

8Adelphi University Parents Association Meeting

November 19, 2017 10:00 a.m UC Cafeteria

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Board Members Present:

Barbara McElroy

Geri Faiella

Antoinette Bellomo

Joanne Matassa

Board Members Excused:

Charlotte Armstrong

Salma Asif

Barbara McElroy, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

First, the Board notes with great sadness, the passing of a student last week in a terrible accident. Taranjit Parmar, was a beloved student in the Honors College with aspirations of attending Dental School. She will be greatly missed. The Board will send a note of condolence to her family and will be represented at a memorial service on campus on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Debrief of Annual Meeting and Spirit Weekend: We note that parking was very, very difficult --- due to the 5k and “fun run” race held on campus. We will request a new location, perhaps in the Nexus building, which is away from the race activities. We also would like to examine why we had a low turnout this year. Note: Next year’s Spirit Weekend is Oct. 12 – Oct. 14, 2018.

Debrief of Adelphi’s Women’s Leadership Conference: Barbara and Geri reported on representing the PA at the First Annual Adelphi Women’s Leadership Conference on Saturday, Nov. 4. Barbara and Geri were “round table” speakers on the subject of Community Service and Leadership.

Treasurer’s Report: It was reported that we currently have \$1,543.93, as we paid \$97.95 for dinner at the Nov. 14 workshop.

Spring Social: It was decided that we will hold our annual Spring Parent Social on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Our reception will begin at 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. followed by attendance at Adelphi's Best of Broadway student performance at 4:00 p.m. We will have a light buffet and a cash bar. It was decided that the reception and show package will be offered at approximately \$30 per person. We will finalize the price at the next Board meeting. An email will go to all parents/guardians in January.

It was suggested that we advertise the Spring Social on message Boards throughout the campus and with lawn signs. It was felt that many parents drop off and pick up their students daily and the visibility of the signs would be good exposure for our group.

Annual PA Fundraiser: It was reported that our fundraising letter will be sent out by email to all parents/guardians of freshman, sophomores, and a juniors. (Parents of seniors are part of a separate campaign by the University.) It is our hope that all parents will donate to our fund, as this is our only fundraiser of the academic year. Without donations, it is very difficult to hold our workshops and other events and to fund our award to a graduating senior.

Future Parent Seminars: Last academic year, Adelphi conducted a survey of all undergraduate parents. That survey revealed that a large majority of respondents are interested in a seminar on financial aid / managing the costs of education. Another seminar requested overwhelmingly by respondents was on the topic of campus safety. Accordingly, the PA Board will work on providing seminars on these topics in the Spring semester.

Future Parent Social Events: A "paint and pour" parent/student event is being considered by the PA Board. Geri will get some details for the Board.

Announcement of Future Events:

Saturday, Dec. 2: 9 – 11 a.m.: *Bridges Holiday Breakfast.* The PA will be represented at this holiday gift wrapping party with students of the Bridges to Adelphi program.

Sunday, Dec. 3: 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.: *Pre-show with the PA.* Stop in to the Interlude Café in the PAC to chat with the Parents Association Board, get your Adelphi questions answered, and make a new friend. Then join us as we attend *Dance Adelphi: Encounters* at 2:00 p.m. (Tickets are required for the shows, but not the Pre-Show chat. Purchase tickets through the PAC box office --- consider a subscription to save on ticket prices!)

Sunday, Dec. 3: 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.: Join the PA Board as we attend a Catholic Mass celebrated by newly installed Bishop John Barres of the Diocese of Rockville Centre followed by a Reception in his honor. (UC Interfaith Chapel, Rm. 306). All parents, guardians and students welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 9: 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.: *Pre-show with the PA.* Stop in to the Interlude Café in the PAC to chat with the Parents Association Board, get your Adelphi questions answered, and make a new friend. Then join us as we attend *Adelphi Chorale Holiday Concert* at 2:00 p.m. (Tickets are required for the shows, but not the Pre-Show chat. Purchase tickets through the PAC box office --- consider a subscription to save on ticket prices!)

Sunday, Feb. 25: 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. *Annual PA Spring Social* for all parents and guardians. Our reception will begin at 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. followed by attendance at Adelphi's Best of Broadway student performance at 4:00 p.m. Cost TBA

Saturday, March 24: *Accepted Students Day:* The PA Board will be present to chat with parents and future Panthers at this event.

Friday, April 6: evening: Time TBA: *Relay for Life at Adelphi*. Join the PA Board as we support the Adelphi community in its annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Sunday, April 15: *Accepted Students Day*: The PA Board will be present to chat with parents and future Panthers at this event.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m. so that attendees could attend Adelphi Open House and mingle with parents and potential students.

For updates throughout the year, please check the PA webpage <http://parents-family.adelphi.edu/parents-association> or follow us at [facebook.com/AdelphiParents](https://www.facebook.com/AdelphiParents).