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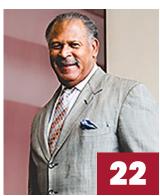




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**ON THE COVER:** Three of the 47 brothers who celebrated their rechartering in April. (Photo: Drake DeLosSantos)

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### **A STORM IS COMING**

Local-level involvement, educational opportunites help reduce risk



I am often asked what it is like living in New Orleans. I tell people it is akin to owning a beach-front home. Something is always broken, not working and it seems like we are perpetually cleaning up from a storm or anxiously awaiting the next one.

Moyer

The good thing about some storms, especially big ones, is you can see them coming. This coming fall,

college campuses will face challenges in welcoming a new class of students unlike any they have had before. The incoming class of 2025 will have had two years of proms, school activities and social activities with their friends replaced with two years of being Zoomed every day, staring at a computer screen with little social interaction. Their parents will deliver them to a campus that is — even in normal times — a world suddenly open, free and available to them.

For continuing students, the typical collegiate life and adulthood that a campus experience is designed to instill — stopped. Social distancing restrictions replaced social events and mixers. Draconian-but-wellintended health department directives made informal social interaction (so often the hallmark of a residential collegiate experience) verboten. Stay-at-home orders denied any opportunity for in-person training about leadership, health or being a good Samaritan. Many universities offered no in-person classes whatsoever. Accordingly, this fall semester, continuing students are as likely as the incoming students to experience a campus life that is finally open, free and available.

Because membership in Phi Kappa Psi is drawn from the student body our campuses admit, we risk issues created by university policies and admissions decisions that might manifest in our chapters. With an eye toward this possibility, Phi Kappa Psi is taking extra steps to provide our chapter leaders and new member education teams with additional training before welcoming another group of young Fraternity men this fall.

To create time to devote to this additional training, in early March we announced a pause of all new member activities. This directive was met with hundreds of emails: 80% were positive, 18% were met with skepticism, scorn or criticism and 2% came from people who shouldn't have been initiated into our Fraternity. The most common complaint was from undergraduate brothers WHO DO NOT WANT MORE COMPUTER CLASSES. I hear you.

Many brothers reached out and asked how they can help. First — now, more than ever — we need you involved with a local chapter. Alumni involvement with local chapters can help moderate risky behavior because it puts a face to the pride alumni have for the Fraternity. Knowing the people who will be disappointed in you makes it a lot harder to do something stupid. Please get involved with these young men. They will admire you.

Secondly, some chapters employ full-time chapter advisors who live in the chapter house. Those chapters tend to engage in less risky behavior. If you are a larger chapter, you might consider hiring a full-time advisor. As an aside, parents love our chapters that have fulltime advisors, and it has been a major selling point and a boon in recruiting.

Finally, I received numerous emails from parents thanking the Fraternity for providing additional training. Parents want to help. I know we have chapters with parent groups who do things for the young men. I assure you, if the advisors or alumni reach out to the parents of these men and ask them to volunteer to make goodie baskets, study treats or simply be available to support the young men, then we might see a correlation between chapters with parent groups and less risktaking behavior.

Risky behavior occurs in all fraternal groups. I do not have the solution, nor have any of my predecessors or interfraternal counterparts. We all wish we did. One thing we know that helps reduce risk are educational opportunities. Please help Phi Kappa Psi be the leaders in risk reduction.

In the Bond,

David S. Moyer... *Alabama '91* National President

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Do you have a pen handy? If you do not, take a moment and grab one. Ready when you are. Think of three people who at some point in your life, have made a positive impact. It may have been something that they said or did. It may have happened yesterday or 25 years ago. Using the three lines below, take a moment and write their names on the lines.

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Now that you have filled in the blanks, answer this question: Are each of the three individuals listed above aware of the impact that they have made in your life? This is not a guessing game. To be clear, if you have not told them directly, we can assume that they are not aware.

It would be naïve of me to assume that this is an easy task for everyone. If it were easy, I would not be writing on the topic. For starters, acknowledging the impact that others have had on our lives is an exercise in reflection and a realization that we have not made it where we are today on our own. Second, for some of you, expressing gratitude to others may be physically impossible. When I told one of our team members that I would be writing about expressing gratitude in *The Shield*, he responded with, "The sad thing is, you find it most important to tell someone how much they mean to you when you don't have the opportunity to tell them anymore." If you find yourself in this situation, please do not stop reading.

Expressing gratitude is good for you and those in your life. According to research cited in a 2011 Harvard Health Publishing article, gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity and build strong relationships<sup>1</sup>. There are many ways that you can express gratitude. While we have discussed the most obvious, you may also choose to send a gift, invite someone to lunch or toward those who are no longer with us, write a journal entry or reflection letter.

Do you have a story about a brother who has made a difference in your life? Maybe he introduced you to your life partner, invited you to come home with him for the holidays when you had nowhere else to go or he was just there in your time of need. Regardless of the situation, we would love to hear your stories. With your permission, I'd like to find a way that we can help you share your gratitude for those Phi Psi's who have made a difference in your life. In the meantime, I hope you will consider following through with this activity. Pick up the phone, or a pen. Let someone know how much they mean to you. If nothing else, write some notes to yourself to reflect upon the many great fortunes in your life. Who knows, your willingness to share may positively impact your life, and theirs.

#### Share your experience with us - thank you!

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

<sup>1</sup>Harvard Medical School. Harvard Health Publishing - *Healthbeat*. November 2011. April 2021.

# SOCIAL SHOUT-OUTS

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Academic Excellence is one of the five core values of Phi Kappa Psi. The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi Penn Beta are elated to see four of our brothers honored as new members of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honors fraternity! Congratulations to Brothers Del Rosso, Dayton, Uranga and Tart for their academic achievements in the Economics Department of Allegheny College! *#PhiPsi* 

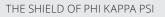
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Yesterday the brothers were able to partner with @au\_givs to give back to the community! Over multiple locations throughout Ashland, brothers helped plant flowers, organize documents, pack away items, and much more! As always, Phi Psi lives for The Great Joy of Serving Others! *#PhiPsi* 





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Shown here are a pair of pants — Senior Cords — owned and worn by Charles Elliot *Purdue '61*.

### Does This Tradition Strike a 'Cord' with you?

By Timothy Tangen Minn.-Duluth '03

There are some unique and fun traditions that exist in our chapters, such as "willing" down your Phi Psi chapter items to younger members when you graduate, going out to eat together at the same restaurant after every formal chapter meeting or serenading the Sweethearts at banquets.

And, of course, there are traditions that have disappeared and should be revived — or at least nostalgically revisited. One such a tradition: A decorated pair of Senior Cords from Indiana Delta at Purdue from the late 1950s early 1960s.

Seniors decorating a pair of gold or yellow-colored corduroy pants was not only an Indiana Delta tradition, but also an activity that seniors on Purdue's campus engaged in for decades.

Kicking off in 1904 with the class of 1905, the soon-tobe graduates would walk around campus in their special "cords." The tradition later evolved to decorating, painting and drawing on their pants to further personalize them. The trend soon spread to other colleges and high schools throughout the state.

The tradition at Purdue is believed to have ended sometime around the early 1970s.

Did you have senior cords? Or do you remember a school or chapter tradition that you wish would come back? Share your stories with us at marketing@phikappapsi.com and send pictures, too; we just might use them in a future article.

# E-X-P-A-N



The newly initiated members of the University of Utah Colony are (L to R): Tommy Heimer, Jacob Sunday, Keegan Benfield, David Broussard and Jake Croxton.

### 'Go West, Young Man, Go West!'

By HQ Communications Staff

Phi Kappa Psi is proud to be expanding in the state of Utah for the very first time! This spring, Senior Expansion Consultant Brandon Copeland *West Virginia* '17, was in Salt Lake City recruiting the Founding Fathers at the University of Utah.

Copeland was diligent in recruiting and training the new members at Utah as they embarked on the journey toward becoming a chapter and a mainstay at the University of Utah for decades to come. Five brothers have been initiated into the colony with a second new member class still to come as recruitment continues.

Besides recruitment, the colony was hard at work this semester as they set themselves up for the future, by creating a budget, writing bylaws and a code of conduct, formulating an academic success plan and partnered with a local organization dedicated to addressing poverty. Currently, the colony is actively collaborating with Kappa Kappa Gamma, Triangle and Kappa Sigma in Greek Week activities, with the theme of "Disney Heroes."

We are currently looking for alumni to serve as advisors for the Utah Colony. If you are or know an alumnus in the Utah area, please reach out to Senior Director of Development Adam Morgan at **agm@pkpfoundation.org**.

### A bright future is on the horizon for Phi Psi at the University of Utah!

**Note:** "GO WEST, YOUNG MAN, GO WEST" was an expression first used by John Soule in the *Terre Haute Express* in 1851. It appealed to Horace Greeley, who rephrased it slightly in an editorial in the *New York Tribune* July 13, 1865: "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country." When the phrase gained popularity, Greeley printed Soule's article to show the source of his inspiration. The phrase captured the imaginations of clerks, mechanics and soldiers returning from the Civil War, many of whom moved west to take up a homestead. *Source: encyclopedia.com* 

### Butler University Colony: In Pursuit of Top Dawgs

By Rhett White, Recruitment Chairman, Butler University Colony

I am very honored to be given the opportunity to write about my experience being in Phi Kappa Psi at Butler University. My name is Rhett White, and I am currently a sophomore studying finance. Coming from a high school in Fishers, Indiana that is the same size as Butler, and still within the greater Indianapolis area, was not much of a big change for me. I chose Butler because it's close proximity to home and for the fantastic business school they offer.



Outside of university life, I love to ride motorcycles, go to car shows and hang out on the water. At Butler, I participate in a few different clubs and activities that incorporate my hobbies/interests, which includes working out, intramural sports, the Butler Automotive Club and the Butler Esports Club.

