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A Letter from the President

Dear Parents and Supporters of Eta Gamma,

It is hard to believe that another semester has already begun and we are almost halfway through the term. Soon the semester will be nearly over and we will be taking finals and preparing for summer. While enjoying the numerous accomplishments of the past year, we are motivated to continue to "Do Good" in all that we do. Throughout this past semester our Delta Gammas have represented us in many events and organizations on campus and within the community. We continue to enjoy spending time together and building sisterhood. There are still a few fun activities between here and summer break, and already our chapter is preparing to welcome a New Member class in the fall. As we look forward to another year in Delta Gamma, we can also reflect on another well-deserved semester of excellence.

Gig 'Em,

Sarah Williams

President



Information Updates

We want you to stay informed! Delta Gamma realizes that as parents of a DG, you would like to know your daughter's involvements and accomplishments, as well as what you can do with the First Mates Crew. Please visit our website to stay informed of upcoming events, and refer to the dates on page 5. There is also a more detailed calendar available online so that you can stay posted with your DG's schedule! See pages 4 and 5 for more information.





Mission: Recruitment

As another semester begins, your DG daughters are thinking ahead to August and dreaming of their new sisters.

Delta Gamma is now in the process of preparing for Recruitment 2010. Last year was a very successful year for Delta Gamma Recruitment and we are highly motivated to exceed all expectations for this year's recruitment. Upcoming events include recruitment workshops

that are already planned and prepared for the spring and summer. We are all very excited for Recruitment to begin so our chapter can continue to grow and recruit girls that are the best fit for Delta Gamma. We cannot wait to see what Recruitment 2010 holds for our chapter and

all other chapters of Delta Gamma Fraternity.

-vp: Recruitment, Molly Adams

Social Standards

While Delta Gamma was very busy this past year, we were still able to find time to have fun with our sisters! The past year's social events have been both exciting and memorable and have made Delta Gamma's bond of sisterhood even stronger.

Each semester we hold mixers with men's organizations as well as date parties. In the spring, we got to know our neighbors on Sorority Row a little better by having a Kentucky Derby mixer with Kappa Alpha Theta, when we made fancy Kentucky Derby hats and watched the race. In fall, we had mixers with our "football buddies," the Corps outfit B-2; with BYX (Brothers Under Christ) for fajitas and a scavenger hunt around College Station; and Ol' Ags, our annual Mocktails mixer. Mocktails is not only

a great way to connect with a men's organization, but it also helps the girls and guys learn about table etiquette while dining on a three-course meal in cocktail attire.

If the girls thought the mixers were great, they sure thought that our date parties were even better! Our first date party was "Ten Years From Now." It was so much fun seeing our sisters' aspirations and the best dressed couples receive a prize! Our second party was "Through the Decades." While local band, Strawberry Jam, provided the entertainment, girls and their dates dressed in outfits ranging from the 50's to present day. Before we knew it, Holiday season was upon us. We got into the spirit with a surprise visit to Santa's Wonderland to look



at the spectacular Christmas lights. The semester ended with our "Delta Grammys" semiformal party at the Hilton. We danced the night away to a great DJ and enjoyed a wide assortment of desserts.

Delta Gamma got back to our roots with the start of a new semester. With a gods and goddesses theme, girls and their dates wrapped themselves in togas and partied Greek-style, feasting on Greek finger-foods such as cheese and olives.

The rest of the semester is yet to come, but we know that it will be an exciting and entertaining one! As you can see, Delta Gamma is making memories that will last a lifetime!

-vp: Social Standards, Erin Fluke

Phenomenal Philanthropy

With 54 teams participating, we raised \$12,000 from Anchor Slam. Our chapter voted for this money to go towards our Lectureship in Values and Ethics. We have now reached the \$50,000 mark when the Delta Gamma Foundation will donate \$50,000. Our Lectureship is now officially established with the Texas A&M Foundation! Eta Gamma is now one of only 14 Delta Gamma chapters in the nation to have an established Lectureship.

This year we have a lot of fun and amazing new ideas in progress! Before the semester even began, Delta Gamma hosted a visually impaired transfer student to get him better acquainted with the university and the Bryan/College Station community. In February, we held a DG rebate night at Potbelly's Sandwiches. Eta Gamma received 25% of all sells. We have continued to do VIP (Visually Impaired Person) program driving once a month, the Golden Anchor Program, holiday card making, and work for disability services. Delta Gamma was recently able to interact with local alumnae by delivering Valentine's Day cards to the Sheridan Home of Bryan. The girls had a blast delivering the cards and having lunch with DG alumnae. Each semester we also have a VIP Holiday party. Eta Gamma hosts a

group of disabled College Station residents to exchange gifts, make crafts and play games. We will join the Delta Gammas from the University of Houston to assist with the Lighthouse of Houston's Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for visually impaired children. Eta Gamma supports Aggie Guide Dog Services by donating enough money to support one year of training for a service dog. We have also made contributions to Jane Long Middle School that have helped under privileged students receive eye exams and glasses. Eta Gamma is one of the top Delta Gamma chapters for collecting the most Box Tops and Soup Labels. Last but certainly not least, we are already beginning work on our next Anchor Slam®, to be held in the Fall of 2010. The Delta Gammas at Texas A&M are finding new and different ways to help our community and spread the news

about our philanthropy. From awareness, to hands on help in the community, we are truly enjoying everything we do as sisters for our community. Being a part of Delta Gamma and working with Service for Sight enabled us to come together as sisters and realize how blessed we truly are to be a part of something so amazing and life-changing.

