



NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA GAMMA FRATERNITY

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as president of our chapter for the past two years. While I originally stepped into the role simply because no one else was able to commit at the time, it has been an unexpected joy and a privilege to serve alongside such an incredible group of women.

I'm thrilled that Linda Hale has graciously agreed to step up as our next president—she will be a wonderful leader for the next two years. I'll be returning to my preferred role as VP of Communications, and one of my goals is to provide a digital newsletter each month.

To help make this newsletter meaningful and engaging, I hope each of you will share photos and updates about the exciting things happening in your lives. You can send any information to: nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com. Look for a newsletter around the 15th of each month.

We have another fantastic group of officers leading us, and I know they have some great things planned. I hope each of us will find a way to stay involved and connected in the year ahead!

ITB,

Amy Lynn Wilson

WINE TASTING

Our DG Wine Tasting this past spring was a delightful evening filled with sisterhood and sweet reconnections. We were honored to be hosted by Mimi Moore Pettit and Maggie Pettit Metcalfe at The Canteen at Kingfisher Lodge – the perfect setting for our gathering.

A special thank you to Lucy Nash for generously sharing bottles from her Delta Gamma wine collection, adding a meaningful touch to the night.

A special thank to Katherine Wise, for the Charcuterie Board.

The food and desserts were absolutely fabulous, but what truly made the evening memorable was the laughter, the memories, and the unexpected joy of singing DG songs together once again. It was a night to remember! ❤️⚓️🍷





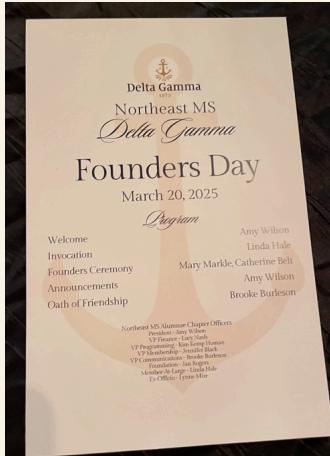
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD:

Our Alumnae Chapter Officers are elected every two years. This summer, Ex-Officio Lynne Mize served as chair of the Nominating Committee and presented the proposed slate of officers during the business meeting at our July luncheon. Presiding President Amy Lynn Wilson called for additional nominations from the floor for each position. With no further nominations, a vote was held, and the slate was unanimously approved. We are pleased to announce our 2025–2027 board members:

President - Linda Hale
VP Finance – Lucy Nash
VP Programming – Jennifer Hopkins & Leigh Ann Wise
VP Membership – Margaret Burleson Jarvis
VP Communications – Amy Lynn Wilson
Foundation – Brook Burleson
Member-at-large (Lunch Bunch coordinator) - Lynne Mize
Ex-Officio – Amy Lynn Wilson
Alumnae Awards Chair - Celia Ford

If you are interested in serving as a Member-at-large for your city/area, please email nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com for more information.



FOUNDER'S DAY

We were excited to celebrate Founder's Day as a chapter this past spring. While many of our members attended Founder's Day Celebrations with our Delta Lambda collegians, we also held a celebration of our own. It was a great time to reflect on our Delta Gamma memories!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SISTERS CELEBRATING DG MILESTONES!*

75th

Betty Akin Hudson (Alpha Psi) of Aberdeen is celebrating her 75th Anniversary as a Delta Gamma!

70th

Alice Gray O'Neal (Gamma Zeta) of Columbus is celebrating her 70th Anniversary as a Delta Gamma!

