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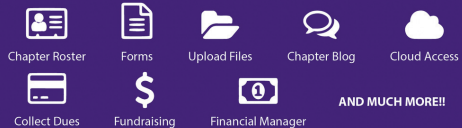
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OUR PURPOSES

- RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
- DEVELOP QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
- ENCOURAGE LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES AND RELATED FIELDS

MEMBERSHIP CREED

TO MEMBERS OF PHI Upsilon OMICRON,

THE TRUST IS GIVEN TO KEEP UNDIMMED WITHIN OUR LIVES, THE CIRCLE'S LIGHT. IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO CARRY FORTH THIS LIGHT OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE TO SHINE IN COUNTLESS HUMAN LIVES THE WORLD AROUND.

IN SO DOING WE SHALL FIND EACH MEMBER MADE STRONGER, THE MEANING OF OUR HONOR SOCIETY DEEPENED, AND IN OUR CHAPTER, A WARMTH WHICH COMFORTS, STRENGTHENS AND INSPIRES US ALL.

PHI U CONCLAVE 2026 NATIONAL HONORARY INITIATE & KEYNOTE



CHADWICK BOYD

IS AN ENTREPRENEUR, TV HOST, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, AUTHOR, MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTOR, AND SPEAKER- CHANGING THE WORLD FOR GOOD THROUGH FOOD AND WORDS.

MORE CONNECTED. MORE LONELY. NOW WHAT?

"WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS MORE CONNECTED THAN EVER, YET MANY PEOPLE HAVE NEVER FELT MORE ALONE".

BUILDING ON HIS ESSAY, *THE POWER OF THE TABLE IN A LONELY WORLD*, PUBLISHED IN *THE CANDLE*, CHADWICK BOYD INVITES PHI U MEMBERS TO CONSIDER A COMPELLING QUESTION: ***WHAT IF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES IS UNIQUELY ENCODED FOR ONE OF THE DEFINING CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME?***

THROUGH STORIES, RESEARCH AND LIVED EXPERIENCE, BOYD EXPLORES HOW THE PROFESSION'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTION MAY EXTEND FAR BEYOND WHAT WE TEACH, PRACTICE OR STUDY, OFFERING A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE ROLE THE PROFESSION CAN PLAY IN HELPING PEOPLE REDISCOVER BELONGING, STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND REMEMBER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.

IT'S BISCUIT TIME

KICK OFF PHI U CONCLAVE WITH CHEF, AUTHOR AND ENTREPRENEUR CHADWICK BOYD AS HE BRINGS HIS SIGNATURE ***IT'S BISCUIT TIME*** EXPERIENCE TO THE STAGE FOR A LIVELY, ENTERTAINING DEMONSTRATION CELEBRATING ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ICONIC FOODS.

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, CHADWICK HAS RESEARCHED THE HISTORY, CULTURE, ART AND SCIENCE OF BISCUIT MAKING, SHARING HIS EXPERTISE THROUGH FOOD & WINE, REAL SIMPLE, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, FOOD NETWORK, HALLMARK AND WITH HOME COOKS AROUND THE WORLD.

THROUGH STORYTELLING, FUN AND AUDIENCE INTERACTION, CHADWICK SHARES THE SIMPLE TECHNIQUES BEHIND TENDER, BEAUTIFULLY LAYERED BISCUITS WHILE CHALLENGING A FEW LONG-HELD ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THIS HUMBLE QUICK BREAD.

YOU'LL LEAVE WITH A FEW BISCUIT SECRETS, A SMILE ON YOUR FACE AND MAYBE EVEN A NEW APPRECIATION FOR HOW BISCUITS HAVE SHAPED AMERICAN FOOD CULTURE AND BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER AROUND THE TABLE FOR GENERATIONS.

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PROFESSIONAL PROJECT WINNERS 2025-26

NATIONAL AWARDS

1

Alpha Alpha

Texas Woman's University

"Threads of Care: Empowering Families Facing Medical and Financial Hardship"

2

Gamma Nu

Loma Linda University

"Weaving Our Futures Through Community Gardening: A Service and Education"

3

Gamma

The Ohio State University

"Weaving Confidence: Empowering Young Students Through Educational Mentorship"

4

EPSILON

Montana State University

"Carrying Hope: Backpacks for Montana's Foster Children"

REGION AWARDS

1

Alpha Sigma

Ball State University

"Discovery by Design: Transforming Play Through Space"

2

Chi

University of Georgia

"Threads of Wellness: Weaving Health into the Athens Community"

3

Omega

Texas Tech University

"Weaving Compassion: Creating Burial Gowns for Neonatal Loss"

4

BETA GAMMA

Minnesota State University-Mankato

"Food Not Bombs"



PROFESSIONAL PROJECT WINNERS 2024-25

NATIONAL AWARDS

1ST

GAMMA

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"Stitching Service into Scholarship: Interlacing FCS, Leadership and Community"

