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Nicole Dascenzo, collegian, Omicron Gamma Chapter, Ohio University
Personal growth is the ongoing process of understanding and developing yourself in order to achieve your fullest potential. Learning — we know this is something, you, as a student did or do while in school. But, do you realize how much more you learn once you graduate? We all are lifelong learners.

Life’s university gives us so many lessons to learn. Our Founders knew this. They never stopped learning. Academically, they pursued degrees beyond Miami University. Professionally, they pursued careers. They led lives active in their communities, patriotic as citizens, generous in service and philanthropy, loving to family and friends. They lived in each moment, aware of each experience, understanding its meaning. This was life education.

When I think back to my college days, I see how my Delta Zeta experiences and my Delta Zeta sisters have been essential to my personal growth. There is so much happening in a young
woman’s life as she begins her college experience, and many of our members say they are so grateful to have Delta Zeta as a guidepost at this time.

But here is the added benefit – just as Delta Zeta is for a lifetime, so is the journey of learning. And in many ways, Delta Zeta opens that door of lifelong learning. Connecting with sisters anytime in your life journey, whether personally or professionally; always open to new people and new ideas; ready for a new adventure or opportunity – Delta Zetas embrace the chance to learn more and share that knowledge to help others on their journey.

Take a look around you today! What new lessons are out there to learn? How can these lessons enhance the quality of your life and contribute to the realization of your dreams and aspirations? And, how will you share those with others?

In Delta Zeta,

Diane M. Stecher
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A Lifelong Journey to Learning

“I had always wanted to see the sunrise. This was the first time anyone else was willing to get up with me early to do so, and I’m so glad I saw it with my sisters.”

Nicole Dascenzo of the Omicron Gamma Chapter at Ohio University in Athens, took a trek with five of her best friends, all Delta Zetas, to one of the many beautiful hills surrounding the campus in the pre-dawn hours the week before school began in August of 2016. Inspired by the lyrics from a song on the radio, the sisters started talking about wanting to see a sunrise after 10 of them had watched a sunset a few nights before.

But only five hardy Omicron Gamma members were up for the 5:40 a.m. hike...
through fog-shrouded hills, encountering deer and noting how the dew was wet on the flowers and grass. “We weren’t thinking about how the sunrise itself happened at 6:45 a.m., while the colorful sky appears earlier, so our once-leisurely hike turned into an uphill sprint as we hurried to make it to the top in time,” Nicole recounted.

The sight of the fog discouraged the women, for they thought it would ruin their view of the sunrise. Then they realized, in the morning light, they had a different view of their town – something they hadn’t expected. They learned in that moment that if they looked at something in a different way, and embraced a moment as it was happening, it could lead to a completely different experience.

Sometimes what we learn is to see things differently, or to be in the moment instead of the one that didn’t quite happen the way we had expected.

“I will always remember that morning, surrounded by lifelong friends who were becoming the central characters in the stories I will tell long after my time in school comes to an end,” Nicole said.

That very first friendship you make in Delta Zeta opens a world to even more heartfelt friendships with women that become your sisters. Those sisters take you on a journey.

One path enables you to come to know yourself. You have opportunities to grow personally, pursue your passions, discover how you want to give graciously and learn how to lead. You take this knowledge into the world to live as a global citizen while you continue to learn and to mentor.

Another path gives you the chance to deepen those friendships you have made. To feel in your heart the love, support, ‘understanding and appreciation’ that your sisters in Delta Zeta have for you. Those sisters give you the confidence to pursue a new study, to explore a job, or to champion a cause you may not have considered.

These paths intersect to come together as one – a path that strengthens you as the unique person that you are, buoyed by the personal enrichment and the desire to learn, lead and teach that your Delta Zeta experience has given you.

Delta Zeta asks more of its members – that they keep learning for a lifetime, that they take this knowledge to empower their lives and do good in the world, that they never forget that there is good in the world, and that their curiosity never lags.

Supporting that desire to learn is the encouragement and steadfast friendship found in a network unlike any other: Delta Zeta Sorority.

Lifelong learning is growing, experiencing, learning in all aspects of life. That is key to personal fulfillment and to making an impact. So are the friendships we cherish for a lifetime.

Are you a lifelong learner? If you are a Delta Zeta, you no doubt are. Delta Zeta today is a network of more than 260,000 women globally engaged, making a difference and always learning.

We are not afraid to explore or take on a challenge. We focus on a goal or follow a passion because we believe in what we do. We know how to make change happen. We are executives, educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, politicians, students, mothers and volunteers searching, researching and seeking answers. We are always on the path to learning.

As you consider where you are on your path, please enjoy the journeys these Delta Zeta women are on, each one very different, buoyed by lifelong friends and minds that embrace lifelong learning.

Photo: Omicron Gamma Chapter members Nicole Dascenzo, Allie Haddad, Mallory Golski, President, Ava Wiliford and Gabby Howell.
A true lifelong learner is someone who embraces change. Brittany Hahn Boccher, Stephen F. Austin State (TX) - ZΨ, is the personification of change.

Brittany was named 2017 Armed Forces Military Spouse of the Year. “It warms my heart to share my knowledge, education and experience with fellow spouses,” Brittany said, “and that knowledge has helped provide guidance to more than ten military spouses in successfully starting their own businesses. I’m extremely passionate about encouraging military spouses to embrace military life. We’ve experienced three deployments and four new assignments!”

The Military Spouse of the Year® program represents millions of past and present military spouses who dedicate their lives and families to the service of a grateful nation and give back to their communities.

Brittany lives with her husband, four-year-old daughter and two-year-old son on Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB).

Brittany is especially grateful to have Delta Zeta in her life for support and encouragement. “I became a military spouse almost 12 years ago and I moved from my comforts of home and those that I knew and supported me. However, I found comfort in my military life when I would come across a fellow sorority sister and this, surprisingly, happened more frequently than one would think! Through the years, my Big Sister Lauren and I have stayed close, and she has been a true supporter of me and all of my endeavors in life.”

Within military life, Brittany has learned there are many ways to give back. She credits Delta Zeta, however, as the impetus for her philanthropic and service work. “I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Delta Zeta, the organization that inspired me to be a volunteer and encouraged me to be involved in philanthropy,” she said.

“I’m the president of the Little Rock Spouses’ Club and an advisory board member for the LRAFB Thrift Store,” Brittany continued. “My fellow board members are amazing and have raised over $20,000 in funds and in-kind donations to support our welfare and scholarship programs. We increased club participation by 800 percent in 2016 and made monumental impacts in our community by providing backpacks for more than 300 military children, collecting more than 75 care packages for deployed troops and supporting our on-base school.”

Brittany participated in the signing of House Bill 1162, (Retired Military Tax Cut) in the state of Arkansas, creating tax relief for military retirees beginning January 2018.

Brittany’s little boy is special to her family as he lives with Down syndrome. She sees that as an opportunity to do all she can to help and educate. “I had the opportunity to promote the exceptional family program during an interview for World Down Syndrome Day,” she said. “In 2016, I followed my dream and became founder and director of the Down Syndrome Advancement Coalition ‘Tank Filled Life’ project, educating and advocating for individuals with Down syndrome.

“Most importantly, I used my platform as the 2017 Military Spouse of the Year for Little Rock Air Force Base to change the landscape of a playground on base. I identified a gap of ADA accessible play options for children with special needs. This was a truly rewarding experience.”
Kailyn Gaines, a Political Science and Communication Studies major and President of the Xi Upsilon Chapter at Northeastern University (MA), tells this story of her sisterhood experience in Delta Zeta, and what she learned:

“My sophomore year of college I ran a marathon after only training for 26 days. At the urging of my friends, I decided to write a blog about my journey from couch potato to marathoner in a matter of weeks. Everyone in the Xi Upsilon Chapter was reading my blog, texting me their support, asking about it when they saw me, and cheering me on.

“I had sisters who had run marathons help me with a training plan and sisters who were physical therapy majors make sure that I was taking care of myself. After I ran it, a sister from my new member class gave me a medal in chapter and everyone clapped.

