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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 and adopted by the 1964 Grand Arch Council in Denver, Colorado.



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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Left: SWGP Moyer at a District Council meeting in August with outgoing Archon Connor Brok *Drexel '16* and newly elected Archon Jack Kalin *RIT '19*. **Right:** Brother Jeff Scott *Oklahoma '11* and SWGP Moyer at the Oklahoma Centennial celebration in October.



Brothers:

As we wind down from the pandemic, chaos and uncertainty we've had for the past two years, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and where we are going as we enter 2022.



Moyer

Our Fraternity saw three chapters receive their charters during 2021. Nebraska Alpha (April 2021) and Virginia Eta (October 2021) were both rechartered this year, and we say, "Howdy!" to our newest chapter, Texas Eta, at Texas A&M University

(October 2021). Nebraska and Texas A&M were both approved for chartering prior to the pandemic but had to delay their chartering events due to travel and gathering restrictions. Now that each of these groups have received their charter, we look forward to many successes as they build successful chapters.

The past year has presented many challenges, however, we have managed to accomplish some amazing things. Our finances are in the strongest position they have been in years. I'm also pleased to announce our membership numbers have recovered from the pandemic; we're currently averaging 58 members per chapter, which is near our highest average chapter size as an organization.

We held District Council meetings during the summer at locations within each district. In total, more than 200 alumni and undergraduates gathered for the six meetings to address Fraternity business and meet brothers from other chapters in their district. During

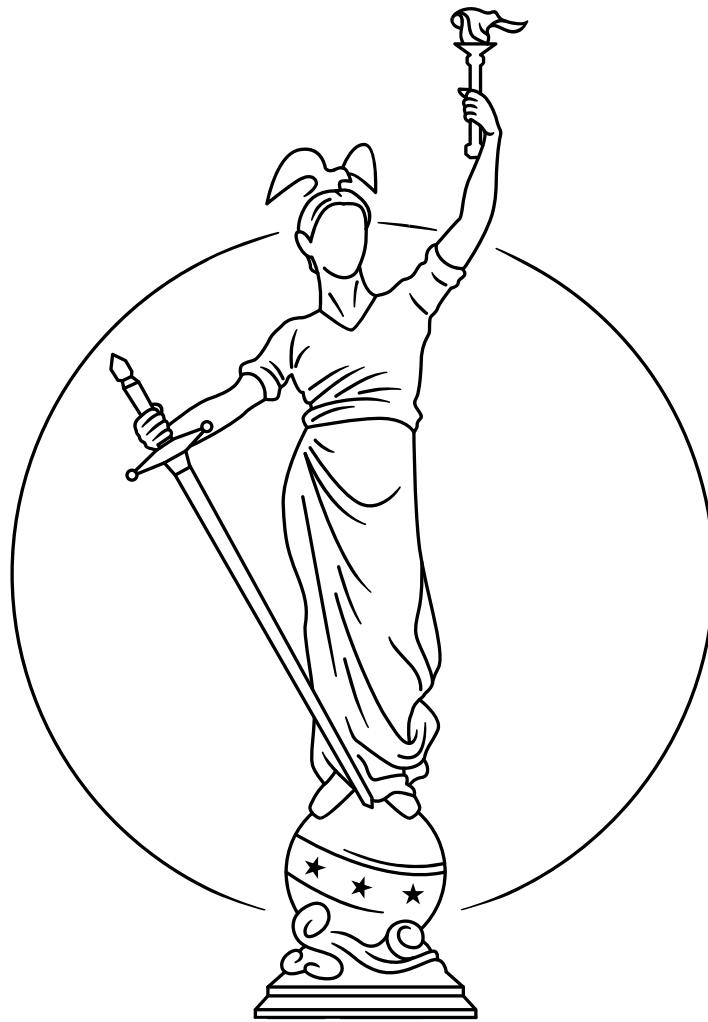
the meetings, our brothers elected six new District Archons who are poised to help lead us through the next biennium.

One of the highlights of my year was attending the 100th anniversary celebration of Oklahoma Alpha, which was a spectacular affair. During the celebration banquet, I was honored to present the Phi Kappa Psi Medal of Honor to Brother Richard Bower *Oklahoma '56*, who has literally dedicated his entire adult life to Phi Kappa Psi. I can't express enough how fortunate we are to have a brother like Richard Bower.

The theme for Founders Day will be, "I enjoyed it then and I enjoy it now." The idea is to focus on why alumni are still involved now, and how — we as alumni — can make the undergraduate experience more enjoyable. Please visit our website to find more information on Founders Day celebrations occurring near you. This theme will permeate throughout our organization as we head toward Grand Arch Council in Indianapolis, where we will focus on the good Fraternity does for our membership. I hope you will consider joining us as we celebrate Phi Kappa Psi and look to the future of our strong band.

In the Bond,

David S. Moyer ...
Alabama '91
National President



INDIANAPOLIS

Join us for the 80th Grand Arch Council in Indianapolis, Indiana

The Grand Arch Council is Phi Kappa Psi's biennial convention. Brothers come together from across the country to make governing decisions for the Fraternity, renew old friendships, network and have a great time.

All members and their families are invited.

For information about registration, current schedule and guest programming, go to phikappapsi.com/2022-gac.

80th GAC

Grand Arch Council

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Ransom Notes

*How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?*

—Dr. Seuss



Ransom

While preparing this piece, I spent some time reflecting on the year and its impacts on Phi Kappa Psi. I'm overwhelmed with pride as I watch our chapters and volunteers continue to move our Fraternity forward. These past 18 months created many challenges for our chapters, but their perseverance created ways to innovate. Our

chapters found ways to recruit members virtually and in person, resulting in a resurgence of membership growth in Phi Kappa Psi. They took steps to give back to local communities and those around the world, as they focus on making a difference in the lives of others. None of this would have been possible without the support and guidance of the hundreds of alumni volunteers that are involved with our chapters across the country.

In the fall 2019 edition of *The Shield*, I told you that we wanted to share your stories. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to share their own accomplishments and the accomplishments of brothers around the world. I also made a commitment that we would revive the chapter updates in *The Shield*. Please take time to read those updates in this issue. If your chapter has not provided an update, please reach out to your chapter president, and let them know that you want to hear about their progress.

As we enter 2022, we continue to look to the future of Phi Kappa Psi. We still have plenty of work to do. The rising cost of national and chapter dues continue to make access to the fraternal experience more challenging for those who may not have the financial means. We must continue to focus on providing greater access to ALL men of high character who desire to engage in the fraternal experience.

As I have mentioned in previous editions of *The Shield*, now, more than ever, our men want the guidance, support and direction of our alumni and volunteers

who can teach them about more than the fraternity experience. They crave conversations about career preparation, financial management, becoming leaders in their communities after college, and the many challenges and obstacles that they are facing in their lives. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities in Phi Kappa Psi, email Kari Murphy, director of alumni engagement at kari.murphy@phikappapsi.com. You can also check out the open volunteer roles on Page 50.

We'll also be focusing on strengthening the educational opportunities we provide our members in the new year. In the next edition of *The Shield*, we will be sharing more information with you about programs that were created to support our members' personal and professional development. We will be taking steps to accomplish this by offering both in-person and virtual opportunities that will help strengthen their roles as fraternity men and prepare them to be successful, professionals, parents and community leaders.

We look forward to continuing our success from 2021, and we want you to be a part of it. One way to engage is attending the 80th Grand Arch Council (GAC) in Indianapolis, Indiana July 27-31. I hope that we will have an opportunity to see familiar faces, as well as new ones when we gather. The GAC is an opportunity for all brothers to engage in the governance process for the future of Phi Psi. It is also a chance for brothers to establish and renew friendships with their peers and families from across the country. Visit phikappapsi.com for more information.

For me, these past 18 months have been eye opening. I think about a statement I hear often, and you probably have, too. If you've ever flown on a plane, you've likely heard a flight attendant, or the recorded voice during pre-flight instructions when speaking about emergency procedures say "Please make sure your mask is secure before helping others." Helping and supporting others whenever and wherever I can is one of my deepest desires. It's one of the reasons I joined Phi Kappa Psi. However, I also realized the necessity of self-care. I'm frequently visiting the gym, embracing healthier dietary choices, engaging in preventative health care, and carving out a little more time for myself and the people I love most. While each of our needs is different, I hope you will resolve to take similar steps in 2022.

R.K. R I...

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



**I AM
PHI PSI**

“ I rushed Phi Psi to cultivate my **leadership** skills, help my **community** through **acts of service** and develop relationships with other guys that have gone beyond **friendships** and have bled into a **brotherhood.** ”

- Austin Holley
Butler Colony

Welcome to Campus!

By HQ Communications Staff

2021 was a time of growth for Phi Kappa Psi. The organization saw three chartering's: Washington and Lee University, Texas A&M University and the University of Nebraska.

"Our recent chartering at these institutions shows Phi Kappa Psi's commitment to expanding our brotherhood and attracting the finest men on campus," said Director of Expansion Elijah Williams *Ball State '17*.

Members of these chapters reflected on their time in Phi Kappa Psi and what it means to be a recognized chapter.

Nebraska Alpha - University of Nebraska

Carson Leahy *Nebraska '21*

The re-chartering process was stressful but very rewarding. I came into the Nebraska Alpha Colony not knowing what it meant to be a colony, let alone what all went into running a fraternity. But as time went on, I became aware of how much we wanted to become an active chapter again. In the year leading up to the ceremony, we had to fulfill many requirements that tested not only the member's motivation but also our alumni board. We all banded together to earn our charter back. On March 7, 2020, our hard work paid off. The feeling was unlike any other I've ever experienced in my life. We earned our charter back a little over two years after we were allowed to be back on campus, which we thought was impossible.

The chartering ceremony seemed to be unrealistic at the time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The world shut down and we were all sent home from campus. Our members wondered when the ceremony would happen because of everything that was going on at the time. When I became president, my number one goal was to have the re-chartering ceremony so that our colony could be recognized as a national fraternity on Lincoln's campus. The ceremony was beautiful and the alumni that were there to support us gave us confidence that this chapter will stay on campus for a long time. When Ron Ransom *Butler '00* handed the charter to me, the feeling of relief, joy and a sense of fulfillment came over me and the rest of the newly formed chapter. It was something that seemed so unrealistic when the 2020-21 school year began but with some help, we were able to get the job done.

Virginia Beta - Washington & Lee University

Douglas Chase *W&L '71*

October 30, 2021 was a day of joy for 37 new initiates and the 1,650 brothers initiated since Virginia Beta was established at then Washington College in Lexington, Virginia in 1855.

The chapter was suspended by Washington and Lee (W&L) in the spring of 2015. W&L lifted its suspension of Phi Kappa Psi in March 2018. Throughout the entire suspension period, members maintained connection with each other and continued to recruit men of Phi Kappa Psi character, integrity and vigor. When the

Executive Council voted to return our charter, the local organization was already up and running, grateful to re-establish its relationship with larger brotherhood.

"It was a grand day of celebration and we are happy to be returned to the roll of active chapters."

Thirty-seven new initiates were added to our membership register after hearing words of encouragement from SWGP Moyer *Alabama '91*, Brother Ransom and Brother Tangen *Minn.-Duluth '03*. This brought

our total number of initiates since 1855 to 1,688. Many more will be initiated in the spring of 2022.

