

# Monthly Newsletter

March 2017

## 17th Convention and Leadership Training Conference: Highlights and Congratulations And Plenty of Good Fors!



### The Society's 17th Convention, hosted by our Capital Chapter, included:

- Representation from all twelve active chapters and affiliates
- The Capital Affiliate, now the Capital Chapter, receiving its charter
- Discussions about supporting our undergraduate and graduate chapters, sexual assault prevention education, leveraging our career network, and empowering quieter voices
- Celebrating our Award recipients, the Literary Competition winners, and Seward Scholarship recipients at the Saturday night banquet, hosted brilliantly by Jim, Kiah, and Emily.

**Look out for the next edition of the Society Xaipe, with even more Convention highlights!**

### Our most successful Matching Challenge ever!

This year's Convention saw our 5th Annual Matching Challenge, where 31 extremely generous Graduate Members agreed to match donations made over the weekend by young and first-time donors. Inspired by Jim Sabo's promise to auction off the rights to shave his head if 80 young people donated, 84 young donors contributed over \$2,500! Overall, this year's Matching Challenge raised over \$22,000 in support of our Literary and Educational endeavors.

## Taking a Pie for the Phi!



At the close of Convention business on Saturday, four brave Governors sacrificed their faces and clothing to take part in a new kind of matching challenge: one where they'd need to take a whipped cream-filled pie to the face. Literally.



The event was a separate part of the Development Team's matching challenge where \$5 raffle tickets were sold as donations to the Society. Four lucky winners got to pick which Governor to pie in the face and in the end, \$415 was raised and four governors were successfully covered in whipped cream. Special thanks goes out to David Clodfelter, Bowdoin 1989, Kristen Soule, Brunonian 1999, Dena Schwartz, Penn 2013, and Liam Carpenter-Urquhart, Brunonian 2019 for participating in the event!

## The Board of Governors elected its 2017-2018 Officers:

- President: Kristen Soule, Brunonian 1999 (re-elected)
- Vice President: Jim Sabo, Bowdoin 1992
- Treasurer: Zach Wilson, Brunonian 2012 (re-elected)
- Secretary: Alina Brewer, Capital 2015.5

## Congratulations to our New Graduate Governors: Christine and Ashley!

### Christine Chapman, Brunonian 2014



Christine also serves as the Society's Director of Technology, where she oversaw our database migration and website updates. She previously served as Assistant Secretary and as an Undergraduate Governor. Professionally, Christine is a software engineer who is passionate about diversity and inclusion in tech. She volunteers as the Programs Director for Uplift, a nonprofit dedicated to combatting sexual and emotional violence in online communities through education and advocacy, focusing her efforts on creating technical solutions to problems of online harassment, and working with convention organizers and attendees to make conventions a safe and inclusive environment for all. Christine once deleted the Society's website, but restored it soon thereafter. She promises to probably not delete it again.

### Ashley Taylor, Granite 2013



Ashley previously served as the Society's Secretary and as an Undergraduate Governor. Being Secretary was a dream of hers, and she is proud of her thorough, yet readable minutes. As a third-year law student, Ashley will assist on legal and policy matters, but she is most passionate about strengthening the Society's relationship with the Fraternity, helping young chapters and affiliates integrate into the Society and into their campus communities, and strengthening the relationship between chapters and their school administrations. She is spearheading a Board initiative pairing senior and new Governors to promote and facilitate participation, and she is excited to actively participate on other Board committees. Ashley is an animal lover, a proud resident of the Granite State, a talkative introvert, a therapeutic horsemanship instructor, a decent cook, and almost an attorney.

## Congratulations to our Award Winners: Alex, Bre, and Leah!

The **Society Order of the Sword and Spear** recognizes a member of the Society who has done outstanding work for their chapter, campus, community, and Society. The **Emerald and Pearl Award** recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the National level, and secondarily, exemplary contributions to the member's chapter. The **Star and Crescent Award** is awarded by the Society Board of Governors to a graduate member who has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to the Society; it is the highest distinction bestowed upon a graduate member of the Society.

#### **Society Order of the Sword and Spear: Alex Moehring, Binghamton 2016**



Over the last three years, Alex has made influential contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society by serving as the Binghamton Chapter's Social Chair in her junior year and becoming President by her final year in school. Throughout that time, she also served as Treasurer of the Undergraduate Parliament and helped plan the Society retreats. Outside of the Phi, she divided her time between working with Binghamton University's President on special projects to improve campus life and academics, being a resident advisor for two years, leading the Emerging Leaders Program on campus, and was a field volunteer for archaeological digs in Romania and Italy.

