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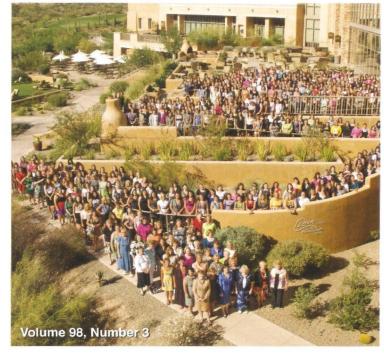
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# from the president



In 1934, Grace Mason Lundy E, Past National President, wrote The Story of Delta Zeta, the Sorority's official history at the time. In reading this issue of The LAMP, I realized that Delta Zeta's story is made up of many stories – the stories of the lives of our members, past and present, and the lives that they enrich. Delta Zeta's story is that of the women who founded her, the women who helped her grow and the women whose experiences in this Sorority become the foundation for their success and recognition after college.

While each woman's story is very personal, the common thread of Delta Zeta runs through all of their stories. Sisterhood creates friendships for life. Delta Zeta values enable our members to fulfill their potential and reach out to others along the way, leaving the world a better place than they found it. It is truly amazing to discover what Delta Zetas are doing with their lives – lives that help, strengthen and enrich all that they touch.

I am proud that we can tell you about these remarkable stories in The LAMP. I know you will be moved by the ways that our members are enriching the world. And you will be proud to say, "I am a Delta Zeta."

In Delta Zeta.

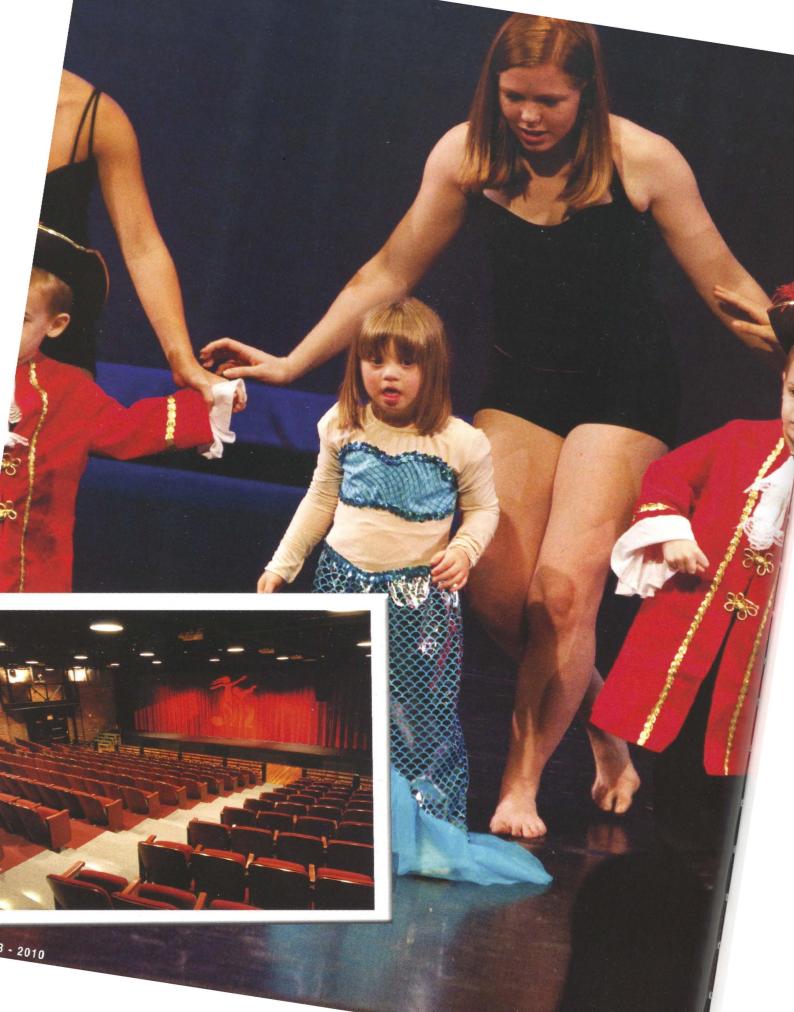
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Michelle A. Smith, National President



On the cover of the last issue of The LAMP, Issue 2 – 2010, Bambah-Jean "B.J." McQuiston Riedel A.A '10 (Northwestern University) appeared with collegians from the Alpha Alpha Chapter. She retired at the age of 80 after 15 years as the House Director for Alpha Alpha and was an alumna initiate in 2010. "It was such an honor to become a member of Delta Zeta," she says. "The Sorority has provided a wonderful connection to many amazing women."

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# Living Her Passion

Delta Zeta Sorority's 2010 Woman of the Year

Debra Nesbitt Jenkins AΓ '80 (University of Alabama)

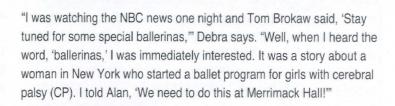
"I've always loved dance," says Debra Nesbitt Jenkins  $A\Gamma$  '80 (University of Alabama). But little did Debra dream that she could bring her love of dance to enrich the world of children who were often shut out of the arts – children with special needs.

Debra, who has been on the faculty of several schools as a dance instructor, and her husband, Alan, who has always been actively involved in music, found a large historic building in a state of disrepair in a depressed section of Huntsville, Alabama that excited their passion. "Alan really saw its potential before I did," she admits, "but we both liked the feel of the building, and wondered what we could do to restore it."

The building was Merrimack Hall, located in west Huntsville's Merrimack Mill Village. The Village was originally built in 1901 to serve the workers of Merrimack Mills, a large textile manufacturer. When Debra and Alan purchased it in 2006, Merrimack Hall and the Mill Village had been in decline for many years. Debra and Alan established a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and personally contributed the funds required for a \$3 million overhaul that took 13 months to complete. Once destined for the wrecking ball, today Merrimack Hall boasts a 302-seat, state-of-the-art theatre, a 3,000 square foot dance studio, and technical systems that rival the best venues in the business. Since opening to the public in July 2007, more than 45,000 people have attended an event, production or workshop at Merrimack Hall.

## An Idea is Born

Debra and Alan hoped to turn Merrimack Hall into a venue that would showcase their love of the performing arts. But Merrimack Hall would become so much more.



Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center now plays host to international stars and touring productions, but, more importantly, to The Johnny Stallings Arts Programs, which provide performing arts education to children with special needs. The Johnny Stallings Arts Programs currently include Dance Your Dreams!, Project Up and Camp Merrimack.

"At first," Debra says, "there were those who thought I wouldn't be able to start a program like this since I wasn't a physical therapist. I talked to doctors, therapists, teachers and nurses to learn what needed to be done to create a program that could serve children with special needs in a creative and safe environment. Almost a year later, it finally came to the point where we had to 'just do it' instead of just talking about it."

Starting with ten children who were referred to Debra by physical therapists from United Cerebral Palsy, Debra launched Dance Your Dreams! in October 2008. Today there are 35 children in the Dance Your Dreams! program, 10 teens in the newly formed Project Up, and over 60 children with special needs who participate in Camp Merrimack each summer. "Referrals come in from friends of the children, from organizations in the community, from all over," Debra says.

# Providing a Launch Pad for Dreams

Dance Your Dreams! is a weekly dance education program for children ages 3-12. A unique volunteer component to the program provides one-on-one assistance to each student so that regardless of their challenge or disability, each child is able to participate fully in dance. Dance Your Dreams! is provided at no cost to its participants, including all dance attire and costuming for their frequent performances.



Project Up is a performing company for teens ages 13-17 with developmental disabilities, primarily Down's syndrome. These teens meet for class each week and receive instruction in music, theatre and dance. Camp Merrimack is held each summer and is a half-day performing and visual arts camp for children ages 3-12 with special needs. "As we moved forward with Merrimack Hall, more opportunities came our way to help more and more children," Debra says. "We're also working with the University of Alabama/Huntsville on a visual arts program for children with special needs which we hope to launch next fall."

Debra points out that children with special needs, such as Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy or other development or physical disabilities, often do not have the chance to experience the arts. "Although Huntsville is a very progressive community, there are very few extracurricular activities for special needs children. No one else was meeting these children's needs in this area," Debra says.

And the miracle of Merrimack Hall continues to reach out in another way - enriching the community around it. According to The Huntsville Times, since Merrimack Hall's renovation, property values in Merrimack Mill Village have risen more than 53 percent and the neighborhood recently received the honor of being listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Alan Jenkins says, "Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center is not just about bricks and mortar. It's about using the arts to revitalize a neighborhood." (Visit Merrimack Hall's website at http://www.merrimackhall.com/.)

Debra says that the renovation of Merrimack Hall helped to galvanize homeowners in the community to organize. The neighborhood now has a green team and "the residents credit us with this turnaround, but they have worked hard to make it happen," she says. "They've been inspired by Merrimack Hall. It's becoming a great neighborhood to buy a starter home and is attracting young families."

In 2009, Debra was recognized nationally for her outreach efforts with the 2009 Classic Woman Award, presented annually by Meredith Publishing Company in New York, New York. In a feature article in Traditional Home® magazine, she said, "Ultimately, I hope we can provide performing arts education to people with special needs of all ages."

#### Live Your Passion

In a life devoted to community service, Debra says she had an excellent role model in her life who inspired her - her mother, Sandra McAlister Nesbitt Fisher, BE '57 (Auburn University), Past National President. "What I learned from her is to live your passion!" she says. "My mom was so involved with Delta Zeta, and I saw her great friends and sisters, some of whom she has known for over 50 years. I watched her involvement as I was growing up. Although I didn't understand at the time what her service to Delta Zeta meant to her, I knew that it was important to her to keep giving back no matter what."

As a collegian in the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Alabama, Debra says her membership in Delta Zeta was an important touchstone which helped ground her. "I couldn't imagine my life in college without it. I learned how to volunteer in Delta Zeta. Delta Zeta is the power of a group of women to make a difference - it is the power of volunteerism." she affirms.

Debra passes that same philosophy down to her children. Her daughter, Emma, is 21, a junior at the University of Georgia, and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She dances with a dance company in Atlanta. Her son, Austin, is 18 and musically talented – he plays the guitar.

What advice would Debra give to those who long to live their passion? She smiles. "I was talking to a young man who is trying to start a pre-school for children with special needs. I'm on his advisory committee, and he's bogged down with writing his business plan. I told him, 'Just do it!' Alan and I never had a business plan. If you feel passionate about something, you need to 'just do it.' Take the first little step. People get caught up in why they can't do something, when they should say, 'I can do this!'

"Alan and I will keep doing what we can to help, while continuing to raise the bar for this type of programming for special needs children doing the best that we can do."

Debra is honored to be designated as Delta Zeta's Woman of the Year for 2010. "To receive the award is very humbling and a great personal honor. But it's more thrilling to me to realize that this program will get national attention through The LAMP. I got the idea for Dance Your Dreams! by hearing about something similar on TV. Imagine if someone reads this and thinks they can do this in their community. You don't need a theatre — you can have a dance class in your living room. If my story inspires someone else, then this will really be a success for me."

# The Power of Alumnae

"Our Founders were collegians for a very short time. It was as alumnae that they had their greatest impact on the Sorority's ideals and standards."

Pamela McClure Cronenwett AA '60 (Northwestern University), Past National Officer

The Delta Zeta experience is one of a lifetime. Delta Zeta is not just something members participate in during their college years. Delta Zeta's values and Creed never change, and those same values members pledged to as collegians enrich the lives of the Sorority's alumnae.

Alumnae make up 95 percent of the Sorority's membership. They bring a wealth of talent and experience to Delta Zeta. Throughout her history, Delta Zeta has had countless alumnae who have distinguished themselves in a number of professions; many were trailblazers in their particular field or endeavor. Today, our alumnae continue to take Delta Zeta's values to heart as they enrich the world. At the same time, they are enabling the Sorority to grow in new and exciting ways.

