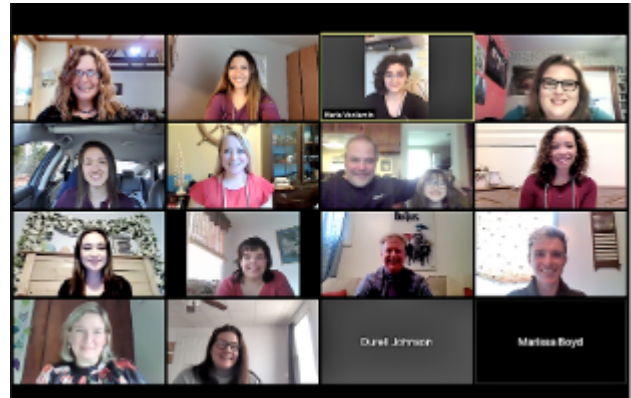




Lambda Pi Eta Welcomes 2,760 New Members this Semester



Congratulations to our newest inductees, who hail from campuses nationwide! Lambda Pi Eta has already welcomed more than 2,700 outstanding student scholars in 2020.

NCA wishes the best to all LPH members who are graduating this semester, and we thank you for your service and commitment to LPH.

(Pictured is the induction ceremony of the Alpha Epsilon Pi chapter at Penn State Scranton earlier this semester and its virtual graduation celebration this April. Find articles on the ceremonies [here](#) and [here](#).)

NCA's Executive Committee Approves Free Student Membership for LPH Members!

LPH members are now eligible to receive one year of free student membership with NCA. An NCA student membership includes online access to all 11 NCA journals, steeply discounted rates for convention registration, and eligibility for both NCA sponsored awards and grant funding. NCA student members also have exclusive access to volunteer positions at the NCA convention, which provide a free registration in exchange for 4-6 hours of work. Finally, NCA student members are eligible to apply for a Student Caucus Travel Grant to defray the costs associated with attending the convention.

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To take advantage of this free membership, you'll need to first create an account on the NCA website [here](#). After inputting your personal information, make sure to select the "I am a student" option on your membership page.

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Yes

On the final page, enter the promo code StudentOrgs2020. Your membership will be free of charge for one year (it is not a lifetime membership like your Lambda Pi Eta membership). If you have any questions or trouble taking advantage of this new program, reach out to studentorgs@natcom.org.

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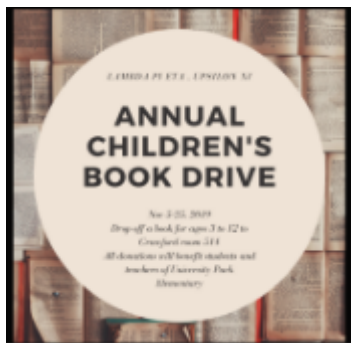
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Program Spotlight – Alpha Zeta Beta Chapter at Florida State University, Panama City



The Alpha Zeta Beta chapter of Lambda Pi Eta hosted Jeffery Blount at the Florida State University Panama City Campus. Blount was the university's keynote speaker for Black History month. Alpha Zeta Beta was honored to host his roundtable discussion about *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*, an inspirational story centered on racially charged issues that occurred during the 1960s. Blount also discussed his acclaimed career as an Emmy award-winning television director and his 2016 induction into the Virginia Communication Hall of Fame. Alpha Zeta Beta was proud to host this well-received event, which was attended by students, faculty, and staff. If you've never heard Jeffery Blount speak, we encourage you to invite this dynamic individual to share his communication knowledge with your campus chapter.

Program Spotlight – Upsilon Xi at Florida Institute of Technology



The Upsilon Xi chapter at the Florida Institute of Technology held a book drive for its partner elementary school, University Park Elementary, collecting 50 books for the school's faculty and library. The Upsilon Xi chapter is happy to give back to the community that has helped foster the chapter members' success as scholars. The chapter members are thankful that they could use their resources to fill up a few shelves of the local school's library.

Meet the 2020 Regional Lambda Pi Eta Top Paper Award Winners

Lambda Pi Eta Top Paper Award at the Eastern Communication Association

ECA's 2020 LPH Top Paper Award was presented to Jennifer Woolley from Messiah College for "The Political is Personal: The Rhetoric of Social Intervention in the Women's March of 2017." Woolley's scholarship has been so outstanding that this student was selected for the award two years in a row! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LPH was unable to present this award in person.



