

Annual Awards of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University
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“We should support the self-governing tradition of the optimum college living unit—a fraternity—as opposed to the organized indifference of college dorms.”

-Theodore H. Booth '25

Undergraduate Awards

The Theodore H. Booth 1925 and James T. Lewis 1927 Academic Excellence Awards

Up to four \$500 awards are given each semester by the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) in memory of the Ted Booth '25, a founder of the ACEF and its first president, and James T. Lewis '27, a major benefactor of the ACEF.

Below is a list of criteria for applying for the awards (which recognize grades for the previous semester):

- 1) The Student Brother must be currently living in the House.
- 2) The Student Brother must be taking at least 13 credit hours of classes.
- 3) The Student Brother must be on his college's respective Dean's List.
- 4) The Student Brother must be deemed a "good citizen" by the officers of the House. A good citizen is one who participates in House activities, has no outstanding financial liabilities to the House, and has not participated in any activities casting the brother or the House in a negative light.

The Robert Bruce Hart 1984 New Brother Academic Award

Robert Bruce Hart '84 died tragically young at Gander, Newfoundland, in an airplane crash on December 12, 1985. Brother Hart was returning with 247 other soldiers who served in a peacekeeping mission in the Sinai. President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan attended the memorial service at Fort Campbell for the families of the lost soldiers. This award is made in the fall, to the Newly Initiated Brother (NIB) who maintained the highest GPA while fulfilling his pledging duties completely the previous semester.

The Honorable James E. Rice, Jr. 1930 Chapter Service Award

Given annually at Initiation to the undergraduate brother who is not an officer, but who has given tirelessly of himself in support of the Phi. The undergraduate executive officer committee will make recommendations to the alumni board president. A \$250 award is given, provided the brother is in good standing. For nearly 70 years, Brother Rice '30 was "Mr. Alpha Delt" a counselor and supporter of generations of Alpha Delta brothers. As an undergraduate, he is remembered for riding the grand piano down the icy slope to

Stewart Avenue on the night the original lodge was destroyed by fire in February 1929. As an alumnus, he exemplified the Alpha Delt ideal of service as longtime secretary and treasurer for the alumni and ACEF boards. For 60 years, he served as trustee, chairman, and chairman emeritus of the alumni corporation. He served for 33 years as Justice of the Peace for the Town of Ulysses while running poultry business and 600-acre farm with his brothers and his wife, Adelaide.

The Frederick S. Johnson 1943 Unsung Hero Award

Given annually at Initiation to the undergraduate brother who is not an officer, but who contributed the most to the Chapter without any other recognition. The undergraduate executive officer committee will make recommendations to the alumni board president. A \$250 award is given, provided the brother is in good standing. In 1960, Brother Johnson '43 came home to Westfield, NY and turned Sunnyslope Farms into the first family-owned estate winery in New York State.

Alumni Awards

The Allan C. Balch 1889 Alumni Benefactor Award

Given annually at the Homecoming Banquet to honor an alumni brother for exemplary financial support of the Phi. Brother Balch '89 and his wife Janet Jax Balch, who graduated between 1886 and 1888, gave \$1.7 million to Cornell in 1924, paying for the entire construction of Balch Hall, a four-story Gothic building that opened its doors in the late 1920s. An unconfirmed legend handed down through the generations recounts that Mrs. Balch was offended by the behavior of a brother at an Alpha Delt function and insisted that her husband not donate further funds to the Phi and instead build a residence dedicated to the welfare of female students.

The Walter C. Teagle 1899 Alumni Service Award

Given annually at the Homecoming Banquet to honor an alumni brother for extraordinary service to the Phi. Brother Teagle '99 and his wife, Rowena Lee Teagle, gave \$1.5 million, of an annual campaign to raise \$12.5 million, to Cornell in 1948 paying for the construction of Teagle Hall. Designed in Gothic architectural style, Teagle Hall was opened in 1954 as a men's sports facility. The original cost of the building was \$2,097,739 and it was designed by architects Rogers and Butler. Its current use is as a co-ed sports facility. Brother Teagle served as a Cornell trustee from 1924 to 1954 and was the longtime president and then chairman of the board of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.