



# Hues 'N News

A Newsletter of Tennessee Rainbow  
– Spring 2020



Hello there everyone!

I hope you are all doing well! I know this has been a crazy time and it makes me so sad we have not gotten to see each other. Although these times are very uncertain, I hope you have enjoyed time with your families and being home! I have loved seeing all your posts for our Rainbow challenge and I hope you all continue to post your pictures!

I just finished my junior year at the University of Memphis! This year I finished Nursing 1 and nursing 2, which were pretty challenging semesters! During the spring semester I received my white coat! The ceremony was so meaningful and I was so happy that my mom could attend the ceremony. I am so excited that I only have a year and a half left before I graduate. Once I graduate I hope to work at a hospital in Memphis, before I start travel nursing!



During this time at home I have actually stayed pretty busy! I still had online classes, so that took up most of my time! Luckily, I passed all of my finals and all of my classes! I also spent a lot of time cuddling my cat Twix! Another thing I did was get a new job; I started working at a Community Care for senior citizens, where I help the residents with daily activities. A new project I have started is helping my friends renovate their new house in Memphis! We got the carpet up this week and we will start painting soon. I am very excited about this project, because it will give me some nice stress relief during the summer! We are working very hard and the results will be worth it!

This past year has been very interesting, but also very rewarding. I am so thankful for the opportunity I was given to serve Tennessee Rainbow, even if there were a few road blocks. I learned a lot of things about myself and also about my Rainbow sisters. I am so honored to say that I served as Tennessee's Grand Worthy Advisor for the 2019-2020 term.

I miss all of you dearly and I'm so hopeful that I will get to see all of you at Grand Assembly! Remember to stay safe, stay positive, and keep social distancing!

Rainbow Love and Service  
Julianna Justice  
GWA 2019-2020

Greetings My Dear Rainbow Family,

As I sit here and reflect on all the changes that we are going through at this time in our lives, I think about how you girls are reaching out and communicating in new and different ways. I am so very proud of how you are there for each other. We are still not sure how our activities will happen as we get closer to our Grand Assembly. How we handle this may be just a little different but new and different is just OK!!! Thank you to all the Mother Advisors that are working with the girls to keep them informed and with activities to participate in. Grand Deputies please continue to work with the girls and adults and staying in touch.



We had a wonderful start of our 2019 Grand Year with Grand Worthy Advisor, Julianna Justice, State Mother Advisor, Mrs. Susan Ownby and the Grand Officers. We made all the Official Visits, which were great and well planned, and had a wonderful Christmas Party. Unfortunately COVID-19 arrived and put a lot of our plans on hold. We were told to stay home, wear mask and wash our hands. Needless to say I have not had a haircut since January.

We have had to give up a lot of things we have always enjoyed in the past, such as, Homecoming! I know this was a big disappointment to all of us across the state, but we are Rainbow so we used all of our teachings and smiled and started working on the next event. Now that COVID is still with us we have had to cancel our Camp Day, where we always had fun and wondered what we would be doing to the Grand Officers. Don't worry girls we will get you when you least expect the water to come flying at you.

Whatever happens next we will work through it all together. We are strong and we always have plan B & C for back-up. Now is the time to stay strong and well. We are fighting a virus we have never fought before. Remember, God will see us through this but we have to wait upon Him.

Please continue to work and be of service where ever it is needed. I am sure family members need your help so please do what you can. School is out and you have time to call, Instagram, Facebook and text the members of the Assembly and even the adults. Adults need to receive calls and find out about you. Congratulations to the 2020 Graduates!!! I know this been a disappointment but you can make it great. Remember, there is nothing that is too difficult or impossible for you. I know you will achieve your goals. Smile and show our Rainbow Spirit! We will celebrate you when this virus goes away. Now we want to keep you safe and well.

I am praying for all of you each day that you will stay healthy and safe. You are in my thoughts!

