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On Friday, Nov. 9, in the University Club Center, Florida State University's Alpha Gamma Delta chapter will host a gala in order to benefit Students with Diabetes, a new organization at FSU. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a sit-down dinner and silent auction.

"There will be a keynote presentation by Nicole Johnson, a former Miss America," event chair Ashleigh Gregoria said. "Students with Diabetes is Nicole's legacy project. Our Alpha Gamma Delta is the first and we're trying to bring it to other campuses across the country."

Students with Diabetes is an organization that aims to help students with diabetes transition from high school to college, and to give them the opportunity to network with other young adults dealing with the disease. A portion of the gala's proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the American Diabetes Association, two national organizations that are linked with Students with Diabetes, to raise awareness about diabetes and to help find a cure.

"We had in the past done Dogs for Diabetes which was more of a Greek-centered philanthropy," said Gregoria. "We wanted to have a larger event for the Tallahassee community because 10 percent of the country is affected and this will bring in more people."

Gregoria is expecting around 300 people to be in attendance on Friday, and tickets are still being sold.

"There will be a limited number of walk in tickets available due to seating," said Gregoria.

After dinner, there will be an opportunity to take pictures with Johnson. Dress code for the event is cocktail attire.

The day following the gala, there will be a 5K walk that will also benefit Students with Diabetes and other diabetes awareness organizations.

The walk begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Integration Statue and costs \$10 to participate. Registration lasts until Wednesday, Nov. 7. Registration on the day of the event will cost \$15 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers of the 5K, and the top 25 will receive a T-shirt.

To purchase tickets, email alphagamma@yaho.com to be put on the guest list and either mail a check or bring money to the Alpha Gamma Delta house, located on 517 W Park Ave.

Tickets are \$40. Tickets will also be sold at the door of the event.

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