

The University of Connecticut Chapter of **ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA**

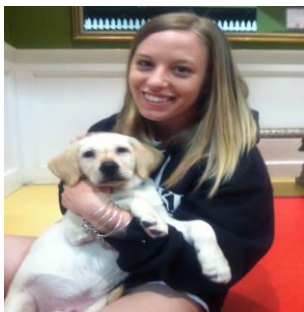


We encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year, promoting intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning. We also assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their role in society.



MEET THE NEW E-BOARD!

By: Amanda Slater



Abby Marchinkoski
President of ALD

Abby is a junior studying Political Science and Gender, Crime, and Violence. Upon being invited to join ALD, she was extremely excited and wanted to start getting involved. Abby's first leadership position in ALD came when she randomly ran for a Historian position. Before becoming President, Abby served as Vice President. As President, Abby oversees

the e-board and committee members as well as taking care of reserving rooms, running meetings, and acting as a resource.

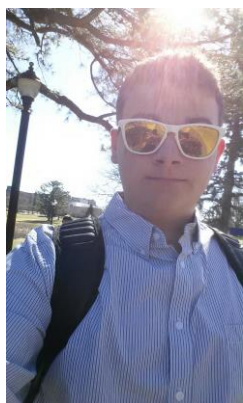
FUN FACT: She is obsessed with dogs!



Nicole Davoren
Vice President of ALD

Nicole is a senior double majoring in Pharmacy and Animal Science. Nicole got involved in ALD in 2012 when she was elected Secretary of Membership, the following year she was Secretary. When asked why she decided to run for Vice President this year Nicole said, "I love being involved in ALD and find it extremely rewarding." As Vice President, Nicole assists the President, helps all E-Board members, and handles all the scholarship details.

FUN FACT: She has a leopard gecko named Benny!



John Potter
Major Events Co-Coordinator

John is a freshman this year studying actuarial mathematics. John got involved in ALD because he heard nothing but good things about it. He decided to run for this position as he saw it was a perfect opportunity to become involved in the organization as well as the UConn community. John loves working with all the E-Board members. As Major Events Co-Coordinator, he puts together the two major events (Pumpkin Fest and Flower Fest).

FUN FACT: He loves watching shows on Netflix. He recently finished Breaking Bad and is now on the last season of the Office!



Emily Hunter

Community Outreach Chair

Emily is a sophomore studying Exercise Science. Emily is extremely passionate about community service. Some of the many community service organizations she is involved in are the Red Cross and First Tee of Connecticut. This semester, she is in charge of HuskyTHON, Relay for Life, a Blood Drive, and Hoops for Hope. She got involved in ALD because she thought it would be a great way to meet people and build leadership qualities.

FUN FACT: She is a ski instructor in the winter, loves working with kids, and hates every kind of vegetable!



Abigail Colburn

Community Outreach Chair/Historian

Abby is a sophomore studying Allied Health with a pre-med focus. As historian, she creates the scrapbook. Abby initially got involved in ALD as a freshman, when she started to attend different events and helped the previous Historian with the scrapbook. She really enjoyed it; so much she decided to run for Historian herself!

FUN FACT: She is running a half marathon this summer!



Emily Liao

Academic Chair

Emily is a sophomore with the intentions of studying Nutritional Science. Emily first received the invitation for ALD and accepted not knowing exactly how involved she would get in it. She decided to run for Academic Chair this past year to give back in a way. As Academic Chair she conducts workshops, bring up academic opportunities, and oversees the Faculty of the Year award.

FUN FACT: Her graduating class consisted of only 28 people, so imagine her shock when she got to UConn!



Kayla Crook
Social Chair

Kayla is a freshman with a double major in Biomedical Engineering and premed. She decided to run for this position because she wanted to become more involved in ALD. As Social Chair, Kayla is in charge of all the social media sites as well as the main website.

FUN FACT: She is from Cape Cod, MA and is on the club volleyball team!



Loriann Dozier
Major Events Coordinator

Loriann is a freshman studying English. Loriann has helped plan weddings, showers and parties in the past and is now a member of the Norwich Youth Action Council. Through her experiences, she found a love for event planning and saw this position in ALD as a perfect fit for her. She is responsible for ALD's two major charity events, Flower Fest and Pumpkin Fest.

FUN FACT: She loves to sing and sew her own clothes!



Justin Letendre
Chief Financial Officer

Justin is a sophomore studying Biomedical Engineering. He chose to run for this position as the old CFO was graduating and he was looking for a new challenge. He enjoys being involved in ALD. As CFO, he manages the funding of our organization and handles all money coming in and out of our bank account.

