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The purpose of Pi Alpha Xi - The Honor Society for Floriculture, Landscape Horticulture, and Ornamental horticulture is to recognize high scholarship, to foster good relationships among its members, to promote or to facilitate the exchange of ideas among members of the professions, and to establish cordial relations among students, educators, and industry members.

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Letter from Your President

Dear Members of Pi Alpha Xi National,

As I complete my term as President of Pi Alpha Xi National, I want to thank the other officers and members who have helped me along the way. Many of you have supported our Honorary Society by serving on committees, maintaining active chapters, participating in the Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest, attending our annual meeting/luncheon held at the National Conference of the American Society for Horticultural Science, and various other activities. It has been an enjoyable time for me. Thank you very much.

Terri W. Starman

Note from the Editor.

This is the last issue of the Lotus Leaflet that I will be completely responsible for. I hope that you have enjoyed the newsletter these last four years and liked what I did. I will be passing on this honor to the new Vice President whom will be elected at the Annual Meeting in Orlando. I will miss all the “fun duties” associated with this position but look forward to allowing someone else to have this privilege. I am trying a new color laser printer for this last issue, I hope you like the results.

Dave
David F. Graper

Participants at the 59th Annual Flower Judging Competition at Texas A&M University receive instructions from Jim Johnson prior to the design competition and some other scenes from the contest.
The Department of Horticultural Sciences at Texas A&M University hosted the 59th Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Floral Design Competition April 6-7, 2000. Students from nine universities: (California Polytechnical Institute, Kansas State, New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Pennsylvania State, South Dakota State, Texas A&M, Utah State and the University of Wisconsin at River Falls) participated in both the flower judging and floral design contests. The flower judging contest consisted of 15 classes of potted plants and 15 classes of cut flowers that were judged on a criteria of quality standards that include cultural perfection, floriferousness, and freedom of disease, insect and mechanical injury.

The Annual contest is co-sponsored by The American Floral Endowment and Pi Alpha Xi National Floriculture Honor Society. Chairman of the contest was Jim Johnson AAF, AIFD, TMF, Distinguished Lecturer in Floral Design at Texas A&M University. The winners were:

**Flower Judging Contest**

**First Place Team:** California Polytechnic State University  
Coach: Dr. Virginia R. Walter  
Team Participants: Steven Baldonado, Susan Hofer, Alex Van Wingerden  
Team Alternate: Kate Flores

**Second Place Team:** Kansas State University  
Coach: Dr. Alan Stevens  
Team Participants: Marci Span, Kristin Schoenecker, Becky Blythe; Alternate Team Alternate: Julie Rayburn

**Third Place Team:** The Pennsylvania State University  
Coach: Dr. Dennis Wolnick  
Team Participants: Andrew Macijousky, Lee Ann Pramuk, Chad Osborn, & Angela Masters.
Highest individual overall: Melissa Bartosh - South Dakota State University.
Second Highest overall: April Douglas - University of Wisconsin at River Falls.
Third Highest overall: Alex Van Wingerden - Cal Poly State University.

Highest Individual Potted Plants: Rebecca Raun - Texas A&M University.
Second Highest Potted Plants: Alex Van Wingerden - Cal Poly State University.
Third Highest Potted plants: April Douglas - University of Wisconsin - River Falls.

Highest Individual Cut Flowers: Casey Sharber - Oklahoma State University.
Second Highest Cut Flowers: Melissa Bartosh - South Dakota State University.
Third Highest Cut Flowers: Stephen Baldonado - Cal Poly State University.

Floral Design Contest

Division I, Class I (Asymmetrical Triangle)
First: Amy Peterson, Utah State University
Second: Kate Flores, Cal-Poly State University
Third: Casey Sharber - Oklahoma State University.

Division I, Class II (Oblong table centerpiece)
First: Cheryl Rode, Texas A&M University
Second: Candice Brand, Oklahoma State University
Third: Alex Van Wingerden - Cal Poly State University.

Division II, Class I (Corsage)
First: Becky Blythe, Kansas State University
Second: Travis Warrington, Texas A&M University
Third: Kirsten Swanson - Utah State University.

