

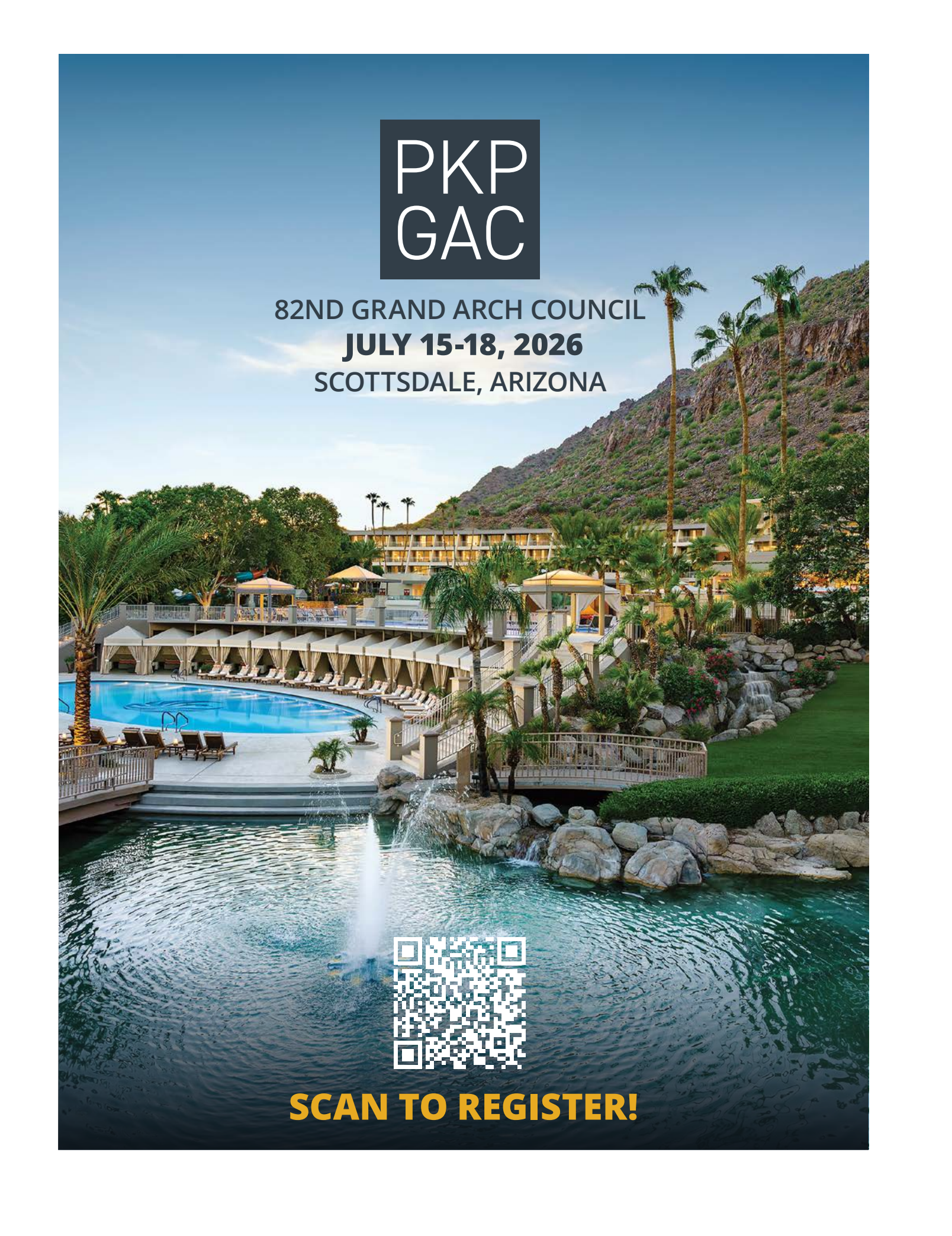
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A man with short brown hair and a beard is seen from the back, looking over his shoulder towards a vast, green mountain landscape. He is wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and a large black backpack with yellow accents. A clear water bottle with a red cap is visible in a side pocket of the backpack. He is standing on a wooden railing. The background shows steep, forested mountains under a cloudy sky.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Brothers,

I've been reflecting quite a bit lately on how much of who I am today is the direct result of the men who took the time to invest in me. Some were formal mentors, others never carried the title, but all of them showed up — sometimes quietly, sometimes firmly — when it mattered most.



Dumas

Throughout my time as your President, I can say with certainty: Mentorship is not a nice-to-have bonus. It is essential to who we are and who we will become.

From the moment we are initiated, we are linked by something much larger than ourselves. That connection shouldn't end at graduation; it should deepen. Our ritual teaches us that brotherhood is lived, not simply remembered. Mentoring is one of the most powerful ways we bring that lesson to life — by walking alongside another brother, offering perspective, encouragement, and at times, a steady hand when the road ahead isn't clear.

Many of us can point to a brother who helped us navigate college, career decisions, marriage, fatherhood, leadership, or moments of real challenge. My greatest mentor, both in college and after, has been Brother Steven "Nez" Nieslawski *Illinois* '79. Nez was IL Zeta's first Colony and Chapter advisor. He has been with me throughout my time in the Fraternity. He has given me great counsel, and while I don't always agree with his advice, I listen and take it to heart. As a Past President, he has been a wealth of knowledge and help on my journey to wear the President's Medallion. He also speaks to something that I try to tell others in the Fraternity: Brotherhood is not limited to where you went to school. If you have the opportunity to help brothers from different places, raise your hand to volunteer. That is Phi Psi at its best, and just as many of us now have the opportunity — perhaps even the responsibility — to be that person for someone else.

As we continue to focus on alumni engagement and strengthening our lifelong commitment to this Fraternity,

mentorship stands at the center of that work. With more than 95,000 living alumni and nearly 6,000 undergraduates, the potential impact is enormous. One brother showing up for another, one conversation and one relationship at a time. That's how culture is built, and that's how it's sustained.

This brings me to an important moment on our calendar: Grand Arch Council.

The GAC is more than a date — it's a reminder of why this Fraternity exists and the men who believed deeply enough in mentorship, values, and brotherhood to build something that has now endured for over a century. I encourage every brother reading this to make plans to attend. By being there you are making yourself visible. You are creating space for connection. You are giving undergraduates — and fellow alumni — the chance to see what Phi Kappa Psi looks like across a lifetime. That presence matters more than you may realize.

As always, I'll close with a call to action: **Be a mentor. Seek a mentor. Show up where brothers are gathering.** Attend Phi Psi events. Shake hands. Share stories. Listen more than you speak. The future of Phi Kappa Psi is shaped in these moments — when generations meet, experience is shared, and **brotherhood is lived out loud.**

I believe that Phi Kappa Psi is a flame kept alive by relationships, strengthened through mentorship, and passed forward each time one brother chooses to invest in another. Together, let's ensure it continues to burn bright — for those beside us now, and for those who will follow.

BLSAOET,

Marc A. S. Dumas *DePaul* '93
69th President of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity

FRATERNITY FUELS *Passion* AND PURPOSE

By Jennifer Gombach

Phi Kappa Psi's greatest value is in its lifelong impact, something Brian Schutt *Purdue '99* knows well. His experiences with the Fraternity, both during and after college, gave him the tools to pursue and succeed in a career he loves.

Brian, a startup entrepreneur and real estate investor, is the co-founder of Refinery46, a collaborative co-working space and startup incubator in Indianapolis. He also previously co-founded Homesense Heating and Cooling. In 2025, Indiana Gov. Mike Braun named Brian as the director of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, a new agency that aims to assist small businesses and startups in the state.

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After graduation, Brian ended up in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where he spent almost three years working with the late Phi Psi legend Jerry Nelson *UCLA '48*. In that time, Brian learned a lot about the real estate business and a lot more about life.

“During those years, I formed some of my closest friendships and closest bonds. That’s the impact the Fraternity had, in different ways from my college experience,” he said. “Again, it comes back to relationships that hold people to a higher standard, that elevate people’s imagination of what is possible.”

Brian helped Jerry start the American Leadership Academy, a program designed to guide Phi Psi leaders of tomorrow. Jerry’s mentorship, which lives on through the Nelson Leadership Institute, has impacted countless brothers nationwide. Brian credits Jerry with “challenging me to use the gift of time to make an impact with the one life we get.” He also wants to carry on Jerry’s message.

“His definition of being a winner was tapping into your creative purpose and being great at whatever it is you decide to do, being uncompromising in finding what that unique purpose is,” he said.

Brian found his purpose in entrepreneurship. “I spend my time thinking about problems that impact the entrepreneurial ecosystem,” he said. “I love working with founders to support their journey, help companies create growth strategies, and connect talent with opportunities. I enjoy building things, cultivating community, and helping leaders who feel stuck.”

At the new Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Brian sees his appointment as a confluence of all his past experiences. The office aims to support small business growth, oversee programs and funding for entrepreneurship and innovation, and coordinate with other state agencies to align services for business owners.

“It ties directly to Phi Psi’s vision of *The Great Joy of Serving Others*,” he said.

In his new role, Brian sees an opportunity to combine his passion for business with the values Phi Psi instilled within him.

“I believe deeply in how entrepreneurship can transform communities and states, ultimately to impact people and make lives better,” Brian explained. “This is something that is deeply reflective of my experience with Phi Psi and what our Fraternity stands for.”

As Brian takes on the challenge of helping Indiana small businesses, he fully intends to stay engaged with Phi Psi. In the end, it’s all about people.

“That’s what has kept me involved,” he said. “I’ve formed some of my closest friendships through the fraternity experience.”

According to Brian, his career path began with Phi Psi. At his first pledge class meeting, no one else volunteered to serve as president. Brian decided to raise his hand and take on the job.

“It was a transformative experience for me. I had not held leadership positions before joining Phi Kappa Psi,” he said.

That led to more leadership roles in the house, including chapter president.

“The first small business that I had an opportunity to run was the Indiana Delta Chapter at Purdue,” Brian explained. “It had some of the fundamental characteristics of any business that I’ve been involved in.”

Leading the chapter honed his skills in administration, marketing, and philanthropy. Most of all, it taught Brian the value of human resources. “Ultimately, our product was the people we brought into the house. As anyone reading this knows, if you don’t have good people, you don’t have a good chapter house.”

Brian served on the Executive Council as a District III Archon from 2001-03, during the Fraternity’s national sesquicentennial. He also is a member of the Order of the S.C.

“The experience and relationships I made as an archon transformed the rest of my life,” he said. Brian saw that Phi Psi provided a common foundation for brotherhood, even across different chapters. “It allows for a depth of connection and the formation of strong bonds that are hard to break.”

RANSOM NOTES

MENTORING IN THE MOMENT

By Executive Director Ronald K. Ransom II *Butler '00*

After facilitating a chapter retreat last year, I received an unexpected email from an undergraduate member. He thanked me for my time and asked if I'd consider being his mentor — a question I had not anticipated.



Ransom

Some helpful context: A few months prior, I finally signed up for the Wineman Mentor Advantage Program (MAP), which connects Phi Psi alumni with undergraduate brothers for personal and professional growth. I had hesitated because, as Executive Director, I wasn't sure any member would ask me to be their mentor. But it's a Phi Psi program, I'm an alumnus, and I love working with

students — so why not?

I told the student yes. And our journey began.

Since then, we've had regular calls, impromptu conversations, and random texts. Most chats aren't about the fraternity — they're about life, challenges, and sharing lessons from my successes and failures. To be clear: This hasn't been a teacher-student relationship. I've gained just as much, if not more, from him than he has from me. His energy and positive outlook remind me why I do the work I do. His interests provide me with new insights and

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perspectives. His questions challenge me to reflect on my experiences. Above all, each interaction reminds me that while the world constantly changes, many questions we face remain remarkably familiar.

You might be thinking, "Cool story, bro. What's your point?" I have one, I promise. I had wondered why a 19-year-old college student would want to talk to me. Don't get me wrong — I talk to college men all the time when I visit chapter houses and attend fraternity events. But intentional, ongoing interaction is different.

Here's the point: Young men are looking for someone to help them navigate life's questions, and a mentor can provide an ear and thoughtful advice. And every alumnus qualifies. Each of us has life experiences worth sharing, and mentoring can be as meaningful for the mentor as for the mentee.

MAP has had some early traction, but with your help, we can make it the centerpiece of development for our undergraduate members through one-on-one interactions.

Sustained relationships create space for real growth for all involved. They also reinforce the truth many of us learned as undergraduates: Brotherhood is not a season of life; it's a lifelong commitment.

Mentors played a vital role in my growth. While I never joined a formal program, I can easily name those who influenced me: my dad and uncles, Mr. Bell and Mr. Brown from high school, and in college, alumni like Ray Volpe *Butler '78*, Mickey Rogers *Butler '89*, and Bob Marchesani *IUP '79 (Butler '94)*. Professionally, Shawn Collinsworth *Indiana State '91* gave me my first Phi Psi opportunity and remains a trusted advisor, while Paul Wineman *Washington '55* always challenged and supported me. It only seems fitting that I participate in a program dedicated to Paul's passion for guidance and instruction.

You may be all-in already, but if you're skeptical, why not try to prove me wrong? Signing up for the Wineman Mentoring Advantage Program only takes a moment. And, you never know whose life you'll impact. It might be your own.

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Ronald K. Ransom II

A LITTLE TIME MAKES A *Big* DIFFERENCE

By Lori Roberts

A successful professional path rarely comes with a clear map, but for Phi Kappa Psi undergraduates, navigating the complexities of college and post-graduate life just became a lot easier.

The Wineman Mentoring Advantage Program is building a crucial bridge, connecting ambitious student members with

experienced alumni for one-on-one guidance that extends far beyond job advice.

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“There’s value in having direct access to somebody who has already made the mistakes you’re going to make and has already had the success you’re hoping to have,” said Jordan Raugh *Muskingum* ’13, Phi Psi’s Director of Mentoring.

Fueled by a generous estate gift from alumnus Paul Wineman *Washington* ’55 and managed by the Nelson Leadership Institute, MAP is strategically pairing students and alumni around

the country. Since launching in January 2024, the program has evolved to provide tailored insight into fraternity life, college challenges, and career alternatives. It fills a vital need for chapters that previously lacked a formal mentoring structure.

“Most of our chapters weren’t short on enthusiasm. They were just scratching their heads about where to even find mentors,” Raugh said. “We are working to offer easy solutions.”

MAP keeps it simple and manageable. Interested students and alumni fill out an application, listing their needs and skills. Raugh and chapter advisors then make thoughtful, strategic connections, prioritizing a listening ear and friendly advice. While professional goals guide many requests, Raugh emphasizes that many brothers are seeking more personal insights, focusing on cultural, spiritual, and emotional health alongside career concerns.

Once the connection is made, the ball is in the mentee’s court. Participants are expected to meet six times during the academic year, ideally three times each semester. Mentees get a little help in the form of an introductory email template, but they’re the ones who reach out to schedule meeting times, whether by phone, video call or occasional face-to-face meeting. After each meeting, mentees send a report detailing their conversations and any other pertinent points.

This information can then be shared as needed with the chapters, Raugh said.

“Let’s say I have a meeting with a chapter advisor,” Raugh said. “If I was advising the chapter, I’d want to know that a certain

percentage of participants are having conversations about emotional health, for instance. That could lead to chapter-wide conversations.”



Mumma

Blake Mumma *Penn State* ’22 found the clear direction he needed through the program. The finance major was paired with Justin Kong *UMN Twin Cities* ’13, an Associate Director at Nearwater Capital in New York City. Kong didn’t just walk Mumma through the financial world; he talked about the realities of success and the fears associated with it.

“I think the biggest thing he taught me was not being afraid to put yourself out there,” Mumma said. “If you’re scared to fail or you’re scared to make a mistake, you’ll never learn.”



Kong

For his part, Kong has enjoyed getting to know Mumma better and helping him make sense of the investment banking landscape, especially because Mumma also wasn’t coming from a business school background. While Mumma is working in Atlanta as a real estate loan originator analyst, he hopes to return to business school for a master’s degree.

“For me it was trying to give back something that has been so pivotal to my own success,” Kong said.

One of the credos of Phi Kappa Psi is *The Great Joy of Serving Others*, and MAP fulfills the goal on both sides of the equation. Undergrads like Mumma can gain insights, but alumni also walk away with their own rewards.

“I think having multiple viewpoints in our life is very beneficial and can be very rewarding,” Kong said.

MAP is active in 13 chapters, with a goal of eventually being offered to every chapter. At least 25 percent of a chapter’s members must engage in the program, and 75 percent of participants must complete the six meeting requirements. Mentors are asked to commit to six meetings as well.

“What’s worked best for us is keeping it simple, asking, ‘Could you find six hours over the course of the year to talk with a student about something that matters to you?’” Raugh said.

The time folks are giving is truly making a difference.

“I think the program has a lot of potential, and I think it did a lot for me,” Mumma said.

To find out more about the Mentoring Advantage Program, visit phikappapsi.com/programming/mentoring-advantage-program/.

MEMBER MILESTONES

We celebrate with our brothers and their families as they mark momentous occasions in their lives. Amici!



California Gamma – UC Berkeley

Denny Jones '66 and brothers celebrated their annual Big Game Lunch in San Francisco in November, the day before the Cal vs. Stanford game. A \$100 scholarship was awarded to "Miss Big Game."

California Theta – CSUN

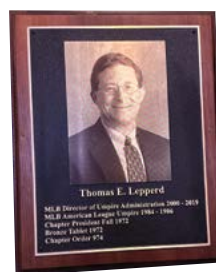


Anthony De Longis '68 accepted his Kenpo Karate Hall of Fame award in Las Vegas in August 2025. De Longis is a well-known stunt choreographer as well as an actor in films such as "Road House" and "Masters of the Universe," and TV shows "Star Trek: Voyager" and "Highlander: The Series."



Illinois Delta – Illinois

Tom Lepperd '69, Greg Gundlach '70, John Aiken '70, Bob Lewis '68, Dave Bernthal '69, and Steve Bishop '69, enjoyed a mini reunion in November.



The brothers had not been together in over 50 years. They toured the newly remodeled chapter house, hosted by **Todd Salen '77** and **Matthew Greenstein '23**. Brother Lepperd enjoyed seeing the Hall of Honors, which

displays plaques of Illinois Deltans of some distinction and was humbled to find himself there. Lepperd also sent HQ a photo of the plaque honoring military hero, **Tom Koritz '72** (see Page 39).



California Eta – Cal Poly

Dan Crookham '86 (Ag Sci BS, MS) recently retired from the classroom after 36 years as a California agriculture teacher, specializing in welding, fabrication and mechanics. His long tenure at Exeter High School will be felt in California ag education for generations to come. He previously was an adjunct professor for two local community colleges as well as his alma mater, Cal Poly, SLO. As a master teacher and mentor teacher for three universities, he hosted 32 final student teachers (teacher interns) at Exeter High School.

As an ag teacher in California's Central Valley, he built hundreds of trailers, BBQs and pieces of equipment for local customers. He built barns, fences and roads with his students. He worked with thousands of kids on livestock projects,

and he developed the largest high school citrus farm in the nation. Crookham's students competed at a high level in the National FFA Organization, winning numerous state and national titles and awards. For this work, he was awarded honorary FFA degrees at both the state and national level. A tireless fundraiser and BBQ grill master, he catered events that raised millions of dollars over his tenure. He traveled to 11 states with his students, including two trips to Laurel Hall to share the story of our fraternity with young people.

In recent years, Crookham developed an interview-style ag mechanics contest that became California FFA's Ag Mechanics Fair contest. His set of rules was modified to also be used with the California Youth Ag Expo, or CYAE, for which he continues to serve as the contest superintendent. These interview-style ag mechanics contests feature a panel of judges challenging shop students over their construction, fabrication and repair projects and the decisions they made. Hundreds of students have participated in these contests since their establishment five years ago.

As a leader among the California Agricultural Teachers Association, Crookham served on many statewide committees and in leadership roles up through regional president and developed an annual trap shoot that continues after 28 years. He was a state finalist in 2024 for the Golden Owl Award for outstanding ag teacher. The CATA named him a Teacher of Excellence in 2001, and he was named CATA's Outstanding Ag Educator for California in 2020.

He retires as the most decorated ag mechanics specialist in the history of California ag education.

Indiana Delta – Purdue

John Copeland '68, current Indiana Delta Chapter Advisor was named one of Purdue



Copeland



Brantly

University's 150 most influential alumni in Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Life (FSCL) at Purdue in the past 150 Years. **Zachary Brantly '12** also was recognized, and both gentlemen were selected from hundreds of nominations. These honors were announced at the milestone event in September 2025, which celebrates the enduring legacy of FSCL at Purdue and honors the exceptional alumni whose

engagement in Student Life has shaped the community. Brothers Copeland and Brantly are distinguished Indiana Deltans whose influence and leadership will continue to inspire generations.



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Maryland Alpha – Johns Hopkins

Paul S. Robinson Jr. '88 successfully completed a Northbound Appalachian Trail thru-hike. He continuously hiked all 2,197 miles from Springer Mountain, Georgia, to Mount Katahdin, Maine. The adventure took place over a 24-week span from April to September 2025.

New Jersey Delta – TCNJ

Stephen T. Sullivan Jr. '91 was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate as a Superior Court Judge and was named to the Middlesex County Family Division.



