

# Happy New Year!

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## Happy New Year from the Alpha Delta Phi Society!



Alpha Deltas got together to ring in the new year in style, when **Joan Charlotte Matelli, MID '92**, and **Brian Guest, BRN '13**, were joined by **Daniel Tatar, BRN '14**, and **Ben Kociubinski, MID '00**, at their New Year's Eve party. Joan made lentil soup and cotechino with white beans for prosperity; Ben brought his extensive mixology skills. Everyone shared their family traditions, reminisced about the Dick Clark Rockin' Eves of their youth, and snuggled the Baby New Year (another guest's very well-behaved newborn). There is nothing quite like celebrating with your Society siblings!

### Undergraduate Caucus Update

In December, the Undergraduate Parliament hosted Undergraduate Caucus at the Brunonian Chapter and focused on enhancing the social experience of the event. Throughout the weekend, undergraduate attendees had a chance to explore downtown Providence, visit an art museum, and also take a trip to an escape room. This year, UP took a step further in increasing inter-chapter traveling by chartering a bus to Wesleyan University and allowing siblings a chance to experience Middletown initiation. And while fun ensued throughout Caucus, there was still a chance for chapters to get down to business by electing three new UP officers. Congratulations to **Sibling Ellie Baker, BRN '19** and **Loved One Kieran DeMelfi, URS '19** for their new roles as Undergraduate Governors and **Brother Elizabeth Dillon, CAP '19** for her new position as Recording Secretary!

### Chapter Updates

Our **Binghamton Chapter** started off the school year with a solid fall semester by pushing forth ideas that had not yet gotten off the ground. They also hosted fun art-based events for members that included traveling to Corning, NY to see its Glass Museum and other galleries as well as hosting a Victorian tea time at the Bundy Museum in downtown Binghamton. Last fall was also their most productive

philanthropy semester to date after raising over \$600 in sticker sales for Chapter funds. They ended their successful semester by adding seven incredible new members to their chapter, whom they love dearly!

Over at the **Brunonian Chapter**, they initiated 17 amazing new members into the mysteries of the Phi and were excited to have hosted Caucus with these new members! The chapter also held a workshop on sexual wellness and consent for their membership and began a closer partnership with the University. Now, they're in the midst of preparing a report on New Member Education processes they hope will be valuable to other chapters and affiliates in the Society.

### Good for the Phi!

Good for **Michael Edmonson, COL '18**, who was awarded the [Patrick W. Halloran scholarship](#) from the Order of the Omega, recognized for his having attained a high standard of leadership in his college's inter-Greek activities.

Good for **Mark Derby, BDN '95**, for getting confirmed as a new judge for the New Hampshire Circuit Court last year!

Good for **Cade Leebron, MID '14**, whose poem "Ode to the Brain Holes" was recently featured in a [Bustle article](#) highlighting honest poems that discuss the experience of chronic illness.

**Submit a recent success, Phi-related or otherwise, for yourself or a sibling, [here](#).**

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