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The *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly* endeavors to serve as a forum to inspire, educate and challenge members on Fraternity and women's issues; to rekindle, sustain and excite member loyalty and interest through celebrating sisterhood and recognizing individual and chapter/club accomplishments; to serve as a permanent record and archive of the Fraternity.

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International President's Viewpoint

In early August, I had the opportunity to visit our Psi Chapter at the University of Alabama during Primary Recruitment and at the height of "Bama RushTok," a TikTok trend that took social media by storm (see page 10 for a recap).

While the online focus may have been on what PNMs were wearing, I saw something totally different from our members. In real life, the emphasis was on how genuine the relationships are, the excitement of welcoming new sisters and the commitment that each new member would be cared for and loved.

While COVID-19 has continued to make recruitment a challenge across the U.S. and Canada, what I saw at the University of Alabama truly filled my Alpha Gam bucket!

Since that visit, I've regularly seen sisters doing what they can to stay connected, both in person and virtually.

As I scroll through Instagram, I see our collegiate sisters embracing the sorority experience—welcoming new members, having social and philanthropic events, celebrating seniors and doing what they can to safely return to a new normal.

Members of all ages are excited about the upcoming Alpha Gam Book Club picks and digging into old copies of the *Quarterly* that have been scanned and added to the Alpha Gam Historian Facebook Group. Also on Facebook, the Rose Sisters Group has started its annual Secret Squirrel gift exchange. It's always a joy to see the creative and thoughtful gifts—some of which traveled thousands of miles to get

to its recipients.

I see our alumnae sisters gathering when they can—virtually or in person. I've been able to attend several small gatherings, and I leave each one thankful for our sisterhood. It reinforces why I believe in who we are and what we offer. We truly are *loving, leading, lasting*.

As you look through the pages of this issue, you'll see a recap of our members during Hunger Action Month. The important work we do—both individually and as an organization—is more important than ever, as many families continue to rely on food banks to help make ends meet. When combined with the Alpha Gam Foundation's efforts to fight food insecurity through grant funding, our impact is multiplied.

As you make plans for 2022, I hope you'll consider joining us in Louisville for our 51st International Convention. It will be a celebration of our resilience and everlasting sisterhood. I'm counting the minutes—and I'd love to see you there!

Loyally in Epsilon Pi,



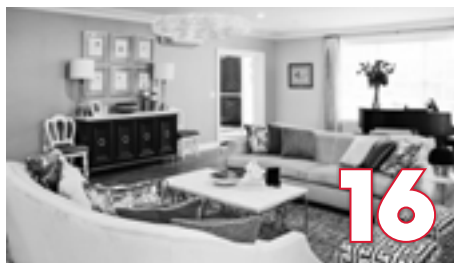
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The Leadership Consultant Team is finally back on the road! Get a closer look at the 2021-22 LCs.



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BY THE NUMBERS

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on the cover

The FHC's most recent house renovation at Epsilon—University of Kentucky. *Photo by Matthew Brock Johnson*

corrections

We mistakenly left Alpha Iota—Baldwin Wallace University out of the chapter directory. Help us make it up to them by following them on social media:

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We also accidentally referred to Oregon State University as Psi rather than Phi in the previous "Last Look."



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spot a squirrel



1. These squirrel charm bracelets are available for \$10 at the ✉ **Alpha Gam Boutque** while supplies last.
2. International President Lee Woodham Langub couldn't resist this photo opp outside Berdoll Pecan Candy & Gift Co. near Austin, Texas.
3. Rachel Turner-Bensen, Delta Theta–University of Idaho, and Jamie Leigh Stout, Iota–University of Washington, in their element at the Longview Squirrel Fest in Washington; Inset: Ellen Wenzel, Delta Xi–Arizona State University, also made an appearance in her squirrel gear.
4. Mitzi Langlois Young, Epsilon Zeta–Arkansas State University, at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis. ■ **SPOT A SQUIRREL?** Submit your photos online at ✉ alphagamdelta.org/quarterly-mag.

inbox



"The titular article in this issue was AMAZING."—**Chloe Secor, Zeta Nu–Alma College**

"I think collegiate chapters specifically should hold mandatory educational sessions to talk about sexual violence, consent, power disparity, safety, victim's rights and legal/university protections available to them when they are assaulted by

other active collegiate participants in their campus Greek life."—**Paige Dufour, Beta Delta–Indiana University**

"Thank you so much for sharing my journey! I can't imagine how helpful reading this type of article would have been for me at 20 trying to navigate a "normal" college experience in the midst of so much loss."—**Emily Lind, Beta Eta–Southern Illinois University at Carbondale** • *Editor's note: Thank YOU for sharing with us, Emily!*

■ **We'd love too hear from you!** Email us ✉ quarterly@alphagamdelta.org.



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IT'S BEEN NEARLY FOUR LONG YEARS
SINCE WE'VE *Gathered* TOGETHER.

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Run for the Roses!

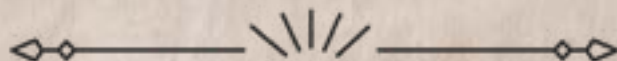


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Registration

WILL OPEN IN LATE FEBRUARY 2022.

alpha gamma delta CHAPTER MILESTONES

100
YEARS

Psi-University of Alabama

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 18, 1921

75
YEARS

Epsilon Epsilon-William Jewell College

FOUNDED OCTOBER 26, 1946

Special thanks to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for providing \$1,000 Centennial Celebration Scholarships to members of the Psi Chapter for the 2021-22 academic year.



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4,709

The number of Embark workbooks for new members sent to fall recruiting chapters and IHQ for distribution to spring recruiting chapters.



The Leadership Consultant Team made 65 visits to 49 chapters in 24 states and one Canadian province between August and October. Learn more about them on **page 14** and follow their journey on Instagram **@AlphaGamLCs**.

90

The number of fall Primary Recruitment Bid Days we've had since August.



413

Total number of individual members in the Foundation's Jewel Society in 2020-21. See who they are—along with the 83 Jewel Society collegiate chapters and alumnae groups—in the latest **Gratitude Report**.



August was a big month for Kate Sanderson, Delta Zeta—University of British Columbia, as she made her first Olympic appearance in Tokyo. While she didn't medal in Tokyo, her elite athletic skill and stamina allowed her to excel in the grueling 2-hour swimming event.

Our posts to wish her good luck received **253** comments on Facebook and Instagram and more than **7,000** likes and reactions!

Are you one of our 21.9K Instagram followers? If not, find us **@AlphaGamIHQ**.



◀ Hello Hydration!

Fall is here, but you can still channel sunshine with this 18 oz. Alpha Gam Glass Water Bottle (\$18).

Grab it and other markdowns and new arrivals at **AlphaGamBoutique.org** while supplies last.

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The number of posts added to our **blog** so far in 2021. Find a recap of the latest topics on **page 8**.

fraternity updates

2022-23 LC Applications Now Open



Alpha Gamma Delta's Leadership Consultants are recent graduates trained to provide on-site support to collegiate chapters. The experience and skills gained as an LC—leadership development, public speaking, coaching and change management—are applicable in all job fields and highly impressive on any resume.

"An ideal Leadership Consultant candidate is adaptable and self-motivated—and a good sense of humor doesn't hurt," said Collegiate Experience Manager Jensyn Perrin, Rho-Iowa State University. "LCs should be passionate about the sorority experience, dedicated to Alpha Gamma Delta and committed to maximizing the experience of our members."

If this sounds like you and you will graduate in spring 2022, we encourage you to apply. Visit [α alphagamdelta.org/leadership-consultant](https://alphagamdelta.org/leadership-consultant) to learn more. Applications are due Monday, November 15, by 11:59 p.m. ET.

