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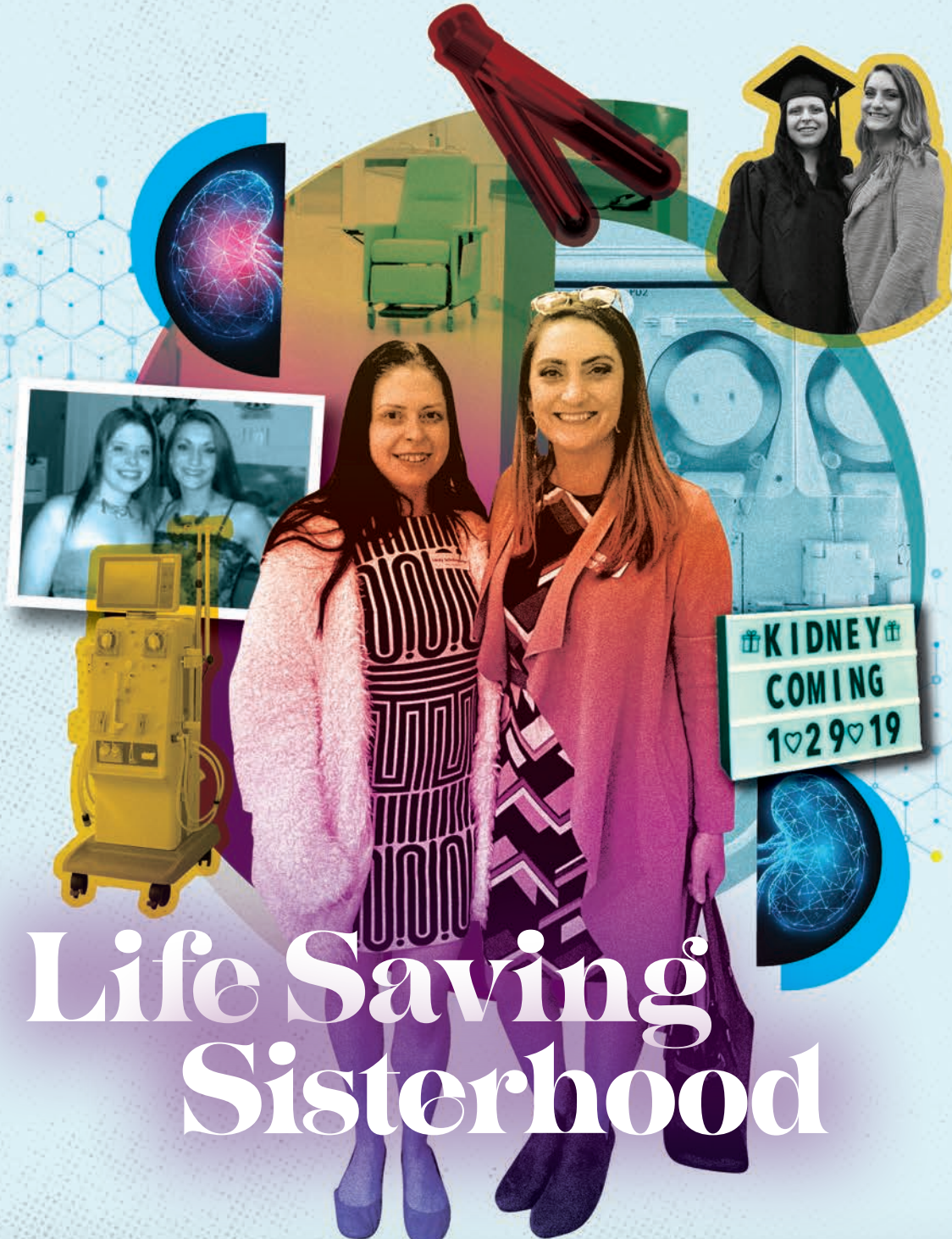
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THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S BADGE

In the 1960s, it was suggested to design a special pin to be worn by the National President to denote her office. Many designs were considered, but no one wanted to give up, or in any way change, the design of the pins with which they had been initiated. Our jeweler came up with a very simple suggestion which pleased all the members of National Council. A special pin was made with diamonds set in the six wings to be worn by the National President and to be passed on to her successor. National presidents have had their own badges set with diamonds in the wings after leaving office emulating the President's badge. In 1970, two of these pins were presented at the Phoenix convention, one as a gift to the retiring President Betty Heusch Agler, and the other to the newly elected National President Elizabeth Baker Devereaux, to wear during her term in office.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Timeless Sisterhood



One of the incredible things about Delta Zeta is that our sisterhood stretches across time. From the echoes of those sisters who laid the groundwork for our Sorority in the beginning, to those who have led Delta Zeta in recent years, preparing us for our future, I'm sure any of those women would find a common bond despite the years and decades that separate them. I'm humbled by the welcome I've received as National President so far and hope to continue fostering this common bond we all have as Delta Zeta sisters. This is a role not to be taken lightly, and I thank you all for the trust you've placed in the 2023-2025 National Council to continue the everlasting sisterhood we've been entrusted with from those sisters who came before us.

This summer, I had the honor of seeing Delta Zeta continue to pass along our sisterhood to women, no matter their age or place in life. The timeless values we hold in common were evident as we initiated five alumnae members during our Everlasting National Convention in July. It was very special to extend the Delta Zeta sisterhood, which I already shared with my mother, Carol Combs Irvin, Epsilon Tau-Longwood (VA), to my mother-in-law, Astrid. Delta Zeta has committed to building our sisterhood through alumnae initiation this biennium to extend membership to at least 1,902 women! Do you have a special family member or friend who would benefit from joining our sisterhood? Read more in this issue about how you can make that happen!

The National Council met after Convention and has already been evaluating our organizational strategic goals. The changing face of college enrollment and the post-secondary experience is forcing membership organizations like Delta Zeta to make difficult decisions to ensure their futures. We will continue to be good stewards of the time, talent and treasure our members entrust to Delta Zeta. Our most precious resource, though, is each one of you. Each of you is a link in the timeless connection back to our six Founders in 1902. So, please stay connected — to each other and Delta Zeta — so we can look forward to more sisterhood moments for generations to come!

Cathy I. Painter
National President

Six (Plus One)

Songs about Friendship

While most songs on the radio might be geared toward romantic relationships, sometimes the best ones are songs that remind us of friendship. So, add these to your playlist, and remember the good times you have had with Delta Zeta sisters! Want to download the playlist? Head over to our Delta Zeta Spotify account!

ONE

"I'll Be There For You," The Rembrandts

TWO

"In My Life," The Beatles

THREE

"22 (Taylor's Version)," Taylor Swift

FOUR

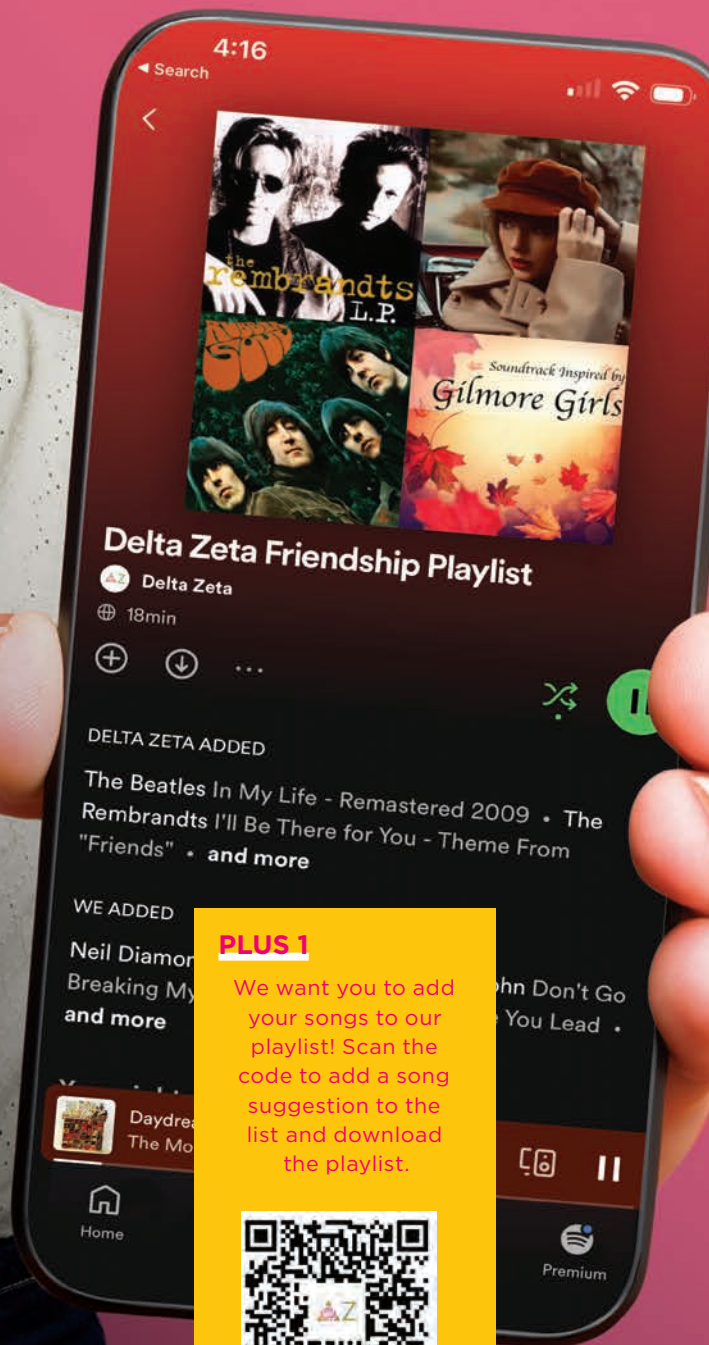
"Gilmore Girls: Where you Lead," The Cashburys

FIVE

"We Are Family," Sister Sledge

SIX

"We're Going to Be Friends," The White Stripes



PLUS 1

We want you to add your songs to our playlist! Scan the code to add a song suggestion to the list and download the playlist.



ALFA


 everlasting
A DELTA ZETA EXPERIENCE

At left, Karla Flores
and right, Karlie
McCubbins, both
Gamma Rho-
Northern Illinois.


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Everlasting Friendship:

Delta Zeta Celebrates National Convention and Begins New Traditions

By Allison Lynch, Alpha Upsilon-Maine, Managing Editor

It had been more than five years since Delta Zeta last held an in-person National Convention. In that time, our sisterhood efficiently and effectively continued to conduct the business of the Sorority with a virtual meeting in 2021. However, there is something about gathering in person which reenergizes our pink and green spirit! This year's event, the 55th National Convention held July 27 – 30 at the Signia by Hilton at Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida, was the beginning of a new tradition. The first Everlasting, A Delta Zeta

Experience, was held in conjunction with the National Convention of Delta Zeta.

Attendees had flexibility this year to travel early to take advantage of the Orlando area attractions with their family and friends. And, a new pre-event opportunity to tour Camp Boggy Creek, a SeriousFun Children's Network camp, was also available to members. On Thursday, July 27, we had more than 40 members tour the camp to see what our National Service Project efforts support in action on Thursday, July 27.

A moving Memorial Service started the day on Friday, July 28, where Anne Marie Jones Gavin, Iota Delta-Tufts (MA), Distinguished Past National Officer and National Constitution Chairman, honored those in the past five years who had passed into the Flame Eternal. Sisters then participated in our Initiation Service with members from the Pi Theta Chapter at Rollins

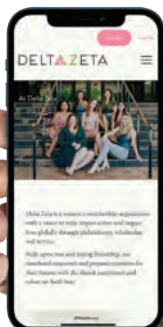
College and the Pi Xi Chapter at the University of Central Florida conducted the beautiful service initiating five alumnae into Delta Zeta.

On Friday afternoon, Christy Phillips-Brown, National President, opened the Business Meeting of National Convention, with both in-person and virtual delegates participating. This was the first hybrid Business Meeting and was highly successful! Not only was all business conducted, but delegates received a State of the Sorority update which sets the stage for the next biennium and the goals of the Sorority.

