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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ALPHA GAMMA DELTA FOUNDATION

## WELCOME TO OUR LOYAL DONORS

Alpha Gamma Delta is loving, leading and lasting thanks to our loyal donors. This newsletter is published to share your impact, and to thank you for believing in our Foundation's mission of providing essential support for women's education, philanthropy and leadership. 🙌

## ALPHA GAMS ARE *Loving*



### CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

With typical Alpha Gam Purpose, we're all in. Our hearts, minds, hands and gifts are tackling one of the largest and most pervasive problems in North America - availability of nutritious food for everyone.

#### How can this still be an issue today?

Alpha Gam sister, Emily Lind, Beta Eta-Southern Illinois University, Community Grants Assistant Director for Arrowleaf, a human services organization in Southern Illinois, frames the problem for us. "For seven counties covering 2,000 square miles there are nine grocery stores. That's it. To get fresh food it's either a 30-minute one-way trip or you cross state lines. The services we

provide are so needed because this community has been hit with so many disparities."

#### And the pandemic has only amplified the challenges.

Nicole Binkley, Upsilon-University of Oklahoma, serves as Chief Operating Officer for Metrocrest Services, which specializes in helping families and seniors in crisis. "At the beginning of the pandemic, the increase in need was up tremendously. Pre-COVID, we used to see about 40 families a day. At the peak of COVID we saw 250 families a day. Our leveling out point now is serving 125-150 families every day and we don't see that number going back down anytime soon."

Both organizations received fighting hunger grants from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation this spring - part of the over **\$1,000,000** awarded since Alpha Gams began fighting hunger in 2017. Add to that the **60,855** hours of hands-on community service from our sisters last year alone and it's clear we're all in.

"The funding we're getting from organizations like the Foundation is really critical to making sure that we're keeping people fed," shared Nicole. "I'm just so proud to say I'm an Alpha Gam and support this tangible cause because hunger affects every single person."

Our sisters and communities are affirming we're right where we need to be: working in the heart of the problem and part of the solution. In other words, "contributing to the world's work in the communities where we are placed." With our eyes on the future, we know the need is great and we need to do more. We can only do that with you. Please help us fight hunger with your gift to the Foundation today.

## ALPHA GAMS ARE *Leading*



### CALKINS DUREE SCHOLARSHIP

A great education and smart skillset can change a woman's life. Gail Calkins Duree, Epsilon Gamma-University of Denver, knows the importance of having and investing in both. Gail recently established the Foundation's newest endowment - the Calkins Duree Scholarship - benefitting sisters of Epsilon Gamma and Xi Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University. This follows Gail's first endowed fund - the Alpha Gamma Delta Leadership Training Endowment, which also supports sisters from both chapters.

#### Her gifts are personal.

"My mom, and mentor, Lois Braden Calkins attended Bradley University for two years before running out of money. After she spent a year of teaching, Illinois Wesleyan provided scholarship money for her to complete her degree. There she joined Xi Chapter, acquiring a "sister sister-in-law" along the way. My mom established a scholarship at Illinois Wesleyan in recognition of the benefit she received," shared Gail.

With her mother as inspiration, **Gail followed suit and established both a scholarship and a leadership endowment fund** with the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation to benefit sisters from both her and her mom's chapters.

"I came to the University of Denver knowing no one. Epsilon Gamma Chapter provided this quiet Midwestern girl a group of friends for fellowship and guidance, and provided the opportunity to begin to learn leadership."

Gail's growth as a leader was just beginning. She has served as President of the Denver Metro Alumnae Chapter, as a Mutual Fund Board Director, as Trustee for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, and as a member of the founding board for Alpha Gam's Fraternity Housing Corporation. She has also completed her MBA.

"While mom used the university to establish her scholarship, I wanted a broader base; I wanted oversight I could trust; I wanted the recipient to benefit directly. Using the Alpha Gam Foundation for the educational scholarship, which includes recognition of my mom, and for our leadership endowment...it matters to Alpha Gam sisters."

