



# A.Bevy Collegiate Group Production Book

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# What is A.Bevy?

## History

A.Bevy is a non-profit organization established in 2009 by visionary Bryant Kirk White. The organization's philosophy is based upon their Three Pillars of: Change, Progression, and Growth; the cyclical challenge to a mindset that allows us to live a life true to self at a deserved level of fulfillment.

A.Bevy was created while Bryant Kirk White studied abroad in Jonkoping, Sweden during the fall semester of his 2009 undergraduate sophomore year. While studying abroad Bryant questioned the true meaning and purpose of things in the world, the importance of worldly things, and the significance of each and every individual's life on this Earth. Upon his grandfather's passing in November 2009, he realized that what's important is not what you achieve but more so what you leave.

"When you're there - movement static, a quiescent mind and torpid heart - what do you have . . .  
other than what you left?" - Bryant Kirk White

Bryant wanted to create an entity in which not just himself, but others could come together, give back, and promote an altruistic lifestyle that leaned upon our unique, yet interconnected, compassionate responsibilities while on this Earth. Thus, A.Bevy was born.

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The "A." in A.Bevy stands for Anabasis, a mythological war story written by the Greek writer Xenophon. Anabasis, an expedition from a coastline up into the interior of a country depicts how one should take his surroundings, environment, & experiences and use them in order to find his or her true self. Within our core, each and every individual is different and it is there where we find our true self, and most importantly- our true purpose.

## Bevy

A "bevy" is a group of migratory birds. Deeper into the definition lies the idea of continuous migration by birds that are usually sought out for game. No matter what your situation may be, as a minority - one must continue to migrate, continue to flock, and continue to travel in search for their true selves, placement, and purpose.

### A.Bevy.

As a minority it is more than often made evident that we are the ones hunted, the ones chosen to be "put down". However, we must stay together as "a bevy" in order to become more aware of our true selves and our true purpose so that we may live a life of ultimate fulfillment.

A.Bevy was created to act in order to give back. In the beginning, the organization stood as the producer of events such as banquets, basketball tournaments, fashion shows, keynote speaker events, and workshops. As a nonprofit organization, A.Bevy planned, managed, and orchestrated their own events along with lending their philosophy, assistance, and services to other organizations' productions. As a production team with an immovable purpose that is recognizable within any event that you see A.Bevy tied to, we specialized in these unique events and used them as fundraisers. The money was used to continue A.Bevy's operations and to fund the organization's overall initiative - annual scholarships to high school and college students.

Having been incorporated as a nonprofit on January 26, 2012 and receiving tax-exempt 501c3 status on September 29, 2014, A.Bevy has undergone many changes through their operations and programming that have led it to its current mission that it upholds today.

# Mission

*To produce creative + introspective experiences that assist young adults in discovering their passion, path, and purpose.*

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A.Bevy. is a 501c3 arts and education organization that produces creative media, events, & opportunities in order to increase self-awareness within our members and audience. We provide unique experiences for high school, college, and young professional aged individuals that allow them to grow introspectively and live a purposive life.

*Vision: A society of compassionate culture.*

Many individuals suffer from self-awareness issues including difficulties with self-expression and self-regulation. Social anxiety, evaluation apprehension, and shyness can greatly interfere with our ability to establish healthy connections between ourselves and others. A healthy awareness of ourselves along with the abilities to regulate our behavior and to effectively express ourselves, are critical to creating a good quality of life.

By introspectively becoming aware of one's self, we are able to consciously grow toward the level where compassion for others becomes the key to a life of happiness for us all. With the use of our Pursuit Principles and Three Pillars we are able to reach this goal through what we call The Compassion Theory.

Utilizing The Compassion Theory, A.Bevy specializes in producing unique experiences. A.Bevy is able to do this by first focusing our productions on a formula that purveys a mindset based on our Three Pillars. Each A.Bevy program then provides opportunities for one to pursue and discover their true passion, path, and purpose. The Three Pillars allow us to uplift a mindset through our productions that look at life's changes [the activating event], how one could progress forward [the process], and in turn learn and experience growth [the goal] through these experiences.

# Three Pillars

*Change • Progression • Growth*

## **CHANGE**

The Activating Event.

*“A living thing is distinguished from a dead thing by the multiplicity of the changes at any moment taking place in it.” - Herbert Spencer*

Change is something that we should expect every moment of our lives. Whether positive or negative, we must be aware and prepared for things to change and also willing to make changes ourselves. These events and how we handle them are the deciding factors of where we go in our lives.

## **PROGRESSION**

The Process.

The process is the most important within the Three Pillars. Following the change, it is where the issues arise, emotions change, confidence is tested, & where the individual learns the most. During this time it is necessary for us to act in a manner of progression instead of regression. This is the challenge as it is easy to be defeated by the unexpected, however we promote the mindset to push forward and learn from the process instead. Everytime. Every change begets its own process - journey, consequences, lessons, losses, & gifts - with growth being the ultimate goal.

## **GROWTH**

The Goal.

