



# NOAC ANCHOR LINE

New Orleans Alumnae Chapter  
Newsletter

FIRST QUARTER 2024



SHOWN: NOAC Aunt Hannahs and their EPhi seniors

## From NOAC President

What wonderful celebrations to start 2024 with rejuvenation! Alumnae and collegians came together at our 2024 Founders Day for meaningful and rewarding time together to reflect on our successes, and to award many members for their loyal service. EPhi alumnae reflected on 40 years at Loyola with celebration events to reconnect and make more memories.

NOAC also hosted our annual King Cake Party and DG Trivia with EPhi collegians, who love winning prizes (see page 7)!

Our efforts are generously supported by our fundraisers, and especially by alumnae paying their chapter dues (see pages 8-9).

Our Leadership Team continues to pay gratitude forward with their knowledge and time to ensure our successes and efforts to Do Good. Please consider what you can do to be a part of this rewarding volunteer service with us!

ITB, Liz Ferguson

Alpha Psi-University of Mississippi

## 2024 FOUNDERS DAY

# NOAC & EPSILON PHI CELEBRATE DG FRATERNITY'S 150TH, EPHI'S 40TH

New Orleans area Delta Gamma collegians and alumnae came together at Loyola University on Saturday, March 9 to celebrate the Delta Gamma Fraternity's 150th Year and the Epsilon Phi's 40th anniversary at our Founders Day.

New Orleans Alumnae Chapter (NOAC) Founders Day and Awards Chair Mackenzie Creamer (Alpha Psi-Mississippi) formally welcomed attendees noting, "I am excited to see so many people here to celebrate the founding of our club of 'mutual helpfulness!' Then DG Region 3 Collegiate Specialist, Chelsea Mahoney (Eta Eta-Spring Hill) led chapter roll call. Attendees hailed from eight Delta Gamma chapters, including the fraternity's founding chapter at University of Mississippi in 1873.

Five EPhi officers led the traditional candlelighting ceremony, recounting stories of the fraternity's foundation and symbols. They were followed by NOAC President, Liz Ferguson who then recapped the history of Founders Day, and provided an update on the many NOAC chapter activities and successes as well as sharing appreciation for the many who worked tirelessly to make this milestone event happen in DG Do Good style!

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**FOUNDERS DAY 2024 (continued)**

"As you can read on the program, the DG sesquicentennial gives us the opportunity to reflect, acknowledge and appreciate our membership. A time for remembrance of history and a reunion with friends, collegians and alumnae continue to mark Founders Day" Liz said. [Click here to see more event highlights!](#)

Immense appreciation was extended to the **2024 Founders Day Planning Team** including (shown in photo top right, L to R): Mary Claire Kramer, EPhi programming adviser; Mackenzie Creamer, Founders Day chair; Norah Carr, EPhi senior programming director; Liz Ferguson; Nadia Frederick, EPhi vp: programming; Annabel Beatmann, EPhi president; and Savannah Waguespak, EPhi Advisory Team Chair.

"In 2022, we started rebuilding our chapter ... and now we are renewing with rejuvenation in many ways with numerous successes," she continued. She thanked the **NOAC Officers Team** (shown below L to R): Julia Stewart, media chair; Christina DiMaggio, vp: membership and rituals chair; Maddy Brocato, vp: communications; Liz (center), Angie Sweeney, vp: finance and GNOAP delegate; Mackenzie Creamer, Founders Day and awards chairs; Melissa Aucoin, collumnae chair; Kayla Sweeney, Do Good chair; and not shown, Nancy Giacone, vp: Foundation and Christie Poindexter, fundraising chair.

**Please share your event feedback and ideas for NOAC & EPhi via our post-event survey:**

[Click Here](#)

**SHOWN:**

- Above: **EPhi advisers** (L to R): Lauren Dunn, Foundation; Savannah Waguespak, ATC; Mary Claire Kramer, programming; Jennifer Bernard, member education; Lydia Hopewell, Honor Board; Andrea Gunn, communications; and Joelle Thompson, membership recruitment.



*Collegians sharing smiles!*







## 2024 FOUNDERS DAY AWARDS

# ALUMNAE RECOGNIZED FOR LONG-TERM SERVICE



Ten alumnae received Delta Gamma's prestigious **Hope, Cable and Loyalty Awards** during this year's Founders Day event. The awards are "reserved for the alumna who, through her years of serving Delta Gamma, has shown unusual loyalty and devotion," NOAC Awards Chair, Mackenzie Creamer told Founders Day attendees.

