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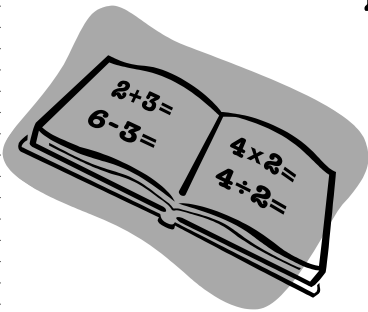
ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

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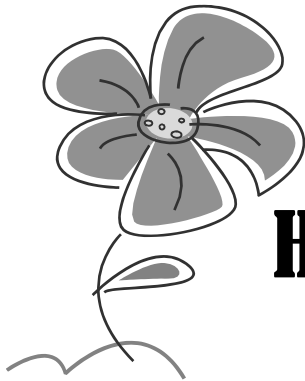


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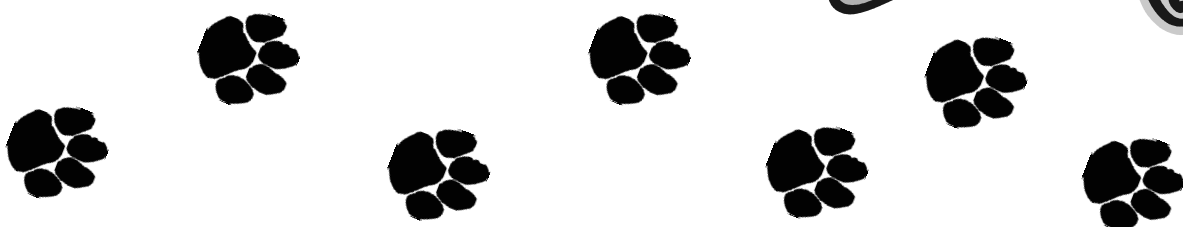
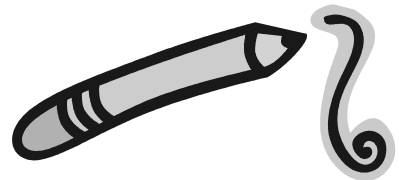
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Meet Our Committees!

By Marissa Mannello

Are you interested in becoming more involved in ALD? Don't forget to run in this spring's upcoming executive board (E-Board) elections! E-Board is a great opportunity to hold a leadership position here on campus and work closely with other members to achieve a shared goal.



promote academic success by finding various workshops and other similar events for our members to take part in. Our Community Outreach Chair works to find and coordinate volunteer opportunities and chapter involvement with both the UConn and local community.

Comprised of eleven different positions, E-Board affords members the chance to hold a leadership role in a variety of different capacities they may interest them. Below is a brief run-through of all the E-board positions:

The Social Chair orchestrates ways for our members to interact on a social level and get to know one another.

The President oversees the chapter's activities and works closely with chapter advisors, National ALD, and fellow E-Board members to ensure communication between the different positions.

Our Communications Chair oversees our chapter's social media accounts and acts as a liaison between our E-Board members our members, effectively communicating the different opportunities available to them.

The Vice President works closely with the President and is in charge of the chapter's scholarships and assisting other E-Board members when necessary.

Our Major Event Coordinator (s) is in charge of planning our two annual fall and spring events and seeing them to fruition.

Our chapter's Secretary of Membership is in charge of documenting all of the chapter's activities, meetings, and involvements all while running our Points System.

The Historian is responsible for compiling and creating an annual scrapbook that is sent out to Nationals each May to showcase all we have done over the past year and put us in the running for national recognition.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is responsible for the chapter's finances and works with various offices on campus, such as Student Activities Business Office (SABO) and Undergraduate Student Government (USG).

Our Webmaster oversees the maintenance of our chapter's website and main email listserv.

Our Academic Chair (s) works to

Finally, our chapter advisors offer a wealth of knowledge about our chapter and are always willing to help any of its' members. E-Board members hold an integral role in ensuring the success of both our Chapter and all of its' individual members.