We aim to grow everyday so that we will become closer to the person we are meant to be. With an increase in self-awareness comes the realization of what our true purpose is. In not being defeated by the process, you are able to reach higher goals and confidently stand in self-realization of happiness and fulfillment. No matter the change that occurs, we must progress, grow, and continue to be prepared for more changes to come.

# Pursuit Principles

*Passion • Path • Purpose*

## **PASSION**

The Talent.

A talent is defined as natural aptitude or skill. Your passion aligns with this talent. Your passion can be a specific tangible ability, a comprehensive ability, personable skill, or categorical interest. Your passion can be described as:

- 1) Something that you think about all of the time
- 2) Something that you can stay up all night working on
- 3) Something that you are always willing to do, stand for, and make sacrifices toward no matter what

## **PATH**

The Blueprint.

The second Pursuit Principle takes your passion and applies it to life in a feasible manner. Your path is your personal blueprint to how you have lived, live, will live, and will leave. Many goals are outlined by the blueprint of others, however your own personal path is the journey to your own unique fulfillment. There are many ways to survive, but only one path to thrive - this blueprint is your path.

## **PURPOSE**

The Reason.

*"We are all here for a reason on a particular path" - that reason is your purpose.*

A. Bevy's final Pursuit Principle brings the organization's vision of "a compassionate society" to the forefront. In this discovery of you passion and path comes the introspective journey (Anabasis). The pinnacle of this journey is in realization that true happiness comes from the consideration of others. In ultimate self-awareness comes the understanding that the fulfillment of others aligns directly with that of your own.

# **Programs**

A.Bevy's programming consists of our three Pursuit Programs. Each program places a focus on one of the pursuit principles in the order of attainment that A.Bevy's philosophy stands upon. The pursuit programs outline A.Bevy's target market with a range of high school aged individuals, college students, and post-collegiate professionals.

## **A.Bevy Academy**

A.Bevy Academy produces creative and introspective experiences for middle & high school students to connect with who they are, assisting in the discovery of talents, and promoting confidence in the talents that they possess. A.Bevy Academy centers around the creation of a self-awareness based curriculum, created & implemented in partnership with school districts, educational organizations, and programs that expose students to a wider range of new, eye-opening, and ability awakening experiences. A.Bevy Academy also offers workshops and presentations to other businesses and organizations.

## **A.Bevy Collegiate Group**

A.Bevy Collegiate Group focuses on producing creative and introspective experiences in the collegiate realm with a focus on path development. ACG raises the standard of the collegiate experience by assisting in the creation of a collegiate and post-collegiate plan that introspectively connects to more fulfilling goals.

## **A.Bevy Stage Association**

A.Bevy Stage Association is a young professional community and mentoring base for the support of A.Bevy's members and initiatives. With a focus on purpose, ASA - our pinnacle pursuit principle - is a conglomerate of passionate and altruistic professionals that share, collaborate, and educate our community and youth on a true life of fulfillment.

# What is A.Bevy Collegiate Group?

## History

Steven Magazine contacted Bryant Kirk White during the first quarter months of 2012 with the suggestion of making A.Bevy a USC an organization; and within less than half a year the dream had come to fruition. On July 18, 2012, A.Bevy Productions, Inc. was officially accepted, registered, and recognized as a student organization at The University of South Carolina.

A.Bevy at USC was opened to all University of South Carolina students and experience production began during September of the 2012 fall semester. The inaugural executive board of A.Bevy at USC was composed of the following:

President | Ayat Soluiman

Vice President | Raven Joyner

Treasurer | Katherine Galang

Chief Liaison | Tamara Gilmore

Event Directors | Ashley Gilmore & Francine Tamakloe

A.Bevy at USC stood completely separate from self operating – A.Bevy Productions, Inc. As the first collegiate sector of A.Bevy Productions, A.Bevy at USC set a precedent not only as an organization on USC's campus but also in comparison to campus organizations state and nationwide.

Expand the limits.

With the existence of A.Bevy at USC, A.Bevy became a more stable base to provide purpose-focused events across Columbia, SC and enabled the organization as a whole to keep events and scholarships annually consistent. After 2 years of success in Columbia, A.Bevy Collegiate Group was solidified and the growth of A.Bevy has continued ever since.

# Sectors

## **The University of South Carolina**

was established in the fall of 2012 by Steven Magazine and Bryant Kirk White and is the first established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **The University of South Carolina Upstate**

was established in the fall of 2014 by Craig Drayton and is the second established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate .

## **Coastal Carolina University**

was established in the spring of 2015 by Mariah Howard, Raheim Burgess, Iceces Scott, Sabrina Williams, Kelon Barnes, and Kelsey Davis and is the third established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **Savannah College of Art and Design**

was established in the spring of 2015 by Ke'Don Franklin is the fourth established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

A.Bevy at SCAD is currently nonoperating.

