

As I accept the role of your new National President, I do so with gratitude, appreciation, and a deep sense of responsibility. From my very first convention, I was inspired by the women who served on National Council—their dedication, leadership, and love for Psi Iota Xi left a lasting impression on me. I never imagined then that one day I would be among them, entrusted with the opportunity to serve this organization at the national level. It is an honor I hold close to my heart. As I begin this new chapter of service, I am reminded that our strength has always come from members who turn inspiration into action.

I would like to thank my husband, Todd, and my children for their love, patience, and support over the past 34 years. They have shared me with Psi Iota Xi through countless meetings, projects, and conventions—what they have lovingly come to call “Mom’s girls’ weekend.” Their encouragement has meant more to me than words can express, and I am grateful to have had them beside me throughout this journey. I would also like to thank my Theta Kappa sisters for their support throughout this journey; I truly cannot put into words what their encouragement and friendship have meant to me.

Today, as we shine a spotlight on our beloved organization, we recognize that the arts have always been at the heart of Psi Iota Xi’s mission. From the earliest days of our founding, Psi Otes have understood that imagination and expression are vital threads woven into the fabric of our communities. We have championed music, visual arts, theater, and literature, believing that every brushstroke, every note, and every performance has the power to enlighten, inspire, and bring us together.

When the lights come up on a local stage production, you will often find Psi Iota Xi members behind the scenes—volunteering, organizing, and fundraising to ensure that the show goes on. Our grants and scholarships have helped budding artists pursue their dreams, and our sponsorship of art programs has enabled countless children to discover their talents and share their voices.

In galleries, libraries, concert halls, therapy settings, and classrooms, the “camera” captures those moments when Psi Otes are actively shaping the future of the arts. We believe the arts are not merely for show, they are essential. Through art therapy and music therapy, creative expression can also offer comfort, healing, communication, and connection for individuals of all ages. The arts foster empathy, strengthen communities, and open doors of understanding across generations and cultures. Our commitment to the arts is more than financial; it is personal, passionate, and enduring.

Whether we’re organizing art fairs, supporting school music programs, or helping to restore historic theaters, Psi Iota Xi’s presence is felt. Our members have given

thousands of volunteer hours, resources, and creative ideas, always seeking new ways to put our mission into action. Through partnerships with local artists, educators, and cultural organizations, we amplify our impact and create lasting change.

So, as we celebrate “Lights, Camera, Psi Otes in Action” this year, let us remember that every effort—large or small—makes a difference. Let us continue to stand in the spotlight, work behind the scenes, and let our actions be the script that tells the story of Psi Iota Xi: a story of hope, creativity, and unwavering support for the arts.

Thank you for believing in the power of art. Thank you for being part of this journey. And thank you for ensuring that the show will always go on, with Psi Otes leading the way. Let’s keep the lights shining, the cameras rolling, and our hearts in action!