UConn Light the Night

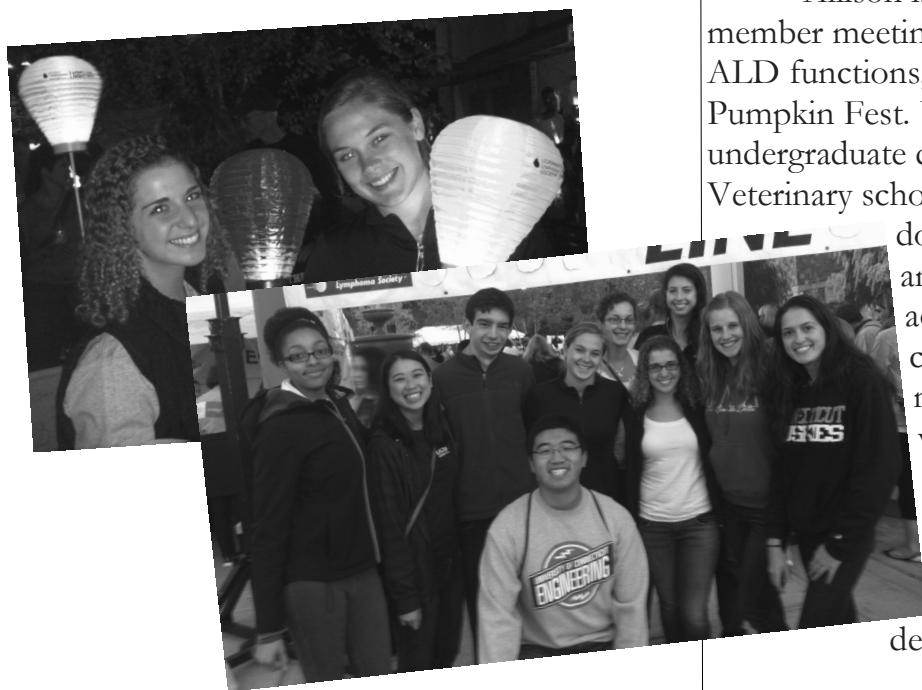
By Melissa Smith

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk event helps pay for research for blood cancer patients.

Fundraising efforts through this event help to save lives. Funds raised by walkers also provide advocacy for improved treatments and financial assistance to help patients with covering expenses.

UConn students took part in one of these Light the Night walks on October 17th, 2013 where a group of ten walkers raised \$281! The walk was held at the Promenade Shops at Evergreen Walk in South Windsor, CT.

A few of UConn's team members have personal connections to the Light the Night charity, which made the experience even more meaningful for these students. According to Emily Hunter, one of the participants, "it was really amazing to see all of these people come together to support each other, as well as to honor and remember loved ones."



Trow Scholarship

By Marissa Mannello

Congratulations to **Allison Schauer!**

Allison is local ALD member who was one of only thirty-five members nationwide to be Trow Scholarship recipients. The Trow award was first started in 1988 in commemoration of past National Alpha Lambda Delta President, Jo Anne J. Trow. Her scholarship is awarded to sophomore members across the country that demonstrate outstanding chapter involvement and notable academic achievement.

Allison, now a junior here at the University of Connecticut, is a Pre-Veterinary student. Amidst the heavy course load and holding a job working at the UConn Horsebarn, she always finds time to be incredibly involved in almost all facets of ALD. For the past two years she has acted as Captain for our Relay for Life team. She will assume her role again during the approaching Spring event, which takes place here at UConn to raise funds and awareness to support cancer research.

Allison is a familiar face at our general member meetings and takes part in various other ALD functions, such as our annual fundraiser Pumpkin Fest. Upon completing her undergraduate degree, Allison hopes to attend Veterinary school and pursue a professional career doing what she loves, working with animals. In addition to being an active ALD member, Allison is currently in the Honors Program, a member of the Pre-Vet club, and was a 2012 Babbidge Scholar. We are incredibly proud of Allison for winning this nationally esteemed award and thank her for all of the time and energy she has dedicated to ALD!

PumpkinFest 2013

By Elishbah Nadeem

PumpkinFest is ALD's annual fundraiser which not only raises money for charity, but is also a great way for members to get involved. On October 25th, students gathered at Fairfield Way to decorate and carve pumpkins. Also available at the event were Halloween themed goodie bags and fall treats, like hot apple cider, cocoa and pumpkin whoopie pies. With Halloween music playing for people to enjoy, students came to pick and carve their pumpkins while volunteers made sure everything ran smoothly.

This year, funds from PumpkinFest were donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which helps to raise awareness and fight these two types of cancer. \$242.31 were raised between pumpkin sales, food sales and donations.

The event was a success, according to co-chair Justin Letendre, who was responsible for planning the event. "Anything where we can give back to charity helping others in need is a success in my mind," he said.



Announcing New ALD Scholarships

By Marissa Mannello

With the new year comes a new opportunity for ALD to help you further your academic and personal growth! As many may already know, our UConn chapter provides the chance to apply for additional aid by offering local scholarships in addition to the scholarships offered by National Alpha Lambda Delta.

Historically we have offered three local scholarships: Paper n' Paws Award, Dr. Seuss Award, and Katie Michel Roaming Husky Award. All three are offered to current members still pursuing their undergraduate degree.

