



Tau Kappa  
at-Large Chapter

# ***TKAL Communicator***

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***Greetings from our Tau Kappa at-Large Communications Committee as we share the latest chapter news and activities.***

*Our officers and committees have been very busy since January focused and working on several events and programs designed to increase our chapter's success in programs and activities of value to our members and communities. More about these will be shared in this newsletter...but first...*

## Congratulations Inductees!

**It's time for celebrating the recent induction of our new SIGMA Theta Tau members!!!**

**WELCOME!!!** to all of those listed below with hopes that involvement with the chapter will accompany membership.

Aaron Lee Vester Ward	Amanda D Whittaker	Amber Brownson	Amy Aylesworth Ernst
Aquila Mcfarlane	Candy Vazquez-Sanchez Nympha Agogo	Chloe Grace Ekstein	Chloe Grimm
Cristina Holtz	Delia S. Burke	Elizabeth A. Silverberg	Elizabeth Josephine Kazel
Emily Giovinazzi	Emma Paul	Erika E.Z. Wise	Fallon J. Campbell
Hallie Holzwarth	Isabella Rose Poniros	Jeraine Ellis	Jocelyn Salomao
Jonathan Turetsky	Juanita Exantus	Karen Tenease White	Kelly Ann Bambrick
Kendall Amorosi	Kiera McNama	Laurie Michaels	Lisa D. Solimando
Lisa Marie Gonzalez	Mackenzie Jade Steves	Magaly Ramirez	Makayla Alfred
Mckenzie Leigh Miner	Megan Camilli	Melissa Knapp	Mercedes Martinez Santana
Nyla Janae Batista	Olivia LoPresti	Rebecca Brittney Proctor	Sandra Edris
Tracey Lee Amell	Traci Michelle Bunce		

## Updates at TKAL...

The **January 2025 Board Meeting** focused on sharing thoughts regarding next steps for our chapter in response to our then President Jacob Poyer's need to resign from his position as TKAL President due to personal time restraints.

Nancy Belluci as Vice President assumed the role of President until a new President is elected.

Days shortly after the meeting Kylie Ackerman graciously volunteered to become our President and became our new President after a majority Board vote. Prior to becoming President, Kylie had served as our Scholarship and Awards Chair. Dr. Pervis and Dr. Zybell agreed to take on the roles of co-chairs for the Scholarship and Awards Committee.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

***Lovern Shadwick Community Service and Fundraising*** **Ronald McDonald House Dinner** A group of 6 TKAL volunteers will be preparing and serving a buffet-style **Love Is Served-Dinner** for about 20 guests at a Ronald McDonalds in the Albany area in August to support Ronald McDonald House.



**Ronald McDonald House New York (RMH-NY)** is a children's [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) charity located at 405 East 73rd Street (between [First Avenue](#) and [York Avenue](#)), on the [Upper East Side](#) in [Manhattan](#) in New York City.<sup>[1][2]</sup> It provides temporary accommodation for the

families of children ages 0–26 undergoing treatment for pediatric cancer, and is the only facility in New York City to provide post-transplant suites outside of a hospital

### **Other Community Service/Fundraising Opportunities TKAL has participated in:**

Nurses House   Snacks for Students   encourage We Care Organization   RED Bookshelf  
Clothing Drives   American Red Cross   Nurses House   Angel Kittens   Build-A-Bear Project  
Things of My Very Own   Men's Wearhouse   Ronald McDonald House of Albany

### ***Brian Pervis and Tammy Zybell   Awards and Recognition***

**You and those you know are always encouraged to apply for our chapter's Awards and Scholarships.**

### ***Cathy DeChance   Finance***

**Cathy continues to provide TKAL's Treasurer's Report at each meeting and reports that our treasury is in good condition.**

### ***Karin Pantel/Brian Pervis   Communications***

**You are all encouraged to regularly sign into the CIRCLE... the on-line SIGMA communication source for all Sigma Chapters... a means to review past and present TKAL news, events, and updates in order to benefit from your membership.**

**We are looking for new and additional board and board committee members-“THINK “about it and grow with us! Ballot is planned for early June.**

**Until our next issue- Enjoy your Summer Days  
and... consider taking an active part in  
Tau Kappa at-Large!**



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