

Founders Day 2021

I recently exchanged emails with a Theta friend and she reminded me of the beautiful lyrics of a song saying "Theta love holds timeless through all sorrow." The word timeless really made an impression on me, as there isn't much in this world that is truly timeless. We live in a world where things are changing at an incredible pace. And while that ever-evolving pace has undoubtedly challenged us in the past year, Thetas all over the world have found unique, creative ways to demonstrate the true timelessness of our sisterhood.

Synonyms for timeless include lasting, permanent, and unending. These words seem like the perfect descriptors for our sisterhood. Founded more than 150 years ago, Bettie, Alice, Bettie, and Hannah created this sisterhood to provide support for women while in college and then later as alumnae throughout the US and Canada. I believe that our founders would be proud of the lasting impact of Kappa Alpha Theta still today.

For 95 years, Theta sisters have been showing their love and concern for one another by giving to the Friendship Fund. The Friendship Fund was established in 1926 to be a tangible demonstration of the support we give to each other. It is based on the timeless ideal that sisters reach out to care for other sisters. Your gift to the Friendship Fund does just that by helping to alleviate distress caused by financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences.

This Founders Day, I sincerely hope that Kappa Alpha Theta continues to be characterized by our timeless and unwavering love for our sisters. We know that community and sisterhood are a fundamental part of a Theta membership experience, in fact it's one of the reasons that our founders first joined together at Indiana Asbury. They knew they needed to support one another to be able to make it through their college years. So that's what they did. They encouraged academic excellence, they cultivated lasting friendships, and they shared in laughter and fun – the same classic hallmarks of sisterhood that remain today.

Happy Founders Day, Thetas.

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