

Alpha Delta Pi

172 YEARS OF

Sisterhood

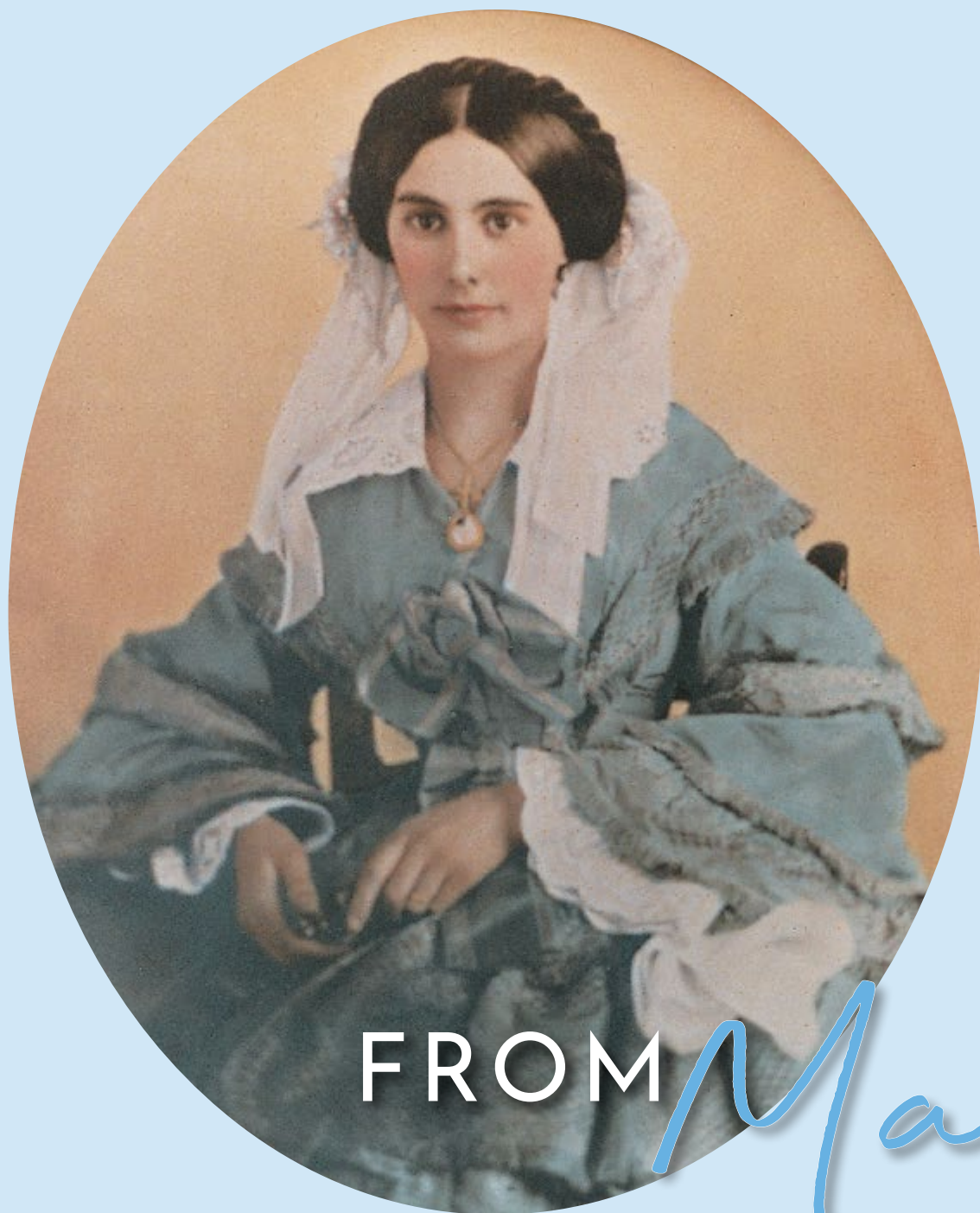
1851–2023

FOUNDERS' DAY 2023

Event Guide

IT WAS A

glad May time . . .



