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# Phi Psi Fundamentals

Brothers:

At the 2022 Grand Arch Council in Indianapolis, I was honored to be elected the 68th President of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. I am excited by the opportunity to serve the Fraternity in this role, and I pledge that I will do everything in my power to advance the Fraternity in this biennium.



Marchesani

We have many reasons to be excited about the future of Phi Psi, including opportunities to capitalize upon and challenges to overcome.

It was a long journey to receive the honor of being elected National President, but my story is probably not dissimilar to the other 67 brothers who served in the role before me.

Becoming a Phi Psi was a life-changing experience for me. I remember feeling like a leader for the first time in my life. I remember the camaraderie and fun of being part of my chapter, and I had the incredibly good fortune to serve as District II Archon, which enhanced my commitment.

Because of the loyalty I felt, I stayed involved as an alumnus on the local level as a chapter advisor, a house corporation officer and an alumni volunteer. I received so many benefits from my membership, including professional and personal connections. I even met my wife, Marlene, through Phi Kappa Psi.

So, the Fraternity is so much more to me than something I did in college. It has been a fundamental part of my life and remains so today.

Like everyone who served as president before me, I believe I have experience and skills to offer the Fraternity. My passion is to keep the Fraternity focused on the following three things I see as critical success factors.

1. We must recruit, initiate and retain excellent members from all aspects of the male populations on the campuses where we have chapters and colonies. That means working harder than ever to find the best men and invite them to consider membership in Phi Kappa Psi. The days when we would focus on adding only the new students who showed up looking to join a fraternity are over. Today's college campuses are more diverse. We must ensure our recruitment process is welcoming and accessible to as many male students as possible.

2. We must be certain that our chapters practice self-accountability for group and individual behavior by ensuring that our membership standards and policies are understood and implemented. Today, the tolerance related to fraternity disciplinary issues has never been lower and the consequences of those issues has never been greater. In addition, one of the hardest things for young men to do is to hold their peers accountable for misbehavior. Chapters that are unable to practice self-discipline soon will be facing the scrutiny of their host institutions and the National Fraternity.
3. We must ensure that every Phi Psi chapter and colony has alumni support. Chapter Advisory Committees and House Corporations should be fully staffed by alumni or other adult volunteers. Alumni involvement does not reduce leadership opportunities for our undergraduate brothers but provides roles models and guidance.

*“The Fraternity is so much more to me than something I did in college. It has been a fundamental part of my life and remains so today.”*

These three priorities are key components of the Fraternity's new five-year Strategic Plan. In fact, they are deeply embedded in the Strategic Plan objectives:

**High Quality Membership** – Continuously identify, recruit, and retain the most value-aligned members using a multi-channel approach.

**Lifelong Experience** - Continuously provide intentional, value-based growth opportunities that reaffirm the lifetime commitment of undergraduates and alumni.

**Engaged Volunteers** - Recruit, train and support volunteers who inspire excellence in our members, chapters and national organization.

**Ample Resources** - Acquire, steward and deploy the resources necessary to accomplish the objectives and goals of the organization.

Over the next five years, my hope is that Phi Kappa Psi will be focused on achieving our mission of being a Fraternity that develops members of character by providing the proper environment and tools to guide them in pursuing productive, honorable and purposeful lives.

Five months into my term as National President, I am hopeful, determined and enthusiastic to make progress on achieving our vision and mission. I am hopeful because I believe our Fraternity is more unified than it has been in a long time. We are unified because we have survived the previous four-year period that featured a



number of events and challenges that could have derailed and divided us. But, instead, we entered this biennium with momentum and a spirit of cooperation across the Fraternity that can help us achieve our fullest potential.

I am determined because our new Strategic Plan sets the direction for us to lead the Fraternity to a brighter future. As the chairman of the committee that created the plan, I am proud of the work of the men who created the bold vision that declares that Phi Kappa Psi exists to help its members attain a life of intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence.

And I am enthusiastic because I feel confident in the ability of our elected and appointed officers, our local volunteers and our Headquarters staff to lead the Fraternity into the future.

Considering the environment in which the Fraternity operates today, our guiding principle as a National Fraternity needs to be prioritizing our resources to create a climate where our chapters and colonies can be most successful.

I believe our new Strategic Plan provides the right focus on these critical areas. I am excited about the plan and hope you will enthusiastically support its implementation.

So, how can you help? You can play a fundamental and positive role in the vision of the Fraternity by following some simple steps.

- Remember you are still a member. Phi Psi is for life. Care about the Fraternity. Say “I **am** a Phi Psi” versus “I **was** a Phi Psi.”

- Stay in touch or re-connect with your brothers. Visit your chapter if you go back to your alma mater. Be involved with or start a local Phi Psi alumni association.
- Consider being a volunteer for a local Phi Psi chapter or colony near you, even if it’s not your own chapter.
- Recommend outstanding college-bound young men who are enrolling at your alma mater or a campus with a Phi Psi chapter or colony.
- Purchase Phi Psi items from official Fraternity retailers to show your pride and generate royalty income for the Fraternity.
- Support leadership training for our undergraduate and alumni volunteer brothers by supporting the Phi Psi Foundation.

If you have any questions on how to take any of the above actions, please contact me or our National Headquarters.

In closing, I want to say that working together we can create a strong and proud future for Phi Kappa Psi.

Bob Marchesani *IUP '79 / Butler '94*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Marchesani".

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Brothers Wheeler, Marchesani, Dumas and Brandman (L to R) serve as your Executive Board.

The following brothers were elected at the 2022 Grand Arch Council to serve two-year terms, forming the Executive Board. Read on to get to know them better.

### **SWGP Bob Marchesani IUP '79 / Butler '94**

**Home:** Indianapolis, Indiana

**Education:** BA in Journalism – Public Relations and MBA with concentration in Marketing

**Family:** Wife, Marlene; daughter, Allison; sons Andrew and Matthew; grandson, Jude

**Interesting Hobby:** Bourbon collector – I don't have a drinking problem; I have a buying problem.

#### ***How has Phi Psi helped your career?***

My membership in Phi Psi was instrumental in my career, from helping me develop marketable skills as an undergraduate, to the leadership I developed as an officer and District Archon. Phi Psi also helped me make connections which led to me being hired by Eli Lilly and Company – the start of what is now a 33-year career in pharmaceuticals.

#### ***As an undergraduate, who was your mentor?***

Timothy L. Michael IUP '78, was my mentor when I was an undergraduate. Tim remains active in the Fraternity and has been the long-time chapter advisor to Michigan Beta at Michigan State University.

#### ***Is there someone you have always looked up to?***

John Donnell Jr. Case Western '59, SWGP of the Fraternity from 1980-82, who I served with on the Executive Council during my first year as District II Archon. John is the embodiment of Phi Kappa Psi. He is humble and modest despite being an incredibly intelligent, gifted and successful person. I learned so much just from watching him as a leader and man.

# Do You (really)

“To Kill A Mockingbird” is whose favorite book?

Who met his wife at freshman orientation?

Is there a bourbon collector among them?

Does one of them have a photographic memory?

Which one loves to sail?

Have any of them been to more than 100 Broadway shows?

Who enjoys coaching baseball?

#### ***What is your favorite way to give back to your community and to the organization?***

I have always enjoyed giving my time, talent and treasure to organizations that are education-based whether that is for students in K-8, high school or the university level. I truly believe education is a powerful equalizer of opportunity in our country.

### **SWVGP Marc Dumas DePaul '93**

**Home:** Chicago, Illinois

**Education / Profession:** Political Science; Real Estate Broker with Coldwell Banker

**Family:** I have a 17-year-old daughter, Olivia, who is navigating her college choices and a 14-year-old son, Theodore (T.J.), who is about to start high school. Both are great kids.

**Favorite Sport / Team:** The Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bears, Notre Dame football and DePaul basketball

**Favorite Book:** “To Kill A Mockingbird” by Harper Lee

**Favorite Movies:** “Trading Places,” “Star Wars” and “Goodfellas”

**Hobbies:** Coaching baseball and basketball; I also collect Phi Psi badges and have a sizeable bowtie collection.

#### ***How has Phi Psi helped your career?***

It helped me overcome my fear of being in front of people (important in sales), and the network it continues to provide is invaluable.

#### ***As an undergraduate, who was your mentor?***

My Phi Psi mentor was — and is — Steve Neislawski Illinois '79. He was my colony advisor and has been with me through every part of my adult life.

# Know Your Executive Board?

## ***Who have you always admired, and why?***

My parents were amazing. My mother was a member of the Freedom Riders, and my father was involved in the civil rights movement. To have that sort of tenacity and belief system is just mind-blowing.

## ***What do you most look forward to during your time on the Executive Board?***

Helping the Fraternity grow and start building a plan for the next 150 years. I look forward to meeting more of my brothers across the country and mentoring the Archons.

## ***What is your favorite way to give back?***

Time. I love to help chapters and groups with projects; I love to volunteer at the food bank or by coaching a team.

## ***If you could give advice to an undergraduate or a new alumnus, what would it be?***

Stay involved. You don't have to stay at the level you are now but stay involved. Talk to your brothers, both older and younger, when asking for advice. Enjoy all the aspects of the Fraternity.

## **SWP Chuck Brandman Case Western '70**

**Home:** Houston, Texas

**Education:** BS Electrical Engineering; Master Business Administration

**Family:** My wife, Judy, is a retired teacher. Her specialty was life skills. We met in college; we were both volunteers, working freshman orientation. Our son and daughter are both "off the payroll" with families and careers of their own.

**Favorite Sport / Team:** I always root for the hometown team. These days, it's easy to get behind the Astros, but the Texans and Rockets are a different story. The Ohio State Buckeyes are another favorite; after all, I am from Ohio. We attended Cleveland Browns games when living in Cleveland and Kansas City Chiefs when living in Kansas City; so, I continue to root for them, too.

**Hobby:** I enjoy sailing. One of the great things about being on the Gulf Coast is that I can sail year-round.

## ***What is your favorite way to give back?***

I have always been a volunteer. When my kids were in school, it was PTO, booster clubs, soccer coach. As they moved on with their lives, other organizations kept "finding me." I enjoy jumping into something new, applying skills and approaches I've learned during my professional life while learning some new things along the way. I finally decided to retire (from my professional career) because I didn't have enough time to devote to my volunteer "jobs."

## ***If you could give advice to an undergraduate or a new alumnus, what would it be?***

Follow your passion. Pursue your career because it's

something that you enjoy doing, not because it's a job. But don't be afraid to work hard to achieve your goals. Constant learning is a key to success. Everything you learned in school will soon be in a museum – if it's not already there. If you are not learning, you are falling behind. Contribute your skills and energy to people and things beyond yourself.

## **SWAG Chris Wheeler LSU '01**

**Home:** Los Angeles, California (in the Thai Town portion of Little Armenia to be exact)

**Education / Profession:** Political Science; I am an attorney practicing intellectual property law mostly in the entertainment industries.

**Family:** I have around 142,000 brothers and a cat.

**Favorite Sport / Team:** I have L.A. Kings season tickets, am a long-suffering fan of the New Orleans Saints, and of course, love the LSU Tigers.

**Favorite Movie:** "Short Circuit 2"

**Favorite Stage Play / Musical:** "Clybourne Park" by Bruce Norris; "Ragtime" by Terrence McNally

**Favorite Album:** "Chemically Imbalanced" by Ying Yang Twins (TVT 2006)

## ***As an undergraduate, who was your mentor?***

Brian Madacsi LSU '97 (my Big Brother) and Brandon Amato LSU '97 – both of those men impressed upon me the importance of balance between fun and business.

## ***Who have always admired?***

Wayne Wilson Michigan State '59. As an undergraduate at my first GAC in 2002, I wanted to make a motion from the floor, but the Chair moved along. As I turned away from the microphone, Wayne grabbed me, read my nametag saying, "Chris, if you want to make a motion, you get up there and force them to recognize you." That such a distinguished member would encourage me in a moment like that, proved to me that the undergraduate control I had learned in New Member Education really did exist. That has always stayed with me. It was a simple, kind gesture of mentorship and exactly what fraternity is.

## ***What is your best advice to a young alumnus?***

Humor, appropriately employed, is the key to getting along with just about anybody; but even if you're not funny, simply being polite (particularly to those who differ from you in some regard) will open more doors than you ever imagined.

## ***Is there something about you that would surprise people?***

I have a photographic memory. I have seen more than 100 productions on Broadway, and on most weekdays, I read nine newspapers cover-to-cover.

2021-22 Fiscal Year

# FRATERNITY FINANCIALS

## EXPENSES

Operational Expenses: **\$2,102,994**

Insurance Expenses: **\$1,172,768**

Total Expenses: **\$3,275,762**

Permanent Fund  
Contribution:

**\$225,676**

PFI has delivered net interest, dividends,  
and realized gains per IRS requirements of a  
501(c)2 organization.

## INCOME

Undergraduate Support: **\$3,511,451**  
(includes \$1,066,128 in liability insurance)

Alumni Support: **\$19,494**

Other Income: **\$95,737**

Employee Retention Credit: **\$243,507**

Total Income: **\$3,870,189**

## What is the Phi Kappa Psi Loyalty Fund?

It is the shared mission of the Foundation and National Fraternity to inspire men to strive for the highest intellectual, moral and spiritual character in order to live productive, honorable and purposeful lives.

### Gifts to the Fraternity's Loyalty Fund help support:

- Educational and leadership programs not eligible for Foundation funding
- Expansion and recruitment efforts to bring Phi Kappa Psi to new campuses
- Alumni advisor assistance
- Archival preservation
- Operational improvements

Donations of any size are welcome with giving levels starting at \$5 per month.



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Contributions  
to the  
Loyalty Fund:

**\$5,860**

# RANSOM NOTES

## Let's Talk About Mental Health

I know, it's probably not the heading you expected to see when you opened *The Shield*, a magazine dedicated to highlighting and celebrating the accomplishments of our members.



Ransom

Let me explain.

I decided to bring up mental health as an introduction to some of the outstanding work that is being done by members we are highlighting in this issue. I also decided to bring it up because we don't talk about it, and the conversation is well overdue.

Did you know that men make up 49 percent of the U.S. population? Men also account for:

- ▶ nearly 80 percent of suicides
- ▶ nearly 70 percent of preventable opioid overdose deaths
- ▶ over 70 percent of deaths that are 100 percent attributable to alcohol

Even more frightening is the fact that we can't blame it all on "the kids." Of all opioid deaths in the United States, 72 percent of fatalities occur among adults between the ages of 25 and 54. Suicide rates are highest among those who are 25-34 and 75 and older.

### Why Aren't We Talking About It?

There are certain stigmas around mental health issues. Those stigmas lead us to blame individuals for their disorders, question their moral decision-making, and even treat them as if they are lower-class citizens. It happens all the time. So much so, it prevents men from seeking help. Would you want to talk about the challenges you're facing if you knew the result would leave you ostracized from those you loved and cared about? What do they do instead? Feeling embarrassed and ashamed, they often cut themselves off from others, turn to alcohol and other substances, and in some cases, commit suicide.

### What Do We Need to Know?

For starters, we can educate ourselves to be better advocates for those around us. Science has long proven

that people who experience mental health issues suffer from complex brain disorders. You can find a plethora of resources online, at your local hospital and in campus health centers.

Being more thoughtful of how we speak to and about others also can make an impact. People who suffer from mental health disorders are humans who are worthy of the dignity and respect that everyone deserves.

Finally, be there for the ones we love and care about. If someone you know is displaying signs or symptoms that are concerning, reach out to them and let them know you care and ask how you can help.

If you or someone you know is suffering from a mental health disorder — including alcohol or drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, depression or anxiety — you are not alone. Neither are they. There are resources available to help find support. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers two hotlines:

**SAMHSA's National Helpline, 1-800-662-HELP (4357)** (also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service), or TTY: 1-800-487-4889 is a confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations.

**The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States.

So, who else wants to talk about mental health? You can email me at [rkr@phikappapsi.com](mailto:rkr@phikappapsi.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

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

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



# Full Circle in the Circle City

By Drake DeloSantos *Butler '22* and HQ Communications Staff

## The Magic of the Grand Arch Council.

A fitting title for the article Brother Justin Steinhard *RIT '00* wrote leading up to this past summer's Grand Arch Council (GAC), and a sentiment I would soon come to understand.

As a member of staff, I had been working with our team for months to prepare for July in Indianapolis. I had walked the event space at the JW Marriott many times, read through what was to be said, and created PowerPoint after PowerPoint to ensure logistical perfection. The stage was set, the banners were hung, and the 80th GAC had begun.

## Back Home Again in Indiana

GAC commenced at the Indiana State Museum with the President's Reception. Brothers and guests from across the country joined under the Indiana Obelisk to catch up with old friends and experience a unique look into Indiana's history. It had been four years since Phi Psi had a gathering of this size, and this was my first time in the presence of so many brothers. From touring the exhibits and learning about the state I had called home for the past two years to engaging in conversation with Phi Psis young and old, the realization set in that this was going to be a week that would stay with me.





The days to come were filled with important business and debate, but our members and guests also had the opportunity to explore the city. Laurel Hall was showcased, and visitors found themselves walking the wood-lined grand hall in the 106-year-old building the Fraternity and Foundation have called home since 2006. The Foundation celebrated Phi Psi donors at the Dallara Car Factory – a hybrid venue hosting space for events, a museum celebrating the racing history of Indiana, and a garage where guests get a first-hand look at IndyCar assembly. And Phi Psi’s shining stars were celebrated at the Awards Luncheon under the starry night dome of the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

While the week was special for all in attendance, there was one group in particular that had much to celebrate.

### Hard Work Pays Off

Those who have attended GAC know that part of the week includes a review of the Ritual, but this GAC was unlike that of recent gatherings. Rather than a walkthrough of the sacred Ritual, brothers experienced it in action as Indiana Zeta was rechartered and 24 well-deserving men became brothers of Phi Kappa Psi.

“The entire GAC body was watching,” said Brother Andrew Lane *Butler ’22*, then chapter president. “It was a little nerve-racking, but once we were handed the original charter, this rush of adrenaline overcame me. It was at

that moment I knew that our hard work had paid off. We were no longer the Butler University Colony but rather Indiana Zeta.”

This moment was of particular importance to me, as it was the first time I was able to call myself a Phi Psi. I was elated and honored, but I wasn’t the only staff member who shook hands that evening. With the blessing of the chapter and the Executive Council, Brother Ryan Parker *Butler ’22* stood alongside me.

Parker, who has worked for Phi Psi for more than four years, explained, “I’ve been asked numerous times if I would join Phi Psi, but I wasn’t sure how I felt about stepping in when the men next to me worked so hard to rebuild the chapter. I didn’t want to take away from their achievement.”

Brother Parker’s concerns were put to rest as hundreds of brothers from chapters across the country welcomed the newly initiated members and “High, High, High!” filled the halls of the JW.

### The Final Stretch

The business of governance had concluded, votes had been cast and a new Executive Council elected. The time our team put into the last several months had paid off. The only thing left to do was celebrate.