FUN FACT: He has trained himself to survive off of just orange chicken from Panda Express, should the need arise.

Monica Geiger Secretary



Monica is a sophomore nursing major. When she was invited to join ALD, she had no idea what it entailed. However, after becoming involved, she found it was an amazing society and decided to run for Secretary. As Secretary, Monica keeps track of all general and executive board meeting minutes and keep up with emails.

FUN FACT: She loves playing the violin and has a passion for dancing and singing!

**Wei Jia Ma
Social Chair**



Wei Jia Ma is a freshman physiology and neurology major. He loves to run, play tennis, play guitar and is an overall social person. At UCONN, he is a member of the Agents of Improv comedy skit club and coordinator for the PATH program. He has been living in Storrs, CT for a long time.

FUN FACT: He is going to Spain, China, Michigan and Florida this summer!

ALD Scholarships

By: Don Fifield

National Scholarships:

The Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships is awarded to an applicant that must be planning to study abroad in the 2014-2015 year. For this scholarship, members were made to send their applications to UConn ALD, and three were sent to National ALD for further review. The winners of this scholarship will not be known until the coming semester. Twenty scholarships of \$1000 are awarded each year.

The Trow National Scholarship is awarded to outstanding sophomores to be used during their junior year. Each year 35 awards are presented, ranging from \$1000-\$6,000. For this scholarship members sent their applications to UConn ALD and three were sent to National ALD for further review. The winners of this scholarship will be unknown until the coming semester.

The ALD Graduate Fellowship is awarded to graduating students or alumni of ALD planning to pursue a graduate or professional degree. Twenty-three Graduate Fellowships awarded each year, ranging from \$3,000

to \$7,500. A GPA of 3.5 or higher is required. The members applying for this scholarship directly submitted their applications to National ALD. The winners of this scholarship will be unknown until the coming semester.

Local Scholarships: Awarded to a UConn ALD member who will be a full time student during the 2014-2015 school year.

1) **Dr. Seuss Award:** \$250 awarded to an ALD member for the purchase of the academic semester's books.
Winner: Kristen Bryant- From Cheshire, CT, sophomore, majoring in Nursing.



2) **Paper 'n Paws Award:** \$500 awarded to an ALD member for their academic success and community involvement.
Winner: Lauren Sullivan- Originally from Swampscott, Massachusetts, Junior, studying Pharmacy.



3) **Katie Michel Roaming Husky Award:** \$1000 awarded to an ALD member planning to study abroad in spring 2014, summer 2014, or fall 2014.

Fun Fact: this scholarship was named after a very influential previous ALD Advisor who loved to travel.

Winner: Fariya Naz- Originally from Danbury, CT, a junior majoring in Psychology, will be studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain

4) **Continuing Education Award:** \$500 awarded to an ALD member who will be pursuing a graduate degree in their respective field beginning fall 2014. This is a new scholarship created this year.

Winner: Emily Potrzeba- Senior, majoring in Communication Disorders and Psychology, minoring in Cognitive Science, starting a graduate program in the fall in pursuit of a Master's degree in speech-language pathology.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!!!

Induction Ceremony

By: Kevin Keary

Last semester over 900 of the University's best and brightest were inducted into the nationally acclaimed honor society Alpha Lambda Delta. Students and parents were present in the hundreds awaiting proper

induction into ALD. With opening president Marissa Mannello and a Sally Reis, University of

for Academic Affairs, incoming idea of all ALD had to offer. They awarded coveted scholarships, as year award being presented to watching others honored, it was as they declared the oath which accept membership into National



remarks from previous keynote address from Dr. Connecticut's Vice Provost members were given a true witnessed current members well as the faculty of the Dr. Jeffrey Meunier. After time for the new inductees all new members must, "I Alpha Lambda Delta,

understanding that in doing so I assume the responsibility of continuing to maintain its standards of service, of diligence, and of integrity. I pledge to promote high scholarship, and to use my education for the benefit of my community, my nation, and the world in which we live." And with that the Alpha Lambda Delta class was initiated and set on the path to success for the years to come.

HuskyTHON!

