

2018 Convention and Leadership Training Conference: Highlights and Congratulations

Monthly Newsletter — April 2018



The Society's 18th Convention, hosted by our Middletown Chapter, included:

- Representation from all twelve chapters and affiliates
- Adoption of a Society-wide Statement of Values on Diversity and Inclusion
- A whopping 39 different break-out discussion sessions on issues important to our members
- A Friday night of roller-skating and a fire-arts performance by Wesleyan student group Prometheus (featuring many of our own siblings!)
- Celebrating our Award recipients, the Literary Competition winners, and Seward Scholarship recipients at the Saturday night banquet, hosted by the wonderful Jim Sabo and Emily Law.

Look out for the next edition of the Society Xaipe, with even more Convention highlights!

Our Most Successful Matching Challenge Ever!

Convention saw our 6th Annual Matching Challenge, where 41 extremely generous graduate members agreed to match donations made over the weekend by young and first-time donors. This year a record 86 young donors contributed over \$2,800! Overall, this year's Matching Challenge raised over \$34,000 in support of our Literary and Educational endeavors. Thanks to our many generous donors, we were able to Accept 100% of requests for reduced rates at Convention, offer several professional development webinars for all members, and seed our pilot year of financial aid for Undergraduates!

Taking a Pie for the Phi!

At the close of the Saturday banquet, Jenny Flanagan, Middletown '83, Michael Sugarman, Binghamton '18, and Jack Kelly, Brunonian '18 sacrificed their faces to take part in everyone's favorite aspect of the matching challenge: getting delicious whipped cream pies smashed into their faces.



This year saw a new twist on the pie-in-the-face event. After our three brave siblings were pied in the face, two more volunteers stepped forward - Zach Wilson, Brunonian '12 and Christine Chapman, Brunonian '14. A live auction was held, where teams of Alpha Delts bid on the right to choose which of these roommates would be pardoned, and which would be pied in the face. With a winning bid of over \$330, a team of 10 siblings decided that not only would Christine be pardoned, but that she would have the honor of smashing a pie into Zach's face.

The Board of Governors elected its 2018-2019 Officers:



President Jim Sabo, Bowdoin 1992

Jim has served on the Board of Governors since 2013, and has served as the Society's Vice President since 2017. Jim has

used his background in technology to improve the day-to-day operations of the Society, working with other Board members and Directors to evaluate & configure our database, and consulting on changes to the Society's website. As Vice President, Jim chaired the nomination committee and helped manage the Board's three key committees: Development, Lifelong Experience, and Educational Programming. As President, Jim hopes to improve communications throughout the Society, and to work with the Affiliate chapters to give them a greater voice.

Vice President Dena Schwartz, Penn 2013

Dena is one of the founding members of the Penn Affiliate, and is currently one of their graduate advisors. She previously served as the Assistant Secretary for the Society, and currently serves as a Graduate Governor, a position she has held since 2016. Dena's work for the Society has focused on chapter support, university relations, and development.

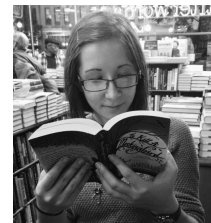


Treasurer Laura Hellwig, Capital 2016

Laura is excited to work with siblings and support the society in this role. She previously served in the role of Assistant Treasurer of the Society and was a founding member of the Capital Chapter. She joined the Phi to find community in college and to find others with similar interests. Laura enjoys working with spreadsheets and data and is excited to serve in the role.

Secretary Alina Brewer, Capital 2015.5 (re-elected)

Alina will continue to serve as the Society's Secretary, a position she has held for the past year. She takes minutes for Board of Governors calls, Directors Calls, Conventions, and is in charge of the Society's calendar of upcoming events. Alina is also a founding member of the Capital Chapter and a member of our communication team.



Congratulations to our Graduate Governors: Alanna, Kylie, Joan, and Zach!

