

## **POLICY 1: Alpha Gamma Delta Membership Agreement**

This Membership Contract, "Contract" is entered into by and between Zeta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta and the below named member/new member "Member" to set forth the agreement of the Member to bear her portion of the responsibilities of lifelong membership, to include financial responsibilities for the maintenance and operation of Zeta Eta Chapter.

Member accepts the responsibilities of lifelong membership in Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity, and agrees that it is her own responsibility to read and understand the Constitution and Standing Rules of Alpha Gamma Delta, the bylaws and other chapter documents of Zeta Eta Chapter. She pledges to uphold these in her actions, words, and deeds. She will live by the high standards and ideals of the Alpha Gamma Delta Purpose.

Member recognizes her financial obligations to the chapter and that these financial obligations are continuing, and are an integral part of her agreement to be initiated into the Zeta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity. Member promises to pay to the Chapter the amount set forth on the payment schedule in those amounts and on the dates required by this Contract in addition to special assessments. All payments for charges not received on behalf of the Chapter by the due date set forth on each statement shall be considered delinquent and may be assessed late fines.

Member agrees to pay in accordance with the Schedule of Charges currently in effect, and Member recognizes and agrees that the said Schedule of Charges may change from time to time in accordance with the chapter bylaws. In addition to the Schedule of Charges, Member shall be liable for any special assessments approved by the Chapter. In the event that any charges have not yet been determined, Member shall be liable for the amount of charges approved by the Chapter. The charges set forth in the Contract may be modified by the Chapter at any time during the term of this Contract. In the event Member is unable to pay her obligations in a timely fashion under this Contract, Member agrees to immediately contact the Vice President Finance to provide evidence of the legitimate cause for delinquency. All payments for charges not received on behalf of the Chapter by the due date set forth on each statement shall be considered delinquent and may be assessed late fines.

In the event Member defaults under the obligations of this Contract and this Contract is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection (whether or not suit is filed), Member agrees to pay all reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of collection incurred by the chapter including collection agency fees up to 50% of the outstanding balance where permitted by law.

If the chapter has a housing policy, the Member will abide by it and hereby permits Zeta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta to release to her parents/guardians information regarding her financial obligations incurred as a member/new member of the chapter. She will strive to achieve her scholastic potential. She will provide, and hereby authorizes, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to provide copies of her grade reports to the Vice President Scholarship within two weeks after grades are released. She will hold in confidence the business and Ritual of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and of her chapter. She has read and discussed with her chapter officers the description on hazing as set forth in the Constitution and Standing Rules of this Fraternity. Furthermore, she accepts the responsibility of reporting any incidents of possible hazing to chapter officers or advisors.

Member understands that Executive Council, as the governing body of this chapter, has the authority to change the membership status of individual new members or to recommend a change in membership status of initiated members. Member recognizes that Executive Council of Zeta Eta

Chapter is responsible for enforcing all chapter, Fraternity and university policies and regulations. She is personally responsible for following all local, state/provincial and federal laws. Member understands that a violation of any of these laws or policies will result in disciplinary action against her by Executive Council in accordance with the procedures of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity. If, for any reason, her membership is suspended, she will promptly return her Badge and membership certificate.

Member agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Chapter and all property owned or leased by the Chapter, real and personal, including the Chapter House, free and harmless from any and all liability for injury to or death of any person, or for damage to property, real or personal, arising out of or caused by the negligence, act, or omission of Member, and his/her guest and invitees. The terms of this Contract shall not be modified except by written amendment executed by the Chapter and Member.

Member recognizes that the obligations under this Contract shall continue during the full term of this Contract until the first of the following occur:

- Member no longer attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute due to withdrawal, expulsion, transfer, graduation, or failure to re-enroll; or
- Member is suspended from Zeta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta; or
- Death

I agree to all communications from Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity, Foundation, Housing, Chapter, Alumnae, and IHQ affiliated groups unless I notify the headquarters in writing I wish to be opted out. Notification can be sent to [communications@alphagammadelta.org](mailto:communications@alphagammadelta.org).

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## **POLICY 2: Alpha Gamma Delta Hazing Policy**

Alpha Gamma Delta defines hazing as any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off Fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks; wearing apparel publicly which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and jokes; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late night session which interfere with scholastic activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with Alpha Gamma Delta Constitution and Standing Rules or policy, or the regulations and policies of the educational institution, state or province.

- I understand Alpha Gamma Delta's definition of hazing.
- I understand that the sisterhood offered to me should not include hazing and I will notify the International Fraternity if I become aware of hazing activities in my chapter. I understand that participation in hazing activities may affect my membership status.

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**Nicole Lee**

***Date: 04/08/2022***