

AΔΦS Convention 2021



Rally Instead!

The Society's 21st Convention and Leadership Training Conference—our first virtual event—was a huge success!

Society Newsletter—May 2021

This year's Convention included:

- 181 total registrants from siblings across the country
 - An average of 68 people online at any given time
 - A fun night of Pub Trivia
 - Entertaining (but also educational) PowerPoints debating things like the founding of ADPhi and whether or not a hot dog is a taco.
 - 32 Open Space Sessions, which you can view [here](#).
 - An interactive workshop about understanding and dismantling white supremacy hosted by [The Wells Collective](#).
 - Celebrating our award recipients, scholarship recipients, and Literary Competition winners at our first-ever virtual banquet on Saturday night.
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State of the Society

Listen to President **Peter Goldstein**, BRN '08, speak to the State of the Society during these unprecedented times.



Let's Get Down to Business

The Convention passed two business resolutions this year. The first one gives the Board of Governors the authority to set initiation fees for new members now that our initiation fees do not need to be the same as the Fraternity. The Board has since approved a Pay What You Can model for initiation fees on a self-chosen scale from \$1 to \$300.

The second business resolution proposed and passed by the Convention is a Resolution to undertake a diversity audit of the Board of Governors (and potentially other Society leadership as well.) This resolution was proposed by Lynn Cartwright-Punnett MID '07.

Wells Collective Presentation: Pitfalls of Progressive Organizations

Dr. Lana Asuncion-Bates and Akailah McIntyre from the Wells Collective led us in an engaging workshop about examining ourselves, defining white culture and engaging in social justice work. We had a follow-up workshop a few weeks later that dove in deeper about the pitfalls of progressive organizations and how we can push ourselves further to shed white supremacy culture that has been embedded in our organization since our founding. The workshop also explored how we can be more welcoming to Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and other people with differing identities. We're motivated to continue these conversations and to keep pushing ourselves to walk the walk and hold ourselves accountable to our siblings. Major thanks to Chris Jackson, MID '20, and Haley Brush, URS '17, for bringing this workshop to the Society!

Open Spaces

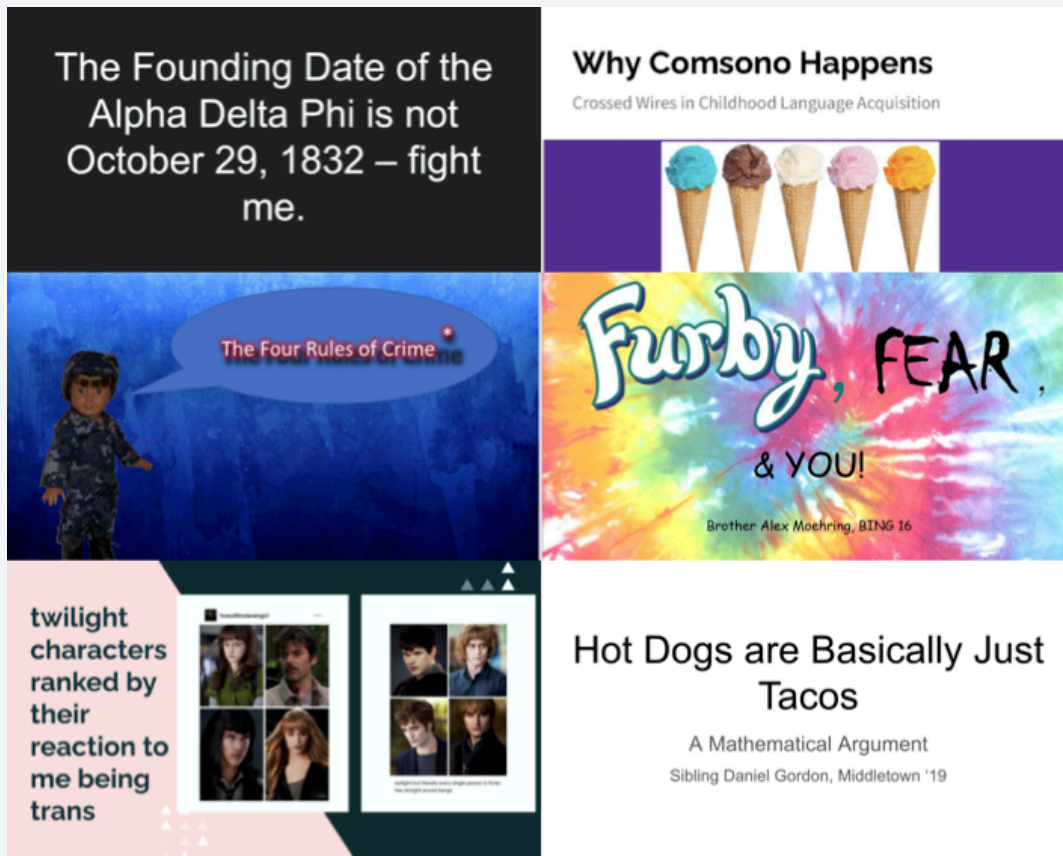
We continued to teach, learn, and discuss a variety of topics with each other during Open Space sessions. There were sessions on a variety of topics — from how to become a more first generation and low-income friendly Society to undergraduate recruitment best practices to managing relationship drama in the Phi. Attendees learned tips about personal finance, job hunting, and non-violent communication. There was also puzzling, sea shanty singing, and even a demonstration on how to season a cast iron pan!

