The Alpha Delta Phi Society held its 13th Convention on March 22-23 at Columbia University in New York. We were pleased to grant charters to our new Binghamton Chapter at Binghamton University and its graduate organization. This makes Binghamton our second new chapter since the early days of the Society.

One of the Society’s goals has been to broaden its leadership beyond the Board of Governors. We want to empower more of our membership to conduct Society-endorsed activities as easily as possible. We’d like to help you take more ownership over your own participation in the Society.

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Binghamton Welcomed As Newest Society Chapter

The Alpha Delta Phi Society has returned to Upstate New York in a big way with the granting of a charter to the Binghamton Chapter at the State University of New York (SUNY), Binghamton.

On a campus rocked by scandals within its Greek Life community, the Binghamton Chapter has grown tremendously by building close ties with the English Department and taking a vocal stand against hazing and abuse in the Greek Life community on their campus since their founding in 2011.

“We are making waves in the Binghamton community and have increased our membership from 15 to over 30 in just two semesters,” says the Binghamton Chapter’s Past President Ruben Martinez ’13, “we marketed ourselves as being different from the other Greeks with a heavy emphasis on healthy siblinghood and the change Binghamton's campus needed.”

The Chapter has also been supporting the community beyond campus, partnering with a local Binghamton bookstore to host monthly open mic nights in town and readings in a local shopping mall to bring literary enrichment to the local community.

The Binghamton members also chartered a graduate organization to begin supporting the chapter with the hopes of raising money for a chapter house and other causes.

“As the Binghamton Alpha Delta Phi Society will continue to thrive under new leadership from the younger classes, our Graduate Organization will serve to bolster them with leadership, guidance, and financial support,” said past Binghamton Chapter and current Graduate Organization Vice-President Katelyn Chechko ’13.

The Society was honored to award the Binghamton Chapter its charter on March 22, 2013 and presented the charter to the Binghamton membership at their latest initiation on April 13, 2013. The Binghamton Chapter invites all Alpha Delts to visit their chapter and plan to meet many more siblings has they plan to continue being a very active part of the Society.

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Zachary Wilson, Brunonian 2012, was selected to become the 13th recipient of the Alpha Delta Phi Society’s Order of the Sword and Spear Award.

The Society Order of the Sword and Spear recognizes the outstanding undergraduate member of the Alpha Delta Phi Society each year. A committee that included a graduate member from each of the Society’s chapters selected Wilson for the award from a number of nominees.

Wilson was presented with the honor during the closing banquet of the Society’s 13th Convention and Leadership Training Conference.

“Zach is well known for his fierce loyalty to friends, devotion to excel, and commitment to his thoughts and ideas,” said Alpha Delta Phi Society President Chad Wolfsheimer (Brunonian 2000). “Zach did many things to help create and solidify a community without drawing attention to himself.”

Wilson was involved in all areas of the Society’s Brunonian Chapter at Brown University. As Cultural Librarian, he initiated a large scale digitization effort for the chapter's archives, and shared materials with other members. As Music Chair, Wilson created recordings of Alpha Delta Phi songs. Wilson also held the posts of parliamentarian and house manager.

Wilson has also engaged with the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the national level, having been an alternate delegate to the Convention, and the Vice President and Expansion Chair for the Society's Undergraduate Parliament. He currently serves as a graduate adviser to the Undergraduate Parliament.

Wilson also made literary and community-oriented contributions at Brown University. He was in the Brown wind symphony and the chorus. He was involved for three years in Brown University Gilbert and Sullivan productions as music director, actor/singer, production manager, and other roles. Wilson also co-wrote mini-musicals for Brownbrokers, and he was a music class teaching assistant.

The Alpha Delta Phi Society continued its expansion to Upstate New York with the addition of a new affiliate at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Plattsburgh.

The founding class of seven first-year students was initiated on April 27, 2013, at a ceremony attended by members of the Binghamton, Granite, and Bowdoin Chapters.

Founding Plattsburgh member and recently elected Affiliate President Ana Marina Alcantara ’16 said, “we came across the Society website and absolutely fell in love with the idea of having a coeducational organization that embodies best aspects of Greek Life.”

The Plattsburgh Affiliate is already planning their first rush for next fall and are very excited to meet more Alpha Delt siblings and be a part of our Society.
When I stepped in as president one year ago, I anticipated a 2-3 year term, relatively brief in Society terms. My predecessors had been with the Society from its beginnings and before. Though I was not here at the start, I hope my 15 years of Society national experience can create a bridge between those presidential greats and the Society's future leadership. This upcoming team will lead us through what I believe will be the Alpha Delta Phi Society's golden age.

