

DELTA GAMMA Convention

2020

Delta Gamma Foundation Award Winners

Faculty Award sponsored by Eta Theta-St. Louis

The Faculty Award recognizes faculty who exemplify excellence in teaching undergraduate students.

Nominating Chapters

Zeta-Albion
Beta Delta-Colorado College
Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State
Delta Kappa-South Florida
Eta Theta-St. Louis
Eta Upsilon-Drexel

Winner - Dr. Lori Driscoll

Nominated by Beta Delta-Colorado College

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Dr. Lori Driscoll is Professor of Psychology and co-director of Neuroscience at Colorado College. Her specializations are in behavioral neuroscience, psychopharmacology, and developmental neurotoxicology. In her Laboratory of Behavioral Neurotoxicology, Dr. Driscoll and her students explore how gut microbes and their metabolites during early postnatal life influence brain development and subsequent social, emotional, and cognitive function in rats. Students who conduct research with Dr. Driscoll become proficient at performing aseptic surgery (subdiaphragmatic vagotomies), behavioral testing, drug administration, immunohistochemistry, and unbiased stereology (cell counting). They have co-authored several publications with Dr. Driscoll and presented at annual meetings of the Society for Neuroscience.

Dr. Driscoll earned a B.A. in Psychology from Colorado College as a prestigious scholar supported by the Boettcher Foundation; she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate. Dr. Driscoll was a Sage Fellow and earned her Ph.D. in Biopsychology from Cornell University. She has served as both President and Secretary of the Developmental Neurotoxicology Society. At Colorado College, she is co-chair of the Science Visioning Task Force, chair of the Health Professions Advising Committee, and member of the Faculty Executive Committee and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. A first-generation college student herself, Dr. Driscoll particularly values her role as a mentor to first-generation students in the classroom and in the laboratory.

Dr. Driscoll is married to fellow Colorado College alumnus Jonathan Driscoll and has a daughter (age 10) named Amalie.

H.K. Stuart Spirit of Service Award

The H.K. Stuart Spirit of Service Award is reserved for collegiate chapters and alumnae groups that exhibit the dedication and service exemplified in the life of Helen (H.K.) Davis Stuart, Kappa-Nebraska. This award was endowed by H.K.'s daughter Catherine Stuart Schmoker and her husband Richard.

Pictured: Catherine Stuart Schmoker and her mother, Helen (H.K.) Davis Stuart.



Alumnae Group Applicants

Atlanta alumnae chapter
Phoenix alumnae chapter
Wichita alumnae chapter

Collegiate Chapter Applicants

Kappa-Nebraska
Lambda-Minnesota
Omicron-Adelphi
Alpha Iota-Oklahoma
Alpha Upsilon-Southern Methodist
Beta Chi-Denver
Beta Zeta-Denison
Beta Gamma-Utah
Beta Epsilon-American

Beta Xi-Michigan State
Beta Psi-Alabama
Gamma Alpha-Tennessee
Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State
Gamma Kappa-California, Santa Barbara
Gamma Phi-Arizona State
Gamma Sigma-Houston
Delta Iota- Georgia
Epsilon Nu-James Madison
Epsilon Xi-Lafayette
Zeta Upsilon-Furman
Eta Mu-Lake Forest
Eta Phi- New York
Eta Upsilon-Drexel

Alumnae Group Winner - Phoenix alumnae chapter



Collegiate Chapter Winner - Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State



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Theta Chapter of Delta Gamma Collegiate Leadership Award honoring Patricia Peterson Danielson

This award is sponsored by the Theta chapter to honor beloved Theta alumna Patricia Peterson Danielson, in appreciation of her deep commitment to and leadership within the Theta chapter, Delta Gamma, Indiana University and her community. The award honors a Delta Gamma collegian that has made and continues to make a significant leadership contribution to her campus, community, place of worship, state, nation, or world in an area of philanthropy or philanthropic service.

Pictured: Patty and her husband, Danny



Winner - Hannah Cohen, Alpha Lambda-Drake

Nominated by Joy Schnoebelen, Alpha Lambda-Drake

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Hannah has such a positive influence on her chapter (her entire CMT nominated her!), despite holding no formal leadership roles in her chapter. She does hold many formal leadership positions at Drake University and in the Des Moines area, the Community Action Board (CAB), and as the community outreach senate member in Drake Student Senate.