2ND

ALPHA ALPHA

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

"Hands for Hygiene: Volunteer Days of Service for At-Risk Youth"

3RD

BETA ZETA

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

"Weaving Security and Support: Phi Upsilon Omicron's Role in Tarrant County Community Care"

4TH

TAU

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

"Weaving a Lasting Impact: How Small Acts Create Meaningful Change"

REGION AWARDS

1

NU

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

"Threads of Purpose: Weaving Community, Service, and Family for a Stronger Tomorrow"

2

CHI

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

"Sewing Support: Weaving Futures: Advancing Belonging and Wellness in Athens"

3

OMEGA

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

"Soft Threads, Strong Hearts: Weaving Hope into Every Tiny Start: Weaving Our Futures Through Phi Upsilon Omicron"

4

BETA RHO

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

"Weaving The Upsilon Omicron: Nutrition, and Family Consumer Sciences Into Our Future Generations: A Teaching Moment Through a Lesson Plan and Food Demonstration"

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS RECIPIENTS

2025-26

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CLOSS/PARNITZKE/ CLARKE
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PHI U CONCLAVE 2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	REGISTRATION & AUCTION DROP OFF CHECK-IN AND DROP OFF ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.	MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- DEAN'S LOBBY
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR "GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE FOR GOOD" T-SHIRT	RAIDER WELCOME DINNER FEATURING THE LUBBOCK ISD MARIACHI BAND • PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS • PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, DR. SUSAN MILLER • PHI U CREED • REMARKS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MELISSA MARTIN • WELCOME: OMEGA CHAPTER ADVISOR, DR. KYLE L. ROBERSON, OMEGA CHAPTER PRESIDENT, MS. SAMANTHA VESSELS, TTU VICE PROVOST, DR. ROD WILLIAMS • SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION • INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS	FRAZIER ALUMNI PAVILION
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	THE BATES-STOKLOSA TRAILBLAZER RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATION INAUGURAL RECIPIENT: MS. SAMANTHA VESSELS, OMEGA "IT'S BISCUIT TIME WITH CHADWICK BOYD" BISCUIT MAKING DEMO BY CHEF, AUTHOR, AND ENTREPRENEUR CHADWICK BOYD.	FRAZIER ALUMNI PAVILION
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS PACKING HYGIENE KITS FOR LUBBOCK ISD AND CUTTING PATTERNS FOR FOREVERLY CHANGED.	FRAZIER ALUMNI PAVILION- NORTH ROOM
9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	COLLEGIATE MEET & GREET NETWORKING SESSION FOR STUDENTS.	FRAZIER ALUMNI PAVILION- NORTH ROOM
9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	ADVISOR & ALUMNI MEET & GREET NETWORKING SESSION FOR ALUMNI AND ADVISORS.	THE OVERTON HOTEL- PRESIDENT'S SUITE

DAY 2: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN FIND A LOCAL FAVORITE SPOT AND ENJOY A TASTE OF TX; STUDENT AMBASSADORS WILL MEET GROUPS AT THE HOTEL TO WALK TO THE MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER.	THE OVERTON HOTEL- LOBBY
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8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION
CHECK-IN

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- DEAN'S LOBBY

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**SILENT AUCTION, CHAPTER
SALES, AND EXHIBIT EXPO
SETUP**

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- EAST BALLROOM

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

OPENING SESSION

- **PRESIDING:** PRESIDENT,
DR. SUSAN MILLER
- ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PHI U SONG
- **WELCOME: "WEAVING WONDERS"**
SAMANTHA VESSELS- OMEGA
- DIGITAL POSTER CONTEST
INTRODUCTIONS

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- EAST BALLROOM

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

PHI U TALKS 10 MINUTE TALKS TO HIGHLIGHT VARIOUS
FCS AND PHI U TOPICS

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER - EAST BALLROOM

MEMBERSHIP & MENTORS

MS. ROBIN BOX

**WEAVING FAMILY LITERACY INTO THE
CONVERSATION OF SUCCESSFUL REENTRY**

DR. KYLE L. ROBERSON

**WEAVING CONNECTIONS THAT MATTER:
HOW WORK-BASED LEARNING TRANSFORMS
STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES**

DR. CINDY MILLER

**WEAVING AFFORDABLE NUTRITION INTO
EVERYDAY MEALS: EVALUATING LENTILS AS A
PARTIAL MEAT REPLACEMENT**

MS. SAMANTHA VESSELS

**FCS FACTS: THE OCCUPATIONS WOVEN
THROUGHOUT 215 INDUSTRIES**

MS. KARIN ATHANAS

10:35AM - 11:15 AM

**CONCURRENT WEAVING
WORKSHOPS: SESSIONS #1**

**WHY KNOT BE A LEADER:
WEAVING YOUR
LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

DR. SUSAN MILLER,
DR. SONYA MEYER,
DR. SYDNEY COX

**HUMAN CENTERED AI:
LEADING WITH ETHICS,
PURPOSE, AND HUMAN
CONNECTION**

DR. MELANIE SCHMITT, PH.D, CFCS,
CFCS-HDFS,
RAUL PALACIOS, MS, RDN, LD,
DR. KAREN ALEXANDER, PH.D.

