



“The most rewarding thing I get from being a member of Griffiths is the warm friendships I’m developing with interesting and impressive women who have Mizzou in common.”

--Vicky Riback Wilson, MEd '81

“Even though my career is demanding and family life is hectic, some of my most worthwhile experiences and friendships have developed by participating in Griffiths Leadership Society. If possible, I try not to miss a conference!”

--Tracey Mershon, BJ '85



“Through my membership in Griffiths, I’ve been rewarded with new friendships with some of the amazing women alumnae of Missouri. The knowledge and friendship they willingly share inspires me on a daily basis.”

--Ellie Miller, BSBE '04



Dues

Alumnae members of the organization are asked to pay annual dues of \$250 to help defray the costs of the program. Conference fees are included in the annual dues, but travel and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the member. Members of the Griffiths Leadership Society should also be annual or life members of the Mizzou Alumni Association.

Collegian members are asked to pay annual dues of \$40. Scholarship assistance is available to collegian members. Collegians must be True Tigers or life members of the Mizzou Alumni Association.

Terms

Alumnae are selected to serve a three-year term with each year running from July 1 - June 30. Collegian members must be juniors, seniors, graduate or professional students. Collegians are eligible for membership while enrolled as full-time Mizzou students.

For information on membership, please go to www.griffithsleadershipsociety.com or contact the Mizzou Alumni Association at 1-800-372-6822.

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Griffiths Leadership Society for Women



2008-09 Membership Information



Who Are We?

The Griffiths Leadership Society for Women promotes lifelong connections among diverse MU collegian leaders and alumnae. Through learning, leadership development and mentoring, members stimulate their potential and that of other MU women, while supporting the best interests and traditions of Missouri's flagship University.

"The most rewarding thing I get from being a member of Griffiths is the opportunity to interact with women who have great ideas, offer valuable advice, share their experiences, and inspire me to lead."

--Dr. Pam Benoit

Martha Wright Griffiths



The Honorable Martha Wright Griffiths was born in Pierce City, Missouri and graduated from the University of Missouri in 1934 with a bachelor's degree in economics.

Griffiths practiced law and presided as a judge in Michigan before being elected to the U.S.

House of Representatives for ten terms. She is remembered as the woman most responsible for including women in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and for influencing the ERA movement more than any woman in the modern era.

The University of Missouri is honored to include Griffiths among the many influential alumnae leaders who have spent some of their educational careers with us, and we are pleased to memorialize her in this meaningful way.



Participation

Members of this prestigious organization gather on the Mizzou campus twice each academic year for a leadership conference. Alumnae members network with fellow members as well as share in a mentor/mentee experience with collegian members.

Leadership Conferences take place in the fall and spring and include speakers and panels on a variety of relevant topics. Members are encouraged to attend both annual conferences. At a minimum, members are expected to attend one conference each academic year.

The Fall 2008 Conference will take place Sept. 26 & 27, 2008. The Spring 2009 Conference is scheduled for April 4 & 5, 2009. Meetings will begin in the late afternoon on Friday and conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.



All-member gatherings include sessions that focus on leadership, personal growth, professional development, new knowledge and networking. A social element is also built in for personal networking and enjoyment of the company of fellow members.



What is a Mentor?

Mentoring is a partnership in which both individuals share in a growth process. A mentor is someone who develops a relationship, shares experiences, and aids in the maturation of another individual. Mentors and mentees learn from each throughout this process.

Between conferences, members are encouraged to maintain a relationship with their mentee. The number of contacts are entirely dependent on the relationship established between the mentor and mentee and the amount of time each can dedicate to the relationship.

Some tips for a successful relationship:

- Share the personal as well as the professional side of your life.
- Schedule a lunch or coffee if you happen to be in Columbia.
- If you and your mentee share the same hometown, get together during one of the school breaks.
- Send an email once a month just to check in.