## **Winthrop University**

was established in the spring of 2015 by Sandez Werts, Tiana McGee, and Aja Cooke and is the fifth established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **Claflin University**

was established in the spring of 2015 by Carolyn Harris and Patreshia Anderson and is the sixth established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **Clemson University**

was established in the fall of 2016 by Mandasia Dillard and is the seventh established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **South Carolina State University**

was established in the spring of 2017 by Emerald Bowman and is the eighth established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **Francis Marion University**

was established in the spring of 2018 by Emmaja' Mayes and is the ninth established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **Benedict College**

was established in the fall of 2019 by Alexis Adams and is the tenth established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

## **The College of Charleston**

was established in the fall of 2019 by Taylor Branham-King and is the eleventh established sector of A.Bevy Collegiate Group.

# Constitution

## Constitution of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL*

***This constitution is the universal copy for all A.Bevy Collegiate Group sectors. Please delete this section, edit accordingly, and turn in for approval.***

### PREAMBLE

We, the members of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL*, do fully realize our purpose and do hereby adopt and establish this constitution as the guiding instrument of our organization.

### ARTICLE I

#### A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL*

The purpose of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* shall be as stated in the mission of A.Bevy: *To produce creative + introspective experiences that assist young adults in discovering their passion, path, and purpose.* The focus as a sector within A.Bevy Collegiate Group is *to produce creative + introspective experiences in the collegiate realm with a focus on path development* with a target focus on *YOUR CAMPUS* and *YOUR INSTITUTION'S CITY*.

### ARTICLE II

#### Membership

Section 1. Membership in A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* shall be limited to persons officially connected with *YOUR SCHOOL* as faculty, staff, or students. Students enrolled in the fall semester as full-time or part-time are eligible for membership.

Section 2. *YOUR SCHOOL* does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities, or decisions for qualified person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Section 3. Active members in A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* shall be conferred upon those members who, in addition to the above requirements, have paid the yearly dues in full.

Section 4. New membership intake shall take place once/year within the first 8-10 weeks of the fall semester. Membership week is directed by the Membership Director and Membership Committee under the guidelines of A.Bevy Collegiate Group's Program Director. A deadline for the completion of membership week will be provided annually.

## Section 5. Membership Week

- A. A.Bevy will host a national A.Bevy Collegiate Group membership week at least once per year during the fall semester of the school year.
- B. The full national membership week process includes the following virtual experiences: membership informational, 'What is A.Bevy?', 'KDF Training', & an introspective experience.
- C. National level and sector level membership informationals are not mandatory events for applicants. Sector level membership informationals are not required but suggested.
- D. A.Bevy Collegiate Group membership applications are made available online to the public via A.Bevy's official website.
- E. A.Bevy Collegiate Group membership applications are opened and closed under the decision of A.Bevy. The applications are submitted to, reviewed by, and potential members are notified by the ACG Program Coordinator with assistance from A.Bevy executive level representatives. Upon acceptance, potential members will be notified by ACG's Program Coordinator. Membership Directors per sector will receive the list of potential members. Following said email, membership week is under the full control of A.Bevy but should be promoted and supported by A.Bevy Collegiate Group Sector executive boards and members..
- C. Membership week consists of three (3) events in three (3) days exclusive to applied potential members. Membership will occur within no longer than an eight (8) day span. Potential members are not allowed more than one (1) excused absence before dismissal.
- D. Membership week consists of these virtual main events:
  - 1) What is A.Bevy?
  - 2) KDF Training
  - 3) Introspective Experience
  - 4) Awareness Evaluation
- E. Following the Introspective Experience, Awareness Evaluations will be made available to potential members and must be submitted by the given date.
- F. Following membership week, a T.I.N.S.E. introspective experience or social experience is not required but suggested on the sector level.
- G. Additional sector level experiences are suggested but not required to compliment membership week.

## **ARTICLE III** Organization

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be elected if not appointed from the active members. Any student seeking to hold or holding office must maintain the cumulative GPA requirement for graduation and remain in good standing in their respective college.

Section 2. Executive Board members must maintain definitive dedication to the organization. Presence both mentally and physically is required. Unexcused absence, early dismissal or tardiness to 3+ meetings will result in removal from office.

Section 3. The elected or appointed officers of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Experience Director, and Membership Director. All of which shall serve as the Executive Board.

Section 4. Elections:

- A. All officers shall be elected on or before the first of each year, and shall serve one-year terms.
- B. Executive Board elections occur during the April month prior to the active school year.
- C. Nomination day occurs and is open to all members. Election day occurs separately from nomination day and requires members with accepted nominations to give a speech specific to their accepted nominations position.
- B. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast. Only active members are eligible to vote. If no candidate for an office receives a majority of the votes cast, then only the top two candidates will be placed on a second ballot for that office until a majority is reached.
- C. A quorum of one-half of the active membership shall be reached for all meetings where officer nominations or elections take place.
- D. All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. Any two officers shall tabulate the ballots.
- E. When there is a lack of interest in executive positions but trust from current members is prevalent, appointment of officers into those positions for the next term may be made by current executive members.

