

Two-Person Presentation: “The Pearl Challenge”

Person 1 (playful, curious):

Okay—quick question. If I handed you a pearl right now, what would you think it means? Fancy jewelry? Something expensive?

Person 2 (smiling):

That’s fair—but in Alpha Delta Kappa, a pearl means something **way** more exciting. It represents achievement, growth, and a whole lot of hard work.

Person 1:

Alpha Delta Kappa uses pearls in something called “**Seven Pearls of Achievement.**”

Person 1: And these pearls symbolize the *unique, valuable, and lustrous accomplishments* of its chapters. Basically—each pearl tells a story of excellence.

Person 2: But these aren’t just symbolic—they’re goals. Real, high-level milestones that chapters work toward to grow, improve, and shine.

Person 2:

Let’s break it down! First—**Symbolism**. Pearls are rare and full of lustre.... just like the outstanding achievements of members.

Person 1:

Next—**Chapter Achievement**. The “Seven Pearls of Achievement” program sets specific criteria for chapters to meet, kind of like a roadmap to excellence.

Person 2:

Then—**Awards**. Pearls are often tied to recognitions that celebrate dedication and success.

Person 1:

And here’s a cool one—**Ritual**. Pearls can even be part of initiation ceremonies, representing the principles of the sorority.

Person 2:

So in Alpha Delta Kappa, pearls actually track and celebrate a chapter’s *professional and altruistic achievements*.

Person 1: (surprised tone)

Now here’s a twist—ready?. Even though we call them the “Seven Pearls,” there are actually **nine possible criteria** a chapter can complete to earn them!

Person 2:

Yep! For example, one way to earn a pearl is by completing the **Chapter Needs Assessment**, or CNA.

Person 1:

And pearls don't stand alone—they're often paired with the **purple violet**, the organization's official flower.

Person 2:

Chapters aim to achieve “seven pearls” to really show their success and impact.

Person 1 (building energy):

So what do these pearls really mean?

Person 2:

They represent glowing accomplishments—because like pearls, those achievements are rare, valuable, and full of brilliance.

Person 1:

They also mark important milestones, showing how chapters “work for pearls” by meeting specific criteria.

Person 2: (strong, inspiring)

And earning them shows commitment— to honoring outstanding women educators...

Person 2:

...supporting altruistic projects...

Both together (big, confident finish):

...and strengthening the education profession—one pearl at a time!