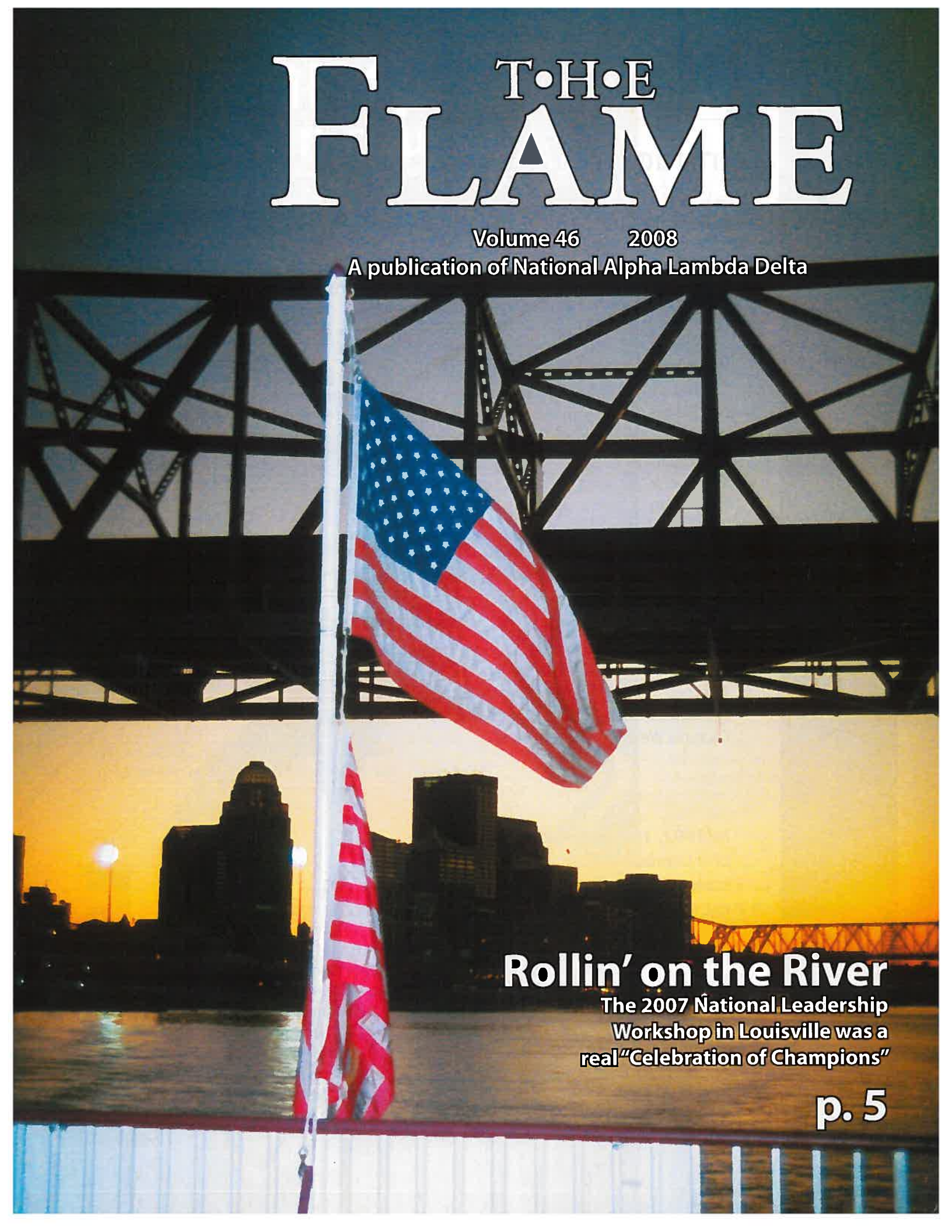


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To communicate the activities, ideals, and accomplishments of Alpha Lambda Delta with the vision to create and project a positive image of the society as a progressive and relevant collegiate organization with a commitment towards excellence.

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# A Change in course

I've had change on my mind a lot, lately. Not "change" in the sense of the few cents you get back at the drive-through window or in the sense of switching from your work clothes into your party clothes. I've been thinking about change on a large scale. Big, life-altering changes.

I suppose a big part of it comes from the fact that I'm moving into a new home this year - moving for the first time in over twenty years. As my relocation involves moving from a fair-sized house into a noticeably smaller townhome, I'm being forced to seriously reevaluate my attachment to a considerable number of my personal possessions. Talk about change - try going through twenty years of the accumulated detritus of life and having to make the conscious effort to decide whether to keep it, trash it, give it to Goodwill, or just light a stick of dynamite and run screaming.

Yes, change can be a major annoyance. A list of the major causes of stress among people is also simply a list of changes. Change forces us to relearn how to do things, it forces us to reevaluate our relationships with ourselves and the world around us, and it frequently forces all of these things very quickly - we have to adapt to the change long before we're ready.

But, whether you're ready for it or not, change is a way of life for college students. You've already made the change from high school to college; many of you made the change from living with parents - and having that support right there at home - to living alone or with a roommate for the first time. Many of you were first-year students last year, and have changed into sophomores - with a change in instructors and courses, and possibly roommates or

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even in colleges!

Life will continue to change - college will end, you'll move on to the next step in your life - be that graduate school, a family, or a career. You'll move to new locations and meet new people. Change is just a way of life.

This year, we're making some good changes in the way Alpha Lambda Delta works.

If you've talked to the National Office recently, you may have noticed a friendly new voice on the telephone - National ALD welcomes our newest staff member, Mandy Hindsman, who'll be helping us take care of you this year.

Our first \$3,000 Jo Anne Trow Scholarships went out this year - to see the winners of this prestigious award, look on page 20. In previous years, all Trow Scholarship winners were awarded \$1,000 - this year, we changed the program to offer an additional \$20,000 in funding to outstanding ALD members.

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Executive Director

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A LETTER FROM THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# WE'RE NUMBER ONE: A CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS





# 2007 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

## LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

On Friday, October 19, 153 enthusiastic Alpha Lambda Delta members, representing 78 chapters, 34 advisors along with members of the National Council and National Office Staff made the trip to Louisville, Kentucky for the 2007 Alpha Lambda Delta National Leadership Workshop. The home of the Kentucky Derby was the ideal setting for this year's theme, **"We're Number One: A Celebration of Champions."**

Friday evening began with words of welcome and an overview of the goals of the Workshop from ALD Executive Director, Dr. Glenda Earwood.

Dr. Joni Comstock, Senior Vice President for Championships of the National Collegiate Athletics Association, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Comstock described her college days and how she arrived at her current career in collegiate athletics. She stressed the need for knowing yourself and following your dreams.

A graduate of Eastern Illinois University, she received her master's and doctoral degrees from Illinois State University. Her

past professional experience has included responsibility for 16 NCAA Division Sports programs; recreational sports and athletic facilities at American University; Director of Athletics at the University of North Carolina, Asheville; Senior Associate Director of Athletics at Purdue University; and Assistant Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois, Champaign. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Collegiate Women's Athletics Administrators.

Following Dr. Comstock's inspiring address, participants brought their donated sports equipment for year's service project at the Louisville Presbyterian Community Center. Mr. Steve Edwards, a staff member at the Center, accepted the gifts and expressed his appreciation for what these gifts would mean to the children. The Presbyterian Community Center (PCC) was founded in 1898 under the leadership of Reverend John Little and six students from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The Center for over 100 years has provided local residents with a full spectrum of social services,



*Dr. Joni Comstock, VP for Championships for the NCAA, delivered Friday night's keynote.*

childcare, senior activities, child development, educational enhancement as well as sports and recreational programming.

The evening continued with refreshments, get acquainted mixers, and the traditional t-shirt exchange, while advisors met with National President, Dr. James Stemler.

On Saturday morning, following a big breakfast, participants heard information from Lee Greenway, Director of Communication, and Dr. Mike Nichols, Editor and Historian, about getting stories and pictures in **The Flame**, the Alpha Lambda Delta national magazine. National Council members Christina Ho and Dan Burk, along with Dr. Earwood and Mr. Greenway, described the many services provided to individual Chapters by the National Office at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

Following these presentations, members and advisors were offered an array of workshops that included:

- **Ethics: What You Do When Nobody's Looking** with Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood and National Council Vice President Dr. Butch Hill of Ohio University
- **Public Relations for your Chapter** with delegates.



*Mr. Steve Edwards of the Louisville Presbyterian Community Center had to enlist help and commandeer a hotel bell-cart to carry out the sporting goods collected by Workshop delegates.*



*Old friends were reunited at the Workshop. Here, advisors Sharon Emerson-Stonnell and Kathy Beardsley enjoy the fine weather aboard the Spirit of Jefferson.*

Mr. Lee Greenway and Dr. Mike Nichols

- **Winning the Order of the Torch** with National Council Member Dan Burk of the University of South Carolina and representatives of the winning Chapters
- **Preparing for the Future: National Scholarship and Fellowship Competition** with former National Council Member Dr. Kathy Beardsley of the University of Maryland.
- **How to be a Successful Chapter (Large Chapters)** with Council Member Brian Carlisle of UCLA and National Council Vice President Dr. Susan Huffman of Purdue University
- **How to be a Successful Chapter (Small Chapters)** with National Council Member Dr. Marty Knepper of Morningside College and National Council Member Christina Ho of the University of Alabama at Birmingham
- **Digital Communications Strategies** with Dr. Hill and Mr. Greenway
- **Advisors Only** with National President Dr. James Stemler of the University of Portland and Dr. Earwood
- **Student-Advisor Relationships: A Recipe for Success** with Mr. Burk and Dr. Dan Kelly, ALD Advisor of the Year and Chapter Advisor at America University
- **Service to Others: Sharing Ideas** with National Council Member Lisa Ruch of IUPUI and Dr. Alice Lanning of the Uni-

versity of Oklahoma

A luncheon followed with Chapter Recognition Awards and the presentation of the 2007 Advisor of the Year Award to Dr. Danny Kelley who provided an inspiring address about the importance of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Dr. Kelley is Coordinator of Greek Life and Leadership Development at American University in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Wright State University, and received his master's degree from the University of Dayton and a doctorate in educational management and leadership from American University. Dr. Kelley

was born in Greenville, South Carolina but because of his father's military career has lived throughout the United States, as well as England, France, and Japan. He is an avid Washington Redskins and Nationals fan, and since he spent many years living in Ohio, he loves the Cincinnati Red and Bengals and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Following the luncheon, participants had the opportunity of touring several sites in the Derby City including the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Muhammad Ali Center, Louisville Glassworks, Louisville Science Center, FlameRun (an artisan glass studio), and the Kentucky Museum of Arts and Crafts. A popular destination for many was Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum.

That evening, ALD members and advisors departed from the docks of Louisville to board the Spirit of Jefferson for a riverboat cruise down the Ohio with dinner and lots of dancing! A real Kentucky buffet was served, and everyone enjoyed seeing the skyline of Louisville at night.

Sunday morning featured a light breakfast, evaluations of the workshop, and good byes. The same magic seems to happen with each annual workshop. Over 150 "strangers" leave as friends with promises to stay in touch and exchanges of email addresses, each bringing new ideas and strategies to help build their chapters.

*For more pictures from the Workshop, see pg. 24-25*



*They're in the home-stretch! Student attendees enjoy a virtual "Run for the Roses" at the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville.*





# The Recognition of CHAMPIONS

As part of the 2007 National Leadership Workshop, the 2007 Alpha Lambda Delta Awards Luncheon was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes of Alpha Lambda Delta members and chapters. Outstanding Advisor of the Year, Dr. Danny Kelley, delivered the keynote address for the ceremony - "A Luncheon of Champions." Excerpts from his address are printed below - for more information about Dr. Kelley's Advisor of the Year Award, see page 22.

Since leadership is a core value of Alpha Lambda Delta; it makes sense to address this important topic with our workshop delegates.

Leadership is one of those things that is difficult to define, but is one of those things that you simply recognize when it is happening.

I believe there are some basic concepts one can embrace to position oneself to be a successful leader. In keeping with our workshop theme, I have chosen the word "champion". Each letter in this word can provide you with some approaches to consider and leadership behaviors to embrace in your lifelong journey of becoming a successful leader...

## **C:**

The C in champion is for "charismatic". In order to be a charismatic leader, you must first exhibit a belief in the organization you are leading. In our case, if we don't truly believe in Alpha Lambda Delta, it will be difficult to hide this from our members and motivate them to support your efforts. You must also be sensitive to the environment and to the needs of the members. Finally, you must have a clear vision for the organization and be able to effectively articulate that vision.

## **H:**

The H in champion is for Habit. In order to be an effective leader, you must adopt good habits. This requires consistency in

performing with excellence. Excellence should be a habit.

## **A:**

The A in champion is for Attitude. Your attitude can make all the difference in how you succeed as a leader and the willingness of your members to support you. A positive attitude is contagious, as is a negative one. Your attitude should promote motivation, commitment, excitement, and positive energy.

## **M:**

The M in champion is for Making a Difference. As leaders, we should always be asking the question, "How can I make a positive difference?" Alpha Lambda Delta chapters do this all the time with their impressive, innovative community service projects. Leadership is about making a positive difference in the lives of others.

## **P:**

The P in champion is for Passion. Passion and purpose go hand in hand. You must have passion about Alpha Lambda Delta, but this cannot happen without understanding and then embracing the organization's purpose. Passion is not something that can be taught. Passion in pursuit of purpose must come from within.

## **I:**

The I in champion is for Integrity. I believe that integrity is the most critical

leadership quality one can possess. Why is integrity important? Because without it, leaders lose the trust of their followers. Without trust, followers begin to question their leader's decision-making, their values, their motives, and their ethics. A leader simply cannot be successful, at least not for long, without leading with integrity.

## **O:**

The O in champion is for Optimistic. Leaders will constantly be challenged and some outcomes will not always be aligned with what was planned.