FROM *Mary*



Adelphian founder Mary Evans Glass attended the first national convention of Alpha Delta Phi in 1906 in Macon, Georgia, and shared stories of Wesleyan in 1851. The excerpt below gives her perspective on the story of our founding.

In the Junior class of '51 was Eugenia Tucker, a young woman who by reason of her many graces and gifts was easily an acknowledged leader. Studious, thoughtful, and ambitious, she saw the opening gateway for nobler development and higher culture than was provided in a regular college curriculum, and calling together sixteen girls of congenial tastes, social prestige, and genuine literary merit, she organized what was then known as the Adelphian Society.

It was a glad May time that marked the birthday of an illustrious mother's eldest born—the fairest in face, the richest in promise—her noblest and her best.

The highest standard of scholarship was an open sesame to our ranks, and the basal principle was to find its loftiest expression in the self-forgetful ministry of our motto—We Live for Each Other.

Perhaps it seemed a small beginning when sixteen college girls banded themselves together for the highest culture and noblest development of womanhood, but today, following their multiform lines of usefulness, we see their luxurious lengths stretching away until they promise to girdle our great earthland with a very zone of light. Faith was the field glass which spied out the land, Hope the architect who drew the plan, but Love shall crown the work.

And so, my dear sisters, let us be true to our motto. It will sweeten the happy hopes of youth, enrich the deep, ripe joys of maturer years, and when the Autumn winds shall sweep, and the brown leaves flutter across life's hurrying close, and Winter snows fall thick and fast, we will feel no fear, for there will be light in the evening time.

Constitution of The Adelphean Society.

Art 1st. This Society shall be called Adelphean, and shall have for its object, the mental, moral, social and domestic improvement of its members.

Art 2^d. The number of regular members shall be limited to twenty, and shall be chosen as hereafter specified.

Art 3rd. No young lady will be received on her own personal application, but each at May Commencement shall elect by their intellectual and moral worth - their dignity of character and propriety of deportment; May be proposed by any member, provided in all cases that they have been members of College, at least ~~three~~ ^{two} months. After mature consideration of the claims of each, they may be voted for. If like opposing votes appear, the candidate is rejected, otherwise she is elected. It then becomes the duty of the Secretary to inform her of her appointment. An admission fee of one dollar is required of each member, to be paid into the hands of the Secretary, and appropriated to the purchase of books.

Art 4th. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. The offices of Secretary and Librarian Treasurer combined in the same persons.

Art 5th. The office of President shall be filled by such as

THE Schedule

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Anniversary Ceremonies

10-year Ceremony and 25-year Ceremony
2 p.m. EDT • [Register Here](#)

50-year Ceremony and 60-year Ceremony
5 p.m. EDT • [Register Here](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Individual Collegiate Awards Announced • All Day
Dorothy Shaw Leadership, Emerging Leader, Ruth Pretty Palmer Panhellenic
[@alphadeltapi](#) on Instagram • [facebook.com/AlphaDeltaPiEO](#)

ADPi Cooking Club—Chicken Chop Suey • 8 p.m. EDT • [Register Here](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Jewel Degree • 8 p.m. EDT • [Register Here](#)

MONDAY, MAY 15

Day of Giving Begins • 9 a.m. EDT • [Learn More](#)