Lambda Pi Eta Top Paper Award at the Central States Communication Association

CSCA's 2020 LPH Top Paper Award was presented to Bridget Nicole Roskuszka from the Creighton University for "Modern environmental jeremiad: A rhetorical approach to Greta Thunberg's youth activism rhetoric." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LPH was unable to present this award in person.



Lambda Pi Eta Top Paper Award Presented at the Western States Communication Association

WSCA's 2020 LPH Top Paper Award was presented to Christian Wilson from California State University, Chico for "Constructing a Total Theatre of Torture: Ontopoetical Visions in Gregory Whitehead's "On the Shore Dimly Seen."

Lambda Pi Eta Top Paper Award at the Southern States Communication Association

SSCA's 2020 LPH Top Paper Award was presented to Rhea Carter from Berea College for "Reimagining Redneck: Appalachian Reception of Media." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LPH was unable to present this award in person.

Program Spotlight – Tau Mu Chapter at Connecticut State University



The Communication Department at Central Connecticut State University devised a unique and special way to recognizing students who have been inducted into the Tau Mu chapter of Lambda Pi Eta.

While the Communication Department had planned a ceremony for early April, when the campus closed due to COVID-19, students in Professor Joan Walden's Signature Events Class, who had been planning the induction ceremony, opted to mail honorees their pins, cords, and certificates. The department's secretary, Adelaida Sarisley, volunteered to handle the distribution of the materials, which included a gift for each inductee. In lieu of the ceremony, the Signature Events class produced a video under the leadership of Chapter President Alexandra Wise, a 2019 LPH inductee. The video commemorating the inductees' achievements was recently posted and can be found online [here](#).

Online Poster Sessions

Did you/will you miss presenting your poster at a cancelled conference? Defend or present your capstone on an online conference call? Submit your poster and short video to [NCA's Poster Session Series](#).

NCA is developing a repository of poster session presentations. These presentations will be in the form of short videos in which presenters explain their posters or briefly present findings from their thesis/dissertation. These videos will be linked to [NCA's YouTube channel](#) and available to the public.



NCA Hosts Public Program on Politics and Communication in the Battleground States



NCA's spring public program, "Communicating in the Battlegrounds: Politics in the Purple States," originally scheduled for April 30 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. NCA has, instead, hosted this conversation as a podcast, which was released on April 30, 2020. Listeners will hear from five expert panelists who discuss political communication in our elections and explore the effects it has on public opinion, specifically in battleground states.

Panelists included Sumana Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor at Marquette University; Young Mie Kim, Professor at the University of Wisconsin - Madison; Robert Kraig, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin; Thomas A. Salek, Assistant Professor of Communication at Concordia University Chicago; and Shawn Turner, Professor of Practice at Michigan State University. NCA Executive Director Trevor Parry-Giles moderated the discussion.

Listen to this episode of Communication Matters: The NCA Podcast and read the full transcript [here](#). Find this episode and all other episodes wherever you stream great podcasts.

Learn more about the NCA public programs [here](#).

Meet the 2019-2020 Lambda Pi Eta Student Advisory Board

Kaylee Saville – Biola University Tau Tau Chapter
Brittany George – Marymount University Alpha Chi Omicron Chapter
Samantha Burke – Hastings College Phi Omega Chapter

Interested in serving on the LPH Student Advisory Board? Elections are held at the LPH Annual Business Meeting. Don't miss your chance to become a leader of Lambda Pi Eta!



2020 NCA Annual Convention



Headed to the NCA Annual Convention? Student members of NCA can volunteer at the convention and receive free registration! If you are interested in a volunteer position, check the [NCA website](#) as soon as registration opens in July. All volunteers must have an NCA membership valid through December 1, 2020.

Student members of NCA may also receive grants to help pay for travel and hotel accommodations. When joining NCA, make sure to join a caucus so that you will be eligible to receive a Student Caucus Travel grant. You can find more information about applying [here](#). Applications open in July, and grant recipients are notified in October.

Want to Be Featured?

Want to be featured on Lambda Pi Eta's official Instagram account? Want to see your chapter's programming in the Fall 2020 newsletter? Submit photos and a short description of your event to lpinsta@gmail.com.

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