

# Society Newsletter

August 2016

## 16th Convention and Leadership Training Conference: Highlights and Congratulations!



*At Banquet, Edie Smith, BDN 1980, shared the trailblazing story of her election as the first woman president of the Bowdoin Chapter. She's featured above, third from the right, alongside the generations of Alpha Delta Phi Society women who have come after her.*

### **The Society's 16th annual Convention hosted at Bowdoin College featured:**

- Representation from all twelve active chapters and affiliates
- Discussions about diversity, empowering quieter voices, supporting our undergraduate chapters, sexual assault prevention education, leveraging our career network, [and more](#)
- Resolutions to recognize our early women members, support our affiliates, help our Stanford chapter, research socially responsible investments, [and more](#)
- Our Awards banquet celebrating Literary Competition and Seward Scholarship winners
- And plenty of lobster!

## **Congratulations to our New Graduate Governors:**

**Dena, Matt, and Peter!**

Dena Schwartz, PENN 2013, Matt Schechter, BDN 1991, and Peter Goldstein, BRN 2008 were elected to serve on the Board of Governors, alongside the re-elected Celina Kelly, COL 2009 and Jim Sabo, BDN 1992. Stepping off the Board after years of service were Chad Wolfsheimer, BRN 2000 (former President and Vice President) and Thom Clark, BDN 1999 (former Director of Expansion). We thank Chad and Thom for their dedication, hard work, and leadership. Congratulations to Dena, Matt, and Peter - you have big shoes to fill!

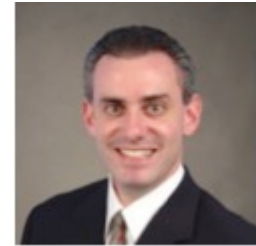


**Dena Schwartz, PENN 2013**

Dena is one of the founding members of the Penn Affiliate and was Secretary for two of her three years as an undergrad. After graduating in 2013, she was the Assistant Secretary for the Society. As a new Governor, she's interested in working on issues such as chapter support, alumni engagement, and Greek relations with university administrations.

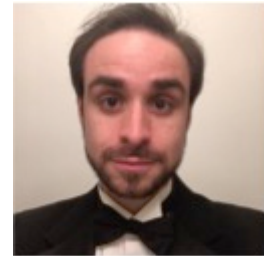
**Matt Schechter, BDN 1991**

Matt has been a member of the Society's Executive Committee for over 5 years as part of the legal team and is on Bowdoin's Board of Directors. He also serves on two boards outside of the Society based in California – The New Museum of Los Gatos and the California Conference of Bar Associations. Matt wants to bring his legal expertise to the Board to help expansion efforts in northern California, make the Bay Area RGO more active, and bring a new voice when it comes to future Board nominations.



**Peter Goldstein, BRN 2008**

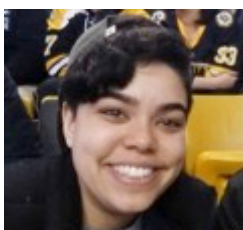
Peter served as the Society's Secretary from 2010-2013 and was also the alumni liaison for the Brunonian Chapter, where he assisted undergraduates and helped direct information between Brown and the Society. In 2013, he founded Bay State Commons LLC, a real estate development company. He hopes his startup expertise will bring a unique perspective to the Board that "could assist in advising on various initiatives, including acquiring new chapter houses."



## Congratulations to our Award Winners:

### Kathryn, Max, Chad, and David!

The *Society Order of the Sword and Spear* recognizes a member of the Society who has done outstanding work for their chapter, campus, community, and Society. The *Emerald and Pearl Award* recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the National level, and secondarily, exemplary contributions to the member's chapter. The *Star and Crescent Award* is awarded by the Society Board of Governors to a graduate member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Society; it is the highest distinction bestowed upon a graduate member of the Society.



**Society Order of the Sword and Spear: Katy Thompson, MID 2015**

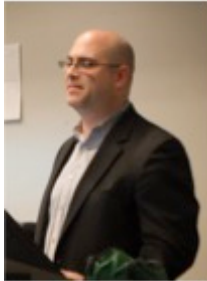
As an undergrad, Katy served as an out-of-house chaplain as a junior and a critic her senior year at the Middletown Chapter. She helped impact Greek Life on campus by working closely with the Wesleyan administration to put together a new member policy. Katy also interned at the Queer Resource Center and helped engaged her chapter and local community on the topic of inclusiveness.

### **Emerald and Pearl Award: Max Morant, PENN 2016**

Max graduated from the Penn Affiliate this year after being in the Phi for almost three years. Throughout his time as an undergrad, he served as President and Treasurer of his chapter, and was an Undergraduate Governor and Vice President of Undergraduate Parliament for the Society. As of this past convention, he's now the new Assistant Director of Development!



### **Star and Crescent Award: Chad Wolfsheimer, BRN 2000**



Chad served as the fourth President of the Alpha Delta Phi Society, serving three years from March 2012 to March 2015. During his time as President, he oversaw the expansion of the Society at SUNY Plattsburgh, George Washington University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also nurtured a significant increase in the number of members who took an active role in national Society leadership. Leading our change from Conventions focused on presentations to ones focused on discussions, he empowered everyone to suggest and take on issues and projects important to them and their chapter or affiliate. Chad has also been an active

member of the Brunonian Chapter.

### **Star and Crescent Award: David Clodfelter, BDN 1989**

David has served the Alpha Delta Phi Society with distinction. As a member of the Board of Governors, David has served as Treasurer. He has also offered timely legal and policy counsel and direction, playing a key role in our strategy on many subjects and in developing many of our policy statements. He also is a long-time member of the Bowdoin Graduate Organization's Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer. He has played a key role in keeping the Graduate Organization going strong since the undergraduate chapter was closed in 2000.



## **Good for the Phi!**

### **Lauren Ackerman Bowdoin '09**

Lauren's Ph.D. in linguistics was conferred by Northwestern University last December! This spring, she served as a visiting professor at Boise State University.

### **Steven Albert Bowdoin '88**

Steven was just featured on a [local Maine news station](#) for re-painting a mural in his high school's gym that he originally painted over 30 years ago!

### **Dan McMonagle Binghamton '17**

Dan recently won a Critical Language Scholarship that gives students the opportunity to go abroad and examine languages ranging from Arabic to Korean. Thanks to the scholarship, he went overseas this summer to study Chinese at the Dalian University of Technology.

Submit a recent success, Phi-related or otherwise, for yourself or a sibling, [here](#).

## **Help us continue to thrive!**

Your donations enable the founding of new chapters, encourage inter-collegiate friendships, and reinforce our life-long commitment to education beyond the classroom. [Please give generously to help fund the educational, literary, and leadership endeavors of generations of Alpha Deltas.](#)

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