

To Serve and Protect the Community Where She is Placed

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To **Oyuki Segura**, Gamma Beta-Florida State University, living with Purpose has always meant contributing to the community not just around her, but around the world. Having volunteered twice in Vietnam, Oyuki continues to serve her community locally as a member of the Miami Police Department.

Before joining the police force, Oyuki's purpose shone through her days at FSU. During the summers of 2014 and 2015, Oyuki was able to fly to Vietnam with the fundraising assistance of her Gamma Beta sisters. In Vietnam, Oyuki volunteered for a program called "Coach for College" where she taught English to sixth and seventh graders, life skills and how to play sports like volleyball.

She did this all while serving as the American director where she oversaw two camp sites, as well as lesson plans, weekend activities and helped the American coaches with school-related and personal adaption issues.

"My sisters at Gamma Beta helped me fundraise more than \$6,000 to travel to Vietnam and buy children many of the things they needed things we take for granted here in the states—shoes, school supplies and even some sports equipment," Oyuki said.

Between her time spent volunteering and serving as the Philanthropy Coordinator of her chapter, Oyuki was also a cross country and track athlete, a member of the Order of Omega executive board, and participated all four years in the Children's Miracle Network dance Marathon and Relay for Life—and she graduated at the top of her class with a degree in criminology.

But her drive to help did not stop after she graduated from FSU.

Oyuki joined the Miami Police Academy in 2015 where she became a standout candidate and was awarded the Top Physical Fitness Award and tied for the Top Academic Award while also being named one of the top shooters in her class.

"Though I was born and raised here, I never thought I'd be a police officer for the city of Miami," she said. Oyuki currently works in the Liberty City district of Miami which serves many underprivileged families and has one of the highest crime rates. Despite the high crime rate, Oyuki is a firm believer in community policing and can even be found stepping out of her patrol car to play with local children during her 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. shifts.

Oyuki continues to seek opportunities to serve the communities around her and truly embraces what it means "To welcome the opportunity of contributing to the world's work in the community where I am placed because of the joy of service thereby bestowed and the talent of leadership multiplied."



Kinesiology Games

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There is a line in the Alpha Gamma Delta Purpose that reads "To develop and prize health and vigor of body." Leah Kerger ('16), Carolina Vasilica ('15) and Joelle Preston ('17), all alumnae of the Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of Manitoba, recently helped promote this ideal in a unique way by being a part of the leadership team for the 2017 Kinesiology Games.

Kinesiology is the study of how the body moves and is a vital part of understanding how to keep our bodies healthy. This challenging field serves as the inspiration for the "Kin Games," an annual three-day event for kinesiology, physical education and exercise science students from across Canada.

Each year, a different university hosts the Games, which include students from more than 30 post-secondary schools and feature competitions in academics, dance, sports and spirit, as well as provide plenty of networking opportunities.

When Leah found out the University of Manitoba would host in 2017, she decided to be part of the team that would plan and execute the games. It meant two years of hard work ahead, but she was up for the job, and would later recruit her Alpha Gam sister, Carolina, to join her.

Leah's participation was inspired by attending the Kin Games in 2015, which she decided to do because of Carolina and Joelle's encouragement.

"The energy from the students who were so passionate about the Games and about their fields of study inspired

me to get involved and to keep going when things got tough," Leah said.

Indeed, being head coordinator for the 2017 Games wasn't always easy. Planning such a large event meant coordinating the logistics of an 800+ person gathering. However, her experience in Alpha Gamma Delta and working with her sisters helped the process go smoothly.

"As an Alpha Gam, event planning honestly becomes second nature," said Carolina, the Games' director of finance. "Alpha Gam taught me how to function appropriately in a business-type setting, manage my time effectively and efficiently and properly prepare reports."

Carolina also added that it also helped her understand how to allow others in the large planning committee to feel heard while also

making sure things were done efficiently.

Fundraising and acquiring sponsorships were also crucial to making the Games possible. Leah knew the best person for the job was another Alpha Gam sister, Joelle Preston. Joelle was ready to help, even if she was nervous at first.

"I was always a little uncomfortable asking people for sponsorships, but I wanted to push myself beyond my comfort zone," she said.

Joelle raised more than \$50,000 in sponsorships and item donations. She also helped establish the partnership with Jumpstart, their charity of choice, which helps children across Canada participate in sports and physical activity. This was the first year a charity component was added to the Kin Games, something all three women helped implement. The Games ultimately helped raise more than \$7,000 for Jumpstart.

When it was finally time for the Kin Games, Leah, Carolina and Joelle were energized and inspired by the camaraderie and positivity they saw from the participants and volunteers. The Games were a huge success. The interwoven nature of this exciting event and the Alpha Gam experience created a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth.

"I will take it all and use it to better my future," Leah said. "I have no doubt that we have left our stamp on the Kin Games for the better and I cannot wait to see our legacy carry on!"