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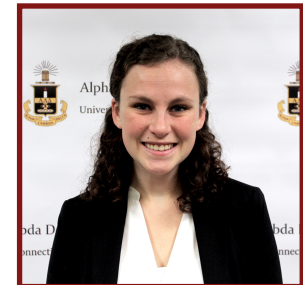
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All Smiles for ALD's Semesterly Photoshoot

BY ALEXIS ABBOTTS

On October 16th, Academic Chairperson Sarah Verity ran Alpha Lambda Delta's semesterly professional photoshoot. As is customary, ALD members could stop by Student Union room 325 any time between 9:45 and 11:30 AM to have their photos taken by Sarah in front of the organization's custom backdrop.

These headshots, while meant to be used for networking sites such as LinkedIn, are always free to use on any platform for any purpose, formal or informal. While we do enjoy seeing members spruce up their LinkedIn profiles with a nice ALD themed photo, everyone can agree that your Instagram feed gets a little better each time you see an ALD member smiling happily for the camera.



ALD MEMBERS POSE FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS



PumpkinFest Makes for Spooktacular Day

BY ALEXIS ABBOTTS

On October 25th, Alpha Lambda Delta held its annual PumpkinFest on Fairfield Way's University Seal. Though the usual fall temperatures did not hold back for the event, the sun still shone on ALD. Members volunteered their time to table, pitching the sale of the usual cacti and succulents, along with pumpkins of all sizes, to passers by. As is the tradition with both Flower and PumpkinFest, various pots and decorations were available to anyone who made a purchase as a way to customize their new plant or pumpkin friends.

To go along with the season, apple cider and whoopie pies, of both pumpkin and chocolate variety, were also available for purchase; those only needing a quick sugar fix could choose from an assortment of Halloween candy for no charge.

E-Board and general members alike enjoyed the ALD tradition, which raised money for the American Cancer Society for the second semester in a row. As is always the case with ALD fundraisers, members made UConn proud as they volunteered their time toward a great cause.



VOLUNTEERS POSE FOR A PHOTO IN FRONT OF THE PUMPKINFEST TABLE

ALD Keeps Things Pinteresting

BY ALEXIS ABBOTTS

Following PumpkinFest on the 25th of October, Social Chair Julia Neri hosted a new event in the ALD lineup: Dorm Design Night. A crafty person herself, Julia created a workshop-based event for members to create their own dorm decorations from Pinterest. Decorations included a lightbulb terrarium, autumn-themed mason jar candle holder, and a hanging clothespin picture frame.



A LIGHTBULB TERRARIUM (LEFT) AND MASON JAR CANDLE HOLDER (RIGHT) WERE TWO OF THE PINTEREST CRAFTS MEMBERS COULD MAKE DURING DORM DESIGN NIGHT

Create-a-Snack Heats Up the Competition

BY ALEXIS ABBOTTS

Though held on the day after Halloween, ALD’s Create-a-Snack Challenge still provided a ghastly good time to the members who dared to enter the frighteningly fierce competition.

Using snack foods placed on a large table in the center of the room, members and their friends competed in the Chopped-inspired contest in teams of two or three to create food concoctions that fit the designated theme for each round. At the end of the timed round, the judges (Historian Sam Staffin, Social Chair Julia Neri, and Newsletter Chair Alexis Abbotts) taste tested each team’s creation, scoring them on aspects such as taste, display, and dedication to the theme.

The winners were rewarded with a cacti or succulent, an ALD shirt of their choosing, and the satisfaction of having won ALD’s Create-a-Snack Challenge 2018.

Trivia Night Keeps Members Guessing

BY ALEXIS ABBOTTS

ALD’s semesterly trivia night was held on Tuesday, November 13th by Academic Chair Sarah Verity. Following tradition, each category and its questions were created by the ALD E-Board to be answered during the event. The categories included subject areas such as Dad Jokes, Harry Potter, and even Linguistics. Those who competed were given succulents as consolation prizes, making everyone a winner!

Paint Night Unleashes Members’ Creative Sides

BY SIDNEY TOMKO

On November 29th, Alpha Lambda Delta hosted its semesterly Paint Night. The event was held over the span of three hours in the Student Union, and members were encouraged to stop by at any point to paint whatever they liked. The event was not only a fun opportunity for members to express their creativity and create their own masterpieces, but a chance for members to socialize and spend time together.

Canvases, paint, and paint brushes were provided free of cost to members and their friends. Alcohol-free mocktails were served as refreshments while participants painted. The Paint Night was a great event to end the semester, as those who attended were able to unwind and relax before finals week.



MEMBERS POSE WITH THEIR CREATIONS (TOP LEFT), WHILE OTHER MEMBERS WORK AWAY TO PERFECT THEIR MASTERPIECES WHILE SIPPING ON FRUITY MOCKTAILS

Letter from the Editor

BY ALEXIS ABBOTTS

Hi ALD,

I don't know about you, but this past semester practically flew by for me; one minute I was moving in, and the next I was making this newsletter! But you know what they say: time flies when you're having fun. For me, this phrase absolutely describes ALD's fall semester; from photoshoots to PumpkinFest to Paint Night, our organization has had months full of activity!

That being said, you may notice that this newsletter is a tad shorter than usual. That's because while we've held so many events this semester, we've been busy focusing on ways to improve future semesters at the same time. While we've had so much fun on the ALD E-Board this past semester, we've also been trying to revamp the org to be not only more fun for members like you, but more convenient, as well. If you went to any of the events mentioned in this newsletter, you may have noticed our sign-in process has drastically improved thanks to the use of the UContact Event Pass. We don't want our events to be a hassle, but fun and easy.

Along with our attempts to improve our chapter came the election of two new E-Board members: our new secretary, Rosie, and our new community outreach chair, Betsy! They've joined our squad seamlessly, and we couldn't have asked for better additions to our amazing board.

To keep it short and sweet, thank you not only to my fellow board members for making this semester so wonderful and for being amazing friends, but to all of you who take advantage of your membership and remind the members of the E-Board why we do what we do.

I hope you've had a fantastic winter break, and safe travels as you journey back to school for the best semester ALD will have yet!

All my best to you,

Alexis Abbotts
Newsletter Chair

