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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Permission to be HUMAN

By Bob Marchesani *Butler '94 (IUP '79)*



Marchesani

I want to dedicate this President's Message to focusing on three things that I feel are at the heart of the Phi Psi experience — vulnerability, resilience and community-building. These three traits are essential elements in a successful life and career. They are qualities that you probably developed and refined through your life,

but I am sure that your Phi Psi experience made these features stronger in you than they would have been otherwise.

Vulnerability

So, what is vulnerability, why should it be considered a strength and how does Phi Psi develop it in its members?

To me, vulnerability is giving yourself permission to be human and to be a genuine, authentic person. People who reveal vulnerability are relatable. They are approachable. When people show vulnerability, it humanizes them in the eyes of their peers or teammates. It demonstrates authenticity and transparency, making it easier for others to relate to and trust them. People tend to connect more with others who acknowledge their own imperfections and challenges.

Phi Psi is certainly an organization that helps us develop vulnerability. No matter our accomplishments as students, campus leaders or athletes, few of us escape our college years without being brought down a peg or two by our chapter brothers — especially when we need it ... when we get a little too full of ourselves. That vulnerability continues as alumni, no matter what success or accomplishments we experience after college. We are still known by the simple loving term “Brother” to all who knew us in college and often still known by our old — and sometimes embarrassing — nicknames.

For example, I was recently on a virtual meeting of my original chapter's house corporation where I was warmly greeted by my nickname, which was funny when I was 18, but it is not as cool to be called “Porkchop” 40 plus years later. I certainly felt vulnerable, but also welcomed and embraced.

Resilience

I believe Phi Psi also helps its members develop resilience and supports them in overcoming challenges. How does it do that?

First, Phi Psi offers a supportive community based on brotherhood, which by definition is supposed to be greater than friendship. The basic idea here is that men who are truly trying to be as close as blood brothers will not let their fellow Phi Psis give up and succumb to challenges.

Our Ritual encourages and even compels us to expect more from our brothers than they are currently demonstrating or even imagining they are capable of achieving. In addition, being a Phi Psi should mean that we are the toughest critics of our brothers and say things that our brothers may not always want to hear. These types of tough love messages are delivered with a good purpose in mind, and to build up and not tear down another Phi Psi.



“To me, vulnerability is giving yourself permission to be human and to be a genuine, authentic person.”



When I was an undergraduate, I had the opportunity to confront a brother who when sober was a great guy and very popular, but who, on occasions when he would drink more than he should, become combative and aggressive. While I picked a terrible time to confront him (one night at a party when he was drunk, combative and aggressive), in the clarity and sobriety of the next day he told me that no one had ever identified his behavior as being an issue. He actually thanked

me for saying something. I was relieved and satisfied that my chapter brother was willing to be resilient in the face of a challenging situation.

Did you have an experience as an undergraduate Phi Psi where either a brother challenged you to change some behavior or tendency that was holding you back or you had the opportunity to challenge a brother to make a change?

Reflecting on these situations is not only a good endorsement of the value of Phi Psi but also can help us remember that our duty to helping brothers is never discharged even after we leave the campus and our chapter.

Community-building

The last aspect of the Phi Psi experience I want to focus on is community-building. Phi Psi can play a crucial role in helping its young brothers develop community-building skills by fostering a sense of belonging, encouraging positive relationships, and providing opportunities for leadership and collaboration.

As I reflect on my Phi Psi experience, I am absolutely convinced that I am the person I am today thanks to my Fraternity and the brothers who helped shape me from a boy into a man. I hope you will reflect on these benefits and drop me a message at swgp@phikappapsi.com and share your thoughts with me.

It is a tremendous honor serving as our Fraternity's National President. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility.

Bob Marchesani

SWGP Bob Marchesani *Butler '94 (IUP '79)*



SWGP Marchesani hosted an reception and tour of Headquarters during the Archon Academy in August 2023. Archons Jaylen Jude *Valparaiso '21*, Maxwell Pratt *Capital '21*, Martin Nguyen *SJU '20* and Riley Johnson *Oregon State '21* listen to historic details about Laurel Hall.

Here are ways that Phi Psi promotes community-building skills among its collegiate members:

- Clearly defining and communicating the Fraternity's values and mission. This shared sense of purpose helps unite members and provides a foundation for building a strong community.
- Creating an inclusive and welcoming environment that embraces diversity and encourages open-mindedness and respect for different perspectives, backgrounds and experiences.
- Organizing group activities and projects that require teamwork and collaboration. This can include community service initiatives, philanthropy events or organizing social gatherings. Working together toward a common goal strengthens the sense of community.
- Providing opportunities for members to take on leadership roles within the Fraternity. Leadership experiences foster a sense of responsibility and enable individuals to contribute to the community's growth.
- Emphasizing the importance of effective communication within the Fraternity. This includes active listening, expressing ideas clearly and resolving conflicts constructively. These skills are essential for building strong interpersonal relationships.
- Utilizing formal and informal mentorship relationships within the Fraternity, where experienced members mentor newer members which fosters a supportive environment and helps in the transfer of knowledge and community-building skills.
- Engaging in community service and philanthropy activities. Contributing to the broader community not only reinforces the Fraternity's commitment to making a positive impact but also instills a sense of responsibility and community awareness among members.
- Hosting a variety of social events that encourage members to interact responsibly in different settings and with different people.
- Provide training and practice on conflict resolution skills which can teach members how to navigate and resolve conflicts constructively enhances the overall harmony within the Fraternity.
- Facilitating networking events that connect fraternity members with alumni and professionals in various fields. Networking builds a broader community and opens up opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- Encouraging members to be actively involved in campus and local community initiatives. This engagement not only contributes to the greater good but also strengthens the Fraternity's connection with the broader community.

RANSOM NOTES

THE LESSONS I'VE LEARNED

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

To be candid, I had prepared myself for the possibility of not receiving a bid. I acknowledged that I didn't fit the stereotype



Ransom

of fraternity. I never perceived myself as "cool," and I was one of very few who had navigated an entire semester of college without consuming a drop of alcohol. Adding to that the color of my skin ... yes, that was a concern. Was it justified? Probably not, but I didn't explicitly ask, and no one explicitly told me that it wasn't.

As I opened the yellow envelope and pulled out two bids, I felt a sense of relief.

The choice was not difficult. My conversations with the men of Phi Kappa Psi were genuine, and I felt at home every minute that I spent with them. It never dawned on me that this decision would commence a lifelong journey. Furthermore, the thought of Fraternity extending well beyond the carefully manicured campus of Butler University also eluded me.

I can't claim that my next three and a half years as an undergraduate member of Phi Kappa Psi were stellar. At 19 years old, although the Fraternity was important to me, I encountered other challenges that got in the way. Despite the scholarships, grants, and loans that covered my tuition, I juggled two and sometimes three jobs at a time to pay dues and have some spending money. I was also learning how to manage my time, between schoolwork, Fraternity obligations, and my family. Above all, I was still trying to figure out who I was.

Ultimately, the challenges in my life opened my eyes to what being part of Phi Kappa Psi really meant to me. You see, when considering membership and fearing the worst, it was easy for me to see what set me apart from the others in my chapter. However, over the next three and a half years, I came to

realize how much more we shared in common than the differences I initially saw.

Just like the others, in Phi Kappa Psi I found a home away from home. A family that was there for me when my biological family was a few hundred miles away. Older brothers to challenge me and younger brothers to offer advice to. A road trip would often turn into an educational journey, while spirited debate often resulted in a newfound respect of those with differing opinions. Community service opportunities offered a window into the world outside of the bubble that I'd grown up in. Most of all, packed into a room every Sunday evening at 8 p.m. for chapter meetings, the leadership, teamwork and trust that we placed upon one another showed me what was possible when a group of well-intentioned college students came together to get stuff done.

Of course, there were some college shenanigans that came along the way, and yes, those experiences brought forth valuable lessons as well. With each encounter came a new life lesson, and with each lesson a deeper sense of loyalty grew. It's been two decades since I graduated from Butler, but Phi Psi continues to be a source of support and growth for me.

Every fall a new group of students step onto a college campus, ready to embark on a newfound four-year journey. With the first taste of freedom comes numerous questions and challenges, an exploration to unpack the first 18 years of their lives. It's not an easy road, and I can't imagine it's an easy journey to travel alone.

I wouldn't be the man I am today without the love, care and guidance of my parents and my family at home. However, it is my brothers in Phi Kappa Psi who helped me understand who that man really is.

R.K.R.II...

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

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Oregon Alpha Earns Charter While Celebrating 100 Years **ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS**



By Grant Kimball *Oregon '84*

Photo: Jace Giddens Photography

The Oregon Alpha chapter is officially a 100-year-old startup. Founded in 1923, our chapter has experienced a few absences from the University of Oregon in times of war, social upheaval, and anti-establishment sentiment on campus. But, in 2018, it was our own behavior that resulted in losing our charter. So, with our 100th anniversary just years away, we found ourselves in start-up mode.

Our local alumni immediately started planning our return with three goals in mind: earn our charter, grow the chapter membership enough to reoccupy our house, and organize a top-notch 100th Anniversary celebration in Eugene, Oregon — all in a two-year period. We were not entirely confident we could pull all three of these off, but we had a lot of alumni support behind us and knew we could make a good run at it.

Any brothers around the country that have been involved in the chartering process know it is a heavy lift for alumni and undergraduates alike. The keys to our success were coordinating closely with Phi Kappa Psi and the University of

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Cab Searcy '89, Mark Billings '89
and Craig Thomas '89 enjoy the
festivities.

Photo: Brett Chauncey

Oregon, forming a Chapter Advisory team of alumni to offload the House Corporation, committing to hiring an expansion consultant for at least two years, and communicating regularly with our alumni. We were committed to doing this the right way and it paid off at our 100th Anniversary celebration.

100th Anniversary

The Oregon Alpha 100th Anniversary event took place in Eugene on August 17-20, 2023. Nearly 200 people participated in a reception, golf tournament, BBQ at the chapter house, tours of the world-class athletic facilities at Oregon (Go Ducks!), and a formal dinner at a downtown hotel.

The highlight of the weekend was earning our charter. Executive Director Ron Ransom *Butler '00* and Executive Council President Bob Marchesani *Butler '94 (IUP '79)* were joined by six other national representatives to present the Oregon Alpha charter to our Alpha class of 26 members. The moment represented a lot of hard work and a culmination of events that helped us reach all three of our goals set several years earlier. The 100th Anniversary was everything we hoped it would be, and more.

This could not have happened without the tireless efforts of dozens of alumni volunteers serving on the various boards and committees. Three in particular deserve special recognition: House Corporation President Eric Mueller '93, Chapter Advisory Chair Mike Billings '87, 100th Anniversary Chair Bob Hastings '74. We are also incredibly grateful to brother PJ Sarkar *ASU '20* who has served as our expansion consultant and resident live-in advisor for two years.

The Work Is Just Beginning

As tempting as it might be to think our work is done, we know it's just the beginning. We are now designing a new mentoring program to help our undergraduate brothers fully realize the value of brotherhood in their lives and make professional connections that will give them a head start after graduation. This start-up is now on the road to success at the University of Oregon.



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Oregon Alpha Brothers from the 1960s



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1. Taking a trip down memory lane at the chapter house.
2. Hal Dick *Bowling Green '55* and George Hosfield '76
3. L to R: Alan Searce '81, John Ghilarducci '81, Mark Hallquist '78 and Mitch Vance '82
4. Berkeley Smith '67 and Richard Hammond '64



BROTHERHOOD RESTORED

By Ryan Vandenberg Oregon '23

Last summer, the Oregon Alpha Chapter celebrated its 100th anniversary and rechartered. A centennial celebration is a rare occasion, and it marks a century of history, brotherhood and traditions that have stood the test of time. When coupled with the momentous event of rechartering, after two years of tireless effort, it signifies the enduring bonds of brotherhood and is a testament to the group that we have formed today.

Although many young men across the country join fraternity life, very few have the unique opportunity to join a colony in its inception and become a founding father. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, having learned so many crucial lessons along the way.

It takes a specific group of individuals to accomplish this task in a short amount of time. With enormous persistence and dedication, the bonds of brotherhood have only grown stronger. Only a few of us were familiar with the scope of the brotherhood outside of our own chapter, and since rechartering, our passion and commitment to the Fraternity has soared.

The anniversary celebration itself was stunning, with the entire weekend culminating in our banquet with alumni from across the nation. The reception at the house gave us a preview of the coming school year, with the brothers staying in the iconic chapter house together. It was the first time many of the brothers had ever been there, and it gave the group an immense sense of pride seeing history and brotherhood being restored within these walls.

Without the devotion of the undergraduate members, and the enduring support from both local and national alumni, the rechartering would not have been possible. The chapter owes a great deal of thanks to our advisor, PJ Sarkar ASU '20, and to the Oregon Alpha Chapter Advisory team and Housing Corporation. Their insight and support have been critical to the success of our budding chapter, as we mature both as individuals and as an organization.

The 100th anniversary of Oregon Alpha and the rechartering of its new generation signifies the ascension to prominence on campus once again. It was a historic weekend and allowed us to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and envision the future of our brotherhood.



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TOP LEFT: Ryan Vandenberg and Chip Barker Larrimore '82

TOP RIGHT: Christian Guizitas '23

MIDDLE: Ryan Vandenberg (left) and Ethan Burnham '23 (right) are joined by their families at the 100th Anniversary.

BOTTOM: PJ Sarkar (top left) and the first initiation class at the newly rechartered Oregon Alpha

UNPACK

By Ty Burns

Carole remembers her son, Tayton T. Troidl *RIT '18*, being full of life and into “everything.” Tayton says he recalls little of his childhood, compartmentalized into a box that he didn’t know he wanted to reopen. A singular week with his father, Darryl, when he was nine or ten years old was the only instance of paternal effort he received. For most of his life, Tayton was primarily raised by Carole and his grandmother. They loved him dearly, but a void followed him where he lacked male role models.

“His dad would promise him money and gifts and he never came through,” noted Carole. “There was constant disappointment there.”

High school for Tayton didn’t begin well. Unhappy with his environment, he neglected homework and his grades suffered. Concerned that he might get into fights or drop out of school, he was placed in alternative education.

Tayton says the school change is what ultimately prepared him for college. “They really put in the effort for kids who wanted to expand their lives beyond what they were dealt,” he said. Despite his initial challenges, Tayton went on to graduate from high school and became the first member of his family to enroll in college. After a few years at a local college, Tayton decided to transfer to RIT in Rochester, New York.



Tayton and his mother, Carole

Phi Psi is Happy Accident

Arriving at RIT, Tayton found himself unfamiliar with anyone. This wasn’t a surprise, given his tendency to keep to himself, compounded by the fact that most of his high school peers didn’t pursue higher education. Nonetheless, it didn’t take him long to make acquaintance with an upperclassman during orientation. Tayton described him as “someone he wanted to emulate.” At the end of orientation, as each of them were going their separate ways, the upperclassman extended an offer to Tayton to reach out to him if he needed anything.

Shortly thereafter, Tayton remembers a day when he felt sad. Alone in a new place, he did something that surprised himself — he reached out to the upperclassman and shared his feelings. ‘I want to be like you’ Tayton texted.



KING THE PAST

In response, the upperclassman invited him to gatherings with friends to help Tayton integrate into the college experience. While Tayton wasn't fond of social interaction with others, he found himself in a situation where he had to engage with unfamiliar people — and he enjoyed it. Through these conversations, he discovered enlightening connections with like-minded individuals. These interactions allowed him to connect with people and engage in enthusiastic discussions through genuine, thought-provoking dialogue. So, he kept coming back. Eventually, it dawned on him that these weren't ordinary gatherings. They were recruitment events for Phi Kappa Psi. After Tayton realized he was being recruited to join Phi Psi, the chapter members told him to look at other fraternities and consider all his options. "For me it was such an organic interaction," he said. "I never thought about joining another group of people."

'A Life in Boxes'

Even though his father was only present in his life until he was seven or eight, Tayton doesn't remember much from his childhood. His mother Carole believes he may have blocked many of the unpleasant memories out of his mind. "He had a good side to him," Carole said referring to Tayton's father. "He could be charming, he could be funny, but there was that dark evil side of him that I didn't know in the beginning that you start to see more over time." On January 18, 2021, Darryl suffered a heart attack and died. Tayton would never get the opportunity to talk directly with his father to fill in some of those memories or understand why his father never delivered on his promises.

With burning questions about his father's life, Tayton decided to seek answers by creating a documentary as his capstone project for his film and animation degree. "There were things that I feel like I needed to express to him and that I wanted him to express to me, and that got taken away from me too soon," Tayton said. "This was a way to put a close to that chapter and move on." He traveled to the house where Darryl lived in Dayton, Ohio. With an entire production crew in tow, Tayton asked former neighbors, family, and friends about his father.

Tayton described the experience as chaos. Good, organized chaos. "You can plan everything under the sun," he laughed. "But when a wrench gets thrown in your plan, you have to just adapt." Throughout the process, Tayton focused on treating people right. "You call in favors, you ask people to do things," he said. "It doesn't mean you need to ask people to do unreasonable things or not accommodate them." Reflecting on the reception of his film, he credits the unwavering support of his Phi Psi brothers, stating, "I could not have done it without the love and support of my chapter brothers."

Tayton titled his documentary "A Life in Boxes." What started

as a capstone project has become an award-winning film. The documentary won Best Documentary Student Filmmakers: East Region at the Directors Guild of America (DGA) Student Film Awards. His film was shown at the Buffalo International Film Festival and the Urban Mediamaker Film Festival in October 2023.

My Life Changed for the Better

Tayton didn't embark on his college journey with the intention of creating a documentary about his childhood or his father. "They were the cards that were dealt to me," he said. The same can be said for his decision to join Phi Kappa Psi. "I was just a very socially awkward kid going into college," he reflected. "Somehow this group of people accepted me for who I was at that time and constantly tried to make me better — and did make me better."

"A Life in Boxes" teaches we can't control the boxes we're given, but we can decide what to do with its contents.



IN THE MILITARY

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



Sullivan and Ross



Hernandez



Bayless



Lamb



Dawalt

Arizona Beta – ASU

Salvatore M. McClintock '20 has been serving in the U.S. Army since 2021 and has been deployed to the European Baltics. He is currently a first lieutenant.

Indiana Beta – Indiana

Brother Timothy M. Canady '88 served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1991-95, achieving the rank of petty officer (E-4). During his service he was deployed overseas and was recognized for the following: Good Conduct, Humanitarian Service, Special Operation, Meritorious Unit Coast Guard, Expert Pistol and Rifle Sharpshooters.