Starting this year, we are offering a scholarship available to graduating members pursuing graduate degrees in their respective fields. The Continuing Education Award is a scholarship in the amount of \$500 and will be awarded to a local member pursuing a higher degree upon graduation to go towards the cost of their graduate program.

Members can apply as they would for the other three local scholarships by referring to the Alpha Lambda Delta Local Scholarship Application. Please note that those who choose to apply are asked to provide a short discussion regarding their future graduate plans and career goals in addition to the other required application materials.

If you are having trouble accessing the application, don't hesitate to email us and we will send you an application. Applications will be accepted through January 24th.

We are extremely excited about this new opportunity and encourage all members who qualify to apply!

ALD National Conference

By Alyssa Davanzo

UConn Alpha Lambda Delta sent two dedicated E-board members to represent the University of Connecticut at the 2013 National ALD Leadership Workshop! Community Outreach Chair Emily Hunter and Major Events Chair Alyssa Davanzo were selected to travel with ALD advisor Megan Gunderson to San Diego, California for the October conference. The program began on Friday, October 18th and lasted for the duration of the weekend. UConn was recognized as a chapter that has "maintained the ALD flame" throughout the past year!

During the workshop's opening session, representatives from Alpha Lambda Delta chapters across the United States participated in the annual ALD water bottle exchange and heard powerful and positive messages from the evening's keynote speaker, David Eng of "True Colors". Each year, Alpha Lambda Delta chooses a Service Project to give back to based on the location of the workshop. For the October conference, participants collected items to donate to San Diego Youth Services, a non-profit organization that works to combat adolescent homelessness in the city.

The second day of the workshop included interest sessions for conference attendees to learn more about Alpha Lambda Delta and to brainstorm with each other about how to enhance each of their college chapters. The UConn attendees enjoyed networking with other ALD executive board members while gaining valuable leadership insight at the national conference.

Review of Former Scholarships

By Abby Marchinkoski

In Alpha Lambda Delta, we truly enjoy awarding academic and extracurricular excellence. For those of you who excel and are greatly involved, applying for any of our local or national scholarships is an excellent way to receive both recognition and some financial aid that can help pay for your expenses. There are several different scholarships that you can choose from and you should try to find one that applies to you. Here are brief descriptions of the scholarships we offer:

As a local chapter, we offer four of our own scholarships, the Dr. Suess Award, Paper n' Paws Award, the Katie Michel Roaming Husky Award, and the Continuing Education Award. When evaluating applications, we look for members who are successful academically and highly involved in both our chapter of ALD and the UConn community.

Our Dr. Suess Award was created in order to help students pay for their books for a semester. We know that textbooks nowadays are becoming very pricey, and we'd like to offer \$250 to a member of our local chapter. The Paper n' Paws Award awards \$500 to one of our UConn ALD members for their academic and extracurricular successes. We are looking for members who are excelling in the classroom and are highly involved with ALD. Students who have been accepted into a study abroad program should consider applying for our Katie Michel Roaming Husky Award. Named for our former advisor who always encouraged members to travel, we created a \$1,000 scholarship to help offset the costs of studying abroad. Our last local scholarship is the Continuing Education Award. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who will be pursuing an additional degree.

For the national scholarships, ALD offers three great opportunities to be nationally recognized for your successes. The awards have strict requirements so it is important to make sure you have the qualifications. In general though, you must have a 3.5 GPA or higher in order to be eligible. Once all submissions are in, our local chapter will form a committee to pick three applications per scholarship to send to nationals.

The Trow National Scholarship is awarded to 35 amazing sophomores based on their achievements in academics and community involvement. The awards range from \$1,000-\$6,000 to be used during the members' junior year. The Stemler Study Abroad Award provides \$1,000 to 15 members to help them finance their study abroad trip. To apply for this scholarship, you must have already been accepted into a program and can provide details of your trip in your application. Finally, the ALD Graduate Fellowship awards 23 members prizes ranging from \$3,000-\$7,500 to help members pay for the graduate degrees they are pursuing. Again, members must provide proof of acceptance into a degree program. Both seniors and any ALD alumni are eligible to apply.

These scholarships are great opportunities to help finance your education and be recognized for all that you do! The deadline for all applications is Friday January 24th, 2014. All applications should be dropped off or mailed to our First Year Programs Office in the Center for Undergraduate Education room 235. If you cannot drop off a hard copy, please mail your submission to:

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Good Luck!

**Emily Hunter and Alyssa Davanzo
exploring San Diego during downtime at
the ALD National Leadership Workshop**



HUSKYTHON

HuskyTHON is a fundraising event held yearly at UConn. Participants raise money for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center and then celebrate with an eighteen



hour dance marathon during a weekend in February. Contact Gabe Castro for information about joining the ALD HuskyTHON team!

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