Alanna Kwoka, Brunonian 2010

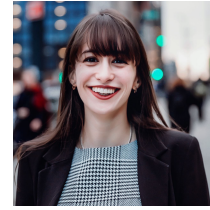
Alanna has been serving on the Development Committee in some capacity since 2011. She's worked to grow the Convention Matching Challenge and the end of year fund appeal. Alanna is building a career in fundraising and donor



stewardship at social justice non-profits. Currently, she inspires and thanks folks who invest in grassroots organizing and community-led change at Forward Together.

Kylie Madden, Capital 2017

Kylie has previously served as Undergraduate Parliament Vice President and currently serves as Director of Events, where she organizes the annual Society Convention. Professionally, Kylie works for Mischief Management, an event management company that focuses on conventions for niche fandoms and communities. She is passionate about creating spaces where people can be the most passionate and authentic version of themselves.

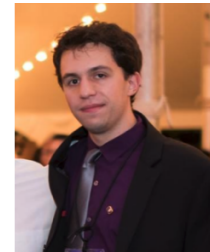


Joan Matelli, Middletown 1992 (re-elected)

Recently elected to her third term as Graduate Governor, Joan has long been a member of the Society's leadership. She helped found the Granite Chapter, served as a Pledge Educator for the Harvard Chapter, and was a member of the Communications team. Joan currently serves on the Member Safety Committee and the Lifelong Experience Committee, and is an active member of the New England Regional Graduate Organization. Joan has a background in digital journalism and community engagement – and she loves the multigenerational aspect of the Society.

Zach Wilson, Brunonian 2012

Zach has served as Society Treasurer, Assistant Society Treasurer, and Advisor to Undergraduate Parliament. He has made the Society's financial reporting accessible to all and has advocated for financial policies that allow leaders to capitalize on the Society's financial successes. Zach has worked tirelessly to make the Society a more inclusive place, and has recently introduced a financial aid program to ease the financial burden of joining the Society. Professionally, Zach is a Software Engineer at Amazon Robotics.



Congratulations to our Award Winners: Sarah, Carolyn, Kylie, Alina, Tiffany, and Joan!

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 Rising Star Award was recently introduced at our 2018 Convention to recognize young leaders of the Society who are making significant contributions to the organization. The Star and Crescent Award is awarded by the Society Board of Governors to a graduate member who has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to the Society; it is the highest distinction bestowed upon a graduate member of the Society.

Society Order of the Sword and Spear: Sarah Weinbrom, Capital 2017



Sarah Weinbrom is a founding member of the Capital chapter and has held leadership positions such as Chaplain, Pledge Educator, Recruitment Chair, and Philanthropy Chair. She also held leadership positions of Vice President and Community Service Chair in Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a service organization addressing hunger, homelessness, and other problems in Washington, D.C. During her time as an undergrad, Sarah was part of GlobeMed, an organization with a GW Chapter that partners with a group in Uganda that helps women formerly involved in sex trafficking. When she wasn't in school, Sarah spent school holidays in Oklahoma, New York, and Florida, where she volunteered in underserved communities as part of GW's Alternative Breaks program.

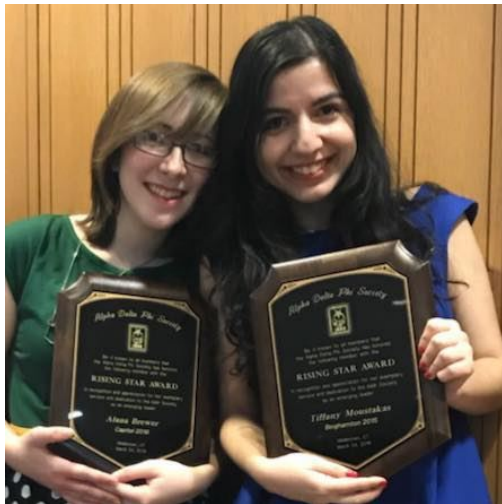
Emerald and Pearl Awards: Carolyn Dundes, Middletown 2017 & Kylie Madden, Capital 2017

