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The 81st GAC will be held at Hilton Minneapolis from July 10-14, 2024.

All members and their families are invited.

Keep an eye out at phikappapsi.com/GAC
for more information when it becomes available.



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**Top:** Exchanging ideas at Campfire with Kohlton Mathis Texas '21 **Middle:** Welcoming new District I Archon Martin Nguyen SJU '20 **Bottom:** Strategizing with Chuck Brandman Case Western Reserve '70

## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

# Positive Momentum

By National President Bob Marchesani Butler '94 (IUP '79)

We are halfway through my term as National President! I want to reflect on where things are with the Fraternity, what things have gone well, and where things need to improve.



Marchesani

First, Phi Kappa Psi's general sense of energy and positive momentum is encouraging. We had a good year of normalized performance in all sectors of the Fraternity – undergraduate operations, alumni engagement, and finances (all the funds that underpin the success of the Fraternity – the Foundation, Permanent Fund, and Canonsburg Corporation). Thank you to all the staff and countless volunteers for a well-done job.

Our expansion efforts continue to pay off with re-chartering achieved at the University of Oregon and plans set to recharter at Illinois State University. Plus, we have active colonies at the University of Kentucky, Miami University, The College of New Jersey, Ohio State University, and Vanderbilt University. Exciting colony opportunities in the works will see Phi Psi returning to campuses with inactive chapters and planting the Fraternity flag at some tremendous new campuses.

The Fraternity's Strategic Plan, rolled out at the 2022 GAC, drives most decision-making on the prioritization of resources and the Fraternity leadership team's attention. Our professional Headquarters staff and a cadre of elected and appointed officers will execute the plan's implementation. Thank you to all the Brothers who have answered the call to serve the Fraternity by leveraging their considerable talent.

Despite the successes, we still have challenges. You can help. We continue to have a gap in the level of alumni and adult volunteers serving as house corporate officers, chapter level advisors, and alumni association leaders. To get more involved in Phi Psi, please get in touch with Matthew Bratsch Rowan '11, the Fraternity's Director of Volunteer Engagement, at [Matthew.Bratsch@phikappapsi.com](mailto:Matthew.Bratsch@phikappapsi.com).

Keeping with this issue's theme of connection and with our Fraternity's Strategic Plan, increasing alumni engagement, in general, continues to be a goal for Phi Psi. Engagement is one of those tricky words that can mean something different depending on the person. To me, from an alumnus' perspective, these questions can say a lot about your level of engagement as a Phi Psi alumnus:

**1. Do you say, "I am a Phi Psi," or do you say, "I was a Phi Psi?"**



# mentum

2. Are you connected with Phi Psi Brothers from your era in school and your chapter in general with brothers in the area where you live?
3. Are you reading this message? Do you read or at least review most of each issue of *The Shield*? Do you read Fraternity communications sent by U.S. Mail or electronic mail?
4. Do you financially support your chapter, the Fraternity, and the Phi Psi Foundation?
5. Do you designate Founders Day in any way – even simply remembering that February 19 is the date Phi Psi was founded in 1852?
6. Do you regularly or occasionally attend Phi Psi events in your area or your chapter?
7. Are you or have you been a volunteer for the Fraternity at the local or national level?
8. Have you attended one or more biennial conventions of the Fraternity – the Grand Arch Council?

To be candid, less than five percent of our alumni brothers can answer most of the questions above in the affirmative. However, imagine if we can increase that rate by several percentage points. Think of the influx of talent and funding that would be available to advance Phi Psi. Please increase your engagement in Phi Psi and encourage other alumni brothers to do the same. The Fraternity needs you and as many alumni brothers as possible to be actively engaged.

Phi Psi's new undergraduate members of the Fraternity's Executive Council – the District Archons – have been elected, and you can learn about them in the Chapter News section of this issue of *The Shield*. However, I want to recognize and thank the outgoing group of Archons for their service



Outgoing District Archons (left to right) Jake Ryan, Sam Wertz, Philippe Boulas, Jack Kalina, Connor Yowell and Brendan Lohan

and dedication to Phi Kappa Psi. They were outstanding representatives of undergraduate and alumni members in their respective districts. Thank you, Jack Kalina *RIT* '19, District I; Philippe Boulas *Case Western Reserve* '20, District II; Sam Wertz *Indiana* '20, District III; Brendan Lohan *Ole Miss* '19, District IV; Jake Ryan *Kansas* '20, District V; and Connor Yowell *Oregon State* '19, District VI.

Lastly, I encourage all brothers to attend the 2024 Grand Arch Council that will take place July 10-14, 2024, in Minneapolis. The GAC was initially scheduled in Minneapolis in July 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed those plans. Minneapolis is not only an excellent place for us to meet and conduct the business of our Fraternity, but also a city that offers a lot of exciting things to do and see. I invite you to attend the GAC, whether it will be your first or 21st convention.

I am always proud to be a Phi Psi and particularly proud to serve as your National President.

Bob Marchesani, S.W.G.P.



## **George W. Humphries '50**

*It is with great sadness Phi Kappa Psi announces the passing of George E. Humphries. Brother Humphries entered Chapter Eternal on July 4, 2023. A member of Order of the S.C. since 1978, George was elected to serve as the National Vice President of Phi Kappa Psi from 1982-84. He went on to serve as the 49th National President of Phi Kappa Psi from 1984-86.*

***A full tribute to Brother Humphries will appear in the next issue of The Shield.***

# RANSOM NOTES

## THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

By Executive Director Ronald Ransom Butler '00

The year was 2007. I was 27 years old and three years deep in my Phi Psi career. An annual professional development conference landed me in the balmy heat of central Florida with other members of the Phi Psi staff. Coworkers informed me before the conference that I'd share a room with none other than the bolo-tie-wearing Executive Director Emeritus, Mr. Phi Psi, Dud Daniel Arizona '47. Rooming with Dud was an experience. I learned of Dud's hotel soap collection ... after jumping into the shower, only to find no soap. I spied it in his bag the



Ransom

next day. I also learned that Dud was the only person I knew who made the bed in a hotel room. I can still hear the echoes of his gentle, regal voice telling me, "We don't want the maids to think we are slob."

Little did I know, this was just the beginning of my adventure with Dud. The conference ended, and the rest of the staff returned home. Dud and I remained with a free day before our departure. We spent the day exploring, eating lunch, and walking through stores. I learned of Dud's love for chocolate after he exited the Ghirardelli chocolate store, hoping that reentry would score him another free sample. As we walked along the brick sidewalks of Celebration, Florida, Dud told me stories about his life and adventures he had along the way. After long conversation, we retired to our hotel room.

The next morning, waiting in the lobby for his shuttle to the airport, he said something to me I'll never forget.

"Thank you for listening."

I looked at him with a blank stare. He explained how most of the friends he could reminisce with had passed on, and he was left to reflect on many of his experiences alone. He chose to share memories with me during that trip, and I got to listen.

I relive this moment often and started reflecting on it differently today. I considered Dud's relationships and interactions throughout his life and how much they meant to him—his childhood, his time in the U.S. Army, and his Phi Psi experience on the University of Arizona campus. Dud found connectedness and belonging in those spaces with the people who occupied them. I could hear it in the stories he shared.

Among Maslow's Hierarchy of needs is connection (love) and belonging. We seek connectedness throughout our lives from the time we are born until the day we die. We find it through family, friends, coworkers, parishioners, teammates and fraternity brothers. Its experiences we reveal through the conversations we have, the journeys we share, and the trust we place in others.

Not everyone gets to satisfy this fundamental need. Finding a sense of connectedness can be difficult for those who are reserved or suffer from social anxiety. While social media and virtual communication emerged as a supplement, it has presented significant limitations in building community. And as I learned in 2007, those who outlive their peers face challenges filling the void where loved ones once stood.

A 2019 Cigna survey of over 10,000 people in the workplace showed that 79 percent of Gen Z, or adults in the 18 to 22 age group, and 71 percent of millennials say they're lonely. According to the National Council on Aging, "loneliness impacts 20 million older adults and can go hand in hand with social isolation."

In this issue of *The Shield*, we've highlighted experiences of connection and belonging — a trip with chapter brothers, advice and support to find new direction in life, and a Phi Psi ring identified with the remains of an unidentified army lieutenant. These stories remind us of the sense of connectedness and belonging that we find in Phi Kappa Psi.

Dud passed away early in 2011. I'd see him and speak with him on the phone several times over the next four years, but we never had the opportunity to talk like we did in 2007. While I'll never get to reminisce with Dud like that balmy summer in Florida, I'm glad I had someone to share it with. I am certain that Dud's issue of *The Shield* shows up right on time, addressed to the pearly gates. So, Dud, if you're reading this, I just want to say, "Thank you for sharing."

**Conjugati Amicitia,  
Vindicate Honore,  
Et Ducti Vero,  
Vivimus et Vigemus.**

***United By Friendship, Sustained By Honor, And Led By Truth,  
We Live and Flourish***

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"On Your Own Doesn't Have to Mean Alone: How to Help Older Adults Stay Socially Connected," May 4, 2022  
[ncoa.org/article/staying-socially-connected-can-stave-off-isolation-and-loneliness](https://ncoa.org/article/staying-socially-connected-can-stave-off-isolation-and-loneliness)



# MEMBER MILESTONES

*Celebrating the talents and achievements of our members, our expanded Member Milestones section includes thrilling Phi Psi stories. Overcoming great odds, running that race, excelling in academics or welcoming a newborn are within. And these are only the ones we know about! Let us know your story, too.*

Brother Cassia is a 2023 inductee in the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame.

## FEARLESS FROM THE START

**Dennis R. Cassia Case Western Reserve '71** wished to fly and earned his piloting license in 1970. He'd have enlisted, but the Air Force turned him down for poor eyesight. Luckily, Dennis enjoyed plummeting out of planes as much as flying them, becoming a trained jumpmaster to teach others the thrill of skydiving.

The Pleasantville, N.Y. volunteer fire company gained a new firefighter in 1975 when then high school science teacher Cassia joined their crew. That began a fearless 48-year career. Cassia rescued people from airplane crashes, floods and hungry flames. He rose to the roles of captain, second assistant chief and chief's aide in Monroe, Connecticut. Whether he rode the clouds or clutched the back of fire engines, the thrill of teaching and serving others was not the last of Cassia's surprises.

Cassia also became an adjunct professor of chemistry at the University of New Haven, worked many years with HazMat, and even taught National Fire Academy courses on the chemistry of hazardous materials.

Cassia met his wife, Kim, at a firehouse volleyball event, and they married in the early 90s. Kim also has a successful emergency services career and is Monroe, Connecticut's Director of Community and Social Services. She nominated Cassia for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame, an honor he received at a dinner on April 6, 2023.

Dennis R. Cassia now enjoys retirement after a highly awarded and colorful career.

## ENGINEERING FEAT

In March 2023, **Josh Laue Beloit '22** was part of a team of students that had the privilege to compete in the Make48 national competition, after being awarded first place in the Beloit regional event. Make48 is a nationally televised engineering competition in which a team is given 48 hours to brainstorm, design, prototype, market, and present a fully fleshed out idea for a new product. The theme of this competition was animal wellness. The show will air on This Old House Makers Channel in early October 2023. Visit [thisoldhouse.com/makers-channel](https://thisoldhouse.com/makers-channel).

Josh is a junior, double majoring in Physics and 3-2 Engineering. He has served as the chapter's Philanthropy Committee Chair and Messenger. Brother Laue joined Phi Psi because, "I took a leap of faith and showed up to a Rush event, and I found a complex group of young men finding their way through the world, and I wanted to be a part of that." After initiation, Josh enjoys watching new brothers get comfortable in the space and become part of the larger circle.



Brother Laue (far right) with his Make48 team



# STUDENT FILMMAKER AWARDED

By Felicia Swartzenberg (Reprinted with permission from RIT)



Tayton T. Troidl (right) at the award ceremony in New York City.

Tayton T. Troidl *RIT '18*, a fifth-year film and animation student, received the inaugural award for Best Documentary Student Filmmakers: East Region at the Directors Guild of America (DGA) Student Film Awards. The award ceremony celebrates African American, Asian American, Latino, and women student directors, giving winners a national spotlight as well as a \$2,500 cash prize to fund future projects.

Troidl received the award for his capstone documentary, "A Life in Boxes." The film follows Troidl's journey as he discovers the truth about his father and the life he led. By interviewing his father's family members, friends and neighbors, Troidl discovers the truth behind the man and comes to understand more about his own life and relationships. Troidl shared that he is honored to be part of DGA history by receiving the first award in this new category.

*Update: Troidl's documentary has been shown at the historic George Eastman Dryden Theatre and at Rochester Fringe Fest inside of the Little Theatre. He's still waiting to hear back from multiple festivals in the fall.*



## DIGGING PALEONTOLOGY

The world began as a bizarre and alien place — home to terrifying creatures, captivating flora, and cataclysmic geological activity. Senior Noel Oullette *Allegheny '21* started searching for fossils from this era at age ten, and was sharing his finds with others by age 15.

"I constantly make an effort to teach the people around me about my passion. This includes my Phi Psi brothers, who take interest in my distinct fixation, asking all kinds of questions, both silly and serious, along with showing their support by joining the audiences at these arrangements," Oullette said.

Hunting the windswept badlands of the American West, Oullette grows his knowledge of 'the-world-before' with every rocky find. Ravines and hoodoos shadow a landscape littered with prehistory's bones. While gargantuan dinosaurs are cool, it is the smaller mammals that could have lived beside tyrannosaurs, or the triceratops trampled plants that spark his interest more. Smaller beings and fauna are invaluable in fully understanding the ecosystem, and there's no shortage of mystery.

Oullette is now part of the Paleo in the Parks Fellowship, a joint endeavor between the National Park Service and the Paleontological Society.

"One of things I love most about the field of paleontology is that we have only scratched the surface in our understanding of ancient life," he said. "I am incredibly honored to have this opportunity and plan to continue making strides in this amazing field of science."



## TOTALLY CUBE-ULAR!

Life's puzzling, but David Simon *Butler '23* started solving the Rubik's cube puzzle almost 10 years ago.

Everything clicked into place when Captain Cuber's parents picked him up from camp — and he solved his first cube in 5 minutes! Now, David scores an 8.20 second time with an average of 14 seconds to solve a cube.

Christmas Eve 2020, and David's dad, Jim Simon, was raving about Tik Tok again. Jim loved the popular social media and showed his son a video of someone solving a Rubik's cube with two million views.

"You have to do this!" Jim said.

That night, they filmed a video of David solving a cube.

The Simons awoke Christmas morning, and Santa had visited the Tik Tok algorithm with 12 MILLION VIEWS on David's video.

David now plays with the social media platform under the name Captain Cuber and takes on bigger puzzles. As in giant Rubik's!



# LEADERS AMONG LEADERS

"BE IT RESOLVED: that The Order of Omega urges each member chapter to make every effort to educate its members and the members of its fraternity and sorority community regarding principles of human decency."

Brother Felix Celestino *UIC '21* and 30 other Phi Psi's joined the Order of the Omega: a society that recognizes and brings together fraternity men and women who promote community and exhibit leadership qualities. Criteria for entrance include character, scholarship, offices held in Greek organizations, service to the Fraternity/Sorority community, and service to the university community as a whole. Members of this society are eligible for scholarships and have access to broader discussions and movements within the Greek world.

Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi often become leaders, and the Order of the Omega honors the leaders among leaders. We applaud these individuals and their contributions as champions of equality, their studies, and their community.

**For the 2022-23 academic year, the following Phi Psi chapters had members who were initiated in the Order of Omega:**

## **Alabama Alpha - Alabama**

*Jack Stallings '22*

## **Florida Alpha - Florida State**

*Gabriel Shatunovsky '21*

## **Illinois Delta - Illinois**

*Landon Wellendorf '22*

## **Illinois Eta - SIUE**

*Luke LeQuatte '20*

## **Illinois Theta - UIC**

*Felix Celestino '21*

## **Indiana Eta - Valparaiso**

*Luke Martin '21*

*Kobe Hayward '20 \**

## **Iowa Alpha - Iowa**

*Michael Sullivan '21*

## **Iowa Beta - Iowa State**

*Camden Lloyd '21 \**

*Quinlan Stewart '21 \**

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

*Joseph Casey '18*

## **Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss**

*Jacob Greenwald '20*

## **Ohio Theta - Ashland**

*Jacob Cain '19*

*Gabriel Del Valle '20 \**

*Tyler Donley '20*

*Robert Krzeminski '21*



Left to right: Brian Sarad *UIC '21*, Felix Celestino *UIC '21* and Esteban Andres Romero Balderon *UIC '22*

## **Ohio Eta - Toledo**

*Zachary Jones '21*

*Connor Addison '21*

*Paul Martin '20*

*Jacob Partington '19*

## **Ohio Nu - Ohio**

*Isaac Davis Ashland '21*

*(note: graduated from Nu, initiated at Theta)*

## **Pennsylvania Phi**

*Paul Harris '21*

*Adam Velazquez '20*

*Pablo Diaz '20*

## **Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island**

*Jack Watson '21*

*Seamus McGrath '21*

*Jordan Schoen '21*

*David Nitschke '21 \**

*Jared Hewitt '21 \**

## **Texas Zeta - Houston Christian**

*Johnny Hoy '20 \**

## **West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia**

*Jordan Carrier '22*

### **These gentlemen also were scholarship recipients:**

Gabriel Del Valle - National District Scholarship 2023

Johnny Hoy - Houston Alumni Association Scholarship 2022

Camden Lloyd - Iowa Beta Paul Troupe Emerging Leaders 2022

Quinlan Stewart - Iowa Beta Paul Troupe Emerging Leaders 2022

David Nitschke - Rhode Island Beta Chapter Scholarship 2021

Jared Hewitt - Rhode Island Beta Chapter Scholarship 2021

Kobe Hayward - Indiana Epsilon Chapter Scholarship 2021





## GOING THE DISTANCE



Murphy

Charlie Murphy *Indiana '21* is a junior from San Jose, California, majoring in finance. In March 2023, Brother Murphy completed a 4x4x48, which consists of a four-mile run every 4 hours for 48 hours straight.

Indiana Beta rallied around their brother's efforts to raise funds — and awareness — for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) research, knowing how personal

it was to him. Charlie's mother was diagnosed with primary progressive MS in 2001. She passed away from COVID-19 in June 2021. His mother requested monetary gifts in her memory to be allocated toward the Tisch MS Research Center in New York.

"It doesn't matter what hand life has dealt you. The only thing that matters is how you choose to respond to it," Charlie said.

And respond he did. "My mom went through a lot on a day-to-day basis doing the most basic things we all take for granted. She was the sweetest, most thoughtful human being God ever created, and she left a mark on everyone that knew her. I've always wanted to do something to honor her."

Record setting athlete, David Goggins, created the event that sent Charlie off running — literally. He knew two days of suffering would never compare to the years his mother struggled. "I know she'd be upset with me that I won't be able to walk after this, but she'll forgive me one day."

Finishing the 4x4x48, Charlie raised more than \$20,000 for MS research. (He went above and beyond by running 50 miles.) "I am incredibly blessed and thankful to have so much support, and I can't believe I've raised the amount I have for the one who deserves it more than anyone," Charlie said.

