

**Fall 2024**



## ESAF Chairman Article

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**I**t seems strange to be writing a Fall newsletter article when we are having record temperatures in St. Louis. It appears Summer is doing it's best to hang on for as long as possible. Fall is my favorite season, so I hope it starts to win the wrestling match soon!

It was great to see so many friendly faces in Kansas this summer. The Kansas State Council did a great job with convention. If you were not able to attend, you missed a lot of fun. Just a couple of weeks ago I attended the planning meeting for the 2025 International Convention in Cary (think Raleigh / Durham), North Carolina. The SERC members are already planning exciting things for us next year. The surrounding area is great and convention will be held at an Embassy Suites hotel (meaning free breakfast in the morning and cocktail reception in the early evening).

If you were unable to attend, the Foundation Membership meeting included recorded presentations from two scholarship awardees and a grant awardee. We hope to have those recordings available on the Foundation website soon. In addition, there was a live presentation from scholarship winner, Hazel Frans, from Overland Park, KS. It is truly inspiring to hear from our scholarship winners, and Hazel really blew everyone away. We are looking forward

to finding equally inspiring speakers for next year's meeting.

Now that convention is behind us, it is time for scholarship season to begin – applications opened on September 1<sup>st</sup>. In the last application period, the number of applications was notably down. We are asking all of our members to talk with friends, family, and general acquaintances to get information out about the scholarships. Kathy Loyd, Scholarship Chairman, always says, it takes a village, and she is right! The more folks sharing the information, the more students we can impact.

It's also time to start thinking about dues (due to be at Headquarters in Fort Collins, CO by December 31<sup>st</sup>). See additional information later in the newsletter.

And nominations for Directors are currently open for those reading this who are interested in getting more involved with the Foundation. If you would like more information about the Board, please contact me or one of the other Foundation Directors with any questions. Deadline for nominations is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

In closing I'd like to Thank you for your continued support of the ESA Foundation and wish you an enjoyable back to school season.

Kim Mandrell  
ESA Foundation Chairman



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The nomination form for the ESA Foundation Directors is now posted for the term of 2025-2028. Three directors will be elected, each for a three-year term. Eight directors are responsible for carrying out the various programs of the ESA Foundation and planning its future.

Each Director brings his/her own unique experience and qualifications. A candidate must be an enthusiastic, active, dedicated individual member of the ESA Foundation interested in helping the Foundation remain a strong and viable part of ESA.

The nomination form and official call for nominations are available at the **end of this newsletter** and at: <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESAFoundation>, (click on the link in the Stay Up To Date section.) Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2024. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or one of the other Directors. Please submit completed forms to:

Ann Southall  
ESA Foundation Vice Chairman  
915 Hazelhurst St.  
El Dorado, AR 71730  
asouth\_51@yahoo.com  
870-814-9024

## VOTING AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION

Voting for ESA Foundation elections will be held electronically. To be sure you receive your ballot, it is important that your current email address is on file. To check your email address, go to the ESA website (<https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org>) and log into the member center and check the address listed on your profile. Votes for chapters, councils and other entities will be sent to the email address of the person listed as President for that chapter/entity.

Members who have opted to not receive emails from the ESA Foundation, and who want to receive a ballot, should contact ESA Headquarters and provide an active email address.

If you are not sure if you are eligible for voting, please contact your Foundation Counselor or the ESA Vice-Chairman, Ann Southall, [asouth\\_51@yahoo.com](mailto:asouth_51@yahoo.com).

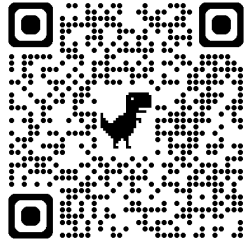
Foundation State Counselor information is available at: <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/scholarships/state-counselors>

For assistance updating your email address, please contact ESA Headquarters at 970-223-2824 or send an email to [esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org](mailto:esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org).

Ann Southall  
Vice Chairman

## Foundation Annual Dues Reminder

*T*his is a reminder that your Foundation membership renewal is coming up. Please watch your email in early November for your renewal notice. We would prefer you pay your dues of \$40 as soon as you get the notice, so we do not need to send a follow-up reminder by US mail. Thank you for your help.