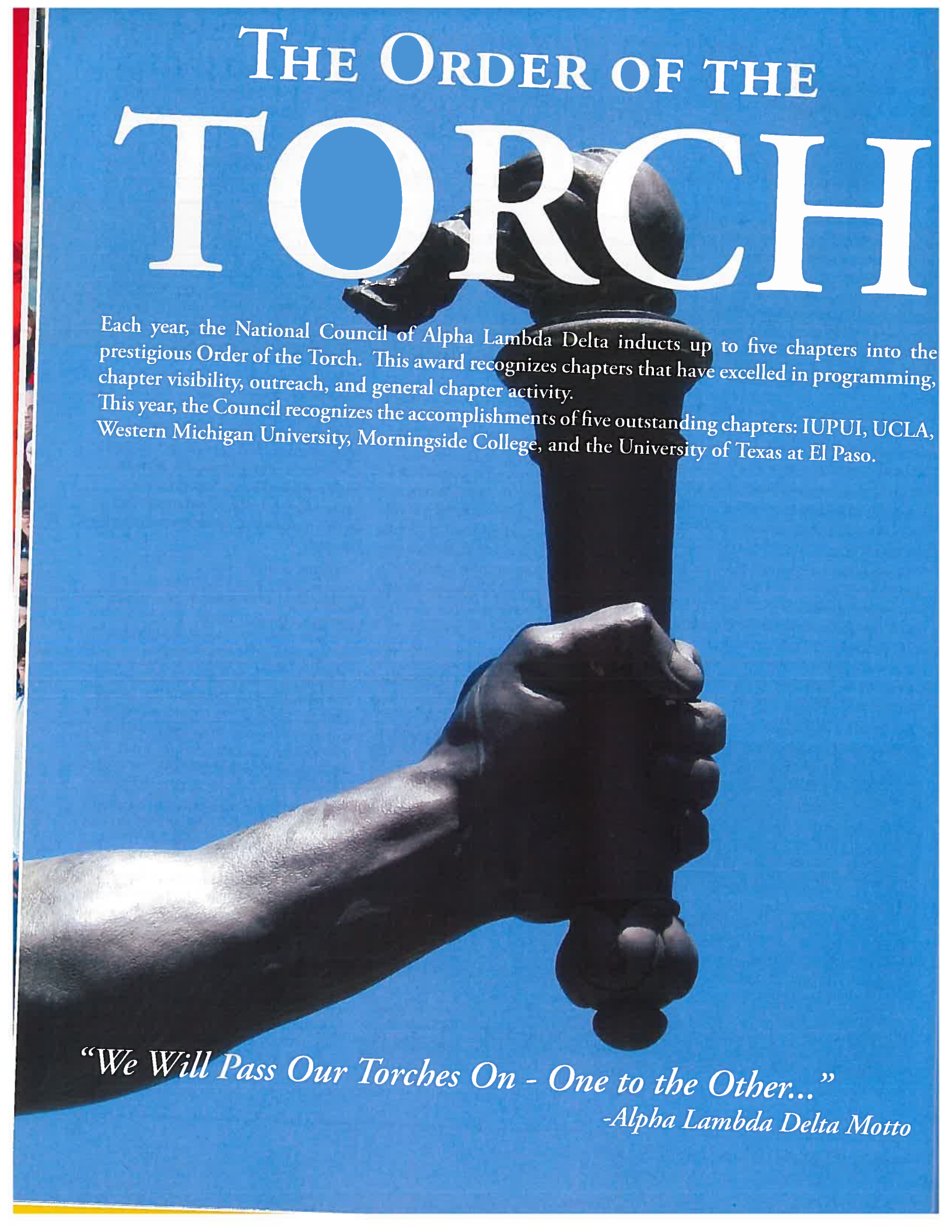
Change is inevitable in all organizations in order to achieve positive growth. Change is one of the biggest roadblocks to maintaining optimism, especially when it is directed from an external source. Not many people enjoy change. A leader must not only be able to remain optimistic during these times, but must be able to create a sense of optimism in his followers during those transitional times.

## **N:**

The N in champion is for Never - never, never give up. We must always remember that leadership is a life-long learning process. There will be bumps in the road, but you must endure. Failure is inevitable from time-to-time, but you must endure. Your leadership will be challenged, but you must endure.

Never give up on your abilities.

# THE ORDER OF THE TORCH

A bronze torch is held by a hand, set against a blue background. The torch has a dark, textured handle and a flameless tip. The hand is positioned at the bottom of the handle, gripping it firmly. The background is a solid, vibrant blue.

Each year, the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta inducts up to five chapters into the prestigious Order of the Torch. This award recognizes chapters that have excelled in programming, chapter visibility, outreach, and general chapter activity.

This year, the Council recognizes the accomplishments of five outstanding chapters: IUPUI, UCLA, Western Michigan University, Morningside College, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

*"We Will Pass Our Torches On - One to the Other..."*

*-Alpha Lambda Delta Motto*





Presenting officer Susan Huffman (far left) and members of the IUPUI chapter enjoy a celebratory afternoon at the home of Scott Evenbeck, University College Dean.

**IUPUI**  
**Indianapolis, IN**  
*Presented by Dr. Susan Huffman*

Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion, presented the Order of the Torch Award to the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) chapter at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2007. The ceremony was held at the lovely home of Dean Scott Evenbeck, and the unseasonably warm weather allowed for the event to take place outside in his beautiful backyard and deck area.

Attendees included several current officers along with many of last year's officers who were responsible for putting together a well-designed and informative scrapbook of the past year's activities. Dean Evenbeck invited the guests to enjoy a delicious hors d'oeuvres buffet. Advisor Lisa Ruch then introduced Dr. Huffman who spoke to the students about the history of the Order of the Torch Award and the strong competition in this year's selection process. Dr. Huffman noted several community and campus service projects that were undertaken by last year's members and especially emphasized the many efforts put into raising the membership yield.

Dr. Huffman presented the Torch banner to former president Jennifer Behzadi

and other 2006-07 officers and congratulated the chapter on its strong history and for winning this award for a second time. She encouraged this year's officers to continue the chapter's excellence by striving for the Maintain the Flame Award. Dean Evenbeck also praised the officers and advisor for their hard work and success and thanked them for all that they do for both IUPUI and Indianapolis. Dr. Huffman was presented a gift as a souvenir from her visit.



The chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles gathers to celebrate their Order of the Torch win.

**UCLA**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
*Presented by Kris Guzman*

Four years ago, on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 Kris Guzman had the privilege to travel to UCLA and present the Order of the Torch Award. On Monday, October 8, 2007, Kris Guzman, Chapter Advisor for the University of Southern California and former Council Member at Large, again went to the Westside of Los Angeles to present the Order of the Torch and the Lampadia award to UCLA for their back-to-back win. She congratulated the local chapter and Chapter Advisor Brian Carlisle for the amazing work. Carlisle has served for six years as the local advisor, three years of which included serving on the national council.

The Order of the Torch ceremony started at 5:00 pm sharp in the Chancellor's Board Room of Murphy Hall. Alpha Lambda Delta members sat together in the board room, waiting for the ceremony to begin. The board was excited to learn that a rival USC Trojan would be on campus to present the cardinal and gold Torch banner - USC Trojans' colors. Guzman mentioned in her remarks that even though UCLA won the award, USC's chapter would be there in spirit. She then challenged UCLA to take a "back-to-back-to-back" win for the Order of the Torch in

four years.

Some of the accomplishments of the local chapters are:

- Back to Back Winners of the "Order of The Torch"
- Over \$50,000 in national and local scholarships
- "Maintaining the Flame" Award
- Winner of the Lampadia Award three times

Some of the chapter's activities include:

- Reading to Kids: reading and working with elementary school students
- Teamwork's: inspiring students to achieve and reach for higher education.
- Caught Studying: candy for studying around Halloween
- Blue Books and Finals: offering Blue Books and encouragement for finals.
- Westwood Horizons: dancing with the elderly
- Heal the bay: cleaning up the beach at Santa Monica
- Social events with the effort to commingle with other ALD members.

- Induction Ceremony
- Peer Connect: mentoring for incoming students by current Bruins

### **Western Michigan University**

**Kalamazoo, MI**

*Presented by Dr. Susan Huffman*

Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion, traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan and presented the Order of the Torch Award to the Western Michigan University Chapter at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, 2007. The ceremony was held at The Oaklands, an 1869 Italianate Villa that has served as the home of two of WMU's former presidents. This elegant, historical campus treasure provided a beautiful setting for a very special day in the history of this chapter.

A small group of parents and students arrived for the fall semester initiation ceremony, presided over by Advisor Sue Oole and current chapter officers. The chapter also took this opportunity to surprise Dr. Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs with an honorary membership. Dr. Huffman was introduced and spoke to the members and guests about

the history of the Order of the Torch and the difficulty of this year's selection because of the strong competition. Dr. Huffman described the well-crafted scrapbook that the chapter submitted to demonstrate their past activities and service to the campus and community, and she especially praised the ongoing work that the chapter has done with the Oakwood Neighborhood and Community Center. The chapter has developed a unique and lasting relationship with this neighborhood and provides service and activities with and for these people throughout the academic year!

Dr. Huffman also recognized and thanked Advisor Sue Oole for her enthusiasm and dedication to the students and for being instrumental in their decision to attend the National Leadership Workshop for the past two years. After the Torch Banner was presented to the some of the past year's officers, guests were invited to stay and enjoy some wonderful refreshments.

### **Morningside College**

**Sioux City, IA**

*Presented by Jonathan Rotzien*

Jon Rotzien, former student member of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta, presented the Order of the Torch Award to the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter of Morningside College (Sioux City, IA) on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. The Morningside chapter was awarded the Torch for the second time in the history of the College. The ceremony was held in the UPS Auditorium at the Lincoln Center on the Morningside College campus. Many Alpha Lambda Delta students, including officers Tarah Sagedahl (president, 2006-2007), Kendra Kock (president, 2007-2008), Kari Hansen (vice-president and Trow winner, 2006-2007), Lindsay Bass (vice-president, 2007-2008), Amanda Plemel (secretary, 2006-2007), Jonalee Jackes (service coordinator, 2006-2007), Margo Stanforth (service coordinator, 2007-2008), Leslie DePeel (historian, 2007-2008) and advisors Marty Knepper, Terri Curry and Daria Bossman attended the ceremony. President John Reynders, Dean of the College William Deeds, and Dean of Enrollment Robbie Rohlena as well as many members of the faculty were



*The Western Michigan University took its first Order of the Torch Award this year. Here, presenting officer Susan Huffman (left) stands with the chapter leadership team and advisor Sue Oole (right) behind the chapter's first Torch banner.*





## University of Texas at El Paso

El Paso, TX

Presented by Sue Henson

*The chapter at UTEP hosted a very well-planned and well-executed event in honor of their first Order of the Torch win. The chapter's November ceremony was a campus-wide event, honoring the student members and highlighting the campus's support for the organization. Here, advisor Jackie Spradley (center, black suit) stands with chapter leaders and student members with the first UTEP Torch banner.*

also present. Dr. Knepper began the ceremony by introducing Mr. Rotzien, who gave a short speech that highlighted the numerous philanthropic achievements made by the 2006-2007 chapter members, including organizing Teddy Bears on Parade, nurturing the elderly at Sunrise Senior Living, sponsoring an Angel Tree for *Opportunities Unlimited* and reading to Longfellow Elementary students during *Friday is Writing Day*. Rotzien also mentioned the other significant awards of the chapter during the previous year including Jo Ann J. Trow winners Cassie Zimmerman ('08) and Kari Hansen ('09),

Executive Director's Outstanding Advisor of the Year Marty Knepper and the chapter's Silver Award for a whopping 29% increase in membership. Rotzien's speech culminated with a formal presentation of the Torch banner to the chapter members followed by the flash of cameras and a hearty Midwestern round of applause for the truly exemplary chapter and its outstanding members. President Reynders concluded the ceremony by congratulating the chapter and thanking Rotzien for presenting the Torch banner. Following the meeting, the chapter celebrated at a local restaurant known for its scrump-

tious pizza piled high with various toppings and fiery buffalo wings. The gleeful hootenanny was only cut short by several ALD members' busy evening schedules – "We have a student council meeting, and then a study session for our economics exam, etc." The Morningside College chapter of ALD is truly comprised of industrious, hard-working and committed students! The National Council wishes the Morningside chapter to continue on its steadfast path of success and to win the Order of the Torch and Maintaining the Flame awards many more times.



If anyone needs any more proof that ALD members are the most involved and active students on campus, look no further than these accounts of ALD chapters striving to accomplish the mission of ALD - to encourage superior academic achievement and a continued high quality of life...

# Chapter Activity Reports



**University of Oklahoma**  
Norman, Oklahoma

The OU chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta participated in the National CROP Walk event on Sunday, September 23, 2007. The purpose of this yearly event is to raise world hunger awareness. ALD was only one of the numerous organizations involved in this event held in the city of Norman. MAZON, a religious based organization dedicated "to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds," paired up with ALD for this event. MAZON donated one dollar to Church World Service, the main organizer of the CROP Hunger Walk, for every member of ALD that attended. Along the three-mile walk, onlookers honked their horns and waved their hands as the CROP Walk congregation marched. With this effort, ALD was able to help raise hunger awareness in the city of Norman.



## UCLA Los Angeles, CA

On October 17, 2007 in the UCLA Ackerman Student Union, ALD-PES had its first ever general membership meeting. Members came out to show their enthusiasm for the new year and to get a glimpse of what they can expect from this year's leadership. Speaking before a full conference room of 50 to 60 members, the officers introduced themselves and showcased what lies ahead for ALD-PES.

Officers informed the audience of plans for service and social events ranging from Reading to Kids to Caught Studying, where ALP-PES members pass out candy to students in the study lounges around Halloween time. The new Member of the Month program was announced, giving general members an opportunity to be recognized for exceptional involvement in ALD-PES. A Distinguished Member Scholarship was also unveiled, which will recognize members who have shown an outstanding, meaningful dedication to the chapter.

