

Virtual Sisterhood & Connection Ideas for Delta Gammas

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Connection Ideas | Chapter Wide

- Highlight **graduating seniors** on social media and encourage words of affirmation in the comments/dialogue centered on the legacy the senior has given her chapter.
- Encourage sisters to send photos and some information about where they are and how they are respecting health guidelines.
- Work with the vp: social standards team to consider unique outreach to those sisters who need special communication for various reasons.
- Consider asking the chapter's communications team to organize a social media calendar allowing sisters to **host social media takeovers** or live chats.
- Send a **weekly newsletter** or email to the chapter membership to provide updates while sisters are dispersed. Don't forget to highlight new members, seniors, officers and awards if appropriate. Try collecting videos from members to share a **video weekly newsletter** as a fun alternative to an email!
- If your Founders Day was cancelled and you were **giving out awards** to your members, consider these ideas for notifying the winners:
 - » Record a video of the planned awards speech and send it to the award winner. Request that the award recipient call the presenter or join a conference call of special sisters once she's viewed the video so that she may be congratulated.
 - » Set up a time to talk over the phone or via video call with the award recipient. Present her with the award on the call, either one-on-one or via group call with other special sisters.
 - » Once the award recipient has been notified as your local health guidelines allow, additional ideas to honor the recipient include:
 - Schedule a small get-together or lunch with the recipient for later in the year, after there is confirmed information about the safe and healthy of in-person gatherings. We do not recommend you gather in-person at this time.
 - Mail or drop-off the printed award materials as appropriate.
 - Send cream-colored roses to the recipient.

- Empower **the scholarship team** to set up conversations for members in the same classes/similar academic programs.
- Ask the chapter's programming team to outline **a programming schedule** for sister engagement and connection opportunities. This allows sisters to keep in touch and to share their experiences. Some ideas include:
 - » Consider setting up chat rooms on fun subjects to help all sisters contribute to conversations. Consider picking a call topic to get people talking.
 - » Watch a TV series and schedule time to talk about the episodes and seasons. Look into the [Kast app](#), [Netflix Party](#) or Facebook Watch Party to host **remote watch parties**.
 - » Create a **DG Sisterhood Series** by asking members to share stories of resilience and grit on your chapter's website, blog or social media accounts.
 - » Empower a sister to lead **"moments of meditation"** for sisters.
 - » Listen to DG Talks, the Fraternity's **podcast series**, found on your preferred podcasting service or here: <https://dg-talks.simplecast.com/>
 - » Consider asking members from various member classes to lead conversations.
 - » Pick a book for a **virtual book club** with sisters. Check out [Bookclubz](#).
 - » Ask a member who enjoys working out and/or is licensed to lead fitness training to host a yoga, mobility or other online class or a 10-minute movement opportunity via IG Live.
 - » **Play games with members abroad** using apps like [Tabletop Simulator](#) or other apps available on mobile devices.
 - » Create **virtual small groups** and connect members and new members around like interests (e.g., fitness, reality TV, sports, etc.). Ask a member to lead each group and schedule regular check-ins.
 - » **Utilize your DG Dialogues small groups** and ask each small group leader to set up weekly or biweekly video calls to allow members the opportunity to connect virtually. Conversations could focus on checking-in to see how members are doing, sharing best practices for social distancing, discussing ways to manage classes virtually, etc.
 - » Pair sisters up using [Random.org](#) and ask them to text, Facetime, video chat with each other weekly. You could change up the pairings frequently.



Virtual Team & Engagement Best Practices

Ideas related to helping chapter leadership stay connected.

- Communicating too much is better than not communicating enough. That said, communication needs to be **organized, inclusive and effective** for recipients. It will help ensure members, new members, and advisers have as much detail as possible and will decrease the amount of time spent on follow up questions. Consider asking one another to proofread announcements.
- **Please remember anything posted via any platform has the potential to be screenshotted and shared.** It is critical officers use heightened caution regarding information shared, model our Culture of Care and show ultimate respect for our Oath of Secrecy modeled within our rituals.
- Below you will find various ideas and suggestions to get you started on thinking how best to engage with your sisters. As you create new ways and avenues during this season, please **share your best practices** to DG-EO@deltagamma.org so we can share your ideas with other chapters.
- If you have any questions, please contact your advisory team chairman (ATC) and your RCS/CAC/NCC for assistance.

