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Celebrating
the Past,

Building
the Future

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I just picked up plaques for three Alpha Lambda Delta chapter advisors who have served for 25 years – Dr. Susan Huffman of Purdue University, Paula Stuetzgen of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, and Elva Bourgeois of Louisiana State University. Celebrating her 85th anniversary, Alpha Lambda Delta has been richly blessed to have long-serving volunteers - loyal advisors and National Council members – willing to give of their most precious resource – time – to further the purposes of Alpha Lambda Delta and recognize academic excellence among students early in their college careers. Founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta has much in her past to celebrate. But looking forward has always been a strong characteristic of this honor society as well.

In celebrating his ten years of service to National Alpha Lambda Delta (six years as the first male National President), the National Council has recognized the work of Dr. James G. Stemler by naming ten new \$1,000 study abroad scholarships in his honor. Recognizing that we are truly living in a global economy and in a world which is much more interdependent than in the past, this investment in the future of Alpha Lambda Delta members - by affording them the opportunity to experience this wonderful world firsthand - is certain to generate amazing returns.

Technology keeps changing. In 1997, Alpha Lambda Delta was one of the first honor societies to post a website. During the last 12 years, Alpha Lambda Delta has responded to changes in technology by receiving membership lists first via fax, then by e-mail, and

now through a form on the national website. Advances in technology have allowed Alpha Lambda Delta to keep membership dues low (\$20 national dues) and to minimize the staff of the national office while maximizing services.

This year, our National Council Student Members at Large encouraged National ALD to develop a video demonstrating the benefits of membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, and to post that video to the Web. This visual testimony will better explain to members the myriad reasons why membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is such a positive thing. Special thanks goes to Lee Greenway, who shot much of the live video at the Minneapolis workshop.

Another strength of Alpha Lambda Delta is the abundance and diversity of service projects in which chapters are involved around the country. This truly is a generation of students willing to help others. Although not a requirement for membership, the generosity that I have observed from students with their time and financial resources touches my heart and leads me to believe that our future will be in good hands.

Looking back is a good way to see where we've come from, but we must always be focused on the future. Building on the past and celebrating the academic success of today's college students, Alpha Lambda Delta looks forward to the next 85 years!

Glenda Earwood

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Minneapolis, with several illuminated skyscrapers and a bridge over a river in the foreground. The lights from the buildings and bridge are reflected in the water.

ALD has **twice as**
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ALD NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP 2009

Over 190 enthusiastic Alpha Lambda Delta members and their advisors from throughout the United States participated in the 2009 Annual Leadership Workshop. The scene was the Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota for a weekend of workshops, presentations, brainstorming new ideas, meeting new friends, seeing the sights, and fun.

Friday evening began with a welcome from ALD Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood, who outlined the goals of the workshop; National Council member Laura Casey introduced the keynote speaker, James Anderson. Mr. Anderson overcame shyness and poor self-esteem to become a successful business entrepreneur who amassed a million-dollar estate almost immediately after his graduation from college. He went on to help found the LifeSkills Center, a nonprofit organization which was honored with an Angel Network Award from Oprah Winfrey. He has set his personal mission in life to inspire, educate, motivate, and influence people to live their best life. Mr. Anderson's enthusiasm was catching, and his inspiring message came through loud and clear.

An integral aspect of the National Leadership Workshop is each year's National Service Project. This year, attendees were asked to bring along pet supplies for donation to the Minneapolis Humane Society. After Mr. Anderson's remarks, special guests from the Humane Society came forward to accept the gifts, which loaded a table nearly to the breaking point and covered the floor for several feet around! A warm thanks and a special presentation on the mission of the Humane Society followed.

Saturday morning began with breakfast and information about the services offered by the National Headquarters

and about getting chapter news articles and photographs into the *Flame*. The remainder of the morning was filled with workshops on practical topics such as:

- Effective Digital Communications
- The ABC's of Running a Chapter: From Finance to Motions to Goals
- Preparing for the Future: National Scholarships and Fellowships
- Converting Eligible Students to New Members
- How to be a Successful Chapter (sessions for large, medium, and small chapters)
- Public Relations for Your Chapter
- Advisors Forum
- Winning the Order of the Torch
- Service to Others: Sharing your Ideas

After box lunches and round table discussions, Saturday afternoon allowed some time for seeing the sights of Minneapolis, which included the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, the Cowles Conservatory, the Titanic Exhibit at the Science Museum of Minneapolis, the Walker Arts Center, and of course, the Mall of America!

Saturday evening featured a banquet that recognized the outstanding advisor of the year, Paula Stuetzgen, Senior Coordinator for Assessment and Special Projects at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. Ms. Stuetzgen, who was enthusiastically nominated by the ALD Chapter she has advised for 25 years,



National Council Student Member-at-Large Laura Casey greets workshop registrants on Friday afternoon. Despite a few rain showers and airport delays, attendees found their way to the Crowne Plaza in good spirits and ready for a wonderful weekend.

provided an inspiring talk about how she felt about ALD. National President Susan Huffman also recognized the 2009 Order of the Torch Winners, Chapter Membership Awards and Trow Scholarship recipients.

The evening concluded with swing dancing instruction, a Wii tournament, and just good conversation among new friends. After a Sunday-morning continental breakfast and evaluations of the

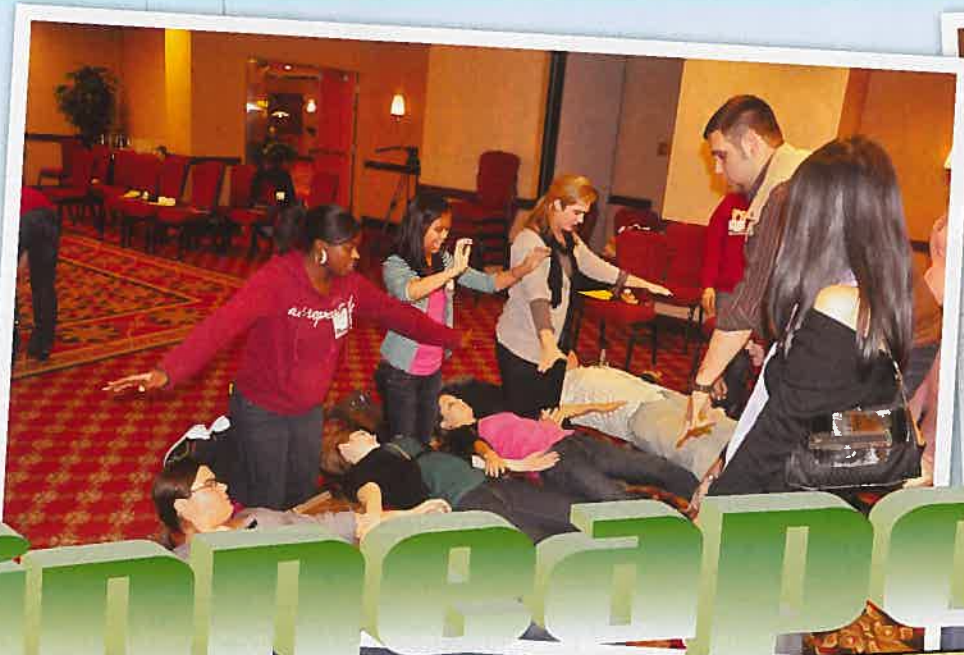
workshop, Alpha Lambda Delta members said their goodbyes, exchanged addresses and promises to stay in touch, and left with new ideas to make their chapters even stronger and more vital.



The generosity of Alpha Lambda Delta members is displayed here; in addition to the supplies seen here, Alpha Lambda Delta donated hundreds of dollars worth of gift cards to help support the Humane Society's mission.







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The Order of the TORCH

Alpha Lambda Delta's most prestigious chapter award, presented annually to the top chapters in the nation - these chapters have excelled at carrying out the mission of ALD!

University of Houston

September 6, 2009

Dr. Glenda Earwood

The University of Houston Alpha Lambda Delta chapter combined the Order of the Torch ceremony with their induction service which was held on Sunday afternoon, September 6th at 3:00 p.m. in the Houston Room of the University Center. The ceremony was attended by the officers, new members, and a host of family and friends.

The chapter provided a service to the new members and raised some chapter funds by offering professional pictures on sight. The photographer also made pictures of each initiate as they shook hands with Dr. Earwood in front of the Torch banner.

The ceremony included three speakers: Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director of National Alpha Lambda Delta, Phu Tran, an ALD member who is currently enrolled at Baylor Medical School, and Jimmy Lam who served as the chapter's Vice President in 2006 when Melinda Koonce was the chapter advisor.

Dr. Earwood recognized the chapter for being one of the six most outstanding chapters in the nation for the 2008-2009 school year. Dr. Earwood acknowledged the work of the chapter officers who were led by Co-Presidents: Dominique Ochoa and Evan Leung. The Co-Presidents had a strong supporting cast of officers including: Activities Chair: Mallory McKenney; Secretary: Hien Dinh; Treasurer: Adeduntan Babarinde; Historian: Trinh Nguyen; Communications Chair:

Dina Ibrahim; Webmaster: Trang Mai; and Publicist: Lauren Woo. Dr. Jeff Morgan, Chair of the Math Department has been the chapter advisor since 2006.

Among the many projects done by these students included Bone Marrow registration, Hurricane Ike POD Volunteer Event, Car Wash, Pool Social, Games Night, Starbucks Social, Holiday Cards for retirement home, Susan Komen Walk, Conoco Phillips Rodeo Run to raise scholarship funds for Texas youth, bowling social, Fuddrucker's Fundraiser, Tealicious Social, and the Root Beer Float Fundraiser. All of the chapter's activities and service were documented in a beautiful scrapbook prepared by Trinh Nguyen, Historian.

Not only did the chapter promote Alpha Lambda Delta, but the chapter members "used [their] education for the benefit of

[their] community." Simon Bott, Director of Undergraduate Affairs and Advising wrote, "Whether they are passing out water to the runners in a marathon, cheering on survivors at a breast cancer walk, or signing up people for the bone marrow registry, every member puts a smile on someone else's face that just makes the world a better place."

The chapter wrote a Mission Statement which also appeared on the printed program: "To communicate the activities, ideals and accomplishment of Alpha Lambda Delta with the vision to create and project a positive image of the society as a progressive and relevant collegiate organization with a commitment towards excellence."

Dr. Earwood completed her remarks, "On behalf of the National Council of Alpha



Officers of the University of Houston chapter take the stage for the chapter's September 6 Torch presentation

Lambda Delta, I wish to express our pride in your achievement and our congratulations to you, the chapter members, the chapter officers and advisors, and to the University of Houston. 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."

Ohio University

October 4, 2009

Dr. Susan Huffman

Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, National President, presented the Order of the Torch Award to the Ohio University chapter at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 4, 2009. The ceremony was held at the beautiful Baker Center on the Ohio University campus in Athens, Ohio. All of the students came attired in black and white for a very nice presentation.

Attendees included several current officers along with many of last year's officers who were responsible for putting together a very attractive and informative scrapbook of the past year's activities. Chapter Advisors Jenny Hall-Jones and Dr. Herman "Butch" Hill were instrumental in arranging the program, and

a very nice dinner was enjoyed by all to begin the evening festivities. Dean of Students Ryan Lombardi joined the students to congratulate them and show support for their continued success. Dr. Huffman's husband, Dave, accompanied her on the trip and also enjoyed meeting the students and hearing about their studies and activities.

President Huffman spoke to the students and guests about the history of the Order of the Torch Award and the strong competition in this year's selection. She noted several community and service projects undertaken by the members and especially praised the local newsletter, *The Flame*, that helps the chapter keep in touch with the membership. Dr. Huffman reinforced the group for creating a scholarship that has been named the Herman Hill Leadership Award to honor Dr. Butch Hill. The scholarship will be awarded to a member who is involved not only in Alpha Lambda Delta, but also in other campus organizations. The recipient must be someone who has been "an instrument of positive change in all of his or her organizations."

Dr. Huffman presented the Torch banner to officers from last year's chapter and congratulated the chapter on its very strong history and for winning the Torch award for the third time! She encouraged current chapter president, Dan Williams, and the other officers to continue

the chapter's excellence by striving for the Maintain the Flame Award. Dean Lombardi also congratulated the chapter on its continued service to the campus and community and overall success.

Georgia College & State University

October 24, 2009

Dr. Glenda Earwood

Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director, presented the Order of the Torch Award to Georgia College and State University on Saturday morning, October 24, 2009 as part of the Parent's Weekend program. Dr. Earwood made a brief presentation about the Torch Award and the activities the GCSU chapter had done to earn the award in front of almost 100 students and parents in the West Campus reception room. Current chapter president, Justin Greene, and former chapter president, Jingran Zhao accepted the Torch banner on behalf of the chapter.

"Thank you for inviting me here to present the Order of the Torch to the Georgia College & State University Alpha Lambda Delta chapter. Thank you for celebrating academic excellence at this university and for focusing on the service of an outstanding group of students at your institution. As the National Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year College students, I am honored to recognize your Alpha Lambda Delta chapter as one of the six most outstanding chapters in the nation for the 2008-2009 school year" said Dr. Earwood.

