

The Willard Warbler

Alumnae President Report

Wow! This has been quite the year. We started out great with our 130th Anniversary Celebration. The Women of Willard had a great recruitment and welcomed 26 new members into our sisterhood. The Alumnae Association enjoyed two of our traditional meetings, the October soup supper to meet the new members and Red Velvet Cake night to get to know the women in the house. Then everything started to change! The spring luncheon was cancelled and along with it we were not able to recognize those women who received 4.0 GPAs or honor the graduating seniors. You will find a list of their accomplishments listed in the Warbler.

We were also unable to have our celebration to honor Mom Arda for being a housemom to hundreds of women the last 28 years. Thank you to those who contributed to her gift. We have already given the gift to her but we have not given up on the celebration. **We plan to have an open house with masks and social distancing for Mom Arda Sunday August 9th from 4 to 5pm.**

We invite you to join us on the patio to meet with Mom Arda and wish her well from 6 feet away. You will have to wear a mask but it will give you time to chat with mom and wish her well. Sorry no hugs! You will also have the opportunity to meet the new house Mom Beth Kirshner.

Again, I want to thank all of you who support Willard. We have 1,294 women in our data base. We received \$4,740 dues from 134 women, or 10% of our membership, and \$11,115 gifts from 69 women. Thank you! Paying your dues and making donations will get even easier now that Willard has a Venmo account. Account name Willard Sorority username Willard-Alum-1. We still take checks but this may make it easier to handle the dues for those who like technology.

The Willard House is looking great. We have a really wonderful group of women of whom we all can be proud. We will keep connected to you through email and with Willard website Willardsorority.org and the Willard Alumnae face book page. Thank you to all who serve on the Corporation Board, Foundation Board, serve as Active Advisors, New Member Advisors and Recruitment Advisors. We couldn't do it without you. If you are interested in becoming more active in the Alumnae Association send me an email and I'll put you to work!

I welcome any feedback. If there is anything you need, let me know. I can be reached at judykrueger4@gmail.com or 402-423-0779

Willard Love

Judy Krueger ('72)

Meet Housemother Beth Kirshner



Many thanks to the women of Willard for inviting me to be your new housemother! I am a member of Phi Mu (University of Tulsa) and lived in our house for two years so I know what fun it can be as well as a chance to make lifelong friends. Living with a group can be stressful at times, but the memories made and lessons learned are well worth it.

I grew up in the Chicago area and went to the University of Tulsa fully intending to return... fast forward and other than stops in Liberal, KS and Dallas, TX Tulsa has been home for the last 40 years (yikes! how did THAT happen?)

A stint at the Loews Anatole in Dallas as a manager on duty taught the all important lesson of "never assume" and "be flexible." My two sons kept me busy for several years and during that time I was involved with the Tulsa Boy's Home as Association President as well as mom stuff: Vacation Bible School, PTA, United Way etc.

After reentering the job force I had positions in marketing, event planning, and sales both domestic and international.

I took time off to take care of my parents and in the past few years I've done some freelance work with the fire service and indulged my love of travel. One lucky day I found a super cheap flight to Budapest with the intention of going to Salzburg Austria and seeing the "Sound of Music" sites. I had no idea that I would love Budapest and almost left Salzburg early.

I still would love to see heather blooming in Scotland, but till we figure out Covid 19 - I'll stick to local and regional trips.

More than once I have thought that being a house mom would be fun and after realizing that I never get to see my grandsons in Omaha enough I decided to do something about it. After mapping out schools 3 hours or less from Omaha I forwarded my resume and was fortunate enough to be invited to interview with Willard - fast forward and I will be in Lincoln in July.

I look forward to meeting all of you and hopefully remembering names! I am great at remembering back stories - names? Not always! I'll do my best though!

From the Active President

Unfortunately, as we all know, the Spring of 2020 was, in many ways, a casualty of the COVID -19 Pandemic. However, through it all, we saw the strength of our chapter and the dedication of its members to remain connected.

