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A Letter From Our President

My name is Marci Luedtke and I am the President of the Beta Eta chapter of Delta Gamma at the University of Texas at Austin. I am honored to be a part of Delta Gamma and excited about this upcoming year and what we will accomplish as a chapter. Delta Gamma brings together a diverse group of exceptional young women into a meaningful sisterhood and gives them a home away from home. We have a vibrant, strong chapter, as evidenced by the various awards that we have won over the last couple of years. Not only are we Delta Gamma Chapter of the Year, but we have won 6 Order of Omega Awards, including Outstanding Chapter. It is also our third year in a row to be voted UT's Utmost Sorority by our peers on campus. In addition to having the highest freshman GPA and third highest active GPA of all sororities on campus in 2009, we are also the only chapter on campus that works with the University to bring a lectureship speaker to UT. We also work hard to impact our community. We are one of the fortunate few chapters here at UT that participates in hands-on volunteer work with the students of Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We also have creative events on campus to raise money for the Delta Gamma Foundation. Each year we host a synchronized swimming competition called Anchor Splash, a concert called Anchor Bash, and a basketball tournament called Anchor Slam to benefit the blind and visually impaired. But most of all, we have an exceptional, strong sisterhood. Delta Gamma has brought me motivated, intelligent, beautiful life-long friends who push me to be the very best possible version of myself. They share in the highs and lows of college, and I am so blessed to be surrounded by such outstanding women who provide a solid support system that will last a lifetime. Through philanthropy and social events, significant accomplishments and meaningful everyday moments, Delta Gamma and the sisters it has given me have impacted my life in every way possible.

Sisterhood

“A sister can be seen as someone who is both ourselves and very much not ourselves - a special kind of double.”

New Initiates Find Home in DG

On September 28th excitement buzzed in the air at Big-Little Reveal as our large new member class rushed through the DG house in search of their secret big. Following a winding piece of yarn or trail of hints hidden in balloons, each member was eager to piece the clues together that led them to their big. Once revealed and united, DG families enjoyed ice cream together downstairs and chatted before leaving. Once at Playland Skate, families showed off their newest members by proudly wearing their matching family accessories – anything from a royal tiara to a pink wig and giant McDonalds’s fries package. We bonded while sliding around on roller skates and participating in some limbo. (For some of our skating challenged families, a significant amount of this bonding took place on the floor of the rink.)

Cheerful families returned home and made plans for future sisterly activities!!

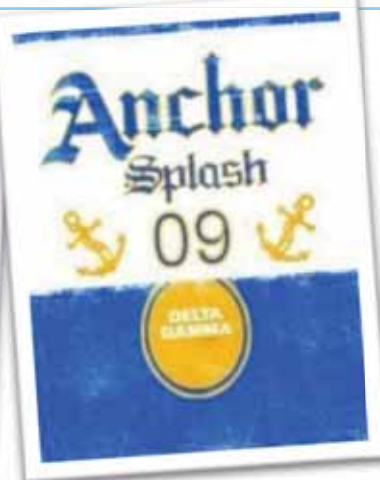
Crush Party

To prepare for the TX-OU Red River Rivalry, we celebrated at our Crush Party on October 14th at the Shoreline Grill. Ladies and their dates enjoyed specially selected d’oeuvres and the chef’s special desserts. Held in the gorgeous banquet room with an adjoining terrace overlooking the beautiful town lake, DGs danced the night away listening to the Eagle Pritchard Murray Band. Of course TX was also victorious over OU that weekend.

Masquerade

This year’s Masquerade themed Semi-Formal took place at the Doubletree Hotel ballroom on November the 13th. The fact that it was held on Friday the 13th sure didn’t stop anyone from testing their luck on our casino games! After a night of games, dancing, and enjoyment, the raffle left a lucky few with Nordstrom’s gift cards, perfume, and other exciting gifts. At the end of the night, it was a very satisfied, yet tired bunch of ladies that reached for their dates, purses, and heels before heading home for a good night’s sleep.





Anchor Bash and Anchor Splash "Swim" with Success

Cathy Sze, Director of Anchor Games did an excellent job with this year's Anchor Bash. Anchor Games began with a performance by LC Rocks, a popular 80's cover band who joined us to perform at the Delta Gamma house. Held on Thursday October 8th, our living room was transformed into an 80's paradise. Colorful strobe lights lit the walls while many students and friends flocked to the concert. The excited crowd enthusiastically sang along with the hits, danced with the band onstage, and spent some time with their favorite DGs.