50th

Mary Ann Miley Ballew (Delta Lambda) of Brandon
Martha Mullin Blackwell (Delta Lambda) of Macon
Amy Ajax Crigler (Delta Lambda) of Macon
Jan Stone Ireland (Alpha Psi) of Belden
Betty-Gail Williams Kalich (Alpha Psi) of Tupelo
Martha Harrison Langerfeld (Delta Lambda) of Tupelo

25th

Ashley Peel Brooks (Delta Lambda) of Van Vleet
Jennifer Bennett Collier (Delta Lambda) of Louisville
Emily Caroline Fulcher (Delta Lambda) of Louisville
Meaghan Bailey Gordon (Delta Lambda) of Starkville
Laura Shirley Hodges (Alpha Psi) of Belden
Krystal Jenkins (Delta Lambda) of Starkville
Ashley Nance McLellan (Delta Lambda) of Belden
Dena Marie Miles (Delta Lambda) of Tupelo
Anna Katherine Morris (Delta Lambda) of Tupelo
Shea Sides Rea (Alpha Psi) of Kosciusko
Mary Stewart Hester Rhea (Delta Lambda) of Tupelo
Courtney Cooper Sparks (Delta Pi) of Kosciusko
Wendy Denise Tabor (Delta Lambda) of Hamilton
Emily Katherine Wikle (Delta Lambda) of Tupelo

*All information is from Anchorbase.



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WELCOME TO OUR DELTA GAMMA SISTERS!

We're excited to welcome sisters who have recently graduated or relocated to the Northeast Mississippi area. Whether you're back home or planting new roots, we are thrilled to have you here and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

So far in 2025, the following sisters have been added to our local chapter roster due to a change of address:

Belden: Anna Morgan Beckham (Delta Lambda) & Ella Cate London (Delta Lambda).

Caledonia: Abbie Trotter (Delta Lambda), & Rileigh Campbell (Delta Lambda).

Columbus: Lucy Sharp (Delta Lambda), Hanna Hardy (Delta Lambda), Emma Hardy (Delta Lambda), Emma Easterling (Delta Lambda), & Sophie Singley (Delta Lambda).

Eupora: Georgia Bland (Delta Lambda)

Mantachie: Courtney Moran (Delta Pi).

Saltillo: Rachel Spencer (Alpha Psi), Madison Hall (Delta Lambda), Avery Kate Priest (Delta Lambda), & Mary Kirk Dillard (Delta Lambda).

Starkville: Sarah Morrow (Delta Lambda), Morgan Smith (Delta Lambda), Claire Farmer (Delta Lambda), Elizabeth Hubbard (Delta Lambda), & Amy Hutchison (Epsilon Chi).

Tupelo: Betty Gail Williams Kalich (Alpha Psi), Abigail Henderson (Delta Lambda), & Evelyn Quiej (Delta Pi).

♥ We hope to see each of you soon! Please feel free to reach out, get involved, and join us as we continue to live out the Delta Gamma motto: Do Good. If you are a recent graduate and have actually moved to another city and would prefer to be included in that location's alumnae group, email nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com to request to change your address. You may also update your information through the Delta Gamma website. No matter your situation, we are always happy to have you as a member of our chapter.



Level	Local	National	=	Total
Blue	\$10	\$46.00	=	\$56.00
Pink	\$15	\$46.00	=	\$61.00
Bronze	\$20	\$46.00	=	\$66.00

You may add a donation to provide recruitment food for MSU and Ole Miss chapters when you pay your dues. Dues and donations should be made through the national DG website <https://www.deltagamma.org/our-membership/alumnae/alumnae-dues/> or the link you received in an email. Thank you to all alumnae who have already paid their dues and given to Recruitment Food. Three hot, nutritious meals will be delivered to MSU this week. Thank to our delivery drivers: Julie Gibens, Amy Lynn Wilson, and Leigh Ann Wise.