Being in a fraternity on campus wasn't exactly on my radar when I came to Butler. However, that changed one day when I was approached by Ron Ransom *Butler '00* and Brandon Copeland *West Virginia '17* on my way to eat lunch. After they told me their plan to bring Phi Psi back to campus and the ambition they had for it to be successful, I was sold!

Fast forward six months, I have gotten more involved with the colony becoming the recruitment chairman. I am blessed to have a group of men I get to call my brothers in this fantastic organization. What stands out to me as part of the Indiana Zeta Colony are the resources available even during the uncertainty of COVID-19. It has not been the easy of start, trying to gain fellow members with limited in-person recruitment. But with the guidance, support and proximity of Headquarters staff as well as

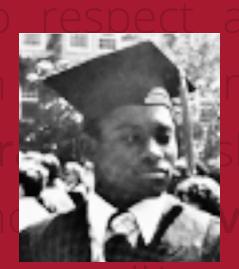
National Vice President Bob Marchesani IUP '79, Butler '94, they have helped us tremendously.

Being the recruitment chairman and one of the first members in the re-founding of our chapter, I have the same ambition and determination as I saw in Brothers Ransom and Copeland back in September 2020. I want us to be the most intellectual, respectful and gentlemanly Fraternity on campus. I look forward to the attention and recruitment we will attract in the future without COVID-19 restrictions on campus.

I can speak for the rest of my brothers in the fact that we all want to be different and distinguished on campus before we graduate. Holding true to the five core values of our Fraternity, we recruit men who have the desire to be the "top dawgs" or the best Bulldogs here at Butler. While there is some work to be done between now and the recruitment of 2022, my founding brothers and I have the willingness to be great and determination to transform Phi Psi to its former glory.

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By John Goding Rhode Island '75

It's funny how some memories fade over time and others are as clear as if they happened yesterday. It has been over 40 years, but there are memories from my days rushing, pledging, and living as a brother in the Rhode Island Beta fraternity house that are as clear as if they happened yesterday. Almost everyone had nicknames – Meat, Rosie, Beast, Booth, Pardner, Mugsy – all as different as the personalities in the house.

I have learned that the memories and influence of some brothers remain long after they have passed from this world. Estes Benson *Rhode Island '75* did not have a nickname, we just called him Estes. He stood out easily – tall, athletic, and gregarious, with a disarming smile and natural charm. He had a commanding presence when he walked into a room and pushed himself to succeed in every endeavor – academics, athletics, and life. He was also Black, and at his initiation with my pledge group, the first African American brother in Rhode Island Beta.

One of my fondest memories was the Thanksgiving after my family moved away. A few brothers, including Estes, had extended heartfelt invitations, but I felt it was a family occasion and not wanting to intrude, politely declined. In the late morning of Thanksgiving Day, the hallway pay-phone rang (there were no mobile phones in those days). I was the only brother in the house for the long holiday weekend, so I answered it. Estes spoke: "I'll pick you up in twenty minutes, be ready," and hung up. I spent the afternoon treated to a delicious family meal and wonderful time with his family.

At the end of a spring semester, we spent almost two weeks living in the house after our classes when most brothers had returned home. It was a relaxing time, and each day we would take the short drive to one of the many beaches that Rhode Island has to offer. There we would exercise together, which included wind sprints. Estes would give me a good head start – 10 yards or so. But despite my best efforts, I would hear his powerful, punctuated breathing, much like a freight train, as he overtook me. He was fast and strong. It was a great time to be alive.

His Phi Psi roommates recall his prodigious snoring abilities but were undisturbed as they gave Estes a run for his money in that department. His friendship, quick smile, leadership, and determination to exceed in anything he put his mind to are common themes from brothers who remember him well. Estes was a football player at the University of Rhode Island, and Br. Pete Larson (Larz) *Rhode Island '75*, who played with him recalls Estes "taking ballet classes to improve his balance and flexibility even though he took some serious ribbing for it." He also recalls, "You always felt better after seeing him (unless you were an opposing wide receiver)."

While many saw Estes' outgoing and athletic side, Br. Allan Chiulli *Rhode Island* '75 remembers Estes for his inquisitive and introspective nature. "He loved to ask a question after questions about anything that intrigued him. Constantly probing for more information, Estes would look at the same object, event, or person and see many different perspectives. The result was a man who was inherently

### **bood** of honorable men, courteous and **CONTRACTOR ASSIGNATE** and bound to strive manually for intellectual,

comfortable in grasping complexities in any university disciplines or on the football field. Estes was intrigued by the complexities and inherent contradictions in human behavior and he always tried to see not only the good in people, but the best in everyone he met."

Maybe more in retrospect, I can see the challenges that Estes faced as one of the few Black men in the fraternity system. There were those who did not feel that Black men should be allowed into white fraternities and used the 'quiet racism' of secret voting to keep Black pledges out. I am proud and grateful to those brothers of Rhode Island Beta who fought on his behalf to ensure he became a brother of Phi Kappa Psi. My Fraternity experience would have been diminished without him.

While Estes was quite popular, he still had to behave in ways to meet the expectations of a predominantly white society and to fit in and be accepted on and off campus. While he had a natural drive to do his best, I think he felt pressure to exceed and prove himself as a Black man. Looking back, I wish I had better

"Estes was intrigued by the complexities and inherent contradictions in human behavior and he always tried to see not only the good in people, but the best in everyone he met."

—Allan Chiulli Rhode Island '75

understood this and had taken the initiative to have in-depth conversations about the challenges he faced.

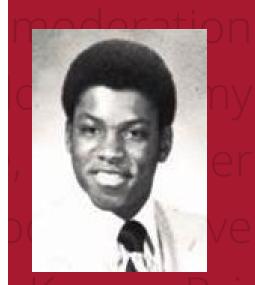
In the mid-1990s, Estes took on his greatest battle, this time with cancer. As you would expect, he researched every aspect of his disease and put all his might into fighting it. After some hospital visits where face masks were required, I returned to his hospital room where he greeted me, smiling, and told me not to worry about putting on a mask. I misinterpreted this as an encouraging sign. He returned home to Kingston, Rhode Island, to be surrounded by family

and friends. My last memory is that of Estes taking a ride with friends to go the beach and be near the ocean that he loved so well. Estes passed away in 1997 after battling cancer with all his might.

I still think of Estes often, and sometimes imagine us sitting together and talking. It is 2020 and we are still facing many of the issues about racism that we did in the 1970s. Recently, I imagined him leaning forward, looking at me intently, and asking, 'What have you done? What are you doing now?' And I could not look him in the eye. That prompted me to take actions to stand up and speak up against racism and for equality for all. So now, when we sit together, I can look him in the eye. And Estes leans forward with his dark eyes and disarming smile and says, "Good start. So what's next?" After 40 years, he is still here and giving me courage when I need it.

Editor's note: For those interested in donating in Estes' memory, The University of Rhode Island has established the Benson Scholarship Endowment Fund. **bit.ly/EstesBenson** 

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### Lifelong Commitment to the Bond of Brotherhood

By Micah Kleid F & M '00

When offering advice to our undergraduates as to what to say to potential new members during Rush Week, we often stress how Phi Kappa Psi is not just a fouryear college experience but the opportunity to join an



Kleid

organization for life. The brothers who recruited me at Pennsylvania Eta in the spring of 2000, including my eventual big brother, Dino Vervitsiotis F & M '98, probably offered a similar message.

The truth is, as much as I use that same message when I am speaking to my undergraduate advisees at Maryland Delta, it is a very hard message to convey to a college

student. How many of them are really thinking about the rest of their life? And for those who are, how many of them will stick with the path they choose while in college? After all, I did not pursue the career for which I originally went to college, I am not married to the girl who I dated in college, and the only people I still speak to are my Fraternity brothers and the members of our sister sorority. Nonetheless, it is still an important message to convey to our undergraduate brothers and, even more importantly, one to convey to fellow alumni as well.

### On the Road

After graduating college in 2005, I was fortunate to be chosen for one of two open spots as an Educational Leadership Consultant for Phi Kappa Psi Headquarters. Over the course of the next year, I had the opportunity to travel more than 30,000 miles through 20 states to help brothers at 35 institutions.

My last assignment in the spring of 2006 was to return to my home state of Maryland and recruit the Founding Fathers for our new colony at The University of Maryland, College Park. Using connections I already had on campus, as well as with various organizations around the state, I ended up bringing together what was at the time the largest Founding Fathers class for any colony in modern Phi Psi history. When my contract ended, I decided to return home to Baltimore. It wasn't long after then Executive Director Shawn Collinsworth *Indiana State '91* asked me to serve as the colony/chapter advisor for the new group, a role I quickly accepted. For three years I worked with Maryland Gamma to help them earn their charter and grow into one of the best fraternities on campus.

At this point, it would be safe to assume that my lifelong commitment to Phi Psi would end in my mid-20s, but I made sure that was not the case. I still return to my home chapter each year for Alumni Weekend



Kleid and his big brother, Dino Vervitsiotis, at GAC 2016.

and Founders Day. I also attended the Grand Arch Council every two years and facilitated at leadership programs such as the President's Leadership Academy and Regional Officer Training. How much was Phi Psi still a part of my life during these years? When I got married in 2011, a dozen brothers representing three different chapters were in attendance, and they all sang "The Sweetheart Song" to my bride while I pinned our Sweetheart Pin on her wedding dress.

In 2014, while attending the Grand Arch Council in Phoenix, Arizona, there was talk of starting a new colony at Towson University in Baltimore. I was asked to be the colony/chapter advisor because of my experience with Maryland Gamma and I accepted right away, with one caveat – I wanted the opportunity to start a new alumni association in Baltimore.

