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# Creating Her Own Field of Dreams

Florence (Flo) Thomasian Snyder-Speck, Alpha lota-Southern California, reflects on her journey of many firsts, which got its start with the Los Angeles Dodgers.





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## **Empowering Networks**

Delta Zeta has empowered women to reach their goals for more than 119 years. Trailblazing females have opened doors for sisters. Members today can achieve any goal they may set for themselves. We have sisters balancing careers and personal lives, impacting their communities and changing lives daily.



DELTA ZETA

Women still have barriers to break down even now in 2021. As a female executive, I see the importance of mentoring younger women to provide talented and qualified professionals opportunities. From new PR professionals, to those who have been in the industry for a while, we all have something to give and learn as we support each other and help our careers flourish. I'm also incredibly grateful to my many Delta Zeta mentors. You all have impacted my life, from my collegiate advisor to sisters and friends I've met along my volunteer journey.

Delta Zeta has an incredible network of women who mentor others. We hear stories about the impact a chapter advisor makes on a young collegiate leader regularly. The time and dedication alumnae provide to collegiate members create lasting connections. One of my favorite roles was as a College Chapter Director. Early in my Delta Zeta career, I was fortunate to serve in that role for Lambda Sigma-Winthrop (NC) and Kappa Phi-North Carolina/Charlotte. And I wasn't the only mentor in those experiences. I learned so much from the collegiate members that I advised in return for the time I dedicated to their chapters because mentoring and growth can go both ways!

Organic relationships develop among members where sometimes the only connection is their shared Delta Zeta membership. I love to see the pink and green network shine when women discover new friends. It is exciting to see Delta Zeta's Truly Connected network grow with the addition of our new online mentor platform, Truly Connected Grow. Your biggest cheerleader might be a Delta Zeta sister you've only met in person a handful of times but who you go to for professional advice and personal guidance via text or email. Who doesn't love getting a text with pink and green heart emojis at just the right moment you need support?

I am so proud that our Delta Zeta sisterhood has opened many doors for women in the world today, empowering our members to live our vision to inspire action and impact lives. Those lives may very well be those of our daughters, nieces, cousins or friends who will inherit this world from us in the future as we continue to give graciously and grow through friendship, mentorship and connections.

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Christy M. Phillips-Brown National President

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### AIFA

### Six (Plus One)

Things You Didn't Know About

Water Access in the U.S.

Water access issues are usually something we think occur in less developed countries. However, one million people in the United States have experienced insecure water access due to affordability. Maria DeChellis, Beta Delta-South Carolina, the Founder and Executive Director of AccessH2O, provides us these things you may not have known about water accessibility.

### ONE

An individual or family living paycheck to paycheck may not be able to handle the extra cost that one month of a continuously running toilet could create. Unlike other utilities that can immediately be detected when leaks occur, water can wreak havoc on a budget causing lasting damage to a household budget.

### **TWO**

Homes in major metropolitan areas that are in "redlining" districts, a term coined in the 1960s to reflect where banks would reject applicants solely based on their demographic background, are the same ones where you are most likely to find the highest number of municipal water shutoffs.

### THREE

Indigenous land has historically been ignored when it comes to water access. Making Indigenous groups the vast majority of the 1.1 million individuals lacking access to clean water in the United States.



### **FOUR**

Because of the exodus of inner city residents. water rates have hiked up yearover-year to accommodate infrastructure updates. Since most remaining inner city residents are BIPOC, they are facing water bills that may exceed

12 percent of their income. disproportionally affecting people of color because of where they may live.

### **FIVE**

When water is shut off. children can be separated from families, houses can be deemed uninhabitable, and in some cities. houses can be sold by the city in lien sales when water bills are not paid in time.

### SIX

Avoid water debt by learning how you can triage and fix your own water issues early on with tips found here www.smarthome waterquide. orgindoor-visualleak-inspection.

### PLUS 1

Historically, only other public utilities received assistance in the form of Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The Low-income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) will be rolling out for the first time in 2021-2022, providing low-income customers opportunity to receive federal <mark>assistance</mark>. Learn

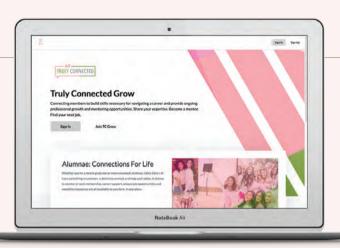
more about it and

pass it on! www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/ programs/lihwap 🔥

### ALFA

## Growing Our Truly Connected Network

By Mary E. Waterman, Gamma Omicron-San Diego State (CA), Director of Advancement





STRONG MENTOR
RELATIONSHIPS throughout
life can have a significant
impact on finishing
school, mental health and

well being, career attitudes and career outcomes. [1] A University of California study concluded that women gain more social capital from association with seasoned mentors when compared to male counterparts. [2]

Since 2016, Delta Zeta's Truly
Connected professional women's
conference has closed the mentorship gap
for our members. With in-person events
that gathered in major U.S. cities, Truly
Connected became a premier opportunity
for members to connect with others, build
skills necessary for navigating careers at
any stage and participate in professional
growth opportunities.

Truly Connected Networking Night events began in 2020, providing a virtual environment to foster connections among collegiate and alumnae members. Twelve events were held last year covering a variety of professional development topics. Dynamic Delta Zetas shared their expertise and advice through keynotes, moderated panels and small group networking time.

Truly Connected now has a refreshed look and an exciting new platform that will take Delta Zeta mentorship opportunities to the next level.

Delta Zeta is excited to launch Truly Connected Grow, our exclusive networking platform! Members that opt in will tap into a truly powerful group of women connected through our shared Delta Zeta experience. Through the new mentoring platform, users who are seeking a mentor will receive personalized recommendations based on shared interests, such as area of study, industry, function, location and more! Mentors will be able to personalize their preferences, including sharing their unique skillset and areas that they are comfortable connecting. Members will also have access to a Jobs Board to post internship and job opportunities.

As many as 80 percent of jobs are filled through networking. [3] With this next chapter of Truly Connected, Delta Zeta is committed to providing ongoing professional growth and mentoring opportunities, further tapping into the network of members around the world.

These efforts are supported by generous donations from the Delta Zeta Foundation. Interested in joining Truly Connected Grow? Please visit https://trulyconnected.deltazeta.org/to sign up today!

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### **Digital Exclusive**



Get connected with TC Grow! Visit Delta Zeta's new Truly Connected mentor platform today, and start networking.





### Founders Day Challenge

## **Empowering Friendships**



"May the friendships we make, and the kindliness we have for each other, be everlasting."

- Alfa Lloyd Hayes, Founder

Sisters and friends celebrated Delta Zeta with one day, nine hours and two minutes of giving on October 21-22, 2021 during Founders Day Challenge (FDC). The generosity of donors celebrated Delta Zeta's 119th Founders Day and supported the Foundation's mission to "empower the woman." Funds raised support scholarships, educational and leadership programming, member development and mental health resources and the Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson Grant, which provides emergency assistance funds to sisters facing challenges. Now in its fourth year, FDC had a 16 percent increase over last year's total donations. Thank you for honoring our Founders and ensuring that Delta Zeta friendships continue to grow and thrive with your support.

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED

Collegiate donors

Friends of

Delta Zeta (FODZ) donors

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First-Time donors

Number of Gifts

88

80

States with the most donors

Number of Ambassadors

Top Five **Ambassadors:** 

Trudy Wheeler, Delta Omicron-Northwestern Oklahoma State

**Lorrie Flores** Tijerina, Omicron Alpha-St. Mary's (TX)

Jane Spurgeon, Iota Xi-Missouri/ St. Louis

Nancy Russell, Iota Upsilon-California State/ Fullerton

Mim Starr Beta Theta-Bucknell (PA)

### **Show of Hands**

## DELTA ZETA this or that edition

**PINK GREEN** 76%

INITIATION RECRUITMENT 28% 72%

ROSE **LAMP** 17%

**BIG/LITTLE BID DAY** 43%

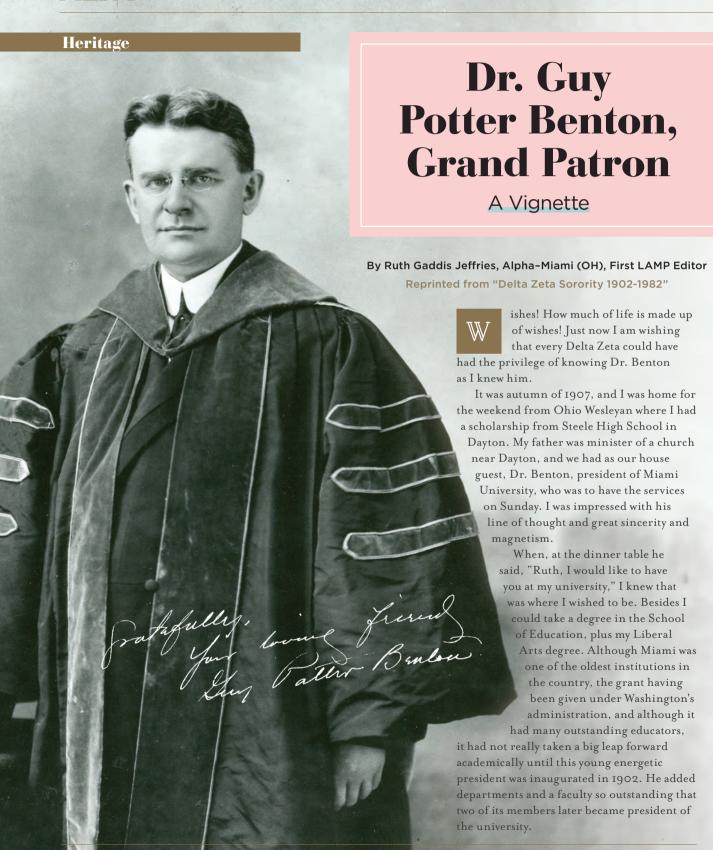
**LAMP ARCHIVE DIGITAL MUSEUM** 61% 39%

### Correction



On page 12 of the Fall 2021 issue of The LAMP, the Gamma Zeta Chapter was incorrectly identified as from Southeastern University. Is should have been Southwestern University (TX)

### ALFA



His presidency marked the New Miami and laid the foundation for the beginning of the great university it is today. Although the new president brought a sense of tradition and ceremony to the university, at the same time there was a relaxed informal atmosphere. You might be called Miss or Mister in the classroom, but our president had the great capacity of knowing every one of his students and calling them by their first names. So it was that rare but happy combination that made you feel individually that you were responsible for upholding the high standard set by the president.