The GCSU 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 chapter had a strong set of student officers led by President Jingran Zhao. The President had a strong supporting cast of officers including:

Vice President: Catherine Yarborough, Secretary: Brittany Stephens, Treasurer: Haley Stokes, and Historian: Ellany Peck. Dr. Julia Metker, Chemistry Department and Professor Pate McMichael serve as co-advisors of the chapter. Dr. John Sallstrom who was instrumental in founding the chapter in 1998 and one of the early



The Order of the Torch banner is officially unfurled for the Ohio University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta



Executive Director Glenda Earwood presents the Order of the Torch to chapter officers at Georgia College and State University

chapter advisors, Dr. Karen Bendersky, were present for the ceremony.

The Georgia College ALD members did a number of projects last year including handing out Christmas Grams during the week of finals to encourage students to do well. They had a table at Springfest to promote ALD to potential members. The visibility must have worked because the chapter inducted 270 new members and received a Delta Award for an 83% increase in membership. On May 1st, the Bobcat Alpha Lambda Delta chapter held the BALD Shorts Film Festival that celebrates the creative talents of students, staff and faculty from universities across Georgia. This chapter has started a tradition with the Shorts Film Festival and made a name for themselves on the GCSU campus.

Historian Elleny Peck documented the chapter's activities, communication, and service in a beautiful scrapbook. Elleny Peck and Hayley Stokes attended the ALD Leadership Workshop in Minneapolis, MN. Elleny Peck represented this Torch Award winning chapter on a panel of Torch winners and shared with other ALD chapters the success story of the GCSU chapter.

Dr. Earwood concluded by encouraging the Georgia College & State University ALD chapter to strive for continued suc-

cess and challenged them to earn the Maintaining the Flame commendation.

North Carolina A&T State University

October 29, 2009

Sharon Emerson-Stonnell

The North Carolina A&T chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was presented with the Order of the Torch during their university's Fall Convocation on October 29, 2009. Dr. Sandra Williamson, present advisor to the chapter accepted the award. Also present were Marva Watlington, former chapter advisor, and several officers. They received a standing ovation from the audience led by Chancellor Harold Martin, Sr. At the end of the presentation Alpha Lambda Delta members in the



Fall convocation guest Maya Angelou was present for the North Carolina A&T State University's Torch presentation

audience stood to be recognized. These students were seated throughout the audience and included choir members and various sports team members.

The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter is highly respected at North Carolina A & T. This was evident by the support shown by Chancellor Martin and the presentation during the Fall Convocation. The Fall Convocation is a major event previewing North Carolina A & T Homecoming weekend. The main speaker was Dr. Maya Angelou. Also present in the audience was Jesse Jackson who was presenting later that day at another event. Dr. Sandra Williamson is doing an excellent job and has made the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter a vital part of the community at North Carolina A&T.

University of Louisiana - Monroe

November 12, 2009

Dr. Glenda Earwood

The University of Louisiana – Monroe chapter included the presentation of the Order of the Torch as part of their fall induction ceremony. The induction and Torch presentation were held in the beautiful top floor of the university library and attended by almost 200 students, officers, advisors, and family members. Kelsi Crain, Miss ULM and an Alpha Lambda Delta member and President James E. Cofer greeted the initiates and their guests. Following the invocation and meal, Chapter President Jenny Rhodes welcomed Dr. Glenda Earwood who presented the Torch Award to the chapter.

On behalf of the National Council, Dr. Earwood congratulated the chapter on being selected as one of the top ALD chapters in the nation. Dr. Earwood said, "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, an insight into the feelings of others." Led by Co-Presidents: Laura Lacy Hales and Serena Waller, the chapter had a strong supporting cast of officers including: External Vice President Keith Whiddon; Vice President: Kristin Frankhouser; Secretary: Katie Collins Sanford; Treasurer: Lindzey Smith and Cortney Jackson; Internal Communications: John Laing; External Communications: Courtney Thomas;

Public Relations: Danielle Travis; Philanthropist: Beth Collins; Chaplain/Historian: Paul Caliste; and Webmaster: Heather Hinton.

Dr. Harry Hale has served as one of the chapter advisors since 1989. Dr. Martha Anderson has also served as chapter advisor until her recent retirement and now Dr. Matthew Matusiak is serving as a chapter advisor. The University of Louisiana - Monroe Alpha Lambda Delta chapter was started in 1965. This was the fourth time that the ULM chapter has won the Order of the Torch Award.

Among the many projects done by the ULM chapter included the Cookies for new Professors, the Smarty Party held at President Cofer's new home, Trunk or Treat, a campus Christmas Card which won the contest and a \$250 prize, staffing tables at PREP for orientation and Browse the Bayou for prospective ULM students; volunteering at a local elementary school, raising money for the Cerebral Palsy telethon, the Up til Dawn Spring Carnival where the chapter again won the TEAM of the Year, Bowl 4 Kid's Sake, and playing Oozeball, a mud version of volleyball (the team was the ALD

Flamers!). The year culminated with the March 12th induction ceremony where the University President Dr. Cofer encouraged students to continue their quest of learning! All of the chapter activities and service were documented in a beautiful scrapbook.

Dr. Earwood told the banquet participants, "Your chapter set goals for themselves so that they knew where they were going. The goals were both measurable and obtainable - a valuable lesson for life. Chapter members learned how to work together; they learned about caring for others - about giving of themselves. I can tell you really had fun! In a nutshell, you learned a lot of valuable lessons while you worked at winning this Award - lessons that you will utilize long after you leave the gates on the ULM campus and make your way along life's journey."

Following Dr. Earwood's remarks, Dr. Matthew Matusiak presented honor cords to the graduating seniors. The officers conducted an induction ceremony for the 75 new initiates. Senior advisor Laura Lacy Hales concluded the ceremony with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony.



St. Vincent College

The St. Vincent College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was also a recipient of a 2009 Order of the Torch award. Their award ceremony is scheduled for the spring of 2010. Above, presenting officer Dr. Mike Nichols takes a look at the St. Vincent College Torch scrapbook along with chapter officer Stephanie Fitzgerald at the 2009 National Leadership Workshop.



Chapter officers gave presenting officer Glenda Earwood a warm welcome for her November 12th visit to present the chapter's Order of the Torch award



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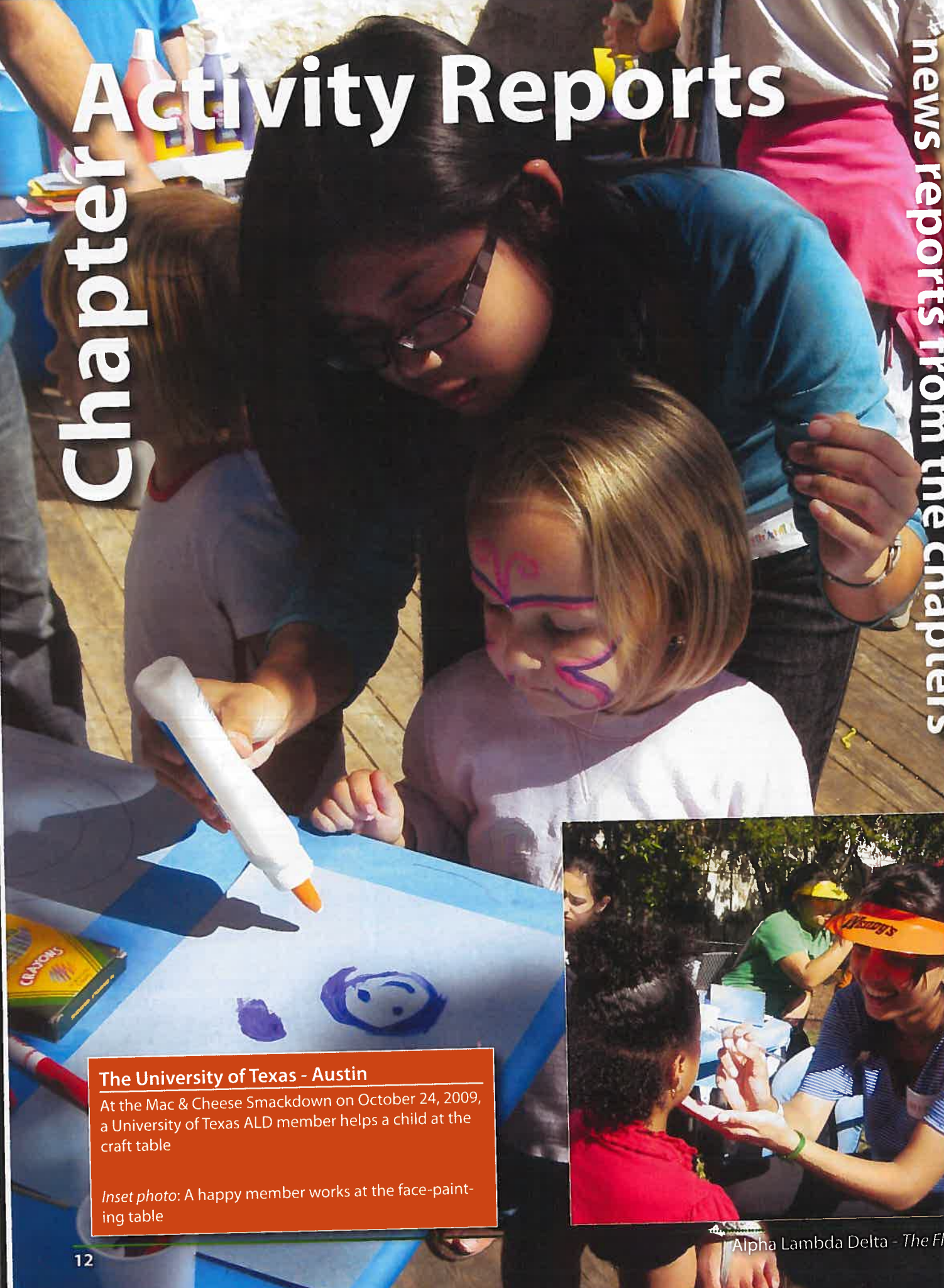
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Chapters winning the Order of the Torch are ineligible to compete for the award in the four years following their win. During this period, the chapters compete for the Maintaining the Flame award - this year's Maintaining the Flame winners are:

- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at El Paso
- University of Southern California
- Morningside College
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Cincinnati
- Purdue University
- The Ohio State University
- Otterbein College
- Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
- University of Alabama at Birmingham

Chapter Activity Reports

news reports from the chapters



The University of Texas - Austin

At the Mac & Cheese Smackdown on October 24, 2009, a University of Texas ALD member helps a child at the craft table

Inset photo: A happy member works at the face-painting table



Alpha Lambda Delta - The Flo



A very active chapter - above and at left, the members of the Bowling Green State University chapter at just a few of the many events the chapter sponsors each year.

Bowling Green State University

What makes the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Bowling Green State University so exceptional? Well, it is the distinguished members and their dedication to serving the community. Besides striving for academic excellence, the members of Alpha Lambda Delta seek ways to uplift the community in which they live. In the past, they have volunteered at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, local soup kitchens, and the Wood County Humane Society. Chapter members have also donated blankets and other beneficial items to the Cocoon Shelter, which provides housing for battered women and their children. Since poverty is steadily increasing within the Bowling Green area and the holiday season is quickly approaching, Alpha Lambda Delta has started a food drive to help those in need; however, this is only the beginning since members have future projects to look forward to.

In addition to service, members enjoy gathering for social events. From creating ice cream sundaes to playing games in a stress-free environment, these fun events allow members to converse with one another, relax, take a break from classes, and most importantly build life-long relationships. At the same time, members have the opportunity to experience what Alpha Lambda Delta is all about.

Finally, educating members is an essential aspect to the Alpha Lambda Delta experience. The chapter at Bowling Green State University conducts meetings every month to ensure members' interest and to encourage active roles within the organization. Guest speakers are invited to speak at these informative meetings as a way to promote success and easy living on a college campus. Various topics ranging from health and wellness to money management allow members to take advantage of these help sessions to enhance their personal lives and the or-

ganization as a whole. As Alpha Lambda Delta continues to progress in the future, the organization will continue to work hard to keep the flame burning within its members.

California University of Pennsylvania

This year, the California University of Pennsylvania ALD chapter embarked on a never-before-attempted policy. After examining the previous year and assessing what had worked and what did not, the ALD executive board and its advisors came up with an innovative idea. Along with the required ALD-affiliated service project, members would also need to fulfill another new obligation. In order to better prepare and equip students for their eventual careers, ALD reached out to work with Cal U's Career Advantage Program. The Career Advantage Program is in place to help students along the way, starting in their freshman year and working through to their senior year, to becoming prepared and ready for the work force. It is a step-by-step, year-by-year program which incorporates many helpful resources and tools. From the Strong Interest Inventory (which assesses students interests and possible related careers), to job shadowing, resume and portfolio building, internships, and workshops, the Career Advantage Program is there to help students to better them-



The chapter at California University of Pennsylvania made a strong showing at the American Heart Association's "Heart Walk." The University raised a notable sum of \$8,120 for heart-disease research and education.

selves and their career opportunities. By working alongside the Career Advantage Program, the 111 members are now required to participate in one of the CAP activities offered. As an academic honor society, ALD-Cal U is not only promoting the academic integrity and standards of its members, but also aiding them along their career path.

A highlight of the year thus far definitely came from ALD's participation in the American Heart Association's 'Heart Walk' at Cal U. The Heart Walk was held during our 2009 Homecoming weekend, which was a great opportunity to raise money for a good cause by having all the university clubs and organizations come together to walk. Cal U of PA raised the second most amount of money in the county with \$8,120 and ALD was the fourth highest raising club/organization. It just goes to show what you can do when people come together!