Next, a guest speaker from Teach for America took the stage and passionately explained to the group that Teach for America needs talented, driven students

just like them. Past ALD-PES members have heard the call and chose to take part in this vital program, and students who would like to know more about Teach for America can find information at [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

Finally, members were reminded to visit the club website, [www.aldpes.ucla.edu](http://www.aldpes.ucla.edu), for information on upcoming events and to check their e-mail inboxes as more updates on programs and events will be emailed to them soon. The meeting ended with an ice cream social and an activities fair where ALD-PES members showcased other recognitions in which they are involved, including Student Conduct Board, Red Cross, cultural clubs and numerous other campus organizations.

The ending social also allowed ALD-PES members participating in the Peer Connect Mentorship Program to mix, mingle, and get to know one another. Now in its second year, 40 general members were carefully selected to mentor 40 equally impressive first-year students. Each pair was matched based on their compatibility in majors, future or career plans, and interests. As the Peer Connect Committee reviewed applications, they were sincerely amazed by the caliber of ALD-PES students eager to share their UCLA experience.



Student members at UCLA show off their stylish new chapter t-shirts.

ence. The program was a clear success as seen in the large number of mentors and mentees that came to the meeting and stayed for the social. "Being a mentor allows me to share my experiences on the activities, major, and career path that my mentee is interested in pursuing," said one impressive mentor and fourth year political science major, Kevin Felix Chan. "It is really rewarding to see my mentee already taking advantage of the plethora of opportunities and resources that UCLA has to offer in order to reach her goals."

This first general meeting proved to be the perfect introduction to the ALD-PES general membership. Now the officers and enthusiastic members have an exciting year filled with opportunities to work together. ALD-PES as a whole can certainly look forward to another general meeting next quarter.

- Andrew Grant, Jessica Chiu, and Ann Phan

## Indiana University Bloomington, IN

Alpha Lambda Delta's Indiana University Chapter committed its fall community service event to participating in the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington's annual Halloween Party. The Boys and Girls Club is dedicated to enabling young people, especially those in need, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible, and productive citizens. It offers programs and services to promote and enhance the development of children by instilling a sense of competence, belonging, and positive influence in their lives.

ALD's IU chapter was dedicated to making the Halloween Party a success. Throughout the evening, members were



UCLA chapter members make new friends at the chapter's first-ever general membership meeting.



*Indiana University chapter members Chelsea Erickson and Alyse Harris with a thirsty trick-or-treater. The chapter helped out with the local Boys and Girls Club's Halloween Party.*

responsible for running the children's game and crafts stations and distributing prizes to the winners. With ALD's help, the number of party volunteers reached a record high this year, resulting in one of the most successful parties in the history of the Bloomington Boys and Girls Club. The IU Chapter's future events include continuing work with the Boys and Girls Club by volunteering at several of its after-school programs. The chapter is also excited about its spring community service project, where it will help senior citizens and low-income members of the community prepare their taxes for the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

*-From Chapter Reports*

## **IUPUI** **Indianapolis, IN**

The IUPUI Alpha Lambda Delta chapter kicked off the year the day before fall classes started by staffing all of the volunteer stations at the New Student Welcome. Members handed out food and IUPUI blankets to incoming freshmen who attended the event; students sat outside on their blankets, enjoyed their food, and were treated to live entertainment by a local band.

The following weekend, the outgoing and incoming officers met at TGI Friday's for the annual Officers' Dinner. We enjoyed a great dinner and made plans for our first meeting in September. A few days later,



*ALD won the award for being the largest student group in attendance at Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis's United Way Day of Caring.*

we set up a booth at the Student Involvement Expo out in the campus courtyard and talked to prospective members about our activities and requirements.

Our first meeting was a great success with about 75 members attending. The next day, we all hopped on a bus and rolled up our sleeves for United Way Day of Caring. Thirty-eight members spent the day helping the staff of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful do some landscaping at a local middle school that was in need of improvement to the school grounds. The ALD team won the Campus and Community Life Award for having the largest group of participants for United Way Day of Caring!

On September 30, the officers from this year and last year gathered at the home of University College Dean, Scott Evenbeck, to celebrate our second Order of the Torch Award. Dr. Susan Huffman from the National Council presented the award to our chapter. For our final September activity, members collected coats all over campus for donation to the annual Indianapolis Coats for Kids Drive.

Last year's president, Jennifer Behzadi, this year's co-presidents, Gayle Brunner and Stephanie Flaig, and chapter advisor, Lisa Ruch, attended the National Leader-



ship Workshop in Louisville, KY in October. Jennifer was a presenter for the Order of the Torch workshop, and Lisa co-presented a session on chapter service projects. We also hauled a van full of sports equipment with us for the Louisville Presbyterian Community Center. We had a great time and came back with a lot of plans and big ideas, which we presented to the sixty-two members who attended our October meeting!

In November, our focus shifted to helping the homeless. Led by student advisor, Lauren Berentes, members decided to begin meeting at Lauren's campus apartment every other Friday night to prepare meals and deliver them to the homeless on the streets of Indianapolis. The first endeavor was a huge success; members enjoyed assisting and interacting with the homeless and are enthusiastic about continuing the project for the rest of the year. ALD also joined forces with the IUPUI Honors Club to conduct a campus-wide sock drive, and hundreds of socks were collected to warm the feet of the homeless this winter.

In addition, we had two ALD teams in the annual IUPUI College Bowl. Although we won for the past two years, we met up with some very tough competition and came in second this year. However, we plan to regain our title at next year's competition!

Although it's already been a very busy year, we have quite a few more activities planned in the upcoming months. As usual, we will adopt a family or two for the holidays and have a weekend shopping and wrapping party to make sure the families have food and gifts for the holidays. Also, we have several teams who will participate in the Indianapolis Relay for Life to help in the fight against cancer, and many of our members will participate in the IUPUI Jogathon to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children. Members will also participate in the IUPUI Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service. We're also having a school supplies drive in the spring to collect items for an orphanage in Malawi, where student advisor, Lauren Berentes, plans to return to do volunteer work again next summer.

Members will also conduct a vigorous campaign to recruit new members in the spring. After winning a Silver Award for

increasing membership last year, we're "Going for the Gold" this time! In addition to initiating our new members at the annual IUPUI Honors Day Celebration in April, current members Jennifer Behzadi and Marvin Smith will be recognized for winning 2007 Trow Undergraduate Scholarships. It's been a fantastic year for the IUPUI chapter of ALD!

*-From Chapter Reports*

### **Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA**

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The Louisiana State University chapter initiated 370 members for the 2006-2007 school year. The chapter was active around campus promoting good study habits. The theme for the service project was "Don't be a sucker, study for mid-terms." Blow pops and ALD bookmarks were handed out to students walking through Free Speech Alley. Inside the chapter, two sophomores, Jenna Jordan and Laura Springer, were awarded scholarships based on academics, leadership, and service. The Senior Book award was presented to the LSU Middleton Library honoring members that maintained cumulative grade point averages of a 4.0. Members of the chapter also recognized 86 faculty members with certificates of appreciation naming them outstanding professors.

*-From Chapter Reports*

### **Montclair State University Montclair, NJ**

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*Members of the Montclair State University chapter were voted "Most Enthusiastic" at Montclair State's 2007 Homecoming festivities.*

Montclair State University in New Jersey is excited for a new school year and a new beginning of events as representatives of Alpha Lambda Delta. The members are enthusiastic and ready to put their ideas into action. Plans for the 2007-2008 school year include bake sales, a movie night, a game night, and a Spring Formal. Also, members expressed interest in holding charitable events, such as Toys for Tots, clothing drives, and a dinner dedication to the *Make a Wish Foundation*.

Goals for Montclair's Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter are not only to raise money for the organization, but also to give back to the community. The chapter is working on giving out scholarships to select members based on dedication and high achievements. Montclair's chapter has grown each year, with an induction of approximately 150 new members in the spring of 2007. From a small group in 2004, this ALD chapter has grown into a flourishing organization!

Montclair's Alpha Lambda Delta members participated in the school's Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2007. The group won the award for Most Enthusiastic! Congratulations to all of the members who dedicated time and effort to making Homecoming a great and fun event!

General meetings are held twice a month, along with the executive board meetings that are held once a week. The entire board strives to make every event a success and is eager to make this upcoming year a great one!

*-Michelle Kasper*



## North Carolina A&T State University Greensboro, NC

The dictionary defines difference as "a significant change." The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's 2007-2008 chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is definitely the picture of the word. In the three months since the fall semester has started, ALD has had many enjoyable and admirable events. These events are not only fun, but also beneficial to each member and participants.

Most of ALD's events are community service oriented. We've done our usual street clean-ups and things like that. During recent local elections, we volunteered at the local headquarters of Kids Voting. At a recent activity held at the Salvation Army, we had an outstanding turnout of over 20 people, a mix of members as well as non-members who just wanted to help. This number of people was greatly appreciated. The task at hand was to organize the food storage, and create large bags of food to be given to those in need. This job may sound vigorous (and it was), but it was also a bonding experience. How could you not bond when you shove 20-plus people in a space equivalent to a walk-in closet? My heart was warmed when the volunteers were asked if they were willing stay a few hours longer than expected, and almost all agreed without hesitation. A&T's ALD members truly put the extra in extraordinary volunteers. We have held this event twice, but members have requested we return more often.

A&T's chapter of ALD broadens their outlook by thinking globally. A difference must be made all over the world. "The War and You: Insight and Deception" was a forum that gave A&T students an opportunity to discuss and question the ongoing war with a panel of history professors, A&T war veterans, and a chemistry professor of Middle Eastern descent. Such different viewpoints created a greater knowledge base for the students to gain understanding. The A&T veterans, including an ALD member, brought the Iraq war close to home with their emotional accounts of what they had experienced. Our chapter's differences are extraordinary because they are unforgettable.

A lighter and more delicious experience was the "How To Get a 4.0" Ice Cream Social. Here was a chance for ALD members, as well as any student interested in better academics, to discuss and discover the best ways for a better grade, even a 4.0. An additional motivator for the great turnout was scrumptious ice cream provided by Ben and Jerry's. We were filling our stomachs as well as our minds.

Of course this is not the limit of ALD activities. We have also cleaned streets, motivated young minds to vote, and raised money and support for the Jena 6. We are

already planning even more amazing activities and events for our entire student body in the spring. Next semester, hope to hit the ground running.

Martin Luther King, Jr. stated that "The most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" We have answered this question the way it needs to be answered through actions, not words. Looking back at what we have done for and with others lets us know we are headed in the positive direction. We make differences if no one is watching, and we know there are no limits. The North Carolina A



Community service work at the local Salvation Army food bank helps members of the North Carolina A&T State University chapter come together and bond.



gricultural and Technical State University 2007-2008 chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is blazing a new trail that will continue to cause significant change.

*-Jenée Jones*

## **The Ohio State University** *Columbus, OH*

Every two weeks, members of The Ohio State University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta get together for a great purpose: helping out those families residing at the Unverferth House.

The Unverferth house, established in memory of University Medical Center cardiologist Donald V. Unverferth, M.D., provides a temporary residence for patients of The Ohio State Medical Center and their families who live outside of Franklin County. This house provides a safe and comfortable environment where families can share their thoughts and emotions with others in similar situations. The temporary residents are required to provide their own food, so twice a month members of our chapter organize a dinner for between 15-20 people. We provide the food, cook it, and serve it to the residents. This is one less meal they have to worry about, as many of them have much more

urgent things on their minds. Not only do we cook meals for these residents but we also help maintain the landscaping. As fall set in we helped keep the yard beautiful by raking up the many leaves that fell from the surrounding trees.

Volunteering at the Unverferth House is not new to the chapter but something this year's executive board thought vital to continue. Not only is it extremely rewarding knowing you lent a hand to these people, who have burdens much greater than our own, but it also serves as a great social event for members of our chapter as they get to know fellow ALD members and accomplish something great while having fun.

*-From Chapter Reports*

## **Purdue University** *West Lafayette, IN*

This year's officers and members are committed to volunteering on the campus and in the community and have had a busy fall semester. They have participated in many events, including Boo-at-the-Zoo, an all-campus food drive, Salvation Army bell ringing, and the Lafayette Urban Ministry Jubilee Christmas toy drive. They have continued to exceed their goal

of at least one service project a month and have collaborated with the Boiler Volunteer Network and their weekly needs for help.

Two all-member meetings have been held during the fall, and a speaker from Purdue's Study Abroad office proved to be very popular for the first gathering of the semester. At the second meeting, members enjoyed holiday treats, made "caught you studying" bags of candy to distribute during the week prior to final exams, and created holiday greeting cards to be taken to a local nursing home.

The officers are already planning for the spring semester membership drive and a campus dodge ball tournament to raise money for the Lafayette Area Resource Academy where adults can go to learn to read, speak English, and become more literate.

*-From Chapter Reports*

## **Sam Houston State University** *Huntsville, TX*

After a year of success with Alpha Lambda Delta, the members of the 2007-2008 school year were interested and willing to continue with the growing success for our chapter at Sam Houston State University. We started the year off with 89 members at our induction ceremony in April 2007. Many people were eager to run for officer positions and make a difference through academic successes. The new officers decided to tie in our university's motto, "The measure of a life is its service," with the motivation for the new school year to excel by helping others.