It was a grand day of celebration and we are happy to be returned to the roll of active chapters.

Texas Eta - Texas A&M University

Samuel Paustian *Texas A&M '21*

As the current president of the newly chartered Texas Eta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, I can only describe my emotions as proud and honored. From our colonization in 2016 to the chartering ceremony in the fall of 2021, there have been countless brothers who put their full effort and heart into this chapter to get us to where we are today.

Texas Eta is ecstatic that we can now call ourselves members of the brotherhood that Phi Kappa Psi represents. For many members who have been here for multiple years, this was an event that has been anticipated for so long. The Texas Eta chapter has high hopes for the future and will continue to strive to be the chapter that we know we can be.



Becoming a Better Brother

By HQ Communications Staff

Brother Ralph “Dud” Daniel *Arizona ’48* exemplified the true meaning of being a Phi Psi.

During his tenure with the organization, he was a positive role model for the thousands of young men that crossed his path. Brother Daniel entered Chapter Eternal in 2011 but his legacy still lives on today.

The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation offers two annual Ralph “Dud” Daniel awards to undergraduate members who excel in leadership, particularly outside the chapter. This year, Brother Adrian Erazo *Binghamton ’19* was a recipient of the award. “I joined Phi Kappa Psi in the spring of 2019,” shared Erazo. “Since then, I have always strived to contribute as much as possible to the fraternity and our community.”

Analyzing Involvement

Due to his involvement, both on and off campus, it was no surprise that Erazo earned the scholarship. “On campus, I am a board member and Head of the Technology Sector for the Binghamton Investment Fund,” said Erazo. “It’s a student run, multi-class portfolio managing \$600,000 of assets on behalf of the Binghamton University Foundation and School of Management. I also serve as the chief financial officer for the Binghamton Data Science and Analytics club.” The club teaches students programming and other technical skills through weekly workshops held throughout the semester. “I am also involved with Binghamton’s Finance Society, with the mission of helping students pursue careers in front office finance.” He also served as a writer & editor for Binghamton Law Quarterly, a student run law review journal and was the head of communications for Generation Vote. “Generation Vote is a political advocacy group empowering students to make their voices heard by getting involved in the political process.” On a typical week, Erazo can be found working 11 to 15 hours with the various organizations he is a part of.

Outside of campus, Erazo interned at Jefferies, a global investment banking firm, as an equity research spring associate. “I supported the Emerging Markets Strategy team by conducting research on macro-economic trends to help generate investment ideas for institutional investors.” Erazo previously interned for Travelers as a business insurance underwriter where he analyzed historical loss trends and helped devise a new underwriting strategy for an unprofitable line of business. Erazo also worked with a US Congressman



as a campaign finance intern. “Through donor research, outreach and data management, I helped my team secure \$1.2 million in campaign donations.” This past summer, Erazo interned at Mizuho in their Corporate Development and Strategy Division. He will be returning to Mizuho to work full-time in their Investment Banking Division after graduation.

Don’t Worry, Be Happy

The second stanza of the Creed states, “I believe I am honor bound to strive manfully for intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence.” The son of two first generation immigrant parents, Erazo lives up to this section on a daily basis. “I challenge myself to be a better son, brother, friend and member of the community. For example, spreading happiness and being there for someone else is a small act that goes a long way. You will never see me without a smile.” While trying to live up to his full potential, he is also helping others do the same. “I try to give back as much as I can. I am a part of the Binghamton School of Management’s mentoring program, where I get to help underclassman get accustomed to college life and help them with personal and professional development. I am also teacher’s assistant in the finance department, which allows me to be a resource for students struggling in tough finance classes.” Whether it’s volunteering in philanthropy events or doing small favors, Erazo knows that everyone has the potential to make a big difference for others. “I strive to exemplify this by striving for excellence in everything I do.”

The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation offers scholarships to both undergraduate and graduate members. Applicants are accepted from November 1 through March 1 annually. For more information about awards offered or how to apply, visit pkpfoundation.org.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

“My job has always been fun and playful ... because I work with the greatest people on earth.”

By HQ
Communications
Staff

Calvin Sweeney *Toledo '19* has drive, passion and a sense for helping others.

These traits were evident during his freshman year at the University of Toledo when he began working. Now, a senior, Sweeney's attentiveness has secured him recognition.

Sweeney began working his freshman year in the office of student involvement and leadership and has been there since. He started off as an undergraduate assistant, but through hard work, was able to work his way up to a marketing specialist. He currently oversees email marketing campaigns where he sends emails out to the student body informing them of upcoming events on campus. “My job has always been fun and playful,” said Sweeney. “Most of that is because I work with the greatest people on earth.”

This past spring, Sweeney was honored with the University of Toledo and state of Ohio Student Employee of the Year Award. He was also tapped into the National Blue Key Honor Society, which recognizes 13 outstanding leaders on campus. “I have been able to make many memories throughout college but this one has to be the most euphoric. Being able to be a part of one of the oldest traditions at the University of Toledo, with my friends at my side, was the time of my life.”

As for what's next, Sweeney hopes to use the skills he has acquired throughout his time in Phi Kappa Psi to launch his career in marketing. “As my tenure as chapter president is coming to an end, it's been an absolute privilege to serve Ohio Eta. Coming into college, you have goals for yourself. Once you get into a chapter and help build the brotherhood, you realize that things are bigger than yourself. We have to think about the needs of others and how we can uplift everyone to achieve those goals.”



Honoring Connor

By HQ Communications Staff



On the morning of December 12, 2020, Connor J.W. Thomson *Colorado '18* joined Chapter Eternal after being involved in a tragic automobile accident.

The Colorado Alpha Chapter lost an outgoing, kind and engaged brother. Much like his signature Tommy Bahama shirts, Connor's colorful personality made the world feel a little brighter. He was a natural Philanthropy Chair – organizing campus events, rounding up volunteers and assisting the local homeless community.

Memorial Scholarship

The Honor Connor Fund is a memorial scholarship fund managed by the Phi Psi Foundation and collaboratively supported by the University of Colorado (UC), Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and Connor's family. Every year, the Honor Connor Fund will award \$3,000 in scholarship gifts to deserving applicants from Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity attending UC. This scholarship is payable annually as \$1,500 for the fall semester and \$1,500 for the spring semester. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled at UC and entering sophomore, junior or senior year
- Active member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity
- Demonstrates the spirit of giving through community volunteering
- Exhibits a financial need for assistance

David Thomson, Connor's father, hopes that through this fund, the focus will be to carry on the good work started at Colorado Alpha, helping the community through being selfless men of strong character. David also commends former Chapter President, Frazier Bourgoin *Colorado '19* and current President, Josh Fein *Colorado '20* and Vice President Charlie Loewenguth *Colorado '20* for powering through when Connor's absence is so devastatingly felt and recognizing the need to keep his memory alive.

This year's activities were held Sunday, October 17 and included a barbecue for brothers and family members at the chapter house. One gentleman in attendance was so moved, he donated \$10,000. The two inaugural scholarship winners were announced and presented with Tommy Bahama shirts and plaque to commemorate the occasion — and to honor Connor.

2021 Scholarship Recipients



Brothers Rosenfeld and Toledo

Eli Rosenfeld *Colorado '19* received an Honor Connor scholarship to offset expenses for his last semester at UC-Boulder. Eli is a double major in finance and real estate in the Leeds School of Business. He interned at RMB Capital in Chicago this previous summer and spent time as a community engagement representative for Chicago Public Schools. For the Colorado Alpha Chapter, Eli served as Messenger, Health and Wellness Chair, and Vice President. He volunteers regularly at the Love Fridge of Chicago, which is a mutual aid group working to end food insecurity and place community refrigerators across the city.

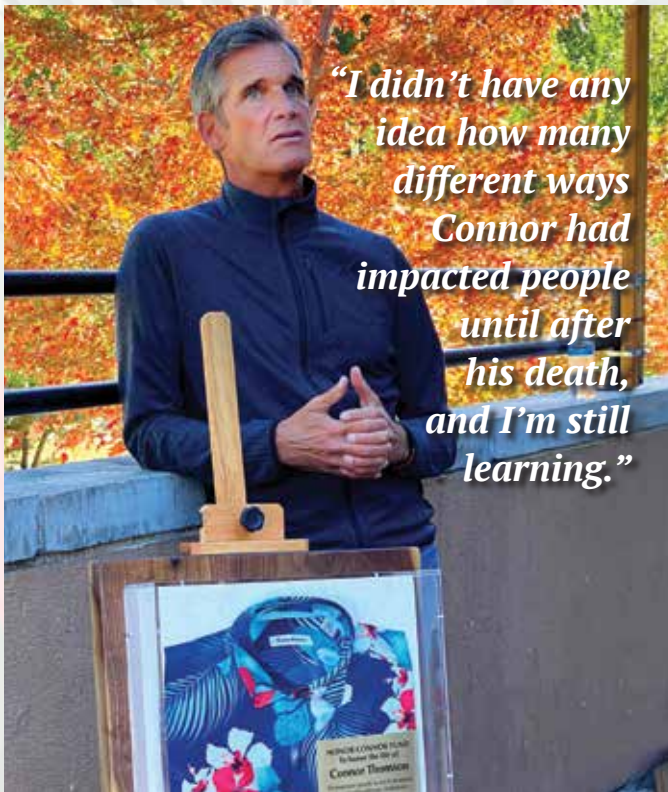
Gabriel Toledo *Colorado '20* received an Honor Connor scholarship for spring 2022. A first-generation college student, Gabe is a sophomore psychology major from Windsor, Colorado. Through his engagement with Phi Kappa Psi, Gabe completed a community

cleaning project and helps his Fraternity brothers with time management skills. Gabe said Connor exemplified kindness to others and encouraged him to be authentic and true to himself and his values.

For more information about the fund established in Connor's memory visit honorconnorfund.org and to learn more about donor-named scholarships, go to topkpfoundation.org/my-phi-psi-funds/donor-named-scholarships/

More Than You Know

By Beth Winchell, Creative Design Manager



Too often in life, we don't fully comprehend what's right in front of us.

We don't appreciate all we have, or who we have in our lives. It takes a different perspective, an impassioned plea, a devastating jolt to make us notice. Even then, it's still a process, the fog of preconceived notions gradually lifting so that our minds — and hearts — can eventually see things in a clearer light.

David Thomson experienced this with his son, Connor Thomson *Colorado '18*. Staying close to their Denver home, Connor chose to attend the University of Colorado and join Phi Kappa Psi. David wasn't opposed to Greek life, but he didn't want the distractions that accompanied living in a chapter house to affect his son's future successes.

A single father, David worked hard to provide for both his sons, taking them on philanthropic trips to third world countries and sharing his compassion for others. He emphasized being well-rounded, neighborly, educated, respectful and to excel in whatever they chose to do.

In early 2020, David began warning Connor about his declining GPA and to not let all the social activities

get in the way. "I was really pushing him about his grades, about showing leadership," David said. After a few months of receiving similar messages, Connor emphatically replied, "Dad, you don't know who I am!"