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To this end, in
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In 1830 Miami was the fourth largest college in the nation and later was known as the Mother of Fraternities. Desiring closer bonds of friendship Beta Theta Pi was founded in 1839 and in 1848 came Phi Delta Theta, followed by Sigma Chi in 1855. After all these years, Miami opened its doors to women, shortly after Dr. Benton became

president. He was also national president of Phi Delta Theta, and being fraternity oriented, it was his desire that Miami become the home of a sorority with its aim to become national. To this end, in 1902, when our six courageous founders came to him, he gave them every possible help and guidance.

In 1911, after a year abroad, Dr. Benton became president of the University of Vermont. When World War I broke out a year later, he was made head of Wartime YMCA and Education Director of the American forces in Europe. After the war ended, he accepted the presidency of the University of the Philippines. I had a letter from him from Manila in which he told me it was his dream to retire in Oxford and have a home at the edge of the campus so his former students could come with their children to see him. This wish was not fulfilled because while in Manila, being worn from his war experiences, he contracted a fatal disease. There is a little shrine on Miami University made sacred to his memory.

When you visit Miami campus today, you will hear the Beta Campanile, Beta bells, with their chimes marking every quarter of an hour from morning until ten p.m. when they say Goodnight, and you may hear the softer notes from the Delta Zeta chimes in the beautiful little chapel given by the alumni of the university.

I like to remember Dr. Benton as he stood before us in daily chapel and imbued us with "the spirit of the Institution," and "that education is for character and honor," and I shall be hearing him announcing and leading in his favorite hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have, A God to Glorify."



## Honoring Our Grand Patron

In 1902, Dr. Guy Potter Benton (May 26, 1865 -June 29, 1927) became the 13th president of Miami University. A member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. he understood the contributions a fraternity could make in a young man's life, and he was willing to give his time to help the young women of Miami to achieve the same benefits. His help in the founding of Delta Zeta earned him the title of Grand Patron. We continue to honor the support he provided in our history today with the Delta Zeta Foundation Guy Potter Benton Society recognizing annual giving to the General Fund between \$1,000 to \$2,499.

Above: National Council Members and Past National Officers visit Dr. Benton's grave in October 2002 during the Centennial Founders Day celebration.

### AIFA

### **Your Words and Pictures**



### Via Inbox from collegiate members ...



Shantavia (first row second from right) and her Lambda Psi Chapter sisters.

I joined Delta Zeta because, from the start of recruitment, I fell in love with its members and what this Sorority stands for. At first, I wasn't sure that I would continue, but I am happy I did and loving every part of Delta Zeta that I experience.

Shantavia Montgomery,
 Lambda Psi-Columbus State (GA)



Kaylee Kaznosky, Chapter President, and Morgan Piland, Panhellenic Delegate, both Theta Phi-Old Dominion (VA)

I am so proud of the growth we have made as a chapter at Old Dominion University. It is inspiring how much our bonds have strengthened and developed.

— Morgan Piland, Theta Phi-Old Dominion (VA)



## Via Phone from an alumna member ...



On October 25, 2021, the phone rang at Delta Zeta National Headquarters, and Mary Lou Christensen Nissly, Beta Kappa-Iowa State, was on the other line with her son Bruce. She had just received her mail that day and in it was her Diamond Certificate for 75 years of Delta Zeta membership along with the latest issue of The LAMP. Mary Lou was

tickled not only for her sisters remembering her but that they also both arrived on her 94th birthday!

### Take Note



### **FEBRUARY 15, 2022 FOUNDATION** SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The Delta Zeta Foundation awards scholarships in recognition of academic excellence and financial need. In addition to assisting undergraduate members, scholarships are also available to graduate students and alumnae returning to school. The scholarship application deadline is February 15. 2022. www.deltazeta.org/ foundation/scholarships/

### JULY 14-17, 2022 THE NORMA MINCH **ANDRISEK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

The Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference will be held July 14-17, 2022 at Miami University. Registration for the conference will be open for collegiate members later this spring! www.deltazeta. org/collegians/normaminch-andrisek-leadershipconference.



### Chit-Chat

## Members share their experiences on both sides of virtual recruitment this year.



I remember telling myself that whatever happens will happen for a reason. It was hard during the new member process because we never got to see our new sisters who would become our Big Sisters. We would hear from the older sisters all the amazing things they got to do together during their new member process. My favorite part about virtual recruitment in 2020 was Bid Day and finding out that I was going to be a Delta Zeta! I knew right then that they saw something in me and thought that I would be a great addition to their sisterhood.

Vinighya Whitt, Lambda Gamma-Jacksonville State (AL)



It was hard to plan recruitment with COVID-19 because things changed daily. Recruitment went from being in person to being partially virtual, and then everything moved virtual. It was scary. However, I knew I had a great support system to help me. Obviously, I've never done a virtual recruitment before because I joined in 2018. So, it was a learning experience for us all. It was hard to teach people how to recruit virtually when you have never done it yourself. I knew my chapter was prepared to recruit in any way possible. My favorite part of recruitment every year is all the laughs we share together.

Emily Burt, Lambda Gamma-Jacksonville State (AL)



I was excited to experience recruitment, meeting and making friends! It was scary being on my own and adjusting to college life. As soon as I stepped into the Delta Zeta room when Lioined in 2019. I felt this instant feeling of belonging and almost three years later, I know I made the best decision of my life! This year, talking to potential members online wasn't hard. It was like being on Facetime with your friends! But it always felt like something was missing; that special moment you get to share when the potential members watch our sisterhood video or the tears of the seniors on Preference Day.

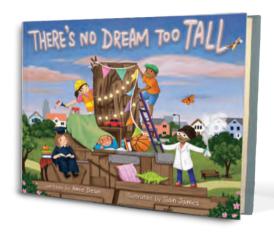
Katie Carroll, Kappa Alpha-Nicholls State (LA)

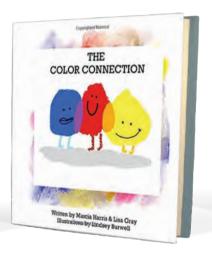


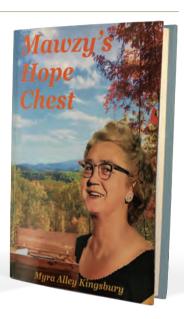
I was nervous because I knew recruitment in fall 2020 would be different and a little awkward talking to a screen. I was still confident that I would find my forever home. The connections I made through Zoom were just as natural as being in person. Although Preference Night was not as touching as in person, I still saw the values of Delta Zeta. My new member class was the only one to be recruited virtually, but we are all strong Delta Zeta women!

Claire Babin, Kappa Alpha-Nicholls State (LA)

## READING ROOM







### **Alumna Inspires Children**

Amie Ranson Dean, Kappa Alpha-Nicholls State (LA), has been a teacher and behavioral consultant for 27 years. She wrote "There's No Dream Too Tall" as a love letter to all her students and children everywhere, so they know they are born with important gifts to offer the world! Amie visits schools around the U.S., both in person and virtually, to share her message to dream big and believe in your gifts.

You can find more information about how Amie helps schools at www.behaviorqueen.com.

## Learning Cooperation with Colors

Marcia Macutchan Harris, Gamma Pi-Western Michigan, wrote "The Color Connection" with her daughter, Lisa Harris Gray, as a story to introduce color theory, but it became so much more. The underlying theme is really cooperation and acceptance. "This book is a perfect way, through the magic and excitement of color mixing, to initiate a conversation about inclusion and the concept that everything works better if we embrace our connections instead of focusing on our differences," shares Marcia. "If we work together, we can accomplish anything. We can make magic!"

You can find her book on Amazon.com.

### Are you a Delta Zeta author?

Share your publications with us by emailing LAMP@deltazeta.org

## A Story of Empowerment in Difficult Times

Myra Alley Kingsbury, Epsilon Delta-Concord (WV) wrote "Mawzy's Hope Chest," a memoir about her grandmother, Grace Louise Walker, affectionately known as Mawzy. Beginning near the turn of the 20th century in the hills of West Virginia's coal mining country, Myra describes how Mawzy grew to be the matriarch and inspiration for her siblings, her children, her grandchildren, hundreds of schoolchildren and her church family. Myra spent 28 years of her professional career as a financial advisor. Much of her success in life she attributes to the guidance of her grandmother. Proceeds from the sale of the book, which is in its second printing, will go toward The Hope Chest Scholarship, established in honor of Mawzy. The scholarship provides financial assistance for young women studying education or finance at Concord University. •

You can find her book on Amazon.com.