National Panhellenic Conference News



The National Panhellenic Conference Alumnae Leadership Summit was held virtually, August 11–12. Online sessions were held on engaging alumnae beyond traditional events, best practices for volunteer development, post-pandemic alumnae engagement and more. Participants from Alpha Gam included VST Alumnae Support Committee Chair Patti Speakman Conville, Rho-Iowa State University; Alumnae Programs Committee Chair Vanessa Lopez Gonzalez, Epsilon Delta-University of Texas; Alumnae Recognition Committee Chair Rachel Turner-Bensen, Delta Theta-University of Idaho and IHQ staff Wendy Theus Barker, Chief Marketing Officer, and the new Alumnae Development Manager, Christel Barnes Cater.

The NPC Annual Meeting, typically held in October, has been postponed until spring in hopes the ongoing affects of the COVID-19 crisis will be less critical. NPC reports among its annual highlights that 136,887 women were pledged into its 26 member organizations during the 2020-21 academic year. NPC recently recognized 67 College Panhellenics and 51 Alumnae Panhellenic Associations Outstanding Achievements in 2020-21. While College Panhellenics faced operational challenges due to the global pandemic, 11 more were recognized over the prior year. To view the full lists of recipients, visit [α npcwomen.org/news](https://npcwomen.org/news).

Call for 2022 Convention Resolutions

If you would like to submit an amendment to the Fraternity's governing documents to be brought before the Business Meeting at the 2022 International Convention, proposed resolutions must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2022.

Visit [α bit.ly/agd_resolutions](https://bit.ly/agd_resolutions) to submit a resolution or learn more.

Changes to Honors of Epsilon Pi Petition Timeline



The Honors of Epsilon Pi recognize the remarkable efforts and contributions of alumnae volunteers. Due to a major technology change at IHQ in the coming months, the petitioning timeline has been expedited. Petitions must be submitted online or postmarked December 17 by 11:59 p.m. ET.

If you know an Alpha Gam volunteer who goes above and beyond in her role, visit [α Acorn » Resource Spot » Alumnae Chapters/Clubs](#) for more information.

#HungerActionMonth

September was Hunger Action Month, and Alpha Gams across North America made an impact in their communities through fundraising events, spreading awareness and volunteering. Check out how some of our collegiate chapters helped in the fight against hunger:



From top: Gamma Iota–Mercer University hosted a virtual food insecurity panel where local experts discussed causes of food insecurity and ways to help overcome it; Beta Gamma–University of Manitoba collected food items to donate to Harvest Manitoba; Members from Epsilon Nu–University of Central Oklahoma volunteered at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma; Beta Epsilon–Carroll University sorted and packed more than 10,000 lbs. of food at Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin; Theta Iota–Western Kentucky University donated \$690 worth of food and \$1,100 to their campus' Office of Sustainability. Theta Lambda–University of West Florida provided more than 9,000 meals to Feeding the Gulf Coast on Hunger Action Day; Theta Delta–University of North Georgia hosted a shopping event at a local boutique where they raised \$130 and promoted awareness.

What did your collegiate chapter or alumnae group do? Tag us in your photos and use the hashtag **#AlphaGamServes** to let us know!

New Fraternity Partnership Announcements



TECHNOLOGY

ChapterSpot, powered by Salesforce, combines full-scale membership database automation to transform the chapter experience for chapter

leaders, volunteers and members. ChapterSpot's integration with our new financial platform, Billhighway, will seamlessly optimize chapter financial and member-management workflows at both the chapter and International level. This strategic initiative will provide more intuitive tools for collegiate and alumnae leaders, as well as an enhanced user interface for all members of Alpha Gamma Delta.

In early 2022, all members will receive a registration link to their primary email on file. Upon registration, members will have access to the new myAlphaGam portal which will house new and improved features, including chapter reporting, Acorn trainings, bill pay functionality, collegiate chapter and alumnae group roster management, communication from IHQ and a messaging application for chapters.

If we do not have your current email on file, please update your information at alphagammadelta.org/info-update.



ASSESSMENT & EDUCATION

The Culture Shift Team is an award-winning consulting agency of leading experts in diversity, equity and inclusion education and strategy.

In order to understand how aspects of the organization shape the experience for all members, CST will engage collegiate and alumnae members, volunteers and IHQ staff to assess the Fraternity's climate of inclusivity in the areas of race and ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status and other potential communities. They will also review previous work and data compiled by the organization since our intentional journey with DEI expanded more than two years ago.

on the blog



From life lessons to personal stories to fond memories, alphagammadelta.org/blog features content from a variety of member voices. Here are a few to catch up on:

☞ THE MEANING OF RITUAL

A reflection on the meaning and importance of Ritual by Donna Diggs, Alpha Upsilon–Central Michigan University; Jessica Padovano, Alpha Omega–Duquesne University; Cassidy Trautman, Zeta Gamma–Gannon University; Elizabeth Gannon, Theta Iota–Western Kentucky University and Mary-Ruth Woolridge, Theta Psi–Austin Peay State University.

☞ PRIDE STORIES | A PROMISE MADE & KEPT

Melissa Brown, Zeta Alpha–Eastern Michigan University, recalls her 2003 “coming-out chapter meeting” and the relief she felt afterward.

☞ WHY I STAY INVOLVED

As a past advisor for Zeta Upsilon–Northern Michigan University and Zeta Eta–Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Cairn McNicholas Green, Zeta Nu–Alma College, reflects on why she stayed involved as an Alpha Gam alumna and what she gained from the experience.

☞ SO YOU'RE MOVING IN...

Maggie Hackman, Epsilon–University of Kentucky, Marketing Manager for the FHC, shares her tips for sisters moving into chapter housing: how to connect with a roommate, personalization inspiration and why taking advantage of every moment matters.

☞ DEAR PNM

Leadership Consultant Louisa Lee–Upsilon, University of Oklahoma, shares her advice and encouragement for potential new members.

HAVE A STORY TO SHARE? Email your ideas to socialmedia@alphagammadelta.org.

Alpha Gam Book Club Resumes



The Alpha Gam Book Club is back with a new line-up of books. Connect with alumnae of all ages and backgrounds online to discuss themes important to women. Discussions are led and moderated by volunteers. Grab the upcoming selections and join the Facebook Group at bit.ly/AGD-Book-Club.

December's selection is a mystery by Kathleen Barber, Sigma–University of Illinois. Her first novel, *Are You Sleeping*, was adapted into the 2019 Apple+ series “Truth Be Told.” Want to learn about more about other Alpha Gam authors? Check out our [Facebook page](#) in November!

DEI Chapter Liaison Assignments

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee continues its work to support the commitments developed of the Fraternity to make Alpha Gam a *loving, leading, lasting* experience for all members. Each chapter's Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will now have the support of a dedicated committee member to provide further guidance, resources and support. Log into [Acorn](#) to access your chapter's committee liaison. It is located in the Resource Spot » Collegiate Officer Materials for the President, Chapter Wellness Team and Chapter Advisor.



The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee for the 2021-23 biennium (shown above): Simone Brooks, Lambda Delta–Rutgers University; Kamryn Kurtzner, Zeta Nu–Alma College; Kylie Frisby–Upsilon, University of Oklahoma; Jennifer Geigan, Theta Upsilon–Northern Michigan University; Angelina Jones, Beta Upsilon–Roosevelt University; Chloe Secor, Zeta Nu–Alma College; Shaleeah Smith, Gamma Omicron–Eastern Kentucky University and Hilary Zimmerman, Delta–University of Minnesota.

Chapter Advisor Applications Opening Soon



Chapter Advisors provide leadership, guidance, inspiration and support to collegiate chapters. Appointed for a two-year term, Chapter Advisors facilitate the chapter's vitality and growth. If you're interested in serving, visit alphagammadelta.org/volunteer to apply and view current openings. Applications will be open January 3–17.



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media mix

News about or affecting our members and the greater fraternity/sorority community

MEMBER NEWS



Jeanne Robertson Enters Chapter Grand

■ Several media outlets, including the [New York Times](#), reported the unexpected passing of beloved humorist, author and philanthropist, Jeanne Robertson, Gamma Delta–Auburn University, in August. At 77, she was in the midst of a comedy tour when she fell ill. Jeanne brought laughter to millions of fans and will be remembered fondly by the many Alpha Gam sisters she met in college and throughout her successful career.

