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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MOVING FORWARD

Brothers,

I've been lucky enough to have lived more than 54 years, but no one ever told me how quickly a year as National President would fly by. The closest comparison I have is watching my children grow up (and if you have seen photos of my son, you know that



Dumas

growth comes fast)! It seems like just yesterday that I was standing before our Brothers, friends, and family, accepting the role as the 69th National President of Phi Kappa Psi. And now, half of my term is over!

When I stepped into this role, I had a vision: Make progress with alumni engagement. Strive to change the mindset from just being Brothers during our college

days to being Brothers for life. I knew it wouldn't be easy, but I have always believed in the strength of our Brotherhood to meet the moment.

I'm proud to say that together, we've made meaningful progress. For the first time since 2019, we have surpassed 6,000 undergraduate members. During this past academic year, we have returned to four campuses and added an expansion with strong interest at MIT. By the time you read this, our Clemson Colony will have chartered with 59 initiated members. We have over 95,000 living alumni. We also have established two new alumni associations with more on the horizon.

More Brothers are benefiting from in-person programming with the addition of Laurel Wreath Award winning *Launch*, expanded *Explore* offerings, *NOLS*, and our recent *Campfire*.

Working diligently alongside the Executive Council, as well as the newest undergraduates and hundreds of volunteers, we are striving to help people understand that their time with us doesn't stop when you cross the stage in your cap and gown. Instead, it shifts and becomes more meaningful for many when they commit to our Brotherhood as part of their lifestyle.

In the second half of my term, my focus is sharp, clear and resolute. We still have work to do — and that work is essential. I believe we can write a bold new chapter in the history of our Fraternity. I am committed to expanding our Brotherhood through the establishment of new chapters and to delivering a Grand Arch Council that sets a new standard of excellence. My vision is ambitious — 700 Phi Psi Brothers, spouses, partners and guests gathered in unity and purpose I believe it is within our reach.

But this isn't something I can achieve by myself. It will take all of us — leading with purpose, working with conviction, and believing in the power of what we can accomplish together. The path forward is ours to shape. Let's make it extraordinary!

If you have read this space before you know that I always have a call to action, and this is no different. The one shared experience

we all have is initiation and our foundation in the Ritual. This semester, I charge all Brothers, no matter how long it has been since you were initiated, to go to an initiation. Go!

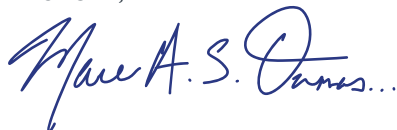
Listen to the words that you swore, that we all swore when most of us were 18-19 years old. I'm telling you: there's something special that washes over you when you hear the oaths again.

Even if you live far from your chapter, with 97 of them, I'm sure there is one close to you. Show up, give the Brothers at the door the Grip and introduce yourself. The undergraduate men will be excited to see you. They might not show it initially because at 18-22 years old, they still wear the cool caps you wore at their age but once the ice breaks, the bonds of Brotherhood will show through.

To that end, I'm asking all of our chapters to be proactive and tell Headquarters when and where initiations are being held. Look for an email soon so you can give us that info, and we can post it on our website.

I've always known that the biggest part of the role is to leave our Fraternity in better shape than it was when I was elected — to carry the torch. The same one that 68 presidents before me have carried with pride. It's a flame lit by Brotherhood, fueled by shared values, and sustained by every member who chooses to live those values every day. My task is to keep it burning brighter, steadier, and more visible for the generations to come to ensure that Phi Kappa Psi is moving FORWARD.

BLSAOET,



Marc A. S. Dumas *DePaul '93*
69th President of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity

PHI PSI BY THE NUMBERS

You will see excellent membership numbers listed in the Chapter News section. Attendance at our in-person programming also is impressive.

(Total attendance includes undergraduates, alumni and staff.)

October 2024: *Launch* - **43**

November 2024: *Explore* Minneapolis - **34**

January 2025: *Explore* New York City - **32**

February 2025: *Explore* Houston - **25**

June 2025: *NOLS* Wilderness Leadership Program - **12**

June 2025: *Campfire* - **81**

July 2025: District Council Meetings - **223**

Total 2024-25 Initiated Members - **2,036**

USING *Deaf* Advocacy AND EDUCATION TO BRIDGE WORLDS

By TJ Meehan Clemson University Colony

Resilience, flexibility and the strength of inclusive communities are all demonstrated by Jason Hurdich's life. Hurdich, a Phi Psi alumnus, a devoted teacher and a proud father of four, has dedicated more than 30 years to removing barriers to communication in higher education.

His story is one of tenacity, passion and the enduring power of Brotherhood. He began as a Deaf student navigating college life and is now a professor influencing the next generation of American Sign Language learners.

Hurdich, who was born and grew up in New York, traveled across the nation to attend college at California State University, Northridge, where he

found Phi Psi. "I liked the Fraternity because it was open to Deaf students and the people were friendly, he recalled." One or two brothers were interested in learning ASL and were majoring in Deaf studies.

While Phi Psi made the effort, some of his friends joined fraternities where no one knew how to sign. It meant a lot for Phi Psi to be inclusive. For Hurdich, the chapter was a place where he could fully engage without any restrictions; it was not just a social group. He maintains contact with one of his Brothers despite the decades that have gone by since his 1993 initiation.

Before settling at Clemson, where he

continued



Photos: Will Crooks

has been an ASL and Deaf culture professor for the past eight years, Hurdich taught for 30 years at a variety of institutions. He moved to South Carolina to be nearer to his four children. He soon discovered how much he missed teaching after taking a brief break from it.

“I saw an opportunity at Clemson and knew I needed to return to the classroom,” he said. “Teaching isn’t just a job for me — it’s a calling.”

One of just five Deaf professors at Clemson, Hurdich offers his students a distinct viewpoint. He stresses the value of learning ASL from a native speaker. A hearing person can teach the fundamentals, he said, but they can’t fully convey the Deaf experience.

“I was raised Deaf, so I bring a deep understanding of the language’s cultural nuances, challenges, and beauty — insight that a hearing teacher simply cannot replicate,” he said.

His classes help students comprehend the history, challenges and victories of the Deaf community by immersing them in Deaf culture and going beyond vocabulary.

Ensuring accessibility in academia is one of his main challenges. Universities are legally obligated to make accommodations, but this isn’t always the case. “Whether the university offers the appropriate accessibility tools is the challenge,” he said. “In the classroom, I teach directly in American Sign Language to encourage students to communicate with me in ASL. However, during meetings, I depend on accommodations to facilitate communication.”

Technological developments have had a profound impact. Platforms like Zoom, AI-powered captions and video-relay services have completely changed how the Deaf community communicates. “The accessibility features on iPhones are

incredible, and automatic captions are getting better every day,” he said.

Still, he acknowledges that AI has yet to fully incorporate ASL. “At the moment, AI is not fluent, but it can recognize some signs,” he said, “and I am sure it will pick it up sooner than we think.”

Hurdich finds that seeing his students succeed is the most rewarding aspect of his work. “It’s really satisfying to see them use ASL in the real world, whether as teachers, interpreters or allies,” he said. “They’re learning how to interact with a whole community, not just a language.”

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“Society becomes more inclusive the more people understand ASL and Deaf culture.”
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Teaching wasn’t always his dream. He was accepted to law school during his final year of college and contemplated becoming a lawyer. However, he discovered at the last second that teaching was his passion. “I fell in love with teaching and never looked back,” he said.

Hurdich intends to keep dismantling barriers — one student at a time. “I want to influence change for the future,” he said. “Society becomes more inclusive the more people understand ASL and Deaf culture.” Hurdich’s advice for anyone interacting with the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community is straightforward:

“Don’t be afraid.”

Simply put, our communication styles are different. Avoiding interaction is the worst thing you can do. A simple gesture, a smile or even just writing something down can make a big difference.

He imparts life lessons to Phi Psi undergraduates, saying, “Enjoy every moment. College goes by quickly. Take your time, learn, connect and enjoy the experience instead of rushing through it. After graduation, the real world will still exist, so make the most of every moment you have.”



BALANCING LIFE'S JOURNEY

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

I'm 30,000 feet in the air — at least, that's what the pilot said over the loudspeaker. We're flying at 500 mph, which feels about right for how fast my mind is racing. I'm heading home after a productive but exhausting Executive Council meeting, fully aware that rest will be brief before another conference kicks off Monday evening. It's a grind and I love it.



Ransom

But as we slice through the sky, my thoughts drift to the clouds. I think of my family, my friends, the need for rest, and the ever-growing list of things left undone. I know I won't finish everything today. There's just so much to do.

It makes me think about time and how fleeting and fragile it can be. Each day comes with 86,400 seconds. And every day, we choose how to spend them, never knowing how many we have left. There are no perfectly right choices, and no perfectly wrong ones, just your choices. But every decision we make carries consequences not just for ourselves, but for those around us. And for some, the privilege of choice is shaped or limited by circumstances far beyond their control. In both cases, those consequences can be life-altering.

That's what this issue of *The Shield* is all about: decisions and defining moments. We're sharing the stories of members who have faced both ordinary and extraordinary situations that changed the course of their lives and often, the lives of others. Some found purpose. Some found challenge. Many are still finding their way.

Brother Andrew Marshall *URI '97*, found his purpose in the seafood industry, which opened doors to serve both his community and the nation. Brother Jason Hurdich *CSUN '93*, turned a passion for teaching into a career rooted in ASL and Deaf culture. Brother David Hague *Florida '67 (WVU '63)*, made the bold choice to transfer to the University of Florida in 1964 to help establish the Florida Beta Chapter.

Each of these stories reminds us that life is full of defining choices. And with each one, we're left to wrestle with a

familiar question: How do you balance a life full of work, relationships, goals, dreams, and desire?

I've heard people talk about "finding balance" like it's a destination — something you eventually reach if you just follow the right steps. Watch a YouTube video, read a self-help book, or download a new app to optimize your life. But where's the joy in that?

To me, balance isn't a destination; it's a daily decision. One that's shaped by our past experiences, future aspirations, and the many obstacles we meet along the way. People may agree or disagree with how you navigate your path. They may judge you, celebrate you, despise you, or love you. But ultimately, how you face each day is up to you.

That's a freedom I hold close ... and if I'm lucky enough to wake up tomorrow, I'll do it with a smile, grateful for the chance to put two feet on the ground and do this whole life thing for another

day. I'm not claiming to have the secret to balancing it all, and I'm pretty sure those around me would agree I'm nowhere close to figuring it out. To be honest, I'm not sure I want to. Because even the stumbles and the difficult days have helped shape who I am.

As students return to campus this fall, many of them will begin to face these same kinds of decisions. No longer will mom or dad be in their ear, reminding them to finish their homework, take out the trash, or clean their room. More importantly, they'll reach many of the same crossroads others have encountered before them, and that many more will face long after they're gone.

And the choices ahead will only grow more complex.

That's why I keep coming back to one simple question: If today were your last day on Earth, would you have any regrets?

Each time, I try to make decisions that lead me back to the same answer:

I wouldn't.

R.K.R II...

Ronald K. Ransom II

THE *Art* OF THE MATTER

By Amy Lynch



Bosbyshell

Recognizing fellow ROTC members in the Fraternity was what initially swayed Wil Bosbyshell *Georgia '80* to pledge Phi Kappa Psi as an undergraduate. In the years that followed, he found ample brotherly support not only for his service commitments, but also for his art studies.

"It was exciting and great fun to live at the house during my junior and senior years," he said.

In an unexpected turn of events, Wil found out he was a legacy and didn't even know it.

"My father was a Phi Psi at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania back in the 1950s," he laughed. "It wasn't until after I told him I'd pledged Phi Psi that he said, 'Oh, I was a Phi Psi, too!' We'd somehow missed that."

After receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1983, Wil served six years in the United States Army with stations in Alaska and Savannah, Georgia, before returning to the University of Georgia to earn a master's degree in 1990.

"We had a Tutor-in-Residence Scholarship at the time," he said. "As a graduate student, it paid my rent to live in the house and take on the role of resident graduate assistant for the Fraternity. Basically, I was a house father."

A business career came next, and then an art residency at the Hungarian Multicultural Center in Budapest. In 1993, Wil moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, to work as a graphic designer, later opening his own studio in the North Davidson Arts District.

These days, he continues to exhibit his work and teaches at local and technical community colleges. He also remains in close touch with two generations of Phi Psi Brothers from his stints in the UGA house. He even played a role in helping to construct a new residence for the chapter in 2015.

"Some of my best friends in college were my Brothers at the Fraternity, and they're still my best friends," he said. "As a past president and current secretary of the Georgia Alpha House Corp., I've also made new friends with other Phi Psi alumni."

Self-proclaimed absurdist painter Gunner Dongieux *Stanford '18* is also going places through his art. Born and raised in New Orleans, Gunner ventured west to attend Stanford University after a post-high school gap year. Like Wil, he says the friends he made through Phi Kappa Psi remain his closest contacts.

"Four of us lived together in the top room of the house called the quad," Gunner said.

TOP: Bosbyshell proudly supporting Georgia Alpha. **BOTTOM:** One of his Climate Conversation drawings





Dongieux operates a collaborative project space in Brooklyn, New York.

"One's now in Germany, one's in New York and one's in L.A., and we still check in with each other all the time."

In addition to the lasting friendships he made in the house, Gunner



Dongieux

credits his role as Fraternity chaplain with helping him to improve his public speaking and leadership skills. After graduating in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in art practice, Gunner moved to New York City where he now operates a collaborative project space called Pop Gun, which he runs with his girlfriend out of their Brooklyn apartment. Networking with Phi Psi Brothers and attending alumni events has proved invaluable

in furthering his art career.

"Most of my collectors have come through those connections," he acknowledged. "My fellow Phi Psis have commissioned my paintings and road-tripped to see my shows and exhibitions. They've really been supportive of me in a lot of different ways."

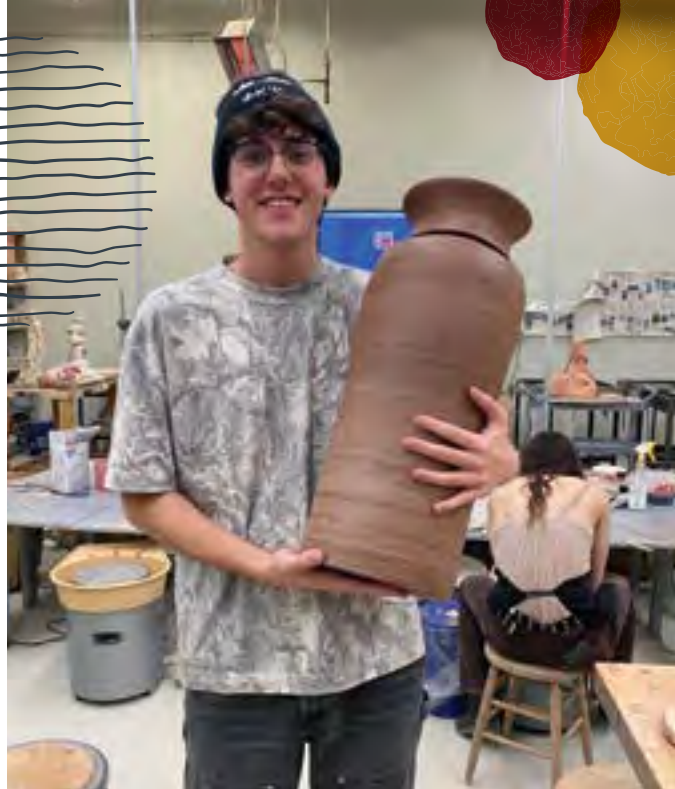
Next up for Gunner: grad school in Hamburg, Germany, where he plans to study painting and pave the way for a professorship down the road. As for the long-term future, who knows?

"My dad says that if you grew up in New Orleans, you'll always find your way back there," Gunner said. "Hopefully there will be some Phi Psis around! College isn't so much about the classes you take. It's more about the people you meet and the relationships you create. That's definitely what Phi Psi is for me."

A second-year student at the University of Toledo, Duncan McLean Toledo '23 is still discovering and honing his artistic style, working with natural inspiration and exploring movement in still objects.

"I prefer to work in ceramic media through wheel-thrown, slab-built and sculptural work," he explained.

Duncan admitted he wasn't all that keen on the concept of Greek



Encouraged and inspired by his chapter brothers, McLean pursues a fine arts degree with a 3-D concentration.

life when he started college, but the Phi Kappa Psis he met during Rush changed his mind.

"I knew that this was a place where I would feel welcome and pushed to become the best version of myself, while also gaining valuable leadership skills," he said. "Phi Psi has shaped my college experience through friendships, networking and opportunities to become involved on campus, allowing me to grow socially and intellectually."



As Duncan continues to work toward an Honors Bachelor of Fine Arts with a 3-D concentration, he said he's grateful for ongoing encouragement from his Phi Psi Brothers.

"The Fraternity has definitely influenced my art, and I often ask the people around me for ideas and critiques," he said. "They typically respond with overwhelming support."

At first, Duncan viewed Brotherhood as a pathway to becoming more engaged with the campus and Toledo community. While that holds true, he said he has an increasingly greater respect and appreciation for the values fraternity life has instilled, even beyond the bonds of Phi Psi itself.

"Being active in Greek life has become a way for me to make instant connections," he explained. "I learned my sculpture professor and Honors program mentor was a Sigma Phi Epsilon at Toledo 30 or so years ago. The simple fact that we both were and are part of UT Greek life has helped us to connect and opened opportunities for me."

Do you work as a creative professional or dabble in the arts? Let us know: marketing@phikappapsi.com

MEMBER MILESTONES

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



Garden State Alumni Association

On Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, the **Garden State AA** hosted a Founders Day celebration at the Old Hights Brewing Co. in Hightstown, New Jersey. In attendance were brothers from Monmouth, Rutgers, TCNJ, Saint Joseph's, F&M, SMU, DePaul, and CSUN.

Indiana Beta - Indiana

In February 2025, USA Volleyball announced the appointment of **Wade Garard Indiana '90** as its Chief Advancement Officer, a strategic hire aimed at driving the organization's long-term growth and philanthropic efforts. Garard brings an extensive background



in fundraising, capital campaigns and nonprofit management, as well as extensive connections in the volleyball and sports business communities to the leadership team at USAV.

Indiana Gamma - Wabash

Seth Acero '21 earned an Orr Fellowship, which guarantees a two-year salaried



position with one of Indiana's most dynamic, high-growth businesses. Acero, a native of San Antonio, Texas, will work with Bridge Builder Strategies, a non-profit business development consulting firm based in Indianapolis. Previously, he interned with Autism Spectrum Australia. "It is an honor to be a part of this fellowship in the state of Indiana. I look forward to growing my professional network and skillset so I can advance the ideals of nonprofits in the future."

Clifford Lee '03 was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the

South Carolina Education Association. He was previously elected to serve two other terms — 2019-2021 and 2021-2024. Brother Lee also represents South Carolina on the national resolutions committee for the National Education Association.



Lee

Dakota Stacy '23 and Christopher Wiatr '23



Stacy



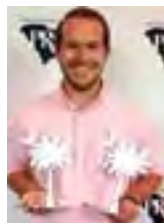
Wiatr

Award, which provides need-based funding to assist the recipient with the cost of the study abroad program and related expenses. Award recipients are required to fulfill a service project based on their initial proposal stated in their applications. These service proposals are the students' own ideas as to how they plan to share their overseas study abroad experiences and promote interest in studying abroad in East and Southeast

Asia on their college campuses or in their communities. Both Stacy and Wiatr will be based in Tokyo, Japan, during the Freeman-ASIA program.

Indiana Zeta - Butler

On April 25, 2025, **Drake DelosSantos '22** was the recipient of the Mercury Award

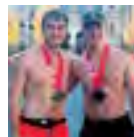


of Excellence, South Carolina's highest PR honor. Awarded by the Public Relations Society of America, DelosSantos was recognized for his direction and collaborative campaign work at Midlands

Technical College. He also received individual honors with the SCPRSA Volunteer Service Award for helping advance PR in the state.

Iowa Beta - Iowa State

In October 2024, Braden Senne '20 and chapter brother Matthew Taylor '21 ran the DSM Marathon.



Kansas Alpha - Kansas



Murga

In April, **Andrew Murga '22**, was elected student body class president.

Brother Andrew G. Thompson '06 married the lovely, Miss Anne Warren on



March 8, 2025, in Dallas, Texas. **Richard J. Thompson '04** served as best man along with several other Kansas Alpha Brothers. High! High! High!



Brother **Adam N. Sparks '07** and his wife, Laura, welcomed a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Sparks, into the world on March 11, 2025. Brother **Matthew N. Sparks '04** is a proud uncle.

Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

In March 2025, **Joey Perotti '21** won the NCCGA South/Gulf Tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana!