Before the semester abruptly ended, we were able to partake in a beautiful Crest Breakfast, as well as elect a new set of minor positions, to which many of our first-year members were elected. We also enjoyed a game night themed sisterhood bonding, where we played a trivia games about our sisters and competed with our Willard families in Family Feud. We bonded with other Greek chapters by bowling with Zeta Psi, and new to our schedule, we had a painting night with Alpha Gamma Delta, organized by our amazing social chair Reagan Janzen. Delta Zeta also invited us to help decorate cookie Valentines for the other Greek chapters. The Mock Wedding with senior Shae Alexander and Phi Kappa Tau senior Anthony Baker went off without a hitch. Build Your Own Burrito was highly successful, raising over \$3000 for Fresh Start, all headed by Philanthropy Chair Faith Harris. Finally, just before midterms, we had our first-ever Sisterhood Study night organized by Vice President Jordan Smith during which many members met at Scooters to study.

Then our year was turned upside down and we were forced to move out of the house when Nebraska Wesleyan was evacuated. However, the women of Willard did so safely and responsibly. I was impressed with the patience and understanding with which our chapter responded; every woman was flexible and prepared to help in whatever way they could. House Manager Mary Pinnell was instrumental in coordinating with the women of the house as well as Mom Arda, and Treasurer Vanessa Wergin was crucial to helping women understand the financial implications of the event.

Since our early departure from campus, we have done our best to help continue at least some of the fun we should have had. Our secretary Jillian Dinkel has been sending our weekly devotions and Alumnae and Parent Relations Chair Megan Peklo compiled a list of quarantine activities including great books and stress relievers. New Member Educator Kennedy Berreckman has been coordinating video profiles of members' days in quarantine. One event in particular that we weren't willing to give up was Senior Fireside. Recruitment Chair McKinley Fuchs gathered letters from seniors' families that were then used to create a video version of senior fireside.

We also were unable to have a traditional Greek Week, but even virtually we came away with some amazing recognition. Willard is proud to have seven members inducted into Order of Omega: Arabelle

Jackson, Reagan Janzen, Alyson Kuehn, Mackenzy Navratil, Faith Harris, Josie Ford, and me. We will as have Mackenzy Navratil, Josie Ford, Emma Good, and Maggie Hogan who were selected as recruitment counselors. During Greek Awards, former President Konpal Rafique was selected as Outstanding Greek Achiever and former Treasurer Delaney Bartling was awarded for her Behind the Scenes Appreciation. Finally, senior and former Alumnae and Parent Relations Chair Paige Wergin was very deservedly selected as Greek Woman of the Year.

I'd like to close with thanks all of the alumnae who make it possible for us to live in such a beautiful home and experience a sisterhood that even a global pandemic can't break. We are proud to be Willards and proud to carry on your legacy. Finally, though a special thank you to Mom Arda for an incredible 28 years of service to Willard. Perhaps the saddest event we missed was a proper goodbye, but we want to assure everyone that her commitment and sisterhood did not go unnoticed, and Mom Arda will be missed by all, although we have every intention to keep in touch from across campus.

If any alumna ever has any questions, please never hesitate to reach out; we love hearing your stories and finding connections amongst our alumnae and active chapter. Thank you, again for all your support.

Willard Love and all of mine,

Emma McGinnis

***You are invited to say farewell
to Mom Arda and welcome the
new house mom Beth Kirshner
Sunday, Aug. 9 from 4 to 5pm.***

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Please wear masks.

Sorry no hugs!

Willard Foundation Report

Willard Foundation was formed as a 501(c)(3) in 2005 and is run by a group of nine Willard Alumni that make up the Board of Directors. Willard Foundation is funded by the generous donations provided by our network of Willard Alumni. These donations allow for the Foundation to offer scholarship opportunities for the women in the House.

The money is wisely invested and sustainable to serve us into the future. This year we were fortunate to award 20 scholarships to Active Willards.

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to Sara Knobbe Rolf at 7330 Blanchard Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68516.

