

The Colors of Kappa Delta Pi

The official colors of the society, violet and jade, were not chosen at random, nor were they chosen without discussion or forethought. Officially adopted during the 1932 Convocation, violet and jade faced some competition before being selected. Though some members objected, the colors were deemed more acceptable for decorating than crimson and pale blue—other colors being considered for official sanction.



Dr. A. M. Proctor of the Constitution Committee stated that the colors were representative of the violet, which also was approved in 1932 as the official flower of Kappa Delta Pi. The flower represented modesty, a quality that Dr. Proctor noticed in many exemplary teachers. Dr. Alfred Hall-Quest agreed, stating that violet and jade represented serenity and modesty, qualities that befit educators.

Dr. E. I. F. Williams noted that, in official seals and coats of arms, colors have come to represent certain traits. Green (even jade) represents friendship, which is exemplified in the fellowship the Society offers. Shades of purple (including violet) signify royalty, a sense of culture, learning, and the rights and responsibilities of command and authority. After listening to these sound arguments, the voting body agreed and adopted violet and jade green as the official colors of Kappa Delta Pi.