### New Alumni Association

To help me start this new alumni association and serve on the chapter advisory committee for the future Maryland Delta chapter, I enlisted the help of John Cochran *Alabama '03* who was living in Baltimore at the time. In March 2017, the Executive Council approved us, the Charm City Alumni Association (CCAA), as an official alumni association. At the same time, the Towson University Colony members were granted their charter and initiated as the Maryland Delta chapter in November 2019. Up until the Spring of 2020, both the chapter and alumni association were thriving. Then the pandemic struck, and everything changed.

To say that the last year has been challenging for everyone would be an understatement. The pandemic upended life as we know it and the Fraternity, both on a local and national level, was no exception. After riding high from their chartering ceremony in November 2019, the entire Towson University campus was shut down five months later, and the Maryland Delta brothers have had to operate virtually since then. After a successful Founders Day celebration in February 2020, the Charm City Alumni Association has not held a single event, inperson or virtually, in over a year.



Being in the Baltimore area, Kleid and his family say, Go Ravens!

### **Staying Connected**

This past year has taught us all many things and one of my big takeaways is the importance of brotherhood. Those of us who joined Phi Psi continue to stress the same ideals for the undergraduates of today, the bonds of brotherhood are never stronger or more important than at a time like this. Knowing that any one of my brothers is a call or text message away, and that they will drop everything to answer, is a reassurance I desperately needed these past 12 months and one I am thankful to have. A few of us Pennsylvania Etans even had a virtual reunion last spring, the first time in over five years that many of us had been together to "hang out" and catch up!

Of course, the good news is there is a light at the end of the tunnel that is getting bigger and brighter every day. We might even see a return to a somewhat more normal way of life before the end of the summer! I know I cannot wait to see my brothers in person, greet them with our grip, and wrap my arms around them in a big hug when it is finally safe to do so, and for my roles as the chapter advisor for Maryland Delta and president of the CCAA to resume normal operations again, and I hope you feel the same way about your brothers and whatever role you have within the Fraternity now.

### **Always a Brother**

If you are not involved in the Fraternity anymore, or if you have lost touch with your chapter brothers, what better time than now to make Phi Psi a part of your life again? Get involved with a local chapter, join a local alumni association (or create one if none exists), facilitate at one of the many leadership programs, call your big brother, text your little brother, go back to campus for Alumni Weekend or Founders Day, plan a chapter reunion (in-person or virtual), or find some other way to make Phi Psi a part of your life again. I promise you will not regret it because, no matter where you are or what you are doing, no matter what the world around us is like, you will always be a brother of Phi Kappa Psi and your fellow brothers are always ready for you to come home.

# Virtual Programming

By Devin Basile Pi Lambda Phi, Senior Director of Member Development

### **Regional Leadership Training**

The 2021 Regional Leadership Training experience looked a little different this year for our chapter leaders. Without being able to gather in person, we utilized technology to help onboard and train our new leaders. We started out by offering pre-recorded videos that outlined the responsibilities and duties of seven key roles in the chapter (President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recruitment, Risk Manager, Fraternity Educator and Treasurer). After watching the videos, officers registered for a session with headquarters staff members where they were able to discuss the topics covered in the videos, ask specific questions related to their role and mingle with others in the same position on different campuses. The videos will be available throughout their tenure to help answer any questions they may have and serve as a reference point. Headquarters staff plans to develop and offer more videos to chapters in the coming months.

Throughout the seven calls, over 230 officers from 47 chapters participated to discuss what was going well in their terms, share unexpected challenges and swap innovative solutions and practices with peers. While it is a highlight for staff to interact with our members in person, the restrictions brought on by the pandemic have allowed us to try new initiatives and think outside the box regarding our programming. As we look toward the future, we hope to be able to gather again in person sometime very soon!

### **Career Search Summit**

In the second half of 2020, Phi Kappa Psi partnered with Phi Sigma Kappa to offer a summer-long education series to our members, Phi Chats. The partnership continued this spring to help aid in professional development for our members. The Career Search Summit was a virtual adaptation of the highly successful Professional Development Conference. Both organizations partnered with PIVIT U and the program reiterated our commitment to the success of our members after graduation. Instead of gathering for an extended weekend, the Career Search Summit was offered as a weekly series throughout March 2021 to all members of Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa. The aim of the Summit was to maximize attendees' preparation for a successful job or internship search. Knowing that plans may still be up in the air for our soon-to-be graduates, we wanted to provide additional support and services to them as they navigate that search process. Lessons from the PIVIT U team spanned from personal brand refinement, to targeted networking, to scoring the role once you're in the "Red Zone" of the interview process. Previous Professional Development Conference attendees also joined in the discussion and shared their continued applications from what they learned and offered additional perspectives to current undergraduates. The PIVIT U team also offered one-onone coaching calls with registrants to do a deep dive into their resume, brand, elevator pitch and more. While this program was provided at no cost to the participants, it offered priceless information and lessons for all involved.

### ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR:

### June 30, 2021

Deadline: National Leadership Award (NLA) nominations

### July 29-30, 2021

Foundation Summer Trustees Meeting (Virtual)

### July 31, 2021

Summer Executive Council Meeting Biltmore – Scottsdale, Arizona

## **GAC 2022** July 27-31

### at the JW Marriott Indianapolis

### phikappapsi.com/2022-gac/

### DATES IN PHI PSI HISTORY:

### May 16, 1929

"Wings," starring Buddy Rogers *Kansas 1923*, wins the first-ever best movie Oscar.

### May 23, 1881

William Henry Letterman *W* & *J* 1852 dies in Duffau, Texas.

### June 2, 1943

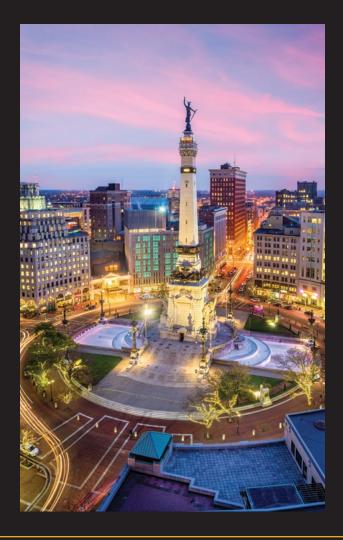
Heisman Trophy winner and College Football Hall of Fame inductee, Nile Kinnick *lowa '38* died while serving as a U.S. Navy aviator during World War II.

### June 17, 2006

Ribbon-cutting ceremony held at Laurel Hall (Indianapolis), the new Headquarters for the Fraternity and Foundation.

### June 26, 1884

First Phi Kappa Psi-owned chapter house, Miller Hall, dedicated at Gettysburg College.





Co-founders of CRASH, John Maina and Nicole Vasquez champion civic and social rights in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

### **CRASHing stereotypes**

By Drake DelosSantos, Associate Director of Communications

When you hear the word "crash," you might not think of an organization revolutionizing the criminal justice system, but Brother John Maina *Lycoming '10* is doing just that. Maina launched Collective Resistance Acting in Solidarity for Humanity (CRASH) last year, so the world is no longer relying on the criminal justice system to be a solution for society's biggest health and financial

"We are a social justice movement dedicated to making sure our society is taking care of its citizens ..." concerns — addiction, mental health and poverty.

Maina began his career in the financial sector. "While I was an undergraduate, I took part in the programming Phi Psi offered to help prepare you to enter the professional world," shared Maina. "Phi Psi helped me network and

—John Maina Lycoming '10

enter the financial sector. My first gig out of college was with JP Morgan Chase & Co., where I progressed within the company. While I was there, it taught me the value of service and philanthropy."

Ready to begin making a difference in the world, Maina founded CRASH with his business partner, Nicole Vasquez. Together, the two created a mission and vision for the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area, to champion social change. "We are a social justice movement dedicated to making sure our society is taking care of its citizens by looking to find alternatives, making sure we are not criminalizing poverty, addiction and mental health." With the new year comes new opportunities. Maina announced, "CRASH is rolling out two initiatives in 2021: community education and ending cash bail.

With regard to community education, we will host virtual town halls throughout the year to educate citizens about their civic and social rights. We want to make sure they understand how to change laws, what are the mayor's responsibilities and basic civic rights.

The second initiative is to end cash bail and replace with a risk assessment. The purpose behind this is to ensure we are not overpopulating the county jail and are getting people rehabilitation services they need. By decreasing booking rates and lowering the amount of people in jail, it will allow corrections facilities to reallocate their money for community education and to support its citizens."

Throughout the launch of CRASH, Maina has had his Phi Psi brothers by his side. "Last summer, I was able to lead an impromptu Zoom call with the brothers of the Pennsylvania Phi Chapter following the unrest in Minneapolis. We discussed how to be a diverse chapter and being cautious what to post on social media. I wanted to let them know it was okay to express your feelings but do so in an inclusive way."

Brother Maina is a 2012 graduate of Lycoming College with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice. Through CRASH, Maina has been able to help other nonprofit organizations recognize the challenges that face the Lancaster area. CRASH has partnered with the United Way of Lancaster, the YMCA, Meals on Wheels and local grassroots movements.

### Finding the right equation:



"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it's faced."

- James Baldwin

By Drake DelosSantos, Associate Director of Communications

What makes Phi Kappa Psi unique? It's not our programming, new member education classes or national headquarters. It's our brotherhood; that any man who shares our beliefs and pledges to live his life in accordance with our values has a place in the circle.

Originally chartered in October 2016, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee was formed to review potential biases members may face in our fraternity and make recommendations to the Executive Council (EC) on how to minimize these challenges. In December 2020, Brock Wagehoft *RIT* '15, was elected to serve as the DEI Committee chairman and has held bi-weekly meetings since January 2021.