Jan Brockley, President of Foundation



A message from Mom Arda

I am retiring across campus and will be living with my grandson, Nick, his wife, Erin, and my great grandson, Alexander. Willards who were at the house during my first years, will remember Nick, who spent lots of time here and sometimes joined us for meals! His "first love", age 2, was a Willard.

I have so many happy memories of Willard, "my women" and all the wonderful parents and alumni that I met over the years. Thanks for the memories and the generous gift.

Willard love,
Mom Arda

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make donations at the Willard
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From the Corporation President

It is always nice to write you a letter to update you on the activities of the corporation. Last summer we had to have some repair done on the roof, we had all of the woodwork painted around all of the doors on second and third floors, and the usual maintenance projects. The biggest improvement was the updating in the living room. The girls were so excited when they saw it and we had so many compliments from the freshman women during recruitment. Unfortunately we have had so much expense with maintenance and purchasing equipment. We had to buy a new water softener, dish washer, microwave, refrigerator, etc. Then we had some security issues so we had a camera installed outside the front door and a tablet was placed in the television room. The girls could see who was outside the front door. We must provide the best security. It was a very expensive year.

In November we started our search for a new housemother. After 28 years Arda is retiring and we can never thank her enough for the wonderful care, great influence and love she has provided to hundreds of young women. We hired a company to search and advertise the position. Then our committee interviewed the candidates. We are so excited that Beth Kirshner will be our new Willard housemother. You can read more about her in this Warbler.

Then the virus hit in March, our lives changed, and the girls had to move home. The corporation did our very best to provide a fair financial transition for the girls. When we had planned to celebrate the seniors and Arda at the alum banquet, Arda was taking temperatures in the house. It was such a disappointing time for the Willards and everyone.

There will be so many changes for the girls this coming school year. We really have no idea what recruitment may look like. We are all going to have to be so flexible. This summer we plan to install new carpet on the hallways, study room and back stairway. The main project will be refurbishing the housemother's apartment. Of course, we have our usual summer projects around the house.

The corporation tries very hard to be frugal and careful with our money. We have to count on you alums for help. This Jan. we were so excited and paid off the loan on our HVAC system. It is never too late to pay your dues or make a contribution to Willard Corporation. Our dedicated treasurer is Judy Eicher, 10101 Edgewater Ln. 68527. Thanks for your continued love and support. It is because of you that Willard is still thriving. Please take care, stay well and you are always welcome at 5110 Madison.

Willard Love,

Nora Bohling Hinrichs

Warbler News 2020

Class of 1938

Dorothy Hurley Nelson – Modesto, CA

Dorothy turned 100 years old last June. She grew up in Geneva, NE and was 17 when she arrived at NWU. She wants Willards to know she is living in Modesto, CA and doing well. She recalled her time at Willard, living in the House, her sisters, and the names of her professors including Doc. Miller her speech teacher. She loved being a Willard and sends her good wishes to all the Willards at the 130th Anniversary celebration and is pleased that the Willards are still "going strong". She is sending in her dues as she has done almost every year since leaving NWU. Alumnae like Dorothy are what make Willard so special!!!

Class of 1948

Alice Greenslit Provost – Hattiesburg, MS

As a Willard sister for over 70 years, it is sad to imagine 5034 Madison as a parking lot! My countless happy memories will remain.

Class of 1950

Dorris Thomas Lanning – Cedar Rapids, IA

Dean & I are enjoying life in a retirement community in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Class of 1958

Janet Baldwin Smith – Yardley, PA

Hello to all my Willard Sisters. We are enjoying a beautiful spring in Bucks County, PA in spite of Coronavirus. My husband, Jim Tolbert and I have enjoyed some trips this past year. Last summer we spent time vacationing in the Lake Region of NY and a week on Cape Cod, MA. Jim celebrated his 55th class reunion from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD in October. Thanksgiving week we were in Wilmington, NC with my son, Galen and family. The end of February we left for a visit with Jim's brother in Greenwood, SC and on to Naples, FL for the month of March returning home in early April. In SE Penna., we are still in quarantine until June 4th! Nancy Tompkins Harding and husband Phil moved to Bucks County, about 4 years ago, to be near their daughter. Now they are moving to Yardley in July. Hard to believe that 2 Willards, class of 1958, could end up living about a mile from each other. We look forward to having good times together. The summer of 2021 we plan to spend time in Nebraska with family and friends. Mathbob15@gmail.com

