

Happy New Year!

Monthly Newsletter — January 2018

Happy New Year from the Alpha Delta Phi Society! Here is a look at some of our accomplishments in 2017 as well as some things to look forward to in 2018.

Ursinian Hosts a Successful Undergraduate Caucus

Our Undergraduate Caucus took place at the Ursinian Affiliate in Collegeville, Pennsylvania the weekend of November 3-5, 2017 and was filled with sibling bonding and opportunities to enact change within the Society.

Caucus highlights include:

- The election of a new Undergraduate Parliament President (Carly Blaughter, Rensselaer 2018) and Undergraduate Governor (Concetta Magliochetti, Ursinian 2019)
- Educational Workshops with topics like "Eating on the Cheap: A Guide to Eastern European Food," "Trans101," and "Intro to Coding"
- Passing of two resolutions regarding financial aid opportunities/programs for undergraduate members (proposals by Cole Hansen, Brunonian 2019, and Eren Ileri, Brunonian 2018)
- Participation by undergraduate members in the Graduate Caucus topics (held concurrently with educational workshops) and participation of undergraduate members at the Board of Governors in-person meeting on November 5th.

Capital Chapter Proudly Received Their Charter

After officially becoming a chapter at our 2017 Convention, our siblings at Capital celebrated the end of the year with their fall initiation, where they were presented with their official charter.

We look forward to seeing what 2018 will bring Capital and our other chapters and affiliates!



Join the ADPS Book Club

We are excited to announce the Society has started a monthly book discussion group! We are currently reading N.K. Jemisin's Hugo Award winning novel *The Fifth Season*. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, February 18 at 5pm eastern (online). We have created a Facebook event for pre-meeting discussion.

Irissa Cisternino, Capital 2018, is coordinating the Book Club, so please email her if you have any questions. Check out the Society's Facebook group and the Society Calendar for additional Book Club events.

If you would like to participate but don't have the means to purchase or the ability to borrow the book, please reach out to Irissa — we don't want to exclude anyone!

Convention is Fast Approaching

The Alpha Delta Phi Society's Eighteenth Convention and Leadership Training Conference will be hosted by our Middletown Chapter in Middletown, CT from Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, March 25. **Registration is now open** and ends February 16th.

Convention Weekend is the Society's largest multi-chapter reunion, filled with hours of socializing, networking, and guiding the direction of the Society. Convention is a time to connect with old friends and make new ones. At Convention you can help shape the Society's future by participating in our open-space business sessions, educational presentations, and informal gatherings. All Society members are invited to share their views. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more details, visit adps.org/convention.

Fall 2017 Xaipe is Now Available Online!

From 2017 Convention highlights to bios of our new major initiative directors, the latest edition of the Xaipe takes an in-depth look at all of our accomplishments this year.

Read the Xaipe online and look out for our next edition this summer.

Good for the Phi!

Good for Jonah Reider, Columbia 2016, for having his culinary skills featured in *The New Yorker* back in May 2017.

Good for Jill Hunting, Middletown 2010, who, on September 18, 2017, had material from her book, [Finding Pete: Rediscovering the Brother I Lost in Vietnam](#) — a story about **Pete Hunting, Middletown 1963**, who went to Vietnam after graduation to teach English and was the first civilian humanitarian to die in the war two years later — and original film footage featured in episode 2 of Ken Burns' and Lynn Novick's documentary *The Vietnam War*. "To me, Pete's story is important to understanding the Vietnam War — not because he was my brother or because I wrote a book," Jill said, "but because war stories and films are typically about men and soldiers exclusively. By contrast this is a story about a civilian, told by a sister."

Good for Dan McMonagle, Binghamton 2017, for winning in the world finals of the Chinese Bridge Competition, a language proficiency contest for foreign college students, this past summer.

Good for Sasha Reiter, Binghamton 2018, who will have his first book published by The Latino Press later this year.

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