

## **Valley District Thoughts - November 6, 2021**

### **Opening Thoughts:**

Today the theme of our conference is “Valley Proud.” We are proud of our beautiful valley assets like the San Joaquin Parkway. We are proud of conservation efforts to preserve natural beauty for future generations. And we are proud of our sisterhood’s actions to protect these natural resources. Valerie Andrews said, “As a child, one has that magical capacity to move among the many eras of the earth; to see the land as an animal does; to experience the sky from the perspective of a flower or a bee; to feel the earth quiver and breathe beneath us; to know a hundred different smells of mud and listen unselfconsciously to the whistling of the trees.” Today let’s enter that magical world where nature is celebrated, sisterhood is strengthened, and time is well spent at our Valley District Conference.

### **Closing Thoughts:**

Aristotle said, “In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous.” Today we have spent our time reveling in marvelous nature, learning about the importance of conservation, and FINALLY seeing each other up close and personal. Isn’t sisterhood great? Let’s continue showing we are Valley Proud by taking back to our chapters the ideas we have shared today. Ideas about the importance of sisterhood in Alpha Delta Kappa. Ideas about the beauty of the San Joaquin River Parkway and other natural resources. And ideas about the need to conserve these natural resources for future generations.

A Native American proverb says, “We don’t inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.” We are all Valley Proud. We are dedicated to creating a better future for our children, our natural world, like the San Joaquin River Parkway, and our sisterhood. Thanks for joining us today at the Valley District Conference!

