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I AM PHI PSI!

Honorable brothers from all walks of life necessary in quest for noble perfection

We live in the age of identity. DNA companies run endless commercials trying to sell us the genetic keys to reveal our identities. People seem to be more and more focused on their



Moyer

identities and how they are labelled, and how they want to be labelled by others. We are straight, gay, LGBT, non-binary, gender fluid, white, black, Asian, pan-Asian, Hispanic, African American, Native American, Jewish, Muslim, Hindi, Christian, Protestant, Catholic, and so on. In a Presidential election year, we see identity politics playing out live on television with politicians pandering and striving to include or exclude the groups to their camp, and claim a type of moral superiority over others for the manner and way they welcome or don't welcome people.

I am Phi Psi.

What does that mean? Our Creed provides some instruction in saying in relevant part, "Phi Kappa Psi is a Brotherhood of Honorable men, courteous and cultured, who pledge throughout their lives to be generous, compassionate, and loyal comrades."

I read that, and I personally am left asking the question, Am I a Phi Psi? The first paragraph of our Creed defines what a Phi Psi is, and the rest of our Creed gives us a roadmap to live up to those lofty ideals. Admittedly, I fall short. Regrettably, some of my actions on the Executive Council have fallen short.

Phi Kappa Psi is a Brotherhood of Honorable men. Our Ritual is one of affirmation telling each of us we are acceptable. Unfortunately, our history is ripe with instances and actions where we have excluded Honorable men, solely because of a part of their identity. Chapters have surrendered their charters because alumni did not like the identity of one of their members and found it too difficult to be generous, compassionate and loyal comrades.

At our upcoming Grand Arch Council (GAC), I will introduce a Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. This Committee has already begun its work. Its mission is to develop policies and procedures where we can recruit and be welcoming of Honorable men from all walks of life. We want and need Honorable brothers of all identities to help us strive for intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence. We need these men to help strengthen our characters and deepen our integrity, and to counsel and guide us on our lifelong quest for noble perfection.

Our Creed and our Ritual clearly state Phi Kappa Psi is a lifelong commitment. It is a lifelong membership. Far too often, our members get initiated and disappear. Fortunately, many of

our members do not. At the GAC, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of the S.C.

The Order of the S.C., due solely to its secrecy, has received unwarranted criticism from some circles. Without revealing any secrets of the Order, I can say the Order and its Ritual is a celebration of those Brothers who with great pride view Phi Kappa Psi as a lifelong commitment. The Order is an acknowledgement of those Brothers who proudly say I am a Phi Psi and toast their devotion to the education and cultivation of Honorable men.

For those of you planning to attend GAC in Minneapolis, I say welcome, and I look forward to seeing you there. For those of you on the fence about wanting to attend, I urge you to strongly consider. **Phi Psi needs you.**

We have important work to be done, and we need you to be part of the solutions for the problems facing our Fraternity and the Greek world. For those of you, who feel you do not belong, or are not welcome, I assure you, your voice is wanted, your voice is needed and your voice is valued. Our doors will be opened to all who are willing to knock.

Most importantly, if you want to make your brotherhood better, if you want to enhance the experience for your brothers, but are unable to attend GAC, please get involved with a local chapter or alumni association. If there isn't one nearby, consider starting your own! Everyone at Headquarters would be more than happy to help you get involved.

At a quiet dinner in San Francisco last May, Brother Carlos Hernandez *Stanford '78*, shared with me some of the greatest wisdom I have received in my life: **People and institutions crave to know your distance travelled.** What is the path you have taken to get to your point in life? What lessons did you learn on that path and on your journey? The importance is, everyone's distance travelled, taken collectively, experiences shared, lessons learned improve the organization and you as an individual.

Throughout life, we travel great distances, encounter obstacles, challenges, learn and move on. How great would it be to include Honorable men from all walks all life to share their distance travelled, their experiences, and their wisdom, to make us better men, better fathers, better husbands, better sons, better uncles, better citizens and better brothers?

You are Phi Psi. I am Phi Psi. We are all Phi Psi.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Moyer".

David S. Moyer *Alabama '91*
National President

RANSOM

I'll never forget April 13, 2000. It was a Thursday night. It was the night of my initiation into Phi Kappa Psi. I stood in a church, surrounded by my brothers and began a journey I had no idea would lead me to where I am today.



Ransom

When I made the decision to join Phi Psi, there was still a hint of uncertainty in the back of my mind. Growing up in the suburbs of Columbus, Ohio, I'd grown acutely aware of the fact that the color of my skin mattered to some people. As a high schooler, I'd been called names, lost prom dates and had my abilities questioned, all because I was different. What I was not aware of at the time was that the fate of several men like me only 50 years prior, had taken a different path when they attempted to join Phi Kappa Psi.

I often find myself thinking about members who have been initiated into Phi Kappa Psi but no longer feel that they have a place in our fraternity. Perhaps you feel this way because of an experience you had as an undergraduate or alumni volunteer, an action or lack of action taken by our organization that made you feel that you were not valued, or a simple failure by our organization to assure you that you belong. I say this because for many years, I was one of those members.

I realize some wounds may be too deep to be healed, but I want to make sure that this message is extremely clear. **If you are an initiated member of Phi Kappa Psi in good standing, you are welcome here.** There are no asterisks or exceptions. There are no debates. When you were initiated, you made a lifelong commitment to the values and beliefs of this organization. When each member of this organization is initiated, he makes a commitment to support you as well. *Amici us que ad aras.*

The stories between these pages share just a glimpse of the amazing lives that our members lead around the world. I'm asking you to take a moment to share your story. Let us know where you've found success in your life. I want our members to read about Phi Psis like Dante Barry *Monmouth '10*, who has dedicated so much of his adult life to eradicating gun violence. I want our members to read about Scott Sutton *Lycoming '04* (Winter 2018) who left an amazing gift for his son Alec before entering Chapter Eternal. I want people to see the work that Brother Eric Stark *Wabash '85* (Fall/Winter 2019) is doing in the performing arts.

I want you to see the stories because I know how incredible they are. I've traveled this country for 16 years and met Phi Psis all over who are doing amazing things. There's still so many of you who I've not met who have stories to tell. Go ahead, pull out your pen and paper or open a Word document and start typing. You can send letters directly to me. I can't wait to read each and every one of them, respond, and help share your story.

You are Phi Psi.

I am Phi Psi.

We are all Phi Psi.

R.K. R I..

Ronald K. Ransom II *Butler '00*
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Tag **@PhiKappaPsi** or send via DM.

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The men of Phi Kappa Psi are thrilled to have donated a total of 32 packed meals to the Ronald McDonald Charity House this weekend! Keep up the good work, boys!
#TheGreatJoyOfServingOthers



Ronnie H. Piper Texas State '03
[@PiperReport](https://www.instagram.com/PiperReport)



The last time I spoke to Mr. Phi Psi himself, Ralph "Dud" Daniels. Remembered you today, good sir & coincidentally found our photo ... so I decided to post it. RIP.
#chaptereternal

Charm City Alumni Association
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Alumni from all across Maryland and undergraduates from [@PhiPsiTowson](https://www.instagram.com/PhiPsiTowson) gathered in downtown Baltimore for our annual Founders' Day celebration! *#IAmPhiPsi*

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This week's brother of the week goes out to Opie Singh. He's spent most of his winter break assisting in the design of highways and bridges. Keep up the hard work, OP!
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Ohio Iota - Akron
[@PhiPsiAkron](https://www.instagram.com/PhiPsiAkron)



A few of our brothers spent the day at Akron Canton Food Bank, contributing to 604 meals.



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Facing Uncertainty Together

Phi Kappa Psi responds to COVID-19

Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity was born on the idea of *The Great Joy of Serving Others*.

It was born on the idea of friends helping friends. Friends helping strangers. It was born during a time of great fear, strife, and sickness that had taken over the Jefferson College Campus and the surrounding Canonsburg Community.

168 years later, campuses and communities are once again frozen and are in a state of uncertainty. In the winter of 1850-51, it was typhoid fever that took over the small hamlet in western Pennsylvania. As this magazine goes to print on March 16, it is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) that is running rampage across our campuses, the United States, and the entire world.

COVID-19 represents something that we have not seen in generations — an outside threat that is challenging much of what we know about what is “normal.” Phi Kappa Psi is as impacted by such uncertainty as any organization made up of members committed to a common set of values. Through united efforts our brotherhood was able to overcome previous battles; WWII which saw our chapter houses taken over to become barracks; the Spanish flu which rampaged our chapters and campuses like it did communities throughout the world, and any number of tumultuous economic circumstances that had deep impact on people and society.