This prompted a frank discussion, after which David realized while he had been focused on grades, Connor's passions were focused on people. He was a leader in the fraternity and on campus, but not in a way his dad could clearly see without getting to the heart of the matter. Connor saw a need and he acted on it. "There was so much more to who he was. He had developed a real heart for people. He had learned that he had a purpose and was needed," David said.

Connor would wake up early, make coffee, put it in a big container and take it to the homeless near the campus, many of whom he called by name. He walked alongside brothers and fellow students struggling with addictions or personal issues. Connor's mission: to serve others and treat them with respect.

"I didn't have any idea how many different ways Connor had impacted people until after his death," David reflected. "And I'm still learning." At the memorial service a young man came up to David and told him, "I was getting ready to take my life. Connor found me and stayed with me. He saved me. He saved me, and now he's the one who is gone."

There was much more to Connor than his trademark Tommy Bahama shirt and ready smile. He was a son who learned by example to be compassionate and empathetic. He was a brother, a loyal comrade, a trusted friend with a deep-seated desire to help those in need.

David encourages not only Connor's brothers at Colorado Alpha but also alumni, friends and colleagues to make looking outward a priority. "Practice the 'art of neighboring,' which means to be a kinder person, finding ways to help your neighbors, whether they are right next door, in another city, state or country," he said. "A handwritten card or letter is a wonderful way to show gratitude or support." A word of encouragement or simple act of selflessness goes a long way. Sometimes the expense of time is all it takes — a call, a text, a note — and you have made a genuine connection, a lasting impression.

To keep the art of neighboring and gift of serving alive in his son's name, David began the Honor Connor Fund. His hope, by fueling the passion, is for others to experience Connor's legacy, and inspire them to say, **"How can I be like that?"**

Aiming for Brotherhood

By Elizabeth Craney, Donor Relations Coordinator

Before Solomon Goldstein *Case Western '21* ever set foot on a college campus, he already had a successful career in archery under his belt.

What began as a hobby in the 8th grade, when he joined the school's newly minted Archery Club, transformed into a full-fledged passion during high school. To pursue archery at the highest level, Brother Goldstein left his North Carolina home his senior year of high school and moved to Arizona. This cross-country move allowed him to pursue archery with a professional instructor while he finished school. During this time, he trained with Alexander Kirillov, a world-renowned former coach of the Russian and Venezuelan Olympic archery teams. This intensive training and commitment to his sport led Goldstein to be ranked third in the junior division in the United States.

With training and competition in full swing, Goldstein took a gap year following his high school graduation to devote himself to his passion. Knowing he wanted to continue his education, Goldstein decided on Case Western Reserve University, an institution which most closely aligned with his personal and academic goals. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic cut

his experience short. With restrictions in place, he began looking to join an organization to kindle friendships. He sought an organization of men that shared the same values and would have a positive impact on his life. Phi Kappa Psi checked all the boxes. At Case Western, Phi Psi is known for being a passionate group of men who have strong values, good character, sense of community, and care about their academics.

Joining Phi Kappa Psi allowed Goldstein to find a community that so many were missing in a time where social distancing and life on Zoom were required. The typical challenges of starting college, meeting people and finding one's footing in a new place were even more difficult for him and his fellow freshman. "It was challenging at times starting school in 2020,"

Goldstein said. "Phi Psi provided a great group of people who I didn't know at first but was really excited to meet and get to know all of them. Now that I'm living in the house, it's just so different." Goldstein found an organization, who amid all the chaos and uncertainty of the pandemic, provided a community of support and friendship far from home.

As life returned to some semblance of normality, so has Goldstein's college experience. He keeps busy with his studies, Phi Kappa Psi activities and by continuing to enjoy archery, now as a club sport. "On campus [the brothers] are always very supportive, asking how training is going with the club as I manage my schoolwork." It's the support, day-to-day life with his brothers, that stand out to Brother Goldstein as the highlights of his Phi Kappa Psi experience. "Coming back to the house late at night, seeing brothers cracking jokes and playing video games, those are things you only get in a brotherhood." He along with his brothers recently had the opportunity to bond during a road trip to a brother's lake house for fall break and volunteer at a Halloween carnival at Cedar Point.

Archery will always be a part of Goldstein's life, however, his sights are now set on a different career path. Fully entrenched in his studies, he plans to major in finance and economics with the hope to complete an internship. In the meantime, he is looking forward to growing within Phi Kappa Psi and his chapter's commitment to community service, strong academic achievement and camaraderie.



IN THE MILITARY

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

California Delta – Southern Cal

Brother **Stephen B. Colwell '64** served in the Marine Corps from 1967-72 and spent nine months in Vietnam.

Petty Officer Third Class **Stu Russell '64** spent four years with the U.S. Navy and spent a year in North Korea. For his bravery, he was awarded the POW Medal, National Defense Medal and a Purple Heart, among others.



Sullivan

Brother **John J. Sullivan '63** spent between 6-8 years stationed overseas while serving in the Marine Corps from 1966-94.

Indiana Beta - Indiana

Brother **Leo Kartsones '19** officially gave his Oath of Enlistment to the United States Air Force during halftime at Assembly Hall.

Kansas Alpha – Kansas

Brother **Jeffrey M. Shull '09** graduated from the Judge Advocate Officer Basic course and received his commission as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Minnesota Gamma – Minn. State-Mankato

Brother **Cameron Jahns '19** serves as a combat engineer in the National Guard while earning his bachelor of science in manufacturing engineering technology.



Worthington



Bartosh



Jahns



Spitzer



Kartsones



Shull



Endter

New York Theta – RIT



Brown

Brother **Alex Brown '18** completed basic training over the summer at Fort Jackson. He will continue to participate in ROTC while at RIT and transition into the Army after graduation.

New Hampshire Alpha - Dartmouth

Brother **Elliott (Bob) Worthington '56** served in the U.S. Army and Marine Corps from 1957-81. During that time, Brother Worthington spent six months in Lebanon in 1958 and two years in Vietnam, 1967-69.

Ohio Beta – Wittenberg

Brother **Jan W. Spitzer '65** served in the U.S. Navy from 1967-92 and was deployed to the Tonkin Gulf in 1968.

Ohio Zeta – Bowling Green

Brother **David R. Etchie '61** served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964-68 and spent two years stationed overseas.

South Carolina Alpha – South Carolina

Brother **Stephen C. (Craig) Bartosh '82** served in the U.S. Air Force from 1984-2021. During that time, he says, he spent "too long" deployed or stationed overseas.

Texas Epsilon – SFA

Major **David Endter '02** is currently serving in the U.S. Army with plans to retire in 2029. He has been stationed overseas in Kuwait, Korea and Germany. He has been awarded the Oakleaf Cluster designation three times — Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

Virginia Eta – VCU

Brother **Ben Dallman '18** recently graduated from the Advanced Army ROTC Camp. Upon completion of his degree, he will be commissioned as an officer.

Tell us about your military service. Submit your form here: bit.ly/phi-psi-military.

The Great JOY of Serving Others



New York Beta

Brothers from chapters across the country have run the gamut of service projects, social events and philanthropy efforts this year. Thank you, active and alumni members, volunteers and staff, for living out our motto and making an impact on campus and in communities — even around the world.



Onio Beta



HQ Staff Volunteers



Texas Beta



California Theta



Ohio Theta



New York Theta



New York Iota



California Gamma



Illinois Theta



2020–21 Service and Philanthropy Numbers

Total Service Hours: **17,310.30**

Total Philanthropy Dollars Raised: **\$67,250.02**

Average Service Hours (per member): **3.22**

Average Philanthropy Dollars (per member): **\$12.52**

Top Hours

Iowa Beta 5,553.2 | 63.8 (per man) | Roster Size: 87

Kansas Alpha 2,218 | 24.5 (per man) | Roster Size: 87

Minnesota Beta 3,667 | 36.3 (per man) | Roster Size: 101

West Virginia Alpha 2,551 | 24.1 (per man) | Roster Size: 106

New York Theta 833.5 | 18.1 (per man) | Roster Size: 46

Top Dollars

Minnesota Beta \$17,048 | \$168.79 (per man) | Roster Size: 101

Illinois State University Colony \$7,500 | \$340.91 (per man) | Roster Size: 22

Michigan Alpha \$7,416 | \$74.91 (per man) | Roster Size: 99

Iowa Beta \$7,000 | \$80.46 (per man) | Roster Size: 87

Ohio Theta \$4,068 | \$109.95 (per man) | Roster Size: 37



Brother Hashemi with Afghan flag



Selling wristbands on campus



**HELPING HANDS
FOR AFGHANS**



Brother Hashemi's grandmother (right)



Chapter brothers assisted in setting up apartments for Afghan refugee families.

Brother Starts 'Helping Hands for Afghans' Initiative

By HQ Communications Staff with excerpts from The Daily Aztec

In the wake of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, refugee families began settling in the San Diego area and needed assistance.

Brothers from the California Lambda Chapter, led by Behzad Hashemi *San Diego State '20*, responded by launching a GoFundMe called, Helping Hands for Afghans. "This entire crisis in Afghanistan has been one of great importance to me, given my mother came to this country as a refugee from Afghanistan herself," Hashemi said.

The refugee families have not only been separated from family and friends but also thrown into an entirely different culture with a new language to learn. "My grandmother worked as a Military Wartime Interpreter for the Marines in Afghanistan just a few years ago," Hashemi recalled. And his mother currently works as a caregiver to refugee children in Michigan. This effort is deeply personal to Hashemi, and his brothers were fueled by his passion.

Hashemi came up with the idea of a fundraiser after having a conversation with his father and enlisted his chapter brothers to help. They began by setting up tables on campus, selling wristbands for \$2 each. In three days, they raised \$2,000, and their efforts expanded.

In late September, Hashemi and some of his brothers helped a family of six move into an apartment not far from campus. The Fraternity has been working closely with a local resettlement agency and since this work began, at least a dozen chapter brothers have come alongside.

Chapter president, Jack Egan *San Diego State '20*, said Hashemi has been relentless in recruiting brothers to help these families. "It was an issue many of us were informed about but to see it affect someone in your chapter's life like that made all the difference," Egan admitted.

Along with the help from San Diego State students and chapter brothers, a local law firm, King Aminpour, recently donated \$1,000. Bringing total funds raised to more than \$13,000 (at time of publication). "Another corporate real estate company has reached out to me, and we are hoping to strike another deal with them," Hashemi said. Working together on an ongoing community project like this has been extremely important to California Lambda.

Hashemi is thankful to be a part of the bigger picture beyond the local impact. "This is a tangible difference that I think people can get together and see the difference you're making," Hashemi said. "These are people who helped the U.S., they are supportive of our efforts, and I think it's our job to have their backs."

His deep connection to the Afghan people is the reason Hashemi has gained unwavering support from the Fraternity.

"He's been a shoulder to lean on when anybody's been going through any turmoil in their life. I was not surprised that he would be the guy to start a charity like this for the house," Egan said. "He's a beam of light in the chapter."



PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
INDIANA DELTA

Philanthropy Project: **Honoring the Ultimate Sacrifice**

Moved by the actions that occurred with American troops in Afghanistan, Brothers Kade Borlick *Purdue '20*, Kody Layton *Purdue '20* and philanthropy chair, Aaron Berghoff *Purdue '21*, decided to



Sanchez

investigate opportunities to provide assistance. After looking into it, they found something close to home: Cpl. Humberto Sanchez. He was from Logansport, Indiana, which is less than an hour away from the chapter house.

