

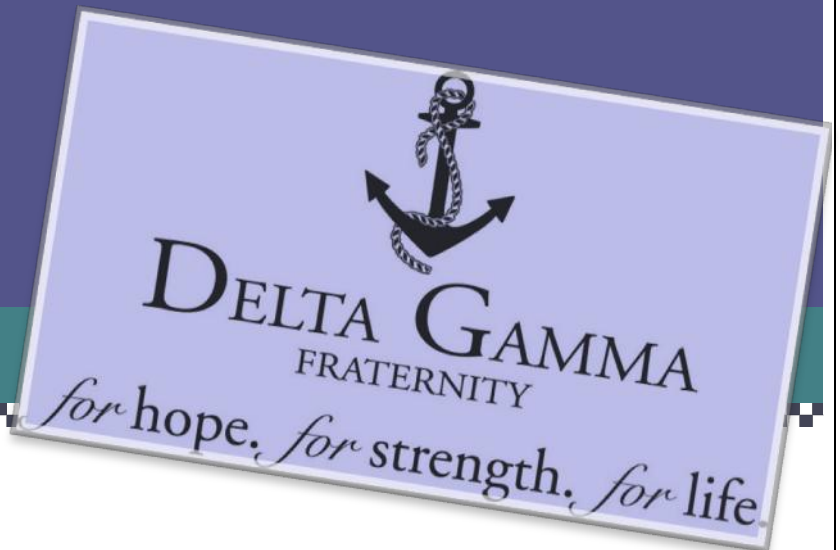


# Anchored in Aggieland

## Delta Gamma Fraternity Eta Gamma Chapter



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## A Letter from the President

Dear Parents,

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

Gig ‘Em,

*Angela O’Pry*

president



### Information Updates

We want you to stay informed! Delta Gamma realizes that as parents of a DG, you would like to know your daughter’s involvements and accomplishments, as well as what you can do with the First Mates Crew. Please visit our website ([aggiedeltagamma.com](http://aggiedeltagamma.com)) to stay informed of upcoming events and to join the First Mates Crew. Also, see our scrapbook for pictures from all of our date parties, sisterhood events, and philanthropy events!



## Mission: Recruitment

As spring semester goes on, your DG daughters are thinking ahead to August and dreaming of their new sisters.

Delta Gamma is now in the process of preparing for Recruitment 2011. Last year was a very successful year for Delta Gamma Recruitment and we are highly motivated to exceed all expectations for this year's recruitment. Upcoming events include recruitment workshops

that are already planned and prepared for the spring and summer. We are all very excited for Recruitment to begin so our chapter can continue to grow and recruit girls that are the best fit for Delta Gamma. We cannot wait to see what Recruitment 2011 holds for our chapter and

for our chapter and all chapters of Delta Gamma Fraternity.

**vp: membership, Mary Ellen Kulik**



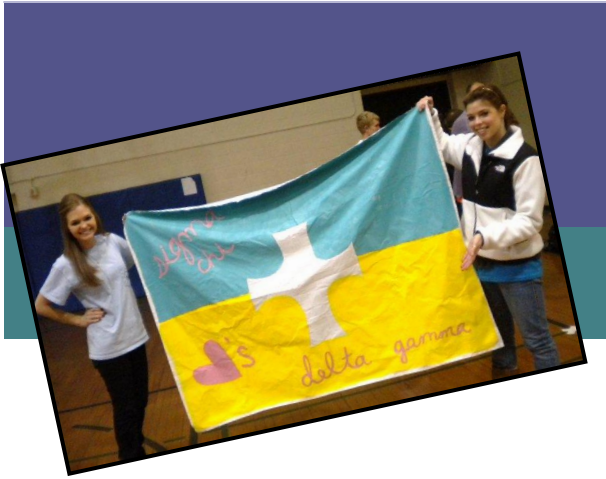
## Social Standards

While Delta Gamma was very busy this past year, we were still able to find time to have fun with our sisters! The past year's social events have been both exciting and memorable and have made Delta Gamma's bond of sisterhood even stronger. Each semester we hold mixers with men's organizations as well as date parties. In the spring, Delta Gamma got back to our roots with the start of a new semester. With a gods and goddesses theme, girls and their dates wrapped themselves in togas and partied Greek-style, feasting on Greek finger-foods such as cheese and olives. For our first mixer of the new year we met with the men of One Army for a down home white trash party complete with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and loads of fun. Our last event of the spring semester was our

annual Golden Anchor Ball. The lovely ladies of Delta Gamma and their dates got dressed up in formal attire and danced the night away bringing our spring semester to a close.