Section 5. Officers' Duties

- A. The President must exert passion and understanding, shall preside at all A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* meetings, serve as experience liaison for all external and internal opportunities, has power to nominate a faculty advisor to be approved by the active members, and to act as a spokesperson for the organization.
- B. The Vice President shall preside at all A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* meetings in the President's absence, and upon his or her resignation, shall become the President of the organization for the duration of his term. The Vice President will support the President in all lead executive instances. The Vice President shall also handle and keep a record of all A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* business and correspondence, including, but not restricted to: recording and submitting minutes at executive and general meetings; informing members of all meetings and activities; recording and submitting path points, shall be in charge of all communications between the sponsors and all other assisting or partnering groups in order to maintain order and correspondence with all occurring changes with the organization outside of and within *YOUR SCHOOL*.
- C. The Treasurer shall handle all financial transactions of the organization, including, but not restricted to the collection of dues; managing all bank account(s); recording all transactions in the appropriate books; and heading all membership statistics. The Treasurer serves as the co-chair for the fundraising committee alongside an appointed or elected non-executive board member.
- D. The Experience Director shall be manager and lead catalyst of all sector experiences - events, media, and opportunities - under the name of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL*; making sure that the mission and focus of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* is evident in all experiences; and that the organization does not participate if the mission of said experience is not in alignment with that of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL*. The Experience Director serves as the chair of the Experience Committee. The Experience

Committee should be composed of members interested in creating and managing creative and introspective experiences: events, media, and opportunities.

H. The Membership Director shall be the leader of all members within the sector. The Membership Director shall manage and direct semester membership weeks, keep an up-to-date file on all members, and head all membership guaranteed and potential benefits. The Membership Director serves as chair for the Membership Committee.

Section 6. The Faculty/Staff Advisor to A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* shall be nominated by the Executive Board and approved by majority vote of a quorum of active members. The Faculty/Staff Advisor must be selected from full-time faculty or administrative staff members at the university/institution. The advisor shall serve as a liaison with the university/institution, and help in the transition period between officers. The Advisor will be notified of and invited to all A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* meeting and activities.

#### Section 7. Initiatives

A. A.Bevy's annual initiatives consist of the following:

- 1) The Forum, Purple Matters, Community Project, Creative Project, Stories of Change. Code To Giving, & T.I.N.S.E.

B) A.Bevy Collegiate Group sectors are not required to produce experience for each nor all A.Bevy initiatives, but it is suggested.

#### Section 8. Path Point System

A. The ACG Path Point System is the basis of A.Bevy Collegiate Group membership. It is the regulatory system that maintains order and addresses the progression of all members and sectors.

B. A.Bevy Collegiate Group Sectors should use the point system to create accountability, benefit, and incentive systems for members.

C. The Path Point System is tracked by each sector's President.

D. All points of positive additions are strictly listed in the A.Bevy Collegiate Group Production Book and should be updated and submitted every 1st and 15th of every month.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Dues and Finances

Section 1. A.Bevy's Program Director will establish the membership dues for A.Bevy Collegiate Group members. Dues are to be paid following the membership renewal of current members and membership week for potential members. Membership dues will be paid annually and will cover A.Bevy level, A.Bevy Collegiate Group level, and sector level benefits. Membership dues must be paid by the designated deadline for membership to continue in the given school year. Upon payment of membership dues thereafter, yearly membership is created/maintained and attendance of membership-only meetings and events become available. A.Bevy Collegiate Group sectors may request additional dues to be used within their sector's treasury.

Section 3. A.Bevy at YOUR SCHOOL will finance its activities through membership dues, fundraising projects, and may apply for funds from *YOUR SCHOOL* after A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* [becomes] eligible [*under YOUR SCHOOL'S REQUIREMENTS*].

## **ARTICLE V**

### Meetings

Section 1. The first general meeting of the fall semester shall be held within two weeks after classes begin.

Section 2. General member meetings shall be held at least twice a month during the school year at dates and time set by the organization.

Section 3. The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. The basic agenda at regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Approval of Minutes
- D. Executive Board Reports
- F. Committee Reports
- G. Old Business
- H. New Business
- I. Announcements
- J. Adjournment

Section 5. Action on any business, old or new, requires a quorum of the sector's membership.

Section 6. Executive Board meetings must occur at least twice a month prior to each general meeting on a date and time agreed upon within general consensus. The agenda for the preceding general meeting must be finalized at the executive board meeting prior. Quorum of the executive board must be in attendance for action on any business to occur.

Section 7. Committee Meetings occur after member meetings or at a date and time set by committee chairs. Quorum of the executive board must be in attendance for action on any business to occur.

#### Sector Committees:

##### A. Fundraising Committee

- The fundraising committee focuses on planning, executing, and the necessary existence of experiences aimed to maintain operational and scholarship funds within the sector. The fundraising committee is co-chaired by the Treasurer alongside an appointed or elected non-executive board member.

B. Experience Committee

- The experience committee focuses on planning, executing, raising the standard, and the existence of A.Bevy's mission within all forms of experiences. The experience committee is headed by the Event, Media, Community, and Creative Director.