Adrienne Roberson Steps up to the Plate



■ Adrienne Williams Roberson, Gamma Nu–University of Tennessee, was recently named the first woman Public Address Announcer for the Baltimore Orioles, according to [ESPN](#). Adrienne began her career with the Orioles in 2004 as a camera operator for their AA affiliate, the Bowie Baysox.



Terry McKeever Makes Waves

■ There wasn't just one Alpha Gam at the 2021 Olympics. Terry McKeever, Delta Alpha–University of Southern California, participating in her fourth Olympics as a member of the U.S. swimming coaching staff. In 2012, she was the first female head coach of the United States Olympic swim team. She is in her 20th season as head women's swimming & diving coach at the University of California, Berkeley. She was [named Pac-12 Coach of the Year](#) in March.



Marcelle LeBlanc Wins National Title

■ Days before participating in Primary Recruitment and joining Alpha Gam at Auburn, Marcelle LeBlanc, Gamma Delta, was crowned Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2022 in Orlando, reports [Alabama.com](#). Learn more about her acting career, which includes parts in "Stranger Things," "Cobra Kai," and "Fear Street Part 2," in the August issue of [Jamo Magazine](#).



Sophie Fei Calls for Change

■ The cover of the August issue of the [Tatler Hong Kong](#) featured a group of Asian Americans speaking up against the resurgence of xenophobia in the U.S., including Sophia Li, Theta Nu–Virginia Commonwealth University. New York-based Sophia discusses the need for a broader world view in the U.S. educational system.

Naomi Tolbert Cooks Up Some Goodness



■ Chicago's [Hyde Park Herald](#) profiled foodie Naomi Tolbert, Beta Eta–Southern Illinois University Carbondale, on the opening of Enameled Grace and her passion for sharing healthy family-style meals and baked goods.



Jessica Storoschuk Talks Tudor

■ In the October issue of [Smithsonian Magazine](#), historian Jessica Storoschuk, Beta Gamma–University of Manitoba, gave her take on

Six, a London-based musical that recently made its Broadway debut. Jessica is a history, culture, and style blogger and frequent writes for [Royal Central](#).



Gamma Phi Alumnae Named 40 Under 40

■ Two alumnae from Gamma Phi–Georgia Institute of Technology have been named to the university's prestigious 40 Under 40 list. [Sarabrynn Huggins](#) (top) joined the Foreign Service at 29 and is currently an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. She is widely published as an expert on security and human rights issues in the Middle East, Turkey and Central Asia. [Melissa Nord](#) is a weekend morning meteorologist in Atlanta. In 2018, she won the Associated Press and Emmy Award for Best Meteorologist/Weather Anchor in the Washington D.C. and Chesapeake Bay region. She is a passionate STEM advocate, volunteering with community organizations to bring STEM activities to children.



Michaela Wells Leads Through Change

■ Michaela Wells, Beta Alpha–Nebraska Wesleyan University, has been named coordinator of Student Organizations and Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, according to [the university](#). She is looking at the best way to organize student groups to get students more

involved in a post-pandemic era. After attending the Associated Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference as a collegiate officer, Michaela set her sights on a career in student affairs.



Amber Duncan Stands with Sisterhood

■ Dr. Amber Garrison Dun-

can, Epsilon Phi–Texas Woman's University, has been named to [Circle of Sisterhood's](#) Board of Trustees. CoS is a network of sorority women across affiliation, age, color and creed with a mission to make a difference in the lives of millions of girls and women. Amber is the Executive Vice President of the Competency-Based Education Network and a former member of International Council.



Lauren Bradford Takes the Crown

■ Lauren Bradford, Gamma

Delta–Auburn University was crowned Miss Alabama in June after a stunning violin performance, according to [CBS 42](#) in Birmingham. After she passes on the crown next June, she will attend Vanderbilt University to pursue a masters of finance.



Leslee Breene Pens Screenplay

■ Author Leslee Carlson

Breene, Epsilon Pi–University of Denver, has collaborated on a screenplay adaptation of her novel, *Journey to Sand Castle*. Visit [lesleebreene.com](#) to learn more about her career.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Reign of #RushTok

As preparations for Primary Recruitment began in Alabama in August, #BamaRush and #RushTok began trending on TikTok. Videos of potential new members showing off their #OOTD (outfit of the day) as they prepared for the day's upcoming events landed on For You Pages everywhere and eventually led to more than 80 million views. People from all over the world—even those who previously had zero interest in sorority life—became emotionally invested in the reality TV-like spectacle. Polls were taken on which sorority specific PNMs would choose, spreadsheets were made, spoof videos began to appear and the mainstream media eventually honed in on Tuscaloosa, Alabama, home to the largest sorority rush in the United States. Hundreds of outlets—from People and BuzzFeed to the New York Times and CNN covered the short-lived phenomenon. Coverage spanned from the [competitiveness of the sorority recruitment process](#) to [primers on the lingo](#) to recaps of the more [controversial history](#) of fraternity/sorority life. The attention became frustrating for collegiate members who were trying to keep the focus on the less superficial benefits of sorority membership and nerve-racking for women participating in the PNM side of recruitment.

"While it was exciting at first, I worry it contributed to a sometimes toxic trail of comparison and insecurity among PNMs who saw TikTok vlogs as a measurable standard to determine how they looked or 'how well' they were doing in their own recruitment process," said Psi Chapter President Camryn Shields.

The frenzy dialed back after Bid Day, when the 2,307 PNMs opened their bids and ran to their new sorority houses—including the 134 who pledged at our Psi chapter, bringing their total membership to 439.



Podcast Roundup



■ In September, Hannah Austin, Phi–Oregon State University, launched [SheBurns](#), a podcast to help

women avoid burnout. Hannah is the CEO of SheShatters, a Portland-based startup designed to provide women the tools and support to achieve work/life balance.



■ Uproxx has tapped [Rick Steves Over Brunch](#) as one of the best travel podcasts of 2021. Co-hosted by

Stephanie Craig, Epsilon Nu–University of Central Oklahoma, and Christopher Mitchell, the duo recap iconic episodes of "Rick Steves' Europe."



■ Speaking of [Rick Steves Over Lunch](#), Dr. Lindsey Harvell-Bowman, Epsilon Beta–University of Kansas, was

on a recent [minisode](#) about her flying anxiety and her new book *The Psychology and Communication Behind Flight Anxiety: Afraid to Fly*. Lindsey is an Associate Professor in the School of Communication Studies at James Madison University and leads JMU's Terror Management Lab.



■ Pop culture writer and Royal expert Rachel Burchfield has been making the podcast rounds on

a variety of topics, the most recent on the juggernaut mania surrounding supermodels in the [History of the 90s](#). She recently launched [I'd Rather Be Reading](#) and is the co-host of [Podcast Royal](#).

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ALPHA GAM VOLUNTEER ROLE

Philanthropy Committee Chair for the Volunteer Service Team

CHAPTER & YEAR OF INITIATION

Zeta Delta—Towson University, 1979; I am a charter member!

LIVES IN

Alexandria and Williamsburg, Virginia

OCCUPATION

Retired in 2018 after nearly 20 years as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization and a total of 35 years in nonprofit management.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SERVING ALPHA GAM

Our philanthropic focus! Fighting Hunger is a cause that knows no bounds. It is inspiring to members of all generations across the United States and Canada assisting local charities to put food on the tables of those in need in our communities. The bonus is that I've met so many amazing sisters (who are now friends!) through VST.

INSPIRED BY

My Dad. His example of working hard, playing hard and giving his time to charities was one I followed my entire life. He always had wise words for me, including *retirement is the best job you will ever have*. I retired in 2018 to spend precious time with him before he passed away in 2020.

CURRENTLY LISTENING TO

James Taylor! I'm a huge fan and travel to see him in concert. Most recently, I saw him in Detroit and Hershey, Pennsylvania. In 2009, I spent six nights on the Queen Mary on a James Taylor cruise!

