The Four Pillars of Sorority Life
Leadership, Scholarship, Friendship, Service
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Leadership

Tri Delta: The sisters of Tri Delta are active leaders in many campus organizations. Some of these include Landis, Hillel, Club and Varsity sports, and various performing arts groups, such as Marquis Players, to name a few. We uphold our Purpose: “…to develop qualities of unselfish leadership among its members…” by supporting our sister’s involvement in campus organizations and by entrusting chapter officer positions to our members. We believe that the ‘position chooses the member’ and rather than having individuals run for certain positions we have the chapter elect the members they believe are right for the job. Each officer receives training and guidance from past officers, our Officers Training Council, and professional advisors.

Alpha Phi: Alpha Phi is a women’s organization full of leaders; we take pride in our extensive involvement both internally and in the Lafayette community. Within Alpha Phi, members may run to be elected for one of over 30 different leadership positions. These internal positions are set up in a hierarchical fashion based on the amount of time, work, and dedication that a sister must devote to the chapter. Externally, many members of Alpha Phi hold leadership positions within a number of different organizations, such as varsity & club athletics, Landis, Orientation Leaders, POSP, a cappella, Student Government, and many others.

Alpha Gamma Delta: Alpha Gamma Delta sisters are leaders both within the chapter and in the Lafayette community. Within our chapter there are over 20 officer positions that carry out various chapter responsibilities. Many officers have committees of sisters to help them carry out their responsibilities, offering everyone to have a leadership role in their own capacity. Additionally, AGDs are leaders throughout the Lafayette community. We are MOSIAC directors, orientation leaders, varsity athletes, resident advisors, writing assistants, lab assistants, club officers, officers of religious organizations, contributors on The Lafayette, and members of the performing arts.

Delta Gamma: Delta Gamma as a whole functions through our strong leadership. Within our chapter, members have multiple opportunities to get involved as a leader as part of our Chapter Management Teams. Member of our leadership team learn to work together to lead the chapter. Each year, we attend the Delta Gamma Leadership Institute or Delta Gamma Convention. Additionally, we send one member to UIFI for a leadership training experience. Outside of DG, our members are all very involved and have positions in other clubs. Within our chapter we have varsity sports captains, club presidents, vice presidents and directors. Our leaders serve as a liaison between the chapter, school, Delta Gamma Executive Offices and other organizations. Our national philanthropy, Service for Sight, is the Delta Gamma Foundation for the blind and
visually impaired. Our leaders plan and organize events throughout the year to raise money and awareness for our philanthropy.

**Kappa Kappa Gamma:** Being a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is really about opportunity. “To grow, to connect, to serve, to befriend, to aspire.” The Kappa Trainer program is funded through a generous grant from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation to provide educational and leadership programming for its members. In a commitment to develop strong leaders, Kappa Kappa Gamma provides its members with educational resources such as the Kappa Trainer program to promote lifelong self-growth and intellectual development. Each fall Kappa Kappa Gamma sends a sister to attend Leadership Academy. This four-day, all expenses paid, leadership retreat consists of intensive leadership development in the beautiful outdoor setting at Heartland Conference and Retreat Center in Marengo, Ohio. Leadership Academy is highlighted by outdoor leadership challenge, personal reflection and group interaction. Each attendee brings valuable leadership skills back to her chapter. Within each chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, a Chapter Council, consisting of 18 members, is elected annually. These chapter officers work together through communication, leadership, organization, education, motivation and implementation to plan and execute the many chapter events and programs.

**Pi Phi:** Being a part of Pi Beta Phi provides many leadership positions to sisters both formally and informally. Through the experiences with Pi Phi leadership women are able to enhance their communication and cooperation skills. Within Pi Phi, we have a president, nine vice presidents, and various committee head positions, meaning that many of our sisters are able to become involved with the leadership of our chapter. Pi Phis have exhibited outstanding leadership skills in high school, on campus, in the community, and also within our chapter. Pi Phis are involved all over campus! Our members are passionate about their roles in Landis, Tour Guiding, Club Sports, Varsity Sports, Spoon University, Leopard’s Lair, Relay for Life, Excel research programs, and much more. Pi Phis attend national conferences such as AFLV, Pi Beta Phi Coast to Coast Convention, and Pi Beta Phi Leadership conference, which advise us on how to become effective leaders, both within our chapter and beyond it.
Scholarship

**Tri Delta:** Academics are of upmost importance to Tri Delta. We pride ourselves on having members with a variety of majors and minors who have achieved academic honors and are members of many honor societies, the McKelvy Scholars House, make the Dean’s List, and participate in academic interest groups on campus. We also have a number of programs, Help-A-Sister Out (tutoring program), Tri Delta Study Nights, and Academic Study Plans to help sisters with their academics.

