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## Bowdoin Graduate Chapter Hosts Society's 16th Convention

The Alpha Delta Phi Society's 16th Convention and Leadership and Training Conference was hosted by the Bowdoin Graduate Chapter this past summer in Brunswick, Maine.

In stark contrast to the snow at Binghamton, siblings from around the nation and from both the Fraternity and Society joined with Bowdoin graduate members to enjoy the sweltering heat and humidity that is July in Maine.

The traditional Convention business sessions were supplemented by social activities, including allowing attendees the chance to enjoy a presentation curated by the Bowdoin Library Special Collections department, who displayed a wide array of both Chapter and College material that highlighted the lives of various Bowdoin Alpha Delts, with a particular emphasis on Bowdoin's most famous son, Joshua Chamberlain, and others from the Chapter who fought in the Civil War.

Tradition demands that we report that attendees were well fed, with a traditional Maine lobster bake kicking (Continued on page 9)



The Society's Female Chapter Presidents in Attendance at the 2016 Convention Banquet.

# Capital Affiliate To Host 2017 Convention in Washington, D.C.

The Capital Affiliate is thrilled to invite all Alpha Delts to join us at the 2017 Alpha Delta Phi Society Convention in Washington, D.C.! From March 9th through March 12th, Alpha Delts will have the opportunity to come together and celebrate.

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We will be gathering at the Hyatt Arlington in Rosslyn, Virginia, which is conveniently one Metro stop away from the George Washington University, Capital's home institution. We will be utilizing all of the space the hotel has to offer, providing us with one central location for business, banquet, and a variety of social activities.

Delegates, Society Officers, and other Convention attendees will meet for the start of business on Friday morning and continue through Saturday afternoon. With D.C. as our playground, excursions and social activities will be planned for Thursday and Friday evening, including monument walks and quests to sites named after some of our great graduate members.

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# Society Undergraduates Hold 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Retreat

The 3rd Annual Society Retreat took place the weekend of June 17-19, 2016, at the Twin Valleys Outdoor Education Center in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Organized by a team of dedicated undergrads and recent alums, with the support of the Undergraduate Parliament and your donations, the weekend of games and bonding attracted siblings from the Binghamton, Brunonian, Penn, Plattsburgh and Ursinian chapters.

Society Retreat is the only interchapter event focused on socializing. Alongside team sports, a strawberry festival and board games, attending siblings were able to bond on a more emotional level in tight-knit cabin groups, sharing their personal joys and struggles with each other. The weekend was highlighted by a bonfire and attendees thanked each other for listening and caring before roasting s'mores and singing Society songs.

Caitlin Howell, Penn '19 said, "Getting away from the world and sharing my time and feelings with the Phi was one of the most valuable experiences of my summer."



# Alpha Delta Phi Society Introduces New Philanthropy Initiative

At the Society's 2016 National Convention, the idea of developing a centralized, national philanthropic identity was discussed.

Shortly after, Carling Mars (née Bateman) and Alex Moehring were tasked with helping further develop these ideas. Three areas are being looked into in regards to philanthropy; first, that the undergraduate chapter receive help in developing and documenting individual and collaborative philanthropy events; second, that philanthropy events for graduate organizations and regional graduate organizations be explored and implemented; and finally, that the Society work to cultivate a national identity regarding philanthropy.

These are all in the beginning stages, and as such, feedback is both welcomed and encouraged! Undergrads and young alums can contact Alex at amoehri1@binghamton.edu, and alums of an age who can remember who Carling is can contact her at carling. bateman@gmail.com.

# **Post-Bowdoin Convention Reflections**

After this summer's Convention, some of our siblings posted about their experience on our Facebook group and reflected on being Alpha Delts:

"When I attend things like this weekend, and wind up having amazing conversations with wildly disparate people, the scientist in me can't help but question-- 'Is this happening because the AD Phi somehow manages to uniquely collect those individuals who share such similar values of equality, service, and selflessness, or is it that I have found a way to find common ground with anyone that I might meet?'