<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/contribute>



*Make a \$500 donation or 2  
\$250 donations to become a  
Life Active member.*

## Scholarship Speaker at ESAF Annual Meeting

**H**azel Frans from Overland Park, Kansas, a 2024 scholarship winner was with us at the Annual Membership Meeting to share her journey through the educational system. She was able to enter college as a freshman with 2 years of experience because she participated in the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science program. Hazel is attending Fort Hayes State University, majoring in biology, doing



molecular biology research, as well as minoring in chemistry and math. She is doing research with cutting edge technology used to selectively modify the DNA of living organisms to study genes and mutations. Hazel has been the recipient of 5 ESAF scholarships over several years, plus the Outstanding Youth award. She plans to apply for PhD in Plant Molecular Biology.

In her spare time, Hazel is a lifeguard.

## Scholarship Season Open!

**S**cholarship Season opened on September 1. Scholarship applications will be accepted until midnight CT on January 31, 2025.

There are scholarships available for everyone and any major/school. If you, or someone you know, will be attending any level of college—visit the ESAF Scholarship page and start your application.

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants>



## PLATEAUS OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR 2024

### Bronze - \$250 - \$499

Alabama	Linda Fields
Arkansas	Judith Tomlinson
California	Deda Hilbert
California	Kaitlin Bailey
Colorado	Nancy Carray
Georgia	Susan Garner
Illinois	Wanda Harris
Kansas	Carla Stierwalt
Louisiana	Fern Hollis-Laing
Missouri	Cindee Leong
Missouri	Gordon Leong
North Carolina	Debbie Willoughby
North Carolina	Sharon Frost
Oklahoma	Judy Cravens
Oklahoma	Kay Brader
Oregon	Jean Braden

### Silver - \$500 - \$999

Alabama	Kathleen Camardella
Arkansas	Marjorie Russell
Arizona	Jason Vogler
Arizona	John Vitt
California	Cheri Thomas
California	Diane Johnson
California	Merleen Gholdston
Colorado	Bettie Maxwell
Colorado	Chloe McClantoc
Colorado	Susan Bloss
Colorado	Susan Winton
Wash. DC	Gena Holthaus
Georgia	Susan Knudson
Georgia	Beta Kappa #3272
Indiana	Elaine Chaney
Indiana	Linda Wilson
Nevada	Karen Keller
Ohio	Carolyn Hazelett

Oklahoma Patricia Heer

### Silver - \$500-\$999 (cont.)

Oklahoma	Alpha Rho #4350
Oregon	Connie Russell
Oregon	Patty Anderson
Texas	Rebecca Hovermale
Wisconsin	Agnes Obst
Wyoming	Linda Conrad

### Crystal - \$1,000 - \$4,000

Arizona	Alpha Chi #5372
Missouri	Molly Vehige
Oklahoma	Felicia Rowe
Oregon	Joy Serkowney
South Dakota	Lambda Lambda #5436
Tennessee	Alpha Eta #3216
Texas	Kappa Beta #5445
Utah	Utah State Council #Z945
Washington	Charles Layne
Washington	Patricia Howerton

### Turquoise - \$5,000 - \$14,999

South Dakota	Luann Ouellette
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### Pearl - \$15,000 - \$24,999

Texas	Zeta Tau #4133
Wyoming	Alpha Delta #587

### Peridot - \$25,000 - \$49,999

Arkansas	Zeta Chi #5387
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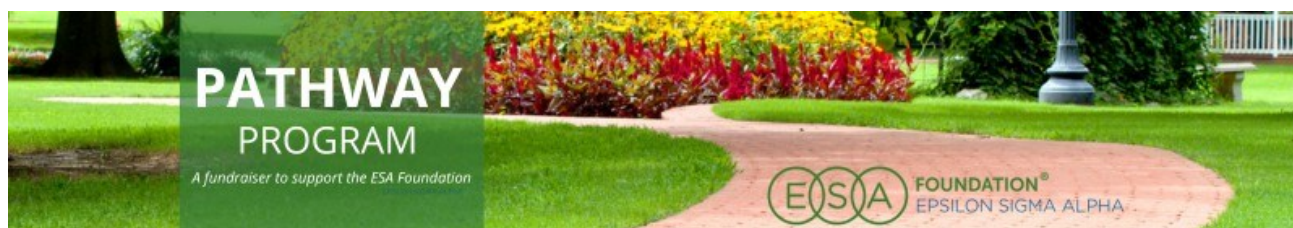
At International Convention this year, the Foundation unveiled the Pathway Surprise Event at our Annual Meeting.