Sanchez died in a bomb attack in Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, along with 12 other U.S. service members and more than 150 Afghan civilians. Sanchez was 22 years old. "This was quite inspiring to us, and we decided to take part in a scholarship that was founded in his honor," Berghoff said.

The chapter brothers were able to raise a little more than \$6,000 using GoFundMe and tabling on Purdue's campus. They felt supporting the scholarship fund would be a way for Sanchez's memory to live on in the community. "It was an honor to be able to do this for all of us involved. I would like to thank all my Fraternity brothers and families who took part," Berghoff said.

For more information on the Cpl. Humberto Sanchez Memorial Scholarship Fund, go to casscountycf.org.



Ohio Eta



Pennsylvania Phi



Arizona Beta

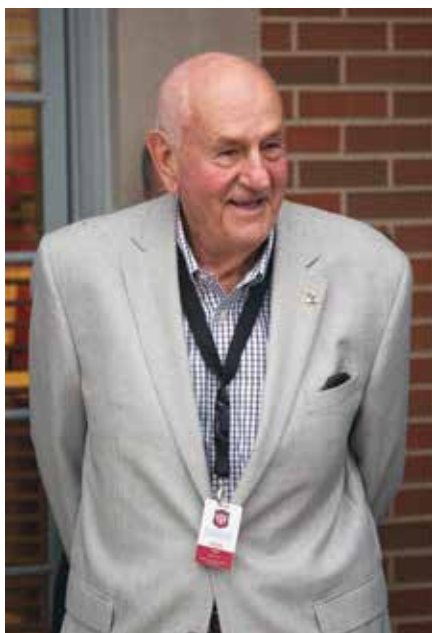


Minnesota Gamma



A Firm Foundation: New Chapter in the History of Indiana Epsilon

By Jamie Acton Valparaiso '88 and Ben Nicol Valparaiso '00, Campaign Co-Chairmen



Donald V. Fites Valparaiso '53

It was termed a “red-letter” day by Phi Delta Psi (the precursor organization to Phi Kappa Psi on Valpo’s campus) Brother William Theurer.

The day, July 10, 1933, when the group assembled to purchase what is affectionately called the Wolf Den, Indiana Epsilon’s first house. The purchase from the Valparaiso Building and Loan Association, was the first step in what would become a legacy of home ownership for the chapter.

Later in Indiana Epsilon’s history it was welcomed into the structure that was known to those that attended Valpo as 801 Mound Street. Serving the chapter for nearly 50 years, the facility far outlived its initial life expectancy of 25 years.

Born of a vision for the future, October 2, 2021, ushered in a new phase for Indiana Epsilon, as the House Corporation and chapter dedicated a new chapter home at 814 Union Street. Working with an Indianapolis-based architectural firm to develop the facility plans and closely with Hagerman Construction Corporation, through Brother Mark F. Hagerman Valparaiso '65, serving as the contractor, the new facility offers the amenities demanded by today’s undergraduates and allows the chapter to attract and retain the absolute best students, athletes and scholars. The walls stand as a proud symbol of what Phi



Psi represents just as the walls of the Wolf Den and 801 Mound Street facilities once did.

One alumnus during the ribbon cutting celebration commented, “Phi Psi taught us how to lead with integrity, hold ourselves to a higher standard and find joy in serving others. No matter the path we chose in life, we can all look back at our time in the chapter house, be it the Wolf Den or 801 Mound, as some of the most formative years of our lives.”

Thank you to the hundreds of investors in the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation for the Future* campaign. The House Corporation’s partnership with the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation has been instrumental in helping the chapter complete the campaign, shared Campaign Co-Chairman, Jamie Acton *Valparaiso ’88*. While the physical structure is completed, the House Corporation has needed to debt service part of the project. Thus, the funding need continues – alumni contributions of approximately \$200,000 more are necessary.

The House Corporation recognizes the incredible difference that the new facility will make. Its new strategic location within the Valpo campus, along with the amenities, and a house director will allow the chapter to continue setting the standard for fraternity life at Valparaiso University.

View the ribbon-cutting celebration during Homecoming at Valparaiso: youtube.com/watch?v=GOBKN0yW-a8



◀ WATCH THE
CONSTRUCTION
PROCESS ON YOUTUBE!



Members of the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation for the Future* campaign committee, House Corporation and University cut the ribbon to dedicate 814 Union Street as Indiana Epsilon’s new home.

“In the life of every great organization, there comes a time when an exceptional opportunity surfaces...the kind of opportunity that can propel it to a new level...the kind of opportunity that is a catalyst for a new vision of how the organization can make an impact on its members and the world. That opportunity is here today for Indiana Epsilon.”

—Don Fites *Valparaiso ’53*



Housing

Canonsburg Corporation

The Canonsburg Corporation, Phi Kappa Psi's national housing arm, recognizes that the future stability and strength of our Fraternity will depend on the maintenance and safety of our chapter properties. As a volunteer, you can sometimes feel overwhelmed with the various responsibilities that come with operating an effective house corporation. Canonsburg offers benefits such as an IRS group tax exemption, educational resources, training and loans the Canonsburg Corporation stands ready to assist your house corporation with its next project and has funds ready to loan.

- **Life Safety Loans** – Sprinklers, fire-prevention systems, fire doors, extinguishers, etc.
- **Property Improvement Loans** – Renovation projects, updates, etc.
- **Second Mortgage Loans** – House refinancing or support in purchasing a property
- **Line of Credit Loans** – Bridge money to complete campaigns or start a project



The Canonsburg Corporation is currently servicing 12 active loans, and since its inception has helped 21 groups secure loans. Please contact the Canonsburg Corporation for your housing needs, questions and concerns. The future of our chapters rests in the hands of you, our local volunteers, and we want to help!

For any and all inquiries, please contact Lee Fuller, Senior Director of Development & Housing, at Lee.fuller@canonsburg.org

Housing by the Numbers

Sources: National Phi Psi Database, Holmes Murphy, the IRS and self-reporting from House Corporation officers

Newest Chapter House

(based on known year built)

Indiana Epsilon – Valparaiso	2021
Georgia Alpha – Georgia	2017
Texas Alpha – Texas	2017
Alabama Alpha – Alabama	2016
Ohio Iota – Akron	2015
Indiana Beta – Indiana	2014
California Epsilon – UCLA	2013
Oregon Beta – Oregon State	2011
Indiana Delta – Purdue	2009
Pennsylvania Nu – IUP	2008

Oldest Chapter Houses

(based on known year built)

Missouri Alpha – Missouri	1880
Massachusetts Beta – Brandeis	900
Minnesota Gamma – Minn. State-Mankato	1900
Illinois Delta – Illinois	1904
Pennsylvania Lambda – Penn State	1906
Minnesota Beta – Minnesota	1907
Pennsylvania Theta – Lafayette	1910
Michigan Beta – Michigan State	1910
Colorado Alpha – Colorado	1911

Largest Chapter Houses

(based on known capacity)

Kansas Alpha – Kansas	90
Indiana Delta – Purdue	85
Washington Alpha – Washington	75
Oklahoma Alpha – Oklahoma	75
Indiana Alpha – DePauw	73
Illinois Delta – Illinois	70
Nebraska Alpha – Nebraska	57
Missouri Alpha – Missouri	52
Oregon Beta – Oregon State	50

Smallest Chapter Houses

(based on known capacity)

New York Eta – Buffalo	5
Kentucky Beta – Kentucky	8
Minnesota Gamma – Minn. State-Mankato	10
Massachusetts Beta – Brandeis	10
Ohio Omicron – Muskingum	12
Pennsylvania Iota – Penn	12
Pennsylvania Eta – F & M	17
New York Theta – RIT	20

EXPANSION

ENTREPRENEUR

By Jacob Sunday

I'm Jacob Sunday, a junior at the University of Utah from Park City, Utah.

I'm studying computer science (CS) with a minor in entrepreneurship. I chose Utah because of its incredible CS legacy and its proximity to the mountains. For the past two years I've also been working with an innovative early-stage startup, Vutility, which led to being named a Lassonde Scholar (Lassonde Studios is considered one of the top collegiate entrepreneurship programs in the U.S.).

I elected to join Phi Psi because as a new colony it's much like a startup, providing the opportunity to develop my entrepreneurship and leadership skills. Had I joined a more established fraternity, I would be just another pledge.

Last spring, I helped launch the Phi Psi Utah Colony but unfortunately, we had to do so via Zoom. This year, being able to recruit and get to know my brothers has

made all the difference. We've had the opportunity to participate in a variety of events with the other Utah Greek organizations. With the support of our parents and local alumni, we've also organized several events to strengthen the bond with our fellow brothers.

In life, in and out of school, I appreciate the need for focus, such as stated in this quote by Swami Vivekananda, "Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life — think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success."

Moving through the school year, my brothers and I look forward to building culture of service and brotherhood. We are proud of the progress we have made to date, but even more excited about the opportunity before us.



Brother Sunday (kneeling) embraces the challenge of a "startup" chapter.

A Place to Call Home



Left to right: Andrew Lane, Ben Leising, Rhett White, Garret Blake and Apollo in front of Indiana Zeta

By Rhett White

It's an honor to be writing again for *The Shield* regarding the recolonization of Indiana Zeta.

2021 was nothing short of a grind to bring Phi Psi back to its original state of being the best academically, athletically and most of all, brotherly.

I am most proud of the guys for our first full semester — all in person — this fall. We were able to compete with the more well-established groups while taking part in Greek Week, which included six weeks of sorority philanthropy and intramural sports. All with only 17 men. Hayden Quinn, an extraordinary pianist, won the Greek Week talent show and brought home first place. Additionally, our group truly shook the crowd by placing second in the Pi Phi Lip Sync. Creating this new reputation is challenging, and easy for people on campus to dismiss, but this small-but-mighty group is making massive strides for Indiana Zeta.

In late October, we all attended the Indiana Zeta Semicentennial Celebration. Meeting the alumni who spearheaded this group was amazing and genuinely

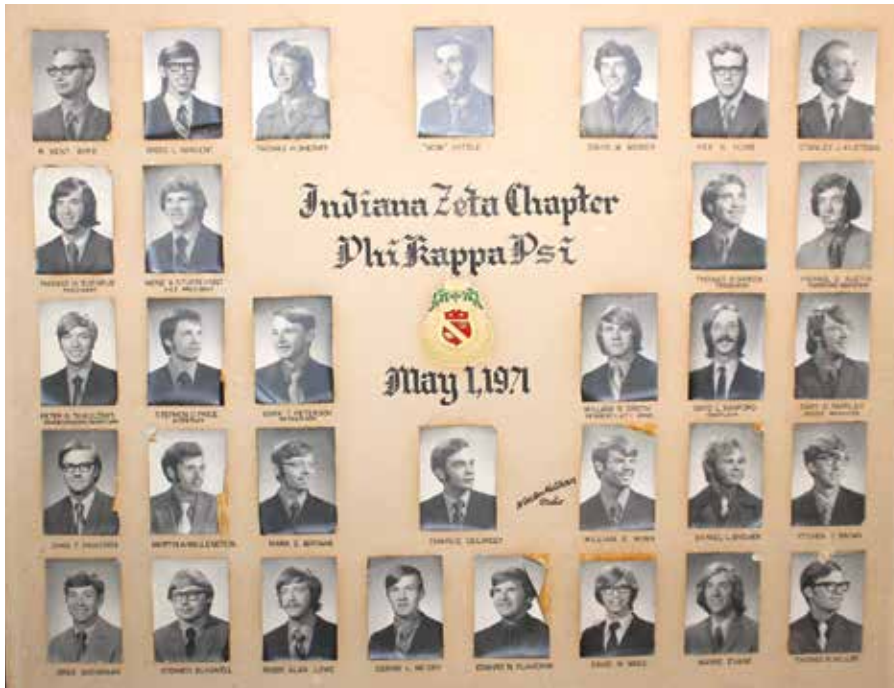
inspired our colonists to carry on the vision they had for Phi Kappa Psi at Butler.

