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Delta Gamma Fraternity Announces Closure of Epsilon Nu-James Madison Chapter

Columbus, Ohio – Earlier this month, Delta Gamma’s 2020-2022 Delta Gamma Fraternity Council voted to withdraw the charter of its Epsilon Nu chapter at James Madison University, effective at the end of the spring term.

“The decision to close a chapter is always a difficult one for Council, as we so deeply treasure every chapter and each sister who is an integral part of our sacred bond of sisterhood. It became clear to us, after years of support and attention, that this chapter was not sustainable. However, that does not make the memories of the women who are part of this chapter any less special, nor their leadership less impactful. We know that their fraternal experiences will generate stories for a lifetime and we sincerely hope that these sisters, who have shown their passion for and dedication to our Fraternity, continue to be engaged as alumnae members,” said Fraternity President **Wilma Johnson Wilbanks, Alpha Psi-Mississippi**.

Epsilon Nu chapter will continue to hold events and proceed with all regular chapter operations through the end of the spring term, except for any recruitment activities. Current collegians from the chapter have been invited to pursue alumnae membership so they may experience lifetime sisterhood in Delta Gamma. Details regarding a virtual closing ceremony will be communicated to collegiate and alumnae members of this chapter in the following weeks, and all Epsilon Nu members will be invited.

This chapter will always be an important part of both the Delta Gamma sisterhood and James Madison’s Panhellenic history. Epsilon Nu was established at James Madison University on May 1, 1982 with 49 charter members. Since that time, the chapter has initiated nearly 1,200 women and contributed more than \$92,000 to the Delta Gamma Foundation. Several members have served the Fraternity in many capacities, including on Executive Offices staff and Fraternity Leadership. This is a legacy that will endure long after the chapter has closed.

About Delta Gamma: *Delta Gamma Fraternity was founded in 1873 at the Lewis School in Oxford, Mississippi. The objects of the Fraternity shall be to foster high ideals of friendship among women, to promote their educational and cultural interests, to create in them a true sense of social responsibility and to develop in them the best qualities of character. Today we have more than 260,000 initiated members, 152 collegiate chapters and more than 200 alumnae groups. Delta Gamma Fraternity Executive Offices is in Columbus, Ohio.*