I've been a member of this organization for almost 28 years, Fraternity and Society. I have been proud to serve it as both undergrad and graduate, under circumstances both fair and hostile. I have worked to find ways for both of us to celebrate those things that make us Alpha Delts, rather than focusing on the differences, and believe that as long as we don't lose track of that thread that binds us together, we can find a solution that allows both of us to win.

And I anxiously wait for my next chance to hear your story." - Jim Sabo, Bowdoin '92

"Even though I am not involved in the finer points of governance, I love going to convention to reconnect and meet more siblings. Thank you for a fabulous weekend!" - Olivia Lenz, Penn '13 "Alpha Delta Phi. My family by choice and oaths and ritual. Filled with cuddles and movies and music and jokes. Filled with rituals and a strange type of magic brought on my words and solemnity.

Almost every kid in my generation dreamt of going to Hogwarts. Dreamt of opening their eyes one morning to a magical letter that said welcome home. Hogwarts was magical not only for the broomsticks and potions and spells, but for the amazing friendships that were made there. It takes a special kind of friendship to face down magic chess pieces, a tree that wants to kill you, and the Dark Lord himself.

ADPhi makes my university (Brown) into my Hogwarts. With our common room and fireplace and library filled with books.

But, most importantly, you are all the family I would want by my side if we had to defeat an evil wizard with the power of love.

"Look around and enjoy this moment," that was my thought a thousand times during this weekend.

And tonight, siblings, I request you look at the night sky and send up a wish on the first star you see. Thank you. And Xaipe." - Isabella Martinez, Brunonian '17

# Join Alpha Delts From Across the Nation

## Alpha Delta Phi Society's 2017 Convention & Leadership Training Conference

Hosted by the Capital Affiliate Washington, D.C.

March 9-12, 2017

For more information visit www.adps.org/convention

## **Congratulations to the 2016 Alpha Delta Phi Society Award Honorees**

We congratulate the Alpha Delta Phi Society members who won our major awards in 2016.

## The Society Order of the Sword and Spear

This award recognizes a member of the Society who has done outstanding work for their chapter, campus, community, and Society. It is the highest undergraduate honor recognized by the Society.

We congratulate Katy Thompson, Middletown 2015, for her win this year! As an undergraduate, she served as an out-of-house chaplain as a junior and a critic her senior year at the Middletown Chapter. She made an impact on Wesleyan's Greek Life by working closely with the administration to put together a new member policy. Katy also interned at the Queer Resource Center and helped engaged her chapter and local community on the importance of inclusiveness.

## Emerald and Pearl Award

In 2016, the Society added the Emerald and Pearl award to recognize an undergraduate's outstanding contributions to the Alpha Delta Phi Society at the National level, and secondarily, exemplary contributions to the member's chapter.

## The Alpha Delta Phi Society's Headquarters Has Moved!

All future inquiries should now be mailed to:

162 Portside Lakemoor, IL 60051 Phone: (847) 581-1992

A special thank you to Terrie Eastmade, Bowdoin '97 for all of her hard work at headquarters! Max Morant, University of Pennsylvania 2016, is the first recipient of the award! As a member of the Society for three years, he spent his tenure as an undergraduate holding chapter positions such as President and Treasurer. He then went on to serve as an Undergraduate Governor and Vice President of the Society's Undergraduate Parliament.

## Star and Crescent Award

The Star and Crescent Award is awarded by the Society Board of Governors to a graduate member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Society; it is the highest distinction bestowed upon a graduate member of the Society.

This year, Chad Wolfsheimer, Brunonian 2000 and David Clodfelter, Bowdoin 1989 were chosen as recipients of this honor.

Chad served as the fourth President of the Alpha Delta Phi Society from March 2012 to March 2015. As President, he oversaw the expansion of the Society at SUNY Plattsburgh, George Washington University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also nurtured a significant increase in the number of members who took an active role in national Society leadership. Leading our change from Conventions focused on presentations to ones focused on discussions, he empowered everyone to suggest and take on issues and projects important to them and their chapter or affiliate. Chad has also been an active member of the Brunonian Chapter.