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**Left:** Haldon Dick *Bowling Green '55* received the Eddie Knight Award from David Moyer *Alabama '91*. **Right:** Bob Marchesani *IUP '79 / Butler '94* presented the Hyatt (Pat) Eby Award to Lukas Bluhm *Ball State '21*.

We gathered ahead of the Final Banquet for a toast. The hotel room was filled with smiles as each team member shared stories of happenings from the week. And then it was time. A sea of tuxedos descended upon the White River Ballroom.

The Final Banquet featured stories of Phi Psi impact. From Medal of Honor and National Leadership Award recipients to the reveal of Grand Chapter, it was an evening of remarkable men achieving incredible feats. As the night ended and everyone snapped their last photos as a group, I remembered what tomorrow brought.

## Saying Goodbye

My time with Phi Kappa Psi HQ began to dwindle quickly. I had been called to pursue a career in public relations for higher education. My first day was less than 24 hours away when I boarded the plane at the Indianapolis International Airport. As I found my seat, I ran into a couple of familiar faces I had seen throughout the week. We shared some memories, laughs and a couple of hugs.

Since settling back home in South Carolina, I have reflected on what GAC meant to me. Yes, we conducted Fraternity business, but ... hundreds of stories connected us, we played the occasional prank on a brother and bet money on how many times a grown man would cry, we celebrated each other's accomplishments and vowed to watch over those in need.

I now know what Brother Steinhard meant in his article. I have experienced the magic of the Grand Arch Council.

To view photos from GAC 2022, go to: [phikappapsi.com/gac-gallery](http://phikappapsi.com/gac-gallery).



## GAC 2022 Award Winners

**Grand Chapter:** Iowa Beta - Iowa State

**Ralph D. (Dud) Daniel Interfraternalism Award:** Buddy Côté, Phi Gamma Delta and Pete Smithhisler, Lambda Chi Alpha

**Eddie Knight Award of Merit:** Matthew Anglin *Washington '90*

**Outstanding Chapter Advisor:** Andrew Zobel *Minnesota '14*

**Advisor to Fraternities:** Carrie Whitter, Assistant Vice President for Student Life - Valparaiso University

**Dr. Gordon Sparks Letterman Men's Health Award:** Delaware Alpha - Delaware

**Hyatt (Pat) Eby Award for Community Service:** Lukas Bluhm *Ball State '21*

**Undergraduate of the Year:** Maxwell Nelson *Minnesota '19*

**Outstanding House Corporation:** Washington Alpha - Washington

**Ladies Silver Bowl:** Amanda Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer - Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity

**The Edgar Fahs Smith Award:** Micah Kleid *F & M '01*

**Man-Mile Award:** California Beta - Stanford

**Eddie Knight Award for GAC Attendance:** Haldon Dick *Bowling Green '55*

**Special Recognition:** Todd Salen *Illinois '76*, Recipient of the North American Interfraternity Conference 2022 Advisor Award of Distinction

### Chapter Excellence Awards:

California Epsilon - UCLA

Ohio Theta - Ashland

Indiana Iota - Ball State

Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

Kansas Alpha - Kansas

# Medal of Honor Recipients **2022**

First presented at the 2002 GAC, the Phi Kappa Psi Medal of Honor was created to honor both members and non-members alike. The award is presented to those who have achieved success in their personal, professional or fraternal lives, and who have had a substantial effect on our Fraternity. It is Phi Kappa Psi's highest honor and awarded by the National President at his sole discretion. These fine gentlemen were honored by SWGP David S. Moyer *Alabama '91* at the 2022 GAC in Indianapolis.

## **Carl J. Stoney Cal '65**



Carl joined the Foundation's Board of Trustees in the winter of 2010. He also served as Attorney General for the Fraternity from 2012 to 2014. Carl was instrumental in the reestablishment of Phi Psi's Cal Gamma Chapter in 1976, which earned him the Eddie Knight Outstanding Alumnus Award at the 1978 Grand Arch Council held in Kansas City, Missouri. He remains involved today in the local Alumni Association, always attending

the Big Game Lunch, an annual gathering which occurs, as he says, "the day before the game where Cal beats Stanford."

## **Daniel R. Schwitzgable Akron '72**



Brother Schwitzgable has been a workhorse for the Fraternity on both the national and local levels. Before he was even elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the Order of the S.C., Dan tirelessly worked behind the scenes. Similarly, he put in untold hours working with University of Akron administrators to help bring back the Ohi Iota Chapter. Dan was integral in getting a house for the newly re-chartered chapter and continued to assist

them in various advisory roles.

## **Gordon T. Carter Alabama '75**



Gordon has given his free time and his treasure to Phi Kappa Psi and the University of Alabama. Gordon has never missed a GAC since his initiation, except for the GAC he was awarded the Medal of Honor, which he missed due to COVID-19. Gordon served for years as the Chapter Advisor to Alabama Beta, including being awarded Chapter Advisor of the Year at the 2012 GAC. Gordon and his husband, Wes, are major donors to

the University of Alabama Adaptive Athletics program, which has won numerous National Championships in Men's and Women's Wheelchair basketball and tennis. Additionally, Gordon has made significant financial contributions to the Alabama Alpha Chapter and has mentored countless Phi Psis through the years. An ever-steady presence, Gordon has always been willing to respond to all calls for assistance.

## **Charles E. Brandman Case Western '70**



Our newly elected SWP, Brother Brandman's passion for scholarship and helping Phi Psis better themselves has spanned the decades. He has served as advisor at his own chapter, Ohio Epsilon, as an advisor to Texas Epsilon, guiding them from colony to chapter. Chuck also has been instrumental in multiple Fraternity Law Review Boards, including chairing the most recent one, which brought significant changes and clarity to

our governing documents. It should also be noted that Chuck's development of a local- and regional-based leadership workshops and AA-developed scholarships have been a gold standard.

## **John V. Ciccarelli CSUN '72**



The soft-spoken, but larger-than-life personality of Brother Ciccarelli is truly one-of-a-kind, and his passion for Phi Psi is beyond the stars. Chic, as he better known to his friends and brothers, is one of a select and small group of Phi Psis who has served as both an Archon and SWGP. Chic also was a driving force in the planning and events that surrounded the Fraternity's Sesquicentennial Celebrations from 2000 to 2004. He has

assumed various volunteer coordinator roles and currently serves as the Vice President for the Order of the S.C.

## **Frederick A. Hegele Ohio State '63**



If you have ever had a one-on-one conversation with Brother Hegele, you probably felt as if you were the most important and only other person in the room. Fred truly cares for people. He has a deep-rooted belief and passion for Phi Kappa Psi, which is evident not only in his tireless work as a former Chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees, but also through his generosity in supporting

scholarships and educational endeavors. Fred believes in bridge building, regardless of backgrounds or differences, and he has a knack for finding common ground to help people and groups move forward together.

## **Stephen R. O'Rourke Missouri '74**



Not one for many words, Brother O'Rourke focuses more on the work to be done. If you do the right thing, and do it for the right reasons, then you do not have a need for long speeches or the need to justify your actions. That can be seen throughout his Phi Psi career. Whether it was his time serving as each of the four elected national officer positions or as chapter advisor, house corporation advisor or the countless

volunteer coordinator roles, Steve's actions have propelled Phi Psi to greatness.

# The Order of the S.C. CENTENARY CELEBRATION



Submitted to HQ Communications

The 2020 Grand Arch Council was scheduled to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the location of the Founding of the Order of the S.C. one hundred years prior.

When the Centenary Celebration Committee began planning the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the S.C., no one expected it to continue for four years. The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the declaration of emergency powers by the Executive Council, which eventually led to the cancellation of the 2020 GAC. While regrettable, the EC's action was necessary to preserve the safety and well-being of the Fraternity's members.

In preparation of the celebration, the committee issued a special edition of the S.C. Member Directory. The directory introduced a special centenary logo, designed to pay homage to S.C. co-founders, Sion Bass Smith *Allegheny 1881* and Lloyd Cheney *Syracuse 1902*, their class of charter members, the S.C., and our Noble Fraternity. The logo was used in the months leading up to the 80th GAC – both of them. S.C. President, Steve O'Rourke *Missouri '74* also included a special message inviting every S.C. member to participate, but the 2020 celebration was never to be.

Adversity can inspire ingenuity. Upon the cancellation of the 2020 GAC, the Centenary Celebration Committee proposed the use of a shiny platinum "100" ribbon star to take place of the never-to-be-held 2020 GAC star. The S.C. officers approved. The star, symbolizing that "no matter what the obstacles, the Order will carry on," was issued to all initiated members of the S.C. who had fully paid their dues. Because the pandemic prevented large gatherings, the committee worked to identify creative ways to organize a series of toasts to celebrate 100 years of the S.C. On July 2, 2020, the most likely date of the S.C. founding, the committee helped members hold face-to-face virtual meetings and share photos, videos and GIFs of their toasting through text and email.

On July 29, 2022 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, the S.C. held its 50th Biennial meeting in conjunction

with the 80th Grand Arch Council. Following the meeting, 123 members and 29 guests boarded buses bound for Laurel Hall to enjoy a meaningful, dignified and memorable 100th anniversary dinner. Honorary Chairman, Gordon R. Letterman *West Virginia '72* led a "sword-in-hand" celebratory cake-cutting, followed by traditional toasts and a memorial service. Rev. Dr. David M. McDonald *Beloit '82* gave the blessing before members enjoyed their meal, planned by S.C. Secretary-Treasurer, Dan Schwitzgable *Akron '72*.



While members of the Order dined in Laurel Hall's Grand Ballroom, the ladies convened in the Solarium. Upon each members' seat, a keepsake "Second Century" booklet was placed, emblazoned with yet another logo by the Centenary Celebration Committee intended to acknowledge the past and emphasize our bright

future. The Second Century brand was again reflected in an S.C. Centenary video aired during the GAC, featuring S.C. President O'Rourke and S.C. senior statesman, Haldon Dick, *Bowling Green '55*.

In addition to Honorary Chairman Letterman, Co-chairmen of the Centenary Celebration

Committee were past national presidents John V. Ciccarelli *CSUN '75*, and Steve Nieslawski *Illinois '79*. Members of the committee included Wesley W. Schaub *Toledo '80*, Ronald K. Ransom *Butler '00*, and Timothy N. Tangen *Minn. - Duluth '03*. Ryan Parker *Butler '22*, and Jake Johnson *Butler '22*, were responsible for graphic design and videography, respectively.



# A WELCOMED SURPRISE – YEARS IN THE MAKING

By Benjamin S.M. Nicol *Valparaiso '00*



In a long line of exceptional men, one has left an indelible mark on the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation and the Fraternity at large, as well as his local and global community.

He is the embodiment of a servant leader and has been a source of inspiration to countless Phi Psis. Originally set to receive the National Leadership Award (NLA) in 2020, Fred Hegele *Ohio State '63*, current Trustee and past Chairman of the Foundation, received the award during the 2022 Indianapolis Grand Arch Council. When the Minneapolis GAC was cancelled, the recognition was put on hold — and kept under wraps.

Unlike all other NLA recipients, who are informed of their award nearly a year before the celebration, Fred was not made aware until hours prior to the ceremony. This meant the secret was kept by family, friends and his fellow Foundation Board members for several years!

After graduating from the Ohio State University in 1965, Brother Hegele began working at General Mills. In what would become a storied career with one of America's most iconic brands, Fred held numerous high-level positions in quality management and regulatory affairs in the United States, Europe, Asia and South America. He worked alongside ingredient suppliers and subsidiary companies in quality assurance, managing analytical services, and directed the quality function for packaged foods.

Fred has extensive knowledge of state and federal regulations and was widely recognized for his efforts in working with regulatory agencies. With so much experience in the field, Fred was a sought after lecturer on food safety and regulations across the United States, and in 2013 was the recipient of his alma mater's Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Fred has been equally successful as a philanthropist, contributing mightily to the betterment of a number of causes. Few people personify *The Great Joy of Serving Others* quite like Fred. Through the years he, along with

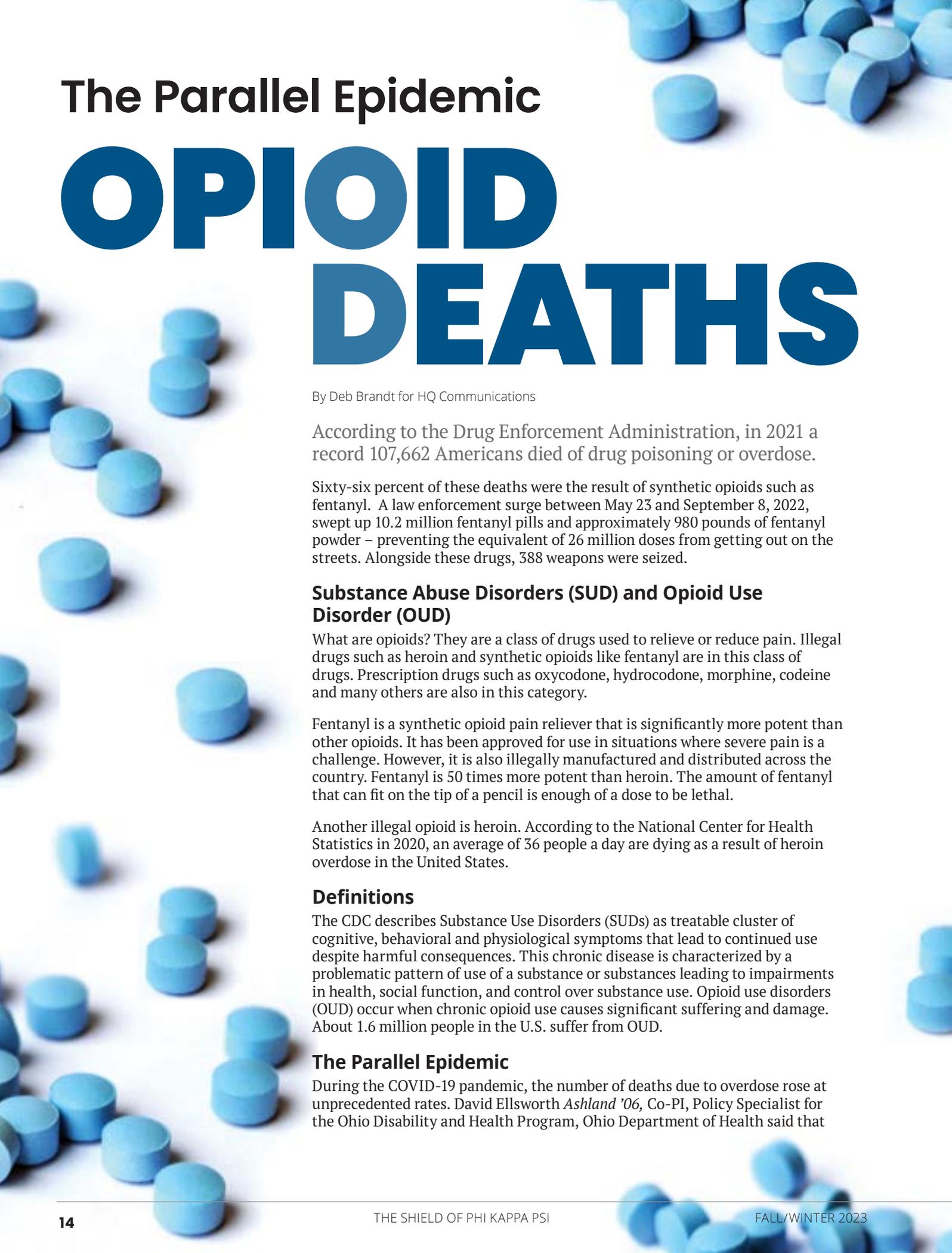


his wife Sharon, have served on boards for local and global organizations. They have been pivotal in driving forward the mission of Imara International, an organization that provides education and life skills for Kenyan teenage mothers and early childhood education for their children. Over the years, through fundraising efforts, administrative volunteerism and hands-on support, Fred and Sharon have seen the organization and its mission mature from its early stages to the purchase and build out of the Imara Village, which now includes a working farm, a school and space for mothers and their children.

A world away but much closer to their home in Minnesota, the Hegeles have left their mark on the community with their work alongside Interfaith Outreach, which engages cross-sector partnerships in the delivery of immediate and family support services including food, housing, education, employment and transportation. Simply put, the organization comes alongside families during their times of greatest need.

It is no surprise to Phi Psi that Fred would be honored for his widespread, positive impact on the brotherhood and the world. However, Fred *was* surprised at GAC — not only by receiving the award itself but also by having friends and family members who joined the celebration. The process to honor Fred was years in the making. But the expression on his face was well worth the wait.

The National Leadership Award recognizes notable Phi Psis who have excelled professionally, had a significant impact on their communities and left an impression on Phi Kappa Psi. To view recipient videos, go to: [pkpfoundation.org/nla-videos](http://pkpfoundation.org/nla-videos).

The background of the page is a high-angle, close-up photograph of numerous light blue, round, tablet-shaped pills scattered across a white surface. The pills are in various orientations, some standing upright and others lying flat, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows.

# The Parallel Epidemic

# OPIOID DEATHS

By Deb Brandt for HQ Communications

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, in 2021 a record 107,662 Americans died of drug poisoning or overdose.

Sixty-six percent of these deaths were the result of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. A law enforcement surge between May 23 and September 8, 2022, swept up 10.2 million fentanyl pills and approximately 980 pounds of fentanyl powder – preventing the equivalent of 26 million doses from getting out on the streets. Alongside these drugs, 388 weapons were seized.

## **Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)**

What are opioids? They are a class of drugs used to relieve or reduce pain. Illegal drugs such as heroin and synthetic opioids like fentanyl are in this class of drugs. Prescription drugs such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, codeine and many others are also in this category.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever that is significantly more potent than other opioids. It has been approved for use in situations where severe pain is a challenge. However, it is also illegally manufactured and distributed across the country. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin. The amount of fentanyl that can fit on the tip of a pencil is enough of a dose to be lethal.

Another illegal opioid is heroin. According to the National Center for Health Statistics in 2020, an average of 36 people a day are dying as a result of heroin overdose in the United States.

## **Definitions**

The CDC describes Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) as treatable cluster of cognitive, behavioral and physiological symptoms that lead to continued use despite harmful consequences. This chronic disease is characterized by a problematic pattern of use of a substance or substances leading to impairments in health, social function, and control over substance use. Opioid use disorders (OUD) occur when chronic opioid use causes significant suffering and damage. About 1.6 million people in the U.S. suffer from OUD.

## **The Parallel Epidemic**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of deaths due to overdose rose at unprecedented rates. David Ellsworth *Ashland '06*, Co-PI, Policy Specialist for the Ohio Disability and Health Program, Ohio Department of Health said that

even as rates rise, addiction issues remain stigmatized. Many remain untreated because of the complications of this stigma. Health care plans often do not reimburse for addiction treatment programs adding further burden to the stigma and getting help. All while there are effective treatment options available.

