and Crafts Market that will be on November 21, 2026. We have about 35 vendors come to the Girls, Inc in Seymour who have all types of Christmas and Fall items to sell. A local church comes in to serve a yummy limited fall menu for lunch. Come and check it out!

By the time this is published, Delta Delta and Beta Kappa will be in the midst of Octoberfest planning. Our little prince and princess contestants will be working to raise funds that will help us support our many endeavors. I look forward to seeing many of you at Fall Conference.

Have a blessed Fall,
Beth White



Chi Omicron: Avon

Chi Omicron has been busy! We've welcomed two new members, Christina and Holly, as well as a new Elan member! We have also enjoyed spending time this summer at the local farmers markets to support our Ways and Means.

State Conference was extra special for our chapter as well. Jaycee Peek celebrated an amazing 55 years in ESA, and Cyndi Murphy celebrated 10 years in ESA. We're so lucky to have these ladies in our chapter and in our lives!

We're looking forward to the upcoming year and creating more memories while making a difference in kids lives!

ESA Love,
Serena Williams



Eta Pi: Fishers

Hello Indiana ESA! We have had a busy summer volunteering, socializing, and reading! We installed our 2026-2027 chapter officers, led by President Courtney Ginder! Her theme this year is "Our Story in Service" and we look forward to seeing what stories we get to tell and be part of this year!

We had a great time at State Convention this summer and congratulate Gamma Pi on a job well done hosting! We are also so very proud of our own Kelly Hansan for receiving her 30 year service pin!

We have had a fun time socializing at trivia nights (where The Sisterhood of Useless Knowledge came in 9th out of 25 teams), at a chapter pool party, and celebrating 2 years of our chapter book club. We've added *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, *One Dark Window* by Rachel Gillig, and we'll be discussing *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett at our September meeting.

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This summer we have volunteered at Indy Hygiene Hub's Back to School Bash and we are getting ready for our 15th Annual Golf Outing with the Fishers American Legion Post 470 Benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! We hope to make this year our biggest yet! If you are interested in golfing (or you know anyone who loves to play), please check out our golf outing website at legion470andetapigolfouting.org. Many thanks to Gamma Pi for sponsoring a hole this year!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Fall Conference!





Gamma Pi: Indianapolis

Summer has been a busy and exciting time for our chapter, filled with celebrations, leadership transitions, and preparations for the year ahead.

At our June business meeting, we celebrated the installation of our new chapter officers. We thank Brandy Small for her service as Chapter President and her leadership over the past year. We also welcomed Jan Lantz as our new Chapter President. Jan has chosen "Kindness" as her theme for the coming year—a simple but meaningful reminder that kindness can make a lasting difference in our chapter, our communities, and our daily lives.

June also gave us the wonderful opportunity to host the Indiana State Council Convention in Indianapolis, June 12–14. Our chapter was honored to welcome members from across the state for a memorable weekend of fellowship, learning, and celebration. During the convention, we thanked outgoing Indiana State Council President Jennifer Morris for her leadership and welcomed Pam Vogel as the new Indiana State Council President.

While many of us have enjoyed vacations, family gatherings, and the slower pace of summer, our newly elected officers and committee chairs have been busy planning programs, events, and activities for the coming year. Their enthusiasm and teamwork are already setting the stage for another successful year.

As we look forward to reconnecting this fall, we're excited to begin a new chapter guided by kindness, strengthened by friendship, and inspired by service. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Mary Brewer, Publicity Chair

Past Indiana Presidents Auxiliary

The votes have been tallied, and Indiana is so proud to announce that Brenda Campbell (State President 2020-21) and Lynn Howley (State President 2007-08) will be serving the ESA membership further on the International Council Elected Board! Brenda will be the 2026-27 Second Vice President and Lynn will be serving as the Workshop Coordinator. *We are so proud of both of you* as you continue to share your leadership skills!

But wait, there are more opportunities to celebrate as several Indiana Past Presidents continue to serve as dedicated Indiana ESA leaders:

- Jaycee Peak is serving as 1st Vice President/President-Elect of the Indiana State Council and was the 1996-1997 State President
- Jan Engel is serving as the 2nd Vice President of the ISC and served as the 2005-2006 State President.
- Pam Grenard is serving as the ISC Chaplain and was the 2002-2003 State President.
- Gloria Wilson is serving as MARC Representative and was the 2006-2007 State President.
- Susan Waltz is serving as Corresponding Secretary and was 2003-2004 State President

We had welcomed Jennifer Morris (State President 2025-26) as an active member of the PIPs. May these members continue to share their experience and wealth of knowledge about ESA.
With ESA Love, PIP Chair Rozanne Robertson





Important Upcoming Dates



September 12, 2026: Fall Conference hosted by Alpha Xi: Online

October 9-10, 2026: MARC Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota

November 1, 2026: Lamp Article for December Edition due

December 31, 2026: State Officer Nominations & Interest, Bylaw Recommendations, Chatper Dues, State Project Recommentation Forms all due

February 1, 2027: Lamp Article for March Edition due

March 13, 2027: Spring Conference hosted by Delta Zeta: Terre Haute & Beta Phi: Rockville

March 31, 2027: Easterseals Money due

April 1, 2027: Lamp Article for May Edition due

May 15, 2027: All Other Forms due!