The pathway programs offered on Saturday were designed to help members get inspired to take action in their communities. The Carolyn Barnes Gullatt Symposium keynote was given by Marjorie Colas, a Senior Facilitator for The Disney Institute who delivered a program

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Left: Justine McCusker, Marisol Hernandez, Lauren Hernandez, Landrie Barker, all Delta Theta-Houston (TX).

Below: National President Cathy Irvin Painter leading the Delta Zeta Toast to close the Rose Banquet.

Above : Sherri Martin Smith, College Chapter Director and Madison Cowart, Chapter President from Alpha Gamma-Alabama receive the Presidents Plaque on behalf of Cathy Irvin Painter, National President, from Christy Phillips-Brown, Past National President, Annaliese Grissom, Chapter President and Shelby Harrell Perusi, College Chapter Director, Theta Iota-Western Carolina (NC).

titled “Disney’s Approach to Quality Service.” Equally as exciting were the opportunities to engage with Convention Sponsors and National Partners with the Everlasting Vendor Fair, which included Delta Zeta members selling products, clothing and jewelry companies, service providers such as Billhighway and Greek House Chefs, and Everlasting Event Partners, The Little Words Project and Alani Nu. Members engaged with our National Philanthropy and Service Partners, American Society for Deaf Children and Starkey Hearing Foundation, as well as with our National Service Project, SeriousFun Children’s Network, and were able to learn more about the impact our support is having on lives globally.

During the Rose Banquet, old and new traditions were celebrated. Delta Zeta’s new National President, Cathy Irvin Painter, received the gavel of Beta Phi Alpha, a gift to Delta Zeta from Beta Phi Alpha at the time of our merger, her

National President’s Badge and the President’s Medallion from outgoing National President Christy Phillips-Brown. Representatives from Cathy’s collegiate chapter, Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Alabama, and Christy’s collegiate chapter, Theta Iota Chapter at Western Carolina University, received replicas of the National President’s Plaque, that began in 1958 in honor of Evelyn Adams Costello, Nu-Knox (IL). The original plaque hangs at the National Historical Museum & Headquarters in Oxford, Ohio.

“Tonight, we renew the tradition of a celebratory toast, started in 1942 to our Founders, and incorporate a tribute to our past leaders for their vision, and to each of you here tonight for your continued leadership,” shared Cathy as the banquet came to its conclusion. Sisters and friends toasted together as we closed one chapter of our history and embarked on the next, which will be everlasting. ♡

Thank you to our generous Diamond Level Convention sponsors!

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Everlasting, A Delta Zeta Experience

We will again host Everlasting, A Delta Zeta Experience in conjunction with the National Convention in 2025 at the Signia by Hilton at Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida, making the event a continuing tradition in the years to come.



The Delta Zeta Toast

Here’s to the Founders of 1902 and to all of our leaders, past, present and future.

To the flame you’ve lighted we’ll always be true;

And as the years roll swiftly by We’ll e’er keep our lamp brightly burning on high.

Alfa Lloyd, Anna Keen, Maybelle Minton, Anne Simmons, Mary Collins, Julia Bishop—we salute you.

“May the friendships we make, and the kindness we have for each other, be everlasting.”

— Alfa Lloyd Hayes, Founder

The flame of friendship has been lit in each of you. May the new and old friendships we make through Delta Zeta be “everlasting.”

ALFA

Your Words and Pictures



Seen on Social...

With the premiere of “Barbie the Movie,” one Delta Zeta walked the pink carpet around the world! Kayla Carpenter, Omicron Gamma-Ohio, is a Global Brand Manager for Barbie at Mattel, Inc. In her role, she has the opportunity to work hands-on with the Barbie creative team in multiple ways. Her favorite, BarbieStyle, captures the world from Barbie’s perspective.

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The Barbie brand has been a true dream job for me — Barbie is empowering, inclusive and so much fun! Some of my favorite moments have been attending the movie premiere, seeing fans dressed as Barbie all over the world and watching all of the monuments in London turn pink!



Take Note

Delta Zeta Recognizes Collegiate Leaders

Delta Zeta's top individual collegiate awards, the Florence Hood Miner and Grace Mason Lundy Awards, are given to junior and senior members respectively that represent the best that our sisterhood strives to be. Nominated by their chapters, all recipients join a long legacy of amazing Delta Zetas before them. This year's recipients were announced at Everlasting in Orlando, Florida, continuing the tradition of the first awards given 75 years ago. The recipients for 2023 are:

GRACE MASON LUNDY AWARDS:

Cienna Baka, Alpha Rho, Ohio Wesleyan University
Becca Boen, Theta Eta, Creighton University
Mariana DiPiazza, Xi Upsilon, Northeastern University
Harper Hawk, Alpha Gamma, University of Alabama
Ashley Parde, Beta Tau, Nebraska Wesleyan University
Anna Trahan, Lambda Kappa, University of Alabama/Huntsville

FLORENCE HOOD MINER AWARDS:

Sarah Arafat, Lambda Kappa, University of Alabama/Huntsville
Gabrielle Barker, Xi Upsilon, Northeastern University
Rebecca Haight, Iota Delta, PennWest/Edinboro
Emma Hopkins, Zeta Pi, University of Georgia
Ella Schnake, Delta Sigma, Truman State University
Kennedy Trypus, Rho Alpha, Murray State University



Foundation Scholarships Awarded

With the help of generous donors, the Delta Zeta Foundation was able to award

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IN MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS TO

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GRADUATE AND
UNDERGRADUATE
MEMBERS

for the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you to all of the generous donors who made these life-changing awards possible. A full list of scholarship recipients is found on our website.

To learn more about how you can apply for a scholarship, please visit www.deltazeta.org/foundation.

Show of Hands



We asked followers on social media where do YOU like to read **The LAMP**, and this is what they had to say.

On the patio with a cup of coffee.

Curled up with a blanket while on my couch.

My sunroom.

In my hammock enjoying nice weather.

From my window nook with the big window open.

By the pool on a warm day!

A coffee shop!

ALFA

Chit Chat

We asked Delta Zeta's 2023-2025 National Council to describe what "everlasting" meant to them after participating in our first Everlasting, A Delta Zeta Experience, sisterhood event this past July!

"Everlasting" characterizes Delta Zeta perfectly — our sisterhood and its impact on our members and communities is everlasting — eternal, enduring and timeless! We all join for different purposes, but the impact we all leave abides for the benefit of generations of Delta Zeta members to follow, just as our Founders intended.

Cathy Irvin Painter, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, National President



Everlasting is commitment that lasts a lifetime.

Phyllis Sundberg Davis, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate

Everlasting is the enduring sisterhood, love and friendship we have in Delta Zeta, and it is steadfast from our college years through our alumnae years.

Lauren Davis Campbell, Gamma Psi-Central Michigan, National Vice President

To me, everlasting in Delta Zeta means having a connection that surpasses the boundaries of time and distance. It's a bond that connects us together, supporting, empowering and loving one another through the seasons of life. It is a network of sincere friendships that continue to grow, perpetuate, and renew each time we come together. The love in Delta Zeta is truly everlasting.

Amy Wade Gamble, Zeta Psi-Stephen F. Austin State (TX), National Vice President

Everlasting means friendships that endure forever, memories that never fade, impacts in our communities that carry us through every generation and generosity that creates a lifetime of membership that is cherished throughout all our days.

Christy Phillips-Brown, Theta Iota-Western Carolina (NC), Past National President

To me, everlasting describes what we are and what we strive to be as Delta Zetas. We remember and celebrate our past, our history and our achievements, all while we strategically build our future together.

Ani Rodriguez-Newbern, Alpha Sigma-Florida State, National Vice President



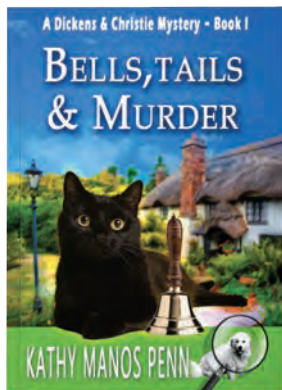
Everlasting transcends yesterday, today and tomorrow. Everlasting transcends the good times and the bad. Everlasting means to me that my Delta Zeta sisters that are there no matter the time of day or time of life. Just there. Waiting to walk the journey of life together.

Stacey Wheeler Slaughter, Kappa-Washington, National Vice President

Everlasting signifies a bond that transcends time and represents a lifelong commitment to sisterhood, support and growth. It involves fostering a sense of belonging that continues long after graduation, as we navigate different stages of life together. Delta Zeta has taught me to be a woman of integrity, leadership and service. These are values that I will carry with me throughout my life; they are everlasting.

Laura Baxter Hedenberg, Gamma Beta-Connecticut, National Vice President

READING ROOM



Cuddle up with a Cozy Mystery Read

Kathy Manos Penn, Delta Delta-Georgia State, is a corporate escapee. She went from crafting change communications to plotting page-turners. Years ago, when she stumbled onto a side job as a columnist for a local paper, she saw the opportunity as an entertaining diversion from the corporate grind. Little did she know that her chance foray into writing would lead to a mystery series. Kathy's Dickens & Christie cozy mystery series with well-read, witty senior women, a sassy cat and a loyal dog. The murders and talking pets, however, exist only in her imagination.

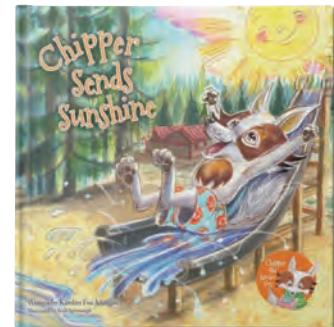
Find out more about the nine books in her series on her website kathymanospenn.com.



Debut Children's Book for Charity

Gail Nussbaum, Rho-Denver (CO), has published a debut children's book, "Paisley's Pay it Forward Adventure," with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to Pediatric Cancer Charities, including Ronald McDonald House, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and Brent's Place. Paisley is a teddy bear excited to find a new home full of adventure and is surprised to end up in a hospital. Though not where expected to land, Paisley finds purpose through helping Ahna, a young girl battling cancer. Paisley's journey does not end with Ahna. Traveling from child-to-child, Paisley learns what it means to pay it forward and the power of small acts of kindness!

Learn more at store.bookbaby.com/book/Paisley-Adventure.



Award Winning Author Published Second Book

Kimber Fox Morgan, Alpha-Miami (OH), was inspired by her daughter's experiences at summer camp and has incorporated that into her second book, "Chipper Sends Sunshine" with main character Chipper the Fox back for another adventure! In the book, Chipper and his arctic friends travel south for some fun in the sun at summer camp! They play, they swim, and they make new friends from around the world. But how will they keep in touch with their new friends and keep their summer adventure going? Young readers will especially enjoy making their own "MAIL-A-HUG" to friends who live in different parts of the world, as an activity card in the book guides kids through the process of decorating their handprints and connecting them by ribbon.

Learn more and download a guide for the craft at kimberfoxmorgan.com.

Are you a Delta Zeta author?

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

AUTHENTIC



Chelsea's three book series was completed with "Road Trip to Forever," released in the summer of 2023.

Chelsea Curto

Pi Theta-Rollins (FL)



Chelsea describes herself as Professional Diet Coke pourer sometimes; romance author other times; and book lover all the time. Which means she balances life as a

flight attendant while chasing her dreams of being a published author. Luckily, those dreams are within reach as she releases the third book in her first series! "An Unexpected Paradise" and "The Companion Project" are the first two in the series with the third book, "Road Trip to Forever," just released in the summer of 2023.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU WHEN YOU'RE TRAVELING/ OR WHEN YOU ARE WRITING?

When I'm working, I typically get up in the morning and run. I spend the afternoon writing and working on my social media accounts before getting ready to head to the airport about two hours before I'm supposed to sign in for my flight. At the airport, I meet with the crew, and we talk about our flights and share any pertinent information we might need!

HOW DO YOU FIND THE STORIES THAT YOU'VE ENDED UP CREATING?