David has served the Alpha Delta Phi Society with distinction. As a member of the Board of Governors, David has served as Treasurer. He has also offered timely legal and policy counsel and direction, playing a key role in our strategy on many subjects and in developing many of our policy statements. He also is a long-time member of the Bowdoin Graduate Organization's Board of Directors and serves as Treasurer. He has played a key role in keeping the Graduate Organization going strong since the undergraduate chapter was closed in 2000.

# Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation 2016 Awards

The Samuel Eells Literary & Educational Foundation (SELEF) is a self-governing, tax-exempt corporation that provides need-based scholarships and literary awards to deserving undergraduate students.

The Alpha Delta Phi Society congratulates the winners of the 2016 SELEF Literary Competition and Clarence Seward Scholarship Competition. Information about the 2017 awards programs will be available later this year. You can learn more at www.samueleells.org.



Daniel S. Pearl Stanford '85 Award for Literary Excellence

Michael Sugarman, SUNY Binghamton

#### Fiction

1st: Margaret Sullivan, Brown University 2nd: Bryn Torres Friedenberg, Univ. of Pennsylvania 3rd: Jiahong Sun, Brown University

### **Non-Fiction**

1st: Samantha Fox, University of Pennsylvania 2nd: Luke Zahorik, University of Colorado 3rd: Eli Brewer, University of Washington

#### Poetry

1st: Aidan Bull, University of Toronto 2nd: Caitlin Howell, University of Pennsylvania 3rd: Xiomara Damour, SUNY Binghamton

### Photography

1st: Carolyn Dundes, Wesleyan University 2nd: Rebecca Somach, University of Pennsylvania 3rd: Malavika Krishnan, Wesleyan University



The Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation would like to congratulate those undergraduates who have been awarded Seward Scholarships for 2016-17. They include:

Carolyn Dundes, Wesleyan University Connor Hunt, University of Rochester Sebastian Choe, Columbia University Benjamin Gaal, Johns Hopkins University Paul Martino, Brown University

## ALPHA DELTA PHI SOCIETY 2015 FUND APPEAL HONOR ROLL

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Monthly Giving Club Donors in Italics.

## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE (\$2,500+)

Chad Wolfsheimer, Brunonian 2000 *Kristen Soule, Brunonian '99* Richard Schwartz, Brunonian '86 Robert McKelvey, Middletown '59

## GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE (\$1,000-2,499)

Eric McClelland, Brunonian 1995 Jim Sabo, Jr., Bowdoin 1992 Kenneth Osgood, Middletown 1985 KJ Iribe, Middletown 2004 Michael Blitstein, Brunonian 2003 Raghav Sharma, Brunonian 1996 Thomas Clark, Bowdoin 1999 Tim Smith, Brunonian 1993

## CHAIRS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE (\$500-999)

Alison Errico, Brunonian 2006 Andrew Lom, Brunonian 2002 Charles Gross, Jr., Brunonian 1972 *Craig Cheslog, Bowdoin 1993 David Clodfelter, Bowdoin 1989* Matt Schechter, Bowdoin 1991 *Peter Kester, Bowdoin 1987* Zanne Gerrard, Middletown 1994

## SIBLINGS-IN-ARMS (\$250-499)

Andrew Young, Brunonian 1987 Brian Ferrell-Locke, Brunonian 2001 Celina Kelly, Columbia 2009 Christie Gibson, Brunonian 2006 Christina Kennedy, Brunonian 2003 Christina Van Aken, Stanford 1995 David Pacheco, Brunonian 2007 Eren Can Ileri, Brunonian 2018 Evan Finkelstein, Binghamton 2014 Gregory Golrick, Brunonian 2002 Jamie Martin-McNaughton, Brunonian 2003 Jennifer Ragsdale, Brunonian 1998

Leah Stern, Middletown 2006 Luppe Luppen, Stanford 1964 M. Suzanne Nichols, Brunonian 1991 Mark Derby, Bowdoin 1995 Paul Neshamkin, Columbia 1963 Peter Goldstein, Brunonian 2008 Steve Crowe, Stanford 1967 Teague Hopkins, Middletown 2006 Terrie Eastmade, Bowdoin 1997 Thomas Giordano, Columbia 1986 Todd Auwarter, Brunonian 2001 Vihang Mehta, Brunonian 2012