All of Delta Zeta's Founders continued the perpetuation of the Sorority and its values after graduation. Alfa Lloyd Hayes, Julia Bishop Coleman and Anne Simmons Friedline became National Presidents of the Sorority. All were instrumental in establishing collegiate and alumnae chapters. Mary Collins Galbraith escorted a boy and girl from Delta Zeta's first philanthropy, the Vest Community in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, to the 1928 National Convention. Anna Keen Davis was an important part of the Alpha Chapter's reorganization in 1907 and established the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter. Mabelle Minton Hagemann organized the Iota (University of Iowa), Xi (University of Cincinnati) and Omicron (University of Pittsburgh) Chapters. Each Founder was active in her own community and beyond, volunteering for organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), the Red Cross, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

# The Alumnae Connection Enriches Collegians' Lives



The alumnae connection starts in college. Collegiate members learn, from the new member class forward, that Delta Zeta is for a lifetime. They see examples of that commitment through their College Chapter Director and other advisors who are members of the Sorority. They meet alumnae at Founders Day events who are recognized for 25, 50, 65 and 75 years of membership. Before graduation, many college seniors are invited to nearby

alumnae chapters for recognition ceremonies and an introduction to alumnae life.



Collegians also see alumnae giving of themselves through joint philanthropy and community service projects. They learn that volunteerism inspires people to give of themselves, enriching the lives of the giver and the recipient.

At chapter anniversary celebrations, alumni weekends or other events, alumnae touch the lives of our collegiate members, inspiring them as examples of sisterhood that lasts a lifetime and enriching their collegiate experience.

The Omicron Beta Chapter at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey celebrated 20 years on campus with an anniversary luncheon. "I am a big fan of history and was thrilled to see how it all brought to life Delta Zeta sisterhood and friendship as a lifetime bond! It was great fun and very inspirational to the current chapter members!" said Barb Patzuk Horner KP '82 (Kutztown University), College Chapter Director.

# How does the Sorority keep the Delta Zeta experience relevant for alumnae?

As young alumnae move into careers, marriages and families, keeping them connected to the Sorority can be a challenge. This may be true, too, for alumnae who have not had any connection with the Sorority in several years.

Today, the Internet and social networking tools are providing those vital connections. For young alumnae who are pursuing graduate degrees, demanding career paths and/or motherhood, the guick and easy connectivity to the Sorority via Facebook (http://www.facebook. com/pages/Delta-Zeta-Sorority-National/90790489890), Twitter (http://twitter.com/DeltaZetaNatl) or the Sorority's own private social network, Metro (http://metro.deltazeta.org/signin.aspx), keeps them in touch with Delta Zetas not only from their pledge class or chapter, but in their community and around the world as well.

Delta Zeta alumnae who haven't connected with the Sorority since college also discover the Delta Zeta website (http:/www.deltazeta.org) and these social networking tools as valuable ways to reconnect and make new friends. If they prefer not to use a computer to connect, there are still many opportunities for them to do so. Attending a Founders Day event held by a local collegiate chapter or their own collegiate chapter, or participating in a Homecoming or alumni event at their school will bring them in contact with other Delta Zetas, including those from their college days.

Alumnae of many collegiate chapters are attending or organizing reunions. If you go to the Delta Zeta website at <a href="http://www.deltazeta">http://www.deltazeta</a>.
<a href="http://www.deltazeta">org</a> and click on the section entitled, I Am a Delta Zeta, you will see the postings for the latest reunions and gatherings, and you can post one yourself to let other members know about an upcoming reunion or alumnae event.

Delta Zeta continues to offer alumnae enhancements that enrich their lives. On a personal level, women give and receive friendship, emotional support and take advantage of social events and job networking. On a larger scale, alumnae find fulfillment through service and committed citizenship. The values behind the Creed and *Constitution* are what every Delta Zeta has in common – connecting them to their own Delta Zeta experience as well as to other members of the Sorority.

The highest reward for alumnae membership is not what you get from it, but what you become by it. Alumnae strengthen Delta Zeta by virtue of their membership. The Sorority enables them to perfect their unique talents, which they take into the world to enrich the lives that they touch. Each graduating class brings new alumnae to the forefront, fulfilling the legacy left by Delta Zeta's Founders to enrich the world.

# Recognizing Our Alumnae

Delta Zeta has a number of ways in which our alumnae are recognized for their service and achievements. Delta Zeta recognizes her 25-, 50-, 65- and 75-year members with the special distinctions of the Silver Certificate, the Order of the Golden Rose, the Order of the Pearl and the Order of the Diamond, respectively. Read "Delta Zeta Memories" on page 20 to find out more about these treasured alumnae and their Delta Zeta experiences.

Many alumnae have given long and faithful service to Delta Zeta on a local level. Delta Zeta realizes the very important role that these women play in our Sorority. At each National Convention, a selected number of Delta Zetas are honored by being named Achoth Award winners. Please see Alumnae Awards – Convention 2010 on page 22 for the most current Achoth Award recipients.

#### Delta Zeta Woman of the Year Award

The Delta Zeta Woman of the Year Award recognizes a Delta Zeta who has achieved national recognition in her professional or volunteer work. The recipient does not need to be active in an alumnae chapter or chapter association. This award is solely based on national recognition in the member's professional or volunteer work. See pages 4-6 about the 2010 Woman of the Year, Debra Nesbitt Jenkins  $\Lambda\Gamma$  '80 (University of Alabama).

If you would like to nominate a candidate, please go to http://www.deltazeta.org/iamadeltazeta/alumnae/alumnaeawards for more information.

# Volunteering is Easy!

Volunteerism inspires people to give of themselves. It enriches your life and the lives of those that you touch.

There are many opportunities to volunteer in Delta Zeta based on the amount of time you are able to give. Opportunities range from volunteering in an alumnae chapter or chapter association to serving in some capacity for a collegiate chapter. If you only volunteer for an afternoon to help a collegiate chapter during recruitment, your effort is valuable and most appreciated. To find out more, go to the I am a Delta Zeta page on the national website at <a href="http://www.deltazeta.org/iamadeltazeta/alumnae/voluteer">http://www.deltazeta.org/iamadeltazeta/alumnae/voluteer</a> opportunities/whyvolunteer to see a list of current volunteer opportunities or to submit a Volunteer Involvement Form online. Or, you can contact Heather Jerden Anderson I\text{Y} (University of Texas/Arlington), National Vice President of Alumnae, at dzheather.anderson@sbcglobal.net or (972) 642-4586.

#### **Alumnae Panhellenics**

The Alumnae Panhellenics are composed of alumnae members from any of the 26 National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities in a geographical area. They establish their own organization, carry out local programs and fund scholarships.

Each year, many thousands of dollars are provided to students in higher education. An Alumnae Panhellenic can be a valuable resource to a nearby College Panhellenic. Wherever they are located, Alumnae Panhellenics promote good public relations and help strengthen the Greek image in the area.

Delta Zeta alumnae have served the NPC as conference chairmen, officers on the Executive Committee and as leaders of many of the conference committees. On the local level, Delta Zetas serve as officers of their college Panhellenics and alumnae Panhellenics.

As a national leader among women's organizations, Delta Zeta will continue to play a very important role within the National Panhellenic Conference.

## The Alumna Initiate

The alumna initiate allows Delta Zeta to welcome unique women with rich histories to the Sorority who may not have had an opportunity to join Delta Zeta as a collegian.

If you would like to recommend a woman to Delta Zeta as an alumna initiate, please visit the Delta Zeta website at <a href="http://www.deltazeta.org">http://www.deltazeta.org</a>, go to the I am a Delta Zeta section and click on Member Tools and Resources. Under the Alumnae folder, you can download the Petition for Alumna Initiation. If you do not have a computer, please call National Headquarters at (513) 523-7597 to request a form.

# Notable Alumnae Initiates

Throughout the years, some of Delta Zeta's most distinguished members have been alumnae initiates. Here is a look at some of them.



Mary Collins Galbraith\* A, Alfa Lloyd Hayes\* A and Julia Bishop Coleman\*A were initiated at the 1952 Golden Anniversary Convention. Although they had written the Ritual and initiated others, as the Founders of the Sorority, they had never been initiated themselves. The ceremony, with music provided by the Alpha Chapter (Miami University) was an especially meaningful one.



Edith Spare Head\* M '60 (University of California/Berkeley) As a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and president of the Costume Designers Guild and the Screen Actors Guild, eight-time Academy Award-winning designer Edith Head's name was on many impressive movie credits. Her involvement in Delta Zeta was inspirational and she was named Woman of the Year in 1968 as well as one of ten outstanding Greeks during the 1976 Bicentennial.



Florence Henderson AX '86 (University of California/Los Angeles) Florence has conquered the world of show business, including Broadway and television. One of her most famous roles was that of the mother in the comedy series "The Brady Bunch." She was also the first woman to host "The Tonight Show" and recently appeared on "Dancing With the Stars." Delta Zeta plays a huge part in both her personal and professional life by incorporating the ideals significant to the Sorority such as her ongoing commitment of service to others, namely her work for speech and hearing.



Ivy Baker Priest\* AX '68 (University of California/Los Angeles) Ivy was Treasurer of the United States from 1953 to 1963. Her signature appeared on U.S. currency during the Eisenhower administration. She was the second woman to ever hold that position in the White House and was an inspiration in helping to bring out the women's vote. Her daughter, Pat Priest AX '68, was an actress best known for playing Marilyn Munster in the 1960's television show "The Munsters." Pat was also initiated as an alumna with her sister, Nancy Priest AX '68.



## Arlene Palsgraff Davis\* $\Gamma A$ '52 (Baldwin-Wallace College)

Arlene left a mark on aviation during the early days of flying, winning many national air races and recording several records. She won the first all-women's air race in 1934 and was the first woman to receive authorization to fly the largest land and water planes. She became one of the first members of the Air Force Jet Clan, as well as earned the privilege of becoming one of 17 women to learn to fly a helicopter. She was chosen the Woman of the Year in Aviation in 1953. She was named Delta Zeta Woman of the Year in 1960.



Linda Morrison Combs ZE '08 (Lenoir-Rhyne University) (right) with Jane Carter Handly ZE '65, 2007 Delta Zeta Woman of the Year.

#### Linda Morrison Combs ZE '08 (Lenoir-Rhyne University)

Dr. Combs held the position of controller of the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President at the White House. She oversaw financial management and was appointed by President George W. Bush to be the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Department of Transportation. She has had five Presidential Appointments, more than any woman in United States history, and has served under three Presidents: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.



## Nanette Fabray ≡O, '86 (Loyola-Marymount University)

She has been honored by her peers and the public for her endeavors to represent those with disabilities by testifying for their rights in front of Congressional committees. Nanette overcame a significant hearing impairment in order to become an actress, comedienne, singer and dancer. For years she worked to bring sign language and captioning to television to meet the needs of those with hearing impairment. She won a Tony Award and three Emmys for her performances and has participated many times in the Southern California Lamplighters' Flame Fantasy event, which raises money for the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles, California.



# Princess Märtha of Norway (Märtha Sofia Lovisa Dagmar Thyra)\* Y '39 (University of North Dakota)

Born a Swedish Princess, she married the Crown Prince of Norway and had three children. When the German troops invaded her adopted country in 1940, she fled with her children to Sweden. They escaped across the Atlantic and were finally safe in the United States after accepting an invitation from President Franklin Roosevelt. She was initiated into Delta Zeta in 1939 after visiting the University of North Dakota and becoming interested in the role the sorority played in the lives of college women. During World War II, she led Delta Zeta's Foreign Friendships service program to aid her country's children.