I think them up! Sometimes bursts of creativity will come to me when I'm getting ready for bed or doing a workout, and I make sure I always have my phone nearby to jot down a couple of notes to remember my ideas.

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOURSELF IN 5, 10, 15 YEARS? STILL WRITING? TRAVELING?

I feel fortunate to have such a wonderful job that allows me to see the world and meet new people. It's flexible, and I can

make my own schedule which is great for balancing working and writing. In the coming years, I hope I'm still flying and writing, because I love both occupations so much!

FAVORITE PLACE WHEN YOU HAVE A LAYOVER?

Internationally, I would have to say London. I'm so familiar with the city now, and I have a routine when I get there. The weather is never super hot, it's walkable and I love spending time in the parks! Domestically, I love Washington D.C. or San Diego!

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SISTERS JUST STARTING OUT ON THEIR CAREERS?

If you have something that you're passionate about, don't give up your dream or your love when you feel discouraged. We all have hard days, but life is a lot more fun when you're doing something you love. Just because someone else doesn't like what you like, it doesn't make it wrong. 💖

Follow Chelsea on Instagram at @authorchelseacurto and get the latest updates on her new releases!

HERITAGE



Women and the “New Miami”

From the October 1934 LAMP of Delta Zeta



TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR OF Miami University came, in July 1902, Dr. Guy Potter Benton. His administration covered a period of nine years and was one of great progress for Miami. It was very much the “old” Miami when Dr. Benton came to it.

Among the changes which appeared none was more perhaps drastic than the opening of the university to women students.

No large number appeared this first year and a goodly number of these had already had some college training elsewhere. They took to their new environment like the famous ducks to water. They became very busy with the organization of such campus necessities as a Young Women’s Christian Association, the Liberal Arts Club, and just to prove how quickly they could learn from observation, it was not long before there even appeared a sorority!

The primary impulse toward the fixing of natural friendships into the set form of a secret organization came about in a very casual and easy manner as it property should. They were among the first coeds at Miami University, a small number who by reason of such factors as previous acquaintance, residence in the same rooming house, attendance in classes together, had come to form a group that was frequently brought together. In this group were numbered two girls whose homes were in Oxford, blond Alfa Lloyd and dark-haired Mabelle Minton; Julia Bishop and Anne Simmons, friends from nearby Cincinnati; dainty Mary Collins and brisk Anna Keen; and now and then Betty Coulter, who also lived near Oxford. ♡

TAKE OUR QUIZ TO FIND OUT WHICH FOUNDER YOU ARE MOST LIKE!

Delta Zeta's six Founders each brought individually unique qualities to the organization they founded in 1902. We continue to see women today who represent those qualities today in our Sorority. So, you are representing our Founders in 2023 in your communities.

Which of the six are you the most similar to? And how will you bring that Founder's qualities to your life in the Delta Zeta experience today?

1. Favorite DZ Symbol

- Turtle
- Killarney Rose
- Diamond
- Crest
- Badge
- Roman Lamp

2. Which Shared Value describes you best?

- Friendship
- Curiosity
- Generosity
- Empowerment
- Community
- Belonging

3. Go to Emoji

- Turtle
- Diamond
- Girl Dancing
- Pink Heart
- Green Heart
- Rose

4. How would your sisters describe you?

- Selfless
- Caring
- Leader
- Trendsetter
- Social Butterfly
- Dreamer

5. What do you love most about Delta Zeta

- Ritual
- Sisterhood
- Philanthropy
- Leadership
- Scholarship
- Lifelong Member or History or Networking

6. My Top Strength

- Responsibility
- Includer
- Organized
- Teamwork
- Networking
- Creativity

7. Pick a Chapter Officer Role

- President
- VP of New Membership Education
- VP of Philanthropy
- Social Chair
- VP of Finance
- Historian

KEY:

Alfa Lloyd
Empowerment, Leadership:
1E, 2D, 3D, 4C, 5D, 6A, 7A



Mary Collins
Generosity, Philanthropy
1E, 2D, 3D, 4C, 5D, 6B, 7A



Anna Keen
Community, Growth
1C, 2E, 3C, 4E, 5B, 6D, 7B



Julia Bishop
Friendship, Connection, Networking
1A, 2A, 3B, 4D, 5F, 6E, 7D



Mabelle Minton
Belonging, Creativity
1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5E, 6F, 7F



Anne Simmons
Curiosity, History, Ritual
1D, 2B, 3E, 4A, 5A, 6C, 7E



Life Saving Sisterhood

By Allison Lynch,
Alpha Upsilon-Maine,
Managing Editor

GROWING UP, LACEY

Schollenberger, Kappa Tau-Morehead State (KY), wanted to fit in. From the outside, she seemed like a regular kid. Then things started to change. She felt strange and off, feeling fatigued, with pain and swelling, not normal for a kid her age. At 14, she was diagnosed with lupus, an inflammatory disease caused when the immune system attacks its tissue. A kidney test later revealed she was already in stage three renal failure, resulting in an inability to filter waste products in her bloodstream. Through high school, Lacey had had enough chemotherapy treatments to combat the disease and knew she was dealing with problems much differently than her classmates. She completed high school, and her dream of attending college came true when she enrolled at Morehead State University (MSU) in Kentucky, close to her home in Ohio. So, in the



All photos: Lacey Schollenberger (left), and Ashleigh Flanery, both Kappa Tau-Morehead State (KY).



LaVonnie Conley, Lacey Schollenberger and Ashleigh Flanery at their first event as sisters at Morehead State University's Family Weekend in 2004.

fall of 2004, she packed her bags and moved to campus, hoping to build new relationships and friendships that she had missed out on to this point in her young life.

Pink and Green Connection

Sorority recruitment at MSU begins before school starts. Lacey and her roommate attended the welcome events and met Ashleigh Flanery and her roommate, LaVonnie Conley. The group of women were all high energy and hit it off immediately at the first ice cream event. Before she knew it, Lacey had met the sisters, who would eventually become more than just friends when she, Ashleigh, and LaVonnie joined Delta Zeta. Finally, Lacey had the normal experiences any other college student dreamed of until her symptoms flared up during her sophomore year.

The sisters were all living on the Delta Zeta floor together, and Lacey's condition was impossible to keep hidden. While previously, she hid hair loss with wigs, her friends, and now sisters and roommates, couldn't miss the

enormous amount of hair loss Lacey was experiencing. "We saw the strength Lacey had while living closely with her on the floor," Ashleigh shared. "That year, we saw what was really going on and her health struggles, with the hair loss, the nausea and the fatigue caused by the chemo treatments she was going through."

And Lacey still just wanted to be a normal college student. Despite her challenges, with her immune system suppressed because of the chemo, she still got to class, participated in sorority activities and built up her relationships with her friends. "I found a real place to belong in Delta Zeta," Lacey remembers. And that connection between her and her sisters became a life saving one.

I Never Leave the ER

"I've never gone to the emergency room and been able to leave the same day," Lacey says. "I would walk into a hospital and, on paper, I looked one way to the doctors, but there was a whole other story going on they couldn't see."

Going into their senior year, the sisters ended up on different paths, yet the bond that Lacey and Ashleigh created stayed strong. During what was to be her final year at MSU, Lacey had to withdraw from school medically. Ashleigh took an extra year and graduated in 2009 with her kinesiology and exercise science degree. After school, Lacey worked various part-time jobs, never holding a job for very long due to missing work because of her health condition.

The medical issues continued. In 2015, Lacey had her first open-

heart surgery, replacing a leaky and damaged aortic valve with a pig heart valve. A year later, she went on dialysis.

"I just treated it like another aspect of my life," she said. "The dialysis machine traveled with me. If I were staying at a hotel, I would have the supplies sent ahead of me there. I'd be fine if I kept doing what the doctors told me."

The sisters stayed close, even though they lived in different states. And, through Lacey's health scares, Ashleigh gave her strength and support. When Lacey ended up in the Intensive Care Unit in Huntington, West Virginia, Ashleigh drove from Lexington, Kentucky, to stay overnight with her near her hospital bed. Through her worsening health, the dialysis, and the surgeries, they both knew her kidneys would eventually shut down.

An Easy Decision

As Lacey's health declined, Ashleigh made the easy decision to be her kidney donor. "I have this one conversation I remember, standing up on the bridge at my grandparent's house during a weekend visit together, talking about options," Ashleigh recalls. "We researched organ transplants ourselves to know what was possible." At the time, it was a lightweight conversation that the women didn't know would become a reality.

"I was lucky to take any kidney donated because of my blood type," says Lacey. She had been on the transplant list but didn't stay on that list long with a friend like Ashleigh willing to

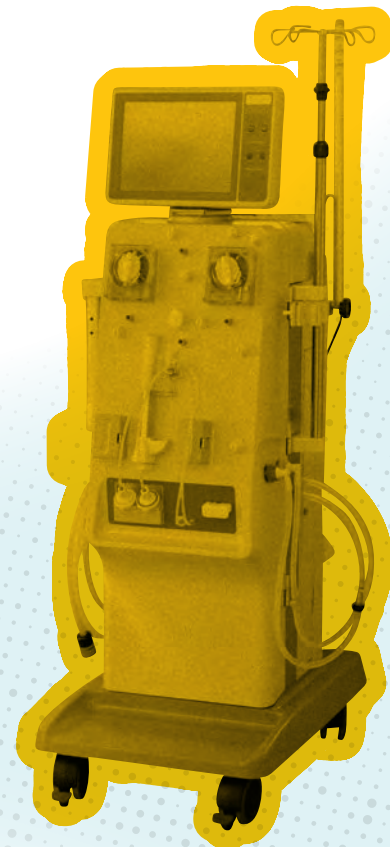
give part of herself to improve Lacey's quality of life.

In 2016, Lacey and Ashleigh went through a more than two-year process that eventually led to kidney transplant surgery. During that time, Lacey had an additional open-heart surgery to replace her pig aortic valve with a stronger bovine valve. Lacey moved to Lexington, Kentucky, for the procedure to be close to Ashleigh. Ashleigh was also dealing with concerns from family members about her putting her health at risk and the potential of leaving her son, then 11, without a mother. "It finally hit me, and I felt so guilty that it took me so long to commit to doing this for Lacey," Ashleigh shared. "I was thinking, what if I was Lacey? What if I was in her shoes and I needed this to live? How could I not do this for her?" She hoped that someone would do the same for her family if her child needed something similar. Ashleigh had a kidney and would donate it to her best friend.

When the surgery date was confirmed, Lacey and Ashleigh

"I just treated it like another aspect of my life. The dialysis machine traveled with me."

— Lacey Schollenberger,
Kappa Tau-Morehead State (KY)



“I try to share that my life hasn’t changed in any way by donating my kidney. But Lacey’s has…”

— Ashleigh Flanery,
Kappa Tau-Morehead State (KY).



Above: Above: Lacey and Ashleigh post-transplant.

At right: Lacey and Ashleigh at Lacey’s graduation from Morehead State University in December 2021.



made a sign that said, “Kidney Coming: 1-29-2019” and shared the news with family and friends.

A Healthy Future

Transplant surgery is never to be taken lightly, but the sisters did the preparation needed to make sure it was successful. And now, five years later, when Ashleigh sees how healthy Lacey looks, she can’t help but comment on how beautiful her friend now looks. The new, healthy Lacey still had goals she wanted to accomplish, like finishing her college degree at MSU. “When I started college in 2004, I was pursuing a communications degree,” Lacey shared. “In December 2019, when I reapplied, I had to start almost from scratch because the major changed.”

This time around, college was much easier. With the health barriers removed, Lacey saw her grades improve, and she was keeping 4.0s and excelling in classes. She walked on stage at Morehead State University’s Fall 2021 Commencement Ceremony and received a Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication.

Lacey was not alone at that moment,

even though she graduated more than a decade after her classmates from when she was first on campus.

Ashleigh was not only in the audience providing moral support for a moment Lacey was never sure would happen but was also a part of Lacey, providing her with this new future because of the kidney she donated to her friend. “We would have been able to graduate together if I had been healthy when I first started college,” Lacey said. “It is amazing to think that one of the first people I met on campus so many years ago, who became my best friend because of Delta Zeta, has allowed me to live a normal, healthy life now.”