When the 2007-2008 school year started, our officers were ready and excited with many ideas that we wanted to accomplish during the new school year. The officers were also determined and decided that it was time to set a precedent in aspiring to achieve excellence for our chapter. We met with the members and discussed upcoming events and any new ideas that would help improve Alpha Lambda Delta. The officers held a social at our Kat Klub, where we interacted with new members and got to know one another. Our chapter kicked off the start of



*The executive board of the chapter at The Ohio State University show a little school spirit spelling out "OHIO" for the camera.*

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# 2008 Graduate Fellows



**Anand S. Iyer**  
*Maria Leonard Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
University of Alabama



**Emily Hawkins**  
*Margaret Berry Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
University of Oklahoma



**Sarah Lumpkins**  
*Patricia Graham Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
University of Oklahoma



**Diana Grace Newsom**  
*Betty Jo Hudson Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
University of Maryland



**Sarah Tiggelaar**  
*Margie Wade Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Vanderbilt University



**Akisha K. Townsend**  
*Mary Jane Stevenson Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Northwestern University



**Mark Daniel Triboletti**  
*Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Purdue University



**Madeline Rose Turner**  
*Dorothy Anderson Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Montana State Univ. - Bozeman



**Eric Nathan Barnes**  
*Kathryn Phillips Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
George Mason University



In 2007, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society For First Year Students awarded a total of 23 Fellowships, fourteen \$3,000 Fellowships, eight \$5,000 Fellowships, and the Maria Leonard Fellowship in the amount of \$7,500. These Fellowships are awarded annually for one year of graduate study. Any initiated member of Alpha Lambda Delta who has maintained the academic qualifications for membership is eligible to apply as a graduating senior or later.



**Corey Julius Caldwell**

*Warner O. Moore Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

North Carolina A&T State Univ.



**Emily Jane Danoff**

*Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

University of Maryland



**Chelsea L. Erickson**

*Gladys Colette Bell Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

University of Delaware



**Alexander Johnson-Buck**

*Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

Northern Michigan University



**Alyson Lucas Kepple**

*May Augusta Brunson Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

College of William & Mary



**Marc Donald Kinon**

*Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

Univ. of California - Riverside



**Jennifer Michelle Larson**

*Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

University of Texas - Austin



**Hermioni Norley Lokko**

*Maude Ethredge Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

IUPUI



**Rick Alton Nugent**

*Margaret Cunninggim Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

Louisiana State University

For a list of Graduate Fellows not pictured here, please see page 47



# 2008 Jo Anne J. Trow

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 Jo Anne Trow Undergraduate Scholars! This year, the National Council awarded 25 Trow Scholarships of \$1,000 each and - for the first time ever - 10 awards of \$3,000 each! The Jo Anne J. Trow Award was established in 1998 to honor a past National President of Alpha Lambda Delta, former Vice President for Student Services at Oregon State University, Dr. Jo Anne Trow. Dr. Trow served Alpha Lambda Delta as District VIII Advisor from 1974 to 1979, National Secretary from 1979 to 1983, President-Elect from 1984 to 1985, and as National President from 1985 until 1988.

**Not pictured:**

- Jennifer Behzadi - IUPUI
- Anand Bosmia - UAB
- Eric Brei - Univ. of South Carolina
- Bradley Collins - Clemson Univ.
- David Lieu - George Mason Univ.
- Sarah Brassard - Univ. of Massachusetts - Lowell
- Megan Caven - Univ. of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
- Rickey Evans - Univ. of South Carolina
- Tian Huang - Northwestern Univ.
- Corey Jenks - Univ. of South Carolina
- Whitney Lanway - Georgetown College
- Sarah Molbert - Univ. of Louisiana - Lafayette
- Elaine Mui - Univ. of Maryland
- Kelsey Nave - Southern Illinois Univ.
- Darrell Schreiner - Univ. of Oklahoma
- Marvin Smith - IUPUI
- MiRi Song - Univ. of Southern California
- Matthew Tremper - Univ. of Montana - Missoula
- Breanna Whittaker - Univ. of CO - Colorado Springs



**Lauren Nicole Brewer**  
Clemson University



**Cassidy Compton**  
Clemson University



**Kari Hansen**  
Morningside College



**Jonathan McCoy**  
North Carolina A&T State Univ.



**Sara Sonali Singhal**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham



**Ruhani M. Amin**  
Montana State University



**Laura M. Bockbrader**  
The Ohio State University

# Undergraduate Scholars

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**Caroline Burkland**  
University of North Dakota



**Davina Heredia**  
University of Texas at El Paso



**Xiaojing Huang**  
American University



**Anne Liu**  
UCLA



**Mina S. Makary**  
Otterbein College



**GinaMarie Munch**  
Texas Tech University



**Huong Mai Nguyen**  
Cleveland State University



**Amanda M. Sheffield**  
Purdue University

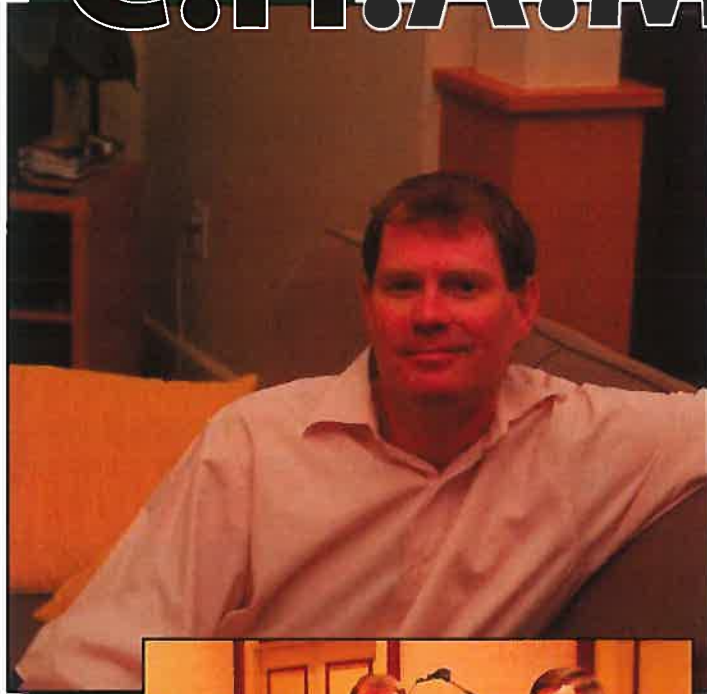


**Jessica E. Truman**  
Trinity University



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## Advisor of the Year

### Dr. Danny Kelley *American University*



The 2007 National Advisor of the Year is Dr. Danny Kelley of American University. An advisor since 1998, Dr. Kelley has been instrumental in helping the chapter at American become one of the most successful in the nation.

plishment, Dr. Kelley was invited to attend the 2007 National Leadership Workshop in Louisville, and addressed the delegates during the Awards Luncheon. Excerpts from his address: "A Luncheon of Champions" - are found on page 7.

In honor of his accom-

"Working with Danny Kelley this past year has been a joy and a privilege. He has never hesitated to make my time with Alpha Lambda Delta as enjoyable as possible and works tirelessly to create a welcoming atmosphere to all members alike."

-Jenna Bramble  
Chapter Vice-President

"Over the past few years, Danny has worked with the students to make the induction ceremony more of a high-profile event on campus... the ceremonies have greater student participation and parent attendance."

-Sara Waldron  
Assoc. Dean of Students

"Danny provides valuable guidance to our chapter.

Seeing Danny's enthusiasm for and devotion to ALD, I'm sure he has great pride in the AU chapter and is willing to do anything to make it better."

-Xiaojing Huang  
Chapter President

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## Advisors of the Year

Dr. Glenda Earwood announced five winners of the Executive Director Advisor Awards for 2006-2007. This year's winners were:

- Sue Oole – *Western Michigan University*
- Lynn Elms – *Texas Tech University*
- David Ouimette – *University of Connecticut*
- Kevin Jerrolds – *University of Alabama – Birmingham*
- Carlos & Deborah Manzanares – *Baylor University*

"It is quite difficult to select only five advisors from among the many superb Alpha Lambda Delta chapter advisors. These five advisors had an exceptional year with their chapters!" said Dr. Earwood.

Since 2005, **Sue Oole** has served as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Western Michigan University. Since that time, the chapter has grown from 100 students to 333 members this year. The yield of eligible students joining the chapter this year was a remarkable 97.94%! This increase in membership is due in large part to the passion and enthusiasm, Sue Oole has invested in advising this honor society.

Not only did the Western Michigan chapter have a record number of students join, but the chapter was also quite active in both the local and campus communities. The chapter volunteered at the Oakwood Community Center and were featured in the national magazine, *The FLAME*. The chapter also had several social events such as bowling and movie nights in addition to other service projects. Presented by Dr. Susan Huffman, the Western Michigan chapter received the Order of the Torch award.

Since March 2004, **Lynn Elms** has served as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Texas Tech University. Since that time, the chapter has grown from 185 students to 527 members!

The chapter won a Gold Award in 2006 and a Bronze Award in 2007 for the dramatic increase in the number of eligible students joining Alpha Lambda Delta. With the excitement, passion, and outstanding advising of Lynn Elms, the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Texas Tech will continue to prosper and set a successful example for incoming freshmen in the university's Graduate on Time contract effort.

In October 2006, Lynn Elms attended the Alpha Lambda Delta workshop with two students from Texas Tech. This spring, she planned the presentation of a scholarship to Texas Tech at the Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma State basketball game. This presentation was attended by our national Vice President for Chapter Relations, Dr. Susan Huffman, of Purdue.

**David Ouimette** is the Executive Director of the First Year Programs at University of Connecticut and a new advisor in 2005 – 06 for the ALD chapter at Connecticut. In 2006, the chapter inducted 342 students! This year, the positive trend continued and 543 Connecticut students were recognized for their successful academic achievements with membership in Alpha Lambda Delta. Because of this 59% increase in the number of students joining Alpha Lambda Delta at UConn, the chapter won a Gold Award this year.

Not only has the chapter had a record number of students join, but the chapter has been quite active in both the local and campus communities. The chapter participated in huskyTHON; volunteered at the blood drive, the Covenant Soup Kitchen and Mansfield Nursing Home; awarded three scholarships; made a donation to the Windrush Farm; participated in Bowling for Kids Sake; and collected supplies to donate to Gifts of Love. With the excitement, leadership, and outstanding advising of Dr. David Ouimette, I am confident that the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter will continue to prosper.

Since 2004, **Kevin Jerrolds** has served

as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Since that time, the chapter has grown from 90 students to 181 members this year. The UAB institutional goal of recruiting more academically prepared freshman can certainly be positively measured by this increase in students who earned eligibility for this national honor society.

The track record of UAB Alpha Lambda Delta members for winning ALD undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships is the **best** in the country. In the last four years, UAB has produced six fellowship winners – including the top award of \$7500 this year which went to Anand Iyer. UAB undergraduate students have won four Trow scholarships including Anand Bosnmia and Sara Singhal who both won \$3000 Trow scholarships this year. Christina Ho, a pre-med major at UAB, is serving a three year term as a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council. Congratulations to Kevin Jerrolds for his enthusiastic and effective advising of the UAB chapter and for coaching ALD members in applying for these significant awards.

After a couple years of chapter inactivity at Baylor University, **Dr. Carlos Manzanares** of the Chemistry Department and **Deborah Manzanares** of the Spanish Department resurrected the chapter with great success. The chapter inducted 253 Baylor students! The Manzanares planned a wonderful induction ceremony and banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of these outstanding Baylor students.

Because of this marked increase in the number of students joining Alpha Lambda Delta at Baylor, the chapter won a Gold Award this year. One of the sons of the Manzanares family, Charlie, served on the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta

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# WE'RE NUMBER ONE!

More pictures from the 2007 National Leadership Workshop...











Top: Members from the Sam Houston State University chapter stand near their chapter's homecoming banner. The chapter's custom t-shirts - "Honors Students Never Looked So Good" - were a big hit during the t-shirt exchange at the 2007 National Leadership Workshop in Louisville.

Bottom: Despite October showers, students from the chapter at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia take part in a tree-planting project in conjunction with UC Green, a local environmental support group.



the year with a design contest for our Alpha Lambda Delta t-shirts. The members brought in many ideas; however, our winning design was "Honor Students Never Looked So Good." ALD also participated in our Homecoming Contest. There were several activities such as pottery painting, banner making, hypnotist watching, tailgating barbeque cooking, in which our members competed. On Halloween, some members also participated in hanging out with trick or treating with Sam Houston children and mothers, letting them be able to experience Halloween like their children.

In the month of November, our service theme is helping out locally, nationally, and internationally. ALD will participate in different services to help out our community. We are working with local churches and donating canned goods to help our less fortunate families for Thanksgiving. We are also helping out with "Saturday @ Sam", a campus preview day for high school seniors, where our organization sets up a table to display several pictures and specific goals that we want to accomplish this year. Other activities that ALD will participate in include reading at a local elementary school, visiting nursing homes, writing letters to the troops, adopting a family for Christmas, and participating in the annual Health Awareness at the Martin Luther King center.

Every other week, we hold a chapter meeting where we discuss with our members any upcoming events and possible ideas for community service and fundraisers for scholarships. Our organization has five officers, each with a specific duty to carry out, in order to improve our chapter's success. We start off each meeting with an ice-breaker. One activity we did was having the members pick a verb and an adjective randomly out of a bag and perform what it said. An example is: talk quickly. We use different ice-breakers to continue to bond the members in our chapter by incorporating a stress-free, fun activity.

The chapter at Sam Houston State University not only continues to grow in membership, but continues to strive for the best to serve our community and promote the academic successes with Alpha Lambda Delta.

-From Chapter Reports



## University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA

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The 2007-2008 Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia got off to an excellent start, inducting 105 new members and 5 new officers on April 13, 2007. In the past, the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at USP has not been very active, and the officers have been hard at work to revamp it for 2007!

Over the summer, the President has been in contact with several community service organizations in Philadelphia and hopes to get ALD members involved in the myriad of activities taking place on and off campus. She has also devised a committee system and a new volunteer service requirement for newly inducted members so that they can get involved with ALD and the Philadelphia community. Furthermore, after attending the 2007 ALD National Workshop in Louisville, Kentucky, the President and Vice President gained valuable insight for motivating members and increasing participation. The officers are also planning to elect a Webmaster and Historian, along with Committee Representatives, to serve on the Executive Board.