John M. Sewards '92 came out of retirement to create two companies, Eclectic Motor Co. and Eclectic Tire Co. The latter being the official East Coast distributor of vintage Michelin tires.

New Jersey Beta - Monmouth



Kleber

In May 2025, **Donald Kleber '72**, was the 102nd agent added to the FBI's Wall of Honor in Washington, D.C. for his distinguished career and service. "It's quite an honor for our brother to be on this 'Best of the Best' list of departed agents," **Joe Keip '72** stated. "We met while pledging together last century and remained friends until the day he died. Don was an amazing brother, man, and friend." The FBI Wall of Honor remembers Special Agent Donald Kleber, who died January 15, 2024, from health complications associated with exposure to toxic air during 9/11 recovery efforts. The employees are memorialized online as well as at FBI Headquarters and field offices across the country so that their ultimate sacrifice will always be remembered. To see Brother Kleber's full memorial, visit: bit.ly/donald-kleber-memorial. And to read more about his career, please see Pages 3-6 in Monmouth University's magazine: bit.ly/donald-kleber-career.

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Left to right: California Gamma Brothers Carl Stoney '65, Jeff Smith '68, Dan Kreps '10, Warren Davis '63, and Buzz Wiesenfeld '68 celebrate at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Flashback: 2015

Celebrating a Mountaineering Milestone

In January 2015, seven alumni from UC Berkeley, including five California Gamma brothers (pictured above), reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. And what did the Phi Psis do when they got there? They posed with the flag and shared a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, of course!

The brothers' lives intersected and overlapped at Cal Gamma in the 1960s, forging friendships that would last a lifetime. (With the Vietnam War in full swing at the time, Kreps paused his college career to serve in the U.S. Navy.)

Climbing Africa's highest point is not for the faint of heart, and these gentlemen were up for the challenge. All were in their 60s — except Davis who was 70 at the time — and in good physical health. They started planning and training for the trip in the summer of 2014.

Four of the five brothers were experienced hikers. Stoney was not, but being a seasoned runner, he was able to keep pace. Along with the necessary gear, Stoney made sure his backpack included the Fraternity flag — borrowed from Headquarters thanks to then Executive Director Shawn Collinworth *Indiana*

State '91 — and a celebration beverage for when they reached the top. Why PBR? "It was the most 'American' beer I could think of," Stoney quipped. "By the time the can had passed the last person's lips, it had turned to ice!"

Ice they had already experienced! Taking the toughest and steepest route on their trek, they navigated some tricky terrain, including exposed tree roots and slippery ice fields. It took the hikers seven days to ascend the mountain with porters carrying their gear and guiding them to their destination. Before summiting and heading back to base camp (5,000 feet), they spent a frigid night sleeping inside the crater of the once-active volcano (18,800 feet). "That was the coldest I've ever been. I didn't sleep at all that night," recalled Stoney.

Then began their two-day descent. "Going down was much faster, but it was really a huge strain on your quads!"

Along with the memories of the excursion that are still often talked about, Stoney also has a keepsake. "Although the altitude at the top completely crushed it, I still have that PBR can. Oh, and the flag, too."

The venture was — and still is — worth

celebrating. The close-knit group has stayed in contact through the bond of brotherhood and their love of football, tailgating, and cheering on their beloved Cal Bears. The brothers especially enjoy participating in the Northern California Alumni Association's Big Game Lunch*.

And ten years later, all five friends are still in good health and look forward to celebrating more — and likely less strenuous — memorable milestones in the future.

Do you have a "flashback" to share?
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Celebrated annually on the day before the game between Cal and Stanford, brothers enjoy a meal and spirited rivalry at the **Big Game Lunch**. Dating back to the 1890s, it's the oldest annual Phi Psi gathering west of the Mississippi!

2025 BIG GAME LUNCH
When: 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 21, 2025
Where: San Francisco Elks Lodge
450 Post Street, Third Floor

While heavily attended by Cal Betans and Cal Gammans, brothers from **ALL** chapters are welcome to join the fun! For more information go to phikappapsi.com/events/ or contact Ken Perscheid *UC Berkeley '78*: kenperscheid@yahoo.com.

Ohio Delta – Ohio State

Keith Volz '66 celebrated 56 years of marriage and has retired after working for 50-plus years. Brother Volz served on the town council for six years and as mayor for 10 years — all for the community of Jamestown, North Carolina.

Ohio Theta – Ashland

In November 2025, **Frank Fraas '80** was named the executive director of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, following a national search. Fraas joined the organization in 2019 as outreach and public relations coordinator. During that time the organization has embarked on a program to live stream major racing events in the state as well as live streams from 66 county and independent fairs. According to a press release, Fraas stated: "We have a fantastic team at the OHHA, and I look forward to leading them as we continue to implement the mission of the OHHA, to preserve, protect, promote, and serve the Ohio standardbred industry."

Ohio Iota – Akron

William G. Chris '80, managing partner at Roderick Linton Belfance, LLP, assumed the position of Ohio State Bar Association president in July 2025. He has more than 39 years of experience in litigation and business and has tried many cases to verdict before judges, juries, and arbitrators. Chris has also successfully defended and prosecuted bad-faith actions, as well as a \$27 million securities fraud case and an action initiated by the U.S. Department of Labor. Chris has been recognized as a Super Lawyer every year from 2012 to 2017, and again from 2020 to 2023.



Oklahoma Alpha – Oklahoma

James Stander '10 is excited to share that he purchased his first home in Tulsa, Oklahoma! Welcome to the joys of homeownership, brother!

Oregon Beta - Oregon State

Donald Q. Hall '48 celebrated his 98th birthday in February 2025 with a wonderful celebration, including attendance by three great-grandchildren. He and chapter brother **Herb Zeller '48** have been staying connected over the phone.

Rhode Island Beta – URI

Stephen I. Murphy '77 retired in 2023 after

spending 40+ years in the petrochemical industry.

Tennessee Delta – Vanderbilt

Morris L. Cranor '61 is celebrating 20-plus years of retirement.

In December 2024, **Rep. J. French Hill '76**, was elected by the Steering Committee in Washington, D.C., to be the Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. In a press release, Hill, a U.S. Congressman serving the state of Arkansas, stated: "I am humbled that my colleagues have placed their trust in me as their next chairman. It was a privilege to join my exceptional colleagues, Representatives Andy Barr, Bill Huizenga, and Frank Lucas, in sharing our visions for this committee."



Texas Gamma – Texas State

In June 2025, Assistant Coach **Bobby Buchanan '10**, helped lead the Ole Miss women's softball team to their first-ever trip to the NCAA Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City. The No. 17 Rebels made history defeating No. 4 Arkansas to punch their ticket to the series. Congratulations, coach!



Virginia Beta – W&L

Jonathan McEwen '25 was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Golfer of the Year after winning the individual title and setting a new championship scoring record. He also was named the 2025 NCAA Division III Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year, the first player in W&L program history to receive the prestigious award.



Washington Alpha – Washington

Douglas E. Chatfield '53 is celebrating being alive and kicking at age 90!

West Virginia Alpha – WVU

In his retirement, **James R. Bell Jr. '62**, is a freelance writer and poet.

Norma Mae Huggins was the mother of WVU's Hall of Fame (retired) basketball coach, Bob Huggins. He created a Cancer Endowment upon her death in 2003 from colon cancer. The Endowment supports patient care and clinical cancer research that targets the many types of this disease that are common among residents of West Virginia. On February 1, 2025, the Endowment partnered with Vandalia Health, a state-wide health system, and held the Bob Huggins Fish Fry. They generated a \$150,000 donation to Vandalia to support its efforts. **David Blankenship '87** owns The Boston Beanery in Morgantown. He prepared and served 500 lbs. of cod fish, 400 pounds of pork barbeque, 400 lbs. of macaroni and cheese, 400 lbs. of potato salad, 350 lbs. of cole slaw, and 2,000 dill pickles for more than 1,000 guests. Over 20 undergraduate brothers volunteered at the fish fry to assist Blankenship and the Boston Beanery wait staff to work the event.



Boston Beanery staff and Phi Psi volunteers with Bob Huggins (right in blue cap) and special guest, professional golfer John Daly (center with beard).



Blankenship with his wife, Angie, a breast cancer survivor, and Bob Huggins (center) supported the Morgantown cancer care community in February.



NIC Awards of Distinction

Bill Good Iowa State '69, longtime advisor to our Iowa Beta Chapter at Iowa State University, was recognized with the Advisor Award of Distinction for his exceptional commitment to mentorship, chapter development, and interfraternal leadership.

Launch, our regional leadership experience for new members, was awarded the Laurel Wreath Award, recognizing its innovative approach to developing emerging leaders in their chapters and communities. A special thanks to Senior Director of Member Development **Devin Basile** and Shelby Fete, whose hard work and vision made this leadership experience impactful and inspiring for our newest members.





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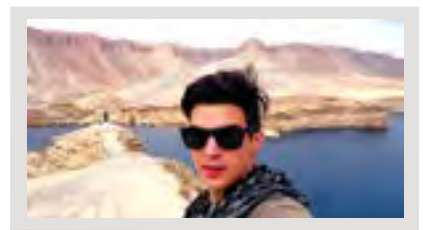
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PORTLAND TO PATAGONIA CHASING A DREAM

Adventure

By Jacob Lum Oregon State '12



What would it feel like to swap my office chair for the freedom of a motorcycle saddle and go on the adventure of a lifetime?

Why would I leave a comfortable life back home?

Will I be able to find a job again?

NO, THIS IS CRAZY!

Let me get back to the computer; I need to prepare for a meeting.

These were the thoughts running through the back of my mind ever since 2017 when I got a taste of adventure motorcycle travel through Vietnam. I could never let go of the feeling.

I was doing well in my professional career, and my dreams of a wild travel adventure seemed pretty far out of reach. But after my 30th birthday, I woke up to the fact that I (or my family) would not be young and healthy forever. If I was going to begin a journey like this, then it would need to happen now. "Life would be so much more interesting after a trip like this," I thought.

A quote by the author and entrepreneur Tim Ferriss, came to the front of my mind and has guided me ever since. In part it says, "The traffic lights of life will never all be green at the same time. Conditions are never perfect ... just do it and correct course along the way."

During the summer of 2022, I started to make the dream a reality. I bought a Honda CRF 300L Rally, got my motorcycle license, and began driving it to work every day. And then I told my employers I wanted to take a year off to travel. They were shocked, but to my surprise they said yes and allowed me a one-year leave of absence. I was ecstatic and spent the next few months preparing the motorcycle and all my gear. I over prepared and packed too much, but I corrected the course along the way.

February 2023, I embarked on an adventure of a lifetime. I pulled out of my driveway on the motorcycle with my best friend Colton (driving a Suzuki DR 650) heading south. In fact, the goal was to reach "the end of the world," the southernmost city of Ushuaia, Argentina, where I would sell my motorcycle and return to the United States.

My journey led me through the remote deserts of Baja, the jungles of Central America, in a fishing boat to cross the Darien Gap, the magical valleys of the Colombian Andes, the paramos of Ecuador, the heat of the Amazons, the sand dunes of Peru, the epic salt flats of Uyuni, the lightning-clad altiplano of Bolivia, the fjords of the Carretera Austral, and the wind-stricken plains of Argentina. After 14 crazy months of traveling by motorcycle, I reached my destination. My experiences afforded me glimpses into so many

lifestyles, cultures, and ceremonies, rich in history and tradition. Ultimately, what I loved the most were the people I met. The amazing friends I made along the way. The times I fell in and out of love. All of the incredible and beautiful people that this journey has connected me with will leave the biggest impact on my life!

Spoiler: I never returned to my job or home after reaching Patagonia. To escape the winter in South America, I stored my motorcycle in Uruguay and flew to Asia. Upon arriving in India my passport and valuables were stolen, and I spent five days getting it back while combating the worst food poisoning of my life.

In India, I bought a Royal Enfield motorcycle and explored South Asia for a year. I drove from Delhi through the Himalayas to the northernmost point of India, reaching the highest motorable road in the world (Umling La in Ladakh). I then drove all the way to the southern tip of India visiting Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka along the way.

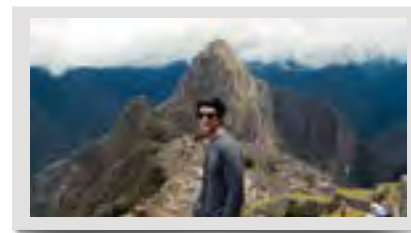
I am currently in Thailand taking a break from travel to edit videos and start the next adventure of making money on the road. Over the last few months, I have built web applications and tools to serve the motorcycle travel and content creator community. I am working with former Oregon Beta President (and District VI Archon) Owen Sutter '17 to launch XOAI Packs — his new line of fair-priced and ethically manufactured backpacks. Life is crazy, I never imagined I would cross paths with a Fraternity brother starting his own entrepreneurial adventure on the other side of the world!

A trip like this, which not so long ago seemed only a dream to chase, has changed my mind, heart, and soul in every way. I found the courage to live adventurously and will never be able to return to the routine life I had before.

So, I guess when I pulled out of the driveway, I really embarked on a lifelong journey.

To see videos of Jacob's adventures and projects, visit: youtube.com/@jacoblumm and instagram.com/jacoblumm.

What will people think?





A LIFE Shaped BY THE SHORE

By Aidan Markward URI '21

Raised on the South Shore of Massachusetts, Andrew Marshall URI '97 always knew his future was tied to the sea. With its deeply rooted seafood community and summer days of point-break surfing at his family's Cape house, his coastal New England upbringing left a lasting imprint.

"There's always been a big fishing community here, big shellfish community," Marshall said. "My father was a commercial fisherman, and I still do it on the side. ... I knew I wanted to be in the seafood business pretty much right away."

With surfboard in hand and sights set on a maritime career, Marshall enrolled at the University of Rhode Island and majored in coastal management and policy. He sailed with the Sea Education Association, gaining hands-on experience in aquaculture. Joining Phi Kappa Psi came naturally after meeting brothers at Rhode Island Beta his first semester.

"The first night I went into the house there were surfboards in every room," he said. "I knew right away that these must be my people."

Marshall described RI Beta as a tight-knit community that reinforced his values of accountability and professionalism. Still in touch with many of his brothers, Marshall has





served as vice president of the chapter's housing corporation since 2023. Striving to support the chapter's needs and contribute to a strong alumni network, he credits his continued involvement to his positive undergraduate experiences.

"[The brothers] would all take turns with chores around the house," Marshall said. "We constantly played volleyball in our backyard, got along great with some other fraternities, and even won Greek Week a couple of times. We all took pride in the chapter, and it was a great thing to be a part of."

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It was during his freshman year that he met his wife, a sister of Sigma Kappa's Phi chapter. Marshall thanks his involvement in Greek life for its role in shaping their relationship. Now married for 23 years, they have two children.

Marshall's academic path continued to align closely with his coastal career goals.

"The degree was pretty specialized," he said. "Early on, you decide whether you want to work in the marine biology field or the [seafood] business side of things. I learned quickly that I didn't want to look into a microscope for the rest of my life."

Back in the early 2000s, Marshall said, the seafood industry was migrating from cash-based to computerized. Leaning into his economics background, he became national sales manager for Aquanor Marketing. Back then, he and his team channeled their inner weatherman to determine the best time to import fish from as far away as Iceland and Norway.

"It was the end of the wild west era of seafood, and the whole dynamic of the business was changing," he said. "It was really cool."

Through Aquanor, he connected with oyster farmers in need of a marketing team. That launched his relationship with Cape Cod Oyster Company.

As New England's largest lease holder for oyster farming, the company hadn't yet figured out how to get a consistent supplier.

"I was doing all of the sales, marketing and social media when it was in its infancy and becoming more relevant," Marshall said. "All of a sudden, oysters were becoming this really cool thing, and I think the Internet had much to do with that."

Marshall continued to work for Aquanor and manage Cape Cod's national sales until 2017, when he began working for the oyster company directly as national sales director. Navigating his career through the "oyster renaissance," Marshall now serves as vice president of sales and part-owner. He helped increase production from 200,000 oysters per year to upward of 9 million.

"We're the largest oyster producers in the Northeast," he said. "I'm on the road visiting these big companies, visiting customers in Miami, San Francisco, LA, Denver. ... I have the fun job. You get to see the sides of cities you'd otherwise never see."

With days spent traveling nationwide, attending seafood events and conventions, and exploring the backend of restaurants, Marshall takes the most pride in his customer relationships and their trust in the Cape Cod product. "You go to some restaurants and see an entire page in the menu dedicated to Cape Cod Oyster," he said. "When I see the public marketing side of the business, all the hard work put in for a restaurant to believe in us so much, that's what brings me the most joy."

Marshall's career path has taken him places he never could have imagined, but the South Shore of Massachusetts will always be home. Using his political experience from serving as Highly Migratory Species Advisor on Capitol Hill in 2016, Marshall founded Save Duxbury Beach in 2022, a nonprofit aimed to restore balance between the recreation, conservation and preservation of the local beach and surrounding coastlines.

"There was a wealthy group of property owners that wanted to shut down access to Duxbury Beach," Marshall said. "The public has had access to the beach for four generations, giving kids and families that live in the area a place to make core memories they can hold onto forever. I told my community we could let these people run us over, or we could fight back and do something about it."

Between access projects, beach cleanups and awareness events, Marshall said, the nonprofit took on a life of its own. It united the community of Duxbury behind a common cause.

"It's become a rallying cry for young people in the community to get out and do something good, fighting to preserve access to this beach we all care about," he said. "It's a great way to get everyone in the town engaged in something we all love."

Thanks to Save Duxbury Beach, access has been restored.

"We've been able to close the gap between all parties involved and bring everyone to the table," Marshall said. "It's really brought about a lot of change."

For more information on Marshall's experience with Cape Cod Oyster Company, please visit capeoysters.com/team/andrew-marshall. To learn more about his nonprofit work with Save Duxbury Beach, visit saveduxburybeach.org.

Shouldering Others' Burdens

By Jennifer Gombach

Eric Hauck DePauw '93 is director and co-founder of Beggarman Ministries Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization in Wichita, Kansas, that operates transitional houses to assist men coming out of prison, rehab, homelessness and other difficult life circumstances. Its goal is to empower those who join by surrounding them with a community that is committed to bearing their burdens and providing them with support and opportunities.

Hauck's desire to found Beggarman Ministries is rooted in his time with Phi Kappa Psi's Indiana Alpha Chapter at DePauw University in the mid-'90s. Having pledged the Fraternity as a freshman, Hauck lived in the Phi Psi House, known as the "Rockpile," until graduation. The decision to join Phi Psi is one that forever has shaped Eric's life and one he says he has never regretted.

"Even though it was over 30 years ago, I vividly remember the emotions of excitement, anxiety and doubt that were spinning around the Rush experience," he recalled. "I also remember the exhilaration of being told that I was accepted along with my soccer teammates and friends. In Phi Psi, I experienced the gifts of honesty, friendship, support, tolerance, accountability and laughter," he reflected.

During those years, Hauck said, he grew to truly appreciate the value of brotherhood, community, academic and athletic excellence, philanthropy, and fun. While at DePauw, he received two awards that empowered him to explore his passion and career. In 1995 he was recognized with the Ruddick C. Lawrence Award that focuses on service to campus, college community and hometown organizations. In 1996 he received the Walker Cup award for campus and community involvement.

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Gentlemen come to Hauck (second from right) and his organization for a safe place to get back on their feet.

He said even at that young age he was encouraged to use his time and skills to help others and serve the community.

"I learned the value of Brotherhood and community living — of helping each other and being able to shoulder the burdens of my brothers. I also learned discipline and boundaries and the value of accountability," he said. "Witnessing the life experience of bearing one another's burdens is a lesson that has influenced what I do now, even 30 years later."

Since graduating in 1996, Hauck has been through his own journey of ups and downs — successes and failures, addictions and secrets, and epically beautiful and tragically painful relationships. "I have learned the gifts of living life in community and of offering hope to others because of the hope I have been given by others along my life's road," he said.

Today Hauck oversees the operations of Beggarman Ministries, which seeks to provide a healthy community for residents and assist



Indiana House Mom, Dorothy Brown, with Hauck, who claimed, "She was amazing!"



Hauck (right) at a graduation banquet with chapter brothers, May 1996.

them with housing, transportation, jobs, meals, education, recovery, healing and faith. Beggarman welcomed its first residents in October 2020, and in May 2024 it officially became an IRS-recognized entity. Since opening, the organization has housed 28 men, has provided seven vehicles, and is preparing to open its next home to eight new residents.



Together, Hauck and his wife, Ali, structured the nonprofit to serve the community.

“We believe that none of us were created to walk alone, that all of us need help in life’s journey at some point, and that none of us are better than anyone else,” Hauck said.