It was William Henry Letterman and Charles Page Thomas Moore who took it upon themselves in 1852 to look after and care for those in their campus and neighborhood community who had come ill. Many of you today are following in their footsteps. You’re delivering food and supplies to your elderly neighbors or those otherwise unable or fearful of going out. Some of you fall into a second category —

immunocompromised, having an existing health condition, or of a certain age that also puts you at a greater risk. Regardless of which category you fall into, or if you fall into the area somewhere in between, the most important thing that you can do, that we all can do; is to listen to the experts and follow the law, rules, and regulations put into place in your local communities.

It is an odd feeling to be going to print with *The Shield* today. What you will read when this arrives in your mailbox, assuming the mail goes through, is something written several weeks ago. At this time, 60 of the 101 campuses that host an active Phi Psi chapter have instructed their students to go home. This impacts hundreds of thousands of students. 6,000 of which are Phi Psis who are supported by hundreds of volunteers, each of which is thinking about how to support those students while also caring for their personal affairs. With all that has changed in our world in just the last few days, it is impossible to say what the circumstances will be as you read this piece. We can confidently share that the senior staff leadership and all national and local volunteer boards are diligently working through scenarios wherein we consider our social responsibility to each other foremost, and wherein we are addressing what we anticipate the needs of local chapters and undergraduates will be in the near future.

Great battles and trials have faced us as a nation and a Fraternity before, and we have triumphed and come out stronger every time. It is our firm belief that we shall come out stronger on the other side of this, regardless of what else happens.

We can think of no better way to close this message than with these simple and comforting words: “May Peace and Harmony ever be with us, and our Great Ruler in Heaven ever Guide us.”



Alumni engagement is essential to Phi Psi's future success

Are you a Phi Psi who knows *The Great Joy of Serving Others*? Several hundred Phi Psi alumni get that “great joy” by serving their local Phi Psi chapter and mentoring young Phi Psi brothers.

While the Phi Kappa Psi experience is one where young men learn how to operate as a cohesive group, they also grow as individuals because of their fraternity experience. The personal growth, the leadership lessons, the learning from one's mistakes, the fun... that all comes with the experience. But at times it does require a little guidance from alumni. This is where volunteers come in.

Should you consider volunteering?

The most important consideration is whether you have a desire to serve your undergraduate brothers. If the answer is yes, then there's likely a role suited to your interests, location and time. There is also likely the need. Typically, volunteer roles fall into one of three major categories, but ultimately, they all have direct impact on students.

The Chapter Advisor

Young chapter leaders always require a little support, guidance and at times, a mentor to help them through difficult decisions. Advisors are there to guide and support; not lead. Each chapter requires at least a Chapter Advisor, but chapters should have additional volunteers to provide guidance in the areas of finance, recruitment, university relations, philanthropy, alumni relations and a number of other operational areas. For a brief description of each role, please visit phikappapsi.com/volunteer.

Generally speaking, successful advisors attend at least one chapter meeting per month during the school year. This helps the

chapter get to know the advisor and associate a face with a name on paper or a voice on the phone. Scheduling regular touchpoints with student leaders is also a hallmark of an effective chapter volunteer.

The House Corporation volunteer

Housing is often a big part of fraternity life. Our undergraduate chapters need adequate housing that is competitive with their peers on campus. Those houses are managed, and oftentimes owned, by a House Corporation made up of Phi Psi alumni who manage the facility, the contracts with students, and the financial assets of the chapter that fall outside of undergraduate control.

Each Housing Corporation consists of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and as many general Housing Corporation members as needed.

The Alumni Association volunteer

Phi Kappa Psi is a lifelong membership, not something that ends after graduation. Our alumni associations give Phi Psis an opportunity to continue that brotherhood through various social functions, events with a local chapter, and opportunities to vote at national Phi Psi conventions.

Alumni Associations consist of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and must maintain a roster of at least 15 members to maintain their formal recognition by the Grand Arch Council. Alumni can maintain membership in multiple alumni associations, and we encourage you to be involved with one that is local to you or of significance to your chapter.

If you have questions about these opportunities or would like to become involved, please email alumni@phikappapsi.com and a staff member will connect with you.



Photo Courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

80th Grand Arch Council heads to Minneapolis July 15–July 18, 2020



The Grand Arch Council (GAC) is a biennial event that serves as the supreme governing body of the Fraternity. Members come together in the spirit of democracy to cast votes on proposed amendments to ensure a strong future for Phi Kappa Psi.



Attendees also nominate and elect Executive Council members to serve for the following two years and make committee recommendations to the Headquarters staff.

Undergraduate members and alumni alike meet to not only conduct business, but also to reconnect with brothers from near and far. This tradition started in 1855, three years after the founding of Phi Kappa Psi. GAC has been taking place every two years across the country and has been consistent in delivering policies and decisions that support the advancement of Phi Kappa Psi.

Up-to-date information, links to register for events, and direct access to the hotel room block can be found at phikappapsi.com/grand-arch-council.



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Lodging

Hilton Minneapolis

1001 Marquette Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Room Rate: \$175 a night

Registration

Early: \$650 closes May 3

Regular: \$700 closes June 30

On Site: \$800

Early Guest Program: \$350 closes May 3

Regular Guest Program: \$400 closes June 30

On Site Guest Program: \$500

Daily: \$120*

Registration includes all events and meals. Guest Program participation is a separate expense. Members may have an opportunity to register for guest programs if space allows.

**Participants will be allowed to register for up to two (2) days using daily registration. Further attendance will require that participants pay the remaining balance of a full registration based on their original registration date.*

Schedule

Wednesday, July 15

11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Founders' Cup Golf Outing
1-7 p.m.	GAC Registration
7:30-9 p.m.	President's Reception

Thursday, July 16

8-9:30 a.m.	Welcome & General Session I
9:45 a.m.-12 p.m.	Committee Meetings I
12:15-2:15 p.m.	Awards Luncheon
2:30-3:30 p.m.	District Meetings
3:45-6 p.m.	Committee Meetings II

Friday, July 17

8-10 a.m.	General Session II
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	General Session III
12-2 p.m.	Mentoring Luncheon
2-4:45 p.m.	General Session IV
5-6:30 p.m.	Model Initiation
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Order of the S.C. and Guest Reception
7:30-10 p.m.	Order of the S.C. Initiation and Dinner

Saturday, July 18

9 a.m.-12 p.m.	General Session V
12-2 p.m.	Lunch on your Own
2-5 p.m.	General Session VI
7-8 p.m.	Reception
8 p.m.	Final Banquet



Plans for GAC amidst COVID-19 concerns:

Our facility contract for the GAC provides for a cancellation of our contract if the Center for Disease Control issues a Level 3 Travel Warning for the area. At this time, the Fraternity is operating under those parameters as the baseline for cancellation. If those parameters change, we will notify you of that contingency. Additionally, if the Grand Arch Council is cancelled because of a health event, it is anticipated all registration fees will be returned to our brothers and guests who pre-registered.

PHI KAPPA PSI FOUNDERS' CUP 2020



Founders' Cup Golf Outing

On Wednesday, July 15, the Twin Cities Alumni Association and the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation invite our GAC attendees to the 2020 Founders' Cup!

Played at the Les Bolstad Golf Course, home to the Minnesota Gophers Golf Team, the event will be a great opportunity to spend time with brothers, meet others from around the country and have fun before the official start of GAC. Transportation from and to the Hilton will be provided, and the registration fee includes Phi Kappa Psi giveaways, greens fees, cart and a post-round reception.

Visit phikappapsi.com/founderscup to register today.

Schedule

10:45 a.m.	Departure from Hilton (if staying at Hilton for GAC)
11-11:15 a.m.	Arrival at Les Bolstad Golf Course
11:45 a.m.	Shotgun Tee Time
4:30 p.m.	Conclude
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Reception and Awards Ceremony
5:30 p.m.	Departure from Les Bolstad Golf Course

Costs

- Single Golfer Registration: \$120
- Foursome Registration: \$390
- Post-Golf Reception Only: \$40

National Leadership Award

Introduced in 1998, the prestigious National Leadership Award (NLA) recognizes notable Phi Psis for their professional achievements, the significant impact they have made in their communities and the impression they have left on Phi Kappa Psi. The award is ceremonially presented during the closing Awards Banquet during the Grand Arch Council.

Each recipient serves as a positive role model for the future generations of our great Fraternity and has made significant strides in their chosen professions, their surrounding communities and/or within Phi Kappa Psi. We are grateful and honored to call these men brothers.

Join us in congratulating the 2020 NLA recipients who will receive their awards in person at the GAC in July.