CURRENTLY READING

Michael Langlois' *B Plus: Dancing for Mikhail Baryshnikov at American Ballet Theater*. I am a dance enthusiast and always enjoy a good ballet book. In fact, I have a one-night "walk on" role in The Washington Ballet's upcoming "Nutcracker" in December

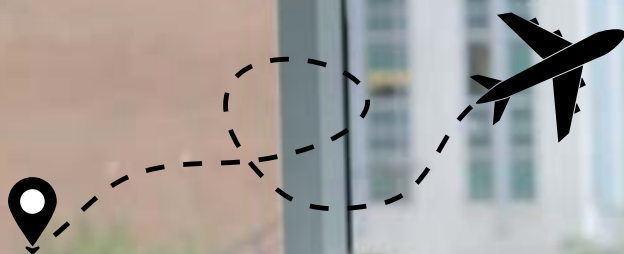
CURRENT OBSESSION

Walking—during the pandemic, my partner Dan and I found gorgeous nearby walking trails we never knew existed.

MY PERFECT DAY

Visiting Hillwood Museum & Gardens in Washington, D.C. No matter how stressed life can get, Hillwood is calming, peaceful and the gardens and the mansion are gorgeous any time of the year. I also love spending time with friends and family—and traveling! Since the pandemic has put a hold on international travel, I've been traveling by car—including to the beach. I am active in two D.C.-based social clubs and love volunteering for local charities, including Hillwood's Advisory Council.

From top left: Enjoying Machu Picchu; Michele and her partner Dan Sherman at the National Archives "Hamilton" gala; and Michele onstage at the Kennedy Center at a rehearsal of The Washington Ballet's "Swan Lake." Fun fact: Michele's dream job would be a ballet costume designer!



on the road again
2021-22 LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS



*From left: Ansley Martin, Tristen Fitts,
Jenna Kelly, Louisa Lee and Kacey Baker.*



The Fraternity's Leadership Consultant Team is back in the field to provide on-the-ground chapter support for the 2021-22 academic year. After summerlong training in Indianapolis, LCs set out to help chapters feel more confident during Primary Recruitment, provide programming and support collegiate officers in their leadership roles.

KACEY BAKER

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Hometown: Dyersburg, Tennessee
Degree: Integrative Studies - Youth Services

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Degree: Finance

JENNA KELLY

Chapter: Epsilon—University of Kentucky
Hometown: Vernon Hills, Illinois
Degree: Social Work

LOUISA LEE

Chapter: Upsilon—University of Oklahoma
Hometown: Abilene, Texas
Degree: Creative Media Production

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Chapter: Theta Mu—University of North Carolina Wilmington
Hometown: Cornelius, North Carolina
Degree: Elementary Education

Applications are now open for the 2022-23 Leadership Consultant Team. If you're a graduating senior and interested in serving in this once-in-a-lifetime role, visit [α alphagamdelta.org/leadership-consultant](https://alphagamdelta.org/leadership-consultant) to learn more and apply. Applications are due Monday, November 15, by 11:59 p.m. ET.

Kentucky

After a yearlong renovation, Epsilon Chapter members far and wide were eager to return to their updated Kentucky home at 325 Columbia Terrace in Lexington

BLUE



Photos by Matthew Brock Johnson

The formal living room (above and right)—or parlor as it is called by chapter members—is one of the first rooms you will see upon entering the home. The FHC's use of blue accents throughout the space is a nod to the Kentucky Wildcats. ■ A mirror etched with Alpha Gam's Armorial Bearings sits above the fireplace.



► Designed by EOP Architects, the renovation was completed by Marrillia Design & Construction under the FHC's direction. The 3-story, 13,298-s.f. home now accommodates 50 live-in members and includes dining and meeting space, a commercial kitchen, craft room and House Director suite.





◀ The foyer features stunning, white marble flooring and the chapter's original staircase, where members line up to greet Primary Recruitment guests.

▼ The extensive renovation included an addition onto the back of the facility. Located on the first floor, it serves as a large study room for chapter members.



Gathering spaces throughout the house are designed to foster connection. ■ The chapter's grand piano returned with an ottoman to provide a charming vignette or space for a singalong.

House Dedication

Initially postponed due to the pandemic, the Epsilon house dedication finally took place October 10, during Homecoming Weekend. Alumnae, IHQ staff and volunteers, family and friends gathered for a long-awaited tour.



From top: Meghan McGee Schneeman and Molly McGee; Allyson Stacy Watson and Julie Roberts; Elizabeth Graves, Jordan Philley Saylor, Brooke Saunders Renn, Jane Noelker, Bridgette Boyer McCauley and Kali Jakobi.

► The house's main bathroom features showers with Alpha Gam branded shower curtains, an island with granite countertops, anti-microbial storage cubbies for live-in members and adjustable back-lit make-up mirrors.

▼ In the lounge area of the basement, a Purpose wall and memorabilia display pay tribute the chapter's 113 years of sisterhood at the University of Kentucky.



FUN FACT

The Epsilon Chapter, installed in May 1908, is the oldest National Panhellenic Conference sorority on the UK campus.

▲ The dining room—now in the basement—is the perfect place for members to share a meal or study together. The overflow area doubles as a chapter room and can seat 150 members.

◀ The informal living room serves as a media space and prominently features the Alpha Gamma Delta brand through custom pillows, Kate Spade rose wallpaper and signature red accents.



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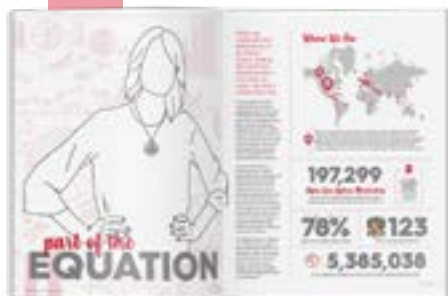
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collegiate members

BY THE NUMBERS

In the Fall 2019 issue of the *Quarterly*, we published [📄 “Part of the Equation”](#) which provided statistical information about our membership. So, what has changed for our collegiate membership since then and how has the data been used?

Since 2017, Alpha Gam has partnered with Dyad Strategies to develop a comprehensive survey that gives collegiate members a chance to share their feelings and experience within Alpha Gam with the Fraternity. Each year, more than 80 percent of collegians complete the survey making the results generalizable across collegiate membership.

“On the international level, the data is used to assess the member experience within each collegiate chapter and identify opportunities for growth within each chapter,” said Executive Director Katie Jolley Abernathy. “Specific chapter data is made available to chapter leaders to help them set goals for the upcoming year.”

Members are asked to answer questions related to sisterhood, commitment/satisfaction with the organization, social culture and member outcomes. Demographic information is gathered to identify the gap between members who have a more positive experience than who don’t.

For example, the data can show us how member satisfaction compares between younger members and graduating seniors or first-generation college students versus legacy members.

“It is important for us to measure how our collegiate women feel about the organization, as well as each other,” said Chief Operating Officer Lindsay Jarman, “We know sisterhood isn’t something you can technically measure, but data is a key indicator—and we want to hear directly from our members.”

Data collected from the survey is used to make a variety of decisions for the Fraternity, including programming and initiatives.

While the base metrics have stayed relatively the same year-over-year, new questions have been added to more closely examine discoveries made from the previous year’s results. For example, questions related to housing were added after results revealed members who live in the house have a higher sense of belonging. Additional questions have been added regarding future alumnae engagement and other key areas.

Like other groups, Alpha Gamma Delta experienced a decrease in member commitment and affinity in 2020. DYAD Strategies attributes this to the pandemic. Additional questions have been added to fully measure the effect COVID-19 has had on chapter climate.

Questions have also been added to determine potential impacts of movements happening on specific campuses across the country, as well as members’ dissatisfaction with progress in the diversity, equity and inclusion space.

“We have a great responsibility to learn how to love and support our members fully, so they may feel connected to each other by the same shared Purpose,” said Katie. “In order for Alpha Gam to be truly *loving, leading, lasting*, we must empower and inspire our women to draw from our values to better their communities and the world around them.”

A consistent finding since 2017 has been the reasons collegiate members cite as their motivation to join Alpha Gam. Belonging and leadership/involvement rank highest, followed by networking then social benefits.