“During the whole crazy process, I felt so much support and love. Even when I doubted myself (most of the time), I knew that there were so many women rooting for me and supporting me. It’s a perfect example of what Delta Zeta has been for me throughout my college experience. College has been full of challenges, but it’s been made easier because I have sisters who believe in me and have taught me to have faith in myself when things get hard.”

Kailyn’s confidence moves her to help those who need someone to speak up for them. “My ultimate goal is to go to law school and become a lawyer who fights to make our criminal justice and penal system more equitable, rehabilitative and humane,” she said. “In the short term, I will graduate from Northeastern in December and I want to work as an investigator or mitigation specialist for a public defender.”

In 2016, Kailyn was invited to participate in the National Collegiate Research Conference hosted by Harvard College, one of the two schools within Harvard University which grants undergraduate degrees. During the conference, she met with other undergraduate researchers, distinguished faculty and professionals and presented her honors interdisciplinary thesis studying race, mainstream culture and police brutality.

“The biggest things that I’ll take away from my experience as an undergraduate member are the power of community and the importance of accountability,” Kailyn said. “This is reinforced each year as our chapter accomplishes amazing things in recruitment, philanthropy, community service or academics by using our sisterhood and love for each other and our Sorority as fuel.

“I am also a better leader and community servant because Delta Zeta has taught me what it is to be accountable to my community and to do what it is that I say I am going to do.”

In pursuing her passion, law and the justice system, Kailyn has learned a lot about herself as well. “Working with others, especially people in tragic situations, has taught me a lot about privilege,” she said. “I am so incredibly lucky to have loving and supportive family and friends and to have access to the education and experiences that have shaped me. I believe in giving graciously of my time and ability to bring justice to others because I have had so much given to me.”
JL Eason, a collegiate member of the Lambda Kappa Chapter at the University of Alabama/Huntsville, has discovered that learning is truly for a lifetime through her Delta Zeta experience.

A recipient of the 2016-2017 Florence Hood Miner Award, JL is a proud member of honor societies Order of Omega, Pi Sigma Alpha (political science), Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy), and graduated Cum Laude and was on the Dean’s list.

“As I was approaching graduation,” said JL, “I was unsure of what I wanted to do with my degrees in Political Science and Philosophy. One of my sorority sisters showed me how profitable a wide range of skills can be in the job market.

“I began researching STEM-related Master’s programs and stumbled across the Cyber Security program at UAH. I learned that the federal government needs cyber security professionals, so I looked at careers in the intelligence and security agencies. This career path intersected with all of my interests and skills.”

JL began studying the Arabic language in her last semester as an undergraduate and will continue to do so while earning her Master’s. “My studies in the Arabic language are in line with the need for Arabic speakers within the US government,” she said.

JL was one of five students from around the country selected to receive the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service.

“Upon graduation, I am required to work for two years within the federal, state, local or tribal government organization in a cybersecurity-related field,” JL said.

No one would think that this confident young woman, studying the field of cyber security, ever had self-doubts. But JL said Delta Zeta encouraged her to keep learning and push herself to set goals she would have otherwise never pursued.

“Before coming to college,” said JL, “I sat on the sidelines and lacked the knowledge and confidence to pursue new opportunities. During my first few years in Delta Zeta, the older sisters in chapter and our College Chapter Director at the time, Leah Parker McIntosh, Alabama/Huntsville - ΛΚ encouraged me to take on leadership roles and valued my opinions. This kind of encouragement led me to becoming Vice President of Membership for my chapter. Leading a group of strong women to work together to achieve a larger goal gave me the ability to believe in myself in a way I never had before.

“Many of my sisters were involved in the community at the university,” continued JL. “When I considered joining organizations on campus, they helped me practice for my interviews and fill out my applications. This led me to being elected as Vice President of the Student Government Association and as a two-time Orientation Leader for UAH. These leadership roles helped me to develop my passions and talents. I have Delta Zeta to thank for that.

“When I met my big sister, Andrea Blakely, my life changed,” she said. “Andrea was the person who sent me the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service application and I have her to thank for that life-changing opportunity.

“Delta Zeta taught me that there is no better way than to take those passions and use them to serve our country,” she said.

“My scholarship is a part of The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014 seeking to encourage cyber security professionals to pursue government service. The need for competent professionals to take on this very new and important field is of the utmost importance in ensuring safety for all Americans. I am proud to be one of the professionals who will issue in a new era of cyber security and information assurance for the US government.”
“In Delta Zeta, I learned that you have to be an active participant in greatness.”

Natasha “Tasha” D’Costa, Loyola Marymount (CA) - ΞΟ, lives the Delta Zeta Creed each day through her work for Teach for America and her advisory work with Delta Zeta.

“Delta Zeta is one of the main ways that I became connected to my calling – my work in higher education,” said Tasha.

As a collegian, she served in many roles for the Xi Omicron Chapter at Loyola Marymount University, including Head Guard and Ritual Chairman. Graduating in 2007 with a double major in Sociology and Communications, Tasha's love for service through education was ignited.

In the past 10 years, she has been an active Delta Zeta alumna, serving as Xi Omicron Chapter's on-campus Programming Advisor, in addition to working at the LMU Branch of Teach for America as the Program Coordinator. Tasha graduated in the spring of 2017 with her M.A. in Education. “Delta Zeta set me on the path of lifelong learning, and I speak to everyone I meet about the lifetime value of education,” said Tasha.

“Delta Zeta allowed me to become familiar with the university on multiple levels,” Tasha continued. “As a collegian, my sisters always supported me while I pursued my studies. When I graduated with my B.A. in Communications and a B.A. in Sociology, I knew I wanted to continue my work at the university and stay connected to Delta Zeta. Working on the Delta Zeta Alumnae Advisory Board inspired me to work with college students. My work mentoring and advising women in the chapter led me to pursue my Master's in Higher Education Administration and Leadership.”

Tasha began working for the Teach For America Partnership. “Working in this role every day,” she said, “I am reminded about the important work my students, as Corp Members, do in teaching their students, and the Delta Zeta Creed: 'To those who my life may touch with slight measure, May I give graciously of what is mine.'

“When I help my students,” Tasha continued, “I guide them to their goals, and that is a privilege and honor. Delta Zeta has always taught me to be more and do more. That is why I knew I wanted to get my Master's degree and I hope to begin working on a Doctorate soon.”

Tasha believes that Delta Zeta inspires members to continue learning in all aspects of their lives and to take advantage of every opportunity given to them.

“I believe that so many people are looking for that special moment, that big chance to 'make things happen' – the big secret to happiness,” she said, “but I learned in Delta Zeta that you have to be an active participant in greatness. Your life is the big chance to make a difference. We all get one life and it is our job to fill it with love, energy, and take advantage of the opportunities in it to make the world a better place.

“Delta Zeta helped me find my opportunity and where I could be the most help. Walking across the stage to accept my diploma surrounded by not only my classmates, but also my students, was such a moment of accomplishment and pride. I can’t wait to take the next step, learn more, do research, and find more ways to inspire leadership in the students I serve.”
As a member of the Iota Xi Chapter, Sara Hilpert has always had a dedication to academics. As a senior in college, Sara’s dedication to learning expanded outside the classroom. Her involvement on campus took her education out of the classroom and into the world.

A student leader at the University of Missouri/St. Louis, she serves on the Pierre Laclede Honors College Student Association Executive Board, which is made up of Honors College members. Sara is an active member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and in the past year served as Public Relations Chairman to maintain communication between the 200+ members and promote the group within the UMSL community. Most recently, she served in the Order of Omega as Secretary.

When she graduates in 2018 with a B.S. in Psychology and a minor in Gerontology, she plans to earn a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology. “My foremost goal is to provide therapy for patients in need of speech rehabilitation,” Sara said. “Another option would be to earn a Master of Counseling degree. Whatever it may be, I definitely want to help fulfill the lives of others in need.