Dudley

Robert (Bob) Dudley ***Illinois '74***

Newly retired CEO of BP, Brother Dudley is known as the chief executive who rescued BP from its Deepwater Horizon disaster in 2010. He spent 40 years with the company, including nine as CEO. Dudley is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and a member of several advisory boards.



Martin

J. Landis (Lanny) Martin ***Northwestern '65***

Founder and Managing Director of Platte River Ventures, Brother Martin has a strong affinity for his alma mater, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Northwestern University. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Denver Art Museum and was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame in 2012.



Newton

Roger Newton Lafayette '69

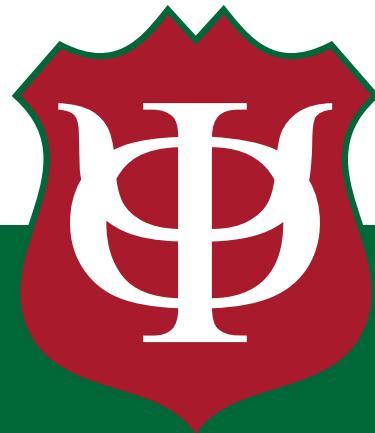
Considered the father of Lipitor, Brother Newton has had a career rooted in the pharmaceutical and biotech life sciences industries and has dedicated his career to developing medications that can improve the quality of life for millions of people. He also serves as an Executive in Residence for the Center for Positive Organizations at the University of Michigan's Ross

School of Business and is involved with several other nonprofit organizations.

Silent Auction

An attendee favorite, the Silent Auction will be back again in Minneapolis. Members can bid on site at GAC or from the comfort of their home on exclusive packages, Phi Psi swag and more. All proceeds benefit the Phi Psi Fund which supports our undergraduate brothers where they need it most – educational and leadership programming and health and wellness initiatives.

Have Phi Psi memorabilia, event tickets or a unique item to contribute? Email silentauction@pkpfoundation.org.

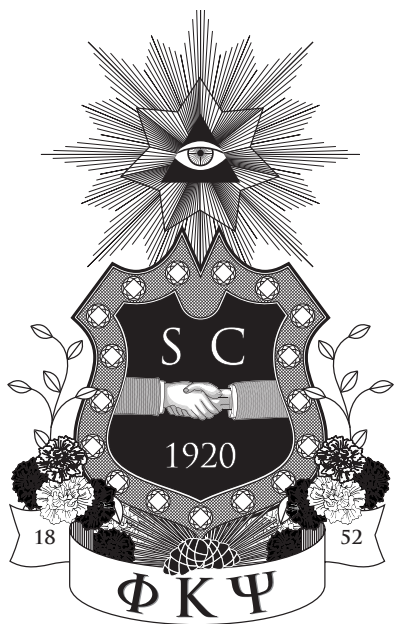


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July 14, 2020

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Order of the S.C. Centenary Observance: Living the Lessons of Founders' Day in the Present, "I am a Phi Psi"

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The commitment we share began with a simple, solemn pledge. For most of us this commitment was made at the threshold of our college experience. Whole lifetimes were yet to be lived. Many roads to be traveled.

At our formal pledging we were challenged to devote earnest efforts toward improving ourselves and our Fraternity every day. At Induction we were reminded that the success of our organization depends entirely upon the character of its members, so that in our conduct toward our brothers and society we must never forget we are members of Phi Kappa Psi. This lofty idealism inspired by our Founders was the beginning of a journey intended to last a lifetime.

Yet each of us knows members who view their fraternity experience as exclusively a collegiate one. Fraternity for them is locked in a place in time: "I was a Phi Psi."

This year, the Fraternity insightfully chose a Founders' Day theme that harkens back to the basics of membership. Another simple, solemn affirmation of the obligations we undertook as pledges and initiates and which resonate in the Alumni Induction where men departing college swear to faithfully support the fraternity for life. It is a call to action to all members to live our fraternal ideals every day. "I am a Phi Psi."

Choosing *The Great Joy of Serving Others* as our Founding Ideal, our forebears realized each of us possess the ability to positively influence the lives of others. And perhaps there is no better place to see this ideal in action in Phi Psi than in the members of the Order

of the S.C. There resides a collection of deeply involved present and former GAC delegates, elected and appointed officers, trustees, committee and special projects chairmen, present and former staff and — most importantly — boots on the ground chapter advisors, house corporation directors, local alumni volunteers and countless unsung mentors who exemplify the most coveted title of all, brother.

We encourage all members to put your ideals in action by joining us at the 80th Grand Arch Council in Minneapolis in July. Come work shoulder-to-shoulder with committed brothers to help set the priorities and strategy of the Fraternity for the next two years. Come also to commemorate the S.C. Centenary and the contributions of its members to the fabric of our Fraternity. We especially encourage those of you who have not attended a GAC recently and are eligible for induction in the S.C. Let us use this occasion to make the 80th GAC our largest ever!

Finally, let us all remember that the majesty of the idealism shared 168 years ago by two young men at a small college in Pennsylvania is more relevant and necessary today than ever before and should always be lived in the present: "I am a Phi Psi."



**I AM
PHI PSI**

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

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

I joined Phi Psi because I wanted the Fraternity experience. The thing I liked most was the many role models in my chapter. Brothers were involved in all aspects of university life — the Traditions Committee, student government, the baseball team — and they were smart too! They humbled me. What I learned was that everyone has a role to play to make the chapter work.

Ice Patrol: My Hunt for Icebergs

Michael Wendelin Arizona '78



Mission Track flying the observation mission directly over the wreck of the RMS Titanic

My International Ice Patrol Story started in 2014.

I was transiting through St. John's Newfoundland, Canada returning from my final Navy detachment as I was to retire from the Navy that November. There was a Coast Guard C-130 parked near where we parked our Navy C-130. I asked the ground support guy there at the airport what they were doing there? He said, "They're here for the International Ice Patrol." It was at that moment I said to myself: **I'm going to fly with those guys and write a story about it.**

In college, I wanted to be a Navy fighter pilot, but my vision rendered me ineligible. Instead, I snagged an aircrew position with the US Navy Reserve as a C-130 Loadmaster (non-pilot enlisted aircrew). I logged 4000 hours in 12 years as a member of the World-Famous VR-62 Nomads and visited 69 countries.

I knew the Coast Guard had an Auxiliary program that had a flying component. I joined the Auxiliary to land my story. During my first Air Safety meeting at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, I told the Operations Officer I was a former C-130 Loadmaster with VR-62, and I wanted to write a story about the Iceberg Hunters. To my surprise, he said he flew with VR-61 before he transitioned to the Coast Guard. He said he would make a few phone calls.



Before I knew it, I received an invite to the annual International Ice Patrol conference in New London, CT. In a room filled with representatives from other nations involved with the International Ice Patrol, everyone was asked to introduce themselves. I let the introduction part go past me. Then someone else entered the room, and the Commanding Officer asked them to introduce themselves. After, the Commanding Officer pointed to me and said I think we missed you, please introduce yourself.

I spoke with the pilots and the Commanding Officer, and very soon, I was scheduled to meet the Coast Guard C-130 in New London CT for a flight with IRD3 (ice reconnaissance detachment 3 for FY19) to St. John's Newfoundland Canada to get my story.

Sometimes it's a matter of asking the question!

Brother Wendelin's story about his experience hunting for icebergs appeared in the summer 2019 issue of the Association of Naval Aviation's magazine "Wings-of-Gold." Visit phikappapsi.com/wendelin to read it in full.



TOP: Coast Guard C-130J pushed out for pre-flight in preparation for an Iceberg tracking mission at St. John's Newfoundland Airport

RIGHT: View from the bubble window on CG C-130J

One of my favorite memories is when my Arizona Alpha chapter brother Brook Hammond '82 (now a Captain at American Airlines) took another chapter brother, Ralph "Dud" Daniel '47, for a ride in a T-34 trainer aircraft at the Davis Monthan (DM) Air Force Base in Tucson. DM is near the Campus of the University of Arizona. Dud had not been at the controls of an airplane since the end of WWII some 40 years earlier. Brother Hammond reported, "Dud took the controls and flew as if he had never left the Army Air Corps; landed it perfectly."



**I AM
PHI PSI**



Who is husband to a former "Jeopardy!" contestant?

I am!

I am a father of twins.

I am a volunteer.

I am a golfer.

I am a ski patroller.

I am a PDC coach.

I am a world traveler.

I am an earthquake survivor.

I am a humanitarian.

I am a recruiter for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

I am a storyteller.

I am Phi Psi.



One Man's MOVE to Belong

Brother's passionate pursuit positively impacts others

Today, Dante Barry Monmouth '10 is a nationally recognized community leader promoting human rights solutions to ending gun violence.