-vp: Foundation, Taylor Neal



DG Accomplishments

- 3 Fish Camp Co-Chairs
- 21 Fish Camp Counselors
- 3 Big Event Staff Members
- 4 Anchor Slams raising a combined \$50,000
- 10 Carpool Members
- 7 Women's Leadership Conference Attendees



Panhellenic Involvement

Dedicated to the ideals of our fraternity, Delta Gamma strives to get involved in other organizations all over campus. There have been many exciting events that Delta Gamma has participated in and many that are soon to follow! A few events in which we have taken part in include Sand Volleyball intramurals with a Corps outfit, Lambda Chi's Watermelon Bust where we were awarded "Most Spirited" and Alpha Delta Pi's Violet Tea where we donated items to the Ronald McDonald House. We have also participated in many other organizations' philanthropic events, such as canned food, book, and t-shirt drives. This year, Delta Gamma is pairing with One Army to participate in The Big Event, the nation's largest student-run community service project. We are also competing in Stompfest with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Panhellenic is gearing up for fall

recruitment. In January, 3 Delta Gammas attended a retreat with the other Panhellenic delegates and alternates from the other eleven chapters that fall under the Collegiate Panhellenic Council. We were able to further our leadership skills and brainstorm ideas on how to improve our already fantastic chapters. A proud accomplishment of Delta Gamma this year is having two members serve on the Collegiate Panhellenic Council. **Chelsea Benner** serves as Director of Finance and **Jami Graham** serves as Director of Campus and Community Relations. **Mary Ellen Kulik** and **Taylor Pettyjohn** were nominated by the chapter to be our two Junior Panhellenic representatives. Delta Gamma is known as an outstanding organization and will continue to shine in the upcoming semester!

-vp:Panhellenic, Lauren Reagan

Member Education

The past year in Delta Gamma has been a fabulous year! We were happy to welcome 50 New Members into our Delta Gamma family in the fall of 2009. They each completed an 8 week program that taught them all the traditions and history of the Delta Gamma Fraternity. Time spent as a New Member gives a glimpse of the bonds that make our chapter's sisterhood so special – bonds that grow stronger throughout the life-long membership of Delta Gamma. At our chapter retreat, we chose the 2010 watchword to be *Commitment*. This word will be what we strive for in everything that we do. *Commitment* is a great reflection of how we want our attitudes to be and our goals to be accomplished during the year. We are anxiously preparing for this coming fall when we welcome the New Member Class of 2010.

-vp: Member Education, Meagan Folger

Communication

Delta Gamma communication is improving in every way! We are currently in the process of updating our website. We are very excited about the new changes that are being made! These updates will allow our current members to view an up-to-date calendar, various upcoming point opportunities, etc. The First Mates Crew page on the website has all the information regarding being involved with our sorority as a parent. This section also includes an Anchor Line newsletter with all the upcoming events, opportunities to volunteer at Anchor Slam®, events during Recruitment Week, and First Mates Crew membership information. We strongly encourage all parents to check out the website at www.aggiedeltagamma.com.

-vp: Communication, Hillary Metcalfe

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Important Dates

May 1: Golden Anchor Ball

May 7, 10-12: Final Exams

August 16-20: Recruitment Work Week

August 23-27: Recruitment Week

August 30: First Day of Classes

December 10, 13-15: Final Exams



Finance

The Delta Gamma house is always an exciting place to be, and this year there are even more reasons to be excited about it! Last summer, we added an outdoor patio with furniture and a fire pit, where we like to study and relax in the sun with our sisters.

Delta Gamma is still using a convenient billing system, GreekBill. We hope that all parents have noticed that you receive monthly invoices stating the amount owed on a month-to-month basis. This system has been great for all members to stay up to date on all of their dues payments.

-vp: Finance, Angela O'Pry



Sisterhood

The Eta Gamma chapter of Delta Gamma held our annual chapter retreat at the Benjamin Knox Gallery. There is no doubt that it was a huge success! The girls learned more about one another by playing sisterhood games and sharing memories of their favorite times in Delta Gamma. The retreat gave us a chance to take a break from our busy schedules to hang out with our sisters and set goals for our chapter for the upcoming semester. Chapter retreat is not the only opportunity we have to spend with each other. We also have Sisterhood Events once a month, which include watching movies, painting pottery, and other fun activities. It's a great time to take a break from the stress of school and enjoy eating snacks and relaxing with our sisters. We always have an awesome turnout and the girls really enjoy this bonding time!

Delta Gamma is preparing to celebrate Founders' Day. On this day we celebrate the lives of our three founders. Founders' day allows us to perform a

few of our most sacred rituals and gives us a wonderful opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of the fraternity. Not only did collegians gather for Founders' Day, alumnae from the Bryan/College Station area joined us in our celebration. Founders' Day also gives Delta Gamma the chance to honor alumnae and collegians that have excelled in demonstrating Delta Gamma's ideals. Founders' Day will continue to be held annually in order to celebrate the legacy of our founders and our deep sisterhood bonds.

-vp: Programming, Amanda Luke





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