Ask him why he joined Phi Psi, he'll tell you it was because he saw in those "red jersey'd" men the spirit and true nature of fraternity, of which he experienced during his time as a volunteer fireman for his home township. They didn't care that he grew up in a small village, didn't have a lot of money, what his major was, or that he is deaf. They cared to get to know him as a person and how those experiences and attributes shaped him. They cared about his passion for the organization and what he could add to it. This is also what he will tell you when asked why he has committed to staying active in the

organization since becoming an alumnus.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for my chapter brothers," says Wagehoft. "I want every man who believes what we do to have the opportunity that I have. To be cared about in the way my brothers care for me. To be helped and called out when I need it. For people to look past the outside and care deeply about the person inside and the organization we're a part of. I understand that isn't always the case for potential new members — even brothers — and I want to be part of that change."

Even though Wagehoft just began serving as the committee chairman, he already has a clear vision of how he hopes the committee can make an impact on the organization. "First, we need to define what we are as a committee and who we are. Second, we need to acknowledge our past. Acknowledge our past failings and beliefs. And finally, acknowledge our growth. What did we learn from our failings, what changes did we make and how have those changes helped us grow as an organization?"

At the Spring Executive Council meeting in Indianapolis, Wagehoft took that first step when he proposed the committee's commitment to DEI. In his report, he outlined, "The brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi is committed to the



Wagehoft

Fraternity's Creed and maxim, *The Great Joy of Serving Others*, both of which are inseparable from our commitment to DEI. We believe that we, individually and collectively, are best when diversity and equity are present such that inclusivity is the outcome. Thus, I=D+E."

Phi Kappa Psi is not the first Greek organization to charter a DEI committee and Wagehoft knows that. "We don't care about being first, we care about doing things right. There are several other organizations who were doing amazing things in the DEI space far before us. My hope for us as a committee is to ensure that future brothers have their voices heard by leadership. I want brothers and future potential new members to know that they are welcomed into our brotherhood."

### **DEI Committee**

Cara Augspurger, Phi Kappa Psi Foundation Scholarship & Fellowship Coordinator Connor Brok Drexel '18 Marc Dumas DePaul '93 Fred Hegele Wittenberg '63 Alex Iniguez DePaul '18 Mo Soto-Brito F & M '18 Tim Suwandhaputra UC Riverside '09 Brock Wagehoft RIT '15

# The Great Joy of Serving





Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

Oregon Beta - Oregon State



Delaware Alpha - Delaware



Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

# of Serving Others



Pennsylvania Phi - Lycoming



Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech



Rhode Island Beta - RIT



Minnesota Delta - Minn.-Duluth

### WATKINS CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR AWARD



### Previous Watkins Christian Scholar Award Recipients

#### 2007

Timothy James Brown Valparaiso '01

#### 2008

Gregory James Fontenot Loyola '05

**2009** Richard Allen Kohr III *W* & *J* '10

#### 2010

Nicholas Anthony Payne *lowa State '11* 

**2011** Nicholas Ray Valadez *Indiana '98* 

#### 2012

Jacob John Paul William McDaniel *IUPUI '10* 

**2013** Zachary Scott Wise *Capital '13* 

**2014** Jason D. Woodruff *Iowa '14* 

**2015** Nicholas Josiah Stitzell *Iowa State '14* 

#### 2016

Joshua Alan Heideman *Ball State '15* Thomas Jacocks *Ball State '15* 

#### 2017

Colin Little *Missouri '19* 

**2018** Sean Luo *Illinois '17* 

**2019** Andrew Hanson-Quintana *Creighton '06* 

**2020** Thomas Patrick Morris *Drexel '18* 

#### By HQ Communications Staff

The Foundation's national scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to qualified, initiated members (or active colony members) pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applications are available online from November 1 through March 1 annually. One such honor is the Watkins Christian Scholar Award.

### **Historical Perspective**

In 2006, Brother Chip Weiant *Miami '78*, sought to endow an annual Phi Kappa Psi scholarship to honor the example set by brother John Watkins *Miami '79* to live out a witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ both during his time as an undergraduate and then in his calling and vocation in the marketplace.

The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation welcomed this Creed-consistent objective and with ultimately \$100,000 in gifts provided by Brother Weiant, established the Watkins National Christian Scholarship Award.

### **A Higher Calling**

The 2012 Watkins Christian Scholar recipient, Jacob McDaniel *IUPUI '10*, recalls, "This award showed me that not only did my chapter brothers value my faith, but the national Fraternity embraced it as well. The existence of such a scholarship demonstrates the commitment of Christians throughout the Fraternity."

**In a wonderful testimony of brotherhood and faith**, Fr. Jacob McDaniel recounts his journey to become an ordained Catholic priest. He states, "I finally admitted to myself that I had gifts I could no longer ignore; God was calling me to give to His people in the form of the priesthood."

### **Friends of the Scholarship**

In 2019 Brother Weiant, at the urging of Brother Watkins and support of the Foundation, co-led a small group of "Friends of the Scholarship" to grow a significant gift from Brother Watkins into a \$150,000 fund in 2020. This endowment now supports annual \$2,500 scholarships to deserving brothers.

The journey to grow the fund led to many conversations among more than 50 Phi Psis. A consensus began forming to not just grow the fund but also grow the connected community of Christian Phi Psis who desire to intentionally live toward our common bond in Christ, our fraternal Charge to which we pledged and the Phi Psi Creed.

This consensus then led to Brothers Weiant and Watkins hosting a 2020 Watkins Christian Scholar Forum. The outcome of this initial gathering was to form a working group that began meeting in 2021 to identity and work toward several education and equipping objectives to support the community of Phi Psis, which the award honors.

Brother Weiant recently commented, "I sense that demystifying our Phi Psi founders' timeless and uniting Jeudeo-Christian virtues among all of our

Generation Z servant-leaders is very timely to their mission to fruitfully engage a deeply divided culture."

### 2021 Recipient

Cody West Iowa State '16 was born



Cody West *Iowa State '16* 

and raised in Altoona, Iowa. He grew up being an Iowa State Cyclones fan, and that is where he found himself for his undergraduate years. Brother West joined Iowa Beta in the spring of 2016 and actively worked on issues of campus safety and student wellness. His time in the Fraternity offered him many opportunities and friendships along with a lifelong pledge to serve others — all of which encouraged him in his pursuit of becoming a physician. He also participated in Student Government while at Iowa State.

Brother West is currently a secondyear medical student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. When he is not in clinic or studying, he loves serving in a newly planted church in Iowa City and spending time with his family and friends. He says, "I am proud to be a brother of Phi Kappa Psi and feel blessed to be a part of such an incredible organization."

To learn more about the Watkins Christian Scholar Award and other national scholarships and awards, visit **pkpfoundation.org**.



### 2021 National and District Scholarship Recipients

Join the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation Board of Trustees in congratulating the 2021 National and District Scholarship recipients. Awards totaling \$73,050 will support 40 undergraduate and graduate Phi Psis as they pursue academic and career goals.

These brothers excel in the areas of academics, chapter leadership and campus involvement. They show exemplary leadership on and off campus and service to others living out Phi Psi's motto, *The Great Joy of Serving Others*.

### Outstanding Solon E. Summerfield Award

Thomas Patrick Morris Drexel '18

#### Outstanding Solon E. Summerfield Runner-up Award Gabriel Mark Vinyard Case Western '17

Solon E. Summerfield Awards Jett Bisset Virginia '19 Max Parker Tames Jesurum *Case Western '18* John Spencer Roth *RIT '18* 

#### William H. Blanning Graduate Awards

Austin James Borja *Penn '15* William McKelvey *Ohio State '13* 

Watkins Christian Scholar Award Cody West *Iowa State '16* 

William R. Walker Award Matthew F. McHugh Denison '19

Winston Tate Award Austin Quinn *Iowa '19* 

### Ralph "Dud" Daniel Leadership Award

Adrian Erazo *Binghamton '19* David Silva *Case Western '19* 

Ruddick C. Lawrence Award Matthew Brian Li *Case Western '20* Benjamin Watts *Ashland '19* 

**Founders Graduate Awards** Ibrahim Bazyan *Case Western '18* Connor William Dennewitz *Syracuse '17* 

Jerry Nelson Award Jack Hinkle Indiana '19 Phillip M. Cornelius Award Landon E. Simpson Oregon State '18

**Ben King Award** Carter Boger *West Virginia* '19

**Phi Kappa Psi Pride Scholarship** Josh Mayer *Capital '20* 

Schroeder Family Finance Award Ryan Benjamin Dayton Allegheny '19

**District I Scholarships** Thomas Doyle *Rutgers '19* Michael Perez-Gelinas *RIT '19* Matthew Li *Penn '19* 

**District II Scholarships** Peyton Capristo *Allegheny '18* Lee E. Seligman *GW '02* Kyle Wissel *Ashland '15* 

**District III Scholarships** Tristan George *Indiana '20* Kristof Nieschwitz *Toledo '20* Simon Sasin *Purdue '18* 

**District IV Scholarships** Ahmet Aksoy *East Carolina '08* Graham Bianchi *Huntsville '19* Byron Carey Jackson *Huntsville '18* 

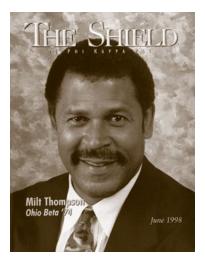
**District V Scholarships** Rahil Mehta *Texas A&M Colony* Nolan Patrick Schmid *Nebraska '12* Mitchell J. Terrell *Minnesota '17* 

**District VI Scholarships** Jeffrey Allan Brown *San Diego State '96* Cory David Cooney *Southern Cal '10* Andre Turati *Stanford '19* 

# SPEAKING THE TRUTH INPOWER

By Drake DelosSantos, Associate Director of Communications

It's been more than 20 years since we featured Brother Milt Thompson *Wittenberg '74* in the June 1998 issue of *The Shield*. Throughout the article, his involvement in sports and in his community was evident. He helped



bring the 1987 Pan American Games to Indianapolis, founded Grand Slam, a sports and entertainment company and has served on numerous community boards. Even with all these accomplishments behind him, Thompson noted he wasn't finished giving back to the community he calls home. Fast forward to today, we had a chance

to connect with Thompson again to inquire, just what did he mean when he said, "I have a long, long way to go to achieve the kinds of things I want to achieve?"