Brother Barry is recognized among the country's most influential African American commentators by media giants including MTV, MSNBC, and the Huffington Post. In 2012, he founded Million Hoodies Movement for Justice, and was recently awarded Monmouth's inaugural Recent Graduate Award for excellence.

But his journey to pursuing his passion to make a positive difference in the lives of others didn't come easily.

"My mom struggled to put food on the table for my brother Jordan and me," Barry recalls. "I was ashamed of coming from a meager background."

He was awarded a scholarship to attend Monmouth from the Educational Opportunity Fund, a statewide program for first-generation college students. "Here I was on a nearly all-white campus. A first-generation college student trying to find where I fit in. I felt pressure to conform."

His initial quests to join a fraternity were marred by racial degradation during the rush process — not once, but twice. "I didn't need that. I was pretty much done with fraternities until the beginning of my senior year, when I got involved with the Phi



Barry is pictured here with fellow Monmouth alumnus and past award recipient, Peter Bruckmann.

Psi colony. They were good people, people I could share my experiences with. I felt like I belonged.”

For Brother Barry, Phi Kappa Psi helped redeem the integrity of what authentic Greek life means, restoring what had been broken in his first quest for bids: brotherhood and

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friendship. “One of the things most important for me is to be in a relationship with people who share the same values as I do — who are not necessarily from the same background as I am. Phi Kappa Psi also provided me a lot of structure and learning in terms of how you run meetings with a clear purpose, conduct business, and follow Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Barry’s passion in founding Million Hoodies Movement for Justice goes hand-in-hand with the principles in which Phi Psi is rooted. “It’s about how to be in a respectful relationship with every human being, regardless of their identity. Everyone should feel valued. Everyone should feel they have worth.

“Million Hoodies Movement for Justice is about more than stopping gun violence. It’s about larger issues surrounding that — providing education and health care and

opportunities for people to succeed. Everybody should have a shot at life, at happiness, and health. Some of us aren’t afforded that yet; a lot of my passion is getting us to a place where we all have a social safety net.”

His hope for Phi Psi is that the fraternity continues to lead the way in alcohol and drug abuse prevention; respect and equity among all persons, whether it’s a woman, a gay person, a person of color. “I also think it’s really, really important to have a mentorship program that connects alumni from different chapters, backgrounds, and areas of life experience so we can offer one another the chance to augment the life skills and build a more successful future for all.”

Dante Barry holds a bachelor’s degree in political science with a concentration in international relations and specialization in communications. He is a frequent commentator to Al Jazeera America and has appeared on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, MSNBC, CNN, NPR, New York Times, Democracy Now, and Washington Post. Brother Barry is published in popular outlets such as The Nation Magazine, The Guardian, and Ebony Magazine. Beyond his career commitments, he greatly values spending time with his family.

“

Phi Psi has really shown me a way of showing love, care, and support for people who are in the Fraternity. That has made an impact in my life: you might not talk to them all the time, but they will be there for you.

I didn’t know how I was going to re-engage with another fraternity again after an earlier negative rush experience, so I think Phi Psi has been a good place in my life.

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**I AM
PHI PSI**



I am a son.

I am a brother.

I am an uncle.

I am a lover.

I am a fighter.

I am resilient.

I am courageous.

I am loyal.

I am creative.

I am a champion for human rights.

I am an entrepreneur.

I am a strategist.

I am a thinker.

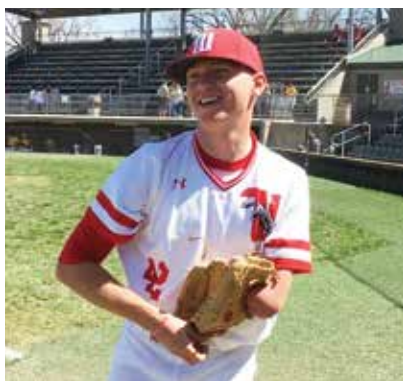
I am an idealist with a bit of pragmatism.

I am Phi Psi.



OVERCOME

Disabilities



Brother Luke Campbell Wittenberg '17 found his passion in sports — particularly baseball — early on in life.

“Being someone that was born with one arm, I always relied on sports to gain that sense of normalcy I was missing in my life,” says Campbell. “People aren’t afraid to stare when you have a disability, so I wanted to give them something to look at. Playing baseball at the collegiate level was a blessing and reassured me that I can overcome any obstacle in my life.”

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Driven by his own experience, Campbell started a campaign to give people with disabilities, like his own, the opportunity to participate in athletics, however that may look for them. What started as a simple tweet has flourished in the last eight months.



“I sent out a tweet with my story and from there, it really took off. People have been spreading the word about OVERCOME ever since,” shares Campbell. He began selling bracelets, stickers and shirts with a logo he designed to raise awareness and funds to support his campaign. Since launching the campaign in September of 2019, Campbell has donated \$4,500 to organizations that give athletes who have a disability the opportunity to excel in sports.

In February, Campbell took OVERCOME one step further. He competed in Wittenberg University’s Department of Business third annual “Tiger Tank”, a comparison to ABC’s Shark Tank, where students get to pitch their ideas to select Wittenberg alumni. Campbell pitched his vision for OVERCOME and won the grand prize package worth \$25,000.



Campbell's vision is for OVERCOME to become a registered non-profit to host camps and events for children with disabilities so they too can participate in athletics. "I wish I had a role model that looked like me growing up. I want them to have someone they can relate too and can show them the only limitations they have are the ones they put on themselves. I encourage others to not be afraid of telling your story, even if you don't think it is significant. Someone might need to hear it more than you know."

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Phi Psi has been a strong support system for Campbell. "Since starting OVERCOME, my chapter has helped me raise money, host events, and spread the word about the mission of my organization," he says. "Every member of Phi Psi wants to see the guy next to them succeed. Without my brothers pushing and expecting the best from me, I don't know if I would've been confident enough to start this initiative."

Visit <https://overcome-disability.constantcontactsites.com/> to learn more about OVERCOME or to support Campbell's vision today.

During my freshmen year at Wittenberg University, I decided to join Phi Kappa Psi since I knew this was a group of guys I could count on. Joining Phi Psi has allowed me to meet some of my closest friends and gave me the opportunity to grow from some of the finest men. Now I plan to pass that light onto others.



**I AM
PHI PSI**



I am an athlete.
I am competitive.
I am passionate.
I am adaptable.
I am determined.

I am Phi Psi.



Developing Opportunities

Brother Kevin Norgaard UC Irvine '17 was introduced to software engineering when he began developing an app for his high school peers to talk about the things that were happening on campus or in the news. The app gained a userbase of 800 students and 40 clubs. "The initial app release took an entire summer of weekly meetings at a local Starbucks," says Norgaard. "After the release, work continued by getting direct feedback from our users and making changes accordingly. While this experience gave me technical skills, I also learned to network with local businesses, work as a team, get out of my comfort zone, and transform a vision into a reality." Norgaard now uses the skills he learned when developing the app by creating and maintaining web apps for others, including his own chapter's website.

Music has also had a big impact of Norgaard's life, helping to keep him in balance. He began playing the saxophone in middle school and played for two years in advanced band followed by a year of jazz band. He used his musical experience to represent Phi Psi during his freshmen year in a male talent show hosted by another Greek organization on campus. "I produced a beat, performed a rap, and won the competition," says Norgaard. "Producing music helps me feel balanced when I am furious, disappointed, etc. It has helped me through stressful times, channeled my creativity, and made me who I am today."

Norgaard gives credit to his mentor, Brother Carlos Hernandez Stanford '78, for helping him work toward his career goals. "After assessing Brother Hernandez's LinkedIn account, noting his

Stanford degree and excellent recommendations, I knew he had something, but I didn't know what exactly," shares Norgaard. "I messaged Brother Hernandez through LinkedIn where I pitched him a start-up that I was involved with and asked him to be my mentor." The two had never met in person but started exchanging ideas through biweekly calls. They eventually met at the 2018 Grand Arch Council.

"Because of Brother Hernandez, I am sensible in my decisions, hungry for more in life, and never afraid to fail forward."

"We began and ended our calls by reciting the Creed. We developed a plan over those calls," says Norgaard. "He helped me identify and execute many aspects of my personal and professional life. Because of Brother Hernandez, I am sensible in my decisions, hungry for more in life, and never afraid to fail forward."

Norgaard has benefited from Phi Psi and several programs that the brotherhood offers undergraduates, including the Professional Development Conference (PDC). "PDC fast-tracked my professional growth, taught me dining etiquette, refined my career plan and pitch, and built bonds with unfamiliar faces," says Norgaard. "If anyone is on the fence about applying for a Fraternity program, my recommendation would be to go for it. It just may change your life."



I am a problem solver.
I am a music producer.
I am a software engineer.
I am an entrepreneur.