## **Maria DeChellis**

Beta Delta-South Carolina

ith no family from the United States and the first to attend college, Maria knew how hard her family worked to provide her opportunities. Her father served in the military before he was even a citizen, and her mother worked night shifts to be home during the day for her. They were a large part of Maria's choice to find a career to give back to a community. Following college graduation, Maria found herself working in the utility industry, where she discovered her passion for water affordability. In 2020, Maria founded AccessH2O, which provides financial assistance, education and support to those experiencing temporary financial hardship, facing potential water shutoff.

### WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR LIFE PRINCIPLES?

I define myself as a combination of the different roles I occupy each day; mom, wife, daughter, friend, widow, Italian, Taekwondoin, business executive, utility/water affordability advocate and nonprofit founder. I run my life by this principle: If something in my life requesting time isn't one of the things listed above, it will take a back seat.



## WHAT SPURRED YOUR PASSION FOR CREATING ACCESSH2O?

I was only 34 years old when my husband passed away. Fortunately, I had a support system among family and job that allowed me to provide for my two children, then ages three and five. I took a iob in Baltimore in public utilities to reduce my travel obligations. One day at work. I met a woman with two children crying in the lobby. We spoke about her past due water bill from her row house in West Baltimore and upcoming shutoff.

It hit me: it was just the luck of the draw for me to be born to my parents and she to hers, yet the series of financial realities that it afforded us were very different. If her water were shut-off, the Department of Social Services would remove her children while she found new housing. The reality of that fact is something I didn't forget.

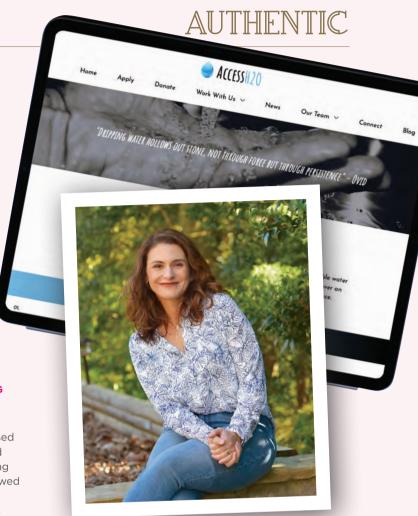
### HOW HAS ACCESSH2O REFRAMED YOUR LIFE?

I think my view from college was more about how "I" would change something or what "I" knew. AccessH2O took the "I" away. There is a humbleness in seeing how we can adapt to meet the community's needs, partner with other community agencies, learn what they need, and be a part of the ecosystem of support. The best part about that is how it bleeds over to my day-to-day life: both in my personal and work relationships.

## WHAT IS ONE TANGIBLE THING SOMEONE CAN DO WHEN IT COMES TO WATER AFFORDABILITY?

If your water utility offers a roundup program (where you can roundup to the nearest dollar or a neighbor-helping-neighbor) program, join it. You won't feel the small difference, yet the person who gets the support when facing water shutoff with a child in the house will feel a relief they can't even express.

Learn more about Maria and AccessH2O at https://www.accessh2o.org.



## TRUEST AND DEEPEST FRIENDSHIP

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"The purpose for which said corporation is formed is as follows: To build up the character and cultivate the truest and deepest friendship among its members."

Those handwritten words on that simple piece of paper set into motion the sisterhood hundreds of thousands of members have experienced for almost 120 years.

To celebrate those experiences, The LAMP welcomed essays of truest and deepest friendship from our members over this past year. Please enjoy this last installment of the series with two pairs of friends from the Lone Star State.

Stories edited by Nicole Mina, lota Psi-Texas/Arlington, Digital Communications Intern

## Finding Friendship After College

By Laurie Johnson Parnell, Lambda Xi-Texas A&M

Finding friendship after college can seem like a challenge. Paige Hughes Tucker, Xi Nu-Tarleton State (TX), and I met by chance at a Delta Zeta Austin Alumnae Chapter (TX) meeting in the fall of 1991. We remember noticing each other because of how close in age we were. After getting to know one another, we soon realized we were at the same stage in life and decided to attend alumnae events together.

Paige's friendship over the past thirty years has become one I treasure. She's been there for me during both the good and bad days, and that's the true definition of a sister. When I was pregnant, she was there to loan me the perfect maternity dress to wear to a wedding and then hosted a beautiful baby shower for me. A couple of years ago, I was in a serious car accident, and Paige helped me through some of the darkest days. We have a standing tradition to get together for a meal with our significant others at least once a month. Through experiencing similar life stages together over the years, such as being pregnant at the same time, having kids close in age and now as empty nesters, I've found the true meaning of friendship in Paige.

Although we were members of different collegiate chapters, Delta Zeta alumnae events after college brought us together. Over the years, we served together on the House Corporation Board, Recruitment forums, the Austin Alumnae Executive Board and most recently, ten years as the Delta

Zeta representatives of the Austin Alumnae Panhellenic Association. One of my favorite community service opportunities is The Dog Alliance Bow Wow Readers Program. This program gives young children struggling to read the opportunity to read to a dog, one-on-one. I have been in the program

with my dachshund, Baby, for more than four years and thought Paige would love it as well. When she got her Australian Shepherd, Cooper, it turned out to be a perfect fit. Through this service opportunity, we combine our love of children, dogs, reading, volunteering and maintaining the element of helping others.

Delta Zeta brought us together by chance, and now we've been through so much of life together. When you hear the words, "Delta Zeta isn't just for four years, it's for life," they certainly ring true. You may meet your Delta Zeta bestie at the next alumnae event!





Kaylah White (left) and Pam Gonzalez-Caraballo, both lota Psi-Texas/ Arlington.

Below: Left, Laurie Johnson Parnell, Lambda Xi-Texas A&M and Paige Hughes Tucker (right), Xi Nu-Tarleton State (TX).



## The Dynamic Duo

By Kaylah White, Iota Psi-Texas/Arlington

Pam Gonzalez-Caraballo, Iota Psi-Texas/Arlington, and I met at our Delta Zeta Bid Day in 2019. Everyone was making jokes and overjoyed to be there. Pam and I connected as we laughed and recapped our recruitment experience. I was so excited to be there, especially because I knew I'd be joining such an amazing organization. We trusted the recruitment process, and it had gotten us where we were that day with Delta Zeta. Greek life was new to me, but I took a chance. When I met Pam, I knew she'd make my time as a Delta Zeta even more thrilling. I felt like I had known her my whole life. As I have gotten to know Pam over the past two years, my favorite quality about her is her unconscious ability to nurture.

We have many late-night adventures I treasure. We never get tired of each other's company. Even when we're not physically together, I know she's only one text or phone call away. When times are bad, Pam sticks by me and makes me feel so much

better. She radiates this unconditional love that I appreciate. I'm incredibly grateful for my friendship with Pam because I know she always has my back. We both validate each other's feelings and keep our thoughts honest with how we feel about the others' struggles. We go through similar struggles and find ways to help each other find solutions. That is something that keeps us bonded and allows us to be comfortable with each other even in our most vulnerable state. Regardless of any situation I'm in, I know I can count on her. I honestly couldn't see my future without Pam. She makes me laugh, she keeps me in a positive mindset and, most importantly, she shows me what it means to be a sister in Delta Zeta. When I think about Pam, belonging is the value I would use to describe her because that's how she makes me, and the rest of our sisters. feel. I was fortunate to meet Pam and I know our friendship will last far beyond our time in college.  $\wedge$ 

## GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

## This Sister Seriously Loves Volunteering with SeriousFun!

By Mary Delgadillo, Pi Xi-Central Florida, and Natalie Eller, Kappa Beta-Northern Kentucky, Global Marketing and Philanthropy Interns

ave you ever volunteered at
a SeriousFun camp? Have you ever
volunteered at ALL SeriousFun
camps? If you answered yes to
that second question, you and Delta Zeta
alumna Ashlee Crabill, Theta-Ohio State,
have a lot in common!

Ashlee joined Delta Zeta in 2009, where she learned about SeriousFun during philanthropy round of recruitment. She volunteered for the first time at The Painted Turtle (TPT) in California and became passionate about SeriousFun. "I was with the cabin of girls aged 9-II," remembers Ashlee. "One of my campers said something that stuck with me. She said at camp she doesn't have to be strong or brave because everyone at camp knows what it's like [to be her]. She said she has a special comfort here that she doesn't get outside of camp." As Ashlee volunteered again at TPT in 2011, 2012 and 2014, she started looking into the other nine SeriousFun camps in the United States. Because of her amazing time at TPT, Ashlee created a goal to volunteer at all the SeriousFun camps. "Being a teacher, I have the luxury of summers off, so I thought it was the perfect long-term goal!" Ashlee explained.

Ashlee has had many special camp experiences with countless amazing memories to share.

"What stands out to me was how strong the campers are. The night before the campers arrive, we get a briefing from our cabin doctor/ nurse about each camper. I have had a few campers over the years where, on paper, all their modifications and sensitivities had me a little nervous. However, when the campers showed up, the nerves immediately melted away. The pure excitement they brought to 'kick back, relax,

and raise a little hell,'
as Paul Newman said,
was palpable."



