

**Indiana Beta Sigma Phi 2018 State Convention  
Closing Ritual**

Life (Light white candle)

Learning (Light white candle)

Friendship (Light white candle)

These are the words that have been the guide for Beta Sigma Phi for over 87 years. For many of you here today, Beta Sigma Phi has been the one constant in your lives. Through hard times, like hurricanes and tornadoes, and through happy times, like weddings, graduations and babies coming into your family, your sisters are always there for you. Their love is like the “Quilt of Friendship”, that you take with you, wherever you go. Even if you are new to being a “sister”, I bet you have already found that these are not just words, they are what Beta Sigma Phis live by.

Today, we are closing out this convention by showing you the future of Beta Sigma Phi - the Legacies and future Envoys of Xi Iota and Nu Beta. The future is as bright as we care to make it. As we light the colors of Beta Sigma Phi, let's reflect on the meaning of each.

**RED** is the color of **Courage (turn on red light)**. Its flame reminds us all that wherever there is a need for strength, innovation and steadfastness, you will find a Beta Sigma Phi. Sisters are on the cutting edge of medicine, science and technology. Today you can find these strong women in roles that just a few decades ago would have seemed impossible – CEOs of companies, legislators, firefighters, law enforcement, scientists and many more. Frequently the skills and friendships that are formed in Beta Sigma Phi helped get these women where they are today.

**YELLOW** is the color of **Vision (turn on yellow light)**. The gift of vision lets Beta Sigma Phis see into the future – to see that the possibilities are endless. There are new technologies, new medical advancements – newer and better ways to teach, to take care of our planet, to reach for the stars – and we will make sure that there are Beta Sigma Phis there to bring those visions to life.

**BLUE** is the color of **Humility (turn on blue light)** Beta Sigma Phis do great things! Many charities, causes and individuals have benefited from the funds raised and the hands extended by Beta Sigma Phis. Many times, these acts are done in private, with no fanfare or acknowledgment. But when there **are** awards, thanks and accolades handed out, it is as a group that they are accepted – not drawing attention to one or the other sister, but showing what can be done as a full sisterhood.

**Orange** is the color of **Loyalty (turn on orange light)** With orange, we can see the tight bonds of sisterhood. The bonds that can't be broken by time or distance. Most of us learn early on to be loyal to our family and close friends. As we grow, we learn that there is a much larger collective that we owe our loyalty to – our community, our work, our country, our planet. And the loyalty that Beta Sigma Phis show to each other is a guiding light to show the world what the word really means.

**GREEN** is the color of **Fellowship. (turn on green light)** For those of us who grew up in the world of Beta Sigma Phi, fellowship is probably one of the most obvious benefits that we have witnessed of Beta Sigma Phi. We have seen our mothers, aunts, grandmas and all the other wonderful women in chapters and councils come together time and time again. Sometimes there is a specific reason – like this convention, or a Founders Day celebration, or Mother's Day Tea. But, more often than not, it is just because they REALLY like to be together – like slumber parties, picnics, trips to wineries, movies – the list goes on and on. What a great example to show what true Friendship is all about.

And finally, **VIOLET** is the color of **SERVICE. (turn on purple light)** Much like fellowship, we have all witnessed many instances of service with our Beta Sigma Phis. Service just seems to come naturally to them. Things like cooking and serving meals at Ronald McDonald House, collecting clothing for the needy, bringing cheer to nursing home residents with bingo and caroling, participating in "walks" for great causes – again, the list is too long to mention here. And we know that throughout the state and beyond, there are other Beta Sigma Phis doing their part to show they care.

As we leave today, please continue to keep working on that "Quilt of Friendship". There is no limit to how big it can be. The world needs Beta Sigma Phi.

*Please join in the Closing Ritual.*