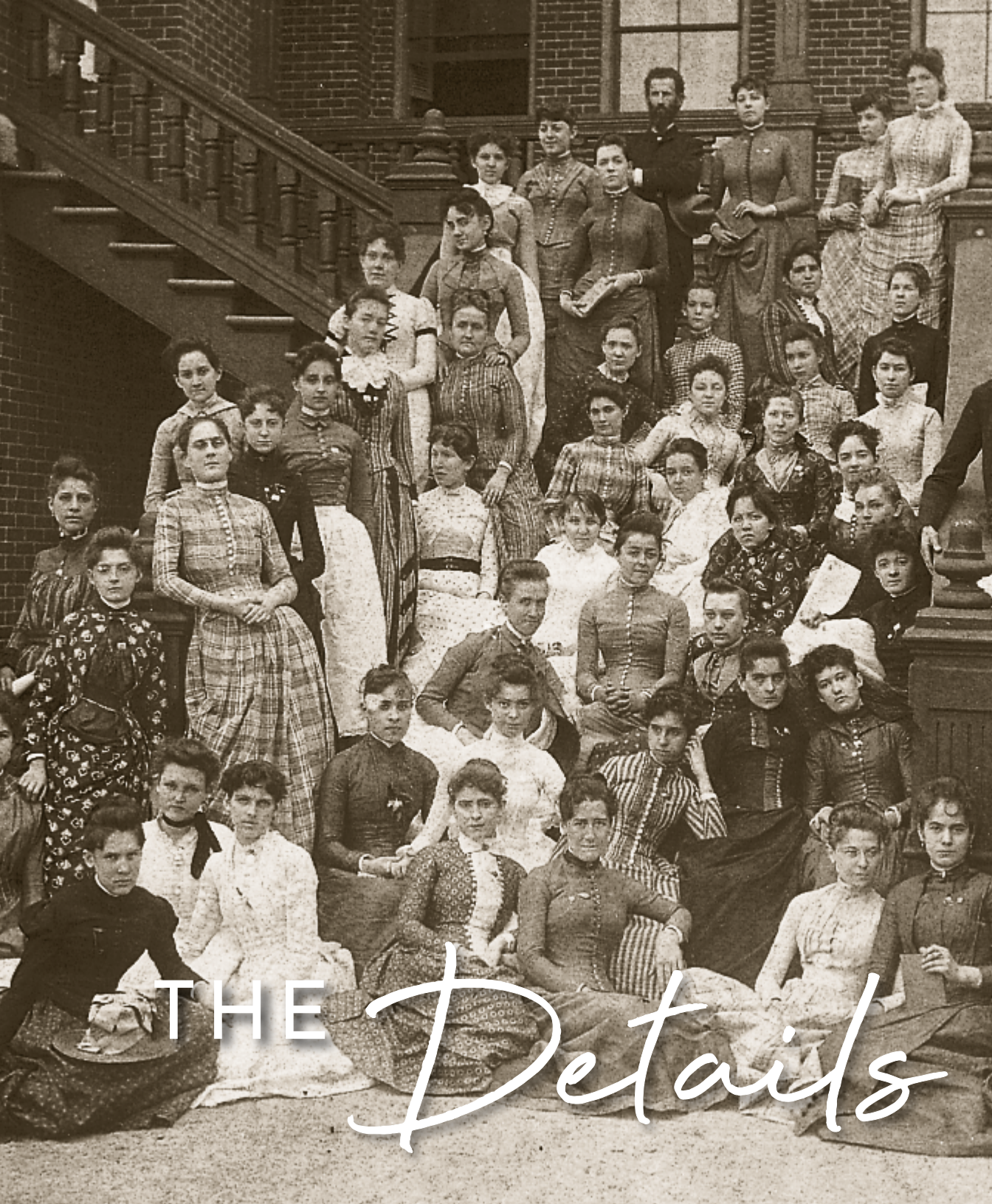
Founders' Day Ceremony • 1 p.m. EDT • [Register Here](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Day of Giving Ends • Noon EDT • [Learn More](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

ADPi Cooking Club—Cinco de Sisterhood • 8 p.m. EDT • [Register Here](#)



THE Details

CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING COLLEGIANS

Check out ADPi's social media accounts for the announcements of our individual collegiate member awards. We'll be celebrating overall leadership with our Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award, Panhellenic achievement with the Ruth Pretty Palmer Award, and our up-and-coming sisters with the Emerging Leader Award. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook!



Tuesday, May 9 • All Day



JEWEL DEGREE

This ceremony was established as an alumna degree to complete our Alpha Delta Pi ritual. Hosted by Grand Council, the degree is conferred upon graduating seniors or initiated members who have assumed alumna status. You may attend even if you've already participated.