In this past fall, we had a mixer with the gentlemen of Ol' Aqs with the theme of shipwrecked. With everyone in attendance decked out in the nautical gear, we grilled hamburgers and played cruise deck games like washers and shuffle board. After having so much fun with the men of Ol' Aqs we were all excited for our annual Mocktails mixer. Mocktails is not only a great way to connect with a men's organization, but it also helps the girls and guys learn about table etiquette while dining on a three-

course meal in cocktail attire. If the girls thought the mixers were great, they sure thought that our date parties were even better. Our first date party was "Anything Goes." It was really interesting seeing our sisters' creativity come to life in their outfits made out of anything from gift wrap to rubber gloves. We got into the spirit with a surprise visit to Santa's Wonderland to look at the spectacular Christmas lights. We then ended the semester with our "Boots and Belles" semiformal party at the Hilton. We danced the night away to a great DJ and enjoyed a wide assortment of desserts. The new semester is sure to be a blast with our upcoming social events. As you can see, Delta Gamma is making memories that will last a lifetime!  
**vp: social standards, Lyndey Hlavaty**



# Phenomenal Philanthropy

With 37 teams participating, we raised \$12,000 from Anchor Slam®. All the money raised went to the Delta Gamma Foundation to support our philanthropy, Service for Sight. Currently, we are working on hosting a Delta Gamma fashion show with participation from several Panhellenic chapters. We are partnered with Merge Boutique, which is owned by a former Delta Gamma!

This year we have a lot of fun and amazing new ideas in progress! We started off before the semester even started by getting to host a visually impaired transfer student on a tour around campus and to all of his classes, bus routes, etc. We will continue to do VIP (Visually Impaired Person) driving once a month, the Golden Anchor Program, make cards for the holidays, and work with disabilities services as they need us. We recently got to interact with some local alumnae by delivering valentines to Esperanza Nursing Home. The girls had a blast delivering valentines and having lunch with some Delta Gamma alumnae. Each semester we also have a VIP holiday party where some of

the members of Eta Gamma and a group of residents from College Station get a chance to interact, exchange gifts, make crafts and play some games. We will continue to assist with the Lighthouse of Houston's beeping Easter egg hunt with the Delta Gamma's from Gamma Sigma - University of Houston for visually impaired children. Eta Gamma continues to support Aggie Guide Dog Services where we donate enough to support training one service dog a year. We also are continuing to support Jane Long Middle School where our contributions help under privileged students receive eye exams and glasses. Eta Gamma is also thriving in the top rankings for Box Tops and Soup Label donations. Lastly, we will begin to start working this semester for our

main fundraiser, Anchor Slam® so we will be completely prepared for the fall. The Delta Gammas at Texas A&M are finding new and different ways to help our community and spread the news about our philanthropy. From awareness to hands on helping in the community. we are truly enjoying everything we do as sisters in our chapter for our community. Being a part of Delta Gamma and working with Service for Sight has really made us all come together as sisters and realize how blessed we all truly are to be a part of something so amazing and life-changing.

**vp: Foundation, Taylor Neal**

## DG Accomplishments



- 3 Fish Camp Co-Chairs
- 28 Fish Camp Counselors
- 4 Big Event Staff Members
- 5 Anchor Slams® raising a combined \$62,000
- 6 Carpool Members
- 6 volunteers for Relay for Life
- 1 Aggie Dance Team member
- 3 Fade to Black members



# Panhellenic Involvement

Dedicated to the ideals of our Fraternity, Delta Gamma strives to get involved in other organizations all over campus. There have been many exciting events in which Delta Gamma has participated and many that are soon to follow! A few events in which we have taken part in include the Glow 5K put on by Maggies and AMC, Alpha Chi Omega's Pancakes for Paintwar, Kappa Delta's Spaghetti Dinner and Sigma Chi's Derby Days. We have also participated in many other organizations' philanthropy events, such as canned food, book, and t-shirt drives. This year, Delta Gamma is pairing with BYX to participate in Big Event on March 26th, the nation's largest student-run community service project. We are also competing in Stompfest with the Kappa Alpha Kappa Sorority.