At the same time, SUD and OUD are incredibly costly. Nearly \$800 billion dollars a year is spent on addiction in the United States. Not just opioid addiction – but other types of substance abuse as well. It is hard to ignore the cost and impact. Lost wages, time off work, working or driving or performing other routine activities while impaired, poor health outcomes, impacts on other family members, emergency room visits, emergency treatment ... the list of costs is extensive.

Misconceptions play a role in the public mind about substance abuse disorders. For instance, many think that substance abuse arises out of prescription misuse. While this may be a factor, Ellsworth said that what's really driving the epidemic is the powerful use of synthetic opioids. Nothing like these opioids has ever been encountered before.

A second misconception, Ellsworth noted, is the idea that opioid deaths are occurring just in young people. The reality is that opioid overdose is occurring across all age groups.

## Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery

According to the CDC, “addiction is a disease, not a character flaw. People suffering from SUD have trouble controlling their drug use even though they know drugs are harmful.” Addiction is not a lack of willpower. Recovery may include the use of medications to reduce cravings and the impacts of withdrawal. It also can include 12-step programs, therapy and the ongoing support of a stay in a rehabilitation facility. Recovery is grueling, and relapse is real for many people.

Ellsworth suggested that dedicated resources could help solve the addiction problems in our country.

While harm reduction gets a bad rap, it could help decrease the intensity of the impact of those using. Harm reduction would include safety test strips for users as well as having naloxone accessible and people trained to use it. Some express concern that it encourages drug use; however, it can be empowering, and like syringe-exchange programs, it increases safety for users. It is just one part of the equation for reducing drug abuse.

Harm reduction can pave the way for improved safety and better health outcomes in the long term. It saves people's lives even though it has been politicized and stigmatized.

Addiction is a complicated and treatable mental health issue that can be experienced by anyone at any age. Even though recovery is challenging, there is hope. It is possible.

To learn more, consult local medical professionals, recovery program sites or visit trusted national sites such as [us.gov https://www.usa.gov/mental-health-substance-abuse](https://www.usa.gov/mental-health-substance-abuse) or the National Institute on Drug Abuse at <https://nida.nih.gov/>

## SIGNS OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

- > unconsciousness <
- > very small pupils <
- > slow or shallow breathing <
- > purple lips and fingernails <
- > vomiting <
- > an inability to speak <
- > faint heartbeat <
- > limp arms and legs <
- > pale skin <

## WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. An opioid antagonist, it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids. It can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. It is not a treatment for opioid use disorder.

[nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone](https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone)

# EVERYONE NEEDS AN *Advocate*

By Beth Winchell, Creative Design Manager

You need surgery.

Never what you want to hear. So many questions and layers of concerns: time off work, cost, pain, recovery, risks. The mind reels.

Even proverbial rocket scientists are at their most vulnerable when thrown into situations beyond their area of expertise.

Who do you turn to for help?

In 2018, chapter brothers Brand A. Newland *Iowa '00* and John Greenwood *Iowa '00*, formed Goldfinch Health to provide trusted resources for surgery patients. “The two of us connected on the idea of helping folks find a better experience in surgery and recovery,” Newland said.

Greenwood and Newland met at an Iowa-Alpha-sponsored event before their freshman move-in day at the University of Iowa. Both were Nile C. Kinnick Scholarship finalists. Both joined Phi Psi and became officers. “Being president and vice president was great training for leadership; it was like helping a small business grow. Phi Psi is a common thread of our friendship,” Newland recalled.

After graduating, Greenwood served as House Corporation president and Newland on the board of directors. “We saw that we are a good team with very different skill sets with some overlap as it relates not only to Phi Psi but also in health care,” Greenwood said.

## Inspired by Family

Newland is a pharmacist by trade. Greenwood began his career in research — until realizing he preferred working with people over rats!

Greenwood traded the laboratory for the operating room. He was working in surgical robotics when his uncle died from an infection eight days after hip-replacement surgery. “He was a healthy guy, and it really rocked me,” Greenwood admitted. “He was a Harvard PhD, and I assumed he would be fine.” Greenwood came to understand that everyone needs an advocate. “Even a guy that like that — an expert in his field — could not advocate for himself.”



Two years later, when his dad faced hip replacement, Greenwood stepped off the sidelines. “Even remotely, I was able to communicate what medications would work well with the blood thinner he was taking.” That input hastened his dad’s recovery. “He required very little opioids and was back to pheasant hunting in five weeks!”

Greenwood’s son, Reid, born in 2020, needed five surgeries to repair his eyelid and a cleft in his skull. “He received exceptional care because his parents knew how to navigate the system,” Greenwood said. “These are the kinds of things that spur me on every day.”

Newland had a similar experience. His mom, a registered nurse for 30 years, was diagnosed with cancer. “I got to see firsthand what it’s like for an expert healthcare professional to suddenly be thrust into the role of patient.” Facing life-or-death treatment options, self-advocacy is challenging. “The screen went blank for her. She was receiving post-op instructions while still in a brain fog from anesthesia,” Newland said. That was his inspiration. (Side note: His mom is feeling great today.)

“Patients are given drugs to help forget having surgery, and then are given really important instructions right after surgery,” Greenwood agreed. “This is not a well-designed scenario.”

The Iowa Alpha Chapter brothers pooled their personal and professional passions into developing Goldfinch Health. They connect experienced healthcare professionals with patients to provide answers to questions most would never know to ask. “Doctors and surgeons are doing the best they can. It is simply not easy to navigate the system, and patients need individual attention,” Newland emphasized. “Folks need help. Advice. Advocacy. Support through surgery and recovery.” That is where Goldfinch thrives.

## Is This Normal?

You need someone on your team so you can ask, “Should this be red? Is this normal?” Greenwood likens most pre-operative appointments to a tennis match. “Surgeons are coming at you with a 100 mph serve, and most of the time you are just trying to get out of the way. You need someone on your side of the court to be able to hit the ball back!” With nurse educators coaching them, patients can prepare for those volleys.

Goldfinch helps translate, too. “For instance, how would you know the difference between Tramadol, Toradol and Tylenol 3? All three are pain medications; two are opioids, only one is not an opioid — Toradol. That’s what we are here for — to advocate and educate,” Greenwood said.

## The Pain Is Real

The pandemic put elective surgeries on hold. Patients relied on steroid injections to “live with” knee pain or put off routine screenings only to face more invasive surgeries later. Goldfinch works to stay ahead of pain management, advising on options for pre- and post-operative care.

Pain management is a big concern. “Patients don’t want to be a part of the opioid crisis, but they also don’t want to



Goldfinch Health’s cofounders Brand Newland (left) and John Greenwood (right), along with Vice President Kate Emerson, RN, who oversees nurse navigation, advocate for patient education.

grit through the pain,” Newland said. Having a personal nurse to call, text and check in regularly is a huge comfort. It benefits employers, too, as it often expedites recovery.

Taking a non-traditional approach, Goldfinch nurses go to bat for the use of multiple non-opioid pain medications before surgery even begins. “The better way is to get ahead of the pain prior to surgery,” Greenwood explained. Another misconception is not eating or drinking before a procedure. “We advocate to get patients Gatorade the morning of their procedure so they are not so dehydrated and weak going into surgery.” They help patients better understand such nuances.

Over 20 million people in the U.S. have a history of substance use disorder and many now face surgery. The healthcare system, though, is not oriented to opioid-free pain management options. This slippery slope is why Goldfinch offers patient education and advocacy.

“It is so important as a society to minimize exposure to dangerous and highly addictive opioid painkillers,” Newland said.

Goldfinch’s mission — do a lot of good when a lot of good is needed — continues to evolve beyond expectations.

“We have been described as a dogged aunt or uncle who won’t take ‘no’ for an answer,” Greenwood claimed. “It’s what compels us.”

To learn more about Goldfinch, visit [goldfinchhealth.com](https://goldfinchhealth.com). For questions to ask when facing surgery, go to: <https://www.goldfinchhealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/10-Questions-for-your-Surgeon.pdf>

Collinsworth family:  
Carson, Ellen, Shawn  
and Bryce



By Deb Brandt for HQ Communications

Shawn M. Collinsworth *Indiana State '91* personifies the values, vision and mission of Phi Kappa Psi in the ways he enriches the lives of others.

His colleagues and brothers have much to say about his gifts, strengths, talents and contributions to the Fraternity. Whether in his previous role as executive director at National Headquarters or in his current role as president of Damar Services Foundation, Shawn embodies the integrity on which Phi Kappa Psi is grounded.

Shawn is highly regarded among Phi Psi brothers for his many contributions. He is admired for his capacity to connect and bring people together, to be effectively engaging, and to live a strong work ethic balanced by the ability to know when to have fun.

“Shawn has a magical gift where he can appreciate different points of view and bring together disparate voices to find common ground,” explained Rob Parada *RIT '92*. “He is a great leader with high-level organization skills. The impact of Shawn’s leadership is reflected in the structure he put in place in his role as executive director.”

Parada met Shawn while working as a volunteer at New York Theta. “Shawn helped me gain a volunteer position at the national level,” Parada explained. Every two years, Parada would pursue a new opportunity with Shawn as his champion for getting appointed.

According to Parada, Shawn’s organizational direction provided the framework to successfully build upon for years to come – from big events to the current structure

of the national organization today. “I think Shawn created a template for how to be an effective national executive director,” Parada said. “He’s the best type of leader because he models the way.”

Rob Patterson *Kentucky '94* has known Shawn for close to 20 years. Patterson understands that working within a Greek organization can be a thankless job. “Shawn never let the idea that it was just a business get in the way. He focused on working hard, having fun and doing the right thing.”

No matter what was happening, Shawn was able to remain calm. Chapter advisors rarely called with good news, yet Shawn was always able to listen and help find solutions.

“He was an advisor to the advisors,” Patterson said. “I never hung up the phone without feeling like I was in a better place. Shawn would do what is right for Phi Kappa Psi.”

Shawn spans the gap with his ability to relate to all kinds of people throughout the organization. “From the 80-year-old alumnus to the 20-year-old undergrad, people would leave a conversation with Shawn feeling great.”

### **Bowtie Guy**

Wearing his signature bowtie, Shawn described his own process of growth through Phi Kappa Psi. He arrived at Indiana State University after graduating with 36 other students in his high school senior class. Just walking onto a campus of 14,000 students, Shawn was in culture shock. Then he was placed in an upperclassmen dorm his freshman year, which turned out to be life changing. It was there Shawn had his initial experiences with Phi Psi brothers. In the Indiana Eta Chapter, Shawn took on increasing leadership roles including being the chapter president. He was also a resident assistant on the



Attending Indiana Beta's initiation ceremony in April 2022 are (L to R): Ron Ransom *Butler '00*, Sam Wertz *Indiana '20*, Will Haskett *Butler '00*, Rob Patterson *Kentucky '94*, Chad Stegmiller *Butler '98*, Carson Collinsworth *Indiana '22*, Colin Brown *Indiana '22*, Shawn Collinsworth *Indiana State '91* and Marc Dumas *DePaul '93*.

fraternity's floor. He learned that college is a living lab for building connections.

On campus and in the Fraternity, you learn to live with people, cultivate communication and negotiation skills and expand to develop skills for planning and leadership. "All these experiences made me a better person, husband, father and set the stage for my work at Damar Services," Shawn added. "I learned to be an advocate and work alongside others."

Reflecting on his entire Phi Psi experience, Shawn said it was through the Fraternity that he not only built his leadership skills, but also built lifelong friendships. He celebrated the successes and losses of his Fraternity brothers and worked daily with members from across the country.

Overall, Shawn realized that he wanted and still wants to help others. He continues to build bridges that engage, support and encourage others.

### Legacies of All Kinds

In addition to the marvelous leadership legacies Shawn continues to bring to Phi Psi, he added another very special one in 2022. In April, Shawn's son Carson Collinsworth *Indiana '22*, was initiated.

Carson, who grew up attending GACs, had free rein to choose whether to pledge a fraternity when he went to Indiana University. Initially, Carson didn't intend to rush, but after the first semester he recognized the opportunity to build friendships and only considered Phi Psi.

Inspired by his dad, Carson observed the values he's long admired at the Indiana Beta Chapter. "When I was rushing, I saw how the guys carry themselves, and I know that Phi Psi does a great job shaping leaders and successful people in the workforce."

Carson is proud of his dad – he's observed the incredible network of people Shawn's met and cultivated. "I know how much he works, sticks to what he does, and I can see his talents in action. I'm so fortunate to have him as a guide. I have the tools I have because of him," Carson said.

Carson's younger brother Bryce looks up to Shawn and Carson both and hopes to join in the Phi Kappa Psi legacy in the future.

Deb Brandt is a writer, coach and entrepreneur. A DePauw University and Alpha Gamma Delta, Eta Chapter alumnus, Deb appreciates the friendships she formed and has maintained since her college and fraternity experiences.



Father and son at Phi Psi HQ (a few years ago), and together at Indiana Beta in April 2022 for Carson's initiation.



**A note from Shawn:**

The Indiana Beta boys drove to Camby, Indiana Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, to participate in the Damar Elf Shopping & Wrapping event! They helped 193 kids at Damar be able to open presents on Christmas morning, many of whom wouldn't have gifts to open if not for Damar and volunteers like these guys. I'm so incredibly proud of them.

# A Critical Partnership



By HQ Communications Staff

Phi Psi's member education has mapped out a new course.

With Compass, a new Learning Management System (LMS), our members navigate through a curriculum focused on Mind, Heart and Soul. This, combined with in-person opportunities, provides wonderful learning experiences that establish not only educational, but also professional and relational foundations for a lifetime.

Three higher education professionals, who are members of Phi Kappa Psi, were asked to weigh in on how fraternity programming impacts the overall college experience. They shared their insights and agreed it's a partnership that benefits everyone.

## Student Engagement

One of the biggest issues in higher education right now is simply student engagement. "Robust participation in campus life is imperative for the kinds of engaging experiences our students expect and deserve," Andrew B. Jones *Butler '96* stated. Fraternities and sororities can help to pave the way for broader engagement from the student population.

Today, with the emphasis on individualism, the intentional work of investing our undergraduates in the community of the brotherhood is critically important. "As a pledge (so many years ago) I was told, 'Once a Phi Psi, always a Phi Psi.'" Timothy L. Michael *IUP '78* reflected. Chapters organized around common values seem to create a community within the brotherhood. "We were each accepted for who we were and supported the chapter's success, and it spoke to the lifelong commitment to Phi Psi."

Providing nine different facets within our member education such as financial, spiritual and social health — to name just a few — is a game changer. Leadership development is excellent on its own, but when connected to the social change model implemented by campus and community partners, "that's when the rubber hits the road," Matthew J. Kurz *Oneonta '04* said. "Connecting



Jones



Michael



Kurz

learning to a larger purpose and vision, so students can experience it throughout multiple arenas, is critical to the deep learning and development, which truly sticks with someone.”

Phi Psi can be campus leaders by addressing issues facing students today. “An emphasis on wellness and mental health will go a long way to ensure student success, persistence and graduation,” Jones said. Along with the framework of Mind, Heart and Soul and resources we provide to our undergraduates, the Fraternity also can normalize asking for help. “Encouraging our brothers to seek counseling and responding to their academic, spiritual and physical needs will go a long way toward impacting institutional culture.”

## Aligned Goals, Embraced Values

Phi Kappa Psi and its chapters are at their best when aligned in purpose and goals. “Mind, Heart and Soul is a terrific way to communicate who Phi Psis aspire to be in our personal and public lives.” Michael said. The programming model provides many opportunities to invite our critical partners into our member development efforts. “I can see chapters determining specific annual goals to invite campus leaders, local civic leaders, parents of members and alumni to help the chapter and its members grow and mature into the successful citizens we strive to produce.” This type of involvement creates exposure and engagement and builds allies outside the Fraternity, and it supports both the local chapter and national efforts.

What can make Phi Psi stand out on campus?  
“Fraternities on my current campus that stand out have a clear sense of purpose, mission and integrity,”



Kurz said. A strong national presence with regular visits, education, healthy bonding and financial support are all foundational to positive and continued success in recruiting and engaging members. “Current students often gravitate toward social impact efforts (sustainability, equity and inclusion, mental health resources).” Programs, events and initiatives geared toward those topics will meet students where they are and connect them to like-minded students on campus.

While Phi Psi has a private Ritual that organizes our membership, “we need to trumpet our values, speaking boldly and transparently about what we are and aspire to be: Men of integrity. Servant leaders.”

Michael said. By recruiting not only the best and brightest but also those with the potential to embrace our values — and grow — our chapters will be welcoming and attractive to all regardless of background or status. “Phi Psi chapters need to not only be a diverse representation of their campuses but also be known for valuing the benefits of a diverse brotherhood organized around our unifying principles and priorities.”

“It’s easy for fraternities to appear closed and insular and ‘secret,’” Michael claimed. “Phi Kappa Psi has so much to offer, we must engage and have an outward, open and welcoming focus not just to our potential new members, but to our campuses and host communities.” Mind, Heart and Soul provides the orientation for individual growth and the opportunities to take that learning outside the chapter to benefit others. “A strong brotherhood with everyone contributing is what will make Phi Kappa Psi an enduring success.”

For detailed information on programming, go to [phikappapsi.com](http://phikappapsi.com) and click on the programming tab.

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**Timothy L. Michael IUP '78** recently retired from Wayne State University (WSU) in Detroit, Michigan, where he was the associate vice president for student services for the past 15 years. He also has served Phi Psi as national director of scholarship, chapter advisor and most recently as a reviewer for national scholarship applicants for the Foundation.

**Andrew B. Jones Butler '96** is the vice president for student development and dean of students at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana. Jones spent the last 20 years working in higher education in admission, academic support and student Affairs at Butler University, Illinois College and Franklin College. Brother Jones recently served on a Founders Day panel on higher education, contributes to *The Shield*, and is serving as Indiana Zeta’s new scholarship advisor.

**Matthew J. Kurz Oneonta '04** currently serves as the associate dean of student affairs at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. Kurz is a founding father (Badge #13) of New York Kappa, where he held several positions and assisted in the solicitation, funding and acquisition of the chapter house. His excellent college experience, in large part due to Phi Psi, spurred Kurz on to work in higher education — first in fraternities and sororities — and now with the entire student body.



# PHI PSI BROTHERHOOD OFFERS FAMILY, VALUES, AID

By HQ Communications

As a doctoral candidate and fifth-year medical student at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine, Austin Borja *Penn '15* looks forward to a career in neurosurgery.

"I really love it," the Penn Iota brother said. "I knew going into medicine that I wanted to support patients when they are at their most vulnerable ... to me, the nervous system is everything that makes us human. To be able to help someone meaningfully interact with the world, to help them through a scary time of their life, is an ultimate honor."

In a very real way, this "helping someone meaningfully interact with the world during a scary time of life" is precisely what Phi Psi did for Austin at a moment when he needed it most.

Brother Borja grew up outside Los Angeles. He says his home was always lively. "I'd come home from school and aunts and cousins would be over. Neighbor kids would be playing outside with my little sister. Family was so important, and all that activity became synonymous with my definition of home."

