

# DELTA GAMMA Convention

2020

## Bulletin of Information Convention 2020

Registration has been extended to **Friday, June 19, 2020** for any Delta Gammas (who are non-voting delegates) and any guests!

*This Bulletin of Information will provide Delta Gammas and guests with details about the event along with instructions and links to register!*

Out of an abundance of caution and care for the health of our members, the Delta Gamma Fraternity Council has decided to transition our 2020 Convention scheduled for June 25 – 28, 2020, in St. Louis, Missouri to a virtual format on the previously scheduled dates.

Article II of our Constitution calls us to create a true sense of social responsibility in our members, and it is our social responsibility to protect those most at risk by limiting exposure and close proximity to others. We look forward to continuing the celebration of our dedicated members, our strong sisterhood and all the outstanding progress that has been made in the past two years – we'll just be doing so virtually!

Section 9. includes a helpful FAQ document, which will answer many questions you may have regarding the transition to a virtual Convention.

If you have questions, email [dgevents@deltagamma.org](mailto:dgevents@deltagamma.org) or call Executive Offices at (614) 481-8169.

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# 1. Convention Schedule

A revised [Convention Schedule of Events](#) can be found on the Delta Gamma website.

A variety of anchored events and supplemental events will occur from Thursday, June 25 – Saturday, June 27, 2020, for Convention; however, **REQUIRED ATTENDEES** must reserve Saturday, June 27, 2020 to attend anchored events in which they will conduct the business of the Fraternity. In addition, the voting members of the Foundation will conduct their annual business meeting.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DELTA GAMMA**

You won't want to miss this exciting unveiling of our \*ALL NEW\* Delta Gamma brand! On Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 8:30 – 9 p.m. EDT, visit the Delta Gamma [Facebook](#) page for this special announcement. All Delta Gammas are invited to tune in live!

## **MERCHANDISE SALES**

For those sisters who always look forward to shopping during Convention, we have you covered! Mark your calendars for our Merchandise Sales on Friday, June 26, 2020. Delta Gamma is working to provide virtual shopping experiences with the Fraternity Jeweler at 1 p.m. EDT and with Hannah's Closet beginning at 6 p.m. EDT. More information about how to shop during these Merchandise Sales will be provided to registered Convention attendees in the weeks ahead.

## **VOTES FOR WOMEN: A VIRTUAL ARCHIVES EXPERIENCE**

Join the Fraternity Archivist, Jess Gross Patterson, Zeta Rho-Ohio, as she takes sisters on a virtual tour of the archives collection detailing how Delta Gammas played a vital role in granting women in the United States the right to vote. 2020 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and this Virtual Archives Experience will celebrate this momentous anniversary and highlight sisters who contributed to these efforts while reexamining women's enfranchisement through the lens of contextualization and what the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment meant for women of color.

The Virtual Archives Experience will take place on Friday, June 26, 2020 from 3 – 3:30 p.m. EDT and will be followed by an Ask the Archivist chat on Facebook and Twitter, where Jess Patterson will respond to questions sisters submit in real time. More information on how to join the Virtual Archives Experience and the Ask an Archivist chat will be provided to registered Convention attendees in the weeks ahead. All Delta Gammas are invited to participate!

## **VIRTUAL SISTERHOOD GATHERINGS**

New to our virtual Convention experience, Delta Gamma will be hosting three opportunities for registered Convention attendees to connect with sisters. Only registered Convention attendees can participate in these optional Virtual Sisterhood Gatherings.

On Friday, June 26, 2020 from 7 – 8 p.m. EDT, two concurrent Virtual Sisterhood Gatherings will occur. One will be for any collegian attendee and the second will be for any alumna attendee. All collegiate and alumnae attendees are invited to attend their respective gathering to connect with sisters and join in a guided discussion.

Delta Gamma is pleased to host a special, invitation-only, Virtual Sisterhood Gathering on Friday, June 26, 2020 from 8 – 9 p.m. EDT for the Board of Advisors (BOA) and Foundation Advisory Board (FAB). This event will be available to all members of BOA and FAB and does not require the member to register for Convention. A special invitation will be sent to BOA and FAB soon!

More information about all three Virtual Sisterhood Gatherings will be provided to registered Convention attendees in the weeks ahead.

## **2. What: Delta Gamma's 69<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**

Delta Gamma Convention is an event where Delta Gamma women of all ages come together to conduct business, elect officers and celebrate sisterhood. This biennial event is rich in friendship, tradition and fraternal fellowship. While this Convention will be unique in that it will be held virtually, many of the same components and purposes will still be met.

A list of [past Convention years and locations](#) can be found on the Delta Gamma website.

## **3. Where: Delta Gamma's First Virtual Convention Comes to You!**

Attendees can participate in the virtual Convention anywhere they have access to internet using a device with a screen.

### **TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

Given the historic nature of this new virtual event, this year's Convention experience will look different than any Delta Gamma event you have attended. We'll rely on technology to connect our sisterhood in new ways. While more specific information will be sent to registered attendees as we approach Convention, below are some important details you may wish to know now:

- You will need access to a stable internet connection for the duration of Convention.
- Convention delegates will need access to email during the virtual Convention on Saturday, June 27 from 12 – 8 p.m. EDT to conduct some portions of voting.
- We will utilize Zoom, an online virtual meeting platform, and the email address you provide at registration as our primary methods of access and communication during the required business portions of Convention. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, [click here](#) to learn more about:
  - How to Join a Meeting
  - Downloading the Zoom app if you plan to use a tablet or smartphone to access Convention
- We suggest all attendees begin logging into the Zoom account beginning at 11:45 a.m. EDT to ensure plenty of time to access the platform, check audio and visual capabilities and be comfortable and ready for us to begin promptly at 12 p.m. EDT.
  - The Zoom access instructions will be provided to all registered Convention attendees in future communications.