In October, ALD members participated in a tree planting event with UC Green, which aims to create volunteer greening projects in West Philadelphia and University City. Although it was pouring rain, ALD members partnered with students from the Philadelphia area and planted around 50 trees in urban neighborhoods. For the rest of the 2007-2008 school year, members are planning to volunteer at soup kitchens, participate in tutoring programs, sponsor activities for freshmen, and host several events on campus.

*-From Chapter Reports*

## Seton Hill University Greensburg, PA

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The members of Alpha Lambda Delta at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania were once again commissioned as "official Santa elves" in December to answer children's letters to Santa as a service project for the University and

the greater community. Letters were deposited in specially marked mailboxes on campus, and elf members gathered to handwrite responses to all who included a return address. (The elves were very careful not to make any promises that Santa could not keep!) The response letters were then bundled and sent to North Pole, AK for the official postmark. This has become a holiday tradition at Seton Hill and the numbers of letters grows annually, but our elves are up to the challenge.

Other service projects for ALD at SHU include supporting the Westmoreland County Interscholastic Reading Competition on our campus in March by acting as "runners" and guides for the high school and middle school contestants and judges.

Spring cleaning led ALD members to spend an afternoon scrubbing, mopping

and polishing the historical St. Joseph's Chapel on our campus. Since we held our installation in the chapel the following week, we were especially proud of our work.

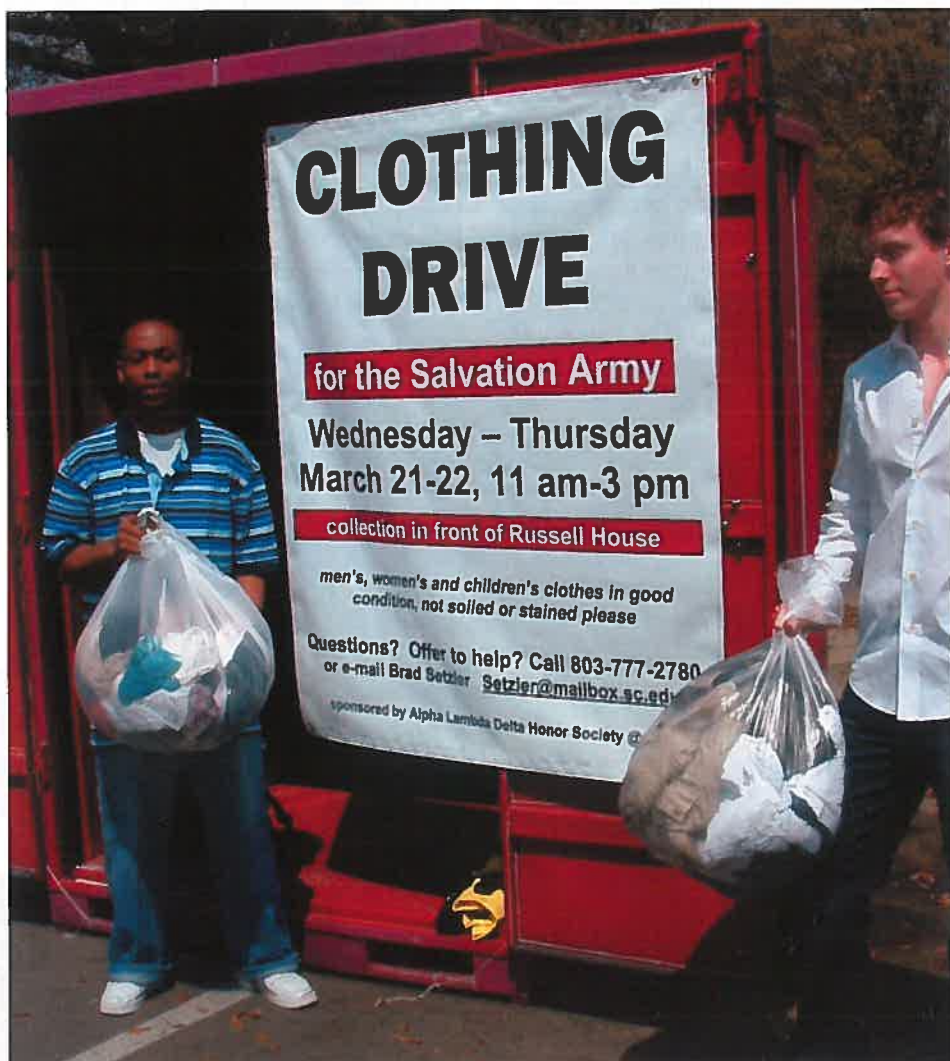
Early in September, members volunteered to help off-campus with the local YWCA's used book sale to promote literacy. Members were busy stacking, sorting, and selling used books to benefit literacy programs in the community. Assisting senior shoppers with getting purchases to their cars was greatly appreciated.

*-From Chapter Reports*

## University of South Carolina Columbia, SC

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The University of South Carolina chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta prides itself on upholding and exceeding the standards



Two members of the University of South Carolina chapter carry bags of clothing for the chapter's Salvation Army clothing drive.

expected of every ALD chapter. As the only chapter in the nation to receive four consecutive Order of the Torch awards as well as have three JoAnn J. Trow scholarship recipients two years in a row, our officers have high expectations for ourselves and the chapter at the start of a new year.

Our chapter's largest service project each year is the USC Challenge, an academic team competition between the best and the brightest high school students in the state. The sixteenth annual contest ran very smoothly last year, and our chapter is hard at work to ensure that the seventeenth annual competition is just as successful.

Just like the other ALD chapters in the nation, our chapter held induction last spring. One of the goals of our chapter was to increase membership, and last February we set a record for our chapter by inducting over 1000 new members. To recognize this progress, National awarded our chapter the Silver and Bronze Membership awards for increases in membership the past two years.

As the largest honor society on our campus and the second largest student organization, we are often approached by other campus departments searching for volunteers. One of our favorite service projects is Scholar's Day. The USC Admissions Office runs Scholar's Day, which is a day for any prospective Carolina student who has received a scholarship through the university to spend a day on campus. ALD members were able to provide insight into the experiences of current college students as well as share our knowledge of campus by giving tours. We were honored to be the only student organization asked to participate in important recruitment events, such as Scholar's Day as well as other Open Houses and Move-In Crew for the university.

Every semester, we join forces with other student organizations to clean our campus at Clean Carolina. ALD has "adopted" the Blossom Street parking garage and pedestrian bridge, and our members routinely check the area to ensure it's still clean.

In addition to serving the campus community, we also serve the Columbia area and other outlying areas through various service projects. Last spring, ALD sponsored a clothing drive in conjunction with

the Salvation Army; we were able to fill 67 bags! Members sat at a collection table for a week; we were very pleased with the results of our first clothing drive, and we're eager to see how our future clothing drive endeavors turn out. The past two years we have also sent members to Anderson, SC for the South Carolina Special Olympic Games. We are responsible for helping with sign-in, timing, scoring and other administrative duties. It is a very rewarding experience and something our members look forward to participating in.

In addition to serving our community, our chapter likes to have fun. We have monthly chapter meetings, which each have a unique theme and an icebreaker game, like trivia. We also build community within our chapter by participating in intramural sports, such as flag football, volleyball, indoor soccer, dodgeball and swimming. We don't always win, but we always have fun.

While it is easy to become complacent due to all of the recognition our chapter receives, our resolve has never been stronger to outstrip our success of past years, and with the help of excellent advisors and officers, move on to make next year more successful than ever before.

*-Monica Hogan & Caleb Will*

## **University of Southern California** **Los Angeles, CA**

The University of Southern California chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has a strong commitment to promoting student-professor relations on campus. At our

annual Professor Appreciation Luncheon, students not only discussed academics with their favorite professor, but got to know their professors on a deeper level. Each member had the opportunity to invite a professor to a wonderful luncheon in USC's finest dining place, Upstairs Cafe. Since the inception of the event in 2005, our members have taken this opportunity to learn more about their professor as a person. At the same time, the professors also have had a chance to share with students what they normally do not discuss about in class. From sharing family histories to discussing the ideal of beauty, students and professors have inspired each other throughout their discussions. At the luncheon, students and professors alike were left with a lasting friendship and deeper connection.

USC ALD also provides opportunities for members to get involved in cultural events. One of our recent events was a documentary screening of "What BLEEP do we know!?" on October 15. Members watched this inspiring movie about the uncertainty of the world while enjoying complimentary pizza and root beer floats. On November 1st, we brought our members to the world-famous Walt Disney Concert Hall to enjoy the Haverford International Youth Orchestra Festival. These events not only enhance our members' cultural awareness, but also widen their vision and appreciation for diversity.

Member involvement continues to be one of our priorities. To encourage student participation, we set up tables at student involvement fairs and USC's Welcome Back Week, and held ice cream socials. At these events we handed out bl



*The University of Southern California's 2007 induction ceremony was held at the campus Bovard Auditorium.*





Members of the Southern Cal chapter take part in the annual Professor Appreciation Luncheon.

books, No. 2 pencils and scantrons so our students would be well-prepared during exam week. We also offer 20 scholarships annually to members to recognize their achievement in various aspects. To build closer relationships among board members and to gather ideas, our Executive Board held a retreat to Redondo Beach. During the retreat, board members inspired each other and came up with creative and exciting ideas for USC ALD.

-From Chapter Reports

### Spelman College Atlanta, GA

During 2007, the Spelman College chapter of ALD participated in AIDS Walk Atlanta, breaking up into shifts - one leaving Spelman's gate at 8:30 am, the other at 1:00 pm. The first shift assisted with cheering on walkers and joggers and manning the table while the other group came in time to assist with the end of the day clean up.

Academically this administration is focused on President Topaz Sampson's wish of inducting the largest number of members in the Spring of 2008. Thus, several programs have been implemented with the hopes of achieving this goal: dorm tutoring in each of the four freshman dorms for science and mathematics; Freshman Composition and the mandatory first

year class African Diaspora and the World; speaking to the incoming class during their Freshman Orientation Week, giving a few helpful tips for achieving grade point averages of 3.5 and higher, telling freshman students our initiatives for the year, and providing refreshments. Also, in remaining with the theme of the First Year

Honor Society, the Class of 2010's ALD has begun community service projects, thus aiding First Year and Second Year students in reaching out to the surrounding community and satisfying their core requirement.

In tradition of Historically Black College Homecomings, the Spelman ALD officers interviewed several applicants for the title of Mr. ALD, Mr. 1924, and Mr. Maroon and Gold. The gentlemen who applied were required to meet the same specifications the ladies of Spelman met for induction. Then, from a pool of five finalists, the gentlemen were allowed to address the general body with their remarks - why they should be Mr. Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society 2007-08. Mr. Di Jon Hill snagged the title of Mr. ALD, after displaying his metaphoric growth with the organization from seeds to roses, which each member present received.

-Rachel M. Smith

### Susquehanna University Selinsgrove, PA

So far this year, the Susquehanna University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has been privileged to work as a team to brainstorm different ways in which we can



The Spelman College Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Board, looking pretty and proper in their traditional white dresses.



*The Susquehanna University Executive officers at the chapter's 2007 Ice Cream Social.*

create a greater presence within the SU community and better welcome prospective members and work more with current members. Up to this point, we have been active on campus with two projects. First, we hosted an ice cream social for all of the current members and those interested in becoming members of ALD. Both members of ALD and prospective members met and began to get to know each other, while enjoying ice cream sundaes with lots of toppings.

The next project we facilitated was a friendly reminder from ALD to all its members and prospective members in the form of Smarties candies! We put a roll of Smarties with a sticker into each mailbox encouraging our members and prospective members to keep up the good work in studying for exams during midterm week.

In the near future, we have a few special plans for the holidays. For the candlelight service at SU, we will be designing a Christmas tree ornament that represents ALD's academic standards by incorporating an A+ into the design along with the national symbol for ALD, the torch. In the line of a holiday charity project, we are very excited to be working with The Four Diamonds Fund, sponsored by the Penn State Children's Hospital. In order to help

critically ill children that have to be in the hospital over the Christmas holidays, we have purchased cards designed by the children and will be selling them on campus. We will also be taking monetary donations in order to purchase items on The Four Diamonds 2007 Wish List. We hope that this project will greatly impact the lives of the children we will be helping, and the lives of the SU students who chose to be a part of this wonderful experience with us.

We hope that even more productive and successful events can be made possible at Susquehanna University, and that the ideals of leadership, academic success, and hard work can be instilled into the hearts of our members and those that aspire to become members.

*-From Chapter Reports*

### **University of Texas – El Paso** *El Paso, TX*

On October 22, 2007, a tragedy happened in East El Paso that resulted in the death of an 83-year-old man, Alfonso Saldivar whose home was engulfed in flames. Firefighters found the body inside the house, and discovered that he suffered serious burns, but died from smoke inhalation. When firefighters arrived at

the home, the flames had ripped through the roof, and the firefighters estimated the damage to be about \$60,000. There were also two survivors, Jose and Estre Saldivar. Alfonso Saldivar is the Uncle of the UTEP Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter President, Jonathan Saldivar. Lorena Saldivar, Alfonso's niece, asked Alpha Lambda Delta if they could volunteer to help clean up the damage. On Saturday, October 20, about 20 members of the Alpha Lambda Delta UTEP chapter volunteered to clean up the house. They wore masks to prevent inhalation of carbon monoxide that was still present in the house. As a team the members cleaned up the house and did everything they could to salvage useful items. Each member volunteered several hours that day to clean as much as they could, and the Saldivar family was very thankful to have a strong, motivated group to help volunteer.

*-Jonathan Saldivar*

### **Trinity University** *San Antonio, TX*

One aspect of Trinity University that we are most proud of is how accessible and helpful our professors are. Because of this, students and teachers are able to establish and maintain lasting relationships with one another. Our ALD members wanted to recognize these professors who go beyond their requirements so we set up the Professor of the Month program. In this way, the members are able to show their appreciation for the professors.