She also shared a time at Victory Junction camp in North Carolina. "A camper who used a wheelchair pretty regularly due to fatigue and her joints was determined to walk up the small hill to the cabins after lunch. One day she went for it, and her cabin mates cheered her on the whole way. We had the wheelchair right behind her in case she needed it, but she persisted. I'm confident you could hear our screams at the top of that hill from virtually any point at camp."

Volunteering at so many camps, Ashlee has unique insight into the effect camp has on the campers, their families and even the staff. "These camps are vital for a holistic type of healing for these incredible campers and their families. Outside of camp, they are often labeled by their illness and told everything they can't do because of it. However, at camp, there

Above: Ashlee at The Painted Turtle. Right: Ariana Sanders and Ashlee representing Theta-Ohio State at camp in 2010.

is no such phrase as 'can't do.' Additionally, all camp activities are designed to include every camper, with accommodations and modifications already built in," Ashlee shared. "There is no such thing as a sideline at camp unless the camper chooses to sit it out. "Challenge by Choice" is big at camp, encouraging each camper to do what feels comfortable."

SeriousFun's impact on all those involved is reflected in Ashlee's and so many others' experiences. Delta Zeta is thrilled to have them as our Global Service Project.

"I've dreamt of this quilt for ten years. I've been volunteering with the SeriousFun Children's Network since 2010 when the network was called Association of the Hole in the Wall Camps. A couple of camps on this quilt didn't even exist yet. I've volunteered at all nine camps in the United States at least once and saved my favorite shirts each year in hopes I could have this made one day. So many stories are in these stitches. I've met so many incredible campers and counselors and become a better person and teacher because of this network."

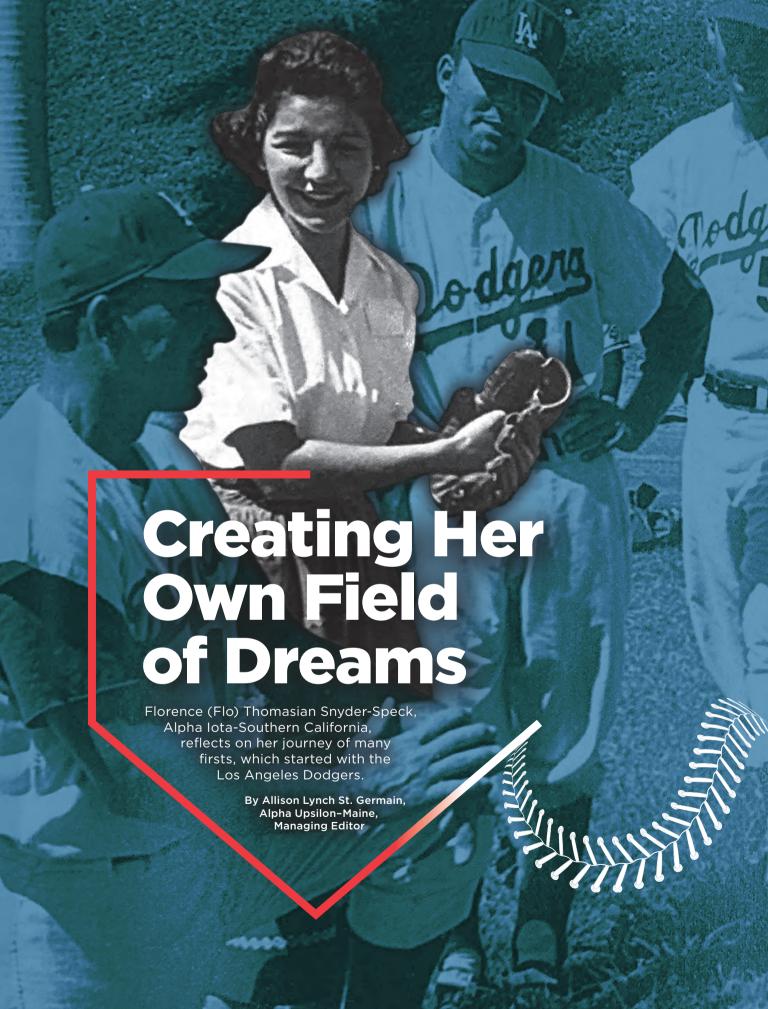
Ashlee Crabill, Theta-Ohio State



### SeriousFun's U.S. Camp Network

SeriousFun Children's Network provides children living with serious illnesses a spectacular camp experience and high quality medical care in the safest, most supportive environment, all free of charge. With 30 SeriousFun camps and programs across the globe, volunteer opportunities are abundant for Delta Zeta sisters. There are nine camps here in the United States, and volunteer applications are handled at the individual camp level. Contact a camp near you to see what volunteer opportunities they're offering!

- 1 THE PAINTED TURTLE CAMP LAKE HUGHES, CALIFORNIA
- 2 ROUNDUP RIVER RANCH
  GYPSUM, COLORADO
- 3 THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT
- 4 CAMP BOGGY CREEK
  EUSTIS, FLORIDA
- 5 NORTH STAR REACH ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
- 6 DOUBLE H RANCH LAKE LUZERNE, NEW YORK
- 7 VICTORY JUNCTION RANDLEMAN, NORTH CAROLINA
- 8 FLYING HORSE FARMS MT GILEAD, OHIO
- 9 CAMP KOREY MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON





orking in the front office of a professional sports team is a dream job for many graduating college with a degree in sports management or

marketing. Given that professional sports still leans toward being a male dominated field, women serving in these roles often make headlines today.

One Delta Zeta sister broke through the glass ceiling 65 years ago. In a career of many firsts, Florence (Flo) Thomasian Snyder-Speck, from the Alpha Iota Chapter at the University of Southern California (USC), began scratching that glass ceiling long before most people were aware of its existence. And it all began, she says proudly, with her Delta Zeta sisterhood. It was there that close sorority ties grew into what became lifelong friendships, friendships that were supportive over the years as she ventured into fields not previously known for the presence of women in their ranks.

Before retiring in 1991, Flo's career path was a circuitous one with positions in major league baseball, California political campaigns and international tourism marketing. Although seemingly unrelated, those positions had an underlying commonality in that they all required much public contact. While some of those skills came to her naturally, others were developed over the years. She credits her beloved Delta Zeta sisters who always encouraged her to "go for it!" as new opportunities arose.

Flo's determination and drive continue to create opportunities for other women chasing their dreams. COACH'S







26' CIRCLE

### Making a Seat for Herself

A native of Los Angeles and first generation Armenian American, Flo graduated from USC in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She worked for a time at the Los Angeles Times before uprooting to Hawaii, working at a resort on the island of Oahu running events. However, in the fall of 1957, she found herself back home with her parents. The headlines that fall were full of the Brooklyn Dodgers' impending move from New York to L.A. Up until this point, major league baseball was missing a big footprint on the west coast. Walter O'Malley, the Dodgers owner, famously made the big move and settled the franchise in the west, striking deals with the city and committing to building what would become the current Dodgers Stadium. And Flo had one of the best seats in the house to take in all the action.

"It all seemed so exciting, and even though I knew little of major league baseball, since it didn't exist in California, I understood that having the Dodgers in Los Angeles was a huge acquisition," Flo writes in her memoir "Lady in the Locker Room." After spending nearly two years at the Times, she had good sports department contacts, so she put them to use and set out to see if her skills could be of use to the team as it made the monumental move to the City of Angels. "I kept calling and showing up at Wrigley Field uninvited. Of course, not THE Wrigley Field in Chicago where the Cubs now play, but the one in L.A. which bore the same name and their farm team played until the Dodgers bought it in 1957," Flo writes. "I simply wouldn't go away. And my incessant pestering of the Dodgers finally paid off." Flo was hired as one of the first front office staff by Harold "Lefty" Phillips, the team's West Coast scout, who was managing the newly Dodgers-owned Wrigley Field.



Flo quickly learned that she brought immense value to the team because of her local connections. Most of the New Yorkers moving west were unfamiliar with California and knew little about the area. "I became a sort of combination tour director and information center," Flo shares in her memoir. Her background working in events, and the fact she was a hometown girl, helped her make connections for Dodgers' personnel as they settled locally. She helped them find places to stay, homes to rent, schools for their

children and provided suggestions on the best places to shop or eat.

### Part of the Team

The first year that the Dodgers made the move to Los Angeles wasn't an easy one – for either the team or Flo. Walter O'Malley was having a hard time finding a suitable space for the team to play while they waited for the eventual, now iconic, Dodger Stadium to be built. Things finally fell into place in January 1958 when the team reached an agreement to use the Los Angeles Coliseum. At



Abvoe: Flo with Red Patterson, the Dodgers Vice President who ran creative promotions and public relations for the team and became her eventual boss.

the same time, Flo found her place and quickly became an integral part of the public relations team under Dodgers vice president Red Patterson, who had a reputation for being loud and demanding.

Working in the communications office seemed like it was the center of the hurricane, with requests for information coming in steadily on the new hometown team.

One of the highlights of her first year was delivered to Flo in the form of a memo that read.

Dear Flo: This is to inform you the Dodgers plane for Vero Beach will be leaving from LA International Airport on Sunday, February 19 at 10 a.m. Please be there with your bags no later than 9:20 a.m.