New York Eta – Buffalo

Anthony Scialabba IV '16 and his wife, La'Quevia, were married on October 21, 2025, in Nassau, Bahamas. Celebrating together were (L to R in the photo): **Dominick Yu '18, Juan Gomez CSUN '18, Ryan Rondinaro '15, Anthony and La'Quevia, Ashton Armstrong '15, Cory Kostrzycki '16, and Mohammad Raza '17.**

Ohio Beta – Wittenberg

In October 2025, **Ohio Beta Chapter** held a 40th year reunion. A brother in Charlotte, North Carolina hosted the group, and they attended the Buffalo Bills versus Carolina Panthers' football game. Some hadn't seen each other in 40 years, and a great time was had by all.



Ohio Xi – Capital

Josiah Rose '24 completed a summer (2025) internship at the Ohio House of Representatives! As a constituent aide for the Ohio House GOP, he attended several legislative sessions and met with lobbyists regularly.



Rhode Island Beta – URI

Rhode Island Beta was well represented at the Senior Games in Providence on Sept. 6, 2025. Three brothers, (L to R in the photo) **Ken Fecteau '68, Frank Ruhle '66, and Andy "Monk" Marcoux '69**, medaled in multiple events. Fecteau medaled in shot put and hammer throw, Marcoux in long jump, and Ruhle in hammer throw and javelin.

Rob Wainman '21 enters his first season as offensive quality control for the URI Rams football program. No stranger to the Rhody sidelines, Wainman was previously a student assistant for the team and assisted with



quality control. In addition to analyzing practice statistics, he helped guide players through drills and aided in data compilation. The former mental health chair for RI Beta, Wainman was also involved in WRIU as an undergraduate and broadcasted Rhody Women's Basketball games. This spring he completed his degree

in sports media and communications, with a minor in general business.

Texas Beta – Texas Tech

Dr. John J. "Jay" Vollet III '66 was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of Texas Tech University, College of Arts & Sciences. This honor was bestowed upon only four deserving alumni during a festive gala on the main campus in Lubbock at the end of April 2025. Vollet chose Texas Tech for his BA in Biology in 1969, influenced by his grandfather, R. Wright Armstrong, who was first a member



of the Texas Tech Board of Regents and then Chairman. Jay is truly grateful for his training at Texas Tech and has endowed two professorships in molecular biology & immunology as well as an additional

academic scholarship for a deserving student in Human Sciences. His 41-year career in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries encompassed management participation and leadership in numerous clinical trials in oncology and autoimmune diseases. Jay is proud to say he saw and participated in the evolution of drug treatments from screening for chemical compounds to human biological proteins leading to gene targeted therapy. He is honored to have played a part in eradicating diseases and is looking forward to groundbreaking strides being made by future generations. Watch Brother Vollet here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCzjd6FHwa0>

West Virginia – WVU

Tom Rogers '53 will be inducted into the West Virginia University Greek Hall of Fame in the Spring 2026 based on his lifetime commitment of service to WVU and the community. In his career, he and his wife, Janet, owned and operated 78 Hallmark stores in seven states. Previous inductees to the WVU Greek HOF were **David Woodrum '61, David Hardesty '64, Rick Pill '70, Gary Waters '74, and Zach Mendelson '79.**

Rick Wagener '69 recently had the new WVU baseball field named the "Wagener Field" in his honor. Rick was formerly a pitcher for the WVU Mountaineer baseball team and the New York Mets.

Rick Pill '70 completed his tenure on the WVU of Governors by serving as its President. **Bob Reynolds '71** is the current Vice President of the WVU Board of Governors. The new home of the WVU College of Business and Economics is entitled "Reynolds Hall" in his honor.

Zach Mendelson '79 is currently serving as president of the WVU Alumni Association. He just completed a one-year term as president of his national professional society, The National Association of Surety Bond Producers.

Natural CONNECTIONS

Lawyer's professional landscape combines conservation and filmmaking

By Lori Roberts

The September premiere of “Spirit of the Driftless: Preserving Our Legacy” wasn’t just another night at the movies for Timothy Jacobson *Beloit* ’85. It was a chance to show off a land that is close to his heart. It was also an opportunity to combine his expertise in executive leadership and environmental support with his passion for filmmaking.

The documentary is the third in a series about the Driftless Region of the upper Midwest, a majestically rugged area that was untouched by the ancient continental glaciers that flattened much of the land around it. Brother Jacobson, who founded the nonprofit organization Sustainable Driftless Inc., is committed to bringing more eyes to the area and making people aware of its value.

A lawyer by profession, Jacobson is also an Emmy-winning filmmaker, dedicated to sharing the enigmatic beauty and the crucial conservation needs of the Driftless Region.

“The purpose of our films is to make people think more about their relationship to the earth,” Jacobson said. “Aldo Leopold, a 20th-century conservationist, talks about a concept called ‘the land ethic.’ Land is a community to which we belong. And if we feel that community, we would treat land with love and respect, as we would a family member.”

Jacobson’s career trajectory is as varied as the landscape he films. After practicing law for years, he pivoted to serve as executive director for the Mississippi Valley Conservancy. There he recognized the need to “share how special these places are in nature” in the form of short social media videos and a first short film, “Mysteries of the Driftless.” The film won a regional Emmy Award.

“We didn’t expect anything like this,” Jacobson said. “We just wanted to share the beauty of nature with people.”

Jacobson created Sustainable Driftless Inc. to continue the storytelling, releasing “Decoding the Driftless” in 2018, a feature-length film that has been broadcast around the nation on PBS. It has been shown at film festivals around the world and earned another regional Emmy Award.

Although Jacobson left the conservancy and is back to practicing law in La Crescent, Minnesota, he’s still focusing on his passion for land conservation and sharing the splendor of the natural world. Voluntary land conservation isn’t a partisan issue, Jacobson said. It’s about helping landowners realize their dreams to preserve their property in its natural state, partnering with land trusts to relinquish development rights on their property in perpetuity. He thinks he has at least five more



movies in him that need to be told, assuming the organization can raise the necessary resources.

“Our goal is to celebrate what’s beautiful and precious, and who doesn’t want those things?” Jacobson said.

Jacobson grew up near the Driftless Region and came to Beloit College with an established passion for nature and the outdoors. He met many like-minded brothers in his chapter. College camping trips and other outings set the stage for what has become a 35-year tradition, with many of his core group of brothers gathering each March for a combined birthday bash in Milwaukee. Some of the group also regularly gather for canoeing, kayaking and other outdoor get-togethers, sustaining a friendship that began when they were all Phi Kappa Psi undergrads looking to spend a little time in nature.

“It’s been great to have that connection to these folks,” Jacobson said. “We’ve really bonded by spending time in nature.”

PHI PSI SPIRIT LIVES ON

Okarche native, Jason Wittrock Oklahoma '93, inducted into Oklahoma Alpha's Ring of Honor

By Jeff D. Scott *Oklahoma '11*

The passing of a brother into Chapter Eternal is a somber moment any time, but the sense of loss is greatly compounded when it occurs during his time as an undergraduate. Initiated in the spring of 1993 as badge No. 1189, Brother Jason H. Wittrock of Okarche, Oklahoma, tragically passed away in an accident during his time on campus in December 1994.

On Sept. 6, 2025, to honor a great brother's legacy, Brother Wittrock was inducted into Oklahoma Alpha's Ring of Honor at the Michigan vs. Oklahoma tailgate. With over 100 people in attendance, including brothers and their families, Brother Wittrock's portrait was hung in the chapter's formal drawing room. He joins a distinguished few to be immortalized in the Catlett Room, including past SWGP J. Bart Aldridge 1922, founding chapter members Stanley and Eugene Catlett 1920, and Richard C. Bower '56.

To the alumni of the early '90s — many of whom now serve in Oklahoma's Housing Corporation and Alumni Association — Jason made a lasting impact.

Aaron Claybaugh '94, his Fraternity little brother, knew Jason as an honorable, courteous, and cultured man in a lovable Okarche kind of way. He is remembered as a generous, compassionate, and loyal comrade, who exemplified the characteristics we strive for as men of Phi Psi. Brother Derek Neidig '93 recalled that Jason always had your back. To Brother Bill Long Oklahoma '92, Jason was the guy who always had a smile and made everyone feel welcome.

Jason's older brother, John C. Wittrock '91, entered Oklahoma Alpha ahead of him, initiated as badge No. 1153. John honored his little brother's legacy by establishing a Fraternity recruitment scholarship, which has been awarded each semester since 2023, as well as an endowed scholarship through the University of Oklahoma's College of Architecture. Both scholarships bear Jason's name.

John has also generously donated to Oklahoma Alpha's current "Carry It Forward" capital campaign, helping renovate the chapter house's fire escape and several bedrooms, which further honor Jason's legacy.

John recalls his brother's last words as they circled around the flagpole in front of 720 Elm Ave. in Norman that fateful night in 1994, "Hi, Hi, Hi, Phi Kappa Psi. Live Ever, Die Never ... Phi Kappa Psi." Surrounded by brothers and family that loved him, Jason went out with his boots on. He was buried in the Holy Trinity Cemetery in Okarche in the boots he was wearing the night the flagpole broke.

John often imparts upon our chapter that, like Jason, hardly anyone knows when their time to pass into Chapter Eternal will

come. That is why we have to cherish every day we have with our brothers. There is no doubt in John's mind that Jason had a higher purpose God needed him to fulfill.

Jason H. Wittrock lives on in the hearts of all who knew him, representing the spirit and the best of Oklahoma Alpha. Next time you hear the fraternity chant, just know it rings a little different for the men in Norman. Live Ever. Die Never.



Wittrock's portrait hangs in OK Alpha's drawing room.



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PHI PSI AND FATHERHOOD

Brian Anderson and Matt Kelley (both *Butler '00*) recently talked about their 20+ years of friendship and how their participation in Phi Kappa Psi shaped who they are as men, leaders, and fathers.

MATT: We met living on the same hall in our freshman dorm at Butler, and we were in the same pledge class at Phi Psi. We were also both religion majors, so we became pretty good friends during our college years.

BRIAN: Yes, although when we graduated and went off on our own life journeys, I don't know that either of us realized we'd remain as close as we have.

MATT: True. Social media started a few years after we graduated, and that made it easier to keep up with one another. Our mutual interests kept us in touch, and, of course, becoming girl-dads. When you and some others started the Dads with Daughters Facebook page, and it started to grow into the tens of thousands of users, you invited me to be on the team to try to keep the page from going off the rails.

BRIAN: Those early days of the Facebook group were crazy because there were all different kinds of people, and not all of them wanted to keep things in the spirit of dads supporting one another. We had to quickly decide on community standards, ways that people from all different social and political backgrounds could be together and build each other up as fathers.

MATT: It makes me think of doing Rush every year in college. Sometimes our bid sessions would go late into the night. Our chapter had a rule where the vote had to be unanimous for a guy to get a bid. Of course, every active brother couldn't meet every potential pledge, so we would say "trust a brother" about some guy you didn't necessarily get to know, but what did that really mean? There was a lot of discussion and debate.

BRIAN: Guys we invited to pledge could be the leaders of the house within a couple years, so those bid sessions were where we shaped what we wanted the Brotherhood to be like after we graduated.

MATT: Working those things out in a relatively lower stakes environment was practice for how we would try to shape other communities like Dads with Daughters, places where we worked, and even our own families.

BRIAN: It also showed us about learning from the wisdom of our elders. Several older alumni who served as advisors would be in those bid sessions with us late into the night (way past their bedtimes!), and they would share their wisdom to help us through, especially when things might get heated.

MATT: I remember some big disagreements about some people and we had to make decisions based on very limited



Matt Kelley (third from left) and Brian Anderson (center) along with the Fathering Together team at the Dad 2.0 Summit in Washington, DC.

interactions, and that meant we had to live with our decisions and learn to build community.

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BRIAN: Yes, and looking back, during our junior year of college, the September 11 attacks, and the start of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars happened. I remember some guys ready to enlist while others were bitterly opposed to the wars. We were all in our early 20s and not always good at communicating respectfully.

MATT: We learned how to deal when things didn't go the way we wanted. Going into our senior year, there were positions we both wanted in the house, and we both lost those elections. We weren't terribly gracious in defeat in the short term, but we didn't take our toys and go home, either.

BRIAN: Since then, we've both had experiences of not getting jobs we thought we deserved, or things with kids not going the way we wanted, and we've both definitely matured a lot since our early 20s!

MATT: I agree, and I'm grateful we both signed our bid cards and joined Phi Psi together all those years ago. It's led to some incredible personal memories and professional achievements. Can't wait to see what we come up with in the next 25 years!

The Rev. Matthew L. Kelley is an ordained United Methodist minister and father of three daughters. Matt serves as a hospice chaplain in Louisville, Kentucky. Brian Anderson is a husband, dad of two daughters, a gender equity advocate, and author of "Fathering Together: Living a Connected Dad Life." Brian works for Inner-City Computer Stars as the Director of Foundation Relations.

TWO BUSINESS PATHS

BY PHI PSI

VALUES

Navigated

By Micah Kleid *F&M '00*

Starting a business takes more than a clever idea or a good product. It demands vision, courage, resilience, and a sense of purpose that extends beyond oneself. For two Phi Kappa Psi brothers, Owen Sutter *Oregon State '17* and Nathan Green *LSU '03*, entrepreneurship became a professional pursuit as well as an extension of the Fraternity's enduring motto — *The Great Joy of Serving Others*.

Building with Purpose

When Sutter graduated from Oregon State University in 2020, he was ready to start a career and explore the world. Armed with degrees in business and design innovation, Sutter took a job in Asia to better understand the global supply chain. Working in Vietnam and China for a major manufacturing company, he learned firsthand how most of the products Americans buy are made, and at what human cost.

"I wanted to understand not just how products are sold, but how they're made and who makes them," Sutter said.

That curiosity became the foundation for Xoi Packs (xoiapacks.com), a sustainable backpack company Sutter launched in 2024. The name — Xoài means mango in Vietnamese — reflects the country where his idea

took shape and his personal connection to it.

"I want to make the gap between where stuff is made and where it's consumed more transparent," he explained. "I want customers to know how things are made, what they cost to produce, and that the people behind them are treated fairly."

Sutter's designs go through multiple rounds of prototypes, all tested during his travels across Asia, on motorcycles and in airports alike. But beyond fabric and zippers, his business is built on fairness.

"Treat people at both ends of the supply chain well," he said. "Don't overcharge customers, and don't underpay workers. Business should benefit everyone involved."

That philosophy, he said, traces directly back to Phi Psi. As chapter president and later District VI Archon, Sutter learned to lead by example, inspire through service, and create a culture where people thrive together.

"Phi Psi gave me real leadership experience," he said. "It taught me to build culture, lead through inspiration, and serve others. That's exactly what I want to do with my company."

For Sutter, entrepreneurship is as much about building up people as building out products.

"You leave every situation better than you found it," he said. "You take care of people. You don't step on anyone to succeed."

Style with Substance

In a 100-year-old men's store in Birmingham, Alabama, Green spends his days surrounded by



finely tailored suits and silk ties. But after hours, often well after his children are asleep, he's building something of his own. Secret Society Neckwear (secretsocietytx.com) is a boutique neckwear brand, made in America, born from his love of clothing and design.

For Green, fashion is storytelling.

"I've been into clothing for as long as I can remember," he said. "It's how I express myself. But it wasn't until I joined the Fraternity that I learned how you dress conveys a message and shows respect for others. Dressing well isn't vanity; it's courtesy."

That belief in respect, decorum, and community has shaped

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"When you wear
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Green's brand as much as his personal life. Secret Society traces its roots to Green's days at Louisiana State University, where a professor inspired him to start wearing bow ties, then eventually to make them.

"The name Secret Society comes partly from my fascination with Greek life and the brotherhood we built in Phi Psi," Green said. "When you wear a tie these days, it feels like you're a part of a quiet little club, a brotherhood of people who appreciate tradition and respect."

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In an era when few wear ties daily, Green sees each piece as an opportunity for personal expression and renewed confidence.

"When you dress up, you stand taller," he said. "You think more clearly, act more respectfully. It's not about formality. It's about care for the people around you."

Like Sutter, Green's venture also rests on service. His experience as Phi Psi's vice president taught him to lead, manage, and navigate challenges.

"Running a fraternity chapter is running a business," he said with a laugh. "Budgets, events, people management — it was all there. But more importantly, it taught me to serve, to give back to something bigger than myself."

He also credits Phi Psi for shaping his professionalism and character.

"Fraternities get a bad rap sometimes, but for me, it was the most educational experience I had in college," Green reflected. "It showed me what leadership looks like and what it means to hold yourself to a higher standard."

Tying and Packing It All Together

Though they come from different generations and industries — Sutter's technical packs and Green's timeless neckwear — their paths share a commitment to integrity, creativity, and service. Both ventures embody the Phi Psi ideal that success is most meaningful when it uplifts others.

Both also credit the Fraternity with giving them the confidence to lead and the conviction to stay true to their values.

"In Phi Psi, you learn to build something that lasts," Sutter

said. "You learn that leadership isn't about control — it's about care. That's how you build culture, whether it's in a chapter or a company."

Green agreed with those sentiments, saying, "It's easy to start something for yourself. But if you want it to last, it has to serve a purpose bigger than you."

In a world driven by fast profits and fleeting trends, both brothers are slowing things down, crafting businesses that are ethical, thoughtful, and human. For Sutter, that means transparency and fair labor. For Green, it's quality and respect. For both, it's about service.

The Great Joy of Serving Others isn't limited to philanthropy or volunteerism. It can live in how we treat our employees, honor our craft, and connect what we build to the betterment of others.

Whether it's a handcrafted tie or a durable backpack, these products are extensions of the values that Phi Kappa Psi has instilled for generations: integrity, humility, and a deep and abiding joy in serving others.

In December, Owen was able to watch mass production underway for the XOAI Packs, which will begin distribution in March. Are you an entrepreneur with a story to tell? Let us know: marketing@phikappapsi.com.



A ROADMAP TO 'TOWN'

Parents and Phi Psi inspire Texas Beta Brothers to build startup

By Joe Gombach

In November 2021, four members of Texas Beta gathered in a living room for a brainstorming session. Recording their ideas on a whiteboard, they formulated a plan for their own startup.

That was the beginning of Town, an all-in-one digital operations platform for restaurants.

"We all knew that we wanted to be in business together, and we trusted in each other's abilities," Taylor Brewster *Texas Tech '20* said.

Taylor — along with Alec Hernandez '18, Drew Pickens '19, and Mason Still '20 — worked to get their company off the ground, guided by their experiences with Phi Psi. All four had leadership roles with their chapter. Alec and Drew each served as presidents, Mason as social chair, and Taylor as treasurer.

"My experience as chapter president helped prepare me for my role with Town in several ways," Drew said. "It taught me how to set clear goals, define objectives, and build a roadmap to actually achieve them."

Brotherhood was one of their biggest assets. "There's a level of trust and accountability that already exists when you've lived together, worked on a variety of projects, and gone through challenges as brothers," Mason explained.

Their backgrounds inspired the idea for Town. Alec's mother owns salons in Cypress, Texas. Taylor's parents owned two bars in Dallas. They saw firsthand how much hard work goes into operating small businesses and how central those businesses are to communities.

"They were always working," Taylor said of his parents. "I'd say that's what helped me the most, just seeing how hard they worked."

Those insights inspired the vision for what Town could offer. Third-party apps may help drive customers to local restaurants, but they also charge steep commissions and control customer data. Many platforms also favor large chains over small independent restaurants. Identifying that flaw in the system, the brothers asked what they could do to change the status quo.

Their solution was to give restaurants control over their online presence. Thanks to Town, local restaurants can take online orders without giving up a piece of the check to a third party. Town offers website customization, commission-free online ordering, tools to manage reservations and waitlists, customer loyalty programs, and help hiring local talent.

The initial stages of the company were anything but glamorous.

"Meaningful progress doesn't happen overnight," Drew said.

Cash-strapped and working long hours, the co-founders learned by building, testing, and adjusting to feedback. Their business progressed through consultation with thousands of restaurants.



L to R: Texas Beta Brothers Mason Still, Taylor Brewster, Drew Pickens and Alec Hernandez

Drew said his experience with Phi Psi taught him "the importance of staying consistent and executing at a high level, no matter what challenges come up."

Mason, the company's CEO, believes his fraternity background prepared him to overcome the obstacles involved in leading a startup.

"Phi Psi taught me a lot about leadership, responsibility, and how to manage different personalities," he said. "More than anything, it gave me confidence in leading from the front and staying composed when things don't go as planned."

He also appreciates the advantages of co-founding a company with his brothers.

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"The most surprising part has been how seamlessly that brotherhood carried over into the startup world."

"It makes communication easier and the culture stronger because everyone knows how the others operate under pressure. We can be brutally honest with each other without taking it personally, and that's rare to find in any environment."

"The best part of working with my fraternity brothers every day has been seeing how our dynamic from college has grown into something both professional and fun," Drew said. "The most surprising part has been how seamlessly that brotherhood carried over into the startup world. It's like we took the same energy we had in college and turned it into a team that actually gets things done."