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 and committee members in attendance. During the first weeks of school, we participated in two events to get the word out about



The officers, student advisors, and committee members of the IUPUI chapter enjoyed a pleasant officers' dinner at a local TGI Friday's

Alpha Lambda Delta. The first was 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 ladder golf. The following week, 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. We partnered with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and mulched and trimmed trees around several I-65 ramps downtown (after hiking to the site about two miles from campus!). For the fourth year in a row, we were the largest group participating in the event.



Three members of the IUPUI chapter show off some coats donated as part of the chapter's seventh annual involvement with the Coats for Kids program

October brought our seventh year of participating in the Coats for Kids drive, an annual citywide event to collect new and gently-used coats for needy kids in Indianapolis. We collected about a hundred coats and delivered them to Tuchman Cleaners who then cleaned and delivered them to the Indiana State Fairgrounds for distribution to the community. In addition to this event, our members teamed up with Indy Parks and Recreation for the fourth year in a row and worked at the annual 3-day "Hauntless Halloween" at Holliday Park to provide a non-scary but entertaining Halloween for Indianapolis children. Members served as trail guides, crafts assistants, and refreshment servers. While many of our members were volunteering at Hauntless Halloween, our advisor, Lisa Ruch, and co-presidents, Dillor Etter and Evan Stout, were off to Minneapolis for the National Alpha Lambda Delta Leadership Workshop. Before the

left, members contributed 80 pounds of donations – mostly toys, treats, food, and blankets – for the Minneapolis Humane Society, which we shipped to the conference hotel ahead of time. We also collected enough donations for a \$125 Pet-Smart gift card that we presented to the director of the Humane Society on Friday night of the workshop. Lisa conducted two “Service to Others” workshops with the Baylor University advisor, and Dillon and Evan attended several very informative and useful sessions. They also made a lot of new friends due to their sparkling personalities, and most importantly, they learned to swing dance!

To continue the Humane Society theme, in November we helped out the local Humane Society since our shelters are overflowing with homeless animals due to the bad economy. We have many animal lovers in our midst, so we decided to collect items such as toys, food, and blankets for donation. We also had 40 members volunteer at the shelter on four different dates, and we made a cash donation to the shelter on our last visit. We plan to volunteer at the Humane Society again during spring semester and make another donation.

November is Homeless Awareness Month in Indianapolis, and our chapter is collecting socks for the homeless and 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 meet on a Saturday and shop for gifts all day and then spend the evening wrapping them and having dinner together.

In addition to our community service events, we have teamed up with the IUPUI Honors Club for the second year to sponsor monthly “Brown Bag” lunches covering topics of interest to our members. These have included areas such as study abroad, how to prepare for medical school, and how to prepare for graduate school.

We’ve also had a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings this year with plans for more next semester. The founding dean of our new Honors College spoke to our members about opportunities available through Honors study, and

a staff member from Housing and Residence Life talked about employment opportunities available in student housing; we have many honor society members already working as resident assistants in our campus apartments. We’re also planning to have a self-defense workshop led by a local world champion karate expert. Finally, we want to mention that we had two National Alpha Lambda Delta scholarship winners in 2009, Cora Daniel and Cora Griffin, and we also won the Maintaining the Flame Award. We plan to keep going strong and win some more awards in 2010!

University of Louisiana – Monroe

On October 5, University of Louisiana-Monroe’s chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, with President James E. Cofer and Mrs. Deborah Cofer, welcomed 95 freshmen to the annual Smarty Party. These outstanding freshmen excelled academically in high school and earned a 24 or higher on their ACT to receive an invitation to the Smarty Party, which is designed to introduce incoming freshmen to Alpha Lambda Delta and get them excited about joining their second semester of college. The party, held at the President’s House, Bon Aire, gave the guests an opportunity to meet and mingle with

current ALD officers and the President. Some even received personal tours of the house guided by Mrs. Cofer; the students greatly enjoyed the chance to explore the President’s House.

After socializing and hors d’oeuvres, everyone gathered on the patio overlooking the bayou, and chapter president, Jenny Rhodes, officially welcomed all guests to the Smarty Party. President Cofer followed, encouraging the students to excel from the start of their college career to the end.

The ULM chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was proud to welcome the students to our Smarty Party. Every year, the Smarty Party gets better with each group of incoming freshmen. We look forward to the spring, and the chance to initiate these outstanding students into Alpha Lambda Delta.

University of Louisiana at Monroe’s ALD chapter held our fall initiation, Order of the Torch Ceremony and senior ceremony on November 12, 2009 in the conference center of the University Library. In attendance were special guests Dr. Glenda Earwood, ALD Executive Director, Dr. and Mrs. Cofer, University President and First Lady, and Kelsi Crain, Miss ULM and ALD member.



University of Louisiana - Monroe ALD members at the chapter's annual Smarty Party with University President James E. Cofer and First Lady Deborah Cofer

Miss ULM, Kelsi Crain welcomed everyone to the ULM chapter of ALD's Fall Initiation by saying that this was a special night to honor our new initiates that were invited to join because of their academic standing. She pointed out numerous ways ALD has benefited her and will benefit other members, such as meeting President Cofer and other important faculty, being involved in community projects, and networking within the chapter.

Our chapter was honored to have Dr. Earwood come present us with the Order of the Torch Award for our leadership and contribution to our university and community. She encouraged our 78 new initiates along with our present members to continue to maintain the flame through the activities that we hold each year, such as our scrapbook, trunk or treat, cookies for new professors, and collecting donations for Cerebral Palsy and St. Jude's.

We also had a short ceremony for our graduating seniors to receive their honor cords before graduating in December. President Cofer reminded our initiates to look to the senior members for guidance in how to be successful throughout their college career. Our chapter is proud of the new members we have gained and the four seniors that will be graduating. We hope that all of our members will continue to make our chapter one of the best in the nation.

University of Miami

The University of Miami Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter has had a very busy semester so far. On October 26, 2009, Alpha Lambda Delta took over a spare classroom in one of the dorms. Here, members of Alpha Lambda Delta made Halloween themed cards for the patients at Miami Children's Hospital. They consumed 48 cupcakes and over 50 cookies while managing to draw their best ghosts and goblins on the homemade cards. Members got very creative, even adding glitter and making "pop up" cards with bouncing pumpkins. By the end of the evening, over 140 cards had been created for the children. It was a very successful and fun event.

UMiami ALD also will be continuing on with its tradition of doing a cereal cart



Members of the University of Miami chapter make Halloween cards for children in a local hospital

the night before exams begin. This involves bringing free cereal to students in all the dorms as a late night study treat. The students always enjoy getting free cereal while they study for their most difficult exams.

University of Miami Alpha Lambda Delta has had a fantastic year so far and looks forward to the future.

North Carolina A&T State University

The North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is taking great strides to ensure our continued reputation of excellence. In the spring we welcomed one hundred and twenty eight eager new inductees, three honorary members, as well as the current executive board. Serving on the executive board for the 2009-2010 school year are Joel Williamson as President, Chukwuemeka Anazia as Vice President, Genell Bond as Secretary, Vé Léandre as Treasurer, Charles Johnson as Historian, Starlyn Robinson as Editor, Ashlee Cohen as Webmaster, and Jasmine Farrar and Derrick Jefferies as Mr. & Mrs. ALD respectively. The excitement of the spring did not stop at inductions! Our chapter had three members with 4.0 grade point averages to graduate in May, and one member went on to graduate school at Harvard University.

The new inductees wasted no time becoming involved in the community. Following spring inductions, the new Mr. & Mrs. ALD coordinated their first community service event, a street clean up, which proved to be the beginning of a very positive trend. Contrary to the attire of inductions, ALD members dressed in sneakers and sweats, and collected trash and debris from our adopted street. In the spirit of tradition, current and past ALD members showed up to offer a helping hand. In the same breath, the newest additions to ALD turned around the next day and volunteered for the Saturday Breakfast Club. Members made themselves available as tutors to other



North Carolina A&T State University members help keep their community clean



North Carolina A&T State University's 2009-2010 induction class

university students prior to finals and assisted with studying and review for their upcoming exams. These activities were a great way for the executive board to jumpstart the school year.

In the fall of 2009, the North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta welcomed seventeen new members. After planning long and hard for fall inductions and assisting with the fall inductions of Alpha Kappa Mu and Alpha Chi (junior/senior level honor societies), the executive board was then able to turn its efforts towards working on our first annual "Alpha Lambda Delta Week." Our very next event, co-hosted on Nov. 11th with the College of Arts and Sciences, was a collaborative text-in-community forum on the book, *Dreams from My Father* by President Barak Obama. Our chapter's ALD Week, November 15-21, is scheduled to consist of four different events: a panel discussion, a fundraiser, a society social, and a community service event. Our panel discussion is set to take place on Wednesday November 18th, and will serve as an outlet for students to voice opinions and concerns about the university to members of the faculty. Our treasurer, Vé, is set to coordinate a fundraising activity in the form of a movie night, providing food, drink, and entertainment for a reasonable fee. Our historian, Charles, has an exciting and fun filled social planned for all our members

to bond towards the end of the week. The final activity for ALD Week is a street clean up, planned by our Mr. & Mrs. ALD, set to take place on the morning of Saturday, November 21st.

Our chapter started the year off with a bang! Our chapter was also awarded the Order of The Torch this year to commemorate our outstanding achievements from the prior year. The Torch was presented by National Council Member Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonnell at this year's honors convocation. As though receiving

the Order of the Torch was not enough of an honor, we were also fortunate enough to have Maya Angelou as the guest speaker at the event. We have big plans for the approaching semester, including lots of unprecedented activities, collaborations, and outreach programs. Keeping in mind our chapter's and national ALD's history of achievement, we feel confident in saying, "The best has yet to come!"

The Ohio State University

The Ohio State University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated a new class of 382 high achieving students on October 11th, 2009. The outgoing executive board presented the initiates and their family members with the history of Alpha Lambda Delta as well as a history of its emblem. Dr. Mabel Freeman, Assistant Vice President of Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, served as the keynote speaker of the ceremony, offering excellent advice and inspiration to the attendees. Following the keynote speaker, each initiate was honored individually and the outgoing executive board led the initiates in reciting the pledge of Alpha Lambda Delta.

On the Wednesday following initiation, the first general body meeting was held, and members elected the new executive board. Following elections, the executive board experienced beneficial team-building exercises, developed strategy



Officers from The Ohio State University chapter of ALD take a short break during their retreat on November 1, 2009.

skills and group dynamics, and planned upcoming events at the annual retreat. The retreat took place on November 1 at Summit Vision in Westerville, Ohio. The morning began with simple team-oriented exercises that involved everyone's ideas and participation. In one activity, the executive board had to transport various balls, which represented members, from one bucket to another using only foam noodles. Through activities such as these, the executive board learned that different strategies and methods need to be employed to get members involved in chapter meetings and events. Next, the group moved outside to participate in more hands-on activities. These helped board members learn vital group skills and reinforced ideals of cooperative teamwork.

After enjoying lunch, the executive board began detailing chapter goals and expectations for the year as well as possible upcoming events. Executive officers plan to make general body meetings worthwhile by including small service projects in meetings and inviting interesting, engaging speakers. The principal goal of the year is to get as many general body members involved in chapter meetings, as well as social and service events. The executive board retreat was an enormous success in terms of team-building and planning for the year. The executive board feels ready and prepared to lead the Ohio State ALD Chapter in a very successful yet fun-filled year.

Two of the chapter executive board officers attended the ALD Regional Conference at Ashland University on November 7th, where they learned new program ideas and how to motivate members. Also, several members of ALD recently had the honor of volunteering at the President's Brunch hosted by President E. Gordon Gee on November 14th. The chapter is proud to host its first social event of the year, the Beat Michigan Tailgate Party on November 20th. Potential service events for the year include making holiday cards for children at Nationwide Children's Hospital, volunteering at the Columbus Unverferth House, and

ALD teams at Relay for Life. ALD plans to continue last year's cornhole tournament to benefit the Unverferth House and plans to begin participation in the Adopt-A-School tutoring program. Potential social events for the year include ALD intramural teams, participating in a high ropes course in the spring, and dinner and movie nights following general body meetings. The Ohio State University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has big plans for the 2009 - 2010 year, and is prepared to continue the excellence of past chapters.

Ohio University

The 2008-09 chapter of Ohio University Alpha Lambda Delta was named to the Order of the Torch, an annual award for the most outstanding chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta in the nation.

National ALD President, Dr. Susan Huffman of Purdue University, and her husband came to Athens, OH to deliver the honor at a banquet commemorating the occasion. The OU Dean of Students, Dr. Ryan Lombardi, was also in attendance to congratulate OU ALD on their achievement.

Qualifying for the award was no small task; hopeful chapters from across the nation submitted portfolios showcasing their yearly activities. The applications were judged by a committee of National Council members which decided who should receive the award -- a magnificent commemorative banner.

The banquet was an exciting opportunity for past and present leaders of OU ALD to form friendships and exchange ideas about continuing the chapter's tradition of excellence.

"It was great to have quality time with the past executive board," said current Chapter President Dan Williams. "It was clear from their commitment to the organization and dedication to the community as a whole that they were very deserving of the award."