What ESA Means to Me: More Than 1 Year



Alley Gary, Alpha Xi: Online

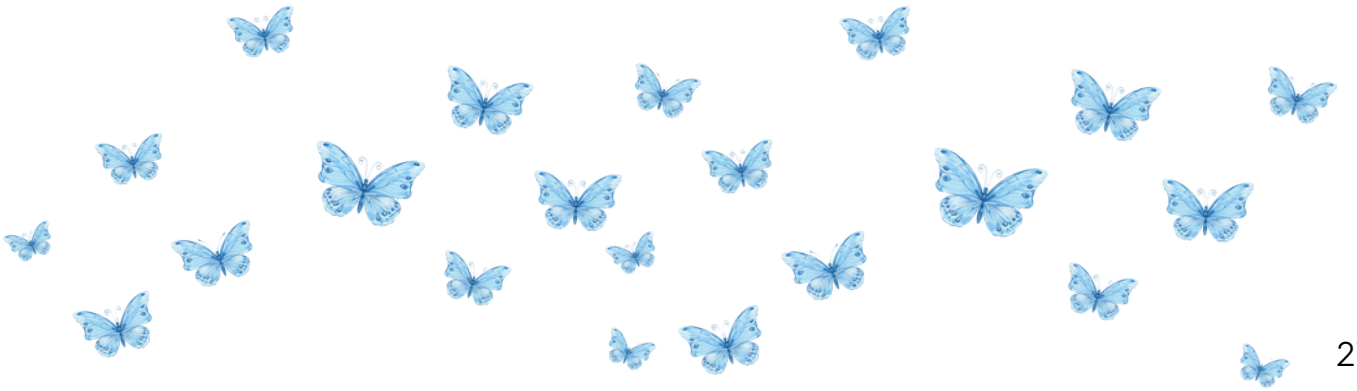
When I think about what ESA means to me, one word comes to mind: connection.

For the past 13 years, ESA has been a constant source of friendship, purpose, leadership, and service in my life. It has given me a place where I felt connected, supported, and encouraged to lead during seasons of life that were constantly changing. ESA has connected me with people from different backgrounds and different stages of life, yet we all share the same heart for helping others and strengthening our communities.

One of the most meaningful parts of my ESA journey has been helping create opportunities for others to experience that same connection. In 2013, while attending Indiana State University as an undergraduate student, I charted the collegiate chapter Phi Zeta because I wanted to create more opportunities for students to give back, serve the local community, and experience the friendships and leadership opportunities that ESA provides. Years later, as an adult balancing career, travel, family responsibilities, and busy schedules, I saw that same need again in a different way. In September 2025, I chartered Alpha Xi, Indiana's first state-specific online chapter, to create a flexible and welcoming environment where members could stay connected and involved regardless of where life takes them.

Seeing members remain active in ESA because of the flexibility Alpha Xi provides has been one of the most rewarding parts of my journey. ESA has helped me grow both personally and professionally while also allowing me to create spaces where others feel valued and connected.

ESA has never been just a chapter meeting to me. It has been a lifelong reminder that friendship, service, and leadership can evolve with every stage of life.



Fall Conference Information



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE]

Fall Conference Isaiah 117 House Donation Needs



State Convention Financial Report Form

Complete the requested fields. The far right column for income and fields for totals will auto calculate.

Date(s) of Convention	June 12-14, 2026
Host Chapter Name and Number	Gamma Pi #2335
Submitted by	Jenni Russ, Treasurer
Email	gamm apitreasurer1 @gmail.com
Chapter President	Jan Lantz
Date Submitted	6/22/2026

Income

	Qty	Fee	Total
Full Registrations (member)	47	$ 165.00	$ 7,755.00
Partial Registration Fees			$ 1,590.00
Partial Registration Fees (reduced)		$ 304.40	$ 304.40
Late Fees		$ 27.00	$ 27.00
Other Income (booklet ads, raffle)			$ 415.00
		TOTAL	$ 10,091.40

Expenses

		Total
Friday Mixer	plus $100 donated	25.00
Saturday Luncheon		1,930.50
Saturday Banquet		2,683.20
Sunday Breakfast		1,820.00
Saturday Breakfast (if applicable)		0.00
Venue Rental and A/V Fees		0.00
Printing Expenses	donate d	0.00
Favors	donate d	0.00
De cora tion s	plus $200 donated	100.00
Entertainment (speaker, magician)		1,049.33
Other expenses	donated	0.00
	TOTAL	$ 7,608.03

This section auto calculates		
Total Income	$	10,091.40
Total Expenses	$	7,608.03
Total Profit	$	2,483.37
1/2 to Chapter	$	1,241.68
1/2 to Indiana State Council	$	1,241.69

Mail/Email completed form to:
Jan Engel, ISC Treasurer
mail check to:

1001 Wildwood Court
Seymour, IN 47274