### **Close to Home**

Growing up in Indianapolis, Indiana, Thompson always had a love for sports. He played football and baseball as a kid and into high school. During his senior year, he was recruited to play football for multiple colleges. But what he recalls as the lowest point of his life happened during that same year. His mother became ill and passed away on Valentine's Day. "I had to become a man very quickly," shared Thompson. After his mother's death, he began exploring colleges. "At one point when I was looking at where I wanted to attend school, I was being considered by Harvard since I had such high academics scores." But with everything going on in his home life, Thompson thought it would be best to stay close to home. He ultimately decided on nearby Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. While enrolled at Wittenberg, he continued to play baseball where he led the nation in per bats average and was on the first All-American baseball team. After graduation, he played baseball for a minor league team for a short time before taking the bonus money and applying it to law school.

Success hasn't always come easy for Thompson. Starting his legal career was difficult. "I was rejected from three law firms for being Black," he shared. "I can remember going to the mailbox and there being a thick envelope. In it, forty-four-page rejection letters." Finally, Thompson landed a job working as a deputy prosecutor where he led over 100 successful jury trials. He then did brief stints working as counsel to the Indiana State Senate majority. However, he knew he wanted something more.

### **Grand Slam**

In 1981, Thompson founded Grand Slam to help college athletes who were transitioning into professional leagues. Grand Slam has now grown to include a public relations, law and consulting firm as well as an independent film house. "Grand Slam has represented names such as Rik Smits, Jimmy Thomas and Ray Tolbert," shared Thompson. "My goal for this organization is for it to succeed in the next generation." Thompson's passion for sports didn't stop after founding Grand Slam. He became a contract advisor for the National Football League and National Basketball Association to negotiate contracts between the players and leagues.

While Thompson has a passion for sports, he wants to be remembered by the amount of work he has put into the community he calls home. "When people look back on my life, I want to be remembered by what I've done to help the community," he shared. "I want people to say that I had a warm, kind heart." And a warm, kind heart he has indeed.

### **Commitment to Community**

Throughout his life, Thompson has served on at least 40 community board of directors. Today, he continues to sit on multiple boards throughout the Indianapolis area and state of Indiana. Some of the boards he currently sits on include the Hoosier Lottery Commission, Visit Indy, Indiana University Maurer School of Law Alumni Board (Emeritus) and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Indiana. He has previously sat on the Marion County Capital Improvement Board (responsible for all major projects in the city of Indianapolis and helped bring the Super Bowl to Indianapolis) and co-founded Play Ball Indiana, a Major League Baseball program which allows youth from underserved communities to play baseball and softball.

In all his community involvement, two organizations that have had the biggest impact on Thompson are the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) and Hope Training Academy. In 1997, the CICF was created by merging the Legacy Fund and the Indianapolis Foundation into one organization. "Today, the foundation has over \$600 million in assets and helps thousands of people each year," shared Thompson. "Recently, the CICF partnered with Eli Lilly and Company and the Lilly Endowment to provide \$20 million for direct COVID-19 relief to the citizens of Indianapolis. That's money that is going to have a direct impact on the citizens of Indianapolis who need it the most during the pandemic." Not only is the CICF helping combat a global pandemic, the organization is also helping to bring an end to systemic racism in Indianapolis. "We recently launched a new initiative to create and motivate a movement aimed at ending systemic racism in central Indiana. Men and women of color are leading this opportunity to help drive the conversation. This work is incredibly important as this is an ongoing issue and the CICF is helping bring an end to systemic racism."

Thompson presided over his last Indianapolis Foundation meeting as its board chair in December 2020, a position he has held since 1997. "My run with the Indianapolis Foundation has been a good one. Over the last 27 years with the foundation, I have only missed one meeting. That should show my dedication to the organization and the people that we serve."

While one door may be closing, another one is just beginning to open. One of

Thompson's newest projects is working with the Hope Training Academy. Hope Training Academy offers computer programming and software classes to citizens of Indiana. The academy is funded through the Next Level Jobs initiative by the Governor's Office of Indiana and just received certification to offer cyber security certificates to its students.

### Sprint to the Finish

After having a successful career in both law and community involvement, what does Thompson plan to accomplish in the next 20 years? "In life, I've paid my dues, so I am going to start speaking the truth. I want to continue to be a leader for speaking truth to power because I don't want others to be scared to speak up. But I am not going to stop there. I am going to finish the marathon sprinting. I will continue to give back to the community, to serve as a mentor to people of all genders and races and sit on boards as long as I can continue to make a difference. When people look back on my life, I don't want to be remembered as a competitor unless I leave everything on the field. Something will have to happen to me either mentally or physically for me to stop serving the Indianapolis community."

### Thompson goes on to say today's

undergraduate brothers are poised to do just as much, if not more than he has. "For my brothers who are still in college, you are there for a reason. You need to be innovative, communicative, thoughtful and understand values. Every brother has the capability to make a huge leap in the world. Never stop learning, get out of your comfort zone and be willing to make sacrifices along the way. The best way to get in power, is to give it away."

"In life, I've paid my dues, so I am going to start speaking the truth. I want to continue to be a leader for speaking truth to power because I don't want others to be scared to speak up." -- Milt Thompson Wittenberg '74

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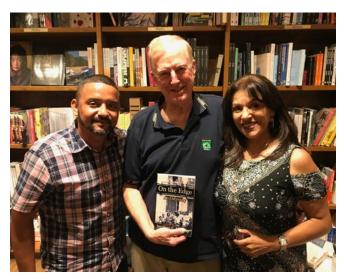




### COVID-FREE Sy HQ Communications Staff

In January 2020, the first coronavirus (COVID-19) case in the United States was discovered in the state of Washington. In February, the first local transmission of the virus was detected in the states of Washington and Oregon. As people began to shelter in place to protect themselves and others, Brother Steve Murphy *Washington '63* knew that he had a duty as the chapter advisor to ensure his brothers remained safe.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Washington Alpha chapter has not reported a single positive case in their chapter house amongst members. "I give much credit to the outgoing chapter president who was a public health administration major," shares Murphy. "He really took the virus serious and pushed that I implement proper guidelines. We had deep cleaning in the house every two weeks, implemented the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) handwashing guidelines, social distancing and requiring masks in the house. Once on-campus testing became rapidly available, everyone was tested before coming into the Fraternity. Then we had one half of the members test one week and the other half, the next."



*"COVID-19 has taught me to never take another day for granted."* 

### -Steve Murphy Washington '63

While the chapter maintained a high level of cleanliness in the chapter house, it didn't stop them from successfully recruiting 24 new members this past summer. "Throughout the summer, we went on hiking trips and a swimming event. Once we began looking toward the fall, it was a collective mindset from the beginning that we had to transition to a virtual recruitment. We had a member who was very talented at creating videos, which made a difference in how we recruited. It allowed us to be creative and reach the incoming students who would have not been able to tour the chapter house. We delivered lunches to the incoming freshmen and ate with them in a virtual format. What we learned from this past semester is you have to be creative and have clear communication with undergraduates."

Even though Murphy has been successful at ensuring a COVID-19 free facility, he knows the severity of the virus and the toll it is having on others. "COVID-19 has taught me to never take another day for granted. I am thankful I have another on Earth. The virus has reminded me to stay in contact with others, to check in on my brothers. I have been able to stay in contact with brothers throughout the pandemic via email, Zoom and Alumni Association.

Every Tuesday for the last five years, I've been able to meet a friend for coffee. Now we are at coffee while social distancing, but it's trying to find those moments to connect with another human during the pandemic that is very important."

Brother Steve Murphy graduated from the University of Washington in 1966 and is currently the chapter advisor for the Washington Alpha chapter. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Murphy overcame a personal obstacle by self-publishing his second book, Havana Odyssey: Chasing Ochoa's Ghost (see Page 36).

Do you have a COVID-19 story you would like to share? Email us at **marketing@phikappapsi.com** for a chance to have your story shared.







### GAIRET SNOW Houston Baptist '13

Being a part of Phi Psi at a diverse, private Christian university was an intentional decision to grow rather than choose the safe route of joining the local Christian fraternity. I knew I was not called to be comfortable in college. My faith needed to be challenged, and I needed to be challenged by men that would not always see the world the same way that I did. This led to what was the greatest reward of being in Phi Kappa Psi: Developing a respect for each and every brother I had, no matter our differences. This is what the world is like.

I was blessed to have five Phi Psi brothers by my side at my wedding. One was white, one was Black, one was Pakistani and the other two were Mexican. We were all so different, but three things united us: A heart for Jesus, an unconditional love for one another and *The Great Joy of Serving Others*.

Brother Snow works at his alma mater, Houston Baptist University, as a success coach for first-generation college students. He also serves as an advisor for the Texas Zeta Chapter and plans to pursue a doctorate in educational leadership to further his passion for cross-cultural communication.

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### **DUSTIN THOMAS** Lycoming '09

Looking back, college was an immensely important part of my growth as an adult; inextricably, my membership in Phi Kappa Psi was a cornerstone of that experience. My experiences at Lycoming and in Phi Psi helped me define myself as a man and an African American. Prior to arriving, I struggled as someone who was ostracized in high school because of my racial identity; it was hard to find social interactions where race wasn't a part of the dynamic between myself and others (and not by my choice). In college and among my brothers, I found the confidence and acceptance to bring forward the aspects of my identity that I chose in a given situation. I also found the community and support network of progressively minded peers who understood the baggage and injustice of race in our society and were generally unafraid to discuss and confront those issues as allies. I keep in touch with many of my chapter brothers, and they have proven a real rock of comfort and strength given the challenges of the times. My best friend, Brother John Maina Lycoming '10, has been a constant exemplar of this spirit. Most recently, he has formed an organization, C.R.A.S.H. (See Page 16), dedicated to furthering social justice in central Pennsylvania with a specific focus on reforming the justice system.

