



# NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA GAMMA FRATERNITY

## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies,

What an honor to serve as Northeast Mississippi Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter President! I'm looking forward to the next two years. For those of you who may not know me, I grew up here in Tupelo, MS. I pledged Delta Gamma in 1975, my freshman year at the University of Southern Mississippi - Delta Pi Chapter. It proved to be one of the best decisions of my life. Being four hours from home, it was truly a home away from home. After receiving a music education degree, I returned to Tupelo and taught public school music at Church Street and Pierce Street Schools for several years. For the last 30 years I owned and operated Red Door Antique on Coley Road.

My Delta Gamma experience has been different than those of you who attended Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Alabama. USM is more like many of our chapters where the Greek Population is not as dominant on campus. Both are GREAT experiences whether large or small. My smaller chapter made it easier to know each sister. The DGs from the 70s at USM gather every January for a Beach Trip and several times throughout the year.

This year I'm looking forward to making our group shine to make Executive Office take note. A few things I've love to see happen this year...

- **Turning in Volunteer Hours**

Every year EO asks over and over - we have never really followed through on this. Be watching for a link to turn in your volunteer service hours.

- **Lunch Bunch - Brunch Belles - Sip Sisters**

We plan to switch things up and in addition to Lunch - have Brunch and a Cocktail Hour. Watch for those announcements on Social Media and your Email. Hopefully the ones who can't come at lunch could make another time.

- **Foundation Support Projects**

We plan to have some service projects to support our Foundation - Service for Sight. We would love your ideas!

- **Update our Roster**

We have 645 members on our Northeast MS Roster. Thirty-six have an undeliverable mailing address and we know MANY of these no longer live in Northeast Mississippi. Less than 100 of those have paid dues. This reflects poorly on our percentages. We'd love to make sure all of these ladies receive their Anchor!

I hope you will be inspired to DO GOOD...every day!

Linda

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## August Lunch Bunch

Chapter members gathered at a brand-new Italian restaurant in Tupelo to kick off the school year with our first Lunch Bunch of the season. Invitations went out through our August newsletter, social media, website, and email to sisters within an hour's drive of Tupelo.

We were delighted to welcome two new faces—Betty Gail Kalich, recently relocated to our area, and Beth Brady Teubert, who joined us for her first Lunch Bunch. Other attendees included Lucy Nash, Linda Hale, Alice Virginia Daniel, Amy Lynn Wilson, and Lynne Mize.

Over delicious food and plenty of laughter, we caught up on recruitment news from our Mississippi chapters and reminded members to keep track of volunteer hours to share with DG later this year. The afternoon was filled with conversation, fellowship, and the joy of reconnecting with sisters.

We look forward to many more Lunch Bunch gatherings ahead!

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*Beth Brady Teubert, Betty Gail Kalich, Amy Lynn Wilson, Linda Hale, Lynne Mize, Alice Virginia Daniel, and Lucy Nash posed for a photo after a wonderful August Lunch Bunch!*

## Northeast MS Alumnae Chapter:

Current members in our group - 645

Local Dues payments for fiscal year - 84

Per Capita payments for this fiscal year - 92

Current number of Loyal Anchored members - 2



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

Dues 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. Need help? Email [nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com](mailto:nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com). Thank you to all alumnae who have already paid their dues and given to Recruitment Food.

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# Collegiate Chapter News


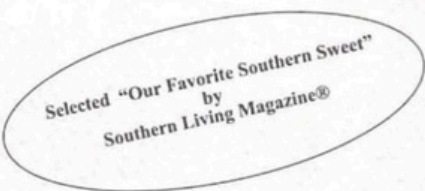
## IT'S CHEESECAKE TIME!