ROBERT L. DUNCAN ROOM -
119F

WICK ALEXANDER FAMILY
ROOM - 119E

ADULTING 101: REAL SKILLS FOR REAL LIFE

DR. GENCIE HOUY

PLAINS CAPITAL BANK ROOM - 119D

10:35AM - 11:15 AM

MEET IN THE DEAN'S LOBBY TO WALK OVER TO THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

FCS CURRICULUM CENTER TOUR WITH JOSEPHINE OLUWALONI OYEDOKUN

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES- CURRICULUM CENTER FOR FCS - ROOM 001

11:20 AM - 12:00 PM

CONCURRENT WEAVING WORKSHOPS: SESSIONS #2

WHY KNOT BE A LEADER: WEAVING YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

DR. SUSAN MILLER,
DR. SONYA MEYER,
DR. SYDNEY COX

ROBERT L. DUNCAN ROOM - 119F

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES- CURRICULUM CENTER FOR FCS - ROOM 001

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM

NATIONAL HONORARY INITIATION LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE: "MORE CONNECTED. MORE LONELY. NOW WHAT?"

- **PRESIDING:** PRESIDENT, DR. SUSAN MILLER
- **"WEAVING WONDERS"** MADDY WHITMORE- ALPHA NU
- COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT
- ALUMNI RESEARCH
- OMEGA CHAPTER INITIATION CEREMONY
- **KEYNOTE:** CHADWICK BOYD

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- EAST BALLROOM

KEYNOTE IS SPONSORED BY THE "PHI U LOUISE YOUNG LECTURESHIP"

2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

REGION MEETINGS
REGIONAL BUSINESS AND ENGAGING
MENTORSHIP ACTIVITIES.

REGION 1

DR. ARIENNE MCCrackEN,
MS. ASHLYN CRUZ

ROBERT L. DUNCAN ROOM -
119F

REGION 2

DR. MELISSA WOOD,
MS. ADANELY AMBRIZ VELASQUEZ

WICK ALEXANDER FAMILY
ROOM - 119E

REGION 3

DR. SALLY FORTENBERRY,
MS. ELLA JO ASHLEY

EAST BALLROOM

REGION 4

MS. MARY GENGLER,
MS. CHLOE QUEZADA

PLAINS CAPITAL BANK ROOM -
119D

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

**EXHIBIT EXPO/ SILENT
AUCTION/ CHAPTER SALES**

NETWORKING WITH COLLEGE
PROGRAMS, BUSINESSES AND FINAL
BIDDING ON AUCTION ITEMS.

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- EAST BALLROOM

4:45PM **SHARP**

**CONCLAVE 2026 ATTENDEE
GROUP PHOTO**

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- COURTYARD

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

**ALL PHI U MEMBERS
& GUESTS ARE
WELCOME**

**50-YEAR MEMBER
RECEPTION**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR LONG-
STANDING MEMBERS

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- ALUMNI LOUNGE

**PHI U CONCLAVE 2026
50 YEAR MEMBER HONOREES**

DR. DONNA SMITH, IOTA
PENNY CHAPPELL, ALPHA TAU
DR. KIM KAMIN, ALPHA IOTA

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

**RESEARCH POSTER
PRESENTATIONS**

**** SEE PAGE 14 FOR RESEARCH
POSTER TITLES AND PRESENTERS ****

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI
CENTER- ALUMNI LOUNGE

6:15 PM - 8:00 PM

RECOGNITION DINNER

- **PRESIDING:** PRESIDENT, DR. SUSAN MILLER
- **"WEAVING WONDERS"** EMMA HARVEY- ALPHA SIGMA
- **TEXAS TECH MUSICAL THEATRE ENSEMBLE: A SONDHEIM CELEBRATION**
- ANNOUNCING DIGITAL POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
- RECOGNITION OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS AND FOUNDATION CHAIRS, FOUNDATION DONORS
- **HONORING DR. MARY FRANKEN:** DR. CORINE CARR
- FLORENCE FALLGATTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
- 50 YEAR MEMBER HONOREES
- NEW SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- MAIN BALLROOM

DAY 3: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

NOTE: ATTENDEES WILL BE LEAVING DIRECTLY FROM THE CONFERENCE AFTER LUNCH TO DEPART FOR THE EXCURSION TOURS. **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