The Calkins Duree Scholarship was awarded for the first time this summer, benefitting Maria Poehls, Xi, studying marketing and graphic design.

Thank you, Gail, for sharing your passion for education and leadership for generations to come. Interested in creating your own legacy? If you or a group of sisters are interested in information for creating an endowment fund, contact Executive Director Julie Waitman at **317.663.4242**.

## ALPHA GAMS ARE *Lasting*



### CORINTHIAN SOCIETY, PATTIE ECKARD MAGDIK

Pattie Eckard Magdik, Alpha Tau-Edinboro University, entered Chapter Grand in May 2021 leaving a hole in the hearts of many. A daughter, friend, wife and Alpha Gam sister, Pattie lived a life full of energy and love for those

around her. And without a doubt, she loved her Alpha Gam sisters. Pattie served Alpha Gam in a multitude of local and international roles for over 30 years, including Chapter and Finance Advisor for Zeta Gamma-Gannon University and Alpha Tau Chapter, where she was honored as our Fraternity's Outstanding Chapter Advisor. A favorite memory was the offering of her local dance studio as an Initiation service site for generations of sisters.

**Pattie knew she wanted to leave a legacy that would help Alpha Gam sisters finish their education.** As a member of the Foundation's Corinthian Society, she established the Pattie Eckard Magdik Scholarship through her estate. The fund will award \$2,500 scholarships each year until fully utilized, with the first scholarship to be awarded next summer.

Please consider making a gift to Pattie's fund in her memory. Donations will be accepted through May 31, 2022.

Follow Pattie's lead and become a member of the Corinthian Society by contacting the Foundation at **317.663.4242** or by visiting [alphagammadeltafoundation.org/planned-giving](http://alphagammadeltafoundation.org/planned-giving).

# FOUNDATION *News*

## MAKE YOUR CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFT!

A growing number of sisters and friends are donating through these giving vehicles because of ease and tax benefit. Always consult with a tax professional to discuss the options best for you.

### Gifts of Appreciated Stock

Market growth makes this a great time to make your gift to the Foundation with appreciated stock. Make your calendar year-end gift now!

### CARES Act Extension through 2021

Extended under the CARES Act, an individual who doesn't itemize may deduct up to \$300 of charitable contributions, and a married couple who doesn't itemize may deduct up to \$600 of charitable contributions made in 2021. As before, only cash gifts to public charities (other than donor-advised funds and supporting organizations) qualify.

### Donor Advised Funds

Looking for an easy way to make an impact? Give through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF).

## AWARD WINNING!

The Fraternity won several Fraternity Communication Association (FCA) awards in 2021. They include:

- Second Place for Annual/Biennial Report, Gratitude Report (in partnership with the Foundation)
- Third Place for Best Alumni/Alumnae Engagement, Love, Lead, Listen Podcast (funded by the Foundation)

### IRA QCD is still here

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) up to \$100,000 from your IRA accounts directly to a charity, including the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, without taking the distribution into taxable income.

### IRA RMDs remain powerful for giving

Are you 72 or older? Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from IRAs resumed in 2021 after being waived for 2020 and are a great resource to support your philanthropic passion. Be sure to make your gift directly to a qualified charity including the Alpha Gam Foundation.

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OUR MISSION: "The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation impacts and enriches our communities by providing essential support for education, philanthropy and leadership."

## JEWEL AND CORINTHIAN SOCIETY MEMBERS!



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR **EXCLUSIVE** CONVENTION EVENT AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

**July 14, 2022**

Want to join the fun? Become a Jewel or Corinthian Society member today!



THE FOUNDATION'S FOURTH ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY,

**March 23, 2022!**

Want to get involved? Contact the Foundation for one of the many ways you can get involved!

# MAKE YOUR LASTING GIFT *Today*

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