I see evidence of our positive future. As schools crack down on Greek organizations due to concerns about the actions of only a few, students are beginning to revolt. They're seeking good student organizations through which they can be part of a community, and in more and more cases, they're looking for coed membership. Even those who start out searching for a single-gender Greek organization are finding us online and realizing we're much closer to what they wanted in the first place. The combination of students' new attitudes and new technology, along with our rich history, position us as the unique leader for a trend in student groups.

Furthermore, I see more of our own members getting involved with the Society. In the past, a small group among the Board of Governors and, even more specifically, often the president alone was managing every Society effort in detail. We've been moving in the right direction, broadening our leadership base beyond a few people and beyond the Board, but it remains a small group taking action.

My aim is to change the Society leadership culture. I want to say yes to ideas that you have to improve our lifelong experience, and more importantly, I don't want you to feel like you have to ask for permission. I hope to spread the word and demonstrate that you can change the Alpha Delta Phi Society just by acting and starting programs. I want to eliminate the perception of the Board as the only leaders. We have thousands of members of all ages and interests. If our sixteen person board were sixty members strong, it would still be insufficient. We're an organization of equal members. Everyone should participate, and everyone should have a voice all the time. It is in this spirit that we are bringing more discussion time into Convention and leaving presentations and reports in documents you can read.

With thousands of members like you, we are an “idea” organization. We, together, need to turn our ideas into action. As I try to distribute responsibility for the Society, I'm personally trying to find a balance between doing and letting others do, between helping when I can and letting people fail at times...and even failing myself sometimes.

This first year for me has not been a perfect one, proving transitions often create bumps to overcome. Our New York City Convention exceeded its budget and led to a welcome, and ongoing, conversation about our Society’s budget priorities. We had a website hosting failure around the holidays during our fund appeal, which lasted longer than necessary when no one stepped up immediately to resolve it. We made little use of social media to spread the word about Society events and goals.

To improve, we all have to want to change, and we have to do our parts. I am committed to making this year better than the last, including fixing some of last year’s problems. I thank many of you for coming forward already to help. We already have clear plans that will establish favorable budgets for years to come. And we are committed to renewing our ongoing communications with all of our members. That’s one of the reasons we’ve produced this first Society Xaipe in several years.

Despite the year’s challenges, it was a strong year for the Society that positioned us well for the future. The pool of active volunteers swelled this year, with many non-Board members taking on major roles. For example, Alanna Kwoka joined treasurer Mike Blitstein as co-directors of development, Carling Bateman organized Convention, and Rob Alvarez assisted Mike with improving budget reporting.

Additional thanks go to Lauren Ackerman, Phil Arevalo, Kristin Bergman, Craig Cheslog, Melissa Diaz, Peter Goldstein, Kate Jovin, Kim Ladd, Adrienne Langlois, Vihang Mehta, Mary Melchior, Paul Neshamkin, Jessica Resnick-Ault, Tim Smith, Kristen Soule, Jack Sullivan, Ashley Taylor, and Jeff Tratner for notable efforts and fundraising, alumni outreach, and organizational development. With this active team, we launched a new development program that exceeded its expectations for the year, and we improved the Society’s membership database with faster updates and upcoming online membership capabilities.
As part of that ongoing effort, we altered most of our traditional Convention business format to use an “Open Space” framework. We encouraged every attendee to lead or attend discussion sessions about topics they wanted to discuss. Everyone made choices to receive more value out of their time.

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Alpha Delts gathered to meet:
As each of us took to our seat,
The speakers came on,
The lights all went down,
And new friends were able to greet.

[On Open Space...]
Leah rules the school:
Open Space to share ideas.
Smart people, smart talks.

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[On navigating New York...]
Walking for an hour
Oh, how my foot hurt so bad
Also we got lost

[On advice for those lost...]
Wandering New York,
Undergrads lost on the grid.
Hail a cab; you’re done.

[On chapters without a house...]
A nature preserve,
Rooms, apartments, and houses.
Good chapter spaces.

[On approving our budget...]
Alpha Delts studied our budget.
Through each number we had to trudge it.
Tough is the money
But it isn’t funny
So we knew that we couldn’t fudge it.

[On securing our financial future...]
Rob’s a finance guy.
Fiscal constraints hold us back.
He and Blitz will fix.

[On welcoming a new chapter...]
Binghamton chapter!
We’re so glad to welcome you.
Awesome grad org, too.

[On learning to meet and greet...]
Seated on the floor;
Croissants hover overhead.
Talking sibling time.

13th Convention Overview (continued)
[On obtaining consent responsibly...]
Member dignity!
Respectful love for all sibs.
Brown asks for consent.

[On member safety and insurance...]
Coffee does not help.
Wide awake drunk person, yo.
Time’s the only cure.

[On women in leadership...]
Since the Seventies,
Women make the Phi go, too,
Breaking down the walls.

