

# Nautical Notes

Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta  
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## Upcoming Events

- October 19    **Halloween Date Dash**
- October 21    **Sisterhood Retreat**
- October 27    **Alumnae Homecoming  
Brunch**
- November 15    **DG Candy Bar**



## What's New

- The Panhellenic Council hosted "Panhellenic Preview" this fall. It was an opportunity for Potential New Members to come to our house and meet with the women of our chapter. We are looking forward to formal recruitment in January.
- We are pleased to have 3 women of our chapter recognized by SMU last year as outstanding members; they are **Antonea Bastian** and **Kari Rood** and **Elizabeth Knutzen!**
- **Sing Song 2012 Winners!** – We were paired with Beta Theta Pi for SMU's annual event, Sing Song. Our chapter was thrilled to win and we hope to win again this year!
- Our overall **chapter GPA is a 3.39**. This is consistently higher than the All Women's and the All-Greek average!

If you have any questions regarding the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta Gamma or would like to get involved in our chapter please feel free to contact our Advisory Team Chairman (ATC) Pam Jamieson at [pfell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfell@sbcglobal.net).



## Philanthropy Update

2012 has been an exciting year for philanthropy for the SMU DGs. Throughout the year we have volunteered with various eye screenings, recorded many books on tape for Reading, Radio and Resource, played bingo with the elderly, and participated in the American Council for the Blind of Texas in the DFW area.

Last April, we held our biggest philanthropy event, **Anchor Splash**, which is a competition among many organizations on campus for different swimming relays, costumes, and synchronized swimming. We were able to give all of the teams that participated a gift of over \$50 of donated goods. We had a DJ and a lot of donated food at the event. **We raised over \$20,000 for Service for Sight.**

This fall we had a new event called **Sweet Tea with Delta G**, where we served deserts that were donated by local bakeries as well as sweet tea donated by Raisin' Canes. Although we did not raise any money at this event, we used it as a way to promote our chapter and tell our peers about the foundation and philanthropic efforts that we take as a whole.

At the end of November we will be holding another new event called **DG Candy Bar**. It is modeled after Dylan's Candy Bar and we will be selling tickets for entry into the event. All collected money will be donated to Service for Sight. On Saturday, October 20th, our chapter hosted all alumnae with their children or grandchildren for a fun-filled Halloween party. This Halloween party had a foundation focus and we taught the children how to act around the blind or visually impaired. We room-to-room trick-or-treating around the house and had a great time!

ITB,  
Ali Fagan  
VP Foundation





## A Note from the President

The Alpha Upsilon chapter is excited to send out our first of many newsletters! It is an honor to be able to tell you about the incredible women of character and integrity I live alongside each day.

This summer, I had the privilege of representing the Alpha Upsilon chapter at Convention in Indianapolis. In addition to receiving two regional awards for Excellence in Chapter Administration and Excellence in Recruitment Innovation, I proudly accepted two other awards on behalf of the Alpha Upsilon chapter. Our chapter received the **Patricia Peterson Danielson Award**, as well as the **Roberta Abernethy Award**. The recipient of the Roberta Abernethy Award is the collegiate chapter, selected by Executive Offices, that demonstrates in spirit and in deed the qualities of responsibility, cooperation, dependability and initiative. We could not be more pleased with this accomplishment.

After Convention, we have had a very full calendar of DG events. On August 20th, we hosted our **Delta Gamma Lectureship in Values and Ethics**, and we remain proud to be one of fourteen collegiate chapters that host this lectureship. The entire incoming first year class attended this informative lecture. We celebrated family weekend with Sigma Chi in late September, and look forward to celebrating Homecoming with Kappa Alpha Order on October 27th. The Homecoming theme this year is holidays, and we will be representing the holiday St. Patrick's Day!

With intramurals in full swing, sisterhood events and retreats, and our preparation for formal recruitment in January, the Alpha Upsilon chapter always stays busy. In addition, we have had two exciting date dashes already this year. For the first, our chapter attended the Rangers Game in Arlington, and our second date dash was Halloween themed. We look forward to formal in November as well. In addition to our calendar of DG events, our members are involved all over SMU campus and in the city of Dallas.

Thank you to all of our advisors, members, parents and family, Chapter Management Team, alumnae, and house director for all of your hard work and commitment. Because of it, our chapter is flourishing. With elections coming up, I am certainly sad to see my term as president end, but more than that, I am excited for the future of our chapter.

ITB,  
Michelle Craig  
President

## Recruitment Update

Recruitment is already off to a great start! Our newest new member class is very enthusiastic and excited about recruiting Potential New Members. They are getting to see what recruitment is like from the other side. We participated in Panhellenic Preview in September in which over 500 girls came into our house. This really helped our chapter make a great first impression on the PNM's early on. As of the 16th of October, there are 438 girls registered to go through formal recruitment in January.

We are expecting quite a few more to register before registration closes at the end of this month. With that large of a number, we need all the help we can get from our Alums to ensure that every girl walking through our door is sponsored.

We hope that you all will join us for the **Alumnae Skit Preview on Tuesday, January 15th!**

ITB,  
Mattie  
VP Membership



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## SAVE THE DATE

The ladies of the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Delta Gamma would like to welcome all alumnae to our house for a Homecoming brunch! Brunch will begin promptly at 9am. If you have any questions regarding the brunch please email Kathleen Batman, Director of Alumnae Relations, at [kbatman@smu.edu](mailto:kbatman@smu.edu).

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