

## Foundation News

Great things are happening at the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Surprised to hear that in these difficult times? The news reminds us every waking moment that more people are in need than ever. If we haven't experienced it ourselves, we know others who have suffered loss.

### How has the Foundation fared?

Here's the difficult news. As good stewards of your gifts the Board of Trustees made difficult budget decisions at its February meeting, deferring or eliminating expenses where possible. As with most charities, this year's total dollar support has declined, and while the Foundation has a fully diversified investment portfolio with UBS Financial Services, we, as you, have experienced significant investment losses. Investment return directly impacts available funding for grants and scholarships; we will need to consider reducing program support next fiscal year. The Investment Committee continually reviews portfolio returns and asset allocations, positioning our resources for the long-term.

Here's the good news. Thanks to sisters and friends who continue to believe in and financially support the mission of the Foundation, we are not sitting idly by. We are committed to fulfilling our essential program support for our Fraternity, members and communities this fiscal year. Keeping women in college, helping those with emergency needs and preparing our next generation of women to lead in good and difficult times - all are great investments in our future.

But we're not out of the woods this year. Great work is happening and we need your continued financial support to keep moving forward.

### EDUCATION

While a handful of colleges have frozen tuition increases, most college costs continue to rise well ahead of incomes. With many families out of work the need for educational support is great. As of March 1 the Foundation received over a 50% increase in the number of scholarship applications for next school year - a record.

Since our first \$300 scholarship in 1962, The Foundation has awarded almost \$1.4 million in direct scholarship support to Alpha Gams throughout the United States and Canada, including the \$100,000 in scholarships given this current school year.

Our important work in education happens because of you.

### PHILANTHROPY

This year celebrates Alpha Gamma Delta's 30th anniversary of support to diabetes related organizations. Last year the Foundation provided grants to diabetes kids' camps in seven states. This year the Foundation received funding requests equal to four times our program budget.

Closer to home, more sisters are finding themselves in emergency financial need, whether from critical illness, loss of financial resources, domestic violence, natural disasters and more. We anticipate an increase in funding requests through the SIS (Sisters Income Supplement) Grant Program as more sisters are affected by these turbulent times.

Our important work in philanthropy happens because of you.

### LEADERSHIP

This year the Foundation will fund almost \$350,000 in leadership initiatives. Ninety-seven percent of our collegiate chapters participated in TLCs (AGD leadership conferences) this winter thanks to your support. Gifts to the Foundation fund GreekLifeEdu, an online interactive course required for all new members, where our young sisters are empowered to make informed social decisions regarding alcohol use, sexual assault and hazing. The Foundation continues its support for The Leadership Institute - Women with Purpose because all women have the potential to be leaders.

Our important work in developing tomorrow's leaders happens because of you.

The work of the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation is personal and important. If you haven't made a contribution this year please do so. The act of giving is more important than the amount. If you've already made a contribution, thank you and please consider giving again. Your investment in Alpha Gamma Delta will always pay off.

Loyally,  
Benita Wilson Dick,  
President, Board of Trustees



## And...ACTION!

Before we close the curtain on the 2008-09 fiscal year, you can still show your support to Alpha Gamma Delta through tax-deductible gifts to the Foundation until May 31.

## IRA Charitable Rollover – Still an Option!

The option to make charitable contributions directly from your IRA to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation has been extended through December 2009! As a public charity, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation is qualified to receive your IRA Charitable Rollover. This option may be an opportunity to increase your annual gift or create an endowment fund. Be sure to consult with your tax advisor. ❖

## Celebrating Milestones

The Foundation congratulates chapters celebrating 25th, 50th and 100th anniversaries this year! For a complete list of these chapters visit the Foundation's website at [www.alphagammadeltafoundation.org](http://www.alphagammadeltafoundation.org).