“Delta Zeta has played a huge role in shaping my life thus far. The Sorority has opened my eyes to the prevalence of speech and hearing challenges. This has led me to consider becoming a speech pathologist. The support of my sorority sisters has helped boost my personal confidence. With such an unfailing support system, I have excelled in my academics and extra-curricular organizations outside the Sorority.”

A turning point for Sara was when she was crowned Homecoming Queen.

“One of my most cherished moments was as Homecoming Queen, which would not have been possible without my sisters’ support,” she said. “Homecoming became less about winning and more about realizing that Delta Zeta sisters are the best that anyone could ever have on their side. At the end of Homecoming, I raised more than $1,600 for a university scholarship, roughly 1,900 cans of food for the Pagedale Family Support Center, and won the title of Homecoming Queen. The memories I made with my sisters during Homecoming week will stay with me forever. Being the fifth Delta Zeta in a row to win the Homecoming Queen title at UMSL is a fact I cherish, too!

“Through my Sorority, I’ve become an individual who is well aware of the positive effect of giving my time and effort to those in need. I’ve given my time and funds to different people and causes. I took a service course at UMSL in the Gerontology program, giving 30 hours of my time to the St. Louis County Older Residents Program (CORP). I provided transportation for older citizens to and from their appointments, volunteered at a veteran’s outreach event, and lent a hand in the CORP office. Being a charitable, contributing member of society is something nearly anyone can do, but first you must have the knowledge that you have the power to do so. Thanks to Delta Zeta, I have gained the courage to make a difference in the world one step at a time.”
Monica Brinson
AGENT FOR CHANGE

“Delta Zeta helped me become a change agent.”

Monica Brinson, Rowan (NJ) - ΞΚ, embodies lifelong learning in everything she has done since graduating from Rowan University and obtaining her MBA.

Monica managed approximately 90 people on the Hurricane Sandy Project in 2013 as an Eligibility Analyst Supervisor. “This experience changed my life and opened my eyes to the depth of widespread injustice in the state of New Jersey as I fought for citizens’ rights,” Monica said.

By 2017, Monica was running for governor in her home state of New Jersey on a campaign that promised a better future for every resident.

Monica’s leadership started at a young age but her fondest memories were when she was class president for four years at Hackensack High School, uniting her beautiful and diverse class. She doesn’t consider herself a politician; she is a change agent. She is a transformational, inspirational leader who brings about positive change. She knew she could do the same for the Garden State as its governor.

“Delta Zeta is a big part of why I am the leader I am today,” Monica said. “The Sorority is still a big part of my life, and I am very close to my sisters.”

Although she didn’t win the gubernatorial election, Monica’s love of her state and her heartfelt desire to do what is right for the people of New Jersey is still as strong and sincere as ever. She is not discouraged. There is still much for her to do. Today she is volunteering on Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno’s campaign. “Although she is a Republican and I am a Democrat, our goal is to work together in a bipartisan fashion to bring New Jersey from good to great,” Monica said.

Monica recently appeared on a television show called “Jersey Matters,” where she was interviewed about her run for the governor’s seat. She is also writing a book about her journey.

“I left the race for governor,” Monica said, “because, as a candidate, unfortunately, my life was threatened.” Monica had exhausted all of her financial resources to campaign for what she believed in and was left with nothing, but her Delta Zeta sisters came to the rescue.

“My Delta Zeta sisters have given me so much support and love that all I can do is smile, get back up and fight for what is right,” she said. “That was my turning point. I love my Delta Zeta sisters and am forever grateful for each and every one of them. They are a big part of why I am the transformational leader that I am today. I will always crusade for justice!” She still faces threats and intimidation today, and says, “It’s been a traumatic, yet amazing journey. I now know firsthand what it’s like to be poverty-stricken. At first I was embarrassed, but then I thought, there is no need to be embarrassed because this is where my journey has taken me. Fortunately I have a voice, and I can speak up and be heard about what the needs of the people are in my situation. I’m humbled by everything and it’s all made me a stronger version of myself.”

Monica just received her 25-year Silver Certificate and said, “My Delta Zeta experience inspired my life and gave me confidence not only to run for governor of New Jersey, but it shaped me into who I am today.”

She continued, “In the fall of 1991, I had the pleasure of meeting the empowering women of the Xi Kappa Chapter at Rowan University. There were great sororities on our campus, but Delta Zeta felt like home. I had an epic experience being a Delta Zeta. Little did I know that pledging Delta Zeta would change my life forever. Our Creed spoke to my soul as a sister. Our Creed is who I am.”
Meredith Coleman
IMPACTFUL INVOLVEMENT

“Don’t be afraid to be the voice of change.”

In her first year as a member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Alabama, Meredith Coleman, (top, second from right) a sophomore, embodies the Delta Zeta values of a lifelong learner.

Meredith is studying marketing and management information systems as she generously gives her time to numerous organizations on campus. Meredith works as an assistant team leader in marketing for Habitat for Humanity, organizing marketing campaigns for building events and generates awareness for the organization. She also serves as the head of marketing and public relations for Without Walls and as a Miracle Maker for the University of Alabama Dance Marathon, which benefits the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

During the 2016-2017 school year, Meredith was shaped most by her involvement in the University of Alabama’s Student Government. Recommended by Alpha Gamma Chapter’s President, Meredith applied for the First Year Council and was surprised by the positive impact it had on her freshman year.

Pushing herself further, she decided to run for the Public Relations Manager in a campaign for the College of Arts and Sciences Senate seat. After a successful victory, Meredith eagerly anticipates seeing improvements come to fruition that she has helped implement on campus.

With her passion for community growth, she was later appointed the Director of Veteran Affairs by the Student Government Association. With visionary ideas for the 2017-2018 school year, Meredith plans to generate support for the Alabama veteran community, raise money towards Veterans and Military Affairs scholarships for the University of Alabama, and organize activities for an on-campus Veterans Week.

While Meredith is always looking ahead to the future of Alabama and Delta Zeta, she reflects on the impact of her involvement. “Campaigning, involvement, everything I’ve done this year has really shaped the person I am and the person I want to be,” she said. “I have become more determined and outgoing than I ever thought imaginable.”

An advocate for community involvement and mental health awareness, Meredith's passions have encouraged her to look to her sisters for support. Not only does she hope to foster a love for involvement in Delta Zeta, but she hopes to apply the marketing skills she has acquired to improve the Alpha Gamma Chapter’s philanthropic endeavors.

To her sisters, and anyone who would ask how to become a lifelong learner, Meredith Coleman offers this simple advice, “Don’t be afraid to be the voice of change. Don't be afraid of failure or rejection. Ask questions, be informed, and get involved; it will change your life, I promise.”
Brooke López
PUBLIC ACTIVIST

“With Delta Zeta, I have gained confidence to fight for what I am passionate about.”

Brooke López believes in our country and in justice. When she was 16, her friend Nahum Martinez was killed by two minors who were convicted of murder. Brooke’s passion to make the horrific wrong right fueled Nahum’s Law, which she drafted. The bill stated that a person charged as a minor with capital murder loses the privilege to have their record sealed.

At the age of 18, she became the youngest candidate in her hometown to run for office for Wyle City Council. She was passionate about the environment and voter education, and although she did not win, she continued to serve her community as the Vice Chairman of the Public Arts Advisory Board, which hosts an arts festival that sees 40,000 visitors annually.

She would go on to crusade for justice, and education would help her in this quest. At the University of Texas/Dallas, Brooke majored in Public Affairs with a minor in Geography and studied Pre-Law. She was named UTD’s Student Leader of the Year in 2017.

In 2016, she was admitted to attend the 16th annual Public Policy and Leadership Conference at Harvard University as the first attendee from UTD. The conference is held at Harvard Kennedy School each February to inspire talented, driven, and diverse first- and second-year undergraduate students to pursue careers in public service. Among these careers include positions in federal, state or local government, nongovernmental organizations, nonprofits, intergovernmental organizations, international institutions and social enterprises.

