



Monthly Newsletter

October 2016

Gatherings, Philanthropy, and a Literary Competition for Alumni

Our Fall Semester is off to a Great Start!

Embracing every department of literature

Announcing a Literary Competition for Alumni!

The Samuel Eells Foundation (SELEF) is putting a new twist on one of its richest literary traditions. To complement the annual student literary competition, SELEF is excited to announce an additional new literary competition for graduate members of all ages. Whether you are a prolific publisher of prose or recite poetry to your pet, SELEF invites you to submit original, previously unpublished works of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry to its inaugural graduate literary competition this fall. The competition is open to all college graduates associated with SELEF.

On behalf of each award winner, SELEF will make a donation to a charity of the winner's choice supporting a literary or educational mission. Choose to share a single poem or dozens of short stories - showcase your talent and make your alma mater proud by submitting your original written work to gradlit.selef@gmail.com by January 16, 2017. All entries will be judged anonymously.

More complete rules and instructions can be [found here](#).

Echoes From On High is back!

The Alpha Delta Phi Society's literary magazine, [Echoes From On High](#), is accepting submissions from undergraduate and graduate members for the next issue coming out at the March 2017 Convention! Written and visual pieces are both accepted, with no limit to the subject or the theme!

- Submissions can be sent to echoesfromonhigh@gmail.com.
- Submissions will be accepted until mid-January, 2017.
- Please keep in mind page count and space in the magazine when you send in your work, although no specific word count applies
- Art should be submitted as 300dpi JPEG files

What have we been up to?

Plattsburgh Honors the Memory of Brother Kodi Beckles

Our Plattsburgh Affiliate honored late Brother Kodi Beckles, who passed away in 2014, by holding a banquet fundraiser this past May called The Purple Gala to raise awareness about epilepsy. The event

included a guest speaker from the Epilepsy Foundation of America and the introduction of a literary scholarship in Brother Beckles' honor. Proceeds from the gala went to the Epilepsy Foundation of America.



Binghamton Explores New York City and Holds Summer Retreat

Undergraduate and Graduate members of the Binghamton Chapter participated in the Museum Mile Festival on June 14th, a New York City block party that lets people visit local museums for free. Members explored the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Neue Galerie New York. In August, the Binghamton Graduate Chapter held their annual

summer retreat in Saugerties, NY. The grads spent the weekend swimming, bonding, and visiting OPUS 40 - a major sculpture park and museum nearby.



Capital's Blind Date with a Book

On August 31st, Capital sold donated books - completely wrapped to avoid judging by the cover - to dozens of George Washington University students. Selling out within 75 minutes, they raised nearly \$300 for the Washington Literacy Center!



Our Chapter Support Team Visits Plattsburgh

Members of our Chapter Support Team, including Director of Chapter Support Evan Finkelstein, Binghamton 2014, visited the Plattsburgh Affiliate in September. They discussed recruitment, best practices for running a campus organization, and what the Society means to them.

Upcoming Initiations

Many of the following dates are kept secret from the Pledges, so please do not share any dates publicly or via social media.

Binghamton: December 3

Brunonian: October 29

Capital: November 12

Columbia: December 9

Middletown: December 3

Plattsburgh: November 12

Rensselaer (RPI): November 19

Stanford: October 22 (subject to change)

Ursinian: October 21

Good for the Phi!

Craig Cheslog Bowdoin '93

Craig was just elected to the Acalanes Union High School District Governing Board in California. The district serves the East Bay communities of Canyon, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, and Walnut Creek. He's looking forward to taking what he's learned as a children's advocate at Common Sense Kids Action and his former role as Principal Advisor to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson to serve his community.

Kristen DiPietra Binghamton '18

Kristen was cast in an MTV online series called "Aurora," based on a book called "Aurora's Ashes" by Hia Chakraborty. The show premieres in 2018!

Keenan Smith Columbia '18

Keenan's poem "How does she fit those yams so tightly" was just published in the third issue of [American Chordata](#), a biannual literary magazine! He's also had a hand in helping promote poetry within his chapter.

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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