Carolyn Dundes recently graduated from Wesleyan University, where they served as the Middletown Chapter's Secretary. Before that, they were the Chapter's Chaplain, where they were consistently praised for their deep level of empathy. At the National level, they served as an Undergraduate Governor where they helped facilitate a Society-wide diversity survey. As a recent grad, they now serve as the founding co-chair of the Society's Inclusion Committee, where they aim to make the Society a more inclusive and empowering environment.

Kylie Madden is the Society's Director of Events and was recently elected Governor at this past Convention. As an undergraduate, she spent her senior year leading the Capital Chapter as its President. She also served as the Vice President of the Undergraduate Parliament. Since she first joined the Society, Kylie's siblings have gone to her for advice and support. She is always willing to go the extra mile for something she believes in and strives to make Convention, and the Society more broadly, an environment where everyone can have fun, be respected, and be themselves.



Rising Star Awards: Alina Brewer, Capital 2015.5 & Tiffany Moustakas, Binghamton 2015



Alina Brewer is currently the Society Secretary, and has also served as an Undergraduate Governor and Assistant Secretary. As a founding member of the Capital Chapter, she has striven from the beginning of her involvement with the Society to make it a place where everyone can feel at home. She enjoys working on some of the more "nitty gritty" work for the Society, such as taking minutes and maintaining the Society calendar. Alina looks forward to seeing where her future in the Phi takes her and doing what she can to help other siblings become Rising Stars as well!

Tiffany Moustakas is currently the Director of Communication, where she manages the Society's social media pages and produces newsletters such as the Xaibe and monthly e-newsletters, like the one you're reading now. When she's not working to make sure siblings are kept up-to-date on the latest Society news, she serves as

the Undergraduate Parliament's advisor where she helps guide undergraduates to make the UP the best it can be. Before she was elected the Binghamton Graduate Chapter's newest President in March, Tiffany served as its Vice President and hopes to continue to build Binghamton's graduate organization to help make the Phi a lifelong experience for its alums, while also supporting the undergraduates in their successful endeavors.

Star and Crescent Award: Joan Charlotte Matelli, Middletown 1992



Joan Charlotte Matelli has loyally served the Alpha Delta Phi Society for well over a decade. Just re-elected to her third term as a Society Graduate Governor, she currently serves on the Member Safety and Lifelong Experience committees, and supports the New England Regional Graduate Organization. In 2013, she coauthored the Policy Statement to Promote Consent and Communication, which was unanimously passed at the Society's 13th Convention. She has been actively involved in the Society's expansion efforts, and continues to mentor undergraduates and young alumni of many of our new chapters and affiliates. A fierce advocate for quieter voices, she encourages diverse opinions and perspectives to be shared and heard in the governance of the Society. The Star and Crescent award honors her boundless compassion, her spirit of generosity and kindness, her grand enthusiasm, and her persistent dedication to embodying the ideals of the Alpha Delta Phi Society.

Good for the Phi!

Good for the Penn Affiliate for winning the Gold Chapter of Excellence award and the Wellness Program of the Year award for their Stress Management Through Art event last semester as part of the University of Pennsylvania's Greek Awards Ceremony on April 5th. Additional snaps go to **Lydia Ramharack, Penn 2018** for winning a Pillars of the Community award for their outstanding involvement and impact outside of the Greek community.

Good for Laura Ackerman, Bowdoin 2008, whose research project was featured in [The Economist](#) about how personal pronouns are changing language.

Good for everyone who donated to this year's Matching Challenge! This was by far our most successful Matching Challenge, with 86 young donors contributing over \$2,800 and more than \$34,000 from 132 donors.

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.](#)

Corrections? Questions? Comments? Praise?

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