However, chapters that continue to excel in programming, activities and service are eligible for the National Council's "Maintaining the Flame" award.

The 2009 - 2010 executive board is currently striving to achieve this honor. They have already made significant contributions to OU, and the world as a whole, by holding events such as a charity 5K run -- which raised money for Foundation Rwanda.

With help from local sponsors in the Athens community, fellow ALD chapters and numerous hard-working volunteers the event raised approximately \$2500 to donate to Foundation Rwanda. The money will help provide funding for the secondary education of children affected by the 1994 Rwanda genocide.

Sixty runners gathered at Ping Recreation Center to participate in the charity event. Participants were awarded a complimentary T-shirt and a post-run brunch inside Ping. This was the first event that the 2009-2010 Executive Board has held and it proved to be the perfect start to the school year.

Our executive board of Alpha Lambda Delta is very proud of how hard all of our members worked to host such a great event. Not only were we able to donate a great deal of money to a charitable organization, but also we became close throughout the process. Volunteering is something that we stress in Alpha Lambda Delta, and by doing so we were able to establish closer relationships with one another. We accomplished what we had intended to do, and that is raise awareness of a global-wide cause around the Athens and Ohio University communities.

As a team we worked together, combining leadership and communication skill sets with hard work and positive attitudes. Each person played a key role in the planning stages of this event and we could not be more proud of our executive board and fellow members. As an honor society, we take great pride in doing what is right and ensuring that we always give our best efforts. In representing Alpha Lambda Delta, it is our duty to carry on the tradition of excellence that this organization has so firmly established.

Feel like you're missing out? If you don't share your chapter's stories with the Flame, you're not missing out - we are! Send in your stories for the 2011 edition - whether it's a big service project or a little chapter get-together, it's important to us. Submit your chapter's report to ald@nationalald.org by **November 15, 2010** to make sure yours is included!

University of Oklahoma

It was an exciting day for Alpha Lambda Delta! On Sunday, September 13, 2009 members from the University of Oklahoma chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta reinvigorated a chapter on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

The reinvigoration process started when Southern Nazarene's Honor's advisor, Dr. Noel Jacobs and OU student Nabeel Shakier met at a Central Oklahoma Interfaith Dialogue conference. The two worked together to get the reinstallation of the SNU chapter up and running.

From this simple conversation sparked great interest in the program. Dr. Jacobs sent a campus-wide e-mail notifying students of the upcoming re-establishment of the chapter, and followed that with 120 invitations to students who met chapter requirements. Advisors from both universities and officers from the University of Oklahoma worked for several months to find a date and time for the installation and induction of the Southern Nazarene chapter.

The reinstallation of the chapter was a formal event. Members of the University of Oklahoma's chapter formally initiated the newest members of Southern Nazarene's newly re-opened program. After the initiation of 62 members of Southern Nazarene's finest students along with two honorary members, the officers for the upcoming year were announced.

Brittany Solis and Trae Beasler were appointed to President and Vice-President, respectively. Also inducted to office was Johnnie West, who would serve as the chapter's secretary. All of the new officers were excited to watch the chapter grow and eager to fulfill their duties in the newly appointed offices. President Brittany Solis stated that "It is exciting to be a part of this reinstalled chapter. I can't wait to see what the future holds for not only our chapter, but for the university as well." With its eager officers and enthusiastic members, Southern Nazarene's newly reinstated chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta demonstrated much promise for a bright future.

The revitalized chapter is already off to a great start. Dr. Jacobs, President Brittany Solis, and Vice-President Trea Beasler all attended the 2009 National Alpha Lambda Delta Leadership Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 16th through the 18th. This was a great way for the nascent chapter to gather some great ideas from older successful chapters. Dr. Jacobs is very excited about returning to the workshop next year, and found this year's workshop beneficial in that it provided him with "crucial administrative and job-balancing wisdom," as well as providing the SNU chapter with great service activity ideas. All who attended were enthusiastic about their return to the 2010 National Conference.



A new member signs the chapter roll at the reactivation of the SNU chapter.

The reinstatement of the chapter not only helped Southern Nazarene, but also benefited the University of Oklahoma. Both chapters are eager to help one another with joint service projects and other various mixers and activities. Together, both universities are ready for a bright, promising year in Alpha Lambda Delta.

Purdue University

The Purdue chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated its largest class of spring initiates ever with 650 students accepting membership last March. Over 700 initiates and family members attended the initiation ceremony, and over 400 attended the optional banquet that followed in our student union ballrooms. New members were invited to apply for several available officer positions, and the 2008-09 officers interviewed over 40 capable candidates and selected this year's board. The year ended on a productive and fun note as the two sets of officers transitioned during a get acquainted dinner at a local popular restaurant. The 2009-10 officer group started off their year by having a booth at the Boiler Gold Rush info fair for new freshmen and followed that with a table at the student union board's activities fest. The officers also had a retreat to get to know one another better, set expectations, and talk about goals for the year. So far, this



University of Oklahoma chapter advisor Dr. Alice Lanning oversees the formal reactivation of the chapter at Southern Nazarene University, with SNU advisor Noel Jacobs and members looking on.

year's group has re-established our after school Prime-Time tutoring program at Purdue's family housing complex. Many of the children are not native English speakers, so the chapter members practice their English as well as reading and other classroom skills. Not only have the officers succeeded in having at least one service project per month, but they are also sponsoring all-member meetings and social events so that more of the members can be involved. We will end the semester with a study break/ informational presentation about stress, and we will make candy bags to distribute to students we catch studying right before finals!

University of South Carolina

Every year brings new activities and accomplishments for the University of South Carolina's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter, and this year has been no exception. We pride ourselves on being the largest honor society on campus as well as the largest student organization on campus with over 1100 students inducted each year. Our ALD members do more than just maintain their strong GPA, though. They do everything from serving their community and campus to participating in intramural sports.

Our ALD chapter is composed of officers and advisors as well as junior and senior advisors. Our group is very well knit and committed to doing everything we can to promote active membership. Officer and advisor meetings are held quite often and always consist of a brainstorming session on fun ways to encourage involvement. Themed meetings are a big way we increase turnout. Some of our past themes include sports, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, and even a "partay" theme where everyone in attendance received a pair of brightly colored sunglasses. We try to break up the monotony of a typical meeting by doing fun things like giving out candy, prizes, or even playing a game of musical chairs.

Scholarship is something greatly valued by the ALD body at USC. This year, we had three students receive the Trow Scholarship. The winners were juniors Jessica Bingham and Jaime Sullivan and senior Nick Riley. We have also won the most Outstanding Chapter in the Nation four times as well as the Lampadia

Outstanding Chapter Website award. Not only did we have scholarship winners, we are also proud to say that this year's Homecoming King and Queen, as well as Mr. and Ms. USC are all members of ALD. With over 15 service projects put on by our chapter each year, it is easy to tell that service is extremely important to our members. This year during welcome week, we had 44 of our members help with move-in crew. They lugged boxes and suitcases to help out freshman and even got a free t-shirt for their hard work. We also had a successful and fun time that week when we created a whiz ring game where students would toss rings onto a hook to win prizes. Our most recent service project was a painting project where almost 20 of our members got up bright and early to paint one of our buildings on campus.

Our biggest service project, which we hold every December, is the USC Challenge. We compile a list of questions a students from high schools all around the USC area go head to head to try and prove their academic knowledge. Professors and academics ask the questions and judge the event. The USC Challenge is not only fun for us, but it is also good for our school because it publicizes USC to potential future students.

Last spring, our members participated in the Plane Pull, where they literally, pulled an entire plane. The plane pull is a lot of fun for those who participate because it is a great way to build teamwork and make friends and even break a little sweat in the process. Pulling planes isn't the only way our members get their exercise, though. We have a wide array of intramural sports teams including soccer, football, volleyball, and swimming. The



Members of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of South Carolina chip in to help paint one of the campus buildings

year our swim teams won both the men's and women's championship.

No year is the same as the last for the members of ALD at USC. Each year brings new members, new ideas, and new ways to serve our community. With our awards, large active membership, and countless service projects, we have accomplished a lot, but we are not content to stop there. With our motivation and determination to do the most that we can to better our campus and community, the future looks like a bright one for our chapter at USC.

University of Southern California

"Who are we? ALD! Who are we?? ALD!!" The University of Southern California chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is in the middle of yet another active, successful year. By fostering academic achievement as well as relationships with peers in the student body, the school faculty, and the nationwide community, Alpha Lambda Delta is able to cater to the needs of more than 2,000 members in our chapter. Through academic, service, and social events, Alpha Lambda Delta at USC seeks to provide its members with the ultimate experience possible.

Last spring, Alpha Lambda Delta inducted 635 members into our chapter at Bovard Auditorium, making history as our largest entering class of initiates yet. Through increased publicity efforts and by promoting scholarly excellence in the freshman class, we hope that more freshmen will be able to discover and become a part of the large ALD family here at USC. Such efforts have been reflected in our "dorm-storming" activities, in which the 2009-2010 Executive Board placed Alpha Lambda Delta promotional door hangers on each door of the ten residence halls on campus, which houses the 2,500 first year students living in on-campus housing facilities. In addition, during Welcome Week for incoming freshmen, the Executive Board members volunteered at the Welcome Back Luncheon on Thursday, August 20th. As we checked-in freshmen—our targets for next semester—to this event, we passed out ALD fliers and provided them with information about our organization. Also, we opened our first general meeting of the fall semester to interested freshmen for informational purposes.



Members volunteering at Welcome Back Luncheon for freshmen during USC's Welcome Week.

In addition, after the Executive Board's annual chapter retreat in Redondo Beach, California, we have been actively accomplishing the events on our annual plan. Alpha Lambda Delta has held multiple ice cream socials on Trousdale Parkway, the main avenue of the university, passing out Diddy Reize cookies and ice cream along with scantrons and blue books. Likewise, we participated in USC's biannual Student Involvement Fair, passing out fliers and USC Trojan Football pins to students interested in our booth.

One of our flagship events, Alpha Lambda Delta held its annual Professor Appreciation Luncheon (PAL) on Monday, October 12, 2009. For this event, students are encouraged to nominate three professors they would like to converse with over a complimentary meal at the university's finest restaurant, the University Club. When a professor's schedule matches with the student's, the student and professor are each notified and are cordially invited to this luncheon so that they can come and enjoy each other's company whenever they are both



A student and a professor attend the annual Professor Appreciation Luncheon, ALD's signature event at the University of Southern California.

available. Each professor is presented a certificate of appreciation for attending this event. We encourage members to approach this event as an opportunity to develop rapport with their professors and advance their intellectual, personal, or research interests. This year, a total of 65 students and professors attended, representing a wide variety of interests and majors, ranging from business to film. This signature event, which was covered by the campus newspaper, the Daily Trojan, was a great success as it has been in the past and will continue to be in the future.

In addition, Alpha Lambda Delta members have been very involved in philanthropic activities around Los Angeles. Alpha Lambda Delta and USC's Women's Student Assembly co-sponsored a team, jointly named "USC—Fight On," to participate in AIDS Walk LA 2009 on Sunday, October 18th. Registration, transportation, and team shirts were provided free-of-charge for participants. 52 students participated in this event, raising \$1,264.99 altogether. This event benefitted the AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), which is dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by HIV disease, reducing the incidence of HIV infection, and advocating for fair and effective HIV-related public policy. Likewise, Alpha Lambda Delta assisted the Office of Parent Programs with the annual Trojan Parents Weekend, held this year from Thursday, October 22 to Saturday, October 24. Volunteers helped greet parents, assisted with directions as needed, facilitated the check-in process, and helped manage crowd control at the football tailgate picnic. In addition, another philanthropic event in which Alpha Lambda Delta is currently involved is our original toiletry drive, in which members collect toiletry items to donate to the Los Angeles Women's Shelter. Also, Alpha Lambda Delta is having a two-week long canned food drive in mid-November, to be donated to the Los Angeles Food Bank.

Even with such a great fall semester drawing to a close, Alpha Lambda Delta has many great events planned for the future. On Wednesday, November 18th and Thursday, November 19th, Alpha Lambda Delta members will be eating dinner and going to watch the musi-

cal "Spring Awakening!" at the Orange County Performing Arts Center. At the end of November, before the last week of classes, we will be having our annual ALD Blue Book Distribution in front of Leavey Library, the university's only 24/7 library. During this event, we will be distributing blue books, scantrons, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, Diddy Riese cookies, and donuts to students studying for their final examinations. At this time, we will also be passing out a packet of available scholarship opportunities. In addition, we are preparing a professional banner to read, "Alpha Lambda Delta wishes you good luck on finals! Fight on Trojans!" This banner will be displayed on the benches that lie on Trousdale Parkway and will promote name recognition among students. Needless to say, the University of Southern California chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is excited for the numerous events to come and is looking forward to inducting new members in Spring 2010!

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

As the SIUC chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, we are seeking to make our impact on the community as big as our membership. With more than 220 new members, the goal is one we're sure we can reach.

Kicking off the year with an ice cream social in September gave many of the members a chance to get to know one another better as well as a tasty way to beat the heat. The chapter's officers had already decided we wanted to make this year more service-oriented and get as much involvement as possible, and the social was a fun and relaxed way to share that goal with other members.