Six alumnae were recognized with Delta Gamma's **Hope Award** for their extraordinary service for at least five years:

- **Kimberly Charlesworth**, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State and affiliate of Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi
- **Amanda Collera-Day**, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State
- **Andrea Gunn**, Epsilon Phi-Loyola
- **Mallory Lindsly**, Eta Eta-Spring Hill
- **Caroline Starr**, Eta Eta-Spring Hill
- **Savannah Chamblee Waguespack**, Eta Eta-Spring Hill

Three alumnae received the Fraternity's renowned **Cable Award**, recognizing at least 10 years of outstanding service:

- **Jennifer Bernard**, Epsilon Phi-Loyola
- **Lauren Dunn**, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana
- **Chelsea Mahoney**, Eta Eta-Spring Hill

Delta Gamma Fraternity Director: Panhellenic Development, Heidie Dort Lindsey (Epsilon Tau-Central Florida) awarded the esteemed Delta Gamma **Loyalty Award** to Region 3 Panhellenic Support Specialist, **Wynde Jones** (Delta Pi-Southern Mississippi) recognizing her 20+ years of dedicated, enthusiastic and loyal service.

Alumnae chapters submit applications based on criteria as determined by Delta Gamma and including at least three letters of support. Our awardees' letters of support revealed many recurring themes, including "kindness", "steadfast", "service", "leadership" and "Doing Good". These members are appreciated for their personal devotion and continued service to DG.

**SHOWN:**

- Top (L to R): Hope Award Recipients Andrea Gunn, Caroline Starr and Savannah Chamblee Waguespack
- Middle (L to R): Cable Award Recipients Lauren Dunn, Chelsea Mahoney and Jennifer Bernard
- Bottom (L to R): Liz Ferguson, Heidie Dort Lindsey, Loyalty Award Recipient Wynde Jones, and Mackenzie Creamer







## EPSILON PHI-LOYOLA ANNIVERSARY

# EPHI CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

EPhi's immediate past and current presidents, Olivia DeSantos and Annabel Beatmann, reported to Founders Day attendees on the chapter's recent successes and current goals. Officers also presented chapter awards, seniors were recognized and presented by their NOAC Aunt Hannahs with stoles and a cream color rose (see photo on page 1).

Member Class Awards are given to one woman in each class who best exhibits the values stated in Delta Gamma's Article II. Founders Awards are given to three unique collegians similar to our three Founders who established Delta Gamma Fraternity 150 years ago. The values, qualities, and personalities of these women are still represented in our chapters today, and our awards' recipients are examples of such!

The Greek words Tau Delta Eta have a special, secret meaning to members of Delta Gamma. The TDH Award is given to one collegiate woman who encompasses the true meaning of what it is to be a Delta Gamma and receiving this award is one of Delta Gamma's highest honors. This woman is honorable, courageous, strong and compassionate, and has devoted her college career to living Delta Gamma values every day. This year's recipient is senior, Olivia DeSantos.

**SHOWN:**

- Top: Member Class Awards recipients: Sophia Hof, Farrah Labadie and Olivia DeSantos; not shown, Anna Keller
- Center left: Olivia DeSantos, past president with Annabel Beatmann, incoming president
- Center right: Founders Awards recipients: Jacqueline Porras and Damari Esqueda; not shown, Ana-Claire Perkins
- Right: Epsilon Phi Chapter Management Team (CMT)
- Bottom: Epsilon Phi collegians and alumnae celebrated 40 years







## EPSILON PHI-LOYOLA ANNIVERSARY

# EPHI CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

This year's Founders Day weekend was particularly special for the Epsilon Phi chapter at Loyola University, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Delta Gamma alumnae and EPhi collegians came together during the 2024 Founders Day event to recount EPhi's history and share memorabilia and stories recounting the past years.

"The Epsilon Phi chapter of Delta Gamma was installed on October 20, 1984," EPhi alumna Jennifer Bernard told attendees. "Chapter members from Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State installed the chapter when 56 collegians and six alumnae were initiated into membership."

Collegian Damari Esqueda concluded, "Throughout the years, Epsilon Phi has continued to uphold its history as well as evolve and grow with time. The chapter continues to foster a robust membership of unique, academically-driven women that are sisters, intellectuals and leaders."

EPhi's celebration weekend included a casual alumnae Celebration Kickoff at Megan Adams Layman's home in the Garden District on Friday, March 8. EPhi alumnae and guests gathered for a Celebration Party on Saturday, March 9 at Cherie Koenig Moore's home in Metairie. Many thanks to both alumna for hosting!

