



2024-26 Delta Gamma Fraternity Council Candidates



FRATERNITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Amy R. Ayres, Alpha Iota-Oklahoma

Dr. Amy Ayres serves as Vice President for Student Affairs and Deputy Title IX Coordinator at Oklahoma City University. With 27 years' experience in higher education, Amy has made it her life work to support and develop college students through student success initiatives that create and foster a sense of belonging and connection. She received her doctorate of education degree at the University of

North Texas after completing dissertation research titled "College Student Adaptability and Greek Membership." After almost 20 years in the Lone Star state, serving students at UNT and the University of Texas at Arlington, Amy returned home to the Sooner state.

Raised in rural Oklahoma, Amy has a genuine appreciation for what sorority membership can do for young women of all backgrounds. She resides in Oklahoma City with her menagerie of dogs and cats and enjoys concert-going and supporting locally-owned businesses.

Amy was elected Fraternity President in 2022 after serving on the Fraternity Council as Council Trustee: Collegians. As President, Amy also serves on the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees and as National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. In college, she was chapter president at the University of Oklahoma and then traveled for two years as a Collegiate Development Consultant. Amy's Delta Gamma involvement also includes Fraternity Director: Chapter Development, Region 6 Director, Regional Collegiate Recruitment Specialist, Fraternity Director: Panhellenic Resources, Regional Collegiate Specialist, Council Appointed Coordinator and Lewis Institute facilitator. She received the Fraternity's Outstanding Panhellenic Advisor Award and supported NPC as an Area Advisor.



COUNCIL TRUSTEE: COLLEGIANS

Kristina Magovac, Delta Eta-Cal State, Sacramento

Kristina, an initiate of Delta Eta-Cal State, Sacramento, is currently serving as a Council Appointed Coordinator for Zeta Epsilon-Santa Clara. Her Delta Gamma experience includes Fraternity Director: Chapter Advancement, Region 8 Nominating Committee representative, Regional Collegiate Specialist, advisory team chair among numerous collegiate advisory roles and collegiate chapter president.

Over the past 15 years, she has participated in numerous committees and special projects. She is a proud recipient of the Cable Award and a member of the Sacramento alumnae chapter.

Kristina began her career as a professional makeup artist, later expanding into retail management for MAC Cosmetics and various brands. She has had the privilege of doing bridal makeup for well over a dozen Delta Gamma sisters as well as many various major milestone events. As a licensed esthetician she expanded her knowledge and offerings within the industry and has a passion for all things beauty.

Over the past decade, Kristina has gained success within HCM sales organizations, currently leading a Northern California team as a Sales Director. She and her long-term boyfriend, Luis, live in Sacramento with their cat Leo. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, sporting events and working on her home.



COUNCIL TRUSTEE: ALUMNAE

Dr. Melissa Thompson, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State

Dr. Melissa Thompson, Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State, is a consultant and coach at a consulting firm, Success Labs, where she leverages her expertise in communication, strategic planning and leadership development for clients in industries including healthcare, manufacturing and higher education.

As an active Delta Gamma volunteer, she currently serves as the Fraternity Director: Alumnae Engagement, where she facilitated the 2023 alumnae engagement survey, expanded the alumna initiate program, spearheaded the Member of Impact recognition program, and serves as a co-lead for the strategic plan under the Connecting Generations Action Arena.

Previous Delta Gamma volunteer roles include Region 3 Alumnae Specialist, Delta Gamma PRO, multiple roles for the Baton Rouge alumnae chapter, including president, vp: membership, and vp: communications and multiple adviser roles for Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State, including recruitment, communications and new members.

Melissa currently serves as an organizer and speaker coach for TEDxBatonRouge and is an adjunct faculty member in the LSU College of Business. She received her bachelor's degree in communication studies from LSU and her master's and doctorate in communication theory from the University of Memphis.

Originally from Searcy, Arkansas, Melissa made Baton Rouge her permanent home in 2012 after completing graduate school. She enjoys spending time with family on Lake Bruin and hanging out with her sweet pup, Tallulah. She is a board member for the Louisiana Art & Science Museum, a founding member of the Echo Alliance supporting Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Baton Rouge.



COUNCIL TRUSTEE: FRATERNITY PROGRAMMING

Shenea Stephenson Strader, Eta Iota-Nevada, Reno

Shenea hails from Reno, Nevada, where she lives with her SigEp husband, Chris, their five-year-old twins, Siena and Silas, and their two dogs, Cooper and Chloe. She is an establishing member of the Eta Iota chapter at the University of Nevada, Reno, and has delighted in volunteering for Delta Gamma at the local and regional levels for over 15 years. Shenea is also an active volunteer with her alma mater, having served on the Alumni Council since 2017 in various capacities, and currently as President. She is President and CEO of her family's management service organization, Obviate, and has over a decade of experience in the corporate space. Shenea enjoys traveling, treasures volunteering for Delta Gamma and her university and loves to spend time with her family.