**Alpha Phi:** Alpha Phi strives to create an environment conducive to academic achievement. The Alpha Phi Director of Academics plays a huge role in accomplishing this goal. She works with sisters who are academically “at-risk” to help them construct specific plans of action to better their individual grades. The Director of Academics also rewards sisters thriving academically by awarding prizes at weekly chapter meetings for achievements, such as the sister with the highest GPA and the big-little family with the highest GPA. The house basement serves primarily as a study room where members of Alpha Phi may do group work or study by themselves. Alpha Phi has a number of Marquis Scholars, Excel Scholars, Peer Mentors, PARDners, TAs, WAs, ATTIC Tutors, and other members in academically-focused organizations. For many years, the Alpha Phi semester-GPA has been within the top 3 highest GPAs of all Greek Life on campus (including both men’s Greek organizations and women’s).

**Alpha Gamma Delta:** Alpha Gamma Delta strives for academic excellence by embracing the ideal of obtaining knowledge and wisdom. Each AGD has her own unique interests, as represented by the variety of majors, minors, double majors, and dual majors that make up our chapter. We encourage and celebrate academic excellence through incentive programs and chapter study hours. We have members who are Marquis Scholars, EXCEL scholars, Posse scholars, members of honor societies and recognition societies, and on the Dean’s List. The faculty members that support and inspire us make our chapter’s academic achievement possible, so we take the time to appreciate these individuals each year through a scholarship tea.

**Delta Gamma:** Delta Gamma expects that members will strive to achieve their full scholastic potential. Every member must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.6 to remain in good standing with the chapter. We offer weekly study halls to promote good study habits and provide a quiet place to get work done with your sisters. Delta Gamma encourages continual intellectual development and we want each woman to explore new horizons and awareness in the world like through study abroad experiences. Throughout the semester we honor and acknowledge the scholastic achievements of our members and those in high academic standing with our “Lamps of Knowledge” awards. Every week we recognize scholastic achievements at our chapter meetings and encourage all members to keep working hard in the classroom. This establishes a sense of unity among the chapter members as we all strive toward the same goal.

**Kappa Kappa Gamma:** Kappa Kappa Gamma fosters the pursuit of lifelong learning by promoting intellectual curiosity and self-confidence. Kappas celebrate a richness of common heritage while embracing each other's diversity of backgrounds and interests. Every Kappa sister
should have the opportunity to complete her education. That is the philosophy behind the scholarship efforts of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Kappa Kappa Gamma at Lafayette strongly encourages intellectual development through our minimum 2.7 GPA requirement. We offer study resources to help our members, and acknowledge those members who have high academic standing.

**Pi Phi:** One of Pi Phi’s core values is personal and intellectual growth, meaning we expect our members to place great importance on their academics. Our academic advisor, Dean D’Agostino, and our Vice President of Member Development are always around to offer academic support and encouragement. Pi Phis are always there for one another academically. We form study groups when our sisters take similar classes, and, if a sister is struggling, we assign a Pi Phi tutor who has taken that particular class or has a mastery of the subject to assist her. Pi Phi highlights sisters who have succeeded academically each semester through our “Pi Society” program, which gives prizes to sisters with the highest GPAs. Every week we recognize sisters who have excelled academically by highlighting their accomplishments at our chapter meetings.
Friendship

**Tri Delta:** The opening phrase of Tri Deltas Purpose is “establish a perpetual bond of friendship.” This is reflected in all that we do. We have many sisterhood events, but our friendship goes beyond that. We all came to Tri Delta to be ourselves, not to fill a stereotype. Many of our sisters would never have met, due to their different interests and activities, if not for Tri Delta.

**Alpha Phi:** Friendship, specifically sisterhood, is one of Alpha Phi’s most beloved values. The women of Alpha Phi are truly sisters for life. We celebrate these bonds through various sisterhood events within the chapter and create new ones through social events with other organizations (both Greek and non-Greek). As women of Alpha Phi, we support our sisters in all areas of their lives. We do this by going to our sisters’ different athletic events to cheer them on, by coming to brown-bag talks that our sisters have put together, and by simply being there to comfort sisters in times of need. To promote friendship and show support to other organizations, we help co-sponsor a number of events annually, such as Phi Kappa Psi Halloween Dance, Delta Kappa Epsilon study hours, and the Holi Festival.

