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*ALD Founder Maria Leonard*



## 85th Anniversary Edition

2009 marks the 85th Anniversary of Alpha Lambda Delta. On the cover, you'll see almost every issue of the Flame since its inception in 1962. Inside, you'll find a few excerpts from previous editions of the magazine. Some of these mark milestones for the national organization; some are interesting snippets submitted by the chapters over the years.

We're proud of our 85 years of history, and we hope that you're excited to be part of an organization with such an amazing history!

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# Acting Globally:

A LETTER FROM  
THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

As I write this, the United States is in a recession, a new President is about to be inaugurated, and we are facing some of the greatest challenges in my lifetime! I have faith that the United States will come out of these troubles and be a stronger nation for it.

For 85 years, Alpha Lambda Delta has been recognizing and rewarding academic excellence among first-year students. The National Council members of Alpha Lambda Delta have always been good stewards of the resources of the national organization and of the student members of the Society. The last dues increase for Alpha Lambda Delta was over five years ago - in 2002 - from \$15 to \$20. With over \$150,000 in scholarships and fellowships, an excellent national magazine, a high quality certificate and jewelry, and a marvelous annual workshop, it is a lot of value for \$20.

As you look through this edition of the *Flame*, you will see articles from the 85 year history of the Society. Did you know that President Lyndon Johnson spoke to the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at the University of Texas for his daughter's induction into the Society (see page 36)? Or that until 1975, no men were initiated into ALD (see page 46)? Take some time to look through the magazine and you will see that during the last 85 years, Alpha Lambda Delta celebrated some pretty amazing milestones - with more to come in the future.

Dr. James G. Stemler will end his sixth year as National President in June at the National Council meeting in St. Louis. The first male President of Alpha Lambda Delta, Dr. Stemler has served on the National Council since 1994, held the office of Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion from 1996 to 2003 and has been the chapter advisor at the University of Portland since the chapter was chartered in 1989. In addition to serving as Director of the Honors program, Dr. Stemler has been very involved in promoting study abroad programs at the University of Portland. At our 2008 National Council meeting, we decided to honor retiring President Dr. James G. Stemler by offering ten new study abroad scholarships in his name.

I am very excited about the new James G. Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships. I am convinced that students who study abroad gain a much broader perspective of the world in which we live. In his book *The World is Flat*, Thomas Friedman makes a compelling argument that the world has grown smaller with the creation of the Internet and international trade. He stresses that we must recognize our tremendous

interdependence in order to be better stewards of the planet we inhabit. These ten new \$1000 scholarships will assist students in broadening their world view by traveling outside the boundaries of the United States and becoming global citizens.

Another new initiative by the National Council is to recognize chapters for their high yield as well as their growth from the previous year. We're changing the way we award Chapter Membership Awards. Previously, chapters were awarded a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Membership Award strictly for an increase in the chapter's membership numbers. The new Alpha and Delta membership awards will reward chapters not only for increases in membership (Delta Awards), but also for high yields - that is, the number of invited students who choose to join ALD (Alpha Awards).

With so many new ways in which Alpha Lambda Delta is rewarding members and chapters for exceptional performance, we're confident that even in these uncertain times, Alpha Lambda Delta will continue its 85-year tradition of celebrating success for many years to come!

Sincerely,

*Glenda Earwood*

Executive Director



# California Fun!

What do you get when you take the warm California sun, add in a little Disney magic, toss in a dash of sandy white beaches, and then top it off with some of the top students in the country?

You get the 2008 ALD National Workshop!

Anaheim, California, was the site for the 2008 Annual Alpha Lambda Delta Annual Leadership Workshop where 42 Chapter advisors and 121 ALD members representing 72 chapters gathered for a weekend of challenging speeches, informative workshops, and just plain fun and making new friends. Sixty-eight chapters were represented at this year's workshop, which was held at the Sheraton Park Hotel, located just a few blocks from Disneyland. This year's theme was **"Going for the Green: Excellence and Sustainability."**

After registration, the Workshop officially opened with a welcome from ALD Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood, who introduced the National Council and described the goals for the workshop. This was followed by an incredible musical performance by Los Angeles' Progressive Taiko, who used only percussion instruments to produce a truly unique sound experience.

Get-acquainted mixers followed led by President-Elect Dr. Susan Huffman of Purdue University, and special guest Tony Kemp, Associate Director of the First Year Experience and Advising Center of Mercer University. It was amazing to everyone how quickly we all got to know each other. Since plastic disposable water bottles make up a huge portion of the waste sent to landfills on a daily basis, ALD declared this year's Workshop a "bottle-free" zone. In place of the traditional t-shirt

exchange, participants brought with them to swap 1-liter polycarbonate water bottles imprinted with the name of their college or university.

While ALD National President James Stemler of the University of Portland met with advisors, ALD Director of Communication Lee Greenway led students in making holiday cards for the children at the Hillview Acres Children's Home, part of this year's service project.

Saturday breakfast featured information about *The Flame*, the official magazine of Alpha Lambda Delta, as well as a description of services offered to individual chapters by the National Office of ALD in Macon, Georgia.

The remainder of the morning was filled with workshops led by students, advisors, and National Council members and including topics such as:

- **Communications Strategies: E-Mail, Technology, and Effectiveness**
- **Finding the Magic in your Chapter**
- **Winning the Order of the Torch**
- **Funding a Chapter Scholarship**
- **How to be a Successful Chapter**
- **Public Relations for your Chapter**
- **For Advisors Only**
- **Student-Advisor Relationships - A Recipe for**



Director of Communication Lee Greenway greets Univ. of Texas - Pan American advisor Dolores Villareal at the registration desk.



The opening session for the 2008 National Leadership Workshop was a high-energy event and a great opportunity for attendees to meet one another. Advisors and students alike enjoyed the chance to have a snack and get ready for a great weekend in Anaheim.

### Success

- **Service to Others - Sharing your Ideas**

After a box lunch and roundtable discussions, Workshop participants had a few free hours to explore Anaheim, go to the beach, or walk down the street to Disneyland and sample a little Disney magic!

That evening, the 2008 Alpha Lambda Delta National Leadership Banquet featured President Stemler as Master of Ceremonies. We saw a moving video presentation describing the work of the Hillview Acres Children's Home in Chino, California. Workshop participants were asked to bring gift certificates from major national chain stores to brighten the holidays for the residents of Hillcrest (For



Self-proclaimed "Disney nut" Tony Kemp of Mercer University, National Vice-President of sister organization Phi Eta Sigma, leads a discussion of "Putting the Magic back in your chapter."

### more details about the 2008 National Service Project, see page 10).

President Stemler recognized those chapters who were recognized with the Order of the Torch: The 2008 recipients were:

- The University of Alabama at Birmingham
- The University of Cincinnati
- The Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- The University of Texas at Austin

Winners of the Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarships and Chapter Membership Awards were also announced.

A highlight of the evening was recognition of Ms. Sandra Williamson of North Carolina A&T University as 2008 Outstanding Advisor of the Year. Since 2002, Ms. Williamson has served with dedication as advisor of one of the most active ALD chapters in the nation. This award was celebrated by her students in attendance with flowers and many kind words that described her commitment to ALD and to the welfare of her students. Ms. Williamson challenged students to develop their leadership skills and received a standing ovation.

President-Elect Huffman departed from the formal program to surprise President Stemler with the announcement that in

recognition of his years of service to the University of Portland ALD chapter and to the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta, the James Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships have been established in his honor. Beginning in 2010, ten \$1,000 scholarships will be provided to ALD students seeking an opportunity to live and learn in an international setting. A strong advocate of study abroad at the University of Portland campus, President Stemler received a standing ovation in tribute to his dedication to Alpha Lambda Delta.

An extraordinary evening was topped off with a "Haunted Hollywood" Costume contest with prizes going to the best overall costume, most original costume, and funniest costume. Just check out the pictures to see the creativity and originality of ALD students!

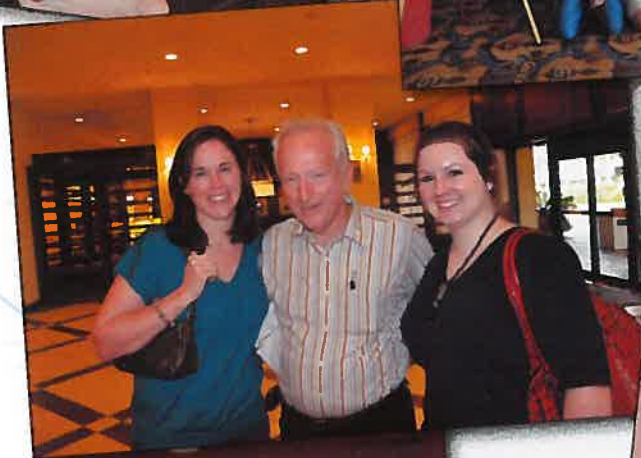
Breakfast the next morning included saying goodbye to new friends, making promises to stay in touch, and exchanging e-mail addresses. Participants left with new insights and energy to make their chapter a vital force in their institution's life.



Smilin' faces: At the Saturday night "Haunted Hollywood" banquet, The Cowardly Lion (President-Elect Susan Huffman) presents the Dissected Frog (Tenn. Tech student Laura Casey) with a copy of the 2008 Senior Book, Planet Earth, prize for winning the annual "Signature Collection" contest.

More pictures on following pages...

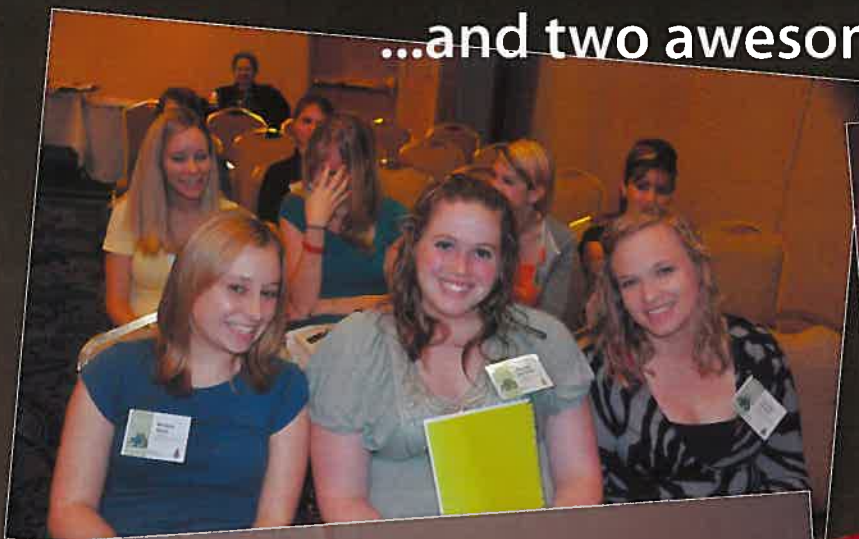
# 2008 National Leadership Workshop:



# Fun for three amazing days...



...and two awesome nights!







**HOLLYWOOD**



# A Good Deed, Indeed.

ALD Workshop Attendees donate over \$5,000 to Southern California children's home

One very important - and very special - part of our annual National Leadership Workshop is the National Service Project. In recent years, we've worked to fight hunger in Kansas City, rebuild libraries in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, develop stronger inner-city schools through debate in Boston, and encourage after-school athletics among the urban children of Louisville. Probably one of the most memorable National Service Projects, however, was the book drive held in support of the Hillview Acres Children's Home of Chino, California.

At the 2003 Workshop, also held in Anaheim, Alpha Lambda Delta members and advisors brought over 400 children's books to help stock the library of this residential treatment center for victims of severe abuse and neglect. The home had just begun its "Reading Counts" program, and had just opened its library when ALD arrived in October of 2003, and the donations from the chapters and members were a big part of the burgeoning program.

The significance of Alpha Lambda Delta

for Hillview Acres didn't end with the library drive. While working with the ALD National Office staff in preparation for the 2003 Workshop, Hillview Acres' Special Education Director Anne Kerr made an unexpected connection: her aunt, Mary Jane Stevenson, was the very first Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta!

As we returned to Anaheim in 2008, we also wanted to revisit our connection to Hillview Acres, and reach out once again to help the abused and neglected children of Southern California.

Hillview Acres described its library as being "fully stocked," so we decided to help in another way. We asked attendees to the 2008 National Leadership Workshop to bring gift cards from national retailers (Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, etc.) to donate to the home. The residents of Hillview Acres don't often get the opportunity to go to a store and buy the things they want, so our gifts helped provide that opportunity.

And what a response! Over \$2,000 worth of gift cards to national retailers made their way to Anaheim and into the hands of the

residents at Hillview Acres. Attendees of the 2008 National Leadership Workshop made greeting cards to go along with the gift cards as part of the Friday night opening session.

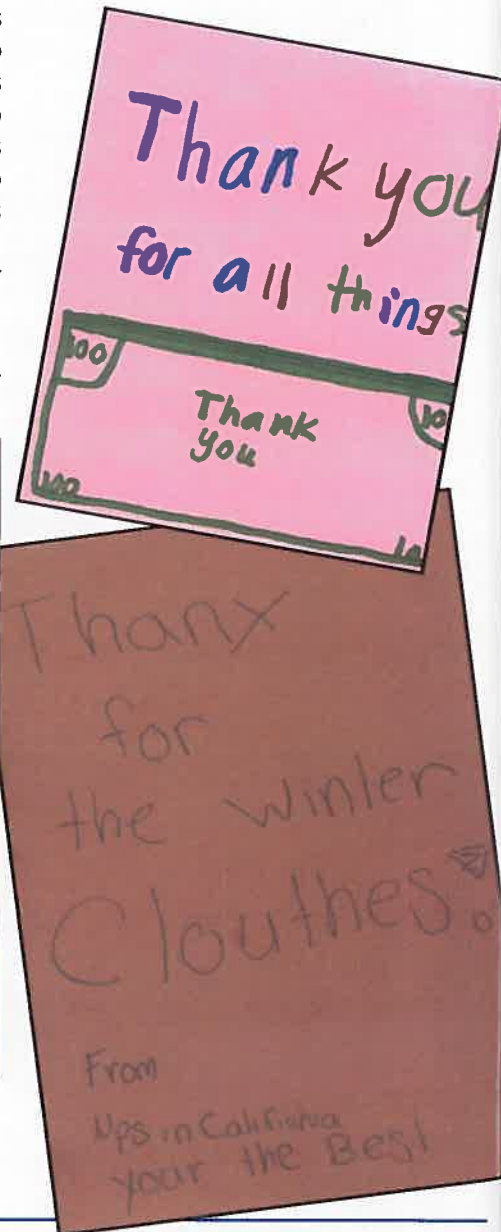
The gifts from Alpha Lambda Delta helped the kids purchase winter clothes, shoes, and other necessities; Deborah Wilson of the Hillview Acres staff was on hand for our 2008 National Awards Banquet to collect the donations.