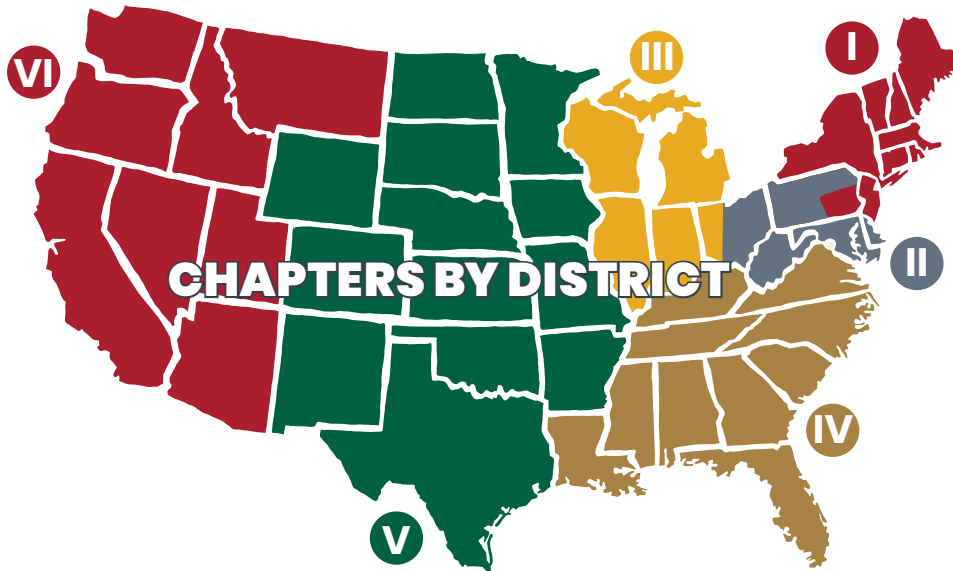
Town now powers online ordering for hundreds of restaurants across the country. Today, the company's biggest challenge is balancing that growth while maintaining the high level of service clients have come to expect. Fortunately, membership in Phi Psi imbued the co-founders with confidence, resourcefulness, and the ability to execute under pressure, all of which contribute to Town's ongoing success.

The brothers still stay connected to Texas Beta, where they laid the foundation for their business. That influence can be found on the company's website (town.club).

"We are four brothers from small business families, inspired by our parents' dedication and struggles to share their craft with the community. We are dedicated to hearing the voices of small business owners and building something you love."

FALL 2025 CHAPTER NEWS

NOTE: Initiations = reported fall 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members



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DELAWARE ALPHA DELAWARE

Submitted by: Alex Zizzo '24

Our service effort continues to reflect our Phi Kappa Psi values through meaningful experiences such as philanthropy, social events, brotherhood activities and mentorship. Again this fall we supported the Breakthrough T1D Walk, where we hold a table in honor of our brother who passed away from Type 1 diabetes. Throughout the year, we remain committed to supporting the B+ Foundation in its fight against childhood cancer.

Initiations: 7
Chapter size: 30

MASSACHUSETTS BETA BRANDEIS

Submitted by: Francis Pierce '22

This has been a great semester for the Massachusetts Beta chapter. Before Thanksgiving, we held our annual fall formal in Montreal. It has become one of our great traditions and serves as a much-needed break before finals begin. We also had a successful recruitment and are looking forward to further growth in the spring semester.

Initiations: 6
Chapter size: 36

MIT COLONY

Submitted by: Jack DeBaugh

Phi Kappa Psi MIT Colony welcomed seven first-year members and two additional brothers from last spring's recruitment. Our colony is developing a service partnership with the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House in Cambridge, which provides food assistance and community programs that support family stability. Brothers helped with



house maintenance and the Thanksgiving turkey drive, and we raised \$1,000 for the organization by winning a campus Halloween decorating contest. We also held a Push for Pink breast cancer research fundraiser that brought in another \$1,000 through chapter-wide challenges. Earlier in the semester, we hosted an alumni outing to a Boston Red Sox game, enabling brothers to meet and reconnect with alumni in a fun setting. Within the house, we continued to focus on brotherhood, highlighted by our Thanksgiving dinner prepared by our chef. The colony is excited to maintain its strong membership by continuing to recruit exceptional brothers, deepen its community impact, and work toward officially chartering in 2026.

New Members: 7
Colony size: 48

NEW JERSEY BETA MONMOUTH

Submitted by: Michael Morgan '23

Brothers are excelling in the classroom and anticipating an even more successful spring 2026 semester helping restore the chapter's image within the Greek community at Monmouth University.

Chapter size: 2

NEW JERSEY DELTA TCNJ

Submitted by: Joseph Christel '24

New Jersey Delta at TCNJ had a very successful fall 2025 semester. The chapter formed a partnership with TCNJam, an on-campus nonprofit organization that works with the



B+ Foundation to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer. Through this partnership, the chapter was selected to receive a B+ Hero, an honorary brother named Arya, who is battling leukemia. Brothers organized several hangout sessions with Arya and his family to integrate him into the brotherhood and show their support. The chapter also hosted a candle lighting on Nov. 19 — the birthday of late Brother Michael Sot '18 — in partnership with the HERO Campaign. All brothers attended along with Sot's family and closest friends as kind words were shared to honor his memory. Brothers are excelling in the classroom and anticipating an even more successful spring 2026 semester.

Initiations: 2
Chapter size: 64

NEW JERSEY EPSILON ROWAN

Submitted by: Michael Hamberlin '25

This semester was a productive one for the New Jersey Epsilon chapter. Although no fall pledge class was taken, the chapter prioritized philanthropy and service. Activities included the annual beach cleanup, park cleanups, bake sales and candy giveaways near the school's newly renovated student center. Funds were raised for the national philanthropy and a partnered sorority. The chapter has high hopes for the coming spring 2026 semester, including the expectation of a large new member class and upcoming elections that will bring significant leadership transition. Overall, New Jersey Epsilon continues working to strengthen its reputation within Phi Kappa Psi.

Chapter size: 26

NEW YORK THETA RIT

Submitted by: William Kiracofe '23

This semester, the brothers of New York Theta raised \$12,774 for Hillside Family Foundations through Mud Tug. The chapter initiated eight new brothers and continued supporting the national philanthropy, Hunter's Fund, as well as Safe Driving Week.

Initiations: 8
Chapter size: 38

NEW YORK KAPPA SUNY ONEONTA

Submitted by: Sean McGuire '24

The New York Kappa chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at SUNY Oneonta had a strong, service-driven semester, making a



positive impact on campus and in the surrounding community. Brothers volunteered at a local food bank, organized a canned food and clothing drive, and completed two street cleanups. They also handed out candy on Halloween and helped pack Thanksgiving boxes for families in need. The chapter sponsored a December blood drive and congratulates its newly elected executive board.

Chapter size: 22

PENNSYLVANIA ETA F&M

Submitted by: Ryan Moore '25

Over the past semester, Pennsylvania Eta strengthened its relationship with alumni through Zoom meetings, emails, and phone calls. During the annual True Blue Weekend barbecue on Sept. 20, alumni from many generations connected with each other and with current brothers, offering advice that will support members' success. The chapter also focused on philanthropy by partnering with the Conestoga River Club to raise awareness and assist with river cleanup efforts. Brothers spent hours removing trash and debris, and some incorporated the work into academic presentations. Pennsylvania Eta looks forward to continuing its progress.

Initiations: 1
Chapter size: 21

PENNSYLVANIA THETA LAFAYETTE

Submitted by: Hudson Pace '24

This semester, the chapter nearly doubled in size with a new class of 30 members. Alumni engagement increased through events such as Cherry Alley, a Founders Day



dinner with scholarships for undergraduates, and a summer barbecue. Philanthropy efforts included continued partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Easton, workshops with PASA focused on consent and bystander intervention, sustainability initiatives developed with LEAP and reproductive health discussions in partnership with L-RAJE. Campus involvement remains strong, with 95% of brothers participating in other organizations and 50% competing on Division I varsity teams.

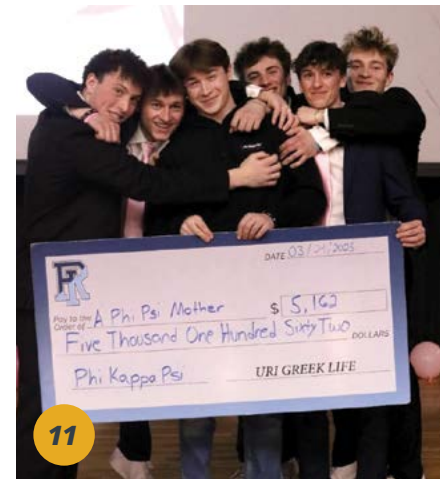
Initiations: 30
Chapter size: 63

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA PENN

Submitted by: Anatoli Beyene '25

This semester, the chapter supported both the campus and greater Philadelphia community. Brothers assisted with cleanup efforts following Homecoming and volunteered at the St. Jude Walk/Run at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The event raised \$192,341, and the chapter was proud to support St. Jude's mission to advance pediatric cancer research and treatment.

Initiations: 7
Chapter size: 54



PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA SAINT JOSEPH'S

Submitted by: Colin Birkmire '25

This past semester, Pennsylvania Sigma welcomed five new members — the Class of Alpha Chi — bringing the chapter to 36 active brothers. The chapter also partnered with Hunter's Fund to promote Hunter's Pledge on campus.

Initiations: 5
Chapter size: 36

RHODE ISLAND BETA URI

Submitted by: Jordan Schaffer '23

The chapter achieved Fraternity of the Year (2024-25), Best Recruitment (2024-25) and Best Brotherhood (2024-25).

Brothers launched a new annual event supporting the mother of a brother battling breast cancer, raising \$6,000 at a spring 2025 event attended by more than 300 people. The chapter also began a partnership with Dave's Hot Chicken in Middletown, Rhode Island, to secure recurring food donations for philanthropy events and co-sponsored a fundraiser with URI men's hockey for The Be Like Timmy Foundation.

Initiations: 17
Chapter size: 96



Water Polo

By HQ Staff

In 2024, young men from MIT, previously affiliated with Theta Tau chapter, sought an opportunity to associate with a more traditional, rather than academic, fraternity. Led



Ivatorov

by Michael Rini and Adam Ivatorov — and supported by and supported by the alumni board and Jack Debaugh, colony president — they went through a rigorous six-stage interview process that began with more than 400 national fraternities.

“Narrowing it down through structured evaluations of organizational fit, we discovered Phi Psi in the early fall, connected in December, and officially voted to join in February 2025,” Ivatorov explained.

During the process, Ivatorov spoke to Andrew Hahn *Johns Hopkins* '23, then president of Maryland Alpha, to find out about the benefits of Phi Psi.



Hahn

“Adam got in contact with me through one of our brothers, who played water polo with him when they were growing

up,” Hahn said. “Given that our schools have very similar academic backgrounds and that many of our members/prospective members were on the water polo team, we agreed that it would be a great fit — and cool connection.”

After talking with several chapter leaders from not only Johns Hopkins, but also Penn and Stanford, Ivatorov found them all engaging, thoughtful and clearly proud of their chapters’ relationships with national headquarters.

“While Andrew wasn’t on the water polo team himself, he mentioned attending our Hopkins vs. MIT water polo game and even said, ‘Hey, you’re cap No. 2, right? I remember you,’” Ivatorov said.

That moment stood out to Ivatorov because it reflected a sense of connection that Phi Psi has across the country.

“While our chapters are pretty different, we have a similar bond between people who take genuine interest in one another,” he said. “Experiences like that reinforced our sense that Phi Psi wasn’t just a national organization but a brotherhood that extends across individual campuses.”

A few of the MIT Colony members and water polo teammates shared their sentiments about the experience of fraternity and the sports connection.

Photo: Gil Talbot

MAKES BIG SPLASH

Rick Lundh:

The rivalry between the Johns Hopkins and MIT water polo teams has been strong since our first matchup back in the fall of 1981. When we began our affiliation process and learned



Lundh

that many members of the Johns Hopkins team were brothers in the Maryland Alpha chapter, our team saw an opportunity to build a connection that extended beyond competition in the pool.

Last summer, while I was in Boston working as a research associate, I happened to meet a player from the Hopkins team. It struck me how different this interaction felt

compared to my freshman and sophomore years. He wasn't just a competitor I'd see once or twice a season. He was a fellow Phi Psi, and through that shared bond, our long-standing rivalry took on a new dimension. What had once been just competition became camaraderie, and I'm fortunate now to call him a friend, something I credit entirely to our Fraternity.

This experience reminded me that what unites us as members of Phi Kappa Psi (intellect, integrity, friendship, service and leadership) extends well beyond our individual chapters. Even though the brothers of Maryland Alpha may be our opponents in the pool, we are united by these same principles and by our commitment to being men of character.

Armaan Gill:



Gill

Being in Phi Psi makes the word "brother" come to life. I genuinely think of my brothers as if they were my biological brothers. Being in a fraternity, especially at a demanding school like MIT, makes me incredibly close with some of my brothers. It differs from being on the water polo team because we are only practicing for a few hours out of the day together. On the other hand, I live with my

fraternity brothers. The connections you make are lifelong and some of the strongest relationships you will ever have.

Kieran Kearns:

1. Being in a fraternity is a lot like being on a water polo team. In both, I've learned that communication is everything — people can't read your mind, so setting clear expectations and goals is crucial for success. Both also create a strong sense of togetherness. Spending time with the same group every day, whether in the house or at practice, builds a bond that's hard to replicate anywhere else.

Water polo and Phi Psi are two of the biggest parts of how I identify on campus. The main difference comes from their goals: I play water polo for the competitive and physical challenge, while

I'm involved in Phi Psi for the social connection, community and service opportunities.

2. Playing water polo taught me how much success depends on everyone buying into a shared goal — you win when people trust



Kearns

each other and put the group first. That same mindset drives our colony as we work toward chartering. Everyone knows that it takes commitment from all of us, whether that's showing up for events, recruiting or supporting each other day to day regardless of the difficulties of MIT coursework.

Phi Psi's values of service, integrity and brotherhood really align with that team

mentality. Just like on a team, it's about putting others before yourself and building something that lasts beyond any single season or class year. That's what motivates me personally — helping create a chapter where people genuinely have each other's backs and take pride in what we're building together.

In a mid-December announcement, Adam Ivatorov and Caspar Lightner of the MIT water polo team were named All-Americans by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches (ACWPC). This is the 11th-straight year the Engineers have had at least two All-Americans. Ivatorov earned second team honors, while Lightner was named an honorable mention. For Johns Hopkins, Phillip Long secured an All-America selection with an honorable mention nod.

POOLED RESOURCES

According to water polo team rosters on the respective schools' websites, 16 players are MIT Colony members and 11 are from Maryland Alpha.

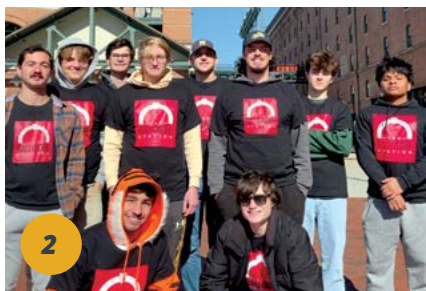
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Kunal Rajadhyax
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Rick Lundh
Avi Narula
Derek Schaffer
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Victor Perez
William Ewald

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Max Blecher '24
Quint Steffey '24
Alec Baker '24
Ethan Babel '24
Jason Mihalopoulos '25
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Phillip Long '25
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MARYLAND ALPHA JOHNS HOPKINS

Submitted By: Scott Klosen '24

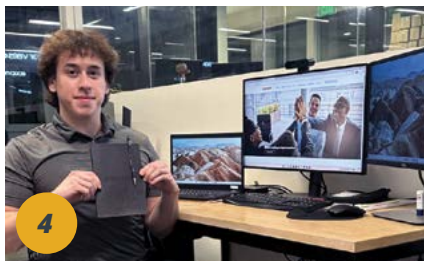
We had a busy fall at Hopkins. Our brothers won the school's Interfraternity Council soccer tournament, earning \$1,000 and an additional donation from other fraternities to the charity we support: Swim Across America. We partnered with Alpha Phi in a pickleball tournament and Kappa Kappa Gamma in a kickball tournament. Within the community, we ran a mini golf event for Baltimore students being tutored at Hopkins, as well as a "Pie a Psi" event for Camp Kesem. Our brothers on the water polo team earned the No. 5 seed in the MPSF Tournament. Brothers **Phillip Long '25**, **Alec Baker '24**, and **Andrew Lee '25** received All-Conference recognition for their performance in the pool. In the classroom last spring, our brothers excelled. We achieved a term GPA of 3.72, the highest among all fraternities. We also had the most community service hours and the most money raised for charity. We look forward to a successful upcoming recruitment, which occurs in the spring at Hopkins.

Chapter Size: 46

MARYLAND DELTA TOWSON

Submitted By: Noah Devan '24

The Maryland Delta chapter had a lot of success over the fall semester. We partnered with the Red Cross to help organize blood drives at Towson. We partnered with Kappa Delta for the annual Dance the Madness Greek Contest. We volunteered



at the annual chili cook-off hosted by the Baltimore station at Camden Yards. We've been an integral voice on campus and helped Towson's Fraternity and Sorority Life in numerous ways.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 20

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Blake Yeske

The Ohio Delta Colony at The Ohio State University wrapped up a busy semester preparing for its spring chartering ceremony. We are very excited to have this opportunity once again and cannot wait to host the occasion. Some of our brothers participated in Brutus' Birthday Bash, marking the 60th birthday of the school's mascot. The brothers joined nearly 2,000 students, faculty and staff to successfully break the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people wearing party hats.

Colony Size: 17



OHIO EPSILON CWRU

Submitted By: Verun Iyer '25

The Ohio Epsilon chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity had a few brothers participate in internships or co-ops over the past year. We are proud of these brothers, as this is a big step for their professional careers: **Robert Beletsky '24**, Amazon; **Owen Gladwish '23**, Sherwin-Williams; **Correy Zemon '22**, Lubrizol; **Muhtadi Islam '24**, MetLife; **Ezra Rickert '24**, DRMP; **Ike Granada '23**, WSP; **James Evans '24**, Saint-Gobain.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 35



OHIO THETA ASHLAND

Submitted By: Wyatt Jones '22

For the fifth year in a row, we won Lip Sync,



a competition among our Greek community, with all ticket proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We hosted a Safe Driving Week campaign in November, encouraging our campus not to drive distracted. We opened our house to our families and friends for a Dad's Day cookout, Friendsgiving, and a faculty and staff appreciation dinner. We raised more than \$1,800 for St. Jude's during our head-shaving event — special thanks to **Carter Speakman '24** for volunteering to shave his head. Our chapter also donated a check for \$3,000 to our local philanthropy, Camp Nuhop, in November. To end the semester, our brothers — with the help of girlfriends and the ladies of Delta Zeta and ADPi — decorated our chapter house inside and out for Christmas. Be sure to check our Instagram for the final product and for all our chapter updates: @phipsiohtheta.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 22

OHIO IOTA AKRON

Submitted By: Jack Robson '23

The Ohio Iota chapter had a successful semester marked by growth and leadership across campus. Our chapter expanded by 50%, reflecting our commitment to values-based recruitment and a strong brotherhood experience. We are proud to recognize **Aidan Sullivan '22** and **Jacob Dye '22**, who were inducted into the Order of Omega for their outstanding academic performance, leadership and service within the fraternity community. Ohio Iota also continued its tradition of strong involvement in Fraternity and Sorority Life. This semester, one brother was elected IFC president, and another was elected IFC vice president of risk management, demonstrating our chapter's dedication to leadership and service beyond our own ranks. Ohio Iota looks forward to building on this momentum as we continue developing men of intellect, character and integrity.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 24

OHIO NU OHIO

Submitted By: Preston Kincaid '24

Phi Kappa Psi came out on top at Delta Gamma's Anchorslam philanthropy basketball tournament, beating other



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fraternities and club basketball players. Shoutout to these young men for their hard work, support and dedication to charity.

Initiations: 25
Chapter Size: 105

OHIO XI CAPITAL

Submitted By: Josh Brown '24

This semester was highly successful for the Ohio Xi chapter. After initiating 11 new brothers, we went on a brotherhood retreat to a cabin in Hocking Hills, where we spent two days creating and deepening bonds through hikes, game nights and meals together. To kick off the fall semester, we hosted our annual Volleyball Tournament with Alpha Sigma Alpha, raising \$306, which we split between our philanthropy, two, fifty-four, and their philanthropy. We prioritize leadership and helping brothers develop their skills in the chapter and beyond. To aid in that development, we sent eight brothers to Launch at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana, where they learned more about their leadership skills and how to improve. Afterward, they toured the National Headquarters, Laurel Hall, in Indianapolis. Overall, this semester reflected our chapter's commitment to our values through service, brotherhood, and growth.

Initiations: 11
Chapter Size: 131

OHIO OMICRON MUSKINGUM

Submitted By: John Jacobs '23

This semester, we brought in nine new members, the largest class in two years. We hosted our annual Haunted Hollow, which gathered roughly 450 students and community members. Phi Kappa Psi earned Organization of the Month in November for the Hollow. We celebrated our former advisor's birthday in October and raised funds for Hunter's Fund with our Hot Ones challenge. We also collaborated with Phi Psi Allegheny for a brothers' weekend.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 23

OHIO PI DENISON

Submitted By: Cam Bonner '25

Ohio Pi at Denison University completed



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community service alongside the Denison Outdoors Club and Tractor Beverages. The chapter focused on cleaning up the campus and the greater Granville area.

Chapter Size: 33

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA W&J

Submitted By: Peyton Carter '24

This year, for the Phi Psi Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter's homecoming, we welcomed more than 20 alumni. We also had our entire 2025 graduating class attend.

Initiations: 5
Chapter Size: 24

PENNSYLVANIA BETA ALLEGHENY

Submitted By: Christopher Williams '24

We hosted and attended multiple service events this year. The brothers showed a warm welcome across campus by holding many events to increase awareness and involvement.

