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## **DR. SUSAN MELSON HUFFMAN NAMED ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA'S 2019 OUTSTANDING ADVISOR OF THE YEAR**

FAIRPORT, New York – The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta selected Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, Associate Director of Administration and Assignments for University Residences at Purdue University, to be the recipient of the Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award for 2019. The Purdue University chapter was the second chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta and has been active since 1926.

Dr. Huffman was inducted as a member of Alpha Lambda Delta during her freshman year at Purdue in 1975 and has advised the Purdue chapter for 33 years. She served on Alpha Lambda Delta's National Council for 21 years, culminating with her nine-year term as president from 2009-2018. She retired from the National Council in June 2018 but has remained as the advisor of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Purdue. She has attended and presented at ALD National Leadership Conferences consistently for over twenty years.

Dr. Huffman received the Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director's Advisors of the Year recognition in 2013 and 2006. Under her leadership, the chapter won the prestigious Order of the Torch award in 2016, 2012, 2008, 2004, and 2000, and won the Maintaining the Flame award in 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, and 2005. Purdue also earned a Delta Bronze chapter membership award in 2017. During Dr. Huffman's tenure, Purdue University students have consistently won national scholarships and fellowships every year since 2004.

"Dr. Susan Huffman has been critical to the successes of our chapter. Her wonderful support, endless positivity, and quality mentoring has helped the officer class of 2018-19 make giant leaps as an organization," said chapter president Leigha Hermann. "Susan shows us daily how much she cares about our chapter." This care is illustrated by the fact she reviews over four thousand student records individually to ensure the invited students all meet the requirements for Alpha Lambda Delta. This great attention to detail, coupled with her increased recruitment efforts, led to a 10% increase in new members this year!

Dr. Huffman will be presented with an award from Alpha Lambda Delta and will deliver a keynote address at the 2019 National Leadership Conference in Buffalo, NY this October. The chapter will also receive a \$200 cash award. Alpha Lambda Delta takes pride in recognizing Dr. Susan Melson Huffman from Purdue University as the 2019 Outstanding Advisor of the Year.

### **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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