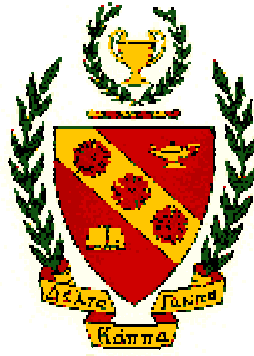


Gamma Alpha Chapter History

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Dr. Annie Webb Blanton introduced the idea of founding a fraternal women educators' organization. A male who came into her office to discuss educational matters spurred her to this idea. He questioned the fact that women teachers were not working together as a group to improve education and to better the condition of teachers. He further stated that the reason this was not happening was that "women just don't stand together."

Dr. Blanton set down a general plan of the organization and then invited fourteen women to be founders of a national society. Eleven women accepted the challenge. At this point a constitution was written and approved by all twelve women. On May 11, 1929 the first initiation took place and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society came into being.

The Farmington chapter, Beta Eta, had taken the initiative to create a new chapter made up of women educators from Livonia, Wayne-Westland and Garden City. On April 2, 1979 twelve women were initiated into Gamma Alpha. Marcia Wiss-Scarr was elected charter President. Gamma Alpha's current membership is 42 key women educators.