Division II Class II (Designer’s Choice)
First: Heather Cook, Texas A&M University
Second: Eric Behrens, New Mexico State University
Third: Tim Lytle - Kansas State University.
April Douglas - University of Wisconsin - River Falls - 2nd Overall; 3rd Potted Plants.

Rebecca Raun - Texas A&M University - 1st Potted Plants; 5th Overall.

Casey Sharber - Oklahoma State University - 1st Cut Flowers; 3rd Asymmetrical Triangle design.

Amy Peterson - Utah State University - 1st Asymmetrical Triangle design.

Cheryl Rode - Texas A&M University - 1st Table Centerpiece design.

Becky Blythe - Kansas State University - 1st Corsage design.
New Members to Pi Alpha Xi

**Alpha Chapter (1077)**
**Cornell University**
Ryan Case
Shannon Consaul
Mieke Damaske
Joshua Drennen
Carla Hetzel
Leigh McDonald
Allison Marusic
James Ohio
Christopher Ross

**Beta Chapter (582)**
**University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign**
Laurel Barmore
Jennifer Hall
Catherine E. Hart
John D. Hawkins
B. Bejie Harrin
Mia E. Ignolia
Sarah Kopke
Theresa L. Meers
Samuel J. Schmitz
Wyatt Sweitzer
Jill E. Van Dyne
Daniel F. Warnock
Ryan Welch

**Gamma Chapter (913)**
**Pennsylvania State University**
Laurel Anderson
Chrystie L. Beattie
Beth Anne Boylan
Linda M. Brickley
Jennifer Cordrey
Jaina Craddock
Jennifer Ehrenberger
Courtney Schelver
Allison Kaleta
Sarah Klee
Matt Linnane
Angela Masters
Megan Polach
Melissa Ratcliff
Rebecca Rotheaer
Abby Swoyer
Steve M. Ulrich
Doug Drugo
Chad Osborn
Jessica Shive

**Iota Chapter (538)**
**North Carolina State University**
Alexa Aycock
Diane Cutler
Jennie Ellenbogen
Wendy Elliott
Rebecca Essic
Megan Gardner
Susan Jelinek
Angela Geary
Lyn Anne Gettys
James L. Gibson
Leslie Grist
Bradley Thomas Holland
Robin Isley
Sheila Kellogg
Cindy Lambert
Andrew W. MacRae
Nicole Marshall
Janet F. Miles
Charles F. Mitchell
Karen Monroe
Susan Pate
Lindsay C. Paul
Gina Penny
Dharmalingam S. Pitchay
Jennifer Walker
Anne D. Williams
Amy Noelle Wright
Jim Carlos Cervantes
Robin Isley
Crystal Combs
Jennifer Cook
Kenneth Cook
Brandon Laughinghouse
Heysun Lim
Deborah McGuinn
Lori Mills
Sheri Musselwhite
Grant Neppl

Heather Cook - Texas A&M University - 1st Designer’s Choice design.

Kate Flores - Cal Poly State University - 2nd Asymmetrical Triangle design.

Candice Brand - Oklahoma State University. - 2nd Table Centerpiece design; 4th place Potted Plants.
Travis Warrington - Texas A&M University - 2nd Corsage design.

Eric Behrens - New Mexico State University - 2nd Designer's Choice design.

New Mexico State University Team- Geno Picchioni, Coach; Sabine Whitley & Carla Logan, Asst. Coaches; Jennifer Winans, Jeanette Gaydos, Sharon Bruce, Will Oldrup, Eva Winans, Michele Hudson & Eric Behrens.

Iota Chapter (cont.)