C. Membership Committee

- The membership committee focuses on member benefits, voice, and fulfillment within the organization. The committee plans and executes member-specific experiences and discusses, maintains, and uplifts the progression of member relations within the sector. The membership committee is headed by the Membership Director.

Section 8. A.Bevy Collegiate Group Committee Meetings take place and are run on the program level.

**ARTICLE VII**

Removal from Executive Board

Section 1. An A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* executive board member whose dereliction of duty adversely affects the operations of the organization shall be subject to disciplinary action or removal from office.

Section 2. A written request stating the reasons for dismissal and signed by at least three (3) active members of the organization must be submitted at a regularly scheduled meeting,

Section 4. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all active members is required to remove the officer from office.

Section 5. In the instance where an Executive Board member chooses to resign from their position, they must do so in written or typed form. Resignation must include specific reason for resignation, include specific date of resignation's effectiveness, and must be submitted to all other sector Executive Board members and A.Bevy Collegiate Group's Program Director.

**ARTICLE VIII**

Probation and Suspension

Section 1. Membership probation occurs when a student's responsibility as a member is not being fulfilled and lack of such fulfillment becomes a detriment to the sector's output. Executive boards must discuss the potential probation of a member and bring it to a vote at a general body meeting. While on probationary status, a member cannot attend meetings, experiences, nor participate in any roles or planning, and lose any executive or committee position currently held. While on probationary status, a member must contact the A.Bevy Collegiate Group Program Coordinator to regain active membership. After 4 weeks on a probationary period, the member is placed under suspension.

Section 2. Membership suspension places a member on definite inactivity. Definite member suspension period last two (2) semesters after the semester of suspension. After the suspension period, a member may apply for reinstatement by officially appealing the suspension through the Program Director.

Section 3. Sector suspension places the entire sector on definite inactivity. Definite sector suspension occurs when more than 50% of members are on probation. Suspension period lasts for remaining semester of suspension plus one (+1) semester. After the suspension period, any representative of the sector may apply for reinstatement by officially appealing the suspension through the Program Director

Section 4. Initiative suspension places the entire sector on definite inactivity. Definite initiative suspension occurs when a form for any annual initiative experience is late. Suspension period lasts for 4 weeks (28 days) starting the initial late submission date. If the form is not submitted prior to close of initiative suspension, sector suspension occurs.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution is binding to all members of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* but is not binding unto itself.

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed in writing by an active member of A.Bevy at *YOUR SCHOOL* at any regular meeting at which two-thirds (2/3) of the active members are present.

Section 3. Proposed amendments shall be voted upon only after two regular meetings following the introduction of the proposal.

Section 4. Proposed amendments will become effective following a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the active members and clearance from the A.Bevy Collegiate Group Program Director.

### **ARTICLE X**

#### Ratification

The undersigned student(s) of *YOUR SCHOOL*, after a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of active members, do hereby agree to follow the guidelines of this Constitution.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Constitution may be ratified by member's signatures or officer's signatures and attached petition sheet. All ratifications must be dated.)

# **Membership**

## **Benefit Statement**

*A.Bevy Collegiate Group is a member based program of A.Bevy, Inc. Members of ACG represent and stand for the organization's mission; and in that - the organization represents and stands for each one of its members.*

Advancement Opportunities | Passion Illumination | Extensive Creative Freedom  
Exclusive Networking Platform | Motivation & Inspiration | Introspective Enhancement  
Resume Building | A.Bevy Event & Paraphernalia Discounts | Awards  
Internships | Mentorships | Path Development | Scholarships

*As a member you uphold the pursuit principles, are a walking example of the three pillars, and a shining light of the importance of compassion. By selflessly giving yourself during your collegiate years, A.Bevy Collegiate Group members are a nonpareil, favored, respected, confident, and esteemed bevy of individuals that provide hope for a better future for us all.*

Silver Level Member:

250 Points

Gold Level Member:

350 Points

Platinum Level Member:

500 Points

## **How To Become a Member**

The only way to become an A.Bevy Collegiate Group member is through A.Bevy's annual membership week. Membership week is a mandatory set of annual experiences that take place virtually. Requirements for membership week are listed in the ACG sector constitution [Article II]. Visit [www.abevy.org](http://www.abevy.org) for updates on annual membership week(s) and applications.

## **Membership Database**

To maintain membership of A.Bevy Collegiate Group, it is mandatory to enter your name into the membership database and pay dues annually. All correspondences, updates, and benefits as a member are dependent upon your information in the database. Membership database information will also be used for your personal profile, opportunity outreach, and grant information for the ACG Program.

To update your information in the membership database, email [acg@abevy.org](mailto:acg@abevy.org). It is imperative that we have updated emails, phone numbers, and mailing addresses for all benefits of membership to be fulfilled.

## **Path Point System**

The ACG Path Point System is the basis of ACG membership. It is the regulatory system that maintains order and addresses the progression of all members and sectors.

