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News from the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.

Summer 2021

Foundation Begins Youth Outreach Effort

Several major gifts in the past few years have prompted the Delta Omicron Foundation to begin a new initiative called “Musical Pathways for Youth.” It is designed to support programs that provide musical opportunities for young people that are pre-college age.

Most recently, the Foundation has given a gift to the Community Opus Project (right) of the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory. The gift is in memory of Delta Omicron National Patron Richard D.

Worthing, made possible by his wife, Michelle Worthing, a member of the Foundation board of trustees.

Richard Worthing served as Dean of the College of Fine and Professional Arts at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Previously, he had been Assistant Director of the Conservatory of

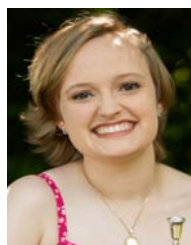
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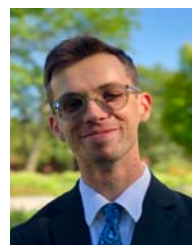
Meet the 2020-2021 Foundation Grant Recipients

Here are the students who received grants for the academic year 2020-2021. The Foundation has accepted its applications for educational grants for 2021-22, and these awards will be announced early in the fall. A list of the grants may be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.dofoundation.org.

Would you like to help? Please use the form on page 3 to donate to the Foundation’s Principal Fund.



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Delta Omicron Triennial Conference moved to 2022

The Fraternity's Board of Directors has decided to move the triennial conference to July 27-30, 2022, rather than the originally scheduled dates for the summer of 2021.



“The national board is concerned for the safety of our members,” the announcement on the website said. “Although the vaccine is beginning to roll out across the country, the board has decided to err on the side of caution and postpone our conference to 2022.

“The good news is that we were able to move the date without incurring a financial penalty, and we'll be able to



stay in the same hotel and conference center in Norfolk, Virginia. The new conference dates are July 27-30, 2022.



“Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a great reunion of brothers and sisters in Delta Omicron with exciting live music performances and our composition competition winner.”

The DO Foundation is making plans for its participation in the conference as well. The traditional Dr. Thor Johnson Memorial Commission composition will be premiered, and the Foundation is planning to sponsor a conference luncheon as well.

Start making your plans to attend soon!

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Contributors to Delta Omicron Foundation's Campaigns

The following persons and groups have contributed to the Foundation from May of 2020 through May of 2021. Monies raised will support scholarships to worthy Delta Omicrons. and other Foundation projects. Thanks, everyone!

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In Memoriam: Judith Gilmore Kirby



Judith Gilmore Kirby (Jan. 7, 1940-Aug. 7, 2020) was elected a trustee of the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. in 2003 and became a trustee emeritus in 2013.

A former elementary general music teacher, she served Western Avenue Elementary School in Flossmoor,

Illinois, for 35 years. She also directed the Jubilate Children's Choir at her church in Flossmoor and taught an elementary music methods course at Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago.

She said that some of her fondest memories resulted from serving Delta Omicron in various capacities such as Zeta Epsilon chapter president, province president, conference chair at Culver Military Academy in 1971 and national director of extension. All were challenges, she added, and provided chances to aid in shaping the future of

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Music at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. A composer and pianist, he was among the teachers of Eric Cohen, who serves on the board of the San Diego Youth Symphony.

The idea for "Musical Pathways for Youth" began with a gift from the estate of Commander U.S. Navy (Retired) William Mawhinney in memory of his wife, Zelma Zimmerman Mawhinney (April 18, 1911- Sept. 4, 2007), who was an initiate of Delta Omicron's Delta Gamma chapter at the University of Northern Colorado.

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Today's Gifts are Tomorrow's Philanthropies

For more than sixty years, the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. has served the philanthropic purposes of the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. As a member or friend of the Fraternity, you can help the Foundation increase its giving potential.

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Judith Kirby

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our beloved fraternity.

She was the mother of one son and grandmother of three girls. Her mother, Marion Snavelly Gilmore, was also a Delta Omicron.

During her final illness, a number of Kirby’s former students sang to her from outside her care facility window, and through laptops and cell phones.

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With that gift, the Delta Omicron Foundation was able to award one-time grants to three Denver area arts organizations. The grants were directed to area music education programs that impact Title I schools and students in Denver. The programs either provide music programming



The Colorado Youth Symphony’s Mile High Strings Outreach Program gives over 600 children their first experience playing an instrument, and teaches discipline, creativity, teamwork, respect for achievement and an appreciation of excellence.

for schools or music instruction to children.

The grants were awarded to the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra’s “Mile High Strings Program,” to participation tuition for students for the Denver Children’s

Choir, and to the Denver Young Artists Orchestra (DYAO) Group String Program Scholarships.

To assist in this project of the Foundation, please see the form on page 3.