Wednesday, May 10 • 8 p.m. EDT • Register Here

LOCAL EVENTS

Founders' Day is a time to celebrate sisterhood and traditions and catch up with each other. Alumnae associations across the U.S. and Canada are planning Founders' Day events. To find the one nearest you, check out the list of gatherings on our website.

Multiple Dates • See the List Here



FOUNDERS' DAY CEREMONY

A short ceremony will be hosted by International President Dawn Victor-Herring in a virtual recognition of May 15, 1851, the date of our founding. This celebration serves as an occasion to reunite Alpha Delta Pi members of all ages.

**Monday, May 15 • 1 p.m. EDT
Register Here**



WE BELIEVE. WE GIVE. ALPHA DELTA PI FOUNDATION DAY OF GIVING



Each year on May 15, our Foundation has celebrated Founders' Day with our annual Day of Giving. Join ADPi sisters, friends, and family as we come together and combine our individual philanthropic power to help our sisters coast to coast by supporting emergency grant funds, scholarships, leadership education, hazing prevention, mental wellness programs, and historic preservation.

**Monday, May 15 • All Day
Learn More at webelievewegive.org**

AΔΠ Foundation

ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES

Hosted by past Grand/International Presidents, these ceremonies will recognize our alumnae celebrating 10, 25, 50, and 60 years of membership in Alpha Delta Pi. All members are welcome to observe even if they are not participating in a ceremony.

Sunday, May 7

10-year Ceremony and 25-year Ceremony • 2 p.m. EDT • Register Here
50-year Ceremony and 60-year Ceremony • 5 p.m. EDT • Register Here





Alpha Delta Pi *Foundation*

Join us on May 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. EDT to kick off the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation's Eighth Annual Day of Giving! This is a day filled with fun, sisterhood, philanthropy, and so much more. Watch ADPi's social media and visit webelievewegive.org to learn about special opportunities to support scholarships, leadership programming, historic preservation, emergency grant funds, and more. Make your gift go further by participating in donor-match challenges throughout the day.

BE AN AMBASSADOR!

Help us connect! We need your help to reach thousands of sisters, friends, and family members who love Alpha Delta Pi. Signing up to be an ambassador is quick and easy. We will provide you with training and content to share leading up to May 15 and throughout the day. All you need to do is share, share, share!

Our Day of Giving ambassadors are vital to our success. Last year, 141 ambassadors helped us raise over \$105,000 simply by sharing the Day of Giving with their networks!

[Learn More and Sign Up!](#)



FOREVER *First*

THE HISTORY CAMPAIGN FOR ALPHA DELTA PI

Each sister who has joined Alpha Delta Pi since our Founders established The Adelphean Society in 1851 is part of our story. Our goal is to:

Leave a legacy for generations to come
Preserve our history and our priceless archival items
Provide global access for research and social interaction

As we approach our 175th Anniversary in 2026, now is the time to create a state-of-the-art history center and archive to capture and preserve the treasured artifacts, historical documents, stories of sisterhood, and accomplishments of Alpha Delta Pi and our members.

We will provide an interactive opportunity for visitors to explore the history of the oldest secret society for women from 1851 to present day, as well as to understand the experience of women attending college at a time when few had that opportunity.

The Forever First History Campaign will play an integral role in this year's Day of Giving. Join us on May 15, and make a gift in honor of your piece of our collective history.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN AT
ALPHADELTAPI.ORG/FOUNDATION/FOREVERFIRST**