- The Path Point System is tracked by each sector's Vice President.
- All points of positive additions are strictly listed below. No other additions or deductions exist.
- A Microsoft Excel sheet must be kept including all members, addition reasons, addition amounts, and dates of additions..
- Sector Path Point System sheets must be submitted every 1st and 15th of every month.
- The President is to oversee the fair execution of the Path Point System by the Vice President including the VP's point balance.

- New member point balance begins with their passing Awareness Evaluation score (70-100).
- Executive Board members must maintain 80 or more points or positions will be filled by immediate new member election.

### **Positive Additions**

- 1) Completed a self-conducted community/creative project, +20
- 2) Submitted an executed experience idea, +20
- 3) Held an executive board position for a year, +20
- 4) Held an ACG level committee position for a year, +15
- 5) Subject for a Story of Change +30
- 6) Minor Path completion – Illuminate, +20
- 7) Minor Path completion – Research, +60
- 8) Minor Path completion - Network, +70
- 9) Minor Path completion - Create, +100
- 10) Perfect attendance (year – meetings & experiences), +70
- 11) Attended or participated in another sector’s experience, +30
- 12) Hold an ACG level Committee Coordinator position for a year, +20
- 13) Attend ACG or A.Bevy level experience (Retreat, IYS, Conference, Fashion Defined, etc.), +30

# Minor Paths

For an in-depth look at your journey with the minor paths, please see the Minor Paths Completion Packet at [www.abevy.org/forms](http://www.abevy.org/forms).

## **Illuminate**

### Phase One: Declaring Your Passion

The first minor path challenges you as a member to not only distinguish your passion, but introspectively connect to it in so that it shines outward in everything that you do.

- Declaration of Passion
- Written declaration of your passion that highlights the level of self-awareness in the realization and the goals that align with your declaration

## **Research**

### Phase Two: Determining Path Feasibility

The second minor path highlights and challenges the feasibility of your passion's existence in our world and allows you to have historical evidence of how it has and can be used on a successful path.

- Researching careers, job titles, companies, & people that align with experiences involving your passion
- Route creations that include checkpoints, minor goals, and necessary sacrifices

## **Network**

### Phase Three: Enlightenment on Path Existence

The third minor path gives the member real world interpersonal experience with what your path may feel like by challenging you to dissect hands on experiences and the effects they have on your level of self-awareness.

- At least 8 weeks of interning or shadowing with a professional within your researched path field
- Weekly journal tracking progression and introspective journey

### **Create**

#### Phase Four: Embracing your Responsibility

The final minor path brings your journey full circle and allows your completed introspective search to compassionately make its way outward in compassionate and tangible form.

KDF form submission and the execution of a creative or community project that aligns with your path goal

## **Members Portal & Forms**

All official A.Bevy Collegiate Group information and forms can be found online via the A.Bevy Members Portal. The members portal can be accessed at [www.abevy.org/membersportal](http://www.abevy.org/membersportal). A password is needed to access this page and will be created by you after paying your membership dues. Please do not share your password with others even if they are an A.Bevy member.

*Below are the listed digital forms available via the members portal.*

### **KDF Form**

This form must be used to request permission to execute an ACG experience. The request must be approved before the experience can be publicized. This form must be filled out in compliance to A.Bevy's mission and standards three weeks (21 days) prior to event date. It can be used for sector-hosted experiences and member self-conducted experiences.

### **Post-Experience Form**

This form must be submitted within one week (7 days) after the date of an A.Bevy Collegiate Group experience. Form must be used for both sector-hosted experiences and member self-conducted experiences.

### **Minor Path Completion Packet**

This form outlines the necessary steps and requirements to complete each Minor Path: Illuminate, Research, Network, and Create. The Minor Path curriculum is the core benefit of being an A.Bevy Collegiate Group member.

### **New Sector Application**

This form may be used by a member or anyone interested in order to start a new A.Bevy Collegiate Group sector at an institution. We invite current members to share this link with friends and peers who are known to have an interest in bringing A.Bevy's mission to their school.

### **Membership Transfer Form**

This form may be used to request transfer from one active A.Bevy Collegiate Group sector to another. If transferring to an institution with no ACG sector, please submit a sector start-up form.

### **Member Leave Form**

This form may be used to request leave as a member of A.Bevy Collegiate Group for up to a total of 6 months or 183 days. During member leave, a member's Path Points go untracked. Membership can be reinstated after leave by submitting an approved reinstatement form.

### **Reinstatement Form**

This form may be used to request reinstatement as an A.Bevy Collegiate Group member or for an A.Bevy Collegiate Group sector after probation, suspension, member leave, or negligence to follow proper steps for member continuation that resulted in removal from membership database.

### **A.Bevy Design Form**

Use this form to submit designs for merchandise, apparel, paraphernalia, marketing tools, or any tangible item your sector plans to create using A.Bevy's name or likeness.

### **Membership Database Info Update**

This link is to be used to access the A.Bevy Collegiate Group membership database. All correspondences and benefits as a member go through the membership database. Please utilize this link to update your Program Director on your information.