Nancy Tompkins Harding – New Hope, PA

Hi Willards. It sounds as if you are having a good year – great! I was sad to hear that the old house at 5034 will soon come down to make way for a parking lot. What a house full of wonderful memories! We have finally left California, where Phil and I began our life together nearly sixty years ago. When I was a kid we traveled with our dad during the II World War. He was an M.D. in the Army. I swore I would never live in California, but alas I have lived more than half my life there and loved it. Now we are East Coast dwellers having moved to New Hope, PA in Bucks County. It's beautiful country full of history. There are wonderful old stone houses from the 1900s and farmers still planting crops. We needed to be near for daughter, Laura and family to help keep us our lives straight. This is four seasons country much like our lives in Omaha. I'd love to see the "new" house and all the changes on Wesleyan's campus but it's a long trip. May God bless you, keep your and make his face to shine upon you. Willard Love, Nancy

P.S. Is there a Willard who needs a pin? Mine just sits in a box. It was the first one to have a diamond put in the holes. I'd be happy to give it to a girl who couldn't afford one. 267-396-6977

Class of 1959

Joy Haupt Carol – Penney Farms, FL

I'm happy to report that I am doing amazingly well after being diagnosed over 6 years ago with a very rare, fatal illness – paraneoplastic syndrome. I moved to the Jacksonville, FL area to be near Mayo Clinic, the only medical facility that knows how to diagnose and treat the illness. There are very few people who have been diagnosed with this illness so I am grateful to have been diagnosed and treated by Mayo. I am now in my seventh year, and the usual lifespan is less than three years. I am still leading workshops, retreats, lecturing, speaking, writing, and preaching. My latest book – my first children's book – Stevie, the Wonder Cat, was named the Amazon Editor's Choice for a children's book. Although I miss my beloved NYC and my International work, my life is full and I am thrilled to be alive. And I am proud to be a life-long Willard. PO Box 62, Penney Farms, FL 32079 646-408-2670 www.joycarol.com

Kathryn Thomssen Ritterbush – Albuquerque, NM

During my schooling at Wesleyan, I had a room at the old Willard house. It was so much fun being there with my sisters. The joy and zest for life experienced there has stayed with me all these years, raising 4 children, and living life to the fullest. Most recently I was a character in the "Better Call Saul" series, and many friends were amazed to see me on TV. Blessings to ALL!

Class of 1962

Ingrid Sandall Hutchings – Champaign, IL / Green Valley, AZ

I stay in touch with Alice Holmes Banning and my cousins, Joan Sandall Tempero, Kay Sandall Knox, Jean Thurber Sells, and Carol Crumbliss King.

Class of 1968

Jerri Reher Haussler – Hastings, NE

All is well in Hastings! Thanks to all the Willard alums for their hard work.

Class of 1969

Ann Maly Imig – Plano, TX

Retirement from dental hygiene after 47 years of practice bring enjoyment and six grandchildren, ages 6 months to 6 years old. Three are in Scottsdale, AZ and the other three are in Ft. Worth, TX. Wally and I celebrated 50 years of marriage and continue to love Texas! I still cherish my ties with my Willard family from 1965-66! Brenda Dorland Becker and Connie Peterson Mitchell. Also my mother's cousin married Willard, Jeanie Warrick.

Class of 1970

Cynthia Hadsell – Omaha, NE

Greetings to all! Honored to be named a "Woman Defining History" by the Douglas County Historical Society for volunteer work in the community. Now I'm back in the kitchen at the General Crook House to wash dishes after bus tours come for a Frontier Dinner. Staff member recently asked me for help as I am one of their elderly members. What?! Hope we can have a 50th NWU reunion in 2020, even if it's virtual!