Charlie's perseverance and selflessness is admired by his chapter brothers, as well as his positive attitude and drive to make every day better than the day before.

"Thank you so much to everyone who donated and especially to my brothers at Indiana Beta for their support. LEDN."

## HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

By Ellenor Anderbyrne, Co-Director Beloit Career Channels  
(Reprinted with permission)

Daniel Mrzena *Beloit '19* supported the development of a transitional living project for Rock County in a year-long internship.



Mrzena

How do people get from homelessness to stable housing? As Brother Mrzena learned, it takes more than just a house. It takes a community partnership.

Daniel spent his senior year working with Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois in Beloit, Wisconsin, to advance a plan to build an 18-unit apartment building with a 79-unit childcare center to support families transitioning toward stable housing and self-sufficiency. In this opportunity made available through the Duffy Community Partnership program, Daniel worked with a diverse group of partners in Beloit, advocated for \$6 million in public and private funding, supported the purchase of a retired elementary school and organized with volunteers to clean the property.

"Through this project I found myself in a position to make a difference. A difference which would not have been possible without the support of my chapter advisor, *Ian Thomson '00*, and by my chapter brother, *Aaron Holzmueller '19*, who kickstarted this project months before my involvement," Daniel said.

Regularly, Daniel would walk into the chapter house and discuss his work with his brothers. They helped him look at solutions differently so he could maintain an unbiased view. "Brothers with such varied majors provided a sounding board to help me launch myself into every conversation."

At the 2023 Beloit College Student Research Symposium, Daniel presented his work over the last year, and shared his reflections on community-based learning. "I learned what makes a good society. Community."

*What's your latest victory, project, hobby, venture or accomplishment?*

*Come on, toot your own horn!*

*Or at least your brother's ...*



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YOUR  
NEWS!**



# PRIME TIME HOME CHEF REPRESENTS

Kyle Hopkins *Kansas '00* once told his son, Teddy, 'You can do hard things.'

To audition for "MasterChef's United Tastes of America," Hopkins cooked a perfect pork chop with horsefeather apple sauce for Gordon Ramsey. His dish earned him an apron and a spot on the show to represent the Midwest! Kyle revealed his son had slipped him a note the night before. It read in blue scrawl: "You can do hard things."

A State Fair Food challenge inspired Hopkins to serve delectable beer-battered lobster fries and tarragon vinaigrette dressed fennel. Chef Ramsey remarked how hard it is to achieve well-fried lobster, winning Kyle an immunity pin for the next round.

Hopkins enjoyed his immunity and the privilege of assigning the other teams to use apples in a 'savory' or 'sweet' application. Kyle's shrewdness in choosing savory for his squad and sweet for the opposition led the Midwest to victory.

The show heated up for serving a firehouse full of first responders. Like any true Midwesterner, Kyle can grill. Teaming up with the South and assigned to the fiery grates, Kyle roasted the competition and helped his group to yet another win.

For the Birds of a Feather round, a formerly friendly South threw shade by disadvantaging the Midwestern team with a 10-minute delay. Despite the time constraint, Midwestern nice and Hopkin's culinary acumen carried the team onward.

Then, the United States of Cake episode layered baking madness onto our Phi Psi chef. A Western chef identified Hopkins' skill as a threat and assigned him the ever-challenging Meyer lemon cake. Spoiler alert, it wasn't a piece of cake. While this round took Kyle out of the challenge, Phi Kappa Psi congratulates Kyle on making it to the top 15 cooks on "MasterChef." We cannot wait to see what he will do next and are so proud of him for doing hard things!



Photo: FOX

*Garfunkel, Ray Charles, the Righteous Brothers, closed-circuit television boxing matches, "Hair," "My Fair Lady," "Grease," "A Chorus Line," and dozens of others. In his private practice, which served the Hartford, Connecticut area, Spear specialized in matrimonial law.*

## Georgia Alpha - Georgia

**Robert W. Roller Jr. '76** was inducted into the Jackson County Parks & Recreation Hall of Fame for leadership in youth sports. Brother Roller is still coaching — 46 years and counting — high school cross country as well as track and field.

## Illinois Zeta - DePaul

**Stephen Hall '19 (Illinois State '86)** and the members of the Illinois Zeta Chapter hosted the second annual Professional Development Workshop. They have a website devoted to the venture, which was initially designed just for alumni to RSVP for the event. Post-workshop, the site was turned into a resource, housing featured presentation videos and session slide decks.



## Illinois Theta - UIC

Chapter Vice President **Felix Celestino '21** was initiated into the Order of Omega and received the FSL Chancellors Student Service award, along with Brother **Zach Smith '20**. Celestino also won the Outstanding Community Activism Award.

Brother **Karim Hummos '22** received first place in the Hackathon event hosted at UIC.



## Alabama Alpha - Alabama

In April 2023, four brothers, **Will Cedro '21, Gabe Gros '21, Collin Hladik '21, and Ari Kemperas '22**, participated in the Tuscaloosa Gauntlet benefiting the Alabama Marines Foundation. The race is approximately 5K, featuring 20+ obstacles, including a Marine regulation O-Course.

## California Epsilon - UCLA

In December 2022, the University of Texas girls' volleyball team won their

fourth National Championship. Brother **Erik T. Sullivan UCLA '91** has spent 12 seasons on the Texas volleyball staff. He has helped the program compile 292 total wins, 10 Big 12 Championships, six NCAA Final Four appearances, 10 NCAA Regional Final (Elite 8) appearances and the 2012 National Championship.

## Connecticut Alpha - Trinity

**H. Dyke N. Spear Jr. '56** was selected by Who's Who for an Executive Spotlight, recognizing his more than five decades of diverse experience in the fields of legal service and the performing arts. Concurrent with his law practice, Spear was a theatrical producer for more than 1,200 national touring Broadway productions and concert attractions across 300 cities in the U.S. and Canada. Some of the shows included: *Simon &*

## Indiana Alpha - DePauw

**Elijah Hales '20**, a recent graduate and member of the Tigers basketball squad, has been selected as the 2023 Phil Eskew Award recipient as DePauw's top senior male student-athlete. Presented annually, the award honors a senior male student-athlete who best exemplifies effort and excellence in academics, athletics, leadership, integrity, dedication to the team, campus involvement and community service. An economics major, Hales graduated summa cum laude and was both a Phi Beta Kappa (academic honor society) and Chi Alpha Sigma (honor society for collegiate student-athletes) inductee. He was DePauw's NCAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for having the highest cumulative GPA through seven semesters. Brother Hales was a three-year member of the Indiana Alpha's executive board.



## Indiana Gamma - Wabash

**Ethan Stonis '19** broke two Wabash College all-time lacrosse records — for most goals and most points (goals + assists) scored in a single season.

**Derek Miller Wabash '20** was selected as Fraternity President of the Year.

**Tobey Condon '22** earned a U.K. Fulbright Summer Institute (UKSI) placement to study at Aberystwyth



University in Wales. A native of Menands, New York, Condon is the first Wabash student to earn a Fulbright Summer Institute placement. Brother Condon's participation

includes a three-week cultural and academic program — Identity and Nationhood Summer School. In selecting the 60 participants for the UKSI, the Fulbright Commission looks not only for

academic excellence but also a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated ambassadorial skills and a plan to give back to the recipient's home country upon return.



**Cole Asbury '20** and **Nickolas Roberson '20** had the pleasure of studying in Greece as part of an immersion course during spring 2023 semester.

**Terry G. Fewell '59** celebrated 60 years of marriage to his wife, Johanna, July 15, 2022.

## Indiana Delta - Purdue

**Alexander G. Romero '92** was recently promoted to Senior Director of Cross-Cloud Services at VMware. Brother Romero will lead the global product marketing team.

## Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

**Zach Albers '04** was honored by the NIC with an Advisor Award of Distinction for his work as a chapter advisor for Indiana Epsilon.



The chapter and individuals received several 2022-23 FSL Awards, including: **Aidan Obermueller '22** - Outstanding Fraternity Emerging Leader; **Nick Wolf '22** - Intramural Player of the Year; **Nathan Janke '21** - Outstanding Fraternity Chapter President; Most

Improved Chapter; the Roy Austensen, Ph.D. Award for Excellence in Campus Involvement; and the Excellence in Community Service and Pillars of Excellence.

## Indiana Iota - Ball State

Brother **Lukas Bluhm '21**, received the IFC award for Outstanding Community Servant and Brother **Jaryd Wright '19**, was awarded the Outstanding Chapter President. The chapter was recognized, too, with Most Service Hours.

## Iowa Alpha - Iowa

**Iowa Alpha Chapter** received the IFC Chapter of the Year Award as well as the Philanthropy and Community Service Award and the Risk Reduction and Management Award.

## Iowa Beta - Iowa State



**Brothers Gannon White '19** and **Jack White '21** served as executive committee members for Blood Drive, one of the largest student-run blood drives in the country. In March 2023, they were featured on the Nebraska and Iowa Red Cross Official Blog.

For the second year in a row, **Iowa Beta** received a President's Award for Fraternal Excellence. Only five chapters out of more than 50 from the Greek community receive this award. **Tyler Mills '20** accepted the IFC programming award for social justice, and **Gannon White '19** received the Director's Award for consistent overall support of the Greek community.

## Kansas Alpha - Kansas



Brother **James M. Wimsett IV '04** and his wife Brei welcomed baby girl, Collins James, into this crazy world, May 7, 2023.





Rellihan



Koepsel



Love

**Andrew J. Rellihan '04** and his wife welcomed baby No. 4 into the world March 21, 2023. Katherine Louise and mom are doing great. Rock Chalk!

**Dr. David R. Koepsel '01** and his wife, Alysia, welcomed a second precious baby girl into the world. Madison Jane was born February 2, 2023.

**William M. Scully III '65** was named the 2023 USD 250 Distinguished Alumnus.



Since 1998 this annual award has been given to Pittsburg (Kansas) High School graduates who have distinguished themselves through their work, personal accomplishments

or in the lives of others. These individuals serve to inspire our students to greater achievement. Scully retired in 2017, but he continues to serve as an educational consultant and substitute teacher. Scully and his wife, Alisa, live in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

**Dr. Nicholas R. Love '15** and his wife, Kelsey, welcomed Blakely Kate into the world on June 12, 2023.

### Louisiana Alpha

**Edward Vinson '02**, who also graduated from The Julliard School (in tuba), accepted an invitation to join the Local 802 of the Associated Federation of Musicians. (The largest local union of professional musicians in the world, the goal of Local 802 is to uphold the integrity of live musical performance and to advance the vital role of music in the economic, cultural, educational and social life of our community and beyond.)

### Louisiana Beta - UL Lafayette

**Ayush Deshpande '21** traveled to India over the summer for an internship with the Raah Foundation, an organization devoted to empowering tribal communities in Western India. Part of his work included helping to improve water access to a rural area experiencing drought.

### Maryland Delta - Towson

In May 2023, **Anthony Saporito '22**, was awarded a Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum Scholarship, given to students with high academic performance and active interest in the field of Information Technology. For Brother Saporito, a computer science major with a cyber operations track and a minor in Italian, the scholarship not only reduces his tuition expenses, but also enables him to pursue additional cybersecurity certifications.

### Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

**Brandon Stevens '96** is an award-winning corporate chef, having received three American Culinary Federation (ACF) awards: 2016 ACF Akron Industry Chef of the Year; 2018 ACF Akron-Canton Chapter Chef of the Year and ACF Cleveland Chapter President's Award.

### Missouri Beta - Westminster

**Terry Logue '74** is a retired collegiate athletic administrator, assistant professor of athletic administration and sports history and sports publicist. Logue was inducted into the Westminster College Athletics Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and the Missouri Military Academy Alumni Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement in athletics.

### New York Alpha - Cornell

**Andrew Weinberg '95** is one of the



Brothers Enright, Lucsczynski and Gomez

executive producers of a TV series. "Jury Duty," a semi-improvised docu-style comedy, originally aired in April 2023 and is available on Amazon Freevee. The series also was nominated for an Emmy Award.

### New York Beta - Syracuse

**Michael Z. Tamir '21** did a summer internship with The Anton Group at Marcus & Millichap in New York City. Brother Tamir was able to make this connection through the Explore program in January 2023. He is grateful to Phi Psi staff and alumni volunteers for this opportunity.

### New York Iota - Binghamton

Brothers **Chris Enright '20**, **Devon Gomez '22** and **Anthony Lucsczynski '22** attended the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) national convention in Phoenix, Arizona in March 2023. Apart from attending educational seminars, they had the chance to network with both peers and professionals in the industry, gaining valuable insight and knowledge.

### North Carolina Alpha - Duke

**Charles P. Clutts '58** serves as an advisor to a national group that supports people suffering from peripheral neuropathy.



Brothers Addison and Jones

### Ohio Alpha – Ohio Wesleyan

**Joseph P. Costabile '74** retired from the Navy Reserves after 28 years of service. He has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Surgery for Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Health System in Camden, New Jersey.

### Ohio Beta – Wittenberg

**Richard A. Frye '67** received the Ohio Common Pleas Judges' Association's Golden Gavel Award, marking his retirement as a judge. Brother Frye served on the bench for 18 years in Franklin County, Ohio.

Chapter President **Cole Lewis '21** was named Fraternity Man of the Year in April 2023.

The family of **Dr. James B. Birch 1918** recently donated photos, diplomas, certificates and rare books — two of which were published in 1551 and 1607 — to the University's Special Collections archives in Thomas Library. Brother Birch's father, Dr. Thomas B. Birch, a philosophy professor, served on the faculty from 1908-37. For more than four decades, the Birch family has maintained a connection with the university and continues to share a rich history.

### Ohio Epsilon – Case Western Reserve

In February 2023, the Greek Life Office presented the Giortaste Awards, an annual ceremony recognizing members of the Greek community for their outstanding contributions and achievements throughout the year. (The Greek word, 'giortaste' means celebration.) Brother **Vinayak Sharma '19** received the Glenn Nicholls Character of Distinction Award.

Congratulations to **Robert P. Meissner '50**, who is celebrating 70 years of marriage to his high school sweetheart.



Milos

### Ohio Eta – Toledo

Brother **Connor Addison '21** was inducted into the Mortar Board National Honor Society, and Brother **Zach Jones '21** was just initiated into the Order of Omega.

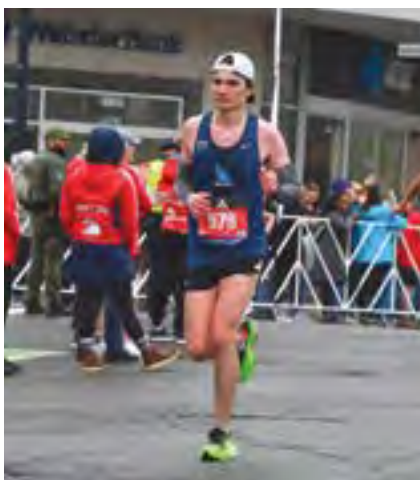
### Ohio Iota – Akron

**Mario Milos '22** was accepted into the Sigma Lambda Honorary. Sigma Lambda (ΣΛ) is put in place to honor what they consider the top one percent of freshmen at UA who demonstrate outstanding service and leadership in the residence halls.



### Ohio Mu – Dayton

Brother **Ben Thomas '22** was elected Student Government Association President.



**Liam Row '22** ran the Boston Marathon in April 2023.

### Ohio Nu – Ohio

**Jake Engel '22** and **TJ Green '22** were inducted into the Schey Sales Centre



Brothers Engel and Green

Program. They completed a 16-credit-hour sales certificate, which included a sales internship along with cross-disciplinary courses. Admission is highly competitive, and students must apply for this interdisciplinary classroom experience.

**Matt Kifle '12** was honored by the NIC with an Advisor Award of Distinction for his work as chapter advisor for Texas Alpha.

### Ohio Pi – Denison

**Oliver Gignoux '20** was awarded the ACCHL Scholar Athlete of the Year for his contributions on and off the ice.

In May 2023, **Jesse Felker '20**, was elected as the 2023 Recent Student



Trustee, a key part of Denison University's Board of Trustees. Two trustee positions are reserved for recent students, who are asked to maintain a connection with and represent the current student body. Each

year, a new Recent Student Trustee is selected from the graduating senior class to serve a two-year term. In this way, there is always one new and one experienced Recent Student Trustee, and the two have an opportunity to work together to bring helpful perspectives to the work of the board. Brother Felker will serve in this role for two years while teaching secondary chemistry in New Orleans as a member of Teach For America.





Gignoux

**Charlie Fleming '20** was nominated by the North Coast Athletic Conference for the Division III Commissioners Association (D3CA) Men's Sport Student-Athlete of the Year award. The award honors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership. Brother Fleming graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.86 cumulative grade point average, earned Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Communicators and was named to the NCAC Academic Honor Roll three times.

#### Oregon Alpha - Oregon

In February 2023, President **Ryan Vandenberg '23** attended the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values West conference, representing Phi Psi as part of FSL at the University of Oregon. He was praised by the Director of FSL, Caitlin Roberts, as one of the most engaged and impressive presidents she has worked with in her 22 years of experience with fraternities and sororities.



Brothers Poris and Abraham

Brother Vandenberg was presented with a special commendation from the Executive Council on March 4, 2023. He also is the recipient of the prestigious 2023 Fraternity Man of the Year Award! This award recognizes a man who shows leadership and the values of his Fraternity.

#### Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

Three chapter brothers and their spouses celebrated more than 50 years of Phi Kappa Psi brotherhood with a trip to Italy in June 2023. In Tuscany, they stopped at the vineyard of Brother **Robert Buly '75**. Pictured at the beautiful BULI Estate are Pat Mollick, **John Mollick '73**, Debbie DeMay, **Ronald DeMay '73**, Jane Monkhouse and **Mark Monkhouse '71**.

#### Pennsylvania Sigma - SJU

President **Dylan Poris '21** took home the SGA Award for Leadership at University City, a testament to his hard work and outstanding passion for his roles on campus. Vice-President **Kevin Abraham '21** won the SGA Award for Scholarship at University City.



Penn State travelers

#### Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island

**Paul S. McBride II '77** has worked at Breakthru Beverage for 35 years and is a top salesman in Maryland. His efforts have been rewarded with recent trips to Napa and Washington state. Although he loves his job, Brother McBride plans to retire in 2024.

**Colin Leclerc '21** recently completed his training at Fit 2 Serve (F2S) police academy. He is looking forward to serving in Narragansett or Warwick.

#### Texas Gamma - Texas State

**Kenneth D. Lind '72** has been retired for three years, enjoying life in the mountains of New Mexico, skiing, hiking, camping and fishing.



#### West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

The chapter won the 2022-23 IFC Intrafraternalism Award and **Payne Blankenship '20** received the Greek Man of the Year Award.

AFLV West attendees (left to right): Ben Smet Minnesota '21, David Nunn Minnesota '21, **Ryan Vandenberg Oregon '23** and Riley Johnson Oregon State '21







# Remains of Missing World War II Hero Found

By Mary Ann Thomas (Copyright ©, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 2023, all rights reserved. Reprinted with permission.)

