

SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS WITH A CHAPTER OF



ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA
Academic Honor Society

Retain HIGH-ACHIEVING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

10% higher retention rate for high-achievers

Institutions offer many important and much-needed services for students who struggle academically during their first year. But **are we doing enough to also provide for students who do well?** Offering membership in a scholastic honor society can enhance academic offerings and support the retention of successful first-year students. High-achieving students will be more inclined to stay the course at your institution if they are recognized for their accomplishments early in their collegiate career.

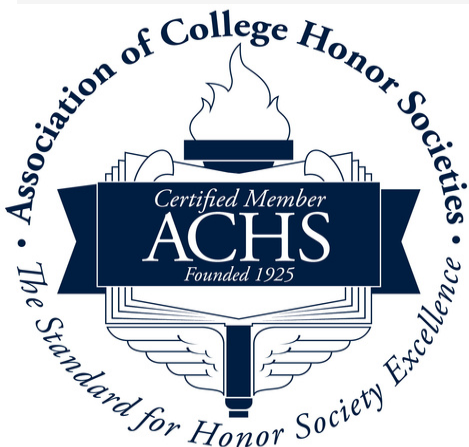
Our research shows that **retention rates are 10% higher** for students who join Alpha Lambda Delta versus those who were invited to join but didn't.



Nationally-certified honor society

Students receive many invitations to join honor organizations, but not all of them are **ACHS-certified**. ACHS is the Association of College Honor Societies, and they **set standards for national honor society excellence** and serve as the only certifying agency for colleges and university honor societies in the nation. Alpha Lambda Delta has been a **certified member since 1939**.

Alpha Lambda Delta has also consistently maintained **GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency**. GuideStar gathers and disseminates information about every single IRS-registered non-profit organization. The Platinum Seal is the **highest level** and represents an organization's transparency with governance, financial information, contact information, and impact questions.



*A global network of over
1.2 million lifetime members*

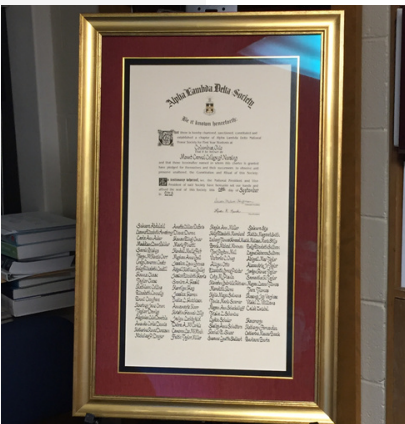
Start Your CHAPTER

To charter a chapter, the institution must:



1 Meet the Basic Requirements

- Be an institution **currently accredited by an accrediting association;**
- **Demonstrate support** for a chapter from the institution's administration; and,
- **Appoint a chapter advisor**, a faculty or staff member who is committed to the tasks required for inviting eligible first-year students to become members.



2 Complete the New Chapter Petition

Steps during this process include providing institutional demographics and demonstrating institutional support.

Once approved, the chapter advisor will work closely with ALD Headquarters to invite students to become the founding chapter members.



3 Host an Installation Ceremony

In coordination with ALD Headquarters, the chapter will host a ceremony to officially install the chapter and induct new members. Though scripted, there are many areas that can be customized to best reflect your institution and its students.

This Installation Ceremony lays the foundation for annual Induction Ceremonies that welcome your new members each year.

MEMBERSHIP Benefits

Let Alpha Lambda Delta partner with you to strengthen the foundation that supports your students' success.

Alpha Lambda Delta is a nonprofit charitable organization. **Our national membership fee is \$30, onetime, lifetime.** The fee for establishing a new chapter is only \$100 (onetime) and goes toward the cost of a satin insignia cloth to use at each induction ceremony, as well as a custom charter with each founding member's name.

Over \$211,000 awarded annually in **undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships**, including an undergraduate scholarship to study abroad.

Student leaders are invited to attend our annual **Leadership Conference**, hosted in a different city each year. ALD covers the cost for the hotel, meals, and conference materials. We also host a virtual **Leadership Summit** each semester, open to all members.

Leadership and engagement opportunities abound, in particular during their second year. Students can stay engaged through graduation if they choose, and thousands wear ALD honor cords at graduation.

Exclusive educational discounts and perks, including test prep courses, international internships, and even discounts on movie tickets, shopping, food, travel, health memberships, and financial wellness.

We know that many student organizations are dedicated to community service. We encourage chapters to access the service landscape on their campus and **create new and innovative ways to offer meaningful service opportunities for members.**

Chapter Advisor duties are not overwhelming and can be a rewarding experience for a faculty or staff member interested in supporting high achieving students. ALD membership is managed using an online portal that can automate invitations and acceptances. The chapter functions like any other recognized student organization and is student-led. And ALD Headquarters is always happy to assist advisors in adjusting to and managing their role. Our optional **Advisor Mentor Program** partners new advisors with seasoned advisors for additional professional development.

Signature PROGRAMS

ALD Leads Certified

ALD Leads Certified is an online leadership and career development series offering 12 courses that cover essential competencies for the 21st century. Participating will help members set themselves apart and jumpstart their journey for career preparedness and success.

Each course includes a popular leadership speaker discussing why proficiency in a particular competency is important. Course topics include communication skills, decision making, goal setting, networking, resiliency, self understanding, and strategic planning.



Career Conversations & Career Tip Tuesday

ALD enlisted a groups of alumni from diverse majors for "Career Conversations." These recorded conversations explore different academic majors and the career options that exist. Alumni provide advise and helpful tips for those pursuing a career in that field.

#ALDCareerTipTuesday is an Instagram campaign that offers different internship and career tips and advice to all members. These tips appear weekly and are also highlighted on our website.

*Taking members from
first year to career*



Our STORY

Alpha Lambda Delta, The Honor Society for First-Year Academic Success, has been guiding students to academic success for over 95 years. We are now active on over 280 college campuses.

Alpha Lambda Delta was **founded in 1924** by Maria Leonard, the Dean of Women at the University of Illinois, to recognize academic excellence among freshman women. ALD operated as a single sex organization until the mid-1970s when we became coeducational in response to Title IX.

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.”

Alpha Lambda Delta structures programming and initiatives around three main areas: **academics, leadership, and service**. Many chapters host programs or partner with offices on campus to support these key areas. The ALD Service Project selects a different theme each year for chapters to creatively program around.

Alpha Lambda Delta has recently **focused on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB)**, offering paid internships to undergraduate students to assist in expanding understanding, celebrating diversity, and creating DEIB programming for chapters.

A Word From OUR MEMBERS



Madison Symonette

University of Central Arkansas

"Being in the company of other high-achieving ALD members has inspired me to achieve my greatest goals while a student. The connections that I formed with other members of ALD have made a priceless contribution to my college experience, and I have gained so much confidence from these relationships. Through Alpha Lambda Delta, I joined a community with other individuals interested in excelling academically, giving back to the community, and being student leaders."



Paul Danenberg

Bucknell University

"Alpha Lambda Delta has empowered me to continue my involvement in community service, academics, and social events on campus. Professional development events, including panels on internship opportunities, have encouraged me to explore my options early. ALD has thus helped me grow as an individual and learn to further challenge myself."



Jacqueline Hernandez

University of Texas at Arlington

"Since induction into ALD, my journey through higher education has been enriched by my involvement in ALD. My leadership skills have developed as I have become more confident in my ability to handle tasks and take initiative. I am grateful to ALD for making my college experience more fulfilling."



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