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Delta Gamma Fraternity to Close Zeta Chi-Delaware Chapter

Columbus, Ohio – Earlier this month, the Delta Gamma Fraternity Council voted to withdraw the charter of their Zeta Chi chapter at the University of Delaware, effective at the end of the semester.

“The decision to withdraw the charter of our Zeta Chi chapter did not come easily, nor quickly,” said Fraternity President **Wilma Johnson Wilbanks**. “Though the chapter has received substantial additional support for several years, the chapter has been unable to meet our Fraternity Standards for Collegiate Chapters in terms of their membership growth and sustainability. More important, our members were not having the experience that we hope for all of our collegiate sisters to have.”

Zeta Chi chapter will continue to hold events listed on their approved calendar and will continue with all regular chapter operations through the end of the semester, except for any recruitment activities. Toward the end of the semester, we will be holding a closing ceremony for all members who wish to attend, and at that time, current collegians will be invited to become alumnae so that they may experience lifetime sisterhood in Delta Gamma.

Zeta Chi chapter will always be an important part of both the Delta Gamma sisterhood and Delaware’s Panhellenic history. Zeta Chi was established at the University of Delaware in 1994 with 85 charter members. Since that time, the chapter has initiated 819 members and contributed more than \$47,000 to the Delta Gamma Foundation in support of philanthropic efforts. Sisters have shown a continued dedication to Delta Gamma’s philanthropic mission through devoted support of the Division of the Visually Impaired. 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 153 collegiate chapters, more than 260,000 initiated members and more than 200 alumnae groups. Delta Gamma Fraternity Executive Offices is in Columbus, Ohio.

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