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THE OVERTON HOTEL- LOBBY

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION

CHECK-IN

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- DEAN'S LOBBY

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

ALL DELEGATES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND

NATIONAL CONCLAVE BUSINESS MEETING

- **PRESIDING:** PRESIDENT, DR. SUSAN MILLER
- OFFICIAL BUSINESS SESSION

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- MAIN BALLROOM

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

SILENT AUCTION AND CHAPTER SALES

DEDICATED SHOPPING TIME AND LAST CHANCE PURCHASES

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- EAST BALLROOM

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

FINAL AUCTION CHECK-OUT AND WINNERS PICK UP

MCKENZIE-MERKET ALUMNI CENTER- EAST BALLROOM

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

AWARDS LUNCHEON

- **PRESIDING:** PRESIDENT, DR. SUSAN MILLER
- **"WEAVING WONDERS"** MOLLY TWITCHELL- TAU
- PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS
- PRESENTATION OF HELEN D. CHROMY CONCLAVE TRAVEL GRANT
- PRESENTATION OF KAREN P. GOEBEL CONCLAVE AWARD
- PRESENTATION OF PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS AWARDS
- PRESENTATION OF BACHTEL/HOLBROOK COLLEGIATE ADVISOR AWARDS AND OUTSTANDING ADVISOR RECOGNITION

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1:45 PM - 4:45 PM

LOAD BUSES AT
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THE PHI U SONG

(TUNE: "BELIEVE ME IF ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARMS")

PHI UPSILON OMICRON, OUR HEARTS ARE THINE,
THY HONOR AND NAME WE ADORE;
WE WILL LOVE THEE AND CHERISH THEE FOREVER MORE,
AND OUR HOPES WILL AROUND THEE ENTWINE.
THOUGH WOULDST STILL BE ADORED;
WERE WE ALL FAR AWAY,
AND NO LONGER WERE HERE WITH THINE OWN.
PHI UPSILON OMICRON, TEACH US WE PRAY,
TO REVERE AND TO LOVE THEE ALWAYS.

2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTED FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026 | 5:15PM - 6:00PM

GEMS OF CHARM CITY: OUT OF NOTHING , EVERYTHING

PRESENTED BY: DR. GLENDA L. LINDSEY, BREYA LINK

CHASING INDIGO RAINBOWS: EXPLORING CONSUMER WILLINGNESS TO PAY FOR THEIR FAVORITE PAIR OF JEANS

PRESENTED BY: ASHLEY SIMON, DR. ANN PAULINS

INNOVATIONS IN CAMPUS WELLNESS: COLLABORATIONS WITH FCS, A UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, AND AI: ONE STEP AT A TIME FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

PRESENTED BY: MELISSA WOOD, PH.D, CFCS, AMY RICHARDS, PH.D, RD, HEIDI BUSCH, MLS, LORI LITTLETON, MS, RDN

WEAVING TONIES® INTO PRISONS AND JAILS TO FOSTER HUMAN CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT JUSTICE-INVOLVED FAMILIES

PRESENTED BY: KYLE L. ROBERSON, PH.D.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES AND PERCEPTIONS OF IMMIGRANT STUDENTS' SOCIO-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AMID ANTI-IMMIGRANT POLICIES AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

PRESENTED BY: SHARICK VELASQUEZ, CATERINA PATRIARCA, CAMILLA RUBIERA, DR. COLLEEN O'NEAL

USING AI PERSONAS TO DEVELOP PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

PRESENTED BY: DR. LINDSAY BARNHART

FOOD INSECURITY AMONG LATINA WOMEN IN IDAHO AND WASHINGTON: STRUCTURAL VULNERABILITY, PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS, AND CARDIOMETABOLIC RISK

PRESENTED BY: RITA FRANCO, EVELYN ROLDÁN VERNON, BRITTANY RUSHING, KEVIN BUI, PATRICIA VILLAMEDIANA, ADAMARIE MARQUEZ ACEVEDO, GINNY LANE

FROM “WHAT CAN AI DO?” TO “WHAT SHOULD AI DO?”: PREPARING ETHICAL AI LEADERS THROUGH A FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES-INFORMED HUMAN-CENTERED AI COURSE

PRESENTED BY: MELANIE D. SCHMITT, PH.D., CFCS, CFCS-HDFS

CANNING ESSENTIALS: MOBILIZING FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION THROUGHOUT RURAL EASTERN IDAHO

PRESENTED BY: JENIFER READER, ABBY MAY, DEANNA POULSEN

PHI U CONCLAVE 2026 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PHI U TALKS

WEAVING CONNECTIONS THAT MATTER: HOW WORK-BASED LEARNING TRANSFORMS STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES

PRESENTED BY: DR. CINDY MILLER

HIGH-QUALITY WORK-BASED LEARNING DOES NOT HAPPEN BY CHANCE; IT HAPPENS THROUGH INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THIS PHI U TALK SHARES HOW A REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN WEST TEXAS IS CONNECTING SCHOOLS, EMPLOYERS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND UNIVERSITIES TO CREATE MEANINGFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT PREPARE STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE, CAREERS, AND LIFE. DRAWING FROM AN ONGOING RESEARCH-PRACTICE PARTNERSHIP, THIS PRESENTATION ILLUSTRATES HOW MENTORING, COLLABORATION, AND SHARED LEADERSHIP CAN EXPAND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WORK-BASED LEARNING WHILE STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE READINESS. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE WITH PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THAT BENEFIT STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, EMPLOYERS, AND COMMUNITIES ALIKE.

WEAVING FAMILY LITERACY INTO THE CONVERSATION OF SUCCESSFUL REENTRY

PRESENTED BY: DR. KYLE L. ROBERSON

DR. KYLE ROBERSON WILL DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT ROLE FAMILY LITERACY CAN PLAY IN SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL REENTRY. WHILE REENTRY OFTEN FOCUSES ON EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION, FAMILY CONNECTIONS ARE EQUALLY CRITICAL TO LONG-TERM SUCCESS. LITERACY AND PARENT-CHILD READING PROGRAMS WHILE INCARCERATED CAN ENCOURAGE MEANINGFUL POST RELEASE ENGAGEMENT USING LITERACY-FOCUSED APPROACHES TO HELP FAMILIES BUILD STRONGER BONDS WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO POSITIVE REENTRY OUTCOMES AND IMPROVED READING EFFICACIES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

WEAVING AFFORDABLE NUTRITION INTO EVERYDAY MEALS: EVALUATING LENTILS AS A PARTIAL MEAT REPLACEMENT

PRESENTED BY: MS. SAMANTHA VESSELS

THIS PRESENTATION WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF A STUDY EVALUATING LENTILS AS A PARTIAL MEAT REPLACEMENT IN CHILI AND WILL SHARE PRELIMINARY DATA FROM THE PROJECT. THE SESSION WILL DISCUSS THE STUDY DESIGN, SENSORY EVALUATION METHODS, NUTRITION EDUCATION COMPONENTS, AND EARLY OBSERVATIONS, AS WELL AS HOW THIS WORK MAY CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE COMMUNITY NUTRITION EDUCATION AND CULINARY MEDICINE INITIATIVES.

SUCCESSFULLY WEAVING ALUMNI AND COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS TOGETHER FOR GREATER COMMUNITY IMPACT

PRESENTED BY: MS. ROBIN A. BOX, M.A.

PHI UPSILON OMICRON HAS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE COMMUNITY IMPACT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. COMMUNITY MAY INCLUDE THE COLLEGIATE AND LOCAL CHAPTERS, THE DEPARTMENT OR RELATED DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY, AND THE SURROUNDING METROPOLITAN RESIDENTS. AS CHAPTERS PURPOSEFULLY WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP AND INVEST IN AND SUPPORT THE OTHER, THE GREATER THE INFLUENCE ON THE REPUTATION AND STATUS OF OUR HONOR SOCIETY. WEAVED EXPERIENCES WILL BE SHARED BY ALPHA SIGMA.

FCS FACTS: THE OCCUPATIONS WOVEN THROUGHOUT 215 INDUSTRIES

PRESENTED BY: MS. KARIN ATHANAS

EACH YEAR 46,000 INDIVIDUALS GRADUATE FROM FCS PROGRAMS IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND MOVE INTO OCCUPATIONS IN OVER 215 INDUSTRIES. DURING THIS PRESENTATION, ATTENDEES WILL LEARN ABOUT THE BREADTH AND SCOPE OF THE 350 OCCUPATIONS THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WORK IN AND THE INDUSTRIES THEY SUPPORT. ATTENDEES WILL GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE FUTURE OF FCS AND THE ROLE IT PLAYS IN SUPPORTING STATE ECONOMIES.

BREAKOUT/CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ADULTING 101: REAL SKILLS FOR REAL LIFE

PRESENTED BY: DR. GENCIE HOUY

GROWING UP DOESN'T COME WITH AN INSTRUCTION MANUAL, BUT THE SKILLS NEEDED TO THRIVE AS AN ADULT CAN BE LEARNED. ADULTING 101: REAL SKILLS FOR REAL LIFE IS AN ENGAGING AND PRACTICAL PRESENTATION DESIGNED TO HELP PARTICIPANTS NAVIGATE EVERYDAY CHALLENGES WITH CONFIDENCE. THROUGH REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES AND ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES, ATTENDEES WILL EXPLORE ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS, INCLUDING EFFECTIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING, PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, DECISION-MAKING, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

WHETHER YOU'RE TRANSITIONING INTO COLLEGE, ENTERING THE WORKFORCE, OR SIMPLY SEEKING TO ENHANCE YOUR LIFE SKILLS, THIS SESSION OFFERS TOOLS TO HELP YOU BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNICATE WITH CLARITY, TACKLE CHALLENGES CREATIVELY, AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE WITH PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES THEY CAN APPLY IMMEDIATELY TO SUCCEED IN BOTH THEIR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES.