Indiana Zeta – Butler

Phillip R. Dawalt III '98 serves in the U.S. Coast Guard. As the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral, Chief Warrant Officer (CWO3) Dawalt coordinates the unit execution of Coast Guard missions along the Space Coast, including the unique objective to maintain waterside safety and security for both manned and unmanned rocket launches in support of America's Space Program. He enlisted in 2002 and served for 16 years, reaching the grade of Chief Boatswain's Mate before receiving his commission as Chief Warrant Officer (Boatswain) in 2019.

Kansas Alpha – Kansas

1st Lt. George A. Lancaster '62 served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964-66.

He was deployed to Vietnam and earned a Bronze Star w/V, Navy Commendation Medal w/V, a Purple Heart and a Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Michigan Alpha – Michigan

Frederick C. Hertel '52 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956-60, achieving the rank of captain. During his service, Brother Hertel was a tactical pilot and a jet pilot instructor.

Minnesota Gamma Minn. State - Mankato



Rennells

Eugene F. Rennells '69 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1963-67, reaching the rank of Airman First Class. Brother Rennells was stationed in Canada and received a Good Conduct Medal.

New Jersey Epsilon – Rowan

Brother James R. Keller '03 served in the U.S. Army from 2001-07. Sergeant Keller was deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ohio Delta – Ohio State

David L. Hiatt '66 is an LTC U.S. Army (retired) who now volunteers with the National Museum of the Air Force, Licking Memorial Hospital, and he has served on the OSU Army ROTC Alumni Board. During his 27 years of service, Brother Hiatt was

with the Army Signal Corps in Germany, served in the Ohio National Guard and spent 16 years with the 83rd Army Reserve Command. He received several medals, including the Meritorious Service Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Overseas Medal and the National Defense Medal. .

Ohio Eta – Toledo

Jacob S. Hernandez '23 served from 2018-22 in the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of corporal. Brother Hernandez received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Mast (letter of appreciation), Certificate of Commendation and is a Lance Corporals Leadership and Ethics Seminar Distinguished Graduate.

Ohio Iota – Akron

In September 2023, **Brothers Aidan Sullivan '22** and **Charles Ross '22** took their Oath of Enlistment and are contracted cadets with The University of Akron Army ROTC.

Benjamin M. Targrove '18 is serving in the U.S. Air Force as an Airman First Class (A1C). He has been deployed to the Pacific.

Ohio Xi – Capital

Brother Nirajan Poudel '23 is currently a Lance Corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps with plans to serve through 2026.



Targrove

Oregon Beta – Oregon State

Brother James W. Hubbard '61 served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, from 1965-85. During his service, he achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel and was deployed to Europe and Asia.

Pennsylvania Xi – Edinboro

1st Lt. Jeffrey Werner '15 has served in the U.S. Army since 2018. He was deployed to Kuwait/Jordan and received the Army Accommodation Medal. Brother Werner is still active in the National Guard.

Tennessee Delta – Vanderbilt

Brother Arthur J. Johnsen '62 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-70. Brother Johnsen achieved the rank of captain and was deployed to Taiwan and Vietnam. For his service in Vietnam, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1968.

Texas Beta – Texas Tech

Brother Robert F. Bayless '67 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970-2000. During his service, he achieved the rank of colonel, was deployed to the Pacific and received the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Dr. Robert M. Lamb '71 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1975-95, achieving the rank of colonel (O-6). Brother Lamb received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Virginia Alpha – Virginia

David R. Straeten '62 served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 30 years, from 1965-95. Serving out of Virginia, Brother Straeten achieved the rank of commander.

Donald F. Wiseman '65 served in the U.S. Army from 1968-73. Captain Wiseman was deployed to Vietnam as a rotary wing aviator. He received 19 Air Medals, the Bronze Star, an Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.



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HOME AT LAST

Parallel lives of WWII heroes, chapter brothers and their families span 80 years

Photo: Elizabeth Fraser, DVIDS

By HQ Staff

A chapter already steeped in Phi Psi tradition; history is being made at Pennsylvania Alpha. It is a place where brothers who have committed their loyalty — and their lives — to the organization and our country are home at last.



Reynolds

In the Summer 2023 issue of *The Shield*, we reported the discovery of a WWII pilot's remains — a fantastic story on its own, and yet there's a sequel! Another brother, Charles (Chuck) Reynolds *W&J* '39, was reported missing in 1943.

1st Lt. Reynolds and 1st Lt. William (Bill) Montgomery *W&J* '38 had more in common than their rank in the military. They were chapter brothers who played basketball together, which *The Shield* (Jan. 1940) recorded: "Bill Montgomery, Al Skinner *W&J* '39, and Art Marston *W&J* '39 were also varsity men. Chuck Reynolds was high scorer with sixteen points in the first basketball game of the year..."



Montgomery

Both served their country as pilots in World War II. Their similarities did not end there, as fate and the fight against fascism took them to foreign shores.

Reynolds, stationed in New Guinea, crashed his B-25 plane into a lagoon and was last seen waving to his comrades from its wing. Presumed alive in the jungles of the Pacific, he was never heard from again.

Montgomery flew his B-24H bomber over France and received Nazi air fire. He sputtered to England in his smoking plane, which fell to the earth near Arundel castle. His crew parachuted to safety, saved by the pilot's skill and heroism.

Both lieutenants made the ultimate sacrifice. Neither came home. Their next mention in *The Shield* would be in Chapter Eternal. Until enhanced scientific testing in 2023 revealed and confirmed their identities.

Digging posed challenges, as Montgomery's plane had impacted the English turf so hard, it buried him to an unreachable depth. Awaiting his journey home, a rosette



TOP: Military honors for Lt. Montgomery

MIDDLE: A photo display at Lt. Reynolds' memorial service depicts his W & J basketball team.

BOTTOM: Brothers Gariano and Reeping were able to present Lt. Reynolds' family with the Phi Psi Military Shield of Honor.



Another photo display honoring Lt. Reynolds highlighted his days at W & J, including a Fraternity handbook, a photo of the chapter house and photo with his chapter brothers (circled in the middle row is Reynolds, first row is Montgomery).

was placed at the site bearing a Phi Psi mantra, “United by Friendship, Sustained by Honor, Led by Truth, We Live and Flourish.”

When the excavation uncovered Montgomery’s remains, DNA and his Fraternity signet ring positively identified him.

Meanwhile, scientists analyzed a tomb for an unidentified American soldier in the Philippines, and the results confirmed they had also recovered Lt. Reynolds! The friends would finally come home — and within the same calendar year.

Lt. Montgomery was honored on September 13, 2023, receiving full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. SWGP Bob Marchesani *Butler* ‘94 (*IUP*’79) and Duncan Forsyth Esq. *W&J* ‘71, attended the ceremony. They were able to meet Montgomery’s nephew and namesake, Bill, and present him with the Military Shield of Honor. After Bill received a copy of *The Shield* last fall, he called HQ to thank us for honoring his uncle. “I am really moved to have such a wonderful piece about him in the magazine, and to have Phi Psi members attend the service and receive the medal ... it’s overwhelming. Thank you!” Marchesani, too, was overwhelmed, “It was a true honor to



Lt. Montgomery’s family is flanked by SWGP Bob Marchesani on the left and Brother Forsyth on the right. The lieutenant’s nephew, Bill, holds the Phi Psi Military Shield of Honor.

attend Brother Montgomery’s service. What an unforgettable experience.” Less than a week later, he read and reported to HQ the account of Lt. Reynolds’ remains — another Phi Psi from the same chapter!

When Matt Gariano *W&J* ‘22 and Nick Reeping *W&J* ‘22 learned about their lost chapter brothers, they were compelled to attend Reynold’s ceremony in late September. Brothers Gariano and Reeping met through wrestling as freshmen at Washington & Jefferson and pledged Phi Psi together — a camaraderie in sports and brotherhood, much like the lieutenants.

In Bridgeport, Ohio, Reynolds’ hometown, people lined the streets to wave American flags while the funeral procession rolled by. Congregating at a local funeral home, veterans, family members and the two young chapter brothers rose to speak in Reynolds’ honor. The family shared immense gratitude at the turn out.

Charles Marty, Lt Reynold’s nephew and namesake, told those gathered how he was born on Memorial Day, 1949, when the family had finally come to accept the loss of their relative. He recounted the story of how Uncle Chuck slouched during the enlisting process so that he would not exceed the height limit for pilots. Such was his dedication to the cause.

Gariano and Reeping realized they had experienced something bigger than themselves, looking at the broader scope of service to others. “The ceremony gave me a sense of selflessness. Like Lt. Reynolds, you can impact people’s lives,” Reeping said.

Gariano agreed, saying the ceremony aligned with Phi Psi’s value of “becoming a better person.”

The lives of these young men — then and now — indeed reflect the camaraderie and loyalty of Phi Psi. Their stories span generations and will be forever chronicled as part of our rich history and certainly will live on at Pennsylvania Alpha.

Gariano and Reeping didn’t realize their parallels with the lieutenants. Their similarities played out before there was knowledge of them. Likewise, neither nephew was aware of the resemblance in their legacies — both being namesakes of long-lost, but never forgotten, war heroes.

History plays out before our eyes and often repeats, while our brotherhood remains steadfast. That’s what Fraternity is: a living story.



By HQ Staff



Cousino

Brad Cousino *Miami* '73 hoped that scoring a touchdown would protect him from abuse today. His parents embraced and celebrated from the sidelines, sharing high fives with surrounding parents, the biggest fans of their budding football star son while in public. But in his book, "Unwanted, Unworthy, UNSHACKLED," Brad describes the terror no one could see through the windows of the Cousino bungalow. Beatings and solitary confinement were frequent throughout Brad's childhood, shaping his understanding of family through a lens of trauma.

Football was a lot of things to Brad — an escape from his reality, a fleeting moment of parental approval, an outlet for his own frustrations and anger, and soon, a pathway to college.

Brad recognized his best chance at college would be through an athletic scholarship. Due to his smaller stature, Brad was overlooked by every college football program even after making the first-team All-League, All-City, All-District, and All-Regional on offense and defense in high school. Rather than throwing in the towel, Brad acted, mailing dozens of packets out with letters and highlight reels, begging for the opportunity to prove himself on the field.

Finally, the call came. Brad earned a walk-on spot on Miami University's football team.

With so much of his life revolving around football, Brad decided to explore Greek life at Miami. He attended a few Rush events, but kept hearing the same thing, 'Hell Week'. The concept of acceptance through physical and mental torment was inconceivable to Brad. He couldn't imagine putting himself in the line of more trauma. He'd already lived through so much.

Then, he heard of a new fraternity with an ambitious and positive spin on hell week from a fellow football walk-on, Paul Apyan *Miami* '72.

A 1975 issue of *The Shield* referenced the young chapter: "colony members believed that 'Hell Week's' hazing and general beratement of pledges was detrimental and immature. As an

alternative, they introduced the concept of 'Help Week,' which emphasized the positive approach of this chapter. They felt that it was the responsibility of the chapter to do something FOR a pledge, not something TO him. Stressed during the first pledge program were the ideals of good scholarship, university involvement and community service..."

"They weren't interested in tearing someone down. They wanted to build people up. They went out looking for projects to help others on campus and in the community," Brad said with a smile.

Ohio Lambda offered Brad a community outside of the locker room to build healthy, lasting relationships. His football schedule and scholastic responsibilities kept Brad from living in the chapter house and fully participating in Fraternity happenings, but he made the most of the time he did have building the bonds of brotherhood.

"50 years later and we're still friends. There's still a group of guys that I can call at any given point in time and they're there. They support me. That's what matters."

Because of his small size, Brad went undrafted following college, but he became the only rookie free agent to make an NFL team in 1975! He led the league in special teams' plays. Brad played for the Cincinnati Bengals, the New York Giants and Pittsburgh Steelers. Breaking the cycle of multi-generational abuse, Brad is the proud and loving father of four adult children and 11 grandchildren with his wife of 46 years, Tami Cousino, whom he met on a blind date at a Phi Psi event!

Brad shares his story with tens of thousands and consults with small to mid-sized companies using his team-oriented perspective. He published his harrowing memoir in November 2022. "Unwanted, Unworthy, UNSHACKLED" is available at Amazon.com and Barnes Noble.com. Brad credits Brother Apyan and his Big Brother, Larry Larson *Miami* '72 for helping frame his Phi Psi story within the publication.

Brad's incredible experience of overcoming familial abuse is in preliminary discussions with three production companies to make his memoir into film.

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MEMBER MILESTONES

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



Sean Kane Butler '89 (in blue) at Citizens Bank Park presenting his commissioned artwork to Hall of Fame inductee, Scott Rolen.

Arkansas Alpha – Arkansas

In July 2023, **Stephen D. Thompson '79** celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary.

California Kappa – UC Irvine

Thomas S. Emanuele '11 married Brittany Fastuca (Gamma Phi Beta at California State - Long Beach) on October 30, 2021, and they welcomed their daughter, Rho Meadow, on November 3, 2022.

Colorado Alpha – Colorado

In December 2023, the chapter was awarded the IFC 2023 Outstanding Philanthropic Effort recognition. Present to accept the award were (pictured left to right): **Kento Mita '23, Andrew Kearney '22, Luke Sandell '22, Charlie Loewengueth '20** and **Nick Pompelli '22**.

District of Columbia Alpha – GW

Brother Doug Miller '98 is the Deputy Director of Special Operations Division at the Montgomery County Police Department (MD) and the UAS Program Manager. Miller announced, "We just started our own Drone as First Responder Program at the Department." This innovative and forward-thinking program allows drones to get to scenes first to provide important information, potentially allowing officers to catch suspects quicker and/or de-escalate potential critical incidents. "We are the first Major City Chiefs Organization (50 largest departments) to

implement this program and the first one in the highly restricted DC airspace."

Illinois Theta – UIC

Nathan Florendo '22 participated in the Hot Chocolate Run 15k and finished the race in 1:12:30. **Parth Sapra '21** was initiated into the Order of Omega.

Indiana Alpha – DePauw

Derek M. Taylor '97 is now the executive vice president and chief field operating officer of Canadian National Railroad.

Indiana Gamma – Wabash

Evan Kanetkar '20 received the Orr Fellowship, and will be working as a technical specialist for a company called Offprem.

Indiana Delta – Purdue

Yaseen Shady '22 is thrilled to announce that he has accepted a return offer to join Microsoft as a SWE for the summer of 2024. This journey marks a significant milestone in his career, and he couldn't be more excited to be part of a team that is at the forefront of innovation and technology.

Indiana Epsilon – Valparaiso

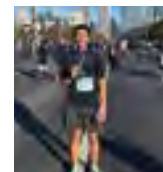
William L. Steinbrecher '53 is especially grateful for the even members of the Indiana Epsilon Chapter who did fall clean-up of the perennials in his yard. The work wouldn't have happened without them.



Colorado Alpha



Sapra



Florendo



Kanetkar

Indiana Zeta – Butler

Sean Kane '89 was commissioned by the Philadelphia Phillies to create artwork for 2023 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, Scott Rolen, which was presented during a special ceremony at Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia, in September. This is the seventh painting Sean has created for the Phillies. His artwork is in the permanent collections of the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum, Cooperstown, New York, and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Kansas City, Missouri.

In November 2023, **Jake Johson '22**, traveled to Rio de Janeiro for a few days and got to fly the Phi Psi flag at one of the seven wonders of the world (Christ the Redeemer)!

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Johnson



Jones

Indiana Iota – Ball State

Dustin Meeks '14 who is an associate for Barnes & Thornburg LLP, was recognized by The Indianapolis Business Journal as one of the Top 20 in Their Twenties or 2023.

Kansas Alpha - Kansas

Brother Christopher C. Jones '04 and his wife, Colleen, have a new addition to their family. Welcome to the world, sweet Emily Kathleen (Emmy Kate).

Brother A.J. Blongewicz '09 welcomed Holden William Blongewicz to his family, November 5, 2023. Mom and baby are both doing great. Big brother Jude couldn't be more excited for the new adventures ahead as a family of four.

Louisiana Alpha

Brother Blaine Loupe '13 married Allison Schembre on January 10, 2023. A Louisiana Alpha Chapter flag served as the groom's cake.



Nelson



Chatfield



Ohio Epsilon Reunion

In August 2023, **Sean Hammerle '90** was featured on the cover of CXO Outlook magazine as one of the Most Inspiring Business Leaders. Brother Hammerle moved to Panama from Houston, Texas in 2013 to launch ONQ Contact Center. He now serves as Partner and Chief Operating Officer for both ONQ and QSolve, LLC, overseeing operations on three continents. For two years in a row, ONQ has been recognized on the global stage as the Best Contact Center in the World.

Brother Dennis H. Schorr '02 was recently promoted to the rank of District Chief by the New Orleans Fire Department. Dennis is a second-generation fireman and was featured in the first season of A&E Network's "Nightwatch."

Dr. Jimmy Nelson '06 and wife Courtney, welcomed daughters Sophie Mae and Sadie Ann on October 16, 2023.

Mississippi Alpha – Ole Miss

Albie Chatfield '19, former chapter president, is engaged!

Missouri Alpha – Missouri

Daniel E. O'Rourke '19 got married in 2022, started a new job and became part of a start-up healthcare staffing agency. On July 3, 2024, his son, Jonah, was brought into the world by his amazing wife, Bree. Life is moving fast for the O'Rourkes!

Ohio Alpha – Ohio Wesleyan

Brother Brent Perrin '04 was promoted to Account Manager & DC Office Manager for Majority Strategies in summer of 2023. He has been at the company two years.

Ohio Delta – Ohio State

Gavin Poston '71 currently serves as a Sentinel (ICBM) Directorate for the U.S. Air Force at Hill AFB, Utah. Brother Poston is working on the development of the next generation of ICBM missiles to replace the current Minuteman III missiles.



Blongewicz



O'Rourke



Loupe

George T. Matic '06 recently bicycled 100 miles in his third Pelotonia (a ride across Central Ohio that benefits innovative cancer research). Brother Matic has served as a team physician for the Cincinnati Reds, Wittenberg University, The Ohio State University and Columbus Clippers (the AAA affiliate of the Cleveland Indians), Capital University, University of Dayton.