Brother Thomas is the first African American member of the Pennsylvania Phi Chapter and currently serves as their Alumni Advisor for Recruitment. He also is an archaeologist who focuses on the history and culture of the Ancient Roman World and will be starting a PhD program in the fall for Mediterranean Art and Archaeology.



By Igor Poliwada Binghamton '21



At 9:54 p.m. on January 8, 2021, I got a text from my squad leader that my unit was getting activated to Washington D.C. for the riots that happened on Capitol Hill. Even though it was a very dark time for our country, I was excited to finally go and experience a mission. I did not get any sleep that night from all the adrenaline and anticipation, with some nerves mixed in. This was the first time I was meeting my unit. I just recently graduated from Army Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training for Military Police.

The next day, I got to Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, New York where we did processing paperwork to have all the soldiers ready for the mission. Once we arrived, there was more paperwork to complete but nothing crazy. There were three to four new guys, including myself, and we were all just ready to do something. Obviously, we were not going to a combat zone like Afghanistan or Syria, but this was something that meant a lot for us.

The first couple of days were fairly relaxed; we patrolled the Capitol Building while working eight-hour shifts. My unit was in charge of the night patrols in the beginning, so we began work at midnight and went on to the morning. It really was not too tiring or mentally draining at first, but things started to pick up halfway through. In the weeks leading up to the inauguration, we would receive threats that required us to do double shifts. With increased threats, additional soldiers were sent to the nation's capital and that is when the media began to show the soldiers sleeping in the Capitol Building. It was almost impossible to walk through such a massive building with soldiers and their equipment on the ground. It amazed me how many people were activated in such a brief period.

The days that continued became very tiring. However, it made me think back to my training and how they prepared us for events like this. When you are training, you wake up at 4:30 a.m. from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays, depending on where you train, at 6 a.m. The worst part of my experience was hearing the threats and seeing how groups were planning to start riots just to try to scare us. In the end, it did not change anything for us, but it did make me wonder who would do such a thing.

Overall, my experience was extremely rewarding and something I will never forget. I hope one day I will be able to share my experience with my kids. Being at a presidential inauguration is an incredibly special moment, no matter your political preferences, and something I will always be happy to know that I experienced.



### Are you actively serving in the military or retired?

We want to hear from you! **Fill out this form** and please include pictures. Thank you for your service. LEDN!



"I've waited four years to say this ... 'Hi, my name is Lt. Dan from the Great State of Alabama. Honored to say I'm a commissioned officer in the United States Army." –**Dan Madden** Alabama '18





Monmouth 17 is serving as 2nd Lt. USMC and graduated Officer Candidate School in November 2020. After six months of basic training in provisional rifle platoon command, he will be assigned to his military occupational specialty.

#### **Colin Leutschaft** Oregon State '17 was

commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in U.S. Army in 2020.

### Law 101: Making Changes

By Chuck Brandman Case Western '70

The Decennial Law Review Board (LRB) was formed during the summer Executive Council meeting. As delineated in the Fraternity's Constitution, the LRB "shall have the duty and responsibility of reviewing and studying the laws and statutes of the Fraternity and suggest deletions, alterations, and/or changes to eliminate ambiguities, contradictions, improper language, or to suggest other changes it deems necessary." Accordingly, the LRB will analyze and evaluate the Fraternity's laws and statutes over the next two years and report its findings and recommendations to the Grand Arch Council (GAC) in July 2022.

While membership was designed to represent a crosssection of the Fraternity, the LRB welcomes input from all members. Ideas for changes to the Fraternity's laws that members would like the LRB to consider can be submitted via an online form, https://rebrand.ly/PKPLRB\_Suggest. Please include as much detail, context and rationale as possible so it can be fully evaluated.

Submitting a suggestion to the LRB is not the same as proposing an amendment to be considered by the GAC. The LRB will review your submission and update you relative to any course of action. You may still propose an amendment directly to the GAC. Per our Constitution and Bylaws, proposed amendments must be filed with the Attorney General at least 60 days prior to the convening of the GAC.

At a later date, the LRB will be announcing the process for interested members to participate in a review of preliminary recommendations. If you would like to be included in this review process, please contact LRB Chair, Chuck Brandman, at **brandman@pdq.net**.

### Law Review Board Committee

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# Welcome Back!

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#### By HQ Communications Staff

Do you ever get the feeling knowing your hard work paid off? You have worked toward a goal for days, weeks or perhaps years? The Nebraska Alpha Chapter knows that feeling very well. In February 2017, the chapter was suspended for incidents that did not align with the mission of the organization. In 2018, the chapter was able to re-colonize and petition to have their charter reinstated on the University of Nebraska – Lincoln campus. Over the next three years, the colony worked hard realign with the goals of the Fraternity, recruit the best men on campus and surround themselves with alumni to help guide them in the right direction. On April 17, 2021, their hard work finally paid off when the colony had their charter reinstated. The chapter currently has 47 active members and 2,036 lifetime initiates.

"Knowing we are back on the UNL campus gives me such pride and joy," shared Chapter President Carson Leahy *Nebraska '21.* "We have learned from our past and we won't be making the same mistakes again. Going forward, we will have the most honorable, respectful and polite men of any fraternal organization on campus. Phi Psi is here to stay on campus for many years to come!"



### **Current Nebraska Alpha Members:**

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By Emmanuel Betancourth (GP 2019), Max Gusinov (GP 2020), Gregory Springer, Michael Perez-Gelinas, Brandon Watkins and the New York Theta Chapter

### **Q:** What have you learned from the past school year and its many challenges?

**A:** This past school year, the New York Theta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, located at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), learned that it is important to cherish the memories that we have and continue to strive earnestly toward those goals. We continued with our traditions and have learned how to create new excellence for the future. We enjoyed small, individualized interactions, especially within the brotherhood, instead of big group events.

One of the most momentous experiences was continuing success during the beginning of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. NY Theta, like many chapters, adjusted to the chapter operations being changed from in-person to Zoom-formatted. This allowed our chapter to look inward and delve deeper into the meanings, values and structures of our organization and ultimately our functionality moving forward.

### **Q:** Do you think these lessons helped you achieve the status of Grand Chapter and what does this distinction mean to you?

**A:** The status of Grand Chapter was not dreamed and achieved overnight; we can guarantee this! The components that drove us to breakthrough were clear communication, goal setting, providing collective and executive board retrospectives, accountability across the board and emphasizing the importance of the Creed. Specifically, we set a goal of 1,200 philanthropic hours for the fall semester, breaking that goal and propelling ourselves to nearly 1,400 philanthropic hours; albeit pre-pandemic.

We emphasized the importance of supporting our communities, especially those impacted by our major events and philanthropic endeavors. Our sphere of influence was broadened to not only include our chapter, but also the Greek community, RIT students, staff and faculty, sponsors and community service personnel. As part of the brotherhood experience, we encouraged personal and corporate growth, which today is New York Theta.

### **Q:** What are your chapter's strongpoints?

**A:** The chapter is very well-rounded in the brothers that are involved. At the time, our brotherhood consisted of 50 brothers who were willing to give

their passion to the philanthropic organizations around the Rochester, New York area. Not only did we have 2,200 philanthropic hours completed for the academic year, but we hosted events that raised over \$11,000 for the Hillside Family of Agencies and more than \$4,000 for the Veterans Outreach of Rochester.

Community, outside of the limitations of COVID-19, has been integral to our culture and who we are as NY Thetans. We make sure that we complete at least one philanthropic event every weekend, if not twice a week. Completing the service projects is not just about putting up numbers. The focus is about giving back to the community, getting all the brothers together and having fun while doing it. We don our red jerseys representing that we are brothers from Phi Kappa Psi. We have been recognized by our red shirts and hope it holds us to the standard of performing to the utmost of our abilities.

Our alumni network is constantly growing with more than 430 active participants. New York Theta has constantly celebrated our

chapter's anniversary in April and has paired alumni to undergraduate brothers giving resources of insight to career networking, mentoring and guidance to those who ask.

Self-improvement is a crucial component of New York Theta. There is not one chapter or committee meeting that we do not have a discussion on how we can improve our chapter functions. We often model ourselves to be ideal comrades and then strive for the next thing we can do to help one another and the community.

Brotherhood is a key component in our foundation. Our chapter has created strong roots throughout our experiences. Some notable bonding opportunities include an annual summer trip to Saco, Maine spending a week developing leadership skills, survival skills all while floating down the Saco River. We host various activities during the school semesters such as paintball, laser tag, bi-weekly chapter dinners, while also pairing up with various Greek organizations on the RIT.

There are always brothers we look up to, who mentor us, and those to whom we ca be a mentor. The men — the brothers — we strive to be are the ones who wore the red jerseys before us, and the future brothers are the

ones who uphold the value of the red jerseys after us. A group of brothers with whom we can be vulnerable, the ones who strengthen our characters, help guide our souls, and the ones who challenge us to be better, are the men that we strive to emulate every day.

### **Q:** How has being part of Phi Psi impacted you most?

A: As a high schooler, I derived more enjoyment and self-fulfillment when working on a close-knit team. I was an athlete — every season going through school days, practices and competitions with my friends. However, by the time I entered RIT,

a different tenor was exposed: the difference between our beloved Fraternity and any other friendship I had known. Similar to plenty of teenagers leaving their hometown every year, I began to drift from the people I used to spend every struggle, celebration and dull moment with; people with whom I spoke to every day were now cherishing their own different, diverging path.