**Delta Gamma-Mississippi State**  
Presents  
**Jubilations Cheesecakes & More**  
**Available Products - \$25 Each**

<u>Frozen or Refrigerated Products</u>	<u>Products Not Needing Refrigeration</u>
Simply Supreme Cheesecake	Fudge Brownies - 2 pans/box
Simply Chocolate Cheesecake	Jubilations Ground Coffee - 2 bags/box
Strawberry Wave Cheesecake	Jubilations Whole Bean Coffee - 2 bags/box
Turtle Cheesecake	Jubilations Decaf Ground Coffee - 2 bags/box
Key Lime Cheesecake	Jubilations Decaf Whole Bean Coffee - 2 bags/box
Coconut Cheesecake	
Maroon & White Velvet Cheesecake	
White Chocolate Cheesecake	
Strawberry Shortcake Cheesecake	
Mississippi Mud Cheesecake	
Cookies & Cream with Oreo® Cheesecake	
Southern Caramel Praline Cheesecake	
Chocolate Marble Fantasy Cheesecake	
Sugar-Free Supreme Cheesecake	
Gluten Free Supreme Cheesecake	
Monkey Bread - 2 pans/box	

Proceeds from your purchase of our cheesecakes benefit Delta Gamma's Lectureship in Values and Ethics.  
Thanks for your support of Delta Gamma.

Our brownies and monkey bread are 9 inches wide x 2.5 inches tall—packed 2 pans per box.  
Our cheesecakes are 7 inches in diameter and almost 3 inches tall.  
Our products are made in a facility that also processes tree nuts and peanuts.  
\*\*\*Please make checks payable to Delta Gamma.\*\*\*



**CONTACT a Delta Lambda Collegian to place your order and  
be ready for the holidays!**

**Proceeds benefit DG's Lectureship in Values and Ethics.  
If you need contact information for a collegian from your  
area, email [nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com](mailto:nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com).**



# Celebrating Sisterhood

## The Bonds of Sisterhood Extend Through the Years!

When these three new members ran home to the Delta Lambda chapter house they celebrated with their DG moms. All three moms pledged Delta Lambda in 1992 and now their daughters are all in the Delta Lambda Member Class '25.

Left to right: Meredith Hawkins, Jackson, with her Mom Michelle Hardy Hawkins. Sophie Starks, Columbus, with her mom Danette West Starks. Rebecca Johnston, Tupelo, with her mom Carley Hinchey Johnston.



## 2025-27 Alumnae Chapter Officers:

**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) - 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](mailto:nemissdeltagamma@gmail.com) for more information.*

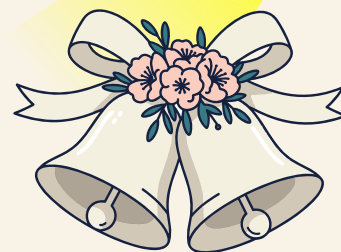


## Look for Volunteer Hour Submission Information in our October Issue!



# Sisterhood Spotlights

*Shining on life updates from our members*



## Allie & Daniel Purnell

Congratulations to Allie Randle Purnell, a 2016 initiate of Delta Lambda! Allie and Daniel were married on September 13, 2025.

Allie has joined a true family of Delta Gammas—Daniel's mom, Robin Reynolds Purnell, and his aunts, Lucy Purnell Nash and Luann Green Purnell, are all proud Delta Lambda DGs. She now has two DG sisters-in-law, Lauren Purnell Ridgway and Lindsay Purnell Brown, as well as DG cousins, Susie Purnell Randall and Lynn Palmer Purnell.

What a beautiful legacy of sisterhood and family!

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*Bridesmaids Laine Wilson Vandevender and Kate Mayo with Bride Allie on her wedding day. At a wedding with so many DGs, there had to be time to pop a Gamma!*

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### Anna Grace & Brian Huckaby

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Brian Huckaby who were married on June 21, 2025. Anna Grace Wise Huckaby, Delta Lambda 2019, lives with her husband in Saltillo, MS where Brian is an electrician. Anna Grace is a second grade teacher at Joyner Elementary in Tupelo. Anna Grace is a third generation Delta Gamma.



**Do you have a life update you would like to share?**

**Fill out this google form:**

**<https://forms.gle/gy9TTPvs6SnGywaD8>**



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### Maury & Stone Simmons

Congratulations to Maury and Stone Simmons. Maury Johnston Simmons is a 2020 initiate of Delta Lambda. She and Stone were married at Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo on June 28, 2025.



