



April 23, 2020

Dear Phi Mu Parents,

On behalf of Phi Mu's National Council, I wanted to reach out with a moment of empathy. We are living in a difficult time and the anxiety and uncertainty is a challenge for college students. We know it is also difficult for you as parents.

Like you, we are heartbroken for our graduating seniors, who will not celebrate the rites of passage and moments of recognition they worked so hard to earn. We are disappointed for all of our young members who are missing out on internships, study abroad and summer programs. We are worried about our members who are facing financial uncertainty, and who will have to make difficult decisions in the weeks to come about their higher education path. We are also mourning with our members who are experiencing illness and loss in their families.

We want you to know that your daughter is important to us, and to her Phi Mu chapter sisters. One bright spot during this time of crisis has been to see how our members lift each other up and the creative ways they are staying engaged and connected during a time of social distancing. As adults, we are also relying on our Phi Mu friendships for support and encouragement. Your daughter's Phi Mu network will continue to be there for her long after her college graduation.

Personally, I am the parent of a college sophomore and two high school students. We are living through distance learning and the extreme togetherness of sheltering at home. We are also having difficult conversations. My three children are scheduled to attend three different colleges in the fall, but we don't know how those plans might change in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for sharing your daughter with us, and know that we are working to support her and her Phi Mu sisters during this global crisis. We look forward to a day when we can welcome her back in person.

Take Good Care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andie Kash'.

Andie Kash
National President