



THE LODGE LETTER

ALPHA SIGMA DELTA

MARCH & APRIL 2010

Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2010 Randall, Ritchie, and Most Outstanding Pledge Scholarships, awarded at the Founders' Day Banquet during Duke Alumni Reunion Weekend:

Ben Bellis, '12:
Dr. Dale B.J. Randall Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Anthony Alberti, '11:
Steven Dale Ritchie Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership

Harrison Lee, '11:
Most Outstanding Pledge Scholarship

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A Chi Psi is first and foremost...a Gentleman.

Remarks of the President



The year has finally wound down to a close here at Alpha Sigma Delta, and I can confidently say that all of the Brothers here are ready for a well-deserved break after a semester full of hard work. Sigma Delta made strides in the social realm, undertaking our first mixed social event with the women of Chi Omega. Additionally, the Alpha hosted a faculty-student casino night, along with the Round Table selective living group. Couple these big events with plenty of barbecues, parties, and other small social events, and you will see that the Alpha had quite a busy social year. Furthermore, as most of you know by now, the Alpha recruited and pledged eight new Brothers into the bonds this spring, another task that consumed much of the Brothers' time. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the strides made in community

service. Under the leadership of Brother Robbie Owen, community service reached a new height as we undertook various events that raised thousands of dollars for Habitat for Humanity.

Although we had a very busy year, the Brothers are ready to still do better next year as we complete our move into the Few Quad dorms. Such location will give us unique opportunities to take our social and recruitment programs to new heights. The Brothers all realize what work this will entail, and I am pleased to report that many of us are already rising up to meet the task. This is one of the aspects of Sigma Delta that make it so great: our Brothers are never content to rest on their laurels. We are always striving to do better than what we have done in the past, and it is this devotion that I believe will lead the Alpha to one of the best years of its existence next year.

As always, we are excited to hear from you if you have any ideas on how we can better the Alpha. Our alumni are a vital to our success, so if you have any thoughts on the continued well-being of the Alpha, please do not hesitate to drop me a line (drs23@duke.edu).

Yours in the Bonds,

Daniel Simpson, $\Sigma\Delta$ '11

Brother-in-Profile: Ben Bellis



Full Name: Ben Bellis
Class: 2012
Concentrations: Mathematics & Physics, Computer Science minor
Hometown: West Chester, Pennsylvania
Pledge Year: Spring 2009
Current Position: Lodge Manager

Ben is a rising junior in Alpha Sigma Delta. He is a member of both the Duke University Math Union and Society of Physics Students. He enjoys puns, playing Ultimate Frisbee, and trying out all sorts of games. Over the summer, Ben will be doing research with the Duke Neutrino Group.

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In each Lodge Letter, a randomly selected active Brother will be featured as the issue's "Brother-in-Profile," with the hope that it will facilitate an understanding of who constitutes the current Brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Delta of Chi Psi. We hope you enjoy getting to know our Brothers!

Brandon Tan

SENIOR REMARKS



I leave Duke University and Alpha Sigma Delta with some reflection. My experiences with Alpha Sigma Delta have been filled with both elation and frustration. I have seen myself grow up and change while watching others join the Brotherhood and experience growth themselves. I sometimes think of the past in my reflections. All of my old friends graduating and leaving, each an influence in my life, left me wondering what legacy I should leave in this place. I believe that my work has made the fraternity and the men who compose it a little more complete. From the long meetings in Exec to the late hour conversations, I hope I have nourished the souls of all I have encountered.

We stand at the cusp of a new era in Alpha history. This next year will determine much of our futures. I should like to think that I left my successors with an arsenal with which to march on during the next year. Alpha Sigma Delta, I believe you are better now than when I found you. To my successors, I say take good care of her; she means an awful lot to me.

Yours in the Bonds,

Brandon Kyle Tan, ΣΔ '10



Thomas Grothe

SENIOR REMARKS



At least once, each of us has been told to find the true meaning of Chi Psi. That's still a work in progress for me, and I believe it always should be, but one truth about our fraternity of which I am certain is that it enriched my college years in ways I barely fathom yet. I write these words the night before commencement and have spent much of the past few days reminiscing and also wondering what lies ahead. Not only have untold numbers of Chi Psi memories floated through my mind, but with every plan or dream I have for my future, I recall some conversation or commiseration with Brothers about it. Chi Psi so far has been a home, an experience, a brotherhood, a struggle, and one of the dearest parts of my life.

Gentlemen, you've shaped who I've become over the past three years and changed the course of my life to follow. I may wind up working near or studying law at a school with an Alpha, or I may be some hours away from now on. More than three years out, I haven't even an inkling of what may befall. Whatever else though, I remain a Chi Psi and you all remain my Brothers — I pledge to stay active in our fraternity and can't wait to come back to party with you, to talk nostalgia with older alumni, to see the actives of Alpha Sigma Delta graduate, to be at your weddings, and for every circumstance, large and small, in which we will continue to share our lives. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for our future.

Yours in the Bonds,

Thomas Manuel Grothe, ΣΔ '10



Tym Blanchard

SENIOR REMARKS

My years with Chi Psi have been splendid. I've seen Sigma Delta grow and progress over the years, transitioning from apparently teetering on extinction to embracing a fruitful existence. I now depart from the Alpha with great optimism, knowing it is in the hands of wonderful leadership and a talented Executive Committee.

My advice to the younger Brothers are this: leave the Alpha better than you found it. Advancement means different things to different Brothers, but it is ultimately the constructive contributions initiated by individuals and embraced by the Alpha that will move Sigma Delta forward. Never be afraid to scrutinize the methods and motives by which the Alpha conducts itself, for it is this scrutiny which propels an essential, continued reinvention of the Alpha. Remember that objections to issues of policy are not personal jibes; through constructive debate, the Alpha can best come to a reasoned, effective course of action. And, of course, remember that above all things we are Brothers.

Yours in the Bonds,

Tym Douglas Blanchard, ΣΔ '10



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Chi Psi at a Glance: Photos



Brothers cook burgers during the spring barbecue charity fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity.



Brothers enjoy a meal at Carrabbas for Brother Jason Tian's twenty-first birthday.



Brothers Jason Tian and Benstone Schwartz partake in some friendly wrestling outside of The Lodge.



The Pledge Class of Spring 2010 (not pictured: Braxton Shelley) gathers outside the Sigma Lodge after initiation.



Brothers and recent Sigma Delta alumni meet in Indianapolis for the Final Four.



Brothers celebrate the Duke National Championship victory at the bonfire on Main Quad.

Chi Psi at a Glance: Photos



Brothers and friends gather on the Chi Psi bench during the spring social barbecue.



Brother Kostadin Kostadinov (third gentleman from left) performs with Duke Swing Dance at Mezcla.



Brothers and dates at the Chi Psi Spring Formal.



Brothers enjoy the LDOC festivities on Main Quad.

Alumni Photos



A Brother of Alpha Sigma Delta (anonymous upon request) in Afghanistan during the summer of 2009.



Brother Jeremy Reese (ΣΔ '01) with his son Owen David Reese, born February 24, 2010.