

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

Accreditation Report

2007-2008

Scholarship

- In the area of scholarship, Alpha Gamma Delta had an overall GPA of 3.397 for the fall 2007 semester, which was higher than the all undergraduate, all sorority and all women's average. The chapter ranked 2nd among all sororities and all chapters. In the spring 2008 semester, the chapter was again ranked 2nd with a 3.27 GPA.
- 32% of the chapter made Dean's List in the fall 2007 semester. The chapter had 36% of its membership make the Dean's List in the spring 2008 semester.
- Alpha Gamma Delta's spring 2008 new member GPA was 3.193, which was second overall.
- The chapter is proud to have Eckardt, Premedical, Asa Packer and Dean Scholars among their membership.
- The chapter has members who are involved in Beta Alpha Psi, Order of Omega, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma.
- The chapter had nine different motivational programs this year and accepted all of the committee's recommendations to work with the Center of Academic Success.
- The chapter's current scholarship programs that they have put in place (strive for Pi, their academic trees; yeah for A's) all continue to work.
- The chapter continues to partner with groups on academic programs like ACE academics program with Delta Phi, faculty dinner with Sigma Chi, and the Family Weekend scholarship brunch
- The chapter has a plethora of academic programs and initiatives that keep members motivated and held accountable including: Crisis Calendar, Scholarship Teams, Scholarship Room and Chapter Library, Scholarship Trees, Strive for Pi, Studious Sisters, Study Hours, and Yay for A's

In the area of **Scholarship**, the committee rated Alpha Gamma Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Leadership

- Alpha Gamma Delta requested workshops this year that were intentional and focused on chapter issues and areas for leadership growth.
- The chapter worked with the Office of Student Leadership Development to tailor an individual values workshop for their new members and a workshop on followership and group decision making for their general membership.
- The chapter has members involved as Student Leadership Trainers, GEM mentors and GEM Leaders.

- When setting up leadership planning meetings, the chapter also had a sophomore member attend the meeting with an upperclass leader. This type of conscious exposure to leadership is considered a Best Practice.
- The committee is impressed with Alpha Gamma Delta's fourteen point new member program and how the members have reinvested in the ritual and values of Alpha Gamma Delta.
- The chapter had members participate in New Member Tracks where they received presentations on values and personal responsibility
- The chapter continues to participate in the ACE program distributed by Alpha Gamma Delta National Headquarters. The program is a self evaluation opportunity for the chapter. Chapters must score 70 percent out of 100 in order to be in good standing. Lehigh's Chapter had a score of 97.01 percent.
- The chapter does a good job working with partnering with their faculty advisor to speak with new members about alcohol and risk management programming. The committee recommends that the chapter partners with their advisor and Fraternity and Sorority Affairs staff to implement this type of programming in order to ensure that Lehigh and Alpha Gamma Delta policies are covered.
- The chapter is one of ten other Alpha Gamma Delta chapters that are piloting their on-line reporting system this year.
- The chapter is very involved in Lehigh's campus community overall. This is something the chapter and women are known for. The chapter gives out house points to women who are involved outside of the organization. 100 percent of the chapter is involved in other activities outside of Alpha Gamma Delta and 22 percent of the chapter membership holds other formal leadership positions on campus.
- The chapter's Things I Wish I Knew Program is something that the committee was highly impressed with and considers a Best Practice.
- The committee recommends that the chapter continue to send chapter members to Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute and continue to allow their individual member's leadership opportunities to impact the entire Lehigh community as opposed to just the fraternity and sorority community.