This semester, we received an astounding amount of support from sororities, parents, alumni, sweethearts and Butler faculty. This has included the anniversary event, house repairs and general support to keep us moving in the right direction. As one of the men living in the house, I can speak on our behalf that we have taken great pride in restoring our home. If you had driven by the property in the summer of 2021 compared to now, you can see how the house has changed by leaps and bounds. This is the first semester of Phi Psi living in the facility on campus in more than five years! Brothers are truly happy to have a space to connect and call our own.

In addition to getting to know these guys better, we also added Matthew Bratsh Rowan '11 as our House Director — along with Apollo, the cutest house dog on campus.



Indiana Zeta initiates from 1978 (left to right): Scott Ribordy, Brian Lundeen, Frank Ricketts, Ray Volpe and David Newman



Indiana Zeta's Founding Fathers

Welcome Home, Brothers

On a Friday evening in late October, the Indiana Zeta chapter celebrated their semicentennial at Laurel Hall in Indianapolis, Indiana. The event reflected on the rich history Phi Kappa Psi has at Butler University, honored the founding fathers of the chapter, received updates on the current recolonization and paid tribute to those who have entered Chapter Eternal.

With more than 100 people in attendance, brothers shared lots of laughter, reminiscing over their days in the chapter and caught up on much-needed brotherly hugs. The event wouldn't have happened without the support of these key alumni who had been planning for months:

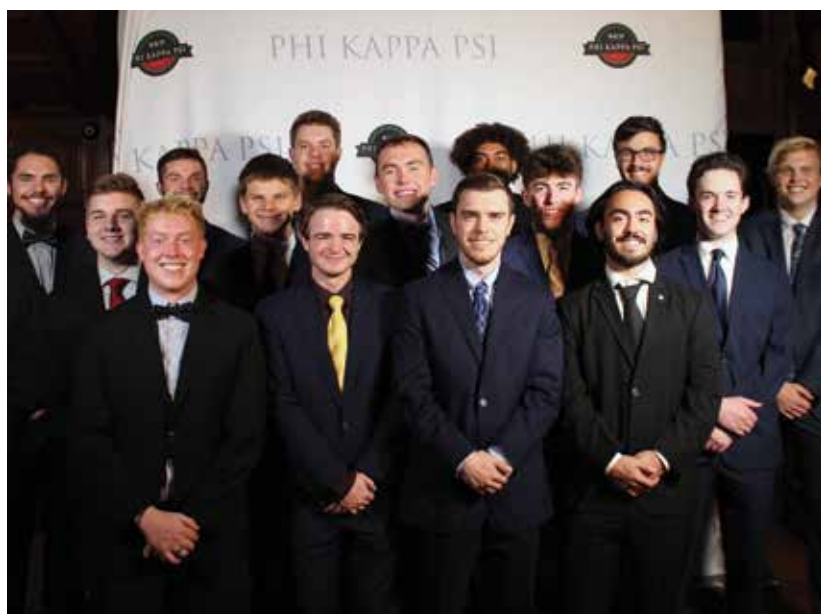
- ▶ Ed Plavchak '71
- ▶ Stan Wachel '72
- ▶ Greg Buchanan
- ▶ Bill Groth '71
- ▶ David Womer '71
- ▶ Ray Volpe '78

They continued the next day at the chapter house and offered tours of Butler University, including an optional basketball scrimmage at historic Hinkle Fieldhouse.

The founding fathers look forward to the success of the Indiana Zeta colonists and the next generation of Phi Psis at Butler.

These two make the daily operations of the house run beyond smoothly. Matthew helps with anything we need or any problems we might have in the house; Apollo helps boost morale and puts smiles on our faces.

As I write about many of the high points in this recolonization, there are also low points we continue to grow and learn from. While this excerpt has made us sound as though we are the best at everything, there is still a lot of work to do moving forward. With spring Rush happening in January, we hope to double our membership numbers. I am confident with our current potential members that we can show another set of guys what an honor it is to be a Phi Psi and strive to our fullest potential. We will not stop firing on all cylinders until the rechartering and beyond.



The new generation of Indiana Zeta from the Butler University Colony

Current Colonies

**Illinois State University
Colony**
20 Members
Started Spring 2019

**Butler University
Colony**
18 Members
Started August 2020

**University of Utah
Colony**
8 Members
Started Spring 2021

**University of Oregon
Colony**
13 Members
Started Fall 2021



By Ethan Burnham

Originally from Beaverton, Oregon, I am a freshman at the University of Oregon.

Several of my family members attended the University of Oregon, so it just felt right to come to school here. I am looking into studying pre-law or international relations.



Burnham

What attracted me to Oregon Alpha most was the alumni involvement and how connected they wanted to make sure we were successful both now, and in the future. Starting something new and being able to build upon the culture of this Fraternity is exciting.

On campus, we have partnered with the Holden Center for a fall day of service. We have also helped Delta Zeta fundraise for the Starkey Hearing Foundation. So far, our colony is most proud of how much we have grown in such a short amount of time. We started our first meeting with eight pledges and now we are up to 13 with four to six potential new members.

During the recruitment process, the poker night event with alumni was a great time. They shared stories about how connected they were to their brothers and showed that they genuinely wanted to get to know us. At one point, they stopped playing poker just to talk to us.

The Oregon Alpha alumni have been a wonderful support system. They have provided funding, advising and networking opportunities to help better the colony. Seeing the colony grow from the ground up really motivates me to put in a ton of work for it to be successful. It excites me to see where this is going, and what memories that will be made along the way.

One part of being in the colony that you won't be able find elsewhere on campus is the brotherhood and professionalism. Right now, we are working together to become a self-dependent colony while also executing all our executive roles correctly and efficiently.

Looking back on this year, the transition into college and living on my own has stood out the most to me. I went from living with my parents to living with a roommate in a small room. Adjusting to that, while being in school and working toward establishing our colony, are memorable moments for me. I look forward to what next semester will bring!

From the Archive

Remember WHEN?

By Timothy Tangen Minn.-Duluth '03

Snapshots from the past can give us a glimpse of what life was like in variety of different ways.

A highly valuable snapshot in the Phi Psi archives are chapter newsletters. They can give us a glimpse of little intricacies and exciting stories of individual members as well as the chapter as a whole.

Newsletters continue to be a great resource for chapters to keep alumni informed and up to date as to the goings-on of today's chapter life. They can also be a source of fond memories to look back on years later when the stories written by you or about you are in the distant past.

In this issue, you may have noticed Chapter News is once again being featured in *The Shield*. This serves to keep alumni of all chapters informed in the events and notable achievements of our groups across the country. After a brief hiatus the return of these updates are sure to be celebrated by not only today's alumni, but today's undergrads who can come back

to them years down the line, as well as future historians and researchers who want to build out a chapter history book.

Shown here are but a small sampling of the individually published chapter newsletters that are a part of the Fraternity's Archives.

Ready for your chapter's event to become part of the archives? Submit your news today: megan.diveto@pkpfoundation.org.



Top: Kansas Alpha's "The Phi Psi Rag" – Fall 2020 **Middle:** Pennsylvania Epsilon – "The Torch" – Vol VIII No 1 – Commencement 1929 **Bottom:** Indiana Delta's "Annual Letter" – March 1907 **Left:** Indiana Beta's "Annual Letter" – May 9th 1892

Fall 2021 Numbers

(Reported as of 12/10/21)

ACTIVE CHAPTERS: **91**

ACTIVE COLONIES: **4**

NEW MEMBERS: **1,239**

UNDERGRADUATE

MEMBERS: **5,394**

INITIATED MEMBERS

REPORTED (all-time): **140,267**

LIVING ALUMNI: **93,326**

GPA

2020-21 Academic Year

Top Ten Fall 2020

Illinois Alpha - Northwestern	3.71
Michigan Alpha - Michigan	3.64
Illinois Delta - Illinois	3.63
Michigan Beta - Michigan State	3.57
Minnesota Beta - Minnesota	3.53
Washington Alpha - Washington	3.5
Indiana Beta - Indiana	3.47
Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State	3.45
Alabama Alpha - Alabama	3.45
Georgia Alpha - Georgia	3.33

Top Ten Spring 2021

Michigan Alpha - Michigan	3.74
New Jersey Gamma - Rutgers	3.66
Michigan Beta - Michigan State	3.57
Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State	3.48
Iowa Beta - Iowa State	3.35
Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech	3.33
Indiana Iota - Ball State	3.3
Iowa Alpha - Iowa	3.25
Texas Beta - Texas A&M	3.06
Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss	3.04

CHAPTERS WITH MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS FALL 2021

(Active members and new members reported as of 12/10/21)

Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss	256	Indiana Delta - Purdue	117
Illinois Delta - Illinois	178	Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State	117
Texas Alpha - Texas	175	West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia	111
Iowa Alpha - Iowa	171	Minnesota Beta - Minnesota	108
Alabama Alpha - Alabama	147	Ohio Nu - Ohio	107
Texas Beta - Texas Tech	144	Iowa Beta - Iowa State	106
Indiana Beta - Indiana	127	Missouri Alpha - Missouri	106
Michigan Beta - Michigan State	121	Oregon Beta - Oregon State University	104
Colorado Alpha - Colorado	119	Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech	101

LARGEST NEW MEMBER CLASSES FALL 2021

(New Members Pledged)

Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss	101
Alabama Alpha - Alabama	60
Iowa Alpha - Iowa	51
Illinois Delta University of Illinois	45
Oregon Beta - Oregon State	43
Texas Beta - Texas Tech	42
Texas Alpha - Texas	40
California Lambda - San Diego State	39
Ohio Nu - Ohio	35
California Epsilon - UCLA	33
Missouri Alpha - Missouri	33

chapter news

District I

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

District II

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

District III

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

District IV

Alabama Alpha - Alabama
Alabama Gamma - Huntsville
Florida Alpha - Florida State
Georgia Alpha - Georgia
Georgia Beta - Georgia Tech
Virginia Beta - Washington & Lee
Louisiana Alpha - LSU
Louisiana Beta - UL Lafayette
Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss
Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee
Virginia Alpha - W & L
Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech
Virginia Eta - VCU
Virginia Theta - JMU

District V

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

District VI

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



CHAPTERS BY DISTRICT



16
chapters
6
states



Delaware Alpha - Delaware

Chapter President: Jimmy Paoli '19

Current active members: 57

2021 Highlight: Over the past year, the chapter has come roaring back from the COVID hiatus. We were able to recruit to our high number of active members, since being back on campus. We have thrived socially and been able to raise ample amounts of money through our philanthropy events. We plan to continue our annual Phi Pschedelic in the spring. This event started after a brother took his own life in 2018, and the chapter pledged to raise awareness for men's mental health. The proceeds of the event benefit the Brain Behavior and Research Center. We are also strengthening our alumni network, so we welcome all Delaware Alpha alumni to reach out and connect. Live Ever. Die Never!

