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# Delta Gamma

Alpha Upsilon Chapter – Southern Methodist University

## Delta Gamma Scholarship

Our chapter is proud to announce our strong commitment to scholarship. With an overall GPA of 3.43 this fall, our organization ranks higher than the campus average GPA. Along with our strong GPA, 29 of our members are recognized by prestigious campus honor societies, such as: the Golden Key Honor Society, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Scholars Den Council, Order of the Omega, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, University Scholar and many more.



## Bid Day 2013

We are proud to announce that Alpha Upsilon has pledged 57 women (9 legacies!) for the new member class of 2013! The new member's have an average GPA of 3.471. Along with being scholarly, this class is also very involved on campus! They are involved in organizations such as the Union, Mustang 11, and Student Foundation. In addition, they also have athletes on the Rowing Team, the Equestrian Team, and Pom Squad! Bid day was held on January 17th, 2013! The new members and their anchor mates spent the afternoon ice skating together, getting to know each other and having a blast! We are so excited to get to know the new member class of 2013 and spend time with them as they grow to love their new sisters of Delta Gamma at SMU!

Top: All of the new members on Bid Day, with former president Michelle Craig, and VP Membership Mattie Eiland.

## DG is...

...a home away from home.

...a big sister, a little sister, or a twin sister.

... a sister in every state.

...where your mom can be your sister too.

... someone there for you on your worst day, your best day, and your wedding day.



## Doing Good

For every Delta Gamma, doing good is a major part of their college experience. We follow that tradition with a large emphasis on philanthropy. Last fall, our chapter performed over 1,050 Service for Sight service hours! The women did these hours by working at Silverado Retirement Home and recording books for the visually impaired. The past semester our chapter has also partnered with the Meadows Museum on campus to help make the museum more available to the visually impaired. We are proud to say we are the only Greek organization on campus with such a partnership with the school!

Our chapter also held a Delta Gamma Foundation Lectureship in Values and Ethics in August for all first-year and transfer students. This year speakers, Becca and Kelly, gave their talk "Let's Talk About 'It'" to help improve the awareness of sexual assault on college campuses. Along with Service for Sight, our chapter has involvements in many other philanthropic organizations on campus. One of the favorites among our chapter is Habitat for Humanity. One of our members, Hayley Carpenter, was just elected president of SMU's chapter!

Pictured to the right: Delta Gamma's participating in a Habitat for Humanity build together.

## Campus Involvement

As always, Delta Gamma is involved all over campus. From athletics, to the arts, to student organizations, we are everywhere.

### Student Organizations

Our members are involved in a wide range of campus organizations, including: Honor Council, Student Foundation, Program Council, SMU Ambassador Program, Habitat for Humanity, Mustang Corral Leaders, Student Senate, the President's Committee on Substance Abuse, and more!

This year, Antonea Bastian (top left) was elected President of Student Foundation. We are all very excited to see her succeed in this position.

### Student Athletes

Being a student athlete is a full time job. We have several members who are student athletes, but somehow find the time to also be involved with Delta Gamma. We have girls on the Equestrian team, the Rowing team, Pom Squad, Cheerleading, Track & Field, and Cross Country.

Pictured Bottom Left: Rachel Reid, of the equestrian team, participating in the 2012 NCEA National Championships in Baylor, Texas.



## Delta Gamma Institute 2013

The Alpha Upsilon chapter was thrilled to send five members of the Chapter Management Team (CMT) to the Delta Gamma Fraternity February Institute 2013 in Columbus, Ohio. The main goal of the Institute was to help teach each collegian enhance their individual leadership strengths and also learn how to handle various situations that an officer might be faced with.



This allowed for our SMU Delta Gamma leadership team to learn many new amazing ideas from other DGs that will be brought back to help improve our chapter. Sarah Heller (President), Katelyn Hall (VP Communications), Antonea Bastian (VP Social Standards), Kristen Yule (VP Finance) and Elena Politiski (VP Membership) were the five CMT members who attended.

Top Right: The Alpha Upsilon CMT members excited for their weekend in Columbus.

Left: Delta Gamma Executive Offices



## Delta Gamma Intramurals

They've done it again! Last year we were indoor soccer champions in an all-Greek organization intramural league, and this year we're back for more! Director of Intramurals, Monica Pillow, put together an all-star line up for our women's basketball team. The season was awesome with only one loss, to Kappa Kappa Gamma, who we ended up beating in the championship game to claim the title.

Right: The team right after their big win!



## Inspiration & Initiation

The first weekend of March was a whirlwind of activities for the ladies of Alpha Upsilon. Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, the chapter gathered at the house for Inspiration, to prepare the new members for initiation. The next day was initiation, where Alpha Upsilon initiated 57 members into our chapter (wow!). Five of the women being initiated were lucky enough to have their mother, grandmother or aunt, there to pin them during the ceremony. The next day the newly initiated members and their big sisters all headed to the Lakewood Country club for a lovely initiation brunch with many of the new initiate's families there to congratulate them on their successful journey. The whole weekend was a fantastic success, and it is so wonderful to have so many new official sisters!



Left: Newly initiated member Sydney Manners with her mother and grandmother after the initiation brunch.



## Alpha Upsilon

“A picture’s worth a thousand words.”  
Pictures of Alpha Upsilon throughout the semester.