William B. Montgomery was stunned when he received a call in January confirming that remains found along the English coast were those of his uncle and namesake, a World War II pilot whose plane was lost June 22, 1944.

"I just started crying," said Mr. Montgomery, 76, who lives in Georgia.

First Lt. William B. Montgomery *W & J '38*, a Washington & Jefferson College football star and later its baseball and track and field coach, was 24 when his plane went down.

"I couldn't believe 79 years and they found him," said Mr. Montgomery, who is his uncle's oldest living relative.

## Phi Psi Connection

A Zoom call with the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), floored Mr. Montgomery once again.

He was told that investigators had found a ring at the crash site,

the only personal effect of his uncle's that was discovered. Mr. Montgomery identified the ring from Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, where Lt. Montgomery had been the fraternity [chapter] president.

"It was a complete surprise when they gave it to me ..." he said. The agency sent a captain from Fort Benning to give him the ring.

Lt. Montgomery can be seen wearing the ring in an undated photo of him with the crew of his B-24H Liberator bomber, nicknamed "Wolf Pack."

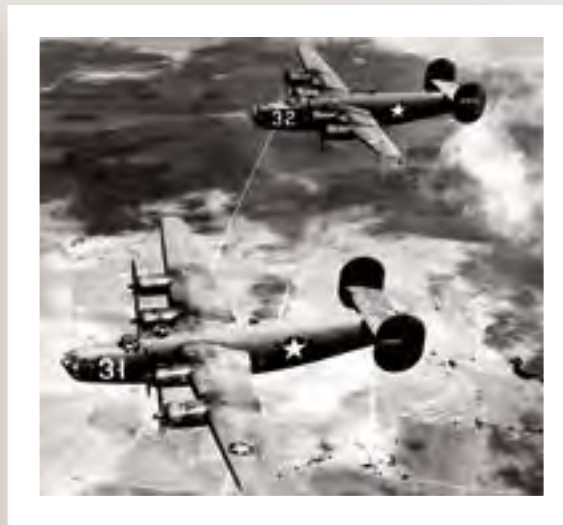
The ring is a little bent up but is an unexpected family treasure for Mr. Montgomery. He already had some of his uncle's military medals, including a Purple Heart, and more medals will be awarded during the funeral for his uncle.

"God bless the U.S. Army for finding my uncle. Who else would do that? It's phenomenal," he said. "It makes me proud."

His uncle's remains were identified at an Army forensic lab



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The Consolidated B-24 Liberators pictured here are similar to the plane Lt. Montgomery piloted.

and will be flown to Washington, D.C., for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We are allowed to be on the tarmac when they bring the casket off the plane and then he goes to a funeral home," Mr. Montgomery said.

## Mission and Recovery

Lt. Montgomery was assigned to the 844th Bombardment Squadron in the summer of 1944, according to a DPAA press release.

His nephew was unsure how many missions his uncle flew in Europe, but he had been in the Army Air Forces for nearly two years when his plane crashed.

After bombing a German airfield in France, Lt. Montgomery's plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Despite damage to the Liberator, Lt. Montgomery flew the plane to the English Coast then ordered his crew to bail out. Lt. Montgomery and two other crew members stayed aboard while seven other airmen parachuted out.

Some surviving crew members said they saw the plane crash into a farm field in West Sussex, England, according to DPAA.

The Army's American Graves Registration Command searched the area around the crash site but found no remains. The Army declared Montgomery as "non-recoverable" on May 10, 1950.

Mr. Montgomery said the death of the promising 24-year-old was a family tragedy that may have contributed to the early death of Lt. Montgomery's father, Charles T. Montgomery, an executive at Pittsburgh Plate Glass. He died less than a year after Lt. Montgomery's plane went down.

Although he never met his uncle, Mr. Montgomery heard the stories.

"My uncle was the best athlete of the family," Mr. Montgomery said. He was the quarterback and captain of W&J's football

team and earned varsity letters in football and track before graduating in 1942 with a political science degree.

"My dad and my Aunt Mary Montgomery [Lt. Montgomery's sister] just adored him," he said. Mr. Montgomery's father,

Thomas Braden Montgomery, was an Army lieutenant serving in Europe when his brother was killed.

"My dad didn't talk about the war that much, he just talked about the end of the war," Mr. Montgomery said.

Lt. Montgomery was identified because of renewed government efforts to find and confirm the remains of U.S. soldiers.

"Although the American Graves Registration Command did initially begin accounting [for] unknowns for WWII immediately after the war, we did not actively pursue WWII accounting efforts until 2010," said Ashley Wright of the DPAA.

An aviation archaeology group did some excavation at the crash site in 1974. The Telegraph of England reported that an amateur historian researched and pinpointed the crash site in the 1970s.

DPAA conducted an investigation and recovery mission at the site in 2017 and 2019. In June 2021, possible human remains and other evidence was uncovered. Using forensic science including mitochondrial DNA, DPAA identified Lt. Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery said investigators found fragments from his uncle's left arm and compared them to DNA from another family member.

The confirmation of Lt. Montgomery's remains allows for closure of his military service. A rosette, indicating that he is accounted for, will be placed next to Lt. Montgomery's name on the Wall of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Cambridge, United Kingdom.





# IN THE MILITARY

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



Pritchard

## Arizona Alpha - Arizona

**Dr. Corey Magyar (Carlson) '00** served for 20 years in the U.S. Army, Air Force. During that time, he was deployed overseas and achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel.

## Illinois Eta - SIUE

**David Pritchard '14** served in the U.S. Army from 2008-2013, achieving the rank of sergeant. He was deployed to Afghanistan and received the following commendations: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (5), NATO Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutist Badge.

## Illinois Theta - UIC

**Joseph Davey '08** has served since 2013 as an armor officer in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Ukraine, Korea and Europe and served as a paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne as a lieutenant. Brother Davey also served as a troop commander in the 1st Armored Division and is currently an Observer Coach/Trainer at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.



Gard



Raugh

## Indiana Beta - Indiana

**David Gard '87** served in the U.S. Navy from 1990-94, earning the rank of lieutenant. He was deployed to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf. Brother Gard served as Navy Supply Corps officer aboard USS Long Beach (CGN-9) with a homeport of Naval Base San Diego. He earned the Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

## Indiana Eta - Indiana State

**Jacoby R. Raugh '17** is a petty officer second class with the U.S. Navy. He has been serving since 2020. Brother Raugh is certified as a search and rescue swimmer.

## Indiana Iota - Ball State

**Aiden J. Medellin '18** is currently serving in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant with plans to continue until 2034. He has been deployed to Iraq and has received the following commendations: Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon (2), Indiana National Guard Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Army Ribbon (with Mobilization device), Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with one bronze leaf oak cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (with Bronze star device), Army Commendation Medal.



Davey



Medellin



Iffert



Cerda



Serrett

## Kansas Alpha - Kansas

**Dr. Thomas S. Helling '66** served in the Army Medical Corps from 1991- 2000, receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of lieutenant colonel. He completed various Army schools, including the Combat Casualty Care Course, Advanced Officer School, plus Command and General Staff College.

## Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

**Dana J. Iffert '89** served in the U.S. Army from 1986-92, achieving the rank

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Hintze (L) and Nelson (R)

of specialist. During his tour of duty, he earned the Army Achievement Medal, National Guard Achievement Medal and Recruiting Medal.

**Maxwell R. Nelson '19** served in the Navy ROTC at Minnesota and was commissioned May 21, 2023, as an ensign and student naval aviator. Brother Nelson was accepted for a master's program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Upon completion, he will head to Florida for flight training.

**Garret B. Hintze '21** also was commissioned May 21, 2023, as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

### Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

**Kyle Serrett '16** is currently serving in the U.S. Navy, has been deployed to the South China Sea and has achieved the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. Brother Serrett plans to serve until 2026.

### Nebraska Beta - Creighton

**Dr. Paul Schleier '74** served in the U.S. Navy, Air Force from 1988-2016, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was deployed to the First Gulf War, War on Iraq and to Guantanamo Bay. Brother Schleier was recognized with multiple medals and commendations, including: Meritorious Service Medal-3, Air Force Commendation Medal-3, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal-2, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Battle V for Valor under Combat or Direct Combat Support, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia).

### Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green

**Barry M. Pleska '70** served in the U.S. Army from 1972-74. Brother Pleska



Thornton

enlisted in the delayed entry program, where his assignment was to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps as an S-1/ Personnel Services staff member of Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He achieved the rank of Army specialist 4 and served as an acting sergeant. During the final seven years of his professional career, Brother Pleska served the United States military as his organization's quality engineering liaison to: The U.S. Department of Defense/ Defense Contract Management Agency; Lockheed-Martin Corporation; Sikorsky Aircraft; and The Boeing Company, supporting a variety of aircraft.

**Haldon C. Dick '55** served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1959-65 and achieved the rank of an E-5 sergeant. He was not called up during his enlistment but spent three years in an infantry unit, Fremont Company B, where he served as a company clerk.

### Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny

**Ethan Junkin '21** is a cadet with the ROTC with plans to serve until 2030. He was recognized at PennWest Edinboro as an Army ROTC Corps Commander.

### Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

**William J. Dowling '15** has served in the U.S. Marine Corps since 2017, during which he was deployed to Djibouti, Africa. He worked as a weapons and tactics instructor as well as a Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative. Sgt. Dowling received the following: Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism



Dowling



Junkin

Medal, Sea Service Deployment Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Air Medal and Air Crew Combat Wings.

### Texas Zeta - Houston Christian

**Daniel F. Cerda '09** has been serving in the U.S. Army since 2011. Currently a warrant officer (WO1), Brother Cerda has been deployed to Iraq three times and Afghanistan twice. He has earned three Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons and received multiple Army Accommodation, Achievement and Good Conduct Medals as well as the National Defense, Afghanistan Campaign, Inherent Resolve Campaign, and Global War on Terrorism Medals. He has also received an Army Service Ribbon and Basic Aviation, Air Assault and Master Parachutist Badges. Cerda plans to serve until 2032.

### Texas Eta - Texas A&M

**Christian Gordoa '22** served in the U.S. Navy from 2015-21. During his service, he was deployed overseas and achieved the rank of petty officer second class (E-5).

### Virginia Alpha - W & L

**Stafford E. Thornton '53** served in the U.S. Army from 1956-58 and was deployed to the Pacific and achieved the rank of corporal (E-4). Brother Thornton president emeritus of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and has served in several capacities at West Virginia University Institute of Technology (including an Honorary Doctor of Science degree), West Virginia University and the University of Virginia.







Gold Star Memorials, such as the one shown, have been established in many locations across the country.

# GOLD STAR EFFORT

By HQ Communications Staff

“It was like meeting superheroes,” Jaden Keuhner *W & L '21* said.

Keuhner’s father introduced him to incredible patriots at Walter Reed Medical Center as a boy. The commitment and sacrifice of these men and women left a permanent impression on Jaden. Retired Corporal Christian Brown and Keuhner became inseparable upon meeting. Keuhner recalls his mother’s alarm when Brown taught Keuhner to file a goose. But he also appreciates the fishing lessons and discussions on baseball the Corporal had with him. Brown’s road to friendship with Keuhner began when he attempted to save Lance Corporal Christopher Jacob Levy. His heroism earned Brown a silver star. However, after his rescue endeavor, Brown stepped on an explosive and lost his legs.

Brown introduced Keuhner to Amanda Sheek, the mother of Levy, and Levy’s brothers, Elijah and Payne Sheek. Levy’s relatives are now a Gold Star Family, which recognizes the sacrifice family members make when a loved one dies in the line of duty. The first-hand loss of a Gold Star Family, his childhood memories with veterans, and his mentorship with Brown inspired Keuhner.

Jaden Keuhner raised \$60,000 to build a memorial through the Gold Star Memorial Foundation. The Foundation has established monuments in many communities across the 50 states and U.S. territories and is proud to add another site. Keuhner studies biochemistry in anticipation of pursuing medical school. He is a junior varsity baseball player, a member of the Army ROTC program, and plans to commission with the U.S. Army next year.





# UNEXPECTED PA

By Ty Burns, Associate Director of Communications



Brothers Raul Salinas *Wabash* '98 and Eric Mueller *Oregon* '92 traveled different paths to arrive at their career destination in Willamette Valley, Oregon.



Salinas

I dial Executive Chef Raul Salinas *Wabash* '98... waiting, wondering with every toll of the ringer if he'll be a hot-headed kitchen prince like culinarians of old.

Would I confess I'm a culinary school dropout! like some "Chopped" pretender or "Hell's Kitchen" fanboy? If Gordon Ramsay teaches you anything, it's that chef is king. Do everything the chef commands to the tune of Yes chef, sorry chef, and you won't get burned.

My phone still sings the dial tone. When, to the surprise of one (me), the rolling brrrring is interrupted by a disarming and endearing, "Hey, man."

## Seeking Serene

"Just because you're in charge doesn't mean you have to be mean," Eric Mueller *Oregon* '92, says when I ask him about Chef Salinas. Mueller sits in a room lined with racks of inky wine bottles covering every wall. He is bright and bespectacled, his Zoom frame lit by Pacific skies outside his window.

Mueller says he worked as a dishwasher at fourteen, spraying schmeat and crumb from dinner plates and ramekins. He matured over his career like any good bottle, rising from dish tank to top-shelf director of wine. Then, a leap of faith landed him in the tasting room of Domaine Serene.

"Ten years and six promotions, and now [I'm] one of the vice presidents."

Any vintner will tell you that the environment around a bottle facilitates its graceful maturation. Mueller's story reminds me of

this through our conversation about his 1992 initiation as a Phi Psi, which seemed to change his atmosphere forever.

"I'm always in awe of other brothers, how they are men of consequence. People who have a meaningful impact on their community and families. When you're around people like that, it helps set your compass."

He's always been close with his brothers, though he admits he wasn't as involved in the Fraternity in college. When I ask about his chapter, Oregon Alpha, he informs me they lost their charter.

"If you want to create the young leaders of the future, you have to deal with what is current and what you're expecting (down the road), not what was."

With an unknown future ahead, and Phi Psi friends at his side, Mueller began work on rechartering Oregon Alpha. He created an advisory board and promoted the ideals of the Fraternity through philanthropy and a new mentoring program.

"The more you put in, the more you get out." Mueller smiles at me through the gray Oregon haze. He says the most enjoyable aspect of fraternity is the pure laughter from being around those you know so well.

But my thoughts return to the upcoming votes he'd need to reform his chapter.

## The Recipe

What did the wine-o think of the executive chef when they first met? I have the gumption to ask. "Bright and hard-working, [who]



# IRING



Mueller



The Foundation Board of Trustees meeting in March 2023 proved serendipitous for Mueller (third from left) and Salinas.

cares very much for his daughter,” Mueller says.

Salinas’ daughter’s name is a recipe like any chef’s creation. A dash of Helen, with a tablespoon of Eleanor, to make Eleanora. Salinas tells me so after the cool rasp of “Hey man” echoes from my phone speaker. He continues to explain that Eleanora means ‘sunshine,’ and his words make clear that her happiness is a beacon for Raul. But, before her guiding light came to his life, Salinas studied at Wabash College, where he became a Phi Psi at Indiana Gamma.

“Our fight song,” he says when I ask him about fond memories of the chapter. “I still have some really great friends from those experiences... They’re that solid moral baseline.”

Salinas graduated from CIA after attending Wabash and a stint in law school. CIA stands for Culinary Institute of America, by the way. It’s as prestigious in the American culinary sphere as what you first thought that acronym stood for. Domaine Serene Winery hired Salinas as executive chef in 2022, rising far from his sushi house beginnings. In the verdant Willamette Valley, where Domaine Serene raises grapes of pinot and chardonnay, Salinas met Mueller for the first time. They were entirely unaware of their Phi Psi connection.

When I ask Salinas about his impression of Mueller at that time, he describes him as a ‘straight shooter.’ “He just had that way about him, you know?”

I ask Mueller how he feels about working with a chef, and he says, “He gets the job done and does it in an efficient way. But yet does it in a caring way.”

Salinas worked with this compassion and professionalism for months when he realized Domaine Serene would host a Phi Psi event. The familiarity of both catering and Fraternity appearing in the strangest of places — his work calendar.

Chef marched to Mueller’s office. Striding through the door, Salinas said, “You’re a Phi Psi!”

Mueller stoically rose from his chair and closed the distance between him and Salinas.

And threw the *handshake*.

You know the one.

Salinas felt caught off guard by a gesture he’d not seen in over a decade. But his fingers knew the pattern, and Mueller’s comforting ‘way about him’ then made perfect sense.

The Oregon Alpha Chapter won back its charter on its 100th year anniversary, August 19, 2023! Eric Mueller’s goal is fulfilled and the maxim satisfied by undeniably serving others. Brothers of today and tomorrow will benefit from Mueller’s work.

Raul Salinas says he’s elated to reconnect with Phi Psi after years away from Fraternal family and continues excelling in ‘dad mode’ for Eleanora. His delectable career with Domaine Serene has only just begun.

These brothers arrived in Willamette Valley as men of consequence on different roads. It’s an honor to further connect them through Phi Kappa Psi.

# Phi Psi Brothers Reunite for Polar Adventure

By Leigh Hedger



A mentorship that began in the 1980s led to the ends of the earth — both ends, in fact — after two Phi Kappa Psi brothers completed a journey to the southernmost point on the planet.

Above: Fumich and Stoup skiing to the South Pole in January 2023. Below: Stoup and Fumich, brothers and adventurers



In 1987, Doug Stoup *West Virginia '83* served as pledge trainer for Frank Fumich *West Virginia '87*. After college, Fumich says they had lost touch for a while. “When I turned 30, I started running crazy races and adventures. I realized he was living in this world, was an expert in the field, and I reconnected with him. I signed up to have him guide me to the North Pole.”

Ten years later, their trek to the South Pole left Fumich dealing with frostbite on his thumb. This moved him one challenge away from completing the Explorer’s Grand Slam — climbing the seven highest summits on each continent and skiing to both poles. He has Mt. Everest left to conquer.

Fumich, whose day job is running an airline catering company, hadn’t started out with that goal.

After the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013, he ran three back-to-back marathons in honor of the tragedy’s three victims, raising \$26,200. To deliver the money, he and a friend took turns running and driving an RV from Washington, D.C., and they raised another \$80,000 for survivors.





Fumich (above) celebrates reaching his destination in 2023, while Stoup (right) is pictured from his trip in ten years earlier.

“People really got into it,” says Fumich, who lives in McLean, Virginia. “People would fill up our gas tank for free. Friends and total strangers joined us. It was an incredible experience.”

He continues frequently while raising money for charities. Over the last decade, he’s raised more than \$400,000 and taken on 100-plus marathons as well as ultra-marathons, a bike race across the United States, six-day self-supported desert races and high-altitude races, to name a few.

“During those hours when you’re just in your own head, I’ve solved the world’s problems many times over,” he said. “Unfortunately, I’m usually so tired, I forget it when I’m done. But no one’s learned anything about themselves sitting on a couch.”

The big thing he learned along the way: You’re stronger than you think you are, and you can go farther than you think you can.

