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ALPHA DELTA PI CELEBRATES 175

A First for Women's Organizations

[ATLANTA, GA] - On May 15, 2026, Alpha Delta Pi celebrates the 175th anniversary of the founding of the sisterhood. Alpha Delta Pi is the first secret society for women to achieve this milestone. And the year 2026 will be a yearlong celebration in honor of this anniversary. Founded in 1851, Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest secret society for college women in the world. Established at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the first college chartered to grant degrees to women in the world, the story of Alpha Delta Pi is remarkable. And it all began as a young girl's dream.

Eugenia Tucker was just sixteen years old when she left her family home in Laurens County, Georgia, to enter Wesleyan College. Before the end of her first year, she would establish the first sorority in the world. Later, she would reflect on her young reason:

"This was a new world...she finds that many of her classmates think more of mischievous enjoyment than their lessons. And so, by and by, a sober thought enters her brain—could she influence her friends to join her in forming an association for improvement." – Loyally I, On Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald and the founding of the Adelphean Society

During the 175th anniversary year, Alpha Delta Pi sisters around the world will be part of in-person and virtual events, experience new opportunities to connect with each other, and encounter the sisterhood's history in new ways. The largest gathering will take place at Grand Convention, held in Palm Desert, CA, June 18-21, 2026, where alumnae and collegiate members will gather for fun, sisterhood, and Sorority business. The 175th Anniversary Grand Convention will be steeped in tradition—several of which originate from the first convention assembled in Macon, Georgia in 1906—and look toward the next 175 years.

About Alpha Delta Pi Founded at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Ga., on May 15, 1851, Alpha Delta Pi was the first secret society established for college women. Its principles of scholarship, leadership, sisterhood and service guide more than 265,000 women in 159 active collegiate chapters and 155 alumnae associations of Alpha Delta Pi.

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