Class of 1971

Kathryn Lang – Elgin, TX

I've worked as Wardrobe Supervisor for Austin Opera for 20 years. This spring will be my final production for them, "Turandot." No more costume work but maybe quilting or embroidery and travel!

Class of 1972

Cathy O'Dell Nevotti – Sugar Land, TX

Sending all my love to my Willard sisters from Texas.

Judy Bowmaster Krueger – Lincoln, Neb

Greetings class of 1972! We are all well and enjoying being close to family, Jason & Megan and 3-year old twins, Jack & Claire. Kelly also lives 5 minutes away. We are blessed. I enjoy working with the Willard actives and serving as Alumnae President. Always enjoy getting together with my Willard sisters. Join us for lunch sometime!

Class of 1973

Marcia Hall – Denver, CO

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first complete year of retirement having last taught in December of 2018. I keep busy gardening, crocheting, golfing, reading, and volunteering with church and P.E.O. I hope all my Willard sisters are healthy and safe with the current pandemic. Follow the rules to help control the spread. I always love to hear from Willards.

Class of 1974

Kris Lewis Quinn – Crete, NE

I'm enjoying my retirement job of grandchild daycare. Four are now in school so I'm down to one almost 4-year old and a couple of others part-time so he has playmates. My job will hopefully resume in the fall when/if schools reopen. To celebrate our 45th anniversary we took our kids/grandkids to Disney World and Universal in February for a trip of a lifetime. We were luck to go before the world closed down.

Class of 1977

Mickey Feis McDaniel – Lincoln, NE

Doug and I are still in Lincoln. I retired as Assistant Principal at McPhee Elementary School, after 36 years with LPS, in 2013 to help care for my mother. She passed away in December of 2018 at the age of 96. I volunteer twice a week at Cavett and Wysong schools, where 4 of our 5 grandchildren attend, and am part of the "carpool team" getting kids to and from school two days a week. Our oldest granddaughter started middle school this year, which makes me feel really old! I drive Dr. Harold Hall's widow, Mary, to Wesleyan once a month to a luncheon for retired NWU professors and staff. It's fun to connect with the professors who were a part of my education at Wesleyan. As an added bonus, I get to see Renee Rhodes, who takes her mother to the luncheon as well! Doug and I try to get away a couple of times a year, and I enjoy the freedom to pick up and go see friends and family when the mood strikes me. I went to sunny California to see Donna Manley in January. We had a wonderful time talking about all the fund times at the Willard House, and the friends we miss. Life is good!

Class of 1978

Sue Krieger Wooster Anderson – Tucson, AZ

Greetings from Tucson! A special "hi" to sisters in the classes of 1974-1980. If you are in our area, come see us! Willard love to all.

Class of 1980

Barb Oehlerking Nelson – Lincoln, NE

Starting a new adventure June 1, 2020. I will be retiring after 40 years of teaching in Lincoln Public Schools.

Arlene Howe – Chesterfield, MO

Hello to all my Willard sisters from St. Louis. All is well here!

Class of 1981

Connie Hultman Carter – Chappell, NE

Hello from Chappell! We are still farming and I have been working at the Crop Insurance office for 29 years. We like visiting our three grandchildren in Benedict and Papillion. They are growing fast. They will keep us young! I think about my years at the Willard house, 1977-81, often. (Wow that was a long time ago!)

Class of 1990

Liz Julian Shults – Atlanta, GA

How quickly 30 years have passed! I now have a girl in college at Auburn, our son is a junior in high school. I continue to do interior design work, you can follow me at: @lechateauinteriors. Hoping to make our reunion!

Class of 1994

Jill Colwell Burkey – Grand Junction, CO

Our son, Parker, is a freshman at UNT in Denton, TX, majoring in tuba performance. Our daughter, Brooke, is a sophomore in high school. Todd and I celebrated our 22nd anniversary in March 2020.

Class of 1997

Mindy McGrury Lubeck – Lincoln, NE

Accepted a position at Make-a-Wish Nebraska as the Lincoln Development & Wish Coordinator.