Ohio Epsilon – Case Western Reserve

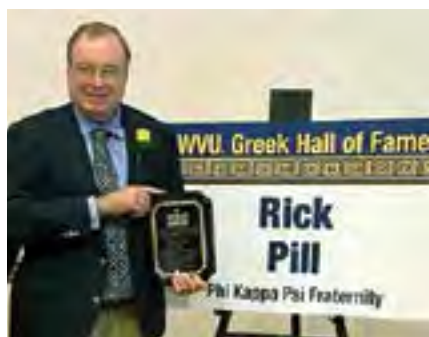
Thirty-nine brothers of Ohio Epsilon, representing initiation years 1966-73, plus 28 spouses, gathered in Cleveland the weekend of September 8-10, 2023. Sixteen states were represented, and **Barry Satz '72** won the "long-distance award," coming from his home in Bangkok, Thailand. **Chuck Brandman '70** shared special thanks to Donna and **Bruce Jackson '70** for hosting the group on Friday night. They were treated to an exclusive tour by **Brother Ian Charnas '98** of CWRU's Sears think[box], the largest open-access innovation center and makerspace in the U.S. The group enjoyed a picnic at the Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation, where **Gary Steficek '71**, snapped the picture!



Tzolov



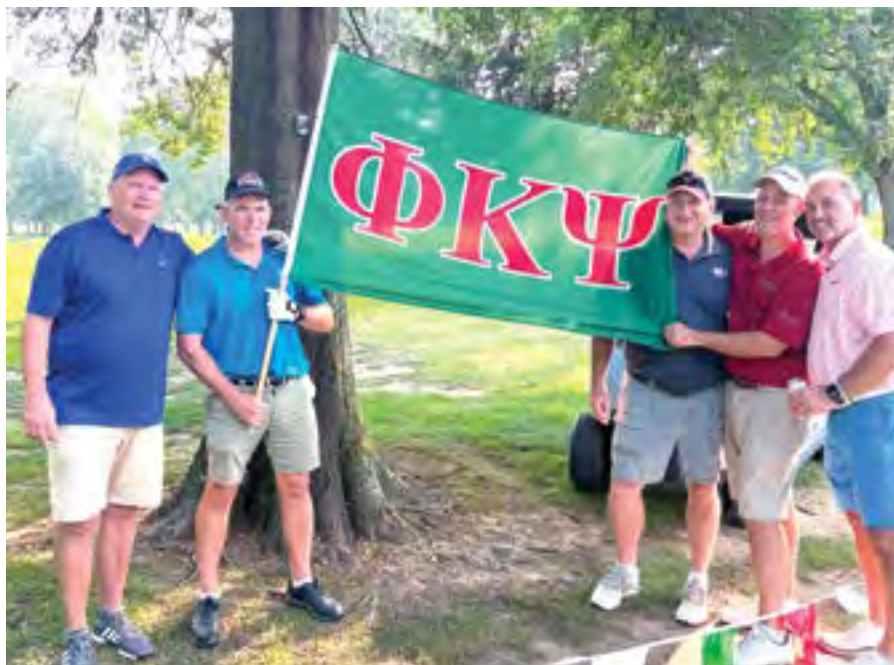
Schorr



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Rhode Island Beta



Ohio Theta

Ohio Theta – Ashland

Dr. Robert S. Foltz '69 celebrated 120 years of Foltz Dentistry in Canton, Ohio — 1903-2023. The family practice has spanned three generations: Dr. J.G. Foltz, Dr. J.W. Foltz and Dr. R.S. Foltz.

Brother Doug Blosser '86 reported another well-attended and successful golf outing for 2023, which also included a pig roast. With more than 100 alumni in attendance, they raised over \$100,000 for the Ohio Theta Chapter House.

Pennsylvania Iota – Penn

Brother Tony Tzolov '23 participated in the Frontiers of Energy Research Poster Session, where undergraduate and graduate students presented their work on energy-related materials, methods and designs. Last summer, Tony conducted research on the magneto electric properties of Ni₂ under the supervision of Physics Professor Liang Wu. During the poster session, Brother Tzolov discussed his lab's scientific methodologies and the findings from his summer project.

Rhode Island Beta – Rhode Island

Four Rhode Island Beta Chapter brothers enjoyed a reunion in 2023 – **Michael O'Grodnick, Esq. '99**, **Kevin Low '96**, **Josh Abrams '99** and **Brad Mirza '99**.

Tennessee Zeta – Memphis

Mike Dew '71 is retired and happy after practicing dentistry for 42 years.

West Virginia Alpha – West Virginia

In October 2023, **Brother Rick Pill '70** was inducted into West Virginia University's Greek Hall of Fame.

Bryce Cumpston '10 married Lauren Nahajzer on March 5, 2023.

Charlie Hageboeck '17, who is the assistant vice president and commercial relationship manager for First Merchants Bank, was recognized by The Indianapolis Business Journal as one of the Top 20 in Their Twenties for 2023.



Have you reached a significant goal? Won an award? Started a family? Share your story with us!

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TECH CONNECTION: WHOVA APP

By Ben Teague, *Indiana 419*, Senior Director of Technology

With the Grand Arch Council coming up, one thing that I am excited about is to be able to connect with other brothers through the Whova App. If you haven't already registered for GAC in Minneapolis, the official registration is through Whova. This event itself opens approximately 90 days before GAC begins and allows everyone to start preparing in advance. Whether you use the desktop version or my favorite, the smart phone app, Whova is an interactive event management tool that allows all the GAC attendees to connect and share resources leading up to and through the conference.



Teague

One of my favorite features is the message board. These threads allow different topics to be discussed, and you have the ability to add photos before and during the event. At the end of the 2022 GAC in Indianapolis, I was able to sit down and look at all the interesting photos that everyone submitted and relive the great time that was had by all.

Capturing those moments where brothers had connected and shared selfies really made the entire event memorable.

Once the Whova Event is live, anyone who has registered for GAC will gain access to a myriad of resources so that they can plan their trip. Like GAC 2022, there will be meetups posted, ride-shares and other interest groups conversing and getting excited for the event.

So, register early by visiting our website and you will be notified when the Whova Event has started. See you there!

For more information on GAC registration, go to: phikappapsi.com/gac





STUDY ABROAD | FULBRIGHT INTERNSHIP IN WALES

Invitation to Learn

By Tobey Condon Wabash '22

Having the opportunity to attend the Fulbright UK Summer Institute in Wales during the summer of 2023 was certainly a life-shaping experience. I was drawn to the program because of its mission of developing leaders and cultural ambassadors and the chance to learn and discuss serious issues alongside like-minded peers. Given recent events in American society, I felt it was crucial that, as an aspiring leader, I should try to equip myself with the tools necessary to facilitate meaningful discussion on these increasingly contentious problems, both on campus and in my local community.



I believe that my time in Wales helped me to do that and so much more. From the moment I arrived, I was embraced by a welcoming community that was more than willing to share their beautiful country with me and my cohort. In particular, the two peer mentors attached to our group worked tirelessly to ensure that our experience was as engaging and fulfilling as it could be through showing us around the nearby town of Aberystwyth and taking us on trips up and down the length of the country to visit royal fortresses, Iron Age villages and more.

Although the core of the program was centered around lectures and discussions from faculty at Aberystwyth University on topics relating to Welsh cultural identity, I believe it was the time spent outside



the classroom that will stay with me the longest. While I did enjoy hearing from the lecturers about everything from ancient myths to modern-day political tensions, I was always looking forward to when classes would end for the day, and I could go with my group to see what Wales had to offer.

Every day was a new experience, from walking through castle ruins nestled between wind-swept hills to speaking with elected officials in the Welsh Parliament about their fight for independence. It seemed that every interaction I had was an invitation to learn about Welsh culture and history, and I eagerly accepted each one. I can confidently say that I gained more firsthand knowledge on the struggles of Welsh public education over pints at a local pub than I did in a lecture room. This meant that in addition to gaining a deeper understanding of the foundations of national identity and guidance on how to be a better leader when discussing these subjects, I also came away from the trip with countless fond memories that I will carry with me through college and beyond.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the pivotal role that my Fraternity brothers at Indiana Gamma played in my time abroad. They were there for me at every step: encouraging me to apply, reviewing my application essays, and reaching out to me when I was away to see how I was doing. I'm extremely grateful to have a community of brothers like the one I have here at Wabash.



Have you worked or studied abroad? We want to hear about your journey. Contact us: marketing@phikappapsi.com

Taking the Hard Route

By: Ayush Deshpande *UL Lafayette '21*

My experiences in college have been led by two philosophies that I credit Phi Psi for teaching me — exploiting every possible opportunity available to me, and to always seek a challenge. These challenges have taken different forms in my college



Deshpande

career, be it in academics with two majors and two minors, extracurriculars like being on the University Speech and Debate Team, or the kind of challenge that makes you question its worth, makes you bang your head against the wall, but ultimately provides you with greater satisfaction than all your other activities put together — like my Fraternity. One of our alumni (and the brother I hold responsible for recruiting me to the chapter) once told me that taking

the harder route will leave you with the greatest possible sense of satisfaction; taking the easy way out is not the Phi Psi way. And so, I applied this principle to my professional life and began looking into internships in healthcare.

Leading into the summer of 2023, I knew I wanted to have an experience in the realm of public health. I also knew that I wanted to go abroad alone, being that I had never undertaken a task like that before. I decided to investigate going to India, though not my first time there. I am ethnically Indian and speak two Indian languages, and I was certain there were many experiences in public health to choose from by going to a nation that is still developing.

While searching online for organizations to work with, I stumbled upon Raah Foundation, a nonprofit based in Mumbai aimed at empowering tribal communities in Western India.

Working with the Raah Foundation was truly a riveting experience. I got to see their corporate office in a well-to-do part of Southern Mumbai, and just a few weeks after landing, got to visit Jawhar, a municipality where Raah first started its work.

Originally, the nonprofit focused its efforts on water retention and sustainable agriculture in the tribal Warli community in Jawhar but have since expanded to other projects like afforestation and job-skills training for the unemployed in Jawhar and other places nearby. They were extremely flexible when I asked if I could work on a public health project instead, stating that it was up to me how I wanted to help the community, and that I should not limit myself by worrying about the resources the project may require.

The most rewarding part of the experience was being able to deep dive into the realm of problem solving. I got to witness firsthand what a team of people dedicated toward solving social

issues looked like, and I engaged in what can only be described as primary research. My main motive was to better understand what healthcare looked like in rural India, and to identify any problems that were plaguing the community. That would allow me to understand how Raah could use its manpower and resources to improve the health of people there.

The first thing I noticed was that the officers in Raah were adamant that the main service work be done by members of the community itself. This was imperative in to build a sense of community ownership in the work that Raah was doing for the populace. I also understood that it was one thing to formulate questions that you wanted to ask people, but another entirely when trying to extract information we wanted. The community we were working with were quite afraid that people who came asking questions about their quality of life wanted to take away their land or government subsidies.

One of the main barriers that I faced was my “city accent.” For anyone who speaks Marathi, the difference is quite stark; many of the villagers were able to tell immediately I was not from around there. The “city accent” is much more traditional, and the words used are occasionally borrowed from other languages, including English.

I also had a chance to interact with doctors at the local Public Health Centers (PHCs) who practiced both Western and Traditional Medicine.

The biggest lesson that I learned though was that community ownership must be organic when working for a social cause. Even though conducting discussion groups with the community to come up with seemingly obvious answers to complex questions may seem futile, it is by far, in my updated opinion, the most effective way to get people comfortable with talking about collective problems.

It only took asking the midwives and nurses at the local PHC about their opinion on the quality of aid they receive from the Central Government (equivalent to the Federal Government in the U.S.) for them to go on a rant about what kind of support they were truly lacking.

I learned that volunteering can only go so far as the volunteer is willing to go — but a discussion never ends just because people drop in and out of the conversation. What is most important is just the foundation of such a discussion in the first place; a process I am proud to say I was a part of.

It was an incredible experience, and I learned so much — but the best part is that I had the honor of writing this story for my brothers across the world. Amici!

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A Decade Remembered

By HQ Staff

On the morning of November 9, 2013, Brother Christopher Grimaud *Ole Miss '12* joined Chapter Eternal after being involved in a tragic automobile accident. His older brother, Michael Grimaud '10 also was a Phi Psi at Ole Miss. Their mother stated, "Phi Psi will always hold a special place in our hearts because of what the brothers and the Fraternity meant to our sons." The family recalled busloads of Phi Psis who drove through the night to be with them during the mass for Chris. Brothers stood at every pew, served as honor guards and participated in the graveside service. Until the very end his brothers were with him.

And they still are. A decade later, eight Phi Psi brothers can say Chris still has a profound impact on their lives. In their son's honor and memory, Chris' parents established the scholarship through the Foundation which annually is presented to an Ole Miss brother with financial need and who excels in extracurricular activities, philanthropic contributions and/or community involvement.



Swenson

Blake Swenson *Ole Miss '19*, the 2022 scholarship recipient admitted, "Money has always been a stressor for me — working, while balancing my studies, extracurricular activities and my volunteer interests is tough. Focusing on making the next dollar and worrying about my finances sure does take its toll."

That is why these scholarship funds are so important. Giving back is core to life as a Phi Psi, and this is an excellent way to perpetuate the bonds of brotherhood. "To give aid and sympathy to all who are less fortunate."

When awarded the scholarship, Brother Swenson expressed deep gratitude by saying, "Chris' family suffered the ultimate loss. I hope as they look upon my receiving this award, they find joy in knowing they are helping a young man achieve his dreams. I'm grateful in their darkest times, they were able to see how to spread joy, hope and possibility to others."

As members of Phi Psi continue to engage with the organization and grow these funds, more and more young men of integrity will benefit. Learning at a young age the power fraternal connectedness is what fuels the legacy of Chris Grimaud — and others like him.



Storer

The most recent recipient, Nick Storer *Ole Miss '21* has been able to fully embrace the Fraternity at Mississippi Alpha. An active member of the Philanthropy Committee, Brother Storer is extremely grateful to be awarded the 2023 scholarship. "I am honored to know there are supporting



The Grimaud family



Polizzi

alumni who are actively and directly helping brothers like me."

Inaugural recipient, Jon Polizzi *Ole Miss '14* said, "Being a recipient of the scholarship means so much to me. Christopher was my first cousin. He and his brother Michael were a big reason why I attended Ole Miss and joined Phi Kappa Psi." Now Brother Polizzi volunteers to review scholarship applications for the Foundation. "I am honored to be part of a committee that helps select recipients of this scholarship each year. I encourage members to apply every year. Hopefully it will make a positive impact for someone who loves Ole Miss and Phi Psi as much as Christopher and I do."

Phi Kappa Psi draws brothers together creating bonds never to be severed. Some of the briefest of lives, such as Christopher's, have illuminated the path for others to follow and to flourish. This stands as a good reminder that in life and in death, we are united by friendship. Live Ever. Die Never.

For more information on memorial scholarships or creating a named fund in honor of a brother, contact Angel Johnson-Brebner at apj@pkpfoundation.org.

Christopher J. Grimaud Scholarship Recipients

2023 Nick W. Storer <i>Ole Miss '21</i>	2019 Jordan C. Zarzaur <i>Ole Miss '18</i>
2022 Blake Swenson <i>Ole Miss '19</i>	2018 C. David Pfaehler <i>Ole Miss '17</i>
2021 Jack R. Mazza <i>Ole Miss '17</i>	2017 William George <i>Ole Miss '15</i>
2020 Jackson P. Burt <i>Ole Miss '18</i>	2016 Jonathon M. Polizzi <i>Ole Miss '14</i>

SCHOLARSHIPS *In Review*

The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation is looking for alumni and friends to serve as reviewers for our National Scholarship Program.

With 14 National Scholarship Funds, 400+ applicants and more than 40 recipients annually, the Foundation relies on our volunteer reviewers to make informed and thoughtful award decisions.

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Here is an overview of what to expect as a reviewer:

- January 15 - March 15, 2024: National Scholarship applications are accepted.
- March 16 - 31, 2024: Foundation staff qualifies applicants.
- **April 1 - 30, 2024: Scholarship application reviewers read and score applications.**
- Scoring applications will take an average of 1-2 hours per pool. Each pool has an average of 20 applications. Reviewers may sign up to score as many pools as their schedule permits. In the event of close scoring, attendance at one virtual meeting may be necessary.
- **To volunteer, contact Angel Johnson-Brebner, angel.johnson-brebner@pkpfoundation.org.**

BE INSPIRED BY SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEER REVIEWERS



"As a Phi Psi Lady, I find great joy in being able to help with this important mission that my husband is so passionate about. Giving a small amount of time to help an undergraduate member feel supported by Phi Psi's commitment to their success through the Foundation is important to me."

—Abby Nicol



"Witnessing the potential we have in our members and contributing to their educational journeys is a rewarding experience. It feels like a direct way to make a positive difference within our Phi Psi family."

—Ruben Campos Texas Tech '95

"I think it is a great way to see what the future holds in terms of leadership and scholarship for the nation."

—SWVGP Marc Dumas DePaul '93

"I found it to be inspirational to read over the aspirations of my brothers and how they intend to achieve their dreams. Our Fraternity has the resources to support our younger brothers, and I am glad that I can support them in this journey. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve."

—Andrew Bartles Beloit '06



PROGRAMMING WITHIN ARM'S REACH

By HQ Staff

On January 5, 1996, Phi Kappa Psi launched the President's Leadership Academy (PLA) at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center in Lisle, Illinois, with 32 chapter presidents. PLA was a revolutionary program, offering participants an intensive and interactive leadership development experience. The goal was to prepare Phi Psi officers to lead their chapters — with consistency.

Over the last 28 years, much has changed within Phi Kappa Psi, the fraternity/sorority industry and society. Fraternity membership is up 66%, advances in technology have changed how we consume information and the needs of undergraduate students have evolved. The result is a renewed approach to core Phi Psi programming.

Introducing *Compass*, Phi Kappa Psi's online learning management system. Adopted in 2021, *Compass* allows the Fraternity to provide rudimentary education and training to the entire active membership with the click of a mouse or tap of a finger. The modules housed on *Compass* deliver consistent messaging, can be accessed anywhere the internet is available and at any time, and cost just cents on the dollar compared to previous in-person counterparts.

The first two steps in extending online programming to members have already taken place. In the fall of 2021, Phi Psi launched its first online training modules designed to familiarize new chapter officers and committee chairs with their roles within the chapter. Collectively known as *Ascend*, the program builds a foundation of fundamental leadership skills and then targets officer-specific responsibilities for each role.

