

# SIGMA DELTA PIDEAS

## OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME

I'd like to welcome you to the third issue of *Sigma Delta Pideas*: the Sigma Delta Pi newsletter run by the Board of Student Advisers.

We hope that this newsletter will provide an outlook of chapter highlights around the nation, as well as new information. All of the information here is well-researched and truly curated only to cater to what we think will be useful to our readers. If you have questions or feedback regarding the newsletter, please don't hesitate to reach out through email (SDP.BSA@gmail.com).

CORA SPILLMAN, BSA CHAIR

### FUN FACT!

Congratulations to the 2018 recipient of Sigma Delta Pi's Frida Kahlo Award: Texas Tech University!

Did you know?

Frida Kahlo was one of Mexico's most renowned female artists. Born in 1907, Kahlo's life was filled with pain and despair after enduring roughly forty surgeries in her lifetime as a result of a bus accident she had in her youth. However, through great adversity Kahlo established herself as a very unique artist that often reflected the pain in her personal life in her surrealist work. Inspired by the country's popular culture, she employed a naïve folk art style to explore questions of identity, postcolonialism, gender, class, and race in Mexican society. Kahlo is respected as one of the first female artists at the time to make a name for herself in an arena often dominated by men.



### - GIFTCARD WINNERS -

Grace Ware from Auburn University:

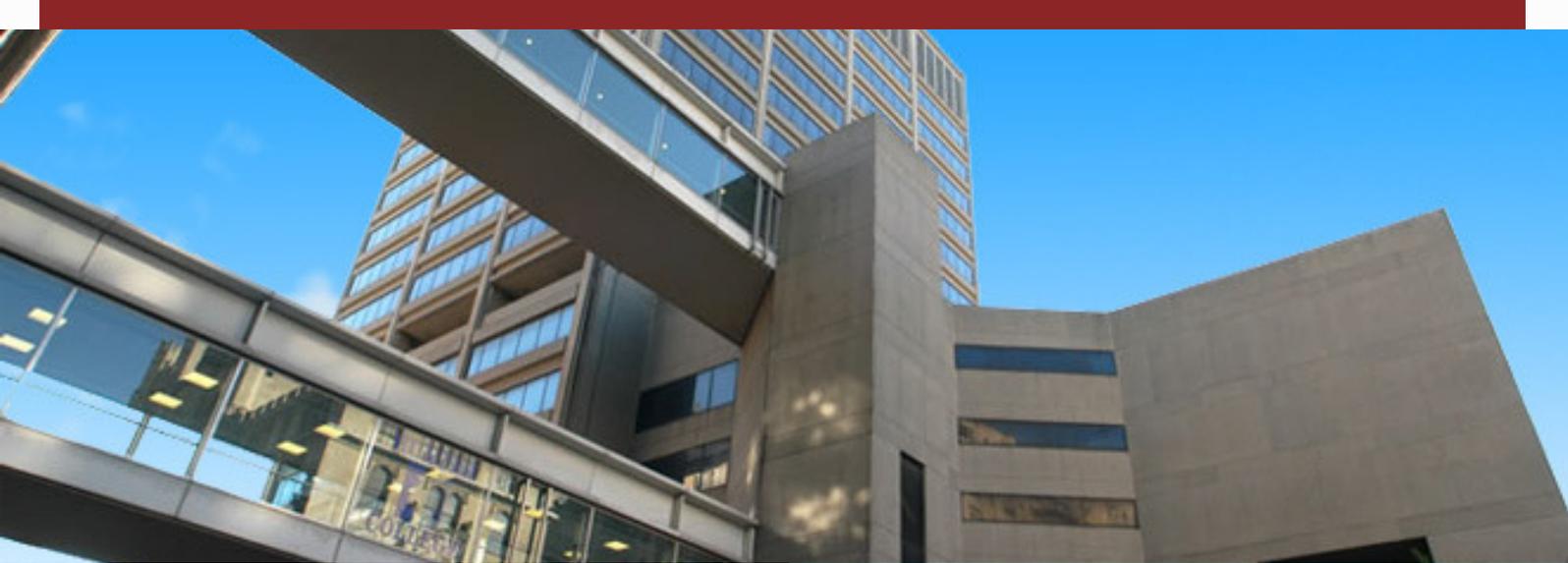
"I understand the importance of multiculturalism and believe learning languages is a key to empathizing and communicating with others. I encourage anyone who wants to acquire a deeper understanding of Spanish culture to join Sigma Delta Pi and participate in as many events as possible. If I had unlimited resources, I would love to go abroad with the help of the SDP Study Abroad Award: there is no better way to understand a culture and learn a language!"



Meredith Miles from University of Georgia:

"I would encourage others to join SDP because it is an honor society that exists to serve its members and the Latino community. It has personally touched my life through the opportunities to get involved with the surrounding community. If I had unlimited resources and time, I would create a network for students to connect to present and share their ideas of how to reach communities, locally, nationally, and worldwide. I would also have SDP sponsor children in Spanish-speaking countries that need daily resources such as food, clean water, and shelter."





## CHAPTER PROJECT IDEAS

- “Brown Bag Talk Series” featuring a variety of guest speakers throughout the semester
- Conversation Tables: practice your Spanish with other students
- Spanish Concerts, conducted by SDP Members, at local schools or children’s libraries
- Partnership with a local Hispanic Cultural Center: help create events such as an altar for *Día de los Muertos*
- Career Nights: showcase career possibilities that have a Spanish background
- “Sponsor a Family” Fundraiser Dinner – *La Cena*
- Toy, book, and clothing drives for children in Spanish-speaking countries
- Artisanal productions of Spanish-speaking countries
- Bilingual readings (for children) at a local school or library

## NEWSLETTER SURVEY

The BSA wants to hear from you! Please complete our brief survey at the following link: [goo.gl/JpQih5](https://goo.gl/JpQih5). Any and all feedback is greatly appreciated, as we wish to keep this publication student-centered.

Thanks to those who previously participated in our BSA Survey and providing us with feedback.

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

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### CHAPTER XI, HUNTER COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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This chapter currently has around 70 active members, with the board consisting of Kiran Chand as president, Andrea Huswan-Vaquerano as vice president, David Parsard as secretary, and Sadiyyah Abdus-Sabur as treasurer. Professor María Hernández-Ojeda is Chapter XI’s faculty adviser.

Chapter Xi holds many different events throughout the year, to include a potluck of Hispanic food and the initiation ceremony. Currently, the chapter is planning *Circulo Español*, a new event where students are encouraged to engage in informal conversation to help increase their language proficiency.

The chapter also engages in larger, campus-wide events to include their toy drive in 2016. Donated toys were given to children at risk of deportation. In addition, Chapter Xi partners with the Romance Languages Department at their university. Through this partnership, they are able to host a panel of speakers from a variety of professions to discuss various collaborative projects.

“Despite the fact that we’re in such a buzzing city, there is a true sense of community among us. We are a chapter that was reinstated in 2013 after years of not being present in Hunter College. I’d like for everyone to know that we all play a part in putting Sigma Delta Pi on the map and we deeply care about those in and outside of our chapter. It’s up to all of us to begin outreach in our communities and only go up from there,” said Kiran Chand, president.