The PPLC application process is competitive. Selected participants have strong academic records and demonstrate a commitment to public service through activism, student leadership positions, civic participation at school or in their communities, or through volunteerism. This information must be included/referenced in applicants’ résumés and personal statements (Harvard Kennedy School).

“I have always been extremely motivated particularly regarding my passionate work in service. However, I never carried myself as a formidable professional with accessible aspirations until I became a sorority woman! With Delta Zeta, I have gained confidence to fight for what I am passionate about especially while I attended the Harvard PPLC where I was refining my public policy skills alongside 54 students from across the nation,” Brooke said.

As a member of the Pi Sigma Chapter, Brooke found her element as Vice President of Philanthropy. She said, “Coming from a military family, we believe that we are here to serve our country in any way that we can. With Delta Zeta, I refined the idea of service even further by learning how to give ‘graciously’ to others. As a member of a network of women from all regions, backgrounds, ethnicities and ages, I can truly say Delta Zeta has brought me into a state of giving humbly with poise and elegance. I appreciate that Delta Zeta surrounds me with women who strive to make a difference each and every day.”

She coordinated all service projects, philanthropic mixers, and fundraising events, raising over $3,500 for the Starkey Hearing Foundation and creating the biannual “Pink Goes Green” highway clean-up initiative, “Listen Carefully” hearing loss awareness program, and “Friday Night Lightz” philanthropic fundraising event.

“With Delta Zeta,” said Brooke, “I have gained an amazing network of women from all backgrounds, ages and ethnicities that have supported not only our common goals of service and sisterhood but my personal goals as I venture into new territory each day. I had never felt so supported and loved until I joined Delta Zeta where I have truly gained my confidence as a professional and a community leader.”
“My career and progression in life has been about choices, connections, and absolutely being responsible for my own development,” said Susan Pearson Gambardella, Connecticut - ΓΒ, Delta Zeta 2015 Woman of the Year.

Susan has served in various leadership roles during her 25 years with The Coca-Cola Company. Today she is Chief of Staff to the Chairman and CEO, Muhtar Kent.

“I’ve had mentors, advocates, sponsors and role models who supported me along the way,” Susan said. “I’ve also had Barb Poremba, my sorority sister, who would take time to listen, give me feedback and critique my presentations. I’ve also sought outside my job opportunities safe places to practice and take assignments, like my leadership positions in Delta Zeta allowed me to do in school — it’s a wonderful opportunity to stretch your skills in a safe environment. Delta Zeta was and is so important in my life.”

Susan emphasized that Delta Zeta’s Founders “established for all time the values that Delta Zeta and our members embody — empowered to lead and serve, living as global citizens, and always learning.”

She is truly a mentor, teacher and sponsor to other women. “As I grew into more senior leadership positions, I had and still have the immense gratification of helping others to realize the very best of themselves and grow to their full potential,” Susan said.

Susan readily admits that she wouldn’t be where she is today without her mentors. “I had a wonderful mentor who died suddenly and too soon, whom I always hear in the back of my head,” she said. “She told me to develop your own personal board of directors – those advisors that have your back and that you can call for counsel.

“I also think there is a lot of confusion out there about the role of mentors, sponsors and advocates. Mentors coach and develop, advocates champion on your behalf when you are not in the room, and sponsors have the authority to get you into the next role.”

How does this dynamic Woman of the Year believe that she has made a difference and changed lives for the better?

“I hope I have made a difference!” she said. “I learned from a great manager that being the best you is better than trying to be someone you are not, so I have tried to lead with authenticity, self-awareness and commitment to be a catalyst for positive change.”

For Susan, every part of her life provides the opportunity to learn – in her executive role at Coca-Cola, when she served as Chair of The Women’s Foodservice Forum (WFF) Board of Directors, as wife to Mark and mother to Nicholas, who is in college, and Natalie, a teenager, she knows the challenges women face as they take on all the roles they have in their lives.

What is one of the most important lessons she has learned? “Above all, lose the concept of ‘balance’,” Susan said. “If you know what is important to you, you will make the right decisions for you, your family and your career.”

Susan said, “The experiences I had with Delta Zeta shaped my view of leadership and service, and gave me chances to flex my leadership muscle and grow my confidence and abilities just as I was starting out, and for that I am forever grateful.”
Constanza Cabello faced a challenge when she became a member of the Gamma Beta Chapter at the University of Connecticut as a collegian. “While our Sorority strives to promote diversity, I believe we still have a long way to go to create an inclusive environment for people who represent a diversity of identities,” Constanza said. “There were times when, as an immigrant, Latina, first-generation college student, I felt like an outsider in the college setting and even within Delta Zeta. However, many of my sisters and advisors in the Gamma Beta Chapter sought to understand our differences, embrace them, and create space for women who contributed to the diversity of our chapter.”

Today, Constanza is the Director of Intercultural Affairs at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, providing leadership and decision-making focused on diversity, equity and inclusion. Much of Constanza’s work centers on social justice education. “In many ways,” she said, “Delta Zeta serves as a source of inspiration for the social justice work I do. Being a member of Delta Zeta helped me understand complex social issues related to race, gender, class, and other social identity groups.”

She sees every experience as a chance to learn and to incorporate that experience into her own work as a trainer, speaker and doctoral student. “I grew up in a very diverse community,” Constanza said. “When I went to college, I was shocked, and frankly uncomfortable, when I realized that I was now immersed in a predominantly Caucasian environment. It was hard to adjust to my new setting, and I knew I needed to find a way to make the college community more welcoming, and find a group of women who had similar values and ambitions. I never thought I was going to join a sorority. However, being part of Delta Zeta challenged me to find my independence, advocate for myself, and step outside of my comfort zone. These skills have been the cornerstone of my success both academically and professionally.”

Constanza recalled where her love of lifelong learning was born. “My Delta Zeta Little Sister, Fabrizia Harisi Rodriguez, and I met through the UConn Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center. We bonded over our shared experiences and involvements on campus. We understood the value of being part of Delta Zeta and being involved in cultural programs on campus. We wanted to be part of two values-based organizations that contributed to our education and growth and developed our leadership potential, passion for equity, and commitment to lifelong learning.”

Although Constanza is still on an academic journey, she knows her life experiences are just as valuable on the road of learning. “I’ve learned so much about myself!” she said. “First and foremost, I’ve learned that being a leader and a crusader of justice is hard work! It takes a lot of patience, dedication, and self-awareness. It requires compassion and confidence in doing what is right and equitable. When it comes to my social justice work, I’ve learned that there are no quick fixes, and that every change starts with a dialogue, rather than a debate. I’ve learned that seeking to understand others is the key to compassion. Most of all, I’ve learned that building bridges is more impactful than building walls. For me, the journey has been a reflection of the words in our Creed: ‘To my mind, growth, To myself, faith, That I may walk truly in the light of the flame.’”

“I’ve learned that seeking to understand others is the key to compassion.”
Kristen Field, Eastern Illinois - ΓΝ, took a path to learning that many of us only dream about – she walked away from a traditional job and had the courage to explore the path that was right for her.

After losing her father to leukemia, Kristen realized that she had been taking care of everyone but herself. Moreover, she was operating from a place of fear, not joy, and that wasn’t what she wanted for her life. A self-described “overachiever,” Kristen realized that she needed to take a closer look at her life. “This journey of first leaving an amazing job to explore my potential reinforced my belief in consistently doing things from a place of love, always. There is no room for anything else,” she said in a blog she wrote during the time of her sabbatical.

Leaving a competitive job at the nonprofit Step Up, which helps girls fulfill their potential, Kristen had money saved and bought a one-way ticket to Seville, Spain, open to the new experience. “Travel most definitely feeds my soul,” she said. “It opened a world of different people from all walks of life and backgrounds that all believed in the same thing, bonds of friendship, loyalty, service, scholarship, sisterhood. I loved the differences in all of the women that I met – that’s where you grow – from people who don’t think the same way as you.”