The couple lives in Starkville where Stone works in the MSU athletic department and Maury is pursuing a career as an artist.

Maury's DG mom is Carley Hinchey Johnston and she has two DG sisters, Lucy Johnston and Rebecca Johnston. All of them are DGS from Mississippi State University.

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### Sara Frances & Cal Morris

Congratulations to Sara Frances Wolfe and Cal Morris who were married August 2, 2025 in a beautiful Christ-centered ceremony outside of Tupelo.

Sara Frances is a 2019 initiate of Delta Lambda. Her sister Meri Alan Wolfe is the current Delta Lambda chapter president.



### Dallas & Cody Coggins

Congratulations to Dallas Butts for her July 13, 2024 marriage to Cody Coggins. Dallas is a 2018 initiate of Alpha Psi chapter of Delta Gamma.

Her sisters McKenzie Butts Yates and Maggie Butts, and sister-in-law Claire Coggins, are initiates of the University of Mississippi DG chapter.



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### McKenzie & Foster Yates

**Congratulations to McKenzie and Foster. They just celebrated their one year anniversary! They were married September 14, 2024.**

**McKenzie is an initiate of Alpha Psi chapter of Delta Gamma. Her sisters Dallas Butts Coggins and Maggie Butts are also Alpha Psi initiates.**



### Anne Bryan Brister

**Congratulations to Mary Carson and Jack Brister on the birth of Anne Bryan Brister.**

**Anne Bryan was born on Valentine's Day 2025!**

**Mom Mary Carson Keifer Brister is a 2019 Delta Lambda initiate. Proud paternal grandmother Julie Brister is also a Delta Lambda!**



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### Wesley Thomas Mize

Wesley Thomas Mize was born July 7, 2025. Wesley's parents are Emily & Will Mize. His proud big sister is Elizabeth Kathryn. She is 5 years old. They live in Tupelo.

Proud paternal grandmother is our DG alumnae chapter past president and current member-at-large Lynne Pace Mize.



Go to  
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or scan the QR code to submit your  
spotlight information!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**September 1:**

Whitney Ray

**September 2:**

Anna LeBrun Hudson

**September 3:**

Jennifer Hengst Grierson  
Lori Swords H0me  
Britney Perry Rye

**September 4:**

Addison Mason  
Anna Cheatham Morgan

**September 5:**

Mary Lawrence Markle

**September 7:**

Julianna Crofford  
Rae-Anne Gentry  
Lucy Sharp

**September 10:**

Emily Corban  
Celia Cook Ford  
Lauren Kitchens Steward

**September 11:**

Monica Gladney  
Abby Long

**September 12:**

Lindsey Triplett Patterson  
Hannah Wright

**September 13:**

Taylor Davis Blair

**September 14:**

Anna Grace Reed

**September 15:**

Kimberly Foster Collins

**September 16:**

Sarah Barnes Fratesi  
Caroline Clark Richey  
Leslie Purvis Tally

**September 17:**

Lauren Cassilly Asters

**September 18:**

Christine Allen Palmer

**September 19:**

Charlotte Armistead  
Katelyn Eaton  
Joanna Leake  
Mary Jourdan Sechrist  
Anna Sistrunk

**September 21:**

Avery Bailey  
Madelline Crowe  
Brennan Power

**September 23:**

Abby Cannon

**September 24:**

Mary Kirk Dillard  
Katheryn Henry  
Dena Miles

**September 26:**

Hannah Weatherly Kimbrough

**September 27:**

Carrie Bryant Browning  
Sharon Story Gowan

**September 28:**

Monica Johnson

**September 29:**

Virginia Risher Price  
Margo Jenkins Scoggins

**September 30:**

Haley Heilbronner Kuhn  
Erin Linley  
Callie Holland Lusk  
Maxie Wilson

*\*All information is from Anchorbase.*



## Lunch Bunch but Later!!

DGs will meet for dinner at  
Romie's in Tupelo on  
**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

Text Lynne Mize at (662)891-0356 if you  
plan to attend!

Visit our Website: <http://northeastmississippi.deltagamma.org/>