### **Graduation Notification**

This form is used to inform ACG of your upcoming graduation. To receive full benefits as a graduate, notification must be submitted by date listed on form. There are no exceptions.

## **Probation and Suspension**

Membership probation, membership suspension, sector suspension, and initiative suspension are all outlined in the A.Bevy Collegiate Group constitution [Article VIII]. Probation and suspension are taken extremely seriously and are put in place to guarantee your focus, dedication, and mindfulness toward the mission-based goal of ACG and the promise to its members.

## **Awards**

Annual A.Bevy Collegiate Group Awards are presented every summer following the specific award school year. Award consideration is done through nomination, submission, presentation, and voting. Presentations for each award are done during the award year's A.Bevy Pursuit Weekend and voting is done by A.Bevy's Board of Directors. Additional voting is done by A.Bevy's Board of Directors. The annual ACG awards consist of:

Member of the Year

Sector of the Year

## Graduation

Graduation is a proud moment for all A.Bevy Collegiate Group member. As college is just the beginning of your journey toward fulfillment, graduation marks the end of the beginning and the beginning of your independent journey on your passionate path. All ACG members can purchase an ACG specific graduation stole to highlight your willingness and acceptance of your responsibility to compassionately create and altruistically give. In that, the future is forever brighter than the future.

*Upon graduation, we invite all members to join A.Bevy final pursuit program - A.Bevy Stage Association. For all inquiries concerning ASA, please email [asa@abevy.org](mailto:asa@abevy.org).*

# Experience Production

*"Our goal is not to sell things to make money, but to produce experiences that provide awareness, excitement, give hope, and make purpose the standard in all that is created."*

- Bryant Kirk White, A.Bevy Founder

A.Bevy was founded under the name of A.Bevy Productions, Inc. As a nonprofit, the organization sold no tangible products, but its "productions" are what stand above the standard by strategically and creatively pushing the mission and vision forward. With a unique way of producing experiences, A.Bevy Collegiate Group offers creative freedom like no other platform - allowing members to tap into themselves and create passionate productions that change the world for the better.

***Why is who saying what to whom using what medium with what aesthetics?***

Productions under A.Bevy's name use perceptive qualities to create an interpersonal to intrapersonal experience for the targeted audience. By using the KDF format in the creation of all productions, the organization is esteemed for the high standard carried by its experiences. As an A.Bevy production, it is up to the producer to construct experiences that are well-thought out, precisely aimed, and in carrying A.Bevy's mission and vision - raise the standard of how important our responsibility is to create for the betterment of us all.

## **Experience Forms**

### **Media**

Digital Presentations

Media productions can be experienced from anywhere at any time through technology.

### **Events**

Live Presentations

Events are productions that require your audience to gather in a specific place to experience.

## **Opportunities**

### *Advancement Possibilities*

Opportunities are productions with a focus on providing a tangible or intangible advancement for an audience or individual.

## **Experience Types**

### **Introspective Experience**

The act of examining or observing one's mental and emotional processes through strategic communication.

### **Art Experience**

The display and highlighting of expressed or applied human creative skill and imagination in a visual form to be appreciated for the beauty and/or emotional power.

### **Social Experience**

The activity of numerous individuals spending time together and releasing inhibitions.

## **Experience Categories**

### **Outreach**

The outreach category of experiences places a higher focus on intrapersonal community service more than anything. Outreach productions have a specific intent to help a specific target.

### **Artreach**

The artreach category of experiences places a higher focus on the interpersonal creative production, display, or admiration for the arts.

# National Initiatives

A.Bevy's national initiatives provide a framework for A.Bevy Collegiate Group experience production but do not outline any requirements for sectors. Sectors may use these initiatives to create unique experiences on their campus and within their community and are invited to create their own sector initiatives.

## The Forum

**Forum** - noun - [3] *an assembly, meeting place, television program, etc., for the discussion of questions of public interest.*

The term "forum" comes from Roman history and was originally the name of the market and meeting place for the people and central space for judicial and business affairs. Across college campuses worldwide, students meet on specific dates in order to discuss ideas - whether deemed fact or opinion - in order to exchange and challenge the knowledge of the common man. A.Bevy recognizes the importance of this type of event not just on collegiate campuses but in the community as well. We are also aware of the abundance of information and speed in transfer of news in today's society. With technology it is possible for ideas - whether fact or fiction - to be spread across the world in seconds. With that, the importance and magnitude of a forum increases.