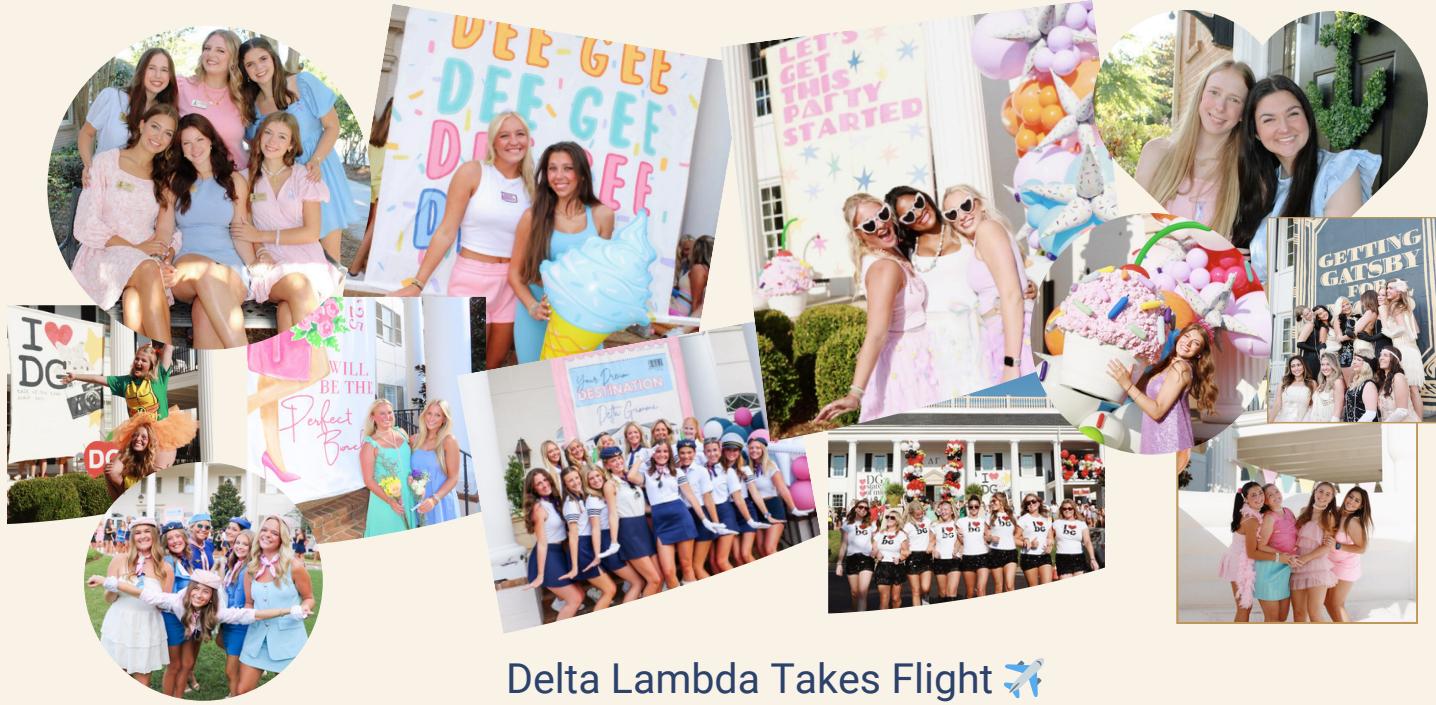
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IT'S RECRUITMENT TIME!!

We're always proud to support our Mississippi State and Ole Miss Delta Gamma chapters during recruitment season! Over the summer, many of our members have been busy completing Sponsorship Forms for Potential New Members, helping to ensure the next generation of sisters finds their home in Delta Gamma.

Recruitment is such an exciting time as we eagerly anticipate welcoming new sisters into our bond. Be sure to watch our Facebook page for photos of our collegians as they prepare — they may make it look fun and fabulous, but we know it's also a whirlwind of hard work and dedication.

We're cheering them on and wishing them the very best! We know they'll make us proud. Below are some pictures shared on social media by all 3 of our MS collegiate chapters.



Delta Lambda Takes Flight

If you haven't seen Delta Lambda's "Delta Airlines" recruitment reel on social media, you're missing one of the most creative and entertaining videos of the year! What makes it even more special is the behind-the-scenes connection: the plane featured in the reel actually belongs to Mike Forster, the father of our Region 3 Regional Alumnae Specialist, Beth O'Quinn.

Mike, a proud Mississippi State alum living in Louisville (and grandfather to Erin O'Quinn, Delta Lambda '15), was approached by a local family friend who needed permission to film in front of a private jet in Starkville. Only after the shoot did Mike realize the video was for Delta Gamma! Of course, he had to share it with Beth and Erin immediately. You can watch the full reel here → https://www.instagram.com/p/DNKB_BtuOVO/ or scroll through our FB page!

