

S. June Smith Center FAQ

Below are some FAQs that will provide information about Alpha Sigma Alpha's change in partnership with the S. June Smith Center ("Center"). Additional questions may be directed to Kim Richard, director of events & programs at krichard@alphasigmaalpha.org or (317) 871-2920.

What happened to the S. June Smith Center?

In 2013, Excentia acquired the S. June Smith Center to expand their services to include children, which provided the Center greater financial and staff support. There is no longer a physical "center" but rather classrooms in preschools across central Pennsylvania that assist children with developmental needs.

Why won't the S. June Smith Center be a national philanthropic partner?

To establish consistency throughout the services Excentia offers to the central Pennsylvania community, Excentia will be rebranding. Starting in July 2019, the early childhood services will be referred to as Excentia instead of the S. June Smith Center. Due to this change, Excentia/S. June Smith Center will no longer be named as a national philanthropic partner of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

May I still support Excentia?

Members and chapters wishing to continue their support of Excentia are encouraged to do so. Members should contact [Excentia staff](#) to learn more about the best ways to support the organization's current needs.

May I still make a donation to the Foundation to be given to Excentia?

Outstanding donations restricted to the S. June Smith Center/Excentia should be sent to the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation as soon as possible. The Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation will no longer accept donations restricted to the S. June Smith Center/Excentia for fundraisers held as of June 30, 2019. For information about supporting Excentia through charitable donations, visit <https://www.ourexcentia.org/ways-to-give/the>.

Will Alpha Sigma Alpha offer spring break service grants to Excentia?

Alpha Sigma Alpha will no longer offer spring break service grants to Excentia.

Is Alpha Sigma Alpha's philanthropic mission to support those with special needs?

While many Alpha Sigma Alpha members dedicate their philanthropic efforts to supporting those with physical and intellectual disabilities, this is not the single focus of Alpha Sigma Alpha's philanthropic purpose. Alpha Sigma Alpha's philanthropic statement is as follows:

Alpha Sigma Alpha encourages its members to support the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation, and to participate in our national philanthropic efforts as well as those in their local communities. Our ritual states, "Life is not taking in only; it is giving out too. It is giving ourselves – freely - to other people, giving ourselves in comradeship, in understanding, in joy, in love." This belief is demonstrated in the many ways Alpha Sigma Alpha women express their care and concern for others through the support of the sorority's philanthropic endeavors.

Who are Alpha Sigma Alpha's current philanthropic partners?

Alpha Sigma Alpha's national philanthropic partners include:

- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Girls on the Run International
- ◆ Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation

For more information about Alpha Sigma Alpha's philanthropic partnerships, visit

<https://www.alphasigmaalpha.org/about-us/service-giving/>.

How will Dr. S. June Smith's legacy live on?

Dr. S. June Smith, KK, founded the S. June Smith Center in 1965. She was a community leader in advocating for appropriate services for children with disabilities. Her legacy lives on as children in the central Pennsylvania community are supported through the therapeutic and developmental services offered by Excentia.

National council is currently discussing additional ways for Alpha Sigma Alpha to celebrate Dr. S June Smith's contributions.