Arriving at UPenn, Austin looked forward to becoming more independent. But his heart was back in LA. "Walking

back to my single, dark dorm room, I just wasn't used to it. That's a big transition for anybody, especially a college freshman looking to discover his personal and professional identity."

It wasn't long before he was to find the belonging, that sense of family, he longed for.

"I needed something in college that could embody home; that's what drew me to Phi Psi. At the first barbecue I attended, I hit it off with every brother I met. They were eager to get to know me, to invite me into their home — and the brotherhood."

Knowing he could count on brothers who had his back and lend a listening ear went a long way. Whether it was celebrating a milestone like getting into med school or sharing the sad news of a family member's passing, Austin came to rely on his brothers' understanding and support.

At the same time, the fraternal journey itself was helping Austin channel his professional goals. "Interacting

# SCHOLARSHIPS

*"I needed something in college that could embody home."*

with brothers in many different settings, I learned that a person is a lot more than their physical health," he reflects. "Their mental and emotional well-being are just as important."

So, Brother Borja took to heart the directive in the Phi Kappa Psi Creed "to give aid and sympathy to all who are less fortunate." As a passionate mental health advocate, he committed himself to using his leadership roles in Phi Psi to raise awareness about and combat problems associated with anxiety, depression, and stress.

When serving as member education chair, "I wanted to be sure prospective brothers felt safe and comfortable speaking about any problems, whether overwhelming stress from school, issues back home, or even their own mental illness experiences." This effort enabled prospective brothers to get to know each other on a much more personal level and become more invested in both their class and the brotherhood.

"Now, as a medical student, as I work to optimize each of my patient's physical health, I always remain cognizant of their emotional and spiritual wellbeing. A positive attitude and a listening ear are often just as therapeutic as prescription medications. And Phi Psi has made all the

difference in teaching me this valuable lesson, among others, and developing me into who I am today."

As for his financial stability throughout his collegiate and graduate education, Austin has Phi Psi alumni to thank for having been awarded a number of national scholarships, both merit- and need-based. "These have been so meaningful for me. As I had hoped to augment my medical degree with a master's degree in translational research, that prospect proved to be financially challenging for me."

"These scholarships have enabled me to do things that wouldn't have been in the cards for me otherwise. I would've had to work instead of being able to commit to summer research projects. I wouldn't have been able to graduate with honors in neuroscience or pursue the additional year of the master's program."

As it is, Austin is now uniquely positioned to expand the frontiers of science and medicine.

Phi Psi alumni who contribute to the Foundation can be proud knowing they are empowering young brothers like Austin to better themselves, their brothers, and the world.

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## Past Scholarship Recipients

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By Adam C. Eisenberg *Brandeis '06*



Being a part of Phi Kappa Psi enabled me to have a strong support network while I was an undergraduate, develop as a young leader and achieve success in finding a job after graduation. I was so fortunate to receive a scholarship from the Foundation to further my education and I continue to be an endowment donor to support future generations pursuing academic and professional success.

As an undergraduate in Phi Kappa Psi, we consistently engaged in serving our community as volunteers, a tradition I first learned from my parents, that Phi Kappa Psi clearly valued in all brothers. Today, I continue to serve my community in many ways as both a volunteer and a leader participating on the Board of Directors for two large nonprofit organizations. In Phi Kappa Psi, we learned to give back to those around us and I am thankful to the Fraternity for supporting my education.

Brother Eisenberg is a past recipient of both the Summerfield Scholarship and Founders Graduate Award.

## *"Refuse to give up. Make friends wherever you go and keep them."*

By Benjamin J. (Ben) Cooper-Melchior *Butler '04*

When I studied at Butler, the theatre department and Phi Psi were my life and two homes. The prior was expected, but the latter was something I was surprised not only how welcoming the house was but how much it became my family. It's unusual for a fraternity to not have "a mold" one must fit into. For the Indiana Zeta Chapter, everyone was unique. We were encouraged to be ourselves, be a gentleman and take care of each other as well as others.



I undertook both a BS in Arts Administration as well as a BA in Theatre to understand the work I wanted to create as well as what I wanted to produce. I also spent a semester in London. Just after

I graduated, the chair of the department returned from there and handed me the brochure of a high-profile arts organization — Artsadmin — a company of producers who partner with artists to deliver complex projects all over the world that address climate and social justice. In March 2022, I became their Executive Director and Co-CEO.

The past fifteen years have been an unexpected journey that wouldn't have been possible without the spark of new opportunity and the funds to start it. On the last day of my semester abroad, I received a job offer for free housing in London but not a salary. The Phi Psi support helped me afford to take an otherwise impossible risk, achieve a master's degree, and establish a 15-year career as an international producer, general manager and executive director. I started working with Punchdrunk and Battersea Arts Centre (BAC) while studying. My first major job

was building the Jellyfish Theatre out of 30 metric tons of reclaimed timber. I was a digital producer for the Young Vic, assisted the design of the Performing Arts Centre at the World Trade Centre and directed finance for the first performance commissioned for the moat of the Tower of London. During the pandemic, my team and I finished raising £4.1m (more than five-million in U.S. dollars) and built an art centre in East London. None of this would have been possible without the support to take a risk.

I met my husband at BAC, and we adopted a hilarious, mouthy little boy who is now nine. I'm on the boards of Eclipse Theatre and Gaydio, the world's largest LGBTQ+ radio outlet. Gardening, festivals, surfing and weightlifting kept me sane while learning to be a dad.

Being Chaplain in our chapter prepared me to be an executive director today — to unpack and co-design the values and culture of a group. My brothers reinforced how relationships are the most valuable thing we have in life, both at work and at home. Because of the values instilled in us and the support of Phi Psi, I continue to strive professionally to run companies that inspire behavioural, perception and attitudinal change, connectivity, resilience, empowerment and empathy.

If I could offer advice to an undergraduate brother looking forward to their dream job, I would simply say: Refuse to give up. Make friends wherever you go and keep them. The ability to be adaptable and support change management will forever be critical skills. And to fellow alumni: We're all busy; it doesn't matter how long it's been. A voice or text message from a brother could be the best moment of your day.

Brother Cooper-Melchior is a past recipient of the Mary Pickford-Rogers Award and the Founders Graduate Award.



# PLEDGE FOR CHANGE

By Ty Burns for HQ Communications

“He would run down the back stairs ... and try to make an imaginary basket at the end,” Judy Watson said of her son, Brother Hunter Watson *Syracuse* ‘15.

His ashen fingerprints still dot the paint on the wall where his pretend basketball hoop had always been.

Home videos documented a little boy’s growth every autumnal birthday. Hunter’s father, Jerry Watson *Alabama* ‘64, sat the boy in a chair to record questions about best friends and what Hunter wanted to be when he grew up. Under various shaggy hairstyles, he would give varied answers. An athlete when the bangs almost covered his eyes. A musician when the fringe learned to curl away from his face. Hunter modestly carried a performer’s spirit that filled a room, often inspiring others to join in his passions. He sang for a teenage band, mastered piano and guitar by age ten, and at 20 announced he aspired to be a comedian.

Giving examples of Hunter’s drive and entrepreneurial ethos, Jerry laughed. “He’d sneak into comedy clubs in New York City and try to get on stage.”



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## The Set Up and the Punchline

There are two parts to every joke: the setup and the punchline. Hunter's setup was the inquisitive mind that led him to make \$5,000 with Adwords as a teenager, his viral music video with friends that garnered a fan club of over 1,000 members, and his unforgettable and organic humor. But Hunter did not live long enough to tell his punchline. He died as a passenger in a distracted driving accident in 2016.

"People don't like to talk about tragedy," Jerry said. However, he knew there was more to gain from this loss than grief alone.

Distracted driving is doing any activity that takes the driver's attention away from the road, according to the CDC. Furthermore, accidents related to distracted driving claim nine American lives every day. With calls, texts and apps straining modern attention spans, car accidents related to cell phone use make up 13% of distracted driving accidents that result in fatalities (Forbes, 2022).

Hunter's brothers at the New York Beta Chapter joined the Watsons when they formed a campaign to help curb distracted driving. They named it Hunter's Pledge.

## Hunter's Pledge

Interestingly, peer-reviewed studies found that signing a written pledge can change behavior 47% more than any other incentive. So, in line with Hunter's ingenuity, a coalition mobilized to use this psychology hack for good. Embarking to bring Hunter's Pledge to as many hands as possible, Phi Kappa Psi coordinates with Jerry and Hunter's Fund, the charity established in Hunter's memory, for an annual event called Safe Driving Week.

"It's a brotherhood event that reaches the community," said Brother Connor Dennewitz *Syracuse '17*, who helped with Safe Driving Week when he attended university. "Even though I didn't meet [Hunter], I still felt his impact."

A few chapters initially took part in spreading Hunter's Pledge, establishing presence and engaging with students. Now, the campaign has grown to 50 chapters, mustering over a thousand Phi Psi's from coast to coast. During the 2022 Safe Driving Week, the New York Beta Chapter received 4,400 pledges and raised more than \$38,000. That means they reached a third of Syracuse University's student body in one week! Statistically, this saves uncounted lives just by engaging humans to make the world safer.

"No words," Connor Dennewitz said when asked about working with Jerry and Hunter's Fund.

Jerry conceives more ways to spread Hunter's Pledge every year. He developed campaign kits that contain everything needed to acquire signatures and strategies that make it easier to spread material. Inspired by Tri Delts who partnered with New York Beta's Safe Driving Week events, he said that megaphones could make their way into the kits.

Hunter overflowed with energy and big ideas. To help those that carry a creative spark like the foundation's namesake, Hunter's Fund raises money to invest in young innovators. Youths are the future, though many do not have the financial resources to make their endeavors a reality. Hunter's Fund believes in forging a tomorrow full of bright-minded potential and has awarded more than 72 grants to talented young adults interested in music and entrepreneurship.

Hunter, the Watsons, and the brothers of New York Beta leave behind more than fingerprints. They lead purposeful lives that facilitate a positive impact on those around them.

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Photo: Dylan Engel

# chapter news

NEWS FROM  
**100%**  
OF OUR ACTIVE  
CHAPTERS AND  
COLONIES

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WHAT'S  
**YOUR**  
CHAPTER BEEN  
UP TO?

# DISTRICT I



## Delaware Alpha - Delaware

**Chapter President: Adam Drapcho '21**

Delaware Alpha raised more than \$5,000 in a new initiative — the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) One Walk. Phi Kappa Psi created a team in honor of our lost brother, *Jack DuBois '18*, and to join the worldwide effort to end T1D. We are thankful for the support. We also collaborated with other Greek organizations to raise funds for UDance and Special Olympics. Our chapter assisted a few local families with food this past Thanksgiving.



## Massachusetts Beta - Brandeis

**Chapter President: Eli Schrag '19**

Fall semester, Massachusetts Beta had a formal in Montreal! It was great to explore a new city with the brotherhood.

## New Jersey Beta - Monmouth

**Chapter President: Austin Staulcup '21**

We hosted an on-campus philanthropy event. We set up a mini golf course, and it was a dollar to try; if you made it in, you got a piece of candy. All our brothers were able to make it out, working in rotations for about four hours. We made about 100 dollars, and it went to the Boys and Girls Club of America.



## New Jersey Epsilon - Rowan

**Chapter President: Andrew Razze '20**

Our chapter has continued to assist Cathedral Kitchen, the largest food kitchen in Camden, in providing meals to those in need. Our brothers also traveled to Camden High School in order to participate in a "Trunk or Treat" event, partnering with Wholesome Riches to provide candy, food and warm clothes to disadvantaged children from the area. It was particularly inspiring to see the strong love for service that our service chair, *Edward Hernandez '22*, holds, as he was able to converse with non-English speakers in Spanish and not only assist them, but also make them feel comfortable and welcomed.



## New Jersey Gamma - Rutgers

**Chapter President: Nino Cosenza '21**

Our chapter won the intramural soccer championship! And we participated in philanthropic affairs such as Hype Knight and an event with the Embrace Kids Foundation.



APPROXIMATELY  
**\$30K**  
RAISED FOR  
HUNTER'S FUND

## New York Beta - Syracuse

**Chapter President: Maxwell Coleman '22**

We recently held our biggest philanthropy event — Safe Driving Week. We co-hosted with the sisters of Tri Delta. Together we were able to raise around \$30,000. Our week consisted of holding a candlelight vigil with our former Phi Psi member's parent, *Jerry Watson Alabama '64*. He shared an inspiring speech with us as we held our lit candles up to his dear, deceased son, *Hunter Watson '15*. We wrapped up the week by holding our annual Pie A Phi Psi. People came to our chapter house and paid \$3 to pie a brother of their choosing. We proudly submitted roughly 4,000 pledges and \$30,000 to Hunter's Fund to raise awareness to safe driving. Read about Hunter's Pledge on **Page 25**.

## New York Eta - Buffalo

**Chapter President: Dylan Trichon '21**

New York Eta is doing its best to reorganize after COVID-19 took its toll on chapter numbers. The house currently sits vacant, but we hope to get brothers in there in the spring of 2023 and get the chapter growing again. We take pride in the fact we are the only fraternity at University of Buffalo to be in the first group of fraternities allowed back on campus in 1984, and the ONLY fraternity from that group *still* on campus — 38 years this spring!

## New York Theta - RIT

**Chapter President: Jack Kalina '19**

October 1, 2022 New York Theta held their 26th annual Mud Tug, a tug-of-war competition held on the RIT campus with all proceeds benefiting the Hillside Family Agencies (HFA). Nearly \$10,000 was raised and donated to HFA, one of the largest nonprofit agencies in New York state. Since 2010, the RIT chapters of Phi Kappa Psi and Zeta Tau Alpha have teamed up to host Mud Tug with the sole purpose of giving back to the community.

NEARLY  
**\$10K**  
RAISED



**More than \$5,000:** Raised by Delaware Alpha!



### New York Iota - Binghamton

*Chapter President: Connor Forte '20*

On October 2, 2022, 31 of our active brothers gathered at Otsinigo Park in Broome County, NY to take part in The Out of the Darkness Walk. This event was to raise awareness for suicide prevention and gather not only as a Fraternity, but also as a community to support one another and those who have lost loved ones. Multiple brothers helped set up before the event and stayed after to clean up along with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, who hosted the event. This is our second consecutive year helping at the event, and we look forward to participating next year!

### New York Kappa - Oneonta

*Chapter President: Eric Harrington '21*

We participated in a brother retreat with alumni focusing on leadership skills, bonding and history of the Fraternity.



### Pennsylvania Eta - F & M

*Chapter President: Ryan Mullahey '21*

This year several brothers, including IFC president *Jordan Sprecher '22*, *Kyle Lanzilotti '20* and *Jason Li '21*, have been asked by the Dean of Students to participate in Restorative Justice for Fraternities, which had been removed from campus, and give input into future relationships between administration and Greek organizations.



### Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette

*Chapter President: Calvin Cochran '21*

The brothers of Penn Theta planned and executed our annual haunted house fundraiser alongside Delta Gamma. The event sought to raise money for our local philanthropic organization — the Boys and Girls club of Easton, Pennsylvania. Attendees ranged from both affiliated and unaffiliated Lafayette students, and members of the Boys and Girls Club themselves. The event was a success, and we raised nearly \$500 for the club.

### Pennsylvania Iota - Penn

*Chapter President: Vikram Singh '21*

We are excited to have 11 new brothers join our chapter this semester. This is our largest fall class in recent history, and it follows a successful spring recruitment season. We were able to get a great group of new members as a result of brothers advertising heavily through social media, their clubs and their social circles. For the next semester, we hope to continue to identify interesting and unique individuals to join our Fraternity, while ensuring they have a positive new member experience and are well-integrated into the Fraternity.



### Pennsylvania Upsilon - Drexel

*Chapter President: Brandon Alleborn '19*

During the fall 2022 quarter, Pennsylvania Upsilon had an unbelievably successful pledge class. We welcomed 13 new brothers, almost doubling our numbers from 15 to 28! We look to keep this momentum going in the spring 2023 quarter as we aim for eight to ten new brothers who embody what being a Phi Psi is all about!



### Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island

*Chapter President: David Nitschke '21*

Fall semester, Rhode Island Beta ended recruitment with a total of 27 bids accepted out of the 31 initial bids given out. This was an 87% bid retention rate, one of the highest in URI Greek life. We were among the top three recruiters for the school. This is a great semester since last year we totaled 46 new initiated brothers, and 58 total bids accepted. That would put RI Beta at 85 total accepted bids over the past three semesters.

### Pennsylvania Sigma - SJU

*Chapter President: Dylan Paris '21*

Brother *Ethan Gardner '22* represented Penn Sigma at the annual Deeper Dude competition, hosted by Delta Phi Epsilon. He single-handedly raised over \$1,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and was crowned Mr. Charitable at the event. Brothers volunteered at Lincoln Financial Field with one of our founding members at the 2022 Philadelphia Unity Cup, a world-cup-style soccer tournament composed of 64 teams representing different nationalities in Philadelphia. They helped with the naturalization ceremony of 14 new U.S. citizens, followed by being ball boys for the championship USA vs. Liberia game.

**More than \$1,000:** Raised by Pennsylvania Sigma!

# DISTRICT II

## Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins

Chapter President: *Diego Kaune '22*

All brothers participated in our annual fall philanthropy event, the Phi Kappa Psi Haunted House. We co-hosted the event with Camp Kesem, a volunteer organization that supports kids whose parents have been impacted by cancer. Over \$1,000 was raised and donated to the Camp Kesem Foundation. Hopkins (as well as families in the Charles Village community) attended the Haunted House. It was a great success!

## Maryland Delta - Towson

Chapter President: *Quinn McHugh '21*

Maryland Delta volunteered with Baltimore Station to help run their annual Star, Stripes and Chow chili cook-off. Baltimore Station is a homeless shelter for veterans. Twelve of our brothers went to Camden Yards to volunteer at this event. Our community service chair, *Anthony Saporito '22*, was a standout participant. He took over the role this semester and has done an outstanding job finding community service opportunities for our chapter.



## Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve

Chapter President: *Everett Will '20*

This fall, Ohio Epsilon's philanthropy efforts raised over \$800 for Tomorrow's Stars, and they pursued service opportunities with Cleveland Metroparks, Reptile Rescue and the African American Cultural Gardens, to name a few. The chapter remains an active and vibrant member of campus and looks forward to more positive activity next spring.



**13  
NEW  
BROTHERS!**



## Ohio Theta - Ashland

Chapter President: *Jeremy Ziemak '19*

The brothers of Ohio Theta put on a fundraiser during homecoming weekend called, Get Yolked. People paid \$2 for an egg to throw at brothers and new members. More than 300 eggs were thrown, and we raised over \$700 for Camp Nuhop, a summer camp that is dedicated to building the self-esteem of children with learning disabilities and emotional disorders. We also volunteered at Fuzzy Fandango, which is the camp's annual event. Not only did we donate hours to Camp Nuhop, but we also donated \$5,000.