“It was very emotional,” Ashleigh said. “A second chance of life is really what that meant to Lacey.”

Lacey and Ashleigh were close before the kidney transplant and are even closer now. They make it a point to mark their “kidney-versary” every year on January 29. They share their story so that others can benefit from knowing just how important organ donation is to improving the quality of life, and potentially saving a life, can be. “Two months after the transplant, Lacey and I walked a 5K race,” shared Ashleigh. “I try to share that my life hasn’t changed in any way by donating my kidney. But Lacey’s has changed. She would not have been able to do that race or anything since and might not be here with us today.”

Lacey and Ashleigh’s bond is as strong as ever, and these Delta Zeta sisters have many years ahead of them, enjoying a normal life experience together. ♡

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO give the gift of life even if you are not in the position to donate an organ! Many Delta Zeta chapters participate in campus drives to add to the Gift of Life Marrow Registry.

Since 2005, the Beta Delta Chapter at the University of South Carolina has held an annual donor recruitment drive named Sweet Caroline in honor of their late sister Caroline Terry to continue her legacy and help patients in need of a donor find a match. During this event, sorority members are stationed at tables across campus and encourage people to join the registry.

During 2020's Sweet Caroline drive, Meghan Berglund, Beta Delta-South Carolina, joined Gift of Life in honor of Caroline, and also because of her own family history of blood cancer.

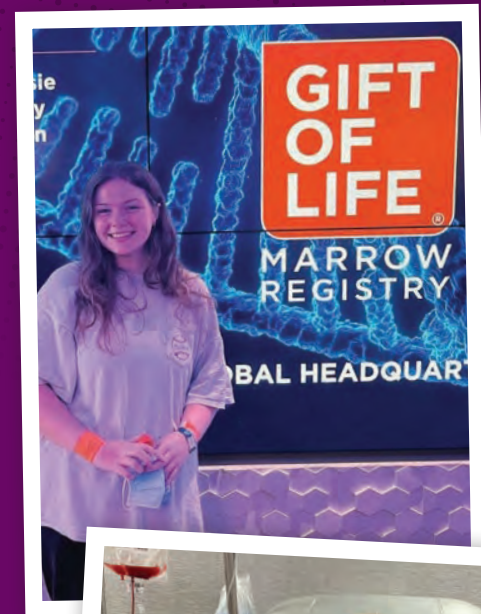
"Both of my grandfathers passed away from leukemia and my mother has neutropenia," said Meghan. "I was born with neutropenia, too, but as I got older, my white blood cells count went up, and I became healthy enough to join the registry. These blood diseases have directly impacted me and my family, and I wanted to sign up to help someone affected by these diseases."

Two years later, in August 2022, Meghan received a call from Gift of Life informing her that she had been identified as a match for

medical research, to help develop new cellular therapies. Gift of Life organized for Meghan to donate mononuclear cells (MNC) at the Adelson Collection Center in Boca Raton, Florida.

Meghan graduated in May 2023 and will now start her professional career working for Gift of Life as a campus representative in the Southeast Area; a position which will bring her full circle back to visiting campus communities to increasing the registry's reach and increase opportunities for future matches.

She will most likely meet sisters like Sophie Doszak, Beta Gamma-Louisville (KY), who was swabbed at her campus' registry drive in February 2022. She swabbed herself at Raise Red, the student run philanthropic organization at the University of Louisville that raises money for children with cancer and blood disorders. "What motivates me to help others is giving myself a sense of purpose and belonging within not only my community, but society as well," shared Sophie. "Going through this stem cell donation brought Delta Zeta's shared value of generosity to life right in front of me. Through the process, I learned to put my pain and fears beside myself while also being grateful for the gift of life I have that can potentially save someone else's. I highly encourage everyone to go swab themselves because you never know if you can change someone's life."



Top: Meghan Berglund, Beta Delta-South Carolina.

Above: Sophie Doszak, Beta Gamma-Louisville (KY).

GLOBAL AMBASSADOR



At left: Megan White, Epsilon Gamma-Central Missouri, Social Media Coordinator, and right Abbie Rees, Kappa Phi-North Carolina/Charlotte, Director of Philanthropy and Community Relations, volunteering at Camp Boggy Creek in August 2023.

Below: Delta Zetas at the American Society for Deaf Children's 2022 national conference.

These organizations love to invite sisters to join their operations to see the difference they are making in the world.

American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) holds conferences and American Sign Language (ASL) Weekends throughout the year. For members looking to learn more about the Deaf and hard of hearing community, ASDC has a lot to offer. Cheri Dowling, ASDC's Executive Director, explains that volunteering with ASDC looks different at every event. Volunteers may be helping with registration, assisting with the children's

program, introducing guest speakers, and many more interactive activities. Cheri explains that Delta Zeta volunteers always "arrive happy, friendly and ready to go" and work really well with the children. Her favorite memory was the 2022 ASDC conference where the volunteers had the opportunity to interact with the Deaf and heard of hearing children, creating some lifelong friendships. Whether a Delta Zeta is giving graciously at a conference or volunteering at an ASL Weekend, they can develop a deeper love for ASL and new understanding of the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

SeriousFun Children's Network is a global network whose mission is to provide a fun camp experience to children with serious illnesses. Delta Zeta members can volunteer at any of the nine SeriousFun camps located in the United States, including The Painted Turtle in California, as well as their international camps. This includes two English speaking camps in Ireland and the United Kingdom. Volunteers for SeriousFun

Keep the Flame Burning as a Volunteer

By Camryn Sievers, Delta Alpha-California State/Long Beach and Maddy Diana, Beta Lambda-Tennessee/Knoxville, Global Marketing and Philanthropy Interns

Belonging to Delta Zeta means being a part of a sisterhood greater than yourself. Delta Zeta members strive to be active in the community and volunteer with organizations that align with our shared values. Giving graciously can be seen as spending time with a local non-profit or volunteering along with your sisters for a philanthropic event. Delta Zetas are encouraged to follow their passions and participate community service that makes an impact in their communities, locally and globally. Unity in action as sisters furthers our impact when we volunteer to make a difference in the lives of others.

A great way to give back is to volunteer with one of Delta Zeta's national philanthropy partners. Working as a volunteer with our partners hands-on creates a deeper love for each of their missions.

are camp counselors interacting with the children, managing cabin time and jumping in on activities. When asked about the impact volunteers make for these campers, Kate O’Conner, Associate Director for Institutional Giving at SeriousFun said “As a volunteer, you have a key role in supporting and encouraging each child to take part in all aspects of camp, while making sure they’re safe and supervised at all times. And most importantly, you’ll help them have fun!” The opportunities are endless with the SeriousFun camps.

Starkey Hearing Foundation has been a partner of Delta Zeta since 2006. Since the pandemic, their focus has shifted towards the Starkey Hearing Institute, a program of Starkey Hearing Foundation, designed to train hearing health professionals through a 10-month curriculum in Zambia and the Philippines. Delta Zeta members have the opportunity to communicate with the scholars through letters and by participating in workshops to learn alongside the Institute students.

Sheeba Mwamba, Director of Student Affairs at the Starkey Hearing Institute in Lusaka, Zambia, says “My fondest memory of Delta Zeta’s impact is seeing the excitement in our students when they got some letters of encouragement from the members. Just knowing that someone took time to send a personal note of encouragement and cheering you on from oceans away is humbling.” Delta Zeta also offers an internship program with Starkey which allows our members to learn the ins and outs of an international nonprofit.

Volunteering is a powerful way to create positive change in the world. Acts of service not only support those in need, but also provide a sense of fulfillment and purpose for those who serve. Participating in community service for a local non-profit is just as important as volunteering with a national philanthropy partner. Living a life of giving and volunteering keeps the Delta Zeta lamp burning. 🔥

Delta Zeta volunteers always “arrive happy, friendly and ready to go.”

— Cheri Dowling, Executive Director, American Society for Deaf Children



GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in getting involved with one or more of our Delta Zeta national philanthropy partners, visit their websites below to check out upcoming opportunities or email globalambassador@deltazeta.org.

- **SeriousFun Children’s Network:** seriousfun.org/get-involved/volunteer-openings
- **American Society for Deaf Children:** www.deafchildren.org
- **Starkey Hearing Foundation:** www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org

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Left: Alumnae initiates at Delta Zeta's 2023 National Convention. From left, Marian Raleigh Rees, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate, Astrid Doernenburg Rowe, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate, Christy Phillips-Brown, Past National President, Jane Ballard Collison, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate, Abbie Rees Geiser, Kappa Phi-North Carolina/Wilmington, Director of Community Relations and Philanthropy and Angela Savall Flott, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate.

To Those Closer Ones

Extending Delta Zeta Friendship Through Alumnae Initiation

By Allison Lynch, Alpha Upsilon-Maine, Managing Editor

The vast majority of Delta Zetas come to join during their collegiate years. Which is to be expected given the nature of an organization with deep roots in the college experience. However, extending membership to those closer ones, whether they are family, friends or colleagues, has been an important part of the Delta Zeta experience. The special connection that we as sisters can give to another woman in our life builds the bonds of Delta Zeta beyond the four-year campus experience.

Emilee Danielson-Burke, Iota Theta-Mansfield (PA), was able to extend the invitation of Delta Zeta membership to two individuals she met through her previous position at Theta Xi Fraternity. After both working for, and volunteering with, the fraternity, Emilee met Amy Davis Collins, Director of Chapter Services for Theta Xi, and Sarah McDowell Shupp, Dean at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania and a longtime Theta Xi volunteer. Another Delta Zeta connection, Alyssa Roush, Kappa Mu-Shepherd (WV), had also volunteered with Theta Xi through the years and helped Emilee arrange for their two friends to join the Iota Theta Chapter at Mansfield University through alumnae initiation this past spring.

“Sarah’s undergrad didn’t have Fraternity/Sorority life, but in addition to volunteering with Theta Xi, she has been a chapter advisor

and is active with the Greek community in her current job. Alyssa and I asked Sarah if she would like to join Delta Zeta, and here she is,” shared Emilee. “Amy has been on the Theta Xi staff the entire time I was. After so many years dedicated to fraternity life, I thought she deserved an experience of her own and invited her to join Delta Zeta.”

Jean Gileno Lloyd, Delta-DePauw (IN), now shares her Delta Zeta sisterhood with her mother, Frances Bible Gileno, Pi Omicron-Indiana University/Purdue University (IN), Frances moved from Connecticut to Indiana to be closer to Jean and her family and, since settling there, has connected with Delta Zeta in Indianapolis. The Pi Omicron Chapter at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis has also been very active with alumnae initiations due to their close connection with the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter. While Jean’s connection was through family, Terrian Adams and Aquanita Brown both sought out relationships with Delta Zeta and were also initiated by the chapter in April 2023. Terrian is currently serving as the Member Accountability Advisor for the Pi Omicron Chapter while Aquanita is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisor.

At Delta Zeta’s National Convention and Everlasting




Left: Pi Omicron Alumnae Initiates Frances Bible Gileno, Terrian Adams and Aquanita Brown.


Sisterhood event, five more alumnae were added to our sisterhood! While it has been a tradition at every Convention to hold an Initiation, this year's ceremony launched a new alumnae initiation initiative for Delta Zeta. Christy Phillips-Brown, Past National President, announced in her State of the Sorority address a new focus to invite 1,902 mothers and friends to join Delta Zeta's newest chapter designations, Mu Iota for Mother Initiates and Phi Iota for Friend Initiates, in the next four years before our 125th anniversary in 2027. Five women were initiated in Orlando. All have special connections to Delta

Zeta. Astrid Doernenburg Rowe, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate, Mother-in-Law of Cathy Irvin Painter, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, National President, Jane Ballard Collison, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate, mother of Sarah McCracken, Alpha Alpha-Northwestern (IL), Chief Strategic Officer, Angela Savell Flott, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate, mother of Kayla Flott, Theta Eta-Creighton (NE), Director of Chapter Services, and Marian Raleigh Rees, Mu Iota-Mother Initiate and her

daughter, Abbie Rees Geiser, Kappa Phi-North Carolina/Wilmington, Director of Community Relations and Philanthropy.