Before Kristen left Europe, she had the opportunity, through a mentor, to attend the Global Summit on Sexual Violence Against Women. She couldn’t help but think she was exactly in the right place at the right time – all because she had followed the call of her heart.

Today Kristen is a public service, global affairs and community engagement professional. She is Chief of Staff to the CEO of Lifeway Foods and does consulting work for Step Up, her former employer. Kristen began her career as a Delta Zeta Educational Leadership Consultant, and said, “Those years as an ELC shaped the path of how I would lead in the future, how I would strive and continue to strive to learn every day, to be a better version of me. I’m not operating anywhere near my fullest potential. Delta Zeta reminds us to give graciously of what is ours, and I’ve just scratched the surface.

“Joining Delta Zeta was one of the single greatest decisions of my life,” Kristen continued. “Not just for my undergraduate experience, but my experience as an alumna. Philanthropy was instilled in my core and one of the reasons I joined. Becoming part of something bigger than myself where the collective impact of a group of women can be felt for generations – that is powerful. Delta Zeta reminds us all that we are not just here for us. Additionally, personal development is huge. Delta Zeta was instrumental in this. The leadership skills, drive and ambition that I gained from my experience in college and as a consultant and beyond is unmatched.”

Kristen has told her story in O, The Oprah Magazine and on “So Money with Farnoosh Torabi.” As she continues to travel, grow and keep her heart open, what has she learned in her journey so far?

“I learned that taking care of myself first, opening my heart, speaking my truth, giving graciously, challenging my body, and loving the adventure makes all of the difference,” Kristen said.
The Delta Zeta Foundation thanks all 2017 members of the 1902 Loyalty Society for giving back to ensure their fellow collegiate sisters have the opportunities to participate in leadership training and educational programs. These gifts combined to provide nearly $60,000 in support to help empower Delta Zeta sisters. The following 22 chapters had 100 percent of their members join the 1902 Loyalty Society in 2017.

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2017-2018 Foundation Scholarships

With the help of generous donors, Delta Zeta Foundation was able to award 31 graduate scholarships and 41 undergraduate scholarships worth $232,000. Thank you to all of the generous donors who made these life-changing awards possible. To learn more about how you can establish a scholarship for Delta Zeta sisters, contact DZFoundation@deltazeta.org or (513) 523-7597.

Kathryn Malone, South Carolina - BA

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“Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The love and devotion shown by those who donate to the Foundation is truly touching. Sisters I do not know are allowing my dreams to come true through this scholarship. I am so privileged to be a part of such a wonderful organization where giving graciously is an action, and not just a phrase.”

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**Graduate Scholarship Winners**

**Gail Patrick Women of Distinction Scholarships**

**KELLIE HUMPHREY HACKNEY**
(Zeta Pi, University of Georgia)
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

**BRIANA HARVELL**
(Zeta Zeta, West Texas A&M University)
Master of Clinical Mental Health Counseling; Substance Abuse

**General Graduate Scholarships**

**BRITTANY ELLIS**
(Xi Beta, Eastern Kentucky University)
Juris Doctor of Law

**DESTINY GOEDE**
(Pi Alpha, University of Florida)
Juris Doctor of Law

**MEGAN KIRK**
(Zeta Pi, University of Georgia)
Juris Doctor of Law
“I have never felt as supported, encouraged, or uplifted as I did when I joined Delta Zeta and I have felt the benefits of sisterhood every day since. When I attended Presidents Academy and met many of my fellow Delta Zeta presidents, I felt so understood, supported, and inspired. There are no words to adequately describe how grateful I am to the donors who made this scholarship possible. I am so appreciative of the support of the women who funded this scholarship that will contribute to me pursuing my dreams at Rollins and beyond.”

Katrina Deisler, Pi Theta Chapter, Rollins College

General Graduates Cont.

BETHANN NOWAK  
(Gamma Theta, Carroll College)  
Master’s in Nursing-Clinical Nurse Leader

CLARE ORSEGA  
(Omicron Lambda, North Carolina State University)  Master’s in Accounting

SAMANTHA TAYLOR  
(Xi Theta, University of North Carolina/Wilmington)  Juris Doctor of Law

MEGAN THOMPSON  
(Epsilon Gamma, University of Central Missouri)  Ph.D. Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis

DAYNA WOLFE  
(Kappa, University of Washington)  Master’s in Higher Education and Student Affairs

Charline Chilson Scholarships

HAYLEY BARBLOCK  
(Kappa Xi, Duquesne University)  Master’s in Physician Studies

NICOLE BAVARO  
(Xi Upsilon, Northeastern University)  M.D. – Doctor of Medicine

ABBY BIEDENBACH  
(Pi Kappa, University of Idaho)  Master of Science in Agricultural Economics

NICOLE CIRILLO  
(Omicron Beta, Stockton University)  Master’s in Occupational Therapy

CHRISTINE COOK  
(Zeta Pi, University of Georgia)  Doctor of Physical Therapy

DARIAN FARRELL  
(Xi Psi, Grand Valley State University)  Master of Arts – Applied Social Psychology

VICTORIA HERNANDEZ  
(Xi Omicron, Loyola Marymount University)  Master of Science, Applied Psychology

NICOLE HENSCH  
(Iota Upsilon, California State University/Fullerton)  Ph.D. Pharmacology & Pharmaceutical/Translational Sciences

AMANDA HOFER  
(Theta, The Ohio State University)  Master’s in Public Health

KATHERINE JULIAN  
(Theta, The Ohio State University)  Doctorate of Pharmacy

SHANNON O’RAWE  
(Theta Iota, Western Carolina University)  Master of Science in Recreational Therapy

CHRISTINE QUEJADA  
(Theta Phi, Old Dominion University)  Doctor of Physical Therapy

KRISTIN SHEETZ  
(Omicron Zeta, Randolph-Macon College)  Master of Science – Chemical & Life Science Engineering

VICTORIA SUSLOVITCH  
(Delta Beta, University of Tampa)  Master’s in Genetic Counseling/Human & Medical Genetics

BRADY WADE  
(Beta Xi, Auburn University)  Master’s in Occupational Therapy
Thornberg/Havens Graduate Scholarships

ELISSA BURACK  
(Beta Delta, University of South Carolina)  
Master of Arts Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies

KATHRYN MALONE  
(Beta Delta, University of South Carolina)  
Master's in Human Resources

Charlotte Fields Silversteen Graduate Scholarship

CHRISTINE VON CAPPELN  
(Omicron Beta, Stockton University)  
Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology

KATHRYN BUMILLER  
(Beta Delta, University of South Carolina)  
College Major: Chemical Engineering

KAITLYN MCCREARY  
(Alpha Sigma, Florida State University)  
College Major: Finance

General Undergraduate Scholarships

General Undergraduate Scholarship Winners

MEISHA FLOYD  
(Delta Phi, Northeastern State University)  
College Major: English Education

MALLORY GOLSKI  
(Omicron Gamma, Ohio University)  
College Major: Journalism

TAYLOR HAWES  
(Epsilon Gamma, University of Central Missouri)  
College Major: Secondary Social Studies Education

ALLISON LESSNER  
(Lambda Delta, University of Virginia)  
College Major: Public Policy & Leadership

ANNE-MARIE MAHER  
(Beta Tau, Nebraska Wesleyan University)  
College Major: English

KAITI CHANDLER  
(Lambda Phi, Appalachian State University)  
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

ELIZABETH HIGGS  
(Lambda Delta, University of Virginia)  
Doctor of Physical Therapy

KILEY PUGH  
(Lambda Beta, University of Southern Indiana)  
College Major: Elementary Education

MEGAN VANCE  
(Pi Chi, Western Kentucky University)  
College Major: Political Science & Public Relations

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OLIVIA KARNES  
(Lambda Alpha, Arkansas Tech University)  
College Major: Rehabilitation Science/Occupational Therapy

BEATRIZ LAVANDERO  
(Beta Delta, University of South Carolina)  
College Major: Public Relations