\*Designates Flame Eternal

# The 2009-2010 Grace Mason Lundy Award Winners

The Grace Mason Lundy Award was first presented at the 1948 Convention in recognition of her many years of service as a National President, Historian and in other national offices. It is presented to senior members of Delta Zeta who throughout their college years have given greatest evidence of loyalty, devotion and service to their chapters and to the Sorority. The 2009-2010 recipients are:



Katherine Leigh Cicardo, Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University)



Kelli Marie Ferguson, Beta Xi Chapter (Auburn University)



Amber Nikole Mattson, Lambda Kappa Chapter (University of Alabama/Huntsville)



Brittany Nicole Melkus, Kappa Mu Chapter (Shepherd University)



Amanda Renee Osuna, Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University)



Kathleen Elizabeth Weldon, Epsilon Delta Chapter (Concord University)

# The 2009-2010 Florence Hood Miner Award Winners

The Florence Hood Miner Award was first presented at the 1948 Convention in recognition of her service as National Vice President, Editor of The LAMP of Delta Zeta, Historian Emeritus and other national offices. The award is given to members of Delta Zeta who in their junior year have made the greatest contribution to their college, chapter and Delta Zeta through outstanding leadership on the campus while maintaining a good academic record. The 2009-2010 recipients are:



Catherine Elizabeth Cook, Delta Phi Chapter (Northeastern State University)



Caitlin Maire Lewis, Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville)



Gena Lee Myers, Delta Omega Chapter (Fort Hays State University)



Leigha Cursha Phelps, Kappa Beta Chapter (Northern Kentucky University)



Bethany Erin Schreck, Zeta Kappa Chapter (Ohio Northern University)

# on campus with delta zeta

Just as Delta Zeta's Founders defined leadership over 100 years ago, our collegiate members continue that legacy by leading in the Sorority, on their campuses, in their communities and nationally. These are leaders who are enriching today's world. Look for more On Campus news and photos, including philanthropic activities not listed here, on the Delta Zeta website under About Delta Zeta >News and click on Chapter News or Member News,

# Alpha

## Miami University

kicked off the year by holding a sisterhood event at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries, owned by Billie Beldauf Maynard A '50. The chapter also placed third in Greek Week activities on campus.

#### Theta

# The Ohio State University participated in the

Panhellenic barbecue on campus with university president, E. Gordon Gee.

# Kappa

# University of Washington

took over volunteer jobs for the day at the RiteCare Clinic in Seattle, Washington, which helps children who have speech and language disorders.

# Omicron

## University of Pittsburgh

took first place with Sigma Chi in the Greek Sing competition.

Source: Pitt News

# Sigma

Rouge, LA

## Louisiana State University

was highlighted as among the fraternal organizations on campus contributing to a four percent increase in recruitment bids over last vear in The Advocate local newspaper. "The Greek community at LSU continues to flourish," says Angela Guillory, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life. Source: The Advocate, Baton

# Alpha Beta

#### University of Illinois

was recognized for its support of the Bowl for Kid's Sake, which raised \$9,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Champaign County. Source: The Illini Greek

# Alpha Gamma

#### University of Alabama

participated in the "Beat Hunger Food Drive" as well as the Hunger Banquet that helped students achieve a better understanding of today's hunger problems throughout the world.

# Alpha Rho

# Ohio Wesleyan University

participated in the "Anchor Bowl," a flag football tournament played on Fraternity Hill. Teams raised money for Service for Sight, a foundation that helps the visually impaired. The \$550 was donated to Pilot Dogs, a non-profit organization that trains puppies to become quide doas.

# Alpha Sigma

# Florida State University

members hosted a "Hamburgers for Hearing" fundraiser for the L.L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Source: Big Ben News Briefs

# Alpha Upsilon

# University of Maine

held its second "Hike for Hearing" to raise money for speech and hearing-related illnesses. Last year they raised more than \$400 for the event and worked this year for more community involvement in the hike.

#### Beta Gamma

# University of Louisville

joined the Louisville Alumnae Chapter to purchase 30 Build-A-Bears for The Starkey Hearing Foundation.

#### Beta Delta

# University of South Carolina

was one of the announced Homecoming parade float design winners, teaming with Pi Kappa Phi on the project. The chapter was recognized

at Region XVII Day with the Academic Excellence Award. Source: http://homecoming. sc.edu/headlines/paradefloat-design-winnersannounced/

# Beta Kappa

# Iowa State University

teamed up with The Starkey Hearing Foundation, hosting a car wash fundraiser for the Build-A-Bear program, which provides teddy bears with hearing aids to children with hearing disabilities.

## Beta Lambda

# University of Tennessee/

#### Knoxville

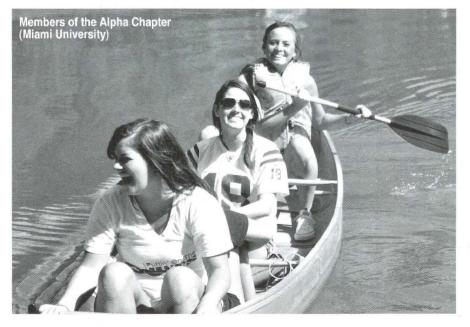
won second place in the Pan Point Involvement Awards for their Panhellenic and Junior Panhellenic involvement banners.

## Beta Xi

#### **Auburn University**

hosted its annual philanthropy event "DZ Day at the Park," which benefited the Lee County Humane Society. Events included a turtle tug, a local band performance, doggie gift bags, and food and ice cream.

Source: http://family.auburn. edu/profiles/blogs/deltazetas-day-at-the-park





#### Beta Tau

Nebraska Wesleyan University held a successful Turtle Tug event, raising \$1,120 for Families for Effective Autism Treatment. During Homecoming, parents and alumnae were invited to an open house.

#### Gamma Beta

University of Connecticut celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up litter around campus and participated in the Lip Sync 2010 competition.

Source: UConn Today

# Gamma Delta

Pennsylvania State University participated in the 2010 Greek Sing with a performance of "Footloose," placing fourth in the competition.

Source: Onward State

# Gamma Kappa

Kent State University Emily Orians, External Philanthropy Chairman, was profiled in kentwired. com in her leadership role on campus as president of Mortar Board. "When you join a Greek organization it's because you want to get involved in your campus and get more out of your education," she said. "Becoming part of this system gave me a support system to tackle bigger goals and larger initiatives." Source: http://kentwired.com

# Gamma Nu

Eastern Illinois University
took third place in the
"Who wants to be a
Mascot?" contest during the
Homecoming Rally.
Source: Daily Enterprise
News

# Gamma Xi

New Mexico State University battled against Delta Gamma Fraternity in a game of volleyball to raise money for charity and held its Delta Zeta Soccer Cup tournament. Source: The Merge

#### Gamma Rho

Northern Illinois University
won the Turtle Tug for
the fourth year in a row.
The event was hosted by
Pi Kappa Alpha, with all
proceeds going to the fight
against breast cancer.
Source: Northern Star Online

# Gamma Phi

# Indiana University of Pennsylvania

built their Homecoming float, in keeping with the theme, "Remembering Cartoons Past." The chapter's float focused on cartoons such as Rocket Power, Rugrats, SpongeBob, Angry Beavers and Hey Arnold!

Source: GSU Signal

# Gamma Chi

Ball State University
held their annual Turtle
Tug philanthropic event
and participated in the MS
Walk. The chapter received
the Panhellenic Four Star
Chapter recognition.

#### Gamma Psi

Central Michigan University
was selected as the best
sorority on campus by the
publication, Best of Central
Michigan 2010, as well as for
its annual fundraising Turtle
Tug event held on campus.
Source: http://www.cm-life.
com/extras/best-of-cmu/

# Delta Delta

Georgia State University
was highlighted during
recruitment in The GSU
Signal, the campus
newspaper. Enumerating the
benefits of becoming a
member of Delta Zeta,
Elyssa Jacob, Chapter
President, says, "We enrich
not only ourselves, but the
community, too."

#### Delta Theta

University of Houston
participated in Delta
Gamma's Anchor Splash,
a swimming tournament,
for the fraternities and
sororities on campus.
The event included: 100
yard freestyle relay, 100
yard medley relay and 100
yard ping pong relay to
benefit Service for Sight
Source: http://uhdeltagamma.
blogspot.com/2010/10/
anchor-splash-fall-2010.html

# Delta Omicron Northwestern Oklahoma

State University
teamed with Epsilon Upsilon
(University of Central
Oklahoma) and Delta Phi
(Northeastern State
University) at the Oklahoma
Regional Food Bank.
The chapters boxed
34,530 pounds of food.
The cases will provide
26,561 meals for children,
senior citizens and families
all over the state.

# Delta Upsilon

Marshall University
participated in the March of
Dimes and Out of Darkness,
which raised awareness
for premature babies and
suicide prevention
respectively.

#### Delta Phi

Northeastern State University was declared the Homecoming champion with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Allyson Hall was elected Homecoming Queen.



Members of the Delta Omega Chapter (Fort Hays State University) "paint the town" during Homecoming weekend. Photo courtesy of The Hays Daily News, Raymond Hillegas, Photojournalist.

# Delta Omega

Fort Hays State University celebrated its 85th anniversary and hosted more than 100 alumnae throughout the Homecoming weekend.

# **Epsilon Gamma**

University of Central Missouri Danielle Myers, LAMP Editor, was profiled in the Sedalia Democrat, as part of their series that looks at students who perform exceptionally well, in and out of the classroom. Danielle, a public relations and business administration major, discussed how she developed a campaign to run for Homecoming Queen. As the first runner-up, Danielle was elected to the Homecoming Court.

# **Epsilon Delta**

Concord University sponsored a Turtle Tug, raising money for The Painted Turtle camp and hosted a "mocktail" event for i Have a Choice to educate

students about alcohol awareness.

# **Epsilon Epsilon**

California State University/

took part in an early alert program on campus which helped them focus on time management, allowing them to achieve higher GPAs and gain better study skills. Source: The Collegian, California State University

# **Epsilon Zeta Drexel University**

received the 2009-2010 Chapter & Member National Recognition from the university, as well as for the New Member

receiving honorable mention Education Award and the Service Award. The chapter also hosted its annual Step-A-Thon fundraising campaign, encouraging the Drexel community to run up the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum (as in the movie "Rocky") to raise money for

speech and hearing and for the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

# **Epsilon Kappa** University of Wisconsin/

Whitewater volunteered to rake leaves in senior citizens' yards to raise

money for the "Field of Dreams" project. This fund will provide for a baseball diamond in Starin Park.

# Epsilon Xi

University of Central Arkansas Stephanie Sanders, Vice President of New Member Education, was crowned Homecoming Queen. The chapter sponsored the third annual Ultimate Freshman Championship, giving the newest students on campus an opportunity to compete for

Top Residence Hall. Source: The Fountain

the "bragging right" of the

# **Epsilon Omicron**

Western Illinois University was spotlighted in an article in the Western Courier student newspaper about recruitment on campus. Member Courtney Herr, a senior economics major. says, "We are all here for a common goal and working together to achieve this is a truly gratifying experience."

# **Epsilon Tau** Longwood University

won the "Best Dance" award at the Lip Sync event which was sponsored by the fraternal community on campus. The chapter also participated in The Big Event, a university-wide project to help those in need in the Farmville community: took part in Relay for Life, raising more than \$800 for the American Cancer Society: and joined the Longwood Ambassadors in a prom dress drive for the local high school.

# **Epsilon Upsilon**

# University of Central Oklahoma

celebrated when member Elizabeth Le was named Homecoming Queen. Elizabeth is a senior speechlanguage pathology major and a member of the President's Leadership Council. The chapter also held its annual Jump-A-Thon, which raised funds to send a child to camp for the American Diabetes Association. Source: NewsOK.com

# Zeta Epsilon

California University of Pennsylvania

built its Homecoming float with a Western theme. including a cowboy, a train and a moving horse.

## Zeta Pi

University of Georgia sponsored Katie Barlow for Homecoming Court. Source: Online Athens

# Zeta Phi

Slippery Rock University raised \$800 for The Painted Turtle camp and collected donations by canning during Villagefest in Slippery Rock. They also earned the best grades on campus, which were above both the all-Greek average and the allwomen's average.

# Theta Mu

St. Cloud State University received the Founders Award, Coat of Arms and the Lighthouse Award at the university's Excellence in Leadership banquet. The chapter also teamed with the Twin Cities Alumnae Chapter for The Starkey Hearing Foundation Gala 2010, giving a joint 386 hours of time to the effort.