Sharing our Delta Zeta experience with those closer ones is a true example of our Creed in action! 

For more information on how to extend membership to a woman through alumnae initiation, please reach out to aluminiation@deltazeta.org.



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WALK TRULY



Broadway Dreams Come True

Jennifer Wolfe, Iota Alpha-Texas State, graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance Education from Texas State University where she was a performer and officer on the world-renowned Texas State University Strutters Dance Team.

Following graduation, Jennifer began her career at Walt Disney World as a singer and dancer. She was immediately cast in the musicals “Tarzan Rocks!,” “High School Musical”, and “Dream Along With Mickey.” Shortly thereafter, Jennifer was chosen to take

her singing and dancing talent on the road traveling with Universal Studios to Singapore and Los Angeles.

Broadway was Jennifer’s true dream, and she moved to New York City in 2015. She is currently on the First National Tour of “Moulin Rouge the Musical” as an Ensemble Dancer, and she understudies the Principle role of Nini. Jennifer has also danced backup for recording artist’ Miley Cyrus, Fergie and Todrick Hall, as well as Disney Channel’s “The Imagination Movers.”



Planning the U.S. Semiquincentennial

Lynn Forney Young, Zeta Psi-Stephen F. Austin State (TX), 2014 Delta Zeta Woman of the Year, has been engaged in preserving and promoting American history for decades. She has been an active member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for more than 40 years, recently serving as the organization's first President General from Texas. Founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

"It's important for everyone to feel included, no matter how long their family has been here. All stories are unique," shares Lynn. Find out more about the U.S. Semiquincentennial at <https://america250.org>.

Lamplighter Gala

The Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter was very excited to host an in-person Lamplighter Gala, on Saturday, April 22, which benefitted the Northwest School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children (NWSDDH) in Shoreline, WA, just north of Seattle. Besides the buffet luncheon, there was a silent auction, door prizes and a program with a guest speaker from NWSDDH who shared the variety of hearing equipment that is used daily by students and teachers to enhance the students' educational experiences. They raised \$5,250 with the Lamplighter Gala to support NWSDDH.

Left to right: Lamplighter Gala Committee members Sue Fergusson, Sara Fergusson Kuffel, Kappa-Washington holding daughter Brooklyn, Ellyn Hartung Sewell, Kappa-Washington, Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter President, Diana Fergusson, Kappa-Washington and Stephanie Caruso, Rho-Colorado.



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Celebrating Chapter Awards

Omicron-Pittsburgh (PA) was honored as a Five Star Chapter during the campus Greek Awards.

Theta Psi Chapter at Ashland University was named Outstanding Sorority of the Year for the seventh year in a row. Individual members also received the Excellence in Chapter Operations and Risk Management Award, Greek Unity Award, Community Service and Philanthropy Award, and Academics and Scholarship Award. Graduating senior member Marissa Simmons was also named Sorority Woman of the Year.

The Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of Louisville received multiple awards this spring from their campus. They had the Outstanding Philanthropy Event, Innovative Harm Reduction and Accountability and Commitment to Academic Excellence.



Pi Upsilon from Long Island University Post had the highest cumulative GPA on campus this past spring.

Isabella Liguori, outgoing Delta Tau Chapter, Temple University Chapter President was named Sorority Woman of the Year.

Xi Iota-Mulhenberg (PA) were Greek Week champions for the third year in a row and had the highest GPA on campus. The Greek Member of the Year Award was given to Emily Kolodney, the outgoing Chapter President.

Iota Delta- Penn West/ Edinboro (PA) was named Greek Organization of the Year and outgoing Chapter President Becca Haight was named Greek Woman of the Year.

Amelie Lemoine, Sigma-Louisiana State, was named Panhellenic New Member of the Year for Louisiana State University.

Zeta Phi Chapter at Slippery Rock University was the Greek Week winner for the fourth year in a row.

Xi Tau at Millersville University received the campus's Chapter Leadership Award in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Epsilon Chapter at Indiana University received the 2023 Chapter of Excellence Award from their Panhellenic community. The chapter demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence, surpassing the "excellent" standards in several crucial areas, including academic excellence, diversity and inclusion, health and safety, personal leadership and organizational development, ritual and values, service and philanthropy, standards and accountability, as well as alumnae engagement.



Kennedy Trypus, Rho Alpha-Murrury State (KY), was named Greek Woman of the Year.

Iota Theta-Mansfield (PA) was named Chapter of the Year on their campus.



Honoring a Woman of Distinction

Mary Jo Hall West, Alpha Sigma-Florida State, a Delta Zeta Woman of Distinction, was honored at an April 30 Phoenix, Arizona Panhellenic event. Mary Jo has been called the First Lady of TV News in Phoenix. In 1976, she became the city's first primetime anchorwoman. In her career, she has won the industry's top awards including two Emmys, the prestigious Peabody Award and 13 Arizona Press Club Awards.

Mary Jo was the first newswoman inducted into the Arizona Broadcasters Hall of Fame. She recently was also inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. The City of Phoenix awarded her with the MLK Living the Dream Award for her work in fighting against discrimination for the mentally ill.

Music was a huge part of Mary Jo's life growing up. She learned the importance of discipline and hard work, and received a voice scholarship to college, appearing in many musicals, as well as a professional summer stock job in Atlanta. She was Maria in Phoenix Theatre's "Sound of Music" at a time when the theatre was going bankrupt, and they were able to save it! The show broke all box office records and years later, Phoenix Theatre honored Mary Jo for "saving the theatre" as it recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

When Mary Jo was the first woman anchor on channel 10 CBS in the 70's, she got angry letters from women who thought she should stay home and cook dinner for her husband instead of reporting the news. She responded to all those angry phone calls and letters and told the women that she didn't cook but she could sing. Music earned her a scholarship to Florida State University where she joined Delta Zeta.

Mary Jo was a keynote speaker at the 1985 Delta Zeta National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. She delivered her speech right before going on the air to deliver the evening news of the day.

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Alumnae Achievements to Celebrate

Sheila Johnson Burkett, Iota Xi-Missouri/St. Louis, CEO and Founder of Spry Digital, is a 2023 St. Louis Titan 100. The Titan 100 program recognizes St. Louis's Top 100 CEOs and C-level executives. They are the area's most accomplished business leaders in their industries, based on criteria that includes demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision and passion.

Tamara (Tammie) Bruton Clark, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, was named the Alabama Art Educator of the Year in November 2022. She is a teacher at Frances Nungester Elementary and Oak Park Elementary Schools in Decatur, Alabama.

Janet Phan, Kappa-Washington, was named one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of Washington State for 2023. Janet is the Founder and Executive Director of Thriving Elements, a nonprofit organization with a mission to create access and opportunities for underserved, underrepresented girls in STEM to bridge the gender disparity in STEM fields.

Brooke Knudson Cox, Delta-DePauw (IN), was integral in the three year, 430 million renovation of the Roy O. West Library on the DePauw University campus. Brooke succeeded the former Director of Libraries in 2022 and saw the project through completion. "Every student has a reason to visit the library. It's where they go to have a meeting, do their work or just hang out. It's the one building on campus best suited to be both a social and an academic space, but the nature of how students work has changed," says Brooke.

Debra (Debbie) Kurth, Epsilon Omega-Wisconsin/Eau Claire, received the Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award from the University of Wisconsin/Eau Claire. She is a civic leader in several organizations in Rancho Bernardo, a northern community in San Diego, California, where she lives, and has been inducted into the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame.



Top: Sheila Johnson Burkett,
Iota Xi-Missouri/St. Louis.

Middle: Tamara (Tammie) Bruton
Clark, Alpha Gamma-Alabama.

Bottom: Debra (Debbie) Kurth,
Epsilon Omega-Wisconsin/
Eau Claire.

Senior Farewells



Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Alabama had an exciting and eventful semester which they topped off honoring their graduating seniors. For their last date party, the chapter had a semi-formal followed by an amazing sisterhood rave the next day. Sisters doubled down on their academics for dead week and finals week and sent their graduating members off in style!



Lambda Kappa-Alabama/Huntsville held Senior Night where sisters gathered together for the graduating seniors and had a game night and dinner together! It was a great last gathering before they graduated and left this chapter. The chapter is sad to see them leave, but so excited to see what they do in the next chapter of their lives!



The Iota Alpha Chapter at Texas State University held a brunch for the outgoing seniors on Sunday, April 30. Victoria Womack Styles, Iota Alpha-Texas State, was the special guest speaker providing a keynote titled Women Excelling in Business which gave excellent advice to the graduates. The Delta Zeta china was used, and the seniors wore "summer cocktail" attire while the chapter transformed the chapter room into a beautiful place to dine. A new tradition has been started, and the Iota Alpha Chapter is forever grateful for their ongoing support and generosity of the alumnae.

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Chapter Anniversary Celebrations

On April 1-2, the Kappa Mu Chapter at Shepherd University celebrated their 50th anniversary. They kicked off the weekend with a wine night for alumnae and active sisters over the age of 21 to meet and greet alumnae. On Saturday, the chapter hosted an Alumnae Brunch in the War Memorial Building in downtown Shepherdstown, West Virginia with Kappa Mu founding sisters in attendance. Isabel Mammano, the Alumnae Relations Chairman for the chapter, put these events together, and they were a huge success.



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The Pi Beta Chapter at the University of Hartford celebrated their 20th anniversary in April. Alumnae from the chapter joined collegians for a formal event held at High Point Gardens in Wolcott, Connecticut. More than 20 of the chapter's founding members were in attendance to recognize this milestone.



STEADFAST LOVE

Leaving a Delta Zeta Legacy

By Mary Gunderson, Beta Kappa-Iowa State

On May 4, the Theta Kappa Chapter at the University of New Orleans held a 60th anniversary event honoring their members and many alumnae with a dinner. They recognized all the sisters that have found a place to call home and chapter achievements throughout the years on campus.




Sandy Horton, Beta Kappa-Iowa State, awed generations of Delta Zetas at Iowa State University. After her graduation in 1962, Sandy was a leader in chapter and alumnae efforts. Hers was a warm, unwavering style, never arrogant, though certainly tenacious.

“Sandy led by example,” says Teri Daily Legg, Beta Kappa-Iowa State. “She always modeled the ideals of our sisterhood. She loved the rituals.”

Beyond Delta Zeta, Sandy and her husband Dick, a Delta Chi, raised their two children, Jay and Lisa Horton Snyder, Epsilon Nu-Missouri State. They were named Mr. and Mrs. Iowa State in 2003 among other ISU honors. Sandy started and operated a successful business with Dick, was president of her Rotary chapter, volunteered for her church and other organizations and was a proud, active grandmother to four grandchildren.

“My mom was tender hearted, but stoic,” Lisa says. “She thrived on leading Delta Zeta at ISU, and she never missed a recruitment.”

In 2021, I sat with alums at the chapter’s 90th Anniversary celebration. Sandy presided, as always, bringing us together. Afterwards, we marveled at all she did to keep the Beta Kappa Chapter vibrant. To show appreciation, Lindy Harmon Good, Karla Luksetich Rupiper, Teri Daily Legg, Madi Forseth and I created the Sandy Horton Delta Zeta Scholarship with the Iowa State University Foundation. ISU Foundation board member Jill Wagner, Beta Kappa-Iowa State, coordinated the launching of Sandy’s scholarship during the first ISU Forever True campaign.

During the 2022 one-day fundraising blitz, just under \$50,000 was donated to support the first year’s scholarship. A small additional gift from the Beta Kappa alumnae chapter association topped it off.

Even as Sandy was having health issues, she remained involved. We were thrilled when Sandy presented in person the first award in her name at Founders’ Day 2022 to Kimberly Teel, Beta Kappa-Iowa State.