Panhellenic is also gearing up for fall recruitment. In January,

Kathryn Robbins and I attended a retreat with the other Panhellenic delegates and alternates from the other eleven chapters are the TAMU Collegiate Panhellenic Council. We were able to further our leadership skills and brainstorm ideas on how to improve our already fantastic chapters. A proud accomplishment of Delta Gamma this year is having one of our members serve on the Collegiate Panhellenic Council. Jami Graham is serving her second year on the Council as VP Judicial Affairs and Accountability. Jordan DePuma and Jordan Knesek were nominated by the chapter to be our chapter's two Junior Panhellenic representatives. Delta Gamma is viewed as an outstanding organization and will continue to shine in the upcoming semester.

**vp: Panhellenic, Christina Bowie**

## Member Education

This past year in Delta Gamma has been a wonderful year! We were happy to welcome 48 new members into our Delta Gamma family in the fall of 2010. They each completed an 8 week program that taught them all the traditions and history of the Delta Gamma Fraternity. Time spent as a new member gives a glimpse of the bonds that make our chapter's sisterhood so special – bonds that grow stronger throughout the life-long membership of Delta Gamma. At our chapter retreat, we chose the 2011 watchword to be Alive. This word will be what we strive for in everything that we do. Alive is a great reflection of how we want to be "alive" in Delta Gamma and strive to accomplish our goals throughout this year. We are anxiously preparing for this coming fall when we welcome the New Member Class of 2011.

**vp: member education, Kristine Kuse**

## Communication

Delta Gamma communication is constantly improving! We have been working to keep our website as up-to-date as possible in order to keep parents and members aware of what is happening in the chapter. The "Members Only" section of the website is becoming a highly utilized resource by the chapter. In this section, current members can download a variety of documents including important forms and the semester's calendar. Parents can become involved in chapter events by accessing the First Mates Crew page. This page contains important information about the support parents can provide to their daughters and the chapter. Parents who use this page can access the Anchor Line newsletter, information about upcoming events including opportunities to volunteer like Anchor Slam® and information about joining the First Mates Crew. Be sure to check out the Scrapbook page to see pictures from Delta Gamma events! The website can be accessed at [www.aggiedeltagamma.com](http://www.aggiedeltagamma.com).

**vp: communications, Becky Cross**

## DG Scholarship:

#1 in grades in NPH sororities!

33 girls got a 4.0!

60 girls got a 3.5-3.99!

48 girls got a 3.0-3.49!





## Important Dates

May 3: Date Party

May 7: Kentucky Derby Party

May 6, 9-11: Final Exams

August 15-19: Recruitment Work Week

August 22-26: Recruitment

August 29: First Day of Classes



## Finance

The Delta Gamma house is always an exciting place to be and this year there are even more reasons to be excited about it. This past summer, we added new furniture to our study where we like to study and relax with our sisters.

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

**vp: finance, Theresa Hessel**



The Eta Gamma chapter of Delta Gamma held our annual chapter retreat at the Association of Former Students and it was a huge success! The girls learned more about one another by playing sisterhood games and sharing memories of their favorite times in Delta Gamma. Jorge Vanegas, the Dean of the College of Architecture, came to the retreat and spoke to our chapter about career and life skills. We were able to take a break from our busy schedules to hang out with our sisters and set goals for our chapter in the upcoming semester. Chapter retreat is not the only opportunity we have to spend with each other: we also have Sisterhood Events once a month, which include watching movies, painting pottery, and other fun activities. We even have a sisterhood event planned to celebrate that Delta Gamma is ranked 1st in grades out of all the sororities on sorority row! It's a great time to get a break from the stresses of school and enjoy eating snacks and relaxing with our sisters. We always have a great

turnout and the girls really enjoy bonding as sisters.

Our chapter is getting ready to celebrate Founders Day. Founders Day is the day where we celebrate the lives of our three Founders and is also a day amongst the most honored Delta Gamma's ritual traditions. It is a special occasion when alumnae and collegians meet together to honor our three Founders and to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of the Fraternity. The Eta Gamma chapter and the Bryan/College Station Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter honor all the alumna and collegians who share the bond of the value of service, the value of sisterhood, and the value of "Do Good," that we all know. This year, Founders Day will be held at Pebble Creek Country Club. This will be a day that allows us to celebrate the legacy of our Founders and fellowship in our sisterhood.

**vp: programming, Haley Holt**



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