

SWDAA

# THE CADENCE

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THE ROAD TO ORLANDO

# Welcome New and Current SWDAA Members!!!

Greetings everyone,

I first want to welcome back our current members and welcome our newest members of the Southwest District Alumni Association. The purpose of The Cadence is to provide monthly SWDAA content as well as information from the alumni associations of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. We love to feature our members in our monthly newsletter, ranging from community bands, awards, marriage, Women in Music, etc.

National Convention is so close, and we are looking forward to seeing you there! The Southwest District Alumni Association Board of Directors is excited to be working with y'all for the 2023-2024 year. If you have not yet selected a committee to be a part of, reach out to us. Our contacts are listed on Page 11.

I hope all of you continue to have a great Summer and we hope to see you at National Convention and at our first general body meeting July 27th!

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Lea Sanchez

23-24 SWDAA Communications Director

Life Member of the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi



# NEED A PACKING LIST FOR CONVENTION? SWDAA HAS ONE JUST FOR YOU!



## NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKING LIST



Below is a list of items that we suggest you pack for National Convention. The list includes, but is not limited to:

- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD & PINS
- 4+ PAIRS OF SHORTS AND PANTS
- 4+ PAIRS OF UNDER GARMENTS/SOCKS
- 4+ SLEEPWEAR
- 1-2 BUSINESS CASUAL/DRESS OUTFITS FOR RITUAL
- 1 BANQUET ATTIRE
- LAPTOP/TABLET & CHARGER
- DRESS SHOES/SNEAKERS/FLIP FLOPS/BELT
- FACE MASKS & HANDSANITIZER
- PHONE CHARGER, POWER BANK, & BACKPACK
- TOILETRIES: BODY WASH, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, DEODORANT, MAKEUP, PERFUME/COLOGNE, BRUSH/COMB, RAZOR, HAIR PRODUCTS, HAIR TOOLS, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SUNSCREEN, AND ANY MEDICATION

REMEMBER TO BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR FOOD,  
MERCANDISE, AND OTHER PURCHASES!

#NATCON2023

# NEW CHAPTER VISITATION ASSISTANTS IN TOWN!



Chelsea Zuniga  
Life Member - Alpha  
Oklahoma State University



Tyler Hern  
Life Member - Beta Nu  
Arkansas Tech University



Ciara Gibbs  
Life Member - Eta Pi  
Northwestern State University

# SWDAA HAS AN LAA ACES FULL HOUSE!

TAU BETA SIGMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
**LAA ACES CHALLENGE PROGRAM**  
ALUMNI CONNECT + ENGAGE + SERVE

ATLANTA AA  
Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma MWD AA  
TBB  
Northwestern University AA  
Southern University TBE Alumni Association

2023 LAA ACES CHALLENGE PROGRAM COMPLETERS

Congratulations to the 5 LAAs who connected with their members, engaged alumni, and completed service activities to complete the ACES challenges and earn the full ACES deck. These LAAs also completed the bonus challenge by giving to Tau Beta Sigma or submitting their renewal paperwork on time.

We would like to congratulate SWDAA members Chelsea Zuniga, Ciara Gibbs, and Tyler Hern on being selected by the National Leadership of Tau Beta Sigma to serve as Chapter Visitation Assistants!

This year, SWDAA participated in the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association LAA ACES Challenge Program and we're so excited to be one of the 5 LAAs to earn the full ACES deck!

# COMMUNITY BAND SPOTLIGHT

**SANG! SINGING SCAT AND HIGHLIGHTING  
NEW WORKS WITH THE NORMAN  
COMMUNITY BAND**

The Norman Community Band was one of the best summer opportunities I got to participate in. Having that first rehearsal under a severe weather watch was not only the usual Oklahoma nature, but a way to make music with each other should a tornado appear. The Norman Community Band is made up of former and current band directors, their students, undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University, and others in the Norman area that still play their instrument and love everything band.

One of my favorite pieces the band performed was *Sang!* by American composer Dana Wilson. The first four bars included a rhythm that we had to sing as written in the music, with great energy. Sometimes the southern twang kicks in whenever we sing the rhythm but overall, it was a fun piece to learn. This piece was conducted by Sarah Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Bands at Norman North High School.

One of the newest works on our program was entitled *Trailbreaker* by Grace Baugher Dunlap. This was the second time performance of this piece was performed in Norman since it was premiered not that long ago with the Norman North High School Band. Johnnie-Margret Mc Connell and the rest of the NCB Coordinators emphasize the one of the main goals of the NCB is to highlight the importance of performing new works by female composers and beyond. The program also included Jack Stamp's arrangement of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, Percy Grainger's *Horkstow Grange* from *Linconshire Posy*, Karl King's *Coast Guards March*, James D. Ployhar's arrangement of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and to cap off the June concert, we played *Oklahoma* to get everyone on their feet.

I remember interviewing Dino Cardenas (Immediate Past SWDAA Communications Director 21-23) and we did a little segment on the importance of playing in a community band. After my first concert with the NCB, I've gained a lot more band director friends and casually enjoyed the fun instrument wars that would happen in rehearsals. This experience was amazing and was the first time I've heard a conductor say that the clarinets were louder than the trumpets. Now that's a compliment a clarinetist like me enjoys!