Sandy died shortly after on November 17, 2022. She was hailed as a dedicated Iowa Stater, honored by the University President, the Foundation President and many others. Memorial gifts to her scholarship soon will reach the level to offer two collegian scholarships annually. Delta Zeta is the first sorority or fraternity at Iowa State to have a single scholarship of this size.

Thank you Sandy! You have truly impacted lives with how you lived your own. 💖

At right: Sandy Heart Horton with Kimberly Teel, both Beta Kappa-Iowa State.



HOME



Submitted by the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Florida State University

749 WEST JEFFERSON STREET HAS BEEN HOME TO many truly amazing Alpha Sigma Chapter memories and women. Joining the National Housing Corporation (NHC) in 1991, the current Florida State University house has undergone many updates throughout the years to keep up with the changing needs of our Alpha Sigma Chapter members.

In addition to the NHC's continuing efforts over the years to provide members with safe, comfortable and attractive housing, the Alpha Sigma property is once again seeing some major improvements to the house to meet the needs of its current and future residents including:

- New front door and entranceway
- New roof, gutters, downspouts and dormers
- New exterior windows throughout the house
- New white paint for the house exterior, with all new shutters installed
- New patio outside of the dining room for sisterhood activities and studies year-round
- Complete remodeling of 2nd and 3rd floor bathrooms including high-end finishes
- Updated landscaping and improved drainage to keep up with Florida weather challenges

"The sisters of the Alpha Sigma Chapter have expressed a great deal of excitement over the updates. The construction will modernize and update areas of the house that have needed improvement," said Annabelle Riha, Alpha Sigma House Manager. Additionally, the renovations will improve safety and efficiency.



Top: Architects renderings of the Alpha Sigma Chapter house improvements.

Above: Work in progress on the Alpha Sigma Chapter House entry.

At right: Alpha Sigma Chapter house updates provide a beautiful and comfortable space for sisters.



Above: Interior house renovations in the summer 2023.

“The chapter house is a central part of the members’ experience at Florida State University — it is HOME.”

— Michelle Albrecht Smith,
Alpha Chi-California/Los Angeles,
National Housing Corporation President

An added locked security gate will surround the new patio to ensure safety and prohibit a secondary entrance to the house.

“The chapter house is a central part of the members’ experience at Florida State University — it is HOME,” said Michelle Albrecht Smith, Alpha Chi-California/Los Angeles, National Housing Corporation President. “The collegiate women spend a great deal of time at the house during their college years, and the alumnae come back to visit. We are excited about the upgrades and changes to this beautiful house and hope the members enjoy making new memories in their renovated home.”

“For both potential and current members, upgrades to the home also can make a difference when members are deciding about where to live every year, including those eager members already looking forward to 2024,” Annabelle noted.

With new changes also come new opportunities. “Prior to the renovations, we have had limited large meeting spaces that have needed to be closed off in order to use for in-house functions posing many challenges. With the new addition of the outdoor patio space, chapter leaders may now be able to learn how to manage and facilitate the organization of more and different types of large events like philanthropy functions, alumnae reunions, parents weekend, open houses, etc. in our own space,” said Maddy Lester, Alpha Sigma Chapter President.

Jennifer Kiser Lloyd, Alpha Sigma-Florida State, College Chapter Director, shared that alumnae are always dropping in for a visit during the fall home football weekends. “It is wonderful addition to have the option of a separate, outside hospitality area to entertain our alumnae and guests without disrupting our residents,” she said. The renovations could not have come at a better time as the chapter will celebrate its centennial in May 2024! 🔥

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Empowered Professionals:

Meet Delta Zeta's 2023
35 Under 35 Honorees

Empowerment in a professional field can come in multiple ways. This year's 35 Under 35 honorees shared how they have been empowered by their Delta Zeta membership, and in turn, how they pass it on to others in their professional circle. These outstanding young alumnae have, before the age of 35, achieved success by making a significant impact in their industry.

Want to learn more about this truly amazing group of women? You can find more in-depth bios on our website at www.deltazeta.org/alumnae/35under35. Nomination information for the 2024 35 Under 35 program will be due in the spring of 2024.

“Delta Zeta helped shape me into the nurse I am today because it taught me the importance of empowering not only myself but others. I love to teach and educate those who are newer to the profession and be a positive influence to future nurses.”



▲ **Stephanie Brackbill, RN, Zeta Phi-Slippery Rock (PA), Palliative Care Nurse Navigator, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**



“During my four years as a collegiate Delta Zeta member, I felt surrounded by powerful and inspiring members and alumnae. The community of powerful women Delta Zeta has created to help one another across the country has always made me feel supported. By connecting with individuals and hearing their experiences, I have learned so much that I have taken with me in my career. At Our Place, it is our mission to empower families with information that they might not otherwise know about. Weekly, Our Place releases content that helps empower families to know that there are options for help and a community of people here to listen and support. I never want individuals to feel alone. I want them to feel empowered.”

▲ **Megan Emery Cortjens, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, Executive Director, Our Place**

“Delta Zeta has showed me even we might think our tanks are empty on the emotional or professional forefronts, we can always count on the reserve.”



▲ **Kelsey Brown, Lambda Kappa-Alabama/Huntsville, Electrical Engineer, U.S. Army PM Uncrewed Aircraft Systems, Business Owner, Locked in 4x4 and Customs**

“At my school, I make a point to check in with younger teachers about their stress levels and, offer advice when they need it. We teachers put a lot of pressure on ourselves to be perfect and when we fall short, we feel like we are failing everyone. Having someone say ‘you’re doing a great job’ or ‘It will get better. We’ve all been where you are’ goes such a long way in reducing the feeling of being alone.”

► **Ashlee Crabill, Theta-Ohio State, Elementary teacher, Pickering, Ohio**



“Delta Zeta played a role in helping me secure my first internship. Early in my college career, I applied for an internship with a local radio station where the hiring manager was also a Delta Zeta. I was certainly qualified for the position, but I think our shared connection helped me stand out among other candidates.”

▲ **Mary Davies, Omicron Gamma-Ohio, TV News Producer, NBC**

“Delta Zeta allowed me to build my confidence as a young professional. My sisters challenged me to do things that were out of my comfort zone while providing a safe space to be vulnerable and gain friendships for life. I loved how my college chapter was filled with members from different backgrounds with different interests. I was able to learn from each and every sister to become a more well-rounded person and a better leader. I appreciate the experience Delta Zeta has given me to feel strong, confident and prepared for anything.”

► **Kendra Cope Bergman, Delta Beta-Tampa (FL), Founder and Executive Director, Coastal Connections, Inc.**



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“The deciding factor for me joining Delta Zeta was the focus on philanthropy. I quickly volunteered to serve at the Painted Turtle Camp for two weeks and I gained an even better appreciation for what they do and the people they serve. With my current company, I serve as one of the service point of contacts for volunteer events throughout the year. I'm able to encourage others to step up, work together and make a bigger impact on the community.”

► **Katelyn Grant, MPA, Iota Psi-Texas/Arlington, Senior Budget Analyst, Guidehouse**



“I hope I empower others by showing how to love graciously and showing love. My job can be difficult but I also stand firm for my students. I help them to have their needs met and reach their highest potential.”

▲ **Allison Davis Justice, Lambda Gamma-Jacksonville State (AL), Special Education Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, Fort Payne City Schools**



“Delta Zeta introduced me to my “community” at Ohio Northern as well as my desire to pursue leadership roles at the collegiate and professional level. My involvement in Delta Zeta, particularly as President, gave me the confidence to pursue other leadership roles and grow outside of my comfort zone with the support of my sisters.”

◀ **Alison Huet Haas, Zeta Kappa-Ohio Northern, President/Owner, Jackson Pharmacy & Wellness Center, Director, Value Based Contracting, CPESN USA**



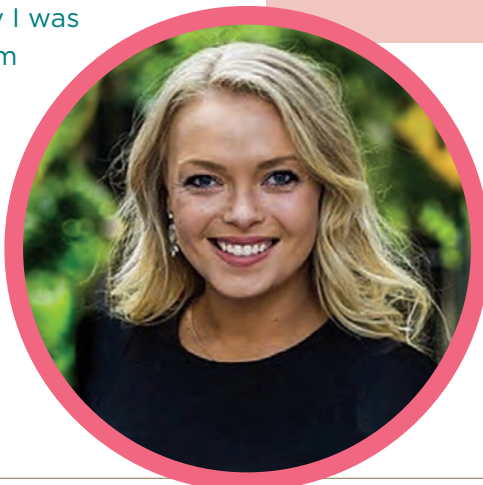


“Delta Zeta has empowered me professionally by teaching me patience, determination and professionalism through my leadership roles when in chapter. It has also taught me physical skills like event planning, organization, public speaking and self-reliance. The biggest way that Delta Zeta has helped me is by empowering me to reach for my dreams, even if I did not feel like I qualified.”

▲ **Kaley Doster Hollingsworth, Lambda Kappa-Alabama/Huntsville, High School Career Coach, Blount County Board of Education**

“Delta Zeta empowered me professionally by teaching me the importance of a network. I have surrounded myself with other like-minded, driven and successful women. The women I met in college through Delta Zeta are still a close-knit group that, to this day, continue to empower, motivate and support one another. This has allowed me to easily translate this into my career field by ensuring I am empowering, ensuing confidence and supporting others the way I was supported from day one with Delta Zeta.”

▶ **Shelby Schneid Hundley, Xi Beta-Eastern Kentucky, Vice President of Strategic Talent Management, Middleground Capital**



“Delta Zeta has empowered me professionally by providing a base of leadership knowledge as an undergraduate student. Without serving as Treasurer, Vice President or President, I would not have realized that working with and advocating for college students was the career field I was meant to be in. This helps me empower the students I work with in and out of Delta Zeta to go for leadership development positions and beyond.”

▶ **Laura Kuhns, M.Ed., Xi Tau-Millersville (PA), Assistant Director for Student, Engagement (Leadership Development), Loyola University Maryland**



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“Delta Zeta gave me confidence and courage I did not have when I was younger. I’ve had the opportunity to be a leader and truly see what I am capable of accomplishing with teamwork. I did not originally apply for the Vice President of Administration on Executive Board, but this position truly unlocked new potential in me I never saw. I was told I was picked for this position due to me being the heart of the chapter and I have taken that into account with everything I do. I want to be the heart of every job I have and fully be immersed in what I do. Delta Zeta showed me that everyone has potential that they may just need a little help seeing and unlocking.”

▲ **Stephanie Melia, Pi Beta-Hartford (CT), Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions, Sacred Heart University**



“So I was homeschooled and joining Delta Zeta was the best decision I made in college. It helped me grow as a leader and built my confidence. It helped give me skills I use today in my GIS career. I now try to help young women and students pursue their careers by helping them network and build their confidence like what was done for me.”

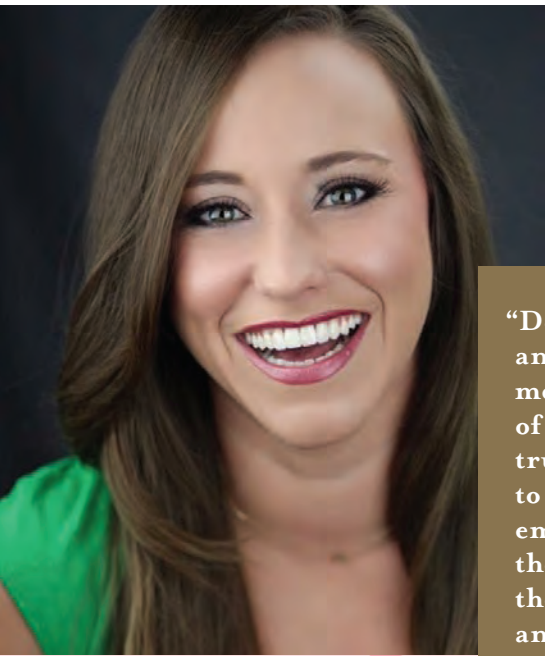
▼ **Randee Jeske Miller, Lambda Gamma-Jacksonville State (AL), Solution Engineer, GEO Jobe GIS Consulting**



“Delta Zeta has empowered me to advocate for those who need a voice. I use that to help empower my clients to find their voice and be able to use their communication skills.”