For Stoup, their arctic journeys were part of the job. As a polar guide who runs an adventure travel company, IceAxe, this year’s trip marks bad food, maybe a stomach bug. After skiing for six days, I had to get pulled out. But I was able to meet them at the pole.”

In 1999, Stoup completed his first ski and snowboard descent of Antarctica’s highest peak. He loved it so much that two months later, he chartered a Russian research vessel and pioneered ski touring on the Antarctic Peninsula. In 2000, he led Miles Hilton-Barber, a blind adventurer, on a 62-day trek from the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole, raising money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People along the way. He has since branched out into a diverse range of adventure

expeditions to remote locales around the globe.

Conscious of the carbon footprint on these trips — from yachts, planes, helicopters, trains and other modes of transportation — he insists that his clients do some giving back along the way.

“I make my clients raise money for charity, telling them to choose something close to them,” Stoup says. “Frank, in parallel, decided to do the same thing.”

Stoup maintains the mindset of a mentor and is quick to acknowledge Fumich’s accomplishments. “It’s remarkable to watch his adventures — pushing the limits of human endurance for charities and causes he believes in. Sure, I do that, but not to that level — he’s amazing,” he says. “But we’re both professional sufferers. We suffer for a living.”

Calling Lake Tahoe home, Stoup also is involved as a mentor for Phi Psi brothers, helping them follow their passions, and he visits their Fraternity house at West Virginia University a couple of times a year.

“Phi Psi has helped me become a gentleman and someone who wants to be selfless,” he says. “That’s a strong point with Phi Psi, and I didn’t have that before.”

After 19 years in various word-based roles at The Indianapolis Star, Leigh Hedger switched from telling stories with words to telling stories with data as associate director of marketing analytics for the Kelley School of Business. An Indiana University alumna, she enjoys traveling the world in pursuit of craft beer, rolling out the barrel in a polka band, and experimenting to see whether a tragic gardener like herself can grow peanuts in Indiana.



## A PERSONAL JOURNEY: Discovering the Depths of Academia and Beyond

By Andy Wong W & L '21

Stepping onto the historic grounds of Magdalen College as a visiting student at the University of Oxford, I embarked on a personal and academic journey that surpassed all expectations. Immersed in the realms of Mathematics and Philosophy, a community welcomed me that valued personal attention, fostering an environment that nurtured both intellectual growth and individual development.

The opportunity to study at Oxford was an honor, and being a part of Magdalen College further heightened the sense of privilege. The intimate setting allowed for close interaction with professors and scholars who truly cared about my academic progress. Through one-on-one tutorials and small group discussions, I delved into the intricacies of my chosen fields. We explored profound concepts and engaged in thought-provoking debates. This personalized attention not only deepened my understanding of the subjects but also ignited a passion for lifelong learning.

Beyond the confines of the classroom, I sought to embrace the wider Oxford experience. The thrill of representing the university as a member of the varsity basketball team was an opportunity I relished. Competing in a sport I loved while proudly donning the university's colors allowed me to forge connections with fellow students and embrace the spirit of healthy competition. Playing for the team instilled

a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship that extended beyond the court, creating lasting friendships and cherished memories.

While academics and athletics shaped my time at Oxford, I also ventured into the world of business and finance. Participating in the student M&A and Venture Capital clubs, I found myself immersed in real-world scenarios, pitching ideas and projects to industry professionals. The thrill of presenting our termly work and witnessing the validation of our efforts as my teams were awarded the best pitching teams for two consecutive terms was truly rewarding. These experiences not only honed my analytical and presentation skills but also broadened my perspective on the intersection of academia and industry.

As much as I embraced the academic and extracurricular opportunities, it was the quieter moments that held a special place in my heart. Walking through the serene deer park at Magdalen College, the tranquility enveloped me, offering a respite from the academic rigors. The soft rays of the setting sun painted a picturesque backdrop, allowing for introspection and moments of reflection. And when the day's work was done, gathering with friends at the local pubs, sharing laughter and stories, solidified the bonds we had forged during our time together.

Among the treasured experiences at Magdalen







Foster Piotrow '21, MD Anindo '21 and Eliot Rusk '21 spent the interim period in Senegal, where they learned about local history and the Wolof language.

## LAFAYETTE BROTHERS IN SENEGAL

By MD Anindo *Lafayette* '21

Senegal was an incredible experience for the three of us. From the moment we embarked on this journey, we knew it would be an adventure beyond compare. The opportunity to immerse in a third-world country's culture and daily life was both eye-opening and humbling. Before setting foot on Senegalese soil, we thoroughly prepared ourselves for what lay ahead. We researched the country, its people, and its history. Learning about Senegal's colorful heritage sparked our appreciation for the experiences ahead.

Upon arrival, the energy captured us and permeated the streets we walked. From markets bursting with vibrant fabrics, aromatic spices, and unique handicrafts. To the pulse of traditional music and dance, every moment tingling with sensory delight. A profound aspect of our trip was witnessing the lasting effects of African colonization. Visiting historical sites and museums, we gained a deep understanding of Senegal's path to independence; its people's resilience. Heart-wrenching and inspiring stories attest to resistance and how Senegal has thrived despite challenges.

As we interacted with the locals, their genuine warmth, generosity, and curiosity struck us. Conversations over meals with Senegalese families gave us insight into their lives and created meaningful connections. The sense of community moved us, strong family ties steeped into every aspect of Senegalese society.

Throughout our journey, we encountered breathtaking landscapes. From the golden beaches along the Atlantic coast to the vast expanse of the Sahel region. We ventured into the wilderness, exploring national parks, marveling at the diverse wildlife, and experiencing the country's raw beauty. Above all, our transformative trip to Senegal was a growing experience for us as brothers. It aided our sense of self and strengthened our bonds through navigating unfamiliar territory. Challenges, such as language barriers and cultural differences, became opportunities for personal growth and understanding.

In conclusion, our time in Senegal was more than a vacation — it developed into profound discovery and enlightenment. We observed national resilience, studied history, and grew to appreciate our shared humanity. Senegal will forever hold a special place in our hearts, reminding us of the power travel has to elicit broadened horizons and foster personal growth.

College, the formal hall dinners in the grand dining hall hold a place of distinction. Dressed in gowns and suits, we entered a realm of tradition and elegance. The ethereal voices of the choir filled the hall, setting the stage for an evening of intellectual discourse and camaraderie. The combination of formalities and conviviality created an ambiance that transcended time, making each formal hall dinner an unforgettable affair.

Studying abroad, particularly at Magdalen College, has left an indelible mark on my life. It provided me with a profound intellectual journey, nurtured personal growth, and allowed me to explore a range of interests and passions. The connections I forged, the knowledge I acquired, and the experiences I cherished have undoubtedly shaped the person I am today. Oxford is not just a place of academic excellence but a community that fosters personal connections, broadens horizons, and leaves an enduring imprint on those fortunate enough to be a part of it.

## HAVE YOU STUDIED OR TRAVELED ABROAD?

## SHARE YOUR STORY!



# ADVOCATING

## for the Future of Phi Kappa Psi and Fraternity & Sorority Life

By HQ Communications Staff

While most of their peers take in the last days of college life and prepare for exams, Max Nelson *Minnesota '19* and JD O'Keane *DePauw '20* join a select group. Every year, members of Congress and their staff meet with undergraduates, alumni, and members of fraternities and sororities to talk about issues related to Greek life.

The Fraternal Government Relations Coalition's (FGRC) annual Capitol Hill visit brings fraternities and sororities to Washington, D.C., where they advocate for legislation supporting the future of single-sex organizations. Phi Kappa Psi selected Nelson and O'Keane as representatives for their outstanding collegiate achievements.

On the hill, they each shared their Phi Kappa Psi experience and its lifelong impact. O'Keane says he owes much of his success to Phi Psi. "My brothers encouraged me to take on new opportunities and seek to develop myself academically, athletically, and professionally."

Nelson agrees. "Phi Psi has given me so much more than I could ever ask for during my four years as an undergraduate."

For Nelson and O'Keane, taking part in the Capitol Hill visit is a way to give back. O'Keane believes that "through our advocacy for the success of Greek life, we ensure that Phi Psi has the necessary support to provide incredible connections and experience to thousands of future brothers."

Nelson and O'Keane made time for this trip despite it taking them away from campus a few days right before graduation. Their college careers reflect their enthusiastic support for building community, the Fraternity, and the country.

Nelson held several roles in his 100-plus chapter, including Fraternity Educator and Chapter President. He also served the Navy ROTC at the University of Minnesota as the Command Master Chief and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the battalion's commanding officer. His visit to Washington, D.C., occurred weeks before he was commissioned as an officer (see *In the Military* on Page 20). He is enrolled in a master's program at the Naval Postgraduate School in California.





Left: Brothers Ransom and O'Keane. Center: Brothers Wheeler and Nelson. Right: U.S. Representative J. French Hill *Vanderbilt '76* (Arkansas' 2nd District) and Byron Cain *Vanderbilt '70*

Besides being an Economics and Political Science double major, O'Keane played as an offensive lineman for the DePauw football team. The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame awarded him membership in the Hampshire Honor Society, which includes 1,758 premier college football players. Entrance requires maintaining a 3.2 GPA or higher during their college football careers. O'Keane most recently served as the student body president and won election to the DePauw University Board of Trustees this year. He's a Walker Cup recipient, named after Guy Morrison Walker *DePauw 1887*. It awards a graduating senior with a passion for equity in education during their college career. O'Keane now serves as an analyst for BMO in Chicago.

O'Keane says his time representing Phi Psi in Washington, D.C., is something he will remember for decades to come. Nelson sees his visit as a once-in-a-lifetime experience and an absolute blast to represent Phi Psi on the Hill. "Hearing back from members of Congress and their staff saying they are sponsoring legislation that directly affects our Fraternity made all the hard work we put into it worth it."

Accompanying Nelson and O'Keane to Capitol Hill were Volunteer Director of Government Relations Byron Cain *Vanderbilt '70*, National Secretary Christopher Wheeler *Louisiana Alpha '01*, and Executive Director Ron Ransom *Butler '00*.

"I was able to meet other passionate public servants who share in Phi Psi's core value of 'Service to Community,'" reflects O'Keane. "If you are a Phi Psi with any interest in government or politics, I cannot recommend applying enough," Nelson said.

Undergraduates interested in participating in hill visits in 2024 should keep an eye out for more information in late fall of 2023.

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Watch for information on the 2024 trip and application dates to be announced soon.

# An Unmeasurable Marker for Success

## Former Jerry Nelson Award Recipient reflects on its impact

By Leigh Hedger

When the email popped into his inbox asking if he'd be willing to vet Jerry Nelson Award candidates, it gave Matthew Pavlovich *Nebraska '01* a lot to reflect on.

Flash back 20 years, he was one of the Phi Kappa Psi brothers applying for the scholarship, which was named for the Phi Psi Foundation Trustee behind the Chapter Scholarship Fund program. For Pavlovich, applying was a pivotal moment that changed the trajectory of his life.



Pavlovich

In high school, Pavlovich had been competitive in sports and wrestling. After he started at Creighton University he realized, "College can be pretty lonely. You study, wake up, study, sleep, study, maybe party a bit, study."

He decided joining a fraternity might be a way to build friendships and get that sense of camaraderie and community back. "It was a fairly new house at Creighton," Pavlovich said. "I could see how it was growing and where there was some room for improvement where I could help out." That inkling got him more involved, and he eventually became house manager.

At the same time, he was looking at career options. Between his freshman and sophomore year, he was considering transferring to Iowa on a wrestling scholarship.

"I had a friend who was ranked No. 1 in the nation, and I wasn't bad either," Pavlovich said. "I decided, all chips in — I'm going to transfer."

That's when his chapter president, *Peter Hession '99*, reached out about the Jerry Nelson Award. "He basically said he'd heard I might transfer — don't do that. Here's a scholarship that could help defray the cost of staying. So, I applied and somehow, miraculously, I got it."

By staying at Creighton, Pavlovich says he was constantly rubbing elbows with people who were "really motivated and super intelligent," studying to be doctors, dentists,

pharmacists and in other pre-professional programs.

"Upperclassmen in the fraternity were good silent mentors," he said. "When the people you interact with are so driven, you can't help but think: I should go study."

So, he began studying to become a dentist and, while he was at it, became his house's chapter president.

Today, Pavlovich owns PNW Dental in Bend, Oregon, where he lives with his wife and two children. And, he accepted that invitation to review the latest Jerry Nelson Award applicants.

After going through them, he said one thing jumped out about his top recommendations: It wasn't all about the grades. They were well-rounded, involved in philanthropy and in the Fraternity.

"I didn't really realize this when I was in school — how big a differentiator someone's whole body of work is beyond grades," he said. "It's always pounded in your head: Get good grades,

get good grades, get good grades. It hit me that you really need to be well-rounded to be a good applicant for anything and to set yourself apart from your competitors."

Twenty years ago, when he was mulling his own grades and thinking there's no way he'd get that scholarship, someone else had seen how his drive to become involved in his chapter and push for improvements made him stand out.

But he got even more out of it than a scholarship.

"I think something we talk to kids about is how going to college, being in athletics or in a

fraternity, those are things that teach you grit," he said. "It's an unmeasurable marker for success, personally and professionally. In a fraternity, you're living in a house with guys, and you realize you can't control what they're doing — only your own actions. It makes you accepting of world around you. You pick up good life lessons that give you the grit and determination to succeed."

And the camaraderie he was seeking stayed the course as well.

"Personally and professionally, on whims or in times of hardships, these guys that I lived with back then are the guys that I can still call on today."

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An Indiana University alumna, Leigh Hedger is the associate director of marketing analytics for the Kelley School of Business.



# Aid to the Less Fortunate

## 2023 Jerry Nelson Award Recipient pursuing personal passion

By HQ Communications Staff



Cheng

Motivated by the power of a life-defining personal connection, Matthew Cheng *Penn '22* is pursuing a career in the healthcare industry. His inspiration: his younger sister, Mattea, who lives with Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) and autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

“Mattea is why I want to dedicate my life to advancing healthcare.”

Brother Cheng is majoring in biology, finance and healthcare management. He volunteers with the Penn Autism Alliance (PAA), assisting with their tennis and dance programs, which are designed for children and young adults.

“I have been able to make a difference in their lives just by playing games or dancing together,” he said. “It has reminded me to continue appreciating the little things in life.”

Cheng has spent his years in college immersing himself in the world of healthcare, trying to understand perspectives from the research, medical and business angles. From his coursework, extracurricular activities and internships, he found that he was most interested in how healthcare can be improved through business.

The ability to connect science courses to the business world has sparked a love for learning that Cheng never experienced in high school. Beyond the classroom, he developed educational and career goals through real-world internship experiences.

During the summer of 2022, Cheng worked at Logos Capital, a San Francisco-based investment partnership that combines scientific and financial expertise with in-house clinical trial

analytics to identify transformative therapies in healthcare. At Logos, he interacted with management teams one-on-one, which opened his eyes to the world of medical discovery and innovation.

This past summer, Cheng completed a healthcare banking internship with Goldman Sachs in San Francisco.

The Creed resonates strongly with Cheng. “I recognize that being generous, compassionate, and loyal is not a static process; every day, I grow as an individual, friend and global citizen.” That growth helps him understand a variety of perspectives and to put himself in others’ shoes. “That is why the Creed states that we ‘pledge throughout our lives’ to uphold these traits, not just for short periods of time.”

Cheng lives the Phi Psi values, constantly looking for opportunities to achieve intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence. Add academic excellence to that, too!

A student who relies on 70% financial aid, Cheng is grateful to the Foundation Donors and Trustees for the scholarship not only to assist with his college expenses, but also to be recognized for things he cares deeply about — leadership, community service, and academic excellence.

“Through my sister, I have witnessed the limits of today’s healthcare system, and in college, I’ve taken every opportunity to learn the foundations for improving accessibility and advancing healthcare infrastructure. My life goal is to address the challenges that families like mine face and create a brighter future.”

To learn more about scholarships, go to: [pkpfoundation.org/scholarships](http://pkpfoundation.org/scholarships)



### ***Jerry Nelson UCLA '48***

*It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Jerry Nelson, Foundation Trustee. Jerry entered Chapter Eternal on July 17, 2023, at the age of 94. Brother Nelson was initiated into the California Epsilon Chapter in 1948, joined the Phi Psi Foundation's Board of Trustees in 1989, and was inducted into the Order of the S.C. in 1998.*

***A full tribute to Brother Nelson will appear in the next issue of The Shield.***



## Phi Kappa Psi Programming **BECOMING LIFELONG LEARNERS**

By HQ Staff

“He actually just texted me!” Justin Natalizio *DePaul* ’13 said, holding up his phone to show the notification from senior Michael Tamir *Syracuse* ’21. The Phi Psis met at our inaugural **Explore** externship when in-person programming returned in 2023. The pandemic limited face-to-face connections, forever changing so much, and Phi Psi’s programming is no exception.

It is a new day for Phi Psi programming; at its core, learning is essential. And the takeaway we *all* gained from the pandemic: We can find innovative ways to do so! We learned that online education works not only when in-person events are not feasible but also when we need to meet our constituents where they are.

Two new in-person programs materialized from that knowledge: **Explore** and **Campfire**. Additionally, existing programs were reimagined with a virtual twist — namely the hybrid new member education process, **Embark**, and officer and committee chairmen onboarding courses, **Ascend**.

The first iteration of **Explore** convened in New York City in January 2023. Eighteen students from 14 chapters attended three days of exposure and immersion into commercial real estate, architecture, and construction.

**Explore**’s driving force, John Pierce *Lafayette College* ’78, along with alumni volunteers such as Natalizio, presented undergrads with professional insights and facilitated meetings with host company leaders. The supporting curriculum contains tracks that concentrate on specific niches in the industry, allowing participants to engage with the leaders and businesses of their future fields.

Natalizio, a real estate professional, presented to the brothers

about brokerage. This appealed to Tamir and the two began exchanging emails following the trip to New York. Their interaction resulted in an internship for Tamir with Natalizio’s company, Marcus and Millichap, who hosted the event.

Reflecting on his career path, Natalizio said, “I’ve worked really hard, but I’ve gotten a lot of help. You can never forget that.” Volunteering at **Explore** was his way of paying it forward.

Tamir shared that no matter where his career leads, Natalizio “will always be a brother and a friend.”

The North American Interfraternity Conference recognized **Explore** with its Laurel Wreath Award for ingenuity and impact in June of 2023. This success prompted us to plan three future programs:

- ▶ November 6-8, 2023 / Minneapolis, Minnesota / Finance, Banking, Investment
- ▶ January 2024 / New York City / Corporate Real Estate
- ▶ Spring 2024 / Washington, D.C. / Law and Public Policy

By teaching our members the Phi Kappa Psi values at a chapter level, mentoring them and helping them emerge as leaders, we are equipping them for life. Not only in their field of interest but also in their desire to keep learning and to maintain the bonds of brotherhood.

Sparked to life by the Executive Council, HQ staff hosted **Campfire** in July 2023 at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference-inspired experience of **Campfire** allowed each chapter representative to discuss topics like facilitation skills, new member education, brotherhood development, fall semester recruitment and Ritual reviews.