At each meeting ALD members vote for the teacher they think most deserves the award. We separate the teachers by departments and cycle through the departments monthly. ALD members then present the chosen faculty members with a certificate and other gifts such as an ALD mug. "It's a really great thing you guys are doing because teachers and faculty members simply don't get thanked enough for all their efforts," one chosen faculty member commented. Reactions such as these from faculty members continue to reassure us that we are touching lives.

One of the most successful service events we have participated in this year as an organization was going to volunteer at the San Antonio Ronald McDonald





Members of the Trinity University chapter volunteered at the San Antonio Ronald McDonald House.

House. The Ronald McDonald House is a place whose mission is to provide treatment and a safe environment for children needing special healthcare attention. This event was a great opportunity for our members to build a relationship with our community and one another. One of the directors, Milly, put us to work scrubbing floors, doors, windows, emptying out refrigerators and much more. Even through all the hard work, her positive attitude and passion for the Ronald McDonald House was contagious and kept us going. The next day, our muscles were sore, but our hearts were warm. Performing a service event at least once a month has become an important part of our organization.

*-From Chapter Reports*

### **Valdosta State University** Valdosta, GA

The ALD chapter of Valdosta State University has started their year off with a bang! The Chapter first conducted a project where they put a drawing box in every residence hall in order to welcome all the new freshman and to get the word out about Alpha Lambda Delta. All the students had to do was write their name on a given piece of paper and place it in the drawing box. Two weeks later the President of ALD, Carnell Roberts drew names from each of the seven boxes of the seven residence halls. These seven students received a fifty dollar gift card to the Valdo-

sta State University bookstore!

But the chapter did not just stop there. Sadly the students and faculty of Valdosta State University recently lost a student, Shannon Martin on September 13, 2007, due to an unknown illness. She was well known and liked but many students and faculty members of the Valdosta State Campus. Many members of Alpha Lamb-

da Delta were very close to Shannon so they decided to donate \$500 that they had raised to the Shannon Martin Foundation. A foundation created by Valdosta State University students to assist with Shannon's doctor and funeral bills. The check for \$500 was presented to Shannon's Mother at the Annual Valdosta State University Step Show!

Last but certainly not least Valdosta State's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter has had another successful year of what we like to call "Blazer Buddies." In this project the members of Alpha Lambda Delta make an impact on the life of a child for a day. The members take a given child to a Valdosta State University Blazer Basketball game where they get to hang out with the members, other children, get autographs, and of course the children's favorite - shooting free throws! So the members of Alpha Lambda Delta are on the right track this year and are going to continue Valdosta State's theme of "Blazing into the Future" with their highly recognized success in philanthropy!

*-From Chapter Reports*



One of Valdosta State's most successful projects - Blazer Buddies - gives local children the opportunity to spend some one-on-one time with the VSU Blazers basketball team.



# In with the New...

## Alpha Lambda Delta welcomes four new chapters in 2007

### **Washburn University Topeka, KS Installed by Dr. Alice Lanning**

On Friday, September 14, 2007, Alice Lanning, Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Member-at-Large and University of Oklahoma chapter advisor, and Neda Navabha, University of Oklahoma Second Vice-President, traveled to the campus of Washburn University in Topeka, KS to serve as installing officers for the Washburn chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

The Top Hat Honor Society at Washburn successfully petitioned National Alpha Lambda Delta for installation as the second ALD chapter in Kansas, and members of National Council approved installation for September 14, 2007. This date coincided with parent's weekend at Washburn, and the installation ceremony itself was one of the opening events of that special weekend. A senior member

of the Top Hat Society, Paige Pfannenstiel, was largely responsible for their successful petition to national ALD, and although Paige had graduated from Washburn at the end of the summer 2007 term, she was present to be initiated as an honorary member of Washburn ALD. Their petition to national was the result of a significant portion of Ms. Pfannenstiel's senior graduation leadership project.

Washburn chapter advisors Dr. Denise Ottinger, Vice President for Student Life, and Dr. Donna LaLonde, Associate Professor and Dean of the Honors Department, welcomed the installation team early in the afternoon of September 14 and later hosted an informational meeting for the Top Hat officers with the installation team. The Top Hat officers had been working as a group since January 2007 towards the goal of installation, and the officers each contributed goal statements to the informational meeting.

The installing team members offer suggestions about successful chapter meetings, the importance of a variety of chapter events to bring members service opportunities, the necessity of clear and prompt communication among the officers and with chapter members, and the essential of keeping accurate chapter records, including construction of a yearly scrapbook. Washburn members were encouraged to submit their scrapbook for consideration in the annual Order of the Torch competition. Washburn chapter President, David Reed, and Vice-President, Angel Romero, were already enthusiastic about attending the ALD National Leadership Workshop in Louisville later this fall.

Dr. Ottinger was initiated as an honorary ALD member while serving as an administrator at Austin Peay University, and Dr. LaLonde and Washburn President, Jerry Farley, were both initiated as hon



Members of the new Washburn University chapter take a look at their new charter (above) and gather together to proceed into their installation ceremony (right).





ary members of the new Washburn chapter at the evening ceremony. Tammy Bolen was introduced as senior advisor, and she participated in the afternoon officer informational session, as did Dr. LaLonde and Dr. Ottinger.

Fifty-eight charter members and three honorary members were initiated at the evening ceremony, which was held in the Washburn Memorial Union formal hall. Charter members gathered in an adjacent room at 6 p.m., and approximately thirty guests gathered in the formal hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Guests included parents, grandparents, and siblings of the charter members and two Washburn faculty members. Dr. Farley, Washburn President, and Mrs. Farley were among the early guests present.

Installing officers and Washburn advisors were attired in full academic regalia as was the Washburn chapter President, David Reed. The initiation table was decorated with a beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers in ALD colors, and the initiation insignia cloth was placed in the center of the table. The University of Oklahoma chapter sent an installation gift of three battery-operated candles in ALD colors, where were used in the ceremony. Membership certificates and ribbons with ALD keys attached were displayed on one end of center table, and the chapter roll book was placed in front of the candles on opposite end. Copies of the program were provided to all new members and guests.

The new chapter advisors led the charter members into the initiation room promptly at 7 p.m. followed by honorary members President Farley and Paige Pfannenstiel. The charter was prominently displayed at the front of the room as the new initiates entered. A student musician provided piano music for processional and recessional and accompanied a charter ALD member soloist who sang the Washburn alma mater at the close of the ceremony.

Dr. Lanning and Neda Navabha shared in reading the installing officer portions of the ritual. After the charter members were initiated, the honorary members were presented for initiation. Dr. Ottinger read citations for each of the honorary members prior to their initiation. A generous round of applause followed the initia-

tion portion of the evening.

Dr. Lanning offered brief remarks of welcome and congratulations following the installation of officers. The formal chapter installation ceremony closed the evening presentations. At the end of the installation ceremony chapter President David Reed and University President Dr. Jerry Farley accepted the charter from Neda Navabha. Dr. Farley made a brief speech, accepting the charter, as did David Reed. Dr. Lanning then presented Dr. Ottinger with letters of congratulations from other ALD chapters and national council members, and Dr. Ottinger opened a gift of \$100 from the University of Oklahoma chapter to inaugurate the Washburn chapter local scholarship fund.

Following the singing of the alma mater, initiates and guests were dismissed to a reception area adjacent to the formal hall where refreshments were served and numerous photographs were taken to preserve the event. The chapter charter was on display during the reception.

**California University of  
Pennsylvania**  
California, PA  
*Installed by Dr. Dorothy Anderson*

Fifty students were inducted as charter members of the California University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. The names of the charter members were listed in the program booklet.

In addition to the new members, approximately seventy-five or so guests attended the ceremony, held in the Old Main Chapel, on the second floor of the completely renovated Old Main. A reception was held following the ceremony in the Grand Ballroom of the same building.

Called the Eta Chi Chapter as a local, this chapter started in the spring of 2006, stressing community service. Each member is asked to complete three service projects a semester.

Projects range from making cards for children who are cancer patients, collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and giving tours to prospective students. The chapter also instituted a Member of the Month program this year to recognize outstanding participation in service projects. Of special note for the installing officer is that this group of "old" and "new" officers prepared and served a lasagna dinner to her in a lovely conference room in one of the new residence hall. It is quite clear that this is a chapter that has benefited from real dedication



*Installing officer Dr. Dorothy Anderson (right) presents the charter to the new ALD chapter at California University of Pennsylvania.*



*The new initiate class at California University of Pennsylvania.*

by its founding officers, especially Adam Cinderich, now installed as Junior Advisor.

On arrival to California, I met and had lunch with advisor Karen Posa, followed by a rehearsal with the officers, a campus tour and then dinner. This provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the students and the enthusiasm they share for making the new Chapter one that makes significant contributions to the campus.

The students had divided up the responsibilities for the installation and ceremony among both the old and the new officers, and I would expect that this chapter will have significant participation by members throughout their years at the University. The program booklet provides an outline of the ceremony. Honorary member, Dr. Edward Chute presented keynote remarks very appropriate to the occasion. University President, Dr. Armenti, also spoke to accept the charter. He was complementary of the hard work of staff and students, and thanked the parents and partners in attendance for attending and being supportive of the work of their son/daughter/spouse. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the California University Alma Mater, with Angela Dolph leading the singing.

Judging from the experience of the

Installing Officer, the California University Chapter is in good hands and will be a source of pride for the college going into the future.

### **North Central College Naperville, IL**

*Installed by Dr. Susan Huffman*

The North Central College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was installed by Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, Vice President of Chapter Relations and Expansion, at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2007. The installation ceremony was held at the beautiful Koten Chapel on the campus of North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

The charter group of this chapter included seventy students and two honorary members. Dean of Students Gary Ireland and Chapter Advisor Joseph Wilmarth Tyna assisted Dr. Huffman during the ritual ceremony. While not all of the charter members could attend due to other commitments, a number of campus dignitaries, including President Harold Wilde, witnessed the chapter installation.

Gary Ireland was instrumental in the efforts to begin this chapter, and Joseph Wilmarth Tyna had worked with Dean Ireland to plan the installation and make it a very memorable event. Dr. Huffman expressed appreciation for their support of this endeavor and presented them with

honorary memberships.

Officers of the North Central College are Adam Johnson, president; Jillian Riegiero, vice president; and Michelle Donne, secretary. Unfortunately, none of them could attend because they are studying abroad this semester. Dr. Huffman encouraged those in attendance to work hard to make a successful chapter.

Following the ceremony, Dr. Huffman and her husband Dave joined campus officials and chapter advisors at a reception in honor of the new initiates. Dr. Huffman presented Susan with North Central College souvenirs, and then Dean Ireland took Susan and her husband on a driving tour of the scenic campus.

### **University of Maine at Farmington**

**Farmington, ME**

*Installed by Lisa Ruch*

Lisa Ruch, National Alpha Lambda Delta Council Member-At-Large, installed the University of Maine at Farmington chapter at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2007.

The ceremony was held on campus in the North Dining Halls in the Olsen Student Center at 111 South Street.

Twenty-eight students became charter members. Nine faculty and staff, including the University President, were initiated as honorary members; all wore academic regalia. The installation ceremony was held in conjunction with Parents' Weekend at the Farmington campus. There were approximately 100 students, faculty, staff, and family members in attendance. A reception followed the ceremony.

The following faculty and staff members were initiated as honorary members:

Allen Berger, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

Celeste Branham, Vice President for Student and Community Service

Michael D. Burke, Professor of English/Honors Program Director

Allison Hepler, Associate Professor of History

Theodora K. Kalikow, University President

Robert Lively, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



Wendy Orosz, College Success/Academic Advising Counselor

Doug Rawlings, Chair of the First-Year Experience Council/Director of Institutional and Grants Administration

Katherine W. Yardley, Dean of the College of Education, Health, and Rehabilitation, Celeste Branham and Doug Rawlings were unable to attend the ceremony.

Allison Hepler, Faculty Advisor, and Wendy Orosz, Administrative Advisor, installed the following chapter officers:

President: Peter Osborne

Vice President: Lindsay Bolduc

Treasurer: Kate Braley

Secretary: Christine Davis

Faculty Advisor, Allison Hepler, Associate Professor of History at UMF, earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and, 20 years later, a Ph.D. in History from Temple University. In between, she worked in publishing, print shops, housecleaning, and bookstores, as well as at a school that taught people to build houses. She has lived in Maine since 1983 and is very proud of the house that she designed and built with her late husband. Dr. Hepler is the author of a number of articles on workplace health and safety and a book,



*The 2007 charter initiates of the University of Maine at Farmington.*

*Women in Labor: Mothers, Medicine, and Occupational Health, 1895-1980.*

Wendy Orosz, Administrative Advisor, was given a great deal of credit from the charter members for her efforts in establishing the chapter on the University of Maine at Farmington campus. Ms. Orosz

is a graduate of Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. During her undergraduate years, she spent what may have been considered abnormal amounts of time planning campus events and activities in student leadership roles. When her mentor told her that she could do that for a living, it was an immediate match, and she went on to complete a Master's Degree in Higher Education at Kent State University. While at Kent State, she made her first trip to Maine for a summer internship and liked it so much that she decided to relocate there after graduation. Wendy has worked in orientation, residence life, housing, new student initiatives, academic advising, and career services for several years.



*Chapter advisors and honorary members dressed in their full academic regalia for the installation of the chapter at the University of Maine at Farmington.*

## ***Coming Soon!***

Alpha Lambda Delta is looking forward to adding two more chapters this spring - Morehouse College (GA) and Buffalo State College (NY)!



East Coast to West Coast, North to South - with over 250 active chapters, Alpha Lambda Delta is almost everywhere!