HUMAN-CENTERED AI: LEADING WITH ETHICS, PURPOSE, AND HUMAN CONNECTION

PRESENTED BY: MELANIE SCHMITT, PH.D, CFCS, CFCS-HDFS, RAUL PALACIOS, MS, RDN, LD, KAREN ALEXANDER, PH.D.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS RAPIDLY TRANSFORMING EDUCATION, WORK, AND EVERYDAY LIFE, MAKING ETHICAL LEADERSHIP MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. THIS INTERACTIVE SESSION INTRODUCES THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN-CENTERED AI THROUGH THE LENS OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES AND PHI Upsilon OMICRON'S COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE. PARTICIPANTS WILL ENGAGE IN COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES, EXAMINE REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS, AND EXPLORE PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR USING AI RESPONSIBLY WHILE ENSURING THAT HUMAN VALUES, CRITICAL THINKING, AND WELL-BEING REMAIN AT THE CENTER OF INNOVATION. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE WITH ACTIONABLE IDEAS FOR LEADING CONFIDENTLY AND ETHICALLY IN AN AI-ENABLED WORLD.

WHY KNOT BE A LEADER: WEAVING YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

PRESENTED BY: DR. SONYA MEYER, DR. SYDNEY COX, AND DR. SUSAN MILLER

BEING A LEADER IS NOT ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL, SO WHAT TYPE OF LEADER DO YOU WANT TO BE? THIS INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION WILL REVIEW DIFFERENT STRANDS OF LEADERSHIP AND HOW, THROUGH COLLABORATION, LEADERSHIP IS STRENGTHENED. WHEN WE WEAVE TOGETHER OUR STRENGTHS, WE NURTURE LEADERS TO CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES.

CONNECTING LEARNING, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE: MY EXPERIENCES WITH CCFCs, COGX, INHS, AND AAFCS: FCS CURRICULUM CENTER TOUR

PRESENTED BY: JOSEPHINE OLUWALONI OYEDOKUN

THIS PRESENTATION SHARES MY EXPERIENCES AS A DOCTORAL STUDENT IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY AND HIGHLIGHTS HOW OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE CURRICULUM CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (CCFCs), COGX PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMAN SCIENCES (INHS), AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (AAFCS) HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MY PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. I WILL DISCUSS WHAT I AM LEARNING THROUGH THE COGX PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, MY WORK WITH CCFCs AND INHS, AND MY EXPERIENCE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2026 AAFCS ANNUAL CONFERENCES. THE SESSION WILL ALSO REFLECT ON HOW THESE EXPERIENCES ARE HELPING ME CONNECT LEARNING, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE AS I CONTINUE DEVELOPING AS AN EDUCATOR, RESEARCHER, AND FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES PROFESSIONAL.

PHI U CONCLAVE 2026 SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS

DR. CINDY MILLER

DR. CINDY L. MILLER IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND PH.D. PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS) EDUCATION AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, BRINGING 39 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ACROSS SECONDARY EDUCATION, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, AND HIGHER EDUCATION. HER RESEARCH FOCUSES ON WORK-BASED LEARNING, PRACTICAL REASONING, AND COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON STRENGTHENING CAREER READINESS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND FAMILY WELL-BEING.

A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER AND ADVOCATE FOR FCS, SHE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND REGULARLY PRESENTS AT STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HER WORK BRIDGES RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND POLICY TO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS AMONG EDUCATION, INDUSTRY, AND COMMUNITIES AND ADVANCE THE FCS PROFESSION.

DR. KYLE L. ROBERSON

DR. ROBERSON IS CURRENTLY AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION PROGRAM AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, TEACHING UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COURSES. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF PHI Upsilon OMICRON AND CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A CHAPTER ADVISOR. HIS RESEARCH FOCUSES ON INMATE PROGRAMMING, REENTRY, FAMILIES OF THE INCARCERATED, AND FAMILY LITERACY.

MS. SAMANTHA VESSELS

SAMANTHA VESSELS EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY AND IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES AND DIETETICS WHILE COMPLETING HER DIETETIC INTERNSHIP. SHE SERVES AS PRESIDENT OF THE OMEGA CHAPTER OF PHI Upsilon OMICRON AND IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE INAUGURAL BATES-STOKLOSA - TRAILBLAZER RESEARCH GRANT.

MS. ROBIN A. BOX, M.A.