“Members who attend in-person events like Academy for Collegiate Officers or International Convention show a higher overall affinity for the organization,” said Lindsay. “Data indicates they are more likely to recommend Alpha Gam, donate to the Foundation and remain more actively involved with Alpha Gam as alumnae.”

Similar correlations can be made with collegians who live in their chapter's house. This leaves a broad gap of members who may not feel as connected to each other or Alpha Gamma Delta as a whole. As such, additions have been made to multiple paths within the Epsilon Pi Journey member experience programming, such as emphasis on connection and personal growth, beginning in Embark, the new member path.

Additional content was added to Elevate, the second path, and reflects some of the more powerful programming from ACO, including the topics of grit and resilience, as well as personal and professional growth mindset.

Empower, the third path of the Epsilon Pi Journey, will launch in the 2022-23 academic year and provide a voluntary, cohort-style learning opportunity. The path will provide a community-minded approach to developing even greater personal, professional and leadership skills.

Another large focus has been placed on mental health and vitality. As reported in fall 2019, the survey revealed this need.

"We have tailored our mental health resources based on the results of the survey, and we've seen positive movements in those areas," said Lindsay. "With more education and knowledge, members have become better able to identify their needs and seek support."

Through grant funding from the Foundation, the Fraternity has been able to provide:

- The 2021 Virtual Academy for Collegiate Officers keynote address on Imposter Syndrome—feelings of self-doubt and personal incompetence that persist regardless of education, experience or accomplishments. It was the highest rated programming at ACO. Data also indicates members who attend ACO typically have a higher satisfaction with their overall Alpha Gam experience and an overall increased feeling of sisterhood.
- Impact Talks, established in 2019, are hourlong sessions hosted by Dr. Daryl Appleton and Jennifer Weaver-Breitenbecher, LMHC, of Polaris Counseling & Consulting. They cover a wide range of topics like prioritizing self-care and silencing your inner mean girl. Replays are available to all members—including

8,664
total collegiate membership

Total membership reported by NPC's 26 Member Organizations is 367,647

 **119**
Active Alpha Gam Chapters

NPC reports 3,356 total active collegiate sorority chapters

 **5,224**

The number of Alpha Gams initiated during the 2020-21 academic year

136,887

The number of women who pledged an NPC sorority during the 2020-21 academic year

56.8%

WORK FULL OR PART TIME AND PAY PART OF OR ALL SORORITY EXPENSES

Up from 4.5% from 2019

 **15.4%**
LIVE IN CHAPTER HOUSING
Down nearly 2% from 2019

race & ethnicity

As the racial makeup of our membership continues to diversify, it remains consistent with other NPC groups.

*Data collected on races with less than .5% representation were reported by Dyad Strategies as Other, as the individual percentage was too low to determine accurate data correlation.

82.5%	White
4.1%	Asian/Pacific Islander
4.1%	Hispanic/Latinx
1.5%	Black/African American
1%	Indian
0.8%	Middle Eastern/North African
0.8%	American Indian/First Nation
4.1%	Multiracial
1.1%	Other* or Undisclosed



While sexual identity was not part of Dyad Strategies' data collection, the LGBTQIA AΓΔ Facebook and Discord Groups have nearly 500 members. While this represents 0.3% of our total membership, the actual percentage of members identifying as LGBTQ+ is likely closer to the national average of 5.6%. This number is expected to rise, as 16% of Gen Z adults report identifying as LGBTQ+.

79% 

JOINED VIA PRIMARY RECRUITMENT

Up 1% since 2019

12.9%
are legacies

OF ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

Up from 9.9% in 2019

3.4 GPA

BASED ON 76 CHAPTER REPORTS AS OF OCTOBER 5

Sisterhood Survey data still reports chapters with higher GPAs tend to be more competitive in recruitment, retention and other measurable areas.

48.1%

SERVE ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OR HOLD AN OFFICER ROLE OR COMMITTEE POSITION

60,855

COLLEGIATE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS REPORTED IN 2020–21

more about GENERATION Z (born between 1997–2012)

Gen Z women account for 59.6% of college students in the U.S. and 55.5% in Canada. The most popular college majors are science or healthcare-based. Social sciences and liberal arts majors follow.

Research shows this generation of women enjoys DIY and art projects, reading, cooking and watching YouTube or Netflix—and they often look to social media influencers for inspiration. In fact, they spend around 5–6 hours online each day.

Gen Z women report the highest levels of anxiety of all generations. Their biggest reported worries are climate change and unemployment, with gun violence, inequality and affordable access to healthcare next in line. Despite these findings, Gen Z reports to be more optimistic than other generations.

Analytics indicate our collegiate members share interest in movies, music, fashion, technology, humor, beauty and wellness, pets, fitness, travel and shopping.

Article sources: Dyad Strategies, Deloitte, National Student Clearinghouse, National Panhellenic Conference, *Forbes*, YPulse, Google Analytics and collegiate chapter-submitted reports.

alumnae at  acorn.alphagammadelta.org in the Resource Spot.

- Other impacts include changes to Leadership Consultant training which has been expanded to consider the Sisterhood Survey. It has also influenced collegiate officer training.

The survey was previously launched in the spring and results were shared in the late summer when most chapters were focused on recruitment. However, officers were at the end of their term and had little time to use the information during their term.

“Moving the Alpha Gam Sisterhood Survey to the fall will allow results to be shared with incoming officers to set goals at the beginning of their officer term,” said Lindsay. “We believe this extra time will extend the impact far beyond the current officer’s term.”

The Fraternity continues to address equity, inclusion and diversity in a comprehensive way. Data indicates our members of color do not report as positive a experience as our white members; however, their experience is typically comparable to the other women within their chapter.

The Fraternity wants to provide a more meaningful experience for women of all identities—during recruitment and beyond.

“When it comes to work surrounding inclusion and belonging, there can be pressure to quickly treat symptoms rather than address the cause—and that can feel performative,” said Director of Educational Strategy Liz Morehouse. “If the true goal is systemic progress, we must take a step back and look at the entire experience we foster.”

Using data collected from the Alpha Gam Sisterhood Survey, Town Hall and Listening Session-style meetings, and facilitated programming with pre- and post-assessments, we know there is more work ahead of us—but we are headed in the right direction.

Launched in October 2020, the *Unpacking Alpha, Gamma and Delta* program provides collegiate members and Chapter Advisors the opportunity to reflect on topics such as implicit bias, understanding privilege and being an ally. It was created in collaboration with Dr. Stacey Pearson-Wharton and Campuspeak, and funded by the Foundation. Each module includes a brief video, quiz and additional resources, including Reflection Guides for Vice Presidents–Chapter Wellness to use during chapter meetings.

When asked if the programming was impactful, 76 percent of collegiate members and Chapter Advisors who completed at least one module agreed or strongly agreed. In fact, only 4 percent of respondents considered the program to be unimpactful to some degree.

“It is so important to understand how many layers there are to racism beyond the obvious. We must be aware that different things are offensive to different people, and we must take ownership of what we say—even when intentions are well-meaning,” said one collegiate respondent.

This fall, the Fraternity launched a required pre-recruitment program for collegiate members on creating intentionally inclusive spaces. A follow-up to previous implicit bias programming, it explored the impacts of inclusive language, the role of implicit bias and how to see past stereotypes through deeper conversations and shared values. The programming was developed by Dr. Suzette Walden Cole and Christina Parle of Social Responsibility Speaks and was largely well-received by collegiate members.

“I believe there are some assumptions around our work in this area, but there is a great amount of focus on healing, identifying unconscious attitudes and protecting our sisterhood,” said Katie. “Our chapters thrive when members can bring their authentic selves to Alpha Gamma Delta and know they truly belong.”

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation provides grants for a number of impactful collegiate programs. You can support these efforts at  alphagammadeltafoundation.org.

Wondering how alumnae measure up?

Part 2 will appear in an upcoming issue. We’d love to hear from you! Take our survey at  bit.ly/AGD-Alumnae-Survey! Scan the QR code on the right with your smart phone to go there now.