Eighty-four students from 69 chapters attended, and six facilitators volunteered their time and expertise for three days.

One of the facilitators, Patrick Griffith *Wabash* ’07, shared, “What a treat to spend a few days with undergraduate brothers from across the nation. We talked about hyper individualism, lack of connection within community, and how to create a culture of belonging. After one day, I was invigorated to keep pouring into these young men.”

Guest speakers Sara Lowery and Dr. Louis Profeta enlightened attendees on the importance of belonging and substance abuse education. And Brother Troy Jaster *Tennessee* ’00 advised on the topic of time management.

“I found **Campfire** to be an extraordinarily valuable experience. Troy helped me become more productive in my everyday life,” Nathan Subrahmanian *Brandeis* ’22 said.

Dylan Conyers *Tennessee* ’21 said that he felt bad for (and maybe a little frustrated by) the chapters who were unable to send someone. “They really missed out!”

Focused on Mind, Heart and Soul — the whole person — programming will continue to grow and adapt to the changing needs of our young men, helping them build their networks and maintain strong relationships.

We are still learning. It is a lifelong commitment — sometimes a challenge but always a privilege — just like being a Phi Psi.



# CHAPTER NEWS

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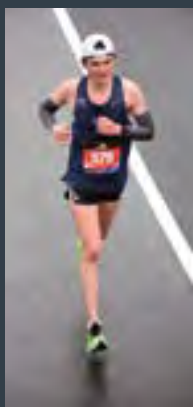


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## District I

Delaware Alpha - Delaware  
Massachusetts Beta - Brandeis  
New Jersey Beta - Monmouth  
New Jersey Epsilon - Rowan  
New Jersey Gamma - Rutgers  
New York Beta - Syracuse  
New York Theta - RIT  
New York Iota - Binghamton  
New York Kappa - Oneonta  
Pennsylvania Eta - F & M  
Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette  
Pennsylvania Iota - Penn  
Pennsylvania Sigma - SJU  
Pennsylvania Upsilon - Drexel  
Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island  
The College of New Jersey Colony - TCNJ

## District II

Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins  
Maryland Delta - Towson  
Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve  
Ohio Theta - Ashland  
Ohio Iota - Akron  
Ohio Nu - Ohio  
Ohio Xi - Capital  
Ohio Omicron - Muskingum  
Ohio Pi - Denison  
Pennsylvania Alpha - W & J  
Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny  
Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State  
Pennsylvania Rho - York  
Pennsylvania Phi - Lycoming  
The Ohio State Colony - Ohio State  
West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

## District III

Illinois State University Colony  
Illinois Delta - Illinois  
Illinois Zeta - DePaul  
Illinois Eta - SIUE  
Illinois Iota - Northern Illinois  
Illinois Theta - UIC  
Indiana Alpha - DePauw  
Indiana Beta - Indiana  
Indiana Zeta - Butler  
Indiana Gamma - Wabash  
Indiana Delta - Purdue  
Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso  
Indiana Eta - Indiana State  
Indiana Iota - Ball State  
Miami University Colony  
Michigan Beta - Michigan State  
Ohio Beta - Wittenberg  
Ohio Eta - Toledo  
Ohio Mu - Dayton  
Wisconsin Gamma - Beloit

## District IV

Alabama Alpha - Alabama  
Alabama Gamma - Huntsville  
Florida Alpha - Florida State  
Georgia Alpha - Georgia  
Georgia Beta - Georgia Tech  
Louisiana Alpha  
Louisiana Beta - UL Lafayette  
Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss  
Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee  
University of Kentucky Colony  
Vanderbilt University Colony  
Virginia Alpha - Virginia  
Virginia Beta - W & L  
Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech  
Virginia Theta - JMU

## District V

Colorado Alpha - Colorado  
Iowa Alpha - Iowa  
Iowa Beta - Iowa State  
Kansas Alpha - Kansas  
Minnesota Beta - Minnesota  
Minnesota Delta - Minn.-Duluth  
Minnesota Gamma - Minn. State-Mankato  
Missouri Alpha - Missouri  
Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska  
Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma  
Texas Alpha - Texas  
Texas Beta - Texas Tech  
Texas Epsilon - SF  
Texas Zeta - Houston Christian  
Texas Eta - Texas A&M

## District VI

Arizona Beta - ASU  
California Beta - Stanford  
California Epsilon - UCLA  
California Eta - Cal Poly  
California Gamma - Cal  
California Theta - CSUN  
California Kappa - UC Irvine  
California Lambda - San Diego State  
Oregon Alpha - Oregon  
Oregon Beta - Oregon State  
Washington Alpha - Washington



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# DISTRICT I

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**DELAWARE ALPHA - DELAWARE**

No chapter news was submitted.



**MASSACHUSETTS BETA - BRANDEIS**

*Chapter President: Lance Gutin '22*

We held a spring formal.



**NEW JERSEY BETA - MONMOUTH**

*Chapter President: Joseph Carlsen '22*

Our chapter volunteered at the Trinity Church soup kitchen in Asbury Park, New Jersey. The event was a great experience for the brothers since we take the Creed seriously when it says, "We give aid and sympathy to those who are less fortunate." Additionally, more than 200 homeless people were fed and supported, and they expressed their appreciation to us, praising our efforts.



**NEW JERSEY EPSILON - ROWAN**

*Chapter President: Andrew Razze '20*

Hello everyone! Our chapter has recently moved into our new and improved Fraternity chapter house, and we couldn't be more excited. We plan to hold events here, including barbeques, cookouts, philanthropic events, and many things of that nature. Our backyard is perfect for hosting, and so we look forward to what we can accomplish in the upcoming semesters.



**NEW JERSEY GAMMA - RUTGERS**

*Chapter President: Tyler Norman '21*

No chapter news was submitted.



**NEW YORK BETA - SYRACUSE**

*Chapter President: Maxwell Coleman '22*

Syracuse's Phi Kappa Psi and Gamma Phi Beta chapters hosted the "Hoops on Wheels" tournament to help Move Along Inc., an organization that facilitates adaptive sports for disabled people and their allies. Our philanthropy chair, *Simba Chen '22*, said the tournament created a fun introduction to adaptive sports and promoted inclusivity. "We're not just raising awareness for disabilities but showing people that you can still have fun playing a game like basketball in a slightly different way," Chen said.



**NEW YORK THETA - RIT**

*Chapter President: Jacob Yang '21*

At the beginning of April, the brothers of NY Theta worked together with the Salvation Army to conduct a food drive within the greater Rochester community. The total food collected from this community service has a monetary equivalent of about \$3,930. All of which goes directly to the Salvation Army where they distribute the donated items to local food pantries in Rochester.







## NEW YORK IOTA - BINGHAMTON

**Chapter President: Nolan Cesped '22**

We are thrilled to announce that we have established ourselves as a non-profit organization supported by an endowment! Remaining loyal to the ideals and goals set forth by our founding fathers, we strengthen our brotherhood and enhance our community through social outreach. We've initiated a clothing drive, soup kitchen, and participated in the "Phi Hoops" philanthropy event. Our commitment to promoting social welfare is unwavering, and we look forward to continuing our efforts.



## PENNSYLVANIA THETA - LAFAYETTE

**Chapter President: Calvin Cochran '21**

This past fall we successfully recruited 30 new members! This was one of the biggest recruitment classes across all chapters at Lafayette College. Our Spring 3v3 basketball tournament for charity was one of our most successful outreach events. With a full chapter of just under 70 members, we are looking to get 20-30 members this upcoming fall after we will lose 14 members who will be graduating this semester.

## PENNSYLVANIA IOTA - PENN

**Chapter President: Darren Chen '22**

No chapter news was submitted.



*We give aid and sympathy to those who are less fortunate.*



## RHODE ISLAND BETA - RHODE ISLAND

**Chapter President: Seamus McGrath '21**

We hosted a brotherhood Easter dinner. We cooked two big hams, lots of mashed potatoes, mac and cheese and a healthy dose of vegetables. It was a fun evening and a great outcome, especially for the brothers who couldn't make the long trip home for the short weekend.

### MEET THE ARCHON

**Martin Nguyen SJU '20**



"I believe that being the District Archon will enhance my Fraternity experience by building friendships with other Phi Psis."

## NEW YORK KAPPA - ONEONTA

**Chapter President: Eric Harrington '21**

No chapter news was submitted.



## PENNSYLVANIA ETA - F & M

**Chapter President: Ryan Mullahey '21**

30 brothers participated in a car wash in coordination with ADPI, raising over \$800. This money was split between our respective philanthropic organizations: Boys & Girls Club and Ronald McDonald House.

## PENNSYLVANIA UPSILON - DREXEL

**Chapter President: Brandon Alleborn '19**

No chapter news was submitted.



## THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY COLONY

**Colony President: Nick Cavallero**

New Jersey Delta is excited to announce the first initiated class of 40 founding fathers into the New Jersey Colony! We look forward to serving both TCNJ and local communities through volunteer and philanthropic efforts. Already, our chapter has raised over \$600 for the Hero Campaign to spread awareness about drunk driving in memory of *Michael Sot '21*. Over the summer we plan on participating in the HERO walk to further support the cause.



# DISTRICT II

16 CHAPTERS



## MARYLAND ALPHA - JOHNS HOPKINS

**Chapter President:** Benjamin Miller '22

We held our annual Phi Psi 500 week-long charity event and experienced incredible success. In total, Maryland Alpha raised over \$2,500 for Camp Kesem and Best Buddies and brought the Johns Hopkins campus community together with carnival games, a therapy dog park, and tie-dye sessions. Additionally, we proudly welcomed a large new member class of 17 exceptional individuals to our chapter. Their passion and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to our ongoing philanthropic efforts.

## MARYLAND DELTA - TOWSON

**Chapter President:** Tristian Laperriere '21

In the past year, we have initiated nine new members since fall 2022. We have also strengthened our philanthropy with Baltimore Station by volunteering at their major fundraisers. We are hosting our very first Philanthropy Week to raise money for homeless veterans. We are also strengthening relations through alumni weekend, bringing alumni closer to undergrads with our brotherhood retreat and two date parties. We strive to have strong philanthropic relationships and be involved in the community.



## THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLONY

**Colony President:** Jack Southard

HQ Expansion Consultants, Angelo Giordani CSUN '18 and Dylan Lax Indiana State '19 participated in formal recruitment with the rest of the IFC. We recruited seven re-founding fathers to bring OH Delta back to chartered status. The "Governor's Mansion" is still owned by local OH Delta alumni through a house corporation. We are planning fall semester recruitment and philanthropy. Acquiring members and building a good reputation in the community is our goal.

## OHIO EPSILON - CASE WESTERN RESERVE

**Chapter President:** Robert Lupetini '21

Ohio Epsilon was busy, picking up five new members, and still recruiting. We excel academically and held a ski trip, a retreat and go-cart racing. We raised over \$1,500 for Tomorrow's Stars with events like Jumble Rumble. Another event, Munchie Meals, was held April 20. Brother Alex Volper '21 almost took the Alpha Phi Heart Throb title, but we are still proud of him. Vinayak Sharma '19, the outgoing VP for Recruitment of IFC, was recognized for his service to the Greek community.



## OHIO THETA - ASHLAND

**Chapter President:** Kyle Doershuk '20

This year, we competed in our annual Greek Week competition. This is a weeklong competition between fraternities on campus where we play dodgeball, basketball, volleyball, etc. This year the brothers of Ohio Theta won Greek Week once again, which is 10 years in a row. Ohio Theta has cemented a decade of winning and looks to keep the streak going.



## OHIO IOTA - AKRON

**Chapter President:** Jack Pollock '19

This spring we recruited four new members to the chapter, hosted a golf outing philanthropy event, and did service with Keep Akron Beautiful. We also took advantage of the nice weather to go on hikes and pick up trash to help clean up surrounding parks. We have a lot of young active members looking to step up and help the chapter grow.



## OHIO NU - OHIO

**Chapter President:** Jake Engel '22

We have expanded our chapter to over 110 members, making us the largest Greek organization at Ohio University. Our spike in membership allowed us to hold numerous philanthropy events. The fall and spring semester Phi Psi 500 event gave us over 1,000 service and philanthropy hours this year. The most of any Greek organization on campus. We completed our fourth highway cleanup this year, and we now have our very own Phi Kappa Psi highway right in Athens!



## OHIO XI - CAPITAL

**Chapter President:** Jared Sollenberger '21

This April all of the brothers gathered to host our annual Mud Tug event benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities. We had nearly 100 participants and many more spectators for this muddy tug of war tournament, which helped us to raise \$1,200 to donate!



## OHIO OMICRON - MUSKINGUM

**Chapter President:** *Ryan Watson '22*

Our chapter had a great year! In the fall, we hosted our Haunted Hollow which was the biggest on-campus event held. During the spring semester we hosted our Phi Psi Easter Egg Hunt, and we held a brotherhood event where our new members learned to sew letters. Out of all the Greek organizations in Muskingum, our chapter had the highest GPA for the year. We hold an annual golf outing to keep in touch with our alumni, and we work with our local businesses to promote it.

## MEET THE ARCHON Maxwell Pratt Capital '21



"Being a District Archon allows me to really understand what it means to be a Phi Psi and grow as an individual."

## PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA - PENN STATE

**Chapter President:** *Jacob Tinkoff '22*

PA Lambda raised over \$260,000 for their individual philanthropic efforts for THON Dance Marathon.

*Wherever we go,  
we represent not only Phi  
Kappa Psi, but indeed the spirit  
of all fraternities.*

## OHIO PI - DENISON

**Chapter President:** *Ethan Wipff '22*

Our brothers had a successful concert and T-shirt drive for the Boys & Girls Club of Newark. We had four student bands play all day at an event for the whole campus to attend. There was a great turnout and we raised over \$800.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA - W & J

**Chapter President:** *Joshua Searle '22*

The PA Alpha Chapter initiated seven men to join the Fraternity. We competed in philanthropy events across campus and hosted our own as well, Pub Night, raising around \$750 in one night. Proceeds went to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Brothers have accepted internships and jobs, and we also look forward to the District Council meeting this summer.



## PENNSYLVANIA BETA - ALLEGHENY

**Chapter President:** *Jacob McGee '21*

The chapter enjoyed welcoming our biggest recruitment class in years. To follow up our success, we threw our spring Rush Week. The finale of the week was a cookout with beach volleyball at our house, which was a huge success!

## PENNSYLVANIA RHO - YORK

**Chapter President:** *Kain Johnson '21*

We held an Adopt a Block philanthropy event. We invite all of Greek life at York College to come out every Sunday morning and help us pick up litter around campus. This hasn't gone unnoticed as many people around the community have let us know the impact we've had. We make this a mandatory event for our brothers to participate in.



## PENNSYLVANIA PHI - LYCOMING

**Chapter President:** *Cristian Plancarte '21*

Brothers from our chapter helped clear out trees that have been cut down at Wildwood Cemetery, and we cut them into pieces. We partnered with Wreaths Across America to help recycle wreaths that were placed on veteran graves at Wildwood Cemetery. In the near future, we are planning to help raise funds and volunteering to lay wreaths.

## WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA - WEST VIRGINIA

**Chapter President:** *Brodie McUmar '21*

At our university's Greek Games, we won the Interfraternalism Award and our former Vice President, *Payne Blankenship '20*, won Greek Man of the Year for our whole school.

# DISTRICT III

18 CHAPTERS | 2 COLONIES



## ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY COLONY

**Colony President: Dylan Salman**

We added 12 new members to our colony. Our successful recruitment events included cookouts, meet-and-greets and house tours. We built a strong connection with potential new members, creating a strong class that will help our colony reach new heights. We also raised almost \$4,000 for Advocate Children's Hospital. Overall, we have had an extremely productive year and are hoping to be able to get chartered by next semester. LEDN

## ILLINOIS DELTA - ILLINOIS

**Chapter President: Kyle Mahler '21**

No chapter news was submitted.

## ILLINOIS ZETA - DEPAUL

**Chapter President: William Tselepis '21**

Illinois Zeta ranked 4th for pledges signed for Hunter's Pledge. We held our 2nd Annual Professional Development Workshop, focusing on two tracks of learning. First and second year brothers attended sessions on time management, identifying strengths, and resume building. Upperclassmen focused on job search strategies, networking, and interviewing. We offered presentations on topics like portfolios, establishing online presence and fitness.

## ILLINOIS IOTA - NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**Chapter President: Austin Hastings '19**

We did two philanthropy events this semester. One being co-hosted with Sigma Nu and one being our own. The event with Sigma Nu was a food event where both chapters made pasta, donating the money raised to Hope Haven in Dekalb, Illinois for the homeless. Our chapter event was a car wash where the money raised was also donated towards Hope Haven.



## ILLINOIS THETA - UIC

**Chapter President: Oliver Lepinski '20**

Our chapter had great recruitment. Based on our records, the Fraternity gave out 24 bids last semester and 12 this semester, resulting in many new members. It is noteworthy that Illinois Theta was able to maintain its position as the number one fraternity on campus with the most kids accepting its bids, as well as the number one fraternity with the most initiated brothers, which is indicative of its strength and appeal.

*Generous, compassionate  
and loyal comrades.*

## ILLINOIS ETA - SIUE

**Chapter President: Hesham Al-Abudy '20**

Over the year, our brothers volunteered at the Treehouse Wildlife Center, a nature rehabilitation center for animals. We helped clean and pick up animals and their cages, clear out space for expansion, and helped run an event they host every year that had hundreds of people come and visit.



## INDIANA ALPHA - DEPAUW

**Chapter President: Ethan Webster '22**

In Spring 2023, the Rockpile initiated 19 new members (4th most out of 10 fraternities on campus). This new member class includes 15 NCAA athletes across 6 different DPU sports teams. That brings the total number of Indiana Alpha initiates to 2,347 since our chartering in 1865. We look forward to living with these new members in the fall!



## INDIANA BETA - INDIANA

**Chapter President: Owen Vanhees '22**

Brother Charlie Murphy '21 ran 50 miles in 48 hours for a 4x4x48 race on March 3, 2023. He raised \$20,000 for MS research in honor of his mother, who was diagnosed with primary progressive MS in 2001, and passed away from COVID in 2021. **See more of Charlie's story on Page 10.**







## INDIANA GAMMA - WABASH

**Chapter President: Derek Miller '20**

Every brother participated in philanthropy this semester. We made it a priority to co-host events with our national partner, the Boys & Girls Club of America. Events included: casino night, Easter egg hunt, and more. We also helped older alumni clean their property and participated in events with La Alianza (a Hispanic culture club), will be holding a telethon (with TKE), and we are planning to do more! We are striving to connect with the Wabash and Crawfordsville communities. Wabash Always Fights! Live Ever. Die Never.



## INDIANA ETA - INDIANA STATE

**Chapter President: Samuel Cardwell '22**

In the fall of 2022, we were able to claim a rush class of nine. This grew our chapter tremendously and helped us gain recognition on campus. We had a smaller rush class in the spring, only gaining 2 new members, but they have both impacted us greatly. This coming fall we have a goal of a rush class of 10 or more!