[On SELEF electronic donations...]
Seeking donations,
Thom Clark doth adorn himself.
QR codes abound.

[On keeping focus during a day-long meeting...]
As present as the delegates,
so too were the cookies.
Peanut butter,
Oatmeal raisin
Macadamia and chocolate chip
all kept our attentions
and stomachs at bay.

[On working with the Fraternity...]
There once were two groups called the Phi
Whose likeness we can verify.
We talked at Convention
To reduce the dissention
And said, “Share CSCs we could try!”

[On looking back...]
Many sleepless nights
Too many memories to count
Siblinghood everlasting.

[On our social time...]
Visiting an unfamiliar place, but never without a smiling face
So many together for a few days a year
Yet constantly united in ideals so dear
Whether engaged in our business or singing our songs
Or being called out by ukulele players and their meager throngs
If using the subway or calling a cab or tripping over sidewalks’ uneven slabs.
We’ll find our way to each other and make Sammy proud
Since at business, karaoke, or dinner we’re charmingly loud.

[On anticipating...]
Where in the world will Alpha Delta Phi
Convene to meet the needs of future friends?
Will shifting sands record our passing time
Or drop our tracks as an hourglass ends?

Some land somewhere bought just for us may give
Our boots more traction as we climb into
A future world in which we wish to live,
With lasting tracks engraved in earth our glue.

In Summer eager undergrads may grow
Green houses, plants, odd yurts and structures,
Retreating from the endless stop and go,
Creating lasting tracks and pictures.

A literate retreat and home away
From home, Adelphi land gives time to stay.

[On committing to saving trees...]
One book per chapter.
Power cords at every seat.
Trees are beautiful.

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Learn More About Convention...

Convention materials are available for your review on the Society’s web site at www.adps.org.

# Alpha Delta Phi Society

## 2012 Fund Appeal Honor Roll

Includes Donations to the Alpha Delta Phi Society, Donations to the SELEF Chamberlain Fund, and Reported Contributed Expenses

*Monthly Giving Club Donors in Italics*

### President’s Circle ($2,500+)
- **Thomas Clark**, BDN 1999
- **Richard Schwartz**, BRN 1986
- **Chad Wolfsheimer**, BRN 2000

### Governor’s Circle ($1,000-2,499)
- **Craig Cheslog**, BDN 1993
- **Eric McClelland**, BRN 1995
- **Robert McKelvey**, MID 1959
- **Paul Nesbitt**, COL 1963
- **James Sabo**, BDN 1992
- **Stephen Starnes**, HAM 1980

### Chairs of the House Committee ($500-999)
- **Suzanne Gerrard**, MID 1994
- **Christie Gibson**, BRN 2006
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### Lilies of the Valley ($1-249)
- **Melissa Diaz**, BRN 2010
- **Terrie Eastmade**, BDN 1997
- **Eric Ehlen**, BDN 1998
- **Glen Ellis**, S 1983
- **Alison Errio**, BRN 2006
- **Chad Farrell**, BRN 2002
- **Brian Ferrell-Loxton**, BRN 2001
- **E. Jenny Fiedler**, MID 1983
- **Caitlin Gately**, GRN 2010
- **Gregory Gallick**, BRN 2002
- **Richard Grimm**, MID 1968
- **Victor Gottmann**, CAL 2009
- **Jason Haas**, MID 2000
- **Frederick Habenstein**, MID 1952
- **Sarah Hersman**, BRN 2010
- **Dominic Ireland**, MID 2009
- **K J Irizarry**, MID 2004
- **C Wesley Jackson**, MID 1955
- **Paula Holm Jenson**, MID 1986
- **Katherine Jovin**, BRN 2007
- **Celina Kelly**, COL 2009
- **Peter Kester**, BDN 1987
- **Chino Kim**, BDN 1989
- **Francis Kitchell**, AM 1939
- **Erhard Konderding**, MID
- **Kamala Krishnan**, S 1983
- **Alanna Kwoka**, BRN 2010
- **Kimberly Ladd**, MID 2013
- **Melisa Lai**, BRN 1994
- **Lan Lam**, MID 2001

### Siblings-in-Arms ($250-499)
- **Edward C. Gross, Jr.**, BRN 1972
- **Michael Hildreth**, S 1980
- **Donald Lockhart**, BDN 1948
- **James McNaughton**, BRN 2003
- **Susan Schultz**, MID 1988
- **Leah Stern**, MID 2006
- **Susan Yuhas**, MID 1988

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Society Order of Star and Crescent
Awarded to Graduate Leaders

The Alpha Delta Phi Society honored Paul Neshamkin, Columbia 1963; Craig Cheslog, Bowdoin 1993; Clay Maitland, Columbia 1964; Peter Darrow, Columbia 1972; William Millard, Illinois 1980; and Terrie Eastmade, Bowdoin 1997 with the Society Order of the Star and Crescent during the banquet festivities at the 13th Convention and Leadership Training Conference hosted by the Columbia Chapter.