Joel Osgood
Chris Reberg-Horton
Roger A. Richardson

Danielle D. Treadwell
Megan Weddington

Kappa Chapter (527)

Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State University
Courtney White
Sarah E. Watts
Alison H. Smith
Mark Sutphin
John Aubrey Roberts III

Jennifer Buck
Paul Westervelt
Sabrina R. Brady
Christine Simpson
Sherry Linn Roser

Upsilon Chapter (835)

California Polytechnic State University
Anne L. Bibelheimer
Nancy A. Fierro
Andrea A. Isais
Karyn L. Pippenger
Anne E. Schellman
Kathleen M. Shawl
Alexander J. Van Wingerden
Lisa C. West
David C. Fross
David H. Headrick
Earl J. May
Marsha A. May
Patricia A. Broering
Randy W. Cenell
Juanita T. Chau

Damon B. Cockerham
Keri S. Conner
Lynda C. Crawford
Timothy A. Crockenberg
Kasi E. Day
Neal W. Grant
Jennifer N. Heggli
Sarah S. Hesse
Morgan A. Hill
Susan E. Hofer
Andria J. McCubbin
Lisa A. Miller
Dawn M. Ranchie
Mark E. Roberts
Brooke A. Thompson
Jo Ann C. Wheatley

Phi Chapter (161)

South Dakota State University
Jason Malsom
Scott Owen
Nancy Houdenes
Elizabeth Zaugg
Matthew James
Todd Weinman
Karin Peterson

Jamie Rossow
David Schrader
Jodie Reichert
Heather Hacker
Jeremy Elsom
Jennifer Bixby
Clayton Johnson

Chi Chapter

Colorado State University (523)

Jean A. Anderson
Tamla Blunt
Matthew Boyles
John Bross
Jennifer Fisher
Rochelle Ford
Jed Ganslaw
Jeff Gasner
Denise Gutierrez
Julie A. Herron

Roger Lund
Christine MacDonald
Hillary H. Przybycien
LeAnn Schild
Patrick L. Sinnott
Curtis J. Utley
Sage Vernell
Travis Walker
Jennifer Lynn Wilson
Charles Wissenbach
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Kansas State University

- Dail Hong
- Andrew C. Jacobs
- Ginger M. Lashinski
- David E. Lott
- Sara I. Morton
- Kirk William Ochs
- Christopher Ohlde
- Karee L. Shirley
- Adam C. Springer

**Alpha Beta Chapter (244)**  
University of Tennessee

- Joshua Baker
- Deborah Beams
- Jay P. Cameron
- Bradford Paul Collett
- Christy Gray

**Alpha Delta Chapter (140)**  
Oklahoma State University

- Peter Baumeister
- Greg Bell (Honorary)
- Beau Brune
- Andrew Cousins
- Shaun Dalrymple
- Kristy De Wolf
- Amanda (Wen Chu) Huang
- Curt Jennings
- Rebekah Kerwin
- Carrissa Lussier
- Laurence Pallez
- Laura Payne
- Chien Yi Yu

**Alpha Zeta Chapter (120)**  
University of Wisconsin - River Falls

- Daniel P. March
- Janelle Glady
- Sarah Lynn Antczak
- Holly R. Damveld
- April M. Douglas
- Carolynn E. Rupnow
- Debra A. Quist
- Chad Thomas Miller
- Amanda L. Staff
- Andrea Mueller
- Amanda Caroline Schwake
- Mary Behling-Afdahl
- Katie McDaniels

**Alpha Iota Chapter (57)**  
Texas Tech University

- Ashley Basinger
- Lindsey Bell
- Brian Bohlen
- Chris De Long
- Brad McKinley
- Lee Moore

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**South Dakota State University Team**: David Graper, Coach; Scott Rusch & Erica Weeks, Asst. Coaches; David Kmetz, Britni Howie, Jason Krulish & Melissa Bartosh.

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**Texas A&M University Team** Jim Johnson, Coach; Corey Morgan, Amanda Palmos, Rebecca Raun, Melissa Hannah, Allison Scott, Cheryl Rode, Travis Warrington & Heather Cook.

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**Utah State University Team** - LaMar Andersen, Coach; Sheri Andersen, Asst. Coach; Jennifer Mathews, Mikan Vargason, Heather Ruggles, Kirsten Swanson, Amy Peterson, Tricia Thatcher & Amanda Anderson.