

Create Your Own 175th Anniversary Time Capsule



For 175 years, Phi Mu has been shaped by the women who came before us. Today, you have the opportunity to preserve your chapter's story for the sisters who will follow.

As part of Phi Mu's 175th Anniversary Celebration, we invite collegiate and alumnae chapters to create a local time capsule filled with memories, traditions and reflections from this historic milestone. Whether you choose to open it in 10 years, 25 years or during Phi Mu's 200th Anniversary, your time capsule will become a treasured snapshot of your chapter history.

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR CONTAINER

Your time capsule can be as simple or creative as you'd like.

Ideas include:

- Decorative keepsake box
- Metal tin
- Wooden memory chest
- Acrylic display box
- Sealed archival container

Choose something durable that can safely preserve your memories for years to come.

Need a place to start? Visit our [175th Anniversary Amazon Storefront](#) for a few recommended time capsule containers.

STEP 2: DECIDE WHEN IT WILL BE OPENED

Select a meaningful date.

Ideas include:

- Phi Mu's 200th Anniversary
- An upcoming milestone anniversary for your chapter

- A future Founders Day celebration
- 10, 25 or 50 years from now

Label your time capsule with the date it should be opened to ensure future Phi Mus know when to revisit these memories.

STEP 3: GATHER YOUR MEMORIES

Consider including items that tell the story of your chapter today.

Letters

- Letter to Future Phi Mus
- Letter from your Chapter President
- Notes from graduating seniors
- Advice for future members

Photos

- Chapter photo
- Executive Committee
- Big/Little Sister pairs
- Recruitment
- Philanthropy events
- Sisterhood activities
- Formals
- Founders Day

Chapter Memories

- Favorite traditions
- Chapter newsletter
- Event invitations and programs
- Name tags
- T-shirts
- Bid Day items
- Philanthropy materials

Fun Facts About Today

Capture what life looks like now.

Examples:

- Chapter membership
- Campus traditions
- Favorite songs
- Popular fashion
- Local restaurants
- Tuition costs
- Gas prices
- National headlines
- Technology everyone uses

Future sisters will love seeing what life looked like in 2027.

STEP 4: REFLECT TOGETHER

Set aside a few minutes during your celebration for members to reflect.

Conversation prompts:

- What does Phi Mu mean to you?
- What are you most proud of?
- What advice would you give a future sister?
- What do you hope Phi Mu looks like in 25 years?
- What memory will you never forget?

STEP 5: SEAL YOUR TIME CAPSULE

Once everything has been collected:

- Place the items inside.
- Seal the container.
- Label the outside of your time capsule with the date it should be opened.
- Record where the capsule will be stored.
- Take a group photo before sealing it.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE PHI MUS

One of the most meaningful items you can include in your time capsule is a letter to the future.

Invite your chapter or alumnae group to write a message to the Phi Mus who will one day open your time capsule. This is an opportunity to capture what your sisterhood looks like today, reflect on the 175th Anniversary and leave behind words of encouragement for future generations.

Consider sharing:

- What makes your chapter or alumnae group unique
- Your favorite Phi Mu traditions
- Memories from celebrating the 175th Anniversary
- Advice for future sisters
- Your hopes for the future of Phi Mu

Years from now, this letter will give future Phi Mus a glimpse into what it was like to be part of our sisterhood during this historic milestone.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Future Phi Mus,

Today, we celebrate 175 years of love, honor and truth. As we gather together, we're reminded that Phi Mu is more than a Fraternity, it's a lifelong sisterhood built on friendship, service, leadership and belonging.

As you open this time capsule, we hope you know we were thinking of you. While our campus, community and world may look different from yours, we hope the values that unite Phi Mus remain unchanged.

- Our chapter wants you to know...
- A tradition we hope continues is...
- Our favorite memory from celebrating the 175th Anniversary is...
- Our advice to future Phi Mus is...

Love in Our Bond,

The Phi Mus of ...

Date ...