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MS. KARIN ATHANAS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES KARIN ATHANAS IS A STANDARDS AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT EXPERT AND NONPROFIT LEADER WITH NEARLY TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE WORKING ON ISSUES OF PRODUCT SAFETY, CONFORMANCE, QUALITY, AND RELIABILITY.

KARIN CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (AAFCS), A 501C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES, THROUGH EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENT, CARING FCS PROFESSIONALS.

KARIN ALSO SERVES AS BOARD MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER PRODUCT HEALTH AND SAFETY ORGANIZATION (ICPHSO) AND THE FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) AND IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ISO TC 272 ON FORENSIC SCIENCE, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 44 ON CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE FIELD OF PRIVACY BY DESIGN, AND ASTM E30 FORENSIC SCIENCE, E36 ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION COMMITTEES, AND F15 CONSUMER PRODUCTS.

DR. GENCIE HOUY

DR. GENCIE HOUY IS A PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY. DR. HOUY HOLDS A PH.D. FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY AND HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, STUDENT SELF-CONFIDENCE IN ADULTING SKILLS, A.I., STEM, AND TEACHER EDUCATION. GENCIE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF *ADULTING FOR DUMMIES* AND BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERTISE TO HER WORK AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY.

MELANIE D. SCHMITT, PH.D., CFCS, CFCS-HDFS

MELANIE SCHMITT IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE FOR THE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION PROGRAM. SHE ALSO WORKS AS A CURRICULUM SPECIALIST FOR THE CURRICULUM CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES. BEFORE COMING TO TEXAS TECH, SHE WORKED FOR 16 YEARS AS A SECONDARY FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR, PRE-EDUCATOR PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR, AND FCCLA ADVISER IN THE HACKETT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ARKANSAS. SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION FROM HARDING UNIVERSITY, A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, AND A PH.D. IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION THROUGH TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY.

MELANIE'S AREA OF SPECIALIZATION IS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND HER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE STUDYING THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION ON YOUTH AND STRATEGIES FOR UTILIZING EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND AI IN THE CLASSROOM.

RAUL PALACIOS, MS, RDN, LD

RAUL PALACIOS SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY. HIS WORK FOCUSES ON NUTRITION AND DIETETICS EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION, AND THE RESPONSIBLE INTEGRATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INTO HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES. THROUGH HIS TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED DIETITIAN, HE IS COMMITTED TO PREPARING STUDENTS TO BECOME THOUGHTFUL, ADAPTABLE, AND EVIDENCE-BASED PROFESSIONALS.

KAREN L. ALEXANDER, PH.D.

DR. ALEXANDER IS A PROFESSOR OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMAN SCIENCES. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ASSISTANT VICE PROVOST OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND CORE CURRICULUM. SHE HAS MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF CLASSROOM TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT THE POST-SECONDARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS. SHE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLAR AND MENTOR. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS FOCUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAREER CLUSTERS AND CAREER PATHWAYS, INTEGRATION OF READING AND WRITING WITH FCS CONTENT, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS.

DR. SYDNEY COX

DR. SYDNEY COX, A RECENT GRADUATE OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY'S PH.D. IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION, HAS OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN AND AROUND EDUCATION. SHE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE OMEGA CHAPTER IN FALL 2022 AND QUICKLY FOUND HER PLACE IN PHI U! SHE HAS SERVED AS THE REGION 3 COLLEGIATE REPRESENTATIVE, THE COLLEGIATE CHAIR, AND AN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REP. THIS FALL, SHE WILL CONTINUE SERVING PHI U IN HER NEW ROLE AS THE NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCILOR. DR. COX IS PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE AND HOLDS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. SHE ENJOYS HELPING OTHERS REACH THEIR GOALS AND CURRENTLY WORKS AS AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR AT HER LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN WACO, TX.

DR. SONYA MEYER

DR. SONYA MEYER, RETIRED PROFESSOR OF APPAREL, TEXTILES AND DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, HELD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER AT LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. SHE SPENT 26 YEARS OF HER CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING WHERE SHE BECAME AN HONORARY MEMBER OF PHI U DELTA CHAPTER. SHE ALSO SERVED AS CO-ADVISOR OF THAT CHAPTER. SIX OF THE LAST 13 YEARS OF HER CAREER, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, SHE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE MARGARET RITCHIE SCHOOL OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES. SHE WAS ALSO ADVISOR TO ZETA CHAPTER OF PHI U. MOST RECENTLY SONYA CHAIRED PHI U'S NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

