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ALPHA CHI OMEGA NAMES NINE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE REAL. STRONG. WOMEN.® OF DISTINCTION

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INDIANAPOLIS, June 28, 2019 – After a nationwide call for nominations, Alpha Chi Omega has named nine outstanding women Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction.

The Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction award was created to recognize sisters who are achieving their dreams, inspired by their own Alpha Chi Omega experiences to become the best versions of themselves. This year's cohort includes women who are making a direct, positive impact on their professions, their communities and their world. Among them are field-leading professionals, social advocates and visionary philanthropists.

Profiles and photos of each award recipient have been featured in the summer *Lyre* magazine and on the [Alpha Chi Omega website](#).

The 2019 Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction are:

- **Carma Hanson (Alpha Pi, University of North Dakota)**
Nurse and coordinator for Safe Kids Grand Forks
Educating on preventing unintentional injuries to children
- **Amy Kates (Zeta Phi, Cornell University)**
Founding partner of Kates Kesler Organization Consulting and author
Creating standards for organizational design
- **Kristin Long, MD (Iota Sigma, Southern Methodist University)**
Endocrine surgeon for University of Wisconsin Health and assistant professor at the UW School of Medicine and public health
Treating patients at home and across the world



- **Alice D'Antoni Phillips (Gamma Omicron, Marshall University)**
Brand ambassador, author of a cookbook and digital magazine, home cook
Making a career 180 through food
- **Rebecca Ann Robinson (Gamma Zeta, Kansas State University)**
Director of economic development at the Kansas State University Institute for Commercialization
Bringing economic opportunities to her community
- **Christy Weber (Delta Chi, William Woods University)**
Founder of Shoes & Hope nonprofit
Providing clean water and sanitation to developing countries
- **Stephanie (Dobyns) Wellek (Iota Nu, University of California, San Diego)**
Spokesperson for the #EndGunViolenceTogether movement
Using her experience as a survivor of the Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting to advocate for gun reform
- **Vianca Burger Williams (Gamma Pi, University of Tampa)**
Assistant director of fraternity and sorority life at the University of South Florida
Supporting and promoting the fraternity/sorority experience
- **Julie A. Williamson (Gamma Xi, Western Michigan University)**
Managing partner at Williamson & Petruzzello, LLC law firm
Advocating for the elderly and those with special needs

To learn more about the Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction awards program, contact Alpha Chi Omega Senior Director of Education and Engagement [Amy Mustafa](#).

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About Alpha Chi Omega

Founded more than 130 years ago on the campus of DePauw University, Alpha Chi Omega has been a leader in redefining what it means to be a sorority. Through strength in sisterhood and a commitment to the values we share, generations of real, strong Alpha Chi Omega women have become leaders who effect change on our campuses, in our communities and around the world. Visit alphachiomega.org to learn more.