#### **Emerald and Pearl Award: Bre Tyrell, Ursinian 2017**



Bre is a founding member and the current Vice President for the Ursinian Affiliate who recently finished her tenure as an Undergraduate Governor. Over the last year and a half, Bre has made a significant impact on her growing chapter by revising their bylaws, their pledge manual, building the chapter's website and constantly making sure her fellow siblings have a fulfilling experience as members. She's made her mark on the Society by starting an initiative to help chapters improve their website and social media platforms, serving on the nominations committee to elect new Governors to the Board of Governors and making sure that the perspective of the undergrads is heard loud and clear.

#### **Star and Crescent Award: Leah Stern, Middletown 2006**



For eight years as a Governor, the last two of which as Vice President, Leah brought a sense of personal responsibility and self-reflection to our Society, and improved the way we empower and listen to each other. Always thinking about the next generation of leaders, speaking up with grace and thoughtfulness, her example has made our Society more compassionate, and more inclusive. Leah upended the old patterns of Convention business, and Society communication in general, through the incorporation of Open Space Sessions at Convention, where all participants are encouraged to lead or attend dynamic, small group discussions on topics of their creation and their choosing, creating a fundamental shift in who is empowered to set the direction of our Society. As one sibling wrote, "I can't imagine what the Society would look like today if she weren't so involved as a leader, sounding board, mentor, and role model. Her implementation of open space fundamentally changed the way our organization operates, and her communication skills set the bar on how to give each other feedback in a healthy manner."

### **Good for the Phi!**

**Good for Tiffany Moustakas, Binghamton 2015, and Craig Cheslog, Bowdoin 1993**, who worked hard to create the 12th edition of our Xaipe Newsletter. If you didn't receive a copy in the mail, or if you

already misplaced it, you can access it, and previous editions, [here](#). Look out for the next edition, coming this Summer!

**Good for everyone who donated in 2016** (recognized in our [2016 Honor Roll](#)), who helped make 2016 our most successful fundraising year of all time. Because of your generosity, we are able to fund literary, educational, and leadership programming, increase the support to our chapters and affiliates, hold another summer retreat, and assist our undergraduates as they visit each other across the country. And because our 2016 fundraising was even more successful than anticipated, we were able to subsidize the cost of Convention for undergraduates, resulting in 84 undergraduates in attendance - over 20% of all undergraduate members!

**Good for our 31 Matching Challenge 2017 donors:** Mike Blitstein, Marisa Blitstein, Thomas Clark, David Clodfelter, Lisa Copeland, Jordan Copeland, Steve Crowe, Susan Ehrlich, Zanne Gerrard, Peter Goldstein, KJ Iribe, Peter Kester, Alanna Kwoka, Kim Lloyd, Andrew Lom, Jamie Martin-McNaughton, Ruben Martinez, Joan Matelli, Eric McClelland, Bob McKelvey, Vihang Mehta, Paul Neshamkin, Jim Sabo, Matt Schechter, Richard Schwartz, Dena Schwartz, Raghav Sharma, Kristen Soule, Rob Volgman, Katherine Wasdin, and Chad Wolfsheimer. Thanks to you, we set an all-time record in: number of matchers (31), number of young donors (84), donations by young donors (over \$2,500), and total weekend donations (over \$22,000)! If you are interested in becoming a Matching Donor, or want to learn more about our Matching Challenge, please email our Director of Development, [Alanna Kwoka](#).

**Good for Ted LeFevre, Brunonian 1986**, who was elected Trustee to the National Board of United Scenic Artists Local 829 of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees in late 2016, representing designers and artists in live theater, television, and film. He is also now a registered voter for the Tony Awards!

**Good for Nassor Isom, Binghamton 2015**, whose music track was recently featured in a [music video](#).

**Good for Jordan Brewington, Columbia 2017**, who was recently interviewed in [Columbia's alumni magazine](#) for research she has contributed to a [website](#) investigating Columbia's connections to slavery and abolitionism.

**Good for Jim Walsh, Brunonian 2012**, who helped reconnect a lot of Brunonian alumni after a rough November and is always reminding others that the Alpha Delta Phi Society is a lifelong experience.

Submit a recent success, Phi-related or otherwise, for yourself or a sibling, [here](#).

## Help us continue to thrive!

Your donations enable the founding of new chapters, encourage inter-collegiate friendships, and reinforce our life-long commitment to education beyond the classroom. [Please give generously to help fund the educational, literary, and leadership endeavors of generations of Alpha Deltas.](#)

## Corrections? Questions? Comments? Praise?

[Email](#) our Director of Communications: Tiffany Moustakas, Binghamton 2015

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