The second online program, *Embark*, was unveiled in August 2023. *Embark* is the Fraternity's hybrid new member education program. The online modules were designed to supplement

in-person meetings led by the chapter's Fraternity Educator with new member classes. *Embark* offers modules on Phi Kappa Psi history, the history of fraternities and sororities, an introduction to leadership, values-based living and various cultural awareness topics. The goal of *Embark* is to prepare members for an impactful and developmental lifelong membership in Phi Kappa Psi.

While in-person experiences remain a critical aspect of the Phi Psi programming model, there has been an expanded focus on creating leadership and educational opportunities that all members of the Fraternity have access to.

Online programs like *Embark* and *Ascend* ensure that every member of a chapter can receive consistent education and training during their Phi Kappa Psi journey. Members engage at a pace that is suitable for them, and each module includes features like closed captioning and scripts to better support members with hearing difficulties or those who learn better through reading. The content is available year-round instead of participants missing potential training opportunities that are only in person once or twice per year. As soon as participants take on an officer role, they can access their training to best prepare themselves for the role as opposed to waiting until an in-person experience is offered.

The Programming Team at Phi Kappa Psi aspires to develop additional modules that enhance skills and further educate both undergraduate and alumni members on various topics that can contribute to wholistic development of all Phi Psis. We want Phi Psi to continue to be an asset to members up until and after graduation, so if you're interested in learning more about future endeavors and how to contribute, please contact programming@phikappapsi.com.



Ninety-seven chapters and colonies across the nation are filled with young men who are committed to giving back. They are joining with other Greek organizations to support worthy causes. They are picking up trash and cleaning up animal shelters, playgrounds and cemeteries. They are stocking food pantries, running races, learning life lessons and establishing new traditions for others to follow.

They are Phi Psi.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEWS FROM
100%
OF OUR ACTIVE
CHAPTERS AND
COLONIES

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DISTRICT I

15 CHAPTERS | 1 COLONY



DELAWARE ALPHA - DELAWARE

Submitted By: Devin Beale '22

Our chapter participated in the JDRC One Walk to help raise money to fight Type 1 Diabetes. JDRC is a nonprofit organization and the leading global organization for T1D research. We did this in honor of one of our brothers with T1D, **Jack DuBois '18**, who sadly passed away in November of 2021. Anyone lucky enough to have known him remembers his infectious smile and how welcoming he always was to people around him. We are incredibly proud to say that the brotherhood raised over \$6,000 as a team.



MASSACHUSETTS BETA - BRANDEIS

Submitted By: Lance Gutin '22

In November, the brothers of Massachusetts Beta had their formal trip in Montreal, Canada. The brothers toured the city, touched up on their French, and enjoyed a much-needed break from academics. Some highlights included: the beautiful Old Montreal, shopping on Rue Denis and the Biodome. We are incredibly grateful for having been able to take this trip together.



NEW JERSEY BETA - MONMOUTH

Submitted By: Jacob Kallman '22

Four of NJ Beta Chapter brothers stood strong and represented our stance against cancer by attending the annual Susan G. Komen cancer awareness walk that took place at Six Flags Great Adventure on October 7, 2023. We walked the 2 miles and interacted, praised and supported cancer survivors and others battling cancer.

NEW JERSEY EPSILON - ROWAN

Submitted By: Christopher Zupko '22

The brothers of New Jersey Epsilon gathered with their Homecoming partner, Sigma Delta Tau, for a bake sale to raise money for charity. More than 20 of the brothers attended and many sisters did as well. In total, over \$200 was raised for charity. This was a great bonding event and was a great way of connecting with the community as well.



NEW JERSEY GAMMA - RUTGERS

Submitted By: Matthew Flatley '23

The brothers of NJ Gamma recently worked with the Embrace Kids Foundation (EKF) to celebrate at their annual Halloween event. Through the RU4Kids program with EKF, Phi Psi was partnered with our friend Yasin and his family. Yasin is a special kid who has been through more than most of us can ever imagine. The Embrace Kids Foundation does so much to help kids battling life-threatening illnesses like him to live life as normally as possible, giving them fun events like this to share with others. This year's Halloween event included games, painting, food and even some pie in our brothers faces at the hands of Yasin. Thank you to the Embrace Kids Foundation for setting up a great event!



NEW YORK BETA - SYRACUSE

Submitted By: Jack Bernstein '23

The brothers Phi Kappa Psi New York Beta spearheaded this year's annual Safe Driving Week with the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our house emphasized full participation in this philanthropy initiative, and the results showed. Benefiting Hunter's Fund, a charity in honor of one of our brothers, **Hunter Watson '15**, who tragically lost his life in a safe driving accident, the many sources of fundraising assisted in one of our record years!



NEW YORK THETA - RIT

Submitted By: Jacob Yang '21

The brothers of New York Theta, along with their 12 new members, co-hosted their Mud Tug event with the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha. Five mud pits were dug out to hold the competition, which consisted of a series of 10 vs. 10 tug-of-war matches over the mud. Both the participants and spectators gave monetary donations,

raising more than \$7,000 for Hillside Family of Agencies, a nonprofit organization that helps local families in need.

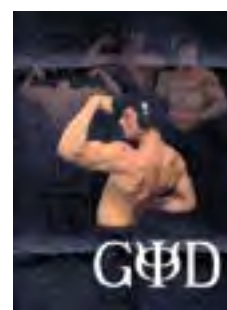
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NEW YORK IOTA - BINGHAMTON

Submitted By: Ryan Reilly '22

This October, New York Iota participated once again in the annual Greek God philanthropic event. The event requires one contestant from the chapter to display exceptional levels of dedication to strength training, conditioning, and nutrition in preparation for a bodybuilding event and

showcase of their talents. While the event showcases physical strength, talents and intellect, it most importantly represents a commitment to raising money to support the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS



Foundation. We are extraordinarily proud to say we raised a total of \$14,395.09 for the foundation this year. We look forward to continuing our philanthropic efforts and appreciate all the support thus far.



NEW YORK KAPPA - ONEONTA

Submitted By: Sage Cheung '22

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, brothers patrolled the streets of Oneonta, picking up garbage in an effort to keep the city clean.



PENNSYLVANIA ETA - F & M

Submitted By: Ryan Mullahey '21

Penn Eta has garnered success with new alumni initiatives. In reconnecting with past brothers, we have been able to obtain valuable advice and regain the history of our chapter.



PENNSYLVANIA THETA - LAFAYETTE

Submitted By: Antonio Arena '22

On September 26, 2023, some of the brothers participated in the Army ROTC Buddy PT event at Lehigh University, in support of our ROTC **Brother Joey White '22**. They competed hard and ended up winning not only the workout but also the final event — tug of war. A group of our brothers participated in the intramural Fall 2023 Flag Football league. After being down 20 points, the team made a comeback to win the championship game. **Brother Spencer Thomas '21** was named MVP of the league. On Halloween, we hosted our annual haunted house event with our sister sorority Delta Gamma. More than 100 people attended, and we raised \$550 toward the Epilepsy Foundation. We also hosted a Thanksgiving dinner, and the Lafayette College Public Safety Officers attended. It was a great way to show our respect and appreciation for the people who keep us and our community safe.

PENNSYLVANIA UPSILON - DREXEL

Submitted By: Zach Jordan '22

In the fall, our chapter decided to start a new campus tradition of Pie a Phi Psi! The event was a great success, and we plan on getting out on campus for it again in the Spring. With the money we raised we were able to greatly cut costs for the Winter HI trip in January.



PENNSYLVANIA IOTA - PENN

Submitted By: Matthew Cheng '21

Brother Silas Ruth '22 competed for Penn's Division 1 cross-country team. The highlight of his semester was placing 41st overall in the Ivy League and 4th on the Penn team with a time of 25:33 for the 8,000-meter event. In addition, he also placed 77th overall at Mid-Atlantic Regionals with a time of 31:36 for the 10,000-meter event, rounding out Penn's top five runners. We wish Brother Ruth the best of luck as he prepares for the upcoming track and field season in the spring!



PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA - SJU

Submitted By: Dylan Scully '22

During fall semester, **Brother Jared Panicker '23** took home the crown in Alpha Phi's pageant-like competition "Mr Heartthrob." Not only did he show out with a great dance, but he also raised \$794 for Alpha Phi's Women's Heart Health Initiative! The entire chapter showed up and made sure Jared got the loudest cheers during the competition. Brother Panicker said, "Despite being a little nervous at first, I was encouraged by my entire campus and could not have been more grateful for the overwhelming support. It was truthfully and easily one of the top three experiences of my college highlights, and I'm honored I was able to participate, and win, representing Phi Psi."



THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY COLONY

Submitted By: Aidan Grigorian

The TCNJ Colony had the pleasure of volunteering at the annual Philadelphia St. Jude Walk/Run to help raise money to end childhood cancer. Thirty of our brothers participated and had a great time giving back to the community. We are also extremely excited for our first upcoming philanthropy week since being reinstated as a colony. We plan on raising money to continue supporting the Hero Campaign to spread awareness about drunk driving in memory of **Michael Sot '18**.



RHODE ISLAND BETA - RHODE ISLAND

Submitted By: Seamus McGrath '21

In November, we took part in our annual Philanthropy Week here at the University of Rhode Island. Each year, it is a time for fraternities and sororities to pair up with each other to raise the largest amount of money possible, along with events going on all week. This year we were paired with Delta Zeta. The charities we were raising money for were Sexual Assault Awareness, Domestic Violence Prevention, Narragansett Save the Bay, and several different Animal Shelters. Collectively, we proudly raised more than \$15,000. We put up strong efforts throughout our events which resulted in an overall finish of 2nd place out of 12 pairings. Although we fell short of 1st, we were still satisfied with our experience and happy to donate to outstanding foundations that impact our community.

DISTRICT II

15 CHAPTERS | 1 COLONY



MARYLAND ALPHA - JOHNS HOPKINS

Submitted By Benjamin Miller '22

During the preceding semester, the Maryland Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi engaged in a comprehensive strategic planning initiative, aimed at bettering philanthropic efforts and enhancing membership development. As we approach the upcoming semester, the chapter is poised to execute these strategic initiatives. Additionally, our annual retreat was a success and provided a forum for collective reflection and camaraderie. This year's Young Alumni Weekend also saw a welcomed influx of recent graduates. With a commitment to the principles of Phi Kappa Psi, the Maryland Alpha Chapter looks forward to a purposeful implementation of our strategic objectives and sustained growth in the semesters to come.

MARYLAND DELTA - TOWSON

Submitted By Tristan Laperriere '21

Maryland Delta builds from our recent successes by continuing to prioritize brotherhood above all else. We have continued to be a big presence on campus and have posted the highest GPA for four semesters running. Fall semester, we initiated four new brothers. We have continued our relationship with our philanthropy, the Baltimore Station, by volunteering in their biggest event of the year the "Stars, Stripes, and Chow" chili cook-off. During the month of November, we raise awareness for men's health. We've had a mo-mentous success as we have beaten our Movember donation goal two times! We had our very first Alumni Dinner Rush event, where potential members got to meet some of our alumni. Maryland Delta looks to continue this success into the future with strong community philanthropic relationships.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By Brayden Bentley

The brothers at The Ohio State Colony partnered with Pilot Dogs, a nonprofit organization that specializes in training puppies for future service dogs. We assisted them by laying down rock beds in their play area and made the scenery more pleasant and safe for the dogs. All nine of the brothers assisted them, and they were very grateful for our contributions and assistance.



OHIO EPSILON - CASE WESTERN RESERVE

Submitted By Wes Schaub Toledo '80

This term, Ohio Epsilon hit the ground running. Their spring semester GPA was a 3.65, which was third among fraternities on campus. It was also above the all-fraternity, all-men's and all-undergraduate averages. The chapter pledged 10 outstanding men and have been actively programming on campus. Fall philanthropy efforts raised over \$800 for Tomorrow's Stars, and they pursued service opportunities with the Metroparks, reptile shelter and the African American Cultural Gardens. The chapter looks forward to more positive activity in the spring.



OHIO IOTA - AKRON

Submitted By Jack Pollock '19

In this past year, Ohio Iota has added 14 new members—four in the spring and 10 in the fall. We have doubled the size of our active chapter since the fall of 2022.

OHIO NU - OHIO

Submitted By Ben Eberlein '21



This past fall, Brothers **Griffin Imwalle '21**, **Adam Luneack '22** and **Cooper Halverson '21** were inducted into the prestigious Schey Sales Centre. As members of this nationally recognized organization, they will complete a 16-credit hour certificate and meet with the 48 partner companies who recruit through the program.

The program has 100% after-grad job placement, and we are excited to see how it will enhance the professional development of our brothers. The chapter competed in our annual sweetheart trivia night, hosted by our new sweetheart, Macy Roberto. Congratulations to the winning team of **Ben Eberlein '21**, **Mac Spellacy '21**, **Adam Booth '21**, **Ryan Graber '21** and **Lincoln Bullock '22**.

OHIO THETA - ASHLAND

Submitted By Luke Fichtner '21, Tyler Donley '20

During Homecoming Weekend — October 21, 2023 — the brothers of Ohio Theta hosted their annual "Get Yolked" philanthropy event. Participants can pay to throw eggs while brothers stand behind chicken wire, causing the eggs to splatter. All proceeds going to Camp Nuhop, a camp for kids with special needs, which was founded by an alumnus of the Ohio Theta Chapter. We were able to raise \$500 in just two hours, which took our yearly Camp Nuhop donation to around \$4,200.



OHIO XI - CAPITAL

Submitted By Jared Sollenberger '21

The brothers of Ohio Xi mulched playgrounds for Capital's Day of a Service. This was an amazing event, and we were thrilled to help out the community of Bexley and Columbus.

OHIO OMICRON - MUSKINGUM

Submitted By Casey Krofcheck '22

With two rounds of recruitment, we got a total of five new members fall semester. We held our Haunted Hallow event in October, co-hosting with Pi Phi Gamma. We had a great turnout with 300 students coming to the event across two days.

OHIO PI - DENISON

Submitted By Ethan Wipff '22

We have rekindled our relationship with the Boys & Girls Club of Newark, Ohio. We have begun helping serve food and will be wrapping gifts for the kids this winter!

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA - W & J

Submitted By Nolan Rehrig '21, Joshua Searle '22



registration event. Additionally, we got nearly 200 pledges signed and raised about \$1,000 for Hunter's Pledge. As winter sports season began, Scholar All-Americans **Hunter Swedish '22** and **Bryce Rodriguez-Uram '23** look to lead the W&J Wrestling team, coached by **Sonnieboy Blanco '17**, to a second PAC Championship in as many years. We ask that you join us in congratulating **Jaizik Sanabria '22** for securing a police internship, **Nevan Roopnarine '23** for securing an internship in Washington D.C. with brother **Kenny Roberts '22**, and **Nick Reeping '22** for his acceptance into the Pennsylvania State Police Academy.



PENNSYLVANIA BETA - ALLEGHENY

Submitted By Nathan Jyachosky '22

In October 2023, the brothers of Penn Beta executed a very successful safe driving week. To raise money for Hunter's Fund, they did five days of tableting along with a volleyball tournament to cap off the week. Local community donations and tournament team sign-ups helped the brothers raise \$495 to help end distracted driving.

PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA - PENN STATE

Submitted By Jacob Tinkoff '22

This semester Phi Kappa Psi Lambda has brought in 10 new members. We have a total of nearly 100 brothers in our chapter. We hope to recruit around 20 more individuals in the next semester. We continue to recruit fine gentlemen who uphold a high GPA, making our Fraternity GPA a top five on campus.

Brother Nolan Rehrig '21 represented our chapter at the District Council meeting this past summer. Brother Rehrig also received the Solon E. Summerfield Award from the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. This fall we have focused our attention to serving others, participating in Pi Beta Phi's Arrowbands dance competition, and assisting **Brother Mark Kennison '00** in his campaign for Mayor of Washington by assisting at the polls and hosting a voter



PENNSYLVANIA RHO - YORK

Submitted By Jude Marvel '23

This past semester, we've been gathering every Sunday to benefit our local community by picking trash. Adopt-a-Block has been a glimmering success for our chapter for multiple semesters. It is a project that continues to grow as other Greek orgs on campus contribute. Every weekend this proves to not only help our campus and community, but also spark new friendships and encourage Greek unity.



PENNSYLVANIA PHI - LYCOMING

Submitted By Brandon Chiguichon '22

Most of the brothers of Pennsylvania Phi helped out their community by helping Wildwood Cemetery place flowers on some graves. Furthermore, the brother cleaned up the areas around graves that have been forgotten or the families were incapable of paying for maintenance. It was a great joy to be able to improve and help Wildwood Cemetery take care of the many gravesites on its property.



WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA - WEST VIRGINIA

Submitted By Connor Rosado '21

The brothers of West Virginia Alpha completed our second annual formal trip to Toronto, Canada last fall. We had an amazing time exploring the city and spending some quality time together to strengthen our brotherhood. Many brothers stopped at Niagara Falls on the ride up to see the breathtaking views. We stayed at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in downtown Toronto where we got a group photo before our formal event. It was a total success, and we look forward to having another one next year.

DISTRICT III

18 CHAPTERS | 2 COLONIES



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Jaxon Lynch

We are off to an exceptional start this year, marking a significant turnaround from previous years. With the addition of 14 new members, our chapter now boasts 49 active and new members. In 2022, we had only 18 active members, and since then, we've poured countless hours into reshaping our committees and securing our charter. We're thrilled to announce that our charter was officially approved over the summer, and we are diligently addressing a few remaining concerns to finalize the process. Fall semester, we collectively committed to actively participating in every Greek philanthropy event and enhancing our engagement in community service. As a result, our presence on campus has grown significantly, and we're proud to say that our efforts have made us more recognized within the campus community.



ILLINOIS DELTA - ILLINOIS

Submitted By: Alex Sevastianos '22

During Homecoming, we unveiled a plaque with names of people who donated for the rededication of the chapter house. Donors were alumni; this was our way to commemorate them through their generosity. Our soccer team made it to the semifinals last fall.



ILLINOIS ZETA - DEPAUL

Submitted By: Grant Bailey '21

On October 9, 2023, Illinois Zeta celebrated the 30th Anniversary of its chartering! Alumni young and old came together with active brothers to share memories, discuss the future of the chapter and celebrate this momentous occasion. In addition to many of his other founding brothers, **Marc Dumas '93**, the Phi Kappa Psi National Vice President — and third initiate of Illinois Zeta — joined us. In February, Illinois Zeta will conduct its third annual Professional Development Workshop and in May will host our annual fundraiser, Cornhole for Cancer.