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#### LILIES OF THE VALLEY (\$1-249)

Alanna Kwoka, Brunonian 2010 Alex Moehring, Binghamton 2016 Alina Brewer, Capital 2016 Andrew Ness, Stanford 1974 Andy Richards, Brunonian 2017 Angie DeBernardo, Columbia 1989 Anne Geggie, Middletown 1994 Anne Prusky, Brunonian 2018 Annye Bone, Middletown 1990 Anthony Conti, Granite 2009 Arthur Delmhorst, Columbia 1960 Baird Bream, Brunonian 2010 Bethany Strand, Granite 2013 Brian Guest, Brunonian 2013 Brynne Lycette, Middletown 2015 C Wesley Jackson, Jr., Middletown 1955 Chad Farrell, Brunonian 2002 Christine Auwarter, Stanford 2013 Christine Chapman, Brunonian 2014 Daniel Ruan, Rensselaer 2019 Daniel Tierney, Binghamton 2012 David Ehrlich, Stanford 1984 Dena Schwartz, Penn 2013 Dennis Lucarelli, Brunonian 1974 DJ Bresette, Plattsburgh 2016 Don Davies, Stanford 1948 Donald Karon, Brunonian 1973 Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, Brunonian 1994 Dr. Noele Nelson, Middletown 1992 Edward Koch, Bowdoin 1958 Elliott Blodgett, Bowdoin 1951 Emily Huffman, Middletown 1985 Eric Ebeling, Bowdoin 1998 Eric Wheatley, Brunonian 1994 Gabrielle Discafani, Capital 2017 George Eggers, III, Middletown 1988 Glen Ellis, Stanford 1983 James Beamis, Middletown 1977 James Morrison, Bowdoin 1947 Jason Blumenkrantz, Brunonian 2000 Jeffrey Spokes, Brunonian 1985 Jennifer Clodfelter, Bowdoin 2000 Jenny Flanagan, Middletown 1983 Jeremy Berkowitz, Middletown 2010 Jermaine Lewis, Middletown 2009 Joan Matelli, Middletown 1992 John Matcovich, Stanford 1983

Jonathan Persky, Brunonian 1999 Kaitlin Busser, Binghamton 2013 Kamala Krishnan, Stanford 1983 Kenneth Ritt, Brunonian 1974 Kenneth Rosenzweig, Brunonian 1988 Kim Lloyd, Bowdoin 2000 Kimberly Walker, Binghamton 2014 Kris Bergman, Brunonian 2011 Kylie Madden, Capital 2017 Lauren Ackerman, Bowdoin 2009 Leslie Starr, Middletown 2003 Mads O'Brien, Middletown 2016 Mark Morin, Bowdoin 1983 Mary Melchior, Middletown 1983 Matthew Brotman, Penn 2014 Maurice Longsworth, Jr., Amherst 1954 Max Morant, Penn 2015 Maya Moran, Columbia 2001 Melissa Diaz, Brunonian 2011 Molly McGrath, Binghamton 2015 Morgan Noel, Columbia 1992 Nassor Isom, Binghamton 2015 Nicholas Foeger, Brunonian 2002 Nicole Annis, Granite 2013 Padma Lingechetty, Binghamton 2015 Paula Jensen, Middletown 1986 Philip Arevalo, Brunonian 2011 Pier Washpon, Plattsburgh 2015 Rebecca Levy, Binghamton 2015 Rebecca O'Leary, Binghamton 2014 Rebecca Somach, Penn 2016 Roaya Helal, Binghamton 2013 Robert Gallaway, Stanford 1963 Robert Pavacic, Binghamton 2013 Ross Pohling, Binghamton 2013 Ruben Martinez, Binghamton 2013 Ryan Taylor, Brunonian 2015 Samuel Davidoff-Gore, Brunonian 2015 Sarah Kendall, Middletown 1977 Sarah Sutter, Middletown 1991 Sharon Sonenblum, Brunonian 2002 Susan Sampliner, Brunonian 1977 Tiffany Moustakas, Binghamton 2015 William Tomasko, Brunonian 2013 Yuliya Shneyderman, Columbia 2000 Zachary Wilson, Brunonian 2012

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# **Undergraduate Parliament Update**

For years, the Undergraduate Parliament has helped undergraduate chapters share expertise and knowhow through educational leadership events such as Undergraduate Caucus, and provided a forum for undergraduates to share the Alpha Delta Phi Society experience on an interchapter level through events such as Undergraduate Retreat.