I am Phi Psi.

During my first week of college, I rushed three fraternities simply because I wanted to meet people. I took Phi Psi's bid because the older brothers resembled the type of man I wanted to become. If it were not for Phi Psi, I believe I might not have ever trusted anyone as much as I trust my brothers. Phi Psi is more than a group of men, it is a shared bond. The love goes far beyond our fraternity and is felt everywhere we go and by everyone we interact with.



I am John.
I am black.
I am the strength of a past rooted in pain.
I am the hope of a bright future, where our struggles aren't in vain.
I am a boy born without promise, rather promised to be in chains.
I am a man broken free, the burdens and bondage slain.
I am Afro, nappy, dreadlocks, curls, braids, and fade.
I am lawyer, doctor, professor, rapper, singer, preacher, barber, all the same.
I am the continuous voice of Dr. King telling us all to get along.
And I am forever proud that ...
I am black.
I am John.

I am Phi Psi.

John Akinwole UC Irvine '16



**I AM
PHI PSI**



I am many things.
I am a brother.
I am a runner.
I am a musician.
I am a photographer.
I am biracial.
I am a volunteer.
I am strong.
I am more.
I am worthy.

I am Phi Psi.

“ I joined Phi Psi because I believed in their values and I knew that I would be a part of something greater than myself. Having a platform to volunteer on campus and to do so with people I call my brothers is a blessing that will stick with me forever. Phi Psi has also allowed me to be myself and embrace all aspects of my identity that I was ashamed of at first.

Phi Psi has created lifelong friendships and a network of brothers. It has also shown me the importance of volunteering and standing up for people who don't have a voice.

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Mauricio Penn *Beloit '18*

I am a Christian.
I am a man.
I am a brother.
I am a son.
I am a servant.
I am a leader.
I am an American.
I am disciplined.
I am a conservative.
I am a scholar.

I am Phi Psi.

“ Phi Psi has had shown me what true brotherhood is. My brothers are family. We are there for each other when things are going great and when we are going through tough times. We all come from different backgrounds and have different interests, but we are still able to come together and experience a true brotherhood that does not end after graduation. I am part of the Phi Psi brotherhood for life.

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Matt Combs *Ball State '19*



I am Phi Psi Volunteer Spotlight:

Jodi Jabs Alpha Sigma Alpha

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am originally from Jordan, Minnesota. I have a BS in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF). I have a MS in College Student Affairs from Nova Southeastern University, and I have a Ed.D in Higher Education from Concordia University. I currently work in higher ed as a Director of Campus Activities. I am a woman of poise and purpose, Alpha Sigma Alpha. I am a member of the Phi Psi Family and have volunteered for Regional Officer Trainings for the past few years.



Jabs

Who was your role model growing up?

Celebrity was and still is Reba McEntire. There is a long story behind that for another time! Personally, I would have to say my grandmothers and mom. There is just something about strong women that really speaks to me. They helped me become the person I am today.

Why do you think it's important to volunteer?

Our organizations instill in us the value of volunteering. I find that it's important because it allows us to give of ourselves. Sometimes, that's all we can give. Not everyone can give money or goods, but we can volunteer our time. It's important to show others that we believe in them or their causes. When I am volunteering, I am always in a great mood. I know that I am leaving a bigger impact on this world than if I just did things for myself.

What are some "high points" of your role in higher education?

My high points are when my students come back and ask me for a letter of recommendation. I love writing about my students and highlighting their accomplishments. It's an honor to be a part of their lives. The other day, I was told a former student went into ministry because of me. I was shocked. It always surprises me that I can have an impact on my students' lives.

What have you learned from our undergraduates?

I have learned that being a member of Phi Psi is a unique experience. Phi Psi members truly value their experience and know that it's something that will help them through college and beyond.

What's a little-known fact about you?

I am a slow-pitch national softball champion! I played on a team that took the national tournament in slow-pitch in Minot, North Dakota.

Do you have a favorite hobby?

I love to hike!

When did you realize you wanted to work in higher education?

I was teaching elementary school and I had this feeling that I wanted to do something more. I reflected back to when I was living my best life and that was in college. So, I went to graduate school and made sure to get a variety of experiences so I could work in many different areas of higher education or at least have a working knowledge of different departments. I graduated and took my first job in higher education at a small private school in North Carolina. That was probably one of the best decisions I ever made. I love what I do. My goal is to be a Dean of Students. I had a great supervisor who was a Dean of Students. I saw the impact she made with the students she worked with and I know that's what I want to leave behind. I want my legacy to be that I made an impact on lives.

If a movie was made about your life, what would the title be?

I am not sure of the exact title, but it would have to have the word PIZZAZZ in it! It's my word. I use it to describe myself. I think it sums up me pretty well.



Volunteers at ROT Indianapolis 2018 included Jodi Jabs (top left).



Hiking is one of the hobbies Jabs enjoys during her free time.



Officers in Training

During four weekends in January and February in 13 locations across the country, Phi Psi hosted Regional Officer Training.

This year, the program expanded from 11 to 13 locations, adding College Park, Maryland, and Youngstown, Ohio. These day-long sessions brought together 628 undergraduates, staff and Executive Council members, Foundation Board Trustees, and 145 volunteer facilitators.

Tracks provided participants the opportunity to explore their positions, interact with brothers from other chapters, and dive deeper into the logistics that come with running a chapter.

Special thanks to Scott Vickers *UC Irvine '02* and Greg Wittstock *Ohio State '89* for generously donating meeting spaces at two of this year's sites. The willingness of our alumni and volunteers to offer their time, talent and treasure is critical to the success of the program.

"I learned how the stereotype of being a man can affect our behavior as well as the outlook people have on fraternities as a whole."

– Tyler Conto *Akron '18*

"The program gives new officers the chance to explore their position, which can be helpful if the transition wasn't as smooth as possible. The ability to talk to other people from chapters helps network and show that some problems are universal."

– Liam Bates *Muskingum '18*



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS:

Jonathan Aardsma *UIC '03*
 Luis Aponte
 David Battel *Iowa State '14*
 Tauheed Baukman *Drexel '16*
 Will Beachner *Iowa State '18*
 Daria Bisharah
 Chris Boening *Texas '81*
 Jim Boyle *Washington '88*
 Elise Bradshaw
 Chuck Brandman *Case Western '70*
 Connor Brok *Drexel '16*
 Denny Bubrig
 Ruben Campos *Texas Tech '95*
 Toby Carlin *West Virginia '86*
 John Cochran *Alabama '03*
 Nicole Cronenwett
 Steven Crudele
 Kayla Cullum
 Mike D'Arcangelo
 Burns Davison *Iowa State '79*
 Jim Denny *W&J '68*
 Ron Dinino *Buffalo '85*
 Thomas DiRoma
 Shawn Dowiak
 Marc Dumas *DePaul '93*
 Thomas Earley *Alabama '86*
 Chuck Edgar *Wittenberg '72*
 Evan Englander *Oneonta '09*
 Olivia Farkas
 Steve Fawthrop *Washington '79*
 Jeremy Fisher *LSU '01*
 Steve Flores *Long Beach '10*
 Jason Frampton
 Chelsea Fricker
 Andrew Gnias *Drexel '12*
 Luis Alberto Gonzalez Medina *UC Irvine '16*
 Kat Goodman
 Zak Gosa-Lewis
 LaShata' Grayson
 Paul Habernig *Oneonta '04*
 Ryan Harrington *Oneonta '04*
 Trenton Heard James *Madison '19*
 Will Hennegan *Loyola '02*
 Aubrey Hense
 Carlos Hernandez *Stanford '78*
 Chip Hessenflow *East Carolina '91*
 Lindsey Hopkins Hall



Tryon Hubbard *Alabama '64*
M Spencer Hudec
Ashly Huff
Laura Hullings
Jasmine Hurst
Jodi Jabs
Catherine Jahns
Kennedi Jarvi
Neil Johnson *Bowling Green '91*
Gus Jones *Mississippi '82*
Kristen Kardas
Drew Kerwood
Micah Kleid *F&M '00*
Brian Kochheiser *Bowling Green '12*
Orcel Kouna *Drexel '13*
Ryan Krause *UC Irvine '14*
Anthony Lascaro *LSU '02*
Eric Lathrop *Iowa State '11*
Michael Ley *Edinboro '86*
Elizabeth Longmire
Brandon Lortz *Capital '10*
Bailey Loughlin
Christian Lozano *IUPUI '09*
Craig Lytle *York '92*
Manuel Macias
Lawrence Mahoney-Jones *Drexel '11*
Bob Marchesani *IUP '79/ Butler '94*
Robert Marias
Abby McCollom
J.C. McGeary
Robert McGonigle *Wittenberg '75*
Dustin Meeks *Ball State '14*
Jasmine Merritt
Sam Metcalf *Capital '14*
Tim Michael *IUP '78*
Davis Millard
Donald Moore
David Moyer *Alabama '91*
James Mulholland *Maryland '13*
Amanda Mullen
Stephen Murphy *Washington '63*
Eric Nangle *Capital '17*
James Newman *Alabama '88*
Carol Nickoson
Arnold Nyatanga
Jacob Oppenheimer *Beloit '05*
Curtis Orona *Oregon State '14*
Geoffrey Ottens *F&M '86*
Freddy Padilla *Drexel '06*

