



DELTA GAMMA
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“Bringing Up a DG”

A Letter for Parents

Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Southern Methodist University



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A Letter from the President

Dear Parents,

I wanted to let you all know how eager and excited I am to welcome each of your daughters to Delta Gamma. Our whole chapter is ecstatic about our new member class and we are so glad you as parents have taken the time to involve yourselves with their new member pursuit!

I have been fortunate enough to get to know each of your daughters; they each bring an extraordinary new addition to our chapter. Delta Gamma strives to foster the ideals of personal integrity, honor, loyalty and friendship, and our chapter has seen these qualities in our new members.

Being a part of Delta Gamma has been the most rewarding part of my college career. Coming half way across the country from Northern California, Delta Gamma has become my home away from home, and has given me a place on campus to thrive and grow with a house full of sisters. I know each of our new members will find the same life changing experiences. There are so many opportunities for personal development and leadership, but most importantly, they now have a network of sisters and a direct support system on campus.

As your daughter begin to embark on their DG journey, I encourage you to use this tool you have been given to answer all your questions about sorority life and know that we, as the chapter's officers, are always at the other end of a phone to answer any questions you may have.

Best,

Sarah Heller

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Welcome New Member Class of 2013

Lise Anderson	Megan Harrington	Georgia Mae Parrish
Andrea Arias	Emily Heft	Amy Paschall
Bentacourt	Sarah Hiepler	Kelly Quinn
Lillie Ashenfelter	Jamie Hinz	Scaefter Raposa
Anna Auerbach	Emily Johansson	Alannah Slingsby
Sarah Berczuk	Nicola Jouriles	Kelsey Smith
Emily Bloch	Taylor Kainer	Paige Stenberg
Natalie Brock	Jenny Katlein	Jesse Strayer
Jamie Buschbaum	Morgan Kauffman	Megan Sunderland
Alex Butterworth	Savannah Louie	Jackie Sweeney
Mackenzie Cimala	Marcella Lupski	Emily Ward
Tyler Coffin	Paige Lyons	Elizabeth Warsop
Christina Cox	Sydney Maners	Hannah Williams
Chloe Dankworth	Arin McGovern	Hayley Young
Lauren Dow	Lauren Mensing	Allyson Zabaleta
Amelia Dracup	Paige Michlik	Becca Zivin
Hannah Dudley	Liz Molloy	Katherine Zopatti
Nere Flores	Bryce Nayden	
Bonny Gammill	Tracy Nelson	
Kate Gonzales	Molly O'Connor	
Meagan Harkey		



History of Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma's rich history began with its founding in 1873 at the Lewis School for Girls in Oxford, Mississippi. Its three founders, Mary Comfort Leonard, Anna Boyd Ellington, and Eva Webb Dodd sought to form a sisterhood whose mission was to serve others and "Do Good". Now, there are over 200,000 Delta Gammas in the world on more than 145 college campuses throughout the United States, Canada and England.

Fast Facts

- **Official Name:** Delta Gamma
- **Nick Name:** Dee Gee
- **Symbol:** Anchor
- **Colors:** Bronze, Pink & Blue
- **Flower:** Cream Colored Rose
- **Mascot:** Hannah Doll
- **Motto:** "Do Good"
- **Philanthropy:** Service for Sight



DG Philosophy:

The primary mission of Delta Gamma is to create an environment for its members in which lasting friendships are established and in which members find the processes, experiences and disciplines to stimulate clear thought. Its aim is to foster an atmosphere in which women will develop a deeper love and consideration for mankind, a more profound understanding of the purpose of life, and a basic wisdom upon to build their lives.

Delta Gamma offer to women of all ages a rich heritage, continuously based on sound and tested principles of personal integrity, personal responsibility and intellectual honesty.

Delta Gamma's purpose is accomplished through planned collegiate and alumnae program. These programs provide intellectual motivation, the opportunity for graciousness in daily living and community awareness that enrich the lives of members and instill in them a respect for the enduring values to be gained from the Fraternity.

Sisterhood doesn't end with the college experience. Well-established alumnae chapters in cities and towns throughout the United States, Canada and England provide the opportunity for continued fraternity involvement on a variety of levels. From local alumnae leadership positions, to regional and even national governing opportunities, Delta Gamma is not for college years. It is for a lifetime.



Membership

Only collegiate Delta Gamma members have the privilege of selecting new members. While the Fraternity has an established procedure to guide chapters in this process to ensure consistency, the members themselves make their own decisions. In Delta Gamma, we pride ourselves on being individuals. Through our diversity of personalities and interests we are able to strengthen our bonds of sisterhood. Our members are looking for women who will bring the qualities that our members themselves hold near and dear such as:

Lifelong commitment to Delta Gamma

Desire for service to others

Achieving academic potential

Varied leadership positions, activities and talents

Strong moral character

Desire to belong to an organization with high ideals and a strong sisterhood

Delta Gamma encourages each member to strive to become a well-rounded individual and to excel in each area of her life including character, interests and talents, education and scholarship, activities and honors and personal development.

