



MEET THE 2025-26

Foundation Board of Trustees



Chair, Foundation Board of Trustees

Jennifer (Jenn) Stuart Ragusa, Zeta Lambda-UC Riverside

Jenn's journey within Delta Gamma has been marked by various leadership roles, from serving as a Delta Gamma PRO, Foundation Ambassador, Regional Director, Regional Collegiate Specialist, advisory team chair, Collegiate Recruitment Consultant, and Collegiate Development Consultant, reflecting her deep connection to Delta Gamma.

Professionally, she thrives in real estate, where she and her husband, Dave, lead an award-winning team serving San Diego and La Jolla, CA. As a passionate volunteer in numerous San Diego organizations, she was honored as San Diego's Volunteer of the Year for her commitment to the community. Jenn loves cheering on her teenagers in sports and life. Spreading joy is important to Jenn and serving on the BOT allows her to achieve this goal as well as amplify Delta Gamma's impact. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Do Good Sisterhood and for her family's support.



Secretary, Foundation Board of Trustees

Lee C. Deadwyler, Gamma Iota-DePauw

Lee Deadwyler is a fundraising professional whose career began at the DG Foundation working with young alumnae and collegiate donors, as well as Service for Sight. Lee is currently the mid-level giving manager for the Center for Reproductive Rights, where she manages fundraising and stewardship for the Center's Advocates Council.

Lee has been a volunteer within DG for the Delta Zeta House Corporation, the Columbus alumnae chapter, and as the Region 2 Regional Housing Specialist. She has received many opportunities through the Foundation, including scholarships, LeaderShape and the 2020 Hope Serving trip to Marrakech. She is excited for the opportunity to give back to our Fraternity and Foundation, which she credits for much of her personal and professional leadership development.





Treasurer, Foundation Board of Trustees
Dr. Cyndy Burroughs Cycyota, Mu-Missouri

Dr. Cyndy Burroughs Cycyota, Mu '76, is a professor emerita of strategic management at the United States Air Force Academy. Before academia, she was a CPA manager with two international accounting firms and a bank vice president.

Cyndy has been very involved in community service, serving on several local and national non-profit boards and several Delta Gamma positions, including the Service for Sight Grants committee, ASTP facilitator, and CFA for Beta Chapter at the University of Washington.

Cyndy and her family strongly believe in supporting organizations that develop young people as engaged citizens. Cyndy, her husband Tom, a past president of Delta Sigma Phi, and their border collie, Gus, split their time between Breckenridge and Seattle.



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Catherine (Kim) Schmoker Hunnewell, Alpha Upsilon-Southern Methodist

Kim is currently serving her second term on the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees. She previously served Delta Gamma as Regional Foundation Coordinator for Region 5 and in local advisory team positions. Kim also served on the Board of Trustees at Saint Thomas Academy, co-chairing their capital campaign and as president of the Junior League of Minneapolis (JLM).

Kim comes from a family of dedicated Delta Gammas. She is the granddaughter of Helen Catherine Davis Stuart (H.K. Stuart Spirit of Service Award), the daughter of Catherine "Kit" Stuart Schmoker (Schmoker Principled Alumna Leadership Award) and the proud aunt of DG nieces Maggie and Katie.

She and husband Willard live in Minneapolis, MN and have four boys.





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Jennifer Surgalski, Zeta Sigma-Northern Kentucky

Jennifer is at the forefront of innovative Dallas Cowboys business partnerships and strategic projects, including stadium naming rights, its headquarters and training facility, record-breaking sponsorship revenue, and expansive stadium enhancements – as well as unique ventures in co-working, esports, fitness, luxury residential, private hospitality and restaurant/retail.

As Chief of Strategy for the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation, she helped establish a museum and leadership institute to perpetuate the legacy of our nation's highest military recognition. Her contributions span business strategy, brand development and experience, architectural and exhibition design, fundraising strategy and milestone events.

Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Northern Kentucky University, and both a Master of Business Administration and Master of Sports Administration from Ohio University.



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Heather Shirk Patrick, Gamma Sigma-Houston

Heather has spent twenty years in the non-profit community serving at the local, regional, and national levels of healthcare non-profits. A versatile and strategic leader, she has a keen ability to leverage insights and analysis to build mission programs with maximum impact performing at elevated levels of effectiveness and efficiency.

Heather is currently the President and CEO of Prevent Blindness Texas. She is focused on leading a team across Texas to elevate vision care, educate individuals about risk, and advocate for improved access to care for clients. In 2019, Heather was awarded the Women Who Mean Business Award by the Houston Business Journal for outstanding leadership and excellence in the Nonprofit Industry, and in 2025, she was recognized by the Houston Business Journal as one of the Most Admired CEOs in the Greater Houston area.

She has been a part of the Fraternity since 1993 and has served in leadership roles throughout of the 20+ years she has been in Delta Gamma.





Fraternity President and Foundation Trustee
Dr. Amy Ayres, Alpha Iota-Oklahoma

Dr. Amy Ayres serves as vice president for student affairs and Title IX coordinator at Oklahoma City University. With 28 years' experience in higher education, Amy has made it her life work to support and develop college students through student success initiatives that foster a sense of belonging and connection. She received her Doctor of Education degree at the University of North Texas.

Amy was elected to her second term as Fraternity President in 2024 and prior to being President, she served as Council Trustee: Collegians. In her role as Fraternity President, Amy also serves on the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees and as the National Panhellenic Conference Delegate.

She was collegiate chapter president at the University of Oklahoma and then traveled for two years as a Collegiate Development Consultant. Before serving on Fraternity Council, Amy served in a number of leadership roles for Delta Gamma.