Created by Ayat Soluiman, inaugural President of A.Bevy at USC in November of 2012, The Forum targets a public topic that affects everyone and will sets a higher standard for forums everywhere. All subjects addressed should be in "layer form" - whatever the audience initially comes in to discuss should be the top layer and what they discover upon leaving should be of layers much more introspective. The ultimate goal then being to not give answers, but to provide the audience with the means to find the answers within themselves

- Once/Semester
- Topic Assigned by A.Bevy
- Guided Discussion
- Mediator
- Interpersonal to Intrapersonal Connection
- Current Events
- Objective Focused

## **Purple Matters**

Purple Matters is an A.Bevy initiative that provides the opportunity for people to challenge both themselves and the community to embrace what issues individually matter to them. In the realm of societal issues, October is world renown as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this time, pink is visually and emotionally embraced more than any other color in popular and cultural realms. However, October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Every 9 seconds in the U.S. a woman is abused. As college students face changes and grow more self-aware, ACG shines a light on the color purple in recognition of such. Though breast cancer does statistically affect a nearly incomparable amount of people - Purple Matters allows A.Bevy to stand within the popular and cultural realms and highlight another societal issue that should never be overlooked.

- October 1st-31st
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Multiple experiences catered toward the awareness, discussion, embrace, and healing of domestic violence and internal issues
- Widened perception on overlooked issues

## **Community Project**

The community project initiative is a goal that calls for the utmost level of creativity and introspection from the world, especially our members. Community Projects build a connection between an A.Bevy and various outer initiatives, community issues, people, and business within the community that then creates multiple avenues to promote A.Bevy's mission by doing the same for others. Community projects utilize and help build:

- Community Service
- Community Outreach
- Interpersonal Relations
- Community Partnerships

### **Creative Project**

The creative project initiative is a goal that calls for the utmost level of creativity and introspection from the world, especially our members. Creative Projects creates unique A.Bevy content that highlights things happening across the world, unheard voices, unseen perspectives, and the value of self awareness in the most artistic of ways. Creative Projects are and provide:

- Tangible Production
- Aesthetic Advancement
- Socially Relevant
- Memorable Creative Mark
- Long Lasting Product

### **Stories of Change**

Stories of Change are personal stories from A.Bevy members expressing how they progressed through the ups and downs that certain changes have occurred in their lives and how they have grown toward happiness, fulfillment, and purpose because of it.

Stories of Change are a direct representation of all that A.Bevy: The School of Self Awareness stands for. These stories highlight the needed continuous introspection within our members and just as much, promotes the responsibility we have to be the catalyst of introspection for others.

Stories of Change uplift the changes that occur in our individual lives, shines a light on the process of progression that it caused and highlights the growth in self-awareness that we proudly garnered from the situation. In the understanding, acceptance, and sharing of what has happened in our own lives, we are able to string commonalities of victory between each other and exponentially allow compassion to raise us all even higher as a society.

- Each Story of Change will address the introspective questions: "What is a life-altering change that occurred in your life? What happened? How did it affect you? How did you grow from it?"
- Stories of change can be written or recorded and can be sent to [change@abevy.org](mailto:change@abevy.org).

### **Code To Giving**

The Code To Giving initiative places A.Bevy's vision of a compassionate society to the forefront. Named after the notion that each produced experience provides access to true altruism, selflessness, and compassion - Code To Giving also represents opportunities for people across different area codes to have A.Bevy produced events that they can be a part of during the holiday season.

The Code To Giving initiative has A.Bevy produce at least one experience between Thanksgiving-Christmas that emphasizes and promotes the responsibility that we all share to give back.

### **T.I.N.S.E.**

T.I.N.S.E. (pronounced "tense") is an A.Bevy initiative that promotes self-reflection towards self-awareness across the world and especially within our members. An acronym for "Things I've Never Said Exercise", the initiative is a focus within majority, if not all A.Bevy experiences

A specific T.I.N.S.E. experience can happen at public or members only A.Bevy events. During a T.I.N.S.E., no one is required to speak, can decline to share, and should only speak under their own will. Requiring or forcing individuals to share their personal challenges and triumphs is not the goal, however the creation and promotion of a safe space where people feel that there is an opportunity to speak is the goal.

# **Scholarship**

## **The A.Bevy.Endowment**

The award was first given in 2010 at The University of South Carolina upon Bryant White's return from Sweden as A.Bevy's first ever scholarship. It was awarded under the sponsorship of USC's National Pan-Hellenic Council. However, after sponsorship was lost the following year, A.Bevy took complete control of the endowment, raising it from \$500 to its current amount of \$1,000.

The A.Bevy.Endowment is a monetary award to A.Bevy Collegiate Group members. Scholarship applications can be found online in the member's portal. Applicants are reviewed and recipients are selected by A.Bevy's Board of Directors. The A.Bevy Endowment is now given annually after the spring semester with recipient's being announced alongside national scholarship recipients during the annual A.Bevy Pursuit Weekend.

## **National Scholarships**

A.Bevy national scholarships are uniquely established awards that cater toward specific criteria such as: area of study, age, location, or various other categories of application. They are established by individuals and groups who utilize A.Bevy's 501c3 status in order to raise funds and give back in order to assist in the progression of the passionate path of others.

A.Bevy Collegiate Group members and non-members are allowed to apply for and create any of the available national scholarships.

## **Scholarship Creation**

Interested in establishing an A.Bevy national scholarship of your own?

Email [change@abevy.org](mailto:change@abevy.org) to begin the process.