

2019 Convention and Leadership Training Conference: Highlights and Congratulations

Society Newsletter — June 2019



The Society's 19th Convention, hosted by our Rensselaer Affiliate, included:

- Siblings from Binghamton, Bowdoin, Brown, Capital, Columbia, Granite, Middletown, Penn, Plattsburgh, Rensselaer, and Ursinian
- Charters were granted to the Penn Chapter and the Penn Graduate Chapter!
- Launching the ADPS store at adps.org/store
- Two phenomenal education sessions focused on inclusivity, feedback, consent, and power dynamics from two organizations, [Human Inclusive](#) and [Uplift Together](#).
- Started an Affiliate Chapter at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana! Induction was April 6 and Initiation took place April 27.
- An unforgettable night of trivia organized by Brunonian alum Andy Richards and hosted by Capital undergrads Ryan Carroll and Matt Gerasimovich!
- Celebrating our Award recipients, the Literary Competition winners, and Seward Scholarship recipients at the Saturday night banquet, hosted as always by the amazing Emily Law and Jim Sabo.

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

A new record-breaking and successful Matching Challenge!

Our 7th Annual Convention Matching challenge was a pie-smashing success! Thanks to the generosity of 135 participating donors, we raised over \$32,000 for the Society. 101 undergraduate and young alumni crushed our previous record of 87 participating young donors. This year was a fun tribute to the

new Penn Chapter as Vice President of the Board, Dena Schwartz, Penn 2013, took the role of pieing her sibling, Assistant Director of Expansion, Max Morant, Penn 2016.



We are grateful to everyone who participated who helped to make the Alpha Delta Phi Society more inclusive and accessible. This generous support makes it possible for us to provide financial aid for new members, to offer subsidized rates at Convention, to host educational trainings, and much more. You can join us by making a gift a adps.org/donate.

The Board of Governors elected its 2019-2020 Officers:

President Jim Sabo, Bowdoin 1992; Vice President Dena Schwartz, Penn 2013; Treasurer Laura Hellwig, Capital 2016; and Executive Director Michael Blitstein, Brunonian, 2003

Congratulations to Jim, Dena, Laura, and Mike on their re-elections!

Assistant Treasurer Alison Errico, Brunonian 2006

As an undergrad, Alison served as chapter treasurer, rush chair, vice president, and undergraduate governor. She currently works as the Radiation Safety Officer and Laser Safety Officer at Boston University and Boston Medical Center. She lives in Peabody, Massachusetts, with her husband, Andrew Del Donno, BRN '06.

Secretary Carly Blaugher, Rensselaer 2019

Carly is a 2018 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is the Society's current Secretary. Having previously held the titles of UP Secretary, Student Governor, and President, she looks forward to bringing the enthusiasm she had for the Phi as an undergraduate member to the Society's executive body. In her free time, Carly enjoys sewing, interior design, making kombucha, and petting dogs.

Assistant Secretary Haley Brush, Ursinian 2017

Haley serves as the Assistant Secretary and is thrilled to be part of the national leadership. She first started in the Phi as a founder of the Ursinian Affiliate, where she fell in love with the interconnectedness of the Society's chapters and truly national siblinghood. Haley moved to Washington, D.C. last fall after completing an AmeriCorps VISTA year of service with the City of Philadelphia and now works in higher education consulting.

Congratulations to our Graduate Governors: Dena, Kari, Melissa, and Peter!



Kari Dahlen, Brunonian 1996

Kari has served the Phi in various roles, including Secretary of the Society, Awards Committee Chair, and on the Board of Governors. She is interested in starting a peer counseling program to support fellow siblings during times of crisis. She currently uses her computer, HR, A/P, A/R, financial, and medical knowledge to assist management with a group of assisted living and nursing homes.



Melissa Diaz, Brunonian 2011

Melissa serves as the Director of Chapter Services, having first joined the team in early 2017. Professionally, Melissa is building a career in public policy and currently pursuing a Master of Public Policy at the George Washington University, where her final research project focuses on funding for Clean Water Act programs at the state level.



Peter Goldstein, Brunonian 2008

Peter serves as the chair of the Lifelong Experience committee, and originated the Society's graduate mentoring program in 2018. Inspired by his undergraduate experience with the Society, Peter founded Bay State Commons, a cohousing community in development in Massachusetts. In his professional life, Peter leads a small software team at Google.



Dena Schwartz, Penn 2013

A member of the founding class at Penn, Dena is currently Vice President of the Board of Governors and serves on the Development committee. Professionally, Dena is a consultant at EAB, a research and technology firm serving K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning. She is interested in questions of volunteer sustainability within the Society.

Congratulations to our Award Winners: Lydia, Emily, Andy, and Tom!

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: Lydia Ramharack, Penn 2018

Lydia serves as the alumni adviser for the Penn Chapter and the new member educator for the newly chartered affiliated at Indiana State University. They currently work at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and are pursuing a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling. However, they still make the time to hang out with their friends at the Penn Chapter and are eternally grateful for the family they

have through the Society.

Emerald and Pearl Award: Emily Law, Capital 2019

Emily currently serves as the President of Undergraduate Parliament, where she previously served as Recording Secretary, and has served as the President, Recording Secretary, and in various other positions within her chapter. She studies International Affairs and the Russian language at George Washington University, and will graduate this spring to attend law school at Northeastern University in the fall.

Rising Star Award: Andy Richards, Brunonian 2017

Andy serves as chair of the Diversity and Inclusion committee. Outside of ADPhi, Andy is working on completing a master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. She spends her free time running a virtual Dungeons & Dragons campaign.

Star and Crescent Award: Tom Giordano, Columbia 1986

Tom pledged Alpha Delta Phi in autumn 1983 as a student at Columbia College, and was keenly active in Columbia's undergraduate chapter through his graduation from Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture and Historic Preservation in 1989. Since then, Tom has served ADP continuously, either as a governor of Columbia's alumni association, or of the Society, or both. Tom has pursued a career as a construction lawyer since graduating from Fordham Law School in 1995. He routinely provides legal and other advice to the Society, and serves on its Awards committee.

Good for the Phi!

Good for Alena Davidoff-Gore, Brunonian 2010, for welcoming her son, Iñigo Morales Davidoff on March 10!

Good for Tiffany Moustakas, Binghamton 2015, who won third place for Best Coverage of the Arts and Best News Story for [The Riverdale Press](#), a hyperlocal newspaper in the northwest Bronx, at The New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest!

Good for Michael Blitstein, Brunonian 2003, who was honored at the 11th annual Springfield Volunteer Awards as a Heart of Gold recipient for his work with [Compass for Kids](#).

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



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