COUNCIL TRUSTEE: MEMBERSHIP

Natalie Cooper Grindle, Gamma Sigma-Houston

Natalie joined the Gamma Sigma chapter through Continuous Open Bidding (COB) in the spring of 2004. As a collegian, she served as vp: Foundation, vp: membership (two terms) and member of Honor Board. Upon graduation, Natalie traveled as a Collegiate Development Consultant, 2007-08. She considers her time traveling the country for our Fraternity to be instrumental in shaping her personality and leadership skills. As an alumna, Natalie has served as a membership adviser, Collegiate Recruitment Consultant, Panhellenic Support Specialist, Regional Collegiate Recruitment Specialist, and a facilitator for ASTP and other leadership seminars in DG. Natalie is currently serving the Fraternity as the region 6 Regional Collegiate Specialist.

Natalie is a proud Texas native, growing up on the coast in a town called Bay City. She graduated Summa cum Laude from the University of Houston with bachelor's degrees in marketing and management and a minor in Spanish. She has worked in energy trading and marketing for fifteen years, including liquified natural gas, natural gas, power and environmental products. Natalie is currently employed by Shell Energy as a gas and power originator.

Natalie lives in Houston, Texas, with her son Cooper and three dogs, Lola, Teddy Rex, and Vada. In her spare time, she enjoys watching Cooper play baseball, traveling with friends and family, enjoying live music and indulging in the arts when possible. Natalie's hobbies include interior design and decorating, as well as fashion. Natalie describes her life as a relentless pursuit of progress with pragmatic empathy and logic.



COUNCIL TRUSTEE: COMMUNICATIONS

Danette Beck, Delta Iota-Georgia

Joining Delta Gamma at the University of Georgia in 1990 as a first-generation Greek, Danette did not fully understand the positive impact it would make on her life personally and professionally. Servant leadership, active listening, promoting diversity, equity and inclusion and coaching and mentoring are all pillars of her leadership principles and style developed as a collegian and cultivated throughout her professional career. Instilled by her mother as a child, volunteering has been a privilege Danette enjoys in several organizations centered on mentoring young women and recruiting them to pursue roles in non-traditional industries. Danette has held board chair positions for the Blind Children's Center and the Terry College of Business Alumni Board, leading teams of people through strategic and visionary planning and execution.

Danette has served the Fraternity and Foundation in several diverse roles spanning decades of service, giving her a broad perspective and understanding of our organization. Past roles include Region 8 Foundation Coordinator, Foundation Director: Training and Communication, Director: Extension Development, Region 1 Alumnae Specialist, Alumnae Development Consultant and Fraternity Management Corporation Member-at-Large and currently serves as Fraternity Director: Alumnae Development. Danette also served on several working groups centered around branding and recruitment efforts. Professionally, Danette leads all industry verticals for a \$2B risk management and advisory services firm headquartered in New York, where she resides with her husband, Gavin. In their free time, they enjoy traveling, hiking, visiting family and cheering on their beloved University of Georgia Bulldogs.



FRATERNITY TREASURER

Susan Meyer Kornegay, Eta-Akron

After over 38 years as a financial advisor/planner, branch manager and consultant/coach to financial advisors across the country, Susan Meyer Kornegay retired in 2022, closing Pathfinder Inc., the company she and her son Adam had started in 2009.

An active member of the Financial Planning Association and former treasurer of its East Tennessee chapter, several of Susan's articles were published in the FPA's *Journal for Financial Planning*. She was also active in Kingdom Advisors, where she was a member of their Champions Forum and led the establishment of the KA Women's Community.

Susan's background includes a bachelor of arts in education from the University of Akron and a master of arts in biblical studies from Covenant Seminary. She was a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ since 1987 and earned the Certified Kingdom Advisor® certification in 2017.

Initiated at Eta-Akron chapter in 1966, Susan credits her election as the chapter's treasurer for her pivot from teaching high school French and English to her career in financial services.

She has been a member of Delta Gamma alumnae groups in six states and served as house corporation president and treasurer for Alpha Epsilon-Washington University, chapter operations adviser for Gamma Alpha-Tennessee, Regional Finance Specialist and Regional Director for region 2 and currently Fraternity Treasurer.

Susan and her husband Jerry are active in their local church and enjoy University of Tennessee theatre productions, road trips in their campervan, and family time with their son, daughter-in-law Amy and grandchildren Abby and Ben.