



## ***FOUNDATION UPDATE***

### ***MAY 2020***

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#### ***A SHORT UPDATE ON THE FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS***

We previously announced that the annual summer Board Meeting and retreat was scheduled to take place in Burlington, Vermont. We hoped to postpone the event to later in the summer but have now decided to reschedule it. We have reserved the same location for the summer Board Meeting in 2021.

We are still planning to hold our *Annual Meeting and Board Meeting* at the Gamma Mu fly-in planned for *September 2020 in Chicago*.

Our Grant and Scholarship committees are in the final stages of evaluation and the results will be finalized soon.

Several of our Grant applicants have focused on adapting to the changes needed to continue their services during the Covid-19 crisis. The Grants Committee has taken this into consideration in the awarding of grants this year. We realize how these organizations must drastically change the way they operate, including cost increases for many of these changes. One of our goals is to fund these groups on a timely basis as needed.

Our Scholarship Committee is also in the final stages of awarding scholarships for this year. There is some uncertainty when some institutions will open their physical locations. There is also discussion of some students taking a "Gap" year until there is more certainty in the institutions resuming a normal curriculum and safety concerns about dormitories and other public spaces on campus. We are proceeding with the awarding of these scholarships because these funds are sent directly to the institutions on behalf of the recipients to defray their expenses and not directly to the students.

In this period of "Virtual Existence" please remember that the Gamma Mu Foundation benefits when you use "amazon smile" for your online shopping needs.

I join our Board of Directors and hope you are staying healthy during this "Shelter in Place." Hopefully, we'll be able to resume socializing soon. Please be safe and give thanks to the responders who are at risk

and work tirelessly to help everyone.



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***PLEASE USE THE WEBSITE TO MAKE DONATIONS***

Our **Foundation** is receiving an unprecedented number of requests for Grants and Scholarships and we are only able to fund a small fraction of our requests.

Please consider making an **"Extra"** donation during these uncertain times so that the **Foundation** can fulfill more requests.

The **Foundation** is an **all volunteer** organization and every dollar that you donate is awarded to current Grants or Scholarships.

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