DR. SUSAN MILLER

DR. SUSAN MILLER IS A RETIRED/EMERITUS FACULTY MEMBER WHO CONTINUES TO TEACH AS AN ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (UCO) IN EDMOND, OKLAHOMA. SHE HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION, A MASTER'S DEGREE IN FAMILY RELATIONS, AND BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION AND CLOTHING, TEXTILES AND MERCHANDISING, ALL FROM OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY. DR. MILLER'S PROFESSIONAL CAREER SPANS MORE THAN 30 YEARS IN EDUCATION. SHE SERVED AS A PROFESSOR OF FASHION MARKETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AND PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT FASHION MERCHANDISING AT EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

DR. MILLER CURRENTLY SERVES AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF PHI UPSILON OMICRON. A 50+ YEAR MEMBER OF PHI U, SHE WAS INITIATED INTO THE ALPHA NU CHAPTER AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY. THROUGHOUT HER YEARS OF SERVICE, SHE HAS SERVED ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND AS AN ADVISOR TO BOTH THE GAMMA GAMMA AND GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTERS. PHI UPSILON OMICRON HAS BEEN A VITAL AND MEANINGFUL PART OF DR. MILLER'S COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER. SHE HAS HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT PARTICIPATION, SERVE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES, MENTOR OTHERS, AND BUILD LASTING PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

JOSEPHINE OLUWALONI OYEDOKUN

JOSEPHINE OYEDOKUN IS A DOCTORAL STUDENT IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY. SHE SERVES AS A GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT WITH THE CURRICULUM CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, WHERE SHE SUPPORTS WORK RELATED TO INTEGRATING THE SCIENCE OF LEARNING INTO EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE COGX INITIATIVE. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE FAMILY RESILIENCE, SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS, IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, AND FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION. JOSEPHINE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT ADVANCING EVIDENCE-BASED EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES. SHE RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR BEST POSTER PRESENTATION AT THE 2026 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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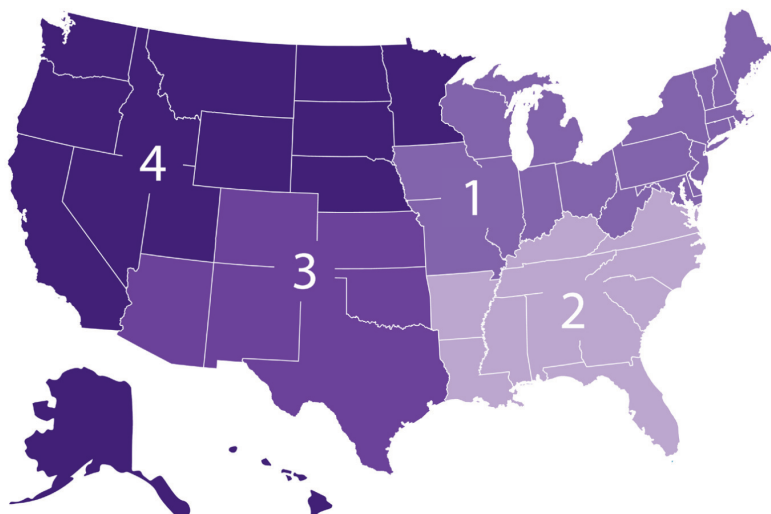
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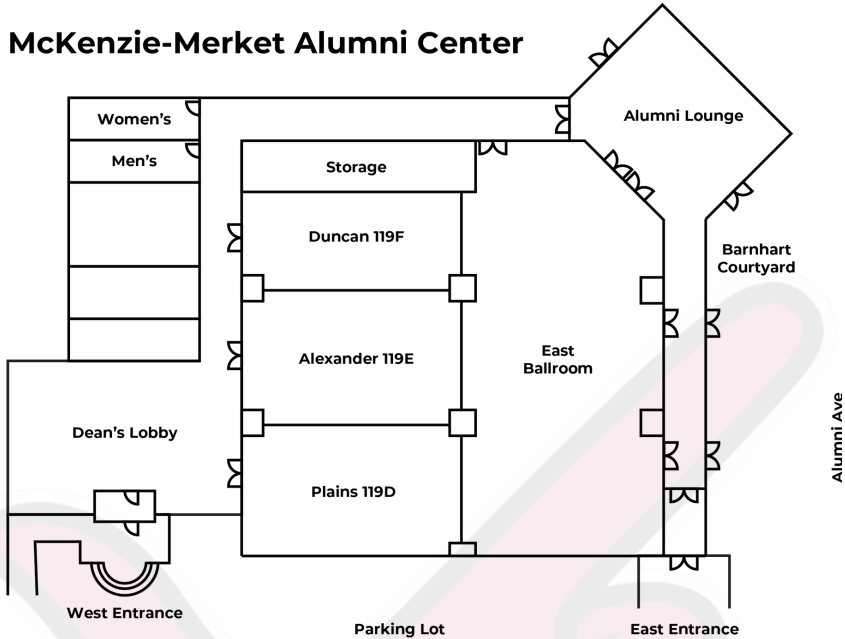
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