The generosity of Alpha Lambda Delta members and chapters truly knows no end!



Above: Staff members at Hillview Acres show off some of the gifts donated by Alpha Lambda Delta (the residents' photographs cannot be released due to privacy concerns).

Right: Thank you cards to ALD from Hillview Acres residents.



# 1963

## Sparking a Flame

In 1963, the Society began to publish its first nationwide newsletter, marking the beginning of the move toward a more unified national organization. This humble four-page newsletter has grown into the full-color magazine you're reading today!

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NEWSLETTER OF ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA



SPRING 1963 VOL. 1 NO. 1

## ΑΛΔ on Campus . . .

By Jacqueline E. Spencer  
1961-62 ALD Fellowship Recipient

"ALD on Campus" is an attempt to answer the question so many chapters ask, "What are other ALD's doing?"

The most popular and one of the most worthwhile chapter activities is a tutoring service for students in need.

Illinois Wesleyan University, Lindenwood College and the University of Cincinnati have all had a "Smarty-Party" this year—a recognition tea or get together for students with better than average grades.

Another popular activity is a party or luncheon with Phi Eta Sigma, the men's counterpart of ALD. Miami University and Bucknell University had their recognition luncheon and dinner respectively with the men, while University of Massachusetts ALD's and Phi Eta Sigma's were jointly honored at a tea at the President's home. The University of Buffalo joined Phi Eta Sigma men in touring a newly remodeled art gallery.

In the Midwest, help to the Lansing Service Council in a special survey designed ultimately to aid the handicapped was a project of Michigan State University chapter. The Northwestern University chapter initiated a series of three seminars for freshmen women, a project they hope not only to continue but to expand.

Not to be overlooked is an activity of the University of Alabama. Again this year the chapter has sent a gift to the National Treasurer for the Fellowship Fund. Looking for a worthwhile service project? This one is close to each of us!

Do you have any news to pass along? Any suggestions, hints, queries or problems? Why not send them to "ALD on Campus"?

*Editor's Note: Jackie Spencer, B.A., University of Maryland, is currently an assistant instructor in the Department of English at The Ohio State University, where she received her M.A.*



Lucile Scheuer  
National President

Lucile Scheuer was initiated as an honorary member of DePauw University in 1949. She served as District Advisor from 1950-53; National Secretary, 1953-57; National Vice President, 1957-61, and National President, 1961. Dean Scheuer received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.A. from Columbia University. She is currently Dean of Women at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Thirty Names Suggested For Name of Newsletter

"The Flame" is the name because it is the one recommended more than any other by the ALD chapters. National Council received 30 suggestions from 46 chapters. Coe College, Illinois Wesleyan University, Louisiana State University, North Texas State University, Northwestern University and San Diego State College share the honor for "The Flame" as the name of your newsletter.

## 'Become a Person of Value'

A message to all Alpha Lambda Deltas: A college education is the greatest gift the world can give to youth today. Use it well, Alpha Lambda Deltas, use it to your highest level. For as the great scientist Einstein said to youth: "Try not to become a person of success only, but a

## President Scheuer Comments on Issue

The National Council is proud to present this first issue of the Alpha Lambda Delta newsletter, *The Flame*. Copies are being mailed to each chapter editor for her to distribute to all honorary, sophomore and freshman members. We hope you like having a newsletter and will send to the National Editor your comments on this first issue as well as your suggestions for future releases.

As the school year progresses, I hope you will continue your superior scholastic record and inspire others to earn the personal joys and satisfaction that can stem from sincere scholarship. At the same time I would remind you that the whole world sorely needs your energies and talents. When our esteemed Founder, Dean Maria Leonard, returned recently from Africa, she wrote "After an African safari, one can't help but feel there are many strange world questions and problems to be solved." People like you who are specially endowed and gifted will be challenged to apply your education to the solution of our national and international dilemmas. How much more fascinating it will be to answer this challenge than to succumb to "koffee-klatch-ing" in suburbia!

Dean Leonard has sent this message to all ALD chapters, "May the blessings of peace and strength abide with you and yours through the coming year." To her gracious words I would add those from our initiation ceremony "May you find in the years ahead the rewards of the truly educated person."

—Maria Leonard

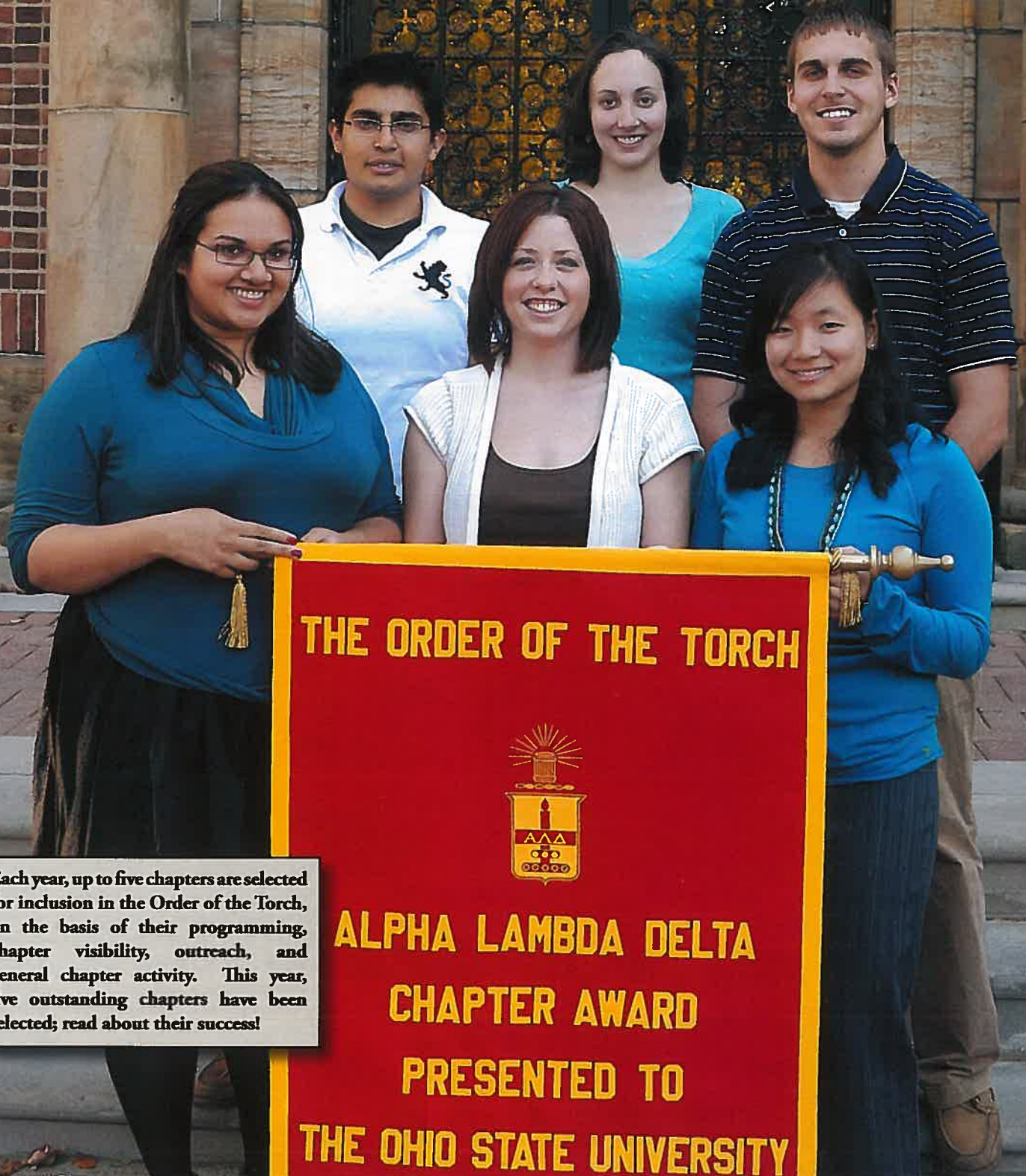
person of value. The world is demanding this of youth today because a different world cannot be built by indifferent people."

My best wishes to you always.

Maria Leonard  
Founder, President, 1924-45

# THE ORDER OF THE TORCH

Recognizing outstanding chapters



Each year, up to five chapters are selected for inclusion in the Order of the Torch, on the basis of their programming, chapter visibility, outreach, and general chapter activity. This year, five outstanding chapters have been selected; read about their success!

THE ORDER OF THE TORCH



ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

CHAPTER AWARD

PRESENTED TO

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## University of Alabama at Birmingham

Presented by Dr. Glenda Earwood

August 21, 2008

Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director, presented the Order of the Torch Award to the University of Alabama – Birmingham chapter on Thursday, August 21, 2008. The Torch presentation was the main focus of a luncheon held early in the fall semester in the University Center on the UAB campus. Attended by several current and former chapter officers, both chapter advisors and several friends and members of the chapter, the buffet luncheon celebrated the accomplishments of the UAB Alpha Lambda Delta chapter.

After a lovely luncheon, Dr. Glenda Earwood presented the Order of the Torch Banner to the chapter in recognition of its accomplishments. Dr. Earwood said, "It is my distinct honor to present the Order of the Torch Award to the University of Alabama - Birmingham Alpha Lambda Delta chapter. I am honored to recognize your Alpha Lambda Delta chapter as one of the five most outstanding chapters in the nation for the 2007-2008 school year.

"This chapter certainly fulfilled the mission of Alpha Lambda Delta to 'have tolerance in your dealings with all persons, generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of others.' The number of community service projects

the chapter members were involved in was very, very impressive."

Jennifer Gandhi, UAB ALD Executive Vice President, represented the University of Alabama – Birmingham chapter at the national leadership workshop in Anaheim.

The Order of the Torch Award was established by the National Council in 1989 to recognize and encourage excellence among outstanding chapters. Winners are selected on the basis of outstanding chapter work in programming, internal communication, campus visibility, and overall presentation. This year 11 chapters applied for the Torch Award. The University of Alabama - Birmingham ALD chapter was selected as one of the five outstanding chapters in the nation to receive the Order of the Torch award for excellence.

The chapter has recently doubled in size from 90 students to 181 members this year.

The track record of UAB Alpha Lambda Delta members for winning undergraduate Trow 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 \$7,500 in 2007-2008, 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 recent UAB graduate, is serving a three-year term as a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council. Ayushe Sharma is the current UAB chapter president.

No chapter can accomplish this much without the help of wonderful advisors! Kevin Jerrolds, Academic Curriculum Counselor, and Dr. Joe March, Associate Professor of National Science and Math serve as advisors to the ALD chapter.

Dr. Earwood concluded her remarks with the following:

"I would like to suggest that the chapter members gained something more than the Torch Award - things that represent the important lessons in life. They set goals for themselves so that they knew where they were going. The goals were both measurable and obtainable - a valuable lesson for life. They learned how to work together; they learned about caring for others; and about giving of themselves.

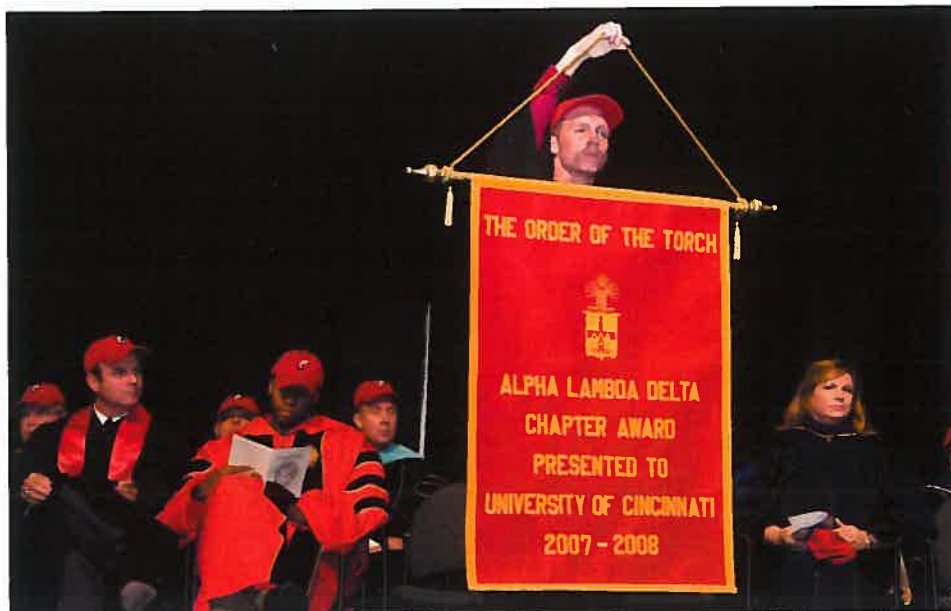
"On behalf of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta, I wish to express our pride in your achievement and our congratulations to you, the chapter members, the chapter officers, and advisors. You are indeed worthy recipients of the Alpha Lambda Delta Order of the Torch Award. You are encouraging superior academic achievement among students in their first year of college. You are promoting intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning. You are assisting students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

"In closing, I would like to paraphrase the Admonition from the ALD initiation ritual:

"May each of you find in the years ahead the rewards of the educated person: imagination, adventure, humor, compassion and understanding. May you have tolerance in your dealings with all persons, generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of others. In relating your education to the world in which you live, you can make a meaningful contribution to society. Each of you can make a difference."



Alabama native Glenda Earwood presented the University of Alabama - Birmingham with their Torch banner on August 21. National Council member Christina Ho, UAB student, was also a part of the presentation.



Traditional academic regalia with a twist was the Order of the Day at the Cincinnati Torch presentation on September 21.

## University of Cincinnati

Presented by Dr. Butch Hill

September 21, 2008

The Order of the Torch award was presented to the ALD chapter at the University of Cincinnati on September 21, 2008 by Herman "Butch" Hill, national Vice-President for Finance and Long-Range Planning. The presentation was made as part of UC's Freshman Convocation.

Attendance at the event ran to several thousand people, as the entire incoming first-year class and families were invited. Butch Hill was introduced by Marla Hall, chair of the Cincinnati Faculty Senate. He presented the Torch banner to Senior VP and Provost Tony Perzigian. In brief remarks, Hill congratulated the 2007-2008 officers and urged the 2008-2009 officers to seek the Maintaining the Flame award.

The convocation featured speeches by University of Cincinnati President Nancy Zimpher, Vice Chairman Buck Niehoff, of the UC Board of Trustees, and a visit from the staff and several inhabitants of the Cincinnati Zoo.

## The Ohio State University

Presented by Dr. Butch Hill

October 20, 2008

Dr. Herman "Butch" Hill, VP for Finance and Long-Range Planning on the National

Council for Alpha Lambda Delta, traveled to The Ohio State University to present the Order of the Torch award on Monday, October 20, 2008. The ceremony was held in the Grand Lounge of The Faculty Club.