Flo was heading to spring training at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida. For a young woman with little baseball knowledge, she knew this was the big leagues. Flo spent six weeks with some of the world's most famous sports heroes of the day. But, as one of the newest to the team, she was also on the receiving end of some of the more outlandish pranks while there. One particular memory had her searching all over in the hot Florida sun for the "keys to the batter's box." Wanting to be helpful, Flo went on a wild goose chase that had her going from infielder Don Zimmer to slugger Duke Snider to find the missing keys. She finally got the gag, and all these years later, she can't watch a baseball game without a chuckle when a batter steps up to the plate and into the white-lined batter's box to face the pitcher.

### **Living History**

During her ten years with the Dodgers, Flo had a front row view of history from the seat she created



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## Women in Baseball History

1920s: The best-known voung woman plaving baseball was Rhode Island's Lizzie Murphy. She played first base for the Providence Independents. Lizzie, who had begun playing baseball at ten years old, played in the American All-Star game in Boston, MA, on August 14, 1922, becoming the first woman to play in a major-league game. She also became the first person of any gender to play for both the National and American All-Star teams when she played for the National All-Star team in 1928.

1948: Flo was initiated into Delta

Lizzie retired in 1935.

Zeta at the University of Southern California this year. And, during this same time, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, was started by Philip Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley's Chewing Gum. The league ran from 1943 to 1954 and had over 600 female players. The 1992 film "A League of Their Own" is a mostly fictionalized account of the early days of the league and

1957: Flo was hired by the Dodgers as a member of the press office in Los Angeles.

She went on to work for the team for a decade.

### 1980s and 1990s:

its stars.

While Flo was working as California's Director of Tourism, the Colorado Silver Bullets women's professional baseball team was founded. The team traveled the country playing men's professional and semi-professional teams from 1994-1997.

2021: The Boston Red Sox hired Bianca Smith as a minor league coach. She became the first black woman to become a coach in professional baseball. In September, Melanie Newman and Jessica Mendoza were ESPN's first all-woman broadcast team for a nationally televised MLB game on September 29.

for herself. From opening day in April 1958, when the Dodgers played the now San Francisco Giants in the first regular-season major league baseball game on the West Coast, to the opening of the now legendary Dodger Stadium in 1962, Flo was living life against this historic backdrop and contributing to the team efforts.

Flo connected with baseball's superstars of the day, supporting them so they could shine, including arguably baseball's perfect pair of pitchers: left-hander Sandy Koufax and right-hander Don Drysdale. "As impressive as their playing records were," Flo shares. "I leave those numbers to the statisticians and instead simply recount the utter delight of just knowing these two great guys and some of the fun we had."

Flo saw the amazing gifts that athletes like Koufax and Drysdale brought to the game and how they never forgot that the entire team supported their efforts. "Following the 1963 World Series, Sandy made it clear he recognized and valued others' contributions," Flo recounts. "After winning the first and fourth games with his remarkable performances, he was named Most Valuable Player. 'Why me?' he asked. 'I gave up three of the four runs.'"

The two pitchers were also the focus of early contract talks that were the precursor to today's collective bargaining unit. During the 1966 contract negotiations, Koufax and Drysdale approached their contract renewals in tandem seeking fair compensation for their achievements. "Don and Sandy announced that without signed contracts, they would not report to spring training," Flo shares in her memoir. This generated media headlines, which she had to manage in the press office where she worked. The Dodger organization was her employer, but the two pitchers seeking fair payment were her friends. It was a difficult situation for any individual in any period. Thankfully, the organization management reached an



agreement with their star pitchers' agent. However, in Flo's opinion, this paved the way for the future of free agency.

### **Extra Innings**

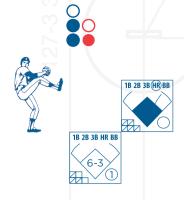
After leaving the Dodgers, Flo was hired by a Los Angeles political PR firm to work on California ballot measures and a statewide campaign for Attorney General. This experience led to her appointment as a public information officer for the Department of Justice in Sacramento and subsequent appointment as California's first Director of Tourism in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Flo returned to Dodger Stadium in 2008 as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary in Los Angeles. "I wasn't prepared for the wave of emotion that engulfed me when I stepped into the mammoth new reception area of my former baseball home," she writes. "Baseball in the 1950s and

1960s didn't recognize the presence of women in the hierarchy—let alone permit access to the locker room women reporters have today." However, individuals like Flo opened doors for change. Meeting her in the press box during her return visit was a young female executive. When Flo looked at this talented young woman, she marveled at how progressive baseball had become. "Women are in positions of responsibility at all levels of the game, and I salute them," she concludes.

Although officially retired in Carmel, California, Flo remains active as a volunteer on many local boards and charities. We are grateful for trailblazers like her, who, though an unlikely fan, became an ambassador for America's greatest pastime and an inspiration to others like her who are building their own fields of dreams.

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Left: Flo assists Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax with his mountains of fan mail.

Below: Today, Flo volunteers for many local community organizations, including the Carmel Women's Club.

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## So, You Wanta Career in Sports?

There are many different ways that women today have professional careers in sports management. This network of Delta Zeta alumnae provide their advice on pursuing a career in sports.



MEREDITH GORMAN
Xi Upsilon-Northeastern (MA)

"I love being able to share stories of ordinary people doing amazing things." — Meredith Gorman

"Ultimately professional sports teams want to win. If you can demonstrate that you can help them do that—on or off the field—then you have a great start." — Jenni Mather Luke

Position: Vice President, Community Impact with the San Francisco 49ers football team

PREVIOUS
POSITION:
CEO of Step
Up Women's

ADVICE: "While the number of women leaders in the NFL is growing, there is still a long way to go to achieve parity. As teams start to hire outside of the industry, rather than only look within sports where more than likely the candidate pool is all men, the top candidate pool is all men, the top candidates are often women. A competitive mindset is often a common denominator. Ultimately professional sports teams want to win. If you can demonstrate that you can help them do that—on or off the field—then you have a great start."

CURRENT POSITION: Reporter/ Host at New

England Sports Network (NESN)

PREVIOUS POSITION: Team reporter for the New England Patriots football team

ADVICE: "I love being able to share stories of ordinary people doing amazing things. I fell in love with the excitement around sporting events and how they bring people together. Follow your passion like I did, and even if you don't have a typical 9-5 job, when you love what you do it will be so rewarding."



"Don't let the industry hold you back."

CAROLINE GAUGHAN

Retention & Events Coordinator with the New England Revolution professional soccer team

Customer Service Representative with the New England Revolution

let the industry hold you back. I've always wanted to make dream moments happen for sports fans, like my five-year-old self experienced at my first Boston Red Sox game, so I keep that in mind while working hard and persevering."



"Don't don't be afraid to intentionally build your network."

PREVIOUS **POSITIONS:** Event Communications with the National Football League

Events/Volunteer Partnerships with Disney Sports/ ESPN

### ADVICE:

"Students today should know that connections are so important in this industry. I was nervous in college to network, but people are so open to helping students succeed so don't be afraid to intentionally build your network."



Pi Delta-Wake Forest (NC)



"I was persistent and ended up working in the football press box, pulling stats and telling stories on the field." — Sam Wexler

### **CURRENT POSITION:**

Digital and Social Media Activation Coordinator for Learfield, a college sports marketing

PREVIOUS POSITION: Fan Experience and Marketing Intern, Wake Forest University Athletic Dept.

ADVICE: "As a new college student, I wanted to get involved with the athletic department and so I reached out to them before I had even stepped on campus. I was persistent and ended up working in the football press box, pulling stats and telling stories on the field. Because of great people who mentored me, I figured out what I wanted to focus on while in school which has helped me in my new professional role.'

### ROSE & GREEN

## Running to Raise Awareness

One member's journey with ovarian cancer

### WHEN SHE WAS A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR,

Emma Funk, Pi Epsilon-Clemson (SC), was like many other 16-year-olds whose focus was on touring colleges, winter pep rally

and junior prom. However, Emma noticed that her stomach was becoming incredibly bloated and continued to grow, despite any lifestyle modifications. When she was sent for a sonogram, her doctor delivered the news that she had ovarian cancer. Emma's stomach pains were caused by a basketball-sized tumor on her right ovary. Thankfully the cancer had been caught in time. However, because of the tumor's size and unknown nature, Emma's right ovary was removed.

Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women and causes more deaths than any other gynecological cancer. But, according to the American Cancer Society, the five-year survival rate is over 90 percent when ovarian cancer is diagnosed and treated in its earliest stages. Many young girls don't receive an early diagnosis like Emma did because ovarian cancer can be hard to recognize

with symptoms that are often vague. Some of them — like the bloating and stomach pain Emma experienced — are easy to confuse with period symptoms.

Despite the tremendous physical recovery, Emma's mental recovery was even more daunting. "Like

most high school girls, I was very concerned with the way I looked, particularly my body. I used to go to the gym for hours after school and would praise myself when I saw the number drop on the scale," she shared. "I truly believed that if I

reached a certain weight, the other things in my life would fall into place. I would get higher grades, I would have more friends, and I would just be happier in general. I was punishing my body because it didn't look the way I thought it needed to and damaging my perception of myself in the process."

However, she was able to find acceptance and happiness through a newfound love for running. Running became her outlet for all that she was up

Left: Emma, left, and Anna Shuler, both Pi Epsilon-Clemson (SC).

Right: Emma at the race expo for the Chicago Half Marathon on September 26, 2021.