For \$25 and up, a person could purchase a virtual brick for anyone they wished to honor. If the honoree was at Convention, we surprised them with a “Pathway Surprise” box full of fun treats to bring light to their day and let them know they are special. Below is a list of those who were honored at Convention:

Susan Blazer	Margaret Kramer	Linda Jones	Patti Gale
Kim Mandrell	Doug Mills	Cindee Leong	Emmie Owens
Brenda Fields	Jennifer Gailey	Birdie Elkofski	Jacque Cantrel
Joy Serkowney	Wanda Leyes	Brenda Fields	Zeta Epsilon Chapter

If you would like to honor someone through the Pathway Program go to:

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Contribute>



## ESA FOUNDATION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the ESA Foundation Bylaws, it is the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for 3 Directors to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors for an ensuing three-year term. Nominations may be submitted to the Committee up until October 1, of each year. A nominee for Director must hold active membership in the ESA Foundation and be entitled to vote at the time the candidacy is put to a vote of the membership.

**LIMITATIONS:** No Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive 3-year terms unless filling a vacant director position; or hold an elective position on the Executive Board of the International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, or be an employee of the ESA Membership Corporation, or hold an elective position on the Board of Directors of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Membership Corporation during her/his term of office on the ESA Foundation Board of Directors.

**BASIC FUNCTION:** To actively participate in conducting the business of the Foundation by fulfilling the specific requirements of the Board of Directors; to give time and expertise in planning the future and growth of the ESA Foundation.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Conduct the business of the Foundation in a professional manner.
2. Maintain the integrity of personal and Foundation activity.
3. Expand services and conduct projects within the framework of creditable business practices and viable parameters.
4. Attend all meetings, including IC convention as a candidate and multi-day meetings at midyear and IC Convention.
5. Carry out official and/or committee assignments in ways that meet functional requirements of the Foundation.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Ability to travel to all Board Meetings, the Annual Meeting, and occasionally to IC Leadership or State meetings
2. Have a basic knowledge of the ESAF scholarship and grants program or similar programs with other organizations
3. Demonstrates leadership ability and willingness to work collaboratively with a diverse team
4. Have a working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet software, electronic file shares (i.e. Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.) and web-based meeting software (i.e. Zoom, WebEx, GoTo Meeting, etc.)
5. Demonstrates timely follow through on commitments, open to new ideas, and a passion for the goals of the Foundation

CANDIDATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

[Street]

[City]

[State]

[Zip]

PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE:** On a separate page, please list experiences and areas of expertise that demonstrate the qualifications of a Director. These could include, but are not limited to, items such as experience in accounting/bookkeeping; investments; the use of computers; fund raising; scholarship procedures; offices held; etc.

**BUSINESS:** Current / Former Employment \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to serve as a Director on the ESA Foundation Board. If elected, I will strive to fulfill the mission of the ESA Foundation. I am an individual Active Member of the ESA Foundation. I have attached a Resume, which includes a listing of Personal, Professional and/or Civic Memberships (including ESA).**

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of ESA Foundation since: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature of Nominee]

**Complete and Mail this Nomination Form, Resume, and Photo by OCTOBER 1, to:**

**Ann Southall, ESA Foundation Vice Chairman**

915 Hazelhurst St., El Dorado, AR 71730

Phone: 870-814-9024 / E-mail: asouth\_51@yahoo,.com

For IOffice Use Only:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CONTRIBUTION FORM

**ESA Foundation " 2580 E Harmony Rd. Suite 301-11, Fort Collins, Colorado 80528**

A member is considered ACTIVE and is eligible to vote at the annual meeting if his/her dues have been received at the Headquarters office by December 31st.

Enclosed is my donation, made payable to ESA Foundation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This Donation is from: ☐ an individual ☐ a group (chapter/council/corporation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donor Name      Member #      Chapter/Council/District #      Chapter/Council/District Name

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Please apply my donation to:    \$40.00 Annual Dues

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Perpetual Endowment for: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Note: Other Perpetual Endowment and Scholarship – Please insert specific Name)

This Donation is a memorial for: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*\*\*WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION\*\*\*\*\***