**SHOWN:**

- Top: EPhi 40th Year Celebration Kickoff
- Center: EPhi 40th Year Celebration Party
- Bottom : 2024 Founders Day with Epsilon Phi alumnae







## FOUNDERS DAY GUESTS OF HONOR

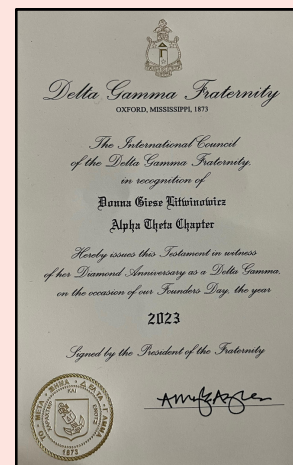
# 75-YEAR DELTA GAMMA IS FOUNDERS DAY SPECIAL GUEST

NOAC and Epsilon Phi welcomed a very special guest of honor at our 2024 Founders Day festivities: 75-year member Donna Mae Giese Litwinowicz, attending with her daughter and granddaughter.

Ms. Litwinowicz was initiated in 1949 at the Alpha Theta chapter at University of North Dakota, where she relished living in the sorority house and participating in a campus talent show that was documented by Life magazine in 1950. Following graduation, she moved to New York and Denver, where she met her husband. They lived in South America and the Caribbean before settling in New Orleans. Her family grew to five children, 15 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. The 94-year-old resides in Metairie, and welcomes Delta Gammas to visit her.

**SHOWN (L to R):**

- Top: 75-year member Donna Litwinowicz (front) with milestone members Patti Lee, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State; Alma Dunlap, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State; and Mary Walther, Epsilon Phi-Loyola, who was initiated forty years ago in 1984!
- Center: NOAC members from our Founding Chapter, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, and also serve on our Officers Team: Maddy Brocato, Mackenzie Creamer and Liz Ferguson
- Bottom: Delta Gamma Alumnae hailing from eight chapters at 2024 Founders Day



## Did you know?

**Alumna** (alum-NAH): A single female graduate

**Alumnae** (alum-KNEE): Multiple female graduates

**Alumni** (alum-NYE): A group of female and male graduates







# ALUMNAE, COLLEGIANS COME TOGETHER

## *KING CAKE TASTING & MARDI GRAS TRIVIA NIGHT*

New Orleans Alumnae Chapter (NOAC) members and Epsilon Phi-Loyola collegians came together on January 22 at the home of Jenny Longwell, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State in true New Orleans style to welcome Carnival season.

Delta Gammas sampled more than a dozen King Cakes from bakeries across the New Orleans and Metairie areas, sweet and savory. Thanks to the many sisters who donated their favorite King Cakes.

Attendees then grouped into mixed teams of collegians and alumnae for a Mardi Gras-themed trivia contest. The winning team took home Mardi Gras-themed goodie bag prizes. A great time was had by all!

## *DG TRIVIA AT EPHI CHAPTER MEETING*

NOAC Founders Day Chair, Mackenzie Creamer and Columnae Chair, Melissa Aucoin attended an EPhi chapter meeting to test the knowledge of collegians with DG Trivia, to prepare them for our 2024 Founders Day. The competition was fierce, and everyone learned more about Delta Gamma and Epsilon Phi!







## Do Good NOAC Volunteers

### **PRESIDENT**

Liz Ferguson, Alpha Psi-Mississippi

### **VP:FINANCE and GNOAP DELEGATE**

Angie Sweeney, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State

### **VP:FOUNDATION**

Nancy Giacone, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State

Fundraising Chair: Christie Poindexter, Eta Eta-Spring Hill

Co-Fundraising Chair: To Be Filled

Do Good Chair: Kayla Sweeney, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State

### **VP:MEMBERSHIP AND RITUALS CHAIR**

Christina DiMaggio, Epsilon Phi-Loyola

Member Resources and Young in Spirit Chairs: To Be Filled

### **VP:COMMUNICATIONS**

Maddy Brocato, Alpha Psi-Mississippi

Media Chair: Julia Stewart, Epsilon Gamma-Virginia

Social Media Chair: To Be Filled

### **VP: PROGRAMMING**

Alumnae Events Chair and Collumnae Events Chair

To Be Filled

### **COLLUMNAE CHAIR**

Melissa Aucoin, Epsilon Phi-Loyola

Co-Collumnae Chair: To Be Filled

### **FOUNDERS DAY and AWARDS CHAIR**

Mackenzie Creamer, Alpha Psi-Mississippi

**RECOMMENDATION CHAIR:** To Be Filled

### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

Alma Dunlap, Kay Allen, Courtney Lane and Megan Layman

### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP LEADS**

"Anchored Pages" Book Club: Elizabeth Tarsi

"Sole Sisters" Walking Group: Nicole Favre and Liz Ferguson

Mommies and Lil Wee Dee Gees: To Be Filled

**To volunteer with NOAC, contact us at**

***DeltaGamamaNOLA@gmail.com***

***You'll be happy you did!***

## NOAC Upcoming Events

- 4/11 Thursday: Sippin' with Sisters Happy Hour
- 4/19 Friday: Ladies who Lunch at Mandina's
- 4/29 Monday: Aunt Hannahs recognize
- EPhi Seniors at Chapter Meeting at Loyola
  - 5/10 Friday: Kendra Scott Shopping to benefit DG Foundation
  - June: Year End Event
- "Anchored Pages" Book Club: 4/16, 5/21 and 6/18

For the latest details and to RSVP, click links above and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit our website for more information about NOAC!

