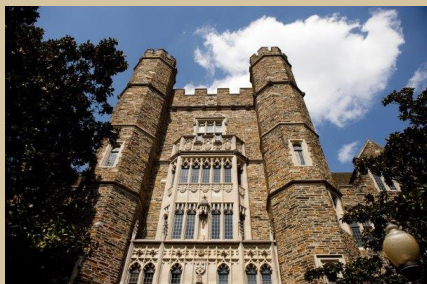


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 8

The Lodge – 8:00 p.m.

Duke vs. UNC watch party

Thursday, March 29

Location TBD – Time TBD

Faculty Dessert Night

Saturday, April 14

Parizade Restaurant – Time TBD

Founders' Day Lunch

FROM THE ARCHIVES

REID HERRERA (ΣΔ '20)

During a much-needed reorganization of our storage unit, some brothers found several boxes of photos, founding & organizational documents, and original copies of *The Traditional*. From the cursory inspection that we have so far performed, we know that these documents are a lasting testament to the many brothers that have been a part of Sigma Delta, going all the way back to our founding in 1989. As we begin a more detailed and thorough examination, we plan on making as much of the contents of these boxes as we can available both online and in *The Traditional*. We hope you will enjoy revisiting these memories and share with us the stories that go with them.



THE 176TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

DAMONTE SMITH (ΣΔ '20)



During the summer of last year, I was able to attend the 176th Chi Psi National Convention and I can proudly say that it was one of the most memorable experiences of my college career. Not only was the convention a time to mature as a leader and grow as a brother but, it was also a time to connect with “extended family.” I know that this sounds stereotypical but, National Convention showed me what it truly means to be a Chi Psi: by exhibiting our gentlemanly nature through its formal dinner, classy dress, and self-representation from every Alpha; by extending our knowledge of each other and ourselves based on the leadership track that we followed while we were there; by cementing our tradition of respect and acceptance of change through the impressions that we left and the decisions that we made; and by amplifying our cherished bonds of union from across the country. Not only have these ideas allowed me to become a better leader and brother within the Alpha, they have also allowed me to be a better person overall.

MY SEMESTER ABROAD

KYLE OCKERMAN (ΣΔ '19)

Last Fall, I studied abroad in Copenhagen through the Danish Institute of Study Abroad Program (DIS). In Copenhagen, I my studies focused on Medical Practice & Policy. Through this program, I was able to gain an insider view of hospitals and clinics in Copenhagen and exposure to medicine and physicians’ lives. In addition to learning about the Danish medical system, I also toured hospitals in Tallinn, Estonia, and Stockholm, Sweden in order to understand other health care systems and medical practices in Europe. It was interesting to see how distinct and unique each system is and how each system works for the individual countries. I also found it fascinating to shadow surgeons, watch surgeries, and even perform physical examinations and procedures on medical phantoms.

In addition to my studies in Copenhagen, I also had the opportunity to travel across Europe. During my semester, I visited 9 countries and 16 cities. It was an incredible experience, in which I was able to explore other cultures, meet new people, go on adventures, and create amazing memories.



AFTER ACTION RUSH REPORT

GRIFFIN REILLY (ΣΔ '20)

Alpha Sigma Delta has just concluded our formal rush process and is wrapping up spring recruitment with a few last-minute additions. We are proud to boast one of our finest pledge classes ever this year and are very excited to introduce them into our bonds of brotherhood.

Spring Rush formally started on January 7 with Night at the Nasher, a meet and greet event in Duke’s beautiful Nasher Museum of Art. On both this night and our own open house the following day, we got to meet some fantastic individuals seeking to join a fraternity.

The real fun started the following Wednesday with our Chi Psichedelic event. This fun filled night was a great opportunity to socialize with our interested rushees over an exciting, trippy theme complete with tapestries and neon décor. A great time was had by all and we recorded one of our largest turn outs for a social event.

Next on the docket was Chi Psi Arcade, a new event this year. We were able to secure an air hockey table, basketball shooting game, and a foosball table for an exciting arcade environment in our very own house. Brothers and potential new members bonded over these fun games and got to embrace their own competitive sides too! We loved this new event and think it was a great opportunity for us to not only do something unique from other fraternities, but to create an environment ideal for really getting to know our rushees.

Our last event of that round was a classic favorite, our Grill and Chill. With a few trusty brothers armed with spatulas and plenty of meats to go around, we all enjoyed a classic outdoor BBQ along with Spikeball, frisbee, and some other lawn games.

Round three of recruitment kicked things up a notch with our off-campus trip to Social Games and Brews in downtown Durham. This hip venue came complete with pool tables, arcade machines, shuffleboard, and darts. We were also fortunate enough to get some classic North Carolina grub catered, with so much coleslaw, hush puppies and BBQ we had to take the rest back to our dorms.

At this point in rush we ran into our greatest obstacle. A visit from Jack Frost left Durham covered in snow and, with classes cancelled for two and a half days, all rush events were cancelled as well. However, thanks to our masterful executive board and the determination of our brothers, we were able to persevere. We moved our date function, the Banquet of

Philip Spencer, to the next day. Thankfully the venue was able to cooperate and we all had a great time dancing and making merry at Lilly’s Pizza.

We wrapped the recruitment process up with Night as a Chi Psi, perhaps our most authentic and meaningful rush event. On this night we simply open up our dormitory section and let rushees see what it’s truly like to just hang out with the brothers. With games, fun and just genuine moments of brotherhood abounding, we think we left potential new members with a great idea of why being a Chi Psi is so meaningful to us and how this is truly apparent in everyday life.

On the big night, as we eagerly awaited responses to our bids, we were absolutely elated with the response. All but two of our sixteen bids were accepted in what was one of our greatest yield rates in recent history. This certainly attests to how we’ve worked to elevate the recruitment process and discovered how to show new members what being a Chi Psi is all about and why it’s so worth it.



And now, here we are, in one of the most exciting times for our fraternity. Our pledges have begun the Pursuit process and are learning more each day about our brothers, our history, and what Chi Psi really is. Every day our current brothers grow closer to these new members, and the new members bond closer as a pledge class themselves.

This pledge class is truly unique, not just in the individual talents and histories of its members, but in its composite excellence. We eagerly await the contributions these new members will undoubtedly make to Alpha Sigma Delta, and rest easy knowing our future as a brotherhood is that much more secure.

The class is both interesting and diverse, with members from all over the country and the world, with new members from three different continents...

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and several states. The class is also diverse in interests. We have a new member from Duke's Air Force ROTC program, an aspiring football coach, and even a fossil collector. The Chi Psi Pursuit process is designed for us to learn from these new members just as much as they learn from us and our rich history, and we look forward to sharing in their wide variety of perspectives and passions.

Above all, we are excited to spend the rest of our college careers with these men. We select new members based on our brotherhood's values, perhaps the most important of which are kindness and honor. The character of this class is impeccable, and they will undoubtedly contribute greatly to Alpha Sigma Delta and Chi Psi. I am personally delighted with our profound recruitment success and genuinely hope many alumni get the chance to meet these fantastic individuals in the coming months and years.



Stay Connected

We at ΑΣΔ have had a great start to 2018 and the start of a new semester. With the successful completion of our spring Rush we are now in the middle of the Pursuit process. If you would like to attend a Pursuit meeting and meet the pledge class, please email Brother Berger at mrb73@duke.edu. Stay tuned for more information on the LodgeAlums e-mail list about Initiation activities. If you are not on the LodgeAlums list, contact Dr. G. at mrg@duke.edu.

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.

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