Virtual Communication Platforms to Consider:



(Note: You can create a free account to use for video calls for up to 100 people for 40 minutes)

Virtual Communication Platforms to Consider: *(continued)*

Google Hangouts



Google Keep



FaceTime

How can you utilize virtual communication platforms for chapter business?

- To host effective meetings such as CMT, JCMT or Honor Board use video tools regardless of where sisters are located to help facilitate face to face communication. Please remember to loop in the appropriate advisers.
- Create streamlined and effective communication tools to allow chapter leadership teams a pathway to effectively communicate. For example, Slack will allow officers to utilize different threads around specific topics. The basic level is free.
- To keep organized with DG tasks, chapter leadership could **consider a task management platform** such as Trello or Asana. When deciding to use these online platforms use content from the [CMT Planning Tool](#) found in the DG website library.
- Consider asking vice presidents and directors to upload comments into a document, each week, regarding chapter business and engagement updates. Google Documents might be helpful with prior organization by week and categorized by the various teams within CMT.
- As the calendar planning season for fall 2020 is near, consider creating a Google Calendar prior to the calendar planning meeting pre-populated with campus events, holidays, breaks, etc. Collaborate on a video call to complete the calendar for fall 2020. Consider asking the vp: programming to **share their screen** during the call to display the calendar. For example, a great resource for virtual calendar planning is <https://www.teamup.com>
- **Before purchasing any platform, please check in with your school's digital learning/academic tools that you might have access to as an enrolled student.**

Senior Programming & Recognition



Celebrate your graduates virtually!

- Create senior books with notes and pictures bound together with bronze, pink, and blue ribbon and ship to seniors
- Write letters to all seniors
- Create a **video and photo slideshow** documenting the seniors DG experiences and share virtually
- **Coordinate senior shoutouts** on Instagram Stories or create Tik Toks to celebrate each senior. Share the following:
 - » Bios
 - » Post-college plans, accomplishments/awards, achievements, etc.
 - » Post Instagram story question: "What's your favorite thing about [NAME]?", "What impact did [NAME] have on you?," etc.
 - » Ask seniors to takeover Instagram stories and give advice
 - » Structure questions for them
- Have members write seniors cards and send them to the seniors
- **Have alumnae share tips** for seniors via videos
- Send each senior congratulation cards/packages with what would have been given in-person



Virtual New Member Programming

- Member education teams, including advisers, will receive additional resources and guidance for those chapters hosting new member programs.
- **Initiation guidance** can be found here.
- In the meantime, please consider the following:
 - » Chapter leaders, member education committees or small group leaders are highly encouraged to regularly touch base with new members during this season of online instruction instituted by your campus administration. Try dividing up the new member roster to ensure every new member is receiving regular outreach.
 - » Ask **small group leaders within the new member class** to set up weekly or biweekly video chats to allow new members the opportunity to connect virtually. Conversations could focus on discussing ways to manage classes virtually, sharing tips for managing social distancing, and simply checking-in on new members.
 - » Host **virtual study sessions** for new members taking similar classes. You could ask a member to lead each study group.
 - » Create a social media hashtag and encourage new members to utilize it with prompts like “tag a sister who is nailing social distancing” or “tag a sister who demonstrates our high ideas of friendship.” Or post for “compliMondays” and ensure all new members receive one by the end of the semester
 - » **Pair up new members** and encourage them to check-in on each other weekly through letters, texting, or FaceTime.
 - » Ask big sisters, bronze, pink or blue sisters, or Bid Day buddies to connect via text or video chat with their assigned new members regularly.
 - » Create a weekly new member electronic newsletter and share DG facts, fun facts about sisters, and programming planned for the fall term.
 - » Ask members to send each new member a note in the mail
 - » Feature each new member on social media
 - » **Send a weekly question** to gain the pulse on new members
 - » Try hosting Netflix watch parties so all new members can watch together