As we champion our new sisters into reaching their full potential, Delta Gamma strives to make the new member period a very positive and uplifting experience—one that will make the transition to both college and Greek life as easy as possible. In fact, according to Delta Gamma, the new member period is simply considered a type of “apprenticeship” whereby new members are given the opportunities to learn about the fraternity, its history, traditions, values, and practices. In addition, new members are given opportunities for leadership through active participation on “crews” and a number of director positions open to New Members.

In Delta Gamma, all new members are treated as equals. There are no privileges or rights bestowed to initiated members that are not equally bestowed on new members.



No Hazing Policy

Delta Gamma is committed to the value of human dignity

What Delta Gamma Says About Hazing:

The purpose of Delta Gamma is embodied in our philosophy and includes four basic goals: to foster friendship, to promote cultural and educational interests, to have a sense of social responsibility, and to develop the best qualities of character.

Hazing corrupts the true meaning of fraternity life. It neglects the values of loyalty, hope, trust, supportive friendships, kindness, and compassion that Delta Gamma affirms. The moral integrity of the chapter is inseparable from the conduct of its members, and because of this we hold our members and new members individually accountable for their actions and the actions of the chapter.

Because Delta Gamma supports the *integrity and dignity* of women, basic human rights, decency, honor, gracious living, and positive reinforcement of each other, there is no place for hazing in our fraternity of women.

Chapters are not permitted to impose menial or personal tasks or to allow any form of hazing. Any chapter officer responsible for allowing such activities shall be removed from office. Any member or new members planning or participating in a hazing activity shall have her membership immediately reviewed which may result in expulsion or termination.

Definition of Hazing:

- Any act or tradition that endangers the physical, mental or emotional well-being of a new member and/or member
- Any act or tradition that requests, encourages, or suggests violation of city, county, state or national law
- Any act or tradition that is mentally or physically degrading
- Any act or tradition that requires a personal or menial task of a new member and/or member. Regardless of location, intent, or consent of the participant



Responsibilities of Membership

As Delta Gamma has the responsibility to continually provide a meaningful and educative experience for each member who wears its badge, so too does each individual have a personal responsibility to abide by the high ideals set forth in Delta Gamma's philosophy: the ideals of friendship, loyalty, personal and social responsibility, and integrity.

It is the responsibility of each Delta Gamma to...

- Be respectful of her country, her university and her fraternity
- Live by the high standards and ideals fostered by the Delta Gamma Fraternity
- Uphold the Oath of Friendship and the Oath of Secrecy
- Act in accordance with the Constitution and the policies and procedures of Delta Gamma
- Abide by chapter bylaws and standing rules
- Wear her badge showing pride in membership
- Live in the chapter house or any designated Delta Gamma housing
- Contribute her talents and energies toward maintaining the strength and success of her chapter and the Fraternity
- Achieve her scholastic potential
- Attend all chapter meetings, the ritual ceremonies, member selection discussions and Founder's Day observances
- Meet all financial responsibilities
- Conduct herself so that she brings credit to Delta Gamma and the fraternity system

Scholastic

Scholarship is taken very seriously at Delta Gamma. Since its beginnings, Alpha Upsilon has continuously maintained a GPA above the all campus average at SMU.

In order for any New Member to be initiated into full member status, she must have a GPA of at least a 2.8 at the time of initiation. Scholastic programming for new members is rigorous and requires a commitment on the part of each individual.

Any member whose semester GPA drops below a 2.5 is considered to be in poor standing with the chapter and must abide by the scholarship programming requirements (increased study hours, meeting with the scholarship advisor and director of scholarship, etc.) until she improves her performance to above a 2.5 semester GPA.

Financial

Each member of Delta Gamma has a financial responsibility toward the Fraternity and her chapter, which affords members the opportunity to benefit from a multitude of programming activities and materials. Financial responsibility toward the chapter enables the chapter, its management board, and the House Corporation Board to run efficiently. While the primary focus of the Fraternity is education and self-development, it is also a business and must be treated as such.

The House Corporation Board manages all physical aspects of the chapter house. Every initiated member is a member and has voting privileges.



Scholarship

Dear Parents,

Delta Gamma provides your daughter with the encouragement and support she needs in order to reach her full academic potential. As Director of Scholarship, it is my responsibility to teach members good study habits, organize scholarship programming for our chapter, and ultimately to raise our chapter's average GPA by enforcing a "Study Hours" system. This system varies depending on a member's GPA and is outlined below.

