



Monthly Newsletter

April - May 2016

Celebrations, Initiations, and More!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to each of the over 100 Society members who graduated this semester. We are so proud of you, and wish you the best of luck!

(Picture: Binghamton graduation)



Welcome, New Members!

We enthusiastically welcome our newest 68 members who initiated into the Alpha Delta Phi Society this semester!

(picture: Capital initiation)

Upcoming Events

Summer Retreat

Our 3rd Annual Summer Retreat, a free weekend open to undergraduates and young alums from all chapters, will take place at the Twin Valleys Outdoor Education Center at SUNY Plattsburgh, June 17-19. If you're interested in attending, having an amazing time, and receiving a free keepsake, please [register](#) by June 13. Many thanks to the Undergraduate Parliament for hosting this event!

Convention and Leadership Conference

Thank you to those who registered for the 2016 Convention and Leadership Conference, hosted this year by the Bowdoin Graduate Chapter. We look forward to enjoying an event-filled July weekend with you in Brunswick, Maine. For more information please visit adps.org/convention.

Recent Successes

Binghamton held their annual arts and music festival, Art Awakening, raising funds in support of the Memory Maker Project - an organization that promotes artistic opportunities to people suffering from memory loss in the local Binghamton area.

Capital's members and friends enjoyed a beautiful evening and celebrated the end of another successful semester at their second annual formal.

Middletown hosted a student-directed, independently-funded production of "Will You Please Shut Up?" by Dan O'Brien. Claire Shaffer '18 stage managed and Lizzie Phan '19 performed the principal female role.

Ursinian raised money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by hosting "Blind Date with a Book," where people buy wrapped books based solely on the clues written on them. The affiliate collected 150 books donated from bookstores and libraries.

Good for the Phi!

Marisa Blitstein, Brunonian '03 and Michael Blitstein, Brunonian '03

Marisa and Michael are proud to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Judah, born May 15. Zac enjoys eating, sleeping, and being kissed by his big sister, Zoe. Mother and son are both doing very well.

Buzzy Cohen, Columbia '07

Buzzy won Jeopardy nine nights in a row, [having fun with Alex Trebek](#) and setting the Twittersphere abuzz with his [unique style](#). "Depending on whom you ask, he's either the game show's latest young, charismatic savior or an obnoxious millennial scourge we as a society did nothing to deserve." - Laura Bradley. "[The Buzz about Buzzy](#)." *Vanity Fair online*, May 2016. We vote for the former.

Ana Alcantara, Plattsburgh '16 and Dylan Farnan, Plattsburgh '16

Ana and Dylan each received the Senior Achievement Award, given at Plattsburgh's Annual Greek Banquet to those who have enthusiastically engaged in their chapter, community, and academics throughout their senior year.

Emma Dickson, Brunonian '16

Emma received the Exceptional Student Leader award for her involvement in the acapella community, as well as her work as President of Brown University Gilbert and Sullivan. She is also an active leader in Brown Students for Hillary and worked as a photographer for Brown's student yearbook, Liber Brunensis.

Alex Lowe, Ursinian '16

Alex won first place in the Richard T. Schellhase Essay in Ethics writing contest at Ursinus, collecting a prize of \$3,000 for his paper on the "Reparations for Racism: Why the Persistence of Institutional Racism in America Demands More than Equal Opportunity for Black Citizens."

Shari Forman, Plattsburgh '19 and Danielle Abrahams, Plattsburgh '19

Shari and Danielle each received the Emerging Fraternal Leader Award, given to people who have made outstanding contributions to their chapter and Greek Life and have joined Greek Life in the last year.

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 consider giving generously to help fund the educational, literary, and leadership endeavors of generations of Alpha Deltas.

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