Celebrate your chapter's milestone, or perhaps a milestone in your own life, through an honor or memorial gift to the Foundation using the enclosed giving envelope. Your gift provides program support benefiting every chapter. ❖

## New Supporters

The Foundation welcomes all new donors and extends an impassioned thanks for 'contributing to the world's work'. We are fortunate to have 343 new donors so far this fiscal year! Due to limited space we are unable to recognize all of them individually in this issue of the Columns, however here is a breakdown by donor category.

Alumnae	130
Collegians	46
Parents	94
Friends	73

## Outside the Classroom

As a portion of the Fraternity's new member education requirements, GreekLifeEdu provides an innovative way to educate collegians about alcohol use. This two-hour, web-based prevention program uses the latest prevention techniques and science-based research to educate students about alcohol consumption, hazing and sexual assault. Sponsored by the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, GreekLifeEdu empowers our members to make well-informed decisions and help them better cope with the behavior of their peers. To view a sample of this program visit [www.greeklifeedu.com](http://www.greeklifeedu.com) and enter the login: 8GAGDDEMO under New User. ❖



## Leadership Institute Update

It has been a busy season at The Leadership Institute-Women with Purpose! Thanks to the wonderful support from the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and Foundation, The Leadership Institute recently had the opportunity to provide educational programming to more than 300 Alpha Gamma Delta women at this year's TLC events. During this programming, participants learned about topics such as values based decision making, coaching, navigating conflict, and more. Also, The Leadership Institute is getting ready to launch online training. Soon, Alpha Gamma Deltas will have access to online programs and materials that are self-paced, individualized and interactive. Visit their website at [www.theleadershipinstitute-wwp.org](http://www.theleadershipinstitute-wwp.org). ❖



## Learning with Purpose

When sisters come together it is always a great time, but when sisters come together with Purpose, it's a powerful time. "Thinking, leading and acting with our Purpose," was this year's TLC (The Leadership Conference) theme.

In Dallas and Atlanta, a highlight was a Foundation sponsored dinner where sisters shared personal stories of how the Foundation impacted their lives through scholarships, continuing education support and leadership development.

We thank our donors for making these personal stories possible. It is through donations to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation that lives are touched. ❖



## Embracing Sisterhood

The Foundation's Board of Trustees loves to meet new sisters across the U.S. and Canada which is why they plan their semi-annual board meetings in different places each year. The Trustees and staff received a warm welcome at its February coffee reception held in Naples, Florida. "I enjoyed meeting my Alpha Gamma Delta sisters at the lovely coffee reception. I am delighted to know that there are so many sisters in the area and I look forward to getting together with them in the near future," says Carol Falk Fenzan, *Alpha Pi*.

The Foundation was pleased to bring over 25 sisters together for a cup of coffee and to share the Foundation's impact in the lives of our members. We thank our sisters in Naples, FL for such a wonderful morning coffee, brimming with sisterhood. ❖



## New Annual Gift Recognition Categories

As the generosity of donors has increased, it is only appropriate that we increase our recognition. Individual membership in the Jewel Society is reserved for those who make a minimum annual gift of \$500. This fiscal year (6/1/08 - 5/31/09) the Foundation is expanding individual Jewel membership categories to recognize the following giving levels:

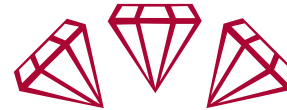
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\$5,000  
\$10,000  
\$25,000

Beginning with the Honor Roll of Donors in the upcoming Summer *Quarterly*, donors will be listed by chapter, and then by the above recognition levels for gifts received this fiscal year. Don't be left out! Send in your gift by May 31 for recognition. ❖

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## Foundation Mission Statement

“The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation impacts and enriches our communities by providing essential support for education, philanthropy and leadership.”



## Honoring Our 2008-09 Jewel Society

With thanks, we recognize the following sisters and friends who contributed \$500 or more to the Foundation between June 1, 2008 and March 23, 2009, gaining them membership in the 2008-09 Jewel Society. Join them by donating before May 31. Special thanks to our first time Jewels!

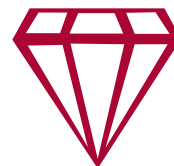
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2008-2009 Jewel Society Continued...

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