Chapter Size: 9



PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA PENN STATE

Submitted By: Thomas LaFalce '25

We had many positive accomplishments. Some members received internships with Morgan Stanley, PNC Bank, KPMG and other high-level companies. We also reached the championships in both intramural basketball and softball. Our chapter was on pace to break our fundraising record for the Penn State-based charity THON. Proceeds from a philanthropy event planned for Saturday, Dec. 6, benefit the lung cancer research fund established in honor of the mother of one of our active members.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 86



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PENNSYLVANIA PHI LYCOMING

Submitted By: Cameron Wanner '23

Over the fall, Pennsylvania Phi participated with the Williamsport Area School District in a program called VISION, which helps mentor students by promoting a passion for learning and developing vocational skills. Brothers Brandon Chiguichon '22, Finnegan Kimber '24 and Cameron Wanner '23 participated by tutoring and coaching students in building projects. We hope to continue the program and engage additional students and faculty. We hope our involvement promotes career building among participants.

Chapter Size: 3

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA WVU

Submitted By: Kai Swing '23 and Vincent Rossetti '23

Our chapter focused on making a real impact in Morgantown through consistent volunteer work. West Virginia faces some of the highest poverty and food insecurity rates in the country. Once a month, we organize brothers to assist a local food pantry with its distribution. We help set up stations early in the morning, and a line of 50-75 cars moves through the site. Drivers tell us how many families they are supporting, and we fill their vehicles with food. What we love about this work is how clearly it reflects The Great Joy of Serving Others. This has strengthened our community and helped us grow as young men in pursuit of our fraternity's ideals. Brothers traveled to Toronto for formal, initiation was held Dec. 5 and elections were Dec. 7.

Initiations: 28
Chapter Size: 102

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ILLINOIS DELTA ILLINOIS

Submitted By: Matthew Greenstein '23

Illinois Delta had a strong and productive fall semester, building on the momentum of last spring's exceptional recruitment. We hosted numerous events, with Dad's Weekend standing out as a major highlight. Brothers and families gathered for a morning tailgate before the Illinois football game, followed by an afternoon barbecue at the chapter house that brought everyone together for food, music and conversation. Our biannual barn dance was another standout event, featuring bus transportation to a decorated barn, country music, dancing and a fun night away from campus. Chaplain Max Schilawski '24 also launched a weekly Bible study open to all members, creating a meaningful space for reflection, community and personal growth. The fall 2025 Semi-Formal at Alto Winery offered a scenic evening with dinner, music and camaraderie, giving brothers and their dates a chance to celebrate. Early November's annual Frost party transformed the chapter house into a winter-themed venue with lighting, decorations and a DJ, closing out the semester with one of the most memorable nights of the year. The chapter continued its commitment to service through campus cleanups and uplifting chalk messages and implemented weekly study hours to support academic success.

Initiations: 38
Chapter Size: 134

ILLINOIS EPSILON ILLINOIS STATE

Submitted By: Mike Mile '25

This semester was a strong one. We raised more than \$2,600 for OSF and collected more than 500 pledge cards during Hunter's Fund Safe Driving Week, marking one of our most impactful semesters in service and philanthropy. Brothers stayed active across campus, participating and placing in

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multiple events hosted by other registered student organizations. We strengthened brotherhood through a camping trip to Missouri, welcomed 28 newly initiated brothers that brought the chapter to 70 members, and hosted a successful alumni homecoming tailgate. We also congratulate Jacob Lakin '25 for his work as recruitment chair, Lucas Racine '25 for leading a strong semester in philanthropy and Ryan Phieffier '25 for elevating brotherhood events. Overall, it was a productive and memorable semester for Illinois State Phi Psi.

Initiations: 28
Chapter Size: 69

ILLINOIS ZETA DEPAUL

Submitted By: Marco Torrens '24

Illinois Zeta welcomed its biggest fall class for the second year in a row, extending bids to 15 new members. Illinois Zeta elected its new executive board and is excited to recruit a large spring new-member class as well as promote alumni engagement and professional development for the next term. The new executive board is also focused on serving the community and has signed up for food drives and other service opportunities. Members volunteered for DePaul's Tuesday Suppers, which prepares and serves food. The chapter aims for all members to be involved in three or more volunteer or community service opportunities. Illinois Zeta is planning to host its winter quarter initiation Feb. 28, followed by the Chicago Alumni Association Founders Day.

Initiations: 10
Chapter Size: 35

ILLINOIS ETA SIUE

Submitted By: Luke Milbrandt '23

This semester our chapter was proud to initiate two new members into Phi Kappa Psi at SIUE. We also hosted an alumni golf event at Park North and had a great time meeting

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and connecting with alumni of the Illinois Eta Chapter. In philanthropy, our brothers volunteered at the TreeHouse Wildlife Center and are looking forward to running our Hunter's Pledge Week again next semester. We participated in a Greek wedding with Kappa Kappa Gamma and a day at the zoo with Delta Phi Epsilon. For fundraising, we partnered with Busch Stadium, working concession stands during home games and receiving a portion of the proceeds. We had a great semester and are excited to carry that momentum into the spring.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 15

ILLINOIS THETA UIC

Submitted By: Jeremy Paszek '25

Illinois Theta had a phenomenal semester marked by growth, achievement, leadership and strong brotherhood. We kicked off the fall by volunteering at the Chicago Marathon, where brothers showed up in full force to give back to the community and represent the chapter. Financially, we made major strides, raising \$20,000 through various philanthropy events to reduce chapter debt — a major milestone that energized the entire brotherhood. Socially, the chapter hosted several successful events, including its semiannual barn dance and a packed Fratsgiving celebration. This semester also marked a historic moment for Illinois Theta as we doubled our chapter size, earning UIC's highest bid count and largest initiation class. We're proud of the work and dedication our brothers have shown and look forward to continuing this momentum.

Initiations: 28
Chapter Size: 58

ILLINOIS IOTA NIU

Submitted By: Landon Whelchel '24

We initiated 17 new members. We also held our annual pig roast for parents. As the semester ended, we were transitioning to a new executive board after elections.

Initiations: 17
Chapter Size: 64



INDIANA ALPHA DEPAUW

Submitted By: Brayden Gilmore '24

Braden Murphey '24 earned first-team all-NCAC honors while helping lead the soccer team to a conference championship, and brothers Robert Pasinato '24, Vince Chappuis '25, and Marco Sansone '25 played major roles in bringing the Monon Bell home for the fourth straight year as the football team continued its pushed through to the third round of the NCAA playoffs. The chapter also hosted Hank Ruff for a Friday Night Lights concert, which created one of the most memorable nights of the semester.

Chapter Size: 55

INDIANA GAMMA WABASH

Submitted By: Zev Wolverton '23

This semester Indiana Gamma significantly expanded its philanthropy efforts holding chapter events almost every weekend. Brothers took part in a trunk-or-treat for the local community, tabled on campus for Hunter's Fund to gather pledges to end distracted driving and engaged in many local partnerships with the goal of helping community members. We initiated 13 brothers and look to add many more in the spring to round out our freshman class. Indiana Gamma also received Chapter Excellence recognition over the summer. Brothers Micheal Cruzado '23 and Jaxon Bower '23 were accepted into a campus leadership organization. Brothers Christopher Wiatr '23 and Tanner Turnpaugh '23 joined other Phi Psi brothers during the Explore experience in Minneapolis with the Nelson Leadership Institute, and Brother Eamon Colglazier '24 won the Fertig Freshman Writing Award.

Initiations: 13
Chapter Size: 52



INDIANA DELTA PURDUE

Submitted By: Vincent Salinas '24

Indiana Delta had a very successful semester, initiating a Delta Gamma pledge class of

18 members. We took great steps in philanthropy by participating in and winning Tri Delta's Mr. St. Jude Week. Our two most successful philanthropy events were a car wash and powderpuff, which was won by Alpha Chi Omega. We would also like to highlight Brother Joey Uberta '24 for being accepted into Purdue's PharmD program and receiving his white coat.

Initiations: 18
Chapter Size: 95

INDIANA EPSILON VALPO

Submitted By: Arie Hoffman '24

This semester we focused heavily on recruitment. We welcomed a fall new-member class of two and held several recruitment events in preparation for our primary spring recruitment. We hosted our first Phi Psi foam car wash and raised about \$400 for the local Boys & Girls Club. Brothers participated in intramurals, placing first in sand volleyball and second in flag football and coed volleyball, with a basketball championship coming up. We continue to host events with other organizations in our FSL community, including Chi Omega and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 38

INDIANA ZETA BUTLER

Submitted By: Andrew Studebaker '23

The brothers of Indiana Zeta have worked to increase service hours, improving them from last semester by more than half. Notable service projects include work with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Distribution Center, Keep

Indy Beautiful and BUDM, an on-campus organization that raises money for Riley Children's Hospital.

Chapter Size: 22

INDIANA ETA INDIANA STATE

Submitted By: Caleb Nemecz '24

This semester was a big one for community service. We held four chapter-wide community service events, and multiple brothers completed individual community service, meeting their required hours. We nearly doubled our hours from last fall. We participated in an IFC-wide event and showed up with one of the highest attendance rates at 61%, when only 25% was required. Our midterm GPA was among the highest at the university at 3.25, while the IFC average was 2.7.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 16

INDIANA IOTA BALL STATE

Submitted By: Emerick Craciunoiu '24

Indiana Iota is proud to announce the biggest initiated fall pledge class in the past five years. The class consisted of 16 brothers from the fall recruitment and an additional five from year-round recruitment, for a total of 21 newly initiated brothers. These members have exceeded expectations, bringing renewed camaraderie to the chapter and engaging early in philanthropy, scholarship and campus leadership.

Initiations: 21
Chapter Size: 51

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MICHIGAN BETA MICHIGAN STATE

Submitted By: Conor McMahon '23, Ben Chu '24

The chapter recognizes two outstanding brothers, advisors and alumni — **Ed Dudgeon '70** and **Jerry Grossi '67** — who continue to go above and beyond for Phi Kappa Psi Michigan Beta. Over the past several months they worked to secure a new rental chapter house while the chapter searches for a permanent home that can support growing membership. From reviewing properties to negotiating details and making sure we had a safe and reliable place to live, their hard work made a real difference for the chapter.

14 Both alumni exemplify leadership, service, and loyalty to their brothers. In the shared photo, Ed is seen taxiing his airplane after surprising a brother with a joyride as a thank-you for helping prepare the house — a gesture that represents the generosity and brotherhood they bring to Phi Kappa Psi. We are grateful for you, Ed and Jerry — thank you for being true gentlemen and brothers. Recently, the chapter elected its executive board for the 2026 calendar year and initiated 18 new members. Michigan Beta looks to build on this success in 2026.

Initiations: 18
Chapter Size: 98



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OHIO BETA WITTENBERG

Submitted By: Jackson Miller '23

This semester was a busy one for Ohio Beta. We started the semester with recruitment that produced seven new members who accepted bids. Homecoming weekend featured an alumni tailgate and barbecue at our letter house, and we ran a Hunter's Fund table that raised roughly \$350. Athletically, 24 brothers participated in fall sports, including **Mikey Schutte '25**, a sophomore who broke Wittenberg's single-round golf record with a 64. Another sophomore, **Asher Donahue '25**, led the NCAC in goals with 11 on the season. Six Phi Psi seniors ended their college soccer careers, and on Senior Day many brothers came out to support. In November we held our annual Dad's Day, and we gathered for our second annual Fratsgiving.

Initiations: 7
Chapter Size: 39

OHIO ETA TOLEDO

Submitted By: Colin Huss '23

Ohio Eta reports a semester of achievement marked by financial growth and chapter expansion. Treasurer **Josh Lewis '23** and Fundraising Chair **Grant Poepelman '24** led efforts that improved the chapter's financial standing. Fundraising initiatives, including work at Cedar Point and Toledo sports concessions, generated substantial capital. The chapter's semesterly Quesadilla Night raised \$1,500 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Ohio Eta also welcomed 10 new brothers this semester.

Initiations: 10
Chapter Size: 37

OHIO LAMBDA MIAMI

Submitted By: Ryan Tiritilli '24

We partnered with Hunter's Fund, dedicating time throughout the semester to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. Members staffed a tabling operation in Miami University's academic quad, encouraging students, faculty and staff to pledge to end distracted driving. To aid our donation efforts, we collaborated with Miami

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University by assisting at the concession stand during a home game; we raised more than \$1,000 for Hunter's Fund. Beyond philanthropy, brothers remained active in professional development: **Casey Putnick '25** represented Ohio Lambda at the Launch program, and **Westin Walrath '24** attended Explore: Finance. Ohio Lambda remains dedicated to creating a strong, tight-knit brotherhood that upholds the values of Phi Kappa Psi.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 27



OHIO MU DAYTON

Submitted By: Frank Lisowski '24

On Dec. 5, Phi Kappa Psi partnered with Zeta Tau Alpha to host a craft station at the Christmas on Campus celebration.

17 The chapters welcomed visiting children and helped them create ornaments to take home. Volunteers guided children through hands-on activities while spreading holiday cheer. The event is one of the university's most cherished traditions, and Phi Psi was glad to take an active role.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 44

WISCONSIN GAMMA BELOIT

Submitted By: Cameron Harper '23

Kai Colbert '24 studied abroad in York, England.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 19



**TELL US
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MULTI-CHAPTER RETREAT

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

By Josh "Rhodie" Mitchell *Kentucky '95*

I was just in line for cafeteria pizza ... with no idea I'd leave the checkout with my head spinning.

It was the District III Meeting at Butler University in late July. I was standing in the lunch line with Evan Englander *Oneonta '09* and Brock Wagehoft *RIT '15*. Evan is the FSL Director at Dayton, Brock is the Chapter Advisor for Miami, and I am the Financial Advisor for Miami and the Corporation President for Kentucky. We're also all members of the new Queen City Alumni Association in Cincinnati, Ohio.

With the start of school a few weeks away, we were talking about how chapters prepare for the year; how they set goals, expectations for chairmen / officers; and their calendars. One of us had a thought: We're all connected to chapters located close to the Greater Cincinnati Area — why don't we see if the undergrads are interested in a multi-chapter retreat, where they can plan and learn from other chapters and advisors.

It might be a great idea for alumni, but we were not moving forward without the chapters buying in and finding a time they could meet, which is tough on short notice when campus calendars are already full. Within a few weeks Miami and Kentucky were completely invested; Dayton could send a few representatives to balance planned activities, and our Colony at Ohio State was also able to send someone.

After a few sessions with the GPs and advisors, the content started to take shape. We realized all the chapters had the same struggles and questions, and they wanted the same outcome.

Our intent was to have material that focused on four areas.

- 1) Inspiring the individual brother to see the value in investing time and talent into their chapter.
- 2) Showing the chapter how to effectively operate.
- 3) Allowing the undergrads to share ideas and ask questions on topics that were most important to them: Recruitment, Showing up on Campus, Alumni Engagement and Brotherhood.
- 4) Action planning for the remainder of the school year.

Brothers Rob Patterson *Kentucky '94*, Justin Steinhard *RIT '00* and Nikki Johnson (Kentucky Beta's advisor — Delta Gamma, Delta Beta Chapter '96) joined the team, and Max Pratt *Capital '21* joined from HQ, and on Oct. 11, 2025, we spent almost eight hours going through programing the alumni created to meet the undergraduate's needs along with a Ritual Review and an etiquette session. We ended the day with a happy-hour celebration, open to the Queen City Alumni Association.

This was a test. We were trying something new, hoping the undergraduates would leave glad they spent the full day in the session, appreciating how they're part of a national brotherhood and not just a local chapter. We look forward to seeing how this will evolve in the coming years — in content and participation, but most importantly in observing the positive impact this has on the brothers and chapters as the years progress.

We know this is not a unique endeavor — there are a few similar events like this throughout the country. That said, there could be plenty more. This was as rewarding to alumni as it was undergraduates, and I hope our work will inspire other alumni associations and advisors to replicate!



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ALABAMA ALPHA ALABAMA

Submitted By: Vincent Barbera '23

This semester has been one of the strongest, marked by clear growth, stronger brotherhood, and a renewed commitment to our core values. We set ambitious goals, and it has been encouraging to see brothers rise to meet them. One major accomplishment was initiating one of the largest and most engaged groups we've ever brought in. Their involvement has added energy and momentum to everything we've done. We also made a significant impact through campus involvement, highlighted by securing 3,800 signed Hunter's Pledge cards. This reflects not only our work ethic, but also our ability to stay organized and represent the chapter well. Brotherhood events strengthened connections, allowing younger members to feel welcomed and older members to step up as leaders.

Initiations: 62
Chapter Size: 208

ALABAMA GAMMA HUNTSVILLE

Submitted By: Eli Herlevic '24

This recruitment season was crucial to our chapter as numbers were getting low. We were able to successfully recruit 13 new members who are already making an impact within the chapter. One example of this was at our annual Beefin' With Poverty philanthropy event, where almost the whole event — besides cooking — was run by our new members. We also focused on making better connections with our alumni by hosting events where bonds can be formed between



actives and alumni. Finally, at this year's Greek Life Awards, our chapter was awarded the Most Philanthropic Chapter.

Initiations: 13
Chapter Size: 32

FLORIDA ALPHA FSU

Submitted By: Cayden Smith '23

This semester, we initiated our newest pledge class, Gamma Eta. Through tailgates, Phi Psi Fridays, intramurals, and other events, we bonded and had plenty of fun. Not only did we host multiple chapters, but several of us also had the privilege to visit other chapters around the South and establish connections there. We raised more than \$1,000 for philanthropic organizations like Light the Night and Dance Marathon. As our main philanthropy event approached, we worked to raise even more money for the Collegiate Veterans Association. Our hard work regarding milestones and overall contribution to the FSU IFC community enabled us to apply for chapter of the year. Florida Alpha is committed to carrying the momentum forward.

Initiations: 5
Chapter Size: 36

GEORGIA BETA GEORGIA TECH

Submitted By: George Widmer '24

Our chapter did well all of 2025, continuing record recruitment since COVID-19. We were able to make significant progress toward funding a house on campus and improving our philanthropic efforts. We raised more than \$2,000 toward various charitable causes and improved our alumni connections. Going into 2026, we are taking notes on what went well and what did not to keep the progress as steady as possible.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 16

KENTUCKY BETA KENTUCKY

Submitted By: Kaden Kahrl '24, Dylan Bresnahan '25

During the fall 2025 semester, we stepped up our philanthropy efforts, partnering with sorority events such as Greek Sing, Mr. University of Kentucky, Bring It On



and Paint Wars. Many of these events involved brothers competing for a stab at campus and Greek life glory while raising charitable donations. Efforts from Brother Ashton Ward '25 improved our chapter's community involvement. First joint philanthropy with Phi Sig and Pi Kap raised more than \$26,000 for Kentucky Special Olympics. Brothers participated in Bring It On, a dance team competition, with G Phi. In our first initiation after chartering, we picked up a very dedicated class.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 31

LOUISIANA ALPHA LSU

Submitted By: Alexander Maier '22

We held a successful philanthropy event with Keep Tiger Town Beautiful, where more than 40 brothers helped clean up trash around the surrounding areas of Baton Rouge. Brothers enjoyed chapter night out at a Pelicans basketball game and an end-of-semester semi-formal event where the brothers celebrated the Rose Court. The brothers also completed a successful season of intramural flag football, ultimately winning the championship.

Initiations: 20
Chapter Size: 73

LOUISIANA BETA UL LAFAYETTE

Submitted By: William Reinhardt '24

The Louisiana Beta Chapter placed second overall in the ULL Homecoming competition after a great week filled with effort and brotherhood. Brother Brendan Daigle '23 was elected student body vice president, and multiple other brothers earned a spot in the Student Government Association.

Initiations: 14
Chapter Size: 57

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA OLE MISS

Submitted By: Joseph Case '23

This fall semester, we continued our momentum in recruitment, service and campus involvement. Both initiated brothers and new member



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candidates actively engaged community service efforts, including coaching youth sports for the Oxford Park Commission, preparing and distributing food through the U-Matter Greek Food Distribution Program, assisting with operations of community events such as the St. Peter's Episcopal Church pumpkin patch, the Regents Academy Fall Festival, the Oxford Homecoming Community Tailgate, and the Monster's Ball, supporting LeBonheur Kids of North Mississippi. Brothers served meals at the More Than a Meal program and prepared take-home food packages for K-12 families through the LovePacks program. The chapter also maintained strong campus involvement, fielding multiple competitive intramural teams while numerous members earned notable achievements through academic organizations.

Initiations: 68
Chapter Size: 300

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA CLEMSON

Submitted By: Zach Woloff '25

We are proud to celebrate our recent accomplishments. Most notably, we transitioned from a colony to a fully chartered chapter, marking a historic milestone for our brotherhood in just over one year. To commemorate this

achievement, we hosted a two-day celebration in which our entire brotherhood was formally initiated, followed by a banquet attended by more than 200 guests, including family, friends, brothers, girlfriends, alumni, and representatives from the National HQ. We are excited to see our strong growth and solid foundations continue to have a positive impact.

Initiations: 19
Chapter Size: 78



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TENNESSEE DELTA VANDERBILT

Submitted By: Jack Sturman '24

A lot of brothers played an integral role in Vanderbilt football's 7-2 start. Brock Taylor '25 was awarded SEC Special Teams Player of the Week. During fall recruitment, nine new brothers were initiated into the chapter on Oct. 15. They include a number of transfers — two of them play football, and one is on the tennis team. They will be great additions.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 77

TENNESSEE EPSILON TENNESSEE

Submitted By: Michael Slayday '23

The brothers had a great time participating in Homecoming Week this semester. In partnership with Alpha Gamma Delta, we collected more than 3,000 cans for the university's food drive. Brothers came together to build a float, design a banner and choreograph a dance while competing in numerous sporting events, including taking home first place in sand volleyball. This experience increased our connections with the community and other Greek life organizations on campus.