<p>GPA above the all-Panhellenic Average 3.4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•No required study hours	<p>GPA between 3.0 and the all-Panhellenic Average</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•2 proctored hours per week•2 unproctored hours per week	<p>GPA between 2.75 - 2.999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•4 proctored hours per week•2 unproctored hours per week
<p>GPA between 2.5 - 2.749</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•6 proctored hours per week•2 unproctored hours per week	<p>GPA below 2.49</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•6 proctored hours per week•2 unproctored hours per week•Member is placed on Automatic Academic Probation	

Any member whose term grade point average drops below the chapter GPA for good standing (2.5) is considered in poor standing and must abide by the scholarship programming requirements for an entire term.

It is my job as Director of Scholarship to foster a supportive academic environment. I urge women to utilize the plentiful on-campus resources and to ask their sisters in Delta Gamma for help. If you have any questions about the scholarship procedures or policies of Delta Gamma, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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New Member Finances

New Members and members pay dues to pay for the activities and facilities of Delta Gamma. There are several options that are available for payment: Lump Sum, Semester Payment and Monthly Payments. All dues can be paid online with your daughter's GreekBill Account at www.greekbill.com. All members must be current in their finances to be in good standing with the chapter.



Delta Gamma Dictionary

Adviser: Advisers serve as part of each individual chapter's Advisory Team and advise chapter officers and crew members in specific areas of leadership development. Chapter advisers meet with the Chapter Management Team (CMT) members and their crews on a monthly basis to review chapter programming, discuss new ideas, and offer support with problem-solving. Advisers must be locally-active alumnae and must be at least five years out of college.

Anchor: The ancient symbol of hope, the anchor is used as the official symbol of Delta Gamma. It is also the chosen symbol of the Delta Gamma badge worn by initiated members.

Anchor Splash: Anchor Splash is our annual fundraiser for our chapter's philanthropy, Service for Sight. We have put on Anchor Splash for many years at the pool on campus. Donations of goods, services and money are sought from businesses, alumnae, and parents.

Big Sis/Lil' Sis: New members are "paired" with an initiated member who becomes her mentor in all aspects of Fraternity programming.

Chapter Management Team (CMT): Group of women elected to officer positions in the chapter. The CMT, as it is commonly referred, is comprised of: the president, vp: programming, vp: social standards, vp: member education, vp: membership, vp: finance, vp: Foundation, vp: Panhellenic, and vp: communications. Each vice president has a number of directors who each have a "crew" or committee to assist with duties.

Crew: Committees in support of each officer position in the Chapter Management Team. Delta Gamma strives to encourage participation from each individual through a variety of means. Participation on "crews" allows individuals to work in a specific area of interest as it pertains to the advancement of fraternity programming. Crews foster teamwork in all aspects of chapter programming.



Delta Gamma Dictionary – continued

Delta Gamma Foundation: The community services and philanthropic arm of the fraternity, the Delta Gamma Foundation offers opportunities that enable its members to contribute to community, national, and international levels through philanthropies of *Aid to the Blind* and *Service for Sight*; scholarships and loans, and educational programming.

Founder's Day: Annual celebration (usually held the first weekend of March) which unites collegians and local alumnae for the celebration of the fraternity's founding. Awards for outstanding membership are given out, as are awards for longevity and overall dedication and commitment to service.

House Corporation Board: Advisory Committee whose specific objective is to oversee the operation and maintenance of the house and its adjacent properties.

Initiation: Specific ceremony where new members become fully initiated members of Delta Gamma. In order to become initiated, new members must fulfill specific fraternity and chapter requirements in the areas of Scholarship, Member Education, Community Service and Personal Development. Initiation takes place approximately 8 weeks after the beginning of the new member period.

New Members: Individuals who have recently joined Delta Gamma and who have not yet met the requirements for initiation into the fraternity.

Recruitment (formerly known as Rush): A series of membership recruitment activities whose purpose is to recruit new members into the Delta Gamma Chapter where recruitment is taking place. "Recruitment" or "Rush" takes different forms on different campuses. At Southern Methodist University, recruitment is held the week before classes start in the spring semester. It is a mandatory requirement for all members to participate.

Work Week: The week before recruitment begins. All members must report to the house to begin preparations for formal activities. Skit practices, decorations, and learning all about the prospective new members are only a few of the many activities scheduled during the hectic, yet very fun week! This is also a mandatory requirement of all members.



Chapter Advisory Team

Advisers and the Advisory Team are responsible for requiring the chapter to follow the Fraternity Constitution, policies and procedures, chapter bylaws and standing rules, university regulations and local, state, provincial and federal laws.

Advisers do not govern the chapter nor dictate to the members or officers what they should do. Advisers work with collegians as members of a team to achieve the high standards of Delta Gamma. The adviser's role is to affirm and reinforce the positive, to guide the chapter in correcting the negative and to evaluate the difference.

The collegiate chapter adviser is the component that provides continuity, guards our heritage, refines our present and inspires our future.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta Gamma Advisory Team 2013-2014

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