#### lota Delta

**Edinboro University** was highlighted in the student newspaper for their recruitment events which changed the way people perceived the act of "rushing" in Greek life. The chapter emphasized how they provided a friendly and inviting environment with

board games, sports, a slumber party and a cookout, allowing potential new members to learn more about fraternal life. Source: The Spectator

# Iota Theta

Mansfield University
invited the school to
participate in the Turtle Tug,
where half of the earnings
went to the winning team and
the other half to The Painted
Turtle camp. The chapter
also hosted a "Trick or
Treat—Help Someone Eat"
canned food drive.
Source: http://www.
mansfieldnewsjournal.com

# Kappa Alpha

and Mansfield Digest

Nicholls State University
member Amber Zorn was
quoted in a recent article in
The Nicholls Worth student
newspaper about intramural
sports. Kappa Alpha plays
intramural flag football on
campus. "You really don't
have to be athletic to play.
It's all for the fun of it," Amber
said. "My sisters enjoy it, and
I think it's a great opportunity
to get involved on campus."
Source: The Nicholls Worth

# Kappa lota

Wright State University
Emily Stiffler, Chapter
President, was quoted in an article about hazing in The Guardian, the student newspaper. The article discusses how fraternal organizations strictly prohibit hazing, and how sororities and fraternities work with the university to combat it.

Source: The Guardian

# Kappa Xi

Duquesne University
opened their Delta Zeta wing
to instruct and inspire fellow
dorm students on how to
decorate their rooms to make
them feel homey and inviting.
They gave tips on using
items such as photos,
posters, artificial flowers,
lamps and mirrors to make
the room appear larger.

# Kappa Tau

Morehead State University
held a costume party for the
Homecoming events and
invited alumnae to a fraternal
cookout.

# Kappa Phi

University of North Carolina/ Charlotte

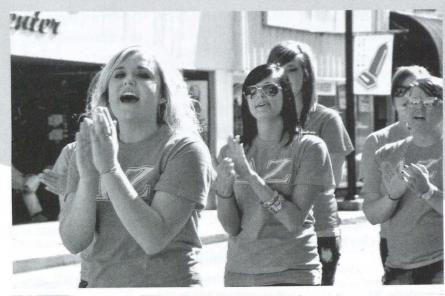
participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The chapter raised \$1,145 in honor of a founding member recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

# Kappa Chi

Youngstown State University
participated in Greek Week
activities such as fundraising
for United Way and a Greek
Olympics competition.
Source: The Jambar

# Lambda Alpha

Arkansas Tech University
joined local volunteers in the
first annual Buddy Walk for
the National Downs
Syndrome Society. More
than 200 people participated,
raising more than \$4,000 to
support the society in
research and awareness.
The chapter also won first
place in the float contest





Top photo: Members of the Lambda Alpha Chapter (Arkansas Tech University) Photo courtesy of Office of University Relations, Arkansas Tech University. Bottom photo: Lambda Delta (University of Virginia) members Megan Segedi, Philanthropy Chairman, and Sarah Zelenko in Cleveland for a Sprint triathlon.

during the university's Homecoming Parade.

# Lambda Delta

University of Virginia
supported Theta Delta
Fraternity's philanthropy,
Thetadeltathon, which raised
money for March of Dimes.
The chapter also hosted two
educational programs about
sexual assault and fire
safety.

# Lambda Kappa

University of Alabama/ Huntsville

teamed with the Huntsville
Alumnae Chapter for the
Delta Zeta Marketplace,
which raises money for the
Huntsville Hospital Pediatric
Audiology Program and the
Alabama Institute for the
Deaf and Blind. This year the
Marketplace raised \$24,795,
and the alumnae chapter
was recognized with a
plaque in the Audiology Suite
of the hospital.

# Lambda Lambda

The College of New Jersey won the 2010 Homecoming Spirit Week competition along with teammates Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta. Lambda Lambda placed first in Community Service, Sneak Preview, Lip Sync and Dodge Ball.

# Lambda Nu

# Auburn University/ Montgomery

volunteered at AUM's Adopta-thon for the Montgomery
Humane Society. One lucky
puppy found a home with
one of the members! Several
members volunteered for the
Big Brother Big Sister Walk/
Run, assisting with child
care for participants' children
and calling out times for the
runners.

# Lambda Xi

# Texas A & M University

took part in the Aggie Greek Weekend by hosting the 14th annual "Run to the Chicken" 5k event, starting and ending at the nationally famous Dixie Chicken.

# Lambda Omicron

# Angelo State University

hosted its 2010 Homecoming bonfire and won the Spirit Stick. Lauren Guthrie, Chapter President, was named Sorority Member of the Year at the Greek Awards. The chapter spearheaded a design for a new school mascot, a costumed ewe named Bella, who will assist Roscoe the Ram and appear primarily at women's athletic events. Source: http://www.asurampage.com/news/building-a-blaze-unites-students-1.1672878

## Lambda Pi

# Georgia College & State University

held its annual Turtle Tug, a fundraiser for The Painted Turtle camp, where children with terminal and chronic illnesses can have fun with doctors available for them at any time without charge.

# Lambda Phi

Appalachian State University was profiled in the student newspaper, discussing how fraternal organizations educate incoming freshman about Greek life. Jenny Church, a sophomore chapter member and political science major, said, "It can be an intimidating process, but we know what to ask, and we're going to make you feel welcome."

Source: The Appalachian

# Omicron Beta

# Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

At Region II Day (New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania) the chapter received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for maintaining a grade point average above the all-sorority average.

# Xi Lambda

# University of San Francisco was spotlighted in an article in the student newspaper entitled, "Meet the Greeks on Campus."

Source: The Foghorn Online

# Xi Nu

# Tarleton State University

won the Yell Contest during Homecoming, showing superb school spirit.

Member Alle Bird said, "Our members were enthusiastic and attentive at every practice and worked hard. When they announced our name, we were overjoyed!"

Source: The J-TAC

# Xi Xi

# North Georgia College & State University

hosted its annual "Great Gatsby Mixer" with mocktails (alcohol-free cocktails) and costume contests as well as a swing dance lesson from the NGCSU Swing Dance Association to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse for *i Have a Choice*.

# Xi Omicron

# Loyola-Marymount University

hosted their annual philanthropic event, the Turtle Tug, and placed third in the Lip Sync competition with a "Miss Congeniality" theme.

Source: Loyolan Online, Los Angeles, California

# **Omicron Alpha**

# St. Mary's University

joined the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter for the third year in a row in the Alzheimer's Walk.

#### Pi Beta

#### University of Hartford

held a Turtle Tug and bake sale, raising \$360 for The Painted Turtle camp. The chapter also held a car wash to help with the oil spill cleanup in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Pi Gamma

# California State University/ Northridge

co-hosted its annual Turtle
Tug with Kappa Kappa
Gamma. Approximately
120 people attended, raising
\$2,000 for The Painted
Turtle camp.

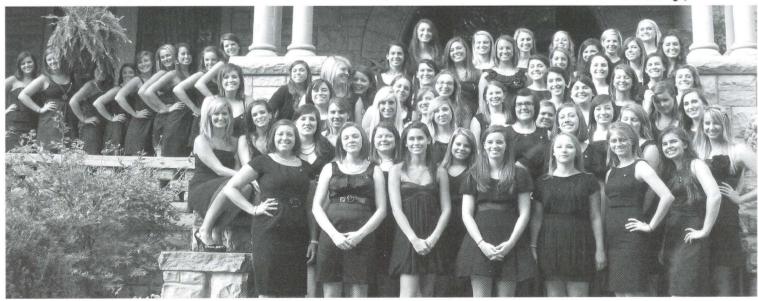
Source: Daily Sundial

# Pi Lambda Colony

# University of Tennessee/ Chattanooga

held initiation for the first new member class consisting of 125 women.

The Pi Lambda Colony (University of Tennessee/ Chattanooga)



# flame eternal

**ALPHA** 

Mary Yeagley Mohley '32 Charma Turner Gardiner '38 Lucile Stow Peterson '41 Dorothy Fryburger Haynes '44 Dianne Capehart Anderson '61

BETA

Helene Gerber Newbury '18

DELTA

Margaret Espey Penrose '71

**EPSILON** 

Delores Lang Chapel '40 Louise Lockwood Barnhart '44 Joyce Rouch Brenner '51 Jeanette Kalk Fattu '62

KAPPA

Martha Bittman Lamb '38 Evelyn Sampson Valentine '43

MU

Dorothy LyVere Hitchcock '41 Marion Hartnett Lyne '53 Marianne Swanson Light '55

NU

Lucille Thompson Blundell '23 Bedtty Rutherford Hedge '46

XI

Betty Heusch Agler '30 Martha Rahe '31

OMICRON Margaret Barnes Wolfe '40

SIGMA

Sue Priest Webre '56

UPSILON

Beverly Burau Balow '52 Ethel Lodmell Barnes

PHI

Virginia Watt Ganson '28

CHI

Dorothy Flynn Ross '41

PSI

Rosemary Coon Hammond '40 Eleanor Atkinson Lang '40 June Crockett Adair '45 Karen Hill Lamb '60

ALPHA GAMMA

Mary Glass Langston '39 Mary Ellen Stinson Rowland '42

ALPHA EPSILON

Marguerite Shaw Smith '42

ALPHA ZETA

Frances Sobieski Yusk '28

ALPHA ETA

Dorothy E. L. Haas '27

**ALPHA THETA** 

Juanita Crawford Sears '47

ALPHA IOTA

Josephine Wagner Forrler '37 Annette Hedrick Lathom '37

ALPHA PI

Lee Goff Hall '41 Margie Orr Carter '43 ALPHA SIGMA Rena Walton Mortensen '43

ALPHA TAU
Janet McManus Leblanc '53

ALPHA CHI

Antoinette Gimenez Newman '34 Virginialee Frankenberger Lynch '46

ALPHA PSI

Lucy Jim Westbrook '54 Jean Lemons Slagle '70

**BETA GAMMA** 

Joann Boerner Bradley '53

BETA ZETA

Margaret Clifford Steffensen '62

BETA IOTA

Gaye Klein Moore '70

BETA KAPPA

Jeannette Woodward Horn '39

BETA NU

Berenice Milliman Neff '41

BETA XI

Mary Avery Pate '50

BETA SIGMA

Sondra Fitzgerald Gruwell '61

BETA TAU

Barbara Wertman Wismer '42

BETA UPSILON

Shirley Viosca Stakelum '41 Carolee Ballowe Gray '50 BETA PHI

Melba Connell George '41

**GAMMA ALPHA** 

Marjorie Miller Mason '44 Betty Turner Hard '49

**GAMMA BETA** 

Eleanor LaRivere Palochko '43

GAMMA LAMBDA

Marjorie Heppner McMurry '49 Erin Kay Freddy '79

GAMMA OMICRON

Barbara Neal Picklesimer '53

GAMMA TAU

Kay Robson Peacock '53

GAMMA UPSILON

Corinne Dailey Wallace '49 Carolyn Pace Webb '55

**GAMMA PHI** 

Frances Adornato Servinsky '54 Ruth Elizabeth Datz '55

**DELTA ALPHA** 

Tiffany Jaffe Sykes '95

**DELTA BETA** 

Faye Townsend Wheatley '54

**DELTA IOTA** 

Jean Marie Damato '64

**DELTA PI** 

Kay Hoffer Getz '58

**DELTA TAU** 

Janice Ziegenfus Meck '57

DELTA CHI

Georia Morton Stephas '56

**DELTA OMEGA** 

Carolyn Fisher Crowell '56 Cynthia Wooster Witwer '57

EPSILON EPSILON

Rosemary Kingen Deaver '56

EPSILON THETA

Monica Lynn Held '91

EPSILON IOTA Melodie Fox Morris '72

EPSILON RHO Sue McGhee Thompson '73

EPSILON SIGMA

Mary Hayes Kitson '56

ZETA ALPHA

Sylvia Jurkovich Yanule '57 Roberta Elaine Gehrig '60

ZETA THETA

Lynda House Moffett '64

ZETA XI

Beverly Friday Bumgarner '65

THETA CHI

Margaret Reid Furman '65

PHI BETA Frances Hill Hess '52

In Issue 2 – 2010 of The LAMP, it was erroneously reported that Caroline Elizabeth Pottash EI '05 and Nancy Geer Waters KZ '70 were deceased. We sincerely apologize for this error.