Soon after, we began our service activities. Many members took the opportunity to help out at a Red Cross blood drive on campus on September 30th. On October 3rd, several of our members put wear on their shoes for a good cause when they volunteered for the Heart Walk, which raises money for the American Heart Association. ALD Members also dedicated a Saturday night to Up Til Dawn, an event on November 7th that raised money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The night combined food, fun and activities like writing letters to raise

awareness and ask for donations for the hospital.

The officers also spent some time delving more into the way the society works as they revised the Constitution, updating and rewording sections and phrases to give it added relevancy and clarity for a new year.

With the great start we've had, we look forward to what the rest of the school year will bring. Already we have some big things planned, including a semi-formal dance in February where Alpha Lambda Delta will join with the campus Colleges Against Cancer chapter in a fun fundraiser for the annual Relay for Life. Money raised during this dance will go research and education for the American Cancer Society.

Later in the spring, a 5K run/walk is in the works as another fundraiser, and more service activities are planned throughout the year.

Our chapter is excited at the potential to see to make this a great year for service and involvement, and we hope our momentum will continue to grow.

University of Texas – El Paso

ALD at The University of Texas, El Paso doesn't focus only on helping those in our local community. At our institution on the US-Mexico border, we decided to address the needs of our sister city Juarez, Mexico.

Maria Ruiz is a person who – even though she doesn't have much herself likes to give to others. When she learned of the extreme poverty and hunger in which the families and children of an underserved Juarez neighborhood were living, she started a food program. She began cooking meals in her home in El Paso, taking the food across the border and delivering it to the residents of that neighborhood. Over the past 13 years Maria Ruiz has fed thousands of underserved families on both sides of the border, and has provided them with clothing and other supplies.

Mrs. Ruiz efforts have been made possible thanks to donations she receives from local organizations and businesses. Her current efforts include development of an orphanage, a community kitchen and a school for underserved children in Mexico – a school which will provide

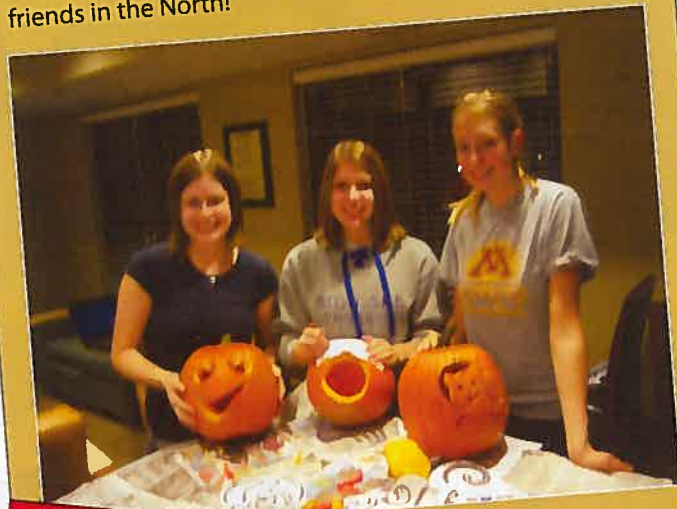
The University of Connecticut

On October 30, 2009, UConn's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta hosted its third annual PumpkinFest on the Storrs campus. Since 2007, the executive board has partnered with volunteer members and a number of organizations across campus and throughout the community that support this event. Through PumpkinFest, ALD members and organizations such as UConn's Dining Services allow the campus to enjoy an array of fall festivities including pumpkin carving and painting, free T-shirts, ice cream, locally grown foods, and prizes. PumpkinFest has quickly become a cornerstone event for the UConn chapter and continues to be a success.



University of Minnesota - Crookston

October 22, 2009 marked UMC's first annual pumpkin carving! Our group made this a great icebreaker for our new inductees and everyone had a wonderful time. Afterwards, we hosted our bimonthly Thursday Study Session, inviting our fellow students to join us for refreshments and study tips in our exclusive Honors Lounge. Our special little niche in the Evergreen Hall has become a coveted perk of joining ALD or the Honors program. With Evergreen Hall attaining Leed Certification, it makes it a great contribution to environmental awareness and a conducive atmosphere for ALD to convene and continue our sustainability momentum. More to come from your friends in the North!



Converse College

Two members from Converse College help out in Habitat for Humanity's ReStore.



Samford University

The Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Samford University decided to make a study break a little sweeter for the Freshmen students. We provided several giant cookie cakes for the Student Government's annual Freshman Rave. One of our chapter's goals is to raise awareness among the freshmen about Alpha Lambda Delta. At the end of the evening, we handed out information and encouraged the freshmen to study hard and look for their invitation in the spring!



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LOOKING FORWARD:

THE FUTURE OF SUCCESS

In 2009 and 2010, Alpha Lambda Delta is taking on a few new projects to bring our Society into the next decade. Here's some quick information about three of our newest and most exciting initiatives!

ALD PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Together with Bright Blue Sky Productions of Macon, Georgia, National Alpha Lambda Delta has developed a short video explaining many of the benefits of membership in ALD.

Your chapter may want to consider showing the high-definition version of the video at new member recruitment meetings, or send new members a link to the lower-resolution YouTube version of the video.

You can check out the new ALD Promotional Video by simply logging on to www.nationalald.org and pressing play on the video player right on the front page!

\$200 ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Starting in 2010, the chapter whose advisor is selected as ALD Outstanding Advisor of the Year will receive a \$200 cash award.

Supportive and dedicated advisors have always been the backbone of Alpha Lambda Delta, and they will

continue to be the backbone of our Society in the future.

Nominate your advisor for the Outstanding Advisor of the Year award and win some cash for your chapter - find the application online at: www.nationalald.org/documents.htm

JAMES G. STEMLER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

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 members' world views.

Applications and details are available online at www.nationalald.org/ALD2015/stemlerabroad.asp

Alpha Lambda Delta

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Graduate Fellowships

In 2009, 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.



University of Maryland-
College Park
Adele Stamp Fellowship

Folasayo A. Adunola



University of Maryland-
College Park
Patricia Graham
Fellowship

Cyrus H. Aghamolla



University of Nebraska-
Lincoln
Gladys Colette Bell
Fellowship

Ashley Lynn Brock



University of Delaware
Louise McBee Fellowship

Melody Casagrande



University of Southern
California
Dorothy Anderson
Fellowship

Kevin Chang



Auburn University
Miriam Shelden
Fellowship

Bethany M. Coston



University of Delaware
May Brunson Fellowship

Colin A. Craft



Valparaiso University
Margie Wade Fellowship

Sylvia A. Deek



Auburn University
Katherine Cooper Cater
Fellowship

Brandon L. Eidson



University of California- Los
Angeles
Margaret Berry Fellowship

Andrew R. Grant



University of Alabama-
Birmingham
Maria Leonard Fellowship

Christina P. Ho



Hanover College
Barbara Quilling
Fellowship

Van K. Hoang



University of Maryland-
College Park
Helen Clarke Fellowship

Elizabeth H. Jensen



Valparaiso University
Gladys Pennington
Houser Fellowship

Bonnie L. Keane



Clemson University
Margaret Cunnigim
Fellowship

Brittany N. Knick



George Mason University
Warner O. Moore
Fellowship

David Wai Lieu



Otterbein College
Maude Lee Etheredge
Fellowship

Mina S. Makary



University of Southern
California
Alice Crocker Lloyd
Fellowship

Brenda Nuyen



Kalamazoo College
Betty Jo Hudson
Fellowship

Emma K. Perry



University of Southern
California
Christine Conaway
Fellowship

MiRi Song



University of Southern
California
Mary Jane Stephenson
Fellowship

Robyn N. Strumpf



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Felice Lin Wei



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Kathryn Phillips
Fellowship

Amanda C. Weldy

2010 Jo Anne J. Trow Undergraduate Scholars

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 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.



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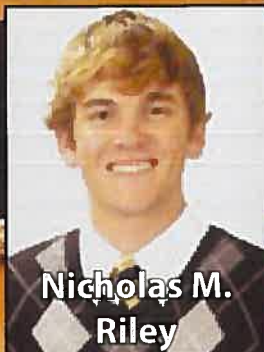
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Alpha Lambda Delta is proud to congratulate

Paula Stuetzgen

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - EAU CLAIRE



2009 Outstanding Advisor of the Year



One of Alpha Lambda Delta's longest-serving advisors, Paula Stuetzgen has been serving as chapter advisor for the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire for 25 years! The executive board of the UWEC chapter wrote a glowing application for Paula's Advisor of the Year nomination, and surprised her with the award at an on-campus ceremony. Below, find her acceptance speech, which she delivered at the 2009 National Leadership Workshop.

The old, classic comedian Jack Benny once said, "I don't deserve this award...but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either."

All joking aside, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the colleagues and, especially, to the students who surprised me - COMPLETELY - with this recognition. It is humbling to realize that whether you are conscious of it or not, you have an impact on the students and others you work with...and vice versa.

This morning I had a conversation with an ALD president that prompted me to throw out my original speech and write a new one (you should thank her because that one was thirty minutes long! Wink, grin). Actually, we spoke about the significance of relaying to ALD members that -

Yes, this is an invitation to a select group of scholastically excellent students, and

Yes, ALD's membership is limited and elite,

BUT ALD's true purpose, its mission and scope is not limited to recognition of member success. Rather, the underlying intent of Alpha Lambda Delta is to join together high academic achievers to lead in service to others - from one's campus outward to the global community. As our sister honors organization, Mortar Board, states in its motto, "Scholars ... chosen for leadership ... united to serve."

As an advisor, I have observed that it is leadership in service to others that lends meaning and long term significance to the ALD credential. And, as an advisor, I would like you

young ALD officers to consider the concept of servant-leadership as you guide, motivate and lead your organization's members.

One of the earliest recorded references to the leader as a facilitator or servant of the people rather than ruler comes from writings attributed to Lao-Tzu, a Chinese sage who lived between 570 and 490 BCE.

"The higher type of ruler is one of whose existence the people are barely aware.

Next, comes one whom they love and praise.

Next, comes one whom they fear.

Next, comes one whom they despise and defy.

When you are lacking in faith others will be unfaithful to you. When the best rulers achieve their purpose, their subjects claim the achievement as their own."

The best leaders are almost invisible which is why when great deeds are done, the people have a sense of ownership and accomplishment. The servant-leader is, quite simply, a leader who is focused on serving others above self. This may seem a little too warm and fuzzy for some of the more practically-minded among you. But, if you think back to James Anderson's presentation last evening, health, wealth, and relationships are the great stressors in our lives. I contend that one of the greatest antidotes to stress is complete immersion in the service of others - family, organizations, and all the way through to strangers.

I would like to conclude with this story, which underscores my point.

God granted a woman her wish to visit, before her death, both Heaven and Hell. An angel took her first to a place where a bountiful table was set before a huge group of diners. Every manner of wonderful food was represented at this banquet and, yet, those present were in severe misery - starving, weak, unable to be nourished by the bounty before them. The woman quickly realized that this was, indeed, Hell.

The angel next led her to another place, almost identical to the first. Again, the bountiful table and the amazing array of food were set before a group of diners. But this time, everyone was happy, joyful, sated by the food that was theirs to enjoy.

The woman turned to the angel and asked, "Why the difference between the banquets? What is it that makes one such a source of misery and the other a source of such joy?"

The angel replied, "In both places, everyone must obey the same rules. The utensils at the banquet, the forks, the knives, the spoons, have handles that are three feet long. In Hell, the food drops from the end of the utensil before the person can get the food to their mouth."

"But, you see, here in Heaven, we feed each other."

Thank you and have a wonderful year with Alpha Lambda Delta!

Executive Director's Advisors of the Year

Dr. Glenda Earwood announced five winners of the Executive Director Advisor Awards for 2009-2010. This year's winners were:

- **Julie Metzker** – Georgia College & State University
- **Lisa Ruch** – Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis,
- **Kris Guzman** – University of Southern California
- **Amelia Ross – Hammond** – Norfolk State University
- **Martha Anderson** – University of Louisiana – Monroe

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

Since 2005, **Julia Metzker**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, has served as one of the chapter advisors for the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville. This year the chapter grew from 148 members to 271 members, an increase of 83.11%! The yield of eligible students joining the chapter this year was 67.2%, just short of the 70% needed to receive one of the national ALPHA Awards. This marked increase in students choosing to join Alpha Lambda Delta confirms the reputation of the honor society among first year students at Georgia College & State University. This increase in membership is due in large part to the passion and enthusiasm, Julie Metzker has invested in advising this honor society.

Not only has the chapter had a record number of students join, but the chapter has been quite active in both the local and campus communities. The chapter held numerous meetings, and set goals and made plans throughout the year. For several years, the chapter has sponsored a film festival; the chapter actively judged the amateur films and showed them at a spring film festival. The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Georgia College & State University was selected to receive the Order of the Torch Award, making them one of the top six chapters in the nation.

For the past 24 years, **Martha Anderson** has served as one of the chapter advisors for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at the University of Louisiana - Monroe. Reversing a trend at many institutions, Martha Anderson went from working in the office of Alumni

Affairs to the position of Dean of Students because of her love of working with students. This year the chapter again was named to the Order of the Torch Award, one of only six chapters in the nation to receive this honor.