32
initiates
from three
pledge classes



New Jersey Beta - Monmouth

Chapter President: Andrew Padovani '19

Current active members: 5

2021 Highlight: Recently at New Jersey Beta, a group of members participated in Strike Out Arthritis, a kickball tournament fundraising event held for Monmouth's Greek organizations.



New Jersey Gamma - Rutgers

Chapter President: Jonathan Oluremi '21

Current active members: 53

2021 Highlight: Garden State AA VP Smilin' Bob Rooyackers *TCNJ '90*, NJ Gamma Chapter Advisor Gene Wilk *CSUN '90*, GSAA Secretary Rich Canales *Rutgers '93* and John Witheridge *Rutgers '91* helped at the NJ Gamma initiation in November. With Rutgers having remote learning for more than a year, the overdue ceremony at the campus' Voorhees Chapel was held for 32 initiates from three pledge classes.



New York Beta - Syracuse

Chapter President: Dominic Maclean '21

Current active members: 67

2021 Highlight: This semester, our chapter had a record-breaking Safe Driving Week. We kicked off the week with a candlelight vigil to honor fallen brothers Hunter Brooks Watson '15 and Vincent Gian Maugeri '14. The following two days we tabled all over campus and managed to get a total of 3,192 people to sign a pledge to not drive distracted. The last day, we held our annual "Pie a Brother" event, at which members of our Syracuse community make a donation and in exchange throw a pie in a brother's face. By the end of the week, we had raised a grand total of \$28,881 for the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund. It was a fantastic week of camaraderie and philanthropy for the NY Beta chapter.

Pennsylvania Eta - F & M

Chapter President: Jeremy Mauser '19

Current active members: 32

2021 Highlight: During 2021, out of the four other fraternities and six sororities on the Franklin & Marshall College campus, Penn Eta achieved the highest campus average Greek GPA.

New York Theta - RIT

Chapter President: Richard Cheung '18

Current active members: 44

2021 Highlight: In the fall of 2021, New York Theta held our 25th annual Mud Tug. Mud Tug is a large tug of war tournament over mud pits, where 100% of proceeds go to charity. This year we raised over \$9,000 for the Hillside Family of Agencies, which is one of the oldest youth and family non-profit organizations in the United States, and had over 1,000 people in attendance.

Note: Membership numbers as of 12/16/21.



Pennsylvania Upsilon - Drexel

Chapter President: Bryan Girton '19

Current active members: 25

2021 Highlight: This year the Pennsylvania Upsilon chapter tried out a new philanthropy event by taking part of the 2021 Polar Plunge. The Polar Plunge challenges all participants to raise money for the Special Olympics and then submerge yourself into the coldest body of water you can find. This year the PA Upsilon chapter raised over \$800 and jumped into the ocean in 55 degree weather! If you would like to see the video you can go on their Instagram @phipsidrexel. Along with that, they also held their annual Thanksgiving philanthropy where they spend all day cooking a hot Thanksgiving meal to serve to the homeless people of Philadelphia. As usual this event was very successful as they got to feed 40 homeless people and spend time with their alumni! They would also like to thank their alumni for the constant support and countless amounts of donations for this event!

Pennsylvania Iota - Penn

Chapter President: Tommy Hesck '20

Current active members: 57

2021 Highlight: In 2021, PA Iota raised nearly \$1k for Philabundance, a hunger relief non-profit organization.



Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island

Chapter President: Ed Potter '19

Current active members: 77

2021 Highlight: In the Spring of 2021, our chapter received numerous Greek Life Awards. RI Beta was awarded 2020-2021 most improved chapter, best COVID management, and strongest alumni connection. This fall we have been recognized for exceptional recruiting and having one of the largest pledge classes among all fraternities.



Kalina

Meet Your District I Archon:

John Kalina RIT '19

Currently, I am a junior studying game design and development.

Q: Why do you feel it is important to be involved in Phi Psi?

A: I strongly believe in the saying that no matter how much you give to the fraternity, it will always give you more back. I feel a need to give back to the fraternity and be involved to pay back that debt.



New York Kappa - Oneonta

Chapter President: JJ Diggs '18

Current active members: 49

2021 Highlight: Our chapter held several street cleanups on Sunday mornings this year. We walked down Maple Street and picked up cans and garbage from the previous nights, we then turned onto Main Street and continued to clean. We held a 3rd Ward clean up. Our brothers walked all around Oneonta's 3rd Ward, many people were very happy to see us helping out.

The following chapters did not submit their news:

Massachusetts Beta – Brandeis
New Jersey Epsilon – Rowan
New York Eta – Buffalo
New York Iota – Binghamton
Pennsylvania Theta – Lafayette
Pennsylvania Sigma – USP

\$28,881: Raised by New York Beta for Hunter's Fund

2020-21
service hours
833.5
NY Theta



18
chapters
4
states



Maryland Gamma - Maryland

Chapter President: Wesley Dahn '19

Current active members: 29

2021 Highlight: In 2021, Maryland Gamma participated with other Greek organizations in Terps Against Hunger to help provide nutritious and accessible meals to both children and adults.

Maryland Delta - Towson

Chapter President: Luke Tuozzola '19

Current active members: 25

2021 Highlight: In their first real Rush Week since their chartering in 2019, the brothers of Maryland Delta recruited 10 potential new members and saw all 10 initiated at the end of their 10-week new member education program, resulting in Maryland Delta nearly doubling in size!

**10
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10**



Boulas

Meet Your District II Archon:

Philippe Boulas Case Western '20

I am studying data science and analytics with the hopes to continue my education by pursuing my MBA, but I have a few years to decide that.

Q: Why do you feel it is important to be involved in Phi Psi?

A: Phi Psi has handed me countless opportunities and friendships; therefore, being involved is not only a natural way of thanking this organization but also leveraging my experience to improve upon all the great things we are doing.



3.768
GPA

Ohio Epsilon - Case Western

Chapter President: Philippe Boulas '20

Current active members: 35

2021 Highlight: With the addition of 11 new members this fall semester, we moved into the position of the fourth-largest chapter on a campus of 15 fraternities and we currently maintain the second-highest GPA with a 3.768. The chapter hosted several fundraisers for charity including a brotherhood challenge activity and a pancake night that raised \$550. Currently, we are actively participating in awareness programming to be better-educated citizens of our community.

Ohio Iota - Akron

Chapter President: Clark Pearce '17

Current active members: 33

2021 Highlight: In the Fall of 2021, Ohio Iota raised \$2,800 for the Akron Children's Hospital Burn Unit with our annual Rock Squat event. During Rock Squat, we have two active members sitting on the rock at the center of campus collecting donations from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day throughout the first week of the semester. We also served our community by participating in a weekly event where we helped coach little league football games in our area. Our greatest achievement this semester was initiating 10 new brothers, all of whom are great people who love the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.



Ohio Pi - Denison

Chapter President: Henry Burnett '19

Current active members: 45

2021 Highlight: On October 24, we had our third annual 5k for the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, Ohio. Teams of three walked or ran around Denison with prizes being handed out in a lottery system after the race. We sold T-shirts and collected donations for the Boys and Girls Club. Our chapter was able to raise \$700. We had a great turnout and was positive for both our chapter as well as Denison.

\$2,800: Raised by Ohio Iota's Rock Squat

Ohio Nu - Ohio

Chapter President: Jack O'Brien '18

Current active members: 107

2021 Highlight: We had the largest acceptance of bids in OU's fall rush, with 36 bids given and accepted. Ohio Nu chapter also paired with the sorority AGD, to raise money for the family of one of their members whose father passed away. By selling bags of candy and accepting Venmo donations, we raised over \$2,000 for the Collins family.

36
bids
accepted

Ohio Theta - Ashland

Chapter President: Jim Schoffstall '18

Current active members: 31

2021 Highlight: Phi Kappa Psi Ohio Theta is incredibly proud of all of our accomplishments in 2021, most notably our outstanding GPA. The brothers were above the all-male average on campus and had the highest chapter GPA among all fraternities. We were honored to receive the District Excellence award from nationals, as well as the Ashland University outstanding scholarship award and excellence in academics and scholarship award.

Pennsylvania Alpha - W & J

Chapter President: Clark Miller '19

Current active members: 16

2021 Highlight: During 2021, PA Alpha helped to reestablish IFC on the Washington & Jefferson College campus.



Third
Annual 5k
for Boys &
Girls Club

Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

Chapter President: Evan Hanney '19

Current active members: 117

2021 Highlight: Our chapter raised \$252,530.51 for THON, which assists the Four Diamonds Organization in helping support families who are battling pediatric cancer and funds research.

MORE THAN
\$250k
RAISED

Pennsylvania Rho - York

Chapter President: Talen Lurz '20

Current active members: 14

2021 Highlight: In the past year, PA Rho has reinstated our Adopt a Block event where organizations meet and clean up Jackson Street on Sundays. We also raised \$984 for our 2021 Movember campaign. We were hoping to surpass our 2019 goal of \$3,500 but there is always next year!



West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

Chapter President: Dominic Martin '19

Current active members: 111

2021 Highlight: We recently had our elections and welcomed a new executive board. Our chapter had a successful fall semester, we had an executive retreat with our chapter advisor, Douglas Ernest '17, in beautiful Rocky Gap, Maryland, where we discussed leadership skills, inclusivity training, and professional development. Our fall new member class was the largest incoming class at West Virginia University.

Pennsylvania Phi - Lycoming

Chapter President: Alex Keller '20

Current active members: 15

2021 Highlight: This semester four new members joined our chapter as well as two new sweethearts. We have begun to regularly volunteer at a local cemetery to help clean it up and restore the tombstones. One of our brothers organized a retreat this semester to for everyone to learn and connect more with the organization and with each other.

The following chapters did not submit news:

Maryland Alpha – Johns Hopkins
Ohio Kappa – Kent State
Ohio Xi – Capital
Ohio Omicron – Muskingum
Pennsylvania Beta – Allegheny
Pennsylvania Epsilon – Gettysburg



18
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5
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Butler University Colony

Colony President: Nate Carpenter

Current active members: 18

2021 Highlight: See Pages 22-23.

Illinois Delta - Illinois

Chapter President: Timothy Fey '19

Current active members: 157

2021 Highlight: 2020-21 was truly a championship banner year: IL Delta was named Outstanding Chapter at the University of Illinois for the first time ever and was awarded for Membership Excellence. The chapter pledged more members than any other year and more than 65 new members were initiated. Working with a dedicated alumnus, the chapter provided COVID-19 testing to the community and was paid for their efforts. Money raised went to support the local elementary school.

