

**Zeta Eta-Texas State**

**Fast Facts:**

* Installation date: April 30, 1988
* Location: San Marcos, Texas
* Region: 6

**History:**

Southwest Texas State University (now called Texas State, San Marcos) was the 2nd fastest growing university in Texas (Texas A&M was the fastest growing). Most students hailed from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin.

Delta Kappa Pi was founded on October 17, 1985 by nine young women who felt the need for sorority expansion at Southwest Texas State University. After a short period of developing the foundation for Delta Kappa Pi, the nine founders expanded to forty-one colony members. Its colors were turquoise and pink. Its flower was the pink rose and its mascot was the unicorn. In October of 1985, the Delta Kappa Pi’s sent a letter to Delta Gamma expressing their interest in obtaining a charter. At the time, Delta Gamma was unable to expand due to an already packed expansion schedule, but the women never lost hope.

In the fall of 1987, Delta Gamma expressed interest in colonizing at Southwest Texas State. Delta Kappa Pi voted unanimously to petition Delta Gamma for a charter on November 12, 1987. Though the group was only two years old, the women were known leaders on the campus and had the highest GPA of any Panhellenic group. In anticipation of receiving a charter, the Delta Kappa Pi’s had each been paying $20 per month and had established a bank account.

The Zeta Eta chapter began to colonize on December 1, 1987. Ninety-four women were pledged at “The Hill House,” the beautiful home of Ann McGeath Dupont, Beta Eta-Texas. The new pledges arrived in matching navy dresses and were pledge by 30 members of Beta Eta.

Installation occurred on April 30, 1988. Sixty-four collegiate members and 19 patronesses were initiated at the Campus Christian Center. Members of the Beta Eta chapter, University of Texas assisted with the Initiation ceremony. At the Installation Banquet, Fraternity President Maureen Sweeney Syring, Nu-Idaho, presented the charter to the chapter president Shannon Sabetelli. Installation chairmen were Sandra Etchison Daniels and Eva Sanchez. Bob Tanner, Greek Affairs Adviser at Southwest Texas State, was presented with an Anchorman Certificate and anchor tie for his overwhelming support of Delta Gamma’s colony.

Beloved chapter activities include a reunion homecoming barbeque for collegians and alumnae, Halloween parties, Foundation Fun Nights, parents’ weekend activities, sisterhood nights, and volunteering at the Texas School for the Blind.

In the spring of 1992, Kelley Parker was named the Greek Woman of the Year. Esther Wilson received Advisor of Excellence Award. Delta Gamma chapter received individual outstanding GPA certificates.