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Blonde

AMBITION

Behind some of Hollywood's most memorable characters sits alumna Karen McCullah



Karen behind the scenes of "Legally Blonde" with actresses Reese Witherspoon, Selma Blair and Meredith Scott Lynn. Photo courtesy of K. McCullah.

Twenty years ago, the beloved comedy "Legally Blonde" hit theaters and Reese Witherspoon transformed into everyone's favorite sorority woman, Elle Woods. Eventually dubbed a feminist classic, the 2001 film also solidified the career of Karen McCullah, Gamma Mu—James Madison University.

"It was very under the radar when we filmed it—it was just a fun little comedy and then it became this big thing," Karen told *MetroUK* earlier this year. "I thought other people would like it, but I didn't know what it

would become. Twenty years later, it's something people are still talking about every day."

In case you somehow missed it, *Legally Blonde* is the story of a sorority Chapter President who sets her sights on attending Harvard Law School to win back her boyfriend after he broke up with her for not being serious enough (what, like it's hard?). In the end, she ends up discovering her passion for law, ditching the ex-boyfriend and triumphing with unflappable self-confidence.



"Her intellect and aspirations and kindness are big parts of her character," Karen said of Elle. "Other people might underestimate her, but she never underestimates herself."

To prepare for the role, Reese spent time with real-life collegiate sorority women.

"I could have been really ditzy and played what I [originally] thought this character was, and I would have missed a whole other side of her. But...I saw how polite these women are and how much they value their female friendships—and how important it is to support each other," she told the *New Statesman* in May of this year.

While much of *Legally Blonde* is a hyperbolic view of sorority life, the character of Elle Woods remains timeless as an emblem for challenging stereotypes—including that of the 'dumb blonde' and 'ditzy sorority girl.'

"At least once a week, I have a woman come up to me and say, 'I went to law school because of *Legally Blonde*,'" Reese Witherspoon told the *Wall Street Journal* in 2017. "You can be unapologetically feminine but also smart and driven."

It might seem hard to believe, but "*Legally Blonde*" is inspired by true events. The movie is based on the book of the same name by Amanda Davis. One week into class at Stanford Law School, Amanda realized she was a fish out of water. She began writing letters to friends about her day-to-day observations, thus *Legally Blonde* the book was born.

"I wrote it all on pink paper, with my pink furry pen. An agent picked it up because it was ►



BEND & SNAP

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of "Legally Blonde," the Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills crafted the Bend & Snap—a blend of spirits, watermelon slices, agave and lime juice with mint leaves and jalapeño. The 5-star hotel was the birthplace of the iconic Bend and Snap move (which promises "an 83% return rate on a dinner invitation"). Karen and her writing partner were at the Viceroy brainstorming ideas for a "B plot" for Jennifer Coolidge's character, Paulette, when Karen had the idea to give her a signature move. The scene is so iconic that it was eventually given its own musical number in the movie's Tony-nominated musical adaptation.

on pink paper," she told the San Francisco Gate in 2003.

Karen also admits a few details in "Legally Blonde" and "The House Bunny" are based on her college days.

"A lot of stuff was inspired by my sorority experience," she said, "Especially rush [recruitment parties], close friendships I made, a toilet paper heist...and judging that tighty whitey contest."

"Legally Blonde" wasn't Karen's first big screen success. In 1996, Kirsten "Kiwi" Smith—who was working in development at an independent Hollywood film company—came across a script written by Karen in a submissions pile.

A few letters and phone calls later, they partnered to write the 1999 release "10 Things I Hate About You," a modern take on William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

The duo went on to craft some of today's most quotable films, including "Ella Enchanted," "The Ugly Truth," "She's the Man" and another sorority favorite—2008's "The House Bunny"—starring Anna Faris and Emma Stone in her first big role.

Karen describes their partnership and the characters they write as "badass and full of mirth." That sentiment is a recurring theme throughout their work, as each protagonist is a strong, determined woman.

It is from other strong, determined women Karen draws the most inspiration, including the likes of journalist E. Jean Carroll, the women who served as spies during French Resistance in World War II—even Wonder Woman. Though both have passed away,

actress/writer Carrie Fisher and author/filmmaker Nora Ephron have also been a big influence on her. More recently, she's been inspired by Senator Elizabeth Warren, Vice President Kamala Harris and Stacey Abrams.

Karen didn't originally set out to be a screenwriter. Born in the Philippines during her father's military assignment, Karen lived in Maryland, Japan and New Jersey before heading to Virginia to study marketing at JMU.

Out of college, she worked in public relations for an investment firm in Washington D.C., then moved to Albuquerque, then Denver. Having little luck finding a job that resonated with her, she read a book called *How to Write for Film and TV* and decided to focus her energy on developing her screenwriting skills. She sold her first script at 30.

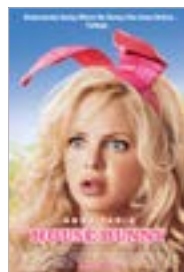
"Writing is just fun to me," she told the "Scripts and Scribes" podcast in 2013. "I get to sit around and make myself or my partner laugh all day."

She eventually laughed all the way to the bank. "Legally Blonde" became an instant hit, topping the box office on opening weekend and becoming MGM's highest-earning non-sequel opener ever. To date, the movie has grossed nearly \$142,000,000.

Today, Karen lives in Los Angeles and enjoys writing poolside in the sunshine. Much like her days at JMU—where she proudly accepted the unofficial titles of Alpha Gam's Most Laid-Back Sister and Biggest Partier—Karen prioritizes her unique approach to life.

"I've pretty much orchestrated my entire life so it's always a good time," she said.

And we can't thank her enough for it.



In addition to Legally Blonde, Karen's other movie credits include "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999), "Ella Enchanted" (2004), "She's the Man" (2006), "The House Bunny" (2008), "The Ugly Truth" (2009) and "Crazy Kind of Love" (2013). Her novel, *The Bachelorette Party*, was published in 2005 and is available where books are sold.



THEN vs. NOW

We asked Karen and her former roommate and chapter sister, Nancy Blessing Mammano, to compare their lives in the 1980s with today.

1984

Met in the freshman dorm
#1 song on the radio was Tina Turner's "What's Love Got to Do with It"

2021

Hanging poolside at Karen's this summer
#1 song was "good 4 U" by Olivia Rodrigo

THEN

Karen cruised town in her Dacia Duster
Nancy kept it casual with a Chevy

NOW

Karen: Jeep • Nancy: Mini-van

THEN

Shopped 'til they dropped at
The Limited (of course)

NOW

Karen: Amazon • Nancy: Ross

THEN

Karen kicked it in tie-dye shirts while
Nancy waited until Karen left town so she
could grab her favorite orange dress

NOW

Karen: Tie-dye dress (we're sensing a theme!)
Nancy: Perfectly worn-in jeans

THEN

Their motto was "There's no such
thing as too much fun."

NOW

Karen (without hesitation): "Get a prenp!"

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News and updates from Alpha Gam alumnae groups and other happy gatherings

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter

After far too long apart, the Atlanta Alumnae Club was happily reunited at Dry County Brewing in June and again in August at Dr. Bombay's Underwater Tea Party for Alpha Gam Always events. For information on upcoming events, follow them at [instagram.com/agdatlantaalumnae](https://www.instagram.com/agdatlantaalumnae).

Beta Eta Alumnae Chapter

The Beta Eta Alumnae Chapter kept in touch via Zoom gatherings during the pandemic with trivia, meet & greets with collegiate members and a special historical presentation for IRD. The Betty Mitchell Scholarship and Senior Scholarships were also awarded. Lastly, SIU named the much-deserving Emily Lind Advisor of the Year.

Chesapeake Alumnae Chapter

The CAC was proud to support the Zeta Delta Chapter by attending a virtual Initiation ceremony, as well as contributing to the Zeta Delta Scholarship Fund. Thanks to our virtual speaker event, "Behind the Rainbow: Judy Garland," we raised \$3,382.45—our largest donation to the Foundation to date! After a year of virtual events, we were thrilled to host our first in-person event of the year with a wine tasting at Boordy Vineyards in September.