Cristan Patino *Ball State '18*
Lindsay Perry
Vincent Phillips
Donald Pierce *Rutgers '12*
Tyler Placeres
Michael Platt
Jacob Poteet *Edinboro '15*
Scotty Rainwater
Mariah Raskin
David Rausch *Ohio State '86*
Arsalan Rehman *Houston Baptist '12*
Marc Robins *Alabama '84*
Benny Rohloff *Iowa State '11*
Alyssa Rollins
Silvica Rosca
Ryan Ruark *Oregon State '09*
Kyle Ryan *Chicago '96*
Todd Salen *Illinois '77*
Christa Samaha
Stephanie Schroeder
Thomas Severin
Melanie Sheehan
Katie Shields
Jim Slatten *UL Lafayette '78*
Emily Sledd
Ian Sneed
Gaiert Snow *Houston Baptist '13*
Neil Stanglein
Daniel Steele *Toledo '83*
Ethan Stubbs
Nico Suarez *Minnesota '14*
Owen Sutter *Oregon State '17*
Lloyd Talbert *UCLA '78*
Dale TeGantvoort *Huntsville '15*
Dustin Thomas *Lycoming '09*
Jacob Tidwell
Alec Traub *UC Irvine '99*
Taberie Van Boening
Nick Velianoff *UIC '03*
Alexander Vickery-Holland *Oregon State '12*
Brock Wagehoft *RIT '15*
Travis Warren *Indiana State '11*
Chelsea Wheeler
Gene Wilk *CSUN '90*
Megan Wilkinson
Annie Wilson
Kyle Wissel *Ashland '15*
Jeff Wysong *Georgia Tech '01*
Angela Zemke

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FOUNDERS' DAY EVENTS



Members of the 1970 Ohio Epsilon pledge class pictured here (left to right): Jerry Norman, Don Hurtuk, Bruce Jackson, Tom Dorsey and Chuck Brandman

Ohio Epsilon - Case Western

Members of Ohio Epsilon's pledge class of 1970 gathered in Cleveland to celebrate 50 years of Founders' Day with the Ohio Epsilon chapter.

Columbus Alumni Association

On February 15, Bob Marchesani *IUP '79/Butler '94* served as the featured speaker at the Columbus Alumni Association's Founders' Day event. Hosted on the campus of Denison University, a good cohort of Ohio Pi brothers attended. The undergraduates reported on their recently concluded focused recruitment period which saw the chapter double in size with a new member class of more than 20 men. The chapter also has the top GPA among fraternities on campus and has a strong commitment to service in their community and on campus. The 63rd SWGP of the Fraternity, Jim Miller *Ohio State '85*, also attended the luncheon.

Arkansas Alumni Association

Fun was had by all at the "2020 Founders' Day at the Races!" Participants enjoyed a photo op with the winning horse after the race.



In the Winner's Circle with winner, TrashTalkinYankee

South Florida Gulf Coast Alumni Association

Brothers and guests gathered to hear Geoff Landis *Ashland '66* speak of the Nelson Leadership Institute's PIVOT Program. Philanthropy Chair Jack States *Michigan '56* reported on the completion of the new Boys & Girls Club Desoto Building the AA had raised money for over the last five years and passed the hat raising \$350 for the Boys & Girls Club.

AA President Stephen Lasday, *F&M '84* presented 50-year recognition pins to David Emison *DePauw '70* and Ernie Thompson *IUP '70*. A Phi Psi Military Shield of Honor was presented to Mark R. Clement *Buffalo '60* and Jack States *Michigan '56* received a GP Society Pin. Attendees remembered Brothers Peter Mancuso *Buffalo '60* and Phil Davidson *Arizona '59* who have joined the Chapter Eternal.



Brothers celebrating at Capone's Oven in Houston

Houston Alumni Association

Brothers from Texas Epsilon and Texas Zeta joined members of the Houston Alumni Association to celebrate Founders' Day on February 16 at Capone's Oven in Houston.

Congratulations to award winners recognized at the program:

James Price *SFA '17*
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Remembering the 'Other' Widow Letterman



We are familiar with the story of the Widow Letterman.

“On the 19th of February, 1852, in the upper room of the house occupied by the Widow Letherman, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, Phi Kappa Psi was born.”¹

The “Widow Letherman,” of course, refers to Anna Ritchie Letherman². Anna was the daughter of Craig and Mary Jane Ritchie, Scottish immigrants from Glasgow who settled in the southwestern Pennsylvania town of Canonsburg. There Craig Ritchie prospered as a merchant. Anna met and married Jonathan Letherman, a young doctor who had studied at Jefferson College in Canonsburg.³ To this marriage six children were born, including three sons. Craig Ritchie Letherman, Beta Theta Pi, was named after his maternal grandfather, and known to the family as “Ritchie.” Jonathan Letherman, M.D., Beta Theta Pi, was named after his father, and became Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. The youngest son was William Henry Letherman, co-founder of Phi Kappa Psi. Unfortunately, in 1844, Dr. Jonathan Letherman, the elder, died, leaving his widow Anna to raise her children alone. Thus the reference to the “Widow Letterman.”

Like his brothers, William Henry Letterman attended Jefferson College. He graduated in 1853 as the valedictorian of his class. Upon graduation, he attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating in 1856.⁴ He practiced medicine in Pennsylvania and Baltimore, and served as a civilian contract surgeon in the U.S. Army in the Civil War. He then practiced in Cotton Hill, West Virginia until 1875.⁵ He then moved west to Missouri.

The Slaughters of Culpeper

In the 1870s, in Prairie Home, Cooper County, Missouri, there was living a young woman named Laura A. Slaughter. Cooper County is in central Missouri, just across the Missouri River to the west of Boone County, location of Columbia, the University of Missouri, and our Missouri Alpha chapter. Miss

Slaughter was descended from quite a noteworthy family. Her third great-grandfather was Francis Slaughter of Culpeper County, Virginia.⁶ Francis Slaughter and his brother, Robert, were the first wardens of St. Mark's Parish of the Anglican Church, established at Germanna, Culpeper County, Virginia, in 1731.⁷ The Slaughters of Culpeper were descended of English stock with the family's chief seats in Hertfordshire, Gloucester, and Worcester.⁸ Subsequent generations of the family held positions of authority, and among them there were seven officers of the Revolution.⁹ Miss Laura's parents were Professor Alfred Slaughter of Rappahannock County, Virginia, and Laura Wheaton Abbott Slaughter, of Rockingham County, Virginia. Prof. and Mrs. Slaughter had moved west in pursuit of Alfred's teaching career. In the 1870s, Prof. Slaughter served as principal of The Prairie Home Institute, a co-educational preparatory school. His daughter, Laura A. Slaughter, was also on the faculty.¹⁰

In May, 1874, Laura travelled to Cotton Hill, West Virginia, to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac H. Abbott. There she met Dr. William Henry Letterman.¹¹ On September 28, 1875, Miss Laura A. Slaughter married Dr. William Henry Letterman in Cooper County, Missouri, Elder B. G. Tutt presiding.¹² After the wedding, William and Laura travelled in West Virginia. During that trip they travelled from White Sulphur Springs to Kanawha Falls in the company of Brother Charles Page Thomas Moore. It was the first opportunity for the new bride Laura to meet Judge Moore, and she enjoyed the conversation of the reunited Letterman and Moore.¹³ In November, 1875, William and Laura moved to Prairie Home.

Texas connection

In 1878, William and Laura left Missouri and moved to the small village of Duffau, Erath County, in the hill country of Texas. Two children were born to the couple. Their daughter, born in 1876 in Prairie Home, was named Laura after her mother and grandmother. Their son, born in Duffau in 1879, was named William Gordon, and known to the family as “W.G.” Unfortunately, William Henry's health failed. Ritchie Letterman joined the family in Texas to help care for William Henry, but to no avail. In 1881, William Henry Letterman died at age 48, and is buried at Duffau, Texas. The young Laura Slaughter Letterman, then age 27 and with two young children, became the second Widow Letterman. Soon thereafter, Laura and the children, of necessity, moved back to her parents' home, then in Pike County, Missouri.¹⁴ Professor Slaughter had left The Prairie Home Institute to become head of McCune College in the town of Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri, on the Mississippi River upstream from St. Louis. Ritchie Letterman stayed behind in Texas.