Initiations: 23
Chapter Size: 130

VIRGINIA ALPHA VIRGINIA

Submitted By: Jackson Pegg '24

On Oct. 18, Alumni Chair Wylie Brunman '24 and the Montalto Board organized a fantastic alumni tailgate before the UVA vs. Washington St. football game. We had a range of alums from the 1970s to today, including 23 of 25 men from the most recently graduated PC '22. On Nov. 7, we gathered at UVA's University Chapel to celebrate the would-be 20th birthday of our late friend Nicolas Ramos-Esteban. A Panamanian

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flag proudly hangs at the top of our house, reminding us every day to live life how Nico did. We are excited to recruit a new class of young men in January.

Chapter Size: 57

VIRGINIA BETA W&L

Submitted By: Owen Reese '24

On the Thursday before Thanksgiving break, the brothers of Virginia Beta participated in our annual Turkey Bowl. Two teams faced off in the freezing cold, seeking to claim the title of Turkey Bowl Champion. This is a longstanding tradition of our chapter that the brothers look forward to every year.

Chapter Size: 42

VIRGINIA ZETA VIRGINIA TECH

Submitted By: Jackson Olowiany '23

Virginia Zeta has had a great year so far. We had an amazing philanthropy week where we held a blood drive on campus and raised more than \$12,000. We also initiated our newest class of 23 members, who are ready to improve our chapter. We've continued to grow as a brotherhood this year, and we're very excited for what's to come.

Initiations: 23
Chapter Size: 117

VIRGINIA THETA JMU

Submitted By: Connor Gilster '22

We initiated 24 members this fall, a success that set the tone for a great fall semester. We continued serving the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

These events included helping to run a golf tournament, raising money for families around the Harrisonburg area. Our philanthropy week consisted of events aimed at raising money for the Boys & Girls Clubs. We hold the third-highest IFC GPA on campus and are well above the all-men's GPA average.

Initiations: 24
Chapter Size: 110

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ONE JOURNEY LEADS TO ANOTHER

Brothers who met in Wyoming reunited in South Carolina. (L to R): Jacob Gerson, Boyd Wetcher, Liam McKernon, and Michael Cruzado

By HQ Staff

In June 2025, the Nelson Leadership Institute (NLI) partnered with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Twelve undergraduates and Phi Psi alumni participated in the week-long experience.

A nonprofit global wilderness school, NOLS believes in the transformative power of leadership through wilderness education. Embracing that spirit, brothers trekked through the wilderness in Wyoming building leadership skills and new perspectives.

Two members from the western adventure, Jacob Gerson *Clemson '25* and Michael Cruzado *Wabash '23*, provided HQ with some of their takeaways.

Brother Cruzado:

"There were many life hacks along with outdoor and leadership skills that I learned along the way: how to use a propane stove, set up a tent, tie trucker knots and hike safely in the middle of the mountain range. One thing stood out the most: I am a better leader than I thought I was.

"Before this trip, I tended to stay behind, let others take charge and hold my tongue even when I knew there were better options. When I was put in charge as a designated leader during one of our hike days, I realized my effectiveness as a leader. From planning a route then having to adjust it on the fly, keeping tabs on all members of the group, delegating tasks, and overall, just taking charge, I excelled. My group managed to get to the camping spot 40 minutes before the next group arrived.

"That opened my eyes, and I have made it a personal goal to step up and start speaking my mind in chapter discussions, holding important positions, and having an active role in the decision-making process in my Fraternity. I owe a large part of becoming the leader I am today to all the alumni who made it possible for me to attend the NOLS program. For their donations back to our beloved Fraternity, I am forever grateful."

Brother Gerson:

"The NOLS experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Being able to meet 12 brothers from around the nation and hear about their chapters' successes and failures made me feel like we all face the same things. It was reassuring to hear that most Phi Psi chapters operate very similarly. I took a lot of what I learned back to my chapter to implement. By the end of the week with my brothers, it felt like I had known them for months.

"All the stories and challenges we went through together brought us together in a way I never could have thought was possible. The NOLS program was one of the most influential experiences of my life. There was laughing, crying and everything in between. I grew exponentially as a person, and I know many of my brothers feel the same. We keep in touch and are planning a reunion trip down the line."

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Some of them reunited soon after. Gerson at the time was a Clemson Colony member, and their chartering was scheduled for the fall. He invited the brothers at NOLS to join in the celebration. His tent mate Liam McKernon *Akron '24*, along with Boyd Wetcher *Akron '24*, flew to South Carolina, and Cruzado drove nine hours to join his new friends.

An adventure of its own, Cruzado enjoyed the change of scenery and driving through the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. "I

had never been to a chartering event before, so I was excited to go," he said. "I was also interested in meeting the brothers of SC Beta and visiting Clemson. The trip did not disappoint; it was an absolute blast."

Gerson wasn't surprised. He knew the trip was planned, and it made him feel so supported to have his brothers with him at such an important event.

"It showed the true connections I made on the NOLS trip," he said.

Being part of establishing a new chapter at Clemson has been a fantastic experience for Gerson, but he's not resting on that accomplishment: "Being a founding father is amazing, but it will only pay off if I can come back to campus in 10 years and the same principles we built are still intact."

With all of the skills, training and support these young men have experienced. It looks like the future leaders of Phi Psi are on a well-charted path.

Is there another trip in the works? Absolutely.

"This summer I am planning on staying with Michael in Scottsdale, Arizona, for GAC," Gerson said.

One journey with Phi Psi often leads to another. It truly is a lifelong adventure.

To find out the current program dates, visit: phikappapsi.com/programming/lineup/

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COLORADO ALPHA COLORADO

Submitted By: Carter King '24

Our alumni weekend kicked off with huge success as we hosted an alumni tailgate at our main house before the CU Boulder football game. Our parents' weekend was great, and our annual Honor Connor event was also a success. We raised a total of \$3,250 during Safe Driving Week to help end distracted driving. Our other philanthropy event was the Phi Psi x Kappa car wash. We had several other outstanding achievements. **Cyril Sokolov '24** was recognized with a \$1,000 scholarship

for demonstrating strong leadership in his risk management position. We also had our brothers take home the 2025 Intramural Hockey Championship. The final highlight was our collaboration with Phi Kappa Tau, where we hosted Kettama at the Phi Tau main house. The event was successful, and a great time.

Initiations: 42
Chapter Size: 146

IOWA ALPHA IOWA

Submitted By: Warren Wells '23

Through collaborative efforts, we raised more than \$20,000 to support those in need — a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our brothers.

Several members also secured competitive internships, gaining real-world experience and furthering professional aspirations. These opportunities strengthen our network and set a standard of excellence within our chapter. We are excited to about upcoming events with Iowa's Reach program, an organization committed to supporting children with mental disabilities. There is much to be thankful for in our chapter, and we look forward to continued success socially, philanthropically and professionally.

Initiations: 44
Chapter Size: 205

IOWA BETA IOWA STATE

Submitted By: Carson Ekis '23

During the fall semester, we partnered with FarmHouse Fraternity to host Join Philly. This large-scale outdoor concert was held on our front lawn and featured a live DJ and an up-and-coming country artist. The event brought together



members of the Greek community, students across campus, and local supporters for an energetic night of music with a meaningful purpose. Through ticket sales, donations, and sponsorships, we raised just under \$5,000 for Iowa State Dance Marathon in support of the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. This philanthropy showcased our chapter's ability to collaborate and execute high-impact events while strengthening our commitment to making a positive difference across Iowa.

Initiations: 34
Chapter Size: 122

KANSAS ALPHA KANSAS

Submitted By: Jax Duren '24

We are proud to reflect on a semester marked by growth and meaningful impact. Our new members have already strengthened our brotherhood. Alumni relations was another major success, highlighted by 20 alumni speakers and three alumni panels. These events provided valuable mentorship and career development while connecting generations of brothers. Alumni Relations Chairman **Ira Finkelston '24** led this momentum. Safe Driving Week focused on ending distracted driving. Through on-campus tabling, brothers helped collect 1,900 pledges. Chapter-wide efforts resulted in raising more than \$8,000 to support the cause. Under the leadership of Philanthropy Chairman **Nate Livingston '24**, this initiative became one of the most meaningful weeks of the semester.

Initiations: 36
Chapter Size: 119

MINNESOTA BETA UMN TWIN CITIES

Submitted By: Samuel Richter '23

This fall, our chapter continued its annual Pumpkin Carving Philanthropy in support of Dr. Leonard's Cancer Research Fund. The event saw increased campus-wide participation, helping raise more than



\$10,000 for cancer research. In addition, we supported the Climb for Kidney Cancer event, contributing more than 60 volunteers to assist with setup and operations. This annual tradition remains one of our favorite ways to give back to the community. We remain committed to service, brotherhood and making a lasting impact on campus and throughout the Twin Cities community.

Initiations: 17
Chapter Size: 87



MINNESOTA DELTA UMN DULUTH

Submitted By: Ean Crossley '24

In 2023, we faced a difficult moment: Membership had fallen to five brothers, and the chapter carried \$4,000 in debt. Two years later, the story is remarkably different. The chapter has grown to 19 members, eliminated its debt and reestablished itself as a strong presence on campus. Brothers expanded service efforts by partnering with the university to launch new events and revive traditions. Service initiatives included Hunter's Pledge, Polar Plunge, Habitat for Humanity, Chester Bowl's Youth Ski Program, Haunted Shack (Special Olympics), Damiano's Soup Kitchen and Highway Cleanup. Brotherhood flourished through retreats and events, while alumni and parents were drawn closer through new programming and consistent communication. Academically, we earned recognition as the fraternity with the highest GPA on campus.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 19

MINNESOTA GAMMA MNSU MANKATO

Submitted By: Liam McDonough '23

Early in the semester, an arson fire severely damaged our fraternity house, temporarily halting many activities. Brothers have worked diligently to maintain our camaraderie during this period of separation. Participation in community events, campus brotherhood activities, and group gatherings kept our bond strong.

We also raised funds for Hunter's Fund and our adopted highway. We appreciate the continued support we have received during this challenging time. LEDN.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 32

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MISSOURI ALPHA MISSOURI

Submitted By: Will Herbst '23

We began the fall semester with momentum, welcoming 52 brothers and reaching our membership goal of 180. Philanthropy

efforts raised more than \$10,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Our campus car wash expanded into a full-scale event, and we are partnering with Zeta Tau Alpha on a breast cancer awareness golf tournament expected to raise an additional \$10,000. We also scheduled service events including MKT Trail cleanup and work with the Humane Society. Academically, we were striving for a chapter GPA above 3.3, and brotherhood events — from golf tournaments to tailgates — strengthened the chapter.

Initiations: 52
Chapter Size: 180



NEBRASKA ALPHA NEBRASKA

Submitted By: Jack Tyrrell '24

Nebraska Alpha had a strong first semester in 2025. We initiated six proactive members from our fall class in October. All six

contributed significantly during this year's homecoming, particularly with our lawn display. The chapter hosted multiple brotherhood events, including a paintball tournament and bowling night. The largest event of the year was our 130-year anniversary alumni celebration, where active members connected with alumni and shared stories. We look ahead to the spring semester with recruitment, a winter ski trip, and an out-of-state trip planned.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 40



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OKLAHOMA ALPHA OKLAHOMA

Submitted By: Jack Renna '24

The chapter is proud to highlight continued progress in its regrowth this semester.

During the fall recruitment period, we effectively doubled active membership. This

achievement reflects our dedication to rebuilding and commitment to reaching a sustainable goal of 30 brothers by year's end.

Academically, members strengthened the chapter GPA through focus and dedication, reaffirming our commitment to excellence. The chapter remains motivated, unified and determined to thrive in scholarship, leadership, and brotherhood. LEDN.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 24



TEXAS ALPHA TEXAS

Submitted By: Brayden Savage '24

This fall, Texas Alpha celebrated the initiation of 61 members, increasing total membership to 200 — the largest in chapter

history. We hosted our annual Casino Night philanthropy event, raising more than \$7,000 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Additionally, 157 participants signed the Hunter's Pledge during Hunter's Fund programming to end distracted driving.

Initiations: 61
Chapter Size: 197

TEXAS BETA TEXAS TECH

Submitted By: Dylan Bickley '24

Texas Beta continues to excel. In recruitment and social programming, we implemented a four-tiered recruitment structure to enhance outreach and engagement. Highlights include winning Texas Tech Homecoming three of the past four years and hosting brotherhood retreats and tailgates with strong alumni participation. Philanthropy efforts featured Phi Psi 500 Week, partnering with Panhellenic sororities and community organizations. More than 110 members participated, contributing more than 3,100 service hours. Academically, 22 members earned placement on the dean's list, and the chapter GPA reached 3.28.

Initiations: 28
Chapter Size: 91



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TEXAS EPSILON SFA

Submitted By: Max DiMiceli '23

Deep in the piney woods of East Texas, Texas Epsilon experienced significant growth. The chapter welcomed a 14-man recruitment class, with 13 members initiated. Recruitment efforts

were led by Brother James Celestin '25 and President Brother Peter Kodlubanski '23. The chapter currently has 25

members and continues to grow. Texas Epsilon also participated in homecoming with Delta Zeta Sorority for the first time since 2021.

Initiations: 13
Chapter Size: 24

TEXAS ZETA HCU

Submitted By: Andrew Beal '24

Texas Zeta initiated six members, marking the largest chapter size since before COVID-19. The initiation was conducted with Brother Chuck Brandman CWRU '70, executive council vice president, in attendance. The chapter plans to continue recruitment efforts.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 12

TEXAS ETA TEXAS A&M

Submitted By: Dylan Schroeder '23

Texas Eta had a successful semester highlighted by tailgating and the establishment of its first cook team. The team prepared meals ranging from pork butt to a whole alligator. Parents' weekend and alumni tailgates drew strong attendance. The chapter also hosted two successful mixers with women's organizations and concluded the semester with a philanthropy week, collecting more than 1,000 Hunter's Fund pledges for safe driving.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 24



Photo: The Daily Texan

From L to R: Brandon Cowling, Blake Gonzales, Owen Sullivan and Drew Noonan.

By Texas Student Media/The Daily Texan and HQ Staff

Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity members launched the Bridge to Wellness Foundation, a nonprofit that provides free counseling and reintegration resources to underserved Texans. The organization welcomed its first client into counseling on Sept. 3, 2025.

“What this program is, it’s a godsend,” said Dr. Charles Nemeroff, a professor of psychiatry at Dell Medical School. “It’s an attempt by Texas students to help provide mental health care to those most in need.”

Bridge to Wellness Vice President Owen Sullivan ’24 said the organizations they partnered with deliver six weeks of free online counseling. This is followed by connections to job placement, housing, and addiction recovery programs. By partnering with other nonprofits, Bridge to Wellness works to address root causes of instability while ensuring clients have long-term support after therapy ends.

The organization collaborates with the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and Synergy eTherapy.

“We are a nonprofit that is actively trying to branch nonprofits around Austin together,” said Blake Gonzales ’24, president of Bridge to Wellness. “Not one nonprofit organization can ever fix poverty or homelessness, but the more nonprofits we have working together, the more we’ll be able to increase the accessibility and help around Texas.”

Lisa Lovelace, founder of Synergy eTherapy, a nonprofit that offers therapy online, will help community members who are unhoused with deeper, long-term problems like anxiety, depression or substance abuse.

“What they’ve done here is just remarkable,” Lovelace said. “It could be very much a blueprint for other students in high school, college and beyond to realize the impact that they’re making by connecting people with the right resources.”

Nemeroff said it is difficult for people to maintain employment or daily responsibilities when facing mental health struggles.

“We’re really trying to bridge the gap where they can get accessibility to it, so they can get back on their feet and live more productive lives,” Sullivan said.

One of the organization’s clients began the program and secured a job interview. Ryder Maraquin ’24, secretary of Bridge to Wellness, said he was excited about this.

“It’s spectacular to see the effect of all the work that we’ve been putting in come to fruition,” Maraquin said. “Seeing the dedication, commitment and just her overall enthusiasm about getting into this program and doing her first session — it made me really proud to be a part of this.”

The organization is working with one client at a time to start but plans to expand to multiple clients. Drew Noonan ’24, treasurer of Bridge to Wellness, said the nonprofit hopes to expand across the state.

“We want to have an impact on as many people as possible,” Noonan said. “If we have a solution that is tried and true and tested, we want to share that solution with as many people as possible.”

For more information, go to bridgetowellnessfoundation.org or contact the brothers at Connect@bridgetowellnessfoundation.org.

BEHIND THE SCENES

By Blake Gonzales

While involved with Texas student government, I led a fundraiser for ARCH homeless shelter.

During the event I asked one of the leads at the shelter what she felt the homeless community in Austin was lacking. She immediately said mental health support, which is expensive and hard to find.

I started contacting online counseling organizations such as BetterHelp and 7 Cups to see who would be willing to build a mental health program with us.

In February 2025, we partnered with Synergy E Therapy because of their trained psychiatrists and psychologists.

We officially launched in April after finalizing federal and state forms along with a memorandum of understanding with Synergy and our original Austin shelter partner Urban Alchemy. We have since pivoted to working with Sow Family Foundation with the same goal in mind.

We offer a six-week online counseling program for unhoused individuals in Austin. They are referred to us through Sow Family Foundation.

During the program, we provide free sessions ranging from job coaching to housing support. We want them to have the resources needed to improve their lives.

Along with Drew, Ryder, Owen, Brandon Cowling ’24 is one of our lead volunteers. In early 2026, Charlie Weiner ’24 was added to the board as our fundraising chair. He will help us raise awareness — and funds — for the operation’s growth.

With nearly \$30,000 raised by the close of 2025, expansion is already in the works. We have recently gained a new partner group, The Other Ones Foundation, whose purpose is to run programs that offer dignified work, emergency shelter, case management, and pathways to permanent housing and vocational training.

Texas Alpha has contributed to our nonprofit with almost 20 volunteers — brothers who all care and want to help with the cause. Without the support system around us we would not be able to accomplish the great work that has been done so far.

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ARIZONA BETA ASU

Submitted By: Daniel Piacquadio '24

Phi Kappa Psi participated in three sorority philanthropy weeks, raising more than \$5,000. Arizona Beta also held a mini-Philo week with Alpha Kappa Theta to raise money for a brother's dad, who is battling cancer. Arizona Beta also helped organize, volunteer and participate in a drug abuse awareness event for all Greeks. The chapter also held a formal in San Diego with 70 brothers in attendance. A great November all around!

Initiations: 27

Chapter Size: 125

CALIFORNIA BETA STANFORD

Submitted By: Mateo Solis '24

Social events: Phi2K (all-campus, 2000s-themed), Phipocalypse (all-campus, Halloween-themed), Phi Napa Psi (invite-only; signature wine night), Cophi House (study-themed open event with free coffee) and Phormal (quarterly formal event; co-hosted with Alpha Phi sorority). Alumni events: Homecoming (welcomed 80-plus actives and alumni) and Big Game Luncheon (annual Cal Beta/Cal Gamma social event before the Stanford vs. Cal football game). Philanthropic efforts: Pumpkin Carving (proceeds to Camp Kaleidoscope, a Bay Area camp for children of parents with cancer) and Alpha Phifa (proceeds to hurricane relief in Jamaica; co-hosted with Alpha Phi sorority).

Chapter Size: 62

CALIFORNIA GAMMA UC BERKELEY

Submitted By: Tomas Jonsson '25

We at Cal Gamma had a great fall semester socially and philanthropically.

This semester, we welcomed 33 members from this fall's Alpha



Theta class, breaking our brotherhood recruitment record with the largest class since before the pandemic. Furthermore, we held successful philanthropic events. First, we hosted two band events for the Surfrider Foundation, which organizes coastal restorations and cleanups, raising more than \$5,000. We also tabled for Hunter's Fund during Safe Driving Week, collecting more than 300 signatures and raising more than \$1,000 through campus outreach. The semester brought us great joy through volunteering and philanthropy. We would also like to highlight Cal Gamma Integrity Scholarship winner **Fredrick Dehmel '24** of the Alpha Epsilon class for his academic excellence and commitment to the community.

Initiations: 33

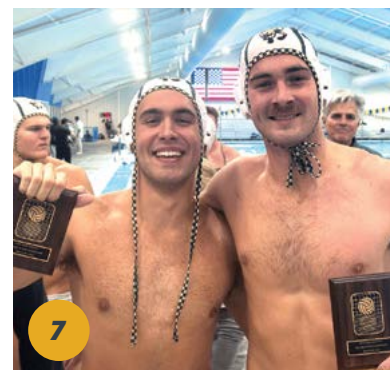
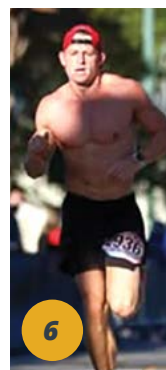
Chapter Size: 96

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLONY

Submitted By: Mario Claborn II

Starting a new chapter at USC has been the most fun and rewarding challenge there is. USC is a large school with several fraternities, which allows a new chapter like ours to stand out. So far, the chapter has recruited members, established its e-board and compiled a list of freshmen ready-to-sign bids this spring. The chapter already has a solid sense of brotherhood as all members are founding fathers of this new colony. We are geared up for the spring to extend recruitment, fundraise for Hunter's Fund through a Pie-A-Brother event, and raise funds by hosting a live entertainment event that not only supports philanthropic efforts but also connects with students such as music and other art majors. The event will be inspired by "Live at the Apollo." Other events include working with First Gen Students, Culture of Black Student Affairs and other Phi Psi chapters. The chapter also hopes to raise funds for mental health and sepsis, as one member is a sepsis survivor.

