

# Alpha Delta Kappa: A Legacy of Excellence, Service, and Sisterhood

## (2-Person Script)

Speaker 1:

Let's take a quick trip back to 1947... when gas was cheap, hairstyles were high... and four visionary women had a powerful idea.

Speaker 2:

Those women—Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino—saw a need to recognize and support outstanding women educators. And honestly... it was about time!

Speaker 1:

From that idea, Alpha Delta Kappa was born. And just one year later, in 1948, the very first chapter was chartered in Kansas.

Speaker 2:

And from there? It grew quickly—because when you bring passionate educators together, things happen! Before long, Alpha Delta Kappa was spreading faster than news in the school hallway before the final bell.

Speaker 1:

By 1955, the first National Convention was held in Chicago—bringing members together to share ideas, build friendships, and yes... probably compare lesson plans and comfortable shoes.

Speaker 2:

Then in 1957, Alpha Delta Kappa officially went *international* with its first chapter in Canada. Because clearly, this sisterhood was too special to stay in one country!

Speaker 1:

The growth didn't stop there. In 1951, the official song, "*The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa*," was introduced—symbolizing the light of learning that educators carry every day.

Speaker 2:

And in the 1960s and 70s, Alpha Delta Kappa expanded programs, built its headquarters in Kansas City, and launched scholarships—starting with international teacher education scholarships in 1963.

Speaker 1:

Those scholarships opened doors for educators around the world, proving that Alpha Delta Kappa wasn't just about recognition—it was about impact.

Speaker 2:

And speaking of impact... let's talk heart. In 1981, Alpha Delta Kappa began supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, launching a long tradition of meaningful altruistic work.

Speaker 1:

Over the years, that giving spirit has grown to include causes like breast cancer research, Alzheimer's awareness, and even building schools across the globe.

Speaker 2:

We're talking *millions of dollars donated* and *millions of hours volunteered*. That's what happens when educators take their passion beyond the classroom!

Speaker 1:

By 1975, Alpha Delta Kappa even had its own celebratory week in October... which, by 1991, became a full month. Because really—one week just wasn't enough to celebrate all of this excellence!

Speaker 2:

And through the decades, Alpha Delta Kappa has continued to evolve—adding leadership programs, scholarships, and opportunities for professional growth.

Speaker 1:

Today, it spans multiple countries, connecting women educators through friendship, service, and a shared commitment to education.

Speaker 2:

And let's be honest—those friendships might be one of the best parts. Because no one understands a teacher quite like another teacher... especially after parent-teacher conferences!

Speaker 1:

Through every change and every decade, one thing has remained constant: a dedication to excellence, service, and lifting each other up.

Speaker 2:

From 1947 to today, Alpha Delta Kappa continues to empower women educators and make a difference in communities around the world.

Speaker 1:  
And the best part?

Speaker 2:  
We're still writing the story.

Both:  
One chapter, one project, and one friendship at a time. ✨