Anchor Splash was held early Sunday, October the 11th. Overjoyed teams excitedly gathered with their captains to finalize their strategies of victory. After mentally rehearsing their "sure-to-win" synchronized swimming routines, each team of boys carefully dressed themselves to represent various themes. One team wore tuxedo swimsuits and carried roses in their mouths for the judges. Another mimicked Beyonce's "Put a Ring On It" music video. You could tell each team put their heart into their performance and really tried to wow the judges. After all was said and done, SAE was declared the 2009 Champion, and this special, entertaining day came to a close.



Professor Dinner Earns an A+

**Anna Kate Moen, Director of Scholarships
organizes another lovely event.**

Smiling professors began the night by chatting with their students over h'orderves and refreshments in the beautifully furnished garden room. Next, they moved to the festively decorated tables pre-set for them in the dining room and enjoyed a delicious home-cooked meal. After learning about Delta Gamma's core values and saying our special blessing before the meal, ladies and enthusiastic professors spent an hour and a half sharing stories and seafood kabobs.



Trick or Treat! Delta Gamma "Treats" TSBVI Students to Halloween Party

We are truly a blessed chapter to be located near the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) and to be given the opportunity to serve them in person. This Halloween the students walked through our hallways in costume while receiving candy, words of encouragement, and enjoying the "spirit" of the holiday. Downstairs, our guests of honor participated in spooky games, cupcake decorating, and Halloween crafts. Every student left with a big bag of candy, an award, or a craft they could be proud of.

Service for Sight



Alumnae Halloween Party

This year's festive Alumnae Halloween party brought special friends together to celebrate for an afternoon of family, fun, and sisterhood bonding. It is always a pleasure to have children in the house to celebrate Halloween. The kids loved participating in Delta Gamma activities and the holiday treats "magically disappeared." What a great way to meet the next generation of Delta Gammas!



TSBVI Thanksgiving Dinner

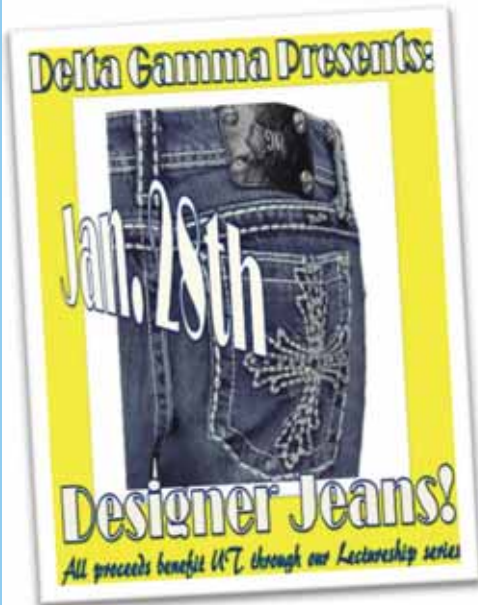
This Thanksgiving we once again had an opportunity to develop a personal connection with the students of TSBVI. Rows and rows of autumn-themed tables with crisp white tablecloths lined our dining and garden rooms to prepare for the feast. After pairing off and guiding students to their tables, we served a traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared with love, and completed with fresh baked rolls and cranberry sauce. Relaxed and full of turkey, Delta Gammas and our guests enjoyed each other's company and shared fond holiday memories.



Christmas Card Decorating Party

Shortly before finals week, our chapter gathered together to design homemade Braille holiday cards for the students we met at our Thanksgiving dinner party. Delta Gammas sipped hot chocolate and listened to Christmas tunes while writing their messages and perfecting their cards.

Delta Gamma Designer Denim Fundraiser



This year Delta Gamma added a special twist to our annual fundraiser benefitting our Lectureship and Ethics Speaker Series. A special pair of designer jeans was raffled and went to one lucky participant. On January 28th, 2010, multitudes of ladies looking for that perfect pair of jeans found their way through the rain to the Delta Gamma house. Sifting through jeans and accessories, many left satisfied with their purchases and ready for next year's event.

Valentine's Day Party

This Valentine's week, the students of TSBVI joined us for a quality afternoon of card making, cookie decorating, and holiday fun! The men of Kappa Sigma Fraternity joined our ladies to provide guides for the students and aid as they achieved their goals involving Valentine's Day preparations.



Kerbey Lane Sisterhood Dinner

January 27th was our sisterhood dinner at Kerbey Lane Café. After two weeks back at school, ladies from all classes combined for a wonderfully relaxed dinner. Dinner together left everyone refreshed, smiling, and ready to take on the spring semester.

Upcoming Dates!

Date Party with Curtis Grimes - April 15th

Anchor Splash – April 23rd

Mom's Weekend – April 24th & 25th

Golden Anchor Formal – April 30th



A Special Goodbye to
recent graduates:

*Meredith Madden
&
Sheila Jalalat*

Best wishes!!



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