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ALPHA GAMS ARE *Loving*



ABBY SAVOIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Abby Savoie, Nu Delta-Georgia College and State University, brought people together. She was vibrant and spread warmth and joy wherever she went.

In October, Abby passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident on her way back to campus from her hometown. Immediately, the community offered an outpouring of love and

support for Abby's friends and family. Panhellenic chapters on campus decorated Nu Delta's house in red, buff and green paper chains with notes written on each link, and Alpha Gam chapters across North America reached out with messages of support.

It was clear that Abby's impact was far-reaching, and she touched the hearts of many. In honor of Abby's love of sisterhood, Nu Delta established the Abby Savoie Memorial Scholarship.

Nu Delta Chapter Advisor Erin Dekle, Gamma Alpha-University of Georgia, said the endowment will allow Abby's sisters to express what she meant to them as well as continue her legacy of bringing their chapter closer.

"[The chapter] is actively trying to think of ways to include Abby and her memory in everything we do," Erin said. "Through this scholarship we'll be able to continuously bring up Abby and her passion for making connections and being together with sisters."

Abby exemplified our Purpose and what it meant to develop cherished friendships. She was a loving and dedicated sister, and her memory will impact and inspire our sisterhood for generations.



To donate to the scholarship fund, visit alphagamdeltafoundation.org/donate, and designate your gift to the Abby Savoie Memorial Scholarship.

ALPHA GAMS ARE *Leading*

Empower

ALPHA GAM'S PREMIER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This fall, our Fraternity launched Empower, a new high-level leadership program that connects sisters across North America and grows their confidence, leadership and relationship building skills.

Members from different chapters are placed in virtual small groups or "cohorts" led by alumnae mentors and spend the year exploring values, influence, innovation and risk taking, leadership and collaboration.

Elizabeth Gartland, Beta Theta-University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, one of 125 sisters participating in Empower, said she leaves her cohort meetings feeling "ecstatic."

"I feel like this program has helped me develop the parts of leadership that I struggle with," Elizabeth said. "I've been able to gain perspective from other sisters."

Through Empower, Elizabeth has also created close relationships with a widened circle of sisters.

"The women in this cohort have been phenomenal to talk to. Any place where I need growth, they have strength. They're willing to share their ideas and what they are doing in their chapters and on their campuses, and I get to implement the ideas at UW Whitewater."

This year's Empower program concludes in April with the Empower Institute, an in-person retreat in Atlanta, Georgia, where members will meet their cohorts and reflect on what they've learned.

Creating confident leaders is at the heart of Alpha Gamma Delta. With your help, ambitious sisters, like Elizabeth, can reach their highest personal and professional potential. You can support women's leadership programs such as Empower through a gift to the Foundation.

To learn more about Empower and hear about Elizabeth's journey in the program, scan this QR code.



ALPHA GAMS ARE *Lasting*



NEW FAMILY ENDOWMENT

"You get out of it what you put into it. Make the most of your experience and take advantage of all opportunities given to you." This advice from Natasha Shahani, Delta Tau-Chapman University, perfectly describes her Alpha Gam story.

Throughout her collegiate and alumnae experience, Natasha has poured her time, knowledge and love into Alpha Gam. She's experienced lifelong sisterhood and has come full circle, as she now serves as Chapter Advisor for Delta Omicron-University of Nevada-Las Vegas, alongside women who were her advisors when she was in college.

Natasha remains inspired by her sisters, as the collegiate women she guides consistently exhibit diligence, commitment to our sisterhood and resilience.

"Our members are choosing to juggle school full-time, work part-time, plus sorority and the payment of everything. They are choosing to be Alpha Gams and make that commitment. That dedication is truly inspiring," Natasha said.

Having witnessed the impact of women's education, leadership and fighting hunger within her own community, it was an easy decision when her family came to her and asked her if she'd like to give back to a cause for which she holds passion. And so, a new scholarship endowment fund was created.

"I want [scholarship recipients] to feel supported and know that Alpha Gam always has their back," Natasha explained.

"And I don't want members to only feel supported while they're in college. I want them to feel supported throughout their life. **The Foundation provides the reassurance that someone is always there**, whether it's through funding of Impact Talks, Fighting Hunger and SIS Grants or scholarships that help you stay in school."

We are grateful for our generous donors for investing in the success of our members. Through donors like Natasha, the Foundation continues to provide essential support for our sisters.

Are you interested in making an impact on generations of Alpha Gam sisters? Contact Foundation CEO Julie Waitman at 317.663.4242 for information on creating an endowment fund.

FOUNDATION *News*

JEWEL SPOTLIGHT: NANCY THORMAN PITTMAN

Nancy Thorman Pittman, Alpha Upsilon-Central Michigan University, has an amazing history of service and dedication to Alpha Gam.

Among her numerous roles, Nancy has worked at International Headquarters as a data processor, secretary and receptionist and volunteered as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, as an Area Supervisor-Alumnae and currently as a member of the Alumnae Support Committee.

Alongside her various roles with our Fraternity, Nancy is a dedicated Foundation donor and one of three Alpha Gam sisters who have been Jewels since the society's founding in 1992. She gives because she is passionate about women's leadership and credits her own leadership skills to what she learned during her time in college as a chapter officer.

"Professionally, I was trained as a high school teacher," Nancy said. "I always waited for that class that taught you how to be a leader, and there never was one. Being in an Alpha Gam leadership position helped me develop skills that I've greatly used over the years."

According to Nancy, **strong female leaders are what move society forward**. When faced with challenges, leadership skills ensure women are recognized, taken seriously and equipped to engage in meaningful discussion and action.

Nancy gives to the Foundation knowing confidently that she's contributing to the development of incredible leaders. She believes initiatives, like our Leadership Consultant program, create confident and capable women who will make a great difference in our world.

Sisters, like Nancy, help the Foundation make a difference in the lives of our members. Join Nancy as a member of our Jewel Society with your gift of \$1,000 or more. Our newest giving society, the Pearl Circle, recognizes sisters and friends who donate \$500-\$999.

Every donation to the Foundation touches the lives of our members. Thank you, Nancy, for believing in our mission and investing in our sisters.

ALPHA GAM'S DAY OF GIVING IS MARCH 22!



We can't wait to celebrate our sisterhood on our fifth annual Day of Giving, a 1,904-minute fundraiser benefiting our mission of women's philanthropy, education and leadership. Throughout Day of Giving, Alpha Gam sisters and supporters participate in fundraising matches and challenges and spread their love for our sisterhood across social media.

Can't wait? Make your gift today and designate it for Day of Giving using the enclosed envelope or by scanning this QR code.



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For the first time in three decades, the Jewel Society is expanding to better serve our members and communities.

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