Being a not-for-profit, Beggarman relies on the generosity of supporters, including many of Hauck’s Brothers. “For me, one of the most beautiful pictures of Brotherhood happened about six months ago,” he said. “I texted my pledge Brothers in our group chat and told them about Beggarman Ministries becoming a 501(c)(3), and almost every single one of them quickly donated and

joined our support team. I was so blessed by their generosity, and I know that their gifts were the result of 30 years of life friendships that started at Phi Psi.”



Music plays a vital role in Beggarman Ministries’ purpose to find healing and joy for those in need.

Hauck encourages all to check in with their pledge Brothers even if they haven’t talked in years. “We never know the battles others might be fighting. I believe that it is in serving others that we often find our greatest healing and joy, and we are more completely satisfied when we are not simply living for our own well-being,” he said. “May my Phi Psi Brothers across the country discover ways to bear the burdens of those they encounter. Keep on pressing on to love and value those in your path. ... Blessings to you, Brothers!”

You can learn more about Hauck’s organization at BeggarmanMinistries.org. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Eric at Eric@BeggarmanMinistries.org.

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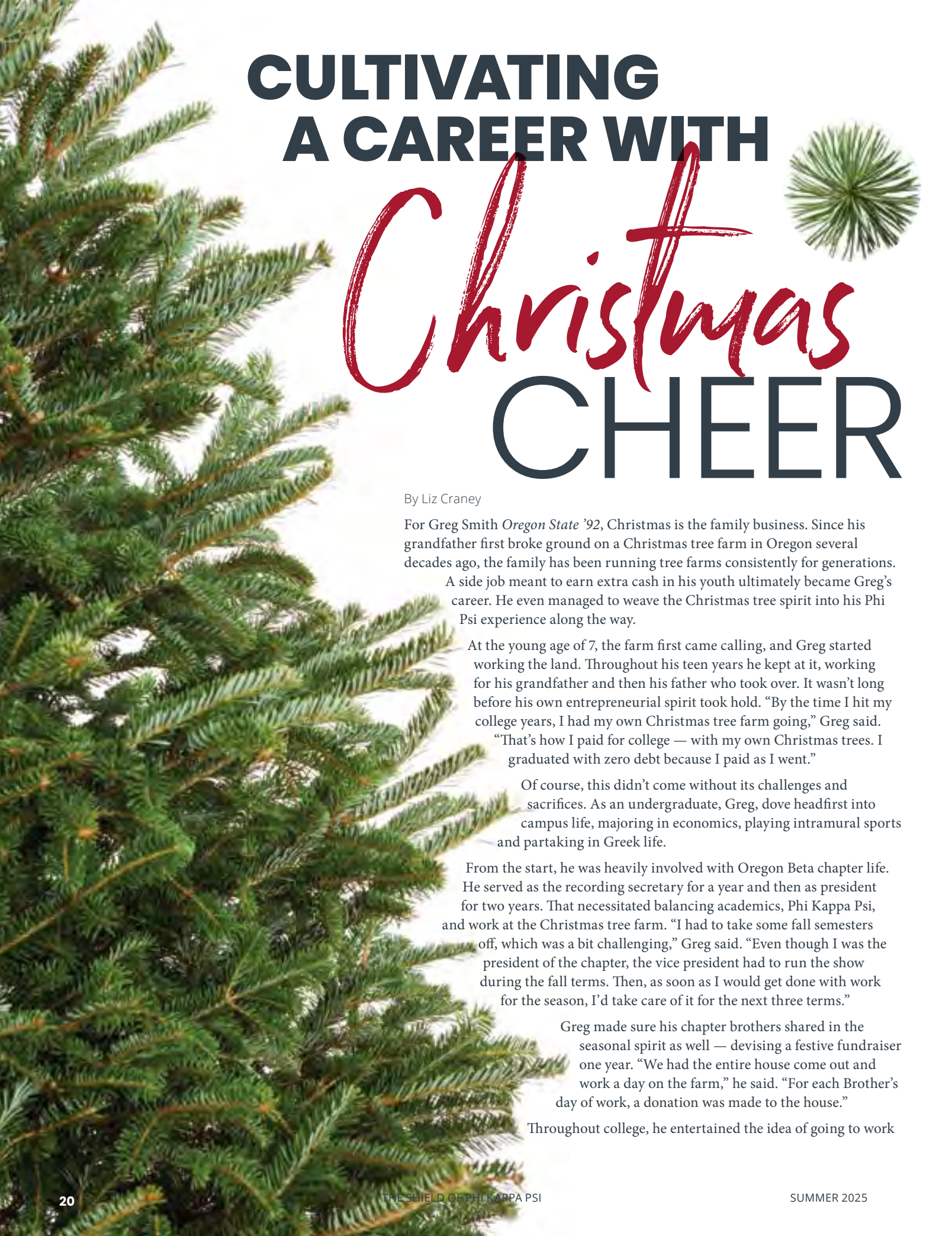


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CULTIVATING A CAREER WITH

Christmas CHEER

By Liz Craney

For Greg Smith *Oregon State '92*, Christmas is the family business. Since his grandfather first broke ground on a Christmas tree farm in Oregon several decades ago, the family has been running tree farms consistently for generations.

A side job meant to earn extra cash in his youth ultimately became Greg's career. He even managed to weave the Christmas tree spirit into his Phi Psi experience along the way.

At the young age of 7, the farm first came calling, and Greg started working the land. Throughout his teen years he kept at it, working for his grandfather and then his father who took over. It wasn't long before his own entrepreneurial spirit took hold. "By the time I hit my college years, I had my own Christmas tree farm going," Greg said.

"That's how I paid for college — with my own Christmas trees. I graduated with zero debt because I paid as I went."

Of course, this didn't come without its challenges and sacrifices. As an undergraduate, Greg, dove headfirst into campus life, majoring in economics, playing intramural sports and partaking in Greek life.

From the start, he was heavily involved with Oregon Beta chapter life. He served as the recording secretary for a year and then as president for two years. That necessitated balancing academics, Phi Kappa Psi, and work at the Christmas tree farm. "I had to take some fall semesters off, which was a bit challenging," Greg said. "Even though I was the president of the chapter, the vice president had to run the show during the fall terms. Then, as soon as I would get done with work for the season, I'd take care of it for the next three terms."

Greg made sure his chapter brothers shared in the seasonal spirit as well — devising a festive fundraiser one year. "We had the entire house come out and work a day on the farm," he said. "For each Brother's day of work, a donation was made to the house."

Throughout college, he entertained the idea of going to work



for another company while building out his Christmas tree business in the meantime. When graduation rolled around, it made perfect sense to keep going down that (tree-lined) path. The bones of the business he'd spent a lifetime learning were well established, so it was time to take it full time. He became owner and operator of Molalla Tree Farms in Oregon.

Life as an alumnus didn't mean leaving the chapter and the greater brotherhood behind. Greg committed himself to continuing his involvement and service to Phi Kappa Psi. Starting with his first Grand Arch Council as an undergraduate, he became a member of the Order of the S.C., and has now attended 11 GACs. He joined the House Corporation soon after graduating and continues to serve on its board. All along, he has been instrumental to the growth and success of the chapter.

"Our house corporation board is more than just the board taking care of the house," he said. "We are also a chapter advisory council. We do a lot of mentorships with the undergrads and help them with recruitment."

Through this service, he's seen the chapter through its highest highs and lowest lows. "At one point we were down to one person in the chapter," he said.

Faced with that reality, Greg and his two closest brothers on the board took the challenge head on and set the goal of rebuilding the chapter and the board. "We

built a younger house corporation board in the late '90s-early 2000s," he said, "and there are three of us still that have been on the board for 20-plus years." Now in their 50s, that group remains involved.

These fellow House Corp board members are also two of his closest friends, travel buddies, and fellow hunters and fishermen. Traveling far and wide together, the 2025 trip marks their third trip to Africa. Each year, Greg and several other chapter brothers also make time to reunite. There's the old familiar Fantasy Football league they do together and a whiskey tasting group. And, most fittingly, for several years 30-plus fellow Oregon Beta brothers and their partners have been gathering for an annual Christmas party.

In addition to his lifelong service to Phi Kappa Psi, Greg is vice president of the Association of Oregon Christmas Tree Growers and a member of the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association, where he is vice president for the state of Oregon. It's clear that he understands the importance of actively participating in the things you care about.

Putting in concerted effort and engagement is key advice he would give current undergraduates. "You have to put forth the effort to be involved," he

said. "If you don't maintain relationships and contacts with your current brothers after college, you're going to drift apart."

The future of his farm and Oregon Beta will overlap than you might expect. Both have plans to cultivate the younger generations, which is necessary to ensure their ongoing success. With the House Corp board, Greg is working diligently to get the younger generation of alumni from OR Beta involved. Back at the Christmas tree farm, much of the same is happening — his daughter is beginning to step into the business, ensuring a fourth generation of family farming.

What started as a way to make some extra money as a teen, ultimately put down the roots that would grow into Greg's lifelong career as the owner and operator of Molalla Tree Farms. Much like his commitment to the family business, his connection to Phi Kappa Psi is one that he is stewarding for future generations.

Do you own and/or operate a family business? Tell us about it: marketing@phikappapsi.com.



EXPLORING THE WORLD, HONORING A LEGACY: THE WALTER & VIRGINIA HENRION SCHOLARSHIP



Brothers Dave Bramhall, Steve Marsajek, and Kyle Nodgard in Turkey in 2011, standing on the European side of the Bosphorus Strait.

By Micah Kleid *F&M '00*

The Nebraska Alpha Chapter is proud to offer undergraduate Brothers an incredible opportunity to travel abroad and experience different cultures through the Walter & Virginia Henrion Scholarship. This scholarship was established by Tom Henrion '62 and his brother, Walter, in honor of their parents. Their father, Walter S. Henrion '31, was a devoted Phi Psi, an undergraduate at Nebraska Alpha and their chapter advisor for nearly 30 years.

Henrion and his brother initially contributed \$25,000 to the fund, matched by Jerry Nelson UCLA '48. With additional donations from Nebraska Alpha alumni, they raised around \$80,000 to launch the fund.

"Our father was such a big supporter of Phi Psi, and we thought honoring him and our mother this way would be a meaningful legacy," Henrion shared. "My brother and I both spent a summer in Europe after our freshman year in college, and we learned so much from traveling. We felt that giving young men the chance to experience different cultures and see the world was a valuable gift."

An Evolving Opportunity

Initially intended for study abroad, the scholarship evolved into an opportunity for international travel.

"Travel teaches you a lot," Henrion explained. "It teaches you how to be resourceful, how to navigate unfamiliar situations, and how to appreciate different cultures. Those are experiences that can shape a young person's life."

Recent trips have taken Phi Psi Brothers to Iceland, Vienna, Budapest, Quito and other locations. In one standout story, two recipients traveled to Morocco and explored the Atlas Mountains after learning about the country through Henrion and his wife's travels, while another group ventured to Moscow.

From Dream to Reality: Stories from Recipients

One of the most inspiring success stories is that of Dave Bramhall '09, who used the scholarship to travel to Turkey with two of his chapter Brothers. Bramhall, who had always been fascinated by ancient history and different cultures, saw the opportunity as a perfect chance to explore a part of the world where East meets West.

"Turkey had always been on my list," Bramhall recalled. "It's a country where history, culture, and religion intersect in the most fascinating ways. The scholarship allowed me to witness that firsthand."

In Turkey, Bramhall explored the rich history of Istanbul, visited the awe-inspiring ruins of Ephesus and immersed himself in the vibrant local culture.

"Walking through the ancient streets of Ephesus, I felt like I was stepping back in time," Bramhall said. He described the feeling of standing in the Grand Theatre, where ancient voices once echoed, and wandering through the Library of Celsus, a monument to knowledge and learning.

Beyond the historical landmarks, interactions with locals left the deepest impression.



2024 scholarship recipients (left to right) Thomas Guinan '23, Holden Kleveter '23, Austin Samson '23 and Charles Anderson '23 are flanked by Chapter President David Sortino and Alumni President Thomas Henrion.

"The people were incredibly warm and welcoming. I had conversations over tea with shopkeepers and shared meals with families who welcomed me like one of their own," Bramhall said.

These encounters gave him a firsthand understanding of Turkish hospitality beyond what guidebooks can convey.

The Impact of Travel

Since its inception, the Henrion Scholarship has supported more than 50 Phi Psi Brothers in their travels abroad. After a pandemic pause, the program roared back, sending eight brothers to Europe in a single summer

"We recently had a Zoom call with all the guys who had been on these trips, and I was blown away by how every single one of them talked about how life-changing their experience was," Henrion said with pride.

Though Henrion wishes he had kept better records of every recipient's journey, he recalls incredible stories — a trip down the Danube River and even a rainforest adventure in Ecuador.

"These young men come back with stories, experiences and perspectives that will stay with them forever," he said.

Lessons That Last a Lifetime

Bramhall's journey, like that of many other recipients, was more than just an exploration of a new place. It was a journey of personal growth and discovery.

"The experience pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me to adapt, to listen and to appreciate different ways of living," he reflected. He credits the scholarship with helping him develop a deeper empathy for people from different backgrounds, a quality that continues to influence his professional and personal life today.

A Commitment to Giving Back

Henrion's dedication to Phi Kappa Psi and the scholarship goes beyond his initial contribution. He recently donated to

further support the scholarship and has established a similar fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation, known as the Thomas D. Henrion International Experience Award. Between the two funds are enough resources to send at least four brothers abroad each summer.

"I've been fortunate enough to give back, and I feel so good about it," Henrion said. "When I give, I feel even more appreciation than the recipients sometimes. It's incredibly rewarding."

Henrion's generosity includes a planned gift from his IRA that will contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to both the Nebraska Alpha and University of Nebraska scholarship funds.



"Phi Psi has given so much to so many of us. These scholarships provide life-changing opportunities."



Encouraging Future Support

As Henrion looks to the future, he encourages alumni to consider contributing to the scholarship fund to ensure its continued success.

"Phi Psi has given so much to so many of us. These scholarships provide life-changing opportunities, and I believe that everyone who's benefited should give back in some way," he emphasized. "Even a small donation makes a big difference, and I hope that those who have experienced these trips will one day pay it forward."

For future applicants, Bramhall offers a piece of advice: "Go with an open heart and mind. Embrace the unexpected, and don't be afraid to ask questions and engage with the people you meet. Those moments of connection are what will stay with you long after you return home."

The Walter & Virginia Henrion Scholarship has honored the legacy of a devoted Phi Psi while opening the world to countless young men who have returned with new perspectives, lifelong memories and a deeper appreciation for the Fraternity that made it all possible.

To contribute to the NE Alpha Walter & Virginia Henrion Fellowship and help NE Alpha brothers explore the world visit pkpfoundation.org/support-ne-alpha/. Or help all brothers explore outside the classroom through supporting the National Fellowship program with gifts to the Terrence "Terry" G. Harper or Shane Yates Fellowships at pkpfoundation.org/make-an-impact/.



WELCOME: MIT COLONY

In March of 2025, Phi Kappa Psi proudly welcomed its newest colony at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, often referred to as MIT. The group of 40 young men who chose to commit themselves to the values of Phi Kappa Psi came to Phi Kappa Psi in a unique and inspiring way. Originally affiliated with a professional fraternity, the group faced a pivotal moment when their organization voted to become co-ed. Seeking an opportunity for brotherhood rooted in shared values, personal development, and lifelong connections, they turned to Phi Kappa Psi.

As they begin their journey, the colony — informally known as “The Technology Chapter” — is already making strides in establishing a strong foundation of brotherhood, service, and scholarship.

Phi Kappa Psi is excited to support and guide these future leaders as they work toward chartering. Their story is a testament to the continued relevance of fraternity life and the power of young men to choose and shape their legacy.

YOUR REFERRAL MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Whether it's a neighbor's son preparing for college, a colleague's nephew, or a young man you know who's already enrolled at a campus with a Phi Psi chapter — your recommendation can connect him to our lifelong network of support and brotherhood.

Many of our strongest members found Phi Psi through alumni referrals from brothers who recognized their potential.

You've witnessed what Phi Psi can achieve. Your insight could be the first step in a future brother's transformative journey.



Scan the QR code to complete the referral form. It will be added directly to our recruitment system, and the undergraduate chapter will follow up personally.



Brother Santiago Garza ASU '23

2024-25 Order of Omega Initiates

Congratulations to these Phi Psis for their initiation into the Order of Omega during the 2024-25 academic year.

Santiago Garza ASU '23

Brian King Capital '22

Case Mongold Capital '23

Jacob Peters Capital '22

Max Pratt Capital '21

Brandon Ngo CWRU '22

(Honorary Member) Nolan Rehrig W&J '21

Jaxon Lynch Illinois State '25

Luke Shover Iowa State '22

Thomas Roth Iowa State '23

Cameron McKnight Lafayette '23

Hank Skatoff Lafayette '22

Bruno Vega Oregon State '23

Sage Cheung SUNY Oneonta '22

Andrew Alexanian Alabama '22

Brenden Daigle UL Lafayette '23

Dayton Shelton UL Lafayette '23

Grayson Kervin UL Lafayette '23

Greyson LeBlanc UL Lafayette '23

Nikolai Dimitrov IV UL Lafayette '23

Thomas Mariano IV Ole Miss '21

James Kay Ole Miss '21

Thomas Guinan Nebraska '23

Rory Roberts Jr. Tennessee '23

Duncan McLean Toledo '23

Ben Makerechian Virginia '22

Tyler Jensen Virginia '23

Aidan Wucherer Valpo '22

Jaylen Jude Valpo '21

Joe White Valpo '23

Gabriel Kadi Virginia Tech '24

Jack Barclay Virginia Tech '22

Source: Order of Omega International Headquarters

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CHAPTER NEWS



OUR CHAPTERS BY DISTRICT



Cooper Grabow
DePauw '25, received the Emerging Leader of the Year award from the Order of Omega.



In late April 2025, **Wynn Morris Virginia '22** showed up at the McIntire Amphitheatre, cleats on and competitive spirit intact. A rugby captain, Morris knew exactly how to help his Fraternity: anchor the tug-of-war team. "This seemed the perfect application of my weight," Morris said. And the strategy worked. With the rope wrapped around his waist, Morris and his teammates quickly pulled the flag tied to the rope across the designated line, earning Phi Kappa Psi a spot in the next round of UVA's inaugural Hoo Games. Although VA Alpha brothers did not reign victorious, they strongly represented the Fraternity and supported a new IFC event on campus. (Excerpted with permission from UVAToday. Photo: Matt Riley/UVA Today)



...DISTRICT I



DELAWARE ALPHA - DELAWARE

Submitted By: Ryan Morosanu '24

Our brothers have remained actively engaged in philanthropy, making a meaningful impact both on and off campus. We participated in the UDance fundraiser, joining the campus-wide effort to raise money for children battling cancer. Through dedicated outreach and various on campus fundraising events, we donated \$7,046. In addition, the chapter hosted its own successful philanthropy event, Phi Pschedelic, where members sold custom tie-dyed shirts and handmade bracelets on campus. The creative and vibrant event not only raised funds for pediatric cancer support but also brought students together in unity and service.

Initiations: 1
Chapter Size: 51

MASSACHUSETTS BETA - BRANDEIS

Submitted By: Francis Pierce '22

Our chapter had its first retreat in Acadia National Park in Maine. It was a great, restful weekend, and we hope to continue it in the future. We raised funds for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, reclaiming our spot as the highest fundraising fraternity on campus. We also continued our work with the Gift of Life's bone marrow registry and are looking forward to more opportunities to grow in the fall.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 34

MIT COLONY

Submitted By: Adam Ivatorov

We at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Colony are thrilled to join the



Phi Kappa Psi brotherhood. What drew us in were the authenticity and positive experiences shared by other chapters, and we're excited for the journey ahead as we work toward chartering. With 40 active brothers and a five-story house just outside Boston, we're eager to contribute to the values and culture that make Phi Kappa Psi so unique.

Chapter Size: 40

NEW JERSEY BETA - MONMOUTH

Submitted By: Michael Morgan '23

From March 30 through April 4, 2025, we participated in Greek Week. We took part in activities such as capture the flag, family feud, and philanthropy tables. On April 25, 2025, Monmouth hosted their annual Hawk Honors Awards and **President Michael Morgan** received the IFC Man of the Year Award. It is an honor for him to have received this award, and we look forward to what comes next for him. On May 3, we helped out at the Belmar 5K with local alumni.

Chapter Size: 2

NEW JERSEY GAMMA - RUTGERS

Submitted By: Kenneth Hirado '24

We have set a goal to recruit 15 next semester as we continue to strengthen our presence on campus. While no major events were held this term, we made efforts toward initiating the Hunter's Fund project and received a few early donations, showing promise for future engagement. Our chapter continues to be involved in service and leadership despite some challenges. We would like to highlight Brother **Brandon**



Huang '23 for his outstanding contributions. **Brandon** has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to address and resolve multiple internal issues affecting the Fraternity. His dedication, leadership, and persistence have helped preserve the chapter's stability and direction during a difficult period. His actions reflect the values and resilience we strive for as a brotherhood.

