



**Activities Update
Gamma Sigma Delta
Fall 2007**

New Website

This has been a very busy semester for Gamma Sigma Delta. We have launched a new website, developed a new tabletop display, and have focused on revitalizing our membership numbers. Our new website (<http://www.gsd.lsu.edu>) enables our members to keep up with chapter news and events, and allows members to pay online for membership fees.

The website was developed to promote transition between chapter presidents, and provides efficient transfer of information of pertinence to transitioning chapter presidents. All committee members and associated duties are available on the website, along with officer responsibilities.

New Members More than Doubles Membership

We had 57 individuals accept our invitation to join Gamma Sigma Delta this fall, and they will be initiated and welcomed at the Fall Reception on December 3rd at the Nelson Memorial Building. This is one of the largest groups of initiates in several years. Dean Kenneth Koonce will be the keynote speaker.

Lecture Series

The Gamma Sigma Delta Fall lecturer is Dr. Eric Ravussin. Dr. Ravussin is a Professor and Chief of the Division of Health and Performance Enhancement at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, and is the Douglas L. Gordon Chair in Diabetes and Metabolism at the Center. Dr. Ravussin will speak about his research on caloric restriction, resveratrol, and the mysteries of a long life. This seminar will take place on December 7th, 2007, in Room 142 of the Renewable Natural Resources Building. Further details of this and other events are provided on the LSU Gamma Sigma Delta homepage (www.gsd.lsu.edu). A second Gamma Sigma Delta-sponsored lecture will take place in Spring 2008.

Graduating Graduate Student Fall Reception

A reception to recognize graduating Gamma Sigma Delta graduate student members will take place in Room 212 Efferson Hall on Friday December 14. Thanks to the Committee Chair, Frankie Gould for planning this event. Receptions will also take place for Spring and Summer 2008 graduates.

Spring Banquet

Mark your calendars: The Gamma Sigma Delta Spring Banquet will be held on April 10th in the Magnolia Room at the Union.

LSU Chapter Receives 2007 Gold Chapter

Our fall business meeting was held on September 28th, where Dr. Vlosky (Chapter President) announced that our chapter had been selected as a 2007 Gold Chapter. This prestigious award recognizes and honors the activities and accomplishments of the Louisiana Chapter during the 2006-2007 academic year. Matters of the Chapter budget, membership numbers, and fall lecture series were also discussed during this meeting.