Much Love,

*Mom Fortenberry*

## Supreme Worthy Advisor

*Friendship Blooms Where Rainbow is Planted*

### **Supreme Assembly 2020**

July 25-27, 2020

Peppermill Resort ~ Reno, Nevada

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Mrs. Joanie Jacka, SWA



### *From Mom Susan...*

Hello All, what a strange two months we have had! For those of you who don't know me, I am a Practice Manager for a Medical Office. So, even though most of you have been quarantined at home, I have been working every day. I also own a Tax Office and that has been very strange and unusual as well. We usually almost shut down after April 15<sup>th</sup> tax deadline, but this year that has been extended until July 15<sup>th</sup>, so we are still working. On a good note, both of my daughters are teachers and I have been able to spend time with both of them.

I have missed seeing my Grand Officers and all of my Rainbow Friends, both girls and adults! It was so sad not being together at Grand Officer practice, Homecoming and now Camp Day! I can't wait to be with each of you again at Grand Assembly!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy using all of the precautions that have been recommended. I know this has **Clabeen** a crazy year, both at Rainbows and at School. Congratulations to all of our Seniors! I hope we get back together soon.

Again I miss each of you and look forward to seeing you soon. In all of this craziness, **DON'T FORGET TO DANCE!**



Ashley, Haley, Tony and Mom Susan

Much love,  
Susan Ownby, State Mother Advisor 2019 – 2020

## ***News from Assemblies Around Tennessee...***

### ***Hendersonville #3***

Hello from Hendersonville #3! We hope that each of you are staying safe during the social distancing and self-quarantine. Although we have had to cancel many events and planned activities in our Assembly including Homecoming, we have tried to stay in touch with each other by having ZOOM meetings. We even played a Rainbow trivia game this week that Carrigan Brummett created for us! Our plan is to play Rainbow Bingo during our next ZOOM meeting.

Carrigan Brummett was installed as our Worthy Advisor on February 1 and her theme is Timeless Rainbow. Her colors are rose pink, cream and vintage yellow and her emblems are books, letters and pictures.

We had a fun Valentine party in February. We exchanged valentines and played Pictionary. Wish you all could have joined us!



We hope each of you have enjoyed posting pictures for the Rainbow Challenges every Tuesday and Thursday! It's been a lot of fun to everyone's favorite pics over the last few weeks.

We are all anxious to see everyone at Grand Assembly!



### *Claiborne #8*

Hello Everyone from Claiborne #8

We began 2020 with an Area Initiation and the Installation of Officers. Claiborne #8 gained a new member, Rubi Hilton. We combined our Installation with Henry Lee Fox #85, Old Hickory #27, and Clarksville #126. After the Installation, we celebrated with a pizza party for the Area.



In February, we attended the DeMolay Sweetheart Valentine's Dance where everyone danced the night away. During February, we prepared lunches for "Room in the Inn" and made tie blankets. In March, we collected stuff animals for one of Grand Worthy Advisors project. We were scheduled to prepare lunches and serve a meal a 2<sup>nd</sup> time for "Room in the Inn", but due to the Coronavirus it was canceled. We have missed seeing everyone but we have been keeping in touch with each other.

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Hope to see very one soon!!!



### *Fountain City #56*

We hope everyone is staying well during this unusual time that we are in. It has been different. Before the home quarantine, Fountain City #56 was glad to have Julianna home for a meeting and help with serving at the Knoxville #69 OES Installation where Mrs. Hall and Mr. Steve were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.



Then Farragut #89 and Fountain City #56 had a joint Installation and Initiation where we all welcomed Racey as a new member at Farragut. We were honored to have Mom Fortenberry visit with us too.

Faith Warehime was installed as Worthy Advisor at Fountain City with a theme of *Running with Tennessee Rainbow*. The meeting followed with a reception. Many thanks to Holston #124, Dinsmore #49 and Faith #105 for their help with the meeting!

Fountain City has also had a couple of ZOOM meetings to stay in touch...different but fun! It's always good to see everyone, even if it's a bit different. Hope to see you all in person real soon!

