



Patricia Klausing Simmons, Delta



Patricia Klausing Simmons, 12th National President, began her Alpha Sigma Tau journey at the Delta Chapter at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pennsylvania, where she held numerous leadership and committee positions. At IUP, she received a bachelor's of science degree in home economics education and has worked towards her master's degree in Adult Education and Communications Technology.

She is an alumna member of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter and served as the Delta Chapter Advisor and Assistant Advisor. She was appointed District President at Large in 1993, assisting with chapters in need, and later as Theta District President.

At the 1996 Convention in Phoenix, she was elected to the National Council as Director of Publications. As Director of Publications, she chaired several constitution and communications revision committees. During her tenure as DOP, Patricia worked with the committee to revise the National, Collegiate, and Alumnae Constitutions, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. Through her involvement in publications, she was a member of the National Panhellenic Editors Conference, where she was elected Treasurer.

In 2002, at the Convention in Savannah, Georgia, Patricia was elected National President. As part of her tenure, she served as the National Panhellenic Conference Third Alternate Delegate and as an Ex-officio Director of the Alpha Sigma Tau National Foundation. As National President, Patricia's goals were to strengthen current chapters, develop strong leadership skills in our members, grow new collegiate and alumnae chapters, and expand the Sorority's technology. By accomplishing these goals, she helped ensure Alpha Sigma Tau's continued strength and success in the fraternity/sorority community.

Patricia is married to William Simmons, a Financial Adviser and Vice President in the Trust Department with S&T Bank, and they have made their home in Indiana, Pennsylvania. She

was an “at home” mom for many years to their two children, Julie and Jeff. Julie is married to her Delta Tau Delta sweetheart, Allan Krol, and they are raising three Alpha Sigma Tau legacies – Madison, Megan, and Allie. Jeff, married to Colleen, have another Alpha Sigma Tau legacy, Hayden, and a son, Lucas. Jeff is a football coach at Carnegie Mellon University.

As their children grew, Patricia was a substitute teacher for many years and later went into bank management and training. She was the Executive Director of the United Way of Indiana County in Indiana, Pennsylvania, where she managed events and activities, and raised more than \$6.5 million for the United Way partner agencies and their programs. She was responsible for recruiting volunteers and calling upon corporate Presidents and CEO's to donate and establish employee campaigns. In recognition of her successes, she served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Pennsylvania. Her fundraising experiences did not stop there as she directed the activities of the Indiana County United Way Foundation. Recognized as an outstanding fundraiser, Patricia was recruited by Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Development Office as a Major Gifts Officer. She continued in that position until 2014, raising thousands of dollars for university scholarships and endowments.

Patricia gives back to her alma mater, IUP, having served on the Research Institute Board of Directors, Committee on Sororities and Fraternities, and the Indiana County IUP Alumnae Association Board of Directors. She was also an Ex-officio member of the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving on the boards of the Indiana Free Library and The Open Door.

Patricia has a long Sorority legacy. She is part of four generations of proud sorority women: her mother Joanne Klausung, her daughter Julie Simmons Krol, her husband's Great Aunt Martha McLain Stewart, and her husband's Aunt Rosemary Simmons Nichols. And as her granddaughters grow, she expects this story to grow.

Patricia has received Alpha Sigma Tau's Order of the Yellow Rose and was recognized for her efforts with the Delta Chapter at Indiana University of Pennsylvania by being named the Outstanding Greek Chapter Advisor.

Positions held: District President at Large (1993 - 1996); District President (1994 - 1996); Director of Publications (1996 - 2002); National President (2002 - 2008); NPC 3rd Alternate Delegate (2002 - 2004 and 2008 - 2009)

Honors received: Order of the Yellow Rose Recipient (2002), Ada A. Norton Award (2010)