New Members: 8
Colony Size: 8



CALIFORNIA EPSILON UCLA

Submitted By: Siddharth Das '23

California Epsilon had an excellent fall quarter, highlighted by a successful recruitment period, exciting events and significant philanthropic contributions. We welcomed a class of 35 initiated brothers who are enthusiastic about shaping the future of the house. These new members, along with increased involvement from older brothers, were instrumental in hosting social and brotherhood events. Beyond undergraduate programming, the chapter hosted a Parents' Weekend Dinner, during which families

learned the values of the chapter and heard from esteemed alumni, illustrating the support the chapter's network offers.

Most importantly, the chapter's impact extended beyond UCLA and into the greater Los Angeles community through volunteering and fundraising. The new-member class donated meal swipes to the unhoused community of Westwood, and many brothers volunteered with Youth Champions, exposing underprivileged communities to higher education by giving tours of UCLA. Furthermore, the chapter's philanthropy concert, "Phi Psi Live," raised roughly \$3,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Overall, the chapter is excited to continue its community impact.

Initiations: 35

Chapter Size: 113

UC SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Submitted By: Erik Hedberg

The chapter continued to grow and strengthen its presence on campus, building momentum through recruitment, service, and brotherhood. The chapter hosted a full schedule of recruitment

events, highlighted by its largest gathering of the year, which brought together a wide range of potential new members and reaffirmed the positive direction of the chapter. Commitment to service remained a major priority. Brothers organized beach cleanups throughout the quarter, giving back to the Isla Vista and Goleta coastline while partnering with local volunteers and community groups. In



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addition, the chapter held pizza fundraisers with local restaurants, helping raise money for chapter initiatives and strengthening connections to Santa Barbara businesses. Several members stood out with exceptional accomplishments, most notably Brother **Connor Bock**, who ran 50 miles in less than eight hours. The chapter is preparing for a major alumni event this spring, with details shared through the alumni Facebook chat.

Colony Size: 10

CALIFORNIA ETA CAL POLY

Submitted By: Jonathan Vochatzer '22

This past November, brothers **Jonathan Vochatzer '22** and **Ryan Bousfield '23** traveled to Pennsylvania to compete in the Collegiate Club Water Polo National Championship with the Cal Poly men's water polo team and won the national title. Additionally, the chapter's main philanthropy event of the year, **Fight for Life**, raised thousands of dollars for Jack's Helping Hands. This past year, Cal Eta Phi Kappa Psi initiated 40 brothers. With the help of newly initiated brothers, the chapter has made significant strides in its development and progression.

Initiations: 18
Chapter Size: 58

CALIFORNIA THETA – CSUN

Submitted By: Ailton Velasquez '24

This past semester was due to internal challenges, but the strength of the brotherhood prompted the chapter to move forward. Thanks to the shared commitment to Phi Kappa Psi, the chapter initiated five brothers. Early in the semester, the chapter hosted a live concert where brother **Geo Zecca '24** performed alongside other talented individuals. Neighbors and supporters were invited to enjoy a night of music and community. The chapter's

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philanthropy event honored Hunter and raised \$1,000 for Hunter's Fund. Brother **Froilan Grijalva '24** organized a day of service in partnership with Angelinos of Hope, packing and distributing food to people experiencing homelessness in the Northridge community. Throughout the experience, members reflected on the organization's maxim — The Great Joy of Serving Others. Lastly, the chapter thanks Brother and President **Ailton Velasquez '24** for demonstrating leadership and commitment.

Initiations: 5
Chapter Size: 24

CALIFORNIA KAPPA UC IRVINE

Submitted By: Artin Tamaddon-Dallal '24

Adam Walters '24 and **Kahenu Samuel '24** volunteered in this quarter's IFC/SFL sandwich drive, joining more than 100 participants to prepare and donate several hundred meals to local community partners. Their work supported food insecurity relief and strengthened collaboration with other Greek organizations through this campus-wide service effort.

Chapter Size: 15

OREGON ALPHA OREGON

Submitted By: Adam Darvishian '24

This past semester, the brothers of Oregon Alpha were excited to return to work. In July, brothers traveled to Los Angeles for the District Council Meeting, where Brother **Adam Darvishian '24** was elected District VI Archon and will represent and support chapters in the district for the next two years. Academically, Oregon Alpha achieved the highest GPA increase in FSL and jumped 10 spots in IFC GPA rankings. Members participated in the Mentor MAP program, with one-third of

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the chapter signed up to receive mentors who provide personal and professional guidance. Chapter Treasurer **Andy Herrera '24** attended Explore, where he connected with other Phi Psi treasurers and brothers nationwide.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 43



OREGON BETA OREGON STATE

Submitted By: Riley Fauth '23

This fall, the chapter initiated 24 brothers into Phi Kappa Psi Oregon Beta. The chapter's largest achievement was its fall philanthropy event, **Phi Psi Fashion**, which raised more than \$1,700 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Initiations: 24
Chapter Size: 140

WASHINGTON ALPHA WASHINGTON

Submitted By: Andrew Ebbing '23

This fall, UW IFC hosted its first formal recruitment week, creating a strong start to PC25. Although enrollment was modest, there are high hopes for continued growth.

Former Head Recruitment Chair **Conall Noonan '23** was selected as a foundational UW Recruitment Counselor, guiding potential new members through their first week in Seattle. With a strong focus on brotherhood, the chapter participated in Pacific Northwest hikes, intramural flag football playoffs, football tailgates, and backyard barbecues. The chapter raised funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention through its annual Spike Volleyball Tournament & Feed. Academically, Washington Alpha continued its excellence, with house GPA exceeding UW and IFC averages and two-thirds of members achieving the Dean's List.

Initiations: 7
Chapter Size: 44



FROM THE Archives

NY EPSILON REUNION: A LABOR OF

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East Pleasant

By HQ Staff

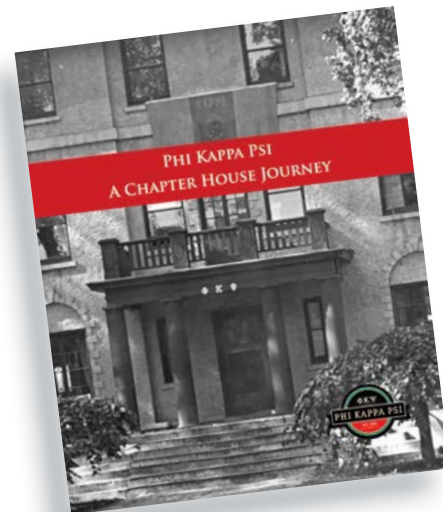
Bob Griffith *Colgate '70*, and his chapter brothers from long-closed New York Epsilon, celebrated a 50-year milestone in May 2025.

In tandem with the university's class of 1975 reunion, NY Epsilon seized the opportunity to gather, including classes from 1957 to 1978 in their festivities.

Don Kraics '72 helped organize the event, which included arranging a dinner, golfing, and rental housing for 75 brothers. "The best part was working together with Bob on the entire production," Kraics said. "It was so much fun."

A Chapter House Journey

A huge piece of the brotherhood was their residence; a chapter house once lauded as the standard-bearer for Fraternity Row. In planning this reunion, Griffith undertook a true labor of love, chronicling the history of the structures that Phi Psis called home. He spent countless hours, making use of university resources, to compile a 28-page booklet called "A Chapter House Journey" to distribute at the gathering.



Photos: Andrew M. Daddio and Colgate University

Brother Griffith shared his historical discoveries of Phi Psi's presence at Colgate to a rapt audience during the 2025 reunion.

The reunion was the deadline for the book, but the impetus behind it was the realization that with progress comes change. The growth and development on Colgate's campus will cause the house, located in the middle of a flood plain, to eventually be razed.

Father of the Row

Griffith's research even piqued the interest of Professor of Art and Architectural History, Robert McVaugh. "First, he dug deeper into the architectural significance of our 1914 chapter house and the subsequent changes made in the late 1960s. Then posters were created, labeled 'Father of the Row,' and exhibited as part of the Colgate Archives," Griffith said.

The closing text of the poster states: "Though never getting recognition for the achievement, Phi Kappa Psi's original house ... set many of the architectural parameters within which the Row would blossom over the next twenty years. Other houses would don different stylistic shells, but their essential forms would echo Phi Kappa Psi."

Memorable Weekend

Memorializing the house was part of the three-day reunion celebration. Griffith provided members with an amazing keepsake: the history of Phi Psi at Colgate. The booklet also will become part of the university's digital archive special collection and the archive at Phi Psi's national headquarters.

As part of the presentation, there was a display at the university library of historic items exclusive to Phi Psi. "The university archives team helped me put together the



Pleasant Street Chapter House 1892 >>



Broad Street Chapter House 1914 >>



Broad Street Chapter House 1960s

exhibit,” Griffith said. “One item in particular was the original, signed charter from the installation of NY Epsilon in April 1887.”

The highlight of the weekend for Bill Barnaskas '70 was the Friday luncheon. “That was when Bob presented the history of the chapter,” Barnaskas said. Attendees followed along in the book with rapt attention.

Brother Kraics had a different takeaway from the banquet on the first evening, noting: “The oldest member from the class of 1960 told us he was unsure if he wanted to come, but Bob Griffith told him he would be surrounded by 90 brothers who had all shared the same life experience. Very powerful.”

That brother, who is 89 years old, ended up joining the reunion.

In Griffith's Words

From the closing of the chapter history booklet:

These houses have served as fraternity chapters, an infirmary, military barracks in two wars as well as surviving a devastating fire in the 1940s, a subsequent restoration, and a dramatic remodel in the 1960s.



“In good times and bad, the ‘House’ was a constant ... and enabled us to build friendships and bonds like no other environment.”



was a constant. It was a place that was very much a part of our learning and social experiences at Colgate and enabled us to build friendships and bonds like no other environment on campus could!

New York Epsilon was one of the top 10 chapters in the country. During its 95-year history, almost 1,600 brothers passed through their doors — who served the community, the university, excelled in athletics, fought in wars, and achieved notoriety in business, law, and academics.

The Phi Psi Chapter House had served as our “home away from home.” In good times and bad, the “House”

- Phi Kappa Psi, chartered in 1887, was one of the four original Greek fraternities at Colgate University.
- NY Epsilon was first housed at the Aeonian Hall on Lebanon Street.
- Its first purpose-built home in 1892 was located on East Pleasant Street.
- The 1914 location on Broad Street remains — for now.



L to R: Griffith joined fellow chapter presidents Bruce Lederman '72, Gerry Commerford '65, and Steve Giesler '73.

Six Generations in Attendance

The reunion itself brought members from as far away as Hawaii. Nearly one-third of living alumni were in attendance. “It was met with joyous enthusiasm,” Griffith beamed. There were six generations of presidents there, ranging in age from 70 to 89. One of them even had his grandson drive him from Long Island to attend.

“This was a great opportunity to see guys I hadn’t seen in 50 years. It demonstrated that you can make lifelong friendships from being a Phi Psi,” Barnaskas reflected.

Hamilton, New York, is home to more than 150 historic buildings. Some of those are on Colgate’s campus, and Griffith described the chapter house on Broad Street in its 1914 original state as a classic stucco structure reflecting its era and the area in a stately way. “Too bad someone in the 1960s decided to make it look like something out of ‘The Jetsons,’” Griffith quipped.

Attendees embarked on a walking tour including the original site of the 1887 charter, the first 1892 chapter house as well as the Broad Street house.

Committed to Giving Back

While together, the brothers decided to support underprivileged children in the Chenango Valley at Christmastime with donations and toys. “Our chapter is establishing a legacy with the Mid York

continued

Interfaith Holiday Project. We are resurrecting a holiday tradition from 1972 where Bob Griffith played Santa and handed out toys to the children of Hamilton,” Kraics explained.

Reliving a bit of their past seemed to ignite the passion for one of Phi Psi’s keystone purposes: giving back. And as it happened, another labor of love for the noble men emerged almost immediately after the reunion. Steeped in architectural history and bound by lifelong friendships, their legacy lives on ... and on.

To read Brother Griffith’s “A Chapter House Journey,” go to: ytt.org/PhiKappaPsi/PKPhouseHistory.pdf or scan the QR code below.



The Colgate reunion prompted brothers Kraics (left) and Griffith to incorporate a Phi Psi gathering, and it was double the fun.



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PHI PSI SPIRIT ILLUMINATES NIGHT OF LIGHTS

The village of Hamilton, New York hosted the annual Night of Lights celebration on Friday, Dec. 6. Reliving the past, Santa Claus arrived on a fire truck, with Griffith as the jolly man himself. Phi Psis dressed in blinking, glow-in-dark elves’ hats helped Santa distribute toys. “The look of wonder on those children’s faces as Santa rode into town has been etched in my memory for 50 years, and it this year was just the same. I’m so happy to experience it again and will do it for as long as I’m able,” Griffith/Santa said.

“The Fraternity, through a generous donation by Michael Albarelli Jr. ’72, supplied toys for 150 children,” Griffith explained. “Night of Lights was a natural participation for Phi Psi because, way back when, the Fraternity used to give a Christmas party to support underprivileged children.”

Inspired by the longstanding investment Colgate has in the community and fueled by the spirit of Phi Psi, these brothers/elves will be spreading cheer for years to come.



Who knew Santa was a Phi Psi?! His merry band of brothers/elves brought loads of holiday cheer to the community.

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Margolies



Koritz



White (third from left)



Bartlett

California Gamma - UC Berkeley

SSgt. Peter Margolies '69 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-68 and was deployed to Southeast Asia for one year. His commendations include Marksman, Good Conduct and Vietnam Service Medals.

Illinois Delta - Illinois

Major (Dr.) Tom Koritz '72 served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon with the 335th Tactical Fighter Squadron. A Top Gun pilot, Brother Koritz was killed in action January 16, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm. A plaque with his name is displayed in the chapter's Hall of Honors.

Capt. John B. White Jr. 1934 served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. Killed in action during a storied mission (See Page 50), White's B-24 Liberator crew is memorialized at the National Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. There also is a life-size photo of the crew at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, England.

Indiana Beta - Indiana

Sgt. Matt Palmatary '20 has served in the U.S. Army since 2024 and plans to continue until 2030.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Canaday '87 served in the Coast Guard from 1991-95.

Indiana Iota - Ball State

Seaman Jacob King '25 served in the U.S. Navy from 2021-22.

Iowa Alpha - Iowa

Col. James Bartlett '77 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Iowa Army National Guard in 1982 and served in Army National Guard and Reserve units until 1992 when he transferred to the 132nd Medical Squadron, Iowa Air National Guard. He served in the 132nd Medical Squadron from 1992-2004, except from October 1997 to May 1999 when he served in the Air Force Reserve. He graduated with distinction from the Aerospace Medicine Course in 1996. With the 132nd, he held the positions of chief, aerospace medicine and chief, professional services. He was the commander of the 132nd Medical Group from May 2003 until he transferred to Joint Forces Headquarters, Iowa Air National Guard in April 2004 as the state air surgeon. From 2009-12, he was the 132nd Medical Group Commander, 132nd Fighter Wing, Iowa Air National Guard. As a senior flight surgeon, Bartlett logged more than 400 flight hours, was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, and received many commendations, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and Aerial Achievement Medal.

Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins

U.S. Army Specialist Webster Gray '65 served from 1970-73 and was deployed to Vietnam for 10 months, four days, eight hours and 13 minutes (to be precise). Brother Gray received the following: two Bronze

Star Medals, Good Conduct Medal, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Ribbon, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Michigan Beta - Michigan State

Capt. Donald Bonine Jr. '60 served in the U.S. Army from 1964-68 and spent 20 months stationed in South Vietnam. He received the following: Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and South Korean Whitehorse Infantry Division commendation letter.

Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

Cpl. George McTurk '58 served as a sharpshooter in the Marine Corps from 1954-62, and he earned a National Defense Service Ribbon.

Rhode Island Alpha - Brown

Capt. Walter Cederholm '61 served in the U.S. Navy from 1965-92, during which time he was stationed in the eastern Atlantic and received several awards and commendations.



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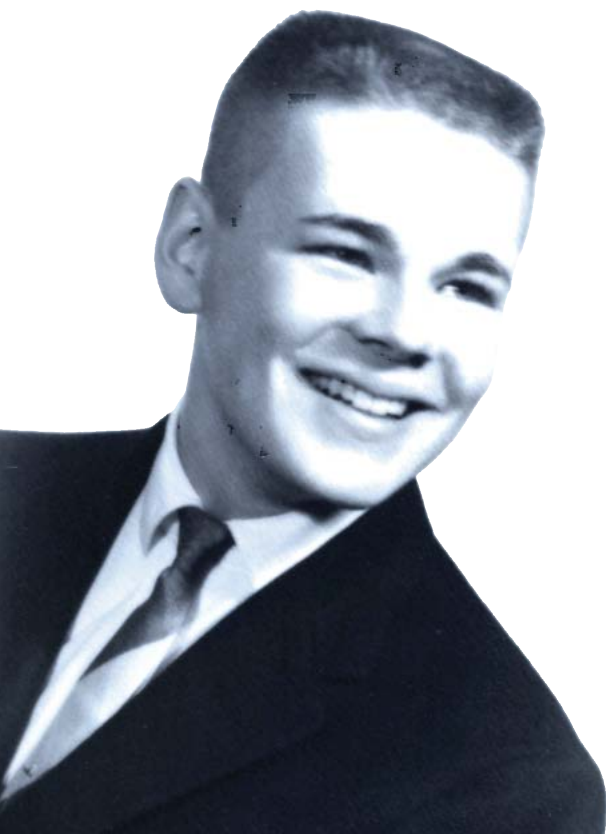
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BROTHER

Tornado



A brother's reflections on the incomparable Bruce Ewing

By William B. Leahy *Ohio State '62*

Like mercury, Bruce Woodward Ewing Jr. *Ohio State '59* cannot be captured easily. He can out-whirl a dervish.

Bruce is the kind of force of nature that makes meteorologists interrupt regularly scheduled programming — and makes me realize it's not an easy assignment to write a story about my cherished friend, brother and undergraduate mentor, who is well and prospering with his lovely wife, Jo, in Oklahoma City.

To call Bruce a talented salesperson is like saying Stephen Curry is pretty good at tickling the twine from behind the three-point arc or Oppenheimer knew a few things about nuclear physics. Brother Ewing could sell ice cream bars to Alaskans, then persuade them to air condition their igloos.

Bruce could sell the Brooklyn Bridge and have the buyer beg him to throw in the George Washington. It is rumored that PT Barnum's ancestors named their first child "Bruce" in his honor. Of course, this is hyperbole. He never sold anything not worth selling.

An unbridled, unapologetic optimist, Bruce spreads pixie dust wherever he travels. He makes Mary Poppins look like a grouchy schoolmarm and Peter Pan like the prophet of doom. He has complete conviction about every cause, every person he has touted.

No doubt you're saying, "We get it. The guy had personality and charisma. Get on with it." Understood.

Buckeye Born and Bred

Bruce, an Ohio native, lived in the Ohio Delta Chapter house, the former Governor's mansion, the college home of legendary literati James Thurber 1918 and Elliot Nugent 1916 at 14th and Indianola in Columbus. I lived there, too, for almost the entire four years I matriculated as an undergraduate at The Ohio State University.

Bruce learned that my full name was William Bierce Leahy. I disliked my middle name. He would bellow in a cultured English accent — "Bierce!!" — as if he was an English peer in a country manor house summoning his valet to straighten his cravat. As always, the other brothers followed his lead, calling me Bierce. Realizing the name was affectionately applied, I grew to love it. Thereafter, my Fraternity brothers (and even a law professor or two) called me Bierce.

Every night, Bruce ordered a delicious Roma Pizza (with pepperoni adorned with pools of oil). You heard me. Every night! As reliable as Big Ben's chimes, the delivery guy would shout up the ancient stairway to the living quarters: "PIZZA FOR EWING!" Apparently, the gastronomic offerings of our venerable cook, Lena Toler, did not measure up to Bruce's exacting standards. And curiously, he never seemed to gain weight.

Wielding his imaginary baton, Brother Ewing always led us in song. We sang everything from "Noble Fraternity" to songs that were somewhat risqué at





Left-hand page: Ewing as a fresh face to Phi Psi in 1958 and Col. Ewing in 2020. **Above (left):** Capt. Ewing with Maj. Si and Lt. Mihn, working as an advisor to the Vietnam Air Force for Avionics Maintenance in 1970. **Above (right):** Capt. Ewing chasing his future wife, Jo, in 1975.

fraternity parties. If he had elected to sing, “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” we would have followed. He could lead a rousing, “Hi, hi, hi, Phi Kappa Psi” as no one else could.

Brother Ewing is a born leader. Follow him and good things happen. Fun happens. Of course, he was Chapter GP. It is difficult to imagine any organization not elevating Bruce to the highest rung on the ladder. In “Lord of the Flies,” he would have rightly claimed permanent possession of the conch.

All Greek, All Week

Brother Ewing spread his gospel to campus activities. He was a revered member of the prestigious service organization, Ohio Staters. He was chair of Greek Week.

Ah, Greek Week ... the perfect match of product and salesperson.

Greek Week was a smashing success under Brother Ewing’s skilled stewardship. (The 125-person Greek Week committee included 15 Phi Psis.) Every OSU student had Greek Week on his or her lips. Students woke up from a sound sleep mumbling “Greek Week.” Professors would say, “How did Huckleberry Finn’s relationship to Jim affect Greek Week?” Football whisperer Woody Hayes announced, “I can’t be with you boys at practice today. I’m attending Greek Week.”