Initiations: 4
Chapter Size: 23

NEW JERSEY DELTA - TCNJ

Submitted By: Eddie LaPadula '24

New Jersey Delta raised \$3,000 for the B+ Foundation to help children with cancer. Brother **Micheal Giancaspro '24** came in first place (along with two teammates) in the finals of the JLL Real Estate Case Competition in Morristown, New Jersey. The chapter is thrilled to be rechartered and excited for what is to come.

Initiations: 17
Chapter Size: 65

NEW JERSEY EPSILON - ROWAN

Submitted By: Michael Hamberlin '25

This past semester we celebrated a huge milestone, reaching our 25th anniversary at Rowan University. On April 25-26, 2025, more than 100 alumni and their spouses were able to reconnect with current undergraduate brothers in Glassboro. We had many events bringing new and older alumni back to see what the chapter has become. Throughout the semester we had many successes, including our philanthropy, membership, and intramural events. Some examples being brother football and soccer tournaments with other organizations, hot chocolate and baked goods sales, sorority pageants and other fundraising events. We are infinitely proud of our graduating brothers as they open a new chapter in their lives. These proud members will never forget the lessons they learned as brothers of Phi Kappa Psi. We look forward to seeing our District I brothers later this summer for our biennial district council meeting.

Initiations: 11
Chapter Size: 40

 **NOTE:** Initiations = reported spring 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members



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NEW YORK THETA - RIT

Submitted By: William Kiracofe '23

We raised over \$10k with our signature Mud Tug fall philanthropy and completed over 35 hours per brother of philanthropy over the year. We are ever growing with over 35 brothers.

Chapter Size: 37

NEW YORK KAPPA - SUNY ONEONTA

Submitted By: Nathaniel Santana '23

Brothers NY Kappa teamed up with the local community for a city-wide clean-up effort, demonstrating their commitment to service and leadership. Accompanied by Mayor Drnek and covered by local news outlets, brothers worked alongside students and residents to help beautify the city.

Chapter Size: 22

PENNSYLVANIA ETA - F&M

Submitted By: Lee Goldberg '24

Spring semester can be summarized by three things: history, tradition, and philanthropy. The history segment surrounds our historian's closet.

Our historian cataloged and dug up Phi Psi artifacts in our house that date back to the 1860s. We have now thoroughly organized and documented everything. For tradition, we returned to Gettysburg for initiation — one of our oldest and most valued chapter customs. We held seven philanthropy events and raised thousands of dollars, the most we have raised in years.

Initiations: 9

Chapter Size: 19

PENNSYLVANIA THETA - LAFAYETTE

Submitted By: Robert McClosky '23

We held our annual Valentine's Day Auction for MS research which raised a total of \$6,158. Our efforts for this event have earned it the recognition to be nominated for Lafayette's Hoff



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Awards ceremony for program of the year. **Hank White '23** and **Robert McClosky '23** were inducted into the Order of Omega. This semester, we worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Easton, volunteering weekly to help with after-school programming and mentorship. **Johnny Blazakis '22** and **Hank Skatoff '22** were recipients of the John H. Allen Prize (awarded to the author of the best essay in public finance), and J.H. Tarbell Award (awarded to a student who demonstrates an understanding of financial operations and institutions) respectively.

Initiations: 3

Chapter Size: 61

PENNSYLVANIA IOTA - PENN

Submitted By: Tony Tzolov '23

With 28 seniors set to graduate soon, we're focused on expanding our chapter by actively recruiting new members to sustain our strong presence and ensure continued growth and involvement in the years ahead.

Chapter Size: 72

PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA - SAINT JOSEPH'S

Submitted By: JW Scollins '24

The PA Sigma Chapter enjoyed a historic spring semester where we increased our reputation and reach on Hawk Hill. We had the honor of introducing our Alpha Phi class of 15 distinguished young men; the largest initiation class for our chapter in recent memory. While building for the present and future, we also embraced our tradition and



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roots by hosting a barbecue for our alumni. It was a wonderful event with a great turnout and symbolized the integration of our chapter's rich history with our bright future at Saint Joseph's. We would like to recognize Brother **Martin Nguyen '22**, District I Archon and graduating senior, whose contributions to this chapter cannot be overstated. Other graduating seniors from our chapter include: **Declan Burke '22**, **Nicholas Barskiy '22**, **Joe Kepic '22**, **Brendon Chin '23**, and **Ian Glass '23**.

Initiations: 15

Chapter Size: 30

RHODE ISLAND BETA - URI

Submitted By: John Colleran '23

This semester we were able to accomplish something we had never done before. Led by our philanthropy team, and freshman Chairman **Charlie Lemieux '24**, we were able to hold a huge Phi Psi trivia night to raise money in honor of one of our brothers who got the news that his mother was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. Unfortunately, this led to him withdraw from school. Our brotherhood rallied in his name, raising \$5,162 in a short time! Through it all we got the support of chapters around the nation and were able to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer, something that impacts everyone greatly. As we move forward, we aim to continue providing our members with the support and guidance to garner excellence.

Initiations: 6

Chapter Size: 87

NOTE: Initiations = reported spring 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members

...DISTRICT II



MARYLAND ALPHA - JOHNS HOPKINS

Submitted By: Andrew Hahn '23

We are happy to announce that we have initiated 20 new members into the brotherhood this semester. Our annual Phi Psi 500 philanthropy event was a success, as we raised over \$1,500 for charity. We also enjoyed our annual vineyard retreat in April.

Initiations: 20
Chapter Size: 65

MARYLAND DELTA - TOWSON

Submitted By: Sam Jemison '22

The week of April 14-18, 2025, the brothers of the Maryland Delta held their annual Philanthropy Week to raise money for The Baltimore Station, a local nonprofit supporting veterans. The brothers held events such as Pie a Phi Psi and a Pickleball tournament. We also collaborated with a pizza spot on campus and sold our very own Phi Psi pizza throughout the week. The brothers raised over \$500.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 21

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Jack O'Callaghan

Our colony initiated a pledge class of 5 members, including Gavin Grashel, Blake Yeske, Gabriel Wollen, Raphael Toro-Valdebenito, and Angad Chhabra. This brought our overall active member count to 29. Thanks to the actions of current and previous chapter leadership, our charter has been confirmed, and we will become The Ohio Delta Chapter in fall 2025!

Chapter Size: 29

OHIO EPSILON - CWRU

Submitted By: Ryan Perez '23

Founders Day was a huge success with 27 alumni attending. The chapter raised \$655 for Tomorrow's Stars, our chapter philanthropy, and ended the



term with a trash clean-up in the Caledonia Ravine. We had nine brothers with perfect academic records, and Marc Siegelman '23, Leo Siegelman '24, and Jeff Tong '23 won academic awards at the undergraduate awards ceremony. Brother Oscar Sun '22 placed third in his bracket at the 2025 New Year's Open Powerlifting Meet.

Initiations: 7
Chapter Size: 41

OHIO THETA - ASHLAND

Submitted By: Mason Foley '22

We participated at Fuzzy Fandango to support Camp Nuhop while they ran their 5/10/25k runs. Several brothers helped clean the tennis courts and around the campus for Earth Day. Recently we were awarded Excellence in Greek Unity, Excellence in Community Service and Philanthropy, Excellence in Campus Involvement, as well as Most Improved Fraternity of the Year at Greek Honors. Brother Josh Serrato '24 was awarded Emerging Leader of the Year and Brother Cade Cracas '22 received Fraternity Man of the Year.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 20

OHIO IOTA - AKRON

Submitted By: Jack Robson '23

Ohio Iota hosted one of our most successful philanthropy events in recent memory — Quesadilla Night. This crowd-favorite brought in over \$1,000 in a single evening, with all proceeds benefiting the Akron Children's Burn Institute. Thanks to the enthusiasm of our members and the generosity of our campus community, we were able to exceed expectations and make a meaningful impact. Altogether, our chapter raised a little over \$3,000 this



semester for charitable causes — a testament to our commitment to service and brotherhood. We're incredibly proud of the momentum we've built and are already planning to expand our outreach and fundraising efforts next semester.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 28

OHIO NU - OHIO

Submitted By: Ryan Pavia '23

Our chapter ended the year with a senior job placement success rate of over 85% and an average chapter GPA of 3.04. Concluding our spring Phi Psi 500, the chapter was able to raise over \$400 for our philanthropic organizations.

Chapter Size: 82

OHIO XI - CAPITAL

Submitted By: Nico Piergallini '22

The brothers found themselves with a 3.46 cumulative GPA, reigning first among fraternities in terms of academic excellence. We have also adopted a local non-profit youth center, Two-Fifty-Four, located in Gahanna, where we hold mentoring sessions and connect with the local community. Our Formal trip was to Indianapolis, where we toured the illustrious Laurel Hall. To finish out the year, we held our annual Mud Tug in a new format: after dark. Twelve teams of five hit the trench to battle it out, with over 150 student spectators, culminating in another successful year for Ohio Xi. LEDN

Chapter Size: 20

 **NOTE:** Initiations = reported spring 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members



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OHIO OMICRON - MUSKINGUM

Submitted By: John Jacobs '23

We hosted our first-ever Rage Room event in Phi Psi history, held in our basement and open to all students on campus. Nearly 50 people attended, and we raised over \$300 in the process! Additionally, we placed second in Greek Week this year, finishing behind Phi Kappa Tau. We also took first place in four of the nine events! We had three members achieve a 4.0 GPA in the fall semester: **Slade Bee '21**, **Sam Vansickle '21**, and **Luke Gill '22**. Three Brothers who were a part of the bowling team took first place in Sectionals, booking them a ticket to Las Vegas for Nationals!

Chapter Size: 21

OHIO PI - DENISON

Submitted By: Doyle Catlin '21

We raised \$800 for the Boys & Girls Club of Newari through our annual Phi Psi music festival. Three seniors were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society: **Christian Narcelles '23**, **Connor Brown '24**, and **Hugh Braccia '22**. The Denison Mens swimming won its sixth national championship, and we have seven members on the team. We've partnered with Hope Granville Farm for community service this semester where we work with animals and help keep the farm in great shape.

Initiations: 18
Chapter Size: 40

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA - W&J

Submitted By: Peyton Carter '24

The brothers of the PA Alpha Chapter had dinner with W&Js new president, Elizabeth MacLeod Walls. They are the first Greek house on campus to do so since she became president.

Initiations: 7
Chapter Size: 20



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PENNSYLVANIA BETA - ALLEGHENY

Submitted By: Chris Williams '24

170 years strong and still going! Our chapter celebrated an unbroken legacy of brotherhood with an unforgettable event, bringing together generations of alumni to honor our history and future. We hosted our first-ever Freaky 5K, combining fun with the purpose of supporting additional charitable initiatives. Through tabling efforts, we raised significant donations for Hunter's Fund, a cause close to our hearts.

Initiations: 4
Chapter Size: 11

PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA - PENN STATE

Submitted By: Justin Zebro '24

We participated in THON this year held at the Bryce Jordan Center from February 21-23 — standing 46 hours to help fight childhood cancer. We finished fifth amongst all fraternities, raising \$331,427.43 with our partner (\$17,737,040.93 was raised in total). Many members of our THON committee worked tirelessly, even during the prior school year, maximizing our fundraising efforts.

Initiations: 18
Chapter Size: 106

PENNSYLVANIA RHO - YORK

Submitted By: Todd Mason '24

Despite still being a small chapter, our commitment to expansion and sustainability remains. One of the key concerns for our newly elected executive board has been debt elimination from the chapter. The board has worked hard and carefully, partnering with national leadership to



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develop and implement a feasible repayment plan. Our chapter is committed to rebuilding, recruiting, and revitalizing our presence at York College. We can't wait to see what the future holds and feel confident that the foundations being laid today will create a stronger chapter tomorrow.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 7

PENNSYLVANIA PHI - LYCOMING

Submitted By: Finnegan Kimber '24

Penn Phi had some small events to get to know students — game nights, volleyball and such. We did a ton of service projects this semester, planting, cleanup, the egg hunt, the longest night, food serving and many small activities here and there. Brother **Brandon Chiguichon '22** has been exceedingly helpful and handled duties beyond the role of president, which has made it easy to keep morale up. He made sure we all participated in service, in making friends, and in getting our name out there.

Chapter Size: 4

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA - WVU

Submitted By: Garrett King '23

Over the course of the year, we raised over \$5,000 for various philanthropies. We hosted several events at our chapter house, benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute. Our brothers also volunteered at the Bob Huggins Fish Fry — benefiting the Norma Mae Huggins Endowment, Vandalia Health, and for the Remember the Miners Flagship Scholars Program. We would like to show our appreciation to Brother **Phil Waller '21** and Brother **Kaysen Conner '21**. Phil won WVU's Greek Man of the Year and Kaysen won Chapter President of the Year. Thank you, brothers, for your continued leadership and involvement in the betterment of our chapter.

Initiations: 12
Chapter Size: 97

NOTE: Initiations = reported spring 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members

...DISTRICT III



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ILLINOIS DELTA - ILLINOIS

Submitted By: Joe Kasner '23

Over Mom's Weekend, we hosted our annual Amici philanthropy event with two live bands and a food truck, which was enjoyed by the brothers, moms, and many other students from campus. Social events included our semi-annual Barn Dance, and formal in Toronto, where Phi Psi brothers and their dates had a great time attending a Toronto Blue Jays game, going to the hockey hall of fame, and a private venue rental. We stayed involved in our community through our regular volunteering at Salt & Light Ministries' food bank. We congratulate our seniors for contributing so much to the house throughout their time on campus.

Initiations: 9

Chapter Size: 125

ILLINOIS EPSILON - ILLINOIS STATE

Submitted By: Mike Mile '25

This semester, Illinois Epsilon was officially rechartered! Our chapter successfully raised \$1,250 for the Saint Baldrick's Foundation with five of our members shaving their heads for the cause. Our brothers volunteered at the Ecology Action Center and planted over 250 trees, improving the air and water quality in Bloomington. Scholarships were awarded this year to three of our brothers. The Brother of the Year Award went to Chapter President **Spencer Ethridge '25**, who is recognized for his unwavering dedication and leadership. The Scholar of the Year Award went to **Jacob Lakin '25** for his commitment to setting the standard for academic achievement within the chapter. **Aiden Johnson '25** won the New Member of the Year Award, recognizing his outstanding involvement and the positive impact he has had on our brotherhood.

Initiations: 4

Chapter Size: 48

ILLINOIS ZETA - DEPAUL

Submitted By: Jake Courtney '22

This past quarter we initiated five new brothers into our brotherhood. Each one brings a voice to the Fraternity that is helping us finish the year strong.

Initiations: 5

Chapter Size: 26



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ILLINOIS ETA - SIUE

Submitted By: Luke Millbrandt '23

This semester has been full of numerous activities and events. Our brothers competed in the Panhellenic Council's Best Dance

Crew and were able to take home the win. Brother **Luke Milbrandt '23** had the pleasure of participating in Alpha Phi's Mr. Heartthrob, a charity event promoting women's heart health. And one of our brothers competed in Greeks Gone Geek trivia contest. We have a partnership with Busch Stadium during the MLB season. The brothers help run concession stands for numerous amounts of Cardinals baseball games, which allows us to receive a portion of profits. Also, we are proud to have one of our brothers representing our Fraternity on the IFC Board. This summer we have an alumni golf event planned, and we are looking forward to the fall semester, with plans in motion to make it a great one.

Chapter Size: 15

ILLINOIS THETA - UIC

Submitted By: Karam Fattouhi '24

During an exceptional spring semester, we collaborated with on-campus sororities. We held a bake sale with the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma benefiting Level 5 elementary schools. We also worked with Delta Phi Epsilon to make sandwiches for those in need throughout Chicagoland. Chaplain **Aden Joe '24**, spearheaded our Founders

Day event, organizing outreach to our alumni network, leading to record-breaking attendance of over 80 brothers.

The evening was a wonderful reminder of the lifelong bonds Phi Kappa Psi fosters. We would like to congratulate Brothers **Oliver Lepinski '20**, **Gavin Shulz '21**, **Ayush Panda '22**, **Naail Chaudhry '22**, **Cesar Attar '21**, and **Jose Garcia-Rowlands '23**; we wish them luck on their future endeavors.

Initiations: 5

Chapter Size: 37



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ILLINOIS IOTA - NIU

Submitted By: Jack Oakes '22

We are the 2025 NIU Tugs Champions! Tugs is a tradition here at NIU that started off as tug-of-war as you may know it. However, this strategic, strength and endurance-driven sport has developed into much more. Outfitted in a suit of duct tape, you hold the rope underneath your armpit against your back and tricep. You and six other team members (in individual six-inch deep 2-by-2 trenches) compete against all the fraternities on campus in a bracket-style tournament. Training involves workout programs, endurance training, and making all the right choices outside of practice. After three straight years of third place finishes, we were hungry to take home the championship trophy, and that we did!

Initiations: 6

Chapter Size: 55

INDIANA ALPHA - DEPAUW

Submitted By: Jack Blum '24

One of our philanthropy events was an auction held during our Ladies Weekend, where we raised \$6,500 for the National Scleroderma Foundation. The auction featured 25 items, including cornhole boards, snacks, athletic equipment, and many other donated goods. All items were generously donated by relatives. Additionally, one of our new members, **Cooper Grabow '25**, received the Emerging Leader of the Year award from the Order of Omega at DePauw for his outstanding contributions to both DePauw and Phi Psi.

Initiations: 24

Chapter Size: 77

INDIANA BETA - INDIANA

Submitted By: Luka Zaric '23

This semester, we initiated 28 new members with the highest pledge class GPA in the past several years. We hosted a joint philanthropy car wash with the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and are still collecting funds from that event. We are also participating in a community-wide soccer tournament that is projected to raise

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forward to continuing to grow, serve, and lead in the upcoming academic year.

Initiations: 12
Chapter Size: 70

INDIANA ZETA - BUTLER

Submitted By: Andrew Studebaker '24

We ended our year on a strong note. We recently initiated two continuous-open-bidding recruits into the brotherhood, bringing us to a growth in membership. This is the largest member class since rechartering. We conclude our semester with our philanthropy week in support of the SON Foundation with several different events aimed at engaging the community with the chapter. We are looking forward to greeting the next semester as a stronger chapter and to the new opportunities they will provide for us.

Initiations: 11
Chapter Size: 25

INDIANA ETA - INDIANA STATE

Submitted By: Aiden Askins '22

This semester, Indiana Eta spent a lot of our time fulfilling The Great Joy of Serving Others with several collaboration community service projects. Some were existing, and we established a new partnership with a Terre Haute rehab center. We finished second and the Spring Week Remix competition with the sorority Sigma Kappa. President **Aiden Askins** won IFC Member of the Year. We are looking forward to the fall semester and aspirations for 10+ new brothers.

Chapter Size: 16

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\$50,000. Finally, we held a fundraiser for one of our housekeepers with cancer, raising \$10,000. On top of this, we had a group of brothers run a half marathon in support of her and to raise even more money.

Initiations: 28
Chapter Size: 101

INDIANA GAMMA - WABASH

Submitted By: Michael Cruzado '23

The 2025 spring semester has been exceptional for Indiana Gamma. Two new brothers were initiated, and the Hunter's Fund event resulted in over 300 signed pledges to end distracted driving. In addition to that, our chapter was recognized for its continual growth and determination receiving awards for: Most Improved Fraternity, President of the Year (**Christopher Royal '22**), and Alumni Advisor of the Year (**Mike Simmons '85**) from Wabash's IFC. To add to that, **Auggie Isaac '21** was accepted into IU School of Medicine and co-authored a published book; **James Langmaid '21** was accepted into Cincinnati Law; **Caiden Jefferies '23** was the nominated recipient of the Realizing the Dream award for Wabash College; **Michael Cruzado '23** was recognized as Most Improved Diver and Outstanding Gentleman from Wabash Swim & Dive team; **Adam Ott '24** received a grant of \$15,000 from an alumnus to start his own business; **Ethan Gonzales '22** and **Christopher Wiatr '23** joined Wabash's leadership organization; and **Noah Villalon '23** started his own clothing brand.

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 44

INDIANA DELTA - PURDUE

Submitted By: Vincent Salinas '24

The biggest success of the Indiana Delta Chapter has been a 9% increase in the overall GPA of our active brothers, rising from 2.99 to 3.12 last semester. Our goal for this semester is to increase the GPA to 3.23. Through our car wash for Hunter's Fund, we have raised \$750, despite not having a faculty advisor for most of the semester. With stability

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in the faculty advisor position, we plan to host at least four philanthropy events next year, with the goal of raising around \$3,000. Additionally, our brothers organized a cleanup event, collecting garbage and debris to help make our community cleaner and a better place for everyone.