# Betty Heusch Agler ≡ '30 (University of Cincinnati), Delta Zeta Past National President, Passes Away



It was with sadness that Delta Zeta learned of the death of Betty Heusch Agler  $\Xi$  '30 (University of Cincinnati), Delta Zeta Past National President, on October 19, 2010. In addition to serving as National President from 1966-1970, Mrs. Agler served the Sorority on many levels. She was also the Executive Secretary, overseeing the operation of

National Headquarters from 1969-1981.

Michelle Albrecht Smith, Delta Zeta National President, said, "Betty was a part of Delta Zeta history, from the time she became a collegiate member in 1930 through her national service in the 1960s and 1970s. We will miss her and appreciate her many years of service to the Sorority." She was primarily responsible for extension during her tenure as National President, drawing upon her experience as Vice President of Membership from 1962-1966 to bring new and viable chapters to Delta Zeta.

In her community, she served on the Mifflin Township Board of Education, the Seal of Ohio - Girl Scout Council, the Armed Forces Community Council Board of Trustees, the Ohio State University Program 60 Board of Directors and as Director of the Speech and Hearing Center of Columbus, Ohio. Professionally, she was the Executive Director of the Columbus and Franklin County U.S.O., and later became the Coordinator of Disaster Volunteers for the American Red Cross.

Donations in Mrs. Agler's memory may be made to the Delta Zeta Foundation, 202 East Church Street, Oxford, OH 45056 or online at http://www.deltazeta.org. Go to Foundation>How You Can Give.

# alumnae news

Atia Abawi K⊖ '00 (Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University) is an international correspondent for NBC News. She just completed two years as an international correspondent for CNN in Kabul, Afghanistan. Visit Atia's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/



Atia Abawi K⊖ '00

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#### Linda Schaefer Allen KB

'75 (Northern Kentucky University) has achieved career success and represented Northern Kentucky University at Procter & Gamble, most recently serving as finance director for corporate acquisitions. Her volunteer work at Northern Kentucky University and in the community is where she has truly excelled. Linda also served as the Regional Collegiate Coordinator, Region XIII for Delta Zeta. Source: Blinkx.com

## Deborah Purtle Bratton EE

'72 (University of Central Arkansas) is the President of the Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of Key Women Educators in Conway,
Arkansas. Debbie also
serves as the Faculty Advisor
for the Epsilon Xi Chapter
and she teaches freshman
algebra classes at the
university. She has served
on the University of Central
Arkansas Alumni Board of
Directors for the past six
years and is currently a
Faculty Senator.



Deborah Purtle Bratton EE '72

Dr. Lee Ann De Reus BK '83 (Iowa State University), Associate Professor of Human Development & Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University, co-founded the Panzi Foundation to help victims of rape and abuse in the Democratic Republic (DR) of the Congo and Darfur. Lee Ann says, "I want to raise awareness in the United States about the hundreds of thousands of women and girls in the Congo who have suffered sexual violence. I have a responsibility now, to the women of Congo, to serve as witness, messenger and advocate - to tell others about this crisis, to share

the powerful stories of

forgiveness, survival and hope, to work for change."
She has expanded her efforts in the DR Congo and Chad, and serves on several U.S. government advisory boards. Find out more about Lee Ann's work and the Panzi Foundation at http://panzifoundation.org.



Dr. Lee Ann De Reus BK '83

# Shelly Brown Dobek

 $\Gamma\Omega$  '94 (Southern Illinois University), President-Elect of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) received the AFA's Distinguished Service Award. Shelly, who is the Director of Greek Life and Director of Chapter Services at North Carolina State University, also participates in the Congressional visits to Washington, D.C. each spring to lobby for the passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA).

#### Anne Ewald Dill △ '95

(DePauw University) is the news anchor for "The Morning Show" for WCIA 3 News in Champaign, Illinois and has helped to improve numerous agencies. As a communications major and Delta Zeta alumnae share their talents to enrich lives and the world.

a member of Delta Zeta, she has committed most of her time doing volunteer work. Her goal is to give a voice to non-profit organizations and improve the well-being of Illinois.

Photo courtesy of The News-Gazette, Champaign, Illinois



Anne Ewald Dill A '95

## Fayza Elmostehi ΓK '97

(Kent State University) has joined CultureMap as the first social media editor, a position designed to enhance the digital publication's relationships with individual readers and the Houston community. Fayza graduated from Kent State University in 2001 with a B.A. in International Relations and Spanish. She earned a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law in 2005. Source: Business Wire

#### Gayle M. Holtman BX

'83 (Wittenberg University) was named as CEO and President of VSA Indiana, the State Organization on Arts and Disability. VSAI has led the movement to make the arts accessible to people with disabilities. Learn more about the organization at http://www.vsai.org/index.html.

#### Jennifer Patterson Frank

KE '08 (Plymouth State University) was recognized as one of the 2010 New Hampshire Union Leader's prestigious "40 Under 40" list of influential young people in the Granite State. An alumna initiate who is an advisor for the Kappa Epsilon Chapter, she works as a special investigator for the Plymouth University Police Department. She also received the Plymouth State University Distinguished Operating Staff Award, was recognized for developing programs to prevent violence and works on state and county boards associated with children and safety.

#### Marlena Martinez Love $\Pi A$

'03 (University of Florida)
was promoted to Assistant
Dean and Director of
Fraternities, Sororities, and
Independent Living Groups
at Massachusetts Institute of
Technology (MIT).



In this position, she strengthens these communities and sets standard expectations for everyone to follow. In the Department of Student Life, she is excited to take on the daily challenges with the

staff and alumni who she says are "wonderful and care so much."

Source: The Tech, online edition: http://tech.mit.edu/ V130/N38/dslappoint.html Photo courtesy of Jason U. Chiu/The Tech, MIT

#### Shelly Ziegler Onorato

IT '78 (West Liberty State College) was profiled as the wife of Pennsylvania gubernatorial Democratic candidate, Dan Onorato, in The Patriot News. Pennsylvania's leading news source. In the article, Shelly spoke about her commitment to home and family, as well as children's literacy and health care. Shelly is a stay-at-home mom and part-time dental hygienist with a degree in health care administration. Source: The Patriot News

Kathy Wenger Palermo A '69 (Kansas State University) was honored as the Panhellenic Woman of the Year by the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter at the Kansas City Panhellenic Brunch.

# Nancy Russell IT '76

(California State University/ Fullerton), Foundation Trustee, has joined Commerce National Bank as Vice President, SBA Business Development Officer. She has held key positions with Comerica Bank where she won the U.S. Small Business Administration 2008 Financial Services Champion of the Year Award.

Source: Commerce National

Bank

Ann Pearson Santos ZX '63 (University of Wisconsin/ Stevens Point), Phoenix Valley Alumnae Chapter President, received the Great Western Area Award. naming her Outstanding GWA Alumna of the Year. Ann is also an Achoth Award winner.

Shannon D. Spigener

ΘE '87 (Louisiana Tech University) was honored as one of Louisiana Tech's 2010 Alumni of the Year. Shannon has served as the emergency department staff physician at the Minden Medical Center since 2004. She has also served as assistant professor and staff physician at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport from 1997 to 2004.

Source: Louisiana Tech News

Teniell Trolian ⊕ '99 (The Ohio State University), Assistant Director for Greek Affairs in the Center for Student Involvement at Kent State University, received the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values 2010 Gathering Grant as part of their ongoing commitment to support innovation within the fraternal movement. Teniell's project is entitled "Increasing Fraternity/ Sorority Professional Competence: Impacting the Fraternal Movement through Professional Learning and Development."



Dr. Louise Kreher Turner

ΔK '56 (Southwestern Louisiana University) founded the Louise Kreher Turner Forest Ecology Preserve. The 110-acre nature preserve is an environmental learning laboratory of the Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. Dr. Turner is the author of "Before Your Very Eyes," which follows a diverse cast of animal characters as they learn what it means to coexist and adapt to change. Her career includes teaching physical education and dance. She has received many awards for her work and her commitment to service. Dr. Turner was originally a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon, which merged with Delta Zeta in

Photo courtesy of The Auburn Villager

1956.



Dr. Louise Kreher Turner  $\Delta K$  '56

Dr. Beth Vail IN '49

(Eastern Illinois University), who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, has enjoyed university teaching, breeding and showing Arabian horses, extensive traveling, gardening and flying airplanes (she earned her pilot's license in 1958). She is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, has a master's degree in psychology from the University of Denver and a Ph.D. degree from Indiana University. Her remarkable life was recently profiled in The Star Press, the online news source for Central Indiana.

Source: http://www. thestarpress.com/ Photo courtesy of Kay Maddox.

Dr. Beth Vail TN '49

Heather Hamilton Valera IΦ '94 and Lisa Griffith Story I P '81 (University of Nevada/Las Vegas), both serve on the Board of Directors of the University of Nevada/Las Vegas (UNLV) Alumni Association. Heather chairs the Membership and Marketing Committee, and Lisa chairs the College Chapters Committee. Lisa also is an avid Epee fencer and recently tied for third in the United Fencing Federation's summer championship women's Epee competition.



Don't forget to show your Panhellenic spirit on Monday, March 7 -International Badge Day 2011!

#### **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Are you a collegian or an alumna who has lived, worked or studied in another country? Have you volunteered overseas for a charitable cause? Did you connect with Delta Zeta sisters abroad? Tell us!

E-mail LAMP@dzshq.com or send us your news at http://metro.deltazeta.org/ signin.aspx?returnurl=http:// www.deltazeta.org/Chapter/ newssubmit.



# delta zeta memories

As Delta Zeta recognizes her 25-, 50-, 65- and 75-year members, we asked our treasured alumnae to tell us more about themselves and how Delta Zeta enriched their lives.

## ORDER OF THE PEARL (65 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP)

Catherine Joan Michels Johnson BK '44 (lowa State University)
Cathy joined Delta Zeta during her first semester at Iowa State, where she majored in dietetics. She completed her internship at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans and met her future husband there. She married in 1949, while working at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The couple then moved to California and purchased a 35-acre prune farm after the birth of their two sons. Cathy moved to Iowa City in 1978, where she lived for 30 years, and was a member of Volkssporting Walking Club, Church Circle and Iowa Rail Passenger Association. She recently returned to California and lives in the Terraces of Los Gatos, a campus of the American Baptist Homes of the West.

Doris Vormbrock Tarpley  ${\rm B}\Gamma$  '44 (University of Louisville) Doris lives in Louisville and has been married for 57 years. As a 20-year library volunteer, she currently serves as corresponding secretary of Jeffersontown Friends of the Library. She was a member of the Shively Women's Club for 25 years, where she held many state and local offices. In addition, Doris served on several boards and commissions and pioneered CPR training in Jefferson County. She worked as an Eastern Airlines ticket agent for 10 years and currently volunteers at her church and enjoys gardening.

# THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN ROSE (50 YEARS OF DELTA ZETA MEMBERSHIP)

Patty Fee Robinhold EZ '58 (Drexel University)

Patty and her husband Rob currently live in Pennsylvania. She has five children, who live on the East Coast, and they have given her 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Patty, who is now retired, has worked as a teacher, florist, daycare teacher and assistant director. She is also involved in bowling and community groups and volunteers time to help a local mother with a young son and triplets. In addition, she enjoys art, antiques, orchestra, theater, church and loves to travel.

Ann Porche Beasley  $\Sigma$  '58 (Louisiana State University) Ann graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree S

Ann graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She married William Beasley and they have two children, Jennifer and David.