Giving Wings to Student Leadership

Bruce took this shy sophomore from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, figuratively by the scruff of the neck and escorted him to the Fraternity Affairs Office, introducing him as his protege. From that experience flowed student leadership experiences beyond my wildest dreams. Thank you, Brother Ewing.

Bruce subsequently applied his manifold talents to the national headquarters of our Fraternity — then in Cleveland, Ohio — and to the U.S. Air Force, as a career officer who served with distinction.

I saw Brother Ewing recently at a Phi Psi reunion. He looks great and, thankfully, hasn’t changed a bit. He led his siblings in Phi Psi songs, still waving his imaginary baton. Of course, he remembered every lyric.

Everything Bruce has embraced feels the magic of his Midas touch. He found his true calling in our brotherhood. He puts his mind, heart, and soul into that fraternal endeavor. No one loves Phi Psi more.

Please join me in a long overdue, “Hi, hi, hi,” to the incomparable Bruce Woodward Ewing Jr.

Brother Ewing was selected as a Summerfield Scholar in 1962, served at HQ as a field secretary alongside Hal Dick *Bowling Green* ‘55 in 1963, attended the 1964 GAC, and is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel with a distinguished military career.



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I believe that to all I meet, wherever I go, I represent not only Phi Kappa Psi, but indeed the spirit of all fraternities; thus I must ever conduct myself so as to bring respect and honor not to myself alone, but also to my Fraternity;

To the fulfillment of these beliefs, of these ideals, in the noble perfection of Phi Kappa Psi, I pledge my life and my sacred honor.



Written by
John Henry Frizzell *Amherst 1898* and
Kent Christopher Owen *Indiana '58*.
Adopted by
the 1964 Grand Arch Council.



In 2011, brothers Neal and Samir Idnani (right) founded Naan Stop as a food truck concept in Los Angeles, California.

NAANSTOP: **FROM FOOD TRUCK** **TO BRICK-AND-MORTAR**

By Amy Lynch

In college, after graduation and now as a thriving entrepreneur, brotherhood means everything to Samir Idnani *Georgia Tech '01*.

Born and raised in Georgia, Idnani moved to Nashville, Tennessee, with his family at age 9, returning to his home state to attend college in 1999.

"I loved math and physics, so I knew I wanted to study engineering," he remembered. "Georgia Tech was a top-five school and only about a four-hour drive from Nashville, so I could stay fairly close to my family."

Samir hadn't planned to go through rush but decided to check out a Phi Kappa Psi event during the fall of his sophomore year at the invitation of Tim Alman *Georgia Tech '00*, one of the housing representatives in his dorm.

"As I got to know the brothers as individuals, I realized that the fraternity experience was much different than what I had initially

envisioned," Idnani said. "No one in my family had ever been in a fraternity, and I had a preconceived idea in mind based on what I'd seen on TV and in the movies. Everybody was so friendly, and I really appreciated their commitment to academics, to having fun and to just being good people."

When Idnani pledged Phi Psi in the spring, Alman became his big brother in the house.

"Samir was a very active member," Alman recalled. "We didn't have a large group at the time, as we were still building the colony and working to transition to a chapter. Samir was always willing to pitch in and take on leadership roles. I was so happy when he later decided to run for president; he became the leader the chapter needed to keep growing."

From his Phi Psi experience, Idnani took away life lessons that included leadership and team-building skills as well as the ability to live and work with a variety of people — strengths that have

served him well in his career.

After graduating in 2004, Idnani moved to Chicago where he worked a few years for Caterpillar. He then went into real estate development with his uncle for a short time before entering business school. In a major shift from his mechanical engineering degree, inspiration struck for a fast-casual restaurant concept showcasing his mother's recipes.

"I had no idea I would wind up working in the restaurant industry," he laughed. "Growing up, when friends who'd never had Indian food before would come to our house, they'd raid the fridge and devour everything! We kept trying to convince my mom to open a restaurant in Nashville; we wanted to figure out how to introduce the Indian dishes we loved to an American market, making them accessible and fun to eat."

After performing a feasibility analysis and writing up a business plan (winning best idea in his class), Idnani discovered his notion actually had legs. In 2011, he and his brother, Neal, teamed up to found NaanStop as a food truck concept in Los Angeles, moving the enterprise back to Georgia in 2012. Now, the business operates out of two permanent metro Atlanta-based locations serving salads, samosas and build-your-own rice bowls and wraps with a selection of proteins (Idnani says chicken tikka masala is the most popular

choice). It's now on the verge of franchising.

"I'm so thankful that I have my brother in the business with me, because that means we have each other to rely on," Idnani said. "We always know that we're going to have each other's back, no matter what happens."

Through the years, Idnani has stayed in touch with Alman and his Phi Psi brothers as well.

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"Everyone I graduated with has been extremely supportive of the business," he said. "I usually meet up with a big cohort of Phi Psi alumni once a year, and NaanStop donates food for Georgia Tech Rush events each fall and spring. I let the brothers know they can contact me and we'll take care of them. They help us with distributing flyers, and we help them with food, so it's a win-win."

While Idnani acknowledges that fraternity life isn't for everyone, he urges prospective pledges to keep an open mind when exploring opportunities to find a community on campus.

"Whatever your interests, there is a group out there for you," he said. "For some people, it's a sports organization or a business fraternity.

For me, it was a social fraternity where I found a group of like-minded young men I knew I wanted to be part of. Every fraternity is different. I truly loved my experience with Phi Psi."

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HELPING FRATERNITY MEN LEAD WITH PURPOSE



By Joe Gombach

For over a century, the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) has been fostering and promoting the values of Greek life. As a trade association representing 58 fraternities, the NIC supports opportunities for young men to seek and form positive, enriching fraternal bonds. Part of that mission is advocating legislation that positively impacts its members, such as the Title IX exemption that allows fraternities and sororities to continue operating as single-gender organizations.

Dominic Frattura is the NIC's Director of Advocacy, and he will speak at the upcoming Grand Arch Council, July 15-18, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Developing and executing a solid government relations strategy is at the heart of his work.

"Government relations appealed to me because it's a relationship-driven field — and so much of life is about who you know and how you build genuine connections," he said.

Dominic joined Sigma Nu while a student at Arizona State.

"The fraternity experience was truly my foundation for professional and personal growth," he said.

In 2023, he and his chapter received Awards of Distinction from the NIC. Afterward, he reached out to President & CEO Judson Horras to learn more about the organization.

"That conversation ultimately led to the creation of my current role," Dominic explained.

His focus is protecting freedom of association, advancing hazing prevention, and addressing campus policies that threaten the existence of fraternity life. These issues are increasingly important for fraternities.

In 2024, for example, the University of Maryland imposed a

blanket suspension of all Greek life and instituted draconian restrictions on members in response to allegations of hazing and alcohol abuse within a few chapters. The NIC, alongside other organizations, coordinated a successful nationwide campaign, which forced the university to reverse its policies.

Dominic understands the positive impact Greek life has on campuses and the many benefits of the fraternity experience, particularly when it comes to his career path.

"Fraternity members are uniquely positioned to make an impact in government because they've already experienced governance, consensus building, and accountability through their chapters," he said. "Fraternity men learn to bring people together across differences — a skill desperately needed in today's political environment."

In his role with the NIC, Dominic most enjoys "helping fraternity men lead with purpose at a time when the world needs values-based leadership more than ever." As for current students considering a path in government relations, he recommends "getting as much leadership experience as possible on campus."

"Those experiences prepare you to navigate complex situations confidently after graduation," he said.

Dominic is looking forward to next summer's GAC and his opportunity to discuss the importance of his work. "I'm excited to connect with Phi Kappa Psi brothers from across the country and hopefully inspire them to explore leadership roles in public policy or student governance."

Dominic expects brothers will enjoy their time in Scottsdale "Be sure to hike Camelback Mountain, explore Papago Park, and check out the restaurants and nightlife in Old Town. And honestly, the resort itself has everything you need — great golf, pools, and unbeatable desert views."

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PROFESSIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

By HQ Staff

For many members of Phi Kappa Psi, living in a chapter house contributed greatly to a meaningful and positive undergraduate experience and helped to build lifelong relationships. Owning and operating a fraternity house requires constant maintenance from dedicated alumni. With the ongoing maintenance needs of a facility, house corporations need access to funding opportunities and additional resources to be successful.

In January 2003, a special committee was formed by SWGP John Ciccarella *CSUN '72* to analyze long-term concerns of housing within the fraternity. After extensive research to analyze what other peer fraternal organizations had developed to support member housing, Project 2025 was created. From the work of the committee, a national housing corporation was established.

Incorporated in 2005, the Canonsburg Corporation was formed by seven dedicated brothers with careers in insurance, real estate, construction, finance, and law. These men worked to not only provide financial support for housing corporations, but also to build the foundation of Canonsburg to help promote and maintain the safest, most affordable housing options for all Phi Kappa Psi chapters.

They set two main goals. The first was to develop the ability to fund loans to local house corporations to assist in facility remodeling, purchasing, and safety improvements. The second was to fund a team of subject matter experts to assist local house corporation volunteers in all aspects of property management and operational needs.

The Phi Kappa Psi Executive Council and Foundation Board of Trustees supported the vision and assisted Canonsburg with seed and donor funds, as well as the implementation of the undergraduate assessment, which provided Canonsburg with a stream of income to assist house corporations with funding

opportunities. Over the past 16 years they have executed 32 short- and long-term loans totaling \$4.7 million dollars for 23 Phi Psi house corporations.



Warren

In 2021, Canonsburg conducted a case study on the state of housing and corporation. The findings made one thing clear: House corporations needed full-time professional staff capable of developing systems and resources to lighten local workloads and support volunteer recruitment.



Douglas

Finding the right person to serve as the Chief Executive Officer was crucial to build the structure and manage the work that Canonsburg sought to accomplish. The board reached out to a brother who had been involved in housing conversations during the formation of the board. He had experience working at Phi Psi headquarters and had spent more than a decade working in Greek

housing. Claude Warren III *DePauw '96 (Butler '95)* had the ideal experience and knowledge to direct the future of Canonsburg, and he spent the 2024-25 academic year taking a deep historical look into 20 years of Canonsburg's output and engaging with more than 40 local house corporations.

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CANONSBURG
CORPORATION

Warren hired Canonsburg's second employee, Kelsi Douglas, in the fall of 2025, quickly increasing Canonsburg's capacity. Douglas has six years of experience in Greek housing managing the day-to-day financial activity for 38 corporations, overseeing the operations and administrative tasks and much more.

What is on the horizon for Canonsburg?

They are building a comprehensive library of resources to assist local house corporations in all areas of financial management, legal compliance, board development, and much more.

Canonsburg will begin consistent and targeted communications with local house corporations, both electronically and through topical webinar opportunities.

Opportunities also will be evaluated to engage with local alumni where the creation of a house corporation is needed.

Canonsburg is evolving from a visionary alumni project into a professionalized housing corporation with real financial impact, staff infrastructure, and a scalable program to support Phi Psi housing nationwide.

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ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

QPR VIRTUAL TRAINING SUCCESS

In January 2026, Dennis Gillan of Half a Sorrow Foundation presented QPR* suicide prevention training and certification to Phi Psi members, parents and non-member volunteers.

At no cost to the organization, this program is widely recognized in mental health and crisis intervention work, designed to equip participants with the skills to recognize warning signs, engage in supportive conversation, and refer individuals to appropriate resources.

This initiative also aligns well with ongoing national conversations about men's mental health, belonging, and community support — areas where fraternities are positioned to play a critical role by fostering connection and care across all generations of members.

The two webinars held in January were well-received and attended.

* **QPR** = Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps to help save a life from suicide.

PARTICIPANT NUMBERS:

- **76** total attendees
- **55** members
- **18** parents
- **2** non-member volunteers

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK (based on 29 responses):

- **100%** found the session valuable
- **97%** found the session relevant
- **95%** found the session actionable and inspiring
- **92%** found the session engaging

"Informing talk about the importance of identifying mental health crisis, with strategies and resources to do help people you think are in need."

— Canon Cockrell Texas '23

"Encourages us we can help those in crisis."

— Darren Jones UC Berkeley '78

EXPANSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Spring 2026:

Georgia Alpha - Georgia

Illinois Alpha - Northwestern

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Michigan Alpha - Michigan

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Texas Gamma - Texas State



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LIVING MUSIC:

A Noteworthy

Grammy Award-winning octogenarian inspires listeners around the world

By Amy Lynch

Where many simply hear sound,
Paul Winter *Northwestern* '58 hears music.

The celebrated saxophonist, composer and bandleader leads the Paul Winter Consort and Living Music Records, marrying instruments and improvisation with the sounds of nature to create a genre he refers to as “Earth Music.”

Born and raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Winter’s fascination with music emerged early on, taking on drums at age 5, piano at 6, clarinet at 7 and saxophone at 9. Winter played in small bands with schoolmates and, by age 17, was touring Midwestern state fairs with a professional pit orchestra for a show called “Westorama.”

Although Winter said music was an important part of his youth, he never seriously considered it a future career.

“My family was always supportive, but [music] wasn’t something one would do for a living,” he said. “We were expected to do something responsible. I had no idea what that might be when I finished high school.”

In considering colleges, Winter was familiar with Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, because his older sister was already studying there, and nearby Chicago’s deep jazz culture sealed the deal. But still, he decided not to pursue a music degree during his years on campus from 1957 to 1961.

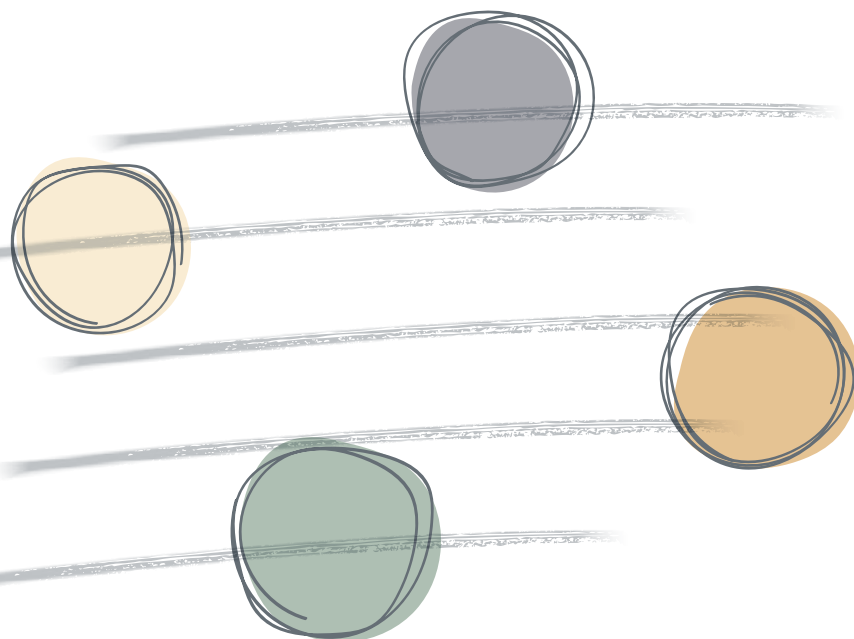
“I had no interest in the European classical traditions they taught in music school,” he explained. “I majored in general confusion until my senior year when I had to declare something. I chose English composition mainly because of a great literary professor there named Bergen Evans.”

Although it wasn’t his major, music led Winter to Phi Kappa Psi in a roundabout way.



Photo: Bill Ellzey

Legacy



"I pledged Phi Psi thanks to George Riseborough *Northwestern* '55, a wonderful trumpet player who had been part of the state fair band with me during the summer of 1957," he recalled. "He was already a senior and took me under his wing, guided me through Rush Week and encouraged me to join the Fraternity."

Becoming part of the musical community through campus and local connections, Winter organized a dance band his freshman year that performed around the North Shore and in the city. The group evolved into a sextet his senior year, earning first-place honors at the 1961 Intercollegiate Jazz Festival at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and snagging a recording contract with Columbia Records.

"I had long been interested in the State Department's Jazz Ambassadors cultural exchange program, and I wrote to them suggesting they consider sending us on a goodwill tour of universities in the Iron Curtain countries," Winter said. "It happened that our sextet was perfectly integrated — three blacks, three whites — at this time, early in the Kennedy years, when Civil Rights was a major issue."

After reviewing their audition tape, the State Department decided to dispatch the band on a six-month tour of 23 Latin American countries instead.

"It changed our lives, and showed me a path on which music, I felt, could make a contribution to the world," Winter said.

It also caught the attention of Jackie Kennedy. At the First Lady's invitation, Winter and his bandmates performed in the East Room on Nov. 19, 1962. It was the first ever jazz concert held at the White House.

Since the formation of the Paul Winter Consort in 1967, the prolific

musician has traveled the world for performances and musical research expeditions that have taken him to 52 countries across six continents, including those Iron Curtain regions he'd hoped to visit back in the 1960s.

"I borrowed the name 'consort' from the ensembles of Shakespeare's time, the house bands of the Elizabethan Theater, which adventurously blended woodwinds, strings and percussion — the same families of instruments I wanted to combine in our contemporary consort," Winter points out.

His ability to merge elements of jazz, bossa nova beats and nature sounds solidly established Winter as a forefather of world music and gave him the heart of an environmental activist. Of the 50 albums he's recorded, many of which are on the Living Music label he launched in 1980, seven have won Grammy Awards.

Winter's primary performing forum for many years has been an extraordinary acoustic space — New York's St. John the Divine Cathedral, the world's largest. He and the Consort have been artists-in-residence there since 1980 and have presented more than 200 secular musical events.

Now in his 80s, Winter continues to tour the world with the Consort and actively supports organizations that work to preserve biological and cultural diversity. Throughout his journey, he's worked to create timeless music that celebrates the creatures and cultures of the Earth.

"I hope that this legacy of 'Living Music' will continue to inspire future generations of musicians and listeners," he said.

For more information or to hear Winter's music, go to paulwinter.com.

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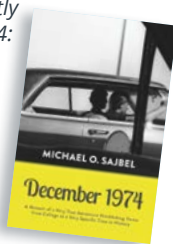
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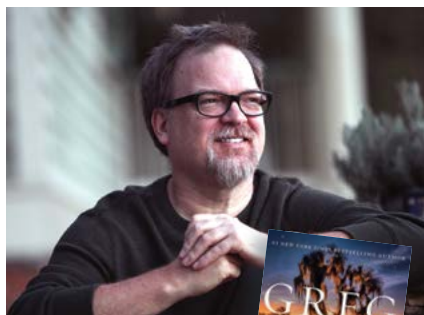
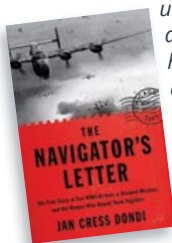
Michael Sajbel '75 recently published "December 1974: A Memoir of a Very True Adventure Hitchhiking Home from College at a Very Specific Time in History," a hilarious and often poignant account of something no one in their right mind should ever attempt. Available on Amazon.



Capt. John B. White Jr. at Hardwick AFB in England, c. March 1943

Illinois Delta - Illinois

Capt. John B. White Jr. 1934 is the subject of the newly released "The Navigator's Letter," a true story of war, courage, love and uncanny parallels, told by the daughter and niece of its two heroes: B-24 navigators in one of World War II's riskiest and most tragic missions. Jan Cress Dondi tells the intertwined war stories of her uncle, White, a hometown lawyer with political aspirations, and her father, Bob Cress, a college student with roots in dairy farming, captured in the letters they both wrote to the same woman, Polley, who became Jan's mother. What started with Operation Tidal Wave, the first-ever zero-altitude air raid and its terrible human toll, this gripping account of combat and sacrifice is, at its heart, a tale of love, family and eerie twists of fate. A second-generation Phi Psi, White's service was distinguished with many firsts, but his last mission was infamous — arguably a suicide mission that aimed to shorten the war by six months. The mission is still taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy. For more info, visit jancressdondi.com.



Iles

Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

Bestselling author, **Greg Iles '79**, entered Chapter Eternal on Aug. 15, 2025, after a decades-long battle with cancer. Initially diagnosed in 1996, he kept his illness private until completing his final novel, "Southern Man," which was published in 2024. Brother Iles is best known for his trilogy set in Natchez, Mississippi, which features the fictional former prosecutor, Penn Cage. Also a musician, Iles performed in The Rock Bottom Remainers, a charity rock group consisting of popular published writers.



Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska

Dan Yager JD '69 released a book in August 2025 titled "The Saundra Gray Affair: A Novel of Politics." Inspired by the true story of the still-unsolved Chandra Levy case, it is more than a murder mystery. It's a powerful commentary on power, politics, and the brilliance and flaws of both our laws and our leaders. More information is at saundragrayaffair.com.

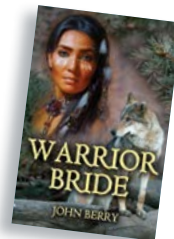


Rodney Romig '65 published his 12th in a series of Dan Trix mysteries called, "Crazy Music." Someone stole \$4.2 million from Big Jim McGuire's closet. Believing it was his stepdaughter, he hires Dan Trix to find out. Learn more at rodneymarig.com.



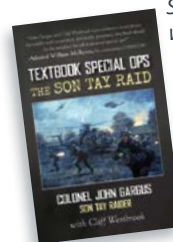
Ohio Epsilon - CWRU

John Berry III '64 has published his fifth book, "Warrior Bride," a historical fiction novel taking place around the time of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. A young Sioux slave fights to save her people from the oppressive Crow. You can find it on Amazon.



Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green

Col. John Gargus '53 published "Textbook Special Ops: The Son Tay Raid," which recounts "the greatest deception of the Vietnam War" that allowed the joint Army and Air Force Special Forces to arrive at the POW camp unchallenged. He is the only author who succeeded in documenting the North Vietnam's accounts about the attempted rescue of American POWs. You can order this book from Brother Gargus at Gartalon70@gmail.com.