## INDIANA IOTA - BALL STATE

**Chapter President: Cameron Willson '21**

At the Ball State University Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Phi, Brothers *Lukas Bluhm '21* and *Jaryd Wright '19* took home the awards for Outstanding Community Servant and Outstanding Chapter President respectively. Indiana Iota also took home the award for Most Volunteer Service Hours.



## INDIANA DELTA - PURDUE

**Chapter President: Sam Paliga '21**

Indiana Delta wanted to further impact the community around them in 2023; holding three philanthropic events in the spring alone. The brotherhood raised about \$2,500 for Glen Acres Elementary School in Lafayette, IN. Events included a carnival with a dunk tank, a "Polar Palooza," and our annual Phi Psi Car Wash. Increasing our philanthropic endeavors is in effort to lead Purdue's campus to focus more on service to the community around us.

## INDIANA ZETA - BUTLER

**Chapter President: Finn Williams '22**

The Indiana Zeta Chapter is steadily growing since gaining our charter last summer. This spring, we recently had our best semester yet in terms of recruitment. We recruited seven members, and we have big plans and are excited for the upcoming fall semester.



## INDIANA EPSILON - VALPARAISO

**Chapter President: Kaden Baker '21**

Our member numbers were lower than expected. Like most chapters it's our goal to recruit, but our recruitment strategy is different from past years. A Valparaiso University quote about our chapter is that our breed is scholars, athletes, socializers and campus leaders. We try to recruit guys that excel in one or more of these traits. Also, instead of recruiting for quantity we use mentoring with potential new members. The chapter extended 19 bids and had a new member class of 17.

## OHIO BETA - WITTENBERG

**Chapter President: Cole Lewis '21**

We held a 5k called the Phi Kappa 5k. Runners got to see Wittenberg's beautiful campus. We raised \$1,300 for Springfield City Youth Mission and ManPower. We work closely with community service events, and have numerous members participate and work. We would like to thank the community members for coming and cannot wait to have the event again next year.



Turn the page  
for more news from  
District III

# DISTRICT III

## MEET THE ARCHON

Jaylen Jude Valparaiso '21



"Representing District III will allow me to help solve the issues that no one wants to talk about. If someone needs me, I'll be there!"



## MIAMI UNIVERSITY COLONY

**Colony President: Gavin Gibson**

Our colony brothers worked hard, bringing in a total of 12 new men for a grand total of 22 members. Small but mighty, the colony makes a name for itself as we participate in Greek life on campus. House renovations continue, and brothers are already planning next year's events. We plan to hit the ground running in the fall to double our numbers and will continue to stay involved on campus as we seek to build a lasting chapter.



## WISCONSIN GAMMA - BELOIT

**Chapter President: Justin Grant '21**

The Wisconsin Gamma Chapter had the chance to meet our Phi Kappa Psi's National President — *Brother SWGP Bob Marchesani Butler '94 (IUP '79)* — and his wife. It was a great chance for them to learn more about the chapter and for brothers and Sweethearts to learn more about the national organization.



## OHIO ETA - TOLDEO

**Chapter President: Connor Addison '21**

This semester, the brothers of Ohio Eta hosted our semesterly philanthropy dinner, "Quesadilla Night." We raised money for the Boys & Girls Club of America and bettered relations with our peers around campus. The brothers had a great time making and serving the quesadillas for our supporters and we are proud of each and every one of them.



## OHIO MU - DAYTON

**Chapter President: Max Lipari '21**

This past semester, we have been in tune with intramural fraternity leagues. We've won the volleyball, soccer and basketball leagues against all the other fraternities on campus. Several brothers participated, showing their dedication to Phi Kappa Psi and their love for sports.

*United by friendship,  
sustained by honor,  
and led by truth,  
we live and flourish.*



## MICHIGAN BETA - MICHIGAN STATE

**Chapter President: Carter Pickering '21**

We donated our time at the local Potter Park Zoo for five hours. 93 brothers attended the community service event. We cleaned up the park by mulching and raking up leaves and other plant debris. We helped prepare the park for the spring and summer season. *Matt Mills '21*, our community service chair, worked very hard with the university to find this opportunity. He did a great job of advertising the event to get our members excited to help out the community.





## BENEATH THE BADGE:

# Belonging in Phi Kappa Psi

By Brock Wagehoft *RIT '15*

I was raised in a village. Population 500. If you don't know about downstate Illinois, picture cornfields and windmills. Throw in a railroad cutting through a town with a single restaurant, gas station, and an exit off the highway! When our population sign

went from 500 to 600 in 2010, it was the biggest thing to ever happen. I'm fortunate to have been raised in that community, but it wasn't all a Laura Ingalls Wilder book.

I always held the notion that this is not where I belong.

Growing up around service personnel and my parents being public servants, I longed for the camaraderie and acceptance of uniformed service – the idea that “we all

wear the same uniform.” I carried this all the way to the Armed Forces Career Center, my escape pod from this place. They promptly denied me.

For those I have not met, I am one of the few Deaf members of our organization. Rejection from the Armed Forces devastated my urge to get out and find a place in the world. I remember crying in one of those village churches. I was angry; I was hurt, and now I was trapped. I knew I was different at 17 and had been my whole life, but I hadn't yet found what I was searching for. This led me to the local township fire service. A few months after I earned my ‘full shield,’ I knew I had found my place, but in unfortunate circumstances.

A funeral. A fireman passed away from injuries sustained in a house fire. Thousands of first responders attended in full dress, coming from hours away for someone they did not know. They didn't care. He was one of them. With those who wore the same colors, did the same jobs, believed in the same ideals, and walked into burning buildings and lines of fire together, I learned what the word Fraternity meant.

I was one of them, too.

A medical diagnosis and a severe accident found me needing to realign my vision of belonging so soon after finding it. The Fire Chief encouraged me to go to college, despite not having the means. So, I searched for a college that would give me a scholarship for being Deaf, but I didn't know how much that decision would change my life.

I knew I wanted to join a fraternity. From day one, when I was invited to play football in the quad, the spirit of service to one's community and always bettering oneself spoke to me. I found belonging in New York Theta and Phi Kappa Psi. Through ups and downs, I could always look to my brothers for a helping hand and to put me back on track. But, a realization struck me during my time as an undergrad. Not every chapter was like this.

Not every member senses belonging. I understand that struggle. Not every chapter has alumni that will answer the phone. This is a heartbreaking realization and the reason I'm an advisor.

I have served three years as the chapter advisor for Ohio Beta at Wittenberg University. Through this role, I can be the voice on the other end of the phone. The person in the room that shows Phi Psi is a community of men both during and long after their four years. Shepherding them through their own trials and tribulations. Guiding those who are dealing with the same lack of belonging I experienced back to the circle. It is my privilege to walk alongside these men on their journeys, fostering our ideals and the belonging that brotherhood shares. So, one day, they may share that gift of shepherding the circle.

Many chapters don't have a single advisor. I urge anyone thinking about becoming an advisor to reach out to Headquarters. You can be the voice on the other end of the phone and show that chapter that we are Phi Psis and we all wear the same badge.

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Interested in becoming an advisor?

Contact our Director of Volunteer Engagement Matthew Bratsch Rowan '11 at [matthew.bratsch@phikappapsi.com](mailto:matthew.bratsch@phikappapsi.com).

# DISTRICT IV

13 CHAPTERS | 2 COLONIES



## ALABAMA ALPHA- ALABAMA

**Chapter President: Connor Bartsch '20**

We had a successful semester in many facets of campus life. The chapter currently occupies 2nd place in GPA on campus among fraternities. Two sophomore brothers joined the Student Government Association (SGA), totaling four total brothers taking part in SGA. We won Alpha Phi's Heartthrob philanthropy event, raising over \$2,500, beating other fraternities in various competitions. We rented a private theater where the new "John Wick" movie was shown, and a group of brothers went to Cancun, Mexico for spring break.

## ALABAMA GAMMA - HUNTSVILLE

**Chapter President: Austin Lowery '20**

It's a great time to be a Phi Psi here at Alabama Gamma. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Recruitment Committee, we have initiated 17 new members in the past year, meaning our chapter has doubled in size! We currently have 31 active members and are prepared for an equally impressive Rush class next fall. Live Ever. Die Never.

*I believe that I am honor bound to strive manfully for intellectual, moral, and spiritual excellence.*



## GEORGIA ALPHA - GEORGIA

**Chapter President: Jordan Litteral '20**

We held a road cleanup service event for the road (and surrounding roads) around our house. We had 70% attendance of our active roster, and we had a good time. This continues the long-standing tradition of Georgia Alpha cleaning the roads, and we will continue to carry on this tradition.



## FLORIDA ALPHA - FLORIDA STATE

**Chapter President: Kyle Fairman '22**

We reintroduced our Rose Queen sweetheart competition which culminated in a philanthropic volleyball tournament. We had five incredible sweetheart candidates from ΔΖ, ΣΔΤ, ΑΟΠ, ΑΓΔ, and ΦΜ. With over 100 guests in attendance, the five teams played their hearts out. In the end, due to her extraordinary philanthropic efforts, the Phi Mu candidate was named our Rose Queen. We are proud to announce that \$10,828 was raised for the JED Foundation, which works on suicide prevention and protecting the mental health of our nation's youth.



## GEORGIA BETA - GEORGIA TECH

**Chapter President: Matthew Jimenez '20**

This spring, we hosted an unforgettable and highly successful Alumni Dinner, a testament to our vibrant brotherhood. The event took place at Naan Stop, a restaurant owned and operated by one of our esteemed brothers, *Samir Idnani '01*. Alongside the delightful camaraderie, our chapter held an exciting raffle featuring handmade Phi Psi-themed items, including cutting boards and lawn chairs, adding an extra touch of warmth and pride to the occasion. This wonderful evening provided an excellent platform for alumni to forge meaningful connections with undergraduates, fostering a true sense of brotherly love that epitomizes the Phi Kappa Psi experience.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA

**Chapter President: Blake Arceneaux '20**

Our chapter completed renovations and move-ins to our brand-new Fraternity house. Our efforts have completely transformed the house's appearance, with a fresh coat of paint for the exterior and essential upgrades including new central-air units. The installation of the letters on the face of the house is a crucial moment for our chapter. Our new house is a hub for our rebuilding chapter, providing a common meeting area and a meal plan backup for the brothers to gather and share. We also packed our social calendar, including a memorable Founders Day event for our alumni at the new Fraternity house. The alumni brothers were thrilled to see the new house and enjoyed over 300 lbs. of boiled crawfish. We are delighted to announce that we have collaborated with the Baton Rouge Police Department, Keep Tiger Town Beautiful, Fred's Bar and the Cajun Navy to conduct a cleanup operation of Tigerland and the adjacent areas. We take pride in working together toward the betterment of our community.





## LOUISIANA BETA - UL LAFAYETTE

**Chapter President:** Dyland Clark '20

Brother Brett Thibodeaux '22 won the title of Big Man 2023 for Phi Mu Sorority. This is the most prestigious and competitive Greek philanthropy event on the campus. Brother Thibodeaux represented LA Beta as well as the UL Interfraternity Council for which he is Vice President of Events.



## TENNESSEE EPSILON - TENNESSEE

**Chapter President:** Dylan Conyers '21

The chapter was happy to initiate 22 new brothers over the past academic year. We are excited to see what the new brothers will bring to the chapter in the future. We are looking ahead to the fall Rush, hoping to continue growing.

## VIRGINIA ZETA - VIRGINIA TECH

**Chapter President:** Tripp Spano '20

Our chapter successfully participated in Virginia Tech's Big Event, a service event organized by students and assists members of the Blacksburg, Christiansburg and New River Valley communities. We were one of the top participating organizations, with over 50 brothers serving the local neighborhoods, helping them with yard care and interior cleaning/organization. We are proud to represent the values of Phi Kappa Psi through the joy of serving others.



## MISSISSIPPI ALPHA - OLE MISS

**Chapter President:** Jacob Greenwald '20

The brothers of Mississippi Alpha had a great spring semester filled with socials, our annual spring formal in New Orleans, service projects for tornado victims, and a great parents' weekend. We also launched our new flagship philanthropy event, Phi Psi Final Four, a 3v3 basketball tournament benefitting the local Boys & Girls Club. This fall, we expect another excellent pledge class and a continuation of growth.

## VIRGINIA ALPHA - VIRGINIA

**Chapter President:** Alex Lin '22

One of the most exciting updates is the imminent move of the initiated Class of 2022 into the Fraternity house located at 159 Madison Lane in Charlottesville, Virginia. As our new brothers prepare to call this historic house "home," we are looking forward to creating cherished memories and strengthening our bonds. Virginia Alpha Chapter stands united in our shared experiences, diverse pursuits and a sense of brotherhood that knows no bounds. We look forward to welcoming new members this fall and creating lasting memories that will be cherished for years to come. Our chapter is determined to make this coming year an unforgettable one, marked by academic excellence, community involvement and impactful initiatives.



## VIRGINIA THETA - JMU

**Chapter President:** Phillip Helms '20

We partnered with Alpha Phi to host an Easter Egg Hunt on the sorority row. We passed out candy and greeted children, presenting a friendly and fun environment to the local community.

## VIRGINIA BETA - W & L

**Chapter President:** Cooper Johnson '20

We raised over \$30,000 for a Gold Star Memorial monument to be built in 2025 (See more on Page 21). Additionally, we assisted in the Woods Creek Run for the Kids, raising over \$3,000 for two young children in the Lexington area with Cerebral Palsy.

## MEET THE ARCHON

**Nick Gallioto Louisiana Alpha '22**



give all of my brothers the best [Fraternity] experience."

"Being an Archon will allow me to branch out and connect with brothers in different locations and help to

LET US  
NEVER FORGET  
THEIR SACRIFICE  
FOR US



# DISTRICT V

15 CHAPTERS



## COLORADO ALPHA - COLORADO

*Chapter President: Luke Sandell '22*

We came together for a philanthropy car wash. Charging five dollars per car wash, we raised around \$250. We donated the money to the Best Buddies Program, which supports those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, facilitating leadership development, inclusive living, helping people secure jobs, and building friendships between people with and without IDD. Every brother was excited to raise money for such a purposeful charity, and we all had fun!



## IOWA BETA - IOWA STATE

*Chapter President: Luke Werthmann '21*

We hosted a successful philanthropy event, selling deep-fried food and raising funds for the Make-A-Wish foundation. We also attended a formal event in Chicago, where members enjoyed a night of bonding with brothers. In addition, the men of Iowa Beta won this spring's Iowa State Greek Week by winning tournaments, lip-syncing and raising the most money in the Polar Bear Plunge for the Special Olympics of Iowa!



## KANSAS ALPHA - KANSAS

*Chapter President: Noah Rookstool '21*

Over this academic year we initiated 30 brand new members into our chapter. This is due to the great efforts of our Rush chairs, and the different outreach events they planned, including football games, dinners, etc. Next semester, we hope to initiate even more than we did this year and continue the growth our chapter with kind, courteous and cultured men.



## IOWA ALPHA - IOWA

*Chapter President: Mitchell Joines '22*

We participated in the 29th annual Dance Marathon at the University of Iowa, raising \$27,000 and were awarded the Mary Peterson Award for raising the most money out of all Greek chapters at Iowa. Phi Kappa Psi's dedication to the Dance Marathon and their commitment to raising funds for the University of Iowa Stead Children's Hospital is truly inspiring. Their efforts demonstrate the importance of giving back to the community and helping those in need, and they serve as an example for other organizations and individuals to follow.

## MEET THE ARCHON

*David Nunn Minnesota '21*



"I'm looking forward to representing a passionate group of men who explore the finer aspects of Fraternal life."

*The Great Joy  
of Serving Others!*

## MINNESOTA BETA - MINNESOTA

*Chapter President: Zach Peterson '21*

This semester, thanks to the efforts of our recruitment committee and new initiatives by the Interfraternity Council, we initiated nine outstanding gentlemen into the spring class of 2023 (the largest across all fraternities on campus). In the fall, we're aiming to welcome 30 new members, and steps have already been taken in pursuit of that goal.

## MINNESOTA DELTA - MINN.-DULUTH

*Chapter President: Joe Hinkle '20*

Our chapter stayed busy with campaigns like Hunter's Pledge and partnering with local animal shelter — Animal Allies — to supply toys for dogs in need. We also held weekly brotherhood poker where we would play Texas Hold 'em and connect with each other about our week. At our banquet we recognized an outstanding semester where we held a cumulative chapter GPA above 3.0. The brothers of Minnesota Delta are looking forward to another strong academic year in 2023-2024.





## MINNESOTA GAMMA - MINN. STATE-MANKATO

**Chapter President: Jack Muck '21**

We raised over \$900 for Gillette Children's Hospital through the dance marathon held on our campus. Our own philanthropy event, Pie a Phi Psi, raised money to benefit the Big Brother Big Sister program at our local YMCA. We dominated in Greek Week with a victorious cardboard boat regatta, as well as a victory in the talent show. This spring, we were happy to welcome five new brothers to our chapter and are excited to see what the chapter can do next fall!



## MISSOURI ALPHA - MISSOURI

**Chapter President: Peyton Boyd '21**

We welcomed alumni back to CoMo with a Spring Homecoming Celebration for the ages. The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the undergrads on the front porch and in the newly completed Old Wing living room. Drinks and appetizers were provided by the chapter's chefs. The HOUSE BAND provided music. Besides mingling with old friends and meeting some new ones, a highlight was an appearance by University of Missouri system president and Mizzou Chancellor Mun Choi. The weekend ended with a reception for active members and alumni to converse and have a celebratory toast.



## NEBRASKA ALPHA - NEBRASKA

**Chapter President: Nick Foxworthy '22**

Sophomore *Luke Engebretson '22* leads the Phi Psi basketball team, starting off 0-4 in the regular season but turned it up in the playoffs winning 2 in a row, all the way to the final four. Phi Psi soccer finishes the regular season 2-1 and starts playoffs soon, hoping to bring home a title, led by *John Worden '22* on offense and *Cash Martin '21* on defense. Finally, Phi Psi softball hopes to repeat its runner-up championship from last year as playoffs start soon.



## TEXAS ALPHA - TEXAS

**Chapter President: Mark von den Steinen '20**

We began the year hosting our brothers from the Alabama Alpha Chapter for a heartbreaking loss accompanied by concerts from Chris Lake and Shane Smith & the Saints. Fall events included many more tailgates, our annual trip to Dallas for the Red River Rivalry, casino Night fundraiser, parents' weekend, frost party, and winter formal. This spring was highlighted by Founders Weekend, Talladega and Vice parties, Moms'/Dads' weekends and Bermuda formal. Outside of those events, brothers stayed engaged through poker, golf, basketball and video game tournaments.



## TEXAS BETA - TEXAS TECH

**Chapter President: Tyler Bush '21**

We are proud to initiate 15 gentlemen into the brotherhood this semester, putting us over 150 members; one of the largest chapters on campus! We recently had a car wash with Chi Omega, cleaning over 100 cars and raising over \$500 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Additionally, we're looking forward to our annual Dog Days adoption event with the Lubbock Animal Shelter. Great things are happening at Texas Beta, and we are excited for what the future holds! LEDN



## TEXAS EPSILON - SFA

**Chapter President: Jaxon Rivera '21**

We paired up with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc and had a blast during Greek Week. Everyone had a great time, and we gave the other chapters a run for their money.

