

## **Alfred University freshman honor society receives award**

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The Alfred University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First Year Students was presented today with the Bronze Membership Award by the national organization. The Membership Awards are presented to chapters that show a notable increase in membership during a single year. The Alfred University chapter's membership increased by 10.5% during the 2004-2005 academic year. Founded in the spring of 1924 at the University of Illinois by Dean Maria Leonard, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Today, Alpha Lambda Delta has over 250 chapters throughout the United States and more than 700,000 students have been initiated into membership since the first chapter was started more than 80 years ago. Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is open to full-time freshman students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university. Alpha Lambda Delta emphasizes that educated persons have a responsibility to "have tolerance in your dealings with all persons, generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of others" says Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director of the Society. Members are challenged to make a "meaningful contribution to society." Since 2002, National Alpha Lambda Delta has awarded chapters with the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Membership Awards. The awards are presented to schools that have shown increases in membership of 50%, 25%, and 10%, respectively, during a single year. For more information about National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students, visit the national website at [www.nationalald.org](http://www.nationalald.org).