In the area of **Leadership**, the committee rated Alpha Gamma Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Citizenship

- The chapter had no Lehigh University Code of Conduct violations this year
- The chapter has raised \$4000 for cancer research, through their Do it for Dave program and over \$1200 for Strikes for Tykes.
- The chapter participated in and sponsored numerous campus wide events and programs including: Journey for a Cure Benefit Concert with Sigma Alpha Mu, "Exchange Fluid with Your Lover" Blood Drive, Spooktacular, Networking Basics and Professional Dining, Vagina Monologues, Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Spring Fling, Adopt-a-Family, and Relay for Life
- The chapter hosted several In-House program including: a Yoga workshop, Career Services presentation, Reduce waste presentation, Women's health presentation

- The committee is impressed with the chapter's Step Out to Fight Diabetes program which ties them into their national philanthropy
- The committee is impressed with the mentoring/service program that the chapter does with the Girls Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania.
- The committee would like to see these programs continued both for tying into the national organization as well as empowering the group of women and really exemplifying what a sorority is about.
- The committee recommends that the chapter continues to implement more meaningful philanthropic and community service opportunities. The committee recommends that the chapter looks for ways to educate the entire campus on the causes surrounding these particular opportunities in order to empower and educate the community.

In the area of **Citizenship**, the committee rated Alpha Gamma Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Partnership

- The chapters has done myriad partnership opportunities, with other Greek chapter and organizations on campus such as:
 - Creative Dating program with Theta Chi, RHA and Alpha Omicron Pi;
 - Strikes for Tykes
 - Partnering with the Lafayette chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta on recruitment best practices.
- The chapter is much more tied into their national headquarters that they have been in the past, both through educational opportunities as well as partnership opportunities. The committee is very happy about the chapter tying their practices back to their ritual.
- The chapter has started to partner more with non-Greek organizations, especially the creative dating program with ASA, ROTC and RHA. The committee recommends that the chapter continues to look for non Greek partnership opportunities. The chapter does a good job with Greek organizations and they could really bridge the gap between Greek and non Greek opportunities on campus.

In the area of **Partnership**, the committee rated Alpha Gamma Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Stewardship

- The committee is very pleased with the successful implementation of the chapter's crisis protocol plan, something that was coordinated with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.
- Alpha Gamma Delta is the lowest sorority chapter on campus in terms of fees and yet they were able reimburse sisters this year which is something the committee found very impressive.
- The chapter is in good financial standing with the FMA
- The chapter's financial statements report a monthly net profit
- The chapter continues to participate in intramurals and they have finished first among sororities.

- The chapter renovated their kitchen and had smaller house projects done this year including hard wood flooring throughout the dining room and living room area, a new TV and DVD player and matching picture frames for the living area.
- The chapter has sisters involved in the daily maintenance and overall input of the facility including: House jobs, dish schedule, weekly menu, food suggestions, house cleans, work orders and parking rotation
- The chapter continues to tie in with the rituals, values and traditions of Alpha Gamma Delta headquarters in relation to the upkeep and value of their chapter facility.

In the area of **Stewardship**, the committee rated Alpha Gamma Delta to be a **Gold Chapter**.

Overall Rating

Alpha Gamma Delta continues to be a flagship chapter at Lehigh and the committee continues to impress upon them the need to exert their influence over the entire Lehigh community and transcend the fraternity and sorority community.

The accreditation committee has assigned Alpha Gamma Delta an overall rating of Gold Chapter, the highest level of achievement in the process, with all the privileges and rewards that accompany such a rating. The rewards/recognition will be discussed with the chapter's membership at the beginning of the new academic year. Congratulations on your outstanding work and efforts!

Recommendations

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- The committee recommends that the chapter continues to implement more meaningful philanthropic and community service opportunities.
- The committee recommends that the chapter looks for ways to educate the entire campus on the causes surrounding these particular opportunities in order to empower and educate the community.
- The committee recommends that the chapter continue to send chapter members to UIFI and continue to allow their individual member's leadership opportunities to impact the entire Lehigh community as opposed to just the fraternity and sorority community.

Best Practices

- The chapter's Things I Wish I Knew Program is impressive and considered a Best Practice
- When setting up leadership planning meetings, the chapter also had a sophomore member attend the meeting with an upperclass leader. This type of conscious exposure to leadership is considered a Best Practice.