Donna Becker Vaughn E '58 (Indiana University)

After graduating from Indiana University, Donna married John and became a social worker in Alameda County in California, then a social work supervisor in New York. She has three children and currently lives in California. Donna has served as grassroots chairman and charter president for the League of Women Voters in Alameda and co-president of the PTA Council in Alameda. In addition, she held a seat on the board of directors for Bay Area Women Against Rape.

Mary Sandra Riddinger Adcox  $\Xi$  '58 (University of Cincinnati) Mary graduated in 1961 and completed her U.S. Army dietetic internship in Houston in 1963. She later returned to school and received her Master's from Texas State University in 1984. Her varied career path as a registered, licensed dietician includes: research dietician for the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, dietetic department director for Santa Rosa the Medical Center, program director and instructor for San Antonio College and consultant for school food services. She retired in 1996 from San Antonio Independent School District. Recently widowed again, her family consists of her son, three stepdaughters and one stepson.

Mary is a member of the American Dietetic Association and the Texas Retired Teachers' Association, secretary of Prime Timers and is a church photographer. She has served as president of San Antonio Dietetic Association and president of San Antonio School Food Service Association. Mary is listed in Notable Women of Texas, Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who in America.

## Celebrate ... Recognize ... Remember!

Celebrate an important milestone or remember someone special with a tribute gift to the Delta Zeta Foundation. It's easy to do! Simply specify whether your gift is in honor, memory or celebration of someone. Honorees will receive a card from the Foundation announcing the gift, and both the honoree and the donor will be recognized in the Foundation's Biennial Report.

Tribute and Memorial Gifts enrich the lives of Delta Zetas everywhere through personal growth programs, leadership training and experiences, and scholarships.

To make a gift today, visit https://www.deltazeta.org/foundation/howyoucangive.



Send your Sisters some DZ love this Valentine's Day with a Tribute Gift to the Foundation.

# The Oxford Society: Providing for the Future of Delta Zeta

We hope you will consider including a gift to Delta Zeta in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

- Simplicity. Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. The official bequest language for Delta Zeta is: "I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to **Delta Zeta Foundation** of Oxford, Ohio [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."
- Flexibility. You can change your mind at any time, because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime.
- Versatility. You can structure the bequest to leave a specific amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events or leave a percentage of your estate to us.
- Tax Relief. Your estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

## How It Works

To make a charitable bequest, you need a current will or revocable living trust. Your gift can be made as a percentage of your estate or you can make a specific bequest by giving a certain amount of cash, securities or property. After your lifetime, Delta Zeta receives your gift.

#### We Can Help

Contact Chris K. Kern IE '86 (University of Missouri/St. Louis) Director of Development, at (513) 523-7597 or chris@dzshq.com, with any questions about naming Delta Zeta in your will or living trust. We are happy to help, without obligation.

Planned Giving Resources specially designed for every age group are available at <a href="http://www.deltazeta.org">http://www.deltazeta.org</a>. Go to Foundation > How You Can Give > Planned Giving.

# Collegiate Annual Awards

The National Council is pleased to announce the 2010 recipients of the inaugural Delta Zeta Annual Awards. We are proud of our chapters and the extraordinary members who make Delta Zeta outstanding on their respective campuses and fraternal communities.

Chapters are working to be the best they can be and are performing above the Standards of Excellence (Good Standing Requirements for College Chapters) in many areas. The Delta Zeta Annual Awards is, therefore, an opportunity for National Council to recognize those chapter activities, programs, special events, milestone or initiatives that are outstanding achievements in core value areas.

## ACADEMICS ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Academic Program

Winner: Theta Chapter (The Ohio State University)

Honorable Mention:

Gamma Kappa Chapter (Kent State University) Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Wayne State University)

**Outstanding Faculty Program** 

Winner: Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina)

Honorable Mention:

Xi Omicron Chapter (Loyola-Marymount University)

# HEALTH AWARENESS/SAFETY ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Risk Management Program/Event

Winner: Theta Psi Chapter (Ashland University) for Spread the Cheer with Delta Zeta Honorable Mention:

Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville) for i Have a Choice Week lota Upsilon Chapter (California State University/Fullerton) for Alcohol Awareness Week

Xi Xi Chapter (North Georgia College & State University) for i Have a Choice Week; Great Gatsby Mixer

#### LEADERSHIP ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Greek Leadership Training Program or Other Leadership Program/Event Winner: Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) for Greek Etiquette Dinner

Alpha Gamma Chapter (University of Alabama) for More than Four Program Delta Alpha Chapter (California State University/Long Beach) for co-hosting cultural speaker with Alpha Phi, Pi Kappa Alpha and Lambda Theta Pi Omicron Pi Chapter (Frostburg State University) for co-sponsoring The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People with Order of Omega

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Pre-recruitment (Perfecting Week and/or Summer Retreat) Program or Recruitment Event

Winner: Xi Xi Chapter (North Georgia College & State University)

Honorable Mention:

Gamma Kappa Chapter (Kent State University) Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) Zeta Psi Chapter (Stephen F. Austin State University)

NEW MEMBER EDUCATION ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Enhancement or Related Activity to the New Member Education Program Winner: Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) for New Member Retreat

Honorable Mention:

Epsilon Zeta Chapter (Drexel University) for participating in Drexel's FIRE Program

Pi Zeta Chapter (Arizona State University) for Six Lessons for a Lifetime Skits Omicron Pi Chapter (Frostburg State University) for New Member Sisterhood

OTHER PROGRAMS/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ANNUAL AWARD

Other Outstanding Program/Event/Activity

Winner: Zeta Pi Chapter (University of Georgia) for Turtle Grant Program

Honorable Mention:

Lambda Kappa Chapter (University of Alabama/Huntsville) for Around the World with Delta Zeta

Alpha Chapter (Miami University) for Puttin' on the Hits

Kappa Alpha Chapter (Nicholls State University) for Haiti Relief Project

PHILANTHROPY ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Philanthropic Project/Event - Most Dollars Raised

Winner: Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University)

Honorable Mention:

Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville) Gamma Kappa Chapter (Kent State University) Lambda Kappa Chapter (University of Alabama/Huntsville)

Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University) Pi Alpha Chapter (University of Florida)

# Outstanding New Member Philanthropic Project/Event - Most Dollars Raised

Winner: Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina)

Honorable Mention:

Zeta Pi Chapter (University of Georgia)

Alpha Alpha Chapter (Northwestern University) Gamma Pi Chapter (Western Michigan University)

Outstanding 1902 Loyalty Society Support
Winner: Zeta Pi Chapter (University of Georgia)

Honorable Mention:

Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville)

Beta Lambda Chapter (University of Tennessee/Knoxville)

Beta Tau Chapter (Nebraska Wesleyan University)

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS ANNUAL AWARDS

**Outstanding Chapter Communications** 

Winner: Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University) for website and social media

Honorable Mention:

Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) for bi-annual newsletter Delta Sigma Chapter (Truman State University) for alumnae communications Xi Omicron Chapter (Loyola-Marymount University) for website redesign

**Outstanding Public Relations Event** 

Winner: Alpha Sigma Chapter (Florida State University) for 85th Chapter

Anniversary Celebration

Honorable Mention:

Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University) for Tenth Annual DZ Bowl-a-thon lota Alpha Chapter (Texas State University) for Mother's Day event Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) for Parents Social

Outstanding Panhellenic/Greek Council Involvement and Recognition

Winner: Delta Beta Chapter (University of Tampa) for Sorority of the Year

Honorable Mention:

Delta Sigma Chapter (Truman State University) for President's Cup Award Gamma Pi Chapter (Western Michigan University) for Standards of Excellence

Rho Chapter (University of Denver) for Chapter Award of Excellence and Presidential Pillar Awards

#### RITUAL AND SISTERHOOD ANNUAL AWARDS

**Outstanding Event or Celebration** 

Winner: Lambda Kappa Chapter (University of Alabama/Huntsville) for Sisterhood Retreat

Honorable Mention:

Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) for Founders Day 2009 Beta Lambda Chapter (University of Tennessee/Knoxville) for Dinner with Six Xi Xi Chapter (North Georgia College & State University) for Black & White Affair Gala

Outstanding Sorority History Program/Activity

Winner: Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) for The Creed Challenge Honorable Mention:

Pi Alpha Chapter (University of Florida) for New Member Ritual Workshop Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Wayne State University) for History Program

Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University) for Sorority Education, including evaluations

SERVICE ANNUAL AWARD

Outstanding Service Project/Event - Most Hours Volunteered

Winner: Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina)

Honorable Mention:

Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University)

Epsilon Zeta Chapter (Drexel University)

Epsilon Xi Chapter (University of Central Arkansas)

Outstanding New Member Service Project/Event - Most Hours Volunteered Winner: Zeta Zeta Chapter (West Texas A & M University)

Honorable Mention:

Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University) Omicron Alpha Chapter (St. Mary's University)

Omicron Pi Chapter (Frostburg State University)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES ANNUAL AWARD Outstanding Pink Goes Green Event/Initiative

Winner: Lambda Kappa Chapter (University of Alabama/Huntsville) for Pink Goes Green Week, hosted the week of Earth Day

Honorable Mention:

Alpha Rho Chapter (Ohio Wesleyan University) for developing The Chapter Sustainability Management Plan

Lambda Theta Chapter (Michigan Technological University) for textbook recycling program for underdeveloped countries

Gamma Alpha Chapter (Baldwin-Wallace College) for "Living Green Loving Pink" Program, partnered with academic departments on campus to recycle ink cartridges

# Collegiate Awards Convention 2010



Founders Award winners with Michelle Albrecht Smith AX, National President (center), are Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina), Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville) and Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University).

The Betty Heusch Agler President's Award is an outstanding achievement award given to a chapter which has shown special achievement or has handled an unusual/critical situation in an exemplary manner, bringing credit to Delta Zeta Sorority in general and its chapter members individually.

Alpha Chapter (Miami University)

The Caryatides Award is presented to those chapters which have best envisioned and fulfilled a New Member Education Program that has brought enrichment to the new members.

Alpha Rho Chapter (Ohio Wesleyan University)
Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville)
Lambda Kappa Chapter (University of Alabama/Huntsville)
Lambda Theta Chapter (Michigan Technological University)
Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University)
Theta Eta Chapter (Creighton University)

The Crest Awards are presented to outstanding college chapters that have excelled consistently in all areas of college programming.

Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina)
Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville)
Delta Alpha Chapter (California State University/Long Beach)
Gamma Kappa Chapter (Kent State University)
Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Wayne State University)
Kappa Alpha Chapter (Nicholls State University)
Lambda Xi Chapter (Texas A & M University)
Pi Alpha Chapter (University of Florida)
Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University)
Zeta Pi Chapter (University of Georgia)
Zeta Zeta Chapter (West Texas A & M University)

The **Genevieve Schmidt Memorial Plaque** is given to the college chapter with the highest academic rating.

Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina)

The **Gertrude Houk Fariss Award** is presented jointly to recognize outstanding alumnae-collegiate chapter programming and activity.

Louisville Alumnae Chapter (Kentucky, South Central Area) and Beta Gamma Chapter, University of Louisville

The **Founders Award** is given to a chapter or chapters with a high record of achievement over the previous two-year period.

Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) Beta Gamma Chapter (University of Louisville) Sigma Chapter (Louisiana State University)

The **Heritage Cup** is presented to the college and/or alumnae chapter which has contributed significantly and most effectively to the Delta Zeta National Historical Museum in Oxford, Ohio.

Zeta Lambda Chapter (East Carolina University)

The **Adelaide See Loving Cup** is given to the chapter that has shown unusual improvement since the last National Convention. This improvement may be in any specific area or a combination of areas.

Kappa Xi Chapter (Duquesne University)

# Alumnae Awards Convention 2010



Michelle Albrecht Smith AX, National President; Karen Martin Campbell  $\Delta A$  National Director; Achoth Award winners Ellyn Hartung Sewell K '66, Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter President; Josephine Pendino Mandese  $\Delta B$  '60; Rebecca Robinson Romenesko ZO '66 and Heather Jerden Anderson  $I\Psi$ . National Vice President of Alumnae.