**MORE THAN  
\$5K  
RAISED FOR  
CAMP NUHOP**

## Ohio Iota - Akron

Chapter President: *Jack Pollock '19*

This past calendar year, Ohio Iota initiated 13 new brothers, and in the spring semester we graduated 12 seniors. Our chapter has been doing a great job of rebuilding our recruitment process, as well as working toward better retention.



## Ohio Kappa - Kent State

Chapter President: *Joshua Robinette '21*

We were paired with Kent Social Services for a food drive. We collected a full truck of donations and also gave them a check. It felt very good to get all the brothers in our chapter to participate, and to see the faces on the workers at Kent Social Services when we brought in our donations. It's a great feeling being able to help our community.



**Not-so-scary:** More than **\$1,000** raised by Maryland Alpha's Haunted House!



### Ohio Nu - Ohio

*Chapter President: Eddie Kammerer '20*

After the completion of fall recruitment, Ohio Nu currently has 94 active members. We have been busy this past semester. During Ohio University's annual Homecoming Greek Football Championship, Ohio Nu was paired with Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Brothers *Luke Gable '22* and *Max Minardi '22* led our chapter's team to victory over the remaining 27 Greek chapters on campus! We are also happy to report that we won IFC's Outstanding Chapter Operations and Outstanding Recruitment/Intake & Retention Pawprint Awards for 2021-2022.

**94**  
active  
members

### Ohio Pi - Denison

*Chapter President: Ethan Wipff '22*

Our chapter worked with Palumbo's to host a dinner that raised over \$2,900 for our local Boys and Girls Club!



### Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny

*Chapter President: Jacob McGee '21*

We cohosted with the college's volleyball club to run a Breast Cancer Awareness tournament raising proceeds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We had several teams from across campus come out to participate, and we raised \$385!



### Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

*Chapter President: Aidan Maguire '21*

Pennsylvania Lambda is currently engaged in efforts to raise money for THON, the largest student-run philanthropy in the country. As a top fundraiser, we are looking to raise over \$275,000 this year to benefit the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Fund.

**MORE THAN**  
**\$1,100**  
**RAISED FOR**  
**HUNTER'S FUND**



### Ohio Xi - Capital

*Chapter President: Spencer Distel '19*

The brothers at Ohio Xi were able to double our numbers in new members compared to our low number of 10 going into this semester. What helped in recruitment was having three of our members engaged in Welcome Weekend on campus for the first few years. Doing this secured the chapter of Ohio Xi for many years to come. Our goal for next semester is to get to 25 members.

**10**  
NEW  
MEMBERS!

### Pennsylvania Alpha - W & J

*Chapter President: Joshua Searle '22*

Brothers *Lucas Watson '21*, *Nolan Rehrig '21* and *Nick Reeping '22* represented our chapter at the Grand Arch Council, along with chapter advisor *Abe Key West Virginia '78* and *James Denny '68*. Fall semester we hit the ground running, hosting and participating in philanthropic events. In one afternoon, we raised over \$100 for Breast Cancer Awareness. We also raised over \$1,100 for Hunter's Pledge with that number continuing to rise. During Greek Weekend, we paired with Kappa Kappa Gamma and were the overall winners in the banner and baked goods competitions. The newly elected executive board is excited for their terms and look forward to continuing the Fraternity's mission of serving others.

### Pennsylvania Rho - York

*Chapter President: Aidan Smith '21*

During Halloween, our chapter had the opportunity to participate in a Trunk-Or-Treat event hosted for the local community of York City. During this event, we had the chance to play music, meet some York College alumni and hand out candy to over 250 children. The goal of the event was to provide everyone with a safe and fun environment to get in the spooky spirit. The highlight of our night was when our vehicle received 4th place for our decorated trunk.



### Ohio Omicron - Muskingum

*Chapter President: Spencer Jarrett '21*

The brothers of Ohio Omicron had an amazing recruiting cycle in fall 2022. We added 10 new members to the brotherhood, which marks our largest class since the the pandemic. We found that late-night events were very helpful, especially to accommodate student athletes, and also to differentiate our events from other fraternities on campus. We hope to match this recruitment number again this spring.



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**District II**  
**news**

**Over \$2,900:** Raised by Ohio Pi for local Boys and Girls Club!



### **Pennsylvania Phi – Lycoming**

*Chapter President: Pablo Diaz '20*

Brothers of Penn Phi Chapter visited two cemeteries in Williamsport multiple times during the semester to repair tombstones. All brothers participated. Every brother played a role; finding a stone to be repaired out of the 65,000 burials, then lifting it and fetching the tools to fix it. We visited both Wildwood Cemetery and Williamsport Cemetery, a total of four times.

During our most recent event we partnered with Lycoming College's E-Sports Club.

**30**  
**OUTSTANDING**  
**YOUNG MEN**  
**INITIATED!**

### **West Virginia Alpha – West Virginia**

*Chapter President: Luke Erny '20*

We recently co-hosted a car wash event with Kappa Kappa Gamma. We had over 50 brothers attend throughout the day. Huge thanks to Brother *Nick Grayson '21* and Sydney Morris of KKG for organizing the event. In total, we raised \$535 for the JED Foundation. As a brotherhood, we also did a Bingo Board on social media asking for donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We raised \$1,185! Those are just a few of the philanthropic events the WV Alpha Chapter participated in during fall semester.

**\$1,185:** Donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital by West Virginia Alpha.



### **Illinois Iota - Northern Illinois**

*Chapter President: Austin Hastings '19*

This semester, we recruited 24 new members, doubling our chapter, which is exactly what we needed. Instead of pushing Greek life on incoming freshmen this year, we took the approach of being friends more than Greek recruiting. It worked out very well. Our goal for next semester is to get 8-10 members as the spring semester at NIU is a low-intake semester.

### **Illinois Theta - UIC**

*Chapter President: Oliver Lepinski 20*



Illinois Theta participated in a recent food drive. We donated 200+ food items to the UIC food pantry.

### **Indiana Alpha - DePauw**

*Chapter President: Drew Hudgins '20*

Hello from the Rockpile! We've had a great semester at DePauw. We have about 50 members living in the chapter house and expect about 45 next semester. Our members participate in multiple DPU athletic teams including football, basketball, baseball and golf. We also have several members involved in student government. It's been fun to enjoy the normal social events like Harvest Hop and Christmas Formal, as well as philanthropic events such as our Pie a Phi Psi event which raised money for the American Brain Tumor Association. Thank you for all the alumni support, and we look forward to seeing you as you come back to visit campus.

### **Illinois State University Colony**

*Colony President: Colin Rae*

This year's Fall Rush was one of the best we have had in a while. Not being chartered and without an official house, Formal Rush has never been our strong suit, but we managed to have a great turnout. We started off strong with 22 pledges and narrowed it down to the 16 we thought would provide the most positive impact toward growing our Fraternity. This group of men is very driven and goal-oriented, and undoubtedly will help our Fraternity to reach new heights. Live Ever. Die Never.

### **Illinois Delta - Illinois**

*Chapter President: Kyle Mahler '21*

We recently initiated 30 outstanding young men, with hopes to put together another 20-person class in the spring. The house will surely succeed under their leadership in the future.

### **Illinois Zeta - DePaul**

*Chapter President: Will Tselepis '21*

See **FINDING OUT ABOUT OUR FOUNDERS** on Page 35.

### **Illinois Eta - SIUE**

*Chapter President: Dillon Partney '20*

This fall semester our brothers worked diligently to recruit a new group of active members and it was a success! We initiated 16 new brothers, and we are very excited to see what this smart, driven group of young men can do for our chapter!



**16**  
**NEW**  
**BROTHERS!**

## Indiana Beta - Indiana

*Chapter President: Owen Vanhees '22*

The Indiana Beta Chapter started the year off strong with our Phi Psi Rodeo event featuring local country artist and Phi Kappa Psi alumni, *Hank Ruff '19*. In addition to Brother Ruff's country music performance, there was a cotton candy bar and an apple bobbing contest in which concertgoers could compete for a \$200 donation to a charity of their choice. This was a part of a month-long fundraising effort in support of the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign. Pledges, brothers and alumni worked together to raise \$15,063 which was donated at the end of October. We consider Phi Psi Rodeo an immense success and a benchmark for philanthropy events of the future.



## Indiana Delta - Purdue

*Chapter President: Aaron Berghoff '21*

Recently, we had the chance to help with early in-person voting at Mackey Arena for Indiana's midterm elections. Our role was to help make sure the line stayed orderly and political activists stayed a certain distance away. This was to maintain the integrity of voting. At Indiana Delta, we want to do as much as we can to help our community. And we felt doing our civic duty by helping uphold the democracy that is the foundation of our country is something we had to do!

MORE THAN  
**\$15K**  
RAISED!



★  
**INTRAMURAL  
FLAG  
FOOTBALL  
CHAMPS**  
★

## Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

*Chapter President: Kaden Baker '21*

The brothers of Indiana Epsilon continue the longstanding tradition of intramural competition success. This past semester the chapter won the coveted flag football championship, the most competitive rec sport offered at Valpo. This year's win follows also winning the championship last year. Brothers *Luke Martin '21, Andrew Schumacher '21, Abe Peetz '21, Nathan Janke '21, Dante Kelekolio '20, Nick Wolf '22* and four potential new members all took part in the big win.

## Indiana Gamma - Wabash

*Chapter President: Derek Miller '20*

On November 5, 2022, the Indiana Gamma Chapter hosted our annual Parents Day, starting with an in-house tailgate for the Wabash football team. During this time, parents and sons socialized, indulged in great food and participated in our annual Cornhole Tournament. When the football game finished, parents and sons dined at Crawfordsville's finest, El Charro. This event was very successful for our chapter, allowing not only brothers to bond but also the parents, who are the main reason all members of Phi Kappa Psi can continue their academic careers at Wabash College.



## Indiana Eta - Indiana State

*Chapter President: Samuel Cardwell '22*

We were able to expand our chapter by gaining nine respectful brothers. One outreach we used was social media paired with freshmen orientation events. It allowed us to talk to the incoming freshmen and invite them to our Rush events. Our goal for next semester is to obtain 5-6 new members.

More  
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**15 new members:** Outstanding recruitment at Indiana Iota!

**PLANTED  
131  
TREES!**



**Indiana Zeta - Butler**

*Chapter President: Andrew Lane '22*

Our chapter had the privilege of planting 131 trees in a local suburb with the organization, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Indiana Zeta puts a strong emphasis on weekly service events, and taking part in these larger scale activities paired with organizations is an amazing way for our program to reach the community and truly make a difference.



**Indiana Iota - Ball State**

*Chapter President: Cameron Wilson '21*

This semester our recruitment chairs did an outstanding job acquiring 15 new members. They utilized both campus programming to meet new members and new students on campus as well as created plenty of recruitment style events where students could get to know our initiated brothers and were shown what it means to be a Phi Psi.



**Michigan Beta - Michigan State**

*Chapter President: Preston Gottwald '21*

Fall semester, Michigan Beta joined 14 other teams of fraternities in participating in the annual G Phi Joe philanthropy event run by the Beta Delta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. G Phi Joe is an annual field day established in order to raise money for Girls on the Run, a nonprofit organization that strengthens 3rd-8th grade girls' social, emotional, physical and behavioral skills. Our team finished the event in first place out of 15 teams.

**Miami University Colony**

*Colony President: Gavin Gibson*

In October 2022, the alumni of Ohio Lambda along with the new colony members celebrated the chapter's 50th anniversary at Miami University. From the first handshakes during happy hour on Friday afternoon through the hugs following the banquet on Saturday evening, the unique spirit and goodwill of Ohio Lambda was present. Plans are already underway for the next alumni gathering to dedicate the renovated 122 S. Campus house next fall. The "Boy Scouts" are back at Miami!



**Ohio Beta - Wittenberg**

*Chapter President: Cooper Lewis '20*

We have had the largest class in four-out-of-the-past-five recruitment cycles. That includes this past semester when we initiated five new members. We are building our success during the recruitment of new members. We gladly welcome Rob Barnett, Ryan Kravitz, Brayden Woods, Ryan Miller and Kyle Mahon to the brotherhood.

**Ohio Eta - Toledo**

*Chapter President: Jacob Partington '19*

Ohio Eta has been busy the past few months. We had our Quesadilla Night on November 2, 2022, raising money for the Boys and Girls Club of America. Recently we had three members get tapped into Order of Omega. Congrats to Paul Martin '20, Jake Partington '19, and Connor Addison '21. We also have brothers involved in the Men's Lacrosse Club and the Toledo Sailing Club.



**Ohio Mu - Dayton**

*Chapter President: Sean Arthur '20*

Our chapter raised money through "Movember," a website that prioritizes men's mental health. We are working with another club on campus, University of Dayton Sprouts, a mental health organization. Through social media and at other events held, we have collected donations from brothers, alumni and many others. Just halfway through the month (November), we have raised over \$800.

**Wisconsin Gamma - Beloit**

*Chapter President: Alix Binder Bickford '19*

Our brothers are contributing to organizations and events across Beloit's campus. One group of brothers led the homecoming parade, and another group sold cookies for Feed My Starving Children and raised \$218. For the second consecutive year, we are partnering with Hunter's Pledge. We also took part in a Pride event by the Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club, handing out homemade cookies.

**First-place finish:** Michigan Beta outranks 14 other teams in G Phi Joe event.



# Finding Out About the Founders

By HQ Communications Staff

As part of their pre-initiation activities, Illinois Zeta's fall 2022 pledge class got a unique history lesson.

The candidates were treated to emails and phone calls from Gordon Letterman West Virginia '72. On November 2, 2022, a Q&A Zoom call was held with Letterman. The roundtable discussion began with introductions, moderated by Fraternity Educator, Will Tselepis DePaul '21.

Brother Letterman was asked to talk about the founding of Phi Kappa Psi. He began with a question: Who are the founders of Phi Kappa Psi? A quick response of "William Henry Letterman and Charles Page Thomas Moore" from Tselepis garnered an abrupt, "You're wrong," by Letterman. The original family name was Le-**th**-erman, changed later to Letterman a few years after the Fraternity was founded.

"A tidbit not widely known or shared by the Fraternity," Letterman quipped, recognizing he had pulled a trick question on them. Then he began the founding history lesson in earnest.

Letterman shared his Phi Psi heritage from childhood, and he assured them that although times have changed, the values, beliefs and Ritual have all remained the same. The legacy and a lifelong commitment to Phi Psi are invaluable resources. "You will have trusted friends for life," Letterman guaranteed. "I have traveled across the country and almost always find a Phi Psi wherever I go."

Brother Letterman followed up the Zoom meeting with a personal phone call to each

member of the pledge class, congratulating them on their initiation into Phi Kappa Psi.

An evening to remember, trick question and all. Here are some takeaways from the new brothers of Illinois Zeta:

"My key takeaway from our call with Brother Letterman was that Phi Kappa Psi has stayed true to their values since their founding. William Henry Letterman strived for greatness, and it has been instilled to us to this day. Being able to talk to Gordon Letterman revealed more about Phi Kappa Psi's origin than I had learned previously and learning from a direct family member was a great experience to remember."

– Aldo Narvaez '22

"I didn't realize how much of a humanitarian William Henry Letterman was."  
– Jackson Steiner '22

"I liked hearing that the values of the Fraternity have stayed the same from the founding to today. I also liked how important it was to Mr. Letterman that we are joining the Fraternity to be better people and not just to party."  
– Simon Collette '22

"It was interesting to hear the more detailed version of Phi Psi's founding. I found the part about the Civil War where fighting on opposite sides of the War, they promised to help one another when wounded, carrying the mission of the Founders to serve others at all times and at all costs."

– Andrew Ciarelli '22

"What I took from the Zoom call was Brother Letterman's advice that we shouldn't be joining the Fraternity just to party and be more active socially. It should be to build a better future and help out as much as you can like his great-grandfather did when founding the Fraternity. I also just loved hearing the story of William Henry Letterman."

– Manny Lopez '22

"I know so little about this Fraternity, and it was cool to see and hear different sides. Brother Letterman knew details about the Fraternity and its history that's not in our pledge book, which I thought was cool."

– Jake Courtney '22

# DISTRICT IV



## Alabama Alpha - Alabama

*Chapter President: Matthew Ritz '19*

This has been one of the most successful years in recent history for Alabama Alpha's intramural teams. Top four finishes in volleyball and soccer and a runner-up finish in football that came down to the wire of the championship game. Softball and basketball are in the spring, and the chapter has high hopes for those as well.

## Alabama Gamma - Huntsville

*Chapter President: Jake Bowman '19*

14  
new  
brothers

Our chapter as a whole is a recruitment success story. After the pandemic, it was hard to get our name out there and recruit. This year we finally broke through and had one of our biggest pledge classes in our chapter's history with 14 new brothers. This pledge class put our chapter right back on track, and we should have another good pledge class in the spring to further the good name of Phi Kappa Psi.



## Florida Alpha - Florida State

*Chapter President: Owen Garton '21*

In October, a group of seven brothers attended an annual fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. We helped them after the event doing a variety of things such as: packing up the tables, taking down decorations and disposing of the trash. We are very proud of the brothers who gave up their Friday night for *The Great Joy of Serving Others*.

## Georgia Alpha - Georgia

*Chapter President: James Avery '19*

In early fall 2022, the Backpack Project, a student-run nonprofit, held a required volunteer training. Georgia Alpha received 90% roster certification and plans to continue organizing philanthropic events with them.



## Georgia Beta - Georgia Tech

*Chapter President: Matthew Jimenez '20*

Georgia Beta Chapter initiated three new brothers this semester, totaling 14 active brothers. We found that making Rush more fun and interesting for PNMs and brothers alike made recruitment much more effective. One tactic we used was having an activity at every Rush event. For example, one day we were tabling with a Super Smash Bros setup nearby, so PNMs had something to do as they chatted with brothers.

19  
new  
brothers



## Louisiana Alpha - LSU

*Chapter President: Jack Chapoton '19*

Fall semester, we successfully recruited 19 new brothers, hosted social events of all kinds, and participated in multiple philanthropy events. A large group of brothers sorted and packed thousands of non-perishable food items alongside our friends at the Baton Rouge Food Bank. We also took part in Miracle League, an organization that sponsors weekly baseball tournaments for disabled children in the community. We collaborate with Rebuilding Together, a local group that builds starter homes in poverty-stricken areas of Baton Rouge, and Hams for Fams, a group that assembles food baskets for the less-fortunate during the Christmas season.



## Louisiana Beta - UL Lafayette

*Chapter President: Jacob de Gruy '20*

This fall we recruited nine new members, which represents a 25% growth rate. We also maintained our 5-star chapter rating. Multiple former presidents attended our second annual homecoming event. In the spring, we are looking forward to participating in Hunter's Pledge.



## Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

*Chapter President: Jacob Greenwald '20*

The brothers of Mississippi Alpha have had a phenomenal start to the year! Fall semester, the brothers volunteered with a local program, More Than A Meal (MTAM), to help the local Oxford community. The brothers held a toiletry drive which fully replenished the MTAM community closet. The chapter also assisted the Junior Auxiliary of Oxford and the Ole Miss baseball team with their annual Camp Bats and Balls event — providing 250 elementary school boys with a free half-day baseball skills camp. The chapter also initiated a new member class of 81 young men who fit the ideals of Phi Kappa Psi.

81  
new  
members



## Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

*Chapter President: Dylan Conyers '21*

We had 30 active brothers and were able to recruit 25 potential new members. We initiated 18 men into our chapter this past October and are super excited about the direction they are going to take us. We are planning to grow a little larger this spring, but our sights are on next fall, where the University of Tennessee will break the record again for registered PNMs. We hope to take full advantage.



### University of Kentucky Colony

*Hunter Jones*

Our colony currently stands at 14 members. Expansion Consultant Angelo Giordani CSUN '18 was on campus during the fall semester recruiting and facilitating training for the men and their positions. The Bluegrass Alumni Association congregated for a tailgate on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022. Colony Initiation for the new members was conducted on that day, too. The colony held a Hunter's Pledge Campaign with the help of Jerry Watson Alabama '64 and the Foundation.

**3.55**  
AVERAGE  
GPA

### Virginia Alpha - Virginia

*Chapter President: Ryan Brinza '21*

Last spring, we welcomed 24 new members to Phi Kappa Psi bringing our full membership size to 74 for the fall of 2022. The new members come from all across the country including California, Florida, Chicago, and New York. Last semester our members earned an average GPA of 3.55. During the spring we hosted an event raising money for the war in Ukraine and look forward to more events this fall.

### Vanderbilt University Colony

*Henry Zhu*

The colony currently stands at 5 members and is in the midst of formal recruitment with the support of HQ staff and a plethora of alumni assistance. *Chuck Higgins '67* and *Art Johnson '62* have been a great help interacting with students. Tennessee Delta has established the H. Fort Flowers Scholarship and will award six scholarships to undergraduates who are interested in Greek life and in making a positive impact on campus.

### Virginia Theta - JMU

*Chapter President: Robbie Gordon '19*

During the 2022 fall semester, we conducted a week of philanthropic events to raise money for The Boys and Girls Club of America and collected canned food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The entire brotherhood participated as well as members from the JMU community and other Greek organizations. Along with other events, we had a volleyball tournament in which 12 teams participated. Brothers coached, refereed and cheered on the teams, plus we raised about \$1,200 dollars (not including proceeds from our other events).



★  
IFC WIFFLE  
BALL  
CHAMPS  
★

**119**  
ACTIVE  
MEMBERS

### Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech

*Chapter President: Tripp Spano '21*

Virginia Zeta Chapter had an extremely productive fall 2022 semester by increasing our philanthropy efforts, community outreach and chapter size. We raised thousands of dollars for philanthropies supporting St. Jude Hospital, domestic violence awareness, breast cancer research and Alzheimer's research. Our brotherhood also took the initiative and raised over \$7,000 for our own philanthropy, Movember. We showed up in force to multiple community outreach events including Virginia Tech's largest Greek event, Greeks Giving Back, maintaining our status as one of the top participating fraternities on campus. The chapter was able to grow thanks to 28 newly initiated members. Virginia Zeta Chapter now stands at a strong 119 members who are all excited to see what the future has in store.

### Virginia Beta - W & L

*Chapter President: Try Rachal '21*

Our chapter fundraised for and competed in W&L's first (and hopefully annual) Interfraternity Council Wiffle Ball tournament, which in total raised almost \$4,000 for the Rockbridge County Public Schools Foundation. Our team went 4-0 to win the trophy to 301 E. Washington Street!



**Nearly \$4,000:** Raised by Virginia Beta.



### Colorado Alpha - Colorado

Chapter President: Luke Sandell '22

We have had many successful philanthropy events. This semester we had our Honor Connor distracted driving campaign sponsored by Hunter's Pledge. Connor Thompson '18 is one of our brothers who died in a distracted driving accident. Fifteen brothers participated in this event, and we had around 1,500 people sign the pledges. Our monetary goal was \$2,000, however, we raised more than \$4,000. Half of the money goes to Hunter's Pledge and the other half goes to our Honor Connor scholarship fund.



### Iowa Alpha - Iowa

Chapter President: Michael Sullivan '21

We partnered with Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Iowa to fundraise and run a 5K in Iowa City. We raised over \$15,170 for the Boys and Girls Club of America, and CASA, which benefits the lives of foster children. There were more than 275 people at the event and more than 120 brothers participated. For the 26th year, we hosted a successful Nile Kinnick Scholarship event. Three members of our executive team spent the summer at the chapter house interviewing over 720 candidates for 15 scholarship spots. We ended up with some of the most outstanding freshmen who led their incoming class in SAT, GPA, outstanding extracurricular activities and resumes.



### Kansas Alpha - Kansas

Chapter President: Max Defever '20

Fall semester, Kansas Alpha initiated 35 new members who all live in the house. Philanthropy included a car wash, cookout, tabling event, Chipotle dine-and-donate event, and a social media promotion week for Hunter's Pledge. The cookout and car wash each raised around \$300, and the Chipotle dine-and-donate event made about \$250. The tabling event for Hunter's Pledge got about 350 pledge-to-end distracted driving cards signed, and we raised over \$9,000. So far, we have raised more than \$10,000 for various charities.



### Iowa Beta - Iowa State

Chapter President: Luke Werthmann '21

Iowa Beta assisted the Ames Miracle League athletes in a game of softball. With an outstanding number of 25 brothers in attendance, we both encouraged and helped the athletes throughout the game. We had our first-ever Phi Psi Sundaes fundraiser last October. Ice Cream sundaes were served with an extravagant toppings bar, and the event raised \$4,000 for St. Jude's Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

Chapter President: Ben Smet '21

Minnesota Beta has both hosted and participated in philanthropic events with donations going to cancer research and kidney cancer research. During the Climb 4 Kidney Cancer event brothers climbed the stairs in Huntington Bank Stadium and for each step they took, the donations increased from our pledge sponsors. We hosted a chapter- and campus-wide pumpkin carving event with fun activities such as a dunk tank and raffle. That money benefited Dr. Leonard's Cancer Research here in Minnesota.



**\$15,170:** Raised by Iowa Alpha for local charities!



**Minnesota Delta - Minn.-Duluth**

*Chapter President: Joe Hinkle '20*

Back in February 2022, the chapter raised \$1,400 in donations for the Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge. Six of our brothers took the plunge into Lake Superior to show their support!



**Minnesota Gamma - Minn. State-Mankato**

*Chapter President: Joey Casey '18*

This fall, we co-hosted a haunted house with Tau Kappa Epsilon at their chapter house. With 10 of our brothers helping set up and scare guests, we were able to raise \$770 for the St. Jude's Children's hospital. We are very pleased that over 150 people were in attendance for the two-day event!

**Missouri Alpha - Missouri**

*Chapter President: Ryan Mehrer '20*

The Missouri Alpha chapter teamed up with the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha to work together on their Teacups of Kindness event benefiting the Missouri Cancer Association and the Columbia Hospital. Teacups were filled with goodies and inspirational notes and given to breast cancer patients at the Columbia Hospital to help encourage them to keep fighting!



**Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska**

*Chapter President: Jack Manley '22*

This fall, the Nebraska Alpha chapter teamed up with our sister sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, to host Pretzels at the Pi. The event was put on at the AOII chapter house where we made pretzels and served them with warm nacho cheese. Both our house and AOII were in attendance to help put on this event. We reached our goal of \$1,300 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and AOII reached their goal for the Arthritis Foundation.



**Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma**

*Chapter President: Court Waters '19*

Oklahoma Alpha hosted and attended formal dinners with other sororities and fraternities on campus, strengthening Phi Psi's connections across the Greek community and campus.

**Texas Alpha - Texas**

*Chapter President: John Tomlin '19*

This fall, Texas Alpha hosted its second annual Casino Night Philanthropy event at its house. Led by Philanthropy Chair Mark von den Steinen '20 and the Philanthropy Committee, the chapter raised approximately \$6,000 for its philanthropic efforts.



**Texas Beta - Texas Tech**

*Chapter President: Drew Pickens '19*

In October 2022, we hosted an event called Cookout Against Cancer. Our intent was to raise awareness for our active brothers' moms fighting breast cancer. All our 135 active brothers and upward of 300 ladies in the Greek life community showed up to support our brothers and their moms. We raised over \$1,000 in donations, as well as heartfelt messages to these brave ladies who are battling breast cancer.



**Texas Epsilon - SFA**

*Chapter President: Michael Dunham '20*

The brothers of Texas Epsilon volunteered at the local animal shelter with Kappa Sigma. We cleaned the stalls, refilled the water bowls and gave the animals lots of attention. We had a great time helping, and plan to continue to volunteer to help as much as we can.



**Texas Eta - Texas A&M**

*Chapter President: Sam Paustian '21*

This semester, Texas Eta partnered with a community service project named Howdy Urban Farms to give back to the College Station community and improve the organization's grounds.



**Texas Zeta - Houston Christian**

*Chapter President: Johnny Hoy '20*

We started the semester with two active members and after hard work and great recruitment events we have received a total of 7 pledges! This was great news to Texas Zeta. We also recruited one more new member toward the end of the semester. It was a great feeling to go from a two-man chapter to now a ten-man chapter. We look forward to seeing what the new members will do in the next few years.

DISTRICT  
**VI**



**50**  
NEW  
MEMBERS



**Arizona Beta - ASU**

*Chapter President: Nick Eckert '20*

In the fall semester, Arizona Beta recruited 50 new members to join our brotherhood. We executed a successful Rush Week, and with our phenomenal Rush chairs, *Nicolas Gustafson '21* and *Raul Arias '21*, ended up with 50 great young men. We spent every day of Rush tabling, holding events at our house and sharing the brotherhood that we know is so strong with men who are looking for the same thing. We will continue building our Fraternity based on the core values of Phi Kappa Psi and cannot wait to see where we go in the future. LEDN.



**California Epsilon - UCLA**

*Chapter President: Jack Griffin '20*

Following a strong year in 2021-2022, California Epsilon successfully carried the momentum into the new school year. Under the guidance of veteran Recruitment Chair, *Adam Muzzarelli '20*, Cal Ep stayed true to its emphasis on quality over quantity. Cal Ep recruited 33 courteous and cultured men during this year's fall recruitment, boasting one of the strongest pledge classes at UCLA. Social media outreach was pivotal to Cal Ep's success during Rush. With the fall 2022 recruits having been recently initiated, the Rush Committee focuses their attention on Winter Rush, where we hope to recruit another 12-15 quality candidates.

**California Eta - Cal Poly**

*Chapter President: Jackson Anderson '19*

Phi Psi Cal Eta will be playing in the intramural flag football championship. We are 4-2 on the season and will be playing undefeated Delta Chi in a rematch of last year's championship game. Hopefully Phi Kappa Psi can come back on top for the second year in a row!



**California Gamma - Cal**

*Chapter President: Mateo Marquez '21*

We hosted our annual No Solo event with the Surfrider Foundation here in Berkeley. The objective is to help fight single-use plastics and especially the use of red Solo cups that are so prominent in Greek life. We did this through a concert where multiple local bands performed, including one made up entirely of our brothers. The event was a great success, and we raised over \$700 for the Surfrider Foundation.

**California Beta - Stanford**

*Chapter President: Isaac Cheruiyot '21*

California Beta has proudly returned to pre-pandemic-membership levels, partnered with East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (EPATT) to provide tutoring and mentorship for underprivileged K-12 students in East Palo Alto. Additionally, we have been working with other Greek organizations and the university to find a opportunities to allow the facilitation of safe, inclusive and accessible events on campus. Furthermore, we have begun the process of transitioning to a new leadership and look forward to the vision they have for the chapter moving forward.

**33**  
COURTEOUS AND  
CULTURED MEN  
RECRUITED!

**\$700:** Raised by California Gamma for the Surfrider Foundation.

## California Theta - CSUN

*Chapter President: Jordan Franco '21*

This past semester, we were ecstatic to initiate 11 new members into our brotherhood, gaining new faces and minds as the older class graduates. Our achievement is due to the persistence of our Recruitment Chairman, *Abraham Perez '22*. Providing the chapter with his vision, Perez hosted multiple tabling events, designed and created phenomenal recruitment shirts and flyers, and hosted several recruitment events. With the intent to find unique individuals who would uplift Cal Theta, we as a chapter are proud of the new members and their journey, never treating their pledgeship as a guarantee but as an opportunity. Spring 2023 will be our next challenge; we are ready to continue our pursuit of greatness.



## California Lambda - San Diego State

*Chapter President: Cole Rener '22*

Phi Kappa Psi Cal Lambda had a very successful recruitment process with 36 new members to our chapter. All these young new members are excited to join our Fraternity. Our chapter found the most successful recruitment tool was social media. Our goal for next semester is to gain another 35 new members for our spring class.



## University of Oregon Colony

*Colony President: Tyler Bird*

Our eight active brothers and six PNMs hosted its first philanthropy of the year, the classic Pie-A-Phi-Psi. With a small donation, people on campus had the opportunity to 'pie' a Phi Psi with a whipped cream pie. We have hosted this event the past two years that we have been active on campus. Our group has raised over \$1,000 and 100% of the proceeds were donated to our community partner, the Eugene Mission, a full-service wellness center for the homeless. It is a cause our organization holds dear. As we continue to recruit and garner positive PR, this is just one of the many contributions we aim to make to our growing community.



## Washington Alpha - Washington

*Chapter President: Christian Min '21*

In September, our house raised money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). This was chosen in memory of one of our past brothers, *Anthony Newsome-Moffa '17*. We created bingo cards and asked friends and family to donate money. By the end of September, we were able to raise over \$1,350 dollars just by word-of-mouth. We successfully signed and retained 26 new members for the fall quarter, which is more new fall-class members than we have had in years.

## California Kappa - UC Irvine

*Chapter President: Alan Nguyen '22*

This quarter we held a successful brotherhood event at Newport Beach. It consisted of family games like 3-on-3 beach volleyball, die tournaments, tug of war, relay races and more. It was very positively received by the brothers and will be a recurring event for our chapter in the coming years.

## Oregon Beta - Oregon State

*Chapter President: Nate Archibald '20*

The Oregon Beta Chapter initiated 36 new members in the fall of 2022. Our recruitment chairmen worked diligently throughout the summer and into Rush Week recruiting possible new members to come to summer and fall events. Our goal for next Spring Rush is to sign 20 new members and our goal for Fall 2023 Rush is to sign 45 new members. It's been a blast getting to know all the new members, and they fit in very well!

**More than \$1,000:** Raised through Pie A Phi Psi at University of Oregon Colony.

# I Believe in



By Ron Ransom Butler '00

Zachary A. Myers *Stanford '01* took an oath to defend and protect.

He is committed not only to the pursuit of justice but also to service, fair play and honor. He serves on behalf of his country — the people. Loyal, honorable and compassionate, Zach Myers believes in America.

## Brother to Brother

In the fall of 1999, he packed his bags and headed to Palo Alto, California. It was a dream come true for Myers. He looked forward to returning to Stanford University. It was where he was born — the place where his dad, mom and sister spent their undergraduate years navigating the campus of Romanesque and Mission Revival style buildings neatly plotted amidst towering redwood trees. Myers chose Stanford because it was where he could combine multiple pursuits as he set the foundation

*“The relationships that I have built and things that I have learned from my chapter played a significant role in me being where I am today.”*

for his career. His interest in technology (mathematics and computer science) and passion for government and politics were a perfect fit for a campus that sat in the middle of Silicon Valley.

Joining a fraternity wasn't the first thing on Myers' mind when he arrived on campus. He thought fraternities were silly, and the stereotypes he was aware of didn't align with what he wanted to get out of his college experience. While Stanford was a diverse campus, fraternities there and across the country generally did not hold that reputation. As a young black man, Myers wasn't sure that a “brother” truly would be accepted as a brother. Ultimately, he put trust in his friends who wanted him to join because he shared their values and vision. Myers initiated into Phi Kappa Psi in April of 2001 as a sophomore. He spread those values and vision as the Chaplain and Fraternity Educator during his undergraduate years.

# America

“The relationships that I have built and things that I have learned from my chapter played a significant role in me being where I am today,” Myers stated.

## First to Serve

Myers graduated from Stanford with a bachelor’s degree in political science. While he never declared a double major, he took several math and technology courses. He admits, though, he likely gained more knowledge about computer science from chapter brothers than he could have learned in an entire year of classes. He is not shy about attributing some of that chapter-house knowledge to his success as Assistant U.S. Attorney and Maryland’s first Cybercrime Counsel.

Nominated by President Biden in July 2021 and confirmed by the Senate in September, Myers was sworn in November 15, 2021, as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. While the appointment was an accomplishment on its own, it was also another step for Myers as he became the first black attorney to hold the position in the Southern District of Indiana.

Myers is proud of his decision to take an oath to the Constitution to protect and serve the citizens of the United States. “I can carry the torch, passed along by my great-great grandfathers, who served in the U.S. military during the Civil War.” Myers’ work for the Department of Justice continues to reflect his belief in The Great Joy of Serving Others. He hopes to recruit others to join the ranks. While Myers acknowledges that getting a job with the Federal Government is a challenge, he believes it is worth every bit of effort that is required. Opportunities within the DOJ may reach more backgrounds than some believe. There are federal agents who come from sheriffs’ departments and local police backgrounds, but there are also agents who have worked as certified public accountants, lawyers and computer science professionals. “There is the execution of search warrants, but federal agents spend a small percentage of their time kicking down doors,” Myers noted. Most of their time goes toward building complex cases that require a variety of skill sets.

An individual can have so much more impact on what is done in the criminal justice system from the inside rather than on the outside. “This is especially true of those who may be unhappy with some of the things they see coming from the criminal justice system,” Myers said.

## One Pill Can Kill

In his work as a U.S. Attorney, Myers and his team are

focused on the fight against fentanyl and drug overdoses. According to the CDC, synthetic opioids like fentanyl are the primary driver of overdose deaths in the United States. “What’s even more frightening, is that these overdoses are not limited to one specific demographic,” Myers said. This epidemic does not discriminate.

“Any drug that you take that is not prescribed by a doctor and is not handed to you in a pharmacy, is likely counterfeit,” Myers explained. “Shockingly, over 60% of pills tested for fentanyl by the DEA contained at least 2 milligrams of fentanyl.” For some, 2 mg is enough fentanyl to be lethal.

Involvement of everyday citizens is an important piece to addressing this crisis. “We will never arrest and prosecute our way out of this crisis,” Myers said. While law enforcement is doing their job, citizens can do theirs by educating themselves on the danger of fake pills and encouraging friends and family not to risk it. “If you are concerned that those around them might be at risk, seek opportunities to obtain Narcan,” he recommended. Narcan is a nasal spray that can be used in an emergency for known or suspected opioid overdoses. Another way he believes we can combat this crisis is fighting the stigma of mental health and substance abuse issues. “And take advantages of the resources available for assistance.”