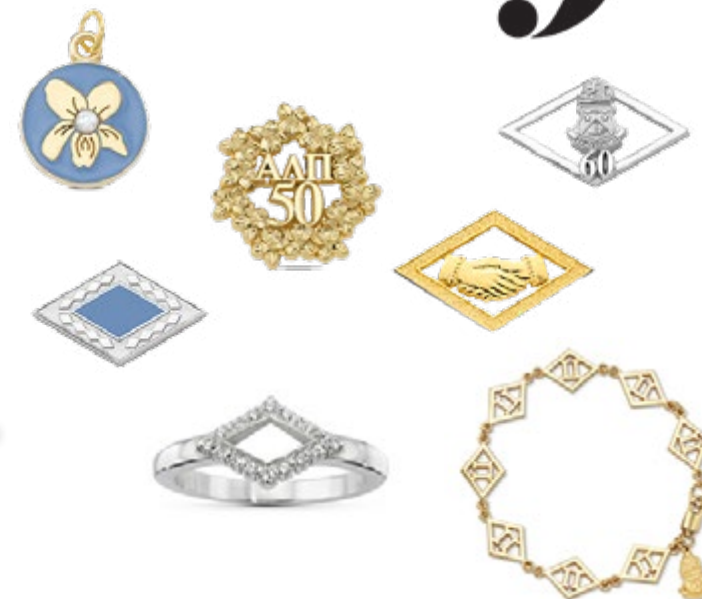


the 1851 shop

Check out The 1851 Shop's Founders' Day collection! With hats, stickers, a *new* tee and blanket, and more, you'll find lots of treats to show your ADPi spirit this May!



HERFF **H** JONES.



Celebrating a special anniversary? Looking for an excuse to buy some new bling? Visit Herff Jones for our official jewelry collection and pick up something shiny!

ADPI *Swag*



GET *Social*

HASHTAGS

Show and tell us how you are celebrating Founders' Day 2023 with our hashtags! Making your gift to the Foundation for Day of Giving? Use **#WeBelieveWeGive**. Showing off your new tee, mug, or sticker? Celebrating with sisters? Use **#ADPiFoundersDay**. Be sure to tag @alphadeltapi, your chapter, or your alumnae association!

BINGO!

Visit Alpha Delta Pi's social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram, give us a follow, and screenshot our Founders' Day 2023 Bingo card on Monday, May 8. Check off the appropriate boxes before the end of Tuesday, May 16 and post your completed card with your Bingo and the hashtag **#ADPiBingo** before midnight on Wednesday, May 17 for a chance to win fabulous ADPi prizes!

If you prefer to participate offline, just complete **this linked Bingo card**, take a picture of or save it, and email it to **alumnae@alphadeltapi.com**.

COVER AND PROFILE ART

Check out the social media cover and profile art options for Alpha Delta Pi's Founders' Day and We Believe. We Give. and show your ADPi spirit to the world! Download the files from the ADPi Facebook page or Pride Online under **Resources>Brand**.



Have a few minutes and want to brush up on your ADPi history and heritage? Check out these videos to learn more about our founders, Adelphean Society history, ADPi through the years, and the pursuit of sisterhood. Click on the title to view.

THE SOCIETY

With a focus on our bonds of sisterhood, The Society will reengage your emotional connection to Alpha Delta Pi.

SIX YOUNG WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

Meet our founders and learn about their connections to each other and Wesleyan.

FROM ADELPHEAN TO ALPHA DELTA PI

The history of the Adelphean Society and their efforts to grow beyond Wesleyan.

NOTABLE EVENTS IN ALPHA DELTA PI HISTORY

Follow our story through 172 years of sisterhood and meet those who made it happen.

MEET THE FOUNDATION

Meet the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation and the women behind forty years of its mission to Educate, Lead, and Serve.

HISTORY / *In Motion*



GET *Together*

Founders' Day is a time to celebrate sisterhood and traditions, honor graduating seniors, welcome back alumnae, and enjoy being an ADPi. Alumnae remember their college experience, collegiate members share their experiences, and everyone can be included. Does your chapter or alumnae association have plans for Founders' Day this year? Whether you are planning an in-person gathering, a virtual celebration, or something else with just a sister or two, we want you to celebrate.

ATTEND AN EVENT!

Alumnae associations across the U.S. and Canada are planning Founders' Day events. To find the one nearest you, check out the list of gatherings on our website. Don't see one in your area? Read the guide to planning events (see right) and submit it to alumnae@alphadeltapi.com.

[Find a Founders' Day Gathering](#)

PLAN AN EVENT!

ADPi staff and volunteers have written a comprehensive planning guide for Founders' Day events, both in-person and virtual. Full of programming ideas, sample agendas, games and icebreakers, and additional resources, this guide will help both chapters and associations.

