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## Guide to the Alpha Lambda Delta Records, 1933-1952

### Title

Alpha Lambda Delta Records (MSS AlphaLambdaDelta)

### Dates

1933-1952 (inclusive)

### Creator

Alpha Lambda Delta. Oregon State College Chapter.

### Summary

The Alpha Lambda Delta Records document the members and activities of this honor society for sophomore women at Oregon State College and include a scrapbook, meeting minutes, and an initiation book. Alpha Lambda Delta was established at Oregon State in 1933.

### Quantity

0.3 cubic foot, including 325 photographs (2 boxes, including 1 oversize box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Historical Note

Alpha Lambda Delta was established at Oregon State College in 1933 as a chapter of the national honor society for sophomore women students. The national organization was established in 1924 and continues to recognize high scholastic achievement during the first year of college. Once initiated, an individual holds lifetime membership. Students are encouraged to continue their superior scholastic achievement, promote intelligent living and high standards of learning, and develop meaningful goals in service to society.

## Content Description

The Alpha Lambda Delta Records document the membership and activities of this honor society for sophomore women at Oregon State. The collection includes a scrapbook, secretary's book, and initiation book.

The scrapbook includes photographs, lists of members, clippings, and ephemera from 1933 to 1952. The photographs consist predominantly of individual portrait prints of members; group photographs of chapter members and images of programs and activities are also included. The newspaper clippings provide information about new members, initiation activities, and programs of the organization. Of special note are articles about activities of the organization during World War II including war bond drives and farm labor drives to assist Benton County farmers with their crops. Articles about women who worked on seed farms and [hop yards](#) and in harvesting carrots and beets are part of the scrapbook. The scrapbook also features a chart showing the number of members who completed their degrees at Oregon State for the period 1933-1942.

The secretary's book includes a brief description of the establishment of the organization in 1933 and meeting minutes for 1933-1942. The initiation book consists of lists of members who joined the organization in 1938-1947.

## Preferred Citation

Alpha Lambda Delta Records, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Related Material

Additional photographs of Alpha Lambda Delta members are part of Harriet's Collection (HC 1179). The [Dean of Women's Office \(RG 057\)](#) and [President's Office \(RG 013\)](#) Records include additional documentation of the organization. The [Memorabilia Collection](#) includes additional ephemeral items. The Talons Records provide information about that service honorary society for sophomore women at Oregon State.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

### Organizations

Oregon State College--Societies, etc.

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### Topics

Agricultural laborers--Oregon.

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Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Women--Education (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.

Women--Oregon--Corvallis--Societies and clubs.

World War, 1939-1945--War work--Oregon--Schools.

### Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.