## TEXAS ETA - TEXAS A&M

**Chapter President: Alex Wilkinson '21**

No chapter news was submitted.

## TEXAS ZETA - HOUSTON CHRISTIAN

**Chapter President: Jackson Weaver '22**

No chapter news was submitted.

# DISTRICT VI

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## ARIZONA BETA - ASU

**Chapter President:** Grady Beaulieu '21

We had massive success in philanthropy this spring participating in Delta Zeta's "Duke Out," Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Kappa Courtside," and Kappa Alpha Theta's, "Theta Dodgeball." We placed 3rd in Delta Zeta's, second in Theta's, and first in KKG's, raising over \$10,000 for their respective philanthropies. Additionally, we plan on having our first Philo week, Phi Psi 500, in the fall. This will raise money for the Boys & Girls Club of America and continue the morals and values of Phi Psi.

## MEET THE ARCHON

**Riley Johnson Oregon State '21**



"I look forward to learning about other chapters and how they work and meeting other Phi Psi brothers. And to being able to

help my district grow."

## CALIFORNIA BETA - STANFORD

**Chapter President:** Nick Reisner '22

This year we are welcoming a class of 30 new members. This amazing class includes young men who have rowed across oceans, conducted published research, pushed for changes to public policy and more. We are also immensely proud of the diversity of our new class, with young men hailing from not just the United States, but also Bulgaria, Argentina, the United Kingdom and more.



## CALIFORNIA EPSILON - UCLA

**Chapter President:** Paul Fayet-Faber '21

This spring break, we traveled to the island of Oahu in Hawaii for an incredible week of hiking, surfing and bonding. We journeyed to every corner of the island, snorkeled with sea turtles, and grilled some incredible burgers as we appreciated the beauty of nature. The views were incredible, but the best part of the trip was growing closer to different brothers as we traveled and adventured together.

## CALIFORNIA ETA - CAL POLY

**Chapter President:** Max Jorgenson '21

This upcoming quarter we will be bringing back our annual Fight For Life philanthropy event. It brings in thousands of dollars for The Boys & Girls Club and offers a great show for the brothers and outside members as well.



## CALIFORNIA GAMMA - CAL

**Chapter President:** Mateo Marquez '21

California Gamma won the Intramural Football Championship for the 6th semester in a row.



## CALIFORNIA THETA - CSUN

**Chapter President:** Jonathan De Leon '21

We welcomed the new Omicron class and managed to succeed in being awarded two philanthropy trophies, which we won against other fraternities in raising money for local charities. In addition, one of our very own brothers, Abraham Perez '22, was selected to be a sorority's dream man. It is with great honor that he received recognition as we gain more connections and strengthen Greek unity in the coming fall term.





## CALIFORNIA KAPPA - UC IRVINE

**Chapter President:**  
**Gabriel Myrick '21**

We are happy to announce that we ran our first philanthropy event since 2019. We were able to host a successful fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Orange County. We are proud of our members as this was a first-time event for several of them. We had a great turnout and are hoping to improve our events and outreach for next year.



## CALIFORNIA LAMBDA - SAN DIEGO STATE

**Chapter President:** **Caden Cooper '22**

We attended and participated in a Sexual Education seminar run by San Diego State, which included spike ball tournament following the lesson. These men were not only given a fresh reminder about the proper way to have safe and consensual relations but also were given the opportunity to strengthen their brotherly bond over a competitive game.

*I am honor bound to strengthen my character and deepen my integrity; to counsel and guide my Brother.*



## OREGON ALPHA - OREGON

**Chapter President:**  
**Ryan Vandenberg '23**

This past term, we hosted a multitude of philanthropic events, the most notable being Safe Driving Week with Hunter's Pledge. We raised over \$1,200 and had 100+ UO students sign pledges to promote distracted driving awareness. Our President *Ryan Vandenberg '23*, received an award from Phi Kappa Psi National President *Bob Marchesani Butler '94 (IUP '79)*, highlighting outstanding leadership initiative within the chapter. Lastly, we are proud to announce our reclamation of the iconic Animal House, 729 E. 11th Ave., which the brothers will move into in fall 2023.

## OREGON BETA - OREGON STATE

**Chapter President:** **Grant Koons '21**

No chapter news was submitted.



## WASHINGTON ALPHA - WASHINGTON

**Chapter President:** **Christian Min '21**

We hosted a philanthropy feed at the chapter house. The Tails and Treats feed combined two things everyone enjoys, friendly dogs and hot cocoa. The rain impacted our plans slightly, but with some quick thinking by the Philanthropy Team we pivoted and moved the event inside. We successfully raised over \$400 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



## VOLUNTEER Q&A: Stephen Murphy Washington '63

**Q:** What motivates you to stay engaged with our undergraduate members?

**A:** *To share life experiences about dealing with stress and how life is more a 'zig zag' or odyssey and not a 'straight line.'*

**Q:** If you could encourage other alumni to volunteer in a similar way, what would you tell them?

**A:** *Being engaged with energetic, university students will be challenging but rewarding, and keep you young.*

**Q:** What is the best advice you can offer a new member of the chapter? And to a new alumnus?

**A:** *New member: take a deep breath and take pause before making an important decision; Young alum: learn from pitfalls in life.*



# CHEERS!

## BUSINESS IS BREWING

By Micah S. Kleid *F & M '00*

A joke about fraternity brothers drinking beer would be easy, but a \$7.3 billion industry which includes over 9,200 breweries across the United States is serious business. The journeys of Jonathan Moxey *Missouri '01*, and Tim Harbage *Dayton '04*, is no laughing matter. In fact, although they are on opposite sides of the country and have not yet met, their journeys have been quite similar.

Jonathan is currently the head brewer at Rockwell Beer Company in St. Louis. After spending a year on the road for Phi Kappa Psi as an educational leadership consultant, he joined his wife, Lauren, in New York. He thought he would pursue journalism, but worked 'soul crushing' jobs for financial institutions. But a bottle of beer handed to him at a party changed the trajectory of his life forever.

"I thought it was pretty good and he said he had made it himself, and that if I wanted to learn how to homebrew, we could split the cost of the ingredients and he would teach me how to do it," Jonathan said. "It was like a light went off."

### Homebrewing Homework

Jonathan read everything he could about homebrewing, took classes on how to judge beer critically, wrote professionally about beer, and even hosted corporate tastings. In 2009 he joined the New York City Homebrewers Guild, and among those like-minded people he realized he wanted to make a run at it professionally. After being offered an unpaid internship at the oldest craft brewery in St. Louis, Schlafly Beer, Jonathan and Lauren moved back home in 2012.

After Schlafly, Jonathan interned at Perennial Artisan Ales. He spent more than five years in a variety of roles, many of them finally earning him a paycheck! He left in 2018 intending to open his own place, but a friend from Perennial started Rockwell Brewing and explained to Jonathan that he needed someone to come in and focus on the brewing and the beer so he could focus on business and finances. For Jonathan it was an easy choice. He joined Rockwell Brewing in May 2018 and tapped their first beer that December.

"One of the appeals of coming to work for Rockwell was being

able to really focus on the beer," he explained.

For Tim, co-founder of Bright Spark Brewing in Ventura, California, his journey through the world of professional brewing was almost exactly like Jonathan's. He studied mechanical engineering in college and ended up in San Diego. He worked for the defense industry, which he found fascinating but not "soul fulfilling." It was Tim's sister who encouraged him to get into craft beer in general, but it was his chapter brother, Craig Rossi *Dayton '04*, who convinced him to get into home brewing. His sister then encouraged him to pursue it as a career and soon Tim was online looking for jobs.

### Career Leaps and Hops

While Jonathan started his professional brewing career as an unpaid intern, Tim started his as a low-paid dishwasher for Rock Bottom Brewery in San Diego. Spending his days in the brewery learning everything he could about the industry, while washing dishes at night just to earn a paycheck and be covered by their insurance. However, Tim was offered jobs at several different breweries, ultimately deciding to join a startup brewery in Los Angeles called Golden Road Brewing. After four years, Budweiser bought Golden Rod. Not long after that, Tim's wife (Linzy) convinced him to take the leap and open his own brewery. Two weeks prior to our interview, in November 2022, Bright Spark Brewing officially opened its doors with its first beers on tap.

In addition to their journeys, another similarity Jonathan and Tim share is their love for creating things for others to enjoy and the entrepreneurial spirit of crafting something new out of nothing.

"I've always loved creating things, taking something from an idea to something that you can hold in your hand and show people," Jonathan said.

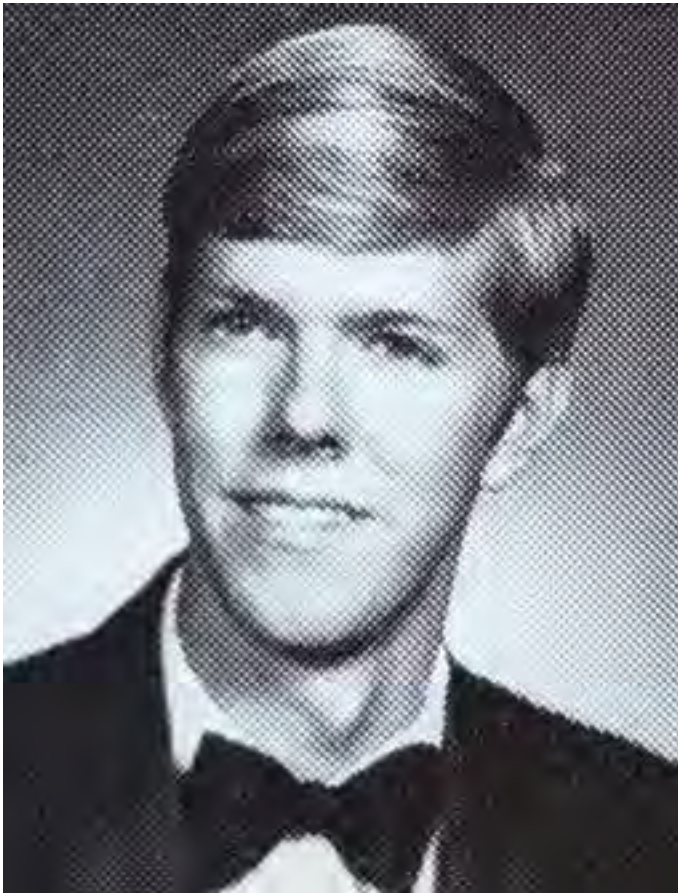
"Craig and I were the founders of Ohio Mu and I really enjoyed that energy, that collaborative environment, that excitement, where you get to make so many impactful decisions every day as something is growing around you," Tim said.











Charlie Norman 1970/2023

# BROTHERS IN MORE W

By Charlie Norman *Texas Tech '70*

I received an issue of *The Shield* months ago. Though I haven't been involved in Fraternity activities since my days at Texas Beta (Texas Tech 1969-1972), I like browsing the pages, catching up on news, reading about awards and Chapter Eternal ... all with fond remembrances of good times and good friends.

As a sentimentalist, I've been thinking back on people who impacted my life. Among my Fraternity brothers, there was one guy who kept coming to mind. He'd significantly influenced me, and he didn't even know it. I wondered about finding this brother to tell him (if he's still around)? So, I called the phone number listed for Phi Kappa Psi HQ, and Kathy answered. I explained that I'd like to contact a Texas Beta brother, Brant McGlothlin *Texas Tech '69*. He was a senior when I was a sophomore, so I'd only known him for a year. Friendly as Kathy was, I waited on hold a couple minutes before she came back with "Captain William Brant McGlothlin," two old phone numbers, and a Rockport, Texas address. Sure enough, the numbers were dead. So, I decided to write him a short greeting card — asking if he was the Brant I knew from 53 years ago?

Two weeks later, I heard back!

You see, in the '70s, Brant shared at a Phi Psi meeting how he'd

become a true Christ follower. I listened from afar without much interest, though I always remembered his boldness and the courage it must have taken to stand and tell others of his newfound faith. I admired his example of someone I'd like to be like someday. Not at that time, mind you — too many other distractions (dorm job, intramural sports, girls, figuring out a major/career path, Fraternity, etc.). So that was that ... but deep down, I knew Brant had *something* I did not.

We actually shared more than I realized. Growing up in West Texas, we loved football, academics, and were nominal churchgoers. The teenage years saw us drop the church scene, becoming uninterested in the spiritual things (to the point of agnosticism for Brant). But Brant met a gal his junior year at Tech who invited him to join a Campus Crusade for Christ meeting (CCC, now CRU). If only to be with her, he went. There, he witnessed fellow students possess this something ... a peace, a purpose and direction he lacked. Brant felt awakened, having searched for purpose and direction his whole life, when one of the guys from CRU shared a small tract known as "The 4 Spiritual Laws" — a short, straightforward presentation of the Good News. Later that week, alone in his apartment bedroom,





Brant McGlothlin 1969/2023

# WAYS THAN ONE

Brant made the life-changing prayer. The decision to follow Christ.

His life was never the same.

For me, I continued on to graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin. Yet, in my heart of hearts, I knew something was missing. I considered myself a "good guy" all-right, but one who didn't have real direction in life. Around this time, I discovered a Blaise Pascal quote that spoke to my status in life: *"There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by the Creator made known in the person of Jesus Christ."*

At UT in the fall of 1972, I had dinner with a distant cousin and her husband. I could tell there was something different, something special about them. They, too, were one of those. They shared the same little booklet, "The 4 Spiritual Laws" with me. I felt convicted, vulnerable and humbled. I thought, *this was what I need*. I reflected on a few people I admired: an outspoken Christian professor at Texas Tech, a gal I'd met at church once three years earlier who'd really turned her life around, a couple high school guys who'd become preachers, and even ol' Phi Psi Brother Brant McGlothlin. Was God trying to get my attention?

Like Brant, it took a while.

But one night, all alone in my bedroom, I prayed the prayer that had the angels in heaven rejoicing. A life changer for me, too.

I graduated from UT, worked in advertising in Hawaii for three years, and had a 34-year career with a major airline before retiring in 2010. I'm now active in church, volunteering, and I publish short stories. Brant graduated from Tech in January 1971. He promptly married the young lady who invited him to the CRU meeting and joined the U.S. Air Force and the military staff of Campus Crusade. He continued ministry work through his 20 years of service as a pilot with the USAF. Later, Brant used his experience to be a pastor, administrator, missionary, teacher, house parent in Germany, and member care coordinator in various ministries where he still participates.

After 53 years, Brant and I connected. We hadn't even talked on the phone before April of this year. It was like speaking to a long-lost brother. A Providential connection, one might say — Brothers in Fraternity and Brothers in faith. *Something* special, indeed!

# PHI PSI TECH CONNECTION

Ben Teague *Indiana '19*, Senior Director of Technology

We are desensitized to the many organizations and companies that want our data—and for good reason. As a membership organization, however, our data is used for different purposes. We have a personal and emotional connection to each other as brothers and it is vital for us to receive updated contact information from our community of brothers, parents, and volunteers. This information is used to deliver *The Shield*, both physically and virtually, and allows our brothers to find each other. Members come to us to help organize reunions, lost connections, and a myriad of purposes related to the brotherhood.



Teague

With your help we can continue to provide the service of connecting each other. Besides calling or emailing us, we have a Brother Directory in our Phi Psi Portal ([portal.phikappapsi.com](http://portal.phikappapsi.com)). There you can search for any brother who is in our system. You can also update your contact information on the portal so that other brothers can search and find you. This is all behind a secure portal meant for Phi Psi's and our volunteers only. Although we encourage keeping your contact

information open, you can still update your profile and remove yourself from showing your phone number, email, or physical address, respectfully. Leaving yourself open allows for other alumni and undergraduates who may want to seek out a connection with you. Many of our younger undergraduates and alumni seek encouragement, advice and mentoring. We know many of you have life experiences that can benefit these young men.

Other methods of updating your contact include sending us an email at [membership@phikappapsi.com](mailto:membership@phikappapsi.com) or filling out our contact update form (see the QR code below). The Phi Psi Portal has many features, and we recommend using it as the primary means of self-updating.

Our bond relies on each of us to do our part and provide information about ourselves. We are part of a larger community that is fueled by relationships. With just a small effort from each of us, we are stronger in return.



**UPDATE  
YOUR  
CONTACT  
INFO!**



# IN MEMORIAM

## We Remember & Honor Foundation Trustee Hank Vierregger Cal '56

By Headquarters Staff



It's not the refund or return many will remember, although most would say Brother Vierregger had a knack for making filing your taxes amusing and lucrative, but rather his passion and heart for those he served. Hank was a dedicated professional, friend, community servant, husband, father and brother.

From an early age, as one of 12 children, Hank learned the value of family, the importance of hard work and the significance of approaching even the most challenging situations with humor. Hank joined Chapter Eternal at the age of 87 on April 24, 2023.

Initiated into Phi Psi's Cal Gamma Chapter in 1956, Hank graduated in 1961 from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Business. He served as Chapter President and House Manager and was known to many as a brother with an adventurous spirit.

As an undergraduate, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and deployed to Germany. After his service, Hank returned to Berkeley and finished his studies.

In 1969 Hank became a California Certified Public Accountant. He later established his own practice, Vierregger Accountancy Corporation, which served clients for over five decades and continues to this day. But for Hank it was about more than the numbers. The Accountancy provided for his family, including his treasured Phi Psi Sweethearts — his wife Sue, and his daughter, Kris — the opportunity to travel and to do good in the world. Hank and Sue, a retired teacher, traveled to all corners of the world creating memories and making friends.

Hank was beloved by all. He was genuine, embodied Phi Psi's gentlemanly spirit and was a true philanthropist. His upbringing and career taught him the value of the dollar and to share his good fortune, through gifts of time and treasure, helping to advance causes and organizations locally and regionally. He served and supported the Orlinga School for the Deaf, the University of California, Berkley, The Gathering Church and Trinity Hope.

One of his greatest honors was his membership in Phi Kappa Psi. "His smile was infectious. He was an inspiration to us all, showing us how to lead with honor, compassion, generosity and dignity. Throughout his life, Hank spent time helping and lifting up those brothers around him. He regularly wrote and talked to more than two dozen brothers keeping them abreast and connected to Cal Gamma," shared Gary Goldstein Cal '78.

Serving as a Foundation Trustee at his passing, he wanted other young men to have the opportunities and experiences that would lead them to live purposeful lives. He could often be found at chapter, regional and national Phi Psi events sharing

his smile, wisdom and a joke or two. Several years ago, to demonstrate the intergenerational nature of the Fraternity, Hank established a tradition of handing down a pinky ring from chapter president to chapter president. It was a symbol that the current chapter president was to nurture and care for the Fraternity during his term of service. Hank was also a proud member of the Order of the S.C., the first Cal Gamman to do so.

Hank actively engaged in life, caring and doing for others. He awoke each day with purpose and passion and taught others, particularly with those Phi Psi undergraduates who he connected with, to do the same. His legacy will be remembered in the lives of those he touched. Hank is proof that selflessness and philanthropy are alive and well in the brotherhood.