# 2007 List of Active Chapters

## Alabama:

University of Alabama  
University of Alabama - Birmingham  
University of Alabama - Huntsville  
Auburn University  
Birmingham Southern College  
University of Montevallo  
University of North Alabama  
Samford University  
Troy State University

## Arkansas:

Arkansas State University  
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

## Arizona:

Arizona State University  
Northern Arizona University

## California:

California State Polytechnic University  
California State University - Long Beach  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of California - Riverside  
University of California - Santa Barbara  
Dominican University of California  
University of La Verne  
University of the Pacific  
University of Southern California

## Colorado:

Colorado College  
Colorado State University  
Colorado State University - Pueblo

University of Colorado - Colorado Springs  
University of Denver

## Connecticut:

Central Connecticut State University  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hartford  
University of New Haven  
U. S. Coast Guard Academy

## District of Columbia:

American University

## Delaware:

University of Delaware

## Florida:

University of Florida  
University of Miami  
Northwood University  
South University  
Warner Southern College

## Georgia:

Brenau University  
Georgia College & State University  
Georgia State University  
University of Georgia  
Piedmont College  
Spelman College  
Georgia Southwestern State University  
Valdosta State University  
Wesleyan College  
State University of West Georgia

## Iowa:

Coe College  
Drake University  
Iowa State University  
Morningside College  
Simpson College

William Penn University

## Illinois:

DePaul University  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
University of Illinois  
Judson College  
MacMurray College  
Millikin University  
Monmouth College  
North Central College  
Northwestern University  
Southern Illinois University

## Indiana:

Ball State University  
Butler University  
DePauw University  
Franklin College  
Hanover College  
Indiana State University  
Indiana University  
Indiana University - Purdue U at Indianapolis  
Purdue University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Joseph's College  
Valparaiso University

## Kansas:

Fort Hays State University  
Washburn University

## Kentucky:

Eastern Kentucky University  
Georgetown College  
University of Kentucky  
Murray State University  
University of the Cumberlands

## Louisiana:

Grambling State University  
Louisiana College

University of Louisiana - Lafayette  
University of Louisiana - Monroe  
McNeese State University  
Tulane University  
Nicholls State University  
Northwestern State University  
Louisiana State University

## Maine:

University of Maine  
University of Maine - Farmington

## Massachusetts:

Fitchburg State College  
Framingham State College  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
University of Massachusetts - Boston  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Massachusetts at Lowell  
Regis College  
Salem State College  
Western New England College

## Maryland:

McDaniel College  
Morgan State University  
University of Maryland

## Michigan:

Albion College  
Kalamazoo College  
Northern Michigan University  
Western Michigan University



**Minnesota:**

Minnesota State University  
Moorhead  
Minnesota State University  
Mankato  
University of Minnesota  
Crookston  
Winona State University

**Missouri:**

Central Methodist College  
Columbia College  
Lindenwood University  
Maryville University of St.  
Louis  
University of Missouri - Kan-  
sas City  
Stephens College  
William Jewell College

**Mississippi:**

Jackson State University  
Mississippi College  
University of Mississippi  
University of Southern Mis-  
sissippi  
Tougaloo College  
Mississippi State University

**Montana:**

Montana State University  
- Bozeman  
University of Montana

**North Carolina:**

Bennett College  
Chowan College  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Lenoir-Rhyne College  
Meredith College  
North Carolina A&T State  
University  
University of North Carolina  
- Greensboro  
Salem College  
Western Carolina University

**North Dakota:**

University of North Dakota  
Valley City State University

**Nebraska:**

Doane College  
Midland Lutheran College  
University of Nebraska  
University of Nebraska  
- Omaha

Wayne State College

**New Jersey:**

Montclair State University  
Ramapo College of New  
Jersey  
Rider University

**New Mexico:**

Eastern New Mexico Univer-  
sity

**New York:**

Alfred University  
Cazenovia College  
Long Island University  
SUNY - Fredonia

**Ohio:**

Ashland University  
Bowling Green State Uni-  
versity  
University of Cincinnati  
Cleveland State University  
Heidelberg College  
Kent State University  
Marietta College  
Miami University  
Mount Union College  
Ohio Northern University  
The Ohio State University  
Ohio University  
Otterbein College  
University of Rio Grande  
University of Toledo  
Wittenberg University  
Wright State University  
Youngstown State University

**Oklahoma:**

University of Central Okla-  
homa  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Science & Arts  
of Oklahoma  
Oral Roberts University  
Southern Nazarene Univer-  
sity

**Oregon:**

Linfild College  
Oregon State University  
University of Oregon  
University of Portland  
Willamette University

**Pennsylvania:**

Bucknell University  
California University of  
Pennsylvania  
Chestnut Hill College  
Dickinson College  
Elizabethtown College  
Pennsylvania State Univer-  
sity - Altoona  
University of Pittsburgh  
- Bradford  
Saint Vincent College  
University of Scranton  
Temple University  
University of Sciences in  
Philadelphia  
Washington and Jefferson  
College  
Seton Hill College  
Susquehanna University

**South Carolina:**

Clemson University  
Columbia College  
Converse College  
University of South Carolina  
Winthrop University

**South Dakota:**

South Dakota State Univer-  
sity  
University of South Dakota

**Tennessee:**

Austin Peay State University  
Carson-Newman College  
Cumberland University  
Maryville College  
University of Memphis  
Tennessee Technological  
University  
University of Tennessee at  
Chattanooga  
Vanderbilt University  
East Tennessee State Uni-  
versity

**Texas:**

Angelo State University  
Baylor University  
University of Houston  
University of the Incarnate  
Word  
Lamar University  
McMurry University  
University of North Texas  
Sam Houston State University  
Schreiner University

Southern Methodist Univer-  
sity

Texas A & M - Commerce  
Texas A & M - Kingsville  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University - San  
Marcos  
Texas Tech University  
Texas Wesleyan University  
University of Texas - Arling-  
ton  
University of Texas - Austin  
University of Texas - Pan  
American  
University of Texas - San  
Antonio  
Trinity University  
Midwestern State University  
University of Texas - El Paso

**Utah:**

Utah State University

**Virginia:**

George Mason University  
Liberty University  
Longwood College  
Mary Baldwin College  
Radford University  
Roanoke College  
Shenandoah University  
Sweet Briar College  
College of William & Mary

**Vermont:**

Lyndon State College

**Washington:**

Central Washington Univer-  
sity

**Wisconsin:**

University of Wisconsin - Eau  
Claire  
University of Wisconsin  
- Platteville  
Carthage College

**West Virginia:**

University of Charleston  
West Virginia University  
West Virginia Wesleyan Col-  
lege



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# Chapter Membership Awards

The National Council Awards the Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards to chapters who have seen a 50%, 25%, or 10% increase in membership, respectively, during the past year.

### Gold Awards:

DePauw University  
 Purdue University  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 California State Polytechnic University  
 American University  
 University of Missouri - Kansas City  
 McMurry University  
 Schreiner University  
 University of North Dakota  
 Arkansas State University  
 University of New Haven  
 University of Minnesota - Crookston  
 Chestnut Hill College  
 Sweet Briar College  
 University of Memphis  
 University of Denver  
 Alfred University  
 Louisiana College  
 Washington and Jefferson College  
 Central Washington University  
 Lenoir-Rhyne College  
 University of Connecticut  
 Franklin College  
 Tougaloo College  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Stephens College  
 University of Texas - San Antonio  
 University of Southern California  
 Nicholls State University  
 Heidelberg College  
 University of the Pacific

### Silver Awards:

Indiana University - Purdue U at Indianapolis  
 University of South Carolina  
 Carson-Newman College  
 Wittenberg University  
 Brenau University  
 Sam Houston State University  
 Mississippi State University  
 Illinois State University  
 Willamette University  
 Judson College  
 University of Cincinnati  
 Valdosta State University  
 University of Arkansas - Fort Smith  
 University of Rio Grande  
 University of North Texas  
 Longwood University  
 Austin Peay State University  
 Monmouth College  
 Western Michigan University  
 University of Maryland  
 Liberty University  
 Rider University  
 Salem College  
 George Mason University  
 University of Alabama - Birmingham  
 University of Massachusetts - Boston  
 Lamar University  
 Murray State University  
 The Ohio State University  
 Pennsylvania State University - Altoona  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

### Bronze Awards:

College of William & Mary  
 Winthrop University  
 University of California - Los Angeles  
 Ashland University  
 Ramapo College of New Jersey  
 Grambling State University  
 Simpson College  
 Oral Roberts University  
 Lindenwood University  
 Texas Tech University  
 Saint Vincent College  
 University of Scranton  
 Ohio Northern University  
 Northwestern State University  
 Valparaiso University  
 Roanoke College  
 University of Alabama  
 Texas Christian University  
 MacMurray College  
 Maryville College  
 Trinity University  
 Winona State University  
 Vanderbilt University  
 University of Nebraska  
 U. S. Coast Guard Academy  
 University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
 University of Colorado - Colorado Springs  
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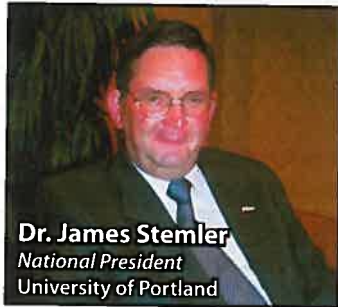


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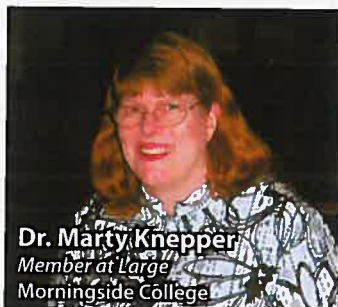
# ALD National Council



The ALD National Council at their 2007 meeting in Minneapolis. For a summary of the meeting, see page 42.



**Dr. James Stemler**  
National President  
University of Portland



**Dr. Marty Knepper**  
Member at Large  
Morningside College



**Dan Burk**  
Member at Large  
University of South Carolina



**Dr. Susan Melson Huffman**  
VP, Chapter Relations and Expansion  
Purdue University



**Dr. Alice Lanning**  
Member at Large  
University of Oklahoma



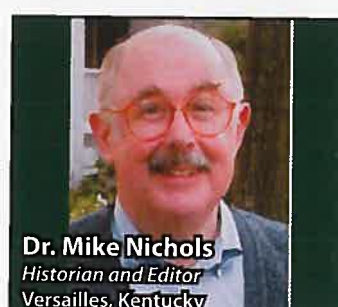
**Christina Ho**  
Member at Large  
Univ. of Alabama - Birmingham



**Dr. Herman "Butch" Hill**  
VP, Finance and Long-Range Planning  
Ohio University



**Lisa Ruch**  
Member at Large  
IUPUI



**Dr. Mike Nichols**  
Historian and Editor  
Versailles, Kentucky

## Join us!

Interested in helping make Alpha Lambda Delta an even more rewarding experience for yourself and for thousands of other outstanding students? Join the ALD National Council!

As a Student or Professional Member-at-Large, you'll be part of the process that makes National ALD the best first-year honor society in the nation!

The application for Student Member-at-Large positions and directions for applying for Professional Member-at-Large positions are available on the National Website at:

[www.nationalald.org/ALD2005/council.asp](http://www.nationalald.org/ALD2005/council.asp)

At the 2007 National Council Meeting, the ALD National Council was pleased to install three new Members-at-Large. Join us in offering a warm Alpha Lambda Delta greeting to these

# Welcome additions...



**Dr. Marty Knepper**  
*Morningside College*

Dr. Marty Knepper joins the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta after 16 years of serving as the chapter advisor at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Under her advisement, the chapter has won the Order of the Torch Award, Maintaining the Flame, and has produced several Trow and Fellowship winners.

**Lisa Ruch**  
*IUPUI*

Since 1998, Lisa Ruch has served as chapter advisor at Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis.

During her term as chapter advisor, IUPUI has become recognized as one of the most successful chapters in the nation, winning the Order of the Torch and the Chapter Website Award.



**Christina Ho**  
*Univ. of Alabama - Birmingham*

A pre-med student at UAB, Christina served as chapter Vice-President during her freshman year. While she has been an active member, the chapter at UAB has been noted as producing more Trow and Fellowship winners than any other chapter in the nation - a notable distinction!



The 2007 Council Meeting also marked the departure of two good friends from the Council. The National Council honors departing members with resolutions outlining their accomplishments in ALD. We extend our thanks to these two members, along with our

# Best Wishes!

A resolution in honor of

## **Jonathan Rotzein**

*read into the record by Member at Large Dan Burk*

Whereas, Jon has served the Council by sitting on numerous Committees, and,

Whereas, Jon has always been an emphatic proponent of innovation, service, and exceeding the expectations of the Society's Membership, and,

Whereas, Jon brought the Society to a new level of student involvement with his proposal to include a delegate resolution as part of the National Leadership Workshop, and,

Whereas, Jon showed not only a dedication to his sport, but also a love for his fellow Council members and their families by dedicating one of his numerous athletic endeavors to Friend of the Society Susan Nichols, and,

Whereas, Jon provided a solid downbeat, backbeat, and upbeat to the one-and-only performance of the National Council All Star Band, and,

Whereas, Jon has demonstrated his courage by daring to sit on the National Council as a student in a field other than Pre-Med, and,

Whereas, Jon has proved an intrepid trailblazer by finding the most amazing entertainment in every city, state, and nation that has been honored by his presence;

Therefore – be it now resolved that the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta does extend its best wishes to Jonathan Rotzein and his future endeavors and with them a fervent hope that he will take occasion, whenever possible, to set aside his rock hammer and his rock concerts for a moment to keep in touch with his Alpha Lambda Delta family.



Departing National Council members Jonathan Rotzein (left) and Brian Carlisle (right) have served on the Council since 2005.

