Greek Student Spotlight: Ashley Willits

This month we would like to introduce Ashley Willits, newly appointed Delta Zeta President. Ashley is a senior here at MSUM and is majoring in criminal justice. One day she hopes to work as either a crime victim counselor or a state prosecutor for crime victims.

As President, Ashley spends much of her time working with nationals and conducting odds and ends jobs. “If someone has a question, I direct them to the right person. I answer emails and run chapter meetings. Being a President is like always being on call, though I am still able to make time for other things.”

Ashley discussed her favorite part of being President, “I like that my sisters feel they can come to me with anything. I also really enjoy checking in with officers to see where I can help to ensure that their offices really flourish. It’s cool to see how all these little puzzle pieces fit together to create a really amazing chapter. It [being President] is a wonderful responsibility.”

One of Ashley’s biggest goals is to connect the Greek Chapters of MSUM, Concordia and NDSU to promote those networking skills. Life members, Ashley replied, “It’s really what you make of it. If you do get an office, you are free to make of it what you want. A lot of the girls in Delta Zeta are very good at balancing time and making time for both the sorority, friends outside the sorority, family, work and school.” Ashley does an excellent job of demonstrating this. In her spare time, Ashley works at the YWCA which is an emergency shelter for the homeless and victims of domestic violence. She also like to read, volunteer with United Way, and spend time with her pet iguana, Sesca.

Ashley believes there are many reasons to go Greek. On average, Greeks have a higher GPA and success rate of graduating college. Students are able to get involved on campus, in the community and with Greeks from other campuses.

Ashley also appreciates the support from her sisters. “I have 19 Greek sisters that I know support me and I can go to with anything. I have my family away from my actual family, and it’s really nice to have that support in college.”

An exciting thing Ashley would like others to know is that Delta Zeta is looking at buying a new house. They also have some great philanthropy events coming up such as Pie a Delta Zeta and a Teeterthon.

Ashley’s final suggestion for students interested in Greek Life is, ‘Don’t be scared to throw yourself into it. It’s something that you won’t understand the benefits of until you do it. There is a reason why there are so many Greeks around. It’s because there is something pretty awesome about it that I don’t think a lot of people realize.'