Since joining Phi Kappa Psi, I have seen the true meaning of a brother, let alone friend. When I was in high school, everything was short-sighted. Many of my friends would live in that instant, which is a great way to enjoy the moment, but terrible for long-term development. As part of Phi Kappa Psi, I am surrounded



"Four words, that my brothers are all unified with, encapsulated in our bond forever: 'Amici usque ad aras.'"

—Brandon Watkins RIT '20

by many great minds all on their own path to the future. Four words, that my brothers are all unified with, encapsulated in our bond forever: "Amici usque ad aras." College life glides swiftly by, and watching older brothers leave the chapter into the professional world always serves as a bittersweet moment. The time spent at New York Theta is filled with moments that range from devastation to some of the greatest memories any of us will ever remember; the brothers always are looking to help one another.

A very important quote in the culture of our chapter is "For those I love, I will sacrifice." The brotherhood we have developed as Phi Kappa Psi, but more importantly as New York Theta, is a bond that will cause random visits back to our chapter. It is the same reason brothers have the common occurrence of reaching out to oneanother after their college experience. This truly shows the dedicated support network of brothers who are willing to be readily accessible. At the time of writing this article, I am less than a week from seeing the giants of our chapter who came before me at our chapter's



Alumni Weekend. I am eagerly anticipating meeting those I have yet to meet with and thus, it has been a great honor and joy serving those around me. I could not think of a better group of gentlemen to call my brothers.

-Brandon M. Watkins RIT '20

### **Q:** What advice do you have for a chapter that might be struggling?

**A:** If your chapter determines that you are struggling, please reach out to us, let alone any chapter in your district. New York Theta, like your chapter, has had its ups and downs, trials and tribulations, whatever you may call it.

We have experienced the questions of "What went wrong?" "How do we grow from this?" and even "What are the next steps?" It was crucial to answer these questions not only within the undergraduate chapter, but also from our alumni.

Similar to the questions that invoke and improve our weaknesses, it is important to also ask yourself and your chapter these questions:

- What do you want from the Fraternal experience?
- Are you only seeking short-term satisfaction professionally, personally and fraternally?
- Are you and your chapter willing to reflect and change habits, traditions, and code of conduct for the better?

Start with a small group of brothers who understand the need for change, who want more than what they may be experiencing, and then brainstorm how and what can be accomplished. These new opportunities could be new internal or external events, thus be simple and effective, yet should not admonish the Creed in any form or fashion. Truly be honest with yourselves and determine if traditions have any weak spots or if members are not upholding the values of the Fraternity and work with them to provide success.

Plain and simple, if you feel that you are constantly struggling, are seeking advice for how to be successful, or wish to develop your Brotherhood outside of your chapter, reach out to us! We are located at **facebook**. **com/ritphipsi** or **instagram.com/phipsirit**.

### 2019-2020 CHAPTER AWARDS

The Fraternity celebrates the success of our chapters each year in areas of academic excellence, service and philanthropy, and overall campus involvement. Join us in congratulating the six chapters who received these distinctions of excellence.

#### DISTRICT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

District I: New York Theta – RIT

District II: Ohio Theta – Ashland

**District III:** Indiana Epsilon – Valparaiso

District IV: Georgia Beta – Georgia Tech

District V: Minnesota Beta – Minnesota

**District VI:** Oregon Beta – Oregon State

#### **GRAND CHAPTER**

New York Theta – RIT

# And the OSCAR Goes To ...

By HQ Communications Staff

Now, we know what you're thinking. No, this is not the Academy Awards. In fact, this isn't a national award at all rather an award given out on a college campus: The Greek Oscars. Hosted by the Black Greek, Interfraternity, Panhellenic and United Greek Councils, this ceremony recognizes outstanding chapters and individuals within the University of Illinois' fraternity and sorority community.

The Illinois Delta Chapter won several awards but the most impressive was the "Outstanding New Member Education" Oscar. In the fall of 2020, the chapter knew

it had to shift gears to provide exceptional



Markel

education to its new members but how they did it, well, that's why they won an Oscar. "While this was a

While this was a tough challenge, the committed attitude of brothers in the house

and their continuing pledgeship helped greatly to allow everyone to become understanding of this unprecedented situation," said Fraternity Education

Chairman Jared Markel *Illinois '18.* "I give many props to the rush chairs for conducting such successful virtual events and thinking outside of the box on how they can make the sessions interactive. Many brothers in the house participated in small Zoom breakout room, played virtual games while answering questions and got to know potential new members."

"This may be the most significant adaptation of chapter operations in my 35 years of advising the chapter," said Chapter Advisor Todd Salen *Illinois '77*. "Fraternity Education is often the most difficult chapter program to change yet Jared Markel accepted the challenge. He created a curriculum embracing technology and fraternity history, offering a memorable experience for each of the new members."

While the award is something to be proud of, Markel



knows it was critical to be able to adapt and change plans at a moment's notice while planning for the future. "Obviously we had to be extremely flexible and abide by any new regulations that arose throughout the semester, but we also brainstormed a variety of new events to add to this virtual pledgeship that I hope will continue in years to come. We hosted alumni Zoom sessions where pledges were able to meet alumni such as Bob Dudley *Illinois '74* and Chris Perry *Illinois '74*, who gave a short presentation about their careers and time at Illinois Delta then answered questions the pledges had."

> Markel gives much credit to not only his fellow chapter brothers who helped him achieve this accomplishment but also the alumni who stood by him. "I am not entirely sure of who nominated us for this award, but I am assuming it was Todd. He was a huge help as well as a large motivating factor. We all understood how important this pledge class was for our chapter and knowing that the entire house was looking to us to lead them down a safe, successful path. This was a feeling of honor and true brotherhood knowing that every brother on campus supported us and

was willing to help out with whatever was needed. Our alumni were incredibly supportive as well! They were very responsive as we had multiple Zoom sessions with them that were extremely productive and fun. In the end, I think that they were very impressed at how well the semester was going and were also able to learn some things from the new pledge class."

As Markel looks back at his accomplishments, he now understands the true meaning of brotherhood and *The Great Joy of Serving Others*. "The values and morals of the Fraternity can be communicated in many forms. The important factor is not what room or virtual meeting we are all sitting in but how we, as brothers, commit ourselves to this duty and provide a positive and welcoming atmosphere that is full of excitement for the new pledges. We have all made it through a very difficult and unprecedented time and I am proud to be a Phi Psi."

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—Todd Salen Illinois '77



### We want to hear what's new with you! Contact us here.



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Longwell



Mikos



DelosSantos

### Dorsey, Longwell and Mikos Receive CFRE

The Phi Psi Foundation maintains a lean but powerful staff with expertise in many areas of nonprofit management and fundraising. Recently, Nicholas Dorsey *Akron '15*, Zach Longwell *Ashland '09* and Phil Mikos *IUPUI '12*, all senior staff members, earned their CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) certification. According to cfre.org, this is, "A voluntary credential that is recognized worldwide; the CFRE signifies a confident, ethical fundraising professional."

The certification is currently carried by more than 7,200 fundraising professionals in at least 20 countries and is a highly regarded credential within the higher education and Greek spaces.

With this training, Nicholas, Zach and Phil have further positioned themselves to serve the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, the thousands of supporters who invest in the future of Phi Psi, and the hundreds of volunteers who manage and lead local chapters. We are very proud of our talented and accomplished team and hope you have the opportunity to work with them in the near future!

### DelosSantos Receives Google Analytics for Beginners Certification

During mid-April, our Associate Director of Communications, Drake DelosSantos, completed the required training and exams to obtain his Google Analytics for Beginners certificate.

The beginners course teaches its students how to set up dashboards and shortcuts on the backend for websites. The course also demonstrates how to analyze basic audience, acquisition, and behavior reports, and set up goals and campaign tracking.

This training will allow Drake to use data to determine the best communication methods and the best platforms to further advance the mission of the organization. He plans to obtain an Advanced Google Analytics certificate in the fall.

### Good Food, Good Friends



Chapter brothers from Indiana Beta had a chance to grab lunch together recently. Left to right: Jack Scheid *Indiana '51*, Jim Hollenbeck *Indiana '52* and Mo Thomas *Indiana '55* 



Texas alumni gathered for Founders Day.

### The Up Side of Lockdown



Dick Pera Ohio *Wesleyan '74* reports, "Brothers from our chapter have been meeting for several months via Zoom. This has been really cool as many of us have had no communication in over 40 years."



### Alumni Champion Three Chapter Returns

The spring of 2021 was a promising one for Phi Kappa Psi. We were approved to recolonize at not one university but two! Phi Kappa Psi is excited to announce we will be recolonizing at Miami University (Ohio Lambda) in the spring of 2022 and the University of Kentucky (Kentucky Beta) in the fall of 2022. Phi Kappa Psi is also currently planning a return to the University of Oregon this fall.

"Even during a global pandemic, Phi Kappa Psi continues to find opportunities to grow and strengthen our strong band," shared Executive Director Ron Ransom. "Our return to these campuses is worth celebrating. Phi Psi has a rich history at these institutions and outstanding alumni support in the Lexington, Oxford and Eugene area. It was those alumni who championed for Phi Psi to make a return to these campuses. Their dedication and support throughout the process has not gone unnoticed."

### Miami University

Miami University was founded in 1809 in Oxford, Ohio. The name of the university reflects the history of the Native American tribe, Miami, who once lived in the Miami Valley region of Ohio. The university closed in 1873 for having a low student enrollment and reopened in 1885.

Phi Kappa Psi was chartered on the campus of Miami University in 1972. The chapter was suspended in 2015 and has 1,347 alumni. The Ohio Lambda chapter was very active receiving numerous accolades including the Grand Chapter award in 1998 & 2000.