**Alpha Gamma Delta:** AGD is built around the purpose of cultivating acquaintances and cherishing friendships. Throughout the semester we have monthly sisterhood events planned where we go places (corn mazes and ice skating) or casually hang out at the house and catch up (pizza dinners and movie nights). Our chapter is centered on embracing everyone. We are each unique with our own interests and passions, but collectively, the chapter loves each member for who she is. This helps to create an atmosphere where members can learn from each other and gain perspectives that we would not have gotten without joining AGD.

**Delta Gamma:** One of the best things that comes our of Delta Gamma is the life long friendships that you build with your sisters. Each semester we host multiple sisterhood events like movie nights at the house, attending each other sporting events, and dinners before chapter meetings. We also co-sponsor a lot of events with other Greek and non-Greek organizations in order to extend our friendship to other places. One of the best ways to build the bonds of friendship is by living in the house. Each member is only required to live in the DG house for one semester, but everyone have the opportunity to live there sophomore, junior and senior year. Living with your best friends is a way to get even closer and foster strong relationships with the girls you are less familiar with. Delta Gamma prides itself on embodying the five points of the star: character, personal development, interests and talents, education and scholarship, & activities and honor. We hope to help foster long term relationships. In fact, one of our mottos is a Delta Gamma can always rely on a sister “for hope, for strength, for life.” You are a Sorority Member for life, not just for your time at college and therefore you will always have the tie of being a Delta Gamma.

**Kappa Kappa Gamma:** Kappa Kappa Gamma is women supporting women in their individual, academic and professional lives. Kappas demonstrate throughout their lives bonds of sisterhood and mutual support, sustaining members in bad times, celebrating in good times and sharing at
all times. Kappas are encouraged to respect the larger world, celebrate individual differences and take pride in shared accomplishments. Your Kappa sisters are the kind of friends that will stick with you forever, and will be there for you no matter what.

Pi Phi: The friends you make through Pi Phi are beyond true friends; they are your sisters for life! We have sisterhood bonding events both on campus and off campus such as cozy movie nights, trips to the mall, Rita’s runs, and pizza dinners. Through membership in Pi Phi, we do not only gain true friends within our chapter, but also valued connections with all Pi Phi active members and alumnae worldwide. One of Pi Phi’s core values is sincere friendship, which means that we work to connect with one another on a deep, meaningful level. Pi Phi brings us together and teaches us to accept each other genuinely and love each other unconditionally.
**Service**

**Tri Delta:** Since 1999, Tri Delta has proudly supported St. Jude Children Research Hospital, which is internationally recognized for its research and treatment of childhood cancer and other chronic diseases. At St. Jude, no child is ever denied treatment on the basis of an inability to pay. In fact, no family ever receives a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food, because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. Tri Delta is proud to be a partner of such an amazing organization. Nationally, Tri Delta has raised more than $31 million dollars in support of the St. Jude mission. Tri Delta also announced in July 2014 a pledged of $60 million in 10 years. St Jude Children Research Hospital also opened a short-term housing facility named Tri Delta Place in honor of our support. On campus, every year we hold DHOP and Sincerely Yours to raise money and awareness for St. Jude.

**Alpha Phi:** Service is an integral part of Alpha Phi in a number of ways. Sisters must fulfill the Alpha Phi community service requirement of 3 hours per semester, but the majority of sisters go above and beyond that. Alpha Phi sisters participate annually in numerous service events on campus, such as Lafapalooza, Make a Difference Day, and Relay for Life. Many of us are also a part of Landis and other campus-run community service organizations. On another note, Alpha Phi was one of the first women’s fraternities to create its own philanthropy, the Alpha Phi Foundation, which raises money for women’s heart health. Alpha Phi here at Lafayette contributes to its foundation every year through various philanthropy events, such as the Alpha PHIfa soccer tournament and the Red Dress Gala.