[Read and Download the Guide](#)



SHARING A

Vision

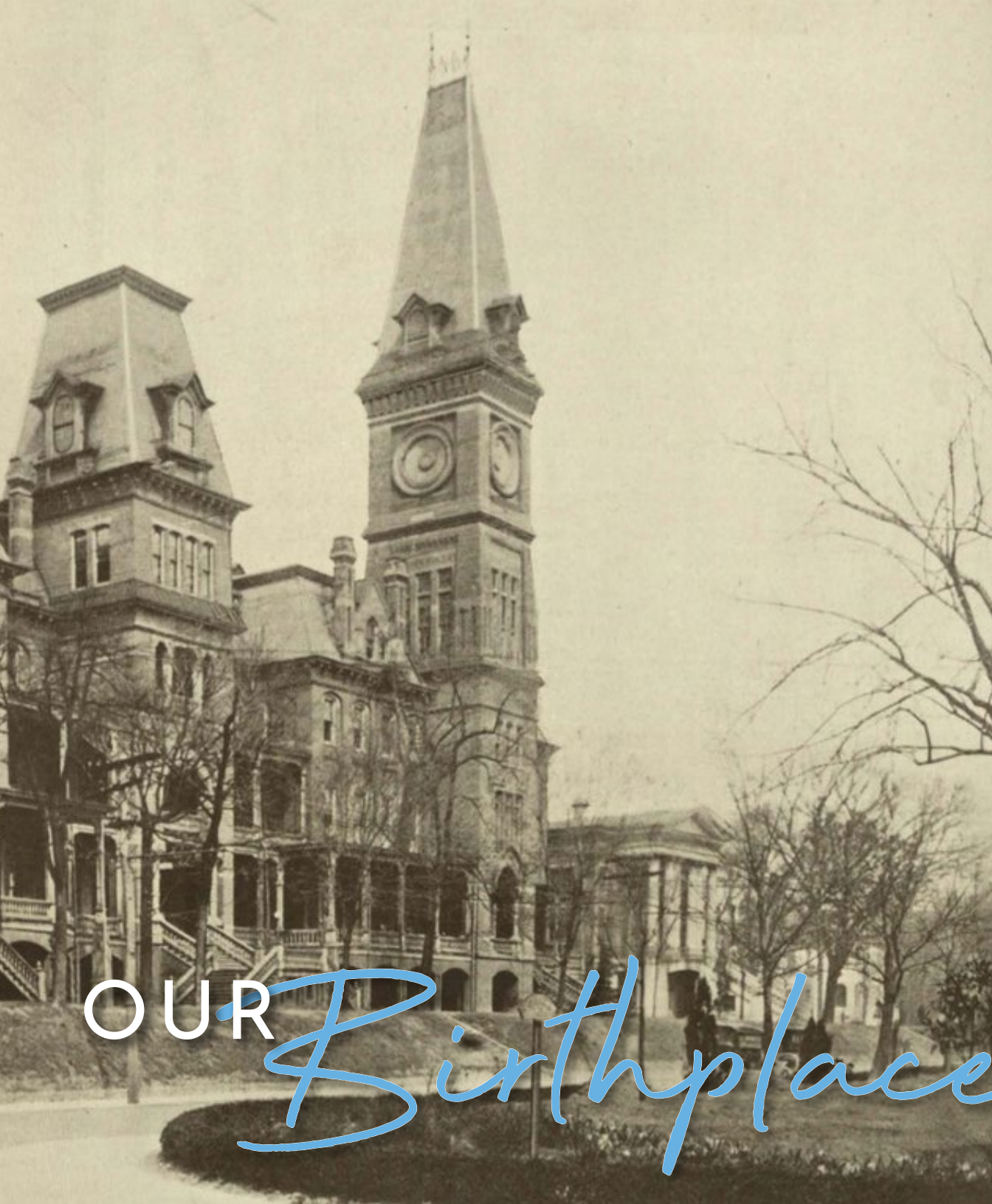
The story is told that Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald roomed with Mary Ann DuPont Lines, who became the first President of the Philomathean Society. They were both close friends and active rivals. Looking for support and fellowship, Eugenia and Mary Ann were instrumental in founding secret literary societies on campus. Eugenia and five other Wesleyan students founded the Adelphean Society on May 15, 1851. Mary Ann and two others founded the Philomathean Society on January 4, 1852. Thanks to these nine visionary young women in their mid-teens, generations of Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu have found lifelong sisterhood through sorority membership.