The **Achoth Award** is given to specially selected alumnae who have demonstrated, by long and faithful service, and their continued loyalty to Delta Zeta, particularly in their local communities.

Ann Doyle Christmann  $Z\Psi$  '71 (Stephen F. Austin State University) Karen Kane Courtney  $\Gamma X$  '74 (Ball State University) Sharan Huffman Grey  $K\Lambda$  '71 (Livingston University) Marsha Rottstedt Harris  $\Gamma \Xi$  '67 (New Mexico State University) Linda Cater Heath EB '60 (Northwestern State University of

Meryl Lin McKean E $\Gamma$  '77 (University of Central Missouri) Barbara Pfeifer McVey  $\Delta\Omega$  '62 (Fort Hays State University) Josephine Pendino Mandese  $\Delta B$  '60 (University of Tampa) Rebecca Robinson Romenesko ZO '66 (University of Wisconsin/La Crosse)

Ann Pearson Santos ZX '63 (University of Wisconsin/Stevens Point) Ellyn Hartung Sewell K '66 (University of Washington) Clara Schnakenberg Smith BK '66 (Iowa State University) Joan Bunker Swanger ΔΨ '57 (University of California/Santa Barbara)

Ann Grant Wadsworth BE '68 (Auburn University)
Beverly Howard Williamson ZZ '62 (West Texas A & M University)

The Margaret Huenefeld Pease Council Award is given to a small alumnae chapter which has excelled in all areas of alumnae work.

Awarded jointly: Tuscaloosa Alumnae Chapter (Alabama, Southeast Area) and Upstate Alumnae Chapter (South Carolina, Blue Ridge Area)

The Myrtle Graeter Hinkly Council Award is given to a large alumnae chapter which has excelled in all areas of alumnae work.

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter (Georgia, Southeast Area)

The **Gertrude Houk Fariss Award** is presented jointly to recognize outstanding alumnae-collegiate chapter programming and activity.

Louisville Alumnae Chapter (Kentucky, South Central Area) and Beta Gamma Chapter, University of Louisville

Silver Awards for Alumnae Chapter Excellence

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter (Georgia, Southeast Area) Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter (Washington, Great Western Area) Huntsville Alumnae Chapter (Alabama, Southeast Area) Louisville Alumnae Chapter (Kentucky, South Central Area) Tuscaloosa Alumnae Chapter (Alabama, Southeast Area) Upstate Alumnae Chapter (South Carolina, Blue Ridge Area)

# Enriching Communities: The 2010 National Convention



Delta Zeta offers a life-enriching experience to its members which is perpetuated through a lifetime of membership in our Sorority. What better place to experience enrichment than at the 2010 National Convention, held at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Tucson, Arizona, June 30 - July 3, 2010!

Enriching Communities, the theme of the Convention, brought that experience to Tucson. As Delta Zeta members take their journey through the Sorority experience and into the world, they enrich not only their own lives, but the world as well, demonstrating that Delta Zeta's influence is far-reaching and life-enhancing.

#### Celebrating Community

The Community Grove, a special common area that greeted delegates and visitors at Convention, demonstrated that the Delta Zeta experience is a journey. With virtual stations that featured interactive programs, graphics and a Twitter center, the Grove centered around a gazebo and offered a place to gather for Convention information and conversation as members took that journey with Delta Zeta.

The Opening Celebration brought that journey to life. Michelle Albrecht Smith AX (University of California/Los Angeles), National President, welcomed delegates, visitors and special guests to this community. "We have returned to our roots and embraced the timeless standards that our Founders provided to make us more relevant today than we have ever been in our history," she said.

Keynote speaker Brad Karsh, founder of JobBound, a company that helps seasoned executives, professionals and students succeed in the job search and the workplace, emphasized the importance of taking the Delta Zeta message of enrichment further, as it can help us find our purpose through the work we do in our lives and enrich those we work with in our careers.



# Strengthening Sisterhood

Fun Night at Old Tucson Studios brought Convention delegates and visitors together in a relaxing and entertaining setting. Old Tucson Studios is the site for more than 300 film and television projects since 1939, including many western classics.

Delta Zeta was proud to extend its sisterhood to two members of Florence Hood Miner's AB '27 (University of Illinois), family. Mrs. Miner was the National Historian Emeritus and a Past National Officer of the Sorority who passed away in 2009. Her nieces, Charlotte Hood and Heather Hood, became members of the Sorority through an inspirational initiation ceremony.



Charlotte Hood and Heather Hood, initiated into the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Alabama.

# Leadership Development and Achievement

Enriching sessions offered Convention delegates the opportunity to understand that Delta Zeta is enriching and that they each have a responsibility to continue that experience in their work for the Sorority. By holding conversations with each other, collegiate officers and alumnae volunteers exchanged ideas, developing how they will continue to enrich the Delta Zeta experience.

Delta Zeta's Emerging Leaders, the College Chapter Presidents, were saluted for their insightful leadership which incorporates a love of the Sorority that nurtures Delta Zeta members and potential leaders, and enriches the lives of those who live the Delta Zeta experience.

The 2009 Delta Zeta Woman of the Year, Marcia Wallace  $\Delta N$  '61 (Parsons College), Emmy-award winning actress and comedienne, was honored for her lifetime achievements. Marcia uses her fame as a platform to help women. A breast cancer survivor, Marcia is a tireless advocate for breast cancer awareness.



Marcia Wallace  $\Delta N$  '61 (Parsons College), (right) 2009 Delta Zeta Woman of the Year, with Carolyn Barnes Gullatt  $\Theta E$  (Louisiana Tech University), (center) Past National President, and Marilyn Fordham, (left) former Delta Gamma Fraternity President and NPC Delegate.

Guest speaker Marilyn Fordham, former Delta Gamma Fraternity President and NPC Delegate, challenged all leaders to make Greek life great through upstanding behavior. She encouraged everyone to raise our own expectations of fraternal life, to recruit the best students on campus and to become the role models of leadership that we were meant to be.

Delta Zeta leaders were also honored with Convention Awards and the inaugural Collegiate Annual Awards. See pages 21-22 for a list of the winners who are contributing so much to Delta Zeta's present and future.

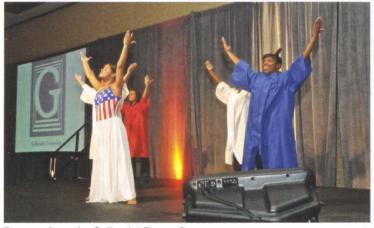
The election and installation of National Council for the 2010-2012 biennium brought to full circle Delta Zeta's tribute to our leaders and our appreciation for their service to Delta Zeta as they work to enrich the Sorority and the world.



## Community Purpose

Delta Zeta's responsibility to enrich the world community was never more in evidence than at the National Convention. Members had an exciting opportunity to express their commitment to service through the 2010 Convention Philanthropy Project to support the Child Language Center of Tucson, Arizona, which has programs to help children with special language-learning needs. Eighteen boxes of books, crayons, toys and two karaoke machines, as well as over \$2,600 in financial donations for the Wings on Words program were given. Director of the program, Karen Zakerwski, thanked Delta Zeta for so generously enriching the Tucson community.

Dancers from the Gallaudet Dance Company gave an inspirational performance at the National Convention timed to patriotic music and a red, white and blue theme. Taylor Oliveria, Ameena Patterson, Tara Downing, and Omicron Sigma Chapter members Megan Tice and Erin Ginn were the dancers performing at National Convention.



**Dancers from the Gallaudet Dance Company** 

The Delta Zeta Foundation has supported Gallaudet University, in Washington D.C., the world's only accredited liberal arts university for deaf and hard of hearing students, for 55 years. Specifically, Delta Zeta has helped to fund the Gallaudet Dance Company and established the Delta Zeta Fine Arts Endowment Fund and the Delta Zeta Dance Studio. Diane Hottendorf  $\mathrm{O}\Sigma$ '93 (Gallaudet University), Director of the Dance Company, thanked Delta Zeta for their many contributions.

As the National Convention drew to a close, Michelle Albrecht Smith AX, National President, reminded the audience, "It is important for us to keep enriching Delta Zeta and, in return, we will be enriched. Thank you for all your contributions every day to enrich your communities and enrich Delta Zeta. Together we are making a difference."

Delta Zeta National Council for the 2010-2012. Seated, from left: Phyllis Sundberg Davis  $\mathrm{A}\Gamma$  (University of Alabama), National Director; Leslie Evans Williams  $\mathrm{E}$  (Indiana University), National Director; Michelle Albrecht Smith  $\mathrm{AX}$  (University of California/Los Angeles), National President; Diane M. Stecher, I $\mathrm{E}$  (University of Missouri/St. Louis), National Vice President of Finance; Heather Jerden Anderson I $\mathrm{IY}$  (University of Texas/Arlington), National Vice President of Alumnae and Lynnda Wolf Hoefler  $\mathrm{\Gamma K}$  (Kent State University), National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. Standing, from left: Karen Martin Campbell  $\Delta\mathrm{A}$  (California State University/Long Beach), National Director; Ann Gurley Morrow  $\Delta\mathrm{B}$  (University of Southern Indiana), National Vice President of Administration; Jeanine Petersen Triplett  $\mathrm{B}\mathrm{\Gamma}$  (University of Louisville), National Vice President of Membership, and Cathy Irvin Painter  $\mathrm{A}\mathrm{\Gamma}$  (University of Alabama), National Vice President of Collegians.

# Ubuntu: Our Responsibility to Our Community

By Meredith DeBoom I '05 (University of Iowa), Past Chapter President

As the daughter of an lowa family farmer, my first job was pulling milkweeds. Every day after school, I headed out to the soybean fields that stretched to the horizon beyond my family's farm. Although the work did not make me financially rich, it introduced me to the delicate relationship between human industry and the environment.

Most of our careers and livelihoods aren't as obviously dependent on the environment as farming. We work in cubicles and offices, in artificially-lit classrooms and laboratories. Our water comes from a Brita filter, and our food comes from the supermarket across town, with maybe the occasional farmers market jaunt. As a result, it's easy to forget how interconnected we are with the environment that surrounds us. We forget that humanity does not exist in a self-reliant vacuum, that our health cannot be separated from the health of the Earth that supports us.

Although I grew up aware of the importance of conservation, it took me a while to realize that my passion for the environment could become not only a career but a driving force in my life. When I applied for an internship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during my junior year at the University of lowa, I was hoping to launch a career in international relations. The position promised the opportunity to analyze international environmental partnerships in developing countries. However, the more I learned, the more my focus turned from international negotiations to the relationship between people and the environment.

Living in Washington, D.C., the trash I put on the curb one morning every week disappeared by nightfall; I didn't have to worry about its toxins seeping into my drinking water. My heat came from natural gas pipes; I didn't have to worry about losing my job because the particulate matter from campfire soot had cost me my lungs. While at EPA, it became clear to me that millions of others did not have such luxuries.

With my eyes opened to the interconnection between the environment and issues ranging from improving health to sustaining economic development and fighting poverty, I headed to Durban, South Africa. Through the generosity of Delta Zeta and Udall scholarships, I took classes on environment, development and Zulu language. I volunteered in a shantytown community on the edge of a massive garbage dump, where I developed friendships with men, women and children living in not only abject poverty but environmental destitution. My fellow volunteers and I learned that, despite calling a place on the other side of the world home, we were a part of their community as well.

We became especially close to a woman named Masho, who invited us to a celebratory meal at her home, a modest shack nearby. On the way, we passed the garbage heap that defined health of so many in the shantytown. At its perimeter, two children bounced on a fallen branch, playing tug of war with a toy truck covered with muck and grease. That image left an indelible mark on me. In D.C., I had learned about the environment in terms of statistics. South Africa showed me that environmental protection isn't only about saving polar bears or reducing air pollution. Environmental protection is also about people.