Many members were in attendance, including the 2007-2008 executive board and the 2008-2009 executive board. Staff members included chapter advisors Julie Schultz and Nicole Craven, Mabel Freeman, the Assistant Vice President



Chapter Advisor Julie Schultz addresses the crowd at The Ohio State University's Torch presentation on October 20.

for Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, and other university staff members. Attendees socialized and enjoyed the refreshments provided while viewing a variety of scrapbooks on display dating back to the 1980s.

Advisor Julie Schultz started the presentation by welcoming the attendees and introducing 2007-2008 President Sirisha Bendapudi to say a few words. Sirisha talked about how honored the Ohio State chapter was to receive the award. She mentioned many of the activities that took place last year including, volunteering at the Unverfer house, hosting a football tailgate, and participating in Relay for Life. Sirisha then welcomed Dr. Hill to address the audience. Dr. Hill presented The Order of the Torch award and congratulated the chapter on such an outstanding accomplishment. He complimented Liane Longbotto, 2007-2008 Public Relations Chair, for an amazing scrapbook and encouraged the chapter to continue on with such excellence by "Maintaining the Flame." The attendees then gathered outside to take pictures with the award banner and Dr. Hill after the presentation.

## Purdue University

Presented by Lisa Ruch

November 16, 2008

Lisa Ruch, Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion, presented the Order of the Torch Award to the Purdue University chapter following its 1:00 p.m. fall initiation ceremony on Sunday, November 16, 2008. The event took place in the East Faculty Lounge of the Purdue Memorial Union. Approximately 60 initiates, current members, and guests were present.

Guests were seated at round tables of eight with a wonderful dessert buffet at the back of the room. The event began with Purdue Advisor, Dr. Susan Huffruff explaining the initiation ceremony. Then students proceeded through the ritual and then each initiate's name was read as he or she came forward to receive membership certificates and pendant lapel pins. Most of the 24 initiates were in attendance.

After completing the initiation of new



Chapter officers pose with chapter advisor Susan Huffman (wearing red ribbon, left) and presenting officer Lisa Ruch (red ribbon, right) for Purdue University's Torch ceremony on November 16.

members, Dr. Huffman introduced Ms. Ruch for the Torch presentation. Ms. Ruch talked about the history and meaning of the Order of the Torch Award and named the five recipients of 2008. She noted that the Purdue chapter has won the award not once, not twice, but three times – in 2000, 2004, and now 2008 – three times in a row! She encouraged the chapter to strive for the Maintaining the Flame Award in 2009.

Ms. Ruch noted that the Purdue scrapbook shows that their chapter excelled in all four areas considered for the Torch Award: programming, chapter visibility, outreach, and general chapter activity. She cited their recruitment efforts that resulted in a record initiation of 550 new members in Spring 2008 and a Bronze Award from the national office for increasing membership by at least 10 percent. She also noted that they've had fun events, such as a dodgeball tournament, as well as educational programs such as a speaker from the Study Abroad office at one of

their meetings. The Purdue chapter also engaged in a wide variety of community service activities, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Boo at the Zoo, and Salvation Army bell ringing.

Ms. Ruch also noted that, in addition to the chapter's accomplishments, Purdue has had many individual achievements among their members. They have had at least one national scholarship winner every year since the Trow Undergraduate Scholarships have been awarded, and they had a fellowship winner in 2008. They've also been represented by at least two students at the National Alpha Lambda Delta Leadership Workshop for many, many years.

Finally, Ms. Ruch made some remarks about Dr. Huffman and commended the Purdue historians for dedicating two pages of their scrapbook to her. She made everyone aware that Dr. Huffman has been a leader in the national organization for quite some time and will become

the next national president in June. This came as an obvious surprise to many students and guests in the audience! Ms. Ruch also noted that a chapter is usually only as good as its advisor, and the Purdue chapter is lucky to have such a dedicated and hard-working advisor as Dr. Huffman.

Ms. Ruch then presented the Order of the Torch Award to Dr. Huffman and the chapter president, Paul Marder. Dr. Huffman then presented Ms. Ruch with a gift bag as a souvenir of her visit to Purdue. The event concluded with guests enjoying a delicious dessert buffet.

The Order of the Torch was also awarded to


**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS**

Their ceremony was scheduled after our publication deadline. Look for details in the next *Flame*!

# Chapter Activity Reports

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

A photograph of two young women participating in a community service project. They are outdoors in a residential area with trees showing vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow and orange. The woman on the left is wearing a tan jacket and blue jeans, while the woman on the right is wearing a dark blue hoodie and light blue jeans. They are both smiling and working together to fill a large white plastic bag with fallen leaves. In the background, a blue house and a dark car are visible under a clear sky.

Two students from the **University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire** help with a little yardwork as part of a "Tidy up the Town" service project for local senior citizens. For more from UWEC, see page 33.



## University of Cincinnati

Recently, our chapter at the University of Cincinnati had its last social event of the quarter – “Cards and Cookies.”

With the holidays approaching, we wanted to do something special as a way to thank our soldiers for all they do! So, our ALD community got together to make Christmas cards and cookies to send to our soldiers. The event was a lot of fun, and some of our members are looking into adopting a soldier to write letters and send care packages to. If you are interested in this as well, you can go to:

[www.adoptaplatoon.org](http://www.adoptaplatoon.org)

or

[www.adoptaussoldier.org](http://www.adoptaussoldier.org)

and receive more information about how to do your part in caring for our troops.



## University of Connecticut

Free pumpkin ice cream wasn't the best part of the University of Connecticut's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alpha Lambda Delta PumpkinFest. It was an unusually warm day for Halloween. As pumpkins and

T-shirts sold like hotcakes to benefit ALD. Students were squeezing onto the Halloween-themed tables in order to carve their pumpkin into a wicked grin or another scary or silly work of art. After students had placed their pumpkin into the contest to be judged later that

day, the warmth of hot chocolate drew them to the UConn Dairy Bar, where ice cream and hot chocolate were being served. Armed with carving expertise, ALD volunteers manned the tables for anyone who had questions. Later that day, judges, including Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. John Saddlemire and his family, conferred in order to pick the top four carvings. Winners received gift certificates to local venues.



ALD members at UCONN take part in the chapter's second annual PumpkinFest.

## George Mason University

Members of the George Mason University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta arose from their warm beds in the early hours of a bone-chilling, eye-watering morning to join the masses in Washington, D.C. for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon! They walked a three-mile course around D.C.'s monuments with 12,000 others who are concerned about the well-being of the ever-growing homeless population. The proceeds from this event will help put roofs over heads and food in empty stomachs. Our ALD members walked away with cold-numbered legs, but also with hope in their hearts and smiles of accomplishment on their faces.

## Georgia College & State University

Just before the Halloween holiday, the Georgia College & State University ALD Chapter decided to make a display table to promote ALD on campus, at a time when students had a lot of studying to do. We think it was the right time to promote ALD and encourage freshmen to keep up their good grades.

The theme for our table was Halloween, so we set up an orange table with cookies. We handed out cookies to students along with ALD flyers. We also promoted our annual "BALD (Bobcat ALD) Film Festival."

During the process of making the table and hosting the table on campus, our officers got to know each other and our members better, which improved the communication between officers and members - killing two birds with one stone!

## Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis

The IUPUI Alpha Lambda Delta chapter started off the year in August with the annual Officers' Dinner at TGI Friday's with all of the officers in attendance. We had a great time getting to know each other and making plans for the year.

Our first event was the annual IUPUI Weeks of Welcome Fest where we set up a booth to welcome students back to campus, advertise our organization, and give students a chance to win prizes by playing cornhole. A week later, we set up a booth to talk to potential new members at the Student Involvement Expo.

Our first community service event took place in September as we participated in IUPUI's United Way Day of Caring. Members spent the day working to beautify a major thoroughfare near the Indianapolis Zoo. We painted, weeded, mulched, and picked up trash. For the second year in a row, our chapter was the largest group participating in the event.

October brought our sixth year of participating in the Coats for Kids drive. This is an annual citywide event to collect new and gently used coats for needy kids in Indianapolis. This was our most successful year ever as we collected well



*This festive table was both a bright Halloween celebration and a great way for Georgia College & State University students to learn a little bit about ALD.*

over one hundred coats to contribute! We stuffed all the coats into a member's PT Cruiser and delivered them to Tuchman Cleaners before being delivered to their final destination of the Indiana State Fairgrounds for distribution to the community. In addition to this event, our members teamed up with the city parks department and worked at the annual three-day "Hauntless Halloween" at Holliday Park to provide a non-scary but entertaining Halloween for Indianapolis

children.

November is Homelessness Awareness Month in Indianapolis, and our chapter is collecting socks for the homeless which will deliver them to a local shelter for distribution. In December, we'll adopt a local family through the Community Centers of Indianapolis and provide them with gifts and food for the holidays. This is our biggest event of the year; we all work on a Saturday and shop for gifts all day and then spend the evening wrapping



*IUPUI Alpha Lambda Deltans show off their stylish shirts as they take part in the annual "Day of Caring" event.*

# 1987

## Helping Hands

This excerpt from the 1987 *Flame* reports an amazing service project at the Ohio State Chapter. To see what Ohio State's chapter is up to these days, check out their Order of the Torch report on page 13!

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YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

### Ohio State Chapter Funds Swimming Pool Chairlift for Disabled

The Ohio State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has been busy upholding its pledge to seek ways to improve the community and the world around it. The lives of many disabled students have been affected by this chapter's efforts to be of service.

Last year, the officers and members of ALD funded the purchase of a special chairlift used to transport disabled persons from their wheelchairs into the swimming pool. The liftchair provides safer, easier access to the water and is a superior alternative to having pool attendants lift and lower persons into the pool themselves. This practice often resulted in injuries to pool attendants.

Thanks to special fund-raising activities and the enthusiasm and work of Tom Mlakar, 1985-86 Special Projects Chairman, the organization raised \$1,000 to purchase the chairlift. This year's officers were honored to participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and see the lift used for the first time.

The money for the chairlift was raised at a silent auction held in con-

junction with last year's spring initiation. The auction, entitled "Windows of Opportunity," gave students and guests the chance to bid on several academically oriented experiences. These included lunches with faculty, a day with OSU President Edward Jennings, and two days at OSU's research facilities at Put-in-Bay.



*Ohio State Officers — Michele Selig, President, Lori Herf, Special Projects Chairman, Tom Mlakar, 1985-86 Special Projects Chairman, Dean Betty Jo Hudson, Liaison Administrator.*

Due to last year's success, the organization plans to hold another auction this year and help purchase more equipment to aid the disabled.

ALD members work closely with OSU's Office of Disability Services throughout the year. They perform test-taking services by reading exams for the seeing impaired and writing answers for those unable to do so. They also volunteer to read textbooks onto tapes and serve as tutors.

Members are also given the opportunity to volunteer time in a special project which involves the disabled in physical fitness activities. These include swimming, weight lifting, horseback riding, and special skiing trips.

Mari Rivera  
Public Relations Chairperson



them and eating pizza.

In addition to our community service events, we have teamed up with the IUPUI Honors Club to sponsor monthly "Brown Bag" lunches covering topics of interest to our members. These have included topics such as studying abroad, how to prepare for medical school, and how to prepare for graduate school. This new endeavor has been quite successful and has provided a great deal of valuable information to our members.

We've also had a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings this year with plans for more next semester. Our Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Diversity came and gave us the inside scoop on future plans for the campus, and the director of Rebuilding the Wall came to share information about their efforts to build homes and revitalize neighborhoods in Indianapolis. We have more than 50 members signed up to join them for some of their projects in the spring. We're also planning to have a self-defense workshop led by a local world champion karate expert in February.

Finally, three of our officers and our advisor attended the annual Alpha Lambda Delta Leadership Workshop in Anaheim at the end of October, and we all had a great time! We returned to campus with new inspiration and lots of ideas. The IUPUI ALD chapter is having another great year!

### University of Maryland

The University of Maryland Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta had an eventful fall semester, complete with fun activities, as well as community service. After inducting over 900 members last spring, we had many newcomers who were eager to get involved.

We started off the year with a school-supply drive. We collected everything from crayons to notebooks to benefit local public schools. Our members donated many boxes worth of items, which were then distributed with the help of Civicus, a service organization on campus.

In October, we held our annual Halloween card-making service activity. Many of our members showed up to use their creativity for a good cause. Over 100 cards were made and sent to sick children at the

National Institutes of Health! We closed out October with a Halloween Movie Social, where members came dressed in costume and celebrated the holiday with pizza and a movie.

We began November with another annual service activity, our canned food drive. Our members collected hundreds of canned food items to be donated to local food banks and kitchens. Many more social and volunteer activities are planned for the spring, and we are all looking forward to them!

### North Carolina A&T State University

The North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is on the move towards great success. We began our journey with approximately 120 members eager to take the charge for excellence. The executive board for the 2008-2009 school year is Valerie Dudley - President, Shami Chimonyo - Vice President, Melanie Patrick - Secretary, Tariq Walker - Treasurer, Sierra Burrell - Historian, Endya Frye - Editor, Annette Sparks - webmaster, Carrie Dewberry - Miss ALD, and Sargent Nelson - Mr. ALD.

Once the new members were inducted, they were excited to get their hands in

the community and make a difference. Beginning last spring at a local elementary school, new and continuing ALD members read friendly children's books to the students, which was a part of our Annual Child Literacy Fair. We showed the children that although reading is fundamental, it can also be the first three letters, FUN. During this semester we also collected our childhood teddy bears and donated them to the Guilford County Police Department. The department gave these bears to children during times of emergency.

Then it was time to get our feet dirty! ALD members dressed in their official shirts and equipped with trash bags, gloves, and illuminated vests, cleaned our adopted street from street sign to stop light. This will be continued again on November 15, 2008, to display our street with pride.

The NC A&T SU chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta doesn't stop there; we have worked hard and scheduled events to keep our campus and members involved and aware. We inducted 11 new members at the end of September, and joined the campus networking site, ORGSYNC, to help with communication. As an initiative to support the National ALD mission - "to promote intelligent living, and a continued high standard of learning"- our chapter supported Graduate Week, Nov.

10-13, 2008. We partnered with the Class and several other honor so to sponsor workshops on "Financial Adventure: How to Apply for and Win National Scholarships and Fellowships," "Sowing Seeds for Success in Graduate School," "Sell Yourself: Writing a Personal Statement," and "What's It Like: Personal Grad School Experience Reflections by Junior Faculty." Our goal was to encourage NC A&T students to receive additional higher education by attending graduate or professional schools. Continually, the NC A&T chapter is 'Green' by supporting and collaborating with the Green Paw Aggies committee of the American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers (ASABE), which will administer an environmental symposium later this month educating the campus about environmental issues and solutions.