To read Brother Vierregger's full obituary, go to: [obituaries.forestlawn.com/obituaries/henry-vierregger](https://obituaries.forestlawn.com/obituaries/henry-vierregger). Hank and his family have requested remembrances be made in the form of contributions in Hank's honor at [pkpfoundation.org/honoring-brother-vierregger/](https://pkpfoundation.org/honoring-brother-vierregger/).



TOP LEFT: The GP/President "ring-passing" tradition began with Hank.

ABOVE: Hank (left) celebrating a proud moment with Cal Gamma brother and fellow Order of the S.C. member, Gary Goldstein.



Family photos through the years show Hank with the "love of his life," Sue, and his daughter, Kris.

# CHAPTER ETERNAL

★ Denotes veterans.

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

Deaths reported from **December 15, 2022 through July 31, 2023** 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). Please email Chapter Eternal announcements to [membership@phikappapsi.com](mailto:membership@phikappapsi.com).

## Arizona Alpha - Arizona

Dr. Webster L. Sage Jr. '48 ★  
Henry F. Kupper '53  
Curtis W. Dodson '83

## Arizona Beta - ASU

Darren T. Gray '79

## California Gamma - Cal

James D. Murray '51 ★  
Frederick G. Henschell '56 ★  
Henry E. Vierregger '56 ★

## California Delta - Southern Cal

Leroy B. Taft Jr. '49  
Landon M. Exley '51  
Henry B. Marvin '56 ★  
Wayne J. Pollard '56 ★  
Paul David Jr. '57  
Howard M. Benjamin '60  
Dr. Loyd C. Planting '61  
Henry F. Humfreville '82

## California Epsilon - UCLA

William E. Norgren '43  
Richard H. Davis '45  
James J. Millett Jr. '46  
Jerry D. Nelson '48 ★  
Peter P. Passanisi '55  
John A. Miehl '58 ★

## California Theta - CSUN

Anthony R. Masi '73

## Colorado Alpha - Colorado

Kai A. Raydon '22

## Florida Alpha - Florida State

Col. Charles B. Heimburg '62 ★

## Illinois Alpha - Northwestern

John Van Cleave '48 ★  
Neil B. Mann '53 ★

## Illinois Delta - Illinois

William J. Yonan '58  
Michael C. Zinchuk '88

## Indiana Alpha - DePauw

Roland S. Yunghans '47 ★  
David L. Joyce '63

## Indiana Beta - Indiana

Fredric P. Brouwer '59 ★  
Joseph B. Barker '61  
Dr. Donald M. Pell '61  
William A. Dicks '69  
Thomas F. Badham '78

## Indiana Gamma - Wabash

William A. Lovett '53  
Timothy J. Shickley '67  
William M. Nice '81  
James D. Haberfield '84

## Indiana Delta - Purdue

D. Bruce Smith '57 ★  
Edward W. Reinert Jr. '60

## Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

Thomas H. Kraut '53 ★  
Merlyn C. Vocke '53  
Byron A. Doerffler '57 ★  
Lynn C. Larson '62

## Indiana Zeta - Butler

Jeffery C. Baldwin '88  
Dr. Devon A. Hoover '89

## Indiana Iota - Ball State

Darian J. Wiley '17

## Iowa Alpha - Iowa

John H. Spence '28 ★  
John R. Howes '47 ★  
Robert B. Becker '50 ★  
Minor M. Barnes '51 ★  
Charles E. Danielson '51  
Dr. Wayne J. Barnes '53 ★

## Iowa Beta - Iowa State

LTC Arthur J. Weir Jr. '41 ★  
Richard N. Peters '46 ★  
William H. Meyer '56  
Richard W. Pattschull '59  
Capt. Robert S. Williams '59 ★  
Richard G. Weihler '67

## Kansas Alpha - Kansas

David N. Grimes '47 ★  
Robin N. McGeorge '48 ★  
James R. Davidson '49 ★  
Don R. Schuhmacher '50



## Henry "Hank" B. Marvin Southern Cal '56

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Foundation Emeritus Trustee, Hank Marvin. Brother Marvin's health had declined in recent years despite his strong will and tremendous zest for life. He entered Chapter Eternal on Friday, July 21, 2023. Hank's more than two decades of service on the Board of Trustees (1996-2017) was marked by distinguished contributions to the brotherhood as a donor, volunteer, advisor, leader and mentor.

**A full tribute to Brother Marvin will appear in the next issue of The Shield.**



Robert D. Hovey '51  
Fred A. Dunmire '52  
Robert C. Anderson '53 ★  
William E. Griffith III '53  
Herman D. Tusher '56  
Edward L. Winn III '62  
Addison L. Kellogg II '66

### **Michigan Alpha - Michigan**

Philip Johnson Jr. '57  
Andrew S. Todd '15

### **Michigan Beta - Michigan State**

Judson B. Alford III '61

### **Minnesota Beta - Minnesota**

Donald F. Swanson Sr. '45 ★  
George K. Gosko '46 ★  
Reginald K. Coe '52  
Dr. George W. Bonewell '56  
Kenneth E. Ellenberg '60

### **Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss**

Timothy L. Harris '72  
William R. Robertson '74

### **Missouri Alpha - Missouri**

David B. Zoellner '53 ★  
Ernest T. Swan III '57

### **Missouri Beta - Westminster**

Anton J. Graham '68

### **Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska**

Norris V. Swan '40 ★  
Robert W. Tritsch '49

### **Nebraska Beta - Creighton**

Patrick K. Mulroney '73

### **New Hampshire Alpha - Dartmouth**

John B. Hunt '55

### **New Jersey Epsilon - Rowan**

Ryan D. Elliott '10

### **New York Beta - Syracuse**

Charles V. Marti '47 ★  
William A. Haslun '49  
Robert D. Benya '50 ★  
Eugene P. Bonstein Jr. '61  
Thomas A. Cunningham '70  
George E. Wolke '81

### **New York Gamma - Columbia**

William J. Lubic '47 ★  
Richard J. Hiegel '53 ★

### **New York Epsilon - Colgate**

Richard S. Burroughs '49 ★  
Richard E. Woolbert Jr. '52  
Mark C. Wanich III '69

### **New York Eta - Buffalo**

Robert B. Kager '53

### **North Carolina Alpha - Duke**

Dr. Steven H. Gale '60

### **Ohio Alpha - Ohio Wesleyan**

David J. McFeggan Jr. '48  
Dr. William L. Smith '49  
James H. Hays '79

### **Ohio Beta - Wittenberg**

Harvey C. Tull Jr. '60  
Gregory S. Billstone '81

### **Ohio Delta - Ohio State**

Samuel D. Rife '55  
Kenneth L. Perrin '64

### **Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve**

Jack D. Dougherty '53 ★  
Eugene A. Stecca '53 ★  
Michael S. Clott '69  
Donald J. Hurtuk '70

### **Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green**

Daniel M. Sabo '72  
Neil D. Johnson '91

### **Ohio Eta - Toledo**

Duane E. Drake '54 ★  
Jerold A. Noss '67 ★  
Conner E. Hoogendoorn '18

### **Ohio Theta - Ashland**

Bruce H. Brelsford '69  
Eric N. Remaley '85  
Andrew D. Rothhaar '11

### **Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma**

Walter P. Buckthal '47 ★  
Kenneth M. Mann '52 ★  
Gerald H. Tankersley '57 ★

### **Oregon Alpha - Oregon**

Robert H. Carey '49 ★  
Richard F. Olson '49 ★

George W. Humphries '50  
Donald S. Rudd '50  
Wayne L. Ballantyne '52 ★  
Perry K. Mitchell Jr. '61  
Thomas M. Zabala '65 ★  
Alexander G. Christy '99

### **Oregon Beta - Oregon State**

Kenneth W. Annala '50  
Edward A. Wagner '64  
Timothy M. Shibahara '89  
Duane D. Wheeler '92

### **Pennsylvania Alpha - W & J**

John F. Slonaker '52  
Woodrow D. Wollesen '62 ★

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Col. Robert P. Daggett '57 ★

### **Pennsylvania Zeta - Dickinson**

Bruce C Beach Sr. '60

### **Pennsylvania Eta - F & M**

Jack W. Gross '50 ★  
William E. Culver '55 ★  
Robert H. Durna '62

### **Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette**

James F. Hurst '58 ★

### **Pennsylvania Iota - Penn**

William W. Wade '58 ★

### **Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State**

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Edward J. Gulas '51 ★  
Donald L. Barney '52  
John W. Houtz '52 ★  
Ronald L. Riley '52 ★  
Theofilos G. Balabanis '53 ★

### **Pennsylvania Nu - IUP**

Richard R. Zielinski '76  
Keith A. Kotara '98 ★

### **Rhode Island Alpha - Brown**

Graham D. Andrews '48 ★  
James R. Hebden Sr. '48 ★

### **Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt**

James M. Bullington '31  
Dr. John P. Blackburn '52 ★  
Dr. Harry L. Page '53  
John C. Wilkins Jr. '96

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## Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

Col. Terence N. Thompson '67 ☆

## Texas Alpha - Texas

Morris E. Waites Jr. '59  
Marion F. Chancellor '71  
Wade W. Goodwyn '80  
Benjamin T. Stokes '05

## Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Dr. William R. Laughlin '55 ☆  
Joe W. Stout '60 ☆  
James S. Lackey '78  
Dylan Quinn '13  
Hunter T. Nhan '14

## Washington Alpha - Washington

Charles J. Bardsley Jr. '44 ☆  
Charles C. Cruver '47  
Karl T. House '53 ☆  
Joseph A. Taller '54  
Robert R. Elwood '55 ☆  
James H. Possehl '63  
William R. Knowles Jr. '68

## West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

Stephen C. Williams '86  
William T. Gerlach '05

### CORRECTIONS

In the Fall/Winter 2022-23 issue of *The Shield*, the Page 10 photo caption should have read: **Haldon Dick Bowling Green '55** received the Eddie Knight Award for GAC Attendance from **David Moyer Alabama '91**.

**Frampton L. Harper II W & L '86** was incorrectly reported as deceased. He wants everyone to know he's alive and well! And he and his wife are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild!

**Robert A. Meszaros SIUE '00** - was incorrectly reported as deceased.

*Our apologies for the errors; thank you for bringing them to our attention.*



# HEALTHY THINKING: Process in Progress

By Ty Burns, Associate Director of Communications

Pressure exists from all angles. Parents expect things at first, but then the world expects much more as we age, and it's hard to appease each demand with perfection. The phrase 'the internet never forgets' cannot inspire hope while social media reigns over our culture, and gym worship is everywhere.

According to the American Psychological Association, perfectionism is broadly defined as a combination of excessively high personal standards and overly critical self-evaluations. Its multidimensional nature is hard to measure, but observation and study have led to several philosophies on how to address it.

'Comparison is the thief of happiness' is an old saying that could apply to the ACT approach to dealing with perfectionism. Acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) is an action-oriented psychotherapy developed by psychologist and professor Steven C Hayes. Stemming from Hayes' life experience with panic attacks, he searched to no longer run from himself. In a *Psychology Today* article, Hayes wrote, "Acceptance, mindfulness, and values are key psychological tools needed for that transformative shift."

Access to a licensed mental health professional is needed to receive ACT, but there are everyday practices to take away from its foundational lessons.

- Acceptance of private experiences (i.e., willingness to experience odd or uncomfortable thoughts, feelings or physical sensations in the service of response flexibility)
- Cognitive defusion or emotional separation/distancing (i.e., observing one's own uncomfortable thoughts without automatically taking them literally or attaching any particular value to them)
- Being present (i.e., being able to direct attention flexibly and voluntarily to present external and internal events rather than automatically focusing on the past or future)
- A perspective-taking sense of self (i.e., being in touch with a sense of ongoing awareness)
- Identification of values that are personally important
- Commitment to action for achieving the personal values identified

In ACT, patients identify their values and use healthy thinking processes to align with them. These practices encourage thoughtfulness and forgiveness when dealing with the most sensitive parts of the self.

At Phi Kappa Psi, you are accepted. The urge to be perfect is honorable in pursuing excellence, compassion and loyalty to comrades, but everyone makes mistakes. Every person is flawed. However, you are perfect in strengthening your character and deepening your integrity through trial and error.

Too often, boys and men are told to "man up" and discouraged from talking about their mental health. Let's uplift the boys and men in our lives, especially those who are struggling, and empower them to speak up. Together, we can shift the culture around men's mental health.

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If you think you or a loved-one may be experiencing signs of a mental illness, visit [www.mhascreening.org](http://www.mhascreening.org) to take a free, quick and confidential screen for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, PTSD, and/or Alcohol or Substance Use problems.



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### Arkansas Alpha - Arkansas

**Shannon Hodges '79** is the author of a dozen books and about 100 articles. His most recent book, "Creating a Meaningful Life," is a practical guide for helping professionals. An alumnus of Arkansas Alpha, Brother Hodges was tutor-in-residence at Oregon Beta in the mid-1980s. He is a professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Niagra University in New York.



### California Gamma - Cal

**George Guess '65** recently wrote and published a fictional satire called, "Dogs of Catherine Town" which is available on Amazon. Brother Guess says, "I think Phi Psi dog owners and Slavic studies majors everywhere would enjoy it!"



### Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

**Jim Heffernan '62** recently self-published a book available on Amazon called, "Every Plane Behind Me." The story relates to his father's experience as an Army Air Force pilot during World War II.



### Kansas Alpha - Kansas

**Dr. Thomas S. Helling '66** has authored more than 100 scientific articles and the following books, "The Great War and the Birth of Modern Medicine," "The

Agony of Heroes" and "Desperate Surgery in the Pacific War." Doctor Helling provides a unique perspective on military medical history with his intimate familiarity with military medicine, trauma surgery and medical history. He served in the Army Medical Corps from 1991 to 2000, receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Brother Helling is currently a tenured Professor of Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. For more information, visit: thomashelling.com.



**Rustin C. Dodd '06** has co-authored a recently released book, "Kingdom Quarterback: Patrick Mahomes, the Kansas City Chiefs, and How a Once Swingin' Cow Town Chased the Ultimate Comeback." Brother Dodd's collaboration with fellow journalist, Mark Dent, combines two inspiring tales. Their sports-writing skills and connection to Kansas City capture the rebirth of a city, a team's triumph and how Patrick Mahomes, and the team he led, were exactly what was needed to bring Kansas City back together again.

### New Jersey Gamma - Rutgers

**Christopher G. Hornick '87** released a book in 2022 called, "The Last Book of Leadership." Available on Amazon, the book focuses on



evolutionary leadership over the past 300,000 years and targets both emerging and seasoned leaders. It provides a field manual for becoming a more effective leader, case studies and key principles from impactful leaders throughout history, and a ground-breaking new leadership model to strengthen capabilities and increase executive presence.

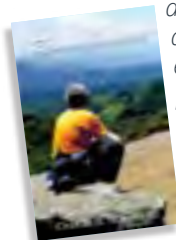
### Ohio Theta - Ashland

**Chris Eddy '85** published his second book, "The Hidden Secrets of Leadership Found in Song Lyrics: How the greatest songs of all time can teach you how to be a better leader!". Available on Amazon, this book is a follow-up to his first book which focused on movie quotes and leadership lessons. Brother Eddy retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Brigadier General and from the FBI as an Intelligence Manager. He has a PhD in Leadership and is a City Commissioner in Weston, Florida, where he lives with his wife and two high school children.



### Texas Beta - Texas Tech

**Charles H. Norman III '70** published a book in 2021 called "Remembrances," which is available on Amazon. The book is a collection of true short stories and personal anecdotes about people he's known, experiences he's had, and places he's been. A follow-up book, "Remembrances II," is in the works. In 2022, Brother Norman published "Road to Reconciliation ... And Beyond," a story about a young singer in the 60s who faced racial discrimination in his small Texas hometown.



### Washington Alpha - Washington

**Stephen E. Murphy '63** has authored three books of "odyssey and redemption." The first book includes several vignettes from Phi Psi regarding the turning points in life. His third, "Brazilian Odyssey," is set to publish in September 2023 in Brazil, where Brother Murphy lived for 14 years as a young professional and explorer of life.





*The standard badge of Phi Kappa Psi was adopted in 1914, and it is a sacred law based on cherished sentiment of our Fraternity that no one other than a member in good standing shall be allowed to wear the badge or any imitation thereof.*

## The Battle of the Badge

By Timothy Tangen Minn.-Duluth '03

You never know where your lost badge might turn up or where you might find one.

From time to time, non-members contact the Fraternity to ask how to return someone's lost badge.

While such phone calls or emails are rarer and rarer these days, as badges get listed on auction sites or traded in for their gold value, they still come. Badges turn up in pockets of clothes donated to second-hand stores, in parks, or even on beaches.

Badges are even recovered from battlefields (such as the Gettysburg Badge featured in the Summer 2013 'From the Archives'), and in one case, a Luxembourg desk from World War II.

We don't have a lot of information surrounding how the badge was lost, but here is what we know about it:

Harold C. Houghton's *Stanford 1912* badge was found in a Luxembourg bureau drawer on December 24, 1944. The Battle of the Bulge raged all around, snowfall blanketing Christmas Eve as much as the artillery fire. Allied forces captured Eschdorf, Luxembourg, and Roland D. Gidney *Kansas '43* happened to serve as a private with the occupying Yankee Division.

In a letter to the editor of *The Shield*, excerpted from the May 1945 issue, Brother Gidney's hopes for the badge were to reunite it with the original owner or his family. "I would like to return it, or if something happened to the boy and the pin was the result of German confiscation or loot, I would like to return it to his parents. Would you mind checking records to see who the boy is . . . and where he is in service, so I can return this coveted possession?"

Research shows Brother Houghton served in the Navy in World War I and went missing from the Fraternity's rolls shortly after that.

Attempts to find Brother Houghton post World War I for a valid mailing address, or knowledge of how he lost his badge, were unsuccessful.







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Today, we are pleased to share the establishment of our newest annual giving society – **the Phi Psi 500**.

The Phi Psi 500 recognizes those who annually contribute \$500 or more to any Phi Psi Foundation fund. Members of this society receive invitations to donor appreciation events, name recognition on our Donor Wall of Honor at Laurel Hall and an invitation to join Phi Psi's global networking group – simply named the Phi Psi 500.

The networking group was established to connect successful Phi Psis around the world to network, conduct business and build community. Joining the Phi Psi 500 giving society allows you to support your chapter and undergraduate brothers, while expanding your professional and Phi Psi network.

**Join the growing list of Phi Psi 500 society members today by visiting [pkpfoundation.org/phi-psi-500](http://pkpfoundation.org/phi-psi-500).**

Along with you, we are working to create a brighter future for our undergraduate men as they pursue productive, honorable, and purposeful lives.

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- Name recognition on the Donor Wall of Honor at Laurel Hall

### **Phi Psi 500**

*Recognizing members and friends who donate \$500 or more annually.*

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- Invitation to join Phi Psi's global networking group
- Name recognition on the Donor Wall of Honor at Laurel Hall

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