## 2020 Graduates!!

Tennessee Rainbow extends Congratulations to every 2020 graduate! We recognize that this has been a very strange year. But we are proud of what you have accomplished and we look forward seeing all the exciting things you will accomplish!



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well during this tough time. It's best we stay optimistic and look towards the future. I know a lot of us, including myself, were seniors in high school and that has affected our last moments we would have had. My graduation was canceled. It was supposed to be May 17, but luckily, I still get to walk across the stage just not how any of us expected. Instead I'll be walking across the football field on June 22. After graduation I plan to attend MTSU in the fall and major in the health care field.

Since quarantine and probably until classes start, I've been spending my time coloring and going on walks at the Greenway. It's been helpful in getting my mind off everything and I recommend it to everyone. Grand Assembly is approaching, and I'm excited to see all my Rainbow Sisters -- it's been too long. Let's make the best of this time and stay together as one.

With Rainbow Love,  
Megan Watson Grand Treasurer

Rainbow Sisters and Friends,

The world has changed significantly since our last newsletter in January. I have attended a couple of initiations and installations in the Knoxville Area, and I am so thankful to the girls and adults for inviting me to join them in these ceremonies. There were so many events that I was looking forward to this spring that we were not able to attend due to the pandemic. I hope that all of you and your loved ones are staying safe during these hard times. I am very glad that I was able to help with these ceremonies in Knoxville and see some of my Rainbow sisters before everything closed down. These memories are very special to me and help me stay hopeful in the face of uncertainty.



Since the start of quarantine, I have moved out of my apartment in Johnson City and back into my mom's house in Soddy Daisy. This change was not at all what I had expected for my last semester of Undergraduate studies, and it came with some new challenges for my school and work life, but I know that my plans do not always align with God's plan for my life. He will help us find a way out of this, and we will be better as a result. I begin my first semester of Pharmacy School at ETSU's Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy this Fall, and I hope to move back to Johnson City in August to continue my studies.

The hardest part of this quarantine has been a lack of structure. I went from a very strict routine on campus to no routine at all. I am so thankful for this time spent with my family, but I miss my friends and sisters in Johnson City very much. This term as Worthy Advisor for Johnson City Assembly is not at all what I had pictured, but I know that on the other side of this, I will not take any moment with each of you for granted. Life is too short to not enjoy it. Take this time with your loved ones and use it to its fullest potential. Allow yourselves to enjoy time spent with the ones you love, and when this is all over, we will see each other again and take advantage of every moment spent together. I love you all very much, and I look forward to our next gathering. Remember, we are all in this together, and we can still love each other from a distance.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Gabrielle Hall, Grand Drill Leader 2019-2020

### First Supreme Webinar

On Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the West Coast Rainbow Grand Assemblies hosted the first ever Supreme Webinar on ZOOM. There were activities, chants and suggested service projects. Ms. Jacka joined the 268 girls and adults who were on the webinar. Tennessee participants sported green shirts as our assigned Rainbow color. There were only a few of us on-line.. Be sure you are watching Facebook for the next webinar so you can be a part of the meeting!





Hello to all and a special hello to Chloe. We haven't met yet, but hopefully I'll be able to meet you at Grand Assembly. What a crazy time we are living through right now. With school finishing up online and many events being cancelled, it truly has been an eventful year even if it hasn't been exactly what we had in mind. I miss seeing all my amazing sisters and am sad that we haven't had the opportunity to operate as normal this year, but as a result, I believe our bond has and will continue to grow stronger.

While online classes haven't been a fun experience, I can now officially say I have completed my freshman year of college and look forward to what is to come. I am currently undeclared, but I am looking at doing something history related. I am not sure what I want to do, but I believe I will figure that out in time. Before they sent all us college students home, I was able to participate in Step Sing which is a Samford tradition and it was a lot of fun.

Hopefully, everything will go back to normal, but a little bit better after all this calms down. I think this year has taught us a lot in many aspects of life so here are a few things I have learned as a result. Don't take this life for granted because you never know what tomorrow will bring, so live each day in a way that you will be proud to talk about some day. A little old-fashioned communication never hurt anybody, so talk on the phone or write a letter, nothing says I'm thinking about you better than these. People come together best in crisis. It is a crazy coincidence and a little sad that this is how it is, but these experiences draw us closer together and in these times, we are there for each other more so than ever before.



