



2026-28 Election Forum Address

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The future of Delta Gamma is sitting in THIS room.

How many future Council Trustees are among you?

How many future Fraternity Presidents?

How many women have yet to discover what Delta Gamma has in store for them?

I once sat where you are, looking at this stage and admiring the women on it—never imagining one day I'd be one of them.

Not because I lacked the ability.

Simply because I couldn't yet see the trail.

If you're looking up here and thinking, "*That's for someone else,*" I hope you'll let me challenge that thought.

Delta Gamma has a remarkable way of seeing something in us before we see it in ourselves.

She doesn't hand us the whole map.

She simply invites us to take the next step.

Before long, what once felt impossible becomes inevitable.

You become the leader you once looked up to.

And when that day comes, remember this:

Reaching the summit isn't the destination.

It's the handoff.

Leadership isn't measured by the positions you've held.

It's measured by the leaders you build, the confidence you inspire, and the trail you leave a little wider for the next sister to follow.

That's exactly the spirit that will guide me as your Fraternity Treasurer.

Together with an exceptional Council, we'll thoughtfully steward the resources entrusted to us—not simply to preserve Delta Gamma, but to propel her forward, honoring the women who entrusted this Fraternity to us, serving the women who call her home today, and protecting her promise for the women who have yet to discover they belong here.

Tomorrow's Delta Gamma is already here.

If you can't quite see the trail yet, know we're blazing it for YOU. And if you haven't yet discovered your belief in yourself, borrow my belief in you.

And when you arrive...

Turn around.

Reach back.

Offer another sister a hand up then cheer the loudest as she blazes this trail even farther than you did.

Thank you for the privilege of serving.

I'm ready to blaze my next trail.

And I can't wait to see where yours leads.