

# **ALPHA DELTA PHI SOCIETY**

# **New Chapter Development and Goals**

#### **GREEK DIFFERENTLY**



### **Flexibility**

All of our chapters are different. We aim to empower each chapter individually to pave their own path to success. As such, each of our affiliate chapters are assigned several advisors that will lead them through the process of establishing, founding, and continuing to run a successful chapter. A robust network of alumni advisors will guide, assist, and most importantly befriend those interested in starting an affiliate chapter.

## **Siblinghood**

We are a gender-inclusive literary society dedicated to developing character, scholarship, and enduring friendships.

Our mission is to bring together a diverse and supportive community, foster intellectual and personal growth, and cultivate passionate individuals of good character and integrity.



Flint Affiliate Founding Class, Kettering University (2022)



# Scholarship

We sponsor an annual Literary Competition with thousands of dollars in prizes. We also utilize the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation to provide grants to students for aid in their academic endeavors.



#### What do you need to start an affiliate chapter?

We look for a diverse and passionate group of people with energy, focus, and a desire to make a change on their campus. We seek groups who align with our mission of fostering the intellectual and personal growth of our members and are willing to work with their university to help the affiliate chapter succeed.

A diverse, gender-inclusive group of around 10-15 interested students meeting these criteria will be guided through the founding process by a group of dedicated alumni.



Undergraduates from various chapters at Undergraduate Caucus (Fall 2022)

#### What is it like to start an affiliate chapter?

Starting a new organization is a commitment. If the Society makes that commitment to a group of interested students, we want to see that commitment reciprocated.

The first semester will be guided by assigned alumni advisors who will act as new member educators and mentors throughout the process of founding a new affiliate chapter. After founding, new members will continue to work with the alumni to grow as an affiliate chapter, establish a presence on campus, set sustainable budgets, and get involved at the national level.







The Binghamton Chapter at their annual Art Awakening event, Binghamton University (2018)

As a living, breathing organization, rooted in a tradition of shared values, we proudly redefine what it means to be a Greek-letter organization.



Undergraduate presidents giving reports at the annual leadership training conference (2020)

# **Becoming a Chapter**

#### **General Criteria and Goals**

In order to become a chartered chapter, an affiliate chapter needs to prove that they are, above all, sustainable. There are a number of metrics that can show sustainability, and each chapter will pursue them differently based on their respective campus cultures.

A popular demonstration of sustainability is member growth. While affiliate chapters may start off with a group of 10-15 people, a chartered chapter is ideally larger and able to maintain their numbers over several years. The ideal member size will depend on the culture of the university and the size of other organizations on campus.

Another goal for becoming a chartered chapterhood is to reach financial stability. While affiliate chapters receive various forms of financial assistance from the national Society, a chartered chapter should be financially independent.

Finally, all chapters should be involved at the Society's national level. Our scope is larger than just a university's campus. The lifelong experience and connecting with members from other chapters is an integral part of the Alpha Delt experience.

## **General Information**

Joining: All recruitment events for the Alpha Delta Phi Society are alcohol-free (dry). Once a student decides to join a chapter, new member education includes meetings, philanthropic service, social events, and study sessions. New member education is designed to be informative and fun; physical and mental hazing is not tolerated by the Alpha Delta Phi Society.

<u>Academic Excellence:</u> Many Alpha Delta Phi Society chapters have academic requirements, and most chapters help their members achieve higher grades through study hours and by using each other as a resource. All of our chapters and the national organization recognize and reward members' excellence in literary pursuits.

<u>Leadership:</u> All Alpha Delta Phi Society chapters are working examples of democracy in action. This is often the first time that members are responsible for their own activities and living within their means. This provides an excellent opportunity to experience leadership and the responsibilities of membership.

<u>Social Life:</u> Members organize social functions including picnics, game nights, communal meals, open mic and poetry nights, and cheering each other on during sporting events such as soccer and Quidditch.

Any event with alcohol must be registered with the supervising university and local policies must be followed. There are also student-led walk-throughs to ensure that regulations are enforced.



Ursinian Affiliate undergraduates volunteering at Pawsibilities, Ursinus College (2022)



Alpha Delts at the annual Convention and Leadership Training Conference (2022)