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Au revoir to a loyal friend and colleague

It is with a heavy heart that we are saying goodbye to our dear friend and colleague Debbie Lancaster. After twenty years of dedicated service to Alpha Omega Alpha and *The Pharos*, Debbie has decided to retire.

Over the years, Debbie has worked hard to uphold the prestige and quality of *The Pharos* as a one-of-a-kind, prestigious publication read by thousands across the country and around the world. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the authors and the Editorial Board. She has always been a stickler for correct references, and enjoyed searching for the perfect piece of art to draw out a story's essence. She has worked tirelessly to ensure the unique beauty of the publication, its articles and illustrations.

Not only the Managing Editor of *The Pharos*, Debbie has worn many hats during her tenure at AΩA. She has done nearly every job in the office. She is an outstanding problem-solver, negotiator, office manager, technical consultant, programs manager, fundraiser, writer and editor.

The debt of gratitude we owe Debbie is

immeasurable. Her legacy will live on in our hearts and in the work we continue to do to support our members and chapters, and further the mission of AΩA. Debbie has laid the groundwork to ensure AΩA's continued success and advancement

Thank you, Debbie, for your dedication, commitment and indefatigable devotion. We wish you the very best in your retirement!

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