

# Alpha Lambda Delta

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## **ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADVISORS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

FAIRPORT, New York – The Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta has announced this year's Executive Director's Advisors of the Year. Recipients were chosen based on their exceptional work during the 2017-18 academic year. This year's honorees are: Martha Haigler, Bennett College; Darrell Hairston, North Carolina A&T State University; Dr. Kristan Cilente Skendall, University of Maryland; and Lisa Starr, University of Southern California.

**Martha Haigler**, Director of the Honors Program and Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Bennett College in Greensboro, NC, has been advisor since 2016. She attended the National Leadership Conference in Phoenix, AZ, and is active on ALD's Facebook advisor group. Martha also collaborates with nearby ALD chapters for joint programming, as well as with other honor societies on campus for induction ceremonies. In addition, Bennett College won an Alpha Bronze and a Delta Bronze award for excellence in chapter membership and recruitment numbers.

**Darrell Hairston**, Academic Program Coordinator at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, has been the ALD advisor since 2013. He consistently attends the National Leadership Conferences and recently presented on group dynamics at the Phoenix conference. Darrell's chapter awards six local scholarships every year, and he consistently encourages students to apply for national scholarships. This year, NCAT won a Lambda Silver and a Delta Gold award for increases in chapter membership.

**Dr. Kristan Cilente Skendall**, Associate Director of the Gemstone Honors Program at the University of Maryland in College Park, served her first year as ALD advisor. She's a new advisor who piloted the new national online scholarship process, explored e-transfer of dues to increase financial efficiency, and assisted the chapter in shifting their identity on campus. Under her leadership this year, UMD had a Stemler scholarship winner and two Graduate Fellows. Kristan is quick to respond, thoughtful, and has a great demeanor.

**Lisa Starr**, Director of Orientation Programs at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, became ALD advisor in 2017. She's a master communicator who cultivates student leaders. She even took the time to meet the Executive Director on a Saturday! Lisa is a thoughtful, new advisor who makes sure the chapter's programming and activities are in line with ALD's mission.

### **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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