SHARE THE VISION!

Have you heard about Four Points Napa Valley, Alpha Delta Pi's exclusive wine club? We are especially excited about the spring 2023 release as it is the first time two fraternal organizations have partnered on a wine label. Our Visionary chardonnay shares a name and label with Phi Mu's new wine brand, Les Soeurs Fideles Napa Valley. As the first two secret societies for college women at the first institution chartered to grant college degrees to women, we honor our roots and earliest members for their visionary efforts.

Learn More and Order Visionary!





OUR *Birthplace*

Wesleyan Female College,

The first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women, Wesleyan was originally chartered by the Georgia legislature in 1836 as the Georgia Female College. A committee including Bishop James O. Andrew, father of future Adelphean founder Octavia Andrew, and Lovick Pierce, grandfather of founder Ella Pierce, began work on the college's development.

From its earliest days, Wesleyan's history has been intertwined with Alpha Delta Pi's. Wesleyan's first president was George Foster Pierce, father of founder Ella Pierce. His best friend, James E. Evans, father of founder Mary Evans, served on the Board of Trustees for more than forty years. The ranking member of the original Board of Trustees was Bishop James Osgood Andrew, father of founder Octavia Andrew, and Lovick Pierce, Ella's grandfather, was a long-time Trustee and ardent supporter and fundraiser. Edward Myers, who helped the founders write the first Constitution, and Osborne Smith, who would both later serve Wesleyan as presidents. William C. Bass, who served as president from 1874 to 1894 was father of Adelphean and prominent Macon alumna Minnie Bass Burden. Alice Culler Cobb, initiated in 1856, served as a Wesleyan faculty member for 30 years. Our second National President, Newel Mason, also taught at Wesleyan as did many other wearers of the diamond, including Grand Council member Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer.

With the goal of forming a "society for mutual improvement," seventeen-year-

old Eugenia Tucker and five of her closest friends formed The Adelphean Society on May 15, 1851. Eugenia had planned wisely and consulted with Wesleyan president Dr. William H. Ellison, Professor Edward H. Myers, and Reverend Osborne L. Smith telling them of her wishes and intentions to form a Society. After careful consideration, her request was granted, and Professor Myers helped the founders write their Constitution and Bylaws. Article 1 of the Constitution states, "This Society shall be called Adelphean and shall have for its objects the mental, moral, social, and domestic improvement of its members." The Adelphean Society flourished immediately after its founding. Before the end of that school year on July 1, the six founders were joined by 13 other members. The rapid growth was fostered in large part due to the support of the faculty. In addition to the timeless Constitution, the founders selected the native woodland violet as the official flower. They chose colors—azure blue for friendship and white for sincerity and truth. They embraced the motto Eugenia had selected, We Live for Each Other, and they selected the clasped hands as a symbol of friendship.

THE Photographs



1907 Wesleyan graduates and Adelpheans Nannaline King, Blanche Chapman, and Elizabeth Moseley, who was serving as the first National President at the time.



Mary Evans Glass, one of the Adelphean Society's original six founders.



The Adelphean Society's Constitution, written in 1851 by Eugenia Tucker with assistance from Wesleyan faculty.



The Adelphean Society in 1902.



Adelphean member Mary Vinson in 1897.



Composite for the Adelphean Society in 1904.



Adelphean member Annie Clifford Harrell in 1881. Notice her Adelphean badge.



The second national convention of Alpha Delta Phi held in Georgetown, Texas, in 1907.



Adelphean member Gladys Tilley in 1904.



The Adelphean Society in 1898.



The Wesleyan College 1902 baseball team includes Adelpheans and Philomatheans (note the badges).



Old Wesleyan in Macon, Georgia.



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