Our chapter historian, Sierra Burrell, has been documenting all our activities with lots of pictures, which we plan to use very effectively when we send our application for Order of the Torch in spring. And while Sierra was helping to have a banner year on campus and in the community (and maintaining a 4.0 GPA), she was also competing in the Miss North Carolina pageant. We're thrilled to report that she won fourth place



Above: North Carolina A&T State University students adopted a stretch of a Greensboro road, and have been keeping the area clean.



At right: North Carolina A&T student Monika Williams accepts her Trow Scholarship certificate from chapter advisor Sandra Williamson.

1979

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
Gainesville, Florida

Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Florida has had a big year of rebuilding, with some very innovative projects.

Our biggest accomplishment was to become computerized. This provides a very efficient method of updating membership rolls and enables us to mail information to members much faster by using computer labels. A service project which has been extremely successful is passing out free coffee to students at the Library each night during the week before final exams.

As in the past, Alpha Lambda Delta is sponsoring Leaderships to help students prepare to become effective leaders in school and in society. A look to the future includes our present undertaking of compiling a Test File composed of back tests which professors give us. These files will be made at the Library to be used as study aids. We at the University of Florida are very excited about this and are working hard to make it a reality in the near future.

On April 1, 1990, the Purdue University chapter set a record when 400 new members were initiated. At the initiation banquet, Chemistry Professor Dr. George Bodner was honored as the first recipient of the Best Freshman Professor Award. Six senior members were also honored with the Senior Book Award, and former ALD officer Laurie Nelson was chosen as an ALD fellowship winner!

Last year's success will be hard to duplicate, but this year's newly elected officers are already hard at work. The 1990-91 officers include Eric Schafhauser, president; Michael Meehan, vice president; Erin Baker, secretary; Katie Refland, treasurer; Christina Kohler, historian; Holly Isenhower, tutor-in-chief; Jennifer Rabold, editor; and advisory board members Laura McPheters, Nate Hagerman, and Jason Zirschlag.

Although it is still early in the year, the chapter has already published and distributed a volunteer tutor list to all academic advisers and housing units on the campus. These lists are made up of last spring's initiates who have volunteered to tutor freshmen students on a short-term basis. Sixty-nine students attended our fall pledging ceremony and will be initiated later this semester. The chapter president and historian, along with faculty adviser Dr. Susan Thompson, attended the National Leadership Workshop. They came back with a number of good ideas for programs and they also met a number of other chapter officers from Indiana. Plans are now under way for a possible spring one-day workshop-gathering for all Indiana chapter officers and advisers!

Susan M. Thompson  
Adviser

Interesting Bits

Just a few short pieces from past editions of the *Flame*, including some early adopters of technology (University of Florida, 1979), a new membership record (Purdue University, 1991), and the realization that the new National ALD "Do Not Disturb" doorhangers aren't nearly as original as we'd first thought (Millikin University, 1988)!

1991

1988

Millikin University's chapter has had a busy year. We began our activities by distributing "Do Not Disturb" signs to new resident freshmen. Later, flyers containing information about ALD and bookmarks were passed out at Millikin's Activities Fair. Other activities first semester included a picnic for current members, a faculty reception where we provided donuts in the faculty lounge, and the distribution of letters of encouragement to freshmen at mid-term. We also sent two officers to the national leadership/programming workshop.

We are currently planning to host an ALD 65th Anniversary Week. It will include our initiation, various activities to honor new and current ALD members, and a high school scholastic bowl involving 16 area schools. We will also select recipients for our annual "Teacher of the Year" and, hopefully, the Jo Anne J. Trow Award (if our proposal is approved). A fundraiser and more social activities are still in the process of being planned.

Rie Zurlinden  
Editor

statewide contest! Way to go, ALD Sierra! In the spring semester we plan to implement several other major programs: a forum on the campus' text-in-community, an Elementary school reading day, an ALD social meet and greet, and "Beauty vs. Geek." This last program will be a collaboration with our campus modeling troupe to educate students about how to dress for success.

Finally, we would like to congratulate and share our appreciation for our advisor, 2008 Outstanding Advisor of the Year, Mrs. Sandra Williamson, for her support and dedication to this organization. She is the glue that keeps us together, and we are forever grateful that she gives us her all, which motivates us to do the same.

Seton Hill University

The members of Alpha Lambda Delta at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, were once again commissioned as "official 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 compose handwritten 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, Alaska, for the official postmark. This has become a holiday

tradition at Seton Hill, and the number 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 during spring break by acting as "runners" and guides for the high school and middle school contestants and judges. Spring days also found ALD members in the many small gardens on campus helping to weed and plant.

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. Our assistance for shoppers getting purchases to their cars was greatly appreciated. In October, ALD hosted a campus reception for an international speaker, Zsoka Tarnai, a renowned special education/early intervention specialist from Hungary who re-organized special education services in mid-Europe after World War II. Students and faculty were treated to an interesting and enlightening evening.

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Seton Hill University's "Official Santa's Elves" answer children's letters to Santa - lending a hand to the North Pole.

# 2009 Graduate Fellowships



**Kendra Boswell**

*Kathryn S. Phillips Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
William Jewell College



**Dan Burk**

*Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Univ. of South Carolina



**Melanie Chang**

*Gladys Houser Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Univ. of California, Riverside



**Joelle Emerson**

*Gladys Colette Bell Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Univ. of South Carolina



**Autumn Garrison**

*Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
University of Kentucky



**Nancy Hsu**

*Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
UCLA



**Ashley McCleery**

*Katherine Cooper Cater Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Samford University



**Suzanne McClusky**

*Martha Wade Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham



**Ann McNair**

*Louise McBee Fellowship*  
**Initiated at**  
Samford University



In 2008, 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.



**Kelly Moltzen**

*Barbara Quilling Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

University of Delaware



**Sarah Singhal**

*Dorothy Anderson Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham



**Sheila Venkatesh**

*Patricia Graham Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham



**Ermin Wei**

*Betty Jo Hudson Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

University of Maryland



**John Wesley**

*Maude Lee Etheredge Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

Samford University



**Young Yi**

*Mary Jane Stevenson Fellowship*

**Initiated at**

The Colorado College

**Not pictured:**

- **Monica Beier** - University of Maryland, College Park
- **Colleen Burnie** - Texas Wesleyan University

- **Melanie Chang** - University of California, Riverside
- **James Hartline** - University of Oklahoma
- **Emily Loscalzo** - Chestnut Hill College
- **Carlos Manzanares** - Trinity University
- **Katherine Scocozzo** - Purdue University
- **Kristen Tillerson** - Spelman College

# 85 Years of Alpha Lambda Delta:

Alpha Lambda Delta was founded in 1924 by Maria Leonard, Dean of Women at the University of Illinois, to recognize academic excellence among freshmen women. One year before, Dean Thomas Arkle Clark had founded Phi Eta Sigma, an honor society to recognize academic excellence among freshmen men. Both groups operated as single-sex organizations until the mid-'70s when they both became coeducational in response to Title IX.



Society founder Maria Leonard

At the first meeting of the chapter, Florence Finn, president of the society, presented a passage from Plato's *Republic* in which Socrates asks the question, "Will they hold torches and pass them to one another...?" This idea, together with the symbol of a candle and the concept of sharing the love of learning with others, caught the imagination of the charter members.

The honor society soon became a national organization through the chartering of

chapters at Purdue University in 1926, at DePauw University in 1927, at the University of Michigan in 1927, and at the University of Oklahoma in 1929. The first national convention was held in 1930 on the campus of the University of Illinois. Conventions were suspended during the Depression years because of travel expenses. The third convention was held in 1938 at the University of Michigan. A decision was made at that convention to suspend holding a national convention and to invest those funds into establishing a graduate fellowship fund. The first fellowship was awarded to Louise Houssiere for graduate study at MIT in 1940.

The Association of College Honor Societies was organized in 1925 to consider matters of mutual concern to member organizations; Alpha Lambda Delta has been active in the Association since its admission to membership in 1939. In 1976, in response to Title IX, the National Council voted for the Society to become coeducational. In 1981, the first two male members of the National Council were installed.

Alpha Lambda Delta has continued to be innovative and responsive in recognizing academic excellence by providing Senior Certificates and the Maria Leonard Senior Book Award since 1939, offering workshops since 1978, recognizing outstanding chapters with the Order of the Torch Award since 1989, recognizing an Outstanding Advisor of the Year since 1990, and taking advantage of technology by posting a national website in January of 1997.

Alpha Lambda Delta has continued to celebrate academic excellence among first-year students, has grown to over 250 chapters,



1924 Society Charter

and has initiated over 800,000 students. The National Council, which governs the organization, has prudently invested resources and gifts from local chapter national council members, former fellow recipients, and friends of the Society over the years so that the Perpetual Fellowship Fund now exceeds \$3 million and provide income to support 35 undergraduate scholarships of \$1,000-\$3,000 each and graduate fellowships from \$3,000 to \$7,500. The fellowships are named for significant people in the history of the Society, including the founder, Maria Leonard, the first advisor, Gladys Pennington, two Executive Directors and several national presidents. The next in addition to the Alpha Lambda Delta

awards programs is the James G. Stemler Study Abroad Scholarship Program, which was developed in 2008 and will be implemented in 2010. The program will provide ten \$1,000 awards for international students.



Members of the 1924 charter chapter

## A Brief History



# TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE:

## *The University of Oklahoma issues the 2009 Chapter Challenge*

Anniversaries are a time for reflection on the past, and also for a look to the future. Every five years, Alpha Lambda Delta invites a chapter to assist in raising funds for the ALD Perpetual Fellowship Fund by means of a Chapter Challenge - a pledge and an invitation to donate funds to National ALD.

The Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarships, ALD Graduate Fellowships, and the new James G. Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships are all funded by the Perpetual Fellowship Fund, an endowment established in 1938. A significant fund is required if Alpha Lambda Delta is to continue offering our valuable awards to deserving students, and this year the University of Oklahoma is challenging our chapters to help keep the fund strong.

At the 2008 National Leadership Workshop, the University of Oklahoma chapter's vice-president, E. J. Carrion (*photo at right*) delivered a touching address, inviting Alpha Lambda Delta members and chapters to give something back to the Society that was first to recognize their success in higher education.

In honor of the Society's 85th year, the University of Oklahoma challenges chapters to make a monetary donation to the Fellowship Fund of 85 cents per new member in 2009. But if your chapter can't afford that sort of donation, any amount can help - whether it's \$8,500 or \$8.50.

Carrion also invited chapters to remember the 85th Anniversary of Alpha Lambda Delta in service projects during 2009 and offered a few ideas for projects with local children or local senior citizens: "You can read to 80 five-year olds. As for myself, I plan to dance with five 80-year olds."

Contributing to the Perpetual Fellowship Fund is one of the best ways to ensure the future of Alpha Lambda Delta, and your contribution will guarantee that future generations can take advantage of the wonderful award programs offered by Alpha Lambda Delta!

### **How to contribute**

If you'd like to meet the challenge and make a monetary contribution to the future of Alpha Lambda Delta, please send a check or money order to:

National Alpha Lambda Delta  
P.O. Box 4403  
Macon, GA 31204

We'd also like to hear about your 85th Anniversary service projects. Please contribute reports of your chapter's 2009 projects to the *Flame* so that the entire ALD family can share in your celebration of 85 years of success!



# 85<sup>th</sup> Chapter Challenge

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# 2009 Jo Anne J. Trow



*Dr. Jo Anne J. Trow*

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 Jo Anne J. Trow Undergraduate Scholars! This year, the National Council awarded 25 Trow Scholarships of \$1,000 each and 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 and 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.



**Amanda Cruse**  
Texas Tech University



**Sylvia Deek**  
Valparaiso University



**Caitlin Field**  
Montana State Univ. - Bozeman



**Lindsey Gilman**  
Valparaiso University



**Kendra Kock**  
Morningside College



**Alissa K. Myers**  
University of Oklahoma



**Benjamin Nault**  
Purdue University

# Undergraduate Scholars



**Phuoc Anh Nguyen**  
University of Texas - Austin



**Andrew Simon**  
Univ. of Wisconsin - Eau Claire



**Pratik Talati**  
Univ. of Alabama - Birmingham



**Matthew Torok**  
Clemson University



**Stephanie Tseng**  
The Ohio State University



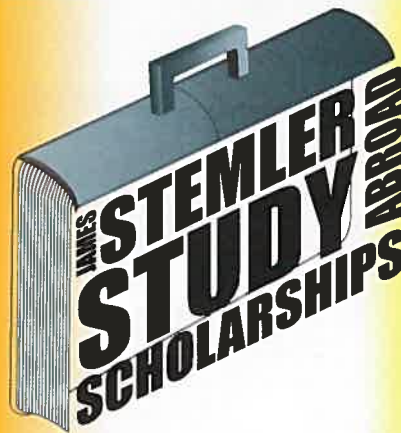
**Morika Williams**  
North Carolina A&T State Univ.

## Not pictured:

- **Jesus I. Avila** - Univ. of Oklahoma
- **Jennifer Barrett** - Murray State Univ.
- **W. Brian Battey** - Clemson Univ.
- **Sirisha Bendapudi** - The Ohio State Univ.
- **Erica Brown** - Univ. of Oklahoma
- **Gayle Brunner** - IUPUI
- **Christina Chen** - Univ. of Southern California
- **Domale Dube** - Trinity Univ.
- **Stephanie Flaig** - IUPUI
- **Andrew Grant** - Univ. of California, Los Angeles
- **Zachery Hopper** - Otterbein College
- **Allison B. Kidd** - Clemson Univ.
- **Elizabeth Kurtz** - Austin Peay State Univ.

- **Kelsey Latshaw** - Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
- **Victoria K. LeBlanc** - Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette
- **Meredith McNaughton** - Univ. of California, Los Angeles
- **Katherine Minor** - Univ. of Southern Mississippi
- **Anna Minter** - Eastern Kentucky Univ.
- **Brenda Nuyen** - Univ. of Southern California
- **Ayushe Sharma** - Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham
- **Alyssa Ann Whitwell** - Univ. of California, Los Angeles
- **Rebecca Wilsman** - Univ. of Maryland

**Coming in 2010!**



see back cover for more info



# Aggie Pride!

North Carolina A&T State's Sandra Williamson is the  
**2008 Outstanding Advisor of the Year**

Dr. James G. Stemler, President of National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, announced that Sandra Williamson has been named as the Outstanding Advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta for 2007-2008. Initiated in 1992, this award is given annually to the outstanding advisor in the nation.

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta selected Williamson, Assistant Director of University Programs at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, to be the recipient of the Outstanding Advisor Award for 2007-2008. Williamson has served as the chapter advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta since 2002.

