

# Alpha Lambda Delta

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADVISOR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

FAIRPORT, New York – Eileen Merberg, the Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta, has announced this year's Executive Director's Advisor Awards. Recipients were chosen based on their exceptional work during the 2019-20 academic year. This year's honorees are: Dr. Wendy Bruun, Northern Arizona University; Lauren Huffman, Kent State University; Idonas Hughes Jr., California State University-Monterey Bay; Tammi Kohl Kennedy, University of Mount Union; and Dr. Steve Swinford, Montana State University.

**Dr. Wendy Bruun**, Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Academic Partnerships at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, was a new ALD advisor this year. Dr. Bruun has been an active, engaged advisor from the beginning, attending webinars and an advisor lunch at the First Year Experience conference. She also increased chapter membership by 30% in her first year.

**Lauren Huffman**, Coordinator of Advising and Academic Advisor for the Kent State University Honors College, in Kent, OH, has been ALD advisor since 2017. She has attended the National Leadership Conference and actively participated in many advisor webinars. Huffman has doubled the chapter membership numbers since she became advisor three years ago.

**Idonas Hughes Jr.**, Student Conduct Administrator at California State University Monterey Bay, has been an ALD advisor for several years at three different institutions. Hughes was recently elected as ALD's newest Professional Member-at-Large on the National Council. He started two new chapters of ALD in the last two years – one at California State University Monterey Bay and one at Sonoma State University.

**Tammi Kohl Kennedy**, Director of Academic Support at the University of Mount Union, in Alliance, Ohio, has been an ALD advisor since 2018. Kohl Kennedy has had exceptional recruitment for scholarships and switched her school from a manual invitation process to the online membership system. She also created a Faculty Appreciation video to honor faculty members who have aided in the success of her chapter's members.

**Dr. Steve Swinford**, Associate Professor of Sociology at Montana State University-Bozeman, has been an ALD advisor since 2013. Dr. Swinford has been a consistently strong advisor, attending the occasional National Leadership Conference and participating in First-Year Experience Conference lunches. He also was quick to share his chapter's online induction ceremony with others, which was greatly appreciated when all our chapters had to move online this spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes students' academic success in their first year at a college or university. Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta has over a million lifetime members and is present on over 280 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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