ILLINOIS THETA - UIC

Submitted By: Parth Sapra '21, Nathan Florendo '22

On November 13, 2023, elections were held for the Illinois Theta Chapter. We successfully voted in dedicated brothers **Nathan Florendo as GP, Parth Sapra as VGP, Matthew Caballes '22 as P, along with Dean Tchakanakis '23, Jacob Schiffrin '23, Gavin Schulz '21, Brian Sarad '21, Gabe Koppel '23, and George Alex '23**. Congratulations, brothers! Amici! We now have 39 active brothers with 13 of them being initiated this semester. As a chapter, we collected and donated over 250 food items for our UIC pop-up pantry.



ILLINOIS ETA - SIUE

Submitted By: Alex Patrick '23

The Illinois Eta chapter had a successful flag football season, having our best record yet! The team made it to the semi-finals but fell short during that game, unfortunately. Our current new members played a big role in our success this season, giving us a positive outlook for our success next season.

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ILLINOIS IOTA - NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Submitted By: Austin Hastings '19

We put on our Phi Psi side, our philanthropy volleyball tournament. Sororities and fraternities played, and the money raised is donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We raised \$800 this year, and this is only our second year doing it. We saw an improvement in money raised from \$250 in the first year.

INDIANA ALPHA - DEPAUW

Submitted By: Ethan Webster '22

In all aspects of campus life, the Rockpile continues to be a pillar of the DePauw community. We've



had a great semester for philanthropy engagement with an amazing "Dunk A Phi Psi" event, raising money for Evelyn's House in September. Thirty of our brothers helped run a fun Trick-or-Treat event for children in our local community in October. Our brothers have also excelled this year athletically, representing DePauw on nine sports teams and contributing to a football conference championship.



INDIANA BETA - INDIANA

Submitted By: Charlie Mitchell '23

The fall semester was an exciting one for the brothers of the Indiana Beta Chapter. We were honored to initiate 24 new members, which solidifies our chapter as one of the largest at Indiana University. With the new members being initiated we are looking forward to a great spring recruitment! The Indiana University Dance Marathon took place in November, and the brothers of Indiana Beta were able to raise \$3,825! We are very excited to continue our philanthropic endeavors by hosting our annual "Phi Psi Rodeo" event in the coming weeks.



INDIANA GAMMA - WABASH

Submitted By: Augustus Isaac '21

Exciting updates! We initiated 14 new members into the brotherhood and celebrated a formal with them in Louisville, Kentucky. We recently had a strong turnout at the Monon Bell football game (Wabash vs. DePauw). In November, we welcomed a new executive cabinet and connected with an alumnus to help hang Christmas lights. Cheers to shared victories, meaningful connections and a dynamic leadership team!



INDIANA DELTA - PURDUE

Submitted By: Carter Merryman '23

In the beginning of November, 20 brothers assisted First United Methodist Church in the Winterization of Tippecanoe County. Brothers, in groups of large and small, were split up and sent to different locations in the area to rake leaves, clean gutters, etc. We all had an increase in fellowship and brotherhood while giving back to our community!



INDIANA EPSILON - VALPARAISO

Submitted By: Todd Wagner '23, Aidan Wucherer '22

Indiana Epsilon reestablished our Thanksgiving dinner tradition this year on November 16, 2023. We cooked turkey, made pumpkin pies and served sides with joy. The brothers invited 40 university faculty, chapter alumni and friends of the chapter to enjoy a meal together. The event was a massive success, and we made lasting memories and continued to display our campus involvement.



INDIANA ETA - INDIANA STATE

Submitted By: Aiden Askins '22

The brothers of Indiana Eta hosted a philanthropy event called, "Pie A Phi Psi." In this event, the brothers were pied, and the money raised was donated to Habitat for Humanity. We raised more than \$250.



INDIANA IOTA - BALL STATE

Submitted By: Miles Babcock '21

Our chapter has had a fantastic year. During fall semester we started a new philanthropic tradition with the sisters of AOII. We held a powder puff football tournament and were able to raise just under \$4,500 with the help of alumni, local businesses and many others. Our chapter has achieved the highest GPA within IFC at an average of 3.25. Through fall recruitment we were able to bring in 11 quality gentlemen who will pave a bright future for our chapter



INDIANA ZETA - BUTLER

Submitted By: Brady Stinson '23

This fall, the brothers of Indiana Zeta had one of their most successful philanthropy weeks since returning to Butler. They raised money for the SON Foundation, which was founded by an Indiana Zeta alumnus, **Scott Jacobson '97**, and provides housing to cancer patients and their families. They are looking to continue this success into Spring Rush and their next philanthropy week during spring semester.



MIAMI UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Charlie Cagann

On November 18, the brothers of the Miami University Colony undertook a day of service, helping the Butler Soil & Water Conservation District remove invasive honeysuckle from Hueston Woods State Park. After that, the brothers assisted the Oxford Lions Club in setting up a Christmas Tree sale for the community. With service projects on their minds, the brothers of the Miami Colony continue to work toward their chartering goals.

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MICHIGAN BETA - MICHIGAN STATE

Submitted By: Lukasz Strzelczyk '22

Fall semester, Michigan Beta set a record for philanthropy money raised, totaling \$13,000! In November, our philanthropy chairman, **Nate Miller '21**, organized an event with over 50 brothers participating, which resulted in a \$5,000 donation to our chapter. All the money raised is being donated to a nonprofit called, Change the World. Created by Brother **Logan Price '21**, Change the World focuses on suicide prevention. Funds generated through T-shirt sales are divided into thirds to: 1) market the shirt; 2) go toward Hope for the Day (hftd.org); and 3) outreach to other charities and corporations to "change the world, one T-shirt at a time."



OHIO BETA - WITTENBERG

Submitted By: Jackson Miller '23

Phi Kappa Psi, alongside sorority Sigma Kappa, won the Wittenberg Greek Week in November. Going against all other Greek life organizations, Phi Psi and Sig Kap came out on top with strong performances in broom ball and trivia. In other Fraternal news Phi Psi here at Witt organized and took on a campus clean up at the end of October alongside Sig Kap, too.

OHIO MU - DAYTON

Submitted By: Max Lipari '21

We are currently raising money for Movember, and we are doing it with a mental health organization here at the University of Dayton. Our mission is to promote men to speak up and not hold it in, and to be there for everybody in our chapter and around our campus.



WISCONSIN GAMMA - BELOIT

Submitted By: Steven Hall Jr. '21

During the fall semester, Wisconsin Gamma has been fairly busy. We walked in our school's homecoming parade, and we collaborated with Theta Pi Gamma and Tau Kappa Epsilon on two different parties. We also took part in a community trick-or-treat event. Finally, we have welcomed two new brothers into our brotherhood. We can't wait for what's next!



OHIO ETA - TOLEDO

Submitted By: Zachary Jones '21

This fall semester, the brothers of Ohio Eta had a very successful recruitment. We are excited to announce our 12 newly initiated members. We are very happy with this class as it is bringing a lot of younger guys into the chapter who will help the chapter grow while they are here. They are all leaders, and we are very excited to see what is to come from this class.



L to R: Alex Vail *Bowling Green '15*, Kyle Loney *Bowling Green '16*, Brother Johnson, Benjamin Sigler *Bowling Green '10* and Brian Kochheiser *Bowling Green '12* at WWLS in 2017.



L to R: Brother Kochheiser, Burns Davison III *Iowa State '79*, Hal Dick *Bowling Green '55* and Brother Johnson at the 2022 GAC in Indianapolis.

A LIFE WELL LIVED

Dedicated chapter advisor provides education for next generation

By HQ Staff

In the quiet corners of Ohio, where echoes of cheers for the Bowling Green University Falcons fill the air, Neil Johnson



Johnson

Bowling Green '91 lived for hockey, camping and his cherished affiliation with Phi Kappa Psi. And it was Phi Psi that motivated Neil's commitment to volunteerism and inspired a quiet, solid and everlasting commitment to the brotherhood.

Neil earned a bachelor's in business administration from Bowling Green State University. He worked as the Director of Information Services for

Jones and Henry Engineers in Toledo, reflecting a professional life marked by excellence.

Neil's sister, Lona Leck, reflects on her perception of fraternity life. "Neil's passing redefined my understanding of fraternity," she said. "It goes beyond the social aspects because of the capacity for lifelong bonds."

For Neil, it was clear it did go beyond the social aspects. The call to serve others was strong, and Neil dedicated significant time not just to Phi Psi but to other interests. Neil volunteered at Camp Mowana, showcasing the joy he found in both the exhilaration of sports and the serenity of nature. His eclectic interests, from "Jeopardy" to collecting college mascots, painted a picture of a man whose zest for life was as diverse as the experiences he embraced.

Described by Lona as someone "willing to do the work that needs to be done," Neil's commitment to service extended seamlessly from his professional life into his role as chapter advisor for Ohio Zeta. His calm demeanor and willingness to roll up his sleeves made him a steadfast and invaluable advisor to the chapter.

No one really knew but Neil, but in life, he planned to continue to give to Phi Psi after his death. In his forward-thinking generosity, Neil used his life insurance and retirement account to establish a fund with the Phi Psi Foundation dedicated to ongoing chapter advisor education. This initiative ensures that the next generation of Phi Psis will have mentors and advisors, continuing the lifelong chain of brotherhood that Neil passionately believed in.

"He was so much fun to be around," said Hal Dick *Bowling Green '55*. "[Neil] was my friend and my brother."

As we bid farewell to Neil, we honor what he did for Phi Psi and his legacy. We carry forward the torch of volunteerism, mentorship and brotherhood that he so passionately lit. In the tapestry of Phi Kappa Psi, Neil's thread remains woven, a shining example of a life well lived in service to others.

Neil entered Chapter Eternal January 26, 2023. If you would like to honor Neil's legacy or would like to support the continuing education of our Chapter Advisors, please make a charitable contribution to the Neil Johnson Chapter Advisor Fellowship Fund at www.pkpfoundation.org.

DISTRICT IV

12 CHAPTERS | 2 COLONIES



ALABAMA GAMMA - HUNTSVILLE

Submitted By: Jack Stallings '22

On October 28, 2023, the brothers of the Alabama Gamma Chapter held their first annual "Beefin' with Poverty" philanthropy event. Through donations, T-shirt sales and taco sales, we raised a total of \$3,68.94! The proceeds of the event were split evenly and donated to two Huntsville nonprofits: First Stop and ShowerUp. Both organizations strive to alleviate poverty in our local community.



FLORIDA ALPHA - FLORIDA STATE

Submitted By: Charlie Nye '22

This fall, the Florida Alpha Chapter had a spectacular time participating in numerous Homecoming events hosted by the university. We were paired with the Panhellenic sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. Led by our Homecoming chairs, **Micheal Schenck '22** and **Ian Kuhn '23**, our group created a stunning float that was then displayed on all of College Avenue and some central areas within the campus. At the end of the week's festivities, our group was announced the winner! We continued our recent tradition of hosting a fall philanthropic Poker Tournament. Headed by our Philanthropy Chair **Hunter Gold '23**, we had nearly 70 participants and it was an excellent time to meet potential new members, peers from other IFC chapters across campus, and friends of our brothers. Included in the cost of admission was pizza and a chance to win gift-card prizes for the top players. In the end, our chapter was able to raise approximately \$3,000 for the JED Foundation.



ALABAMA ALPHA-ALABAMA

Submitted By: Andrew Alexanian '22

We finished third in academics out of 34 fraternities on campus. We participated in Hunter's Pledge and other philanthropy events around campus. We were excited to announce 54 new members, making our total 190 strong. In the Bond ...

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GEORGIA BETA - GEORGIA TECH

Submitted By: Matthew Jimenez '20

This fall, Georgia Beta held two successful philanthropic bake sales on the Georgia Tech campus. In October, we supported the Trevor Project, an organization providing help to LGBT+ youth. In November, we supported the "No Shave November" movement, spreading awareness for prostate cancer. We hadn't ever conducted a bake sale, and it was a great success! We plan to incorporate bake sales into our regular philanthropic routines in future semesters.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Submitted By: Blake Arceneaux '20, Will Lafaye '22

The Phi Kappa Psi LA Alpha Chapter is thrilled to announce our exciting recent developments and achievements. We've just settled into our stunning new home on Highland Road, marking a significant milestone in our chapter's history.

With a proud member count of 80 active brothers, including the impressive addition of 36 new initiates this year, we're more united and stronger than ever. However, our dedication doesn't stop there. We've been hard at work giving back to our community through various philanthropic endeavors. Notably, we made a heartwarming contribution to the St. Lillian's School for special needs, showing our commitment to making a difference. We also joined forces with the "Keep Tiger Town Beautiful" organization, actively participating in local cleanup efforts.

There were more than 50 actives participating. Our social calendar has been nothing short of spectacular—from thrilling river tubing adventures to our elegant semi-formal and formal gatherings in Austin, Texas, to sorority mixers, tailgates, parents' weekend — we are keeping our brotherhood spirit alive and thriving. During all this excitement, our core mission remains clear: to celebrate our success and honor our unwavering brotherhood and commitment to service. Together, we look forward to an even brighter future, making a lasting impact on our community and creating lifelong memories along the way. Here's to Phi Kappa Psi LA Alpha Chapter.



LOUISIANA BETA - UL LAFAYETTE

Submitted By: Dyland Clark '20

LA Beta achieved its largest new member class in 48 years during UL Lafayette's Fall 2023 Formal Rush! With a total of 27 new members out of 116 in the rush process, we gathered 24% of the total PNMs and had the largest class on campus.



VIRGINIA ALPHA - VIRGINIA

Submitted By: Grey Holman '22

In the fall, we were excited to welcome back brothers for our Young Alumni Reunion, reuniting plenty of our current brothers and recent alumni.



*In a remarkable display of initiative and determination, Virginia Alpha brothers **Charlie Olsen '22** and **Josh Novick '22** embarked on a fundraising journey that saw them raise over \$5,500 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in the spring of 2023. The dynamic duo undertook an awe-inspiring challenge, running over 400 miles in the month of March in preparation for the Charlottesville Marathon while rallying support for mental health awareness among students at UVA and beyond.*

Olsen and Novick's fundraising strategy involved pledging a dollar for every mile they ran during their rigorous training sessions, coupled with outside donations. Their incredible dedication to the cause inspired friends, family, and even strangers to open their hearts and wallets.

"Mental health, especially surrounding college students, does not get enough awareness and recognition," explained Novick. "Every dollar we receive will go straight toward providing advocacy,

education, support and public awareness."

The rainy morning of April 1, 2023, proved to be the ultimate test, as they ran the marathon side by side aiming to conquer the 26.2-mile course together. Their impressive performance during the marathon reflected their hard work and commitment, as they secured 11th and 12th place, completing the race in an impressive 3 hours and 22 minutes. As the Phi Kappa Psi and UVA communities celebrate the success of Charlie Olsen and Josh Novick's incredible fundraising endeavor, it is evident that their dedication to mental health advocacy has left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who supported them. In a world where awareness and understanding are essential, Olsen and Novick have demonstrated that every mile counts, both on the pavement and in the pursuit of creating a brighter, more mentally healthy future for all.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA - OLE MISS

Submitted By: Tom Mariano '21

The brothers of Mississippi Alpha have had another phenomenal fall semester. We initiated a pledge class of 100-plus new brothers who represent the ideals and values of our Fraternity. Additionally, we successfully debuted our first annual Hunter's Pledge Safe Driving Week, gathering over 1,000 pledges to end distracted driving. Mississippi Alpha is looking forward to a great spring semester.



TENNESSEE EPSILON - TENNESSEE

Submitted By: Dylan Conyers '21

This 2023 fall semester, the Tennessee Epsilon Chapter is proud to have initiated its largest class in chapter history! Twenty-five brothers were initiated to marking the highest membership total in chapter history at 65 members. Our chapter is excited to recruit additional courteous and cultured young men in the spring.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLONY

Submitted By: Hunter Jones

The Kentucky Beta Colony has been hard at work growing our program and learning the ropes of what it means to function as a fraternity on Kentucky's campus. Though we have faced adversity in growing our program, this past semester has given us confidence that we will continue to grow, both in numbers and quality of our brotherhood. We've continued to expand our presence on campus among Greek life, participating in philanthropies and social events with other organizations, and we're excited to see what next semester holds. We're especially excited to host our first philanthropic event, the Phi Psi 500, which will be a track-and-field style event. Greek organizations will compete head-to-head and raise money for our philanthropic efforts. This will be the largest event we've held thus far, and we hope for it to continue to become an annual event.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Henry Zhu

In the spring of 2023, our Fraternity successfully welcomed 26 new brothers, significantly enriching our community. The Fall Rush focused on upperclassmen recruitment, adding four more valuable members to our group. In spring 2024, we aim to expand our brotherhood further by recruiting an additional 30 members. This growth not only reflects our vibrant Fraternity culture but also our commitment to inclusivity and diversity.

VIRGINIA BETA - W & L

Submitted By: Cooper Johnson '22

We had over 40 brothers participate in a T-shirt fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. More than \$1,200 was raised.

VIRGINIA ZETA - VIRGINIA TECH

Submitted By: Phillip Helms '22

In the fall we had our annual Water Week philanthropy event. We had participation from every brother, and we beat our goal of raising \$4,000 in a week. This was one of the highest amounts we raised as chapter and proceeds went to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We had four different events ranging from a volleyball tournament to a car wash. It was a great success!



VIRGINIA THETA - JMU

Submitted By: Tripp Spano '21

Our chapter applied for an opening in Virginia Tech's Oak Lane housing, which is the school's Greek community. We were awarded the facility and starting in the fall of 2024, we will have a chapter house for our brotherhood. In addition, our newest pledge class, Pi, has 35 members which is the largest in Virginia Zeta's history.

MEET THE DISTRICT IV ARCHON

TOUGH CHOICES and Lessons Learned

By HQ Staff

In November 2023, Archon Nick Gallioto *Louisiana Alpha* '22 submitted his resignation due to unforeseen circumstances. A student working his way through college, Gallioto realized that juggling two jobs while taking classes did not allow the



Thibodeaux

time to devote to the role at the standard it deserves. He stated, "I am deeply sorry that I cannot fulfill my duties as Archon, and I trust that my successor will be better equipped to serve the Fraternity in this role." Brother Gallioto remains committed to the values and principles of Phi Psi. "I look forward to continuing to be a part of this remarkable brotherhood."