Dr. Peter Meyers, Director of the Honors Program, wrote, "As chapter advisor, Sandy Williamson has gently guided, prodded, and counseled students on what ALD represents and pressed them to make sure it stood for community commitment

and academic excellence on campus." Lee Purvis, Vice President for the local ALD chapter, wrote, "Mrs. Williamson conveys all of the factors of an excellent advisor which are compassion, dedication, and being a motivator to our chapter. Mrs. Williamson sets the standard for what an advisor should be." Since Williamson became the advisor for the local chapter, the chapter was chosen by the campus Council of Presidents as the Outstanding Honor Society at A&T. In 2005, the chapter won the prestigious Order of the Torch Award and has won the Maintaining the Flame Award for the past three years.



One student wrote: "Words cannot express the credit that is due to Mrs. Sandra Williamson for her round-the-clock efforts, and behind-the-scenes work that she exerts for our Alpha Lambda Delta chapter. I personally don't believe we would be where we are today if it wasn't for a responsible advisor like Mrs. Williamson."

Alpha Lambda Delta takes pride in recognizing Sandra Williamson as the Outstanding Advisor of the Year!



***Does your chapter have an outstanding advisor?***

**Nominate your advisor for ALD's Outstanding Advisor of the Year. Get details at [www.nationalald.org](http://www.nationalald.org)!**

## ALD Special Announcement: Five stellar advisors selected as the

# 2009 Executive Director's Advisors of the Year

Dr. Glenda Earwood announced five winners of the Executive Director's Advisor Awards for 2007-2008. This year's winners were: Kevin Wolbach of the University of Science and Arts of Philadelphia; Thomas Walker of Arizona State; Brian Carlisle of UCLA; Paula Stuetzgen of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire; and Marlo Belschner of Monmouth College. "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 2002, **Brian Carlisle** has served as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at UCLA. Since that time, the chapter has grown from below 500 students to 672 members in 2008. This marked increase in students choosing to join Alpha Lambda Delta confirms the reputation of the honor society among first-year students at UCLA. This increase in membership is due in large part to the passion and enthusiasm Brian Carlisle has invested in advising this honor society.

In 2003, the first year that Brian advised the UCLA chapter, it won the Order of the Torch Award. With Brian Carlisle as chapter advisor, UCLA also won the Order of the Torch Award again in 2007. In the summer of 2008, Brian Carlisle accepted a new position at California College of the Arts. The students at UCLA and Alpha Lambda Delta will miss him.

For the past 24 years, **Paula Stuetzgen** has served as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. The chapter officers thought enough of their advisor to nominate her for the Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award. Chapter President Tess Kerr wrote that Paula Stuetzgen "has poured her heart and soul into making sure that not only the officers and members take pride in their accomplishments, but strives to ensure her own personal pride in our chapter." Vice-President and Student Council Member at Large Andrew Simon wrote, "In addition to her availability and knowledge, Paula always maintains an encouraging attitude, and always puts others first."

The chapter is active in many service projects, including a fall yard cleanup for the homebound, decorating cookies for the elderly, First Year Experience class "encouragement"

preparing bookmarks with Smarties candies attached, having a large group of volunteers for the Humane Association pet fair, and sponsoring several social events. With the excitement, passion, and dedicated advising of Paula Stuetzgen, the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire will continue to prosper and set a successful example for incoming freshmen.

**Dr. Marlo Belschner** is an Assistant Professor of English at Monmouth College and advisor of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter since 2004. Since 2004, the chapter has inducted over 90 percent of the eligible students! Dr. Belschner traveled with student officers to attend the ALD workshop in Louisville. Inspired by Torch Award winning chapters, the Monmouth chapter applied for the Order of the Torch Award in 2008.

The active chapter has been involved in both the local and campus communities. The chapter participated in the campus intercultural fair, hosted a bake sale, made holiday cards for senior citizens, prepared study tip table tents for finals, created Valentine cards for seniors, debate, participated in National Volunteer Week, and reading to children at the local library. With the excitement, leadership, and outstanding advising of Dr. Marlo Belschner, I am confident that the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Monmouth will continue to uphold the mission and purpose of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Since 1999, **Kevin Wolbach** has served as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First-Year Students at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Since that time, the chapter has increased in the percentage of eligible students joining the honor society until the chapter reached the incredible standard of 100 percent (115 out of 115) this year. The institutional goal of recruiting more academically prepared freshmen can certainly be positively measured by this increase in students who elected to join this national honor society.

As Kevin is a faculty member in the Biology Department, he has influenced many of the ALD members to become involved with the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant programs. ALD members also serve as "Luggers and Tuggers" during freshman move-in and hosted

a "Meet and Greet Water Ice" social in the early part of the fall semester. Congratulations to Kevin Wolbach for his enthusiastic and effective advising of the ALD chapter at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

After a couple years of chapter inactivity at Arizona State University, **Thomas Walker** who was serving as the advisor for the Phi Eta Sigma chapter also agreed to serve as the advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta and to unify the two societies on campus. The chapter inducted 342 ASU students! Thomas Walker planned a wonderful induction ceremony and banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of these outstanding ASU students.

Because of this marked increase in the number of students joining Alpha Lambda Delta at ASU (over 138%), the chapter will win a Gold Award this year. The ALD/PES chapters at ASU held several social events, including fall and spring Reading Day Socials, a new inductee social, brown bag lunch, and volleyball/BBQ potluck social. The chapter also made time to participate in several service projects including "Pat's Run" to raise money for ASU scholarships, the "Devils in Disguise" campus service day, The American Heart Association Walk, Making Strides for Breast Cancer, the Walk for Autism, and the American Lung Association Outdoor Recreational Festival. With the excitement, passion, and outstanding advising of Thomas Walker, I am confident that the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Arizona State will continue to grow and lead.

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

## University of South Carolina

The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at the University of South Carolina is as active and energetic as ever. With a tradition of excellence and exceeding standards, we pride ourselves in our involvement on campus and in the greater Columbia area through service and leadership. We are USC's largest honor society and second largest student on-campus organization, inducting over 1,000 members annually. The recipient of four Order of the Torch awards as well as numerous Jo Anne J. Trow scholarships and graduate fellowships over the years, our chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has quite a legacy to maintain.

Our largest and most ambitious service project is the USC Challenge, an academic team competition between the best and brightest high-school students in South Carolina. Involving university faculty volunteers as moderators and dozens of ALD members as officials, the USC Challenge has been an annual event for eighteen consecutive years.

Another source of pride, which helps our chapter stay as physically fit as we are academically and strengthens the bond between members, is our participation in intramural sports. We have teams participating in co-ed flag football, volleyball, indoor soccer, dodge ball, and swimming leagues. We readily took



ALD at South Carolina gave students a chance to help the less fortunate and express their political views at the same time!

first place in the spring 2008 swimming tournament and always enjoy competing with the other campus teams. Even if we do not win every game, the cultivation of camaraderie is always a triumph.

In keeping with a sporting theme, our opening meeting of the 2008 academic year boasted an "ALD Kick-Off" theme featuring football throwing and soccer ball kicking competitions, with prizes including ALD umbrellas and ALD collapsible chairs - perfect for tailgating before USC's widely attended SEC football games.

The November 2008 elections lent yet another exciting theme to our October chapter meeting: "Candidate: Stuff the Ballot Box." While the hotly debated

presidential election drew near, our chapter decided to put aside our different political views to help those in need. ALD members collected cans and boxes of food, which we used as individual votes for the two major party candidates, and then donated those to the Harvest Hope Food Bank, a part of America's Second Harvest. ALD turned members' political passions into a way to help those in need. Also, a trivia contest about American presidents, both past and present, proved to be a hit, getting members to engage their knowledge to win ALD water bottles.

The South Carolina chapter also believes in giving back to the university that means so much to us. Each year, members help USC Admissions host events, including Scholars Day and Open House Days. ALD helps the USC Visitor Center in their Move-In Crew project, which entails helping thousands of freshman tote their belongings into their first residence halls. ALD has also helped paint various USC offices, with another painting project being scheduled for winter.



These ALD folding stadium chairs were given out by the South Carolina chapter in preparation for South Carolina's football season.

Our "You Light Up USC" award serves as a thank you to USC personnel for helping students. ALD members nominate university faculty and staff who have been supportive of students' successes at USC. Up to 25 are selected annually and are awarded with stars and lights with "You Light UP USC" imprinted on each. The recipients are also noted in a large announcement in the campus daily newspaper, *The Daily Gamecock*.

The USC chapter of ALD finds it to be beneficial to partner with other organizations to complete selective service projects during Carolinian Creed Week and USC Service Saturdays.

Likewise, we welcome help from others on projects we personally orchestrate. ALD repeated our clothing drive for the Salvation Army, once again successfully recycling many gently used clothes. Additionally, members gather semi-annually to clean the large glass windows of a covered campus pedestrian bridge.

Another very exciting piece of news about the USC chapter is our new website. It may be more modest in design, but is much more helpful and practical and can be updated with much more ease. Check it out at [www.uscald.org](http://www.uscald.org) to see the progress.

One of the strongest aspects of our chapter is not just its large size, but the nucleus of dedicated officers, committees, and advisors. Our advisors include not only faculty and administrative staff but also a dozen junior and senior undergraduate student advisors.

Looking to the guidance and example of the outstanding leadership of the past, which our chapter is so grateful to have had, this class of officers and members is continually striving to improve. The chapter's ultimate goals are to enhance our community through service, and to encourage personal success, academic integrity, and quality leadership through actions. Through our continual effort in these areas, the University of South Carolina's chapter of ALD ensures that the ideals of our most respectable society are alive and well in the Palmetto State.

# Built to Last!

85 years is a long time! Just to give you some scale as to how long Alpha Lambda Delta has been celebrating our nation's top students, take a look at this list of a few things that *didn't* last 85 years!

## Analog Television (1928-2009)

Since Philo Farnsworth made his first broadcast in 1928, American television has been an analog service - until this year's switchoff.



## Magnetic Tape (1928 - ca. 2000)

A German invention of the late '20s, magnetic tape was *everywhere* by the '80s. Cassettes, VHS videotapes and even floppy disks were basically the same stuff. CD's and other digital technologies were the end for magnetic recording in the '90s.

## Pan-American World Airways (1927-1991)

Once one of the only two U.S. airlines chartered to fly overseas, Pan Am was the flagship American carrier through the 1960s and early '70s. Airline deregulation, mergers, and some bad management ran Pan Am out of business in the early '90s, along with competitor TWA.





*Above: Members at the University of Southern California took a short social break, taking some time to have a pleasant dinner and attend a performance of the Broadway musical Wicked in Los Angeles.*

*Left: The Executive Board of the Southern California chapter takes in a tasty Cheesecake Factory meal at the chapter's annual officer's retreat.*

## Susquehanna University

The members of Alpha Lambda Delta at Susquehanna University have been actively involved with various events in the Susquehanna community. Since last year's article, the Susquehanna chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has continued to brainstorm ways of getting current members involved. During the spring semester of 2008, the SU Chapter hosted a t-shirt making event in order for members to come and get to know each other better. Later in the semester, the ALD members created St. Patrick Day cards for residents at a local nursing home in Selinsgrove. For the April induction ceremony, 116 new members and three honorary faculty members were inducted, and five new members assumed the executive officer roles for the fall 2008.

Alpha Lambda Delta coordinated several events and projects this fall. At the end of September, a t-shirt making event was introduced for all new members. While

## University of Southern California

The University of Southern California chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has maintained its tradition of excellence by consistently promoting social, academic, and community programs. The 2008-2009 Executive Board began planning events and projects during its first retreat on March 25, 2008. The first event was an Ice Cream Social, where the Executive Board distributed study materials, such as blue books as well as ice cream and cookies. Other events included a general meeting for all ALD members and a Professor Appreciation Luncheon. In addition to these social and academic events, the Executive Board has been active in community service. The Executive Board has been collecting toiletry items for a local Los Angeles women's shelter. Many other events, such as holding a USC-UCLA Executive Board dinner and going to Griffith Park Observatory, have been planned for the upcoming 2009 year. The USC's ALD E-Board looks forward to continuing the activities that have benefited USC and the communities around it.



## Piedmont College

The Piedmont chapter of ALD sponsored a family for Christmas this year. Families apply for sponsorship through the Department of Family and Children's Services. Piedmont's "family" included a mother and four children,

all under the age of ten. The members shopped for presents for the children and collected food for the whole family. At their December meeting, members wrapped the presents in preparation for delivery to the family.



creating colorful ALD shirts, current members were able to enjoy snacks and participate in team-building activities. As a means of promoting ALD further around campus, members have chosen different days to wear them in order to make the chapter's presence more well-known on campus. Mid-October afforded yet another opportunity to visit with first-year students in the residence halls. Chapter officers visited the freshmen residence halls to hang the official ALD door hangers in order to familiarize freshmen with Alpha Lambda Delta and to help with recruitment efforts. After the positive response from students last year, the chapter continued the project of stuffing students' mailboxes with Smarties candies as a motivator to continue the good work in preparation for exams during mid-term week. Upon returning from fall break, the chapter hosted a pizza party for all freshmen in one of the freshmen residence halls. During the party, new students were able to receive answers to any questions the freshmen had about Alpha Lambda Delta membership.

As the end of the fall semester approached, several other recruitment and membership events were planned. To further making connections with the incoming class, chapter officers scheduled visits to each of the first-year seminar classes to encourage students toward academic scholarship while also sharing ways to become more engaged and involved with the SU ALD Chapter. The chapter also hoped to develop a new chapter website and Facebook presence for students to see the activities and events being sponsored by the SU chapter. At the end of the fall term, the members were engaged in an annual fundraiser for the American Red Cross to raise monies for the Disaster Relief Fund. Through all these coordinated community efforts, it is the hope that Alpha Lambda Delta Honorary makes a significant impression at Susquehanna University while supporting the University's credo of achievement, service, and leadership.



*Trinity University members dedicated a Saturday morning to service at the local Ronald McDonald House*

### **Trinity University**

The Trinity University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta made a couple of major contributions this semester. On October 11, 2008, five officers and six members traveled to the Ronald McDonald House only a couple of miles away to donate their Saturday morning to families in need. They organized bookshelves, mopped the floors, arranged toys, baked cookies, and did anything else the families needed. Along with making connections with the families of sick children, the members were able to connect with one another. Even though the group that participated was small, it was easy to feel commitment in the volunteers.

Three officers from Trinity University attended the national Alpha Lambda Delta conference in Anaheim, California from October 31 through November 1. The group learned a great deal about service projects and came back motivated to get the club in motion. During the same weekend, a small group of members and a few officers went door to door near Trinity University to trick-or-treat for canned goods. Over 100 pounds of canned food was donated to San Antonio Food Bank with hopes of helping needy families over Thanksgiving and the holidays. We hope

to continue this tradition with a clothing drive during the end of November to help families stay warm in the winter.