Illinois Zeta - DePaul

Chapter President: Alex McDonald '19

Current active members: 35

2021 Highlight: In Spring 2021, although the pandemic restrictions made it tough for in-person meetings our chapter was able to have a certified nutritionist and personal trainer come to educate our brothers. This event provided our chapter with information that allowed our brothers to set obtainable goals that facilitate overall well-being and positive mental health. We hosted a philanthropy event in the fall and raised just over \$500 for the American Brain Tumor Association.

Illinois Eta - SIUE

Chapter President: Alex Kehrer '18

Current active members: 31

2021 Highlight: Our chapter joined many other Phi Psi chapters in the Hunter's Pledge Philanthropy event. We put an emphasis on fundraising and reestablishing our campus presence. Our chapter is active in intramural sports on campus, and won the softball league last spring, and we hoping to continue that in the upcoming semesters



Illinois State University Colony

Colony President: Ryan Staunton

Current active members: 16

2021 Highlight: This past spring, the colony at Illinois State raised over \$3,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation. This charitable organization raises money to support research that will help find cures to childhood cancer.

Indiana Alpha - DePauw

Chapter President: Cameron Allen '19

Current active members: 42

2021 Highlight: With 42 members coming into the fall semester, Phi Psi remains above average compared to fraternity chapters for membership and chapter GPA. Our members participate in campus organizations, compete in NCAA athletics, and serve the Greencastle community. Most recently, we've focused on our philanthropic efforts on the American Brain Tumor Association. Thanks to all the alumni for your support and please come by the Rockpile when you're on campus.



Indiana Beta - Indiana

Chapter President: Jake Cleff '19

Current active members: 127

2021 Highlight: Brothers continue to take on a variety of campus leadership roles recognizing the value they offer in terms of improving employment opportunities. The chapter has taken ownership of an alumni mentoring program where over 30 Phi Psi alumni and undergraduates participate in networking and career advice. Several summer internships and full-time offers have been generated and accepted. Our chapter is thriving once again based on Phi Psi Indiana Beta principles that have served the chapter well for many decades.

OVER
\$3k
RAISED



Indiana Gamma - Wabash

Chapter President: Evan Schiefelbein '18

Current active members: 45

2021 Highlight: With the support of our housing corporation, we recently created an alumni mentoring partnership that pairs undergraduate students with an alumni mentor. Another undertaking is the creation of an employment, internship, and job search for our undergraduate members. The housing corporation is offering resume reviews, mock interviews and technical skill training to better prepare us for the workforce. Our chapter has had a steady increase in GPA over the past five years and has most recently established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee.

\$7,416: 2020-21 Philanthropy dollars raised by Michigan Alpha



Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

Chapter President: Roth Susemichel '19

Current active members: 51

2021 Highlight: We sent two members, Eli Stanton '19 and Sean Hankerson '19, to Indy for district council meetings and Archon voting in early August. They had a great time and were able to network with many alumni and members from other chapters. A majority of members participated in fall sports including football, soccer and golf, and we have members in just about every other sport throughout the year. You can find brothers in many of the clubs and student-led organizations around campus. Our brothers better themselves by getting involved and use these experiences to improve the functions of our chapter.



Ohio Mu - Dayton

Chapter President: Trenton Zoeller '19

Current active members: 64

2021 Highlight: On November 17, our chapter partnered with our university's Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) student group to work with the women's and family shelter at the SVDP center in downtown Dayton. We had the great opportunity to spend time and make arts and crafts with little kids 8-years-old and younger for this year's Thanksgiving celebration. We enjoyed our time getting to know the families and spreading Thanksgiving cheer in our local community.

Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

Chapter President: Nicholas Jimenez '19

Current active members: 34

2021 Highlight: In Fall 2021, our chapter welcomed alumni for the grand opening of our new chapter facility. The homecoming weekend was filled with a dinner reception where the chapter dedicated the chapter facility to alumni members Don Fites '53, Mark Hagerman '65, and many others. See Pages 18-19.

Indiana Iota - Ball State

Chapter President: Andy Davidson '18

Current active members: 39

2021 Highlight: Indiana Iota has been volunteering at the Muncie Animal Shelter! We love doing our community service at our local animal shelter.



Ohio Eta - Toledo

Chapter President: Calvin Sweeney '19

Current active members: 57

2021 Highlight: The Ohio Eta chapter raised \$1,500 from our Quesadilla Night for the Boys & Girls Club. We also started a new event on campus called Pumpkin Fest where students and faculty to donate money to smash pumpkins and we raised \$650 for charity. Our brothers participated in Relay for Life and raised \$2,300 to help beat cancer. We participated in the Homecoming float parade and held a parents weekend football tailgate. Our chapter was excited to initiate a class of 17 new members and just held our elections and on December 4 we held our officers transition meeting.

Wisconsin Gamma - Beloit

Chapter President: Finn Brandt '19

Current active members: 17

2021 Highlight: Our Brothers fall above the all men's GPA at Beloit College. Our Chapter is taking on the role of IFPC Chair for the Fall semester of 2021. We hosted an array of Phireside Chats, discussing a range of topics including David's Educational Opportunity Fund, Career advice and Politics and Policy.

Michigan Alpha - Michigan

Chapter President: Parker Lynch '20

Current active members: 77

2021 Highlight: Our brotherhood here at University of Michigan raised \$2,500 for the annual Mudbowl for C.S. Motts Children's Hospital. We also partnered with Alpha Phi for a hot dog eating contest for C.S. Motts Children's Hospital and raised \$2,500 individually.



The following chapters did not submit their news:

Illinois Iota – Northern Illinois
Illinois Theta – UIC
Indiana Delta – Purdue
Indiana Eta – Indiana State
Michigan Beta – Michigan State



Wertz

Meet Your District III Archon:

Sam Wertz Indiana '20

My major is business management and finance. After graduating, I hope to reside in Indianapolis and work with financial planning or wealth management.

Q: Why did you decide to run for the Archon position?

A: I wanted to give back to an organization that has helped shape who I am as a person. Additionally, I wanted to help give a voice to the brothers of District III by using the knowledge I have gained as a leader in my own chapter on a national level.



14
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\$600: Raised for St. Jude's Children's Hospital through a successful Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Alabama Gamma

Alabama Gamma - Huntsville

Chapter President: Ben Jerzylo '19

Current active members: 19

2021 Highlight: This semester our chapter has focused on updating our Chapter Room, organizing Philanthropy events and strengthening our relationship with alumni. We hosted a successful Thanksgiving Dinner sale raising \$600 for St. Jude's and donating the remaining food to surrounding shelters. We also organized an Alumni v Active softball game, the first of its kind for our chapter, which saw a large turnout. Lots of memories have been made this semester and we are glad to be back to business as usual.



Louisiana Beta - UL Lafayette

Chapter President: Andrew Hebert '17

Current active members: 34

2021 Highlight: Over the past year, we have initiated 17 actives and raised more than \$3,000 for Hunter's Fund. We have also maintained a 5-star excellence rating within the IFC community for the fourth year in a row.

Georgia Alpha - Georgia

Chapter President: Charles Wimer '18

Current active members: 32

100
backpacks

2021 Highlight: In 2021, our chapter worked closely with the campus organization, The Backpack Project, to deliver direct relief to the Athens, Georgia homeless population. As a chapter, we personally delivered 100 backpacks to those in need each semester.





Mississippi Alpha - Ole Miss

Chapter President: Anthony Freeman '18

Current active members: 256

2021 Highlight: Phi Kappa Psi Mississippi Alpha has been busy. Our chapter initiated 93 new members into the Fraternity, making it the largest initiated class in Phi Psi national history. We also volunteered for the local St. Peter's Episcopal Church, completed a Halloween book drive for the Lafayette County Literacy Council and were one of the top contributors to the Junior Auxiliary of Oxford charity ball.

**93
NEW
MEMBERS**



Lohan

Meet Your District IV Archon:

Brendan Lohan Ole Miss '19

I am working toward my bachelor of science in international business management with plans to pursue a career in business after graduation.

Q: Why do you feel it is important to be involved in Phi Psi?

A: Involvement in Phi Kappa Psi allows an opportunity to give back to our generous community of brothers and improve the organization for future brothers.

MORE THAN

\$2k

**RAISED FOR
MEN'S MENTAL
HEALTH**

Virginia Alpha - Virginia

Chapter President: Timothy Peoples '20

Current active members: 55

2021 Highlight: In 2021, Virginia Alpha raised \$5,000 for SARA (Sexual Assault Resource Agency), a non-profit agency that serves as a sexual assault crisis and prevention center in Virginia.

**\$5k
RAISED**

Virginia Zeta - Virginia Tech

Chapter President: Connor Rotondi '18

Current active members: 101

2021 Highlight: This semester, the Phi Kappa Psi Virginia Zeta chapter held our first philanthropy week in support of the Movember Foundation. Through donation booths, percentage nights at local restaurants, and a car wash as our main event, the chapter raised over \$2,000 in support of men's mental health.



The following chapter did not submit chapter news:

Alabama Alpha – Alabama
Florida Alpha – Florida State
Georgia Beta – Georgia Tech
Louisiana Alpha – LSU
Tennessee Epsilon – Tennessee
Virginia Beta – W&L
Virginia Eta – VCU
Virginia Theta – JMU

More than \$3,000: Louisiana Beta raised for Hunter's Fund



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Colorado Alpha - Colorado

Chapter President: Frazier Bourgoin '19

Current active members: 119

2021 Highlight: We continue to grow as a chapter, volunteer in our community and improve our overall GPA (even as online classes continue). We have held multiple fundraisers and community service events including a car wash, food drive, cemetery clean up, and participated in "Movember." One of our goals for this year was to improve our fraternity's overall GPA. We were ranked 21st overall on the GPA list compared to all other fraternities in the IFC; we are now 13th and continue to climb up. In December 2020, one of our brothers passed away. It was a devastating hit to our chapter; Connor Thomson meant so much to this fraternity. We worked with Connor's family to start the Honor Connor Foundation. Despite the ups and downs of the pandemic, our brotherhood continues to help us improve and give back and we will continue to do so. Read more about the Honor Connor Foundation on Pages 10-11.



Iowa Alpha - Iowa

Chapter President: Austin Quinn '19

Current active members: 171

2021 Highlight: Two of our chapter's biggest achievements for Fall 2021 are the Nile C. Kinnick Scholarship, where 3 undergraduate scholarship coordinators interviewed over 400+ incoming freshmen to award 15,000 in scholarship. Out of this year's formal recruitment class, six Nile C. Kinnick Scholarship Finalists were a part of the process. Out of our 52 PNMs, two are Nile C. Kinnick Scholarship Finalists, alongside 16 others who we met through the Kinnick Scholarship Process. Our second achievement is our recruitment this year! After virtual introductions, 220 of the 500 registered PNMs preferred Phi Psi for the third day of formal recruitment. With a selection of 71 PNMs we brought back for the final round. With this overwhelming success, we selected 51 of these gentlemen to pledge for Phi Kappa Psi. We are all very excited to get to know each member of the freshman pledge class and have a great year!



Ryan

Meet Your District V Archon:

Jacob Ryan Kansas '20

Currently, I am the chapter president for Kansas Alpha studying biology. My plan is to attend medical school once I graduate.

Q: Why do you feel it is important to be involved in Phi Psi?