Deputy Archon Brett Thibodeaux *UL Lafayette* '22 assumed the role in Gallioto's stead. Each brother made tough decisions and exercised life skills that will help them frame choices and actions in the future.

A recent recipient of the William R. Walker Award scholarship, Brother Thibodeaux is a business management major with a concentration in legal studies. He joined the Fraternity because he found Phi Psi to be unmatched at his university. "I met with alumni and the brothers throughout recruitment, and that gave me the vision to join an organization that would last beyond college."

Clearly a forward-thinker, Thibodeaux credits his grandmother for having the most impact on his life. A woman who lived to be 97, she also was part of a group focused on a purpose that would influence generations. Thibodeaux shared what he considers part of their special connection, "She, too, joined an organization in her late teens/early 20s — much bigger than anything I do in life — she was a 'Rosie' (defense worker) during World War II, welding war ships." One of many women who learned early in life to step up and step out in service to her country and to others, she exemplified strong and loyal character. That resonated with Thibodeaux. "She treated everyone she met with respect and left her mark everywhere she went."

Thibodeaux said the best advice he has ever been given is: "Everything happens for a reason." Seeing that play out in real time, Thibodeaux reflected, "As the former Deputy Archon, I was not originally elected as the District IV Archon. Facing that

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Brother Thibodeaux credits his late grandmother as being a strong influence in his life, modeling strength, loyalty and respect.

loss has allowed me to recognize my strengths and weaknesses." And it prepared him for a situation he did not anticipate. "When I found out I was going to become Archon, the saying 'everything happens for a reason' was my first thought."

In his new role, Thibodeaux stepped in with short notice to attend the fall Executive Council meeting in Indianapolis and looks forward to working first-hand on the national level. "I understand that this

is a privilege and will allow me to be a part of something much greater than myself." His grandmother would be proud of the path he chose, serving his brotherhood now for the betterment of the organization in the future.

Zoom-ing to Success

Chapter Advisor recalls his challenge to stay connected during the pandemic.

By Andrew Zobel *Minnesota '14*



Zobel

At my desk, leg bouncing, I counted down the minutes until 5:30 p.m. A lonely Zoom lobby glowed on my desktop that would soon fill with 200 people — the best evening of quarantine entertainment a suggested donation can buy. Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 — the 169th anniversary of the founding of our beloved Fraternity. ‘Nervousness’ would be an understatement.

Leadership agreed that in-person Founders Day events would be canceled due to COVID-19.

My idea: “Do a Zoom-based event!” Keep it short, sweet and enticing to attend with a featured guest. My sights settled on Minnesota Golden Gopher football coach PJ Fleck. Everyone agreed that it had to be Coach Fleck or no event at all. No other guest speaker would match his appeal.

Scouring my Rolodex, I landed a University of Minnesota athletic department email! A polite message and hitting “send” was all to do.

Two weeks later, my leg bounced. I hit refresh on my Gmail, waiting for a response. A friendly follow up email? That did the trick, and soon talked to the Coach’s assistant on the phone. He asked about the event, our organization, and what we wanted from the Coach’s address. Most important, I told him, the organization would love to make a donation to the Coach’s charitable foundation. Success! Coach Fleck booked for a 30-minute address and Q&A session.

My euphoria settled. Now we needed to put together an entire event in less than a month. Undergraduates and alumni leadership mobilized like never before. Presidents of Minnesota Beta and our House Corporation wrote their addresses, Scholarship Advisors scheduled interviews, the alumni association president got the word out and drove sign-ups. Everything worked in perfect harmony. It was a symphony, and I – Leonard Bernstein.

I’ve planned events and found that a month of planning demands the laws of physics to attract more stress to event day than the previous 29 combined. The good news? Approximately 200 attendees forecasted. The bad news? I’m more technologically inept than your average millennial — and up against the myriad of unforeseeable technical issues that can arise in a webinar.

Such as: The password reset, and we couldn’t access the account hosting the event. We couldn’t even access the email list of attendees to send them a link for a new Zoom.

We were running out of options.

I called the president of Minnesota Beta and explained the

predicament. “Everyone makes sacrifices for the good of the brotherhood, and your sacrifice is going to be sitting on hold with the university’s IT department,” I said. “No matter how long it takes.” I hung up with just enough time to brood over the debacle. I needed to finish slideshows, layer in Brother Ransom’s State of the Fraternity address and confirm with Coach Fleck’s assistant. As a CPA, I can say the weight of this bore on me like tax season.

“Crap, it is tax season; why couldn’t we have been founded in June?”

Time to execute.

The Zoom password issues resolved, and attendees trickled in. I directed them to their virtual happy hour ... but realized it was an impossible task. I let the organized chaos unfold.

The formal programming ran until the now-infamous halftime raffle. A painstaking 20 minutes. I saw the interest level of our attendees plummeting. A merciful conclusion put us 15 minutes behind schedule with Coach Fleck to join in five minutes. The award ceremony still ahead. I messaged our Scholarship Advisor to start the five-minute countdown.

The Scholarship Advisor presented the most efficient awards ceremony ever. He even allowed recipients to unmute themselves and give an acceptance speech.

I’d dodged every landmine. So far.

We waited for the Coach to join our Zoom.

Large beads of sweat ran down my forehead that I hoped could not be seen through a web camera. My leg bounced. My mind raced...

Suddenly, a black box appeared on the Zoom checkerboard. It read “PJ”. A moment later, Coach PJ Fleck filled my screen. Relief washed over me. I told him to take it away and he gave a booming “Hello, Phi Kappa Psi!”

Few moments in life have rewarded me more than seeing every face brighten in the Zoom as he spoke. All the while, I received innumerable text messages from attendees, congratulating me on pulling this off (which I replied with ‘a team effort!’).

I thanked the Coach for his time. After clicking “End Meeting for All” I stared at my computer screen, reflecting on the past 90 minutes. Founders Day was the most important event of the year for me; a way to honor the past, celebrate the present, and look toward the future of our Fraternity. And we didn’t allow the pandemic to interrupt this sacred event we’ve celebrated for decades. At a time when our brothers needed connection and community more than ever, we gave it to them.

DISTRICT V 15 CHAPTERS



COLORADO ALPHA - COLORADO

Submitted By: Andrew Kearney '22

To begin this philanthropic calendar this year, our brotherhood participated in a car wash with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. This resulted in raising more than \$600 for the JED Foundation which supports young adults and teens who struggle with mental health. Later on in the semester, we worked tirelessly on our yearly Honor Connor Week, which supports Hunter's Fund, a nonprofit organization that raises awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. This year we were able to receive more than \$3,000 of donations along with getting 1,420 distracted driving pledges signed. Half of the money we received goes to a scholarship in memory of our fallen brother, **Connor Thomson '18**. New President, and former Philanthropy Chair, **Andrew Kearney '22** was even able to receive signed pledges from the President of CU Boulder, along with the Chancellor of the Boulder Campus, and the Chancellor of the Denver Campus.



IOWA ALPHA - IOWA

Submitted By: Mitchell Joines '22

Last fall, Iowa Alpha held our annual 5k, teaming up with Kappa Alpha Theta. The event was extremely successful, raising \$15,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Iowa City. Brothers of Iowa Alpha not only founded the Boys & Girls Club of Iowa City in 2016 but also spend time volunteering and mentoring kids there weekly. We look forward to continuing our history of excellence in philanthropy!



IOWA BETA - IOWA STATE

Submitted By: Keaton Bertrand '22

The Iowa Beta chapter is basking in the glow of successes with Kappa Delta following the university's Homecoming celebration: a competition between all Greek organizations on campus! Iowa Beta achieved second place overall, with first-place rankings in sports tournaments and community service. Iowa Beta is especially proud of a second-place ranking in its lawn display debut, a competition including constructing lawn structures and performing a comedic skit. Iowa Beta plans to continue the momentum of success while applying for Iowa State's Presidents Cup and anticipating Greek Week with Delta Gamma next semester!



KANSAS ALPHA - KANSAS

Submitted By: Will English '22

During the week of October 31, 2023, 86 members took part in a tabling event organized by **Emmanuel Aligaz '22**, aimed at fundraising for Hunter's Pledge. This initiative involved members tabling at Wescoe Hall for the entire week, gathering signatures from fellow students on campus. The effort resulted in the collection of approximately 1,011 signed cards, all dedicated to ending distracted driving. Preceding this impactful event, members had proactively shared a donation link among their family, friends, and other connections. This outreach resulted in an impressive contribution of over \$5,000 to the Hunter's Pledge foundation. Earlier in the semester, the freshman class orchestrated a successful car wash fundraiser, raising a commendable \$450 in support of Hunter's Pledge.

MINNESOTA BETA - MINNESOTA

Submitted By: Zach Peterson '21

In October, we held our annual Pumpkin Carve to raise money for Dr. Leonard's Cancer Research



Fund. The event included pumpkin carving, a dunk tank, a staple "Pie a Phi Psi" station, raffles and more. The event was attended by the entire Minnesota Beta membership, their families and friends. Overall, it

was a huge success, leading to nearly \$11,000 in donations. Sincere thanks to all the brothers who dedicated their time to putting together such a great event.



MINNESOTA DELTA - MINN.-DULUTH

Submitted By: Joe Hinkle '20

For homecoming we restarted an old tradition at UMD of having a chariot race with the other fraternities the day of the football game. We built our chariot, put on our togas, and raced as fast as we could. We didn't win the race, but we won the hearts of everyone tailgating. Our local Duluth and school news featured us in their homecoming recap, and we have been invited to race during halftime of next year's homecoming football game.

MINNESOTA GAMMA - MINN. STATE-MANKATO

Submitted By: Jack Muck '21

During the summer of 2023, we were able to successfully raise enough money to renovate the third floor of our chapter house. During the fall semester, we recruited a 10-person pledge class and held a great philanthropic cookie delivery event. Our alumni engagement has greatly improved with more events and attendance. Before the pandemic, some of our brothers started a project to increase Greek life's campus presence. This year we were able to complete a community rock garden to increase awareness about Greek life to students at MNSU.





MISSOURI ALPHA - MISSOURI

Submitted By: John Perna '22

We are proud to initiate 39 gentlemen to our brotherhood this fall. One of the largest initiation classes Missouri Alpha has ever seen due to the great efforts of our rush chairman. This class puts us over 130 active members! We also recently organized a trash cleanup initiative at our local trail, known as the MKT. Given its close proximity to our house and the trail's popularity among our members, local residents and students, our brothers helped conserve its environment for our community. Also, our homecoming pairing placed third overall out of 14. Our dedicated homecoming liaisons helped plan and organize our chapter's efforts in placing third, which is the highest our chapter has placed since being rechartered in 2017.



NEBRASKA ALPHA - NEBRASKA

Submitted By: Nick Foxworthy '22

The homecoming theme for 2023 was "Through These Gates." Our brothers, with the help of Alpha Omicron Pi and Beta Sigma Psi, worked to build our yard display, compete in a dance competition, and participate in other homecoming events. We won the banner competition, jester competition (pictured), and placed third overall out of all fraternities. It was a great way to start our year, and we look forward to building our brotherhood with the help of our 15 new brothers.



OKLAHOMA ALPHA - OKLAHOMA

Submitted By: Travis Finch '23

We are the new re-founding group for the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter. Our new class of eight initiates is looking forward to spring recruitment.



TEXAS ALPHA - TEXAS

Submitted By: Mark von den Steinen '20

Texas Alpha's fall 2023 pledge class saw 52 initiated members, which raised the active chapters membership to 157. The recruitment efforts were led by **Brother Richie Raclaw '21**, who helped restructure and formalize our recruitment process. Alumni support was also integral throughout, with many offering advice and resources for the Rush team to leverage.



TEXAS BETA - TEXAS TECH

Submitted By: Casey Sylvester '21

The Texas Beta Chapter welcomed 43 new members with the fall 2023 class, who helped the chapter win homecoming for the second time in three years, along with donating over 950 hours of community service and raising more than \$3,000 for philanthropic causes. The chapter also boasts three IFC members: **Jonathon Pruyn '21**, **Sammy Oyeye '23**, and **Corbin Adcox '22** — the most of any chapter on campus. We hosted Soulja Boy for our annual Halloween Event. Texas Beta has embodied its mission of giving its members the premier professional and social experience at Texas Tech.



TEXAS EPSILON - SFA

Submitted By: Jaxon Rivers '21

Texas Epsilon's annual philanthropy, Phi Phast, was a huge success this year. All 20 brothers participated in the 72-hour fast while collecting canned goods outside the student center. We enjoyed spending the night in the tent and collecting items for the local food bank, Nacogdoches Hope. We collected more than 200 canned goods.



TEXAS ZETA - HOUSTON CHRISTIAN

Submitted By: Jackson Weaver '22

First semester 2023, Texas Zeta welcomed five new members into the brotherhood. We participated in many Homecoming events such as the annual HCU 5K and tailgating. We have big plans and look forward to our January annual workshop!



TEXAS ETA - TEXAS A&M

Submitted By: Jack Warman '21

Tailgating is a huge tradition at Texas A&M, and it is one of the brothers' favorite Greek life events here at Texas Eta. A majority of the chapter participated during the Alabama game, where we enjoyed smoked brisket, ribs and homemade barbeque. We also hosted a guest from the Texas Beta Chapter who was able to meet many of our chapter brothers and guests. All the brothers who attended had a fantastic time, but we wish we could say the same about our football team.

DISTRICT VI

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ARIZONA BETA - ASU

Submitted By: Grady Beaulieu '21

The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi competed and won the 2023 Kappa Kourtside Philanthropy event hosted by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Over \$10,000 was raised by the brothers for Ryan's House, an organization specializing in hospice care for children.

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CALIFORNIA BETA - STANFORD

Submitted By: Nick Dietrich '22

We are thrilled to announce the initiation of our newest pledge class! From a highly competitive pool of more than 370 candidates, we've welcomed 26 exceptional young men into our ranks. Notably, this is our most diverse class to date, reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, talents and perspectives. We couldn't be more excited to see what these new brothers will contribute to the vibrant fabric of our Fraternity.



CALIFORNIA GAMMA - CAL

Submitted By: Andreas Kamangar '22

We co-hosted a charity event with a group called Surf Rider and our event was called Surf Rider X Phi Psi Band Party. There were around 200 people there including the brothers. We had three different bands play songs including our Phi Psi Band, and it was very fun. We raised \$1,200 for the Surf Rider Foundation, which donates money to ocean and beach cleanup. Everyone who came had to donate \$5 to get in, and there were shirts and cups available to buy.

CALIFORNIA EPSILON - UCLA

Submitted By: Caleb Wallis '21

The recruitment chairs of the California Epsilon Chapter are pleased to announce that we recruited 42 potential new members to join our beloved chapter this fall. We did a particularly good job keeping everything organized and creating a funneling system to allow PNMs to connect with people with similar interests. We had the largest pledge class on the row this quarter, and we intend to continue that trend this winter as well.



CALIFORNIA ETA - CAL POLY

Submitted By: Max Jorgenson '21

Cal Eta hosted Sorority Soccer Cup philanthropy event where three sororities competed in a round robin tournament to support the Boys & Girls Club. This was a widely successful event, and the brothers and sorority members had a great time together.

CALIFORNIA THETA - CSUN

Submitted By: Jonathan De Leon '21

During the fall, Cal Theta did many things. We initiated the Pi class, bringing the house total to 34 brothers. We held a successful philanthropic event and raised over \$4,000 selling shirts and letting sororities wax and pie brothers. Winning a first-place trophy Phi Mu's and Delta Zeta's philanthropic events made our connections stronger than ever. Cal Theta is planning and striving to make the chapter achieve its highest ideals and make its brotherhood unbeatable. Amici...

CALIFORNIA KAPPA - UC IRVINE

Submitted By: Gabriel Myrick '21

In November, we held a brotherhood/alumni, formal event and celebrated Thanksgiving. It was a chance for us to reconnect with past Phi Psis and has been an annual tradition. With more than 50 people in attendance, it was a great time of reflection and celebration.

CALIFORNIA LAMBDA - SAN DIEGO STATE

Submitted By: Thomas O'Toole '22

Cal Lambda's very own president, **Caden Cooper '22**, announced his campaign to run for president representing SDSU's IFC Council. Caden is a great leader and the perfect person to be the student figurehead of the fraternities here at SDSU. Go Caden!



OREGON BETA - OREGON STATE

Submitted By: Karl Mellinger '22

Our fall philanthropy event, Phi Psi Fashion, had more than 75 brothers participating! Along with that we had at least 250 people in attendance. We raised over \$700 for the ABC House, a children's advocacy center in Benton County.



WASHINGTON ALPHA - WASHINGTON

Submitted By: Lance Broderhausen '22

A great group of WA Alphas volunteered at the annual University of Washington Dawg Dash! This 5k/10K run raises thousands of dollars for student scholarships and attracts a large portion of the university community. Our group assisted with the flow of runners, ensuring a safe event for all involved.



OREGON ALPHA - OREGON

Submitted By: Ryan Vandenberg '23

Fall 2023 came with an immense number of accomplishments for the brothers of Oregon Alpha. Over the summer, the chapter hosted its centennial, celebrating 100 years of Oregon Alpha at the university. At this event, the brothers were awarded their charter, an achievement resulting from two-plus years of hard work and dedication. At the beginning of the fall term, the chapter moved back into the iconic 729 E. 11th Ave. Chapter House. Since moving in, we have hosted multiple philanthropies and community service events, most notably a house show with fellow fraternity Beta Theta Pi to raise money for Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) of Lane County. Lastly, we are happy to announce our fall 2023 pledge class of 18 new members. The brothers have hit the ground running and look forward to continuing to put our stamp on campus.

EXPANSION NEWS

The Phi Kappa Psi Headquarters expansion department is excited about the growth achieved over the past year. In addition to the colonies listed in Chapter News, we also re-established at the University of California Santa Barbara (California Zeta) late in 2023.

As we stride into 2024, our expansion has begun at Clemson University, and come fall semester, you will find us at Utah State University. We are gearing up for another significant year with plans to return to the University of the Pacific (California Alpha), Virginia Commonwealth University (Virginia Eta), and IUPUI (Indiana Theta).

In our commitment to fostering brotherhood, we are eager to embark on new journeys. Our expansion team looks forward to embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, while building a spirit of camaraderie and excellence across campuses.

Do you know any students who are or will be attending any of the campuses listed, who might have an interest in becoming a founding father? Or if you would like to be involved in our return to these schools, email us at ChapterOperationsTeam@pkpfoundation.org.



TELL US WHAT YOUR CHAPTER IS DOING!