## Do Good Opportunity: Exam study bags for Epsilon Phi collegians

Act by April 20 to help NOAC supply our collegians with goodie bag gifts as they head into final exams!

All donations are welcome and appreciated.

**< CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS >**

## Thank You for Supporting NOAC Fundraisers

Thanks to all the alumnae who supported NOAC's recent fundraisers, helping us to raise over \$4000 for Do Good Sisterhood causes!

*Founders Day raffles*

*Lynch Creek Farm shopping*

*LA Style T-shirts*

*Kendra Scott shopping*

*EPhi Exam Study Bags*

*"Helping Hannah" donations*

*and more in the works*

## Special thanks to these generous donors of 2024 Founders Day raffle items.

Bae's Bakery | Byblos | Campus Connections | Dat Dog | Friends of City Park | Gambino's | GoodFace Salon |  
Gretna Depot Cafe & Spirits | Grey Line | Hemline | Kendra Scott | LiBird Pottery | Mandina's | MJ's Gifts |  
New Orleans Steamboat Company | Otter Boutique | Posh Paint | Raising Cane's | Riboli Family Wines |  
The Mardi Gras Spot | Trendz | Vue Orleans in the Four Seasons

and NOAC members including Jeanne Cohen, Mackenzie Creamer, Christina DiMaggio, Liz Ferguson,  
Nancy Giacone, Megan Layman, Sally Schaefer, Julia Stewart and more!





## Thank You for Supporting Your Alumnae Chapter

You can support New Orleans Alumnae Chapter (NOAC) several ways: with your dues or your volunteer time or both!

### Choose Your 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 Dues Level:

- **New alumnae** (\$20): For graduates who were initiated 2016 or later.
- **Blue** (\$40): This is our basic membership level. Consider increasing your support to help us Do Good!
- **Pink** (\$60): In return for your lagniappe support, you'll receive the "EPhi for Hire" list of collegians available for babysitting, pet sitting, errands, projects and more.
- **Bronze** (\$80): All the benefits of Pink membership, plus your contribution includes donating a spring Exam Study Bag for an EPhi collegian.
- **Golden Anchor** (\$110): Receive all the benefits of Bronze membership, plus a ticket to our 2024 Founders Day celebration ticket - a \$40+ value.
- **50+ year members**: You are exempt from paying National per capita dues to Executive Office.

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## Thanks to NOAC's 2023-2024 Dues-Paying Members

Missy Aucoin | Kate Balart | Lindsey Bennett | Danielle Breaud | Christe Brewton | Kate Brignac | Maddy Brocato | Ella Brown | Jenna Burke | Jeanne Cohen | Amanda Collura-Day | Mackenzie Creamer | Mia Dalton | Christina DiMaggio | Alma Dunlap | Lauren Dunn | Giselle Eastlack | Katie Eastman | Dana Ehlinger | Nicole Favre | Liz Ferguson | Nancy Folse | Nancy Giacone | Catherine Giroir | KaTrina Griffin | Patricia Hardin | Ann Harold | Bonnie Hatrel | Lydia Hopewell | Amelia Huddell | Erin Hymel | Ashley Jambon | Wynde Jones | Rachel Kiedrowski | Courtney Lane | Jenny Lauscha | Megan Layman | Leslie Leavoy | Patricia Lee | Mallory Lindsly | Jennifer Longwell | Sara Catheryn Luallen | Margaret Ann Macloud | Melinda Mallery | Marilyn Malone | Michele Milano | Tiffany Mohre | Katie Morton | Michelle Moulis | Ellen Nguyen | Jan Oreck | Claire Oster | Christy Parker | Heather Passler | Christie Poindexter | Jennifer Radka | Peggy Rogers | Margaret Saik | Gia Sausse | Susan Scharff | Elizabeth Skrmetta | Caroline Starr | Julia Stewart | Diana Stieffel | Angie Sweeney | Kayla Sweeney | Elizabeth Tarsi | Jennifer Thibodeaux | Leigh Thorpe | Janet Vidrine | Ann Von Almen | Savannah Waguespack | Courtney Weiland | Yvonne Winchell

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