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## ALPHA CHI OMEGA NAMES 2024 REAL. STRONG. WOMEN.<sup>®</sup> OF DISTINCTION AWARD WINNERS

JUNE 14, 2024 – Alpha Chi Omega is proud to recognize four members with the 2024 Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction award. This award honors members who are doing great things across the globe and down the street. They are difference makers, risk takers and dream chasers. They’re making a positive impact in their communities and industries. In their efforts, they draw on their skills, connections and growth from their Alpha Chi Omega membership and remind all sisters of the power of the Real. Strong. Women. Experience.

A brief summary of each recipient is below, and you can find out more in the [summer issue of \*The Lyre\*](#).

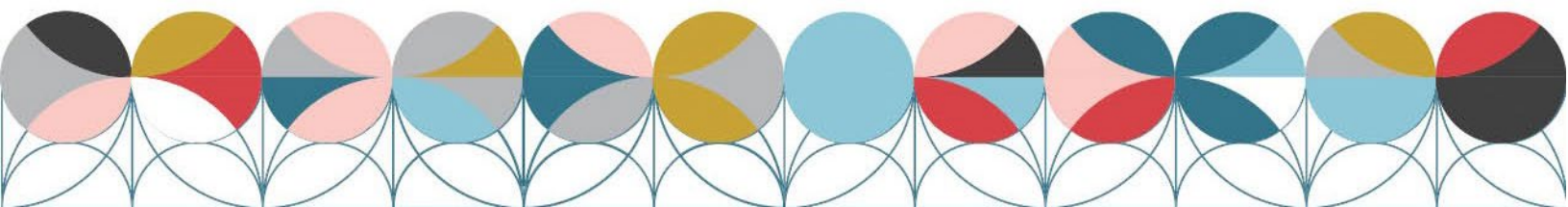
### MARY LYNN FERGUSON-MCHUGH (DELTA SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC)

Mary Lynn broke countless glass ceilings in her career at Procter & Gamble: the first woman to lead the paper business at chief executive officer of Family Care and P&G Ventures, the first woman to serve as president for P&G’s Europe group, one of just a few females in the P&G executive suite and more. Through her career and now in retirement, she has felt a duty to help others through her “lift as you climb” principle, offering mentoring and advocating for women to ascend to higher roles.

In her professional work and volunteer roles as a board member, Mary Lynn has lived out the Alpha Chi Omega tagline of “Real. Strong. Women.”, explaining, “Having the humility to know that results are gotten via a team, investing in relationships, and understanding the personal circumstances of my team members and then acting on needs identified is what a ‘real’ woman does.”

### JAN JONES (ALPHA UPSILON, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA)

Jan’s positivity radiates through her podcast *The Good Good Life*, her speaking presentations and her mentorship of young women. This joy for life is all the more impressive because it comes after a Type 1 diabetes diagnosis as a child and a double organ transplant as an adult. Today, Jan is healthy and focused on the good, living by her motto “love living and live loving.”



Jan has felt the love of Alpha Chi Omega throughout her life, saying, “I am privileged to wear my badge of the Grecian lyre because my experience as a sister of Alpha Chi Omega puts a song in my heart when I reflect on the love, the learning and the leadership I received. My sisters always celebrated who I was, as well as who I have become today.”

**STEPHANIE M KING (THETA TAU, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY)**

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, it impacted not one but two local organizations that Stephanie volunteered for. Rather than let that church and theater shutter, Stephanie stepped up to adapt offerings, put safety protocols in place and ensure the longevity of these community staples. She gained valuable leadership experience from these volunteer roles that she has also carried into her 20-year career in federal contracting policy and congressional affairs.

The confidence in her own skills can be traced to Alpha Chi Omega. She says, “Leadership experience as a young woman is such a great building block. Initially with both the theater and the church, I wondered if I was up to the task – until I remembered I already had the experience, which ultimately led me back to taking on greater volunteer roles within Alpha Chi Omega. Full circle!”

**JUDY HENDRICKS SCHUBERT (ALPHA MU, INDIANA UNIVERSITY)**

Judy led efforts to open two facilities that have a tremendous impact children with medical conditions and their families: the first Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix and the first pediatric respite care and hospice house in the country, called Ryan’s House. She continues to support families through her volunteer work as an Arizona Confidential Intermediary – a liaison between birth parents, adopted children and their siblings who can help locate connections and facilitate contact.

The value of connection is strong in her work – and something Judy learned from Alpha Chi Omega! She says, “Being invited to join Alpha Chi Omega in the winter of 1961 was the gift that keeps on giving ... we laughed, we cried, we had each other’s backs and we dreamed together. I finally understood what ‘community’ meant.”