A Deep Dive INTO SUSTAINABILITY

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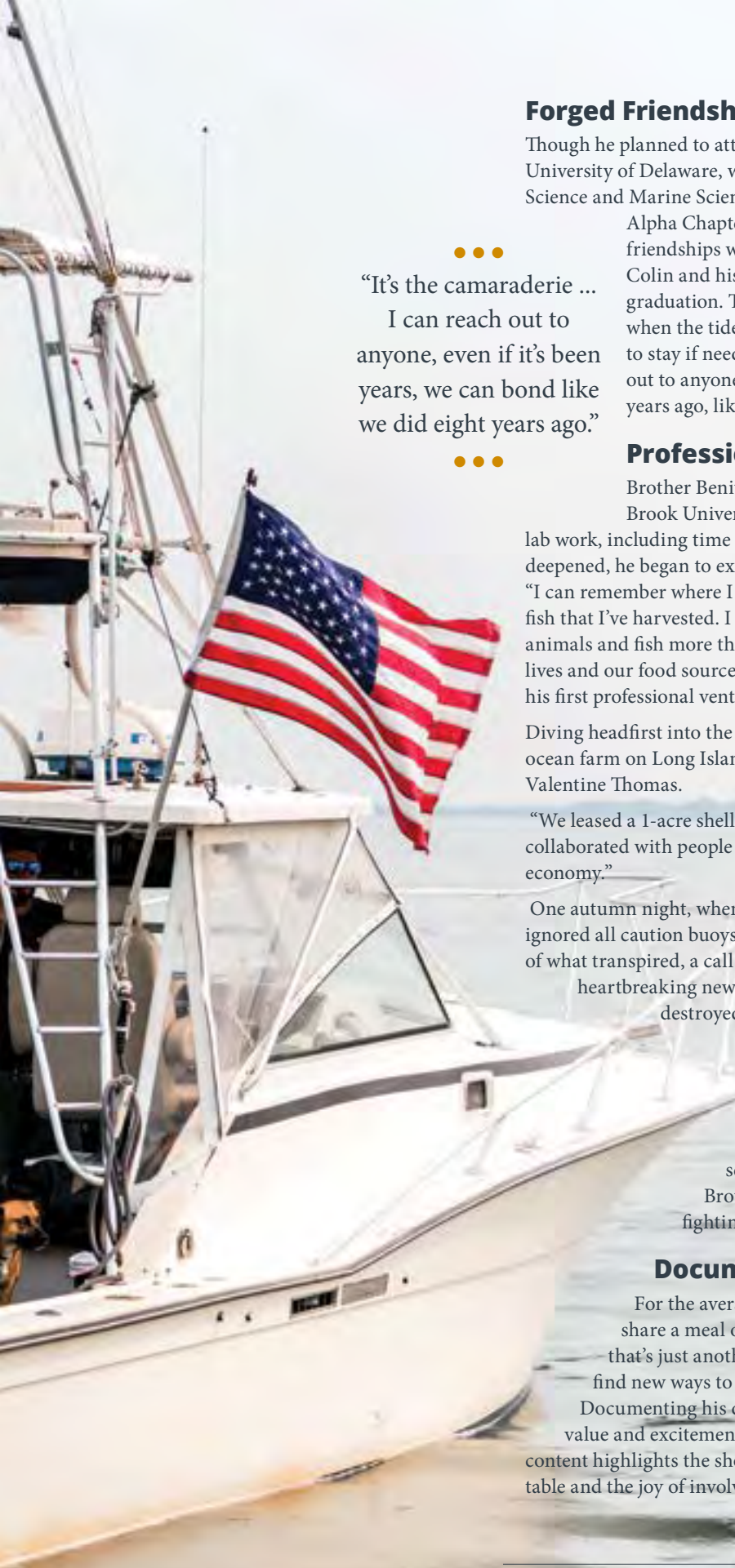
By Liz Craney, Media and Donor Communications Associate

I met Colin Benitt *Delaware '15* while working on a spearfishing feature on Long Island. Canadian wildfire smoke turned the skies overhead orange. The visibility above water was just as murky as below. Battling the elements and fighting insane currents and frigid temperatures, the odds of catching anything were low. After several hours, Colin emerged victorious from the water. In his hands, a fresh sea bass. We jetted to a small sandbar and lit a fire. As the bass sizzled to perfection over the open flames, Colin resurfaced from the water again with two bags full of seaweed he'd just harvested. With a few quick rinses to remove sand and shells, a squeeze of lemon, and a dash of salt — we had the perfect side dish. A briny seaweed salad, the freshest fish you could ask for, great company, and a sandy set up — just a few steps from the source. Society expected him to walk straight from graduation into a 9-5, but Colin charted his path, challenging the status quo. Exchanging slick wetsuits for a stiff coat and tie, and fancy white tablecloths for fresh catches over open flames.

Taste for Adventure

Colin's taste for adventure started early. As a child raised on Long Island, he joined the Boy Scouts, ultimately attaining Eagle Scout status. Years of high adventure trips led to a passion for the outdoors and his love for hiking and diving. On a trip to the Florida Keys with the Eagle Scouts, Colin realized his love of marine science and the sea ran deeper than he thought. An idea was sparked, and Colin devoted his life to the ocean.





Forged Friendships

Though he planned to attend a military academy, the ocean led him to the University of Delaware, where he completed a double major in Environmental Science and Marine Science. After meeting several Phi Psis, he joined the Delaware

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Alpha Chapter, jumping at the opportunity to dive deeper into their friendships with the brotherhood. Like so many Phi Psis before them, Colin and his brothers forged friendships that lasted well beyond graduation. These relationships and the brotherhood stand out, even when the tides of life get rough. “It’s the camaraderie... offering a place to stay if needed ... helping out if you’re in a tough situation. I can reach out to anyone even if it’s been years, and we can bond like we did eight years ago, like no time has passed.”

Professional Ventures

Brother Benitt received his Master’s in Marine Science from Stony Brook University. There, he conducted extensive SCUBA research and lab work, including time in the Cayman Islands. As his connection to the ocean deepened, he began to explore spearfishing and bowhunting for fresh, local food. “I can remember where I was or the date for almost every single deer and notable fish that I’ve harvested. I truly believe that fisherman/hunters care and respect these animals and fish more than anyone else ever will.” This connection between our lives and our food sources resonated deeply with Colin and laid the groundwork for his first professional ventures at sea.

Diving headfirst into the world of sustainability, Colin had an idea for a regenerative ocean farm on Long Island. In 2020, he reached out to renowned spearfisher Valentine Thomas.

“We leased a 1-acre shellfish farm for about a year and a half,” Colin said. “We collaborated with people all over the world to try and capitalize on the blue economy.”

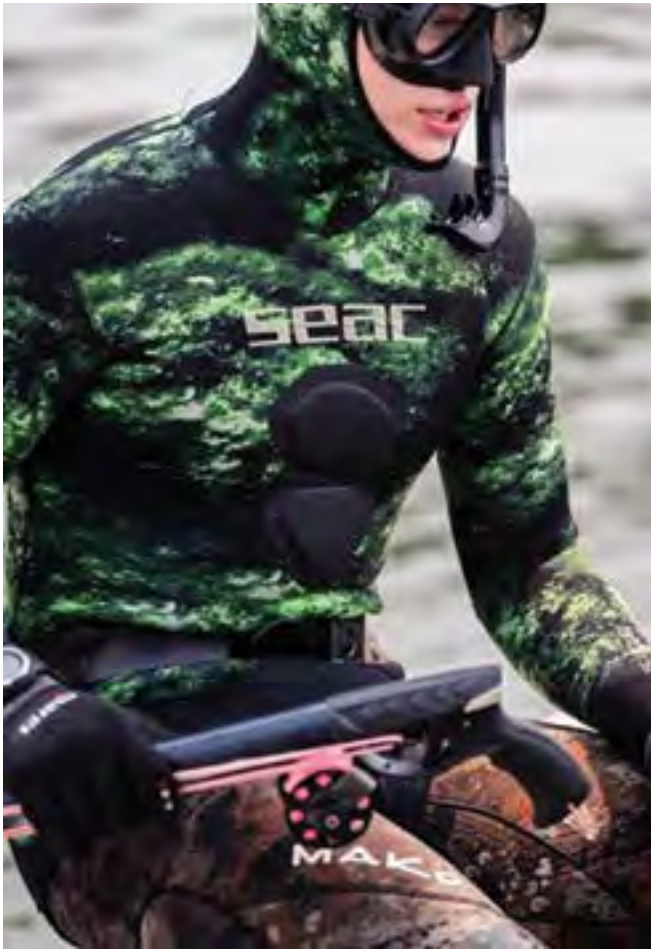
One autumn night, when their setup was still in its infancy, a rogue boat ignored all caution buoys and drove through the farm. Back on land, unaware of what transpired, a call rang through from the Coast Guard. They shared the heartbreaking news. The farm and all the work they’d put into it were destroyed, almost in its entirety. “The person was never caught, so we were never able to be refunded for the damages,” Colin said. He described the time of uncertainty for their careers. “It was very disheartening, and we decided since it takes years to get a farm back up and running, rebuilding wasn’t necessarily an option.” Though the setback was significant, their prior successes showed Brother Benitt that this passion for the food sector was worth fighting for.

Documenting and Educating

For the average American, we don’t often gather around an open fire to share a meal of fresh sea bass and seaweed salad on the beach. For Colin, that’s just another day at the office. To document his unique lifestyle and find new ways to educate people, he took to videography on Instagram.

Documenting his dives, spearfishes, and meal preparations, he shared the value and excitement that can come with returning to nature. His feed-friendly content highlights the shortened distance between the farm (or ocean) and the table and the joy of involvement in the process from start to finish. Emphasizing

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A DEEP DIVE continued



conservation and education, Colin said, “I enjoy educating people on the choices they make in the supermarket and their community. Knowing when local produce is in season and supporting those local industries is the best thing an individual or family can do.” While the majority of the issues could be solved with policy, Colin believed in educating and empowering the average person to make better decisions, viewing it as his moral obligation. He recommends that consumers start with something simple, “Avoid the common overly ordered fish, and instead try local varieties; you will be shocked how much fresher it tastes.”

Staying Connected

Adventures took him near and far, and Colin used these trips as a chance to stay connected with fellow Phi Psis. Throughout the years, he brought a few brothers along, sharing his unique world with them. “No one else was in the same major as me, but I’ve taken a few diving with me.” Back on land, he and his brothers typically meet up several times a year in various groups. The impact of Phi Psi has extended to skills of “communicating and relating with people from different backgrounds and ethnicities,” proving invaluable while he travels and teaches.

Ultimately, Brother Benitt aims to continue using his experiences to educate consumers and ensure a bright future for our oceans. Adding to his arsenal of educational tricks, Colin churns out content highlighting his unique lifestyle and connection to nature. He hopes that folks stop scrolling for a moment and consider how they impact their food sources. They may even take to sourcing their own fresh catch. One thing is certain — Brother Benitt has charted his path, showing that the world can be your oyster inside and outside a typical 9 to 5.

Do you have an interesting profession? Has your journey been thrilling? Share your story and network with other brothers by contacting us at marketing@phikappapsi.com

SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES

By recognizing the interconnectedness of our actions with the well-being of the oceans is essential for a more sustainable future for both our planet and future generations.

Seafood Choices

- Educate yourself about sustainable seafood choices by referring to resources like the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). These organizations provide information on which seafood is harvested in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Make an effort to avoid seafood species that are overfished or caught using destructive methods. Opt for alternatives that are more sustainable, such as farmed seafood or species that are in abundant supply.

Reduce Plastic Waste

- Reduce your plastic consumption and waste by using reusable shopping bags, water bottles and containers. Dispose of plastic waste responsibly, recycling whenever possible. Participate in local beach cleanup efforts to remove plastic debris from coastal areas.

Mindful Water Usage

- Conserve water in your daily life to reduce the strain on freshwater sources.
- Avoid overuse of fertilizers and chemicals in your yard and garden to prevent runoff into stormwater drains, which can carry pollutants into the ocean.

IN MEMORIAM

We Remember and Honor George Humphries *Oregon '50*

By HQ Staff



Humphries

Brother George W. Humphries *Oregon '50* was a luminary figure within the Fraternity, dedicating a lifetime to the ideals and principles that bind us together.

George joined Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Oregon in 1950. Little did he know this would begin a legacy defined by a deep-seated commitment to the organization. Over the span

of 23 Grand Arch Councils, George's presence became synonymous with wisdom, integrity and an unwavering devotion. He assisted countless members as a chapter advisor and in many colonization efforts across the state of California.

"He wanted a clear course to continue brotherhood forward," said John Ciccarelli *CSUN '72*.

In 1978, George joined the esteemed Order of the S.C. His leadership prowess did not go unnoticed, and in 1982, he assumed the role of National Vice President, a position he held with distinction. His crowning achievement came when he ascended to the presidency, becoming the 49th National

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President of Phi Kappa Psi from 1984 to 1986. During his tenure, George left an indelible mark on the Fraternity, guiding it with a steady hand and a compassionate heart.

George started various business ventures — not always met with success. Perhaps it was his transient childhood, marked by frequent moves due to his father's job as a lumber worker, that fueled George's desire for connection and brotherhood.

He started companies such as a dry-cleaning business, owning a campground and a chain of T-shirt shops to gather people under a common goal. This love of entrepreneurship and bringing people together was maintained alongside a successful career in law, practicing in Los Angeles.

One of George's greatest joys was sharing the Fraternity experience with his son, Mark Humphries *Stanford '86* attending numerous Grand Arch Councils together. Their familial bond exemplifies Brother Humphries' enduring commitment and love for the principles that have defined Phi Psi.

"My father has offered me a beautiful web of relationships that I cherish," Mark said.

As brothers gathered in Eugene, Oregon, in August for the rechartering of the Oregon Alpha chapter, George's spirit was undoubtedly present. In our hearts and minds, we carry the torch he lit, illuminating the path for future brothers. George recognized the majesty of Phi Kappa Psi, and his legacy lives on in the vibrant tapestry of our beloved Fraternity.

Brother Humphries entered Chapter Eternal on July 4, 2023.



ABOVE: Brother Humphries with Chapter President Dave Salmon *Illinois State '85* at the Illinois Epsilon chartering, March 2, 1985.



AT LEFT: Tryon Hubbard *Alabama '64* and Brother Humphries at Oregon Alpha rechartering in 2010.



Brothers Gordon Letterman *West Virginia '72*, George Humphries and Steve Nieslawski *Illinois '79* at the 2018 GAC Las Vegas.



'IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME'

Honoring Brother Jerry Nelson *UCLA '48*

By HQ Staff



Nelson

Brother Jerry Nelson was initiated into the Cal Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi on March 21, 1948, joined the Phi Psi Foundation's Board of Trustees in 1989, and was inducted into the Order of the S.C. in 1998.

Jerry was a giant both inside and outside the Fraternity. He was a visionary businessman, an almost unparalleled philanthropist, and

a mentor to more than he could ever have known. He was a friend to brothers old and young, and a brother who embodied *The Great Joy of Serving Others* perhaps more than any Phi Psi ever has.

In Phi Psi circles, Jerry was a man that needed no introduction. He made it his mission to improve the lives of our undergraduate men.

"My life is richer because of my friendship with Jerry. He believed in the transformative power of the Fraternity experience. I have never known a man who inspired others so effectively and so consistently as Jerry did. His loss is softened only by the magnitude of his impact and the legacy he has left in the thousands he touched throughout his amazing life. Phi Psi has lost a giant," shared Donald Fites *Valparaiso '53*, Foundation Trustee.

A man from modest means with an adventurous spirit, he founded Pinnacle Peak Land Company and Pinnacle Paradise, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona and was responsible for the development of 9,000 North Scottsdale acres, 8,000 homesites, and some of the world's best golf destinations. In partnership with his late wife, Florence Ely Nelson, the couple established environmentally friendly building codes that preserved Scottsdale's Sonoran Desert landscape. They then advanced their vision for Scottsdale by educating 6,000 children annually through their Desert Center programs. Through these entities

and affiliates, he developed Pinnacle Peak Village, Pinnacle Peak Country Club and Shopping Plaza, Troon Village and Troon Golf & Country Club, Troon North and Troon North golf course. Other developments also occurred in Scottsdale and Prescott, Arizona and Cabo San Lucas, BCS, Mexico. Throughout his life, Jerry funded the creation and startup of numerous companies including Simulnet, Video Electronics, Ticketmaster, Antenna Technology Corporation, Technology Control Services and Troon Golf Management.

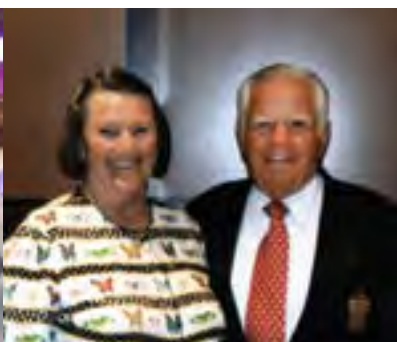
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Jerry led the charge to grow the Phi Psi Foundation and expand the Board to what it is today. He singlehandedly drove the establishment of many of Phi Psi's most well-known programs and initiatives. He was the catalyst behind the now robust Chapter Scholarship Program, promoted the Foundation as the "community foundation" for Phi Psi's almost 100 chapters, and was a leader in the promotion of grants and reserves for safe and competitive chapter housing. He founded the American Leadership Academy (ALA), a program designed to guide Phi Psi leaders of tomorrow. During the creation of the ALA, he truly displayed a heart to serve as he opened his home and resources to educate and invest in the future of our undergraduate brothers.

Many years later, the Nelson Leadership Institute (NLI) was established to carry on the mission of impacting young Phi Psis through leadership and character development programming. The Institute carries Jerry's name as a reminder of his catalytic and entrepreneurial spirit which has well served thousands of young Phi Psis.

"I was fortunate to travel throughout the country with Jerry for more than two decades speaking and connecting with the next generation of leaders. It is rare to be in the company of someone so accomplished, yet so humble, who consciously strives to make the lives of those around him better. The number of



individual minds that Jerry influenced in his lifetime is unheard of. He was a mentor to me and to those he never met. When he said ‘if it is to be, it is up to me’ to a room full of young men, he was leaving a simple yet sage lesson in their hearts. He taught others to have a plan, take initiative and do good work,” said Paul Wineman *Washington ’55*, Past National President and Foundation Trustee.