Laura later married Mr. William Boyer, who was a minister.¹⁵ The Boyers settled at 5506 Maple Avenue, St. Louis.¹⁶ The home, which is no longer standing, was located in the ‘north of Delmar’ section

of St. Louis, near the boundary between the Visitation Park and West End neighborhoods. When Laura and William Henry's children reached adulthood, daughter Laura married John Lynott. W.G. married Mary Sparks and practiced dentistry in the St. Louis area. Late in his life, suffering from blindness, Ritchie Letterman returned from Texas and joined the family in the home on Maple Avenue.

Grand Arch Council

In 1902, W.G. Letterman and his sister, Laura Lynott, attended the semi-centennial Grand Arch Council at Pittsburgh. On April 2, 1902, during the GAC, two hundred fifty Phi Psis travelled by special train to Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.¹⁷ William Gordon Letterman was initiated into Phi Kappa Psi in the old college hall of Jefferson College at Canonsburg.¹⁸

Laura Lynott had no children. She lost her husband, John, in 1908. Based upon the great interest she had always shown in Phi Kappa Psi, the Fraternity of her father and brother, Laura Lynott was known as "the only Sister to 7,000 Brothers."¹⁹ W.G. and Mary Sparks Letterman had two children. Their son, Gordon Sparks Letterman *Missouri '38*, married Elma Allen, and they were the parents of Gordon R. Letterman *West Virginia '72*. Their daughter, Laura Marie Letterman, married Calvin Ellis, and they were the parents of Jonathan Ellis *Missouri '73*.

Bellevue Cemetery

Armed with the foregoing information and search engine technology, it was not difficult to locate the final resting place of Laura Slaughter Letterman Boyer. Laura, who died in 1937, is buried in Bellevue Cemetery, a grand old cemetery in the north end of St. Louis. The Slaughter/Letterman/Ellis family plot No. 5012 can be easily located by using the search tool on the Bellevue Cemetery website.²⁰ Those buried in the family plot are Prof. Alfred and Laura Abbott Slaughter; William Boyer, Laura Slaughter Letterman Boyer, John and Laura Lynott; W.G. and Mary Sparks Letterman; Laura Marie Ellis; and Ritchie Letterman. In February, 2019, as part of the St. Louis Alumni Association Founders' Day celebration, I made the journey to Laura's grave. I was joined by Steve O'Rourke *Missouri '74*, and Wynn 'Wheels' Wiegand *Missouri '74*. To our surprise, we found no stone at Laura's grave. We found it curious that no stone was placed at the grave, particularly because it is next to the grave of Laura's second husband, William Boyer, and his grave is marked with a stone. Upon reflection, we reminded ourselves that Laura died in 1937. In that year, our nation was revisited with a severe economic downturn which rivalled the earlier years of the Great Depression. 1936 had been the hottest year in decades in the nation's heartland. Many Midwestern farms had failed and related markets suffered. One speculates, but perhaps in those years the placement of granite monuments was not the highest priority for families in the Midwestern United States. It was hard times. A few years later, the attention of our nation was consumed by World War II. The absent grave stone, once overlooked, may have faded from memory.

Rest in peace

But now, with the very able assistance of Mr. Richard Lay, Vice-President of Customer Relations, Bellevue Cemetery Association, St. Louis, and with the advice and consent of Brother Gordon R. Letterman, a stone has been obtained and is placed at the grave of Laura Slaughter Letterman Boyer. The stone commemorates Laura's life and her marriages to William Henry Letterman and William L. Boyer. For those who wish to experience a small part of Phi Psi history, a visit to the family plot in Bellevue Cemetery is well worthwhile. While Laura now has a stone, it might also be noted that there are no stones at the graves of Prof. Alfred and Laura Abbott Slaughter, nor at the grave of Ritchie Letterman. But those are tasks for another day. Rest in peace, Miss Laura. Our thoughts are with you.

Valete, amici.

Gregory C. Knapp *Illinois '72 / Brown '71*
Mystagogue

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CURRENT COLONIES

- George Washington University
- Illinois State University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Nebraska
- Washington & Lee University



Taking Phi Psi to New Campuses



Newly Chartered Arizona Beta Chapter with National President David Moyer.

A look at current expansion efforts

Phi Kappa Psi has a long and storied history dating back to 1852. Over the years, colonies have flourished on campuses across the country, introducing The Great Joy of Serving Others to local founding fathers and potential new members.

Today, Phi Psi colonies exist on five campuses, with plans to start three more this calendar year.



The Arizona State Colony received its charter on February 8, 2020, officially returning Arizona Beta to campus. Arizona Beta is Phi Psi's only active chapter in the state of Arizona.

The Texas A&M Colony is rescheduling their charter date from April 18, 2020 following campus closures due to COVID-19. The new date will be shared with local alumni once it's set.

The Nebraska Colony has been approved to charter in the fall of 2020. Plans will begin for their ceremony in the coming months.

Consultants are working on a current expansion at The George Washington University (GW). To learn more about the colony or ways to support the expansion efforts at GW, please contact Brandon Copeland at brandon.copeland@phikappapsi.com or Joe Elmished at joe.elmished@phikappapsi.com.

Expansion efforts are planned for Fall 2020 at Butler University and the University of Utah. Additional information will be shared with chapter and local alumni as these begin.

MEMBER MILESTONES

Share your milestones with us to be included in the next issue of The Shield. Submit your news at phikappapsi.com/alumni/member-milestones/.

Colorado Alpha – Colorado

Dr. **David Hickcox '65** retired from a 36-year career of teaching, researching, and administration. He currently resides in Ohio during the winter and Vermont in the summer and fall.

Brother **Timothy Skok '99** completed his MBA from Sonoma State University in February.

Indiana Beta – Indiana

Brother **Wayne McHargue '56** was presented the Albert Nelson Marquis Achievement Award. The award recognizes individuals nationwide who have demonstrated leadership, excellence, and longevity in their profession.

Indiana Epsilon – Valparaiso

Brother **James Acton '98** became the president of Ball State's Alumni Association. Acton will also serve as the vice president of alumni engagement on the Ball State University Foundation.

Kansas Alpha – Kansas

Brother **Andy Schumm '04** and his wife, Hannah, recently welcomed their second child, Theodore "Theo" James Schumm into the world.

December 28, 2019, Brother **Fielding Norton IV '05** married Kelly Atehortua Castro at the Waterfront Park in San Diego, California.

Brother **Joseph Mundy '04** and his wife welcomed their second daughter into the world on February 5, 2020.

February 18, 2020, Brother **Kyle Hopkins '00** and his wife, Emily Farris, welcomed their son, Charles Farris Hopkins into the world.

Brother **Dan Heble '04** and his wife, Mackenzie, welcomed daughter, Emilia Kate Heble, on June 15, 2019.

February 28, 2020, Brother **George Nicely '05** and his wife welcomed their first son into the world, Lucas Gabriel Nicely.

Mississippi Alpha – Ole Miss

Brother **Jason Savarese '99** became a certified law enforcement officer in December 2019.

Ohio Beta – Wittenberg

Dr. **Anup Patel '92** was recently named Wittenberg's Alumni of the Year. Patel is a section chief of pediatric neurology at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Brother **David Oliver '59**, a graduate of Versailles (Ohio) High School Class of 1958, has established a scholarship for Versailles graduates attending Wittenberg University.

Ohio Delta – Ohio State

Brother **Troy Fritzhand '19** started a political civic engagement platform called, Let Them Know. The app — available from your phone's app store — engages the American people with their elected officials and allows them to submit polls and register to vote.

Ohio Eta – Toledo

Brother **Matt Williams '14** will marry Maggie Sobecki in early May.

SEEN & HEARD

Are you a Phi Psi author or podcast host?

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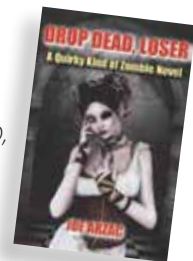


California Lambda – San Diego State

Brother and founding father **Brandon Lee '96** published a book, "Biscuits Without Butter: How Atheists Are Getting Hitched."

California Beta - Stanford

Brother **Joe Arzac '91** published "DROP DEAD, LOSER: A Quirky Kind of Zombie Novel."



Pennsylvania Rho – York

Brother **Craig Lytle '92** wrote "The Sandwich Generation," a self-help and personal finance resource. Proceeds from book sales are donated to the Blood Bank of Delmarva.