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- Emma Funk, Pi Epsilon-Clemson (SC)

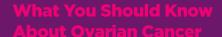


against and allowed Emma to heal both physically and mentally. "After my surgery, I

realized that I couldn't keep fighting my body after all it had been through," Emma says. "Acceptance and confidence don't come overnight, but I made a conscious decision to use running as a way to be the best I could be and not be someone else's ideal. I stopped tracking calories on my run and began to focus on how far I could go and how I felt. When I go out for runs, it's no longer a punishment but one of my favorite parts of my day."

Now, almost four years later, in the middle of a hectic semester of weekly COVID-19 testing and

virtual classes, Emma has managed to thrive and inspire her fellow sisters with her resilience and desire to give back. She wants to educate other girls and women who may be facing situations similar to hers and she is using running to spread awareness. Emma ran her first half-marathon on September 26, 2021 in Chicago as a part of Team Teal,



Most diagnosed with ovarian cancer are in their 50s or older and have been through menopause. But it's getting more common in teenagers and younger women, too.

Early detection of ovarian cancer is important. Some common symptoms may include:

- Pain around your pelvis and stomach that isn't linked to your period
- Feeling bloated a lot, but at times when you haven't got your period
- Unexplained back pain
- Struggling to eat because you feel full quickly
- Changes in your menstruation cycle
- · Swelling of your abdomen
- Unexplained weight loss
- Frequent urination

If you do have these symptoms, it's worth getting checked out by a medical professional.

For more information on ovarian cancer, visit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition at https://ovarian.org.



supporting the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC).

"When I decided to run my first longer race, I knew I wanted to run it in support of ovarian cancer awareness. As I run, I really hope to not only raise money for the NOCC, but to also encourage physicians to start monitoring for ovarian cancer in younger girls," shared Emma.

Emma's story is a beautiful example of a Delta Zeta — a woman who exemplifies generosity, empowerment and all the other values at the core of our sisterhood.

## ROSE & GREEN



## Alumnae Celebrate Sisterhood

Alumnae from the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Florida State University from 1978 to 1984 held a mini reunion via Zoom. It was organized by Susan Poolman Caserta, Linda Dezolt Jonynas and Colette Thomas Worm. To make the event work virtually, sisters showed sorority photographs and shared two-minute updates with time to engage in cross talk.

Delta Delta Chapter alumnae from Georgia State University had a wonderful catered luncheon at Patti Kenemer Bailey's 200-acre horse farm in Cumming, Georgia. "It was wonderful to reminisce about the fun college years," shared Denise Bauer Forrester. "Some of the sisters had not seen each other in almost 50 years. What a beautiful example of lifelong sisterhood!"

Sisters from the Zeta Phi Chapter at Slippery Rock University (PA) who graduated in the 1970s, celebrated in July at an outdoor event. The annual DZs Gather was held at North Park in McCandless, PA. "Our bond is strong, and DZ sisters came from near and far to share stories and picnic goodies," shared Deborah Eck Sagan.



Top: Zeta Phi-Slippery Rock (PA) alumnae
Middle: Delta Delta-Georgia State alumnae
Bottom: Alpha Sigma-Florida State alumnae

## Long Island Painted Turtle Hug Award

At their 2021 Founders' Day brunch, the Long Island Alumnae Chapter (NY) inaugurated their Painted Turtle Hug Award. The painted turtle, a native of North America, existed 15 million years ago. Because of its hard outer shell, it is symbolic of protection, survival, perseverance and strength.

Kelly Flanagan Groom, Omicron Theta-SUNY/ Oswego, was their first award recipient. Kelly was terminally ill, but she continued to demonstrate dauntless strength in the face of adversity. She was unable to attend the brunch, so the award was delivered to her along with an arrangement of pink roses. Before Kelly's death, she gave the chapter permission to submit her award to The LAMP in the hope that other chapters will adopt the award when appropriate.





## The DZ Diary

In the midst of COVID, miles away from sisters, their only communication being through the internet, the Xi Omicron Chapter at Loyola Marymount University felt disconnected. No matter how many Zoom interactions they had on a weekly basis, it was still unnatural to go from seeing sisters in person every day to only seeing them in a little black box on a screen. Missing that connection to one another, the DZ Diary was born.

The DZ Diary was a notebook where sisters decorated a page about themselves, writing about anything that was on their mind! The DZ Diary was then passed around, safely, to all the women in the chapter. The DZ Diary made members feel as though they were never apart by reading all about how everyone spent their quarantine, the new hobbies they picked up, which DZ activity they missed most and how much they missed their sisters. "During a time where we were the furthest apart, I have never felt so close to my sisters," shared Loreni Yepremian, LAMP Editor.

## ROSE & GREEN

## Bid Day is the Best Day

This fall, we saw the joy of Bid Day expressed across all collegiate regions with how they welcomed their new members. Our newest sisters were celebrated and welcomed to our sisterhood with themes that carefully integrated face masks to colorful displays of friendship!



- 1. Lambda Kappa-Alabama/Huntsville
- 2. Omicron Epsilon-Arkansas State
- 3. Lambda Xi-Texas A & M
- 4. Xi Phi-Missouri/ Kansas City
- 5. Kappa Tau-Morehead State (KY)
- 6. Beta Delta-South Carolina
- 7. Alpha Beta-Illinois
- 8. Epsilon Theta-Clarion (PA)





## Honoring 9/11 on Campus

Caitlin Spor, Beta Alpha-Rhode Island, was just a baby when the terrorist attacks occurred on September II, 2001, but she has never forgotten them. Caitlin's father, Joseph,



a second-generation New York City Firefighter, was stationed at Recuse 3 in the Bronx that morning. He lost his life that day, and Caitlin and her family have honored him ever since. Fast forward 20 years later, and Caitlin, now a junior fashion design major at the University of Rhode Island, found herself far from family on the anniversary of 9/II. She connected with her Delta Zeta sisters to organize a memorial honoring those lost that day. Working with chapter officers and other campus leaders, Caitlin coordinated a memorial service on the Kingston campus on September IO, 202I. "It is always hard to be away from home during September II," Caitlin shared. "But I want to give back, like my dad did, and start a tradition here in my campus community so that the world remembers those who lost their lives that day."



## ROSE & GREEN

## Philanthropy Fun on Campus

Delta Zeta chapters have been busy on campus with events that support our national philanthropy, hearing and speech. Though more challenging this year, they put in extra effort to make their events successful, benefiting both national and local partnerships.



The Alpha Chapter at Miami University partners with St. Rita's School for the Deaf, located in Cincinnati and supports them with an event called Puttin' On The Hits (POTH). POTH is a dance competition hosted by the chapter. In previous years, Alpha Chapter has worked to raise nearly \$30,000 for St. Rita's. The chapter is thrilled to have POTH back this year supporting the students of St. Rita's.

In October, the Omicron Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh held its annual

philanthropy event, Hike For Hearing. Supporting national partners,

Starkey Hearing Foundation and the American Society for Deaf Children, sisters, friends and family members hiked two miles through Pittsburgh's Schenley Park. The hike was followed with raffles where guests were eligible

to win gift cards and Delta Zeta merchandise and attire.



The Beta Tau Chapter at Nebraska Wesleyan University held Smooch a Pooch, their first philanthropy of the year. Members brought their dogs to the Delta Zeta house to interact with community members attending the event. Olivia Couch, Vice President of Philanthropy, says, "We were all very excited about being able to host an in-person event again. I'm honored to have gone behind the scenes to put it all together. Everyone pitched in, very excited to help, and our efforts were rewarded with a great turnout." In addition to having lots of fun with the pups, the chapter educated people on Delta Zeta's national philanthropy, hearing and speech, and raised close to \$2,000 to benefit Starkey Hearing Foundation.

Above: Payton Plugge, Brooke Lindquist, and Madison Schuller, all Beta Tau-Nebraska Wesleyan.



The Annual Wing Bash was held by the Zeta Pi Chapter at the University of Georgia this fall. With over three hundred members. nine hundred tickets, and fortyfive hundred wings, the chapter puts on this event to raise money and awareness for the Starkey Hearing Foundation. This year the event far exceeded their goals by raising more than \$9,000. Destin Hebert, Vice President of Philanthropy, organized the event, successfully arranging the logistics to supply thousands of wings while also educating the chapter and surrounding community on hearing and speech.

Above: Destin Hebert, Vice President of Philanthropy, and Allyson Cullen, both Zeta Pi-Georgia **WALK TRULY** 

## Reigniting the Flame



By Kalista Rojas, Pi Xi-Central Florida

Two years ago, I joined Delta Zeta and "came home." A couple of months ago, I once again came home.

When I signed up as a Rho Gamma, I knew I would leave my chapter for a time, but I'd already done that. When COVID-19 impacted the world, I felt disconnected from my chapter and sisters. Nonetheless, I pushed forward to assist with formal recruitment in 2021, knowing that I'd work with the Panhellenic to enable a successful process.

As a Rho Gamma, I found my love for my chapter again. The training included self-reflection and emotional discussions about why we volunteered. I shared how my Delta Zeta membership made going from living at home with my family to being on my own much easier. At my lowest mental health point, I shared how my sisters, both in my chapter and in Panhellenic, supported me and lifted me out of the despair. Delta Zeta was my saving grace even if sisters, through simple acts of kindness, didn't realize they had impacted me at all.