Among the many projects done by these students last year included the Cookies for new Professors, the Smarty Party which was held at President Cofer's new home, Trunk or Treat, a campus Christmas Card which won the contest and a \$250 prize, staffing tables at PREP for orientation and Browse the Bayou for prospective ULM students; volunteering at a local elementary school, raising money for the Cerebral Palsy telethon, the Up til Dawn Spring Carnival where the chapter again won the Team of the Year, Bowl 4 Kid's Sake, and playing Oozeball, a mud version of volleyball. The year culminated with the March 12th induction ceremony where the University President Dr. Cofer encouraged students to continue their quest of learning! This was the fourth time the University of Louisiana – Monroe chapter has won the Order of the Torch Award.

Lisa Ruch is the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs for the Honors Program at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) and has been the advisor of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter since 1998. She is currently serving as the Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion for National Alpha Lambda Delta. Lisa Ruch is always an advocate for the ALD chapter members; several IUPUI students have received Trow scholarships. The chapter won the Order of the Torch Award in 2003 and 2007 and has been awarded the Maintaining the Flame Award several times. This national affirmation for the chapter's accomplishments affirms the reputation of the honor society among first year students at IUPUI. Lisa Ruch's faithful advising of the ALD chapter demonstrates her dedication and professionalism to students at IUPUI.

The active IUPUI chapter has been involved in both the local and campus communities. The chapter holds monthly meetings, participated in Rebuilding the Wall, the IUPUI Student Involvement Expo, had a booth at both the fall and spring campus days; adopted a family for the holidays, and participated in a sock drive for the homeless. The chapter also participated in MLK Day of Service and United Way Day of Caring, Relay for Life, and a Hauntless Halloween. Dr. Scott Evanbeck wrote in his

nomination letter, "Lisa is always 'front and center' with students and their activities in the chapter." Her enthusiasm and passion are contagious – something the ALD chapter at IUPUI has benefited from.

Since **Kris Guzman** became the ALD chapter advisor in 1999, the University of Southern California has had a myriad of achievements. This year the chapter received a Silver Delta Award for the increase in membership from 726 in 2008 to 909 in 2009. The USC chapter also received a Bronze Alpha Award for a yield of 72.64% - an amazing 909 students of the 1250 students eligible joined Alpha Lambda Delta. For a school the size of Southern California, this is an incredible percentage of students choosing to join Alpha Lambda Delta. This confirms the reputation of the honor society among first year students at Southern California. At least part of the success of the chapter can be attributed to the faithful advising and dedication of Kris Guzman to students at USC.

Dr. Amelia N. Ross-Hammond, Chair & Professor of the Department of Music at Norfolk State University was instrumental in getting the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter started. Under her guidance, the chapter initiated 174 student members and five honorary members. Because of these students' academic excellence, these students are now eligible to compete for undergraduate and graduate fellowships offered by National Alpha Lambda Delta. The obvious hard work to establish the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter and attention to detail led the installing officer, Sandra Williamson of North Carolina A & T State University to express glowing praise for the installation ceremony.

The role of the chapter advisor is critical to the success of the chapter and the national organization," said Dr. Susan Huffman, National President of Alpha Lambda Delta. In this serious economic decline where staff and faculty members are asked and expected to do more than ever before, it is important that chapter advisors are recognized and appreciated 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. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director.

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these children the opportunity to pursue their dreams in life.

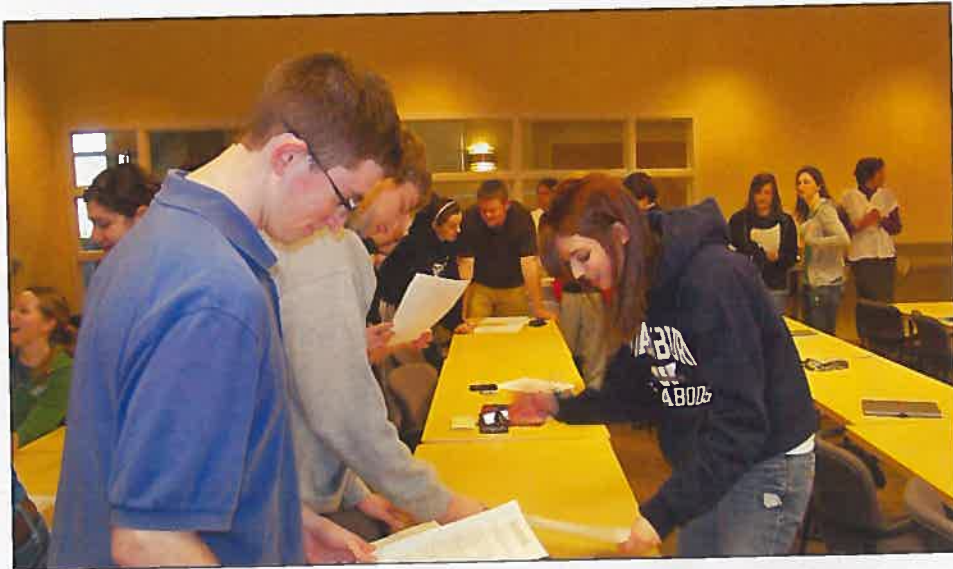
As has the need for her help and support, Ms. Ruiz's mission has grown throughout the years – and this mission is one our society, dedicated to community service, has decided to support. This is where we, a society dedicated to community service, decided to do something. We began by collecting canned food, rice, beans, and other basic supplies to help Mrs. Ruiz achieve her goal of feeding those families. Our organization collected over nine boxes of provisions that were donated by ALD members, university faculty, and the El Paso community. All this food was collected in a two-week period and was delivered to her house by several ALD members and officer. We were all greatly surprised to see how everyone was willing to help Mrs. Ruiz in her cause, and to take a little time out of their busy days to support our mission. Our activity will help feed not only children in El Paso, but also families who live in poor communities in Mexico.

In 2008, Mrs. Ruiz was recognized as a hero by CNN for her compassion, hard work, and dedication to the El Paso-Juarez community. We are truly proud to have a hero in our city, yet we are prouder still to have the opportunity of contributing to her cause. ALD is planning to organize several other projects to help Mrs. Ruiz this year, and we are confident, that with the support of our members, we will achieve our goals and complete our mission of putting a smile in the face of those we seek to help.

Washburn University

In 2007, a lot of small things came together to help create the Top Hat Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at Washburn University.

Denise Ottinger, Vice President for Student Life, spearheaded the project in its initial beginnings and worked with Alpha



Washburn University's Top Hat members are shown working on an ice-breaker at the first meeting of the year. It was designed with the hope of getting students better acquainted.

Lambda Delta at Austin Peay University before coming to Washburn.

Then in 2007-2008, a member of the senior honor's society Mortar Board was looking for a project as part of her Leadership Institute internship. And with the help of Ottinger, all the pieces fell together and they, along with Donna LaLonde, who also worked with getting ALD to Washburn, were able to get the group chartered.

And since the group began, with about 50 members that first year, Washburn University's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter has taken off with about 43 percent of those invited to join the organization becoming part of it this past year - 76 members for the Top Hat Chapter.

Blake Bryant, President of the 08-09 section, has tried to instill an idea in the members to be involved. With this thought, Bryant, who is an intern with the corporation TOMS Shoes, has been attempting to try to collaborate with the organization that donates a pair of shoes every time a pair is bought and use it as a community service project for the Top Hat Chapter.

Ottinger sees Alpha Lambda Delta as an overall positive experience for many students. She recognizes the struggle students face to find a place in the first year of college.

"I think Top Hat Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has been great for Washburn and her students. It has provided an opportu-

nity for students who excel to meet other students of like interests," said Ottinger. "It helps students get connected and to find their way during their first year at the University."

Bryant in many ways concurred with Ottinger's opinions on the Top Hat Chapter and Alpha Lambda Delta as a whole.

"I think that ALD is about supporting those students who are like-minded, who have the academic and scholastic lifestyle, and who are ready and willing to go on and do great things," said Bryant.

This past year, the chapter also partnered with Mortar Board and has been doing collaborative meetings with their members to further boost the knowledge of each organization and to also speak about university issues and ideas that can be used for projects.

And as the Top Hat Chapter continues to grow, members will stay in touch with the group and help encourage other new students to become part. Ottinger can see the organization continuing to grow if given the time and interest.

"I believe this group can grow as long as our students excel academically. I believe current and past members can serve as role models for those new students who arrive on campus each fall," said Ottinger. "It's so much easier for a student to get started off on the right foot that first semester."

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

The University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta for the 2009-2010 school year started as and remains a continual learning process for its executive board members. They have been learning how to effectively get their members involved, smoothly run monthly meetings and be successful in their own jobs. Determination and hard work have been the keys to achievement in this case - along with a few laughs. Regular bi-weekly executive board meetings are in effect as well as monthly all member meetings, which always are equipped with food incentives. The group has participated in service projects thus far such as Trick-Or-Treating for canned foods in the community and "Tidy up the Town", where the group offered leaf raking services to houses of people in need. In the coming months the group plans to give back to the community with a variety of holiday-themed service projects.

The President and Vice President attended the national Alpha Lambda Delta conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota this October. They returned with a plethora of knowledge and skills that they have shared with the group.



ALD members at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire trick-or-treat for canned goods for donation to the hungry.

Not only is this executive board paving the way for a successful year, but they are headed by a great advisor, Paula Stuetgen, who was named the 2008-2009 Outstanding Advisor of the Year! The board wouldn't be who it was without Paula's compassion, dedication and leadership which motivates the executive board and its members to continually strive for success in all that they do.

University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh just recently reactivated their chapter of ALD. The chapter went inactive some time in the late 1980's for reasons unknown. The advisor, Michelle Gross, a hall director at UW Oshkosh, wanted to start a chapter of ALD and then found out through Dr. Glenda Earwood that a reactivation was all that was needed. A letter of support was provided by Dr. Petra Roter, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UW Oshkosh, and almost instantly, ALD returned to UW Oshkosh.

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta held their Chapter Installation and Membership Initiation Ceremony on September 20, 2009. Andrew Simon, a student Member at Large on the National Council, came from UW Eau Claire to act as the installing officer. Numerous honorary members were inducted, including the chapter Co-advisors Michelle Gross and Kelly Melvin, and other individuals who were extremely supportive of the reactivation of ALD at UW Oshkosh. Family members and guests were invited to share in the proud moments of the 59 student members who were initiated. Appetizers and punch was served at the conclusion of the ceremony, along with an amazing ALD inspired sheet cake. It was truly a proud moment for the campus of UW Os-



Just one of the adorable photos that sparked the 2009 National Service Project (see pages 4-5) - taken at the UWEC chapter's "Pet-a-puppy" program

hkosk when the charter was presented to Austin Jones, Chapter President.

UW-Oshkosh was also fortunate enough to attend the 2009 National Leadership Workshop in Minneapolis. President, Austin Jones, and Chapter Advisor, Michelle Gross, came back to Oshkosh with many ideas and tips for the chapter. Specific ideas on how to successfully fundraise and how to raise awareness and involvement within the group were brought back to the chapter and executive board. UW-Oshkosh's executive board has decided to meet at least monthly to stay on

track with any potential service projects, fundraising, academic opportunities and social ideas in order to further unite the chapter and encourage both personal and wide-spread service and scholarship. Although the UW-Oshkosh chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is newly established and is just beginning its efforts to get involved with service and leadership in its community, there are plans in the works to start getting our name out in the community and on campus. We will be volunteering at a local nursing home, looking into options of volunteering at a local soup kitchen, and perhaps work-

ing with the local humane society. We will also be sponsoring a study night and snack break during our finals week where current ALD members will be encouraged to bring potential members to socialize and take a break from studying. The UW-Oshkosh chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is anxious and eager to begin a new year with service throughout its community and further academic involvement. Our next induction ceremony will be in Spring 2010. We look forward to inviting new members to our great organization.

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Norfolk State University

March 18, 2009

Sandra Williamson

On a pleasantly warm evening in March, approximately 146 students and 11 faculty and staff persons joined the ranks of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students as charter members of the Norfolk State University chapter. The chapter was installed by Prof. Sandra T. Williamson, 2008 National Advisor of the Year, on Tuesday, March 18, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The ceremony, which included the induction of new members, was held at the Scott-Dozier Ballroom in the University's Student Center on the campus in Norfolk, VA.

