

June 10, 2020 - Important Conclave Update from Phi Upsilon Omicron National Office

Phi Upsilon Omicron National Council has been working behind the scenes since the pandemic became our new reality to explore the right path forward for Conclave 2020. We have considered work and university travel restrictions, the financial impact to our members, the temporary closure of the host hotel and furloughs to hotel staff, health risks for our members, and our commitment to do the right thing.

Today, we are announcing that Phi Upsilon Omicron National Council in consultation with Educational Foundation and the Conclave Planning Committee of the Gamma Alumni Chapter has made the difficult decision to postpone Conclave for two years. We are in the process of rescheduling our time together in Columbus, Ohio, for September 29-October 1, 2022. If you have already registered for the conference for fall 2020, your money will be returned to you. We are extremely grateful for the work of our hosting chapter, Gamma Alumni, and the Conclave Planning Committee for their continued efforts to develop and execute an outstanding program and conference!

We have established an ad-hoc committee to develop virtual programming for this fall to recognize many of our award winners and leadership transition, and we look forward to distributing communication about those plans in the coming months. To maintain member engagement and better support our Phi U Chapters, National Council has also formed a committee to plan and host on-line "Chapter Chats." Be on the lookout for information on engaging topics and webinars on leadership and professionalism, chapter professional projects, and various family and consumer sciences content areas.

We regret that the Coronavirus pandemic will keep us from gathering face-to-face in October 2020 for an engaging conference experience. However, Phi U national leadership has made this decision to ensure that we are putting forth efforts to protect the health and safety of members by postponing our Conclave. Although contingency plans were necessary, Phi U will continue to support our chapters and members, and we are committed to providing more opportunities for virtual engagement and leadership development across our organization. Please inform your collegiate and alumni members of these updated plans. Thank you for your commitment to serve and support the Honor Society throughout these unprecedented times.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Phi U National Office at national@phiu.org.

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