As for me, quarantine has got me going a little crazy seeing as there are three hard-headed, independent women under one roof, but we manage. To stay a little sane at least, I have been folding origami cranes, attempting to learn guitar, and watching a lot of "Friends". I would like to say thank you to Mom Fortenberry for allowing me to serve Tennessee once again, Ms. Mickey for all she has done for the Nashville Area, Mom Karen for finding fun ways to keep in touch, and Momma Bodner for allowing me to attend meetings in Birmingham while I've been at school. I hope everyone is doing well and I can't wait until we can see each other again.

Rainbow Love and Service,  
Zealan Hoffman  
Grand Faith 2019-20

Hello, everyone! I hope you all have been staying safe during the end of the world. I have been incredibly busy with school. My spring classes ended a week ago and I have already started my summer classes; fortunately, I am only taking two general education classes during the summer. After these courses, I will only have three more classes until I can officially call myself a college graduate! I am also preparing to apply for veterinary school which is both terrifying and exciting. Though school has kept me busy, I have rediscovered my joy of reading as well as arts and crafts. One art project I undertook while the world was on lockdown was spray painting my Nintendo switch; the results were surprisingly pleasant.

Even though the rest of the world went on lockdown, veterinary medicine remained open. Since I work at an emergency clinic, we did not shut our doors at all during the pandemic. This has resulted in me going full time; I currently work Friday-Sunday 8-8. It is exhausting work but incredibly rewarding. Due to other clinics being closed, my clinic has been swamped with patients. While the risk of COVID was formidable, I am grateful that we remained open to continue saving lives!

While I hate that the CoronaVirus has put a damper on many of our activities, I am grateful that we are taking precautions and that everyone is safe. I pray that we all continue to be safe; with the right amount of precautions, I am hopeful to see everyone at grand assembly!

Katelyn Broadway, GWAA 2019-2020



Hello Rainbow Sisters,

I hope this time under quarantine is treating everyone well. I am very sad that I haven't been able to spend time with my Rainbow Sisters. During this quarantine, I have spent a lot of time with my family at home. My friends and I have stayed connected through social media and a lot of video calls. While I have been patiently waiting for everything to open back up, I have been redoing my room and really doing some early spring cleaning. Netflix has also found itself taking up a lot of my time. I truly hope that I get to see my Rainbow family soon!

With Rainbow Love,

Mackenzie Illarramendi

Grand Chaplain

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy during this crazy time. Well, the past year was amazing for me. I traveled to Europe for the first time with my marching band and it was super fun but superrrr cold! I saw some of the most incredible things and I was so happy I got a chance to go. As for my school year, sadly, I am officially done with high school, but I wasn't able to have a prom or go to all of our fun senior activities. Thankfully, I still get to walk at Graduation.

This next year I will be planning to look into some colleges and decide where I would like to go. I'm looking forward to traveling to many different schools to see what they have to offer. I plan to major in Elementary Education with a minor in agricultural sciences!! Through this crazy pandemic I haven't been able to see my friends like I have been accustomed to do. But we've done a bunch of zoom calls, and we even stayed 6 feet apart in our cars and ate Chick-fil-a!!! I'm very excited to see everyone again, and I can't wait to see everyone at Grand Assembly this year!!!  
Stay safe and healthy!!!

Rainbow love,  
Kaitlyn Mayo  
Grand Patriotism 2019-2020



Dear Rainbow Family,

I've missed you all so much! With all the world's circumstances, I've really only seen my house and close family. I hope you are all well and staying healthy during this time. I graduated my freshman year of high school and had to turn my cheer uniforms in early. Although sad, a few weeks ago I remade the cheer team. There is some light in all of this. This week is my first week out... getting my hair done and my allergy shots. Oh and I also got a new puppy Chewy! He is a yorkie and looks exactly like Chewbacca! Hello to Aubrey, my Grand Page!! I can't wait to see you all again!



