

**Eta Epsilon-Vanderbilt**

**History:**

November, 1999, Delta Gamma Fraternity was invited to Vanderbilt University to make an expansion presentation. The expansion committee, directed by Tracey Doebling Williams wasted no time in sending out a letter of notification to local, Nashville alumnae to conjure interest in assisting with colonization, house corporation positions, and advisory team positions. In December, Delta Gamma was notified of their acceptance to colonize at Vanderbilt, and women on campus were encouraged to keep Delta Gamma in mind as they began formal recruitment through newsletters. The Eta Epsilon chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity was the tenth NPC group to join Vanderbilt’s Greek Community.

At the start of the new century, Eta Epsilon’s first recruitment was held. Recruitment events included an Open House Party on Wednesday, January 26th, one-on-one interviews with Delta Gamma representatives Thursday January 27th, a Preference Party on Friday, January 28th and Bid Day activities resulting in the extension of 108 bids on Saturday the 29th. The expansion team was very selective and bid women who exemplified leadership qualities, excitement and courage to take initiative in founding a new chapter.

Installation and Initiation were held on April 16th, 2000. The Initiation Ceremony at 2pm was performed by women from the University of Tennessee, Gamma Alpha chapter and the Installation Banquet at 5pm was held in the South Dining Room of Vanderbilt’s Student Union.