### **University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire**

The University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta began the year with a newly structured executive board and planning outline. The results were improved service to members and a considerable increase in the success of scholarship, service and social programming. Regular executive board meetings allowed the service, social, and scholarship vice presidents to implement programs and keep the other officers informed and involved. Monthly service projects were often combined with social activities - e.g. "Tidy up the Town" yardwork for senior citizens/pizza party; cookie decorating for the local women's shelter, combined with a Christmas cookie reception for members; and a CROPwalk against Hunger/post-event dessert meeting. In addition, our very active collegiate members organized two Relay for Life teams (fundraiser for American Cancer Society), two Shamrock Shuffle teams (fundraiser for Wisconsin Youth Sports Program), and a large contingent



*Left: UWEC Chapter Secretary Nicole Kaeser and Vice President Andrew Simon decorate cookies for a local women's shelter; members enjoyed a Christmas Cookie reception following the service project.*

*Right: Chapter President Tess Kerr helps organize the construction of over 1,000 bookmarks for UWEC's First Year Experience classes to encourage academic success.*

of volunteers to work with the Eau Claire County Humane Association's Better in Show educational event.

To further introduce our honor society to our newest UW-Eau Claire students, Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta teamed up to distribute bookmarks (introducing the purpose of honors groups, encouraging academic excellence, and wishing them good luck on finals) with Smarties candies to more than 100 First Year Experience classes - 2,000 students. They also had a booth at each of the membership fairs, conducted informational meetings for potential members, and purchased a banner for display each finals week that read "Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma, first-year student scholastic honor societies, wish you good luck on finals!"

More than \$1,000 in local scholarships was awarded to members and, together with Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta established an endowed scholarship with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. In the spring, 221 undergraduate students and five honorary faculty members were inducted. New members approved the

revised local constitution and slate of 2008-2009 officers. Induction was followed by an all-honors reception, with primary sponsorship by Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma. That evening, at the annual Honors Banquet, Alpha Lambda Delta honored its outstanding senior members as well as its Maria Leonard Book Award recipient.

The end-of-term officer transition meeting at the Olive Garden provided an excellent opportunity to share helpful hints, transfer officers' books, discuss ideas for the future and decide who would be attending the national leadership workshop. The end-of-year picnic for both current members and new initiates, held in early May, was very well-attended and gave new members a chance to meet one another in an informal setting.

### **University of Wisconsin - Platteville**

The University of Wisconsin - Platteville (UWP) chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta won the ALD Gold Award during the

National Leadership Workshop this year for its 238% increase in membership last year in the 2008-09 school year. Wendy Stankovich, ALD chapter advisor and biology lecturer, said, "Seeing the commitment of last year's officers result in such a phenomenal increase made me feel proud to be an advisor to such a dedicated group of students."

President Kalee Crist, junior advisor Lindsey Langer, and chapter advisor Wendy Stankovich were all present at the conference to accept the award.

And dedicated they are. In an effort to renew ALD presence on the UWP campus, the 07-08 officers hand delivered invitations to all of the on-campus students who had met the requirements for induction. "We hand-made all of the invitations during our general member meetings, and then a bunch of the officers went to all the residence halls to deliver them. It was snowing a lot that night and took us a long time to do, but having the opportunity to talk face to face with a potential new member was really rewarding," ALD junior advisor Lindsey

Langer said.

When asked if hand-delivery was an event that would be continued, a resounding "yes" was the answer. "I think that our effort was really appreciated and the potential new members had a better understanding of what ALD is all about," stated 07-08 vice-president Erin McLaughlin. "Our new members all said that they thought it was a pretty neat thing for us to do."

A few of the other events participated in throughout the year included Trick-or-Treat for Things to Eat, Bingo calling at the local retirement home, Got Caught Studying, and the Platteville Holiday Project. The officers also have new, big plans for this year. "I'm especially excited for the Pet a Puppy fundraiser and the Stuff Drive at the end of the semester," president Kalee Crist said. A hotel toiletry drive, where professors collect the little shampoo bottles from their travels, is currently in the planning stages, as is the stuff drive. Donations from both events will be given to Family Advocates, the local abuse shelter.

If you're interested in learning more about the UW-Platteville chapter and the events sponsored, please e-mail us at uwphonors@gmail.com.

**1996**  
**A Happy Anniversary**

The University of Wisconsin at Platteville is a long-time member of the ALD family - here's the write-up from their 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1996. Chapter Advisor Darla Banfi will celebrate her 25th year as an advisor in 2009!

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Last year was a significant year for University of Wisconsin-Platteville's Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter because we celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary on November 14, 1995. We held a reception on that date and invited past members and prospective members. Also, in honor of our anniversary year a new banner was made to be used at

The officers for the 1996-1997 school year are (left to right): Stacie Jashen, Historian; Shawn McMullen, Secretary; Lana Bradley, Treasurer; Danielle Rotachka, President; Joanne Rash, Senior Advisor; Leslie Fox, Junior Advisor; and Hannah Voge, Vice-President.

future events.

On April 21, 1996, the celebration continued when we inducted 95 new members to our chapter. Dr. Paula Nelson from the history department was installed as the honorary member. Forty senior certificates were awarded to graduates who had maintained the high standards of the society. Two seniors, Kathryn Beckman and James Weis, both of whom had perfect 4.0 GPA's, were presented with Book Awards. Kimberly Rupp was awarded the Jo Anne Trow Scholarship.

Two new members, Gregory Boillis and Shannon Koocher, were awarded scholarships given by the local chapter. Following the initiation, a reception was held for the members of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma and their guests. That evening, a banquet was held in the Beaux Arts Room of the Student Center. Chancellor Culbertson expressed his congratulations and both Dr. Dwight Klanssen, the Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Member, and Dr. Paula Nelson, the Alpha Lambda Delta Honorary Member spoke.

On June 19, 1996, Mrs. Joyce Irish formally retired from her position as administrative advisor. In appreciation for her 10 years of hard work and dedication to our chapter, she was presented with a personalized gift from the chapter. Her efforts will be greatly missed.

The officers for the 1996-97 school year are: Danielle Rotachka, president; Hannah Voge, vice president; Shawn McMullen, secretary; Lana Bradley, treasurer; Stacie Jashen, historian; Leslie Fox, junior advisor; and Joanne Rash, senior advisor; while Darla Banfi continues to serve as advisor. The officers have big plans for the 1996-97 school year. In October, the chapter will host a campus activity that's both informational and fun. We hope this event will make freshmen more aware of the honor society and will encourage them to keep their grades up so they can "make the cut". If they do, they'll attend our annual initiation ceremony on April 20, 1997.

The UW-Platteville Chapter recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. More than 1,300 alumni members were invited.

# Help us record our history: Contribute to the Flame!

As you can tell from this edition, the *Flame* is one of the primary ways in which Alpha Lambda Delta's history is recorded for future generations. Since 1963, Alpha Lambda Delta members have looked to the *Flame* for all the latest news from around the ALD world. Help us make sure our history is complete by

contributing articles and photographs for the 2010 edition of the *Flame*. Share your chapter's activities and successes with members around the nation! If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail [ald@nationalald.org](mailto:ald@nationalald.org).

## A Presidential Connection

Alpha Lambda Delta has some distinguished alumni, but as reported in the 1964 editions of the *Flame* (at the time, a semiannual publication), the 1963 induction at the University of Texas featured then-Vice President Lyndon Johnson, whose daughter, Lynda Johnson, was being initiated into our Society. On the occasion of Ms. Johnson's marriage, the fall '64 edition of the *Flame* included a full-page feature.

### President Johnson Speaks at Initiation

The man who is now President of the United States had a special message for Alpha Lambda Deltas and for all American youth last spring. Lyndon Baines Johnson, then Vice President, in an address to a joint banquet of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma at the University of Texas, April 9, 1963, stressed the importance of education as a means of instilling responsibility for the future. Among the Vice President's audience was his older daughter Lynda Bird, whose initiation into Alpha Lambda Delta he and Mrs. Johnson had attended.

Speaking to approximately 200 newly initiated freshmen, the Vice President maintained that it was necessary for people to understand their government and for educated people to work to make government more responsible and responsive.

He compared the United States to the Soviet Union, saying that, while Russia has the edge in manpower and resources, the U. S. is ahead in practical application. Johnson also stressed the point that education must be given more attention in the United States. The U.S.S.R. has made much progress in education, graduating more engineers and doctors than the U.S. in 1960.

Johnson closed his speech with this observation: "There is one field in which we cannot hope to be matched—in the appeal our form of government makes to men and women everywhere."

The joint banquet was a revival of an old custom at the University. After his speech the Vice President was given an honorary membership in Phi Eta Sigma by President Edgar Miller, and Mrs. Johnson was presented with the gift of a silver letter opener.

### Lynda Johnson Robb Is ALD Alumna

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Most people reminisce about their college days and wonder what many of their old classmates are doing. Because ALD members have shown potential in their college work, it is likely that they would find success in their chosen professions. One example of this success is Lynda Johnson Robb, an Alpha Lambda Delta alumna and former member of the staff of *McCall's Magazine*.

Lynda Johnson Robb attended National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington, D. C. Her graduating class contained less than 60 people, and consequently, most classes were small with a great deal of individual attention. In a recent interview, Linda said she believes her high school adequately prepared her for college because of this personalized education.

Choosing a college is often a very confusing experience for a high school senior. Lynda Johnson Robb chose her alma mater, The University of Texas, for many reasons, primarily because she had been raised in both Washington and Texas and was anxious to return to Texas for college. Her mother and other relatives, as well as many friends, had attended the University, and so she had always looked forward to studying there. Also, Mrs. Robb feels that because The University of Texas is such a large University, it offers a wide variety of courses, excellent professors, and a diversified student body.

As a freshman at The University of Texas, Mrs. Robb found it hard to adjust to the size of the campus and to the student population. It was quite a change from her high school, and her dormitory had over 800 girls in it. For these reasons, she joined Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority as a freshman. It gave her an opportunity to meet people, and gave her a feeling of belonging in a university of great size. Although she also stated that the benefits of sorority life would differ from campus to campus, she found it a meaningful part of her college life, and many of her closest friends today are girls that she got to know through her sorority.

While being the President's daughter did make it somewhat difficult to maintain a normal college life, she found that after the initial novelty wore off, her friends and fellow students treated her just as they would any other student.

As a freshman, Lynda was interested in both English and history, but did not decide immediately that history would be her major. Although she had not been a journalism major, she was always interested in this field and early in her college career had written an article on her life in the White House for *Look Magazine*. Also at the University, Mrs. Robb was active in two committees — Texas Today and Tomorrow and the Speaker's Committee. Both these organizations arranged lectures on campus by a wide variety of speakers from all over the country. In addition to being initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta on April 9, 1963, she was a member of three other honor societies in History, Government, and the Classics.

During the summer of 1965, Mrs. Robb toured the western United States and wrote articles on her experiences for the *National Geographic* and for *McCall's*. This served as a stepping stone into a career in journalism, for she found this type of reporting both interesting and challenging. She joined *McCall's* on a part-time basis following her graduation. She was married in December, 1967. Although a few months ago she gave up her job to prepare for her baby, which was born on October 25, perhaps at a later date she might consider some part-time assignments in writing. Although she stated that her work for *McCall's* was a wonderful window on the world, she is eagerly anticipating her new "career" as a full-time wife and mother.



Mr. and Mrs. Robb during their wedding procession

# New Beginnings

*Alpha Lambda Delta welcomes new chapters in New York, Georgia, Ohio, and Michigan*



## **Buffalo State University**

*Installed by Dr. Susan Melson Huffman*

*February 16, 2008*

The Buffalo State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was installed by Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, Vice President of Chapter Relations and Expansion, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2008. The ceremony and buffet lunch were held in the student union on the campus in Buffalo, New York.

Thirty-seven students and six honorary members attended the ceremony and signed the chapter roll, and many parents and other family members and campus officials were present to congratulate the new initiates. Dr. Scott L. Johnson, Assistant Dean, First Year and Academic Support Programs, and Ms. Eileen Merberg, Retention and Leadership Specialist, assisted Dr. Huffman during the chapter installation and will continue to serve as the chapter's advisors.

Honorary Members who were initiated included Buffalo State President Dr. Muriel Howard; Vice President of Student Affairs, Hal Payne; Dean of University College, Janet Ramsey; and Provost Dennis Ponton. Dr. Johnson and Ms. Merberg were also inducted as honorary members and thanked for their efforts and hard work to make this ceremony possible.

Officers of this chapter include James Carminati, president; Brayan Melo, vice president; Christine Santoro, secretary; and Michael Vaccaro, treasurer. These officers were installed during the ceremony, and Dr. Huffman encouraged them to work with the chapter and challenged them to make a name for this organization on their campus.

Both President Howard and chapter president Carminati spoke to the new initiates and offered their congratulations and support to the chapter. Dr. Johnson

thanked Dr. Huffman for coming to Buffalo to install the chapter and presented her with some nice souvenirs from the campus.

Following the ceremony, Dr. Huffman joined the new initiates and their guests for a wonderful buffet lunch. At the conclusion of this special event, Dr. Johnson took Dr. Huffman on a very extensive tour that included a wonderful afternoon at Niagara Falls! Even though it was February in Buffalo, the sun came out, and it warmed up enough for a very nice trip to view the falls from both the American and Canadian sides. Dr. Johnson was a wonderful host!

## **Morehouse College**

*Installed by Dr. Glenda Earwood*

*February 17, 2008*

The installation of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Morehouse College was

held on Sunday, February 17, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in Scales Hall on the Morehouse College campus in Atlanta, Georgia. The charter members of the Morehouse College ALD chapter were joined by the new inductees of the Spelman College chapter. The initiation and installation ceremonies were attended by the initiates and over 200 family members and friends of the 281 new student members. Austin Dixon, President of the Morehouse College chapter, and Topaz Sampson, President of the Spelman College chapter, were instrumental in planning the joint induction and chartering ceremony. Dean Alvin Darden, Morehouse College Freshmen Dean, served as administrative advisor for the ceremony.

Before the installation ceremony, the installing officer, Dr. Glenda Earwood, met with the chapter officers and tweaked the combined ceremonies. Dressed in suits and ties, the charter members of



*Dean Alvin Darden administers the initiation of a new member of ALD at the Morehouse College installation. Morehouse College is a brother institution to Spelman College, a longtime ALD campus. The ladies of Spelman and gentlemen of Morehouse held a combined installation/initiation in February.*

Morehouse College sat in alphabetical order on the right-hand side of the auditorium. The ladies from Spelman College, dressed in all white dresses, sat in the center section of the auditorium. Freshman from Morehouse who earned eligibility during fall 2007 sat in the left-hand section. In the balcony, at the back of the auditorium and in the lobby sat and stood myriad parents and guests of the new initiates.