## United Effort

College is a pivotal point in the lives of young men who seek to frame their view of the world. Phi Psi not only does that with its emphasis on service, but also teaches leadership skills far beyond what can be attained in the classroom. “At California Beta, it really mattered that we were gentleman, courteous and cultured,” Myers recalled. “You learn as a member of the Fraternity that none of us does anything important alone. You learn how to work on a team and rely on those around you who share your ideals.”

Myers relies on teamwork every — a united effort — in his career. And he models the core values of Phi Kappa Psi. He started with a pledge to his brothers, living the Creed. Now he upholds his oath to protect others.

He serves. He defends. He believes.

You can continue in your pursuit of *The Great Joy Of Serving Others* at the Department of Justice or other federal law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, ATF and DEA. Find job listings and information at [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/).



# Built on Excellence



By Peter M. Anderson *Iowa State '07*

The Iowa Beta Chapter house at Iowa State University has been through a lot over the course of her hundred-year history.

She has watched as the world grew up around her. Positioned as she was on a small land-grant college hidden amongst the cornfields of Iowa, she stood silently by while the surrounding campus grew into one of the largest universities in the Midwest. The inventions of the atomic bomb, the space shuttle and the internet meant little to her. Indeed, her primary concern was to provide shelter and comfort to the men who lived within her walls, a task which she has performed admirably. She has withstood the trampling feet of hundreds of young men, numerous floods, and the occasional tornado, all to support the energetic men who called her their home. The tender strains of “Amici” are embedded within her very timbers.

Last summer, the chapter celebrated the 100th anniversary of our beloved house. Originally built in 1922 and valued at \$50,000, construction of the southern colonial building was financed in part by the undergraduate brothers, who were asked to contribute \$100 each toward the down payment (nearly \$1,700 in today’s money!). The last major renovation occurred in 2006 as part of the chapter’s recolonization at Iowa State, with a complete refurbishment of the entire house. The soaring pillars and sprawling lawn are the envy of Grekland, and we take great pride in showing her off. But there was more to celebrate last summer than the building itself.

In July 2022, Iowa Beta was awarded the Grand Chapter by the Grand Arch Council. We were selected for this prestigious award for numerous reasons, not least because of our stellar academic performance. Good recruiting always should be based on strong scholastics, and the freshmen at Iowa State proved they are scholarly gentlemen. We boasted the highest new member GPA on campus and had nine men grab a perfect 4.0 in Spring 2022.



Committed to *The Great Joy of Serving Others*, the chapter raised more than \$25,000 for local nonprofits and logged upward of 5,700 service hours in the year. Great chapters don't just happen; they are the result of countless hours and single-minded dedication to excellence.

To properly observe the centenary milestone for the chapter house, with the Grand Chapter award as icing on the cake, we felt it fitting to bring together as many living alumni as possible in renewed bonds of brotherhood. And so it was that from August 26-27, 2022, the chapter hosted a Centennial Celebration in Ames. With 425 alumni, undergraduates and guests in attendance, this was the largest gathering of Iowa Betans in history!

Honored guests included SWGP Bob Marchesani *IUP '79/Butler '94*, Executive Director Ron Ransom *Butler '00*, and ISU's Athletic Director Jamie Pollard as the keynote speaker. Cy the Mascot even made an appearance, livening up the dance floor with his stylish moves.

In anticipation of the 100th anniversary, the Housing Corporation Board planned a capital campaign unlike any other in the fraternity world. The house is in good condition, and there is no immediate need for the money. But it won't stay that way forever, and competition with other fraternities is fierce, with recent Greek housing projects ranging between \$3.5 million to \$7 million.

The 2006 renovation project proved to be a major challenge. Phi Psi had been off campus since 1999 and financing a construction project without an active chapter or pennies in the bank required a herculean fundraising effort and a sizable mortgage debt (which is becoming increasingly difficult to secure for fraternities these days!). We wanted to set up the next construction project for easier success by building a nest egg that could grow over time.

In coordination with the Phi Psi Foundation, we launched the Building for the Future Campaign with the goal of raising \$1.5 million: \$1,000,000 in cash gifts and \$500,000 in planned estate gifts. As of press time, we're close to hitting those goals, with donations from more than 220 alumni and a total of \$1.325 million committed to the cause. The money raised will be invested and professionally managed in a special fund within the Foundation and will be available to the House Corporation only for future housing construction or maintenance projects. This investment likely will not get us all the way, but it will set us up very nicely to get things started.

All in all, 2022 shaped up to be a great year at Iowa State, and we have many reasons to be proud of our chapter there!

# IN THE MILITARY

*Thank you, brothers, for your service to our country!*



Hernandez



Madden



Kum (right)



McCoy



Medellin



Sybert

## Alabama Alpha – Alabama

**Brooks Hernandez '21** is currently serving in the U.S. Army as a private first class. Brother Hernandez plans to continue his service until 2027. He has received an Army Achievement Medal.

**Daniel P. (Dan) Madden '18** is a second lieutenant in the Army National Guard and has been serving since 2017. Brother Madden will be headed to Fort Huachuca, Arizona until May 2023 to further his military education by attending the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course.

## California Epsilon – UCLA

**Zachary J. Kum '16** is stationed in San Diego, California, serving as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. His achievements include Officer-in-Charge, DET103 and the Amphibious Construction Battalion 1.

## California Eta – Cal Poly

**Sean P. Navin '14** was in the U.S. Army from 2016-20. Capt. Navin served in Syria as part of Operation Inherent Resolve.

## Indiana Zeta – Butler

**Jeremiah J. McCoy '05** is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Brother McCoy is a warrant officer and has been on active duty since 2009 with plans to retire in 2029. He has been deployed to Afghanistan and has received the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

## Indiana Iota – Ball State

**Aiden J. Medellin '18** is currently in the U.S. Army and is serving in his first combat deployment (Iraq) with the Indiana Army National Guard in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. First Lieutenant Medellin has been serving since 2014. He has received the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon and Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon.



Sakamoto

## Iowa Beta – Iowa State

**Burns H. Davison III '79** was fortunate to serve in the U.S. Army during a substantially peaceful time in our country's history. Brother Davison deployed to Korea only for exercises during his 13-year tour (1983-96), and he achieved the rank of captain.

## Kentucky Beta – Kentucky

**Yohei Sakamoto '08** has been serving in the U.S. Army since 2010. Capt. Sakamoto deployed to Afghanistan in support of the Operation Freedom Sentinel in 2018. Some of his assignments include: Rifle and Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader, Fort Drum, New York; 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia; Rifle Command with 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas; Aide-de-Camp to the Combined Arms Center, Army University Provo, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and the NATO Medal.

## Maryland Delta – Towson

**Andrew T. Sybert '19** is a petty officer 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy serving until 2026.

**Benjamin R. Berger '19** is an airman first class (A1C) in the U.S. Air Force. He entered service in 2020 and has been deployed to the Middle East and is an honor graduate and marksman. Berger plans to serve until 2026.

## Michigan Beta – Michigan State

**Donald R. Bonine Jr. '60** was a captain in the U.S. Army from 1964-68. Brother Bonine was deployed to Vietnam and received a Bronze Star for his heroic service.



Hintze

### Minnesota Beta – Minnesota

**Garret B. Hintze '21** has been serving in the U.S. Marine Corps since 2019 through the Minnesota NROTC. Brother Hintze, currently a midshipman, plans to continue his service through 2027.

### Minnesota Gamma – Minn. State – Mankato

**Roderick J. (Rod) Shober '88** served as a second lieutenant and specialist in the U.S. Army from 1985-92.

### Missouri Alpha – Missouri

**Wynn H. (Wheels) Wiegand '74** was a major in the U.S. Air Force from 1977-95. Brother Wiegand, during his 18 years of service, was deployed to Europe, Philippines and Korea. Among many other accolades, he received the Meritorious Service Medal.

### New York Beta – Syracuse

**Nicklaus D. Brincka '17** has served the U.S. Army since 2013, both as an enlisted and now as a first lieutenant. Brother Brincka has received the Army Achievement Medal five times, an Army Accommodation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and is an air assault graduate,



Shober



Brincka



Lozano



Mowery

### New York Iota – Binghamton

**Richard Lozano '17** has been serving in the U.S. Marine Corps since 2021. Currently a second lieutenant, Brother Lozano will finish his tour of duty in 2025.

### North Carolina Beta – East Carolina

**Robert L. (Lee) Mowery '91** achieved the rank of E-4 in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany during his 1983-86 tour of duty.

### Ohio Beta – Wittenberg

**Andrew G. (Andy) Dolvin '09** served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2013-22. Capt. Dolvin was deployed to Italy, Spain and Germany during his tour. He was an MV-22B Osprey aircraft commander, section leader and received the Marine Corps Achievement Medal and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

### Ohio Eta – Toledo

**Roger L. Trinkner MD '52** served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1960-66. He was deployed with the Fleet Marine Force in the Pacific.

**Christian K. Smith '17** is currently serving as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Brother Smith has trained in both Ranger and Airborne School, earned an Expert Infantryman Badge and has received an Army Achievement Medal three times.



Dolvin



Richards

### Oregon Alpha – Oregon

**Michael P. Richards '64** served in the U.S. Navy as a petty officer third class (E-4) from 1967-73. During his tour, he was deployed to Japan and received a Letter of Commendation from his commanding officer.

### Pennsylvania Gamma – Bucknell

**Leo V. Kanawada Jr. '60** served as a decorated captain of the U.S. Army. In 1966, he was with the Second Infantry Division in South Korea. During the Vietnam War in 1967, Captain Kanawada was with the 71st Assault Helicopter Company. He also was a platoon leader with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division.

### Pennsylvania Nu – IUP

**Greg C. Fleming '08** served as an E-4 in the U.S. Army from 2004-08 and was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq.



Smith

continued



Morgan



Lamb (right)



Blake

### Pennsylvania Xi - Edinboro

**Ronald C. Morgan '90** served our country in the U.S. Army from 1993-2022. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Morgan was deployed to the Middle East and to Europe during his service.

### Texas Beta - Texas Tech

**Dr. Robert M. Lamb '71** served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years (1975-95). Brother Lamb achieved the rank of Colonel and received Meritorious Service Medal.

### Virginia Theta - JMU

**Patrick J. Blake '19** is a U.S. Army specialist E-4. He has been serving since 2014 and plans to continue through 2024. Brother Blake has been deployed to the Horn of Africa and has received the Army Commendation Medal.

Tell us about your military service. Submit your form here: [bit.ly/phi-psi-military](https://bit.ly/phi-psi-military).



Ohio Delta Chapter Brothers celebrated with Cunningham in July 2022 at his promotion ceremony held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Pictured left to right are: Stewart Minter '93, Jim Hinton '92, Mark Cunningham '93, Thomas Mackie '93 and Michael Jagodzinski '92.

### Ohio Delta - Ohio State

NATO Joint Warfare Centre (JWC), Stavanger, Norway, welcomed its new Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, U.S. Marine Corps Brigadier General **Mark A. Cunningham Ohio State '93**, on Monday, August 29, 2022.



Cunningham

Brigadier General Cunningham most recently served as the Deputy Commander of the Force Headquarters Group, a major subordinate command within Marine Forces Reserve.

Deployed to Afghanistan to serve as the Senior Intelligence Analyst for a joint task force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011, Cunningham provided intelligence for more than 110 combat operations.

Cunningham is a graduate of The Ohio State University, University of Dayton, and the U.S. Air University. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, among others.

"It is a great honor to take over as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Joint Warfare Centre in Norway. I am impressed with what I have seen so far and look forward to serving with its One Team and, more broadly, the NATO Alliance," Brigadier General Cunningham said.

To read more about Brother Cunningham: [jwc.nato.int/organization/whos-who/Brigadier-General-br-Mark-A-Cunningham](https://jwc.nato.int/organization/whos-who/Brigadier-General-br-Mark-A-Cunningham)

## BROTHERS IN THE MILITARY



If you are active or have served in the military, please let us know! We are grateful to you and your families for your courage and sacrifice. Submit your information here: [bit.ly/phi-psi-military](https://bit.ly/phi-psi-military).

To purchase a Military Shield of Honor, log in to: [portal.phikapppsi.com](https://portal.phikapppsi.com) and click on Ritual Store.





## JOB OPENINGS

Interested in becoming part of the Phi Psi team on the national level? We are seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

- ▶ Director of Recruitment
- ▶ Associate Director of Chapter Operations
- ▶ Expansion Consultant

For more information, visit: [phikappapsi.com/careers/](http://phikappapsi.com/careers/)

## NEW HIRES

Name: **Cam Lemons Indiana State '21**

Role: **Colony Development Manager**

Major: **Criminal Justice with a minor in forensic investigations**

Hometown: **Vincennes, Indiana**

*"My favorite Phi Psi experience was serving as president and leading the Indiana Eta Chapter. In my new role at HQ, I am looking forward to helping other brothers across the nation to improve their chapters as a whole!"*

Cam will be spending the semester at the Vanderbilt University Colony, supporting recruitment and education for potential new members. He also will be collaborating with alumni, university, Greek life and community partners to establish a strong and positive presence on campus.

Follow what's going on at Vanderbilt: [@phipsivandy](https://twitter.com/phipsivandy)

Name: **Dylan N. Lax Indiana State '19**

Role: **Expansion Consultant**

Major: **Communication**

Hometown: **Lowell, Indiana**

*"One of my favorite undergraduate experiences was participating with my chapter in Hunter's Pledge. It helped us bring awareness to campus as well as allowing us to meet a ton of new people. In my new role, I am looking forward to traveling to and seeing other universities as well as finding new men to bring into this brotherhood."*

Dylan is working with The College of New Jersey Colony to rebuild their presence on campus and the community. He will focus on recruiting, training and educating young men who embody the values and mission of Phi Psi.

Follow what's going on at TCNJ: [@phipsi\\_tcnj](https://twitter.com/phipsi_tcnj)



Select undergraduates and alumni gathered in New York City for Phi Psi's first Explore program in January 2023. To see more photos, go to [phikappapsi.com/explore/gallery](http://phikappapsi.com/explore/gallery).

## YOUR NETWORK, YOUR CAREER

Phi Psi affords members a number of formal and informal networking opportunities. Here are a few:

### Chapter Advisors and House Corporation Presidents

These may be the most well-connected alumni in a chapter. The men in these positions are likely to have a working knowledge of at least a portion of your chapter's alumni base and provide a good networking resource.

### The Grand Arch Council

Every two years, hundreds of members gather for GAC. It is fun, Fraternity business is handled, and the networking is tremendous. Attend seven and become eligible for a close network of alumni called the Order of the S.C.

### LinkedIn

The **Phi Psi Alumni & Undergraduates** LinkedIn group is free and has 11,000 members. It is a great place to search careers, job openings and post your interests.



### Phi Psi 500

Alumni who join the Bridge Builder Society with an annual donation of \$500 or more to the Phi Psi Foundation are invited to join this private LinkedIn networking group, focused on career development, peer-to-peer professional mentoring and personal business development.



# MEMBER MILESTONES

We celebrate, encourage and support our brothers across the country. Please share your milestones with us. We want to hear from you!

## LIVING DONOR

In early November 2022, a Member Milestones submission came to the attention of Headquarters staff.

A photo of Greg Bunn *Bowling Green '09* was attached, and it humbly stated: "I donated my left kidney altruistically in August 2021."



Well, that *is* a milestone, for sure.

A few questions were posed of Brother Bunn, who graciously responded. Thank you, Greg, for this selfless act and for educating us on living donor transplants.

### How did you discover the donor's need?

There are more than 100,000 people waiting for organ transplants. A vast majority of those are people waiting for kidneys. An organ transplant is not a cure-all. Organs typically only last several years – up to a decade or more – before they ultimately begin failing again. Many of those waiting might have a family member willing, but if they are genetically pre-disposed to kidney disease or diabetes, then they are unable to donate.

### Did something or someone inspire you to donate your kidney?

I was first inspired by the podcast, NPR's "Hidden Brain," which featured a journalist who wrote a viral article on donating a kidney to a stranger and weaved his story into their overall theme of altruism. Several months later, I then saw an article on a local kidney donation that reminded me of the podcast, and I began filling out the pre-screening questionnaire that day. How long was the process leading up to the procedure?

I filled out my questionnaire and initial blood work in November 2020. Testing took place in January 2021. I entered the registry in July 2021, and a match was found within two weeks. The surgery was August 6, 2021.

### What kind of testing did you need to go through to determine if you were a match?

I had to verify that I had an appropriate BMI, no family history of kidney diseases and other general demographic questions. Once my blood samples were approved, I then moved into the testing phase, which consisted of blood draws, Chest X-rays, EKG and an abdominal MRI with contrast. In addition, I had to take a glomerular filtration "Glo-fil" test, which measured my kidney's filtration rate. I attended several counseling sessions with a psychiatrist and social worker to ensure I was mentally stable and not coerced to donate. After approval, I then had to take blood-typing draws to enter the registry and find my match. I donated through the National Kidney Registry (NKR).

### Did you get to meet the recipient?

I have not met my recipient but do know he is a 30-year-old male from South Dakota who had juvenile diabetes that had become unmanageable. He was on dialysis until a match was found. Each donor center has its process for communication between donors and recipients. My center opens anonymous letter exchanges after the surgery is complete. I sent an initial letter to my recipient shortly after the surgery and heard back from him one time. I was made aware that the kidney surgery was a success at the time and was still successful at the time of his letter in April 2022.

### What was the response you received from friends, family, chapter brothers?

I was fortunate to have a very supportive family during and after the process. I was met with a lot of well-wishes

and Thank Yous from everyone. Because I live in another state from where I grew up and went to college, I did not have a lot of in-person support – everything was done over social media or through personal calls/texts. Another Ohio-Zeta brother who was initiated the year after me donated his kidney to his young son a couple years prior to my donation. He was helpful in providing guidance and reassurance during the process and recovery.

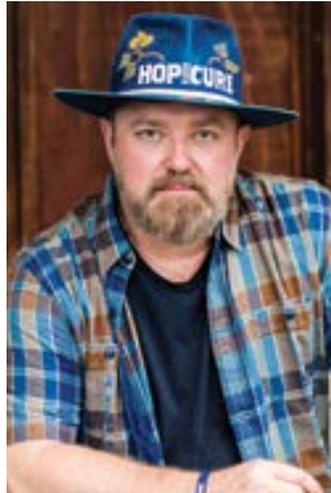
### What advice would you give others considering doing this?

It's a highly rewarding thing to do, but it's a decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. I found it helpful to join a Facebook group for Living Kidney Donors so I could ask questions and see different mindsets of those who are donating. Listen to your team throughout recovery and know that there are plenty of people who are there to support you.

Greg Bunn lives in York, Pennsylvania. He and his wife of four years, Maureen, welcomed their first born, Connor, February 4, 2022. They also have a rescue dog and cat. In his free time, Greg enjoys running, biking, reading, and taking day trips with his wife and son. And he volunteers with the local YMCA Race Series and Gift of Life.