Initiations: 10
Chapter Size: 114

INDIANA EPSILON - VALPO

Submitted By: Arie Hofman '24

We aim to maintain our strong recruitment this momentum in the coming academic year, focusing on sustainable growth and member development. Among our most successful events was our annual Phi Psi Bake Off, which brought together students from across campus for a charitable and competitive evening. Throughout the semester, we focused on strengthening brotherhood through intentional programming while also building stronger relationships with other student organizations. Our chapter and individual brothers received several notable awards this semester. Chapter President **Arie Hofman** was named Intramural Player of the Year for his dedication and leadership. Additional recognitions included Outstanding Chapter President, Outstanding Fraternity Advisor, Pillar of Excellence in Athletics, Pillar of Excellence in Faith, Excellence in Chapter Management, and FSL Week Champions. We are proud of our accomplishments and look



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...DISTRICT III



INDIANA IOTA - BALL STATE

Submitted By: Quintin Hossli '22

To begin this semester, we initiated six new members into our Fraternity, along with two more during our Rush 365 period. We also participated in Greek Week, finishing in first place along with the wonderful women of Phi Mu. Throughout this semester we have worked hard to practice philanthropy with our annual Phi Kappa Soccer tournament, along with working throughout our community to give back to the city we love. During the upcoming fall semester we will be moving into a fraternity house, setting up our chapter for success for years to come.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 35

MICHIGAN BETA - MICHIGAN STATE

Submitted By: Conor McMahon '23

This semester, we proudly raised over \$10,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America through various fundraising efforts. Our chapter also stayed committed to community service, participating in projects such as the Food Fishes Food Drive and Spartan Day of Service. We would especially like to highlight the strong turnout from our brothers at the Izzo Legacy 5K Race, which reflects our chapter's ongoing dedication to service, health, and supporting East Lansing.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 96

OHIO BETA - WITTENBERG

Submitted By: Seth Miller '24

We successfully reintroduced a beloved Wittenberg tradition — the Nearly Naked Mile — in collaboration with the Student Alumni Association. We raised funds and collected clothing donations to



support Springfield community members in need. The event saw participation from over 50 students and staff, highlighting strong campus involvement. We also held our annual Mom's Day in March! We're proud to highlight the accomplishments of our brothers this semester: President **Jackson Miller '23** and Brother **Andrew Inks '23** received awards at Wittenberg's annual Honors Convocation in recognition of their outstanding academic performance. Brothers **Ryan Shindeldecker '23**, **Jackson Higgason '23**, and **Leroy Dannemiller '23** are currently studying abroad in Germany as part of the university's prestigious "Witt in Witt" program, furthering their academic and cultural development.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 42

OHIO ETA - TOLEDO

Submitted By: Kieran McSweeney '22

This semester we successfully recruited and initiated four new members thanks to the work from our Recruitment Chair **Anthony Moavero '23**, and New Member Educator **Alex Schock '22**. Brothers have taken part in UToledo's Big Event, a day where student organizations volunteer to better the community. Brothers helped to clean and revitalize a local community garden. We also held our biannual Quesadilla Night, which raised \$1,500 for the Boys & Girls Club of Toledo. In addition, we have seen our Brother **Josh Lewis '23** tapped into Order of Omega, accompanying Brothers **Zachary Jones '21** and **Duncan McLean '23**. LEDN

Initiations: 4
Chapter Size: 27

OHIO LAMBDA - MIAMI

Submitted By: Ryan Reganeschi '24

Ohio Lambda proudly welcomed 10 new

members this semester, continuing our chapter's positive growth. In conjunction with another Greek organization on campus, we hosted a successful philanthropy event supporting LivFree, raising over \$2,200 to benefit children battling cancer. In addition to our philanthropic efforts, our brothers began volunteering with the Izaak Walton League, assisting in the removal of invasive honeysuckle to protect native ecosystems in our local communities. We made several exciting upgrades to the chapter house, including the installation of new deck lights, outdoor couches, and a pool table. Over spring break, many of our members traveled to Myrtle Beach, building stronger bonds and enjoying a well-deserved rest. Looking ahead, we're eager to build on our momentum and continue striving to improve our chapter, support our community, and uphold Phi Psi values.

Initiations: 10
Chapter Size: 39

OHIO MU - DAYTON

Submitted By: Charles Eckrich '23

We welcomed in 15 new members and are extremely excited to see what impact they will make on our Fraternity! We are currently in the works of organizing a Greek life hot dog eating competition for next semester, with the proceeds going to charity. In addition, we are working with local golf courses to create an annual Phi Psi Ryder Cup - Ohio Mu.

Initiations: 15
Chapter Size: 51

WISCONSIN GAMMA - BELOIT

Submitted By: Cameron Harper '23

Two of our brothers traveled abroad. **Chris Andaya '23** went to London, and **Lio Kammuehler '23** went to Valparaiso, Chile.

Initiations: 3
Chapter Size: 16

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Homes of Hope

By Teddy Greenlee *Indiana '22*

In late November 2024, 15 Indiana University (IU) students embarked on a life-changing experience in Ensenada, Mexico. In just two days of building on-site, we were able to provide a home for a deserving family of five facing financial hardships.

My cousin, Jackie Lindsey, a senior at IU, and I coordinated with the Homes of Hope organization, a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) San Diego/Baja ministry, which has been sponsoring homes, community centers, and even skate parks in Ensenada since 1990. Their mission is to break the cycle of poverty by providing secure housing, which can set families ahead economically by 8 to 10 years and promote long-term stability. Jackie and I have more than 15 years of experience due to our family's involvement with the organization, and we wanted to share the life-changing impact with our friends and brothers in Indiana.

The participants' individual fundraising efforts totaled an incredible \$40,645 for the trip. This money covered the building materials, new clothes and appliances for the family, plus food, travel, and accommodations for all the student volunteers. With the extra money raised, we also could buy the family a water tower with daily service and an electrical pole with solar panels for in-home electricity. The funds we had left we put toward helping to sponsor another build in the future.

When we arrived in Ensenada, we checked in at Hotel Cortez and went out for an authentic Mexican dinner, where our YWAM host, Esther, informed the group what to expect over the next three days.

After breakfast the next day, we traveled to our building location — about 35 minutes from the base and in a more mountainous region. From downtown Ensenada, known for its destination as a cruise ship hot spot and the invention of the margarita, to the city outskirts and slums, the difference is truly remarkable. We passed entire families living in a singular and houses built of cardboard on our daily drive; a truly humbling sight.

The Zazueta Avila family's dwelling did not fare much better. Their original home consisted of scrap metal and a wood frame, patched with fishnet and duct tape — an actual shanty shack by definition. Yet, there was an overwhelming feeling of hope; the three children, Dulce (5), Juan (3), and Angel (1), all had smiles radiating from their faces, ready for their next adventure and to meet some new friends. The parents, Miguel and Rubi, were



equally jovial and prepared to get to work on the 20-by-20 concrete slab in the middle of their property.

After discussing safety guidelines and assignments, we said a prayer over the house, and we began our work. It was the most productive team of builders I have worked with. We were already putting up the walls by lunchtime on the first day! By the end of the day, we had roof trusses in place and plywood to support the ceiling. One group had even started painting drywall inside.

When we arrived on the second day, we were pleasantly surprised to find that Miguel and Rubi, who were unable to sleep due to excitement, decided to stay and finish painting the inside. While the rest of the team finalized the house, brother Ethan Mcleod '22 and I took the Zazueta Avila family shopping. We bought them groceries, clothes, appliances, toys, and many hygiene essentials. By the time we returned, the house was complete!

After fully stocking and locking up the house, we had the key-gifting ceremony and let the family go into the house themselves for the first time. We then knocked on the door, became their first house guests, and presented them a housewarming gift — a group picture and a Bible.

It is difficult to summarize here, but it is life-changing for those who receive a home and a wildly impactful experience for those who volunteer. All 15 participants returned home with a new sense of gratitude and yearning to be more active in the community. I hope to make this trip a tradition of Phi Psi, so that together, we can help build a world where everyone has a place to call home.

Seven Indiana Beta brothers had an opportunity to serve together in an impoverished area of Mexico, and it has made a lasting impact. Those who participated are: Jackson Brantley '22, Teddy Greenlee '22, Ethan Mcleod '22, Kathan Raju '22, Archer Reid '22, Ethan Wilkerson '22, and Joe Wind '22. Here's what a few of them had to say:

"I saw a degree of optimism and joy in the family that starkly contrasted their living situation." — *Kathan Raju*

"Being able to watch the lives of the family transform before our eyes was a great blessing." — *Joe Wind*

"To be able to give them a home and change the trajectory of their lives was truly amazing." — *Jackson Brantley*

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ALABAMA ALPHA - ALABAMA

Submitted By: Vincent Barbera '23

We finished the semester strong and have appointed a Rush team to start recruitment for the fall. It was a selective process of interviews with over 50 applicants with only eight being appointed to the team. We are looking to bring on pledge class of 60 members. We have also appointed every committee head along with building strong committees for the fall. Our end-of-semester formal took place, and it was a great gathering of all the brothers.

Initiations: 3

Chapter Size: 189

ALABAMA GAMMA - HUNTSVILLE

Submitted By: Eli Herlevic '24, Astin Star '23

This spring, we organized and hosted a new philanthropic event, Marchtoberfest, benefiting Alabama Possible — a nonprofit dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty through education and job support. We raised funds through food sales, raffles, competitions, and donations. The event drew over 100 participants and involved more than 10 campus organizations. We raised over \$4,000, earning recognition as the top philanthropic effort. Our chapter contributed over 800 service hours — the highest on campus — with active members volunteering primarily at Enable Gardens, a local community garden that supports food access and sustainability. Congratulations to Brian Niswonger '23, for leading Marchtoberfest and to Brad Taul '21, for putting in over 80 individual service hours this semester.

Initiations: 3

Chapter Size: 21



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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Zach Woloff

Clemson University Colony maintained the highest GPA among all 25 IFC fraternities, a reflection of the chapter's strong commitment to academic excellence. The brothers also demonstrated a deep dedication to service, raising over \$16,000 for Hunter's Fund through events like Hunter's Pledge Week, Pie a Phi Psi, and Parents Weekend, while logging more than 630 service hours with projects including hurricane cleanups in Asheville, NC and Clemson, SC, and a citywide trash cleanup in Easley, SC. We were honored with the Best New Member Program award in the IFC, winning against 24 other chapters and showcasing excellence in brotherhood development and member education. Our petition to charter has been approved, and we look forward to our graduation from colony to chapter in late August 2025.

Chapter Size: 61

FLORIDA ALPHA - FLORIDA STATE

Submitted By: Christian Kuhn '23

Florida Alpha recently participated in Florida State University's Dance Marathon raising over \$7,000 and 500 service hours to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Initiations: 6

Chapter Size: 42

GEORGIA BETA - GEORGIA TECH

Submitted By: Kaleb Patel '22

This semester, we proudly supported Alex's Lemonade Stand through dedicated fundraising efforts. Hosting three successful bake sales, we raised hundreds of dollars for childhood cancer research. Additionally, we welcomed four new brothers into our chapter, marking our largest new member class since 2021. Their initiation signifies not only the growth of our chapter but also the continued strength of our brotherhood. We're thrilled to see them take on leadership roles, contributing fresh perspectives and enthusiasm as we approach fall Rush. We are grateful for everyone's generosity and commitment this semester, as together we continue making a positive impact both on campus and in the broader community.

Initiations: 4

Chapter Size: 13



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KENTUCKY BETA - KENTUCKY

Submitted By: Tom Musgrave '22

We held our rechartering March 7-8, 2025, in Lexington, Kentucky. Our fall 2024 recruitment efforts gave us our biggest pledge class since we re-founded our chapter in fall 2022.

Initiations: 3

Chapter Size: 28

LOUISIANA ALPHA - LSU

Submitted By: Scott Staehle '20

We are looking forward to a great summer Rush. We held multiple events this year for the chapter, including our formal in Fort Worth. The brothers had an absolute blast, and everyone made it back safe and sound. We held a St. Patrick's Day event, another blast for everyone. We recently held an alumni tent at the Zurich Tournament at TPC Avondale, Louisiana.

Chapter Size: 65

LOUISIANA BETA - UL LAFAYETTE

Submitted By: Will Reinhardt '24, Nick Dimitrov '23

This year LA Beta received five awards at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards: Most Improved Chapter, President of the Year (Ayush Deshpande '21), Advisor of the Year (Andre Hebert '17), 5-Star Chapter (our ninth consecutive), and Greek Hall of Fame (Brett Thibodeaux '22). We placed first in IFC Spring Recruitment, raised over \$500 for Hunter's Fund, and participated in community service events with Parish Proud and St. Joseph's Diner.

Initiations: 6

Chapter Size: 50

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA - OLE MISS

Submitted By: John Frank '22

In February, our chapter took part in More Than a Meal, serving food and providing support to members of the Oxford community in need.

Our former chapter president, Tom Mariano '21, was honored as IFC Man of the Year — one of the highest distinctions awarded within IFC.

Members of our executive board visited

Bramlett Elementary to read to first-grade students, continuing our commitment to literacy and youth engagement. In April, we proudly hosted our annual Parents and Alumni Weekend, celebrating the lasting bonds that unite our chapter across generations. We completed a service project at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and donated \$5,000 to support its mission and programming.

Chapter Size: 241

 **NOTE:** Initiations = reported spring 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members



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TENNESSEE DELTA - VANDERBILT

Submitted By: Christopher DeCamillo '24

This academic year was a major milestone for us at Vanderbilt. In November, the chapter officially received its charter, marking the beginning of a new era. The moment reflected years of dedication, growth, and commitment to building a strong and lasting brotherhood. The chapter demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, and service. Members upheld high academic standards and remained active across campus. One highlight was Vanderbilt football's win over top ranked Alabama, a campus-wide moment of pride that brought the brotherhood closer together. The chapter also launched its most successful philanthropy effort to date, raising a record amount of money for suicide prevention. The campaign reflected a deep commitment to mental health awareness and making a difference beyond campus.

Initiations: 19
Chapter Size: 52

TENNESSEE EPSILON - TENNESSEE

Submitted By: Ethan Garnier '23

Tennessee Epsilon is proud to have initiated 15 new brothers of the Gamma Theta class this spring. We are also excited to say we raised over \$5,000 during our philanthropy, Frost Week, for the Tennessee Valley Humane Society.

Initiations: 15
Chapter Size: 110

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLONY

Submitted By: Jake Beery

We are so proud to be one of the newest colonies of Phi Kappa Psi! Currently, we have 10 members, and we are all eager to expand our brotherhood in the fall. This semester, we participated in Greek Week and had a great time collaborating with other Greek life organizations

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on campus. Can't wait for what's yet to come!

Chapter Size: 10

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COLONY

Submitted By: Kaleab Dawit

Recently, the Virginia Eta Chapter had their very first philanthropy week. We chose to partner with the Richmond Animal Care and Control Center and raised roughly \$5,000 both in monetary and wish-list donations. The week had a great turnout, and we were glad to help the shelter.

Chapter Size: 14

VIRGINIA ALPHA - VIRGINIA

Submitted By: Cody Comyns '24

We would like to spotlight a few brothers who represent our dedication to service: Josh Novick '22 – trained for and ran a 40-mile marathon in honor of Professor Drew Sanderford, raising a total of \$12,000. Andrew Post '24 – collected hundreds of photos of Nico (a new member who passed away) from all his friends at UVA, printed and compiled them into a binder for Nico's parents to keep. Noah Altamar '23 – spearheaded philanthropy fundraising week for Hoothon, an organization that raises money for the UVA Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network. The rest of our brothers are also deeply involved in the community, including firefighters, EMTs, and members of a wide variety of clubs. About one-fourth of all brothers work part-time jobs, and over half of all brothers are involved in an intramural or club sport. Max Velazquez '23 is a member of the varsity squash team.

Initiations: 23
Chapter Size: 82

VIRGINIA BETA - W&L

Submitted By: Graham Miniard '24

In athletic achievements, Jonathan McEwen '25 was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Golfer of the Year after winning the individual title and setting a new championship scoring record. He also was named the 2025 NCAA Division III Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year, the first player in W&L program history to receive the prestigious award. Dalton Jobe '23 and Leighton Chapman '24, representing the Men's swim team, achieved 4th place nationally in the 800-yard freestyle relay. Beyond athletics, our chapter is looking forward to participating in the Woods Creek Run for the Kids, a fundraising event to support the treatment of local children.

Initiations: 21
Chapter Size: 65

VIRGINIA ZETA - VIRGINIA TECH

Submitted By: Jackson Olowiany '23

Virginia Zeta had an amazing year! We have continued to grow as an organization, as we initiated 26 new members in the fall and 18 in the spring. The chapter has also found great success in our new philanthropy, the American Red Cross. We raised a total of \$9,000, and we held a blood drive with the American Red Cross that maxed out 4 blood drive centers! We are also proud to announce that our former president, Andrew Adams '22, won the IFC Chapter President of the Year!

Initiations: 18
Chapter Size: 108

VIRGINIA THETA - JMU

Submitted By: Rhett Miller '22, Connor Gilster '22

Our chapter has been serving the city of Harrisonburg all semester. This included Big Brother Big Sister events, a river cleanup through JMU (which we received recognition for highest attendance among fraternities), SPCA partnerships and beyond. Additionally, our philanthropy week, which included a car wash & Wiffle ball tournament, helped raise \$2,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Our Brotherhood looks to stay sharp with academic excellence, holding the third highest GPA among fraternities at JMU.

Initiations: 9
Chapter Size: 99



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COLORADO ALPHA - COLORADO

Submitted By: **Joey Whitcombe '23**

This year's new member recruitment number was 61, and at least 45 is our goal for next semester. Our philanthropy focused on Spike's K9 Fund, Hunter's Fund. We also collaborated with Alpha Phi for a petting zoo and Kappa Kappa Gamma for a car wash. The chapter totaled around 8k in donations for the year.

Initiations: 12
Chapter Size: 122

IOWA ALPHA - IOWA

Submitted By: **Ruben Galvan '24**

Our alumni newsletter, *The Hawkeye*, highlighted our recent accomplishments, and this issue also included an alumni spotlight on Brothers **John Greenwood '00** and **Brand Newland '00**, who co-founded Goldfinch Health along with **Mike Doty '10** to combat the opioid crisis. On campus, we raised a record \$28,637 for Dance Marathon, the highest total among all Greek organizations, and partnered with Iowa Reach to connect with individuals with developmental disabilities through community events. We have a newly uncovered 19th-century chapter photograph that connect today's brothers to our earliest roots. We invite you to "Save the Date" for Alumni Weekend, October 10-12, 2025. Events will include golf, a Kinnick Stadium press box tour, house tours, and a game-day celebration.

Chapter Size: 190

IOWA BETA - IOWA STATE

Submitted By: **Kyle Nord '22**

This past semester, we participated in lots of community service events alongside a philanthropy to help raise money for Cultivating Hope Farms, an inclusive care farm. This was led by **Ryan Greteman '23** and **Noah Seibert '23** and raised over \$4,000. The two big community service events the brothers participated in were the Iowa State Blood Drive, and Dance Marathon. Many brothers held positions within these two organizations such as **Drew Szalat '22**, as the membership director for Dance Marathon. For the Iowa State



Blood Drive, **Kyle Nord** held the position of co-director along with **Jack White '21** and **Ryan Droogsma '22**, who were a part of the executive team and leading partnership and outreach.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 113

KANSAS ALPHA - KANSAS

Submitted By: **Charlie Stephenson '24**

We have signed a full pledge class by the end of April, which marks significant success within our house and the Rush process. This achievement reflects the hard work of the recruitment chairs and active members. In addition, focused on giving back to our local community in Lawrence. We partnered with Just Food to participate in their campus food drive. In one week, our chapter managed to fill an entire donation can, equivalent to raising over \$500 worth of food to help fight food insecurity in our area. Because of efforts from members of our sophomore pledge class, we're already preparing to fill a second can to continue supporting this meaningful cause. This demonstrates our commitment to service and philanthropy alongside our efforts to strengthen our chapter. Additionally, we are proud to recognize **Andrew Murga '22**, a junior finance major, who was recently elected student body class president, which shows our leadership extends beyond the chapter.

Chapter Size: 111

MINNESOTA BETA - UMN TWIN CITIES

Submitted By: **Sam Richter '23**

The brothers of Minnesota Beta have continued their strong philanthropic efforts, raising over \$18,000 across the fall and spring semesters. These funds supported meaningful causes such as Dr. Leonard's research fund and Folds of Honor—a nonprofit organization that



provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of fallen or disabled U.S. military service members and first responders. With our nearly doubled chapter size, thanks to a large new member class, we have expanded the impact of our philanthropy events and continue to refine our efforts to maximize donations and community outreach.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 81

MINNESOTA DELTA - UMN DULUTH

Submitted By: **Ricardo Gonzalez '22**

We held our Hunter's Pledge campaign at our university and had a great turnout! We partnered with the campus police and state patrol to raise awareness for distracted driving. We are looking forward to continuing the effort!