DYLAN MAST  
(Pi Chi, Western Kentucky University)  
College Major: Nursing

MEGAN STAYTON  
(Gamma Omega, Southern Illinois University)  
College Major: Biological Sciences

Lavonne Heghinian Undergraduate Scholarships

AVALON ELLIOTT  
(Xi Lambda, University of San Francisco)  
College Major: Nursing

MIRANDA LACHMAN  
(Kappa, University of Washington)  
College Major: Business

VICTORIA PEDRI  
(Omicron Nu, University of Windsor)  
College Major: Psychology & Sociology Honors

LOREN STOLLER  
(Alpha Sigma, Florida State University)  
College Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders

Speech and Hearing Undergraduate Scholarships

ALYSSA BACKENSTOE  
(Delta Upsilon, Marshall University)  
College Major: Communication Disorders

KATRINA DEISLER  
(Pi Theta, Rollins College)  
College Major: English & Communications Studies

HOLLY PAVLICEK  
(Iota Alpha, Texas State University)  
College Major: Communication Disorders

Sandra Sebrell Bailey Undergraduate Scholarships

COURTNEY BANDEEN  
(Gamma Kappa, Kent State University)  
College Major: Advertising and Marketing

SHIRLEY BRULE  
(Omicron Nu, University of Windsor)  
College Major: Child Psychology & Early Childhood Education

Elizabeth M. Gruber Undergraduate Scholarship

SAVANNAH MCCLELLAN  
(Pi, Eureka College)  
College Major: English Literature

Donna Reischneider Undergraduate Scholarship

JENNIFER TROTH  
(Pi Chi, Western Kentucky University)  
College Major: English and Music

Betsy B. and Garold A. Leach Undergraduate Scholarship

DANIELLE VEITH  
(Omicron Delta, Bryant University)  
College Major: Literary & Cultural Studies

The Houston/Nancy Holliman Undergraduate Scholarship

KELSEY HUMPERT  
(Pi Chi, Western Kentucky University)  
College Major: American Sign Language Studies/Elementary Education

Edith Head Undergraduate Scholarship

KAITLYN KANKE  
(Iota Alpha, Texas State University)  
College Major: Accounting & Fashion Merchandising

John L. and Eleanor I. McKinley Undergraduate Scholarship

ANGELA HOLLAND  
(Kappa Phi, University of North Carolina/Charlotte)  
College Major: Public Health

NATALIE LORIMER  
(Beta Xi, Auburn University)  
College Major: Accountancy

MEGAN MCAFEE  
(Epsilon Xi, University of Central Arkansas)  
College Major: Health Service Administration

KRISTIN MURTHA  
(Lambda Delta, University of Virginia)  
College Major: Psychology

SYDNEY SAWYER  
(Zeta Pi, University of Georgia)  
College Major: Biology

EMILY SCHILL  
(Omicron Lambda, North Carolina State University)  
College Major: International Studies/Business Management

Sarah Jane Houston Undergraduate Scholarship

SARAH ELZINGA  
(Kappa, University of Washington)  
College Major: Marketing

STEPHANIE FAUCHER  
(Omicron Lambda, North Carolina State University)  
College Major: Communication

KATHERINE HILDEBRANDT  
(Zeta Pi, University of Georgia)  
College Major: Exercise & Sports Science

ASHLEY STIGLER  
(Zeta Pi, University of Georgia)  
College Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders

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In the Spring of 1962, Delta Zeta welcomed the Theta Zeta Chapter from The University of Akron, acquired from the Sorority’s merger with Theta Upsilon Sorority that same year.

In the Spring of 2017, March 19 to be exact, the Theta Zeta Chapter was welcomed back to The University of Akron campus. These charter members were drawn to Delta Zeta values – they gave graciously and led and served on The University of Akron campus and in their community. They were ready to take that commitment into the world as global citizens.

“The Theta Zeta members were drawn closely to two of Delta Zeta’s values specifically referring to giving graciously as well as empowering to lead and serve within the Akron community,” said Danielle Wade and Dayna Wolfe, the Educational Leadership Consultants who led the colonization of the chapter.

“Many of my sisters, including myself, never saw ourselves joining a sorority. I believe this is what makes this chapter so special. We are a group of women who never thought we would stand and say a creed, never thought that we would get the chance to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, and certainly never thought we could be a part of something that means so much,” said Holly Reed, President of the chapter.

The Theta Zeta Chapter was soon making its mark on The University of Akron’s campus. Its Fall 2016 GPA was the highest out of any Greek organization at the university.
Theta Zeta embraced Delta Zeta's national philanthropy of speech and hearing. The colony leaders built a relationship with two professors from the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, who now serve as the chapter's faculty advisors. Many of Theta Zeta's members are Speech and Audiology majors.

Theta Zeta hosted its first annual Heroes for Hearing Dodgeball tournament, raising $1,400 for the Starkey Hearing Foundation. Twenty-two teams from fraternal life on campus participated.

Thad Doyle, Senior Associate Director of the Student Union, said, “The return of the Theta Zeta Chapter of Delta Zeta to The University of Akron brings a great addition to our current Fraternity and Sorority Life community. Throughout the entire extension and colony process, the women have actively contributed to not only the Panhellenic community, but the overall Akron community. They are a group of dedicated, determined and responsible women who have raised the bar in terms of involvement, community service, philanthropy and academic excellence, placing first in grades for Fall 2016 and second for Spring 2017 semesters.”

Diane M. Stecher, National President, installed the chapter. Special guests included Mandi Wise Evans, Associate Executive Director; Michelle Albrecht Smith, National Extension Chairman and Past National President; Dayna Wolfe and Danielle Wade, Delta Zeta Educational Leadership Consultants; Delta Zeta collegians, alumnae and volunteers for the colony; members of the University of Akron Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Executive Board and Interfraternity Council; Dr. John Messina, Vice President of Student Affairs; Katelin Brendel, Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life; Thad Doyle, Senior Associate Director Student Union; and Lindsey Dever and Francesca Manila, Graduate Assistants.

As the 2017-2018 school year nears, Theta Zeta Chapter is eager to grow, lead and serve on The University of Akron campus. Thad Doyle said, “The presence of the Theta Zeta Chapter helps to provide an outstanding co-curricular experience for women that focuses on leadership and personal development, academic excellence and being a contributing organization to the overall Akron Experience.” These women are living an experience like no other – the Delta Zeta experience.
LEADING ON CAMPUS
Beta Theta Chapter at Bucknell University

“May the strength and faith which has brought you to this day be but a prophecy of the achievement of Beta Theta Chapter in the years to come.”

Diane M. Stecher
National President

On September 20, 1930, Delta Zeta Sorority was pleased to welcome a local sorority, Zeta Gamma Tau, as its then 56th chapter at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, a beautiful campus in the Susquehanna Valley region.

At the time, Bucknell was a well-respected pre-med school and hosted conferences such as the Institute of Human Relations and the Eastern Women's Student Government Association Conference.

On April 2, 2017, Delta Zeta came back to Bucknell University in a beautiful installation ceremony that welcomed our Beta Theta Chapter to the Sorority.
Bucknell University is an institution with a long and proud history of Greek life. The university has 150 student organizations, including 22 fraternities and sororities. Founded in 1846, Bucknell features programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences, engineering, management, education, and music, as well as programs and pre-professional advising that prepare students for study in law and medicine.

The installation ceremony was presided over by Diane Stecher, National President, and attended by special guests Michelle Albrecht Smith, National Extension Chairman and Past National President, Beta Theta Chapter alumnae, members of the Iota Theta Chapter at Mansfield University and the Gamma Delta Chapter at Pennsylvania State University and Phyllis Snape Favorite, Past National Officer.

Delta Zeta was honored to welcome Matt Ferguson, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at Bucknell University, whose support was crucial to the success of Beta Theta’s colonization.

Bucknell’s mission to educate “students for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity, and imagination” is congruent with Delta Zeta’s values of lifetime learning, leading and serving, and living as global citizens for the greater good. We are truly bringing an enriching experience to Bucknell women which they are taking into the world.