The ceremony began with a welcome from Chapter Presidents Austin Dixon and Topaz Sampson. Dr. Earwood started the initiation and chartering ceremony and was assisted by Dean Alvin Darden. The Morehouse and Spelman College initiates rose to repeat the Alpha Lambda Delta pledge.

Dr. Earwood first recognized and called the names of the charter members of the Morehouse chapter who came forward to sign the chapter roll and received their certificates and jewelry from Dean Darden. Following applause for the charter Morehouse members, Dr. Earwood read the names of the Spelman inductees who came forward to sign the chapter roll. Following rousing applause for these Spelman ladies, Dr. Earwood read

the names of the Morehouse students who just recently earned membership in Alpha Lambda Delta.

After the induction of the student members, the eight honorary members were inducted; a summary of their accomplishments was read by Dr. Earwood. Following the induction of the honorary members, the chapter officers of both the Spelman and Morehouse College chapters were installed.

Outgoing Spelman Chapter President Topaz Sampson installed additional officers for the Spelman chapter.

After the installation of the officers, Dr. Earwood announced that it was her pleasure to install the new Morehouse College Alpha Lambda Delta chapter on behalf of the National Council. Upon presentation of the national charter to the chapter by Dr. Earwood, chapter president Austin Dixon accepted the charter and made remarks. Austin Dixon expressed his pride in having the validation of an honor society like Alpha Lambda Delta. He thanked those who had been instrumental in bringing the society to the campus and challenged the initiates to carry on the mission of the society. He expressed appreciation to his

family members, who were present and assisted him with the ceremony. After the ceremony ended, several pictures of the new initiates were taken. The Spelman inductees were honored at a reception on the Spelman College campus, and the Morehouse inductees had a private dinner and special Alpha Lambda Delta cakes to celebrate their academic success.

## **Baldwin-Wallace College**

*Installed by Dr. Butch Hill*

*March 29, 2008*

The Baldwin-Wallace College Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First-Year Students was installed by Dr. Herman "Butch" Hill, Jr., Vice President of Finance and Long-Range Planning, on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony, which included the induction of new members, was held at the John Patrick Theater in the Kleist Center for Art and Drama on the Baldwin-Wallace College campus in Berea, Ohio.

The charter members of Baldwin-Wallace College's Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta included 90 students and six honorary initiates. The following Baldwin-Wallace College faculty members were initiated as honorary members: Dr. Natalie Barratt, Associate Professor of Biology; Dr. Trina Dobberstein, Dean of Students; President Richard Durst; Dr. Mary Lou Higgerson, Dean of the College; Dr. Daniel Hoyt, Assistant Professor of English and Chapter advisor; and Margaret Stiner, Director of Academic Advising, Lecturer of English, and Chapter advisor.

An inspirational address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Hill, Professor of Engineering at Ohio University. Remarks from the Baldwin-Wallace College Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta were presented by Chapter President Rachel Ball on behalf of the student executive board: Lauren Cole, Amy Lagzdins, NiNa Rossi, and Lauren Rowley. The closing statement of the installation/induction was delivered by President Richard Durst on behalf of Baldwin-Wallace College. A reception for family and friends in honor of the Chapter installation and newly initiated charter members followed the ceremony.



*These well-dressed gentlemen were just a few of the new members initiated into ALD at the Morehouse College installation in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 17, 2008.*



Members of the new chapter at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, sit for a group photo following their chapter's installation on March 29.

## Oakland University

*Installed by Dr. Susan Melson Huffman  
November 9, 2008*

The Oakland University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was installed by Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, President-Elect of National Alpha Lambda Delta, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2008. The ceremony was held at the Oakland Center on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

The charter group of this chapter included approximately 103 students. Thirty-one students and four honorary members attended the ceremony and signed the chapter role with several family members and other guests as witnesses to the special occasion. Mr. David Tindall, Assistant Director of Residence Life and University Housing, and Ms. Karen Conn, Administrative Assistant in the Honors College, assisted Dr. Huffman during the chapter installation and will continue to serve as the chapter advisors.

Dr. Jude Nixon, Director of the Honors College and Professor of English, and Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, were initiated as Honorary Members along with Mr. Tindall and Ms. Conn who had worked with the students to plan a very special and memorable event for this campus. Senior advisors Justin Herring and Shenise Foote, were also in attendance and recognized for their continued support.

Officers of this chapter include Steve Zielinski, president; Gerald Son, vice

president; Lanisha Mullin, treasurer; Lacie Melasi, secretary; Marta Bauer, editor; and Cara Cutler, historian. These officers were installed during the ceremony, and Dr. Huffman encouraged those in attendance to support the officers in their efforts to promote and publicize this new chapter on the Oakland campus.

Both Dr. Nixon and Dr. Snyder spoke to the new initiates and offered their congratulations to the charter members of this society. They also provided words of inspiration and motivation for their

future success. Mr. Tindall thanked Dr. Huffman for coming to Oakland to install this chapter, and he presented her with Oakland t-shirts for her and her husband, plus a very nice Oakland pen as a souvenir.

Following the ceremony, Dr. Huffman and her husband, Dave, joined the new initiates and their guests for a delicious buffet dinner featuring Italian and Asian cuisine. It was a wonderful celebration for the students and their very proud parents.



Dr. Susan Melson Huffman poses with the chapter charter and charter officers for the newest ALD chapter at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

With over 250 active chapters, there aren't many places in the nation where you can't find an Alpha Lambda Delta chapter nearby!

# List of Active Chapters, 2008-2009

## Alabama

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

## 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
- Dominican University of California
- University of California - Los Angeles
- University of California - Riverside
- University of California - Santa Barbara
- University of La Verne
- University of Southern California
- University of the Pacific

## Colorado

- Colorado College
- Colorado State University
- Colorado State University - Pueblo
- University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
- University of Denver

## Connecticut

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

## District of Columbia

- American University

## Delaware

- University of Delaware

## Florida

- Northwood University
- South University

- University of Florida
- University of Miami
- Warner Southern College

## Georgia

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

## Iowa

- Coe College
- Drake University
- Iowa State University
- Morningside College
- Simpson College
- William Penn University

## Illinois

- DePaul University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Judson University
- MacMurray College
- Millikin University
- Monmouth College
- North Central College
- Northwestern University
- Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
- University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign

## 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
- Murray State University
- University of Kentucky
- University of the Cumberlands

## Louisiana

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

## Massachusetts

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

## Maryland

- McDaniel College
- Morgan State University
- University of Maryland - College Park

## Maine

- University of Maine
- University of Maine - Farmington

## 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 University



- Columbia College
- Lindenwood University
- Maryville University of St. Louis
- Stephens College
- University of Missouri - Kansas City
- William Jewell College

#### Mississippi

- Jackson State University
- Mississippi College
- The University of Southern Mississippi
- Tougaloo College
- University of Mississippi
- Mississippi State University

#### Montana

- Montana State University - Bozeman
- University of Montana

#### North Carolina

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

#### North Dakota

- University of North Dakota
- Valley City State University

#### Nebraska

- Doane College
- Midland Lutheran College
- University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- University of Nebraska - Omaha
- Wayne State College

#### New Jersey

- Montclair State University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Rider University

#### New Mexico

- Eastern New Mexico University

#### New York

- Alfred University
- Buffalo State College
- Cazenovia College
- Long Island University - Brooklyn
- State University of New York - Fredonia

#### Ohio

- Ashland University
- Baldwin-Wallace College
- Bowling Green State University
- Cleveland State University
- Heidelberg College
- Kent State University

- Marietta College
- Miami University
- Mount Union College
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio University
- Otterbein College
- The Ohio State University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Rio Grande
- University of Toledo
- Wittenberg University
- Wright State University
- Youngstown State University

#### Oklahoma

- Oral Roberts University
- Southern Nazarene University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma

#### Oregon

- Linfield 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 University - Altoona
- Saint Vincent College
- Temple University
- University of Pittsburgh - Bradford
- University of Sciences in Philadelphia
- University of Scranton
- Washington & Jefferson College
- Seton Hill University
- Susquehanna University

#### South Carolina

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

#### South Dakota

- South Dakota State University
- University of South Dakota

#### Tennessee

- Austin Peay State University
- Carson-Newman College
- Cumberland University
- Maryville College
- Tennessee Technological University
- University of Memphis

- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Vanderbilt University
- East Tennessee State University

#### Texas

- Angelo State University
- Baylor University
- Lamar University
- McMurry University
- Sam Houston State University
- Schreiner University
- Southern Methodist University
- 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
- Trinity University
- University of Houston
- University of North Texas
- University of Texas - Arlington
- University of Texas - Austin
- University of Texas - Pan American
- University of Texas - San Antonio
- University of the Incarnate Word
- Midwestern State University
- University of Texas - El Paso

#### Utah

- Utah State University

#### Virginia

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

#### Vermont

- Lyndon State College

#### Washington

- Central Washington University

#### Wisconsin

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

#### West Virginia

- University of Charleston
- West Virginia University
- West Virginia Wesleyan College

# Chapter Membership Awards

## Silver

University of the Incarnate Word  
 Fort Hays State University  
 University of Louisiana - Monroe  
 Clemson University  
 University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
 Central Methodist University  
 University of Alabama - Huntsville  
 Meredith College  
 Montana State University - Bozeman  
 University of Texas - Arlington  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Cazenovia College  
 Coe College  
 Susquehanna University  
 Drake University  
 Roanoke College  
 Piedmont College  
 Lyndon State College  
 Hanover College  
 Bucknell University  
 University of La Verne  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Montana  
 University of Massachusetts - Boston

## Gold

Texas Wesleyan University  
 Millikin University  
 University of Minnesota - Crookston  
 University of Texas - El Paso  
 Indiana University  
 Long Island University - Brooklyn  
 Oregon State University  
 Mount Union College  
 Heidelberg College  
 West Virginia Wesleyan College  
 Colorado State University  
 The Ohio State University  
 University of Massachusetts - Amherst  
 Northern Michigan University  
 Minnesota State University - Moorhead  
 Indiana State University  
 Brenau University  
 Columbia College  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Baylor University  
 Arizona State University  
 Tennessee Technological University  
 West Virginia University  
 University of Wisconsin - Platteville  
 Judson University

## Bronze

Georgia College & State University  
 Shenandoah University  
 University of South Carolina  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 University of Cincinnati  
 Texas Tech University  
 Auburn University  
 Maryville College  
 Spelman College  
 Dickinson College  
 Otterbein College  
 Winthrop University  
 Stephens College  
 Carson-Newman College  
 University of Sciences in Philadelphia  
 Georgia State University  
 William Jewell College  
 Morgan State University  
 DePaul University  
 McNeese State University  
 Franklin College  
 Elizabethtown College  
 University of Portland  
 Ramapo College of New Jersey  
 Midland Lutheran College  
 Purdue University  
 Morningside College  
 University of Memphis  
 Oral Roberts University  
 California State Polytechnic University

## Membership Award program changes in 2008-09

*Chapters to receive Alpha and Delta Awards for increasing membership and for high yields*

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA



HIGH CHAPTER YIELD

Starting in the 2008-2009 academic year, Alpha Lambda Delta chapters will be in competition for a new set of chapter membership awards. In previous years, the awards have been awarded to chapters with 10, 25, and 50 percent increases in membership.

Recognizing that many of our chapters have come close to installing all eligible freshmen each year, the National Council has implemented the new Alpha and Delta Awards. Both awards will be presented at Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels.

The new Alpha Award for High Chapter Yield will be awarded to chapters who initiate 70, 80, or 90 percent of their eligible invitees. In order to be eligible, chapters must report the number of invitations issued on the chapter order form. The Delta Award for Increased Membership will be awarded on the same criteria as the old Membership Awards: chapters who increase their membership by 10, 25, or 50 percent in one year.

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INCREASED MEMBERSHIP



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## Council announces changes to Executive Board

Alpha Lambda Delta is pleased to announce some changes in the National Council Executive Board. At the 2008 National Council meeting, the Council elected Dr. Susan Melson Huffman of Purdue University as President-Elect; Huffman will be installed as National President upon the departure of President James G. Stemler in June of 2009. Lisa Ruch of IUPUI was elected to the National Vice-Presidency for Chapter Relations and Expansion. Dr. Alice Lanning, due to complete her three-year term as Professional Member-at-Large, agreed to complete the final year of Ruch's term as Member-at-Large.



President-elect Susan Melson Huffman (l) and Vice-President for Chapter Relations and Expansion Lisa Ruch (r).

## Success is cool....

### Show yours off.

You worked hard to earn your membership in Alpha Lambda Delta - why not let the world see your success?

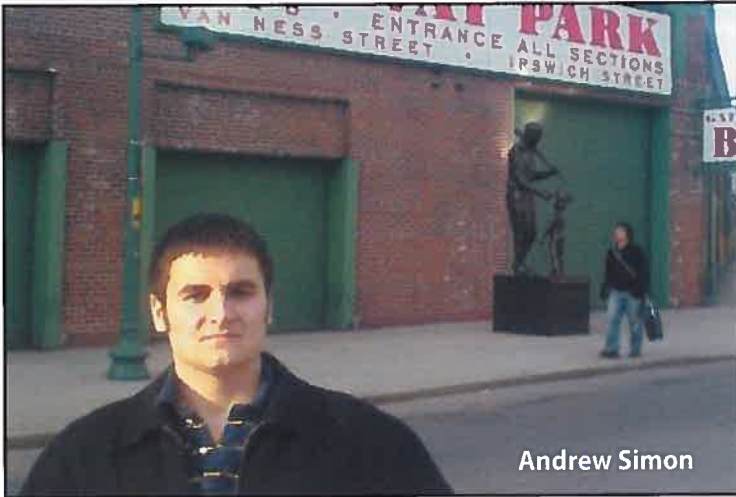
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# Warm Welcome... ...and Best Wishes



Andrew Simon

## New Student Member-at-Large

### Andrew Simon

Alpha Lambda Delta is proud to welcome Andrew Simon, of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, as the newest Student Member-at-Large. Andrew joins the Council after a year as Vice President of the UWEC chapter.

Andrew has an impressive record of service with the UWEC chapter, including community clean-up programs, chapter fundraisers, and work with a local women's shelter. He also has served his community as part of more than a half-dozen other local and campus organizations in Eau Claire.

A firm believer in recognizing academic excellence, Andrew notes, "Recognizing freshmen who succeed academically is a great way to tell them that their extra effort is not going unnoticed."

At our 2008 National Council meeting, Andrew's input was notable, with unwavering attention to detail and a quick wit.

**Welcome, Andrew!**

## Departing Student Member-at-Large

### Dan Burk

The National Council extends its best wishes to departing Council Member Dan Burk. For three years, Dan has served with dedication as Student Member-at-Large.