◀ **Madison Lynch, MS CF-SLP, Beta Delta-South Carolina, Speech Language Pathology Clinical Fellow, Carolina Therapeutics**





“Delta Zeta empowered me exponentially. I was painfully shy, and because of the sense of belonging that Delta Zeta provided me, I was able to obtain the confidence I didn't know was inside of me. In the entertainment industry, without confidence, you truly have nothing. Along my path, I have had the opportunity to mentor performers and future management positions. I empower them by being as generous as I can. I want to give them a sense of community that I needed as a rookie. I am there for them day and night and try to spark their curiosity and love for the industry.”

▲ **Melissa Gallagher Nolan, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, Creative Development Manager, Feld Entertainment**



“Delta Zeta empowered me as an educator by giving me opportunities to lead and serve others. As an educator, I've continued a path of influence and service. I continue to seek out professional learning opportunities to share with others for the benefit of student learning.”

▲ **Kelsey Croyle Manley, Ed.S, Lambda Pi-Gorgia College & State, English Language Arts Teacher, Hoover City School**



“Around the time when I decided to step away from teaching young children and transition into my Master's program in 2019, Delta Zeta was able to support me by granting me a scholarship. This support was so meaningful to me as it allowed me to purchase things I really needed for classes like books and other necessities.

“I try my best to empower others in my career field by leading through example. Teaching is a notably difficult career—I do my best to speak the truth to my current students. I share with them the reality of the career they are stepping into, but also the importance of their job and how meaningful they are and will become to their future students.”

▲ **Amanda Mirabella, Ph.D. (ABD), Alpha Sigma-Florida State, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, University of South Florida**

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“Delta Zeta has empowered me to find the balance of living for myself and living for others. So often we are told to pick one, but that's not the case. I became my greatest self because my sisters empowered me to be me, chase my individual dreams and curate my own path that was right for me. Simultaneously, they had my back, encouraged me when I was down and stood up for me when I faced discouragement along the way. They are still doing this till this day; every day. Becoming successful takes a lot of vulnerability and so much judgement comes along the way. They never sugarcoated that strife and naysayers were inevitable. They just reminded me that I had a family of sisters backing me and that with my own discipline and determination, I could achieve anything.”

◀ **Brittany Rae Salopek Pacsi, Alpha-Miami (OH), Owner and Founder, Liqilinks**

“Delta Zeta empowered me to do the professional work I do today. If the 2018 Iota Chapter President, Jess Westendorf, did not encourage me to apply to Panhellenic, I cannot say I would be in this career path today.

I empower others in my field by giving them autonomy, actively listen to their thoughts, and provide them with a safe space. I do this with my students, colleagues, and friends.”

▶ **Sydney Papadopoulos, M.A., Iota-Iowa, Assistant Director for the Student Involvement Center, Saint Louis University**



“While being a Delta Zeta at Northwood University, I held many positions including being Chapter President for two terms. I still help my chapter, to this day, as an unofficial advisor. I attended many educational academies and conventions. This has empowered me in many ways. It taught me how to lead at a young age and showed my employer that I can take on responsibilities. Delta Zeta taught me the importance of always being professional and presentable. It empowered me to be the best version of myself and always stay true to myself.”

▲ **Autumn Schwalbe, Xi Eta-Northwood (MI),
Ford Performance Parts Specialist, Ford Motor Company**



“First and foremost, I learned how to be an ambassador of my own personal brand, which has brought me early career success that many young professionals do not have until decades into their careers. In addition, the ability to: adapt and execute under stressful circumstances, speak up when needed, lead

by example, and be accountable to someone other than myself have set me apart from others without the same collegiate experience that is not possible inside the classroom.”

▲ **Abigail Sparrow, MPH, Delta Delta-
Georgia State, Informaticist,
Duke Clinical Research Institute**

“From my time as a Chapter President and Vice President of Programs, just the time management, organization, every single skill learned is used daily. I’m so extremely thankful for my time in Delta Zeta and still as a alumnae advisor, I love my time with the members. I know how important it is to have someone believe in you, and I try to do that for other young agents in my field starting out.”

▼ **Jessica States-Thiele,
Beta Tau-Nebraska Wesleyan
(NE), Realtor, Keller Williams
Lincoln**



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“Delta Zeta has given me the sisterhood I have needed along the way. I moved multiple times for work and every time I moved, I looked up the local Delta Zeta chapter. The community of women that we have all over the nation is empowering on many levels. For one, you know that you are NEVER alone. I believe I take what I have learned from sisterhood, the great and not so great times and grow from it. I believe I am empowering people by letting people know that I am here for them and showing people grace like my fellow sisters have done for each other.”

▲ **Jennifer A. Vandercook, Alpha Gamma-Alabama, Architecture Team, Earl Swensson Associates**



“Delta Zeta has empowered me professionally to continue to be involved with Delta Zeta. After I graduated, I missed that social interaction with sisters. I became the State Alumnae Chair for New Jersey and continue to reach out to sisters in my area. Through reaching out, I have found people who have a shared interest or career also in the mental health/non-profit field.”

▲ **Bailey Taft, Pi Upsilon-Long Island Post (NY), Program Director, Shore House**



“Delta Zeta empowered me to work on so many different skills that I now use in my professional career.

My experience as Ritual Chair empowered me to create my own traditions now as a dance educator—my team has chants and pre-show rituals that we hold near to our hearts. My experience as Assistant Vice President of New Member Education empowered me to create lessons that are engaging and fun for my students. My experience as a Standards Board representative empowered me to set high expectations for my dancers and taught me how to follow through if those expectations aren't met. My experience as Philanthropy Chairman empowered me to come up with community service and fundraising ideas for my dance program and school alike. I wear many different hats as a dance educator and I firmly believe that Delta Zeta laid the foundation for me to work on those skills that have allowed me to be so successful.”

▲ **Kayln Ledford Vaughn, Iota Alpha-Texas State, Dance Educator & Director, Leander ISD**



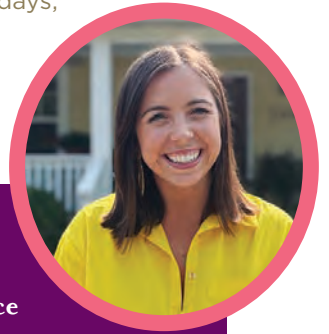
“Delta Zeta taught me the value of plugging into a community. At the time, community meant my university campus, my chapter and Greek life more generally. Now, as a public health researcher, my professional community spans the world. Because of this, plugging in looks a bit different but our virtual world allows me to mentor and teach graduate students and other young professionals near and far. I am also able to make my research findings available to others quickly, which empowers them to use the results or build upon them in a timely fashion.”

▲ **Hattie Webb, PhD., Zeta Zeta-West Texas A&M, Health Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

“Delta Zeta gave me the confidence to believe in myself and continue to work hard to achieve my goals. I learned how invaluable friendship is in my life both personally and professionally.

“When I work with female medical students, college students who want to go to medical school and residents I always try to give them the same advice that was given to me, to pick a field of medicine based on what you love. Medicine often requires long hours and mentally difficult days, and if you don't love what you do they will be all the harder.”

▲ **Kristen Banco Williams, MD, FACS, Beta Gamma-Louisville (KY), General Surgeon, Baptist Health Paducah**



“The opportunities Delta Zeta provided gave me what I have today! I was able to serve as our Vice President of New Member Education which gave me such a love for helping young women which I now do in my current role! Delta Zeta believed in me when I did not in college and made me see what I was capable of at a young age. I want to always help the next woman whether it's my interns, friends of friends, whoever. Finding the right career is hard and not a linear path always, so I always want to be a resource to those who need advice or assistance, especially in the nonprofit space.”

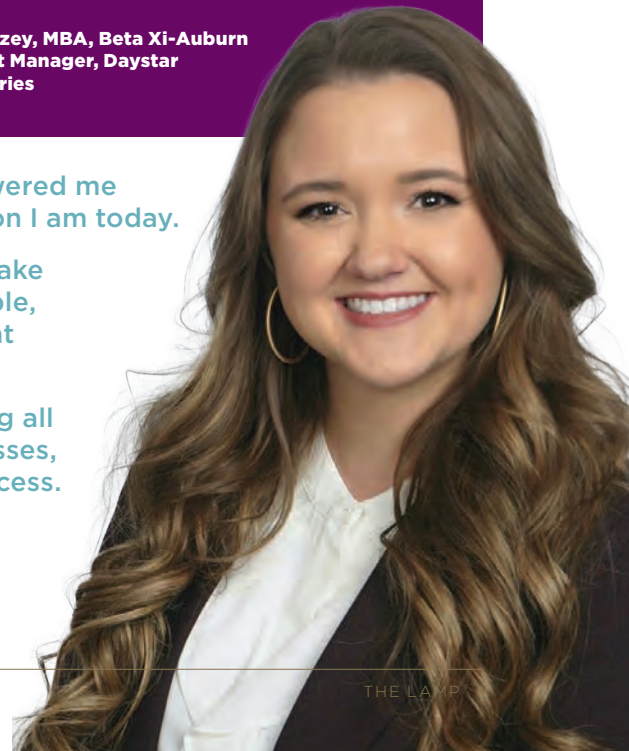
▲ **Mary Spencer Veazey, MBA, Beta Xi-Auburn (AL), Engagement Manager, Daystar Counseling Ministries**

“I tell someone weekly how much Delta Zeta has empowered me professionally, personally and shaped me into the person I am today.

“Delta Zeta got me out of my shell, taught me how to make friendships and network with all different types of people, how to interview and talk to people through recruitment and be a leader by serving in multiple positions.

“I try to empower others in my field every day by helping all agents throughout my office, teaching social media classes, and reminding everyone that each person can have success. There is room for all of us to win!”

► **Karli Rist Pritchard, Beta Lambda-Tennessee, Realtor, Realty Executives Associates**



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“Delta Zeta has empowered me professionally by giving me the encouragement to grow and confidence to be a leader in my community. In my career field, I feel empowered to give back through mentorship of current law students, pushing for broader representation in law and public policy and encouraging more Black women to become leaders in their communities.”

◀ **Melissa Wasser, Kappa Chi-Youngstown State (OH), Policy Counsel, ACLU of the District of Columbia**



“The opportunities I was given through Delta Zeta created the leader I am today. I am not afraid to share an idea in a room full of others because I was encouraged to do so as a member and as part of an executive board. I learned valuable lessons about other people, personalities, collaboration, working towards a common goal, doing what is right, etc. I use all of those skills in handling cases with opposing counsels and judges. I use those same skills when working with soldiers or solving a legal issue for my command.”

▲ **Kristine Jones, Esq., Lambda Kappa-Alabama/Huntsville, Founder and Owner, The KJ Law Firm, LLC**



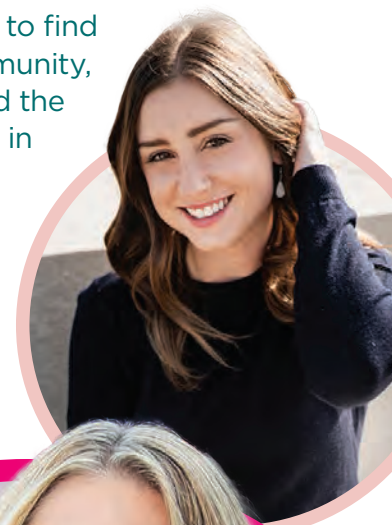
“I have learned that law enforcement is a predominately male dominated profession. With the help of Delta Zeta, I have gained the confidence and courage to excel in this field. I feel curious and challenged in my career field, wanting to explore and learn more, but also wanting to be a leader for women. I take on any challenges given to me, along with making myself available to newer associates. Becoming professionally personable in the government setting has allowed me to network and expand my resources throughout the city, state and country. I try to empower others

by leading by example, being honest, respectable and genuine to everyone around me.”