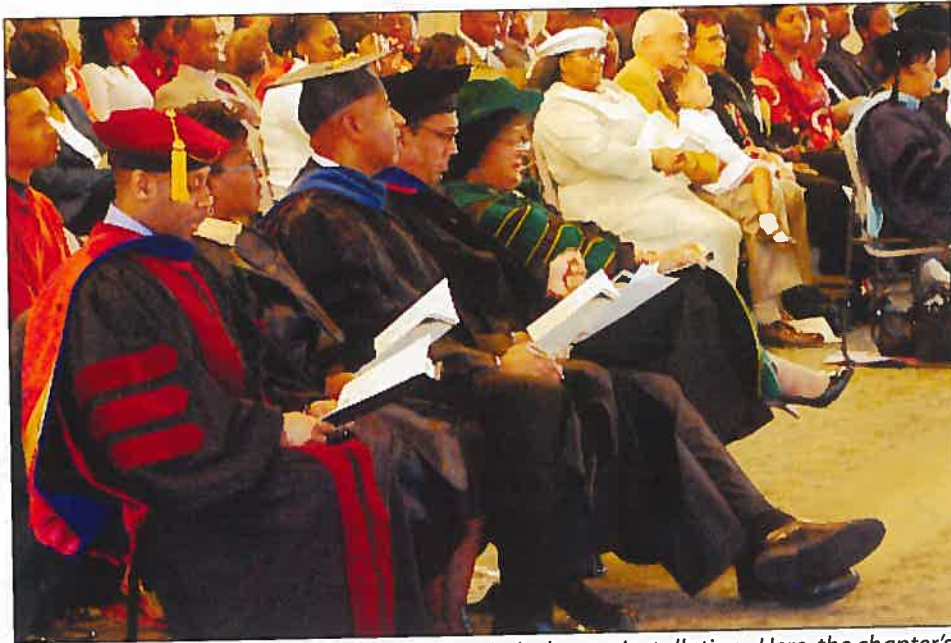
The six faculty members who comprised the Faculty Advisory Council worked hard preparing the application to establish the chapter and guiding the group's probationary activities. They were inducted as honorary members. Those faculty members were Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Chair of the Advisory Council, Chair of the Department of Music, and Director of Service-learning and Civic Engagement; Dr. Page R. Laws, Dean of the Honors College; Dr. Mamie I. Johnson, Assistant Professor of English and Foreign Languages; Dr. Leroy,

Hamilton, Jr., Interim Executive Director of the Office of First Year Experience; Mrs. Faith M. Fitzgerald, Director of Residence Life and Housing, and Dr. Aliencia R. McClain, Director of the Dozoretz National Institute of Mathematics and Applied Sciences (DINIMAS). Dr. Ross-Hammond continues to serve as chapter advisor.

Five high-ranking members of the administration at Norfolk State were also inducted as honorary ALD members. They were Dr. Carolyn Meyers, President of Norfolk State; Dr. Yatish Shah, Provost; Dr. Clarence M. Coleman; Associate Vice Provost; Mrs. Terricita Sass, Executive Director of the Office of Enrollment Management, and Mr. Bobby Vasser, Rector



The charter members at Norfolk State University accept their chapter charter from installing officer Sandra Williamson as chapter advisor Amelia Ross-Hammond looks on



It was a formal affair at Norfolk State University's chapter installation. Here, the chapter's honorary members watch the chapter's formal installation into National ALD.

of the Norfolk State University Board of Visitors.

The ceremony was full of pomp and circumstance as the faculty members and Mrs. Williamson all wore full academic regalia. Dr. Ross-Hammond provided beautiful music as the charter members and initiates were led in and seated in the front of the room, facing the audience. Mrs. Williamson gave a brief inspirational address, followed by remarks from Dr. Ross-Hammond and President Meyers. After the chapter installation and induction of initiates, Mrs. Williamson and Dr. Ross-Hammond installed the chapter's officers. Ms. Courtney M. Anderson, chapter president, spoke briefly on behalf of the chapter members. Other officers included Courtney M. Anderson, President; Enesha J. Hicks, Vice president; Angela A. Avent, Secretary; Kerina K. Brown, Treasurer; Alicia Swain, Historian; Hanna C. Froe, Editor; Ella Lundy, Editor, Social Activities; Charise L. Earlington, Webmaster; Kathleen T. Royal, Webmaster; Stefon J. Simmons, Advisor; Kamilah T. Dukes, Advisor; Darryl E. Hylton, Senior Advisor, and Aaron L. Laughton, Advisor.

The high point of the evening came when Mrs. Williamson officially presented the framed charter to Courtney Anderson and Dr. Ross-Hammond. There were cheers and smiles all around.

Approximately 500 parents, friends and family members, attended the ceremony. The wonderful evening concluded with a lovely reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres and even heavier fellowship.

Hood College

March 22, 2009

Dr. Katherine Pedro Beardsley

Frederick, Maryland is home to Hood College where a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society was installed on March 22, 2009. The installing officer for Alpha Lambda Delta was former National Council Member-at-Large, Dr. Katherine Pedro Beardsley of the University of

Maryland. Eighty-three undergraduate students and thirty-two honorary members were inducted into the Hood College chapter.

The location of the ceremony was Whitaker Campus Commons. At 11:00 a.m., the student officers, chapter advisors, staff, and the installing officer gathered to rehearse the installation ceremony. The chapter officers made excellent suggestions which were incorporated into the ceremony. Dr. Beardsley answered many questions posed by the officers and advisors. She encouraged them to attend the National Leadership Workshop in October. She also promoted the opportunities National Alpha Lambda Delta offers including the Trow Scholarships and the graduate fellowships. Dr. Beardsley encouraged the officers to establish committees so that other members of the honor society would become involved.

At noon, Dr. Beardsley, the officers and advisors went to lunch at one of the campus dining halls and had a very nice time getting to know one another. After lunch, the installation party went back to Whitaker Campus Commons where they conducted a final run through of the ceremony.

The Chapter Advisors are Dr. Ted Chase, Associate Dean of Student Life and Dr. Michael Stratton, Assistant Director of Management and Director of the M.B. A. Program. The Chapter Officers are President Meghan Coulbourne, Vice President Nathan Jacobson, Secretary Brae Blackmore, Treasurer Michelle Kuehl, and Historian Carter Reitman.



Installing officer Katherine Pedro Beardsley (2nd from left) poses with chapter officers and advisors at Hood College's March 22nd installation



Installing officer Dr. Kathy Beardsley (University of Maryland) and Hood College charter member Michelle Kuehl

The timing of the installation ceremony was the Sunday after a very busy weekend for the campus with their alums. The Ceremony began at 3:00 p.m. with the procession of the Installation Officer, Chapter Advisors, Chapter Officers, Honorary Initiates followed by the undergraduate initiates. The Whitaker Campus Commons is very nice, but was not large enough to hold the enormous number of initiates and their guests who attended. At the front of the room is a beautiful fireplace which contributed to the ambiance of the ceremony. The initiates took their place in the center aisle with the honorary initiates sitting behind them. The guests filled the left and right sections of the room as well as in the back of the honorary initiates. The students, campus activities and facilities staff were absolutely superb according to Dr. Beardsley.

The induction began with the initiation of the new members. The honorary initiates were then inducted and recognized. Each of the new chapter officers took their oath of office. The Installing Officer spoke about the benefits of having Alpha Lambda Delta on the campus and the importance of maintaining the academic excellence the students had demonstrated by obtaining eligibility for membership in Alpha Lambda Delta. Finally, Dr. Beardsley installed the new Hood College chapter and presented the charter to the Provost of the University. The Provost accepted the charter on behalf of the campus and gave an inspiring speech. Chapter President Meghan Coulbourne concluded the ceremony

with enthusiastic comments and recognition of the officers, advisors, honorary initiates, and thanked the installing officer, Dr. Kathy Beardsley.

After the initiation and installation ceremony, a reception was provided for the initiates and their guests. Parents and students were very excited about having a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on the Hood College campus. Many pictures were made to capture memories of this special day of celebration.

University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh

September 20, 2009


Andrew Simon

The new chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh was installed on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 5:00 PM in the Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom. Fifty-nine new members took the Alpha Lambda Delta oath and became the charter members of the new chapter.

Installing Officer Andrew Simon, National Council Student Member-at-Large installed five honorary members, and presented the chapter with its charter during the ceremony.

Honorary Members included Dr. Richard H. Wells, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Dr. Petra Roter, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Tom Fojitik, Director of Residence Life, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Michelle Gross.

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Do you have a friend or a colleague at an institution of higher education that doesn't have a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta?

Point them toward the new chapter information at the national website: www.nationalald.org/ALD2005/expansion.asp or have them give us a call at 1-800-9-ALPHA-1.

It's exciting to start a new chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta - the more students we recognize, the larger our network of friends grows!



The chapter officers and installing officer Andrew Simon (4th from left) stand around the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh's new Alpha Lambda Delta chapter charter



The Alpha Lambda Delta charter chapter of the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh

North Scott Residence Hall Director and ALD Advisor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and Kelly Melvin, North Scott Assistant Residence Hall Director and ALD Advisor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Chapter advisors Michelle Gross and Kelly Melvin provided valuable leadership and dedicated work throughout the entire installation process. Additionally, Tom Fojitik and Dr. Petra Roter were especially supportive of the process. Finally, the entire Executive board for the chapter did a splendid job motivating the members as a whole towards long-term success as a chapter.

The installation ceremony was followed by a lovely reception with great conversation and a wide array of snacks and drinks catered by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's dining services.

Hawaii Pacific University

November 7, 2009

Dr. James G. Stemler

The installation of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Hawaii Pacific University was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in the Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Honolulu, Hawaii. The initiation and installation ceremonies were attended by ten initiates, two honorary initiates and approximately ten family members and friends of the new initiates. Ms. Andrea Ciletti, Honors Program Specialist; Dr. Douglas Askman, Associate Professor of History; and Dr. George Satterfield, Associate Professor of History were instrumental in advising the charter group.

Before the installation ceremony, the installing officer, Dr. James Stemler, the new chapter advisors, new initiates and honorary members assembled in the room. The initiates sat at tables in front of the initiation table. After taking the Alpha Lambda Delta pledge, every person's name was called. Each initiate signed the chapter roll, received his or her certificate, jewelry, honor cord and shook hands with advisors Dr. Douglas Askman and Dr. George Satterfield.

After the induction of the student members, the two honorary members were inducted. A summary of their accomplish-

ments was read by one of the students to the audience.

Honorary Members Dr. Douglas Askman, Associate Professor of History and Dr. George Satterfield, Associate Professor of History were installed during the ceremony.

Dr. Stemler announced that it was his pleasure to install the new Alpha Lambda Delta chapter on behalf of the National Council. Dr. Stemler presented the national charter to Ms. Kathleen Kincaid on behalf of the chapter. After the ceremony ended, official pictures were taken for the chapter and the Flame, in addition to pictures taken by family and friends. Lunch was served for everyone following the pictures. Congratulations to each member was extended by the university community and Dr. Stemler.



Aloha! The new chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at Hawaii Pacific University offered a warm South Pacific welcome to installing officer Dr. James Stemler (back left). Inset: a charter member of the Hawaii Pacific Chapter signs the chapter roll

Transylvania University

December 2, 2009

Lee Greenway

Legend has it that Transylvania University – the 16th oldest institution in the United States – has seen the campus closed down only three times in its 230-year history: twice for ice storms and once while the city of Lexington, Kentucky was under Indian attack. So a cold and rainy night was no obstacle at all for the initiates of Alpha Lambda Delta's newest chapter.

The ceremony promised to be a special event – Transylvania University is not only where one finds the office of National Editor Dr. Mike Nichols, it is also Dr. Nichols' alma mater. A veteran member of the National Council and good friend of Alpha Lambda Delta, Dr. Nichols helped spearhead the formation of the Transy chapter, and provided a warm welcome on a cold morning for installing officer, ALD Director of Communication Lee Greenway.

After a fascinating campus tour, Greenway sat and enjoyed a delicious lunch with some of the chapter officers and with Dr. Nichols, where even more of the campus' amazing history was discussed.

The ceremony began at 6:00 in the campus' Old Morrison Chapel – in one of the oldest buildings in the state of Kentucky, the façade of which is included in the city seal of Lexington. An appropriately celebratory march accompanied the procession of student members into the chapel, with the chapter officers, honorary members, and chapter advisors and installing officer in academic regalia following. After explaining the solemnity and significance of the ceremony's details, Greenway and chapter advisors Dr. Mike Nichols and Dean Kathleen Jagger initiated the gathered students. Honorary members Ms. Karen Anderson, Dean Michael Covert, Dean William Pollard, and President Charles Shearer were formally initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, as well.

The chapter officers were officially sworn into their offices: President Joshua Edge, Vice President Elliott Foote, Secretary Emily Greenwell, Treasurer Ian Blaiklock, Historian Stephanie Townsend, and committee chairs April York and Katie Brewer.

Following the initiation and installation of members and officers, it was installing officer Greenway's great honor to present to Transylvania University their Alpha Lambda Delta charter and to formally and regularly install the group into the national organization.

Greenway made a few very brief remarks encouraging the members to take advantages of the opportunities afforded by membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, and newly-installed President Joshua Edge outlined the chapter's past activities and future plans.

Following those short remarks, it was time to – quite literally – pass along the flame. Chapter officers lit candles, the flames from which were passed among the members – candle-to-candle – and the newly-initiated and installed chapter at Transylvania University recessed from the chapel as the alma mater "Hail, Transylvania" was sung by all present.

Following the ceremony, there was a fun and informal reception where great conversation was had and new friendships were formed.



Above: Chapter officers and advisors Dr. Mike Nichols (far left) and Kathleen Jagger (far right) pose in front of a piece of Transylvania University history, the oil portrait of Col. James Morrison. Below: Advisor Mike Nichols and chapter president Joshua Edge, along with honorary member Karen Anderson, take the cake!



Whether you're at the mall, on the high seas, at 35,000 feet, cruising the Pacific Coast Highway, or just trying to find your way to the nearest gas station, it's always good to know exactly where you are - and for Alpha Lambda Delta chapters, that can be just about anywhere. As of December 2009, this is the current list of active Alpha Lambda Delta chapters!