Through the Next Course food recovery program, Hannah, along with other Drake students, faculty and staff take the leftover food from Drake's dining center and relocates it to people in need in the Des Moines area. She is in leadership on the Community Action Board, a campus organization that offers various volunteer opportunities throughout the year. In her position as community outreach senator for Drake Student Senate, she promotes the importance of service at Drake and in Des Moines. She is also an active member of Drake's pep band and has been a writer for Times Delphic, Drake's Student Newspaper. Outside of the Drake community, Hannah also teaches Hebrew at a Jewish school, helping the younger generation

understand their background and the importance of their faith. Hannah makes the world a better place with her dedication to others through service and her commitment to help others who share her mission.

Catherine Stuart Schmoker Principled Leadership Award

This award is sponsored by James and Helen Catherine (H.K.) Davis Stuart, Kappa-Nebraska to recognize their daughter's commitment to Delta Gamma, her alma mater, her community, and her church. The award honors a Delta Gamma alumna who has made, and continues to make, a significant leadership contribution to her community, place of worship, state, nation, or world in an area of philanthropic service.

Pictured: H.K. Stuart and Kit Schmoker



Winner - Dr. Karen Comer Matthews, Alpha Psi-Mississippi

Nominated by Elizabeth McCullers | [Watch the award announcement](#)



Dr. Karen Comer Matthews serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Delta Health Alliance, which is a non-profit organization that funds and operates more than sixty health care and education community-based initiatives throughout the Mississippi Delta. As a result of Dr. Matthew's leadership and direction since 2006, Delta Health Alliance has received more than \$450 million dollars in federal, state and foundation funding, employing over 500 citizens of the Delta serving their local communities. Delta Health Alliance works to overcome health and education disparities in rural communities and has been at the forefront of using information technologies to improve delivery of services. Under Dr. Matthew's direction, Delta Health Alliance has become a leader in Community-based participatory research, applying quantitative assessment and evaluation to guide the development and improvement of programs with input from residents, local businesses, and area agencies.

A native of Fulton, Mississippi, Karen earned a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering from here at the University of Mississippi, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Memphis, and her Ph.D. in Health Science Administration from the University of Tennessee. Building upon this background in engineering and administration, Dr. Matthews has applied creativity and innovation to her philanthropic work, seeking solutions to problems by utilizing both traditional and non-traditional instruments of change. Prior to assuming leadership of Delta Health Alliance, Dr. Matthews created one of the first telemedicine networks to serve rural communities of the Mid-South, growing to become the third largest telehealth network in the nation with 110 sites in 2005. Karen has served as Principal Investigator on numerous state and federal research projects and has authored more than fifty articles for academic journals.

Dr. Matthews' contributions have also been realized through her work with faith-based programs serving the Mid-South. From 2015-2017, Karen was a founding board member of CAFÉ (Children And Families Enrichment) at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, a non-profit organization dedicated to mitigating the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences through two programs: the Early Enrichment Center which, through everyday learning and play, focuses on the brain development of children ages 7 weeks to 3 years old, and the Parent Enrichment Place which helps to equip parents with resources to recognize and heal past trauma and ultimately build a mentally healthy family system. In 2017, she received the Engineer of Distinction Award from the University of Mississippi School of Engineering in recognition of her work in the Mississippi Delta; she continues to serve on the School of Engineering's Advisory Board to help provide opportunities for undergraduate students to achieve while promoting the School of Engineering among industries in the region. At Ole Miss, has also served as a judge with the Lott Leadership Institute's Speaker's Edge Competition, a public speaking partnership with the MBA program that challenges Ole Miss students to express ideas, knowledge, and understanding clearly and effectively. Reflecting her dedication to the communities she serves, she also finds time to work with the Memphis Council of the American Lung Association, the American Diabetes Association, and the Memphis Library Foundation Board. Dr. Matthews was recently appointed by Tennessee's Governor to serve as one of three board members of The Goodwyn Institute, a state-chartered foundation that funds scholarship and learning opportunities for the state's residents.

Mildred Moyer Baynard Award for Excellence in the Field of Blindness

In every city we hold Convention, we try to leave a little of ourselves behind, in the “Do Good” tradition. This award is sponsored by the Mildred Moyer Baynard Memorial Award Fund.

Winner -

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments in St. Louis

In 1951, a group of Delta Gamma alumnae from Washington University started a local organization to serve the needs of young children with visual impairments and blindness. The founders of the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments set forth on a mission to provide educational services for children in the earliest years, prior to the start of school, with an emphasis on guidance and training for their parents.

Services offered by the Delta Gamma Center include comprehensive early intervention services to address the needs of infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired and their families.



Delta Gamma participants at the Delta Gamma Center's 2018 Run for Sight