Pennsylvania Zeta - Dickinson

In 2019 Brother **Alexander Carver '92** published his debut novel, "O Jackie!" Carver is an author, screenwriter currently residing in Santa Monica, California. His first feature film is set for production in the fall.



Movie buffs **James D'Imperio** Purdue '07, **Kyle Hickman** Lycoming '07, **Mark Rigby** Iowa '08, **Warren Hicks** Purdue '05, and **Craig Case** started a podcast "Munsons at the Movies." Each biweekly episode features a discussion on the career and impact of randomly selected actors. Follow along on Twitter and Instagram @munsonsatmovies and find it wherever you listen to podcasts.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Chapter Eternal announcements may be submitted via email to membership@phikappapsi.com.

Obituaries reported from November 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020 are included below. Year of initiation is shown after name.

Arizona Beta – Arizona State University

Kenneth Bacher '63

California Delta – Southern Cal

Robert Sease '63

Tucker Schork '85

California Epsilon – UCLA

Norman Meadowcroft '40

Holton Dickson '44

John Harris '48

Frank Macari '59

Steven Krueger '69

California Eta – Cal Poly

Harold Rosewall '66

California Gamma – UC Berkley

Gregory Hahn '67

Robert Middleton '68

Colorado Alpha – Colorado

William Gilbert '54

Ryan Perry '14

Florida Alpha – Florida State

David Hess '93

Illinois Alpha – Northwestern

Robert Williamson '62

Illinois Delta – Illinois

Robert Hickey '58

Indiana Beta – Indiana

Edward Heath '54

Michael Troy '59

Paul Rau '77

Indiana Delta – Purdue

Frank Belles '39

Thomas Moore '43

George Jourdian '56

John Grove '68

William Olund '74

Indiana Zeta – Butler

James Pepper '80

Kansas Alpha – Kansas

Thomas Jones '53

Louisiana Gamma - Loyola

Ryan Perry '14

Michigan Beta – Michigan State

David Mehring '93

Missouri Alpha – Missouri

James Higgins '47

Nebraska Alpha – Nebraska

Thomas Hickey '70

New York Alpha – Cornell

William Swirbul '50

Ohio Alpha – Ohio Wesleyan

Rex Stever '46

Richard Timmons '47

William Apel '50

Roger Auker '57

Ohio Beta – Wittenberg

Robert Kekelik '59

Ohio Delta – Ohio State

David Bailey '62

Ohio Epsilon – Case Western

Joseph Crowley '50

Ohio Kappa – Kent State

Christopher Porter '71

Ohio Omicron – Muskingum

Yousuf Rasmussen '16

Ohio Theta – Ashland

Tierney Moore '73

Ohio Zeta – Bowling Green

Thomas Boyer '57

Oklahoma Alpha – Oklahoma

Charles Bollman '60

Oregon Alpha – Oregon

Michael Henderson '60

Michael Estey '62

Scott Chambers '80

Pennsylvania Eta – F & M

Matt Fields '47

Richard Feaster '48

Pennsylvania Iota – Penn

Wilbur Stelzer '48

Pennsylvania Kappa – Swarthmore

Vasco Nunez '43

Pennsylvania Lambda – Penn State

James Conway '51

Pennsylvania Theta – Lafayette

Cary Ahl '51

Pennsylvania Zeta – Dickinson

Michael Taylor '57

Rhode Island Alpha – Brown

John Reinke '68

Tennessee Delta – Vanderbilt

William Carothers '61

Texas Alpha – Texas

Willie Bennett '54

Kenneth Hill '57

Texas Beta – Texas Tech

Joseph Fuchs '64

Texas Gamma – Texas State

Frank Corolla '74

Virginia Beta – W & L

William Howard '47

Washington Alpha – Washington

Donald Dietz '50

Edward Howay '51

Rovan Stanley '69

West Virginia Alpha – West Virginia

Charles Hodge '50

Allyn Griffiths '54

Edward McMillion '60

Wisconsin Gamma – Beloit

Nick Ryan '01

Esther Wolfe

Kansas Alpha House Mom 1997-2015

FROM THE Archives

James Thurber *Ohio State 1918*, author, cartoonist, and humorist reiterates his lifelong commitment to Phi Psi in this letter dated October 1948. Thurber

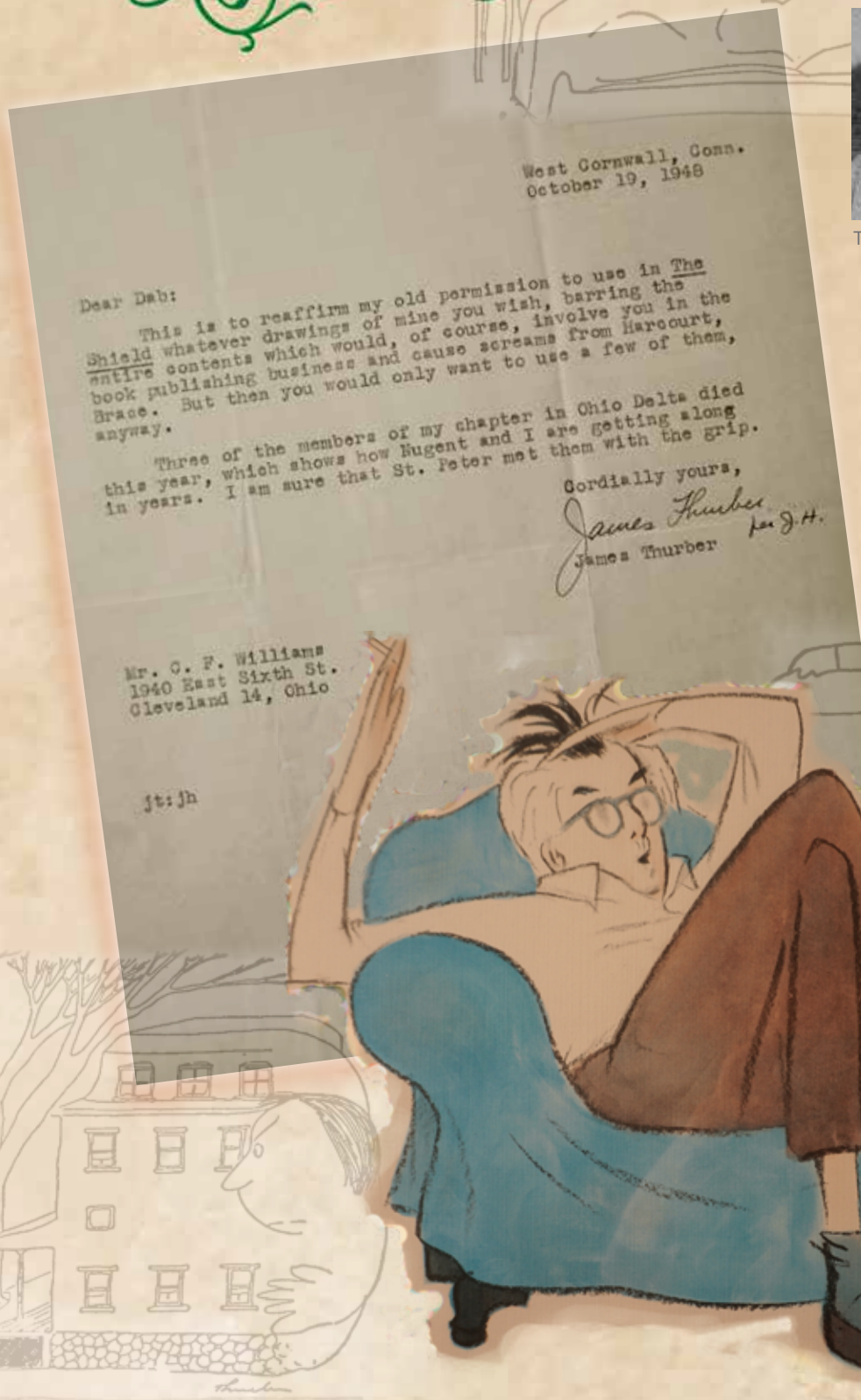


Thurber

writes to Executive Secretary (Director) of the Fraternity "Dab" Williams *Illinois 1906* reaffirming Phi Psi's ability to produce

his works in *The Shield*.

He goes on to lament the passing of three of his chapter brothers. The letter, while short, is a clear reflection of Thurber's love for Phi Psi as well as the sense of humor that made him so popular.



2020 FOUNDERS' CUP GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Les Bolstad Golf Course | Falcon Heights, MN

The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, along with the Twin Cities Alumni Association, are pleased to host the 2020 Founders' Cup Golf Outing. What has become a Phi Psi tradition, the Founders' Cup will tee off the first day of the 80th Grand Arch Council.

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