A big thank you to everyone who led an open space session and everyone who attended! Learn more about the open space sessions [here](#) and go [here](#) to read summaries or see some of the [presentations](#).

Pub Trivia and a PowerPoint Party



On the first night of convention, 80 siblings came together to test our knowledge against each other at trivia. Peggy Nelling MID '12 led an awesome night of trivia, as we (mis)identified famous siblings and songs that either came out in 1992 or by artists born in 1992.



Some of our siblings got to flex their knowledge on topics they're passionate about during the Society's PowerPoint Party on Friday night, hosted by Chris Jackson, MID '20, Ryan Carroll, CAP '20, and The WHEEEL, which determined the order of presentations. Whether it was an educational presentation on child language acquisition or just a full-on discussion about nightmare Furbies, it made for some interesting discussion in our Convention Zoom chat!

Our Gather.town afterparty

Although Alpha Delts didn't have a physical space to interact in after business sessions this year, one sibling helped us find a way to keep that social aspect of Convention alive. Carmen Horn, BRN '20, created a space on Gather.town where people could virtually visit different chapter houses and video chat with one another. Want to see our Gather space and meet up with other siblings? Click [here](#) to visit!

The Board of Governors elected its 2020-2021 officers

- President: **Peter Goldstein**, BRN '08
- Vice President: **Kari Dahlen**, BRN '96
- Treasurer: **Laura Hellwig**, CAP '16
- Secretary: **Carly Blaugher**, RPI '18
- Executive Director: **Mike Blitstein**, BRN '03

Congratulations to our 2021-2024 Governors!

You can read the Governors' biographies [here](#).



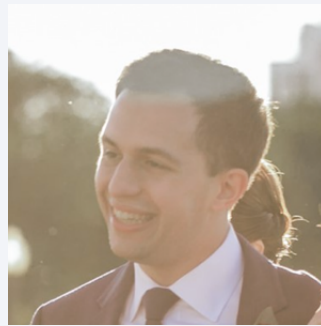
Alanna Kwoka, BRN '10



Chris Jackson, MID '20



Kylie Madden, CAP '17



Zach Wilson, BRN '12

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

Jennifer Cheng, CAP '21 and **Ian Kavanaugh**, CAP '20, are this year's recipients of the **Emerald and Pearl Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the National level.

Carmen Horn, BRN '21, and **Jenna Tishler**, BRN '20 are this year's recipients of the **Sword and Spear Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the Undergraduate Chapter level.

Haley Brush, URS '17, **Mattingly Gerasimovich**, CAP '20, and **Chris Jackson**, MID '20, are this year's recipients of the **Rising Star Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions of a young graduate member to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the National level.

Eric McClelland, BRN '95, is the recipient of the inaugural **Timbers True Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society from a graduate member who has become increasingly engaged in serving at the National level.

Jim Sabo, BDN, '92, is the recipient of this year's **Star and Crescent Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions of a graduate member to the Alpha Delta Phi Society throughout their many years of service.

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Did you know that there is a Society Store? Shop for yourself or the Alpha Delts in your life at adps.org/shop!

Help Us Continue to Thrive

The pandemic is hard on all of us—and especially for our undergraduate members. It's a challenging time with virtual recruitment, new member education and initiations.

It's hard to form the mystic ties that bind us through Zoom. And yet, our undergrads are rallying instead! [Will you make a donation today to support them?](#)

One transformational initiative we're trying is Pay What You Can for initiation fees! It removes barriers for people who want to join us.

- If you and 2 others join the Sammy Eells club at \$5.18 a month, you'll cover the median cost of a new member.
- If you and 2 others join the Calomel Club at \$10 a month, you'll cover the cost of a new member to the Society!
- If you join as a new member of the Co-ed Society Club at \$19.92 a month, you'll nearly cover the cost of a new member to the Society.

[If you're able to give back to our Society right now, you'll truly help make a difference. Every little bit helps. Your generosity will truly be felt by our current – and future! – members.](#)

Corrections? Questions? Comments? Praise?

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