

Chapter Dolls

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Inclusive Dates: 1953-present

Provenance

Chapter dolls are created by members of the chapters they represent. Dolls for chapters installed before 1953 were created by collegiate or alumnae members based on the time of installation. After 1953, dolls were created as part of the new chapter installation process. All dolls are given to Nationals upon completion.

Content and Scope

The dolls are housed in a display unit in the Mabel Lee Walton House. The dolls vary in size, though a majority of them are Barbie dolls. The collection expands with each new chapter and recolonization. Dolls remain in the collection even if a chapter closes.

Historical Note

The chapter dolls tradition began as part of the 1953 history convention. Each chapter at that time was asked to dress a doll in the fashion from the year the chapter was installed. Since then, chapters have been required to dress a doll as part of the installation or reinstatement process. The dolls represent not only Tri Sigma fashion through the past century, but also the uniqueness of each chapter.