### The University of Kentucky

The University of Kentucky was chartered in February 1865 as the Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) College of Kentucky. In 1878, A&M College spun off as an independent, state-run institution due to questions being raised about operating a federally funded land-grant institution by a religious body. Thus, the University of Kentucky was established in the city of Lexington.

Phi Kappa Psi was chartered on the UK campus in 1988. At the time of its closing in 2016, the chapter had 432 alumni. Throughout our nearly 28-years in Lexington, the chapter won the Outstanding Rush Publication, Risk Management, Ralph R. Haney Financial Excellence and the Hyatt Eby Community Service awards.

### **University of Oregon**

Nestled in Eugene, Oregon, the University of Oregon is a Tier 1 national public research university with a student body of nearly 22,000 students. Established by the Oregon State Legislature in 1872, the college was originally called the University of the State of Oregon. It was between 1902 and 1925 that the institution was recognized as a university having established numerous schools. Phi Kappa Psi was originally chartered on the campus in 1923 and closed in 2018. At the time of its closing, the chapter had 1,775 alumni and has won numerous awards throughout its history.

Do you have news about your chapter or brothers? Share it with us at **marketing@phikappapsi.com**.

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Add these works by fellow Phi Psis to your bookshelves or playlists!

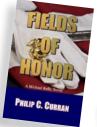
### California Beta – Stanford



George Jedenof Stanford '37, at age 102, published his autobiography entitled, "My Centenarian Odyssey." The story begins with the birth of Brother Jedenof in Petrozavodsk, Russia, in 1917, just prior to the Russian Revolution and follows him through the Great Depression, graduating from Stanford, serving in World War II, and establishing a lifelong career managing steel producing operations.

### Georgia Alpha – Georgia

After years of business writing, Brother **Philip C. Curran '79** began writing fiction in response to a dare from his wife. "Deadly Engagement" was published in 2016, "Hornet's Nest" in 2017, and "Fields of Honor" is set for publications this fall. All feature the popular protagonist, Michael Kelly.





### Indiana Epsilon – Valparaiso

*Gavin Roy '07* published a book in Brazil called, "Nunca Diga Abraços para um Gringo." A bilingual book (English/Portuguese), it chronicles Brother Roy's experience in becoming a YouTuber with nearly 2 million subscribers in Brazil. On his channel, SmallAdvantages, he discusses cultural differences between the U.S. and Brazil.

### lowa Beta - lowa State

The second edition of "Managing the Unmanageable: Rules, Tools, and Insights for Managing Software People and Teams," coauthored by Brother **Ron Lichty '69**, rolled off the presses after the first edition went through four printings in four languages.



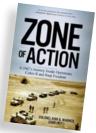


### Kansas Alpha – Kansas University

Retired U.S. Navy Captain **Tom Spink '65** published, "Pacific Patrol, A History of Patrol Aviation During the Cold War in the Pacific." Brother Spink draws on his experiences and shares aviators' stories from the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and the Cold War.

### Ohio Delta – Ohio State

Retired Army JAG Colonel **Kirk Warner '77** published, "Zone of Action: A JAG's Journey Inside Operations Cobra II and Iraqi Freedom." Brother Warner tells the inside-the-war-room story of Operation COBRA II and Iraqi Freedom during the march to Baghdad and the nation-building beyond. But above all things, it is an honest, often humorous romp through war by someone deep in the arena.



### Ohio Epsilon – Case Western

John Berry '64 recently published, "Jason Johnson and the Last Assignment" and "Jason Johnson and the Return Home," futuristic action/adventure novels which take place before, during and after WWIII.



### Texas Delta - SMU

*Clay Houston Shivers '91* published a book entitled, "The Marauders of Pitchfork Pass." Inspired by spending summers at his grandparents in Texas, Brother Shivers spins a tale about the American frontier in the post-Civil War era.

### Washington Alpha – Washington

During the pandemic, Brother **Steve Murphy '63** published his second book, "Havana Odyssey: Chasing Ochoa's Ghost."



#### MISADVENTURES OF THE NOCKIZEEMI KID

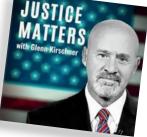
### Virginia Alpha – Virginia



Brother **Timothy Lough '68** published his debut novel, "Misadventures of the Nockzeemi Kid," a laugh-out-loud, nostalgic storytelling of growing up in the 1950s and 1960s.

### Virginia Beta – W & L

Listen to "Justice Matters with Glenn Kirschner" for analyses of today's legal landscape. **Brother Kirschner '81**, draws on his 30 years' experience as a federal prosecutor, homicide prosecutor and Army JAG.



### Are you a Phi Psi author, musician, vlogger or podcaster?

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### **MEMBER MILESTONES**

Share your milestones with us to be included in the next issue of *The Shield*. Submit your news here.

#### California Epsilon - UCLA and Indiana Beta - Indiana

First Point Volleyball Foundation, a nonprofit organization that connects donors to men's volleyball programs in need, was featured in Forbes in February 2021. The founders are USA Men's national team head coach and UCLA men's volleyball coach, John Speraw UCLA '91 and nonprofit executive, Wade Garard Indiana '90.

### California Eta – Cal Poly

Tanner Fry '19 hiked Mount Kilimanjaro during winter break. Brother Fry reflects, "Kilimanjaro was a humbling trek in a beautiful country with even more amazing people. Experience of a lifetime, for sure.

California Eta brothers led by **Matt Sato** '**19** and **Ryan Carpenter** '**20**, hosted their first-ever Phi Psi Valentine event. Pre-planned virtual Valentine's Day dates were auctioned and participation from the brotherhood went far above expectations, raising more than \$3,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of America.

### Colorado Alpha – Colorado

Brother **Chris Creech '67** received a bronze medal from Illumination Book Awards for his book, "The Antidote."

### Georgia Alpha – Georgia

The Law and Public Safety Education Network named Brother **Dr. Thomas Washburn '87** its Executive Director.

### Illinois Delta - Illinois

Lee "Chip" Cirillo '79 has worked for six consecutive summers at Yellowstone National Park as a seasonal worker. According to Brother Cirillo, "It's gorgeous country with lots of wildlife. I love it out there!"

#### Illinois Theta - UIC

Cofounders of Sapphire Apps Media, Anish Dalal and **Thomas Ma '13**, were recognized on Forbes list of 30 Under 30.

### Kansas Alpha – Kansas

May 11, 2020, Brother **Thomas M. Bailey '06** and his wife Megan, welcomed their first child, Bowen, into the world.

Brother **Tyler J. Stanley '13** graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry with his Doctorate of Dental Surgery.

Brother **Zach McHatton '01** and his wife welcomed a new child into the world.

Brother **Josh Smith '04** and his lovely wife Sarah welcomed their first child, Katherine Louise, into the world March 18, 2020.

July 8, 2020, Brother **Corey Bruce '04** and his wife, Rebecca, welcomed their first child, Chloe Harper Bruce into the world.

Brother **Jeffrey Nelson '04** and his wife, Lindsey, welcomed their second son into the world August 10, 2020.

Brother Sean C. Robertson '01 and his wife Brooke welcomed another son into the world. Ridge Charles Robertson was born November 19, 2020.

Brother **Chad W. Schleicher '02** and his wife Lindsay welcomed a future Phi Psi and Jayhawk, Wesley Harrison, into the world November 28, 2020.

Brother A.J. Blongewicz '09 and his wife Maddi, welcomed Jude Albert Blongewicz into the world November 30, 2020. Brother Jon Alan Blongewicz '78 is an excited grandfather. Rock Chalk!

**Robert G. Rosener '06** and his wife Meghan welcomed a daughter, Smith Alexandra, December 18, 2020.

Heritage Hall School (Oklahoma City, OK) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Matthew Carolan '88** as its next Head of Middle School, effective July 1, 2021.

Brother **Samuel M. Wendt '96** recently was elected as the new president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

Brother **Scott Jackson '03** and his lovely wife, welcomed a third child – Archer Lawrence – into the world January 20, 2021.

### Maryland Gamma - Maryland

In December 2020, former chapter president, **Brent Jones '18**, became an operations intern at Lockheed Martin.

### Mississippi Alpha – Ole Miss

Junior Auxiliary of Columbus (Ohio) honored Kyle Olivia Laws and F**loyd Hudson McIntyre '67** as the organization's 2021 Charity Ball queen and king.

#### North Carolina Alpha - Duke

Brother **Brian Thiessen '57** was selected for the 2020 Silver Buffalo Class by the Boy Scouts of America. This is the highest award that an adult volunteer can receive.

### Ohio Eta - Toledo

Last fall, Brother **Calvin Sweeney '19** was initiated into Order of Omega.

Brother **Yash Shingan '21** recently received several outstanding accomplisments, including Mortar Board Underclassman of the Year 2021 and induction into the ARX chapter of Blue Key.

### **Ohio Theta - Ashland**

Recently, six brothers from Ohio Theta were initiated into Order of Omega: **Matthew MacDonald '17, Jim Schoffstall '18, Mike** Serrato '17, Jeremy Ziemak '19, Matt Haberkorn '17.

Brother **Tristan Peterman '17** recently had his artwork showcased at the Ashland University Coburn Gallery Senior Exhibition.

### **Ohio lota - Akron**

*Ohio lota Chapter* was recognized by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life in March 2021 with two Greek Leadership Awards – the Most Improved Fraternity and the Interfraternal Award.

#### Pennsylvania Lambda – Penn State

**Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter** partnered with Alpha Omnicron Pi to participate in THON™ Weekend in February. Together they raised \$252,530.51. A longstanding Penn State tradition, THON™ is a student-run philanthropy committed to enhancing the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer.

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In closing the 2020-21 school year, we recognize those who enhance the Phi Psi experience. As volunteers, you are the

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and willingness to serve, our younger brothers are being shaped into strong leaders. For all you do to strengthen our bond, thank you!

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