Alpha Sigma Alpha announces new partnership

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Alpha Sigma Alpha National Headquarters Indianapolis, IN - Alpha Sigma Alpha is proud to announce its recent partnership with the Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau in support of the Wi$e Up initiative. Wi$e Up is a free financial education program for women. The Wi$e Up curriculum was developed by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Today’s female college graduate leaves college with an average of $2,000 in credit card debt and $20,000 in student loans; and according to statistics from theseniorsource.org, over 58% of female baby boomers have less than $10,000 saved for retirement. Maria Malayter, XX, who assisted in the initial communication about potentially partnering with Wi$e Up said this about the program, “Alpha Sigma Alpha women will be provided with the tools and skills needed to create a secure financial future. The tools in Wi$e Up will allow women to set goals to achieve their financial dreams as well as increase their ability to make financial decisions that support their lifetime goals.”

Alpha Sigma Alpha announced this partnership in Washington, DC, on March 5, 2008. Alpha Sigma Alpha national council members and alumnae presented the Women's Bureau with a presidential proclamation celebrating the two groups' mutual desire to help women achieve financial freedom and peace of mind. Women from the United States Department of Labor, Women's Bureau will be attending Alpha Sigma Alpha’s National Convention & Leadership Conference in Albuquerque, NM, this summer.

Women interested in participating in the program may visit www.wiseupwomen.org/alphasigmalpha. This site will allow visitors to register for the program and begin taking the online courses. Non-Alpha Sigma Alpha members may also register through the site denoting friend of Alpha Sigma Alpha under Partner Organization.
The mission of the Women's Bureau is to promote profitable employment opportunities for women; empower them by enhancing their skills and improving their working conditions; and provide employers with more alternatives to meet their labor needs. For further information about Women's Bureau programs and initiatives, please visit www.dol.gov/wb/welcome.html.

Alpha Sigma Alpha was founded at Longwood University in Farmville, VA, in 1901. Nationally, Alpha Sigma Alpha has 150 collegiate and alumnae chapters. More than 67,000 members are committed to promoting sisterhood, heritage and leadership to help women reach their full potential.

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Photo caption: Lori White Scott, EE, presents presidential proclamation to Beverly Lyle and Jane Walstedt, Wi$e Up program coordinators. From left to right: Jane Walstedt, from the Women's Bureau national office in Washington, DC, Alpha Sigma Alpha National President Lori White Scott, EE, and Beverly Lyle, Department of Labor, Women's Bureau Regional Administrator for the Dallas region.