

The Society's 22nd Convention and Leadership Training Conference—our first in-person event in 2 years—was a huge success!

Society Newsletter—September 2022

This year's Convention included:

- 66 total attendees from across the country traveled to Philadelphia, PA for this exciting weekend
- 24 small group discussions, a list of which you can view [here](#)
- The election of four new undergraduate governors
- A fun night of pub trivia at Fado's Irish Pub
- Banquet speeches by Mary “Mulch” Melchior, MID '84 and Tim N. Smith, BRN '93
- A celebration of our award recipients, scholarship recipients, and Literary Competition winners
- A dance party for the Society's 30th Anniversary!

State of the Society

President **Peter Goldstein**, BRN '08 highlighted recovery as the core theme for 2022. Undergraduate recruitment more than doubled in Fall 2021 compared to 2020, not to mention the successful founding of the Flint Affiliate at Kettering University in Spring 2022. The Society has also continued to remove barriers for both undergraduate and graduate chapters: the pay-what-you-can initiation fee model is working thanks to our generous alumni donors, and the Graduate Chapter Support committee was founded to guide new graduate chapters to incorporation and beyond.

To read through the entire address, please see Peter's PowerPoint [here](#).



Business As Usual

The Convention passed one business resolution this year—a resolution to investigate and identify the Society's accessibility needs. This resolution requires a sub-committee of the Accessibility Committee to give a report on the accessibility needs of each Chapter at the 2023 Convention. This resolution was proposed by **Isa Martinez**, BRN '17; **Michelle Katz**, MID '09; and **Anne Prusky**, BRN '18.

Read the resolution [here](#).

Small Group Discussions

Our classic Open Space Sessions returned to Convention as Small Group Sessions where attendees not only had a space to discuss Society topics like the importance of traditions and how to continue supporting undergraduates, but also a chance to learn about various topics from sibling experts. Notable sessions included a writing workshop called "Prompts and Circumstance" from **Michelle Katz**, MID '09; a lesson in how to take good photos with your phone camera from **Jim Sabo**, BDN '92; how to effectively organize travel from **Kylie Madden**, CAP '17; and why local news is more important than ever from **Tiffany Moustakas**, BING '15.

See the list of discussions and facilitators [here](#).

Undergraduate Caucus

Four new undergraduate governors were elected at the Undergraduate Caucus!



Kate Homes, Flint '25
(Back row, center)



Emery Miller, Binghamton '22



Sophia Decherney, Brunonian '25



Ally Bonhaus, Capital '23

30th Anniversary Banquet

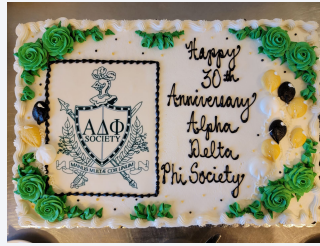
To commemorate the Society's 30th Anniversary, **Mary "Mulch" Melchior**, MID '84 and **Tim N. Smith**, BRN '93 spoke about their experiences as Alpha Delts before the Society split from the Fraternity and in the early days of the Society.

Listen to Tim's talk [here](#), and listen to Mulch's [here](#).



After dinner, awards, and speeches, the lights dimmed and the DJ played music until midnight!





Congratulations to our Award Winners!



2022 Society Award Winners

Madeline Glackin, CAP '22; **Zoe Boggs**, BRN '22; **Diana Burk**, URS '22; **Eugene Krumenacker**, CAP '22; and **Alvah Higginson**, RPI '22 are this year's recipients of the **Sword and Spear Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the Undergraduate Chapter level.

Carmen Horn, BRN '21 and **James Aykit**, PENN '21, are this year's recipients of the **Rising Star Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions of a young graduate member to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the National level.

Alison Errico, BRN '06, is the recipient of the **Timbers True Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society from a graduate member who has become increasingly engaged in serving at the National level.

Lynn Cartwright-Punnett, MID '07; **Peter Goldstein**, BRN '08; **Dena Schwartz**, PENN '13; and **Michael Blitstein**, BRN '03 are the recipients of this year's **Star and Crescent Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions of a graduate member to the Alpha Delta Phi Society throughout their many years of service.

To view the speeches and presentations of each award, check out the Google Drive Folder of banquet recordings [here](#).

2022 Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation Winners

Jennesse Alejandro, BRN '25 is the recipient of this year's **Clarence A. Seward Scholarship** which is awarded to students who demonstrate academic scholarship as well as leadership in their community.

Assetou Cherif, COL '23 is the grand prize winner of the **Daniel Pearl Award for Literary Excellence** for the film entry "NiaChole What We Do Now."

See the winners of every category and their submissions at samueleells.org.



Did you know that there's a Society Store on our website? Shop for yourself or the Alpha Delts in your life at adps.org/shop!

Help Us Maintain Our Momentum

Our undergraduates and alumni left Convention feeling energized for the Fall semester. While we're planning to support our newest undergraduates and ensure that all of our chapters will continue to thrive, the Society is at a critical juncture.

Our success depends on enabling our undergraduate chapters to plan engaging events, recruit new members, and form the Mystic Tie that binds us all. [Will you make a donation today to support them?](#)

Thanks to your support, we continue to use Pay-What-You-Can initiation fees to remove barriers to joining the Society.

- If you join the **Sammy Eells Club** at \$5.18 per month, you'll enable undergraduates to purchase supplies for one recruitment event.
- If you join the **Calomel Club** at \$10 per month, you'll enable New Chapter Development to print copies of the New Member Education Manual for a new chapter.
- If you join the **Co-ed Society Club** at \$19.92 per month, you'll nearly cover the entire cost for a new member to join the Society.

[If you're able to give back to our Society right now, you'll truly help make a difference. Every little bit helps. Your generosity will be felt by our current – and future! – members.](#)

Corrections? Questions? Comments? Praise?

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