Chapter Size: 12

MINNESOTA GAMMA - MNSU MANKATO

Submitted By: **Alexander Cieniciwa '22**

We are proud to announce a semester filled with achievement, service, and brotherhood. We're honored to have been named Chapter of the Year at the MNSU, in recognition of the dedication, leadership, and unity that defines our chapter. We made significant strides toward completing the Phi Psi 500, logging hundreds of volunteer hours through impactful service both on campus and in the greater Twin Cities community. One of our proudest moments was joining fellow Greek organizations in raising over \$10,000 for Gillette Children's Hospital. Through collaborative events and passionate outreach, we contributed to a cause that brings real hope and healing to children and families. As always, our chapter remains committed to the core values of Phi Kappa Psi — honor, integrity, and service. We're proud of the work we've done and excited to continue building a legacy of impact and brotherhood. Live Ever. Die Never.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 33

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MISSOURI ALPHA - MISSOURI

Submitted By: John Perna '22

This past semester, our chapter has seen major growth and success. Our commitment to service was reflected in two philanthropy events, both supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and raising a total of \$2,000. We also organized a community clean-up at the MKT Trail. Academically, 56 brothers made the Dean's List, and we achieved a chapter GPA of 3.26. On the national level, six brothers attended the Phi Psi Explore Program in New York, connecting with alumni in real estate and construction. Recruitment efforts are already underway for next semester, and we're excited about the potential of future members. With momentum in all areas — growth, service, academics, and involvement — we're looking forward to continued success.

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Chapter Size: 162

NEBRASKA ALPHA - NEBRASKA

Submitted By: Jack Tyrrell '24

The spring semester was massive for Nebraska Alpha; in the spring, we were luckily able to continue to grow as we successfully initiated four new members. This year, our chapter excelled in the classroom as we had a very successful scholarship banquet, which allowed us to acknowledge brothers who thrived this academic year. The first week of April, we hosted Hunter's Fund on campus and hosted Phi Psi Sundaes which were both very successful. To end the semester, we hosted our Chicago Formal, where we were able to go explore Chicago, and have a beautiful ride on a boat in the Mississippi River. This year has been amazing, but we are all very excited for the future as we plan to expand the lovely brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi!

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Initiations: 5
Chapter Size: 48

OKLAHOMA ALPHA - OKLAHOMA

Submitted By: Cole Pearson '23

Throughout this semester, Oklahoma Alpha achieved tremendous accomplishments. We gained four new spring members and with a goal of six next spring, we will be set up for

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success. We held the biggest philanthropy event the chapter has had in 20 years. We raised over \$7,000 for the Toby Keith Foundation, which supports the housing of pediatric cancer patients in Oklahoma. Overall, this spring semester has been a tremendous success, and we look forward to what the future brings to our chapter.

Initiations: 4
Chapter Size: 19

TEXAS ALPHA - TEXAS

Submitted By: Brayden Savage '24

This spring, Texas Alpha was proud to celebrate the graduation of 38 seniors, each of whom has left a lasting impact on our brotherhood. We also hosted our annual Talladega Nights party, which was headlined by Shane Smith and the Saints. Additionally, we were able to host a philanthropy comedy night featuring Kill Tony, with over 300 people in attendance, and raised over \$10,000 for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).

Initiations: 13
Chapter Size: 141

TEXAS BETA - TEXAS TECH

Submitted By: Landon Overmyer '23

Texas Beta established recruitment goals of 30-40 high-quality, values-aligned members for next semester, and will be implementing an organized approach with a formal management system. We have multiple levels of leadership roles within recruitment operations for increased accountability and efficiency. Our major events include: Mom & Dad's Weekend, Phi Psi 500 (a philanthropy week with five distinct events), Alumni Weekend and Alumni Induction Ceremony. Each event ranged from 50-200 attendees. The Alumni Induction Ceremony honored graduating seniors and formally welcomed them into the lifelong brotherhood, reinforcing the chapter's alumni relations and long-term engagement. We would like to highlight some of our outstanding members: Housing Chair **Mason Peyres '23** (4.0 GPA) provided extensive support across multiple executive functions and played a key role in chapter event logistics and

housing upgrades. Vice President **Reagan Vilmer '22** (3.6 GPA) is a financial advising intern at Avidian Wealth Solutions and member of the Personal Financial Planning Association. Chapter President **Landon Overmyer** (3.7 GPA) is a member of the Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization and successfully executed his first business venture. IFC President **Corbin Adcox '22** (4.0 GPA) is an investment banking intern at Westlake Securities and audit intern at Ernst & Young.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 65

TEXAS EPSILON - SFA

Submitted By: Owen Gough '21

Texas Epsilon had a wonderful time with our university police department talking about the risks associated with drugs and alcohol. Thank you to Officer Alvarez for spending time with us!

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 15

TEXAS ZETA - HCU

Submitted By: Joshua White '22

The brothers of Texas Zeta held their annual Super Bowl Watch Party, as the Eagles took down the Chiefs, with a new all-time high in attendance!

Initiations: 2
Chapter Size: 9

TEXAS ETA - TEXAS A&M

Submitted By: Lucas Ankeny '24

Texas Eta plans to operate out of a new house next fall. Our chapter has hosted Phi Psi Live, a concert benefiting our philanthropy for the third straight semester. Our philanthropy, Hunter's Fund continues to see much success at Texas A&M, ranking in the top six among all chapters in pledge cards signed. Texas Eta has also remained active in school events such as Chillifest, The Big Event, as well as numerous sports tailgates.

Initiations: 4
Chapter Size: 34

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ARIZONA BETA - ASU

Submitted By: Danny Piacquadio '24

A few goals of ours include maintaining a full chapter house. We currently have all the documents signed and needed. Our goal for recruitment is to have roughly a class of 40 to 50. On Sunday, April 26, 2025, we had our senior sendoff dinner with a catered meal, a ceremony for seniors, and chapter superlatives. We also had an event with a student organization named Devil Dogs. It was a tailgate with food and yard games, and we really got to play with some cool pups that are ready to get adopted. We also had our March Madness fundraiser where we raised over \$1,200. Then our mental health chair won a \$1,000 grant from a foundation located here at ASU to prioritize mental health in fraternities across campus.

Initiations: 10
Chapter Size: 103

CALIFORNIA BETA - STANFORD

Submitted By: Henry Boeschen '24

California Beta is having one of its most active quarters yet. We've welcomed 30 wonderful new members and are rolling out a packed schedule of events — both for our chapter and the wider campus. From community-building on campus to chapter trips, we're focused on making great things happen for the brothers.

Initiations: 30
Chapter Size: 91

CALIFORNIA GAMMA - UC BERKELEY

Submitted By: Ethan Routhier '23

This semester, the Cal Gamma chapter proudly welcomed 17 new members into our brotherhood. As we look ahead to the fall, our goal is to grow our incoming class even further, while continuing to foster strong, values-driven leadership and maintaining our commitment to academic and personal excellence. We successfully raised close to \$10,000 for various charitable organizations this spring,



thanks to creative fundraising events and strong community partnerships. Our primary fundraising efforts centered around a series of band nights hosted at the chapter house, featuring performances by student artists, including an all-Phi Psi band — Hose — which was a crowd favorite. These events drew significant campus attention and were organized in collaboration with multiple student groups and philanthropic partners. We're proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of several brothers this semester: **Ryan Ezhari '23** will be continuing his academic journey at UC Davis Law School. His leadership and commitment have left a lasting impact on Cal Gamma. **Kris Lee '24** secured a prestigious role with Bank of America, a testament to his hard work and perseverance through the recruitment process. **Arjun Dawar '23** has accepted a position with LEK Consulting, and we couldn't be prouder of his dedication and success. These brothers embody the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi, and their accomplishments reflect the values we strive to uphold as a chapter. Our goals for next semester are clear: Continue to strengthen the bonds within our brotherhood, deepen our philanthropic relationships, and build on this semester's momentum to welcome an even larger fall class. And above all, live out the values of Phi Kappa Psi in every aspect of our lives — on campus, in the community, and beyond.

Initiations: 17
Chapter Size: 89

CALIFORNIA EPSILON - UCLA

Submitted By: Ashton Peasley '23

This academic year, we initiated a total of 44 new members across fall and winter quarters. Looking ahead, our goal is to continue a successful recruitment process with an emphasis on quality over quantity. We're committed to extending bids to individuals who align with our chapter's values and long-term vision. This year, we launched our new signature philanthropy event, Phi Psi Live, a concert featuring local UCLA bands. The event



brought together students from across campus and successfully raised several thousand dollars for the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica. Due to its success, we are planning another Phi Psi Live this quarter, with proceeds going toward wildfire relief efforts following recent fires in the Los Angeles area. We're proud to recognize several brothers for their exceptional achievements this year. Two of our sophomores founded academic organizations on campus — one focused on Quantitative Finance and the other on Medical and Surgical Education. Each club's executive board includes multiple Phi Psi brothers alongside other UCLA students, reflecting strong cross-campus engagement. Their initiative, leadership, and commitment have elevated our chapter's academic presence and set a powerful example for future members.

Initiations: 12
Chapter Size: 112

UC SANTA BARBARA COLONY

Submitted By: Sam Cerrillo-Contreras '23

The spring quarter has started off strong for Cal Zeta. After our brothers came back from spring break, we kicked off with spring Rush, then held several events, including a beach cleanup and a car wash. We are currently holding our philo week, raising money for Hunter's Pledge. Our biggest event so far was a successful alumni weekend, where we welcomed back over 80 alumni from our chapter, including several of our original founding fathers from 1964. Our active brothers were able to make many connections and learn about the history of our chapter, while our alumni got to know the men who are bringing their Fraternity back on campus. We are excited to hold more alumni events in the future and continue growing as a Fraternity.

Chapter Size: 26

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CALIFORNIA ETA - CAL POLY

Submitted By: Trevor Sato '23

This spring, the Cal Eta Chapter welcomed 10 new members, bringing energy and momentum into our brotherhood. We hosted our annual boxing philanthropy event, drawing over 500 attendees and raising \$12,000 for Jack's Helping Hand. Brothers also participated in a local beach cleanup in partnership with Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (ECOSLO), reinforcing our commitment to service.

Initiations: 10
Chapter Size: 62

CALIFORNIA THETA - CSUN

Submitted By: Ailton Velasquez '24

Energy is surging through our brothers in one of our most electrifying semesters yet! We want to share that we have broken the record in brother recruitment for a spring semester since 2020. With exemplary brothers newly initiated we hope to keep our foot on the gas and continue to grow our brotherhood. We as well want to highlight one of our brothers Justin Mandujano '23 for displaying his great determination and relentless work ethic in training and completing the 2025 Los Angeles Marathon; the qualities he displayed in achieving his completion are some that every Phi Psi should strive for. We also want to recognize one of our seniors Louis Hernandez '22 for his inspiring active career here at Cal Theta as a leader and brother, we wish him well in his career after college. Lastly, we are proud to present that we took home the gold in three separate sorority philanthropies raising money for various nonprofits all while displaying good sportsmanship and unity.

Initiations: 11
Chapter Size: 41



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CALIFORNIA KAPPA - UC IRVINE

Submitted By: Adam Walters '23

Cal Kappa won an SFL Award for Excellence in Membership Development. We spoke on how we get new members to feel valued and supported by each member by hosting brotherhood events after initiation as well as going on a retreat to really incorporate them into their new brotherhood. Our Philanthropy Week (May 5-9), focused on the Boys & Girls Clubs of America as well as raising awareness for distracted driving. All seven sororities on campus participated in week-long activities to raise money.

Chapter Size: 15

OREGON ALPHA - OREGON

Submitted By: Arvin Kharrazi '23

This past semester, the Brothers of Oregon Alpha initiated 5 new members and hopes to grow to 70 members by the end of the fall 2025 semester. We raised over \$1,500 for the Hunter's Fund, and we hosted our Safe Driving Week in May! Additionally, many of the brothers at Oregon Alpha have been getting involved with the Mentoring Advantage Program, and we would love to see some more mentors from Oregon Alpha. Lastly, shoutout to the last members of the original founders' class who helped rebuild and recharter Oregon Alpha, Tyler Bird '21, Ryan Vandenberg '21, Sungjin Park '21, and Ethan Burnham '21 — thank you, gentlemen, so much for the time and effort you have put in for Phi Kappa Psi Oregon Alpha. Have fun as you head away from the University of Oregon!

Initiations: 5
Chapter Size: 50

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OREGON BETA - OREGON STATE

Submitted By: Riley Fauth '23

During the spring term we recruited 12 potential new members. After initiating 34 new members in the fall this school year, we expect to increase that to 40 new members initiated in the fall of next year. We hosted a car wash at our chapter house this spring, which was our third philanthropy of the year. Without a final total at the time of submission, we are expecting to raise around \$1,000 dollars.

Initiations: 8
Chapter Size: 117

WASHINGTON ALPHA - WASHINGTON

Submitted By: Javier Cruz '24

We recently signed two new guys for the 2025-2026 school year. We have a few more that are coming to the house to tour and get to know us better to see if they would like to join the brotherhood. We are currently getting things ready and set for our philanthropy event, Phi Psi Spike, and we had a joint feed with amazing ladies of Chi Omega on May 6, 2025. Brother Ryien Bagheri '23 is our current brother of the month! We went to Vancouver, B.C. for our spring formal.

Initiations: 6
Chapter Size: 62

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YOUR
CHAPTER
IS DOING!**



*** NOTE:** Initiations = reported spring 2025; Chapter Size = new + active members

MEET YOUR NEW DISTRICT ARCHONS

During the recent District Council meetings — held over two weekends in July at six different locations — these fine, young gentlemen were elected by their peers to serve for the 2025-27 term. Join us in congratulating them, and please encourage their efforts as they dedicate their time and effort to our noble Fraternity.

District I: Jordan Schaffer URI '23

Hometown: Lexington, Massachusetts

Major: Finance, Business Analytics and Intelligence



When Brother Schaffer joined Phi Psi, he quickly realized it was so much more than making friends and having something to do on the weekends. He discovered a community. "My brothers and this Fraternity have made me the man I am today. I'm proud of that," Jordan said. Within each chapter there's a unique culture, and

Jordan looks forward to expanding his knowledge of chapters outside his own. He is eager to connect chapters in his district to people and resources they need to be successful. In his spare time, Jordan enjoys lacrosse, lifting and skiing.

District II: Case Mongold Capital '23

Hometown: Shelby, Ohio

Major: Political Science



Brother Mangold joined Phi Psi because of the strong sense of brotherhood within the chapter, and he wanted to be part of that shared connection. Case looks forward to extending his connections by getting to know all of the chapters and alumni associations and hearing about their plans, successes, and challenges. The person who has made the biggest impact in his life is his father who always encouraged him to be involved and do his best. "Whether it was scouting, school sports, or now the Fraternity he supports me in what I do," Case said. In his downtime, Case likes to read and especially enjoys "The Lord of the Rings."

District III: Vance Menapace Purdue '23

Hometown: Carmel, Indiana

Major: Computer Science



Part of why Brother Menapace joined Phi Psi is the idea of a self-governing organization — where members aren't just passive participants but leaders who shape the chapter's future — was appealing. He is excited to work closely with both undergraduates and alumni — listening to their needs, sharing resources, and building

connections that empower every chapter to reach its full potential. Vance's father has always been a model of hard work, dedication, and quiet leadership. "His example is a daily reminder of the importance of drive, integrity, and supporting others. I try to bring those same values into every role I take on, including serving as Archon," Vance shared.

District IV: Quinn McNomee Alabama '23

Hometown: Annapolis, Maryland

Major: Marketing



Brother McNomee looks forward to being a reliable and approachable point of contact for anyone who needs support. His goal is to build strong relationships and ensure that every chapter feels heard, supported, and connected. Quinn shared a personal reflection on the best

advice he has ever received: "Control what you can control. Have fun." This saying holds deep meaning within our chapter. It was a motto written on the wall of our beloved brother Colin LeMoine '23, who passed away. His words continue to guide us every day. They remind us that while life can be unpredictable, focusing on what's within our control and keeping a positive outlook is what matters most. No matter what challenges come our way, we carry Colin's message with us — to stay grounded, clear-minded, and to keep moving forward with purpose and joy."

District V: Alex Payne Texas Tech '24

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Major: Finance



The best advice Brother Payne has received is, "Hard work beats talent every time." He looks forward to meeting new people as he serves his district and plans to put his work ethic to use helping others strive for their best. Alex relies on the impact of his relationship with God and is dedicated to the Phi Psi brotherhood. He also enjoys golf, and his favorite book/movie is "Beautiful Boy."

District VI: Adam Darvishian Oregon '24

Hometown: Simi Valley, California

Major: Advertising



Brother Darvishian joined when his chapter was just a year into its recharter, and he was sold on the idea of being part of something new. "Knowing I could have an impact on something that would last for future brothers really motivated me," Adam said. He excited for the opportunity to build new connections, support the needs of the district, and make a positive impact beyond his own chapter. Seems Adam lives out the best advice he's ever been given: "If you stop trying new things, stop asking questions, and stop stepping out of your comfort zone, your life will become stuck, boring, and lifeless." In his free time, Adam enjoys college and professional football, cooking, reading and camping.

DEPUTY ARCHONS

These gentlemen also were elected to serve at the ready if the District Archon is unable to fulfill his obligation.



District I:
Emmett Hillman
Saint Joseph's '24



District IV:
Aidan Mahoney
Florida State '24



District II:
Chris Williams
Allegheny '24



District V:
Andrew Bohnsack
Texas '23



District III:
Nick Steinke
Miami '24



District VI:
Henry Boeschen
Stanford '24

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

As Phi Kappa Psi continues to expand to new campuses and strengthen its existing chapters, the need for dedicated alumni volunteers is more important than ever. Our volunteers serve as the foundation of the Fraternity, supporting the personal and professional development of undergraduate members and helping shape experiences that last a lifetime.

Whether you can offer a few hours each week, month, or year, there's a meaningful way for you to contribute. If you're interested in volunteering and making a difference in the lives of our undergraduates, please email us at alumni@phikappapsi.com.

Chapter Advisor Needs

California Delta (USC)

California Epsilon (UCLA)

Georgia Alpha (Georgia)

Illinois Alpha (Northwestern)

Illinois Delta (Illinois)

Illinois Zeta (DePaul)

Michigan Beta (Michigan State)

New York Iota (Binghamton)

New York Kappa (SUNY Oneonta)

New York Theta (RIT)

Ohio Iota (Akron)

Ohio Xi (Capital)

Texas Epsilon (SFA)



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170 Years of Pennsylvania Beta

Pennsylvania Beta, Phi Kappa Psi's oldest continuously operating chapter, recently marked an extraordinary milestone — 170 years since its



chartering! To commemorate the occasion, Director of Alumni Associations & Archivist Timothy Tangen *UMN Duluth '03*, visited Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, to join the festivities. During the event, Brother Tangen explored the extensive Phi Psi collections — from both the chapter and the college — housed in the campus library. He also met

with undergraduate brothers whose professionalism and commitment were evident in their successful hosting of the celebration. Their effort and poise reflected the enduring legacy of Pennsylvania Beta.

Orlando Alumni Club

Calling All Brothers in Central Florida



Dolvin

A new alumni club has been organized in the greater Orlando area, and they want to connect with you! If you're interested in gathering with fellow Phi Psis for camaraderie, drinks, and good times, reach out to Brother Andy Dolvin *Wittenberg '09* at andrewdolvin@gmail.com or (330) 704-5139.

If you would like to join or start an Alumni Club or Association in your region, visit phikappapsi.com/alumni or email alumni@phikappapsi.com.

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Join the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation Board of Trustees in congratulating the 2025 National Scholarship recipients.

Awards totaling **\$144,413** will support **55 Phi Psis** as they pursue academic and career goals.

These brothers excel in the areas of academics, chapter leadership and campus involvement. They show exemplary leadership on and off campus and service to others.