At the 2000 Grand Arch Council, Phi Kappa Psi recognized Jerry’s outstanding achievement as a volunteer and philanthropist with the National Leadership Award. In 2004,

Jerry was selected by the North-American Interfraternity Conference Foundation as Philanthropist of the Year. The NICEF, now known as the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence, represents the educational foundations of over 60 men’s and women’s fraternal groups. As part of Jerry’s 80th birthday celebration in 2009, a scholarship was established – the Jerry Nelson Award. Given annually, the award recognizes an undergraduate or graduate Phi Psi who demonstrates high moral standards, positively influences those around him, and displays an entrepreneurial spirit.

Jerry’s legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of so many. His infectious smile and wit are already living through others who embody Jerry’s spirit. In addition to his many intangible qualities, Jerry left resources that will allow his impact to continue. With a \$33-million life insurance gift to the Phi Psi Foundation, he leaves funding for the NLI, the Chapter Scholarship Program, educational housing support, and has established an operating endowment.

With his own youthful passion, Jerry Nelson has accomplished more than most people could in half a dozen lifetimes. He’s an example of what core values, as expressed in Phi Psi’s Creed, such as honesty, trust and being a man of your word, can achieve. Sharing his wealth not only monetarily, but also fostering a level of personal standards and business ethics that would benefit an individual, a businessperson and even help improve a country, Jerry Nelson is proof that selflessness and philanthropy are alive and well.

Contributions in Brother Nelson’s honor can be made at pkpfoundation.org/remembering-jerry-nelson/





Hank played on the tennis team at USC.



Hank (L) and Bruce McMahan (R) in 1958



Brothers McMahan and Marvin were best friends.



L to R: Hank, Trudy, Eldora, Tanya and Steve Marvin Southern Cal '60

AN ENDURING LEGACY

Remembering Brother Hank Marvin *Southern Cal '56*

By HQ Staff

“Dad always rode in on a white horse,” reminisced Tanya Marvin, Hank’s daughter. The image captured the essence of Hank — a man whose cowboy words and gentleman’s spurs aligned seamlessly with the ideals of Phi Kappa Psi.



Marvin

In 1956, Hank Marvin was initiated into Phi Psi’s Cal Delta Chapter at the University of Southern California. It is there that he met Bruce McMahan *Southern Cal '57* and a lifelong friendship was formed.

Hank and Bruce were leaders and visionaries from their earliest undergraduate years.

Hank was a three-year letterman on the USC tennis team and a member of more chapter committees than one could count, while Bruce served as Chapter Vice President, New Member Education Chair and District Council Delegate.

Post-graduation, Hank ventured into the corporate world, earning the role of CEO for the ISU Stephen B. Marvin Insurance Agency. Hank positioned the agency, and those they served, as family.

While finding success and building their own families, Hank and Bruce never lost their brotherly bond. “Referring to themselves as best friends, these two didn’t let geographic distance and other challenges stand in the way of their relationship. Whenever they connected by phone or saw each other they would pick up right where they left off,” commented Wayne Wilson *Michigan State '59*.

The two men, ever appreciative of their bond, worked tirelessly throughout their post-graduate years so more men would learn the immeasurable value of brotherhood. Both joined the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation’s Board of Trustees in the mid-90s.

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 evidenced by his most generous direct financial investments as well as his gift of insurability. Hank brought his years of experience as a decorated individual in the insurance and finance world, serving on numerous councils and boards, and extensive service to and knowledge of the Fraternity, to the Trustee position.

In addition to his volunteer work with the Foundation, Hank was heavily involved in supporting the Antelope Valley Medical Center (AVMC). He served as an elected director of the medical center from 1992 to 1997 and was chairman of the board in 1996. He also led the AVMC Foundation from 1998 to 2000 and was acting treasurer from 2001 through 2008. His commitment to the community was also evident through his service as a director of a seven-branch community bank and his regular involvement with other area community organizations.

Hank’s Phi Psi legacy will live on through the creation of the Marvin Laurel Hall Operating Endowment, established with a \$2 million gift, which is part of a larger \$23 million gift to the Foundation made by himself and Bruce. The vision of these two brothers was to strengthen the Foundation’s long-term financial position in an effort to do more good in the world. Their foresight and generosity will fund many millions of dollars in educational benefits for Phi Psi’s brothers in perpetuity.

“[It’s] hard to sum up a lifetime of love, family and community leadership,” Tanya shared.

At Hank’s funeral, his granddaughter placed a familiar stuffed animal in Hank’s casket — USC’s mascot, Traveler, so Hank may always ride in on his white horse.

To read Brother Marvin’s full obituary, go to: bit.ly/hank-marvin-obit. Contributions in his honor can be made at pkpfoundation.org/remembering-hank-marvin/

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CHAPTER ETERNAL

✧ Denotes veterans

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

Deaths reported from **August 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023** are included below. Year of initiation is shown after the name. Obituaries can be found at bit.ly/chapter-eternal. Please email Chapter Eternal announcements to membership@phikappapsi.com.

Arizona Beta - ASU

Marvin R. Gillis '68

California Beta - Stanford

Dr. William A. Wilbur '36 ✧

Greyson L. Bryan '38 ✧

Harry J. Borde '39 ✧

California Gamma - Cal

Steven M. Hunt '57

California Delta - Southern Cal

James A. Eddy '49 ✧

David G. Price '51 ✧

Owen H. Guenthard '57

California Epsilon - UCLA

Wayne Ratkovich '60

Dr. Jerry O. Waters '75

California Eta - Cal Poly

Edward S. Fair '66

Theodore V. Walt '72

California Lambda - San Diego State

Sebastian Fivaz '22

Colorado Alpha - Colorado

Jon E. Benner '56

Albert H. Schmidt Jr. '56

Florida Alpha - Florida State

James C. McDaniel '62 ✧

Illinois Alpha - Northwestern

J. Landis 'Lanny' Martin '65 ✧

Fredric P. Postle '66 ✧

Illinois Delta - Illinois

Thomas H. Hall '49

Indiana Alpha - DePauw

John C. Emison Jr. '41 ✧

Joseph H. Manhart '49 ✧

Richard L. Postler '83

Peter G. Ruppert '83

Indiana Beta - Indiana

James R. Walker '48 ✧

George B. Turner '63 ✧

Daniel P. Grimley '11

Indiana Delta - Purdue

Allen T. King '42 ✧

Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

Capt. Albert C. Anson '53 ✧

Donald E. Prevaillet '53 ✧

Wendell J. Ahlbrand '54

Glen R. Woosley '69

Indiana Zeta - Butler

Kenneth W. Cleveland '72

Indiana Eta - Indiana State

Brian K. Barnes '87

Iowa Alpha - Iowa

Dr. Charles W. Kromer '49 ✧

Iowa Beta - Iowa State

General Robert W. Sennwald '50 ✧

Clifford D. Vance '54

Clifford A. Deupree '55

Randall L. Halverson '56

Charles M. Pierce '60

Greg R. Scharnberg '64

Kansas Alpha - Kansas

Clayton L. Kyle '42

Burris M. Jones '45 ✧

Dr. Philip N. Anderson '60

Joe A. Herring '61

William M. Kline '66

Dr. Philip H. Watkins Jr. '66 ✧

Gary W. Smith '74

Louisiana Alpha

Steven Y. Spaulding '67

Louisiana Beta - UL Lafayette

Edward L. Marr II '70

Dr. Joseph L. Bakowski Jr. '73 ✧

Massachusetts Alpha - Amherst

William E. Redeker '36 ✧

Massachusetts Beta - Brandeis

Eduardo Keane '11

Michigan Alpha - Michigan

Eric P. Biegansky '88

Michigan Beta - Michigan State

Robert C. Fager '58

Donald L. Paul '59

Randall A. Rinna '67

Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

Peter A. Fisher '62

John W. O'Keefe '65

Gregory A. Hanson '68

John M. Robb '70

Minnesota Gamma - Minn. State - Mankato

Jason C. Leiran '22

Missouri Alpha - Missouri

John A. Hanson '38

Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska

Richard A. Koch '44 ✧

David J. Amerman '62

Nebraska Beta - Creighton

Richard F. Nelson '75

New Hampshire Alpha - Dartmouth

Donald A. Wright '52 ✧

New Jersey Beta - Monmouth

John R. Bieljeski '68

New York Alpha - Cornell

Hon. P. Richard Thomas '39 ✧

New York Beta - Syracuse

John E. Muller '63

New York Epsilon - Colgate

Peter S. Edwards Jr. '40 ✧

Charles W. Reinhart '43

Eugene H. Carpenter II '51

Rev. Richardson Reid '51

Howard B. Markel '54

Brian H. Dovey '60

New York Eta - Buffalo

Robert L. Boyce '58 ✧

Gerald J. Jeris '58

New York Theta - RIT

Zachary D. Whitman '12

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Ohio Alpha - Ohio Wesleyan

Dr. Earle R. Heine '49 ★
 Prof. Roger G. Kennedy '49 ★
 Paul W. Monroe '50 ★
 Arthur J. Althaus II '54 ★
 Dr. James J. Salz '58 ★
 Albeon G. Anderson Jr. '61
 Herbert W. Carey Jr. '63

Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

George R. Bauder Jr. '51
 Peter F. Hanes '57 ★

Ohio Delta - Ohio State

William T. Grant '47
 Robert J. Porter '48
 Dr. John S. Bly '51
 George A. Triffon '51
 John C. Tabor '56 ★
 Gene M. Eddy '59
 Raymond C. Anderson '61
 John Q. Brown Jr. '61
 Robert S. Golde '70
 Todd A. Marsh '83

Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve

David F. Hahlen '49 ★
 Earl F. Hawkins '52 ★
 Charles A. Rohde '56

Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green

Charles E. Radune '66

Ohio Iota - Akron

John F. Guido '70

Ohio Lambda - Miami

Marvin S. Mark '73

Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma

Rodger V. Bramley '61

Oklahoma Beta - Oklahoma State

Malcolm A. Crank '67 ★

Oregon Alpha - Oregon

Fred H. Hichens '38 ★
 James T. Love '47 ★
 Herbert L. Wilson '51

Dr. Robert L. Meador '53
 LTC James J. Mizner '53 ★
 Danny J. Guthrie '59
 Gerald G. Blodgett '64
 Igor Kopilenko '95

Oregon Beta - Oregon State

Allan L. Caldwell '48
 John A. Maciolek '48
 Rev. Joseph E. Parshall '53
 John W. Warner '55 ★
 William H. Haggard Jr. '64
 Donald M. Kilpatrick '64
 Richard W. Schaefer '65
 Ronald J. Boley '66
 Terry L. Carr '69

Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny

Ferd J. Sauereisen '54 ★

Pennsylvania Gamma - Bucknell

William T. Watkinson Jr. '42 ★
 Brian A. O'Leary '57 ★
 Neil G. Weisbeck '57

Pennsylvania Eta - F & M

C. Paul Myers '48 ★
 Dr. Earle Wagner '48

Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette

John A. Downes Jr. '55
 Keith A. Postell '62
 Dr. Robert L. Moser '71

Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

Charles D. Folkers '54 ★

Rhode Island Alpha - Brown

Dr. John C. Goings Jr. '51
 Richard M. Dunn '56 ★

Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt

Joseph G. Baker '57 ★

Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

Kenneth R. Haselwander '67
 Alexander L. Locatelli '67
 John L. Proft '67
 Dr. Frank C. Carmichael Jr. '68
 Robert A. Magee '68 ★

Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Jack N. Carnell '54 ★

Texas Gamma - Texas State

Jim H. Bergstrom '69

Virginia Alpha - Virginia

Col. Edward H. Day Jr. '49 ★

Virginia Beta - W & L

George D. Calvert Jr. '57

Washington Alpha - Washington

Richard V. Beckman '54
 Capt. John D. Reed '54 ★
 David C. Kilbourn '67

West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

Robert E. Douglas '50 ★
 Richard V. Beckman '54
 Charles A. Sinsell III '54
 Dr. Lawrence E. Oyler DDS '58 ★
 George B. Vieweg III '58
 Gary F. Spencer '59 ★
 Judge Robert B. Stone '62
 Stephen H. Yost '69
 Scott A. Morris '77

Wisconsin Gamma - Beloit

Dr. Richard A. Davis Jr. '57

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CORRECTIONS:

Our apologies for misspelling the last name of **Ryan Vandenberg Oregon '23** on Page 15 and Page 47 of the Spring/Summer 2023 issue of *The Shield*. We also mistakenly listed Indiana Epsilon as Indiana Eta on Page 9. Thank you for bringing these to our attention.

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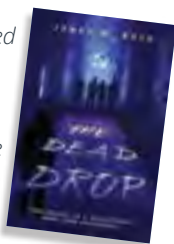


California Epsilon - UCLA

Bill Rollinson '78 recently published "Startup Cafe," which is available on Amazon. The book is a collection of stories about growing up in the Silicon Valley in the 1970s, and the pioneers behind the scenes who introduced early software for the Apple Macintosh and more. Available on Amazon.

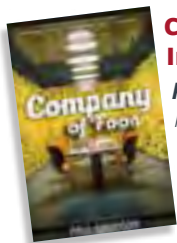


James M. Roth '79 is a former CIA officer who served in the Middle East, Europe, and the South Pacific. He recently published a suspense thriller called, "The Dead Drop," which explores themes of duplicity and betrayal and captures the human tension of real-world espionage. Adults and young adults alike will be captivated by the tale of four resourceful teens navigating a covert world of manipulation and ambiguity — guided by an unlikely ally. Available on Amazon.



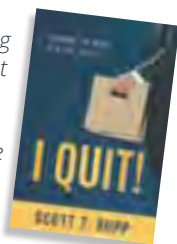
California Kappa - UC Irvine

Paul S. Davidson '91 released a novel in October 2023, based on his time working at Microsoft. "Company of Foes" is available on Amazon.



Missouri Alpha - Missouri

Scott T. Rupp '94 authored "I QUIT! Winning the War for Top Talent." It is a fascinating journey into the minds of the current workforce and the ever-changing attitudes of the modern-day employee. Rupp guides leaders to navigate the current landscape and position their organization to



dominate in the future of work. Paperback, eBook, and audiobook are available on Amazon and Audible.

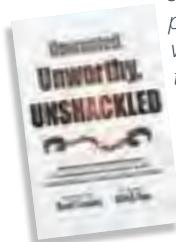
Nebraska Beta - Creighton

Mark Weber '71 published "A Spectrum of Legacies," which is currently required reading in an undergraduate program, a master's program and a law school. It is being distributed by professional advisors and nonprofit organizations throughout the country. It can be purchased on Amazon.



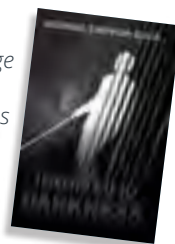
Ohio Lambda - Miami

Brad Cousino '73 published a compelling memoir, "Unwanted, Unworthy, UNSHACKLED," which tells how he endured 18 years of intense physical, emotional and verbal traumatic abuse. His traumatic past comes back to haunt him as a savage "winner-take-all" spiritual battle rages for the young man's heart, life and future family. Available on Amazon.



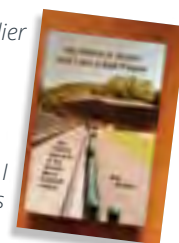
Ohio Delta - Ohio State

George A. Triffon '51 published "Threshold to Darkness" in 2020. George was just beginning his career when his world was turned upside down by a string of events that left him completely blind. He wrote "Threshold to Darkness" in an effort to remember every detail of this pivotal time in his life, which not only changed his life, but also the lives of everyone around him. Sadly, George passed away February 5, 2023. His book is available on Amazon.



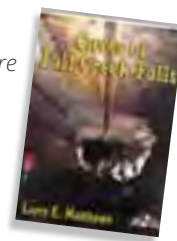
Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve

Robert C. Dolezal '65 published a memoir earlier this year chronicling his 20 seasons playing baseball in the Boston Men's Baseball League. "My Name is Dozer and I am a Ball Player" covers his accomplishments, life lessons learned, and related experiences that he would not have experienced but for baseball. Baseball ... food for the soul!



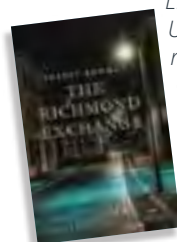
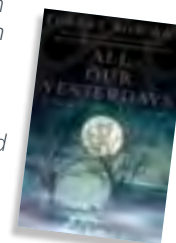
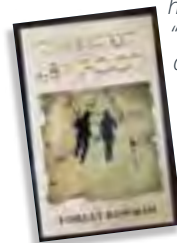
Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt

Larry E. Matthews '65 has been writing about the underground wonders of Tennessee's inner landscapes for more than 40 years. His work has documented the history and exploration of several of Tennessee's largest and most beautiful cave systems. An avid historian, his books document the rich history that surrounds the geology of the state.



West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

Forest J. Bowman '58, an Emeritus Professor of Law at West Virginia University, has published three books: "The Secret of the 48th Foot," a suspense thriller takes place all over West Virginia. "All Our Yesterdays," which recently received the 2023 Kindle Book Award in the Mystery-Thriller category, tells the story of Adam Richter, an undernourished fourteen-year-old orphan, who is sent to live on a hardscrabble farm where two brothers beat him repeatedly. Adam flees back to his hometown and, through hard work and very clever planning, rises from his humble beginnings. "The Richmond Exchange" takes place during the American Civil War, when a young U.S. Army lieutenant uncovers a Confederate plot to kidnap President Lincoln and bring down the U.S. government. This novel received a silver medal from Global Book awards in the historical thriller category. All three books are available on Amazon.



FROM THE Archives

Grand Arch Council *Memorabilia*

By Timothy Tangen Minn - Duluth '03

Throughout the history of the Grand Arch Council, trinkets or giveaways have been provided for attendees to commemorate the occasion. While we do not have a complete collection or even record of what was given away or when, we do have several pieces that span more than 100 years of GAC. Phi Psi swag varies from simple pins (most years) to more useful items such as a pocketknife (1916 Pittsburgh) or matchbook holder (Boston 1924).

Some of the GAC swag highlighted the specific culture of the host city, such as the branded hot sauce bottle (2006 New Orleans) and the Poker Chip Challenge coin (2018 Las Vegas).

Do you have a favorite piece of Phi Psi memorabilia that you received or bought at a GAC or found on eBay? Let us know: marketing@phikappapsi.com.



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Nominees must be 40 or younger as of December 31, 2024.



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Honorees will be recognized during the 2024 Grand Arch Council.
For more information, visit: pkpfoundation.org/under-40/