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TWO NEW NATIONAL GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS NAMED

FAIRPORT, New York – The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta has announced two new graduate fellowships have been created, to be awarded beginning 2017. These are the 25th and 26th fellowships to be named, and are in honor of Dr. Herman “Butch” Hill and Dr. Mike Nichols. Each new fellowship, the Dr. Herman “Butch” Hill Fellowship and the Dr. Mike Nichols Fellowship, is in the amount of \$3,000, bringing the overall total of fellowships awarded to \$101,500 annually. Graduate fellowships were established in 1940 and are designed to assist Alpha Lambda Delta members pursuing an advanced degree.

Dr. Herman “Butch” Hill received his B.S.E.E. in engineering from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1969. He earned his Ph.D. in engineering from West Virginia University in 1979. He was Assistant Professor of Engineering at West Virginia University. Dr. Hill has served Ohio University since 1984 as a professor in engineering. He is the Director of the Cutler Scholars Program and University Ombudsman. He has advised the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Ohio University since 1992. He was named the ALD Outstanding Advisor of the Year in 1996. He served on the National Council as a Professional Member-at-Large from 1997 to 2000, then serving as Vice President for Finance and Long Range Planning from 2001 to 2016. In addition, Dr. Hill has served ALD with numerous National Leadership Conference presentations, faithful service on the Fellowship Committee, and more Chapter Installations and Order of the Torch presentations than can be counted.

Dr. Mike Nichols earned his A.B. degree in English and philosophy from Transylvania University in 1968. He earned his M.A. in 1970 and his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Kentucky in 1978. Dr. Nichols was the Director of the Counseling and Testing Center at the University of Kentucky and a psychologist at Eastern Kentucky University Counseling Center. He also taught at the University of Kentucky and in the School of Medicine. He won a number of teaching awards at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Nichols is the past President of the Kentucky Psychological Association. He was also a staff psychologist at the Eastern State Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Most recently he was an Assistant to the Dean at Transylvania University and taught psychology there. Dr. Nichols has advised Alpha Lambda Delta chapters at the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University and Transylvania University. He was selected as the ALD Outstanding Advisor of the Year in 2012. He served on the National Council of ALD from 1990 to 2016. He was Editor of the *Flame* magazine from 1993 to 2016. He also served as ALD Historian from 2003 to 2016. As Historian he wrote the history of Alpha Lambda Delta’s first 75 years in 1999.

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Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes students in their first year at a college/university for academic success. Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta has over a million lifetime members and is present on over 275 campuses nationwide. Alpha Lambda Delta’s mission is to “encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society.”

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