In addition to extensive service at his home chapter at the University of South Carolina, Dan has been a priceless addition to the deliberations of the National Council, always keeping the best interests of his fellow members at the front and center of any discussions.

In addition to his work during the annual Council meetings and his service on nearly every Council subcommittee, Dan's soulful vocals were the linchpin of the one-time performance of the National Council All-Star Jam Band at the 2006 National Leadership Workshop.

The Council wishes Dan the happiest of futures as he pursues his graduate education, and we extend our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of his upcoming marriage!

**Farewell, Dan!**



Dan Burk

# National Council News and Updates

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta convened in Atlanta, Georgia on June 25, 2008, to make decisions about the management and future of the Society, as well as celebrate the Society's accomplishments for the past year.

Those attending were Dr. James G. Stempler, ALD President; Dr. Susan M. Huffman, Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion; Dr. Herman "Butch" Hill, Vice President for Finance and Long-Range Planning; and Members-at-Large Dr. Alice Lanning, Lisa Ruch, Dr. Marty Knepper, Dan Burk, Andrew Simon; and Editor and Historian, Dr. Mike Nichols. Dr. Glenda Eawood, Executive Director, and Lee Greenway, Director of Communication, were also in attendance.

The Society celebrated another record-setting membership and the addition of seven new chapters. The Council also discussed how ALD's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be celebrated in 2009.

The National Council elected Dr. Susan M. Huffman, of Purdue University, as Alpha Lambda Delta's President-Elect. Ms. Lisa Ruch of Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis as Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion, and elected Dr. Alice Lanning of the University of Oklahoma to fill the remaining one-year term of Member-at-Large vacated by Ms. Ruch. Dr. Butch Hill of Ohio University was re-elected as Vice President for Finance and Long Range Planning.

## We want you!

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta wants you to take a leadership position at the National Level.

Each year, one professional and one student Member-at-Large are elected to the Council - and you could be the next person to help shape the future of ALD! For more details, visit the National Website:

[www.nationalald.org](http://www.nationalald.org)

## Financial Statement

Alpha Lambda Delta commits its resources to recognizing, encouraging, and rewarding academic achievement. Since membership dues provide a major source of revenue, the National Council is pleased to report to the membership and advisors on the Society's financial operations.

Since its founding in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta has concentrated on two major programs: honoring outstanding undergraduate scholars and awarding fellowships to members for graduate study. From 1940 to 1986, membership dues funded the scholarships, and the National Council placed all surplus funds into investment programs earmarked to support the awards program. Since 1986, the scholarships have been funded by income on the investments in the Perpetual Fellowship Fund. More than 500 ALD members have received over \$1,500,000 since the establishment of the awards.

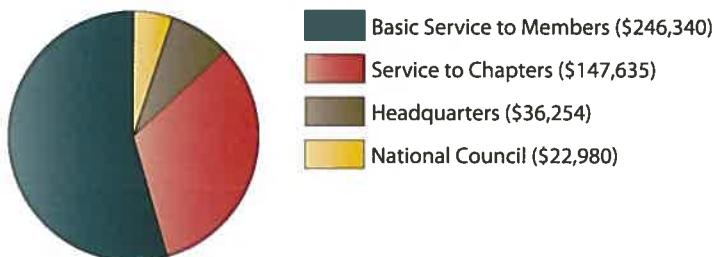
### Assets

#### General Fund

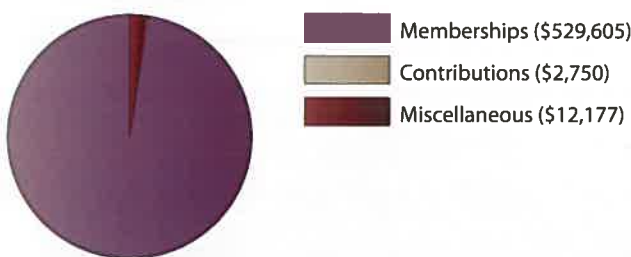
Cash & Cash Equivalents.....	\$447,401
Accounts Receivable.....	\$136,381
Other Investments.....	\$107,221
Inventory.....	\$24,725
Prepaid Expenses.....	\$18,814
Interest Receivable.....	\$4,542

#### Perpetual Fellowship Fund

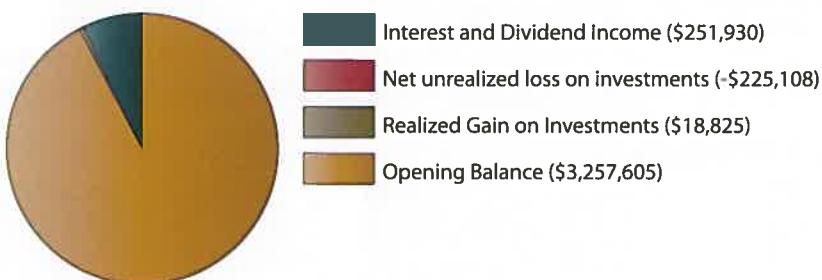
Investments.....	\$3,346,272
Loans Receivable.....	\$9,000
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$4,098,345</b>



**Above: Expenditures for FY 2008**  
Combined total expenditures equal to \$453,209



**Above: General Fund Revenue for FY 2008**  
Combined total revenues equal to \$544,532



**Above: Perpetual Fellowship Fund Valuation, FY 2008**  
PFF valuation at end of FY08 (5/15/08) equal to \$3,371,247

# ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

1924 **85** 2009

YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

## First Coeducational Chapter Installed At Rider College

The Acolytes of Rider College, Lawrenceville, N. J., became the first group of students to be installed as a coeducational chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at initiation ceremonies held April 27, 1976. The Acolytes are the 194th chapter of the national honor society.

Formed in the spring of 1973, the Acolytes are students who have attained a 3.5 average for the first semester of their freshman year, or a 3.5 cumulative average for their entire freshman year.

Serving as installing officer was Dr. Helen E. Clarke, District I Adviser to Alpha Lambda Delta and Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Maryland. She was assisted by the Acolytes' honorary members, James M. McRoberts, Dean of Students, and Cheri Moran and Richard M. Mikulak, Assistant Deans of Residential Life and college advisers to the Acolytes.

Installed as executive officers of the Rider College chapter were Karen Krozier and Bill Walsh, co-presidents; Louis

Vetere and Karen Kichline, co-vice-presidents; Sheri Srager, secretary; Kathleen Healy, treasurer; Laura King, historian; Kenneth A. Richardson, editor, and Anita Schwartz, senior adviser.

During the ceremonies, a gavel was presented to the co-presidents by the college advisers. The co-presidents also received a plaque from a past president of the Acolytes.

A total of seventy-five students were initiated as charter members including: twenty freshmen, thirty-five sophomores, fifteen juniors, and five seniors. A reception followed the ceremonies which were attended by 110 parents and guests.

In the past, the Acolytes have sponsored programs featuring speakers from the college administration, including Dr. Marilyn Woods, Dean of Residential Life; Dr. Jean M. Gray, Chairman of the Department of Finance and Insurance; Dr. Robert J. Willis, Director of the Counseling Center, and Dr. Carol Turner, Associate Director of the Counseling Center.

# 1975-76

## Howdy, Fellows!

When Alpha Lambda Delta was founded in 1924, the Society was open only to women. During the 1970s, the federal legislation collectively referred to as Title IX required college campuses to provide equitable services for both men and women, and ALD changed its membership requirements to admit men in 1975. The first coeducational chapter, at Rider University in New Jersey, was installed a year later, in 1976.

## Memberships Requirements Changed

At its annual meeting in June, the National Council voted no longer to exclude men from membership in Alpha Lambda Delta.

This action, which was taken because of the Guidelines for the Implementation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 became effective on July 21, will make it possible for chapters to



comply with the Guidelines as they are put into effect on their own campuses. During the year a Task Force of students, Faculty and Administrative Advisers, and Council Members will meet to make necessary changes in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Statutes. The National Officers of Alpha Lambda Delta will meet with the National Officers of Phi Eta Sigma to explore the directions in which the two organizations may go.

The Council took this action with reluctance, for the Council members feel strongly that there is a need for an honor society for freshman women and that Alpha Lambda Delta has answered that need in encouraging superior scholastic attainment and in helping young women develop to their fullest potential. They have been especially proud of Alpha Lambda Delta's fine fellowship program.

During this transition period, each chapter is encouraged to work out the solutions that will be best for its own campus. The District Advisers and the National Officers will be glad to assist in any way they can. Although the future will be different, it is hoped that Alpha Lambda Delta will make as great a contribution in the years ahead as it made during its first half century of existence.

Katharine Cater  
National President

# ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA



# Lampadia

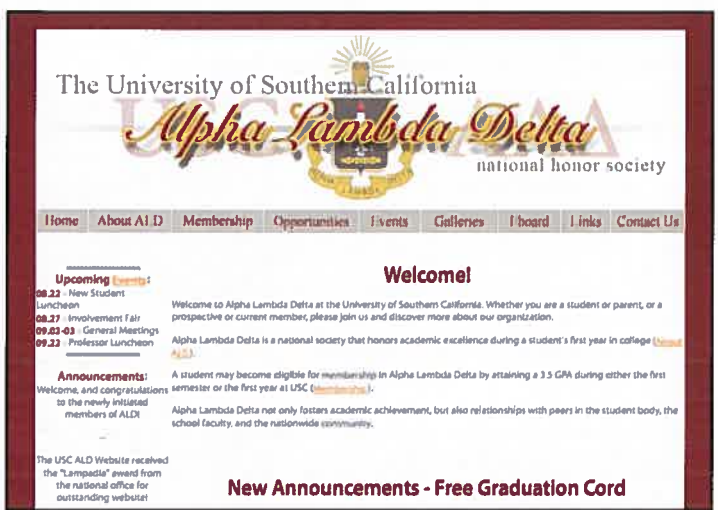
## Outstanding Chapter Websites

This year, five 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 2009 Lampadia Awards, send your chapter's URL to the National Office (lee@nationalald.org) before **June 1, 2009!**



The Ohio State University



University of Southern California




University of Maryland



University of California - Los Angeles

California State Polytechnic University - Pomona also was a recipient of the 2008 Lampadia Award. At press time, its site was being refurbished and is not pictured here.



# Hello, World!

## Nice to meet you.

### It really is a small world.

In today's global economy, the competitive professional - as well as the successful student - is the person whose perspective doesn't stop at water's edge.

Studies abroad are one of the best ways to develop the global perspective needed to succeed in the interdependent 21st century - and Alpha Lambda Delta can help.

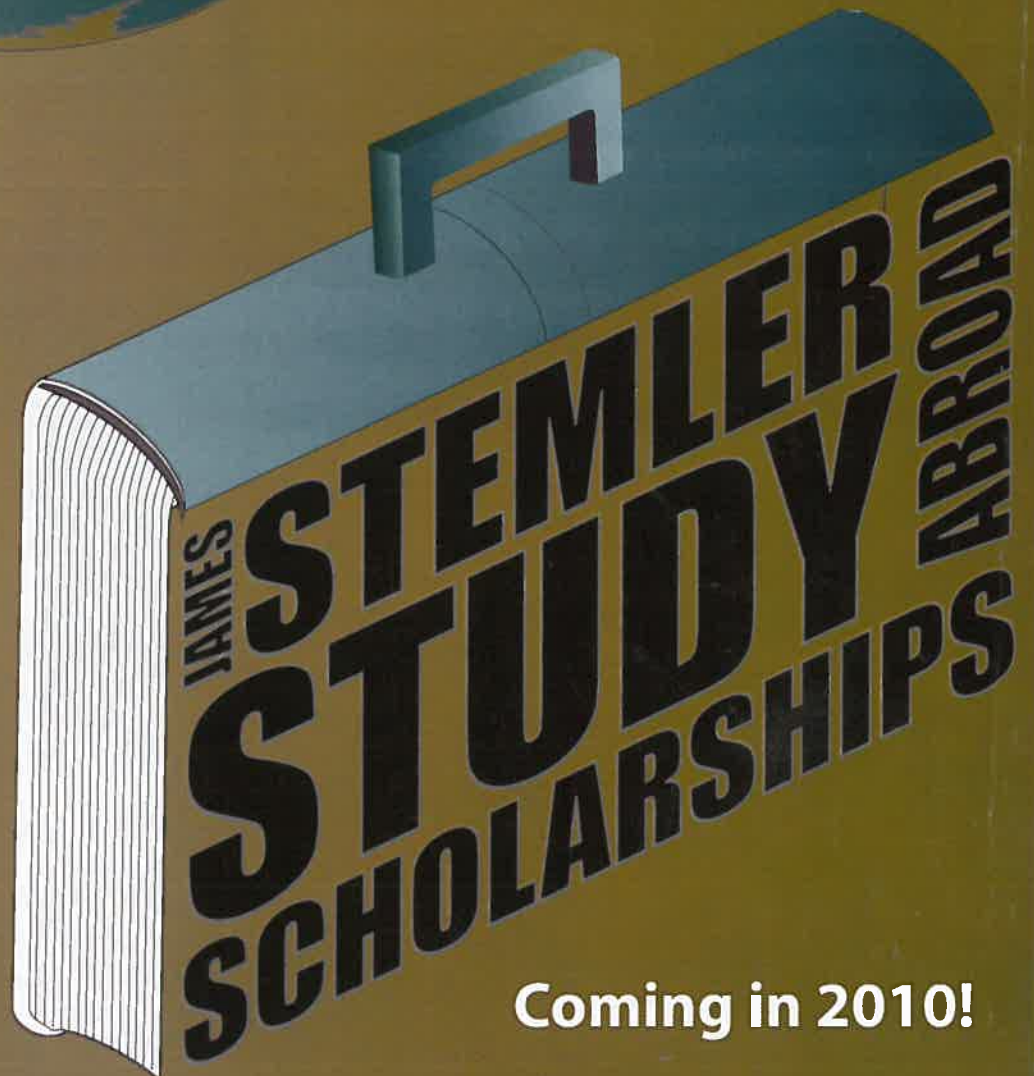
Starting in 2010, National Alpha Lambda Delta will offer ten \$1,000 scholarships to offset the expense of international study - the James G. Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships.

Named for the first male President of Alpha Lambda Delta, Dr. James Stemler, the Study Abroad Scholarships come from the recognition that studying abroad is a vital part of today's educational process.

With over fourteen years of service as chapter advisor, National Council Vice-President, and President, Dr. Stemler has long been a vocal supporter of and frequent participant in study abroad programs at his home institution, the University of Portland.

The National Council is pleased to honor Dr. Stemler's service to Alpha Lambda Delta by offering these exciting new awards to expand our students' world views.

Get to know your world.  
Study abroad with ALD.



Coming in 2010!