

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity - Eta Chapter

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President: Megan Cloidt (2019, mac2304)

Vice President: Amanda Prentice (2018, ap3290)

Secretary: Emily Funk (2018, elf2140)

Treasurer: Camille San Miguel (2018, css2178)

Mission Statement:

The objectives of the fraternity are to promote the profession of dentistry, to establish a spirit of fellowship and to develop high standards of scholarship among its members. Although Judaism is among the founding principles of Alpha Omega, it is a nonsectarian organization and many of its members are not Jewish.

Alpha Omega provides an atmosphere for sharing common interests and developing life-long friendships. Through the student and alumni chapter it can assist and facilitate the adjustment for students in new scholastic and clinical situations and provides a focal point for social activities. It offers a mentorship program that enables student members to interact with alumni on a professional and social basis, as well as offers the opportunity to attend its International Convention. Because of its size, distribution, history and caliber of its members, Alpha Omega can create considerable influence in education, the profession and many communities.

Requirements of Membership:

Individuals interested in joining Alpha Omega must participate in the Rush process during the fall semester. Only first year dental students will be eligible to apply. New members are initiated in the beginning of the spring semester. Membership dues are \$30 for the first year of membership. Membership dues are \$75/year for all subsequent semesters.

Meetings:

Alpha Omega General Body Meetings will be held at least once per year to review which D1 applications will be accepted into the Pledging Process. Alpha Omega Board meetings, attended by the Executive Board and Officers (see below) will occur at least twice per semester. The President and Vice President have the authority to call meetings.

Officers:

Philanthropy: Sangmee Kim and Ashley Goldenberg

Social: Rohan Prahbu

Fundraising: Alisa Kleinman

Fraternity Director of Development: Tomer Madar

Rush Chair: Victoria Gill

Historian: Ryann Sypniewski

Alumni Representative: Hayley Groglio

Academic Chair: Allison Eckert

Elections:

All elections will be held at the same time, and must be completed by May 1st of every year in accordance with CDM Club policy. Members can nominate themselves to run for any position. In order to run for an Executive Board position, individuals must be a member in good standing of AO - Eta Chapter for at least one year.

If more than one person runs for a given position, all candidates must give a speech on their eligibility. Speeches are limited to 4 minutes for President and Vice President positions, or 2 minutes for other positions. Dues-paying members will vote using secret ballot. Ties are broken with a second vote. If a candidate runs unopposed, speeches and ballots are not necessary.

The outgoing Executive Board will be in charge of the voting process. They may determine if there will be a better turn out of dues paying members via a web-based election with video-recorded speeches. If so, the electronic ballot must include an entry for the UNIs of the voters so that the outgoing Executive Board can determine who is a dues paying member, if a UNI was used multiple times, or if a UNI is attached to several candidates.