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## 7 New Members Inducted to Hofstra's Mu Kappa Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the Geographic Honor Society



Mu Kappa's Spring 2025 induction ceremony

The Department of Global Studies and Geography inducted six new students and one faculty member to GTU and invited past initiates and graduating seniors from the department of global studies and geography for a ceremony and lunch held at the University Club. **Dr. Ruth Trumble**, assistant professor of global studies and geography, delivered the ceremony's keynote address **Dr. Kari Jensen**, professor of global studies and geography and Mu Kappa faculty sponsor and treasurer, and Mu Kappa co-presidents **Kerrie Heeralall** and **Genevieve McCormick**, both Class of 2025, welcomed the following new 7 inductees:

**Allison Alberti**

**Sophia Camacho**

Adjunct Instructor of Global Studies and Geography **Ramiro Campos**

**MeiLi Haan**

**Hafsa Munawer**

**Henry Musa**

**Pallavi Singh**



*L to r) Sophia Camacho, faculty member Ramiro Campos, and Pallavi Singh with 2024 inductee J. Cameron Elwell.*

Additionally, **Sophia Camacho ('26)**, a double major in **Global Studies and English**, was announced as the 2025-26 recipient of the [Masaharu G. Inaba Endowed Memorial Scholarship](#). Donated by the Inaba family in memory of the late Dr. George Inaba, who taught geography at Hofstra from 1959-1983, this scholarship is awarded annually to global studies or geography majors.



*Dr. Karri Jensen, Genevieve McCormick, and Kerrie Heeralall announced Mu Kappa's 2025 inductees*



*Keynote Speaker Dr. Ruth Trumble*

**Dr. Kari Jensen**, who founded the Hofstra chapter in 2012 and has served on the board of Mu Kappa ever since, said **Dr. Ruth Trumble** gave an excellent keynote speech; it was interesting and motivating to learn about her personal journey into the academic discipline of Geography and what Geography has meant in her life. The first chapter of GTU was founded in 1928 at Illinois State Normal University. It became a national organization in 1931 and an international geographic honor society in 1949.

Since its establishment at Hofstra, **Mu Kappa** has been a seven-time recipient of the prestigious Gamma Theta Upsilon Honors Chapter Award. The award recognizes the scholarship of Hofstra's geography students, as well as activities that celebrate and bring awareness of geography to the University's campus and community. Membership in Mu Kappa now stands at more than 300 active members.

Below is a link to the album on Flickr:

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