



Alpha Eta

National Allied Health Honor Society

President's Column

Dale Fish, PT, PhD



It's been my privilege and pleasure to serve as President for the past three years. Alpha Eta stands on a strong historical and conceptual foundation reflected in our motto "Together we serve". It was that motto that inspired my personal interest in Alpha Eta and my eagerness in 2006 to begin service on the national Executive Council. "We" are allied health practitioners whose professions are typical of those represented by the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP); accordingly, our professions tend to share common academic traits such as formal "clinical" training and the requirement for licensure or certification. "Together we serve" also accurately reflects the fact that our ultimate goal is excellence in service to our patients and clients. Our motto also caught my interest because it aligns with the precepts of interprofessional education (IPE) and interprofessional care (IPC). I agree with the proposition that effective cooperation and collaboration among the professions hold substantial promise for increasing the efficiency and quality of health care. I urge Alpha Eta chapters to encourage IPE/IPC wherever possible. We recognize that our patients/clients will benefit most when we know one another, respect one another, and collaborate with one another.

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President's Column

In the past three years, we've added 7 chapters, amended our bylaws, revitalized committees, and this year, we are sponsoring a research poster session at the ASAHP Annual Meeting in Orlando. Among other things, our revised bylaws accomplish the following: (1) Each new chapter must have a minimum of three allied health programs, but now, these can be housed anywhere within the institution (not just within a formally constituted school or college of allied health professions); (2) Chapters are encouraged but not required to send representatives to the Alpha Eta annual meeting to maintain active status; (3) Committee structures are refined: Nominating, Awards and Finance Committees revitalized.

As I prepare to step down from service as President, I'd like to extend sincere thanks to our chapter members and officers, national committee members and chairs, executive board members, and particularly Dr. David Lake, for his energy, wisdom and tireless service as our national Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks also to President-elect, Jodi Cahalan (Dean of the College of Health Sciences at Des Moines University), who will begin her term as President this October.

Secretary-Treasurer's Column

David A. Lake, PT, PhD

This year marks a major enhancement of the activities of Alpha Eta at the Association of Schools of Allied Health (ASAHP) Annual Meeting. In addition to our celebration of scholarly activity by sponsoring the ASAHP Poster Session, we have organized the First Annual Student Research Symposium featuring six student presentations. These were selected on merit from all those submitted by students from institutions which sponsor an Alpha Eta Chapter.

The Student Research Symposium gives the students an opportunity to present their research to an esteemed group of allied health educators. Alpha Eta is reimbursing their travel and ASAHP is given them complementary registration for the day of their presentation.

The Student Research Symposium is a wonderful example of collaboration between Alpha Eta and ASAHP to further the professional development of our outstanding students.

Annual Meeting, 2011



Olivia Munger
receiving the Sidney
Rodenberg Award
from Alpha Eta
President Dale Fish



Melissa
Baumgartner
receiving the Lee
Holder Award from
Alpha Eta President
Dale Fish

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ on October 21st.

President Dale Fish presided over the meeting. Minutes and Financial report were approved.

The next order of business was the presentation of the Sidney Rodenberg and Lee Holder Awards for outstanding academic performance, leadership and scholarship by undergraduate and graduate students respectively in the allied health professions.

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Chapter News



Old Dominion University

President Lynn Tolle presided over the Annual Luncheon and Induction ceremony on November 7, 2011. Fourteen students were induced into Alpha Eta.



Denise Ramos (2nd from left in front row) was elected student president of the chapter.

Thomas Jefferson University

At the Alpha Eta Society Induction Ceremony on May 15, 2012 Thomas Jefferson University welcomed 47 members of the 2012 graduating class, the largest number of inductees in the history of Jefferson's Chapter, which was established in 1982.



Guest speaker Michael J. Vergare, PhD, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at TJU, addressed the new members and their guests. His address was titled,

“Seize the Future: Leading Tomorrow’s Health Care.”

Continuing a long tradition to promote scholarship, fellowship, and significant contributions to the health professions, it is customary to give special recognition to selected new members whose achievements are particularly exemplary through book awards. This year there were 6 book award recipients.

Long Island University-Brooklyn

LIU-Brooklyn inducted 14 students and 5 new faculty members at their 4th annual induction ceremony on May 01, 2012. LIU-SHP. The guest speaker for the induction ceremony was Anne Scott, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, founder and first chair of the Occupational Therapy Program. Dr. Scott initiated many interdisciplinary research projects at LIU and in the Brooklyn community.

Armstrong Atlantic State University

Armstrong's Alpha Eta Chapter inducted 14 student and 2 faculty members at its annual induction ceremony and reception. In celebration of national President Dale Fish's challenge for increased interdisciplinary activities, the invited speaker was Mirari Elcoro, PhD, of the Psychology Department. She spoke on her research on serotonin systems and behavior. She also talked about the new interdisciplinary minor in Neuroscience, which is sponsored by both the College of Science and Technology and the College of Health Professions.

Annual Meeting, 2011

This year's Rodenberg Award recipient was Olivia Munger of University of Texas Southwestern School of Health Professions. Recipient of the Lee Holder Award was Melissa Baumgartner of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Both spoke about their activities as students and their plans upon graduation.

The Finance committee put forward a motion to charge the Executive Council to develop new strategies to fulfill our mission of "promotion and recognition of significant scholarship, leadership, and contributions to the Allied Health professions".

Awards Committee indicated the development of a new scoring rubric for the Rodenberg and Holder awards and encouraged everyone present to submit nominations for the awards.

Nominating committee put forward candidates for the office of President-elect: Jodi Cahalan (Des Moines University) & Dale Fish (University at Buffalo), one to be elected. They put forward nominations for Executive Committee: Cristina Gonzalez (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center), Michael Paquet (Thomas Jefferson University), James Temme (University of Nebraska), Brenda Stevenson-Marshall (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey) & Stanley Wilson (Nova Southeastern University), with 4 to be elected.

Vote of those present was taken and Jodi Cahalan was elected President-elect 2011-2012 term with following 2012-2015 Presidential term. Michael Paquet, James Temme, Brenda Stevenson-Marshall & Stanley Wilson were elected for 2011-2013 terms of office.

Motion from the Finance Committee was passed unanimously, and discussion of possible new initiatives followed.

Des Moines University, University at Buffalo and Richard Stockton all reported on their chapter activities.

President Dale Fish made some closing remarks on how many positive changes he has seen in Alpha Eta over the past 4 years which has represented a strengthening of the organization.

Meeting was adjourned.

Returning Chapter

The Alpha Eta National Allied Health Honor Society is pleased to welcome back to full active membership status Quinnipiac University.

The School of Health Sciences is lead by their dean Edward R. O'Connor.

The School of Health Sciences has undergraduate majors in Athletic Training, Biomedical Sciences, Diagnostic Imaging, Health and Science Studies and Microbiology/Molecular Biology. They have graduate programs in Anesthesiologist Assistant, Cardiovascular Perfusion, Medical Laboratory Sciences/ Biomedical Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Pathologists' Assistant, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant and Radiologist Assistant.

The new health sciences facility at their North Haven campus was opened in Fall 2009. It includes \$3.5 million in new equipment, allowing their highly-ranked health sciences programs to grow and flourish. This new facility includes a SimMan suite of life-size patient simulators; a pediatric and neonatal lab, magnetic resonance simulators and 3-D workstations.

Its modern facilities encourage collaborative research and projects between faculty and students, and also across disciplines.