BEN KING AWARD

Maxwell Muldoon *Virginia* '23

FOUNDERS GRADUATE AWARD

Robert "Bobby" Kaufman *URI* '05

Lucas "Luke" Unver *Denison* '19

JERRY NELSON AWARD

Matthieu Fayet-Faber *UCLA* '24

PHILLIP CORNELIUS AWARD

Hunter Vincent *Capital* '22

PRIDE AWARD

Andrew Benecchi *Georgia* '19

RALPH D. "DUD" DANIEL AWARD

Drew Noonan *Texas* '24

Aiden Yaphe *Virginia* '24

RUDDICK C. LAWRENCE AWARD

Joshua Brown *Capital* '24

Nicholas Rohlwing *Illinois* '22

SCHROEDER FAMILY FINANCE AWARD

Nicholas McCoy *Illinois* '22

OLON E. SUMMERFIELD AWARDS

Alexander Midura *UCLA* '22

Frederick Dehmel *UC Berkeley* '24

Bryan Wright *Purdue* '23

Luke Zaric *Indiana* '23

Jacob Gerson *Clemson Colony*

WILLIAM H. BLANNING GRADUATE AWARD

Nathanael Smith *Alabama* '22

Robert Hock *Michigan State* '15

WILLIAM R. WALKER AWARD

Colin Maradik *LSU* '24

WINSTON R. "WIN" TATE AWARD

Greyson Gailey *Texas Tech* '21

Matthew Daniel *Vanderbilt* '24

DISTRICT I SCHOLARSHIPS

Anthony Doyle *Saint Joseph's* '24

Antonio Arena *Lafayette* '22

Araan Joseph de Saram *F&M* '24

Luke Kest *Delaware* '22

DISTRICT II SCHOLARSHIPS

Ragy Ebid *Johns Hopkins* '23

Nicholas Martinez *Johns Hopkins* '19

Steven Solar *Johns Hopkins* '23

Case Mongold *Capital* '23

DISTRICT III RECIPIENTS

Caiden Jeffries *Wabash* '23

Owen Dougherty *Illinois* '23

Jackson Miller *Wittenberg* '23

Dakota Stacy *Wabash* '23

DISTRICT IV SCHOLARSHIPS

Brett Thibodeaux *UL Lafayette* '22

Saaraim Nunez *W&L* '24

Zachary Woloff *Clemson Colony*

Vincent Nucatola *FSU* '24

DISTRICT V SCHOLARSHIPS

Brayden Bresler *Missouri* '23

Max Simmons *Iowa* '22

Joseph Wagner *Missouri* '22

Luke Werthmann *Iowa State* '21

DISTRICT VI SCHOLARSHIPS

Braden Weiss *UCLA* '22

Jonathan Joseph *Washington* '22

Ryan Ezhari *UC Berkeley* '23

Max Prezeau *UCLA* '23

Ready for Life

If you are interested in volunteering this upcoming academic year to review scholarship applications for the Phi Psi Foundation, contact the Director of Scholarship & Grant Programs Angel Johnson-Brebner at angel.johnson-brebner@pkpfoundation.org.



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The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation's impact on member lives continues to expand, driven by the generosity of our members, families, and friends.

With every gift, you make it possible for the Foundation to continue awarding scholarships and fellowships, investing in leadership programming, and providing educational grants that foster positive, values-based living and learning environments. Thank you to those who invested in the Foundation in 2024.

Below is a snapshot of where resources were allocated, but we invite you to view the full 2024 Impact Report at pkpfoundation.org/impact-report.



SCHOLARSHIPS,
FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS
\$494,141



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMING
NELSON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
\$313,497



HOUSING
EDUCATIONAL AREA GRANTS
\$169,763



PROGRAM
FACILITATION EXPENSES
\$1,108,713

TOTAL 2024 IMPACT
\$2,086,114

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The Art of Surgery and the Privilege of Mentoring: *Strive* TO BE MEN FOR OTHERS

By Lori Roberts

For over half a century, Dr. Thomas Helling *Kansas '66* has wielded the surgeon's scalpel. But his perspective extends far beyond the operating room. Add a decade serving in the U.S. Army, and it's no surprise that Helling has authored several books exploring the history of medicine in military combat zones.

Helling, 77, also has a rich family history with the Phi Kappa Psi brotherhood. He's a dad and a grandfather of *Kansas Alpha* legacies: his son, Thomas Helling Jr. *Kansas '92*, and grandson, Jack Young *Kansas '19*.

Helling credits the Fraternity with keeping him grounded as an undergraduate.

"I liked the guys there," he said. "I thought it was a good place for young freshmen to be sort of isolated from some of the weird stuff that happens on college campuses. We had strict rules for studying. You knew you were going to be OK."

Ask him about his medical career, though, and he'll take you on a trip that starts in Kansas City, discovers a passion for teaching and continues to this day as a part-time surgeon with the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

A Medical Prescription

There's no dramatic story behind Helling's decades in medicine, no childhood epiphany of wanting to cure the incurable. His entry was a fortunate detour. His brother's aspiration to become a doctor sounded interesting to a young Helling, a spark that illuminated his path.

"It just gelled with me," Helling recalled. "I don't think it was something spiritual. It seemed to be a fun activity that was intellectually challenging."

After graduating from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Helling attended the University of Kansas for undergrad and medical school. His training took him to Denver for surgical and back to Kansas City to set up a practice and become a faculty member at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine. After a stint in Pennsylvania, he landed at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where he served as head of general surgery



and director of the surgery residency program.

Along the way, Helling married and had twins. He remarried in 2001 and gained a stepdaughter with his wife, Kelly.

Two passions define his medical career: the art of surgery and the privilege of mentoring young physicians.

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"I think surgeons actually share a more intimate relationship with their patients than other specialties," Helling said. "You're opening the skin and diving into those areas that have been labeled the soul, mind and spirit. We're not a standoffish, aloof kind of physician. We are mechanics in a way, but that doesn't mean that we disregard the human being. The human being isn't just a machine."

A lifelong practicing Catholic, he said one of his motivations for pursuing medicine was to understand death. Fifty years later, he admitted his work has only deepened the mystery.

Despite the miseries he has witnessed, his faith and his religion have held strong.

"I've developed compassion for those who suffer," Helling said. "It's not a religious thing — it's shared humanity and the shared experience of life."

Writing the Story of Medicine and Military

Helling's education timeline meant he missed the Vietnam War draft. But Army recruiters kept calling. When the Gulf War broke out in 1991, he joined the

Army Medical Corps. The conflict was winding down, but he felt a duty to serve after receiving educational deferments. He spent time at military schools and Army medical centers before his honorable discharge in 2000 as a lieutenant colonel.

"I'm very proud of that service. I think it was an insightful experience," Helling said.

As a physician and surgeon, Helling has authored or co-authored more than 100 medical publications. A paper on a military surgery topic evolved into a deeper project. After diving into research at the National Archives and talking to Army historians, he published his first book, "Desperate Surgery in the Pacific War: Doctors and Damage Control for American Wounded, 1941-1945." Three more followed, exploring medicine in the Civil War, World War I and later conflicts in the 20th century.

His books touch on the challenges of battlefield medicine, from the Civil War, where soldiers died from camp sickness as well as battle wounds, to the World Wars, where surgeons and physicians understood the importance of timely medical care on the

battlefield. Weapons were evolving, but so was military medicine, adding blood transfusions, radiology and mobile surgical ships.

"Our soldiers, sailors and airmen and women deserve the best care possible," Helling said. "How early can you get that patient to surgeons, and how quickly can you get them taken care of?"

His latest book touches more on the spiritual. "The Healers: Physicians, Spiritualists and Shamans in the Search for Holistic Health" takes a closer look at the history of addressing the body's physical and the spiritual ailments. Helling has seen a similar evolution in his own career.

"I've become more compassionate and more concerned about what I'm putting

people through," Helling said. "Obviously, there are some cases where surgery is pretty clear cut. Acute appendicitis, cancer, you have to do something. But, there are other conditions that are more elective, and you begin to appreciate that surgery damages the body, and in some cases you may never recover. What will surgery do to them? Will they be better overall or worse?"

He aims to impart this wisdom to the next generation of doctors.

Helling certainly isn't spending his days hanging out in a recliner with his remote control in his hand. Being an author has its challenges, he said. Writing a book is one thing; selling the book is another. But he probably has a few more books in him.

"Of course I do, but they're probably like little eggs in an ovary," Helling said. "They're probably waiting to get fertilized."

Do you have a medical career or work in healthcare? Let us know: marketing@phikappapsi.com.



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Would you like to write a story about one of your Brothers?

Did you serve in the military?

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Thomas Helling, in his own words

Dr. Thomas Helling's career as a physician, healer and author has given him insights as only real-life experiences can. We wanted to share a few that didn't make it into his story.

On pledging Phi Kappa Psi:

"You always remember your pledge training with all the hassling. I thought it was all tongue-in-cheek, but they wanted you to feel special in the end. You wanted to feel like you've been through something. As long as you made your grades and you weren't a complete dork, it was something you could be proud of."

On medical breakthroughs:

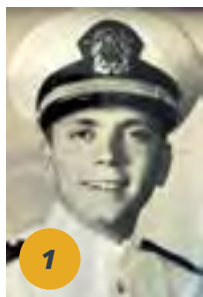
"The biggest major surgical advance I've seen is laparoscopic surgery. One of the most common operations in this country is gallbladder surgery. Laparoscopic surgery has changed that from a larger incision requiring three or four days in the hospital to an outpatient operation. You can talk about liver transplants and heart transplants and other types of exotic surgeries, but you're talking about only a small number of patients. The most impact is the one that affects the largest number of patients."

On living in the Midwest:

"I like the fact that there's a good work ethic here. The people I train are hardworking men and women. They are in no way aspiring to climb any academic ladder or climb over anybody's back to succeed. They are just basic hardworking people. They want to serve their community. I think that's the major attraction of Midwest living. I think we produce fine, grounded individuals who have a desire to be a good neighbor and be of service, to care about people in need. Like they told us at Rockhurst High School, 'Strive to be men for others.'"

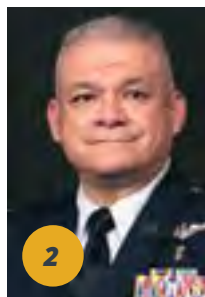
★ IN THE MILITARY ★

Thank you, Brothers, for your service! We want to hear about your military experience. Please use the QR code below to submit your info.



Arizona Alpha - Arizona

Lt. Roy M. (Milt) Lynnes Jr. '53 served in the U.S. Navy from 1957-61. During that time, he was deployed overseas for three years. Lynnes was stationed in the northern Pacific on the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line (a system of radar stations), searching for Russian submarines.



California Theta - CSUN

Major Peter Leon II '90 served in the U.S. Navy and Air Force from 1998-2018. Based out of California, Brother Leon was deployed overseas multiple times.

Delaware Alpha - Delaware

Perry Smith '21, a recent graduate, commissioned into the U.S. Air Force. He had the privilege of receiving his first salute from chapter brother, **Connor Atkinson '21**. Smith will be entering active duty as a contract specialist officer. Senior Airman Atkinson will continue to serve in the USAF as a fireman.

Indiana Beta - Indiana

1st Lt. David Gelb '61 served in the U.S. Army from 1965-69.

Louisiana Gamma - Loyola

Major Kerry Lewis '93 served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy along with the Georgia and Louisiana Army National Guard. Brother Lewis served from 1994-2021 and spent six months deployed to the Middle East. He received several commendations, including the Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement, Marine Good Conduct,



National Defense, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Award, and the Army Unit Commendation Award.

New York Eta - Buffalo

PFC James Oppedisano '06 served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2001-05, during which time he spent six months in Iraq.

Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

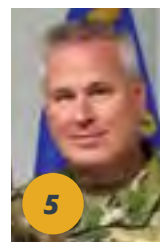
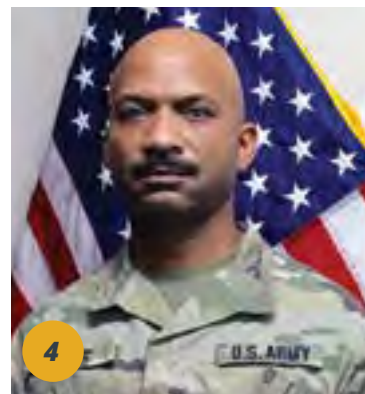
LTC Greer Illingworth '02 has been serving the U.S. Army since 2011 and currently serves in the U.S. Army Reserves Judge Advocate General's Corps. During his service, Illingworth served a year overseas deployed in Afghanistan. His distinctions include: Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Service Medal, Afghan Campaign, Global War on Terrorism Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, Airborne, and Air Assault.

Ohio Epsilon - CWRU

Cpl. Tejasvin Shrikanth '24 served in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) from 2021-23. Brother Tejasvin was posted to Supply Base East, Base Headquarters, and Manpower Branch as a Base Supply Assistant (Generic). During his tenure, he was part of the media team and was involved in video editing, photography, and graphic design.

Ohio Eta - Toledo

Capt. Richard E. Bush '60 served in the U.S. Army from 1969-71. He was deployed to Vietnam for a year, working in the medical



corps in a MASH unit. His brave service earned him a Bronze Star.

CMSgt. Paul J. Martin '91 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1988-2025, during which he spent six months stationed at Incirlik Airbase, Turkey. His distinctions include: Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Achievement Medal.

Pennsylvania Eta - F&M

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert C. Houston '58 served our country in the U.S. Army from 1961-99.

Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt

Major Chuck Higgins '67 served in the U.S. Army from 1971-91 and spent time in West Germany.

Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Col. Bob Bayless '67 served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970-2000, and during his tenure spent two years in Vietnam. Some of his commendations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Virginia Beta - W&L

Capt. Michael Holifield '86 served in the U.S. Navy from 1992-2025. Three of those years were spent overseas — six months each in Iraq and Afghanistan and two years in Italy. His distinctions include: Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and Navy Achievement Medal.



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Mission ACCOMPLISHED

By Joe Gombach

"I bought into Phi Psi completely from the beginning – the brotherhood, camaraderie, prevailing ethos, emphasis on gentlemanly virtues and, of course, the parties. I pledged because I liked the brothers, loved the chapter house and chapel, and believed (correctly) that Phi Psi was the best Fraternity." Anyone reading this would likely say something similar, but how many would be willing to leave their chapter and start all over somewhere new?



Hague

Retired Brig. Gen. David C. Hague *Florida '67 (WVU '63)* was a sophomore when he answered an appeal from the national headquarters to start a Phi Psi colony at the University of Florida. A native West Virginian, he wasn't looking to transfer or leave his friends behind.

The mission to build a new Phi Psi chapter and spread the Fraternity's values was what appealed to Hague, and he has never shied away from a call to service. "I live with energy, a certain amount of style, enthusiasm and humility. Being a Phi Psi and a Marine makes humility difficult."

After meeting with Executive Director Dud Daniel *Arizona '47* and Dr. Louis D. Corson *WVU '34* over dinner at the Pittsburgh airport, Hague accepted the challenge. He left his home state, transferred schools and started the hard work of establishing a new colony, entirely on his own, in the fall of 1964.

"I sallied forth with missionary zeal to create a chapter like West Virginia Alpha at the University of Florida," Hague said.

One of the brothers Hague recruited in those early years was Joel Aptaker *Florida '67*. Their first conversation nearly 60 years ago began a lifelong friendship. This article was Aptaker's idea. "David's a great husband, great father and great friend," Aptaker said. "He's just too good a guy not to have something written about him."

Florida Beta received its charter in April 1967. Hague graduated that spring, at the height of the Vietnam War. He said Phi Psi taught him that the "formula for success was setting and maintaining exact standards and creating a loyal and supportive brotherhood. I looked for a similar organization when Uncle Sam called for help. The Marine Corps filled the bill."

Hague took another important step in life before the year was out. He got married.

"I became a husband and Marine at the same time," he said. "Everything I have accomplished since has been possible only

because of the love and support of my wife, Carolyn, and our two children, Stephen and Ashley."

Hague deployed to Vietnam in 1968-69 and served in a variety of combat roles as an artillery officer. His long, distinguished military career was only beginning.

Once back stateside, he attended law school at West Virginia University while continuing to serve as a reserve officer. He then returned to active duty as a judge advocate and later attained master's degrees from Georgetown and the Naval War College.

Throughout his career in the Marines, Hague took on a number of roles. He spent six years in the courtroom as prosecutor, defense counsel and military judge. He was the Marine Corps public affairs officer in New York City, head of the Marine Corps worldwide legal assistance program, executive officer of the Naval Justice School, and senior legal advisor at Quantico and Okinawa.

While at Quantico, Hague oversaw the resolutions of two high-profile cases: the Tailhook sexual assault scandal and the Lonetree espionage case.

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Hague retired in 1998 as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy for Military Justice, but he was recalled to active duty several times. In 2001, he chaired the National Security Case Commission, served as Counsel for the Secretary of Defense Interrogation Special Focus Team in 2004, and was the General Counsel of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Hague also has worked extensively with the American Bar Association to promote service members' interests, participating in programs to address domestic violence, at-risk youth and re-employment rights.

As military deployments increased during the War on Terror, Hague spearheaded the ABA's effort to enlist the civilian legal community to assist military members and families with their personal legal affairs.

He's still involved in the military community. "I stay informed and occasionally participate in events such as a dinner last week in Washington honoring Gary Sinise," he said.

Hague is also active in the Phi Psi community. "I celebrate Founders Day every year with brothers from Florida Beta and recently joined an impressive group of brothers in Orlando for pizza and beer," he said. "A new alumni association is in the making. Email, text, phone calls and personal contact keep the Phi Psi spirit alive."

Do you have a brother's story you'd like to tell (or write)? Please let us know: marketing@phikappapsi.com.

FROM THE Archives

A STRONG HELPING HAND

Forever

By William Bierce Leahy Ohio State '62

I wrote these words as an undergraduate at The Ohio State University, where I was a brother in the Ohio Delta Chapter:

"AN endless chain of meaningless abstracts does not adequately dignify what has always been Phi Kappa Psi. Phi Kappa Psi is an outstretched hand, ready and cheerfully willing to help. It is a weary Brother from Nebraska receiving welcome lodging and comradeship from Brothers in Connecticut. It is a 75-mile ride to aid a Brother stranded on the highway. It is a Brother willing to share hardship and tears not his own. It is many voices singing to a happy sweetheart. It is the ache in your bones from cleaning up a house so it will look right.



Leahy

WHAT is Phi Kappa Psi? It is a humble apology and an understanding pat on the back. It is the pride of a Brother in someone else's accomplishment. It is an old man offering the light of wisdom and experience to a young man. It is a ride to any place at any time. It is a blood donation when you are sick. It is five dollars without question. It is California Delta, Ohio Epsilon, Connecticut Alpha, Florida Alpha, and Oklahoma Alpha — and all have kind words for the other.

WHAT is Phi Kappa Psi? It is a new pledge button and a loud High! High! High! It is a badge that makes men unashamed to say that love exists between them. It is a group of gentlemen to meet your parents and your special girl. It is a middle-aged man singing "Amici" again and getting goose pimples. It is old age with someone to make it ripe. It is a strong helping hand. Its grip is long and steadfast. It lasts forever."

I don't recall precisely when or why I wrote these words. They were published in *The Shield* (Vol. 8/No. 4/Summer 1965), no doubt due to the kindly offices of my fraternal benefactor, the legendary Executive Secretary Ralph D. "Dud" Daniel Arizona '47.

I do recall that the spirit of brotherhood I experienced in our Fraternity was my inspiration. I was overflowing with that spirit and had to express myself. In another illustration of that feeling, during the 1954 Cotton Bowl, Rice running back Dicky Moegle was sprinting for a sure touchdown when Alabama player Tommy Lewis shockingly leapt off the bench and tackled him. When asked why, Lewis replied, "I was just so full of Alabama." I know how he felt.

Having just moved to Ohio from suburban Chicago, I "parachuted" into a 40,000-student campus, knowing nobody. I pledged Phi Kappa Psi because I was struck by the extraordinary feeling the brothers had for each other. Wilmer

Charles Gangloff Jr. '60 became my Big Brother. As Wil placed the pin on my lapel and congratulated me, I said, "Thanks, Wolfgang." (Oops.)

A year before, my beloved 20-year-old brother and mentor had been killed in an auto accident. It would be wrong to say that Wil took David's place, but Wil gave me the wisdom, guidance, kindness and undying friendship an older brother would.

As a freshman, I attended the 1962 Grand Arch Council in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. I was astonished at how the national leaders were easily accessible even to a college freshman. They treated us like peers.

My game plan for Ohio State was to study and achieve high grades. Brother Bruce Ewing Jr. '59 had additional plans for me, persuading me to kick off my career as a campus leader. Why he selected me, I have no idea, but what happened thereafter exceeded my wildest imagination.

My junior year, I was Chapter GP. During my term, Rush was faltering. My predecessor, Brother Craig Stewart '61, had been a successful Rush chairman. I asked him to take over Rush again. His answer? "Sure, Bierce, when do you want me to start?" The pledges started rolling in.

On Nov. 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy was assassinated. It was a time of profound doubt, fear and mourning. As college students, we didn't know what to do, how to express our grief. The university scheduled a memorial service. Brother David Bailey '62 said, "We must all attend. We are all Americans." Every one of us did, dressed in suits and ties. Brother Bailey was the most devoted Republican in our Fraternity.

