

INTRODUCTION: HEY EVERYONE, I'M ALLY TACK, A DELTA ZETA ALUMNA FROM OUR BETA KAPPA CHAPTER AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY. AND WELCOME TO OUR LAST EPISODE OF THE TRULY FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER.

OVER THE PAST 7 WEEKS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED EVERYTHING FROM GENEROSITY AND GIVING GRACIOUSLY TO HOW GRADUATING SENIORS CAN TAKE BACK CONTROL OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES. WE HAVE HAD A VARIETY OF GUESTS FROM CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND DELTA ZETA STAFF MEMBERS TO DELTA ZETA ALUMNAE THAT ARE CONTINUING TO DO AMAZING THINGS AS VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONALS. BUT ONE THING HAS REMAINED CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR CONVERSATIONS. THE OPTIMISM AND POSITIVITY OUR DELTA ZETA MEMBERS CONTINUE TO HAVE IS WHAT IS MOVING OUR CHAPTERS FORWARD AND IS TRULY INSPIRING.

WE KNOW THAT THINGS ARE CHALLENGING RIGHT NOW AND IN A SENSE IT DOESN'T FEEL FAIR. BUT WE ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD. AND TODAY WE WANT TO DISCUSS HOW DESPITE THE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING, CHAPTER'S CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD A POSITIVE CHAPTER CULTURE AND SISTERHOOD CAN BECOME STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE.

TO HELP US HAVE THIS CONVERSATION TODAY, WE HAVE INVITED GLYNNIS, OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT AT DUSQUENE UNIVERSITY. GLYNNIS HAS CONTINUED TO HELP PRIORITIZE A POSITIVE DELTA ZETA EXPERIENCE, DESPITE OUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. ADDITIONALLY, HER CHAPTER RECENTLY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RECOGNITION A CHAPTER CAN RECEIVE ON CAMPUS!

LET'S ADD GLYNNIS INTO LIVE

AT: HEY, GLYNNIS! THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY. HOW ARE YOU?

GLYNNIS: Hi Ally, I'm doing well. Thank you so much for having me!

AT: SO GLYNNIS, TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR CHAPTER'S REACTION WHEN LEARNING THAT THE SPRING SEMESTER WOULD BE CONTINUING VIRTUALLY?

GLYNNIS: Well, originally Duquesne had us online for the month of march, but we were allowed to stay at school. Everyone was pretty excited about that, because it enabled us to still be social and interact with each other. Shortly after, it was announced that we were going to be online for the remainder of the semester. The chapter was definitely bummed out. At that time,

we were just a couple weeks away from our spring formal, Greek week, and many other exciting sisterhood and campus events.

AT: AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT, HOW DID YOU START WORKING TO ENSURE YOU AND YOUR CHAPTER LEADERS WERE STILL PROVIDING A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS?

GLYNNIS: Our initial thoughts when this began were how can we still make this a special time for the seniors? They were missing out on their last Delta zeta formal, their last greek week, and even their graduation. This devastated them, and I know that the whole chapter felt that we should offer something special to them. This created a sense of positivity throughout the whole chapter, just coming up with ideas and trying to put them in to action in a way that was special, but still virtual. It was awesome to see how all of our members were willing to step up for the seniors, and it just goes to show how much of a positive influence they've had on this chapter.

AT: HOW DID YOU BEGIN REPRIORITIZING YOUR WORK WITHIN THE CHAPTER?

GLYNNIS: Once we began school virtually, I had to immediately change my mind set and change the focus of my work. The unprecedented circumstances created obstacles that affected each of our members in their own way. I began to prioritize the physical and mental health and safety of the chapter even more, and we have tried to do as much possible to provide support and relief during these times.

AT: WHEN TALKING TO CHAPTER MEMBERS I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY WOMEN THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY NERVOUS ABOUT LOSING A SENSE OF SISTERHOOD DURING THIS PANDEMIC BUT INSTEAD THEY HAVE FOUND A NEW APPRECIATION FOR SISTERHOOD. HOW HAS YOUR CHAPTER PUT A FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD RECENTLY?