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Lea Sanchez

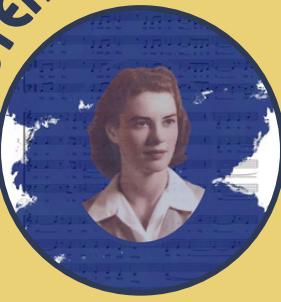
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STICKERS



POSTERS



BUTTONS



HEADBANDS



WE ARE OPEN  
YEAR ROUND

[SWDAASTORE.SQUARESITE/](http://SWDAASTORE.SQUARESITE/)

For more information contact,  
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SWDAA BUTTON TRADING



Stay tuned on our social  
medias to see what SWDAA  
will have for button trading at  
NatCon!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUNE MEMBERS!



Shaundollyn King - June 1st

Sarah Griffith - June 2nd

Rebekah Franolich - June 7th

Kathryn Howell - June 13th

Linnetta Ratliff - June 16th

Shelby Lowder - June 18th

Brady Gilleran\* - June 22nd

Marissa Archuleta - June 26th

Arial Taylor - June 27th



(\*) - Distinguishes SWDAA  
BOD, National Leadership, or  
Governor/Counselor



LIVE WITH  
*pride*  
pride month



**HAPPY PRIDE MONTH TO ALL OUR BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS OF THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION!**

# UPCOMING SWDAA EVENTS

I'M AN ALUMNI,  
NOW WHAT?

How to navigate Alumni Life in All  
Stages of Life

Saturday, July 1st  
7PM CST  
Register now at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/swdaalumnipanel>

PANELISTS

- JENNIFER VILLARREAL  
Life Member of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
- KIARA PENN  
Alumna of the Gamma Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
- MELLINNA RIBOT  
Life Member of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
- BRADLEY HAMMETT  
Life Member of the Zeta Xi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
- BRIANNA TEIGLER  
Life Member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
- RUBEN AFOSO  
Alumna of the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

SOCIAL!

JOINT EVENT!

BROTHERS AT THE  
BALLPARK: SWDAA  
EDITION  
TEXAS RANGERS VS HOUSTON  
ASTROS  
GLOBE LIFE FIELD  
JULY 2, 2023 AT 2:30PM

SOCIAL!

JOINT EVENT!

BROTHERS AT THE  
BALLPARK: SWDAA  
EDITION II  
HOUSTON ASTROS VS TEXAS  
RANGERS  
MINUTE MAID PARK  
JULY 24, 2023 AT 7:10 PM

Join us on Saturday July 1st, 2023 at 7PM CST for SWDAA Alumni Panel: I'm an Alumni, Now What? All are welcome! Register here at:

<https://tinyurl.com/swdaalumnipanel>

SWDAA is collaborating with the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association in Brothers at the Ballpark! This is a joint event! Join us on July 2nd at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas! This is a great opportunity to meet some amazing brothers and sisters in SWDAA!

Join us on July 24th for Brothers at the Ballpark: SWDAA Edition II in Houston as part of our collaboration with KKPsiAA!

This is a joint event and an amazing opportunity to meet some amazing brothers and sisters in SWDAA!



**COMMUNITY  
BAND  
DIRECTORY**

# Arkansas

- Arkansas Winds, Inc.: <http://www.arkansaswinds.org/>
- Hot Springs Community Band:  
<http://www.hotspringsband.org/>
- North Little Rock Community Concert Band:  
<http://www.nlrcommunityband.com/>

# Louisiana

- Bayou Community Band (Thibodeaux):  
<https://www.facebook.com/BayouCommunityBand/>
- Jefferson Community Band(Metairie):  
<http://www.jeffersoncommunityband.org/>
- Lafayette Concert Band: <http://www.lcband.org/>

# New Mexico

- Albuquerque Concert Band:  
<http://www.abqband.org/>
- Mesilla Valley Concert Band (Las Cruces):  
<http://www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org/>

# Oklahoma

- Norman Community Band:  
<https://www.facebook.com/NormanCommunityBand/>
- Stillwater Community Band:  
<https://stillwatercommunitybands.weebly.com>
- Tulsa Community Band:  
<http://www.tulsacomunityband.org/>

# Texas

- Allen Community Band:  
<https://www.allencommunityband.com/>
- McKinney Community Band:  
<http://www.mckinneyband.com/>
- Plano Community Band: <http://www.planoband.com/>
- New Horizons Band of Dallas:  
<http://www.nhbdallas.org/>
- Lubbock Concert Band:  
<http://lubbockconcertband.com/>
- Band of the Hills: <http://www.bandofthehills.org/>
- Cinematic Symphony:  
<http://www.cinematicsymphony.com/>
- Austin Symphonic Band:  
<http://www.austinsymphonicband.org/>
- San Antonio Symphonic Band:  
<http://www.sanantoniosymphonicband.com/>
- County Line Community Band: <http://www.clcbtx.com/>
- Montgomery Community Band:  
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Montgomery-Community-Band-100087843397607/>
- Lone Star Symphonic Band: <http://www.lssb.org/>
- LolliePops: <http://www.lolliepopsbands.com/>
- Houston Brass Band: <https://houstonbrassband.org/>
- Houston Pride Band: [www.houstonprideband.org](http://www.houstonprideband.org)
- Oak Lawn Band: <https://www.oaklawnband.org/>
- Pride of San Antonio Showband:  
<https://prideofsashowband.org/>

Know anymore community bands around the Southwest?  
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