

***Award presentation read by Kappa Delta National President Bonnie Warren
and presented by National Vice President of Alumnae Margaret Watson.***

The Most Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award is named after the first National Vice President of Alumnae, Marjorie Rowles Stakes. It honors the top chapter in the country for the biennium.

At this time I would like to ask that the delegate for each of the 14 alumnae chapters who were awarded an Alumnae Chapter Excellence Award to come forward and stand in front of the podium.

*Chicago Northwest Suburban
Detroit Tri-County
Greater Atlanta Day
Long Beach, CA
Mid-Cities, TX
Mountain Brook
Nashville, TN
Newport Harbor
Richardson/Plano, TX
San Diego
St. Louis
Tallahassee
Twin Cities, MN
Washington, DC*

These alumnae chapters represent the height of what Kappa Delta alumnae can accomplish. They truly exemplify what lifetime experience is all about. One of these will be recognized as our top alumnae chapter, and I would like to tell you a little about what makes this year's winner of the Marjorie Rowles Stakes Award stand out among the best.

This year's recipient excels in every area of Kappa Delta. They have consistently recruited and maintained their members by using personal contact, keeping their programming fresh, and making the extra effort to see that each new member feels welcome. Their activities are a mix of family or couple oriented, business, philanthropy, and of course, social.

This alumnae chapter consistently supports their local collegiate chapters with a wide variety of activities. They are also involved in many aspects of philanthropy work including their outstanding support for the Girl Scouts. In the biennium this alumnae chapter contributed more than \$22,000 to philanthropy and raised over \$11,000 in support of our Shamrock program. They also contribute greatly to The Angelos.

*Having grown from 132 to 175 dues-paying members, being the second largest alumnae chapter in the country, please congratulate the winner of the 2009 Marjorie Rowles Stakes Award for Most Outstanding Alumnae Chapter---**NASHVILLE!***