**Alpha Gamma Delta:** The motto of AGD and what each member strives to live by is “inspire the woman, impact the world.” We strive to find our passions and make a difference. Service is an integral part of being in AGD, whether it is through our philanthropy or through the community. We support our philanthropy, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, by supporting diabetes awareness and education through our own fundraising, such as the Alpha Gam Kan Jam tournament, and through support of the American Diabetes Association. Within the Easton community, our chapter runs a Girls Scout troop with weekly meetings. Service is important to both our chapter and our individual members. The majority of AGDs participate in MOSIAC programs through volunteering or serving as a program director. When there are service events with group sign ups (Literacy Day, Lafapalooza, Make a Difference Day), we sign up as a chapter to participate. We also proudly support all other Greek chapters and unaffiliated organizations in their service events through co-sponsorships and with attendance. AGDs as a group “welcome the opportunity of contributing to the world’s work in the community where (we are) placed.”

**Delta Gamma:** The Delta Gamma Foundation, Service for Sight, was founded with the priority of protecting the gift of sight. Since 1936 Delta Gamma’s philanthropic purpose has been to stop blindness before it starts. The founders of Delta Gamma adopted the motto “Do Good” and we incorporate this motto into all the programs we participate in. Our chapter participates in The Golden Anchor Program through Adopt-a-Grandparent. Each week our chapter goes to the
Easton Home to assist the senior citizens and spend time with them. Our chapter also hosts many events throughout the year to raise money for our Foundation. In the fall, we put on a Haunted House, co-sponsored with Phi Kappa Psi, for the Boys and Girls Club of Easton and the Lafayette Community. In the spring, our chapter holds Anchor Bowl. This is a flag football tournament to help raise money for Service for Sight. In addition we co-sponsor many other philanthropy events and hold smaller fundraisers like selling valentines or having bake sales. Many individuals also have a large presence in the Landis Community Service on campus and help our chapter get involved in Lafapalooza and the Green Move Out.

**Kappa Kappa Gamma:** Kappas have always been committed to sharing our time, treasures and talents with our communities, and at our 2004 Convention, we adopted RIF as our national philanthropy. Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. works to build a literate nation by helping young people discover the joy of reading. RIF’s highest priority is to encourage and motivate young children to read. We help make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life for children who have few to no books at home and little exposure to libraries. At Lafayette, our chapter works with the students at Spring Garden Children's Center in Easton, two or three times a week. We also participate in Literacy Day to help promote reading in our community. We also contribute to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and raise money annually for the Rose McGill Foundation to help fund scholarships, confidential aid, education and training, and support of our two museums. Marina Petersen Celebration Day is an annual event held in remembrance for Class of 2010 student Marina Peterson, who tragically passed away in the summer of 2009. Marina was a loyal sister of Kappa Kappa Gamma and active in the Lafayette/Easton community. Each year, the enthusiasm and solidarity on March Field is extremely apparent as everyone participates in Delta Upsilon’s dunk tank, Delta Kappa Epsilon’s volleyball games, Pi Beta Phi’s Pie-a-Pi Phi, Alpha Phi’s face painting, Delta Gamma’s henna tattoos, and Alpha Gamma Delta’s backyard games, among various other activities. Phi Psi’s cook out, along with Tri-Delta’s bake sale, keeps attendees happily fed, while a live DJ from Phi Psi and a cappella groups keeps the crowds entertained and smiling. It is always a beautiful day to celebrate life in Marina’s favorite way – outdoors with family and friends. In the past, the event has been successful in raising more than $3,000 for an interim abroad scholarship in Marina’s name, which is open to the entire Lafayette student body. Marina continues to be a contributing member of the Lafayette community, who will never be forgotten by her Kappa sisters and friends.

**Pi Phi:** Pi Beta Phi focuses on implementing our national service initiative, “Read. Lead. Achieve,” by continuing philanthropic work that benefits children’s literacy. Locally, we help out at the Easton Area Community Center by instilling a mentoring relationship with the children who participate in their afterschool program. Twice a week, we head down the hill to help these children with homework and lead recreational activities. We have recently registered the EACC through Pi Phi’s philanthropy partner First Book, from which they will tremendously benefit. We are active participants in Literacy Day, which promotes enthusiasm for reading within the Easton community. Many of the children who attended this past year were also participants in the EACC’s after school program, and they really enjoyed seeing our familiar faces on campus. We
host our annual Dance Marathon, Lafayette’s biggest philanthropy event, in the fall to raise money in support of literacy. It is a 12 hour event with live music, games, prizes and lots of dancing! All the money raised supports both the EACC and Pi Phi’s national foundation. For the past two years, we have held a luau with DKE, the proceeds from which have gone to benefit both of our organizations’ charities. Each semester, we hold a Pie a Pi Phi event, during which the Lafayette community has an opportunity to pie our sisters for a small donation that benefits the EACC and the Pi Beta Phi Foundation.