

The Traditional

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10

Keohane Atrium – 6:30 p.m.
Faculty Dessert Night

December 3

Location TBD – 6:00 p.m.
Formal Meeting

April 18, 2018

Parizade Restaurant – Time TBD
Founders' Day Dinner

LETTER FROM THE #1

Hello, my name is Harry Guo, current #1 of Alpha Sigma Delta of Chi Psi. I'm a senior, studying Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) and Computer Science (CS). Senior year has been flying fast, and it's a bit bittersweet to know my time, both as a Duke undergraduate and as an active Chi Psi, is coming to an end. If you asked me where I pictured myself in 4 years at the beginning of my freshman year, or even at the beginning of my time in Chi Psi, I definitely would not see myself in this position at all. It's been a wild ride, and I can't thank Chi Psi and my brothers enough for making it a fun one as well. Here's what has happened in the recent months.

Starting with the summer, Alex Blumenstock (#4, '19), Jason Brovich (Service & Philanthropy, '19), Damonte Smith (Brotherhood, '20), and I attended Convention at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. For most of us, it was our first convention. It was a great time, getting to meet our brothers and alumni from across the country as well as learning much from the Spencer Institutes. When the school year hit, we hit the ground running. We've had a plethora of brotherhood events, from having Chi Psi tents at the tailgate to watch parties for Game of Thrones to Casino nights. As company recruiting season dawned, we put on a resume seminar, where we had a professional come in and teach us the fundamentals of having a strong resume, followed by a workshop where brothers critiqued and help improve one another's resumes. This past week, we successfully held our main philanthropy event, Pups and Pops. Everyone who attended had an incredible time to just take a step back from midterm week and enjoy the companies of good doggos.

I would like to give a huge shout-out to Justin Froeber (ΠΔ '14) for helping facilitate a AMR to establish our focus for the whole semester. It's been a great start the semester, and we definitely plan to keep this train rolling.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

GRIFFIN REILLY (ΣΔ ’20)

William “Bill” Walker (ΣΔ ’90) continues to have a tremendous impact on Duke’s campus and the lives of students. His work at the University embodies the inventive spirit of Chi Psi.

In July 2016, Walker accepted the role of Mattson Family Director of Engineering Entrepreneurial Ventures for the Pratt School of Engineering. In this position, he educates and advises students on how to create their own engineering and technology based commercial ventures. He teaches this by drawing on his own experiences in the field.

“I love working with students who are early in their career and really innovative,” said Walker.

Walker is certainly qualified for the position. Following his graduation in 1990, he immediately started a PhD program in Biomedical Engineering. In 1997, he left Duke and joined the faculty at University of Virginia to help design their undergraduate program in Biomedical Engineering. He brought the program from nonexistent to twelfth in the nation in only three years.

Along the way, Walker began inventing his own technological solutions, but the industry didn’t show much interest. So, he went out and started a company himself. His first commercial venture was Novason, a company that used ultrasound technology to treat detached retinas. He would later found two other companies, Pocketsonics and Hemasonics. Pocketsonics was acquired in 2014. HemoSonics was

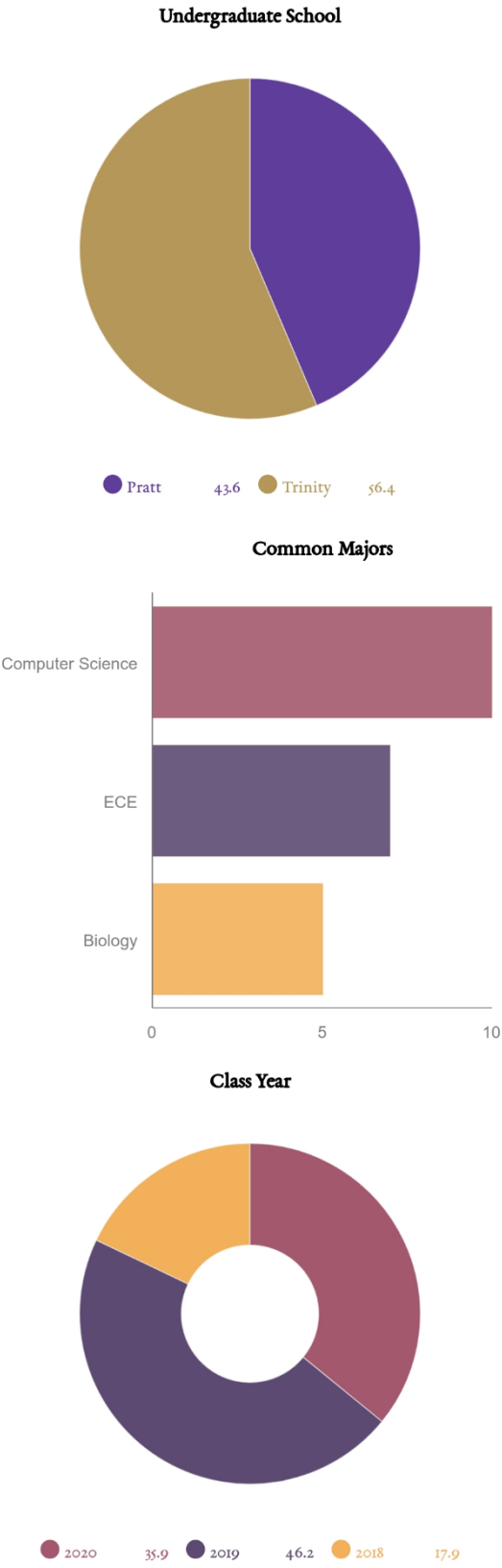
deep in product development and validation, a stage well beyond Walker’s core strengths of invention and market discovery. Thus, it was time for him to return to his roots. The position at Duke opened up, and Walker has been here since.