After graduating from the University of Iowa with degrees in political science and international studies, I began a career as an environmental policy analyst in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Harry S. Truman Fellowship program. The position offered an unparalleled opportunity to put my environmental commitment into action through public policy. I worked on policies to improve the sustainability of our nation's transportation infrastructure, to spur the creation of green jobs in our economy and to protect our nation's critical water resources. I even had the opportunity to co-write Congressional testimony and the transportation section of the U.S. Report to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.

Yet, despite my job's environmental connection, I found myself losing my sense of personal connection. Working long hours, I began to forget that the



Meredith and her friends learn Zulu dancing from Masho.

world consisted of more than the 10 minute walk from my house to the Metro and the subsequent 40 minute journey through a series of dark tubes. The only noticeable wildlife in my new home was a stubborn mouse that our landlord insisted didn't actually exist.

And yet, we are connected, each and every one of us. The most important step we can take for the environment is simply to become aware of our unshakable connection to it. We should take the time to find something that connects us in a tangible way to the world and environment and share it with others.

For me, it's the framed photograph of Masho and her nephew in traditional Zulu attire, that has become a permanent fixture on my desk. Perhaps for you, it's a quiet place at a stream near your home, the look in your son's eyes when he saw a bird for the first time or the feeling of enormity you get while contemplating the vastness of a starry night sky. Whatever it is, hold on to it, and use it as your inspiration for doing your part to protect the environment.

Awareness is essential, but protecting the environment also necessitates action. Your job doesn't need to have "environment" in the description for you to make a difference, though. Delta Zetas across the country are already taking tangible steps to improve their environment. There is no shame in starting small, and there is no one right way to make your mark. Take the time to think about where your disposable daily Starbucks cup might end up and invest in a reusable thermos. Give your headphones a break as you walk to class or work and let the energy of chirping birds replace your morning coffee. Consider volunteering for a local environmental organization with your sisters or colleagues.

Although an environmental degree or career isn't necessary to make a difference, I encourage you to consider it if you're interested. There are few fields that have greater career diversity or personal rewards. Environmental professionals have degrees that transcend all disciplines, from physics to communication to economics. Delta Zetas are employed in all of these fields and more.

In South Africa, I encountered the word ubuntu; roughly translated, it is the idea that we are all interconnected and, as a result, we all share a responsibility to work to improve our common humanity. Delta Zeta is a community full of ubuntu. Each and every Delta Zeta contributes to the world in countless ways. As you make those contributions, I encourage you to remember your inherent connection to the environment that surrounds and supports us, both locally and globally.

I'm still determining my own contribution to ubuntu. Right now I'm revisiting my rural roots in Iowa as a campaign staffer, yet another potential environmental career. Next fall, I plan to begin graduate studies in geography, focusing on the nexus of the environment, development, natural resources and poverty. No matter where my studies or career take me, one thing is certain: that portrait of Masho will remain on my desk, reminding me of both my connection to the environment and my responsibility to protect it.

# collegiate profile

# Helping In Haiti By Ally Zomchek

The 2010 Haitian earthquake was a catastrophic magnitude 7.0  $\rm M_w$  earthquake, with an epicenter near the town of Léogâne, approximately 25 km (16 miles) west of Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. The earthquake occurred on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. An estimated three million people were affected by the quake; the Haitian government reported that an estimated 230,000 people had died, 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 made homeless. (Source: Wikipedia)

Cindy Sue Soto, President of the Kappa Alpha Chapter (Nicholls State University), traveled to Haiti in February of 2010 on a mission trip to give back to the people who had lost everything. During her experience in Haiti, she was introduced to a different world – one in which living environments were some of the worst she had ever seen. She worked with several physicians, such as ophthalmologists and dentists, and even assisted in the treatment of many patients.

"Overall, it was an eye-opening experience I will never forget," Cindy Sue says. Her goal is to work initially in third world countries for free on medical missions that will meet people's physical and spiritual needs.

What she strives to "give back" to people is her assistance. Growing up with four siblings she saw the challenges her mother faced as a single parent. Many people helped her family during those times, and she is forever grateful to them. Moreover, they inspired her. "Being on the receiving end of help earlier in





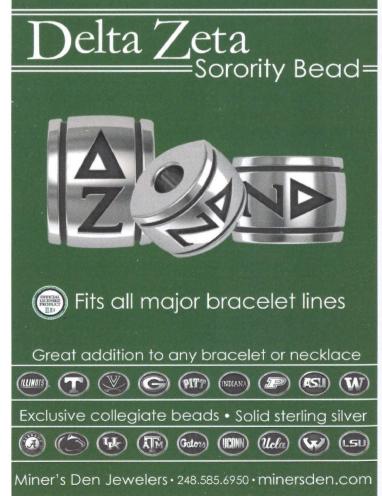


life reinforced my mission to give back – to help people in the same way others helped me. I want to serve, encourage, motivate and love those people who, like me, are not in perfect life situations."

Cindy Sue is deeply committed to her religion, which fuels her passion to help others. "When one stops looking for personal gain and satisfaction, it is difficult not to see the great need in the wider world around us and give a helping hand," she says.

As President of the Kappa Alpha Chapter, she is inspired by Delta Zeta, which, she says, is "a network of women encouraging each other to strive for their full potential." She has also learned leadership and communication skills as well as involvement in the chapter's happenings and events.

In addition to Delta Zeta, Cindy Sue is a member of the Order of Omega, the Biology Society, the Pre-Medical Association, Baptist Collegiate Ministries and the Honors Program. She plans to attend medical school as part of her mission to help others. "I don't want my life to be wasted," she says. "At Nicholls State, I hope to encourage younger Delta Zetas to live our sorority's Creed in their own lives."



# alumna profile

# "I Want to Do My Part" By Ally Zomchek

When Mary Vincent KB '86 (Northern Kentucky University) was accepted to the U.S. Peace Corps in Hungary in 1993 to teach Business English and Environmental Awareness, she began her "going green" journey with one simple thought: "What is environmental awareness?" She would ask her students this very question during their classroom journey.

In the Peace Corps, she began researching the Earth and its resources in a Hungarian context by visiting the Hungarian Environmental Department in Budapest. She found materials in English and used it for her work, as well as asking her students what they would do in their businesses to promote environmental awareness. She was inspired to celebrate Earth Day with the Hungarian community; there she organized "Earth Week," where each day had a specific theme such as recycling.

"The United Nations Climate Change Report was the main spark for me to leave my 8-year career at Sun Microsystems and start my own companies, Green Star Solution and Gratitude Gourmet™," Mary said in a recent article in the Northern magazine of Northern Kentucky University. "From a moral perspective, I wanted to do my part." Green Star Solution focuses on green information technology (IT), green business and green media. Gratitude Gourmet™ provides sustainable and low carbon food system news and global food policy updates.

Mary is a highly recognized figure in the "going green" community. She became an eco-entrepreneur because she is "data-driven action- and innovation-oriented." She saw the environmental data and the steps that needed to be taken to support the environment. Her businesses have inspired others to create technology innovations and business practices to reduce emissions into the atmosphere. She also gives presentations to companies about the business and economic benefits of incorporating Green IT practices. She held a Green Software Unconference where information technology leaders collaborated to make IT greener and show how technology is used to reduce global warming emissions (http://northernmagazine.nku.edu). When she is not giving presentations, she is sending out e-newsletters and posting updates to her Facebook and Twitter pages (http://www.GreenStarSolution.com, http://twitter.com/MaryVincent, Clean Tech Facebook Group http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=37133855332).

As a Delta Zeta member, she was influenced by the philanthropic work Delta Zeta does for communities as well as the philanthropic projects held during the Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conferences. She held the position of the Panhellenic President at Northern Kentucky University and also led Sorority recruiting efforts. "Being an active Delta Zeta member helped me develop leadership and collaboration skills that have been invaluable to me in my career. Now, I'm also a strong supporter and speaker at a variety of women's conferences, including Women in Technology International (WITI) (http://www.witi.com/conferences/session\_pop\_up.php?id=228), Girl Geek Scotland and Girl Geek York ((http://ecoprotection.blogspot.com/2010/04/mary-vincent-green-it-innovation.html)."

Mary is aware that the term "going green" creates skepticism in some people; it can even cause them to shy away from environmental efforts. However, Mary points out, being green helps save money in many ways. Her hopes are that more and more people will become aware of how easy green can be. "I'm happy to say that many people are now involved in the 'green wave.' Some are



involved and don't think twice about it because it may also yield cost savings now, i.e., recycling, using less water, using reusable water bottles, bringing your own bags to the store, driving less, adoption of 'sustainability reports' and 'green teams' by businesses and corporations and sustainable eating practices." But, she says, more is needed. "The United States needs to take a stronger stand internationally and nationally on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Some businesses are already creating technologies and business initiatives to leverage the new green-thinking and green legislation and are making significant revenues. Some countries are further ahead in legislation, technology innovations, and business practices to reduce emissions, and the United States needs to catch up if we want to successfully compete and innovate. It makes both business and environmental sense. My goal is to continue integrating business, technology and environmental initiatives in my work."

## MARY VINCENT FAST FACTS

#### 2002

Initiated and led the first international collaborative web conference projects in her engineering organization.

#### 2005

Started her first blog on the environment, sparked by Hurricane Katrina.

#### 2007

An early adopter of social media, Mary began using Facebook.

#### 2008

Started using Twitter (over 5,000 followers on four accounts)

http://twitter.com/MaryVincent

http://twitter.com/GreenSoftware

http://www.twitter.com/gratitudgourmet

http://twitter.com/snowboardtoday

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# Feather Boas, Sparkling Orowns and Generous Alumnae = Phonathon Success!



Hot pink feather boas, sparkling crowns and smiles abounded in the recently expanded chapter room of the Beta Delta Chapter house at the University of South Carolina. Delta Zeta alumnae gave graciously when collegians from the Beta Delta Chapter (University of South Carolina) called as part of the Foundation's first Phonathon. The chapter raised over \$34,000, called more than 3,000 alumnae and wrote thousands of personal notes to help fund the educational, leadership and scholarship programs of Delta Zeta during this event.

Sunday, February 21, 2010 marked the first day of calling. The ladies started at 3:00 p.m. EST and worked well into the evening. They returned each evening to work the phones through the big finale on Wednesday, February 24. In all, 153 collegians made calls and processed pledges!

"The Beta Delta Chapter was so honored to have been chosen to hold the first Phonathon. Our sisters thoroughly enjoyed speaking to the alumnae, and we hope that next year's Phonathon can be just as successful!" said Bekah Cauthen, Beta Delta Chapter, Vice President of Membership and Phonathon Liaison.

"The collegians were terrific to work with and did such a terrific job. They set the bar high for future Phonathons!" said Ruth Weider Patterson BX '56 (Wittenberg University), Foundation President.

The event would not have been possible if it weren't for the leadership of Bekah Cauthen and Lauren Garvey, Phonathon Liaisons, Kim Scriven, Chapter President, and Diana Porter Joyner  $B\Delta$  '97, College Chapter Director, plus the support of House Director, DyAnne Dempsey. Thank you!

"Alumnae response was fantastic! So many have told us how much they enjoyed talking with the collegians," said Chris K. Kern IE '86 (University of Missouri/St. Louis), Foundation Director of Development.

Special thanks to all of the alumnae who said "Yes" and made the event such a success. Money raised through the Phonathon is added to the Foundation's Annual Fund and supports the educational, leadership and scholarship programs of Delta Zeta.

# Our Collegians are Counting on You . . . Answer the Call: February 27 – March 2!

Collegians from the Beta Delta Chapter at the University of South Carolina will be calling to ask for your support of this year's Annual Campaign as part of the Foundation's second annual Phonathon. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to talk with your collegiate sisters about the impact of their individual Delta Zeta experiences and to share a memory or two. We invite you to make a gift in support of our sisterhood.

If you prefer, you are welcome to contact the Foundation directly at (513) 523-7597 to make your credit card contribution or simply log on to **www.deltazeta.org/Foundation** to make your gift.