By: Aiden Ford

On Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00pm, 74 student teams entered the UConn Fieldhouse prepared to celebrate the end of HuskyTHON, a yearlong fundraiser for Connecticut's Children Medical Center (CCMC). Over the next 18 hours, they danced together, cheered together, and raised a grand total of \$457,581.04, surpassing all previous years. All of the money raised will go to the creation of CCMC's new Cardiovascular Care Center, waiting room HuskyTHON

An campus since 1999, of 150 dance the nation fundraiser for Miracle

it was ten dance country, and students \$1.3 million. teams meet Miracle families, who the event accomplish. Alpha fielded a



individually raised \$2,108. Justin Letendre and Gabriel Castro were our fundraising and dancer representatives. Gabriel captured the essence of HuskyTHON in the following paragraph,

“Leading up to the dance marathon, I knew everything my team and I were doing was for the kids, but words can’t describe the feeling you get when you first meet your miracle child. Knowing how much of an impact Connecticut Children’s Medical Center has had on each one of the miracle children’s lives is incredible. Even though 18 hour is a long time to be on your feet, the message we are sending is so much greater. We are dancing for the kids that can’t. At the end of the dance marathon no matter how tired you are, it is worth it to be able to see the joy on these kids’ faces. It is an incredible fundraiser that affects hundreds of families.”

Thanks and congratulations to all who participated in this 2014 HuskyTHON, and to those already working towards 2015!

of which the will be titled “The Waiting Room.” annual event on its beginning in HuskyTHON is one marathons across that work to the Children’s Network. In 2012, selected as a top-marathon in the since its inception, have raised over During the event, patients, called Children, and their represent all that seeks to

This year Lambda Delta team of 12 and

FLOWERFEST 2014

By: Fariya Naz

On Friday April 18th, 2014, members of the Alpha Lambda Delta took part in our annual spring event, Flowerfest. This year, the event took about two months to plan for the newly inducted major events co-coordinators, Loriann Dozier and John Potter. Proceeds from the event are given to a charity of ALD's choosing and this year was no different, as \$243 dollars were donated to "Building Homes for Heroes" Items available for purchase at Flowerfest included the most popular, dyed carnations in various colors and customizable flowerpots that could be decorated on the spot. Baked goods as well as hot chocolate were also sold at this event.

Behind the scenes to this successful event, ALD's Chief Financial Officer, Justin Letendre played a major role in assisting with the planning process. Abby Marchinkowski, ALD President was a great boost of morale during the day of event—she braved out the chilly weather for the entire day and helped make sure everything ran smoothly. Best of all, ALD member, Christina Cotte came and helped paint the rock the night before to advertise for Flowerfest.



Charity Spotlight: Building Homes for Heroes

By: Don Fifield

Building Homes for Heroes is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization focused on supporting the heroic veterans returning from war in Iraq and Afghanistan with severe wounds and disabilities. This organization provides mortgage free housing to these veterans. The labor, material, and money required to perpetuate this cause is based around donations from generous benefactors; thousands of volunteers support only six full time employees. 93% of donations received by the charity go directly to program services, and the other 7% is used for fundraising and management expenses! Building Homes for Heroes receives huge financial support from companies like The Home Depot, Advance Auto Parts, JP Morgan Chase, Manhattan Construction, and Goldman Sachs. Building Homes for Heroes build both new houses for veterans and renovate existing ones. Also, a big shout out is due to Sara Reid for her suggestion of this wonderful charity and work with the event!!

Relay for Life

By

Thomas Taing



44 teams comprising of over 400 participants helped raised \$33,245 as of April 20, 2014 for the fight against cancer. As part of the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life's mission is "dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service," as stated on their national website. The luminaria ceremony is held every year where paper bags are decorated with names of loved ones affected by cancer and symbols of hope and love. After the sun is set, these bags are filled with candles or glow sticks to light up the night. A moment of silence is held to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to honor those whose fight continues.

This year, Relay for Life was held at Practice Field 2 and the theme was sports as teams played wiffle-ball, badminton, ultimate Frisbee, flag football, and kickball. This year marked Alpha Lambda Delta's third time participating, led by team captain Allison Schauer. Our small team of 7 members helped raise over \$1000 toward the grand total. They persisted through the at-times rainy conditions as they camped overnight. Everyone in attendance had a great time getting to know each other better and helping a great cause.

Blood Drive

By
Katie Clini

On April 17, 2014, the American Red Cross Club held their blood drive in the Wilbur Cross reading room. This year's blood drive was very successful. About 30 ALDers came out to volunteer and 10 actually donated blood! Although no money was raised, time and effort was spent on recruiting donors. For everyone person that donates, 3 lives can be saved!

For those who donated, there was minimal discomfort and free snacks and drinks plus the comfort of knowing they are saving lives. The American Red Cross Club works with the American Red Cross to bring as much blood drives to the campus as possible to help save as many lives as possible. Though there are some requirements, donating is a great way to donate to a great cause!



