



MARTINDALE SOCIETY

November 18, 2021, is a night to remember as we celebrated the publishing of the journal focusing on Argentina at the Harmonie Club in New York City.

And, for the first time since the Argentina cohort started the Martindale program (and now graduated from Lehigh), the Argentina alumni in attendance met in person with alumni, friends, faculty, and students.

The 100 event attendees were welcomed by Executive Director Todd Watkins. Luis Arcentales '98 '00G, Financial Advisor/Economist, Morgan Stanley and Martindale Student Associates Honors Program 1998-99 (Chile), inducted our Argentina cohort, Emma Banker, Jack Heller, Noah Jalango, Maria Lancia, Jenny Lin, Lina Oumera, Griffin Reichert, Joseph Saba, Abbhi Sekar, Anmol Shrestha, and Kira Stevenson into the Martindale Society. Congratulations to all!

Abbhi Sekar '21 gave the Argentina senior class remarks and presented *Perspectives on Business and Economics* Volume 39 to Consul Guillermo Olivares and Deputy Consul Generals Estefania Donna and Rodrigo Miranda, of the Consulate General of Argentina in New York. Anmol Shrestha '21 and Emma Banker '21 presented their research on Argentina. And, Lidya Yalew Bekele '22, Alexander Carr '22, and Melissa Hertzberg '22 presented Alaska research highlights. Hooray for in-person networking events!



Student Associates Honors Program 2021–22



ALASKA: GLORY DAYS

Glorious. That is the best way to describe the Martindale Student Associates Honors Program trip to Alaska in August. Not only is Alaska a place of breathtaking beauty, but it is also a place rich in topics important to the American economy.

During the 14-day trip, the Honors Program students learned about the Alaskan economy, the Permanent Fund, logistics and project management in an arctic environment, education issues, land rights for indigenous communities, port security, cultural life of native Alaskans, wind mills, peony and marijuana (agriculture) industries, tourism, Alaskan politics and budget issues, research in marine life, the Valdez Marine Terminal management and oil spill, Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), permafrost issues, gold mining, geothermal technology, issues in rural Alaska, and climate change. The sessions were engaging, and the Alaska cohort did not disappoint as they have now taken the top prize for most questions asked during a trip to date. Jessica Franolic, (IBE, Mechanical Engineering and Finance) wins the award for most

questions of any student in Martindale history!

Some of the highlighted speakers along the way included Neil Fried, Alaska state economist; State Representatives Zach Fields and Liz Snyders; Anna Frank and Dewey Hoffman, elders of Denakkanaaga; Joshua Verhagen, mayor of Nenana; and Willie Hensley, former US Senator and instrumental on lobbying for the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Alaska is big! It is the size of one-fifth of the Lower 48 (663,300 square miles), and is still larger than Texas, California, and Montana combined. To cover as much ground as possible, our group was on the move for much of the trip. With seven hotel changes, by bus, boat, and train, our group managed to cover 1,057 miles within Alaska.

Our agenda included visits to Anchorage, Seward, Alyeska, and Whittier; a trip across Prince William Sound to Valdez by charter boat; Fairbanks; Denali; and the trip back to Anchorage via the Alaska Railroad.

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The Martindale Student Associates Honors program 2021-22, Alaska cohort in Washington, D.C.

L to R (Top) – Nate Alter, Griffin Fox, Helen Tymes, Alex Carr, Thomas Perillo, Melissa Hertzberg, and Michael Nardelli. (Bottom) – Clare Fonstien, Jessica Franolic, Sakshi Acharya, Lidya Yalew Bekele, and Adrian Suarez.

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Agenda stops included tours and speakers from FedEx, University of Alaska, Port of Alaska, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute, Kruzof commercial fishing vessel, Exit Marine (ship repair), Port of Seward, TAPS pipeline, Valdez Museum and Historical Archive, Explore Fairbanks, Morris Thompson Cultural Center, Permafrost Tunnel Research Facility (US Army Corp of Engineers), Gold Daughters, North Pole Peonies, Chena Hot Springs, and Denali National Park. Highpoints were hikes (always with bear spray) and our boat cruises through Kenai Fjord and Prince William Sound where we saw humpback, gray and fin whales; sea otters; seals; sea lions; bald eagles; and puffins (and many other bird species that Professor Watkins could tell you about). And, the

Alaskan salmon is the best we've ever tasted.

A day did not go by that we did not keep our eyes peeled for sheep or bear and hear someone yelling "moose on the left!" Although some of the bus and train rides were long, the students and faculty entertained themselves with topic discussions and the making and reciting of limericks. We leave you with one stanza of Professor Andrew Ward's Alaska limerick:

*"It's time to go – don't tarry
Our Martindale coats we carry
We've seen Alaska, first class
So now raise your glass
And give three cheers to Harry!"*

For Alaska pictures go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/140807553@N02/albums/72157719760751911>

The Martindale Alaska cohort continued their research on their Alaska topics during a visit to Washington, D.C. in late October. Students met with Congressman Don Young's staff (R-Alaska), Washington, D.C. correspondent from Alaska Public Radio Liz Ruskin, and Fellow researchers with the Energy, Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS).

The best part of the trip was the opportunity to meet with Martindale alumni and friends during a reception and dinner at the 1789 restaurant in Georgetown. Joining us for this event were Ken Woodcock '65, Phyllis and Ira Lieberman '64, Gustavo Grinsteins '18 and Maria Planchart, Aaron Adams '20, Rachel Buonasara '20, Jordan Wolman '21, Emily Buell '19, and Sunil Wahal and Peggy Lee.

Pending the waning of pandemic issues, we hope to continue our alumni and friends events in cities that house clusters of our alumni such as Baltimore, Boston, San Francisco, and Bethlehem/Philadelphia in 2022. Please watch your email and Martindale social media for an event near you.

MARTINDALE FAMILY SHOUT-OUT

Congratulations to:

- Steph (Berger) Vaughan '07 (Benelux), a girl, Lucy Grace, on 9/20/21
- Toni Marraccini '09 (New Zealand), a boy, Grayson Sterling Koch, on 8/20/21
- Ashley (Fry) Templeton '09 (New Zealand), a girl, Hailey Noel, on 10/11/21
- Bridget Clancy '08 (Benelux), identical twins, due early 12/21
- Allison (Prosswimmer) Castagna '10 (Turkey), a boy, Miles, in 02/21
- Jared Blacker '12 (Greece), a boy, August Daly, on 10/11/21

MICROFINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Martindale Center will be hosting an international Microfinance conference on Lehigh's campus April 20-22, 2022. Watch Martindale social media for further details.

DENMARK

country of research 2022-23

May 24—June 4, 2022: the new cohort will visit Denmark. Please email Trish Alexy, tsa2@lehigh.edu, with any contacts or advice for planning. Please join us:

- March 26—induction ceremony, Denmark cohort, Lehigh campus
- April 26—spring banquet, Alaska cohort, Lehigh campus

Thank you for helping us offer Martindale programs – notably the Student Associates Honors Program – at no cost to deserving students and their families. We enclose our bi-annual solicitation card and ask you to kindly give as you are able.

The Martindale Team