Kappa Kappa Gamma

ALTERNATE SERVICE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

An alumnae association may substitute this service to honor graduating seniors. Since this is not a ritual service, uninitiated members of Kappa Kappa Gamma may be present.

Alumnae gather with graduating seniors following a meal or informal reception hosted by alumnae. If this is not possible, alumnae may visit a chapter meeting or event to conduct the service. Graduating seniors are called to the front of the room by the association President. The alumnae association has prepared a thoughtful memento for each graduate, which may include:

- *A flower.*
- *A rolled scroll containing an inspirational verse that is tied with blue satin ribbons.*
- *A trinket selected by the association.*

Alumnae Association President: We gather today/this evening to honor the graduating seniors of [chapter] Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We welcome them.

There comes a time in the life of a chapter when senior members approach graduation and their transition to alumna life begins. You will now begin the next phase in your Kappa life as a career professional, graduate student, or traveler on the long road of life beyond college.

Although your ties with day-to-day chapter life will lessen, the role as a young alumna awaits you with all the benefits and responsibilities many generations of Kappa alumnae have enjoyed since the founding of our Fraternity. You now join the ranks of [number] Kappa alumnae throughout the world who affiliate with one of [number] alumnae associations from sea to sea and on other continents.[1]

If graduation brings a move to an unfamiliar place, you will always find a Kappa alumnae association to link you with the community and provide bonds of friendship with fellow Kappas. The Fraternity will ask you to continue to give of yourself so others who come after us will have the opportunity to share in this friendship. You may serve:

- As an adviser to an active chapter.
- As an alumnae association member and officer.
- As a volunteer in Kappa philanthropies.
- As an attendee of a Founders Day celebration or Kappa Convention.
- As a contributor to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

The love of Kappa Kappa Gamma that you have established in your collegiate years will grow in many dimensions because Kappa Kappa Gamma is an

[1] Current statistics of members and alumnae association can be found on the Kappa website.

organization that bridges generations and provides a comforting sense of mutual respect, support and affirmation during the many stages of your adult life.

So as your active chapter bids you farewell, we also acknowledge that the greater world awaits you and that Kappa will always have a place in your heart.

Following your graduation, senior members of [chapter] Chapter, do you accept your obligation and responsibility as an alumna member of Kappa Kappa Gamma? Do you?

Seniors: I do.

Alumnae Association President: Please come forward as your name is read to receive a memento from our alumnae association.

The presiding officer or the active chapter officer in charge of senior programming reads the name of each member as they come forward to receive the memento and return to their place.

It is now fitting that we honor our graduating seniors by singing a familiar Kappa song, which now takes on deeper meaning as we bid them farewell and acknowledge the beginning of their lives as Kappa alumnae.

Song "Dream a While of Kappa"

Alumna members extend individual congratulations to the graduates and enjoy a time of refreshment and reception.

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