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Welcome

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Lessons in Leadership

Academy for Collegiate Officers Inspires and Motivates

"When I say leader, what are some adjectives you think of?"

"Passionate."

"Disciplined."

"Tenacious."

After asking this question, Tina VanSteenbergen, Beta Omicron-Illinois State University, pressed the 200 collegiate officers in the room on which leadership quality they most possessed. This reflective conversation led to a meaningful discussion on vulnerable leadership.



Tina VanSteenbergen facilitated the Academy for Collegiate Officers, funded by the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation.

Tina, a professional speaker and consultant with ForCollegeForLife, served as the keynote speaker during the inaugural Academy for Collegiate Officers, held during the months of January and February in four locations: Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

"I've never been so captivated by a speaker," commented Chapter President Samantha Spagnuolo, Zeta Upsilon-Northern Michigan University. *"She was amazing."*

Tina's facilitation was made possible by a grant from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Thanks to our donors, the Foundation funded Tina's engaging and relevant training for more than 700 collegiate officers from around North America. In addition to discussing vulnerable leadership, Tina guided officers through trainings on authentic friendships, meaningful and difficult conversations and leading with confidence. All are essential skills for success in our personal and professional lives.

In addition, each of the six attending officers benefitted from officer-specific sessions facilitated by International Headquarters staff and volunteers. The officer tracks connected sisters with peers in other chapters and provided an opportunity to share best practices.

The collegiate officers left the Academy feeling confident in their leadership abilities and connected to one another.

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Tina with Samantha Spagnuolo, Zeta Upsilon-Northern Michigan University Chapter President

Preserving Their Home Away from Home

A Generational Gift for the Upsilon Chapter House

When Donna Smith Davis, Upsilon–University of Oklahoma, looks back on her time as an Alpha Gam, her fondest memories revolve around the chapter house.

“I was a quick farm girl,” said Donna, “as soon as I got my bid, I ran all the way to the house and was the first to arrive on bid day.”

From playing the piano and having sing-a-longs before formal dinner, to learning who her sister-mother would be, Donna cherished her collegiate time in Upsilon Chapter and living in the house. So when she learned the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) was remodeling and expanding the chapter house, she knew she wanted to contribute—and she wasn’t alone.

Donna, joined by her daughter, Cara Manzelmann Schad and sister Dianne Smith Kesinger, who were also initiated into Upsilon Chapter, decided to fund the powder room in the renovated Upsilon Chapter house, as part of the Heart and Home Campaign. For Cara, it was important because the house served as her home away from home during her time at OU. For Dianne and Donna, it was an opportunity to honor their parents and the sacrifices they made so the sisters could pledge.

“Our parents were so proud visiting during Mom’s weekend and Dad’s weekend,” recalled Dianne.




Donna, Dianne and Cara with their families.

The 2016 Upsilon Chapter house remodel was generously supported by donors through an Educational Area Grant (EAG) from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Giving opportunities like EAGs make it easy for families to come together for generational gifts. Not only will these women have their names on a plaque outside the first-floor powder room, they are also ensuring that future generations of Upsilon women have a safe environment in their home away from home.

All three women strongly believe Alpha Gamma Delta has contributed to who they are today by providing them with networking opportunities and lifelong friendships. For Cara, giving back to the Foundation is important as she feels the Fraternity shaped her both personally and professionally.

Donna, Dianne and Cara’s legacy lives on in the revitalized Upsilon house. And why the powder room? According to Donna and Dianne, *“we chose the powder room because we always thought about getting prettied up!”*

For more information about contributing to current Educational Area Grants, or other generational giving opportunities, contact Liana Mitchell Wallace, Advancement Officer, at lw Wallace@alphagammadeltafoundation.org or 317.663.4242. 

Continuation of Lessons in *Leadership*


Executive Council Officers Represented at Academy

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“Every aspect of this experience was inspiring,” shared Megan Wilson, Beta Theta–University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. *“I can’t wait to see what happens when I apply what I learned in my chapter.”*

Following the Academy on Sunday, Tina facilitated the Inspire the Woman Alumnae Series, a two-hour professional development session focused on leading with confidence after college.

Opportunities like the Academy for Collegiate Officers and the Inspire the Woman Alumnae Series are made possible through your gifts to the Foundation’s Annual Fund.

For more information on how to sponsor future events that impact our sisters, contact Executive Director Julie Waitman at 317.663.4242. 

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International Reunion Day

May 1
ALL NEW Alpha Gam
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May 31
Close of our giving year and
Annual Fund Campaign

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MAKING AN IMPACT



“I choose to give because Alpha Gamma Delta has given me more than I ever imagined—self-confidence, leadership skills, friendship, organizational skills—and most of all, hugs from wonderful women.” 🌸

– Sue Rumsfield Clary,
Beta Omicron–Illinois State University

Why I Give

Ways to Make an Impact

Over the next few years, many Alpha Gamma Delta chapters will celebrate milestone anniversaries, providing wonderful opportunities to impact your chapter sisters! A one-time named scholarship is a terrific way to celebrate your anniversary and recognize a collegiate sister (or more) who is striving to achieve her dreams.

Want to have a more **lasting** impact? An endowed scholarship ensures that generations of Alpha Gams can continue their education with less financial burden. To learn more about both opportunities, contact the Foundation Office at 317.663.4242 or foundation@alphagammadeltafoundation.org. 🌸

Foundation Bulletins

Save the Date: #AlphaGamGives Day

The Alpha Gam Foundation is launching our first ever Day of Giving and we want you to be a part of it! **AlphaGamGives 2019 will be May 1**, kicking off Founders Month. This special one-day fundraising event will engage our sisters like never before! Challenge your sisters to match your gift and follow our progress live at alphagamgives.org. Get involved by signing up to be an ambassador and help us reach more sisters and supporters. Contact Jamie Law, Development Manager, at jlaw@alphagammadeltafoundation.org for more information. Be sure to watch your email and social media. Together, **#AlphaGamGives!**

International Reunion Day

Throughout the month of April, our sisters will be gathering to celebrate International Reunion Day (IRD). During this celebration of blossoming sisterhood, the graduating senior(s) with the highest cumulative GPA of each collegiate chapter will be honored with a Scholastic Achievement Award. This Foundation program is made possible through an endowment by the late Natalie Chuma, Alpha Theta–Hunter College.

Alpha Gamma Delta Hires Executive Director

The Foundation would like to extend a warm welcome to the Fraternity's new Executive Director—Katie Jolley Abernathy, Delta Theta–University of Idaho! As a former Leadership Consultant and Fraternity staff member, Katie has been a long-time friend to the Foundation as a donor and member of the Jewel Society. Most recently, Katie served as Vice President Strategy and Operations for CSpring in Indianapolis. The Foundation looks forward to our continued partnership with Alpha Gamma Delta under Katie's leadership. 🌸



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