

HISTORY

for Quiz

On April 28, 1926, fifteen premedical students at the University of Alabama met with Dr. Jack Montgomery, premedical advisor and professor of organic chemistry, to formalize the organization of a new premedical honor society. Baylor University, Stamford University, The University of Texas, and the University of South Carolina established chapters in 1928/29. At the first national convention at the University of Alabama on April 18, 1930, ten members representing five chapters and one petitioning group were in attendance. From these modest beginnings, Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED) has today become the world's largest Honor Society exclusively serving premedical education, with a membership exceeding 144,000 in 186 chapters. In 1949, AED was incorporated in the State of Michigan. In February 1962, the Society was reincorporated in the District of Columbia as a nonprofit, educational organization.

The mission of the Society is to encourage and recognize excellence in premedical scholarship; to stimulate an appreciation of the importance of premedical education; to promote communication between medical and premedical students and educators; to provide a forum for students with common interests; and to use its resources to benefit health organizations, charities and the community.

The Insignia of Alpha Epsilon Delta shall consist of:

- 1) A hexagonal key or pin, on the face of which shall be inscribed AED in a

longitudinal column. The shape, reminiscent of the benzene ring, indicates the marked learning of this order toward the study of organic chemistry.



- 2) A coat of arms consisting of:



Crest: An open book debruised by a death's head above the wreath of the colors.

Arms: A silver shield bearing a black caduceus below red Greek cross. The shield is surmounted by an esquire's helmet and draped with a mantling of scroll work.

Motto: Alpha Epsilon Delta in upper and lower case Greek letters.

- 3) A seal consisting of an outlined benzene ring surrounded by a paneled border containing the

words "Alpha Epsilon Delta Founded 1926."



- 4) A cloth patch bearing the coat-of-arms of this society.
5) The colors of this society shall be red and violet.
6) The flower of this society shall be the red rose.
7) The motto of this society shall be: "Truth I Pursue."