In my senior year, I met my future wife, Darlene, on a blind date arranged by Brother Bob Scott's girlfriend. I was contemporaneously dating another woman and couldn't decide which one to ask to the next party (in retrospect, very dumb). I wrestled with the momentous decision. Brother Kenneth Spicer '63, weary of my indecision, put their names in a Maxwell House coffee can. I drew Darlene's name, and we've been

together for 56 wonderful years, with four children and five grandchildren.

Brother Spicer later admitted, he had put two "Darlene" slips in the can.

More recently, Brother Fred Hegele '63 suggested I write about my military service for *The Shield*. Through the article, I've formed new friendships with Brothers David Hull Jr. *LSU '66* and Ben France *Penn State '14*.

So why am I telling you all this? In "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey considers his life meaningless until an angel shows how other lives would have been different without him.

What would my life have been without Brothers Gangloff, Daniel, Ewing, Stewart, Hegele, Bailey, Scott and Spicer? Not nearly as good. The thread that runs through this story is Phi Kappa Psi. I wrote about it as an undergraduate and would gladly write it again today.

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Loss of URI Graduate Brings Attention to Food Allergies

Timothy Howard URI '22 passed away from allergic reaction to peanuts; family and friends raise awareness to prevent similar tragedies.

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When Timothy “Timmy” Howard graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor’s degree in communications in May, it was a joyous moment for himself and his loved ones.

Just days later, tragedy struck when the 22-year-old passed away from an allergic reaction to peanuts while having a snack in his family’s home in Southborough, Massachusetts.

“He came in our room and woke us up, and said that he couldn’t breathe,” his father Tim Howard said. “At that point, everything unfolded in a matter of minutes.” Timmy’s parents called 911 and administered multiple epinephrine auto-injectors, commonly known as EpiPens, but the reaction was too far along.

“Timmy was on the cusp of just starting his life,” his mother Patty Howard said. “We appreciate the support we’ve received from the URI community, Timmy’s friends, and family during this very difficult time.”

With the blessing of his family, Timmy’s friends from URI’s Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity set up an online fundraiser on Give a Hand to benefit Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), the nation’s leading nonprofit organization dedicated to food allergy awareness, advocacy, research, and education. As of June 26, more than \$29,000 has been raised from 659 donors.

“It’s amazing how much money has been raised,” said Patty. “The response has been tremendous, and it’s much appreciated.”

One of Timmy’s closest Fraternity brothers, Kourosh Emami ’22, spearheaded the FARE fundraiser.

“Timmy taught me that goodness never has to be loud to be strong,” said Emami, who completed a bachelor’s degree from URI in biological sciences in May. “He was always there for me when I needed it most — not with big gestures or grand speeches, but with an unwavering presence and real listening. In a world — and especially a college environment — that is often dominated by the loudest voices, Timmy never chased attention. He didn’t need to. His authenticity and kindness spoke louder than words.”

Emami and fellow Fraternity brother Tyler Schultz ’22 lived with Timmy the last two years in a house they rented with others from their Fraternity pledge class.

“Timmy always had a smile on his face and never complained about anything,” said Schultz, a native of Livingston, New Jersey, who earned a bachelor’s degree from URI in business administration. “He loved to be with everyone but also knew when he needed time for himself. He taught me so much about



Phi Psi Brothers Howard, center, with Schultz, left, and Emami at URI graduation in May. (Photos courtesy of the Howard family)

myself and how to treat others. He meant so much to me, not just as a friend or a roommate, but almost like another brother.”

After Timmy’s death received media attention, people from all over the world reached out to the Howard family to express support.

“We’ve been contacted by parents who lost children in a similar way,” said Patty. “We need to come together to spread awareness about food allergies and try to influence positive changes, such as making it mandatory for EpiPens to be readily available in every school, camp, and first responder’s vehicle. Early detection is key and EpiPens are the best defense with a severe food allergy reaction. In Timmy’s situation, the EpiPens were not administered soon enough and could not stop his body from going into shock.”

Patty also emphasized the need to clarify common misconceptions about food allergies.

“Some myths can be dangerous, such as thinking Benadryl is just as good as an epinephrine auto-injector when it comes to stopping a severe allergic reaction,” said Patty. “Benadryl will never stop a severe anaphylaxis reaction. Many people also don’t realize that tree nuts and peanuts are two common, but separate food allergens. A peanut is a type of legume, such as beans and peas. They don’t necessarily have the same health properties as tree nuts. Classifying these nuts can be critical for people who have severe allergies.”

According to FARE, 33 million Americans have life-threatening food allergies, including one out of every 13 children. Peanut allergies are the most common food allergy in children under age 18 and the third-most common food allergy in adults.

“Hopefully we can get to the root cause of why food allergies are on the rise and come up with a device for early detection of a severe

anaphylactic reaction and eventually find a cure,” said Patty. “Not much has changed in my opinion in the 20 years our family has dealt with food allergies. There needs to be more done on diagnosis, early detection of an anaphylactic reaction, and access.”

That is what Patty and Timmy’s brothers at Phi Kappa Psi are hoping that funds raised will go to help.



Howard, wearing a Boston Bruins jersey, surrounded by his chapter brothers.

According to his family, joining Phi Kappa Psi enabled Timmy to form some of the closest friendships of his life.

“Timmy had an infectious smile, but he could be quiet and shy,” said Patty. “Joining the Fraternity helped him develop friendships. He loved hanging out with his frat brothers. He was authentic and genuine. When he spoke, people listened. He enjoyed having raw, authentic conversations.”

Timmy also loved sports, trips to the beach, watching movies, listening to music, and dancing when around his

friends. His peers fondly recall the fun times they had together, but Timmy’s thoughtful nature made a particular impression upon them.

“Timmy spoke so highly of his family, which is something you don’t always hear from guys our age,” said Jake Mullen ’22, a Warwick resident who is completing a bachelor’s degree in economics at URI. “When we met his family, they already knew who we were from the stories Timmy told them. That showed the type of person he was.”

Fraternity brother Jake Reda ’22 recollected a long, meaningful conversation he had with Timmy a week before graduation.

“He told me how he learned so much about himself throughout college and he’s finally content with who he is,” said Reda. “He was very excited about an internship he was going to do this summer. We talked about when we’d see each other after graduation and our upcoming plans. What stuck with me the most was that he wasn’t scared for the future; he was excited. He thanked the people he was close with for helping him find himself throughout college. Timmy will always be in my heart for as long as I live.”

In life, Timmy gave his heart to everyone. After his passing, his heart was given to save the life of a teenage boy. Along with his heart, his pancreas and two kidneys were donated to New England Donor Services to save the lives of others.

The FARE fundraiser will conclude soon, but the Howard family will establish a charitable gift foundation in Timmy’s name to continue his legacy of giving and to prevent other families from going through the same thing.

Learn more about food allergies and how to raise awareness: foodallergy.org.

Remembering Young Brothers

Tragically, and within a matter of months, Phi Psi is grieving the loss of three young men. Not only Timothy, but also Nico and Colin have entered Chapter Eternal. All from different chapters and places in their life journey, but all connected to and supported by their strong band of compassionate brothers.

Nicolas (Nico) Ramos-Estaban

Nicolas (Nico) Ramos-Estaban died on March 7, 2025, after contracting meningitis and battling the severe infection in the hospital for about a week.



Ramos-Estaban

Not yet an initiated member of Phi Psi, Nico still made quite an impact on Virginia Alpha. He was known for his kindness, generosity, happy-go-lucky spirit, and dedication to others. The chapter rallied in support of his family and started a GoFundMe page. Andrew Post ’24 collected hundreds of photos from Nico’s friends at UVA, printed and organized them in a binder as a keepsake for his family.

Hundreds of friends, family members, faculty, and students piled into the University of Virginia’s McIntire Amphitheater on the evening of March 19, to remember Nico. Those who knew him best say the first-year student was known for his kindness, his sense of humor, his faith, and a smile they could recognize anywhere.

One by one, Nico’s friends and family took the stage to share their memories of his life. The final speaker, Nico’s father, Jerome, urged the crowd to remember four letters: N, I, C, and O. Soon, the entire amphitheater was chanting Nico’s name.

“He was always excited to be around people,” said Matt Emerson, Nico’s Bible study leader and a member of UVA Campus Outreach. “Always had a huge smile on his face, and I think everybody talked about that.”

A devoted friend, son, and person of faith, Nico is gone too soon but never forgotten. N.I.C.O.

Colin LeMoine Alabama ’23

On Sunday March 23, 2025, Brother Colin LeMoine passed away at the age of 20.



LeMoine

He was a beloved member of Alabama Alpha and is sorely missed. Colin was the model of an excellent brother who could always put a smile on your face. He was there when you needed him most, was always the first to volunteer, and was one of the leading brothers of the chapter.

The following weekend, more than a thousand members of the UA community, family and friends gathered to celebrate Colin’s life. His roommates, close friends, and family spoke about how we were all lucky to know him and have him in our lives.

At the conclusion of the service, the brothers gathered around to sing “Amici” while Colin’s ashes were scattered. Colin’s sudden loss has strengthened the bonds of brotherhood and emphasized the significance of mental health.

In Colin’s memory, Alabama Alpha plans to work with on-campus organizations stressing the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.



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

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

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

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

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



Written by
John Henry Frizzell *Amherst 1898* and
Kent Christopher Owen *Indiana '58*.
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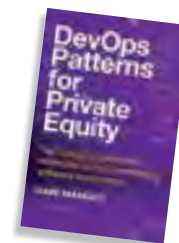
Arizona Alpha - Arizona

Roy M. (Milt) Lynnes Jr. *Arizona '53* is the author of "The Ad Game." The CEO of an ad agency dies suddenly but leaves no succession plan. The four surviving senior officers battle for the job in a fast-paced page turner. Available on Amazon.



Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins

In his book "DevOps Patterns for Private Equity," Dave Mangot '90 describes patterns that are common in technology organizations from the perspective of the international DevOps movement. By applying core principles, he gives practical advice to mature these organizations and maximize the value of software investments. Available on Amazon.



Missouri Alpha - Missouri

In his soon-to-be-released book, "Vestry Reflections; Cultivating Spiritual Growth in Church Leaders," Rev. Dr. Marc D. Smith '68 addresses both the broad span of church governance and its applications in congregational life. For more information, visit revmarcdsmithphd.com.



New Jersey Delta - TCNJ

In 2024, Brother Kevin Popadines '97 published his first book, "Improving Schools - Simple Approaches and Understandings to Realize Growth." It is a professional text that will be featured in courses that Dr. Popadines will be teaching through multiple universities and can be found on Amazon.



Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green

Former chapter consultant and national officer, Brother Neil Sanders '61, has recently published his first book, "Seeing Things Differently: A Whimsical Journey." It is a collection of short stories and anecdotes of fictional fantasy in which the reader is transported by the imagination, allowing the "impossible or improbable" to thrive. A playground for the inquisitive, the dreamer, or the weary who seek a brief respite from rigid reality. Available on Amazon.

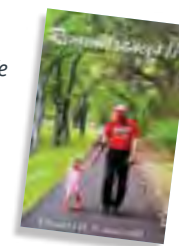


Rhode Island Beta - URI

Frank Marini '92 recently wrote and published "Staying on Track: Lessons from a Customer-Focused Travel Disruptor," a practical guide on how to grow your business. It provides real-world examples of how the author's company went from one office and 18 people to a global operation with staff in six countries and 34 (U.S.) states. Available on Amazon.

Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Charlie Norman '70 has written and released "Remembrances II," which is a collection of 32 true-to-life inspirational short stories — personal anecdotes about people he's known, experiences he's had and places he's been. This is Norman's third book, and all can be found on Amazon.



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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 Dec. 10, 2024 through June 4, 2025, 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.

Alabama Alpha - Alabama

Colin LeMoine '23

California Beta - Stanford

Richard L. Andrews '57 ✧

California Gamma - UC Berkeley

Judge Raymond J. Arata Jr. '56 ✧

California Delta - USC

Robert C. Tucker Jr. '38

Kendall R. Jones '40 ✧

Joseph L. Zerboni '40

Elliott C. Hine '60

California Epsilon - UCLA

Raymond T. Burns '43 ✧

Henry J. Geerlings '43

Robert R. Enger '54 ✧

Norman C. Abbey '55

Gerald M. Needle '55

Stephen R. West '55

Robert C. Ohland '57

Capt. Jerry G. Stevens '58 ✧

Judge Hugh M. Brenner '60

California Zeta - UC Santa Barbara

Peter W. Newendorp '67

Lawrence R. Karrer '85

California Eta - Cal Poly

Dr. Ronald J. Bills DDS '66

Randy Q. Diven '72

Paul S. DeLaney '75

California Theta - CSUN

Jon R. Wiedenheft '67

Illinois Alpha - Northwestern

Peter W. Willits '53 ✧

Illinois Beta - Chicago

Professor Charles D. Kelso '46

Illinois Delta - Illinois

Kenneth R. Telleen '58

James R. Philpott '65

Indiana Alpha - DePauw

Donald L. Hamilton '54 ✧

Edward H. Nimmo '54 ✧

Jack B. Johnston '56 ✧

David G. Stringfellow '78

G. Richard Locke III MD '80

Indiana Beta - Indiana

Robert A. Young '42 ✧

William D. Elliott '45 ✧

Philip P. Costas '56

Russell P. Harrell '73

Indiana Gamma - Wabash

Dr. Laurence A. Gray DDS '50 ✧

David S. Kasting MD '64 ✧

Indiana Delta - Purdue

John R. Donahue '53 ✧

Richard H. Sowerwine '59

Col. David R. Forville '60 ✧

Theodore C. Ricks '60 ✧

Thomas M. Billings Jr. '63 ✧

Indiana Epsilon - Valpo

Gary D. Hoffman '65

Todd W. Shepherd '74

Iowa Alpha - Iowa

James R. Scott MD '56

Iowa Beta - Iowa State

Donald B. Metcalf '56

Scott C. Schaupp '63 ✧

Gary L. Biederman '75 ✧

Kansas Alpha - Kansas

William C. Bolin Sr. '46 ✧

James P. Elliott '53

Donald J. Adams '54 ✧

Richard G. Honan '54 ✧

W. Dean Barnum '55

Kenneth Scott Mathews '86

Dr. Scott M. Shorten '03

Kentucky Beta - Kentucky

Sean M. Lyons '88

Theodore J. Supulski Jr. '88

James H. Catron '91

Kevin L. Tucker '91

Steven V. Kelsey '92

Joseph L. Hardy '95

Donovan L. Brown '96

Todd E. Riley '00

Maryland Alpha - Johns Hopkins

Robert D. Vernon '38

Peter S. Salvino '17

Michigan Alpha - Michigan

Charles H. Matthews '58

James G. Howell '65

Michigan Beta - Michigan State

Robert A. Musmanno '66

Andrew W. Frank '70

Minnesota Beta - UMN Twin Cities

William J. Tomlinson '62

Jeffrey S. Ridley '79

Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

James C. Thompson '67

David V. Gillentine III '68

Davey L. Farris Jr. '72

Michael L. McLarty '77

Missouri Alpha - Missouri

Donald R. Fraser '53 ✧

Karl J. Yehle '57

Missouri Beta - Westminster

Don F. Reynolds '62

Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska

Col. James B. Townsend Jr. '41 ✧

Charles K. Clem '47 ✧

Richard E. Hovendick '49 ✧

J. William Scott '49

Thomas L. Miller '51 ✧

Larry R. Donovan '60 ✧

Nebraska Beta - Creighton

Paul J. Halbur '83

New Hampshire Alpha - Dartmouth

Dr. Elliott R. Worthington '56 ✧

Ivar A. Jozus '58 ✧

New Jersey Alpha - Rider

George W. Hallock '65 ✧

New Jersey Beta - Monmouth

James J. Buffum '69

New York Alpha - Cornell

Robert F. Fritch '42 ✧

Edward W. Callahan '49

William Lowry Mann III '55

New York Beta - Syracuse

Mark D. Turfler '72

New York Gamma - Columbia

Leonard A. Stoeher '49 ✧

New York Epsilon - Colgate

Dr. George R. Martin '52

New York Eta - Buffalo

Robert F. Kerwin Jr. '50 ✧

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North Carolina Alpha - Duke

Brooks S. Johnson '67 ★
Michael K. Kuhn '73

Ohio Alpha - Ohio Wesleyan

Henry R. Vigor '56 ★
John D. Gilmore '59
David H. Crandall '72
Dr. Peter T. Harnois DDS '75

Ohio Delta - Ohio State

Jay A. Gingery '53 ★
Michael J. Raynes '66

Ohio Epsilon - CWRU

Dr. Juan J. Amodei '53
Robert A. Leeper '55 ★
James M. Snediker '60
Dean E. Brainard '95

Ohio Zeta - Bowling Green

Robert W. Carpenter Jr. '61

Ohio Eta - Toledo

Bernard E. Krochmalny '65
Jason A. Titus '05

Ohio Theta - Ashland

Gary G. Dvorak '69
Robert L. Knight '73

Ohio Iota - Akron

Daniel T. Maurer '92

Ohio Lambda - Miami

James E. Mains '78

Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma

Joe R. Urice '47 ★
John C. McClure Jr. '59
Bradley D. Larimer '83
Mark Siefke deFreese '87

Oregon Alpha - Oregon

Brig. Gen. George L. Bartlett '47 ★
Robert W. Kubes '53
Jacques A. Hiessler '57
David R. Lyons '57 ★
Philip N. Johnson Jr. '64 ★
Stephen M. Craig '65
Charles T. Ramsdell '66 ★
Howard J. McElroy Jr. '88
Philip M. Caughman '14

Oregon Beta - Oregon State

Michael H. Judevine '60
Capt. Michael A. McCallister '62 ★
Erich H. Hoffmann '66 ★

Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny

James F. Estep Jr. '66 ★
Thomas J. Haffely '77

Pennsylvania Zeta - Dickinson

Robert M. Sigler '36 ★
Donald M. Geesey Jr. '39 ★
George F. Myers '39 ★

Harry W. Speidel '39 ★
Frederick T. Cadmus III '40 ★
E. Harvey Lenderman Jr. '40
Dr. James H. Tisdell '41

Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette

George J. Campbell III '51 ★
Lt. Col. Clifford L. Wollard '55 ★

Pennsylvania Iota - Penn

Charles H. Quackenbush Jr. '57 ★

Pennsylvania Kappa - Swarthmore

Patrick G. Esposito '44 ★

Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

Philip E. Beard Esq. '54
Dr. Donald F. Morabito '62

Pennsylvania Xi - Edinboro

Dennis E. Waldinger '91

Rhode Island Alpha - Brown

Christopher C. Pinkham '49

Rhode Island Beta - URI

Robert B. Adams '66 ★
Gerald A. Miller '66 ★
Timothy M. Howard '22

Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt

Stewart J. Bachmann '50
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Daniel S. Woodridge Jr. '48
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Washington Alpha - Washington

Edward H. Marble '39
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Christopher T. Browne '79

West Virginia Alpha - WVU

William R. Samples '50
Richard F. Jennings '58
William R. Haden '61 ★
C. Frank Frame '62
Jack E. Harrison '69

CORRECTIONS:

Barton Oglesby Texas Tech '95 was previously reported as deceased. His chapter brothers let us know he, thankfully, is alive and well. We welcome and appreciate receiving this information. Please help us keep our database up to date and send death notices and change of contact info to membership@phikappapsi.com.

Douglas M. Rengers Ashland '82 also is alive! He was listed in Chapter Eternal in the Winter 2025 issue of *The Shield*. We certainly apologize and thank those who let us know.

On Page 46 of the Summer 2024 issue, we incorrectly listed **USMC Cpl. Colton Lawrence Florida '22** under Florida Beta. We thank **Ralph Watson Florida State '71** for bringing it to our attention.

On Page 23 of the Winter 2025 issue, we inadvertently — and regrettably — left off one of the Phi Psi Walker Cup recipients. To let us know, **Peter H. Pogue DePauw '80** sent us this gracious message:

"I read with much interest your recent article on the Indiana Alpha Walker Legacy. As an Indiana Alpha Phi Psi, I can attest that being awarded the Walker Cup is the highest achievement possible over one's four years at DePauw. Unfortunately, your article omitted the 1983 Walker Cup Recipient, and my pledge brother and good friend, **G. Richard Locke III, M.D. DePauw '80**. Rick was an indescribable individual who went on to Harvard Medical School and was a trailblazer in Gastroenterology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, before his untimely passing on January 10, 2019, at the age of 57. Thank you for continuing to keep alumni informed of all things Phi Psi. Rick Locke was an amazing individual; he was reflective of everything you wanted in a Phi Psi: kind, humble, generous, always thinking of others and how to achieve the best outcomes, whether it was in his social interactions with his brothers, in his golf game, in his professional career and personal life."



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