Lots of Love,

Claire Jones

2019-2020 Grand Confidential Observer

Hello,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during the pandemic. I can't believe I haven't seen my Rainbow family since December. I miss each and every one of you, especially my Grand Page, Hannah Buda. I know no one planned for this year to be spent at home, but I hope everyone is making the best of it.

During quarantine I have stayed fairly productive, I have moved my sister back home when she graduated from college, cleaned, cooked, took my cat on too many walks, binged Netflix (Tiger King), and of course did a lot of homework. School has been going pretty good since switching to online, and I'm excited for this semester to almost be over.

My Assembly has stayed connected with one another through Zoom and are even planning on a game night for the next meeting. Thank you, DeMolay, for the idea! I'm so grateful to have this Organization in my life, and I can't wait to be reunited at Grand Assembly!



With Rainbow Love and Service

Carrigan Brummett

Grand Hope 2019-2020



My name is Sarah Sharp, and I am 19 years old. I hope to be attending TCAT of Knoxville next fall in their surgical technician program. Over the last couple of months, I have been one of the lucky ones that have been able to continue working, which has been a blessing. Being able to go to work and stay busy has helped keep me sane and made me feel a little less cooped up.

I also got into a couple of fun crafts like tie dyeing t-shirts and making tie blankets. I got the chance to help my mom make some masks so that the people I work with could feel a little safer. And not to mention, I got to explore some local caves with my family and had a blast. The last few months have been rough but have given me a reminder not to take the simple things for granted. I miss everyone so much and I can't wait to get to see everyone soon. I want to say hello to Lily Anthony, my Grand Page. I can't wait to see you soon!

With Rainbow love,  
Sarah Sharp  
Grand Recorder

Hello Rainbow family,

I hope that you are all doing well as this semester and school year ended in unexpected terms. I was devastated when I found out that I could not play in my first collegiate band concert and I would have to say goodbye to my dorm and friends from freshman year so soon, but I'm trying to be positive and use this time to be productive.

I'm reading books that I never got around to, cleaning, and practicing the ukulele. I can't wait to return to Carson–Newman University in the fall and continue my studies as English major and as a member of the band. In the meantime I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many posts about Rainbow on social media. I miss each and every one of you so much and seeing all of our memories together only makes me miss you more and makes me more excited about the next opportunity to see all of you! Amanda, I hope you're doing fine and looking forward to the summer!

With Rainbow love,  
Noah Porter, Grand Nature



Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well considering what has been going on in the world, and I hope everyone has been safe! It is undeniably sad that we were not able to gather together for Homecoming in Knoxville, but we had to consider everyone's health and follow the suggestions from the CDC during this uneasy time. Even so, this past year was amazing! Julianna had such a fantastic year, and I know I enjoyed every minute of it. I am hopeful that we will get to see one another in June for Grand where Julianna is going to beautifully serve and have her last moment to truly shine and dance with her heart!

Currently, I am a registered junior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where I am majoring in neuroscience with a minor in psychology. However, I am considering bumping psychology up to a major so I can double major because neuroscience and psychology go hand in hand. Then I am going to add public health as a minor. This will result in me being qualified in multiple fields, and it would perhaps help with me standing out in my applications for applying to PA (physician assistant) school. I will also be entering my 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the Pride of the Southland Marching Band when the fall begins.

During this time at home, I was fortunate to get a job at Parkwest Medical Center as a patient care assistant. I also have been spending some quality time with my cat, Nova, and my mom and sister. I have been connecting with my friends through social media and Facetime. Perhaps my favorite thing about having so much free time is that I have been able to relax and make every moment count. I hope everyone can agree. Thank you all for such a great year, especially Mom Fortenberry for allowing me to serve as a Grand Officer! I cannot wait to see everyone again! Hey to Grace from Old Hickory! Hope to see you soon.

With lots of Rainbow Love,

Courtney Chambers, Grand Charity 2019-2020



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