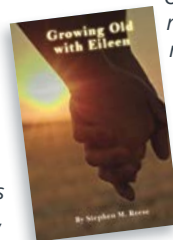
Pennsylvania Eta - F&M

After four years of researching, writing and editing, **Scott Salmon '10** has published a new book, "Naming New Jersey: The Etymology of Its Historical and Geographical Landmarks." It explores the origins of nearly 850 towns, neighborhoods and landmarks. One hundred percent of the proceeds support the Bridge of Books Foundation, a New Jersey-based nonprofit that donates books to children in underserved communities throughout the state. Available on Amazon.



Pennsylvania Nu - IUP

Stephen Reese '72 published "Growing Old with Eileen," a love diary of recovery from an accident that resulted in a serious concussion, and the daily documentation of events post-concussion. Therapeutic for Reese to write, the daily updates allowed Reese to interject humor into a tough situation. Available on Amazon.



West Virginia Alpha - WVU

Forest J. Bowman '58 published his fourth book, "The List: Everyone Wants It, Even At Gunpoint," a razor-sharp story of buried secrets, political corruption and ordinary people thrust into an extraordinary battle against the most dangerous kind of enemy: one who makes the law and — breaks it — at will.



IN MEMORIAM

Honoring Brother Dennis “Denny” Schwartz *Purdue ’60*

By HQ Staff

On a cool afternoon at Purdue University, Denny Schwartz stood just outside the Indiana Delta chapter house, watching undergraduate brothers move in and out — doing what Phi Psis have always done: building friendships that would last a lifetime.



Schwartz

For Denny, moments like that captured the essence of the Fraternity. The brotherhood was about more than his experience. It was about ensuring that young men have a place to belong and the support to grow.

That belief guided Denny’s lifelong relationship with Phi Psi. From his early days as an Indiana Delta undergraduate to his decades of alumni and Foundation

service, Denny lived his loyalty through action. With his passing on Aug. 20, 2025, the Fraternity reflects with gratitude on a life defined by stewardship, leadership and a quiet but enduring devotion to brotherhood.

Denny’s Phi Psi story began at Purdue, where he was initiated into the Indiana Delta Chapter and quickly embraced the responsibilities that came with brotherhood.

Years later, that same sense of responsibility would bring him back in a transformative way. A driving force behind Indiana Delta’s capital campaign and the construction of a new chapter house worthy of the Creed.

“We weren’t just building a house; we were making a commitment to the future,” Denny once reflected. “I wanted every young man who lived there to feel proud of his chapter and supported by it.”

That philosophy guided Denny’s leadership throughout the project and shaped the legacy the chapter house continues to represent.

“Denny understood that buildings are about people,” shared Paul Oblon *Purdue ’90*. “He didn’t just help raise a chapter house; he helped raise expectations for what a chapter could be.”

Denny’s service to Phi Psi extended well beyond Purdue. As a longtime member of the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation’s Board of Trustees, he was known for his insight, candor and unwavering commitment to doing what was right for the Fraternity. In boardrooms and committee discussions alike, Denny was a steady presence: thoughtful in his questions, generous with his perspective and grounded in Phi Psi’s mission.

“Denny was the kind of Trustee every organization hopes to have,” said Ben Nicol *Valpo ’00*, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation. “He asked the questions that mattered, listened carefully and never lost sight of why the work mattered. His expertise and voice made us better.”



Brother Schwartz (in yellow) with fellow Indiana Deltans cheering on their beloved Boilermakers.

Fellow Trustees recall that Denny had a unique ability to balance realism with optimism with a warmth and wit that made him a joy to serve alongside. He pushed for fiscal responsibility while encouraging bold thinking, weighing decisions through the lens of long-term impact and stewardship.

Outside of Phi Psi, Denny lived a life defined by leadership, service, and integrity. A Purdue-trained engineer, he went on to serve as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Europe. Returning home, he built a distinguished career in banking, ultimately serving as president of Valley American Bank for three decades, which flourished under his leadership.

His commitment to service extended into his community. Denny championed health care and education initiatives, most

notably through his long service on the board of Memorial Health System in South Bend, where he was chairman from 1995 to 1997. In every role, Denny was guided by a simple belief: Leadership carried a responsibility to give back.

“Denny never sought the spotlight,” fellow Trustee Wayne Wilson *Michigan State ’59* recalled. “He believed leadership was about showing up, asking the right questions and leaving things better than you found them.”

Those who knew Denny remember him not only for what he accomplished, but also for how he carried himself. He was warm, approachable, and quick with a story or a good bit of humor. He took genuine interest in people and delighted in seeing others succeed. To many, he was a mentor; to all, he was a brother.

Don Fites *Valpo ’53*, a Trustee, reflected on Denny’s enduring example: “Denny lived Phi Psi’s values quietly and consistently. He showed us that loyalty is not just something you feel; it’s something you do, year after year. And he did it with warmth, good humor and a charismatic, magnetic personality that drew people in. Our Fraternity is stronger because of him.”

Denny’s legacy lives on in the Indiana Delta Chapter house he helped bring to life, in the Foundation he helped guide with wisdom and care, and in the countless brothers whose lives were touched by his generosity and example. He will be remembered as a man who believed deeply in Phi Kappa Psi and invested himself fully in its future.

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CHAPTER ETERNAL

✧ Denotes veterans

We mourn the loss of our brothers who have now entered the Chapter Eternal, and we extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends. May the memories of our loyal comrades remain in our hearts and minds forever. LEDN.

Deaths reported from **June 5 through Dec. 10, 2025**, are included below. Year of initiation is shown after the name. Obituaries can be found at bit.ly/chapter-eternal. Please email Chapter Eternal announcements to membership@phikappapsi.com.

Arizona Alpha - Arizona

Harry E. Richardson '49 ✧
Robert E. Segerstrom '58 ✧

Arizona Beta - ASU

Richard W. Carter '92
Colin E. Salettel '96

California Beta - Stanford

George A. Jedenoff '37 ✧
David G. Davidson '43
John A. Paterson '43 ✧
Culton Ingram '50
Paul R. Johnson '50
Harvey C. King II '50 ✧
Thomas P. Vail '51
Elmer A. Thomas '53 ✧
William B. Early '55 ✧
George S. Roberts '55 ✧
Joseph K. Humphrey '56 ✧
Raymon A. York '57
Bruce G. Hanson '58
David M. Glen '61
Thomas R. Gidwitz '73

California Gamma - UC Berkeley

Martin D. Durante '47
John B. Taylor '47
John R. Brewer '51 ✧

California Delta - USC

Thomas D. Burrows '48
Charles T. Peterson Jr. '49 ✧
Gerald L. Leishman, DDS '50
Frederick E. Talmage Jr. '50
Michael N. Blewett Sr. '55
John F. Nicholson '65
Thomas J. Metzler '66
William C. Redding '68

California Epsilon - UCLA

John W. Shoemaker '49 ✧
James E. Riopelle '50
Delbert M. Nuzum '51
Wilson E. Silsby Jr. '55
John L. Holmquist '58 ✧
Patrick H. Donahoe Jr. '67

California Zeta - UC Santa Barbara

Lawrence R. Karrer '85

California Eta - Cal Poly

Wayne G. Griffin '67
James G. Motz '74
Paul S. Delaney '75
William P. Fredrickson '76

California Theta - CSUN

Martin D. Strand '71

Colorado Alpha - Colorado

Alan R. Hoffman '59
Michael M. Mitchell '65 ✧

Delaware Alpha - Delaware

Jack L. McCloskey '17

District of Columbia Alpha - GW

Brennan P. Berry '03

Florida Alpha - FSU

Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan '63 ✧
Michael A. Penta '67

Florida Beta - Florida

David E. Knowles '68

Georgia Alpha - Georgia

Michael Alex Payne '15

Illinois Alpha - Northwestern

John G. Steeb '49
Dr. Victor N. Tsaloff '53 ✧
James C. Warner '55
Larry K. VanDusen '56
Gregory W. Morgan '09

Illinois Beta - Chicago

Peter H. Greene '52
Donald C. Guy '58

Illinois Delta - Illinois

James S. Acheson '52 ✧
Karl F. Krehbiel '65 ✧
Jeffrey L. Roggensack '75
Joseph A. Halliday '76
George J. Roguljic Jr. '91

Illinois Eta - SIUE

Jayden D. Lovett '23

Indiana Alpha - DePauw

Robert A. Bennett '46 ✧
William J. Lee '62

Indiana Beta - Indiana

Dr. Edgar J. Rennoe Jr. '44
Edward C. Berry '46
Donald E. Moulden '46 ✧
Dr. William R. Earnhart '48 ✧
Paul W. Lewis '48 ✧
Edward B. Rodabaugh '49 ✧
William B. Maddock '50 ✧
Dr. Daniel L. McKinney '50
Thomas T. Glidden '51
M. Stuart Emry '52 ✧
John C. Fenn '53

James F. Ruble, DDS '53 ✧
Jack A. King '55
Dr. Gene E. Maddock '55 ✧
Vern R. Young '55
Robert W. Gray '56
James B. Ulrey Sr. '56
Patrick R. Corsi '60
Dr. Donald K. Leedy '60 ✧
David L. Miller '60
Larry G. Miller '61
Kenneth H. Nakasone '61 ✧
John R. O'Dea '61 ✧
Basil R. Walton Jr. '61 ✧
Larry A. Jones '63
James R. McMurtrie '63
Robert H. Olson Jr. '63
Oliver K. Townsend '63
Ronald J. Bianco '64
Norman D. Bramlett '64
Dr. Michael J. Bohnert '66
James B. Conkle '66
Robert M. Kramer '66 ✧
Dr. James A. McCoy '66 ✧
Michael L. Bolos '67
Robert P. Robeson Jr. '67
Michael Roy Smith '67
David A. Rendel '70
Mark E. Russell '70
Randall R. Benner, DDS '71
Robert A. Dorman '71
Steven Allen Gamrath '74
Wayne B. White '75
Bradford W. Cross '76
John A. Scudder III '76
Kirk A. Parker '84
Harrison S. Paul '13
Ross B. Dodenhoff '15

Indiana Gamma - Wabash

James E. Purdy '53 ✧
Robert H. Schwab '53
Larry S. Landis '64 ✧

Indiana Delta - Purdue

Richard D. Youngflesh '50 ✧
Henry D. Bronson '54
John L. Baker '55 ✧
Dennis A. Plunkett '56
J. Trent Anderson '58
James M. Corely '60
Dennis J. Schwartz '60 ✧
James W. Hill '61 ✧

Indiana Epsilon - Valpo

Gustave J. Dolmanisth '53 ✧
William R. Heerman '53
Ronald G. Schmidt, DDS '54 ✧
Dr. Richard C. Traugott '60 ✧
David C. Gring '78

Indiana Zeta - Butler

William A. Weber Jr. '77
Lincoln J. McKinley '97 ✪

Iowa Alpha - Iowa

George H. Myers '50
Charles E. Warren '54
Philip T. Thomson '55
Thomas L. Flickinger '58
James A. Jones '58
James R. Bowers Jr. '68

Iowa Beta - Iowa State

Roger W. Hill '50 ✪
Wayne G. Basler Jr. '51 ✪
Dr. Robert E. Short '59
Kenneth D. Backsen '66

Kansas Alpha - Kansas

Bion B. Bierer Jr. '48 ✪
Damon G. Simpson '50
John S. Fotopoulos '52 ✪
Kenneth I. Fligg Jr. '53
Lt. Col. Bernell L. Hiskey '53 ✪
Michael C. Kenney '54
Charles Ken Spencer '55 ✪
Cornelius Boersma III '57
David L. Schmidt '57
William D. Goodwin '59
John P. Ward II '59

Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins

John P. Defandorf '52
Ira T. Anderson '55 ✪
John "Randy" Cicen '60
Jeffrey L. Stephens '60

Massachusetts Alpha - Amherst

Frederick D. Greene II '46 ✪

Michigan Alpha - Michigan

John H. Hoppin Jr. '38 ✪
Edwin H. Corlett '49
Dr. Edward "Ted" Diethrich '54
Allen B. Dickerson '57
James M. Tervo '66

Michigan Beta - Michigan State

Douglas A. St. John '59 ✪
Joseph D. Harbison '66 ✪
William L. Misner '69

Minnesota Beta - UMN Twin Cities

Aris D. Efthimides '49 ✪
Charles F. Prunty '54
John F. Maloney '64 ✪
Theodore L. Anderson '66 ✪
Dr. Kevin J. Lee '68
Douglas J. Wormer '76

Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

William R. Boyens '51 ✪
Dr. Bernard L. Shipp '63 ✪
Godfred Hennig III '69
Paul M. Booker III '75
David Rex Rush '78
Mark Gregory Iles '79
Calvin S. Jarboe '09

Missouri Alpha - Missouri

Carl H. Niewoehner '48 ✪
William T. Brooks Jr. '51
Donald C. Scharringhausen '51 ✪
Danny B. Foster '55 ✪
Thomas B. Wheeler '55 ✪
Harry E. Smith Jr. '68

Missouri Beta - Westminster

Patrick P. Howle '60

Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska

Harry Robert Mulliner '41 ✪
John R. Brestel '53 ✪
James A. Little '62
William W. Marshall III '63
Thomas S. Nickerson '63
John A. Rasmussen Jr. '64
Adrian R. Fiala II '66
Michael John Flynn '75

Nebraska Beta - Creighton

Charles R. Caniglia '65 ✪
Edward Ross Tucker '65
Gregory L. Sis '80
John D. Fallahee '87

New Hampshire Alpha - Dartmouth

Allan D. Walker '53 ✪
John E. Cotton '54
William J. Dean '58
Robert D. Blake '63

New York Alpha - Cornell

Porter T. Loud Jr. '51 ✪
Allan R. G. Gard '52
Donald S. Kennedy '52
James D. Campbell Jr. '59 ✪
Peter T. Colket '62
Dr. Philip D. Lumb '66
Joseph Marletta '75

New York Beta - Syracuse

Henry E. Stuman '44
Dr. John F. Holzwarth '52 ✪
Lt. Col. Paul J. O'Donohue '54 ✪
Gregory L. Bock '68 ✪

New York Gamma - Columbia

William S. Graff '47

New York Epsilon - Colgate

Sidney W. Prince Jr. '48 ✪

New York Eta - Buffalo

Robert E. Zicht '50 ✪
William E. Brennison '59 ✪
Christopher G. Micardi '85

North Carolina Alpha - Duke

Herschel V. Anderson '51 ✪
Jeffrey G. Thompson '77

Ohio Alpha - Ohio Wesleyan

Robert E. Johnston '48 ✪
Hon. Thomas K. Jenkins '56
Roger A. Brown '58

Robert A. Detweiler '60
Robert B. St. John '61
William C. Bassett '63
Peter L. Krasnoff '82

Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

David H. Hathaway '59
Richard G. Allen '64

Ohio Delta - Ohio State

Don C. Clark '52
Charles L. Stoup Jr., DDS '55 ✪

Ohio Epsilon - CWRU

Dean M. Pierce '53
John P. Platt '59
R. Wayne Niles '60
John F. Brownlee Jr. '61
Thomas K. Ehni '64
Dennis R. Cassia '71

Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green

Hugh S. Smith Jr. '50 ✪
Vernon Barnes Jr. '51 ✪
David R. Etchie '61 ✪
Timothy S. Beatty '69

Ohio Eta - Toledo

Thomas M. Culler '57
Bruce E. Schmakel '70

Ohio Theta - Ashland

Charles H. Milligan '67
Bruce A. Ackerman '68 ✪
Ronald D. Heitz '68 ✪
David A. Vitaz '68
Jon M. Daup '70
Gregory J. Klaus '70
Timothy J. Rhode '78

Ohio Kappa - Kent State

Richard Craig Miller '71 ✪

Ohio Lambda - Miami

James M. Looker '72
John L. Noelcke '72
Kenneth E. Saunders '78
Kevin C. Hake '79
Timothy B. Kirkham '82

Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma

Manford K. Patterson Jr. '49 ✪
Pete J. Klentos '54
Edwin D. Abel '61
James H. Holloman Jr. '64 ✪

Oklahoma Beta - Oklahoma State

Curtis W. Carver '71
Allen F. Staples '79

Oregon Alpha - Oregon

Donald H. Wilson '58
Dr. Robert W. Emmens '60 ✪
Christopher J. Berry '92

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Oregon Beta - Oregon State

Ronald A. Anders '55 ☼
Vard A. Roemer '59
Gregory L. Parker '62
Gerald W. Vonderharr '80

Pennsylvania Alpha - W&J

James S. Linderman '48 ☼
William F. McGovern '53 ☼
Paul B. Miller '61 ☼
Edward N. Welty '80

Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny

Col. Robert W. Cook '48 ☼
James E. Boddorf '49 ☼
Robert S. Banham '54
David K. Lush '78

Pennsylvania Gamma - Bucknell

Alan Henry Goff '50

Pennsylvania Epsilon - Gettysburg

Wallace K. Kuligowski, DDS '54
John E. Perrine '57
Robert F. Grele '58

Pennsylvania Zeta - Dickinson

John "Jack" T. Whitmore '51
Carl A. Turner '60

Pennsylvania Eta - F&M

Craig G. Loupassakis '61

Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette

John W. Wilson Jr. '50 ☼
Harry M. Boyko Jr. '58 ☼
Richard M. Konover '64 ☼
Richard C. Repsher '64
Joseph A. Hackenbracht Jr. '68

Pennsylvania Iota - Penn

John R. Casani '51
Theodore L. Purnell Jr. '57 ☼

Pennsylvania Kappa - Swarthmore

William B. Marshall '53
Paul N. Guthrie Jr. '56

Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

John L. Winterbottom '52
Robert E. Rhoades Jr. '64

Pennsylvania Nu - IUP

Peter L. Summers '70
Thomas E. Wines '70
Joseph H. Munley '74
Ronald L. Reeder '10

Rhode Island Alpha - Brown

John W. McMahon '60

South Carolina Alpha - South Carolina

William R. Jones Jr. '74 ☼
David C. Pearson '76
James C. Cottier '81
Jon T. Foster '81
Stephen Lee Dutton '83

Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt

Vernon M. Boyett Jr. '51 ☼
John D. Bradley Jr., MD '53 ☼
George T. Armstrong '61
Anthony L. Springman '73
Alistair B. Dawson '84

Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

Glenn C. Jones '68
Charles F. Niles III '69

Tennessee Zeta - Memphis

Douglas L. Winters '70

Texas Alpha - Texas

John A. Dubberley '49 ☼
John D. Riggs Sr. '50 ☼
Douglas E. Atwill '52 ☼
Dr. Irvin A. Ebaugh Jr. '54 ☼
Jean A. Martindale '56
Dr. James R. Smith '61 ☼
Bruce A. Smith '65

Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Charles L. Strehli '54 ☼
David A. Jones '55 ☼
Thomas T. Beard '56
Chuck L. McHargue '60
Randy P. Willett '72
Stephen G. Burrow '74
Getson D. Watson '85

Texas Gamma - Texas State

Carl H. Aiken Jr. '69
William A. Schwegmann '69
Eddie C. Barclay '79

Virginia Alpha - Virginia

Stanley P. Christopher III '53
James S. Welles '58 ☼
Benjamin P.A. Warthen '62 ☼
Dr. Thomas R. Winans '65

Virginia Beta - W&L

George S. Denning Jr. '51
Andrew T. Treadway '56
Dr. Robert B. Scott Jr. '64

Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech

Gregory Alan Moran '93

Washington Alpha - Washington

Guy M. Harper '51 ☼
Thomas M. Treece '57
William S. Mills IV '66
Kamlash D. Parmar '00

West Virginia Alpha - WVU

Dr. Jerry E. Adamson '47 ☼
Ralph B. Hinzman Jr. '58

Col Robert E. Henderson '60 ☼

Robert J. Smith '62

John R. McWhorter '63 ☼

Thomas E. Messmore '64

Joseph W. Chambers '82

David G. Calabrese '84

Wisconsin Gamma - Beloit

Christopher W. Albright '55
David J. Hennicke '56
Philip H. Hart '64

George A. Jedenoff Stanford '37 died May 11, 2025, at the age 107. Along with being a



member of California Beta, he played rugby and later served in the U.S. Navy. Jedenoff was the general manager of three U.S. Steel plants and later served as president and COO of Kaiser Steel Corporation. He was a passionate skier until age 103 and made a point to serve his communities.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan FSU '63, a Texas-born son of a World War II bomber pilot and longtime Florida resident, died Nov. 1, 2025. Minihan served at the highest



levels of the U.S. Air Force and the Pentagon, culminating as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and eventually NSA as its 14th Director. A Vietnam veteran and Cold War warrior, his service stretched across three decades of conflict and change. At Florida State University, he studied political science, joined Phi Kappa Psi, and was elected president of Florida Alpha and president of the Interfraternity Council. In Air Force ROTC he rose to Cadet Colonel and Wing Commander, graduating as a Distinguished Graduate, then commissioning as an Air Force intelligence officer in 1966. His first major assignments took him to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. As an intelligence officer supporting air operations, he saw firsthand the cost of conflict, the speed at which commanders needed information, and the extraordinary impact intelligence could have when it was operationalized correctly. Those experiences ignited a lifetime devoted to intelligence, emerging technology, and national defense. Lt. Gen. Minihan will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, laid to rest beside his parents, Col. Chuck and Shirley Minihan, and his grandfather, Brig. Gen. P. K. Smith.



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