A resolution in honor of

## **Brian Carlisle**

*read into the record by Vice President Butch Hill*

Whereas, Brian Carlisle has served with distinction in his three-year term as National Council member-at-large, his accomplishments having included (in no particular order)

- Awing dozens of workshop participants with his UCLA chapter's accomplishments
- Shaming the rest of Council into ordering cheaper lunches
- Tireless advocacy for meaningful keynote

speakers at workshops

- Demonstrating that the devil is not the only one who can look good in Prada
- Performing every assigned task with professionalism and gusto, from making Torch presentations to service on myriad committees, especially the finance committee,
- Exemplifying cost-effective style in diverse arenas, from chapter videos done on the cheap, to finding bargain designer clothes
- Exuding a can-do attitude and infectious optimism
- Being a cheerful friend and a forgiving co-presenter,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the National Council extend its heartfelt gratitude to Brian and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.



# 2007 ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA National Council Meeting Summary



*The Executive Committee of the National Council discusses the operations of the National Office.*



*Members-at-Large Jon Rotzein and Dan Burk contribute students' perspectives.*



*Former Members-at-Large Jonathan Hovda (far left) and Cori Mizerny (far right) were guests of the Council, greeted by President Stemler and Executive Director Earwood*

**The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society was convened on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, in Minneapolis, Minnesota by National President, Dr. James Stemler of the University of Portland.**

In attendance were Dr. Susan M. Huffman, Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion; Dr. Herman "Butch" Hill, Vice President for Finance and Long Range Planning; Members-at-Large Brian Carlisle, Dr. Alice Lanning, Lisa Ruch, Dr. Marty Knepper, Jonathan Rotzein, Dan Burke; and Editor and Historian, Dr. Mike Nichols. Representing the National Office were Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director, and Mr. Le Greenway, Director of Communication.

Each June the Council meets for four intensive days to discuss and evaluate finances, administration and operation, chapter growth, management of the endowment for scholarships and fellowships, new programs, publications, long ranging planning, service to individual chapters, and many other aspects of Alpha Lambda Delta's mission.

#### **Highlights from this year's meeting included:**

- Installation of three new Members-at-Large: Lisa Ruch of IUPUI, Dr. Marty Knepper of Morningside College, and Christina Ho of the University of Alabama, Birmingham
- Winners of Order of the Torch Award and Maintaining the Flame Award were announced, see pages 8-11 for details
- Dr. Earwood announced that initiations were at an all-time record level with 28,737 new members, representing an increase of 9.8% over last year.
- Dr. Earwood nominated six individuals for Executive Director's Advisors of the Year Awards, (See page 23 for details)
- Winners of the Trow Scholarships were announced, (See page 20 for names of the recipients).
- President Stemler announced that Dr. Danny Kelley of American University is the 2007 recipient of the Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award, (See page 22 for Dr. Kelley's biography).
- The Expansion Committee approved the petition of Morehouse College of Atlanta, Georgia and noted that four new Chapters would be installed in the fall semester of 2007 (see pages 34-37 for details).
- Winners of the Lampadia Website Award were announced (see page 46 for a list of the recipients).
- Plans for the Society's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary were discussed.

And in the final session of this year's Council meeting, resolutions were read for out-going Council members Jonathan Rotzein and Brian Carlisle for their outstanding service to Alpha Lambda Delta (see page 41).



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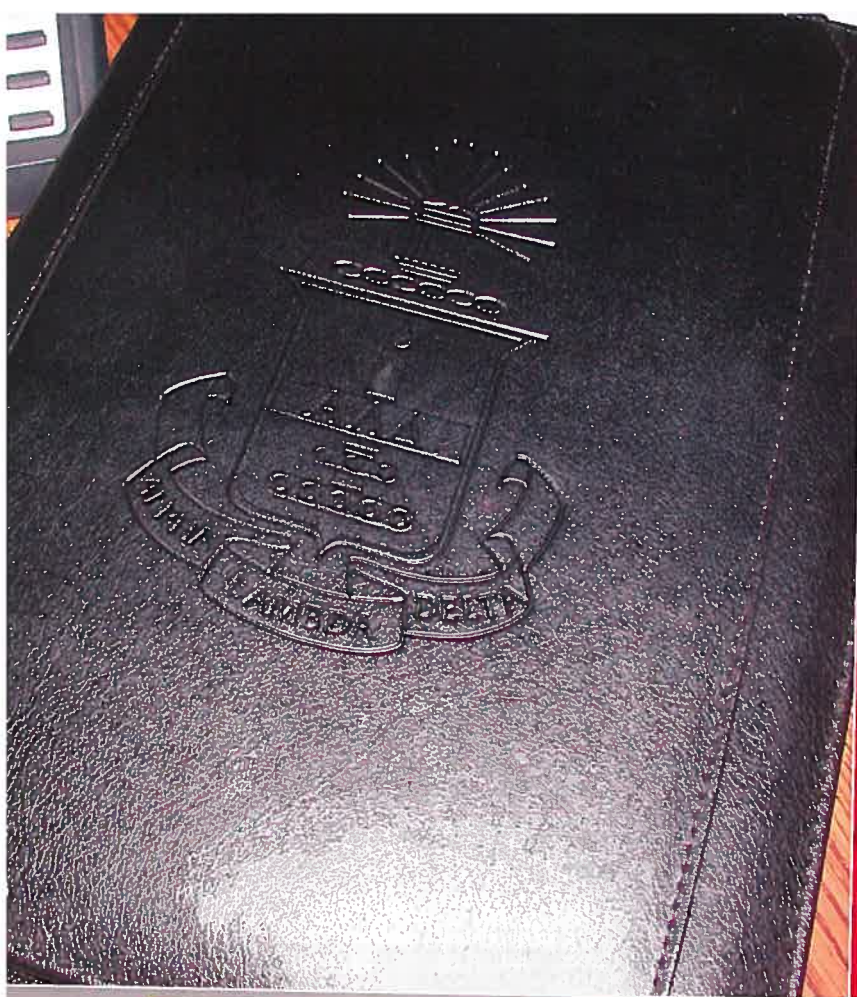
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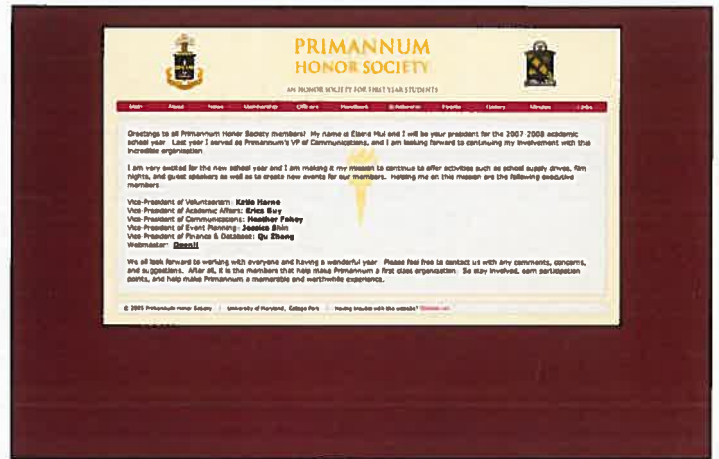
# 2007 Lampadia Chapter Website Award Winners

This year, six chapters received the Alpha Lambda Delta Lampadia Award for Outstanding Chapter Websites.

The Lampadia Award is awarded every year to the Alpha Lambda Delta chapters that have created exceptional chapter websites. The sites are judged on the criteria of design and appearance, content, and navigability. To make sure your chapter is considered for the 2008 Lampadia Awards, send your chapter's URL to the National Office (lee@nationalald.org) before **June 1, 2008!**



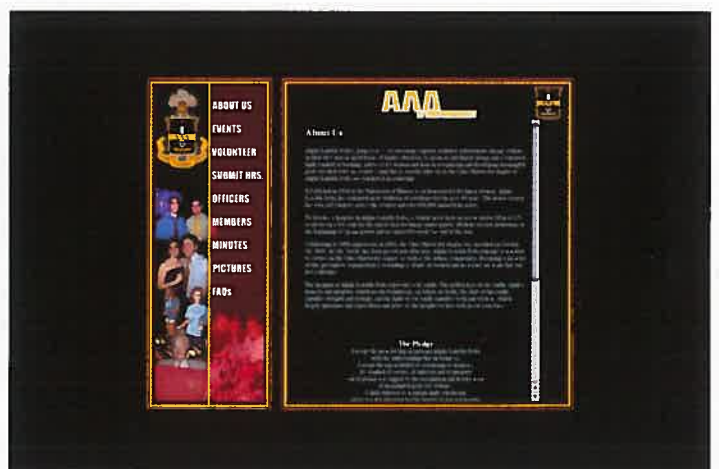
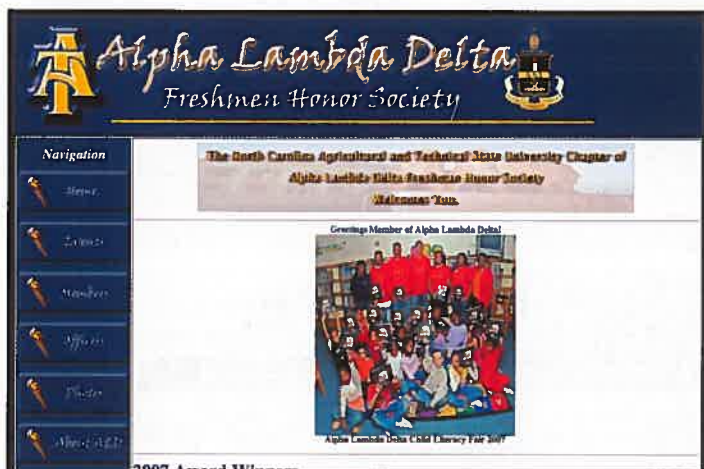
**University of California at Los Angeles**  
Los Angeles, CA



**University of Maryland**  
College Park, MD

**North Carolina A&T State University**  
Greensboro, NC

**Ohio University**  
Athens, OH



## Lampadia Honorable Mentions

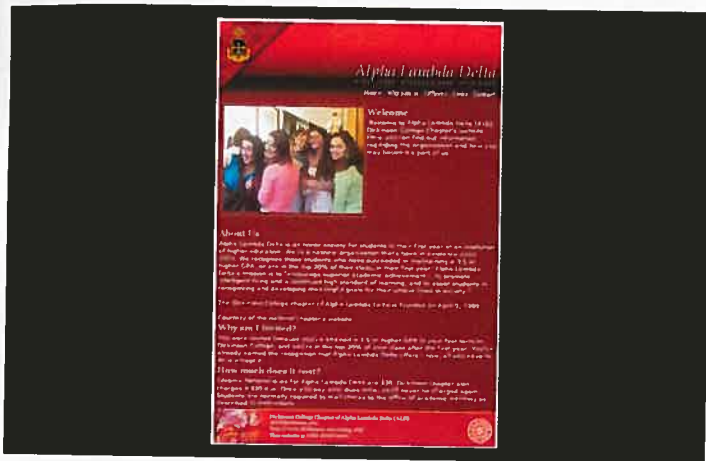
**Clemson University**

**George Mason University**

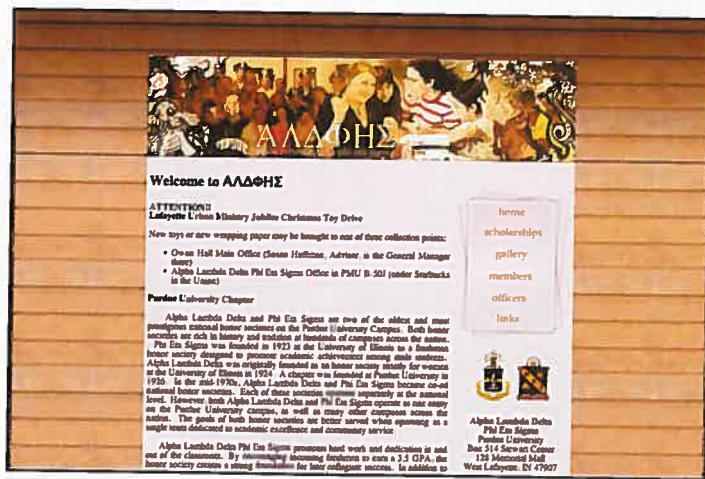
**The Ohio State University**

**University of Southern California**





**Dickinson College**  
Carlisle, PA



**Purdue University**  
West Lafayette, IN

## ED's Advisors of the Year (Continued from page 23)

from 1998 to 2001. At the time, Charlie was an undergraduate at Trinity University in San Antonio. Presently, Charlie is a law student at Baylor University. It was because of Charlie's connection and experience with Alpha Lambda Delta that his parents decided to become chapter advisors for Baylor University. With the excitement, passion, and outstanding advising of the Manzanares family, I am confident that the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Baylor will continue to prosper.

The role of the chapter advisor is critical to the success of the chapter and the national organization," said Dr. Susan

Huffman, Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion. "That's why the Chapter Relations Committee recommended the establishment of the Executive Director Advisor Award in 1998 so that more chapter advisors could be recognized for their service and commitment to Alpha Lambda Delta."

These advisors have done exceptional jobs and deserve the recognition of this award. "The National Council is very proud and grateful to these advisors for the outstanding work they do with these chapters," said Dr. James G. Stemler, National President.

## 2008 ALD Graduate Fellows (Continued from page 19)

Not pictured:

**Manpreet Kaur Dhillon**

Louise McBee Fellowship - *University of Georgia*

**Charles Tyler Atkinson**

Katharine Cooper Cater Fellowship - *Texas Wesleyan University*

**Audra Rachel Beckett**

Miriam Shelden Fellowship - *Wright State University*

**Nadine Miranda Stephens**

Christine Yerges Conaway Fellowship - *Otterbein College*

**Rachel Warbelow**

Gladys Pennington Houser Fellowship - *Indiana University*



## It's fun to share.

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Send articles, photos, and other submissions via e-mail to [ald@nationalald.org](mailto:ald@nationalald.org) before Oct. 31, 2008 to ensure that your materials are considered for the 2009 issue.

Share your chapter with the world - submit to the *Flame*!



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