**Membership Intake Components and Steps**

MC member should be thoroughly familiar with the material for her assigned Pyramid Preparation Day and execute the Jewel Day activities.

MC member should be present at all Minerva Circle meetings and Jewel Days.

**THE SIX COMPONENTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROGRAM**

**1. THE PYRAMID INDUCTION CEREMONY**

This is the first formal step that leads to membership in Delta Sigma Theta.

**2. THE PYRAMID PREPARATION PERIOD**

This is the formal period characterized by contemplation, reflection and intense learning. The Pyramids bond with each other and work closely with the Minerva Circle to understand further their duties and obligations as well as the meaning of Sisterhood as expressed in our *Ritual* ceremonies.

**3. THE NATIONAL DELTA ACHIEVEMENT TEST (DAT)**

This is the official examination of the Sorority. It is designed to ensure that each Pyramid has learned information about Delta. Each Pyramid must pass the Delta Achievement Test in order to move to the next step in the Membership Intake Program.

**4. THE ODYSSEY EXPERIENCE**

During this phase, the Pyramid begins her bonding with all trained chapter members. Living together with the Deltas for a day or two permits a more intimate interaction. The Odyssey Experience is not all fun and games, however, as it is designed to develop the skills of working together. Trust, mutual respect and understanding should flow from this period. The experience ends with the Pyramids receiving the Sorority Ribbon and meeting their “Special Sisters” or “Personals,” who will guide them through the Nine Day Path and who may pin them during the Initiation Ceremony.

**5. THE NINE DAY PATH**

The Jewel Days are designed to instruct the Pyramids in the meaning of Delta’s Nine Cardinal Virtues. Several assignments are given to the Pyramids during this time. They will need to become totally familiar with the Nine Day Path in order to be effective leaders and mentors.

**6. THE INITIATION CEREMONY**

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