Being a Rho Gamma allowed me to remember why I joined Delta Zeta. The flame of sisterly love endures as long as you take the care and time to ignite it. I know in my heart that this love is ever steadfast.

## Sisters Assist After Hurricane Ida

Alumna Dr. Lindsay Mayet Lasseigne, Kappa Alpha-Nicholls State (LA), and members of Kappa Alpha Chapter from Nicholls State partnered with members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity to organize a fundraising campaign and event supporting residents of Lafourche Parish affected by Hurricane Ida. Together they were able to raise \$25,000 which went toward 2,000 servings of jambalaya and white beans and 525 Rouses Grocery store gift cards for victims of the hurricane.



## FLAME ETERNAL

#### ΔΙ ΡΗΔ

Jean Parker Mears, 1947 Barbara Welles Klemme, 1953

### GAMMA

Mildred Bittner Deanovic, 1948 Janet Lustig Brodle, 1954

### DELTA

Patricia Henthorn Hetrick, 1955 Barbara Prescott Mueller, 1957

### **EPSILON**

Martha Templeton Irick, 1948 Carolyn Stahl Olsen, 1961

#### **THETA**

Phyllis Penhorwood Bovd. 1947 Harriett Lutz Todd, 1950 Ruth Kaufman Johnson, 1955 Alycen Herrick

Mansell, 1956 Anne Downey

Wohlfrom, 1958 Susan Snedecor Shaw, 1971

Madeleine Cecilia Bender, 1982

Carol Caldwell Thornburg, 1945 Julia Vance Sohlberg, 1956 Monica Mitrovich Shank, 1970

Gloria Schirmer Shinn, 1951 Ann McGee Crowley, 1953 Virginia Young Cureton, 1959 Marie Pegani Meursinge, 1965

Elizabeth Harler Van Steenwyk, 1946

Beverly Borman Webber, 1952

### OMICRON

Shirley Harrold Bonner, 1949 Gwenlynne Barr Pike, 1962

### SIGMA

Mary Fitch Blake, 1938

Joyce Sanchez Poche'. 1944

Lee Billeaudeaux Davis, 1955

Patricia Burgess Pratt, 1966

Katherine Sprague Squibb, 1969

### PHI

Lyla Balcom Cole, 1951

#### CHI

Margie McCanse Kaufman, 1946 Janet Long Sims, 1954

Kathleen Wilcox Thurman, 1956 Viia Lietuvieti Birnbaums. 1956

Judith Jarvis Rahaeuser, 1971

### PSI

Alice Mishler Wamsley, 1945 Clara Benson Jones, 1952 Sondra Stevens Schrink, 1958 Virginia Ellen Neese Rickles, 1959

### **OMEGA**

Ernestine Fisk Taggart, 1952

### **ALPHA BETA**

Jav Prudent Buddecke, 1947

### **ALPHA GAMMA**

Anna Cook Fowler, 1959 Patricia Davis Kimbel, 1960 Mary Cox Welch, Deborah Harding

Anderman, 1976

#### ALPHA DELTA

Elizabeth Weitzel Donaldson, 1946

### ALPHA EPSILON

Patricia Coby Nixon, 1955 Lucinda Scullawl Jimison, 1967

### **ALPHA IOTA**

Joann Porter Toll, 1947

### **ALPHA PI**

Ann Breckenridge Mann. 1956 Linda Rhodes Butler, 1963

Judy Awbrey Childress, 1965

Kelly Ford Wallace, 1986

#### **ALPHA SIGMA**

**Shirley Huggins** Lewis, 1946 Rita Duffy Hisey, 1949

Dorothy Mann Hernandez, 1958

### **ALPHA TAU**

Barbara MacKenney Crum, 1956

### **ALPHA CHI**

**Constance Douce** Scott, 1945

**Betty Jones** Reep, 1946

Susanne Sampson Cunningham, 1946

### ALPHA PSI

Lynne Butler Adams, 1961

### **BETA GAMMA**

Martha Breland Lester, 1952 Bebe Bailey Fields, 1953

### **BETA DELTA**

Esther Irick Sample, 1946 Margaret Odom Hobgood, 1963

### RETA THETA

Roxane Roll Smith, 1949 Joyce Nelson Scanlon, 1951 Joanne Cottle Storch, 1951 Miriam Anderson Boldry, 1952 Carolyn Nalbach Waller, 1956

### BETA KAPPA

Marilyn Juhl Peterson, 1949 Mary Lou Woodward Dale, 1950 Mary Margaret Rupp Messerole, 1957 Carol Lunsmann McGovern, 1958

Diane Ode Roddy, 1960 Martha Lewis

Plager, 1960 Kathleen Butler Kuenzer, 1961

Sue Sturtz, 1964

### **BETA MU**

Edna Keene Richardson. 1944

Barbara Kleinschmidt Piech, 1962

### **BETA NU**

Delores Ward Leslie, 1945

### BETA XI

Frances Judy McCarter Scott, 1953

Martha Harris Allison, 1958 Dolly Campbell Jacobs, 1991

### **BETA RHO**

Bethany Ray Roberts, 1961

### **BETA SIGMA**

Patricia Brunell Dyer, 1952 Judith Hay Kerbs, 1963

### RETA TAU

Jacqueline Harrison Akert, 1948

Janniver Smith Vala, 1974 Terry Salmen

Bjorkman, 1976 Lvnda Larson

King, 1979

### **BETA CHI**

Lucv Wheeler Bates, 1952 Karen Collins Stefanik, 1966 Rebecca Barkimer Noack, 1967

**BETA OMEGA** Jov Cerreta Bacci, 1946 Helen Cumming **Davies** Hathaway, 1946

### **GAMMA ALPHA**

Ruth Mayer Schmitz, 1946 Catherine Mever Schacht, 1955

### **GAMMA BETA**

Barbara Marsh Gustafson, 1945 Sally A. DeCicco, 1965

### **GAMMA DELTA**

Clara Horn Stock, 1946 Elissa Garner

Rich, 1953 Janet S. Rankin, 1957

### **GAMMA EPSILON**

Nancy White Nurczyk, 1953

### **GAMMA ZETA**

Dorothy Pyke Thompson, 1954

### **GAMMA ETA**

June Hochuli Ludemann, 1946

### **GAMMA KAPPA**

Martha Talbott Baird, 1962

### **GAMMA NU**

Orpha Bower Goekler, 1951

#### GAMMA RHO

Mary Stevens Porn-Wulz, 1957 Peggy Cerny Blazek, 1965

### **GAMMA SIGMA**

Mary Joanne Mercure Workman, 1957

### **GAMMA TAU**

Nancy Mohley Agler, 1963

#### **GAMMA CHI**

Dorothy McCafferty Wolfe, 1964

### GAMMA PSI

Dawn Dickson Walker, 1955 Dolores Otterbacher Kracker, 1967 Joleen House

### Duprey, 1973

**DELTA ALPHA** Margaret Allan Reep, 1955 Betty Benz Holloman, 1959 Judith Lynne Sandri, 1968

### **DELTA BETA**

Iris Delgado Williams, 1955

### **DELTA DELTA**

Betty Burch Hahn, 1961

### **DELTA THETA**

Rose Marie Corder, 1956

### DELTA KAPPA **Betty Sonnier**

Mary Marsh

Alleman, 1977 DELTA XI

### Gustafson, 1956

**DELTA OMICRON** Vesta Butler Rundle-Ross,

Aryka Danielle Harding, 2006

### **DELTA PI**

Barbara Wagner Ward, 1963 Janice Snyder Kneisley, 1978

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Donna Vignovich Domian, 1966

**DELTA UPSILON**Catherine Quinla

Catherine Quinlan Garth, 1956

DELTA CHI

MaryLee Hupp Wood, 1956

**DELTA PSI**Lois Culverwell

Gadsby, 1956

EPSILON BETA

Diane Lee Higginbotham, 1966

**EPSILON EPSILON** 

Lynda Weir Debrum, 1967

**EPSILON ETA** 

Elizabeth Hinck Schluemer, 1956 Grace Kellerhals Weber, 1956 Dorothy Mueller Pfaff, 1960

**EPSILON MU** 

Mary Terry Fokakis, 1970 Dorothy Bond Terry, 1956

EPSILON XI

Dorothy (Sue) Smith Raible, 1958 Susie Crowder Brennes, 1966

**EPSILON**OMICRON

Carol Lee Smith, 1957

Esther (Sue) Marvel McGovern, 1958

**EPSILON RHO** 

Vicki Yarmark Hedberg, 1974

**EPSILON TAU** 

Elizabeth Stone Potter, 1957

Kerry Rimes Wiley, 1970

**EPSILON UPSILON** 

Jordyne Salinas Doyal, 2004

**EPSILON PHI** 

Delicia Cywinski Chmura, 1956 Elaine Marie Ahern, 1964 **EPSILON PSI** 

Michele Louise Murphy, 1968

**EPSILON OMEGA** 

Lois Leavens Wood, 1959

ZETA EPSILON

Janice Kostelnik Machusko, 1960

**ZETA ETA** 

Judy Ford McCarver, 1966

**ZETA IOTA** 

Mary Lou Barnes Goodwin, 1959

**ZETA KAPPA** 

Ellen Core Perry, 1959

Joyce Lamale Ford, 1960

ZETA NU

Lucia Ragnone Lehman, 1963 Carla Holmgren VanAsselt, 1965

ZETA UPSILON

Inge Hofer Fryman, 1963

**ZETA PSI** 

Karen Gholson Kimmons, 1964 Jeane Cleveland Mehlhop, 1971 Ellen Huckaby Bankston, 1996