Hoops of Hope
By
Elishbah Nadeem

One of the events Alpha Lambda Delta participated in this semester was Hoops of Hope, a campus-wide free throw shooting event. This took place at the Gampel Pavilion on April the 17th. The money fundraised at this event went toward children orphaned due to AIDS in Zambia. With an attendance of about 200 people, this event raised \$3,198, according to Taylor Hammeke, a student on the Marketing Committee for Hoops of Hope.

Hoops of Hope shooting 150 of free throws, pointers. The up, since there event also included knock-out, among

There was a great UConn men's

showing up as well. With a lot of energy, great competition, enthusiastic shooters, and a lot of money raised for a worthy cause, Hoops of Hope ended up being both fun and successful.



consisted of teams baskets, which consisted trick shots, and 3 points were then added was a grand prize. The dancing, games, and various other activities.

turnout, with numerous basketball players

"I feel that this event has made a great impact, assisting the millions of children orphaned by AIDS through our donations," said Hammeke.

Tie Dye

By
Monica Geiger

On Thursday, April 24, ALD hosted a tie dying event where members had the opportunity to tie dye a free ALD T-Shirt. Wei Jia Ma and I set up the event around 12pm. We had some trouble setting up because it was an extremely windy day but with the help of duct tape, we managed. We initially bought 40 T-Shirts and within 2 hours, all of them had been claimed and tie dyed by our members using a spray dye.

This event promoted unity among our chapter members. We shared tie dying tips and techniques as many of our members had experience in tie dying. I especially loved how we had members approach us who had never been involved in ALD before but by the end of the event they were motivated to become more involved our honors society. In general we had a great time full of laughs and the exchanging of ideas. In general, the event was a success and we look forward to doing it again next year!





DRESS TO IMPRESS WORKSHOP

By

Abby Marchinkoski

After our last meeting of the Spring 2014 semester, ALD members were provided with tips and tricks on how to best dress for their upcoming internships and future jobs. UConn's only fashion club, Project Fashion, created a wonderful presentation, highlighting the differences between business professional and business casual. Even better, they came dressed to impress themselves, demonstrating how to rock business clothing while still incorporating their own style and personality. It was a great opportunity for members to ask questions about attire specific to their future job field. Beyond questions, Project Fashion created a very interactive presentation, playing a game where members had to guess which of two items of clothing shown were more expensive; I have to admit, most of us got them wrong! It just goes to show that you don't have to spend a fortune to look amazing!

While, the presentation will be available to members on the new UConn ALD website, the executive board plans on holding another workshop in the fall for members. It is expected to be a part of a professional development series to provide members with all the tools they will need to get their dream jobs!

LINKED IN WORKSHOP

By

Abby Marchinkoski

As a part of ALD's initiative to help members with professional development, the executive board invited experienced presenter Jason Meier to remind members about the importance of LinkedIn and how to use it appropriately. While the presentation normally lasts an hour or more, Jason was able to boil it down to a well rounded presentation on how to best portray your skills online to future employers. Members were so convinced by his presentation, many of them created profiles on the spot. Jason showed them how to create an appealing profile to grab future employers attention and how best to go about connecting with people, providing basic rules on the who, when, why, and how to connect with people on the site.

As an added bonus, experienced photographer Ariel Dowski ended the workshop with professional looking headshots for members to create the ultimate profile. The workshop was such a success that the executive board is expecting to do another similar presentation in the fall.

Oozeball

By
Katie Clini



On April 26, 2014 at the North Campus volleyball courts, students braved the weather to participate in this year's Oozeball Tournament. This year marks the 31st anniversary of the event. Students registered and created teams of about 7 people. This year's turn out was 6 teams of 8 players. Although it was fun and dirty as usual, many students were happy to get out early to escape the cold and rain. Oozeball is a great event during spring weekend for students to participate and has pretty low registration fee.

The Oozeball Tournament itself has been a tradition here at UCONN since the Alumni Association began the tradition in 1983 and in 2004, the tournament appeared in Sports Illustrated for "Best Mud Volleyball." Every spring weekend students can sign up for this event whose mission is to, "Provide a sober event during Spring Weekend. Bringing Huskies together since 1983" (Facebook page). Oozeball is not limited to just students either! Current staff or administration is also welcomed to join in the fun. If you missed the event this year, make sure to register for next year's Oozeball Tournament 2015!

A big thanks is due for all of the writers and photographers that contributed to the newsletter this year. If you would like to become a part of the newsletter for this semester, contact uconnald@gmail.com. No experience necessary and it's a great resume booster!

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