- To ensure optimal engagement and the best experience, we recommend using a laptop or desktop to access the required portions of Convention, though any modern device will work.
- Delta Gamma will be offering a live Zoom Practice Session ahead of Convention for those who wish to test out the platform and become more confident with the tools and features that we will utilize during Convention. As noted in the Convention schedule, this Technology Practice Session will take place on Thursday, June 25 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. EDT. More details about this live Technology Practice Session will be sent to registered attendees in future communications.

#### **OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE AHEAD OF CONVENTION**

- RSVP to our [Facebook event](#) for real-time event updates and information or visit the [Events page](#) of our website.
- A mobile application will be available for download to your smartphone or tablet and is compatible on Apple devices running iOS 11 or later and Android devices running version 7.0 or later. The mobile application will provide sisters with the complete Convention schedule and other exciting features that can be used before, during and after the virtual Convention from June 25-27, 2020. Specific instructions on how to download and utilize the mobile app will be sent to registered attendees in future communications.
- The Regional Race is on! This spirited "Do Good" fundraising challenge has begun, so step up and take action to advance your region, honor your sisters and support the Foundation's mission. One region will come out on top and together we will make an amazing impact for our sisterhood. Make a gift today and follow your region's dash to the finish line at [www.deltagamma.org/regionalrace](http://www.deltagamma.org/regionalrace). Watch for exciting announcements and updates as Convention approaches!
- Visit our new [Connected for Good page](#) to reconnect with sisters virtually! This page showcases all current and upcoming connection opportunities beyond Convention.

#### **4. When: Thursday, June 25 – Saturday, June 27, 2020**

Convention attendees should continue to hold the dates of Thursday, June 25 – Saturday, June 27, 2020 as a variety of anchored events and supplemental events will occur.

**REQUIRED ATTENDEES** must reserve Saturday, June 27, 2020 to attend anchored events in which they will conduct the business of the Fraternity. In addition, the voting members of the Foundation will conduct their annual business meeting.

#### **5. Who: Identify Your Attendee Type**

The following members are invited to Convention as a **NON-VOTING DELEGATE** and are not required to attend:

- Any Delta Gamma.
- Non-required Fraternity Leadership (CRCs, NCRCs, PSSs, Nominating Committee members).

- Alumnae members (including alumnae association presidents).
- Board of Advisers (BOA) and Foundation Advisory Board (FAB).
- Collegiate advisers.
- Collegiate members (excluding collegiate chapter presidents, who are required).
- House corporation members.

The following non-members are invited to Convention as **GUESTS OF THE FRATERNITY AND FOUNDATION** and are not required to attend:

- Fraternity guests
- Foundation guests
- Event sponsors
- Other non-members of Delta Gamma.

## 6. Registration Fees

Registration fees will not be assessed for the virtual Convention! We are excited to offer this event to all Delta Gammas at no additional cost during registration.

## 7. Online Registration

### a. How do I register?

**Registration closes on Friday, June 19, 2020.**

If you are unsure which type of attendee you are, please email [dgevents@deltagamma.org](mailto:dgevents@deltagamma.org) or call Executive Offices at (614) 481-8169 before completing your registration for the Virtual Convention.

- **NON-VOTING DELEGATES** – BOA/FAB, advisers, alumnae group members, house corporation officers, non-required Leadership, and other members should use [their registration form](#).
- **GUESTS OF THE FRATERNITY AND FOUNDATION** – Fraternity or Foundation guests, event sponsors, and other non-members of Delta Gamma should use [their registration form](#).

### b. If I already registered for Convention, do I need to register again?

No. If you already registered to attend Convention, you do not need to register again. You would only need to register again if you cancelled your previous registration.

### c. Will I need to make payments when registering?

No payments will be required to attend or participate in this historic virtual Convention.

**d. What if I am a **NON-VOTING DELEGATE** and need to cancel my registration and request a refund?**

All refunds were automatically processed and should reflect in your bank account in 7-14 business days. Contact [dgevents@deltagamma.org](mailto:dgevents@deltagamma.org) or call (614) 481-8169 for any questions. More information on refunds can be found in the Virtual Convention 2020 FAQ, found in Section 9.

## **8. Virtual Convention 2020 Frequently Asked Questions**

View the [Virtual Convention 2020 FAQ](#) document to review the following topics:

- Is Convention being cancelled?
- Is the Fraternity Council authorized to transition Convention to a virtual event?
- Has Convention ever been postponed or structurally altered in the past?
- Why did it take so long for Delta Gamma to announce changes to Convention plans?
- Is moving Convention to an online platform the only option?
- What does the new Convention schedule look like?
- Should I still proceed with registering for Convention?
- If I previously received approval for an Event Waiver but am now able to attend as my chapter's delegate due to the virtual nature of this event, what should I do?
- Is Delta Gamma going to provide collegiate chapter, alumnae chapter and individual refunds for anyone who already paid to attend Convention in St. Louis?
- What should I do about my flights to St. Louis if they have already been booked?
- Are other Delta Gamma events affected?
- What should I do if I am the voting delegate and I do not feel comfortable representing my chapter in this new virtual platform, given the technology requirements asked of me?
- Will Convention chapter awards still be presented this year?
- When is the credentials deadline for voting delegates to vote during Convention?
- What is happening with the Delta Gamma Foundation's Regional Race 2020 Giving Challenge?