In 1992, Lectureships in Values and Ethics, a Delta Gamma program sponsored by the Delta Gamma Foundation, was established by Dr. Paul Martin honoring his wife Dorothy Garrett Martin (Dotty), Eta-Akron in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The initial home of the lecturership was Paul and Dotty’s alma mater and the site of Delta Gamma’s oldest active collegiate chapter, the University of Akron. Though Dorothy is deceased, the lecturerships immortalized her selfless spirit and love for Delta Gamma. Today 14 campuses have established Lectureships in Values and Ethics, with 4 more in progress, and 2 others in the planning stages.

Three $50,000 grants (the Dorothy Garrett Martin Challenge) to the Foundation initiated the program. Dr. Karla Treckel Mugler, Gamma Epsilon-Kent State, introduced the Martins to then Executive Director Margaret Hess Watkins, Alpha Xi-West Virginia, and Maureen Sweeney Syring, Nu-Idaho, serving in a volunteer development position. These three women worked with the Martins to develop their vision—to establish a venue on college campuses where values and ethics could be discussed in an open format—into a workable program. The outcome was the Delta Gamma Lectureship in Values and Ethics.

In 1994 Patricia Proctor Bradley, Beta Theta chapter, headed an endowment campaign establishing the second Lectureship at Duke University. It was this effort that established the system used for all succeeding endowments.

With Maureen Syring and Margaret Watkins promoting the new Foundation program, three more lectureships were established in 1994—Gamma Upsilon-Wichita State, Alpha Upsilon-Southern Methodist, and Alpha Nu-USC. Upon Margaret’s retirement in 1999, Foundation Executive Director Betsy Inch Fouss, Alpha Xi-West Virginia became the program director. In February 2001, the Council/Board of Trustees appointed Patricia Proctor Bradley, Beta Theta-Duke, to the newly developed position, Director: Lectureships in Values and Ethics. Currently, Barbara Gerow Broyles, Alpha Sigma-UCLA is serving in this position.

Although Dorothy passed away in 1994, Dr. Martin has continued to support this program by funding the first 12 challenge grants. He then challenged like minded people to do the same.

The 13th Lectureship was then sponsored by the Richard D. Shirk family expanding previous goals with a mission “to illuminate and define what is good and bad in the lives, characters, and practices of all professionals and to educate students to the value of ethical conduct.”

Since that time, the $50,000 challenge grants have been made by individuals as well as groups of alumnae and collegians. Jacque Geving Everson, Alpha Theta chapter, provided the grant for an Alpha Theta-University of North Dakota Lectureship and Amy Carlson Wilson, Theta chapter, provided the challenge grant for Theta-Indiana University.

At the 2004 Delta Gamma Convention, after hearing the late Tim Russert speak to twelve hundred Delta Gamma members, The Board of Trustees resolved that a Convention Lectureship in Values and Ethics to be a highly valued goal, with the hope that it be fully funded by Convention 2006. A Delta Gamma wishing to remain anonymous funded the endowed lecturership. In 2006, Joan Brock was the inaugural speaker of the Convention Lectureship in Values and Ethics. In 2008 Steve Ford provided the lecture, and in 2010 author John Sileo will speak.

At this time there are 4 Lectureships in progress with 2 more in the planning stages. This will meet the Board of Trustees goal of a total of twenty Delta Gamma Lectureships in Values and Ethics.

These lecturerships are always free of charge to collegians. University volunteers and employees, as well as, invited individuals in surrounding areas. The Delta Gamma Foundation has great pride in this unique program, which is a prime example of its mission “The Delta Gamma Foundation provides resources for educational growth and philanthropic service for all members.”
Past Speakers & Campuses

University of Akron
Barbara Bush
Charlton Heston
Linda Chavez
Steve Forbes
Madeleine Albright
Gerald Ford
F.W. DeClerk
Cokie Roberts
Queen Noor
Colin Powell

Convention Lecture
Joan Brock
Steve Ford

Duke University
Maya Angelou (freshman orientation speaker 1994-2007)
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Mississippi State University
Jeff Corwin
Christopher Gardner
Steve Ford
Blake Mycoskie

University of Missouri
Marilyn Fordham & Maureen Syring
Homer Hickum
Mitch Ablom
Herman Boone
Patricia Russell McCloud
Jerry Greenfield
Antwone Fisher

Sylvia Naser
Sally Ride
Ronan Tynan
Christopher Gardner
Jeff Corwin
Joan Brock

University of Oklahoma
Jeff Probst
Linda Kohn

Purdue University
Robin Roberts
Amy Tan
Joan Brock
Steve Ford
Herman Boone

Southern Methodist University
Barbara Bush
Mary Matlin
Ann Compton
Julie Andrews
Madeleine Albright
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Jack Valenti
Michelle Malkin
William Bennett
Mike Domitrz
Kelly Addington & Rebecca Tieder

Texas Christian University
Ethics in Business Forum
Ethics in Sports Forum
Dr. David Boren

University of Southern California
Andrew Shue
Aaron Karo
Larry King
Joan Brock
Steve Ford
Lee Trevino
Joan Brock

Wichita State University
John Spence
Juliet Funt
Charlie Plumb
T.J. Leyden
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Scott Mikulecky
Chad Crittenden
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