Class of 2003

Katrina Inness Longe – West Point, NE

In July'19 we moved into our new home in West Point, NE. Gunnar (7) is a 1st grader and Vera (3) is in preschool.

Class of 2007

Shelley Otto Nelson – Lincoln, NE

New baby – Eloise Maeve Nelson born on June 3, 2019.

Class of 2010

Alyssa Sickel Finch – Falls City, NE

This summer will start my 3rd year practicing as a family physician in my hometown. My husband, Cliff and I welcomed our first child in July 2019, a son, Carter.

Class of 2014

Hailey Esch Steider – Geneva, NE

My husband, Ryan, and I welcomed a baby boy, Aiden Ryan, into our family on January 12, 2020.

Lisa Kopf – North Platte, NE

Living in North Platte, working as a P.A. in general surgery.

Class of 2017

Caitlin Welty Nellis – Omaha, NE

I married my high school sweetheart, Mark, on 11/9/19 with three Willard's as bridesmaids! We bought a house, and I am starting my MBA through Midland.

Our Graduating Seniors Class of 2020

Shae Alexander

Major: Psychology with a Philosophy and Religion Minor
Involvement: Love your Melon, NWU Diversity Leadership Team, NWU Catholic, Intermural sports, NWU Bridge, worked on campus in the Student Life Office
Misc: Studied Abroad in the Netherlands Spring 2019, also traveled to Canada with NWU Bridge

Kenna Bancroft

Major: Communication Studies and Modern Language Studies: Spanish
Awards: 2017 Outstanding New Member Award, Published Poet with the Nebraska Young Writers Group, Nebraska Democratic Women Inspiring Women Scholarship, Corporation for National and Community Service Intern of the Year, Outstanding International Student Award Spring 2018,
Achievements: Alpha Mu Gamma; Lambda Pi Eta; Huge Society;
Misc: Did CHIP Spring 2019, Studied Abroad, Aunt to four adorable munchkins; Killed at Thanksgiving Karaoke with Shithook at the Zoo Bar; Never missed a day to vote; Got lost for 14 minutes in the Parisian catacombs; ate gelato 2-3 times a day for four days in Budapest; hiked part of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage with my uncle in Montserrat, Spain; played in the abandoned cemeteries of Lisbon, Portugal; survived living in a haunted cabin for five days in the middle of the Shenandoah mountains; I can now curse in five languages.

Delaney Bartling

Major: Psychology with minors in Business Administration and Math
Awards: Psi Chi Honorary, Cardinal Key Honorary, Dean's List every semester
Involvement: served as Willard's Treasurer for two years, Willard Recruitment Chair Assistant, Psychology Club, International Justice Mission Club

Emma Kate Brown

Major: Double Major with English and Theatre Arts with a Secondary Education Endorsement in English and Theatre
Involvement: Willard House Manager 2018, Head Student Worker in the Theatre Office, NWU Theatre Company Member
Misc: Played Katherine in Newsies and countless other roles that she loved to see her Willard Sisters come see her in!

Makayla Damme

Major: Biology
Involvement: Pre-Health Club, Willard's Secretary and Standards Board Rep, Tri Beta Biology Honorary
Misc: Went to Cancun with Delaney and Macey for Spring Break

Amy Eisele

Major: Nursing
Awards: Dean's List every semester of college
Involvement: served as the fundraising chair for the Student Nurses Association, had an internship this past summer where she helped deliver 28 babies
Miscellaneous: Taught herself how to sew and made lots of Willard gear for her sisters, especially during baby week!!