You are here:

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

Arizona

- Arizona State University
- Northern Arizona University

Arkansas

- Arkansas State University
- University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

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

Delaware

- University of Delaware

District of Columbia

- American University

Florida

- South University
- University of Florida
- University of Miami
- Warner Southern University

Georgia

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

Hawaii

- ◊ Hawaii Pacific 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 Josephs College
- Valparaiso University

Iowa

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

Kansas

- Fort Hays State University
- Washburn University

Kentucky

- Eastern Kentucky University
- Georgetown College
- Murray State University
- ◊ Transylvania University
- University of Kentucky
- University of the Cumberlands

Louisiana

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

Maine

- University of Maine
- University of Maine - Farmington

Maryland

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

Massachusetts

- Fitchburg 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

Michigan

- Albion College
- Kalamazoo College
- Northern Michigan University
- Oakland University
- Western Michigan University

Minnesota

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

Mississippi

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

Missouri

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

Montana

- Montana State University - Bozeman
- University of Montana

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

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

Ohio

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

- Heidelberg University
- 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
- Seton Hill University
- Susquehanna University
- University of Pittsburgh - Bradford
- University of Sciences in Philadelphia
- University of Scranton
- Washington & Jefferson College

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
- East Tennessee State University
- Maryville College

- Tennessee Technological University
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Vanderbilt University

Texas

- Angelo State University
- Baylor University
- Lamar University
- McMurry University
- Midwestern State 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 - El Paso
- University of Texas - Pan American
- University of Texas - San Antonio
- University of the Incarnate Word

Vermont

- Lyndon State College

Virginia

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

Washington

- Central Washington University

Wisconsin

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

West Virginia

- West Virginia University
- West Virginia Wesleyan College

◊ Denotes a newly-installed chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. See new chapter installation reports on page 36.

ALD 2009 National Council Meeting

ALD 2009-2010 National Council:

On stairs, bottom to top: Laura Casey, Sue Oole, Lisa Ruch, Sharon Emerson-Stonnell, Glenda Earwood, Andrew Simon, Butch Hill, Susan Huffman, Jim Stemler.

On floor, left to right: Christina Ho, Alice Lanning, Marty Knepper, Lee Greenway, Mike Nichols



The annual meeting of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta convened on June 24, 2009 at the historic Union Station Marriott in St. Louis, Missouri. Each year the Council meets to conduct the business of the Society and plan for the future. Among those attending were President James Stemler, President-Elect Susan Huffman, Vice Presidents Lisa Ruch and Butch Hill, Historian and Editor Mike Nichols, and Members-at-Large Alice Lanning, Marty Knepper, Sue Oole, Sharon Emerson-Stonnell, Christina Ho, Andrews Simon, and Laura Casey.

Highlights of the four-day meeting included:

- Celebrating an all time high in membership with 30, 329 new members, an almost 5% increase from last year and the installation of three new Chapters
- Installing of three new members-at-large: Sue Oole of Western Michigan

University, Sharon Emerson-Stonnell of Longwood University, and Laura Casey of Tennessee Technological University

- Awarding Order of the Torch to 6 Chapters
- Awarding Maintaining the Flame Awards to 11 Chapters
- Awarding Lampadia Chapter Website Awards to 4 Chapters
- Planning for the 2009 Annual Leadership Workshop in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Formally approving the James G. Stemler Study Abroad Scholarship Program
- Installing of Dr. Susan Melson Huffman as the new National President
- Presenting resolutions and thanks to out-going members of the National Council James Stemler, Marty Knepper, and Alice Lanning.

The National Council adjourned on June 27, 2009 and will meet again in June of 2010 in Savannah, Georgia.



Alpha Lambda Delta
is proud to announce the installation of
Dr. Susan Melson Huffman
Purdue University
as the 17th President of the National Council
on June 27, 2009



At right: Dr. Susan Huffman poses with Maddie Gibbs and Sharyl Pels, student delegates from Purdue University at the 2009 Nat'l Leadership Workshop. Dr. Huffman has advised the chapter at Purdue University for 25 years.

Warm welcomes...

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta welcomes three new members-at-large, formally installed at the 2009 National Council meeting in St. Louis.

Laura Casey
Tennessee Tech University



Sharon Emerson-Stonnell
Longwood University



Sue Oole
Western Michigan University



Christina Ho



Whereas, Christina has served on numerous committees in the course of her three years of service to Alpha Lambda Delta, and

Whereas, Christina has demonstrated a model of scholarship worthy of recognition, winning both an Alpha Lambda Delta Maria Leonard Fellowship and the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship, and

Whereas, Christina takes the award for "Longest Distance Traveled By a Council Member to Attend a Meeting," returning from battling AIDS and tuberculosis in Vietnam to fight jet lag and heat stroke in St. Louis, and

Whereas, Christina will be remembered for her smile that can light up a room, for her dedication to excellence, and for the fact that she may be the only person in the world besides Lee Greenway who actually likes Black Jack licorice gum.

Therefore, be it now resolved that the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta thanks Christina for her hard work and dedication, and wishes her nothing but the best in years to come.

Read into the record by Andrew Simon

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta says goodbye to three departing members-at-large...

Fond Farewells...

Read into the record by Dr. Mike Nichols

Dr. Marty Knepper



Whereas, Dr. Marty Knepper has brought wisdom and insight to the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta from her distinguished career as a scholar, teacher, and administrator in higher education. She is currently in her 25th year of service to her Alma Mater, Morningside College, as Professor of English and Chair of the Departments of English and Theatre.

Whereas, Dr. Knepper has served as a model ALD advisor. In her 18 years as the Morningside advisor, her chapter has thrived, won the Order of the Torch twice, Maintaining the Flame twice, and nine ALD memberships have received Jo Ann Trow Scholarships. Her chapter is always in attendance at the national leadership conference where she has provided workshops. And last year her chapter had the distinction of initiating 100% of those students eligible and invited to join Alpha Lambda Delta. Truly the Morningside College chapter demonstrates that great achievements can be expected from small chapters.

Whereas, Dr. Knepper has provided great service to the National Council as a Trow and Fellowship reader and as a member of just about every other committee. And her service will continue with her appointment as permanent proofreader of The Flame.

So Be It Resolved that Dr. Marty Knepper has given Alpha Lambda Delta extraordinary service. Her commitment, enthusiasm, hard work, clear thinking, friendship, and gracious personality will be always be appreciated and remembered. We owe her much, and we wish her great happiness.

Dr. Alice Lanning



Whereas, Dr. Alice Lanning was willing to serve an additional year on the National Council and ably worked on a number of committees, including Chapter Relations, Fellowships, Order of the Torch, and Expansion, and

Whereas, Alice brought her husband Jud to several meeting and shared him with the Council, even allowing us to celebrate his birthday (sometimes multiple times in one week) and

Whereas, Alice exhibited her musical talents when she tickled the ivories as part of the ALD National All-Star Band and

Whereas, Alice, despite constantly showing everlasting devotion to her beloved University of Oklahoma through her red wardrobe and down to her fingers and toes, was able to hold back her Sooner Pride when she traveled to the University of Texas to present the Order of the Torch – one day after the Longhorns were beaten by her Sooners.

Therefore, be it now resolved that the National Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to Alice Lanning for her wise counsel, gracious service, and deep commitment to ALD, both at the local and national levels.

Read into the record by Dr. Susan Huffman



This June, the National Council had to say goodbye to yet another friend, as President James G. Stemler's six-year term as National President came to an end. Before serving as President, Dr. Stemler served in other capacities on the National Council and as the advisor at the University of Portland for over twenty years. While no number of words can express the Society's gratitude for his six years of service as National President, and for his years of service on the Council prior to his presidency, we want to share these few parting words from the National Council on the occasion of his retirement - a resolution

In honor of Dr. James G. Stemler



Whereas, James Stemler has had a long and distinguished record of service with Alpha Lambda Delta, including two terms as Vice-President for Chapter Relations and two terms as President, and

Whereas, Jim has served on every committee of ALD, and Whereas, Jim had especially distinguished service on the Fellowship and Trow committees where his ability to find crucial small details in those applications is legend, and

Whereas, Jim has helped many individual Council members as an oenologist, gastronome, and confidant, and

Whereas, Jim's love of travel has infected the National Council and has now been made manifest through the James Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships,

Be it resolved that, (despite how much we continuing National Council members will miss him) that James Stemler be commended for his service to the Council and for his friendship to Council members, that his wife Michelle be commended for loaning him to us for these 15 years, and we wish them many great adventures in his well-deserved retirement.



Goodbye, and best wishes...

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

2009



ALPHA AWARD



DELTA AWARD

Bronze

- University of South Carolina
- Cazenovia College
- Valley City State University
- Columbia College
- Brenau University
- Baldwin-Wallace College
- Otterbein College
- Mary Baldwin College
- Trinity University
- University of Southern California
- Dickinson College
- Carthage College
- Chestnut Hill College
- Seton Hill University
- Ashland University
- Morehouse College
- Lenoir-Rhyne College
- Kalamazoo College
- Salem College
- Maryville University of St. Louis
- Meredith College

Silver

- Monmouth College
- Franklin College
- Converse College
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Wittenberg University

Gold

- Tougaloo College
- Elizabethtown College
- University of Sciences in Philadelphia
- Chowan University
- Mount Union College
- University of Massachusetts at Lowell
- Buffalo State College
- Millikin University
- Purdue University
- Central Methodist University
- College of William & Mary
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Simpson College
- U. S. Coast Guard Academy
- Willamette University
- Texas A & M - Commerce
- Sweet Briar College
- Bennett College for Women

Bronze

- Morningside College
- Birmingham Southern College
- Spelman College
- University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
- Texas Christian University
- Coe College
- Bucknell University
- Winona State University
- Louisiana College
- Jackson State University
- West Virginia University
- University of North Texas
- Drake University
- Hanover College
- Seton Hill University
- Valley City State University
- University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
- Heidelberg University
- Midwestern State University
- Winthrop University
- Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
- DePaul University

Silver

- University of Southern California
- Doane College
- Western New England College
- Maryville University of St. Louis
- University of California - Los Angeles
- Converse College
- University of Alabama - Birmingham
- College of William & Mary
- University of Texas - Pan American
- University of New Haven
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Murray State University
- Lamar University

Silver (cont.)

- Liberty University
- Louisiana State University
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Willamette University
- Illinois State University
- Tennessee Technological University
- Marietta College
- University of Pittsburgh - Bradford
- Simpson College
- Franklin College
- University of Massachusetts at Lowell

Gold

- Texas Wesleyan University
- Western Michigan University
- Long Island University - Brooklyn
- William Penn University
- University of Texas - San Antonio
- Wittenberg University
- Indiana University
- Troy University
- Bennett College for Women
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Wright State University
- Texas State University - San Marcos
- Colorado College
- East Tennessee State University
- Shenandoah University
- Central Methodist University
- Lindenwood University
- Indiana State University
- Lyndon State College
- Fort Hays State University
- Butler University
- The University of Southern Mississippi
- University of South Dakota

Your name here.

(Just imagine the possibility.)

The new Alpha Lambda Delta "Alpha" and "Delta" awards are presented to chapters that show notable increases in membership (Delta awards) or notably high yields (Alpha awards).

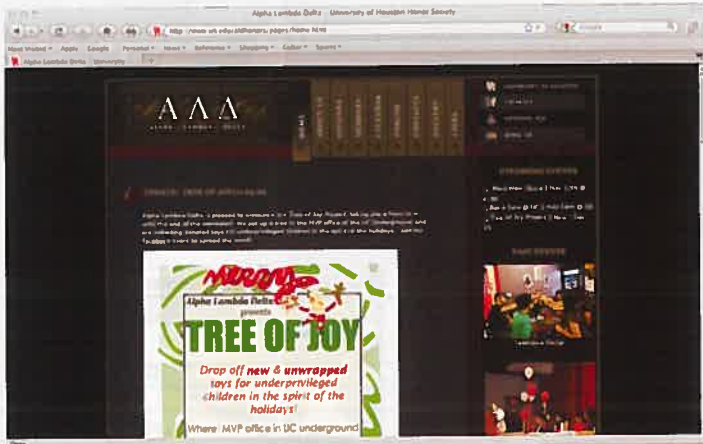
Delta Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards are presented to chapters reporting 10%, 25%, and 50% increases in membership, respectively. Alpha Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards are presented to chapters reporting 70%, 80%, and 90% yields, respectively.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

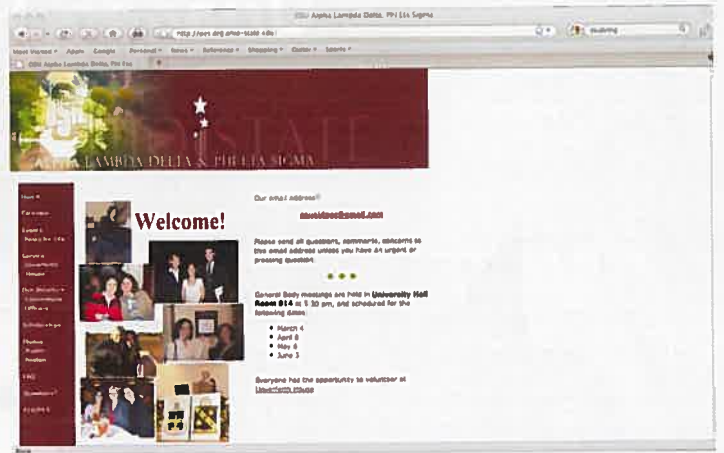
LAMPADIA

outstanding chapter website award

2009



The University of Houston



The Ohio State University



The University of Oklahoma



The University of South Carolina

Honorable Mention

- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts
- Purdue University
- Washburn University
- University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire



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