▲ **Avana A. Subarich, M.S., Gamma Omicron-San Diego State (CA), Civil Investigator, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General**

“Delta Zeta empowered me to live and learn within a community of women. It was the first time I was surrounded by sisterhood outside of my family, and it’s something I still embrace today. I empower the women in our program to find their own community, keeping in mind the power we have in numbers.”

► **Amy Herbst Schultz, Gamma Alpha-Baldwin Wallace (OH), Co-Founder, Bolder Money**



“Delta Zeta laid the foundation for my network of professional connections not only at LSU, but in my career at Walt Disney World. Delta Zeta gave me leadership opportunities to serve in roles on the executive board, including as our chapter's Public Relations Chairman. As social media was becoming more and more prevalent during my college years, I created a Facebook page for our chapter and started capturing social media content at our events. This gave me valuable experience and an opportunity to add to my resume early on in my career.

“Delta Zeta has been a connection point as I meet sisters who are also Cast Members. I’ve connected with many ‘Disney DZs’ through my work with the Disney College Program. After meeting a group of DZ sisters this past year from many universities at one of my Disney Programs Learning Sessions, I continue to stay in touch with them, hoping I can inspire them in their own Disney careers.” 🔥

► **Ali Manion, Sigma-Louisiana State, 2022-2023 Walt Disney World Ambassador, The Walt Disney Company**



FLAME ETERNAL

Donna Edwards Happ

PAST FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

Delta Zeta learned of the passing of Past Foundation Trustee, Donna Edwards Happ, Delta Alpha Chapter, California State University/Long Beach.

Donna was born in Goodland, Kansas. After her graduation from college, she worked in the secretarial field for several large companies. After moving to San Diego, she began volunteering with Delta Zeta as a College Chapter Director for the Gamma Omicron Chapter at San Diego State University. Donna again volunteered her time and talent with Delta Zeta by founding and serving as the President of the North San Diego Alumnae Chapter. Later, she also served as the Vice President of the chapter. Following this role, she continued her volunteer work with Delta Zeta by serving as the Delta Zeta Foundation Secretary from 1987-1989.

Donna's outstanding service and dedication as a volunteer did not go unnoticed. In 1993, she was awarded Delta Zeta's Achoth Award, given to specially selected alumnae who have demonstrated, by long and faithful service, their continued loyalty to Delta Zeta, particularly in their local communities. Closer to home, she especially enjoyed her participation in Lamplighters, a Delta Zeta southern California group, and she served as a co-chair of Flame Fantasy.

Donna was a dedicated, hard worker, evidenced by her involvement with many organizations. She was involved in the PTA and Little League. She loved her family and family times. She was a big sports fan, especially the Dodgers, and she liked playing word games. Her faith was strong and an important part of her life. She especially enjoyed her work as a member of the altar guild at Saint Thomas where she also volunteered with the thrift store and was involved in many other ways.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Bill, and step-children, William and Carolyn. She is survived by her son, Scott, daughter-in-law, Teri, eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a half sister and brother.

ALPHA

Beverly Chase Stahl, 1945

GAMMA

Mary Lou Ecklund Yakymi, 1947

EPSILON

Catherine Wedge Lynch, 1949

Sharon Newkirk Cataldi, 1953

Nancy Poteet Arbuckle, 1955

Emeli Irwin Bowers, 1998

THETA

Lois Holdren Mauer, 1949

KAPPA

Donna Fulton Rychetnik, 1950

Myrna Miller Hackney, 1953

OMICRON

Irene Juber Stone, 1961

SIGMA

Sara Rosier Bush, 1951

Janet Andras Stevens, 1952

Allie Nicole Rice, 2020

TAU

Bonnie Henden Brucks, 1948

Janet Riemersma Buchan, 1953

CHI

Rae Elaine Bowman Broten, 1938

Elizabeth Bartlett Fortmann, 1941

Mary Ellis Harris, 1944

Verla Paulson Maret, 1946

Donna Lingo Chalmers, 1947

PSI

Ednamay Fasano, 1940

Edna McDermet Mischler, 1941

Jean Frellick Roberts, 1941

Rachel Maddux Smith, 1948

Priscilla Rawson Tindall, 1949

Margaret Novikoff Cox, 1950

ALPHA ALPHA

Julia Kay Felt, 1960

ALPHA BETA

Gloria Marshall Gryska, 1956

ALPHA GAMMA

Ruby Bell Tillman, 1946

Sandra Kay Padgett Ray, 1966

Jennifer Paige Martin Fague, 1988

Virginia Elizabeth Davis, 2022

ALPHA DELTA

Barbara Messer Clark, 1948

ALPHA THETA

Sally Bush Seigworth, 1962

ALPHA PI

Heraldine Pitts Young, 1949

Sandra Stacy Lokey, 1958

Louann Smith Douglass, 1961

ALPHA TAU

Kay Coleman Alspaugh, 1959

ALPHA PSI

Elizabeth Cannan Tidwell, 1955

BETA ALPHA

Debra Cerroni-Kravitz, 1974

This list includes obituaries reported to us from March 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.
The year of initiation is after the member's name.

BETA GAMMA

Mildred Bandt
Wysong, 1947
Barbara Abbott
Bohn, 1956
Judy Norman
Minshall, 1960
Betty Cheatham
Triplett, 1994

BETA THETA

Wendy Palmeter
Hutcheson, 1969
Robertta Culberson
Buntaine, 1972

BETA KAPPA

Dorothy Doll
Gooch, 1946
Jane Novak Pugh,
1951

BETA MU

Isabel Halliburton
Patrick, 1946

BETA NU

Joan Barnes
Kavanaugh, 1954

BETA XI

Theresa Hug
Borders, 1942

BETA PI

Dorothy Gordon
Halmhuber, 1947

BETA RHO

Carol Marceline
Kidman Weaver,
1941
Joan Streadwick
Stoeker, 1951
Mary Roell Howell,
1953
Mary Mills Dumaw,
1958

BETA TAU

Sylvia Underwood
Senter, 1955

BETA CHI

Lois Zaeske
Spellman, 1947
Suzanne
Valliquette Yager,
1968

BETA OMEGA

Madelyn Barrett
Connolly, 1947

GAMMA DELTA

Anne Gray Sterner,
1967

GAMMA EPSILON

Bonnie Soutter
Luhman, 1953

GAMMA ZETA

Glenda Greer Hitt-
Funk, 1961
Charlotte Darden
Reed, 1969

GAMMA THETA

Jeanne Erickson
Barnard, 1970

GAMMA KAPPA

Barbara Pickering
Potter, 1951

GAMMA LAMBDA

Mary Hill Jacobs,
1948
Joan Painter
Callender, 1950

GAMMA NU

Marta Grigoroff
Slaughter, 1971

GAMMA XI

Linda Jane
Castorena, 1990

GAMMA PI

Emma Hamilton
Hale, 1951
Betty Steward
Gulliver, 1965

GAMMA RHO

Merle Weiherman
Sawyer, 1956
Marilyn Scott
Thompson, 1956
Nancy Anderson
Davis, 1961

GAMMA UPSILON

Betty Smith
Dunbar, 1948

GAMMA PHI

Patricia Hobough
Wainwright, 1953

GAMMA PSI

Jane Dykhouse
Andrews, 1960

GAMMA OMEGA

Judy Engstrom
Klusendorf, 1959

DELTA ALPHA

Donna Edwards
Happ, 1954

DELTA DELTA

Kathy Hall Elliot,
1967
Holly Williams
Warren, 1976

DELTA GAMMA

Anne Gray Sterner,
1967

DELTA ETA

Nancy Faye
Greene, 1956

DELTA THETA

Sandra Talley
Bolch, 1957

DELTA LAMBDA

Janet Rice Droptini,
1976
Lisa Stacey
Townsend, 1979

DELTA NU

Margaret R. Martin,
1957

DELTA OMICRON

Karen Martens
Villa, 1966

DELTA PI

Judith Schenberger
Miller, 1966

DELTA SIGMA

Karen Ruth
McAllister, 1957

EPSILON ALPHA

Carol Santarelli
Mungiole, 1961

EPSILON DELTA

Joyce Hill Pratt,
1957

EPSILON ETA

Sylvia Crooks
Clobes, 1956

EPSILON THETA

Doris Calhoun
Grubb, 1957

EPSILON KAPPA

Karen Smith
Spletter, 1975

EPSILON MU

Jane Burford
Bodman, 1958

EPSILON OMICRON

Harriet Vandagriff
Carter, 1965

ZETA ZETA

Carolynne Collard
Long, 1960
Cathryn Morris
Wright, 1960

ZETA IOTA

Gloria Gail Wilmot,
1967

ZETA XI

Anne Suggs
Guthrie, 1961

ZETA OMICRON

Lynn Marie
LaPorte, 1967

ZETA PSI

Donna Norton
Droby, 1965

ZETA OMEGA

Cynthia Safford
Brock, 1968

THETA ETA

Laura Scherman
Park, 1996

THETA SIGMA

Lois Hill Orlando,
1965
Sharon Cowles
Snippel, 1966
Patti Sherman
Travers, 1971

THETA OMEGA

Christian Boyce-
Inscoc, 1996

IOTA THETA

Sandra Kaley
Anstadt, 1966

IOTA NU

Cheryl Swinney
Couturier, 1968

IOTA PSI

Jill Jamieson
Crouch, 1967

KAPPA EPSILON

Cynthia Peterson
Bean, 1972

KAPPA PHI

Lynn Parsley, 1975
Ashley Karen
Streitman, 2015

KAPPA PSI

Caron Johnson
Barshay, 1990


KAPPA OMEGA

Nancy Allen Isgett,
1972

LAMBDA GAMMA

Cynthia Siskey
Carroll, 1978

OMICRON PHI

Christine Snyder-
Watkins, 1997 

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Devoted Delta Zeta Leader

Anne Marie Jones Gavin, Delta Iota-Tufts (MA), Distinguished Past National Officer, has been a devoted Delta Zeta volunteer for over fifty years. She grew up in the Boston area, but her family moved to New Jersey just seven months before school began in the fall at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts — just down the road from her childhood home. A favorite memory is attending the 1966 National Convention, as Chapter President, at the Grand Bahama Hotel on Grand Bahama Island. Anne Marie continues to serve Delta Zeta as our National Constitution Chairman even in her retirement in 2022 from her professional career as Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration in the Diocese of Camden (NJ).

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

“To myself Faith, that I may walk truly in the light of the flame.” Our faith, whatever we each choose, makes all the difference in our life; it lets us grow, conquer and thrive. I cannot imagine life without faith.

What role that you’ve had in the sorority has impacted you?

National Constitution Chairman for sure, a role I’ve held since 1989. How humbling to be asked to safeguard and interpret the very document Founder Alfa Lloyd wrote. How special to be asked to follow our Founders, and some outstanding prior Chairmen, like Evelyn Adams Costello, Nu-Knox (IL), whom I had known well as a college Chapter

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President, Lucile Crowell Cooks, Alpha-Miami (OH), whom I directly followed. How awesome to know you are leaving a legacy through the work on our governing document, the *Delta Zeta Constitution*.

Who are your mentors in life?

Norma Minch Andrisek, Gamma Alpha-Baldwin Wallace (OH), who could accomplish whatever she set her mind to and believed in (Delta Zeta was at the top of that list) and Lucile Crowell Cooks, who had a command of Mr. Robert’s Rules of Order and had served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Miami University. What footsteps in which to follow. I am recognized locally and consulted frequently on parliamentary questions due to the wisdom and tutelage of both those women.

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

The opportunity to do, to help, to serve others. There is always an opportunity to help someone else every day. Our life is not about each of us, but about all the people who are placed in our path. And some days life provides multiple

opportunities, not to mention challenges!

What most excites you about Delta Zeta today?

Her potential. We have (and have always had) amazing women who together make it all happen. We surmount whatever is in front of us, even in 2021 with a National Convention live from a TV studio! Then we celebrate how far we have come, where we are. We do it TOGETHER. That is what SISTERHOOD means!

Finally — Pink or green?

Pink for sure. I always liked pink — and have come to like a soft grey green with it in wardrobe and décor items! 🌸





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