Katie Gilroy

Major: Gender Studies with a minor in Criminal Justice

Awards: Willard's Row Out Award 2019

Involvement: Willard's Alumnae and Parent Relations Chair, along with two other positions on Panhellenic Council, participated in student/faculty collaborative research over African women's perception on Western Feminism

Misc: Studied abroad to Rwanda this past summer, attended the National Women's March in D.C. in 2016 and the National Women's Studies Association College Conference in Atlanta

Whitney Koehn

Major: Communication Studies with a Marketing Minor
Awards: AMA 2019 Student Marketer of the Year, 5th Place in Marketing Concepts and 2nd Place in Project Management at the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference in 2019
Involvement: NWU Marketing Internship, Lambda Pi Eta Honorary, Willard's Picture Chair 2019
Misc: Graduating college in 3 years and was accepted into UNL CoJMC for her master's in Journalism with an emphasis in Integrated Media Communications

Allie Kohl

Major: Double Major in Psychology and Communication Studies with a minor in Biology
Involvement: Psych. Club, Pre-Health Club, President of Women's Choir, Panhellenic President, Panhellenic Senior Delegate, Recruitment Counselor for two years,
Misc: Outreach Intern at the Kim Foundation, studied abroad in Honduras for 2 weeks, participated in the summer undergraduate UNMC program

Audrey Kuehn

Major: Communications with a Political Science Minor
Involvement: Willard Sorority Vice President, Secretary, and Recruitment Chair, Order of Omega, Cardinal Key Vice President, Greek Week and Envision Committee Member, NWU Diversity Leadership Team, NWU women's golf team 2016-2018, New Student Programs Leader, presented research at the Nebraska Undergraduate Communication Research Conference in 2018
Misc: Did CHIP in Spring of 2019

Brianna Lammers

Major: Nursing
Involvement: Works on-campus in the library at the Circulation Desk, Colleges Against Cancer, and Student Nurses Association
Misc: Went to Nashville this Spring Break with Amy and went to Chicago last year with Amy, Maddie W. and Emily!

Maudie Melcher

Major: Biology with a Spanish Minor
Involvement: Willard Sorority President and Junior Panhellenic Delegate, Greek Week, Homecoming, and Forum Committee, Treasurer of Tri Beta Biology Honorary, Alpha Mu Gamma Modern Language Honorary, and worked on campus in the Center for Student Involvement
Misc: travelled all across Europe this past summer!

Emily Schlautman

Major: Nursing
Awards: Deans List Spring 2019 and Fall 2020
Involvement: Student Nurses Association, Student Ambassadors, and worked in the Graduate Office on campus

Chapter Eternal

Maddie Shely

Major: Art with a minor in Marketing
Involvement: Has had pieces of her art presented in the Student Art Show for the last two years!
Misc: Painted the beautiful hands at the top of the stairs in the Willard Home!

Maddie Walters

Major: Elementary Education and Special Education double major
Awards: did the Disney College Program Spring of 2018
Involvement: Served as Willard's Senior Panhellenic Delegate on exec

Paige Wergin

Major: Double Major in Communication Studies and Spanish
Awards: Willard's Ideal Pledge 2017 and Junior Bracelet Recipient, All-Greek Behind the Scenes Appreciation Award 2018, Dean's List all semesters
Involvement: Global Service Learning, New Student Programs, Student Ambassadors, Order of Omega, Knitting Club, Alpha Mu Gamma Modern Language Honorary, Lambda Pi Eta Honorary, Sigma Tau Delta Honorary, Phi Kappa Phi Honorary
Misc: Lived in Senior Incent this past year with Katie G.

Macey Wiebe

Major: Biology with minors in Chemistry and Math
Awards: Dean's List, Huge Society Recognition Scholarship, Core Value Award (Bryan Medical Center West Campus- Orthopedic/Trauma Dept.)
Involvement: Cardinal Key Honorary, Order of Omega President, Willard Philanthropy Chair, Tri Beta Biology Honorary, Kappa Mu Epsilon Math Honorary, Pre-Health Club,
Misc: Is a CNA at Bryan West, studied abroad in Belize summer of 2017, and went to Cancun over Spring Break with Delaney and Makayla!

