

SIGMA DELTA PIDEAS

Official Student Newsletter

BSA CHAIR CORNER

As your Board of Student Advisors' Chair, I have had the privilege of sharing 4 student-run newsletters with you all. It has been a pleasure learning more about all of the chapters across the nation, and hearing about the innovative events that are being implemented. My term as Chair of the BSA is coming to an end, but I am excited to see how this newsletter blossoms with future BSA members.

We couldn't have done this without the help from all of you readers, and we appreciate all of the feedback we have received! A special thanks to Amanda, Chase, Consuelo, and Monica, my fellow BSA members, for all of their hard work in the past two years. It has been a pleasure working with and getting to know each one of you.

Cora Spillman, BSA Chair 2017-2018

- FUN FACT -

Ruth Barnes founded Sigma Delta Pi on November 14, 1919 as a junior undergraduate student at the University of California, Berkeley. While most members know this organization as Sigma Delta Pi, the Greek letters actually represent "*La Sociedad del Prado.*"



Ruth served as president for the 1919-1920 school year and stayed on as part of the 1920-1921 committee.

For more SDP history, take a look at T. Earle Hamilton's *Sigma Delta Pi: A Brief History, The First Seventy-Five Years 1919-1994* on the Sigma Delta Pi website at <https://goo.gl/qaLkv2>.

- NEWSLETTER SURVEY -

The BSA wants to hear from you!

Please complete our brief survey at the following link: <https://goo.gl/JpQih5>. Any and all feedback is greatly appreciated, as we wish to keep this publication student-centered.

Thanks to those who previously participated in our BSA Survey and providing us with feedback.



COLLABORATION - IDEAS -

Agencies to collaborate with:

- Local cultural centers
- Mexican-American Cultural Center
- Community Events
- Celebrations of *Día de los Muertos*, *Cinco de Mayo*, etc.
- Spanish/Foreign Language Clubs at local high schools
- Museums
- Local bakery that sells homemade Mexican treats

Campus groups to collaborate with:

- Foreign Language Clubs
- Spanish, French, Japanese, etc.
- Student Association/Student Government
- Multicultural Student Association
- Clubs representing minority groups
- Business and Management Clubs
- Study Abroad Office
- International Student Club

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

- ISIS CAMPOS -
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

For member Isis Campos, Sigma Delta Pi has provided a sense of community with people that share her love of Spanish language and culture. Isis has been a member since 2010 after joining the Epsilon Beta chapter at Texas State University. She was part of that chapter through her undergraduate and master's education, and is now the president of the Gamma Rho chapter at the University of Houston.

As a member of the Epsilon Beta chapter, Isis not only served as historian and vice president, but she was also the editor of their poetry magazine *Al Principio*. She also helped organize the annual "Festival de poesía" that brought together the faculty and students of the Modern Languages department to recite poetry in Spanish, French, German, and many other languages. Recently, with the Gamma Rho chapter, she participated in an effort to collect donations for communities affected by natural disasters.

For Isis, Sigma Delta Pi has not only provided leadership and networking opportunities, but also motivation to continue her education in a way that connects her with her Salvadoran-Honduran background. She says, "Sigma Delta Pi means putting the Spanish language in a positive light, and celebrating my heritage."