

**Epsilon Omega-Louisiana Tech**

**Fast Facts:**

* Installation date: May 3, 1986
* Closure date: September 27, 2003
* Location: Ruston, Louisiana
* Region: 3

**History:**

Louisiana Tech University was founded in 1894 as Louisiana Industrial Institute, by Act 68 of the General Assembly of Louisiana. In 1921 Louisiana Industrial Institute was officially renamed Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. On June 23, 1970 Governor John McKeithen signed a bill changing the name of the university to Louisiana Tech University.

Following a presentation to the Louisiana Tech Expansion Committee in May 1984, the Panhellenic Council extended an invitation to Delta Gamma to establish. The Fraternity accepted, and the establishment of Delta Gamma at Louisiana Tech began in January 1986. The founding member class of the Epsilon Omega chapter was officially pledged on January 20.

On May 3, 1986, Epsilon Omega chapter was installed. The Initiation ceremony, performed by Gamma Zeta-Louisiana State collegians, was held in the newly redecorated Delta Gamma lodge. A great-niece of Mary Comfort Leonard, Janet Heilbronner Litton was initiated as a patroness. Following the ceremony, the new members along with parents and guests gathered at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn. June Griffith Weaver, former NPC delegate and Director of Expansion, presented the chapter charter.

Epsilon Omega held its first Anchor Splash® in 1989.

After struggling for several years, the Epsilon Omega was asked in 2003 to vote on relinquishing their charter. The women voted to not relinquish the charter, and instead submitted a detailed action plan to Council for their review. Ultimately, Council did not accept the action plan and voted to close the Epsilon Omega chapter in September of 2003.

As a part of Delta Gamma’s agreement to establish on campus, the chapter had to have a chapter house. The Epsilon Omega’s were able to acquire the lodge of a former Zeta Tau Alpha chapter.