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Susan Walden Wieseler
Class of 1968 Died June 6, 2020

Arlys Boese Eddy
Class of 1968 Died May 27, 2020

Margaret Stone Harvey
Class of 1952 Died May 4, 2020

Renae Bones Groves
Class of 1979 Died April 15, 2020

Nancy Kuhlman Schulte
Class of 1994 Died April 14, 2020

Marian Nisley Kline
Class of 1944 Died March 7, 2020

Cleta Whisler Johnson
Class of 1962 Died March 19, 2020

Hazel Darby Wright
Class of 1937 Died February 22, 2007

Betty Jenkins Lund
Class of 1958 Died December 30, 2019

Geraldine Asp Scheele
Class of 1955 Died December 1, 2019

Ruth Good Manke
Class of 1962 Died October 21, 2019

Kathleen Ackels Gress
Class of 1954 Died July 24, 2019

Doris Matz Schock
Class of 1941 Died May 18, 2019

Lori Smith Wilson
Class of 1976 Died May 12, 2019

Peggy Hoover Burge
Class of 1963 Died October 14, 2018

Frances Johnson Knosp
Class of 1948 Died April 5, 2019

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Sunday, August 9 from 4 to 5pm

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**Please send your email to
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News and the Warbler electronically.**

Fall Recruitment 2020

My name is McKinley Fuchs and I am the recruitment chair for the 2020 year.

Like many things in our world right now, this upcoming fall recruitment is shaping up to be much different than the fall recruitment we are used to. While options are still being discussed, it is likely that fall recruitment will either be completely virtual or a hybrid of virtual and in person events. Although there are many unknowns, our primary goal remains the same – to add women to our house who will strengthen the fellowship of our chapter. We have no doubt that this will be another successful recruitment, no matter the way it is carried out!

Each year for recruitment we give alumnae the option to send in recommendations for potential new members – this year is no different! In order to recommend a woman, please fill out the attached form. Feel free to send your recommendation form, along with any questions, comments, or concerns to me by email at willardsororityrecruitment@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for additional recruitment details later this summer! Also, since we have decided that we will not be holding Alum Mock Tours this year, be on the lookout for a virtual house tour the week of recruitment!

Please Return before Friday, August 7th

Reference given by: _____
(Maiden name)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE ON PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS (For use ONLY by the members of Willard Sorority)

This form is being sent to you in order to assist our chapter in the 2020 new member selection process. Please give careful consideration to the questions asked and fill in as much information as possible.

Please return this form to:

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Name of prospective new member: _____

How do you know her? _____

FAMILY:

Relatives in Willard (include maiden name if possible): _____

ACADEMICS:

College attended (if transfer student): _____

High School attended: _____
Name City State

How would you characterize this woman scholastically? _____

Scholastic Awards: _____

ACTIVITIES:

_____ Art _____ Contests _____ Civic. _____ Music
_____ Dramatics _____ Publications _____ Sports _____ Student Government
_____ Service Clubs _____ Church _____ Other: _____

Please elaborate on these activities and include outstanding achievements (i.e. offices held, honors received):

Special Interests: _____

Outstanding Achievements in these areas (Offices, Honoraries): _____

PERSONALITY: (please check the blanks accordingly)

This young woman:

Is of good character and integrity

_____ yes _____ no _____ unknown

Accepts responsibility

_____ excellent _____ good _____ average _____ poor _____ unknown

Has leadership potential

_____ excellent _____ good _____ average _____ poor _____ unknown

Is willing to accept authority and to abide by group decisions

_____ excellent _____ good _____ average _____ poor _____ unknown

Please tell us why this young woman would make an outstanding Willard (giving special attention to each of the four pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and character):

TO WILLARD GIVING REFERENCE: (please check the blanks accordingly)

____1) I recommend this young woman for Willard membership

____ a) I know this young woman personally.

____ b) I do not know this young woman personally, but I am basing my recommendation on information from:

____ another Willard, ____ high school faculty, ____ a mutual friend,
____ peers of the young woman, ____ other

____2) I do not recommend this young woman for Willard membership based on information received. If further clarification is required, the chapter membership advisor may contact me.

____3) I am unable to commit myself to a decision regarding this young woman

____ a) Due to limited information received.

____ b) After contacting all available sources and receiving no information.

I appreciate you taking the time to fill out this form. The information you have provided will be a tremendous help during our new member selection process this August.

In gratitude and Willard Love,

McKinley Fuchs
Willard Sorority Recruitment Chair