The Beta Theta Chapter re-installed April 2, 2017
A VISIONARY LEADER

Norma Minch Andrisek
Past National President
Order of the Laurel
Baldwin Wallace - ΓΑ
It was with very great sadness that the National Council learned that a most beloved member of the Delta Zeta Official Family passed away on May 24, 2017 – Norma Minch Andrisek, Baldwin Wallace - ΓΑ, Past National President. A truly remarkable leader, her legacy in Delta Zeta Sorority will live on for generations to come.

“Whatever can be done through exchange, compromise and faith that best serves the interest of Delta Zeta is what we will do,” Mrs. Andrisek said. She dearly loved and honored our Sorority, and her leadership was quite extraordinary.

From President of the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Baldwin-Wallace College to National President, Norma Minch Andrisek led Delta Zeta through challenging times that tested all in the Greek world.

Her vision created the first leadership conferences in the fraternal world in 1980. At the 1983 National Convention, National Council announced that the conferences would be named the Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference. “From the beginning,” Mrs. Andrisek said, “these were to be ‘leadership conferences,’ not ‘officer training conferences.’” At the time, these were truly innovative initiatives for any sorority to undertake. Today, the Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference is the premier leadership event for Delta Zeta’s collegiate leaders, and an essential element of Delta Zeta’s commitment to leadership and lifelong learning.

Her foresight was responsible for groundbreaking initiatives that moved Delta Zeta to a position of distinction among sororities. Mrs. Andrisek served Delta Zeta as National President three times: from 1977-1981 (two terms) and again from 1987-1989.

She served numerous national positions in Delta Zeta Sorority, including Director of Pledge and Collegiate Education, Vice President of Collegiate Affairs, Vice President of Membership, Alternate Panhellenic Delegate, Director of Extension and as the President of the Delta Zeta National Housing Corporation.

Mrs. Andrisek was the Centennial Steering Committee Chairman for Delta Zeta’s Centennial Convention in 2002, leading a successful Centennial celebration on Miami University’s campus, the home of Delta Zeta Sorority’s founding, with record attendance.

She served as the Delta Zeta Foundation Vice President – Museum and was key in overseeing the National Historical Museum renovations in 2012 which included updating furnishings and creating the Women of Achievement and Women of the Year Rooms in line with our donors’ vision, as well as displays depicting Delta Zeta’s early history at Miami University and the story of its first National Presidents and their administrations.

At the 2011 Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference, Mrs. Andrisek was honored with the Order of the Laurel as a tribute to her legacy of the conferences. The 2012 National Convention body in San Antonio, Texas was the first Official Family introduction to our newest Order of the Laurel recipient, Mrs. Andrisek. The Order of the Laurel recognizes sorority service of exceptional merit covering a period of many years. The award is given by National Council only in special circumstances. Of those women who have followed our Founders, some are willing to be so much more, to be very much like our Founders. Norma Minch Andrisek was one of those rare women.

Only four other women in Delta Zeta’s history have received this honor: Irene Caroline Boughton, Iowa - Ι, National President - 1936-1938; Grace Mason Lundy, Indiana – Ε, National President - 1940-1946; Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson, Miami (OH) - Α, National President - 1912-1916; and Myrtle Graeter Hinkly, DePauw - ∆, National President - 1928-1934.

Michelle Albrecht Smith, California/Los Angeles - AX, Past National President, bestowed the honor upon Mrs. Andrisek. “Norma Andrisek epitomizes all that is Delta Zeta,” she said at the time. “She is a visionary and creative leader who has and continues to give of herself to make Delta Zeta the best she can be. Delta Zeta would not be the sorority it is today if it were not for Mrs. Andrisek’s innovative leadership. I am honored to present this award to her on behalf of National Council.”

Mrs. Andrisek responded, “I am very honored to receive this recognition and all that it represents. It is a privilege to work with Delta Zeta and to share Delta Zeta with so many individuals who are in our Delta Zeta or are associated with Delta Zeta in some way. My appreciation and gratitude to the National Council for the recognition that they are bestowing on me. I am so fortunate to have worked with and loved all of these wonderful Delta Zetas. It has been so rewarding, and I take great pride in what we have done together. That is my reward. And I thank you all.”

Norma Minch Andrisek’s efforts were “worthy of the highest aim and purpose of associated effort.” We will always remember her with love in our hearts.
HEART FOR HEARING

We have raised $2.1 million for the Starkey Hearing Foundation towards our pledge of $5 million in 5 years.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

GAMMA KAPPA CHAPTER at Kent State University

provided 195 Hearing Healthcare Screenings for patients.

IOTA ALPHA CHAPTER at Texas State University

gave the gift of Hearing Aftercare Services to 243 patients.

XI PSI CHAPTER at Grand Valley State University

provided Listen Carefully Prevention Kits to 195 teenagers.
“MAY I GIVE GRACIOUSLY...”

Total Dollars Donated to All Philanthropic and Charitable Causes
January 1, 2017 – June 15, 2017

GAMMA DELTA
Pennsylvania State University
$80,507

SIGMA
Louisiana State University
$73,311

GAMMA KAPPA
Kent State University
$48,072

ZETA PI
University of Georgia
$44,749

PI ZETA
Arizona State University
$31,185

IOTA ALPHA
Texas State University
$29,952

ALPHA ALPHA
Northwestern University
$26,791

LAMBDA KAPPA
University of Alabama/Huntsville
$24,275

IOTA
University of Iowa
$21,779

ALPHA THETA
University of Kentucky
$21,661
Heart for Hearing Donations
January 1, 2017 – June 15, 2017

**GAMMA KAPPA**
Kent State University
$32,000

**IOTA ALPHA**
Texas State University
$24,343

**XI PSI**
Grand Valley State University
$17,241

**ALPHA THETA**
University of Kentucky
$15,661

**LAMBDA PHI**
Appalachian State University
$12,330

**RHO**
University of Denver
$11,116

**BETA LAMBDA**
University of Tennessee/Knoxville
$10,794

**GAMMA CHI**
Ball State University
$10,115

**KAPPA**
University of Washington
$10,000

**PI ZETA**
Arizona State University
$10,000
## TOP NUMBER OF SERVICE HOURS GIVEN

January 1, 2017 – June 15, 2017

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Beta Gamma Chapter - University of Louisville
Delta Beta Chapter - University of Tampa
Zeta Pi Chapter - University of Georgia
TOP GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

January 1, 2017 – June 15, 2017
(Semester Term; based on 4.0 GPA)

ALPHA ALPHA
Northwestern University
3.67

LAMBDA DELTA
University of Virginia
3.6

OMICRON
University of Pittsburgh
3.57

LAMBDA SIGMA
Winthrop University
3.53

ZETA PI
University of Georgia
3.53

PI EPSILON
Clemson University
3.52

XI OMICRON
Loyola Marymount University
3.51

LAMBDA LAMBDA
The College of New Jersey
3.51

PI DELTA
Wake Forest University
3.5

RHO
University of Denver
3.5

Gamma Psi Chapter - Central Michigan University
Lambda Lambda Chapter - The College of New Jersey
Xi Omicron Chapter - Loyola Marymount University
Service and Philanthropy

We give as global citizens to serve for a greater good.

LEFT TO RIGHT
- Omicron Omicron Chapter - Lindenwood University
- Beta Lambda Chapter - University of Tennessee/Knoxville
- Pi Psi Chapter - California State University/San Marcos
- Beta Delta Chapter - University of South Carolina
- Pi Sigma Chapter - University of Texas/Dallas
- Xi Eta Chapter - Northwood University
- Zeta Kappa Chapter - Ohio Northern University
Earth Day 2017 was celebrated by Delta Zeta chapters everywhere.

Gamma Alpha Chapter – Baldwin Wallace University
Epsilon Sigma Chapter - Wayne State University
Epsilon Omicron Chapter - Western Illinois University
Delta Tau Chapter - Temple University
Lifelong Learners

Graduation opens a new chapter of Delta Zeta and the doors of lifetime learning.