Chicago West Suburban Alumnae Club

Chicago West sisters had a casual coffee gathering over the summer to reconnect in person. This fall, we're looking forward to hosting our Alpha Gam Always Night and celebrating the various fall holidays along with lots of opportunities to catch-up over our coffee and lunch dates.

Epsilon Upsilon Alumnae Chapter

Epsilon Upsilon alumnae reconnected for homecoming and campus traditions. Members also enjoyed collaborating with the collegiate chapter to support the Purple Food Pantry on campus and providing mentoring and professional development to collegiate members.

Greater Boston Alumnae Chapter

In February, the GBAC participated in Week of Service by participating in virtual programming on food insecurity. Funds from the registration fee were donated to The Food Project, a nonprofit organization that establishes urban gardens. Members also provided food and clothing to local nonprofits. In April, the GBAC hosted a virtual IRD which brought together sisters from across the country for a chance to reconnect and welcome the newest alumnae the graduating class at Zeta Zeta—Worcester Polytechnic Institute at a picnic and hike. We are proud to have received the highest recognition level of Living With Purpose.

Greater Portland Alumnae Club

The GPAC recently hosted a Pumpkin Patch Social in October at Sauvie Island. Upcoming events include a dinner at Jean Steffek's house and a holiday party at Jenny Roehm's. Join our Facebook group at [facebook.com/groups/portlandagd](https://www.facebook.com/groups/portlandagd) for more information on upcoming activities.

Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter

Alumnae from the Greater Raleigh area gathered in three locations and virtually for IRD this year. Desiree Baron, Lambda—Northwestern University, provided a keynote address on her career which has taken her around the world.

Heart of Virginia Alumnae Chapter

Alumnae from the heart of Virginia have been busy—both virtually and in person—supporting Gamma Lambda—Longwood University, local food banks and the Virginia Children's Book Festival. Gamma Lambda alumnae from far away enjoyed the opportunity to virtually attend Initiation, Feast of Roses and IRD. We have stayed connected through a Secret Squirrel exchange and collegiate Heart Sisters. Socially distanced outdoor events included our Step-up to Spring walking challenge and a summer social.

Los Angeles Area Alumnae Chapter

In September, the LAAAC helped Delta Epsilon—University of California Los Angeles with Mock Virtual Recruitment and wrote notes to be delivered to homebound seniors by Meals on Wheels. Alumnae and guests gathered for a tour of the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden and a day filled with fun, friendship and sisterhood. A Wine Tasting Event will be held in November at the home of Candy Duncan in Manhattan Beach. Must be 21+ to attend. Follow us at [instagram.com/alphagam.laacc](https://www.instagram.com/alphagam.laacc) for more event announcements.

Norman Alumnae Chapter

Norman alumnae are excited to slowly return to hosting in-person events. To help Upsilon—University of Oklahoma with Primary Recruitment, we donated \$700 to assist with Philanthropy Round! We look forward to our upcoming S'mores and Sisterhood Social and coat drive in November. Follow us at [instagram.com/normanalphagams](https://www.instagram.com/normanalphagams).

North Atlanta Alumnae Club

At the spring Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association meeting, Marge Barden Reason, Alpha Alpha, University at Buffalo—SUNY, received the Panhellenic Lifetime Loyalty Award. This summer, Patty Caudle Cunningham, Gamma Phi—Georgia Institute of Technology, was installed as AAPA President. We enjoyed celebrating them both at a luncheon in May. Several sisters volunteered at the North Gwinnett Co-Op to help sort canned goods and collaborated with Mu—Brenau University for an event in October.

Northern Nevada Alumnae Club

In August, several members met at the home of Beth Poole Farley, Delta Rho—Sonoma State University, for a family BBQ. It was a great time to catch up and discuss future activities, including our annual Holiday Charity Luncheon in December.



Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter



Tampa Bay Area Alumnae Chapter



Delta Theta Alumnae Chapter



Delta Theta Alumnae Chapter



Omaha Area Alumnae Chapter



Alumnae from Delta Alpha—University of Southern California



Atlanta Alumnae Chapter

and annual red, buff and green-themed cocktail party in February. If you live in the northern Nevada or northern California area, we would love to connect with you. Reach out to President Cynthia Still Birk, Rho—Iowa State University, at cynthiabirk@gmail.com to connect with us!

Omaha Area Alumnae Chapter

After spending several months meeting via Zoom, Omaha alumnae eased into seeing one another at casual events, such as Saturday breakfasts. In June, several gathered to see comedian, Jeanne Robertson, Gamma Delta—Auburn University, perform at The Holland. We were saddened to learn of her recent passing and are honored we saw one of her last performances.

Southwest Florida Alumnae Club

Like many chapters/clubs, Zoom allowed us to stay connected during the worst of the pandemic. Virtual game nights—including a custom Alpha Gam Jeopardy board by Kirsten Endle Czoschke, Beta—University of Wisconsin. By spring, we were able to meet outdoors for an afternoon tea for IRD at the home of Nancy Spikings Dee, Rho—Iowa State University. Upcoming events include lunch at Coopers Hawk in November and a Wine & Cheese Gift Exchange/Holiday Party on December 11.

Tampa Bay Area Alumnae Chapter

Focusing on the "Connected for Life" theme, Tampa Bay alumnae teamed up with the Central Florida Alumnae Club to co-host an online IRD with more than 300 women in virtual attendance, featuring four collegiate and three alumnae groups. Since Gamma Omicron—Eastern Kentucky University is Tampa's adopted chapter and Theta Upsilon—Georgetown College is Central Florida's, we all partnered together along with the Bluegrass Alumnae Chapter to hold one giant online celebration. International President Lee Woodham Langhub joined us to give a "State of the Fraternity" address.

Valley of the Sun Alumnae Chapter

With the closing of the Delta Xi chapter at Arizona State University, local sisters rallied to create an Alum Chum program to welcome collegiate members into alumnae status. In April, Beth Kelley Schneider, Xi—Illinois Wesleyan University, hosted a sisterhood event and we celebrated the 100th birthday of Florence Devoe Woodward, Rho—Iowa State University, with a socially distanced party. We recently enjoyed a Sunday Funday Brunch at The Windsor and look forward to our holiday fundraising event in November.



Show us your pics! In addition to the photos and reports we receive from alumnae chapters/clubs, we'd love to see photos from your informal gatherings. Send your non-filtered, high quality images to us at quarterly@alphagammadelta.org.

Chapter Grand

*This list includes notices received June 1, 2021–August 31, 2021.
We extend sincere condolences to family and friends of these members.*