Walker said he has seen the campus change a great deal in his time here, some for the worse and some for the better. The University may have lost some of its spontaneous charms as informal traditions became formalized, said Walker, but Duke has also seen a great deal of maturation from its younger days. He hopes to bring great change himself as well. Walker said his main goals in his position are to create resources for aspiring entrepreneurs in Pratt, and to help shape a culture for real world innovators. He wants to give students the tools to create their own commercial ventures.

“Duke is not a powerhouse for entrepreneurship,” said Walker. “My goal is to change that. I can’t do it alone, but I can grow the internship and change the culture.”



ΑΣΔ BY THE NUMBERS



SUMMER EXPERIENCE

ALEX WECK (ΣΔ ’20)

Brother Alex Weck spent his summer in Kauai, Hawaii through a Duke Engage He worked with the Waipa foundation, an environmental organization dedicated to restoring the Hawaiian lands to their native state, ultimately introducing a healthier, more diverse, and more sustainable landscape for the Hawaiian people. Given the recent trends in the diets of Hawaiians, restoring native plants would benefit not only the flora and fauna on the island of Kauai, but also the Hawaiians as they return to a healthier diet based on home-grown vegetables and starches as well as wild game and fish. He spent most of his time working towards this goal: maintaining the mountain gardens, weeding the native crops, removing invasive species, and replanting natives. He also spent every Tuesday facilitating the Waipa farmer’s markets by harvesting and cleaning the vegetables, setting up the tables and parking signs, directing traffic, and running the Waipa stand. Every Thursday started with work at 5 A.M. to set up for Poi Day, an event where locals and tourists alike come to help with the traditional and spiritual practice of cleaning and mashing the taro root into poi. He also spent time on the weekends traveling around the island, exploring cultural events like the Luau and spiritual locations around the island. In his free time, he went snorkeling, learned how to make some of the crafts from native plants such as a lei, and even picked up archery.

From his experience, Alex formed lasting relationships with his coworkers that taught him to further develop his sense of humility, respect, and sympathy – all values he continues to incorporate into forming meaningful relationships with his brothers in Alpha Sigma Delta. As Alex stated, “the moment I felt truly accepted into the community was when [the head director of Waipa] told us that we were a part of her ‘ohana’ – family. Having a group that you can be that close with is an extremely powerful thing.”



PHILANTHROPY HIGHLIGHT

DANIEL LI (ΣΔ ’20)

Pups and Pops has been Chi Psi’s main service event over the past few semesters. This event consists of getting some dogs, ordering popsicles from a local vendor, and providing people with access to both in exchange for donations to the Duke Cancer Patient Support Center. Our event this year was very successful- by lowering the cost of the event this year, we managed to match last year’s impressive net profits.

Logistically speaking, it’s also one of our more time-consuming activities - organizers need to think about reserving a location, storing popsicles, communicating with Pets at Duke to get dogs and handlers, and getting other necessary equipment from the SOFC. Yet despite the pressure of oncoming midterms, many brothers volunteered to help set up the event. Some contributed by making and putting up posters across campus. Others designed the graphics that were used to promote the event, or volunteered to pick up the popsicles themselves. Dozens volunteered to advertise on the day, and in some cases, spent upwards of five hours promoting the event. It was a true display of brotherhood for a great cause!

Executive Board of Alpha Sigma Delta



Harry Guo - #1
Class of 2018
Major: ECE/CS
From: Eureka, MO
Interests: Camp Kesem
"Where'd you get those clothes, at the toilet store?"
-Brick, *Anchorman*



Vidur Malhotra - #2
Class of 2019
Major: BME
From: Flower Mound, TX
Interests: Business Brigades
"I am not a smart man but I know what love is"
-Forest Gump



Matthew Newman - #3
Class of 2018
Major: Sociology
From: Cornelius, NC
Interests: PWild, Duke Phonathon
"Show me a hero and I'll write you a tragedy"
-F. Scott Fitzgerald



Alex Blumenstock - #4
Class of 2019
Major: ECE/CS
From: Jericho, NY
Interests: Design for America
"Not trusting me was the smartest thing you've ever done"
-Petyr Baelish



Mitchell Berger - #5
Class of 2019
Major: ECE/CS
From: Lake Grove, NY
Interests: Club Tennis
"I don't want to disturb people from coming in here to work out just because my arms are so damn big" -James Harrison

Stay Connected

We had a great time eating at Satisfactions with some of the alumni who returned to campus for homecoming. It's always a pleasure getting to interact with past generations of Chi Psi and hearing where life has taken them. We hope to engage with even more of our alumni in the spring semester, so stay tuned for event information, and do not hesitate to reach out if you ever find yourself on campus.

Something interesting or newsworthy happen in the life of you or an alumnus of Alpha Sigma Delta? Know an alumnus who should be featured? Email cameron.herrera@duke.edu with the subject "Newsletter feature". General comments and suggestions are also welcome.

You can stay connected with Alpha Sigma Delta through these links:

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The Duke Alumni Association website: <http://www.dukealumni.com/directory>

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<http://www.chipsiduke.com/alumni/drdaledfoundation.htm>

2017 Alumni Dues

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