Monthly calls allow chapter presidents to plan programming for undergrads and discuss matters such as branding and recruitment. The Undergraduate Parliament also works on projects that engage the interests of siblings from different chapters in collaborative production: Undergraduate Governor Andy Richards, Brunonian '17, is working with a diverse team to publish an undergraduate literary magazine. Our latest efforts include individual chapter check-ins between chapter presidents and Parliament leadership. This has allowed us to connect chapter officers with resources to ensure the success of their chapter, increase Chapter Support's bandwidth for keeping in touch with individual chapters, and create a space for supporting the officers who commit their time and energy to improving their chapters.

In the next semester, we plan to guide chapters through important processes, and to impart the wisdom of experienced members onto newer chapters. For instance, Undergraduate Governor Bre Tyrell, Ursinian '17, has been cataloging the information found on each chapter's websites to create a template of essential information to include while making new websites.



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## Capital Affiliate To Host 2017 Convention in Washington, D.C.

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In the coming weeks, we will be releasing more information regarding registration, additional activities, and tips on traveling to D.C. in March. We will also be unveiling a revamped weekly trivia competition. Trivia winners will be announced during the Convention banquet.

This will be the first time the Capital Affiliate has hosted Convention, or any Society-wide event, in the Society's history. In fact, there has not been a Convention in the DC Metro area since 2007.

The Capital Affiliate cannot wait to welcome our brothers, sisters, siblings, and loved ones to the nation's capitol to rally together, make merriment, and renew mystic ties at the 2017 Alpha Delta Phi Society Convention! For up-to-date details, visit www.adps.org/convention.



# Bowdoin Chapter Hosts 2016 Convention and Leadership Training Conference

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off the evening on Friday, along with the traditional awards banquet on Saturday evening.

The highlight of the Convention for many was the presentation given by siblings Edie Smith, Diane Hastings, Nicola Beisel, and Jayne Deane-White, who gave a lively discussion of what it was like to re-open the Bowdoin Chapter in 1976 as a fully coeducational institution.

Sibling Smith was the first female president of the Bowdoin Chapter, and her inspirational speech about the equality and respect that she experienced as a member and leader of the Alpha Delta Phi held everyone rapt and brought many to tears.

She concluded the presentation by asking all the other women in the room who had also been President of their chapters to join her on stage, resulting in the remarkable photo on the first page, which represents only a tiny fraction of the women who have served in leadership positions over the last 40-odd years.

This year's Convention will be hosted by the Capital Affiliate in Washington, DC, from March 9th-12th. Details and registration are available at www.adps.org/Convention.

# **Graduate Member Literary Competition Launched**

The Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation (SELEF) is putting a new twist on one of its richest literary traditions. To complement the annual student literary competition, SELEF is excited to announce an additional new literary competition for graduates of all ages.

Whether you are a prolific publisher of prose or recite poetry to your pet, SELEF invites you to submit original, previously unpublished works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry to its inaugural graduate literary competition. The competition is open to all college graduates associated with SELEF (Society and Fraternity members).

On behalf of each award winner, SELEF will make a donation to a charity of the winner's choice supporting a literary or educational mission. Choose to share a single poem or dozens of short stories--showcase your talent and make your alma mater proud by submitting your original written work to gradlit.selef@gmail.com. All entries will be judged anonymously. See rules on the SELEF website samueleells.org for more information.

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The Alpha Delta Phi Society, formed by a group of chapters that withdrew from the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity in 1992, is an independent and legally separate gender-inclusive organization not affiliated with the Fraternity.