

## **Opening California State Convention 04/27/2024**

Good morning Sisters,

It wonderful to be here with you today at the opening of 2022-24 California State Convention. I know we have all been moved by the Isnka Drum Group this morning and we realize the need for our acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples who's land we are now on. Our past history is important to recognize whether it is as a nation or in our personal lives.

Today, I would like to share with you some thoughts on the importance of our sisterhood in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Growing up, I was fortunate to have a wonderful childhood with loving parents, however, I always felt that one thing was missing. I had a younger brother who I always got along with, but I longed for sisters to share and confide in. Joining Alpha Delta Kappa gave me the opportunity of having those sisters I always wished for.

Our Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood is special because, those of us sisters who are not related by blood, can develop deep emotional bonds though our friendships with one another other. We can form these strong bonds with women throughout the entire organization not just in our own local chapters. Our sisterhood gives us a sense of belonging and connection when we attend Alpha Delta Kappa events like this one no matter where they occur whether they are near where we live on or across the United States.

Sisterhood is what binds our organization together. Our Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood helps us in our own personal lives giving us a sense of connection and belonging with women outside of our own families and friendship circles. Our Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters support us during difficult times in our lives by being there for us when we need them. Belonging to the Alpha Delta Kappa sisterhood is empowering. Because each members thoughts, feelings and actions have the power to impact the organization and strengthen it

During this California State Convention we will see this sisterhood of women in action as the business of the convention is carried out and we continue to "Step Into The Future" in Alpha Delta Kappa.

## **Closing California State Convention**

Today, as sisters, we have come together at this California Alpha Delta Kappa Convention. Now we are at a bittersweet moment at the ending of the business session. The realization of the ending of one biennium and the beginning of a new one.

I couldn't help but think of the resemblance of this time in our biennium to the end of the school year. You are sad to see the students you taught move on to new classes while at the same time you are excited about the possibilities a new group of students brings .

The same is true at the end of a biennium in California Alpha Delta Kappa. We "Stepped Into the Future" with President Rosena Kruley and have recognized her many accomplishments that have strengthened our sisterhood and the Alpha Delta Kappa Organization. We will look forward to the 2024-26 biennium with Virginia Riding as our president where she will bring her ideas to continue the goals of our sisterhood in Alpha Delta Kappa.