DELTA

University of Minnesota

Randi Arlander VanBrocklin 1957

EPSILON

University of Kentucky

Billie Robertson Dixon 1947

ETA

DePauw University

Mary Smith Beiger 1947

IOTA

University of Washington

Marion Maloney Wilson 1944

LAMBDA

Northwestern University

Barbara Parmalee Stuessy 1938

Carol Wanderer Worel 1947

MU

Brenau University

Barbara Owen Reed 1955

XI

Illinois Wesleyan University

Roberta Parks Hartman 1956

OMICRON

University of California Berkeley

Diane Walsh 1952

Carol Ford Benson 1953

RHO

Iowa State University

Virginia Jackson Leetun 1947

SIGMA

University of Illinois

Patricia Fitzpatrick Luedtke 1952

Margaret Wells Becker 1954

Patricia Holm Smith 1957

UPSILON

University of Oklahoma

Kathleen Hawkins Rowland 1958

Brenda Wesner 1962

Irene Carey Osgood 1969

CHI

Michigan State University

Arlene Cranmer Stover 1958

PSI

University of Alabama

Elizabeth Burford Crump 1957

Jean Campbell McCall 1957

Angelia Pitts Brady 1962

OMEGA

University of Akron

Juanita O'Brien White 1946

ALPHA BETA

University of Michigan

Marion Dane Brewer 1949

Carolyn Moeller Retzlaff 1953

Janice Cucchi Ashland 1961

ALPHA DELTA

Ohio Wesleyan University

Ruth Tenwick Weeks 1941

Betty Blessing Fredrickson 1947

Judith Bridge Hunter 1958

ALPHA EPSILON

Westminster College

Nancy Lee Graham Brown 1947

ALPHA MU

Pennsylvania State University

Marian Polyzou Reinbold 1954

ALPHA OMICRON

West Virginia Wesleyan College

Patricia Forshay Ruhl 1961

BETA ALPHA

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Thelma Lundeen Jensen 1950

BETA BETA

North Dakota State University

Phyllis Seim Neste 1957

BETA DELTA

Indiana University Bloomington

Patricia Werner Gunn 1947

Patricia Shahan Shoellhorn 1951

Patricia Sue Grimmer Weitzel 1954

Betty Jenkins Vates 1955

GAMMA ALPHA

University of Georgia

Lessie Bailey Smithgall 1931

Jean Sortore Smith 1938

GAMMA BETA

Florida State University

Judith Ash Stanton 1952

Deborah McClintock 1972

GAMMA DELTA

Auburn University

Millicent Barnes Fox 1956

Julia Harris Murphy 1960

Jeanne Swanner Robertson 1962

GAMMA ZETA

University of Memphis

Ann Downen Owens 1954

Gena Gaines Wright 1957

Lori Lucas Kent 1997

GAMMA NU

University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Mary Mitchell Frost 1992

GAMMA XI

Murray State University

Connie Hassinger Powless 1975

DELTA GAMMA

Montana State University

Elizabeth Gould Dundas 1950

DELTA DELTA

University of Oregon

Muriel Hagendoorn Raz 1950

EPSILON ALPHA

University of Missouri

Joyce Wilson Ottenad 1946

Marilyn Zimmermann Maize 1955

Carol Charbonnier Miller 1957

EPSILON DELTA

University of Texas at Austin

Gwendolyn Maust Orr 1951

Sally Carr Hall 1954

EPSILON ZETA

Arkansas State University

Janelle Sigsby Viertel 1948

Mary Jablonski Parkman 1993

ZETA UPSILON

Northern Michigan University

Deborah Jarosz Schafer 1989



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Last LOOK

Psi Chapter

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

It was not until the year 1819 that the Congress of the United States donated 46,080 acres of land within the State of Alabama for an institution of learning to be denominated the University of Alabama. On December 29, 1827, the General Assembly selected Tuscaloosa as the seat of the University and on April 12, 1831, the University was opened for the admission of students. From the day of opening the University flourished until the year 1865, when a body of Federal Cavalry set fire to and completely destroyed all the public buildings except the astronomical observatory. The erection of new buildings was begun in 1867, and in April, 1869, the University again opened its doors to students. From the beginning the University has yearly become more popular and the number of students has steadily increased. The co-educational department began in 1895 with one girl, who was a resident of Tuscaloosa, but soon Tutwiler Hall was set aside for boarding girls and in 1921 three hundred women students are living in the dormitory. The number of men enrolled for this winter's session is 1,361. As the University has grown, various fraternities have been established. Sixteen fraternities for men are represented here, and previous to this year three national women's fraternities, Alpha Gamma Delta being the fourth on the campus.

PSI CHAPTER

Phi and Chi no longer have the honor of being the "Baby Chapters" of Alpha Gamma Delta, as Psi Chapter has lately come into existence and wishes to greet its new sisters and to thank them most heartily for the love and encouragement they have given us in this, the happiest of our undertakings. We feel that we have been unusually fortunate in the installation of our chapter and especially to Louise Leonard do we feel indebted for her messages of encouragement and advice. Also to Mu do we extend our warmest love, for she gave to us three of her members and loaned to us two alumnae for installation. It is with a feeling of great delight that we announce ourselves Alpha Gamma Deltas.

Of course, the thing that was most thrilling to every girl in our prospective Chapter was the idea of installation, and it seemed that our dreams were really coming true when Lottie Belle Crow Porter from Gainesville, Ga., arrived on

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Psi Chapter

Sunday, November 6. On the following Thursday all the girls were called together by Lottie Belle and in a short time each one was wearing a badge of red, buff and green. On Friday afternoon, November 11, at 1 o'clock, pledge service was held and seven girls were pledged. A second service was held Tuesday evening, November 15, at which another girl was taken in. It seemed a wonderful thing to be even a pledge to Alpha Gam, and for a week pledge pins were proudly worn by these happy girls. On the following Thursday, November 17, Neta Stackey came to us from Blakely, Ga., and on Friday evening, NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH, at six o'clock, initiation service was held and the eight pledges were transformed into true Alpha Gamma Deltas.

Our Installation Banquet, which followed the initiation services, was held at the McLester Hotel. Covers were laid for eighteen guests and Catherine Sharpe presided at the head of the table as "Rosegardener." During the dinner toasts were given to the Rose, lovely gifts from other Chapters and from Grand Officers were opened and the telegrams of congratulation were read. On the next day we held our first fraternity meeting. On the same afternoon Psi was entertained at a lovely reception given by the Kappa Deltas at the home of Dr. Denny, President of the University. The following Tuesday evening Delta Delta Delta entertained us informally in their Chapter rooms; and Thanksgiving evening a lovely dinner party was given in our honor by Mrs. Hutton, mother of one of our girls.

The days of our installation were perfect and it was with great regret that we saw Lottie Belle and Neta leave us, but we sincerely hope that theirs may be the first of the many visits Alpha Gams will pay us.

ANNIE MARY JONES-WILLIAMS.

From the *Crimson-White*.

University, Ala., Nov. 24, 1921.

CHAPTER OF NEW SORORITY INSTALLED AT UNIVERSITY

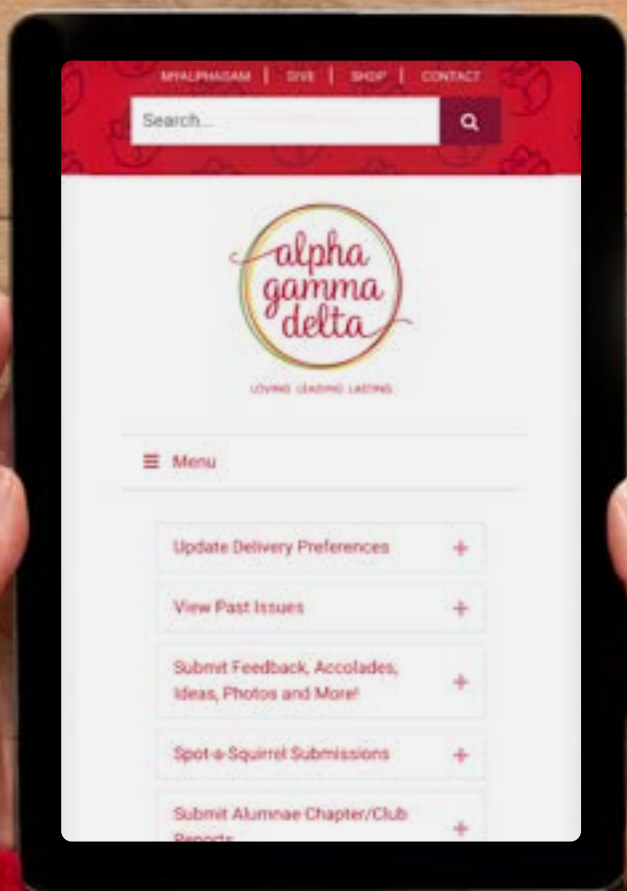
Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority announces the installation of Psi chapter at the University of Alabama on November 18. The following girls were initiated: Edith Woodruff, Louise McCollum, Caroline Taylor, Annie Mary Jones Williams, Virginia Hutton, Sara Maude Taylor, Margaret Shirley and Ivey Louise Logan. Affiliated from Mu are Catherine Sharpe, Myrtle Burchfield and Julia Riser.

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Installed 100 years ago on November 18, 1921, Psi—University of Alabama, making it the 23rd Alpha Gam chapter and the fourth sorority established on the UA campus.

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