The Society Order of the Star and Crescent is the highest honor it can give to one of its graduate members. This year’s class of honorees includes key national and chapter Alpha Delta Phi leaders.

“This year’s Society Order of the Star and Crescent honorees have been instrumental in advancing the Society at the national and chapter level,” explained Society President Chad Wolfsheimer, Brunonian 2000. “They include two long-time members of our Board of Governors, two key Columbia Chapter leaders, and our Society Headquarters staff since our founding as an organization.”

A. PAUL NESHAMKIN, COLUMBIA 1963
Neshamkin has held a variety of leadership positions in the Alpha Delta Phi, including playing a key negotiating role in the conversations that eventually led to the split of the Alpha Delta Phi into two separate organizations: the coed Society and all-male Fraternity.

CRAIG CHESLOG, BOWDOIN 1993
Cheslog served as the Society’s National President for almost seven years, among 15 as a Governor. He previously served as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. He expanded electronic communications and broadened our volunteer and membership bases, including establishing new chapters. He currently serves as the Society’s Honorary Chair.

CLAY MAITLAND, COLUMBIA 1964
Maitland has been a key supporter of the rebirth of the Columbia Chapter. He has been the first to contribute towards many special projects that have helped restore the appearance of the Columbia Chapter’s house. Without his generosity Columbia’s flagpoles would have disappeared years ago, its piano would be a toneless wreck, and the grandfather clock silent. Maitland was also the first to support the restoration of the Chapter’s historic portraits, and Sam Eells smiles once again because of him.

PETER DARROW, COLUMBIA 1972
Darrow has served as President and Vice President of the Association of Graduates of the Columbia Chapter. He was a part of the negotiating team that worked through delicate negotiations with the University to repurchase the Chapter House. He then has worked with the undergraduate members on house ownership details and to ensure the house enjoys a 100 percent occupancy rate. He also organizes annual mentoring sessions and offered summer internships.

WILLIAM MILLARD, ILLINOIS 1980
Millard has served as the Alpha Delta Phi Society’s Executive Director since its founding as a separate organization in 1992. In that role, Millard played a key role in virtually every aspect of the Alpha Delta Phi Society’s organizational development. He was instrumental in getting the Alpha Delta Phi Society’s leadership to establish an insurance program that would protect its members, chapters, and affiliates and allow the organization to expand from its original chapter membership base.

TERRIE EASTMADE, BOWDOIN 1997
Eastmade has served as the Alpha Delta Phi Society’s Assistant Executive Director since our founding in 1992. For the entire life of our organization, she has spent every day during the hard work in our main office. She has played a role in every detail of our major events and has often found a way to make things work even when we were past our deadlines. Eastmade has always looked out for what is best for us as individuals and as an organization. She was made a member of the Society in 1997 by our Bowdoin Chapter.
Thank You for our Fundraising Success at Convention:
Over $11,500 Raised in One Weekend!

The Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation (SELEF) has emerged from the Dark Ages. You can now donate online to the Society's Joshua Chamberlain Fund of SELEF. Thanks to Expansion and New Chapters Chair and SELEF Board Director Thom Clark, Bowdoin 1999 for his persistence and hard work to make this happen.

The Society can use SELEF funds for approved literary, educational and charitable purposes. Previously, tax-deductible donations could only be accepted by check in the mail. Many members find online giving easier and more convenient.

Thom started an online giving challenge during Convention to prove to the Board of Directors of SELEF that online giving could be successful.

He started small. If $1,000 in donations were placed through the beta web page on Razoo, then he would paste a large QR "bar code" on his person. People could scan the QR code with their phones to pull up the donation web page. (Razoo is a secure, online platform for creating fundraising pages.)

Siblings at Convention and elsewhere rallied to support the Society. By the end of business, Thom Clark was wearing the QR code, and he and Society Vice President Kristen Soule, Brunonian 1999 were both wearing the Chamberlain Fund web address on their foreheads.

Siblings stepped up to match donations made by younger siblings—a $10 donation by an undergraduate or young alum effectively became a $70 donation! By the end of the day, a generous Brother offered to match all donations up to $5,000!

Through word of mouth, Facebook, phone calls and email, excitement about the challenge spread. Thanks to you, SELEF reached over $11,500 in donations in one weekend! Forty-six siblings under the age of thirty raised over $1,400. More siblings made tax-deductible donations in one weekend than in all of 2012! Thanks to you, a simple challenge became a rollicking success.