THETA GAMMA Mary Kathleen

Gardner, 1970

THETA ZETA Janet Blaz Wehling, 1964

THETA THETA Karen Kaleckas

Kuenn, 1966

THETA NU

Jody Oberg Zabel, 1975

THETA XI

Joyce Ellen Jackson, 1963

THETA TAU Lois Verhoff Huffman, 1975

**THETA CHI**Debra Green
Kopecki, 1970

**IOTA ALPHA** 

Shelby Junot, 2012

IOTA LAMBDA

Dorothy Fox Moore, 1970

**IOTA TAU** 

Peggy Fox Wiedman, 1968

IOTA UPSILON

Traci Hanff Steinman, 1996

IOTA PHI

Adrienne Louise Eghoian, 2001

**IOTA OMEGA** 

Elaine Dowdy Entenza, 1968

KAPPA THETA

Karen Elizabeth Barnes, 1989

KAPPA PSI

Bobbye Herman Haupt, 1972

Patricia Calvert Delin, 1981 Tifani Wetherhold Little, 1993

LAMBDA GAMMA

Penny Lynn LaTaste, 1988

LAMBDA KAPPA

Carrie Hood Johnson, 1986

LAMBDA XI

Susan Scott Reeves, 1975

OMICRON THETA

Kelly Flanagan Groom, 1991

OMICRON TAU

Tara Louise Simmons, 1997

XI IOTA

Ashley Hope Goodman, 2019

KI PSI

Trisha Walston McRea, 1994

PHI BETA

Goldy Mehas Dawson, 1963 Dolores Adams

Hanna, 1957

### Elsie Wheeler McTee

### Past Foundation President

It is with great sadness that the National Council learned of the passing of Elsie Wheeler McTee, on November 2, 2021. Elsie served Delta Zeta in a variety of roles. She was an alumnae chapter president. Province Alumnae Director and then served as President of the Delta Zeta Foundation from 1995 to 1997.



Elsie attended the University of Texas at Austin where she was an active member of the Alpha Tau Chapter and earned a Bachelor of Journalism Degree. In 1952, during her junior year, she met the love of her life, Cliff McTee. In 1956, Elsie and Cliff were stationed in El Paso where Delta Zeta had no alumnae chapter at the time. So, Elsie made contact with the Gamma Xi Chapter at New Mexico State University, a few miles away in Las Cruces, and volunteered for such duties as chaperone for the chapter's winter formal. She helped organize the Lafayette (Louisiana) Alumnae Chapter and served as rush advisor and then president of the house corporation for Delta Kappa Chapter. Sisterhood remained a Panhellenic commitment for Elsie. She became the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter's alternate delegate to the Panhellenic Association of San Antonio (PASA) in 1995. Over the next 10 years, Elsie served PASA in many capacities.

While in Corpus Christi, Elsie was involved in the PTA, while her three children were in school, and was the past president of the Corpus Christi Geological Auxiliary, the Petrol Club and the Area Council for the Deaf. After moving to San Antonio, Elsie served as president of the Assistance League of San Antonio. She was a member of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church and had many friends in the Open-door Sunday school class. She was also a very active member of the Woman's Club of San Antonio and belonged to several bridge groups. Elsie loved jigsaw and crossword puzzles and enjoyed spending time with her family. She was an avid sports fan and loved watching the Texas Longhorn, the San Antonio Spurs and the Houston Astros.

Elsie is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cliff, and her sister, Mary Ann. She is survived by her sons, Clifford III and Charles (Dewey), and her daughter, Shelly and their families.

### HOME



Above and Right: The Omicron Gamma Chapter house at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

## The Delta **Zeta House**

A home across generations

By Maggie Old, Omicron Gamma-Ohio, **Digital Communications Intern** 

hen you think of "home," where does your mind take you? A person? A place? For Delta Zetas, their chapter houses and suites become "home" to them, and for more than just the physical location.

Madison King and her mother, Janice Floyd King, share the same home in Delta Zeta, the Omicron Gamma Chapter at Ohio University. To chapter members, the house is better known as "Big Blue" or "55," for the house's address on Mill Street in Athens, Ohio.

In 1989, Janice was a founding member of the chapter. Within two years, Delta Zeta finalized plans for a new four-story chapter house, designed to be a home away from home for members! The house was completed and ready for occupancy in 1994. The house was built to be a place for all past,



an elevator, the Omicron Gamma Chapter house is a modern structure that allows anyone with a physical disability to access it easily.

You will feel the sisterhood as soon as you step through the doors of "Big Blue." The hallways and stairwells are lined with composites, awards and certificates, pictures of sisters throughout the years, and so much more. This connects members across decades who have lived there, whether in 1994 or 2021. It reassures members that their friendships will not end at graduation but instead last a lifetime. The women who have and will continue to live in the chapter house will share memories, laughs and

experiences that will last them a lifetime.

"When I met the women of DZ, I knew this was exactly where I needed to be. They accept you for who you are, and they don't turn you away. I have never met a more genuine group of women, and now they're with me forever." Madison explained.

Janice shared her experience as a founding member. "I remember when Delta Zeta was chosen and how exciting it was to become

a member. I instantly met amazing

women that became lifelong friends. I learned a lot about commitment, sisterhood and what it means to have over fifty ladies who you can count on." She shared her experience with the chapter house as well, saying, "I think having a dedicated space like a house to recruit, have chapter meetings and hang out would provide any sorority sister a more meaningful experience. It's hard to put into words what I felt when Madison joined Delta Zeta. It brings a joyful tear to my eye."

Looking at a sketch of the future house in 1991, it might look like a simple drawing of an attractive building. But the women who helped lay the foundation for the Omicron Gamma Chapter knew that it was so much more. They developed a home away from home. The memories and experiences sisters have together show the strong bond of sisterhood that can be created through a shared home, or space, and a shared sisterhood.

present and future generations of Delta Zetas. One of those future members was Janice's daughter, Madison.

Madison joined the chapter in 2019. Her mom was at her Initiation Ceremony and shared in that special moment. "I wish I could fully express how much

it meant to me to have my mom at my Initiation. I was overwhelmed with emotion because I knew how much DZ meant to her. It brought the two of us closer, and I know she was so proud to see the current collegiate women and to visit the house," Madison said. She was able to experience the sisterhood that her mom and now sister helped build, both as a structure and as an organization. Madison said, "I remember the first time I saw the chapter house. My mom couldn't stop crying. When I walked through the doors, I was instantly welcomed."

Both Gloria Van Reeth, the current House Director, and active members today take care of the property to always be ready and welcoming. Of all the chapter houses on Ohio University's campus, Delta Zeta's is also the most accessible. With ramps, appropriate doorframes, accessible bathrooms and bedrooms and

## TRULY AZ

## Transfer Turned Truly DZ

ichelle Albrecht Smith, Alpha Chi-California/Los Angeles, Past National President, may not have joined Delta Zeta if she had not transferred from

the University of California Santa Barbara to UCLA her junior year. As the first person in her family to join a Greek organization, Michelle has gone on to create a long tradition of sorority involvement. From serving as her chapter's Rush (Recruitment) Chair, to traveling as a Field Rep,

and now as President of the National Housing Corporation, Michelle approaches life trying to make a difference in lives daily.

What is your favorite line of the Creed? How do you work to practice that line in your everyday life?

"To my mind, Growth" has been an influential message throughout my life. I strive to learn something new every day. Growth is so important to one's well-being. I struggled with life/work/ volunteer balance as a young professional and mother. Around the same time. I was fortunate enough to attend a Delta Zeta

conference, where
Tina Prather McIntosh,
Gamma Chi-Ball
State (IN), spoke about
embracing the imbalance
that life presents. That
speech taught me to accept
where I am and focus on
what I can realistically do
at the time.

## What role in the Sorority has impacted you the most?

I have loved all the ways in which I have been able to give back to Delta Zeta. Women like Norma Minch Andrisek, Gamma Alpha-Baldwin Wallace (OH), Past National President, and Cindy Winslow Menges, Alpha-Miami (OH), Executive Director, visited my chapter at UCLA and inspired

me to embrace my first opportunity to serve the Sorority and travel as a Field Representative.

The connections I made in that role have stayed with me for all the years since. Because of that

experience, I caught the bug to stay involved with Delta Zeta and help inspire, mentor, and guide young women.

## What motivates you to get out of bed in the morning?

The start of
a new day
motivates
me! Those
who know
me well
know
that I

am an

optimist. I always search for the silver lining in even the most difficult situation. As president of an escrow company, I've seen the past 18 months as the busiest ever for the real estate industry. With all the deadlines and challenges, I am often stressed and overwhelmed. And yet, when I wake up, I leave all negative feelings behind and embrace all the opportunities ahead in the new day!

The connections
I made [as a
Field Rep] have

stayed with me for years since.

### What most excites you about Delta Zeta today?

Delta Zeta's continued focus on providing a meaningful membership experience for our collegiate and alumnae members excites me. Even though many of us have not been able to meet in person due to the pandemic, the Sorority has found ways for our members to foster relationships and build community through virtual events, seminars and training.

### Finally — Pink or green?

Pink of course!

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- F. Crown Pearl Single Letter Guard, #J0500 10K
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