Epsilon Chapter – Indiana University
Kappa Phi Chapter - University of North Carolina/Charlotte
Zeta Epsilon Chapter – California University of Pennsylvania
Zeta Pi Chapter - University of Georgia
Lead and Serve

We lead to truly make a difference, while learning along the way.

LEFT TO RIGHT
Beta Delta Chapter - University of South Carolina
Zeta Phi Chapter - Slippery Rock University
Xi Chi Chapter – Robert Morris University
A Bipartisan Bill Targets Hazing on College Campuses

Delta Zeta Sorority’s Delegation in Washington, D.C.: Lynnda Wolf Hoeffer, Kent (OH) – ΓΚ, National Panhellenic Conference 1st Alternate Delegate; Kathi Bray Heatherly, Central Oklahoma – ΕΥ, National Government Relations Chairman; Arden Parker, collegiate member of the Rho Chapter (University of Denver); Kim Waskovsky, collegiate member of the Zeta Pi Chapter (University of Georgia); Colleen Hearin, collegiate member of the Beta Lambda Chapter (University of Tennessee/ Knoxville); Destiny Goede, collegiate member of the Pi Alpha Chapter, University of Florida; Cindy Winslow Menges, Miami (OH) – Α, Executive Director; Leslie Evans Williams, Indiana – Ε, National Vice President of Membership; and Jeanine Petersen Triplett, Louisville (KY) – ΒΓ, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate.

Congressman Patrick Meehan (R-Pa.) and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-Oh.) introduced the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act, bipartisan legislation that takes on the challenge of hazing on our college campuses by requiring incidents of hazing to be reported as part of a college’s annual crime report.

“Hazing is a persistent and dangerous problem on campuses around the country that will only be solved if we become more proactive,” said Rep. Fudge. “We cannot act only after an unfortunate incident occurs. We need a strategy that will address hazing at its core. Accurate college reporting will provide the data we need to develop legislative solutions for administrators and faculty and protect our nation’s college students.”

“We are very pleased that Congressman Meehan and Congresswoman Fudge have introduced this important legislation,” said Gary and Julie DeVerellcy, whose son Gary, Jr. died in a 2007 hazing incident at Rider University. “We have been fighting for this since our son, Gary, Jr. died as a result of hazing a little over 10 years ago. For too long, too many sons and daughters have been harmed or have died from hazing. Through accountability, transparency, and education, this bill will transform the hazing culture,” Mr. and Mrs. DeVerellcy continued. “We know that this will save lives and make college campuses safer!”

Leave Your Delta Zeta Legacy in Just Two Lines

Making a gift to Delta Zeta through a Last Will and Testament is easy. Individuals should instruct their attorney to add a provision to their Will naming Delta Zeta as a beneficiary of their estate. The following language is appropriate:

I give, devise and bequeath [insert dollar amount or percentage of estate] to the Delta Zeta Foundation, (Tax I.D. #31-0940640) a non-profit corporation and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, or its successor organization. Said Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to it are deductible under the provisions of federal income, gift and estate tax laws.

Individuals who have made Delta Zeta Foundation a beneficiary of their Last Will and Testament are asked to provide an attorney’s letter or copy of this page from their Will so Delta Zeta can acknowledge the donor’s generosity and properly plan its future. Alternative ways to remember Delta Zeta after your death are naming the Delta Zeta Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. To learn more or to have a confidential conversation about a planned gift, contact DZFoundation@deltazeta.org or (513) 523-7597.
Honor your sisters, friends and loved ones with a memorial gift to the Delta Zeta Foundation (deltazeta.org). Obituaries reported from February 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017. Year of initiation is shown after name.

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DELTA LAMBDA  
Barbara Wyatt Kaminski - 1960

DELTA PI  
Sally Williamson O’Grady - 1956

DELTA SIGMA  
Maride Arnold Elam - 1957  
Carolyn Yount Lee - 1966  
Pamela Carl Leming - 1972

DELTA TAU  
Cynthia Preston Charles - 1962

DELTA OMEGA  
Nancy Fink Bates - 1957  
Mary Sue Loewen Nelson - 1963

EPSILON BETA  
Patricia Quin McKee - 1965

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Lois Jane Strayer - 1957  
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THETA SIGMA  
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THETA PSI  
Jane King Quinn - 1967

THETA OMEGA  
Miranda Lynn Wheeler - 2016

IOTA DELTA  
Lauren Ashley Towle - 2003

IOTA UPSILON  
Pamela McSherry Meza - 1988

KAPPA ALPHA  
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KAPPA XI  
Keri Matus Midgley - 2000

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XI BETA  
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XI PSI  
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OMICRON EPSILON  
Hollie Beaupre Lawless - 1995

OMICRON MU  
Kaylee Paige Gilleland - 2017

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The best part of hearing is how it changes the way we see one another.

We appreciate how the global partnership with Starkey Hearing Foundation has enabled Delta Zeta Sorority members to see the world in a whole new way. When Isabella Figueroa, a collegian from the Theta Omicron Chapter, University of Texas/Rio Grande Valley, served as part of the Toluca mission team, the world was no longer some far away place. It became two people, face-to-face, with something to share — a new friendship.
Delta Zeta is a global partner with the Starkey Hearing Foundation’s mission to change the social consciousness of hearing and hearing matters through education and research, while providing the gift of hearing to those in need around the world.

In giving the gift of hearing, lives are changed forever. Communication is possible. And through that communication, building peace in the world is possible.

Delta Zeta alumnae and collegiate members volunteer at many of these Starkey mission events. Recently, we have traveled to Mexico and Peru to continue to keep the promise and make the world better.
Margaret Richardson Skinner, North Dakota - Y, visited the National Historical Museum after receiving the Order of Diamond for 75 years of membership, and told us her Delta Zeta story.

After graduating from the University of North Dakota in 1942 with a Home Economics degree, Margaret married Richard, moving to Bemidji, Minnesota, where both taught junior high and high school until the early 1980s. Margaret was active in her church, Eastern Star, PEO and volunteered at her local hospital. She and her husband raised four children, but sadly he passed away in 2004.

Margaret had the unique experience of meeting her sorority sister, Princess Martha of Norway, while a collegian at the University of North Dakota. While visiting the university in 1939, the Crown Princess had become interested in the role of a sorority in the lives of college women and was initiated into the Upsilon Chapter of Delta Zeta that year.

Margaret was initiated into the Upsilon Chapter in the Spring of 1941. Princess Martha and Crown Prince Olav, visiting the school again in 1942 in conjunction with an international philanthropic project the Princess spearheaded with Delta Zeta during World War II, a global friendship service project, gave Margaret a chance to meet her illustrious sorority sister.

The philanthropy gave aid to children in need in Europe during the war, and Delta Zeta collegians and alumnae collected clothing and donations to help this cause, giving as global citizens to aid those affected by the war. Margaret was one of those Delta Zetas, touched by the needs of others, to give as a global citizen.
Delta Zeta Sorority chapters are celebrating significant anniversaries!

Celebrating 100 years!

The Pi Chapter at Eureka College, celebrating 100 years in 2017, was the first national sorority on that campus.

Centennial Celebration

The Rho Chapter was installed at the University of Denver “during a tremendous snowstorm,” as The LAMP reported in 1917. The centennial celebration in April did not see snow, but welcomed Diane Stecher, National President (second from left) as a special guest.

CORRECTION

In the Spring/Summer 2017 issue of The LAMP, an archival photo on page 24 was mistakenly identified as the Iota Psi Chapter at the University of Texas/Arlington in 1967. That photo was, in fact, the Theta Pi Chapter at Minot State University in North Dakota that same year, 1967 and is shown below with the charter members of the chapter represented.

The photo for the Iota Psi Chapter installation article shows Margaret Ann Miller, Zeta Psi Chapter President from Stephen F. Austin State University, with Dorothy Smith, new President of the Iota Psi Chapter at the University of Texas/Arlington in 1967.