Amy currently lives in Oklahoma City with her dogs and cats. She enjoys going to concerts and supporting locally owned shops and restaurants.



**Council Trustee: Fraternity Programming
and Foundation Trustee**
Shenea Stephenson Strader, Eta Iota-Nevada, Reno

Shenea hails from Reno, Nevada, where she lives with her husband, Chris, their five-year-old twins, Siena and Silas, and their two dogs, Cooper and Chloe. She is an establishing member of Eta Iota chapter at the University of Nevada, Reno, and has delighted in volunteering for Delta Gamma at the local and regional levels for over 15 years.

Shenea is an active volunteer with her alma mater, having served on the Alumni Council since 2017 in various capacities and currently as president. She is president and CEO of her family's management service organization, Obviate, and has over a decade of experience in the corporate space. She enjoys traveling, treasures volunteering for Delta Gamma and her university and loves to spend time with her family.





Fraternity Treasurer and Foundation Trustee **Susan Meyer Kornegay, Eta-Akron**

Initiated at Eta-Akron in 1966, Susan has served as house corporation president and treasurer, chapter operations adviser, Regional Finance Specialist, Regional Director and currently as Fraternity Treasurer.

She credits her election as a collegiate chapter treasurer for her decision to switch from teaching high school French and English to what became a 38-year career in financial services. She retired in

2022, closing the coaching and consulting business she and her son, Adam, started in 2009.

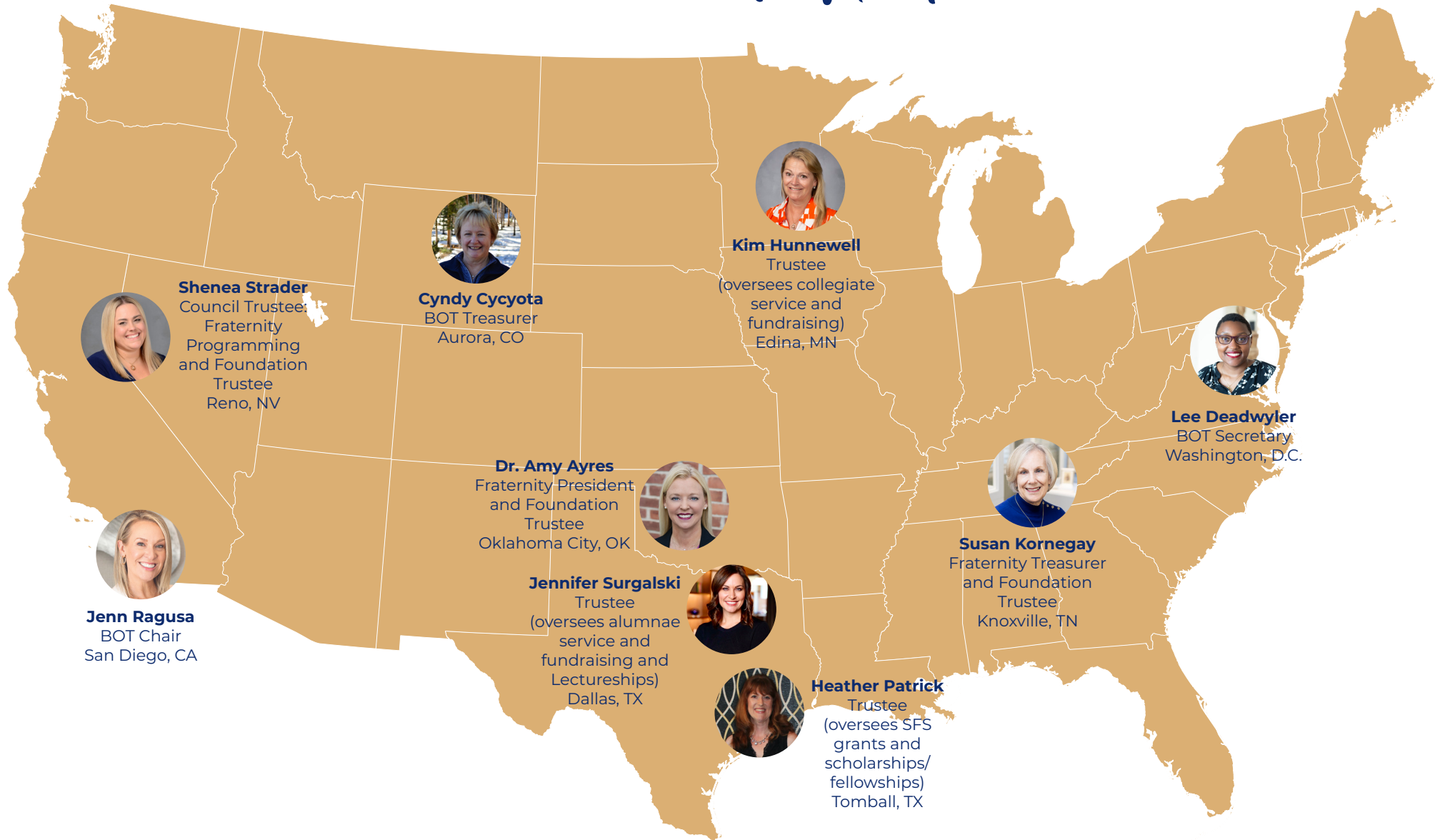
Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Akron and a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Covenant Seminary. She also completed the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification.

Susan and her husband Jerry are active in their local church and enjoy University of Tennessee theatre productions, road trips in their campervan and family time with Adam, daughter-in-law Amy and grandchildren Abby and Ben.



WHERE ARE THEY?

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