GLYNNIS: Yes, I can agree that this pandemic has truly brought a new meaning to the word sisterhood. Although we are not physically all together, we are trying to do zoom and facetime meetings as much as we can, and to just keep in touch with one another. I can't stress enough how important it is, now more than ever, to just check in on everyone and communicate even more. This is something that this chapter has excelled in. We take care of each other, and we are doing all that we can to keep our bond as strong as it was when we were on campus.

AT: HOW DO YOU PLAN ON KEEPING SISTERHOOD STRONG DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS?

GLYNNIS: The summer months are still very up in the air in regards to planning events. Our goal for the summer is to continue what we are doing now, and hopefully begin to implement more zoom activities, and maybe even small group activities if the restrictions allow for it. We will be planning and rescheduling events for the fall, which will help our members to look forward to the upcoming semester!

AT: SO I HEARD THAT YOUR CHAPTER RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTS CUP SORORITY OF THE YEAR AWARD ON YOUR CAMPUS. CONGRAGULATIONS! AS YOU THINK BACK, WHAT DO YOU FEEL LIKE LEAD TO YOUR CHAPTER RECEIVING THIS AWARD?

GLYNNIS: Thank you very much! One of our biggest goals this year as an executive board and chapter was to better communicate our ideas to one another and keep everything transparent between the Exec board and the rest of the chapter. We prioritized the opinions of our members in an attempt to keep everyone happy, and motivated, and this is something that definitely changed the overall culture of our chapter. The executive board did all that they could to portray a sense of teamwork and positivity to the rest of the chapter, and in return we saw an increase in participation and just better attitudes all around.

AT: AS WE THINK TO THE FALL, WE KNOW THAT FOR MANY OF OUR CHAPTERS, THINGS MAY LOOK A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN THEY TYPICALLY DO EACH FALL. HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR CHAPTER AND OTHERS AROUND THE COUNTRY CAN CONTINUE THESE POSITIVE PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES WHILE STILL POTENTIALLY SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HANDLING CAMPUS RESTRICTIONS?

GLYNNIS: As of right now, Duquesne is expected to resume classes normally in the fall. This is very exciting news for everyone, and we are all looking forward to being back together. As for social distancing and campus restrictions, we have no idea what will be in store for us come August. My biggest goal for the upcoming school year is for a routine to be reestablished, in hopes of returning to some form of normalcy. We would love to be able to hold our chapter meetings every week, whether it be in smaller groups or virtually, and we will be brainstorming ways in which we can honor our philanthropy, fundraise for the chapter, and hold sisterhood activities. There are so many unknowns right now so we will just have to be flexible!

AT: GLYNNIS, THANK YOU FOR SPENDING TIME WITH US TODAY AND SHARING HOW YOUR CHAPTER HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL BY MAKING POSITIVITY AND SISTERHOOD A PRIORITY.

TO EVERYONE WATCHING, I HOPE THAT YOU'RE ENCOURAGED BY WHAT'S BEEN SHARED TODAY. I KNOW I CERTAINLY AM AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE HOW OUR DELTA ZETA SISTERHOOD CONTINUES TO GROW OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND INTO THE FALL SEMESTER!

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING WITH US TODAY. THIS IS IT FOR THE TRULY THIS WEEK AND THIS IS OUR FINAL SHOW FOR THE SEMESTER. WE HAVE LOVED BEING ABLE TO CONNECT WITH YOU EACH WEEK AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON. WE WILL ALSO BE DOING SOME SPECIAL SUMMER EPISODES SO BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE!

AS ALWAYS, AFTER TODAY'S EPISODE, WE'LL POST ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS AND RESOURCES FOR YOU. SIMPLY VISIT THE TRULY BLOG AT DELTAZETA.ORG/THETRULY.

YOU'VE INSPIRED US TO TRY NEW THINGS – LIKE INSTAGRAM LIVE! THANK YOU FOR WATCHING, FOR YOUR COMMENTS, AND YOUR SUPPORT. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE ENGAGING WITH US ANOTHER AFTER TODAY'S EPISODE AND THAT WE CAN ALL CONTINUE TO LIVE TRULY.