Campbell



Hopkins / Photo: Jolie Loren

### Georgia Alpha – Georgia

Musician **John Driskell Hopkins '90** announced the formation of the Hop On A Cure Foundation in May 2022, in the wake of his diagnosis with the degenerative neuromuscular disease, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). This fatal disease progressively diminishes an individual's ability to control voluntary muscle movements which include speaking, eating, mobility and eventually breathing. There is no known cure and no effective treatment. For almost 20 years, Hopkins has been a member of the Grammy-winning Zac Brown Band as well as a noted musician in his own right. Currently his ALS symptoms are progressing slowly, and he hopes to continue playing for many years.

Hop On A Cure was founded with the goal of raising funds to finally find a cure for ALS. Any support from Hopkins' Fraternity brothers would be much welcomed and appreciated. Please follow HopOnACure on all social platforms and check out [hoponacure.org](https://hoponacure.org).

### Illinois Delta – Illinois

**Alec C. Campbell '17** recently completed paramedic school. He is a licensed paramedic in the state of Illinois and is nationally registered as well.

### Illinois Zeta – DePaul

**Drew Hopson '10** was promoted recently to the head of growth for CrowdChange, Phi Kappa Psi's fundraising partner.

### Kansas Alpha – Kansas

**Tanner W. Forster '04** and his wife, Allison, welcomed Vera Christine Forster on June 18, 2022. She arrived quickly and right on cue — a due-date baby! She completes the Forster family, and they claim, "God is so good!"

**Chad W. Schleicher '02** started a new position as Economic Development Program Manager at the City of Tempe, Arizona.

**W. Michael Burke '03** was promoted to Senior Director Pharmacy Purchasing & Trade Relations at Walmart.

**Ryan P. McIntosh '06** was promoted to Director of Enterprise Sales at Dispatch.



Forster



McIntosh



Nelson



Ryan



Moeder



Maslonka

**Jeff N. Nelson '04** was promoted to Marketing & Asset Manager – Central at Crestwood Midstream Partners LP.

**Gregory L. Sims '80** retired October 7, 2022, after 37 years in the banking industry.

**Jake Ryan '20** joined Campus Roots in the fall of 2022 as vice president of new campus acquisition. He is grateful to work on an amazing team to help students, teachers and universities enhance the college experience.

**Matt Moeder '03** and his wife, Valerie, welcomed Caroline Elizabeth into the world in October 2022.

**Dr. Matt A. Maslonka '06** and his wife Sara, welcomed their first child — Mason Thomas — into the world on December 13, 2022, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Knight



Woodrum



Ohio Theta



Pennsylvania Lambda

### Mississippi Alpha – Ole Miss

**Jay Knight '77** of Jacksonville, Florida was recently inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Trial lawyers at the annual meeting of the College in Rome, Italy. Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Fellowship in the college is extended by invitation only to those experienced trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds, who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province.

### Ohio Theta – Ashland

**Doug Blosser '86** reported their 31st annual golf outing, August 20, 2022, was again a success. They raised \$4,000 for the Ohio Theta house. There were 96 brothers from 12 states in attendance, including eight undergraduates.

### Ohio Xi – Capital

**Jason Fugate '15** graduated with a master of divinity degree in April 2022. He was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church in July. And in August, he was installed as the associate pastor for discipleship at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Crestview Hills, Kentucky.

### Pennsylvania Lambda – Penn State

Seven Pennsylvania Lambda brothers and their spouses celebrated more than 50 years of brotherhood. These Nittany Lions carried the flag on an Alaskan cruise and Denali tour in July 2022. Pictured at the majestic Hotel Alyeska are: **Randy Iles '70, Ray Ban '70, Chuck Turack '71, Mark Monkhouse '71, Steve Kozak '71, Ron Demay '73 and John Mollick '73.** There were a few “High, High, High” cheers heard in the state of Alaska.

### Pennsylvania Nu – IUP

**Damir A. Romano '16** is project management director and co-founder of A-DOT Media, a global licensing and creative consulting agency.

### Pennsylvania Phi – Lycoming

**Kyle A. Hickman '07** recently accepted the executive director position at Rebuilding Together Indianapolis, an organization whose mission is safe homes and communities for everyone.

### West Virginia Alpha – West Virginia

**David L. Woodrum '61** was inducted into the Epsilon Class of 2022 of West Virginia University's (WVU) Greek Alumni Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held October 28, 2022, at the Erickson Alumni Center. In addition to his commitment to WVU, Brother Woodrum has held several leadership positions in Phi Kappa Psi, including serving as SWGP, 1994-96.

# CELEBRATING SENIORS



The next issue of *The Shield* will highlight seniors from the 2022-23 academic year. With a \$50 donation, you can submit a personal greeting to a brother. To do so, think of your message, find a photo and use the link below. You will be redirected to the submission form once you have entered payment information. The deadline for submissions is **May 1, 2023**. Any questions, contact [marketing@phikappapsi.com](mailto:marketing@phikappapsi.com).

[phikappapsi.com/celebrating-seniors](http://phikappapsi.com/celebrating-seniors)

# CHAPTER ETERNAL Please email Chapter Eternal announcements to [membership@phikappapsi.com](mailto:membership@phikappapsi.com)

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

Deaths reported from **June 1 through December 15, 2022**, are included below. Year of initiation is shown after the name. Obituaries can be found at [bit.ly/chapter-eternal](http://bit.ly/chapter-eternal).

## **Alabama Beta - Auburn**

Thomas R. Yoli '76

## **Arizona Alpha - Arizona**

Emil A. Franzl '58

## **California Beta - Stanford**

Bruce D. Gillies '55  
James R. Weersing '57  
John I. Yellott '57  
Steven N. Carter '62

## **California Gamma - Cal**

John McConnell '42  
Paul B. Witmer Jr. '42  
Robert N. Schlichter '51  
Walter E. Kleinbauer Jr. '58  
Roger F. Delwiche '60

## **California Delta - Southern Cal**

Victor L. Harris '44  
Frederick A. Peck '46  
James B. Hutchins Jr. '52  
Frank E. Ronald '52  
Hudhail Al Amir '58  
John L. Ives '62  
Eric E. Younger '62  
Dennis J. McCarthy '78

## **California Epsilon - UCLA**

Robert G. Miller '51  
Joseph H. Blatchford '52  
Gary A. Riopelle '53  
Donald E. Woods '53  
Gary D. Wadsworth '59  
Stephen W. Guinn '82  
David P. Archibald '84  
Stevan W. Gibson '84

## **California Kappa - UC Irvine**

Jordan E. Ginn '93

## **California Mu - Occidental**

Nicholas A. Lee '08

## **Colorado Alpha - Colorado**

William R. Yowell '52  
Robert H. Jones '58  
Gordon D. Smith '61

## **Connecticut Alpha - Trinity**

Barry T. Haff '66

## **Florida Beta - Florida**

Robert N. Rile '67

## **Illinois Alpha - Northwestern**

Francis X. Tobin Sr. '45  
George E. Liebrock '59

## **Illinois Beta - Chicago**

Alan W. Johnson '49  
Martin P. Gouterman '53  
Robert E. Dwan '60  
Paul A. Zucker '63

## **Illinois Delta - Illinois**

Thomas F. Dempsey '43  
Robert C. Stendel '50  
Stephen J. Johnson '57

## **Illinois Eta - SIUE**

Robert A. Meszaros '00

## **Indiana Alpha - DePauw**

Gordon L. Nelson '47  
Joseph H. Manhart '49  
Paul D. Moessinger '49  
Allen K. Billingsley '51  
Robert D. Britigan Jr. '55  
Jon S. Halstead '61  
Schuyler J. Baab '70

## **Indiana Beta - Indiana**

William Simmermon '40  
Jerome P. Chamberlain '48  
Jack D. Scheid '51  
Joseph L. Gehris IV '80  
Stephen E. Jordan '66  
Thomas S. Mitro '75  
Bradley N. Harris II '78  
John B. White '60

## **Indiana Gamma - Wabash**

William B. Day '52  
Marvin D. Sweeney '55  
David R. Schreiber '68  
Mark S. Kendra '73  
Stephen W. Weiland '76

## **Indiana Delta - Purdue**

Marlin D. Reed '43  
George W. Barnes Sr. '45  
Robert G. Rettig '48  
Robert L. Janson '50  
Jack C. Crim '51  
Frank G. Taelman Jr. '53  
Roger L. Miller '56  
Edward J. Schiff '57  
Richard E. Pigman '58  
Arthur B. Carlson III '61  
Michael C. Martin '61  
Hall J. Compton '69

## **Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso**

Robert E. Hoshaw '55  
Donald A. Davis '56  
Allen A. Jahnke '59  
George N. McMeekan '62

## **Iowa Alpha - Iowa**

Aubrey A. Devine Jr. '44  
James R. Dow '48  
Richard L. Thompson '49  
Malcom D. McMichael '51  
James R. Walker '51  
Albert J. Hass '53  
William T. Brown '55  
Phil B. Bartlett '56

## **Iowa Beta - Iowa State**

Richard C. Vail '49  
William E. Postma '51  
Richard G. Weihler '67

## **Kansas Alpha - Kansas**

Jules A. MacKallor '42  
William J. Honan '51  
John B. Runnels Jr. '54  
Weston W. George Jr. '54  
Jay C. Foster '68  
Gregory C. Hupp '74

## **Louisiana Alpha - LSU**

John W. Brimer Jr. '75

## **Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins**

John H. Purnell '60

## **Massachusetts Alpha - Amherst**

Kenneth L. Parkhurst '47

## **Michigan Alpha - Michigan**

David C. Marshall '51  
Douglas S. Povenz '52  
Milton S. Knee Jr. '53  
Karl F. Kaub '54  
Charles K. Champion '57

## **Michigan Beta - Michigan State**

John M. Ness '50  
Frederick A. Graczyk '56  
William T. Field '59

## **Minnesota Beta - Minnesota**

Harris D. Kost '44  
Theodore A. Ofstedahl Sr. '46  
James S. Lincoln '50  
Benny G. Grosz '58  
Dale B. Lindman '66

## **Minnesota Gamma - Minn. State - Mankato**

John C. Charter Jr. '72  
Steven R. Shinnors '70

## **Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss**

James R. Simpson '56

## **Missouri Alpha - Missouri**

James H. Milne '46  
William K. Fessler Jr. '51  
Robert E. Brown '52

## **Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska**

Roy C. Neumann '46  
Charles R. Oehrlé '47  
Jack C. Reynolds '48  
Donald L. Williams '49  
William H. Jordan '61  
Richard L. McClymont Jr. '68  
Walter A. Trimble '70  
Michael T. Nolan '78

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**Clayton R. Brower** Syracuse '42, became TSC-TCNJ's 13th president in 1970. Under his 10 years of leadership, the college began its rise to becoming one of the top public colleges in the country. TCNJ has named the Clayton R. Brower Student Center in his honor.



**Stevan W. Gibson** UCLA '84, served in the Office of Vice President George H. W. Bush. Following the 1988 election, he served in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and then as Press Secretary to the Treasurer of the United States. Steve devoted more than 25 years to health policy and patient advocacy.



**Donald L. Williams** Nebraska '49, was in the ninth generation of pioneers coming to America from Yorkshire, England, dating back to 1637. Fresh out of high school, Don was recruited in the ASA Army Security Agency working in the Code Breakers unit, now called NSA. After graduating from NU Dental College, he moved to Colorado Springs, where he practiced dentistry for over 20 years.

**Nebraska Beta - Creighton**

James A. Weremy '65  
Paul H. Garner '76

**New Hampshire Alpha - Dartmouth**

William A. Burns '50  
Jackson L. Smith '51

**New Jersey Alpha - Rider**

Steven E. Kiraly '65  
Phillip A. Spitzer '65  
David L. Lizer '66

**New Jersey Beta - Monmouth**

Raymond A. Bullus '67  
Michael A. Sylvester '67

**New York Alpha - Cornell**

Frederick Beck Jr. '56  
Pietro Palazzolo Russo '18

**New York Beta - Syracuse**

Clayton R. Brower '42  
Donald T. Macleod '49  
Kenneth B. Parsons '51  
Jan A. Larson '64  
Mark R. Johnson '75

**New York Epsilon - Colgate**

Charles W. Carpenter '61  
Michael T. Oliver '62

**New York Eta - Buffalo**

John R. McClive '52  
Ralph G. Griffin Jr. '54  
Steven J. Takach '55

**North Carolina Alpha - Duke**

Charles W. Schuster Jr. '49  
Walter H. Keim '54  
Thomas B. Hottenstein '65  
James E. O'Donnell '72

**North Carolina Beta - East Carolina**

Keith A. Esarey '01

**Ohio Alpha - Ohio Wesleyan**

James R. Lippert '51  
Frank P. Milkovich '52  
James A. Weaver Jr. '64  
Aka Mashuri L. Warren '58  
John J. Rohrer Jr. '58  
David J. McHugh '81

**Ohio Beta - Wittenberg**

David C. Sward '54  
James D. Unger '75

**Ohio Delta - Ohio State**

Ralph E. Monroe '38  
Robert O. Renz '56  
Jerry A. Gilliland '75

**Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve**

James M. Biggar '47  
Neil M. Reminick '68

**Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green**

Robert E. Moran '51  
Jack L. Chapin '53  
Paul C. Woner '53

**Ohio Eta - Toledo**

Max W. Dorfmeister '52  
Ralph R. Roshong '59  
Thomas J. Pawlecki '64  
J. Steve McCormack '81

**Ohio Theta - Ashland**

Ernest A. Kish Jr. '71

**Ohio Iota - Akron**

Lloyd E. Mercer '70  
John E. Kiss '71  
Thomas J. Sierawski '84

**Ohio Lambda - Miami**

Brandon M. Starkoff '96  
Robert E. Bordine '02

**Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma**

Gary A. McDaniel '50  
David H. Carlson '52  
John C. Koch '55  
Daniel R. Omtvedt '71

**Oklahoma Beta - Oklahoma State**

David L. Sanders '67

**Oregon Alpha - Oregon**

Richard J. Johns '43  
Peter F. Erickson '58  
John L. Matteson '61

**Oregon Beta - Oregon State**

John A. Maciolek '48  
H. Gene Thornton '59

**Pennsylvania Alpha - W & J**

William B. Caldwell '52  
Christopher J. Petruccelli '85

**Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny**

Richard J. Noonan '47  
John W. Lehman II '51

**Pennsylvania Gamma - Bucknell**

Norman A. Voorhees '54  
Harry L. Buck Jr. '56

**Pennsylvania Epsilon - Gettysburg**

Earl E. Bomberger '46

**Pennsylvania Zeta - Dickinson**

George W. Hamphill Jr. '61  
John A. Alogna '64  
Brower McClintock Jr. '67  
Frank V. Boozer Jr. '00

**Pennsylvania Eta - F & M**

James V. McMiname '43  
George J. Moore '48

**Pennsylvania Iota - Penn**

Richard E. Zellers '47  
George J. Meng '48  
Edward F. Allwein '50  
David W. Smith '52  
Carl Hultzen '57

**Pennsylvania Kappa - Swarthmore**

Robert A. Barr Jr. '53  
Roger D. Keenan '45  
Thomas A. Wick '60  
Willis W. Wick '56

**Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State**

Fredrick E. Sheridan '49  
Frederick E. Leuschner '49  
Allen E. Zimmerman '58  
James M. Hanavan '64

**Rhode Island Alpha - Brown**

William H. Lacey Jr. '41  
Richard G. Wilkins '57  
John R. Hagenbuch '58

**Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island**

Robert A. Bartash '72

**Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt**

Daniel R. Smith '51  
Boyd T. Riley Jr. '57  
Francis H. Cole Jr. '62  
Albert B. Schwarzkopf III '62  
William E. White '64

**Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee**

James A. Shanteau '70



# From the Archive

## Official SEAL

By Timothy Tangen *Minn.-Duluth '03*

If your chapter was founded after 1886, and you have your charter hanging on the wall, then it is likely there is a golden, star-shaped piece of foil affixed to that important document.

Take a closer look and you will see that it bears the seal of the Executive Council of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Much like other facets of the business world, the adhered seal helps make official the declarations and announcements that are listed on the document.

While Phi Kappa Psi no longer provides chapter seals as part of the chartering package new chapters receive at their installation banquet, there are many chapters who still possess them; even if they do not know the significance.

Chapter seals have been in use since at least the 1860s and could even date back to shortly after the founding. Along with the esoteric calendar, which was used to formalize and legitimize correspondence from one chapter or brother to another, the use and presence of the embossed seal on a document gave it an extra sense of verification.

While the Fraternity Headquarters Museum and Archives feature several old seals from closed chapters and the various districts, the only one that sees any formal use currently is that of the Executive Council.

Chapter charters, edicts and official proclamations and resolutions all bear the seal before they are distributed or awarded.

We are not certain when this heavy, cast-iron seal for the Executive Council was made and first used. If your chapter house has something from the Executive Council framed and hung, then there is a good chance this device was used to give that document life, color and import.

If you have Phi Psi photos or memorabilia, please let us know! Email us at [marketing@phikappapsi.com](mailto:marketing@phikappapsi.com)





# THE CREED OF PHI KAPPA PSI

**I BELIEVE** that Phi Kappa Psi is a Brotherhood of honorable men, courteous and cultured, who pledge throughout their lives to be generous, compassionate, and loyal comrades;

**I BELIEVE** that I am honor bound to strive manfully for intellectual, moral, and spiritual excellence; to help and forgive my Brothers; to discharge promptly all just debts; to give aid and sympathy to all who are less fortunate;

**I BELIEVE** that I am honor bound to strengthen my character and deepen my integrity; to counsel and guide my Brothers who stray from their obligations; to respect and emulate my Brothers who practice moderation in their manners and morals; to be ever mindful that loyalty to my Fraternity should not weaken loyalty to my college, but rather increase devotion to it, to my country, and to my God;

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

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

*Written by John Henry Frizzell Amherst 1898 and Kent Christopher Owen Indiana '58 and adopted by the 1964 Grand Arch Council in Denver, Colorado.*



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## 2023 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Whether you are a Phi Psi currently working toward earning a degree, a recent graduate just starting your career, or a retiree looking for a way to give back, you can play a role in Phi Psi's National Scholarship Program.

Phi Psi members who will pursue undergraduate or graduate/professional degrees during the 2023-24 academic year are encouraged to learn about and apply for available National Scholarship Awards by visiting [pkpfoundation.org/scholarship-portal](https://pkpfoundation.org/scholarship-portal) or by the QR code.

**The deadline to apply for 2023 National Scholarships is 11:59 p.m. EST on March 15, 2023.**

If you are an alumnus interested in supporting the scholarship program as a reviewer, please contact us at [scholarships@pkpfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@pkpfoundation.org).

### IMPORTANT DATES

**March 15, 2023**  
Application closes

**April 2023**  
Scholarship reviewers read and score applications

**May 2023**  
Students are notified of awards

**June 2023**  
Scholarships are sent to colleges and universities