Request to join our private Facebook page! Search for **Northeast Mississippi DG Alumnae Chapter** and answer the simple questions to be approved.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS WITH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS*:

August 1:

Lynn Palmer Purnell
Sydney Stallings Wise

August 3:

Blayre Smith Sanders
Elizabeth Thompson
Jenny Ware

August 4:

Mary Page Billingsley Davis
Elizabeth Costa Farris

August 5:

Martha Stuart Weaver

August 7:

Abby Kate Boyer
Melissa Jones Haab

August 9:

Jana King

August 11:

Anna Nichols Ellzey

August 12:

Sydney Triplett

August 13:

Carol Brenner Ball
Susan Bonds Griffin
Callen Parker

August 14:

Lauren Alford

August 15:

Aubrey Claire Armstrong

August 16:

Lane McClellan
Jaynee Margaret Pierce

August 17:

Charlie Googe
Garnett Tubb McDaniel

August 18:

Alison Nichols

August 20:

Carson Brantley
Lindsey Fowler Dew

August 21:

Jacquelyn Crane Petre
Mimi Moore Pettit

August 24:

Kathy McLean Newton

August 25:

Rebecca McKissack Keels
Keeley Sams
Christy Soper

August 26:

Jaime Green Hefner

August 27:

Jessica McIntosh

August 28:

Jennifer Bennett Collier
Alexandra Presley
Emma Russell

August 29:

Kelly McCay Hill
Leigh Ann Nixon Wise

August 30:

Gena Mattison Glenn

August 31:

Shannon Smith Morris

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Lunch Bunch is Back!

DGs will meet for lunch at Casa D'Italia in Tupelo on Thursday, August 28th at 11:30 am. Text Lynne Mize at (662)891-0356 if you plan to attend! Everyone is invited but if you are interested in lunch with DGs in your city, contact Lynne for help in setting up a Lunch Bunch in your area!



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RECRUITMENT NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DELTA PI CHAPTER AS OUR COLLEGIATE SISTERS WELCOMED HOME MEMBER CLASS '25! QUOTA WAS 26! WE KNOW WHAT AN AMAZING SISTERHOOD ADVENTURE THESE 26 YOUNG WOMEN HAVE AHEAD OF THEM! MC'25 IS MADE UP OF 19 YOUNG WOMEN FROM MISSISSIPPI, FIVE FROM LOUISIANA, ONE FROM KANSAS, AND ONE FROM TENNESSEE!



1. BELLA ARNOLD - KENNER, LA
2. RAQUEL COWART - LUCEDALE, MS
3. NATALIA ESCOBEDO - DIAMONDHEAD, MS
4. ANN BRILYE HANKINS - GREENVILLE, MS
5. KENSLEY HARDY - COVINGTON, LA
6. MADDY HAYS - BRANDON, MS
7. MCKENZIE LUNDY - MERIDIAN, MS
8. MADISON MARTIN - BILOXI, MS
9. CLAIRE MCELHANEY - RIDGELAND, MS
10. ALDEN MORRIS - GULFPORT, MS
11. CAROLINE NELSON - PASCAGOULA, MS
12. NATALIE PETERSON - SUMRALL, MS
13. CAROLINE PHILLIPS - LAUREL, MS
14. MADDIE RICKS - HATTIESBURG, MS
15. ALEXANDRIA ROBERTSON - NEW ALBANY, MS
16. MARY MIKELYN SARTIN - CLINTON, LA
17. OLIVIA SCHULTE - JACKSON, MS
18. TAEGAN SHANNON - ELLIS, KS
19. ISABELLA SHOFFNER - PURVIS, MS
20. KATHRYN SIBLEY - SUMRALL, MS
21. CELIA SMITH - HATTIESBURG, MS
22. SOPHIE STEIN - GRETNNA, LA
23. HALI TOLBERT - COLLIERVILLE, TN
24. CAROLINE TRAHAN - AMITE, LA
25. TATUM WATTS - VICKSBURG, MS
26. REAGAN YAWN - HATTIESBURG, MS



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