A: My involvement in Phi Psi means a lot to me, knowing that I not only represent myself, but also the whole brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi, helps motivate me to work hard to achieve my goals.

Iowa Beta - Iowa State

Chapter President: Gannon White '19

Current active members: 106

2021 Highlight: The Iowa Beta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi recently got some nice local press from the United Way of Story County. In its November email update, the UWSC had this to say about our chapter: The men of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Iowa State were a huge help this past month. Our Story County Reads coalition hosted a trunk or treat event focusing on after school programs and Phi Kappa Psi hosted four "trunks" at our event! These young men also helped one of our partner agencies move some heavy furniture when they were relocating. They were great to work with, with consistent communication and have even offered to help out at other activities with us coming up! We love working with students who have a passion for serving others. Thanks Phi Psi!

500: Potential New Members who registered with Iowa Alpha during fall recruitment



Kansas Alpha - Kansas

Chapter President: Oliver Paranjothi '19

Current active members: 97

2021 Highlight: This semester, the Kansas Alpha Chapter has been working extremely hard to promote and raise money for different charities. On the week of November 15, members of the chapter participated in a week long fundraising event for the house philanthropy, Hunter's Pledge. By the end of the week, members were able to collect over \$2,750 for safe and non-distracting driving. Then, on the morning of September 26, 10 freshmen competed in the 40-mile tag team Brew to Brew race which raises money and spreads awareness for cystic fibrosis.

Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

Chapter President: Maxwell Nelson '19

Current active members: 106

2021 Highlight: In 2021, Minnesota Beta was honored to win the Grand Chapter Award. Read more on Page 40.



Minnesota Gamma - Minn. State-Mankato

Chapter President: Joey Casey '18

Current active members: 22

2021 Highlight: Minnesota Gamma is blessed to be able to put on bigger events again and focus on our brotherhood. Our chapter helped raise over \$520 during our fall philanthropy for the Big Brother Big Sister program at the local YMCA.

Missouri Alpha - Missouri

Chapter President: Evan Clausner '20

Current active members: 106

2021 Highlight: Missouri Alpha would like to celebrate being 2021 Greek Week champions, and a great recruitment which lead to the initiation of 31 for our Fall '21 semester.



Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska

Chapter President: Carson Leahy '21

Current active members: 52

2021 Highlight: The highlight of 2021 would have to be the rechartering of Nebraska Alpha in the spring semester. We are glad to be back on campus and looking forward to the future of Phi Psi at Nebraska.

Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma

Chapter President: Nic Lippert '19

Current active members: 21

2021 Highlight: We are really excited about our campus involvement of this year. We paired with Gamma Phi Beta for our Homecoming events, and it went really well overall! Creating the new relationships with them and planning more with their organization has been great. We sponsored a campus blood drive late in the semester as a part of our philanthropy efforts. We also plan to participate in other campus activities such as Scandals, a drama play put on by a pair of organizations in a competition against other pairings. Our major philanthropy event the PhiPsi 500 race, and OU BigEvent, which happen in the spring semester.

Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Chapter President: Alec Hernandez '18

Current active members: 144

2021 Highlight: The main takeaway from this past year was "change", and the Texas Beta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi was able to adapt, change, excel, and accomplish. As we moved into the spring 2021 semester, we were able to have 3 more of our members join the President's List, resulting in 10 members total holding that certificate of achievement. In the Fall 2021 semester we took the homecoming crown with the help of our new members and our homecoming chair, Jack Hamlin. With a combination of strong brotherhood, leadership, and drive, we were able to take 1st place in the "SoSing" competition, and 2nd place in the float competition, almost completing a clean sweep of Texas Tech homecoming as a whole. This semester alone, we've also had 22 brothers receive an internship or job offer.

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**BROTHERS
RECEIVED AN
INTERNSHIP OR
JOB OFFER.**

*Do YOU have an interesting
new job or internship?
Please tell us about it:
marketing@phikappapsi.com.*

The following chapters did not submit chapter news:

Minnesota Delta - Minn.- Duluth
Texas Alpha - Texas
Texas Epsilon - SFA
Texas Eta - Texas A&M
Texas Zeta - Houston Baptist

**100
YEARS**

See Page 56



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California Beta - Stanford

Chapter President:
Krtin Nithiyandam '19

Current active members: 52

2021 Highlight: The Cal Beta chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity currently stands at 52 members strong, despite the recruiting challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Having fully returned to our university campus after over a year of virtual schooling, our community has become stronger and more resilient. We are proud to have launched new philanthropic initiatives, having tabled for Hunter's Fund and hosting fundraisers to benefit organizations battling climate change and improving animal welfare. Our annual Homecoming ceremony allowed us to re-connect with recent graduates.

52
current
active
members

California Gamma - Cal

Chapter President: *Luke Kay '19*

Current active members: 60

2021 Highlight: Coming out of Covid time has been rough but as a Brotherhood we have taken it in stride. We just are finishing up with Movember, but are also in the midst of planning a philanthropy volleyball tournament for next semester as our big event. In addition we thoroughly enjoyed our time at the Big Game Lunch this year after missing out due to the pandemic. We had the great chance to host many of our nationals representatives for the initiation for our new members this year. Lastly, we are looking forward to trying to find ways to reincorporate our wonderful alumni with the brotherhood through opportunities like scholarships for next fall.



Yowell

Meet Your District VI Archon:

Connor Yowell Oregon State '19

I am currently a junior studying industrial and manufacturing engineering with a focus in business administration.

Q: What are you hoping to achieve in this position?

A: To ensure that Phi Psi will survive for years to come. Greek life is destined to change in the next decade and I want to do everything I

15

\$1,000
scholarships
for academic
achievement

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\$750
scholarships to
newest initiates

16
members
on the
Dean's List

California Epsilon - UCLA

Chapter President: *Jake Ehret '19*

Current active members: 71

2021 Highlight: Cal Ep is proud to celebrate 16 members who achieved Dean's List recognition in the fall 2020 and winter 2021 quarters. We also have awarded 15 \$1,000 scholarships for academic achievement to undergraduate members and eight \$750 scholarships to our newest initiates.

California Eta - Cal Poly

Chapter President: *Jeremy Kostel '18*

Current active members: 98

2021 Highlight: During 2021 Cal Eta did many notable things including: winning the IFC championship for flag football, having 9 members on President's List, one of our members will be stepping into the role of IFC President for Cal Poly and we raised over 5k for Breast Cancer in October.

9 President's List Members: *California Eta*



California Theta - CSUN

Chapter President: Hayden Bushfield '19

Current active members: 23

2021 Highlight: This semester has been very good for the Cal Theta Chapter. This is our first semester back in person. We won two philanthropies and did a great job socializing with our fellow greeks on campus. We are taking this growth mindset and energy into the Spring Semester!



University of Utah Colony - Utah

Colony President: Caleb Brand

Current active members: 8

2021 Highlight: The University of Utah Colony of Phi Kappa Psi started off the semester with just two members from the previous semester. The colony got off to a good start by quadrupling their numbers. However, it was a quite semester for the Utah Colony, as they were still trying to make a name for themselves on campus. The Utah Colony did this by introducing themselves to the other fraternities and sororities on campus and by supporting them at their events. The Utah Colony also had their first philanthropy this semester. We raised a little over \$600. All proceeds of our philanthropy will be going to the Crossroads Urban Center in Salt Lake City. The Crossroads Urban Center is a nonprofit, organization that assists and organizes Utahns with low incomes, those with disabilities, and people of color to meet basic survival needs and to address essential issues affecting quality of life.



Oregon Beta - Oregon State

Chapter President: Tom Baty '19

Current active members: 104

2021 Highlight: In 2021, Oregon Beta raised \$8,100 for the Grace Center, a resource that aims to provide local seniors and adults with disabilities day services.



University of Oregon Colony

Colony President: Tyler Bird

Current active members: 12

2021 Highlight: In Fall 2021, we started the re-colonization process welcoming a strong group of colony members dedicated to the highest standards and who are excited about our innovative mentoring program. We are also beginning the planning for our 100th Anniversary celebration in 2023. Alumni can learn more at oregonphipsialumni.com.

The following chapters did not submit their news:

Arizona Beta – ASU
California Kappa – UC Irvine
California Lambda – San Diego State
Washington Alpha – Washington

Turn the
page to
read about
the Grand
Chapter

The Comeback Kids

By Megan Diveto, Associate Director of Communications

Resiliency and hard work define Minnesota Beta, this year's Grand Chapter Award winner.

In 2015, coming off two years of probation, Minnesota Beta committed to changing for the better. The brothers dedicated long hours to revamping their chapter. They focused on recruiting quality men, establishing beneficial programs and putting the brotherhood first.

"I was an active member at that time, and we had been given a blank slate," recalled Andrew Zobel *Minnesota '14*, the current chapter advisor and alumnus. "You can look at all the things we had before that were damaged or completely gone because of that probationary period. That was one way to look at it, but we definitely looked at it as a blank slate, something to be excited about, something to really own and that was kind of our rallying cry."

Zobel notes that many of the programs and ideals that were implemented during his time as an undergraduate only began to show their full potential recently. While the reward to their hard work wasn't instant, it grew into something that would allow MN Beta to be recognized as the most exceptional chapter of 2021. With the guidance

of Brother Zobel, support of alumni and the drive and determination of the MN Beta brothers, Max Nelson *Minnesota '19* the current GP, has pushed his chapter to be the best they can possibly be.

"For the 2019-20 year we ended up winning Chapter of Excellence and we were pleasantly surprised how that came out," shared Nelson. "But I knew as I was running for president in fall of 2020, that we took not winning Grand Chapter personal. During my presidential speech, the platform that I ran on was that we needed to view COVID-19 as the challenge not the excuse. This was an opportunity to completely start with clean slate like in 2015 and take a shot at Grand Chapter for real."



The brothers got to work. The chapter raised around \$13,000 for B Positive, a foundation that provides funding for childhood cancer research and provides resources to help the families of children with cancer, through a completely virtual fundraising effort. The chapter recruited around 20 new members and retained the full senior class through Fall 2020's





COVID-19 restrictions. They held brotherhood events that continuously strengthened their bonds, like Pint Night where all the brothers bring a pint of ice cream and watch movies at the house together. In total, the MN Beta brothers completed 3,500 community service hours over the school year and raised \$25,000 for three different organizations.

Throughout the past few years MN Beta has established a wide array of programs and activities to ensure they stay at the top of their game. They do mid-semester grade checks, have a dues kickback if a brother makes the Dean's List and a moment at the end of chapter meetings where the brothers can talk about anything they have on their mind.

"Words at chapter is such a cool, intimate thing because you'll have guys telling the funniest story you've ever heard, but also guys willing to cry and willing to be so vulnerable with each other. You're talking about 18-to 22-year-old men, and it's the exact opposite of what society and the social norms would expect them to be. It's so cool to be able to see a group of guys who love each other so much and who are willing to be vulnerable and authentic," Nelson says.

Moving forward Nelson and Zobel hope to keep the momentum going. The brothers have established the 1609 Club, a nod to their house number, that helps fund the brotherhood and the connection between alumni and undergraduates. Through their commitment to the brotherhood, their resilience in the face of adversity and their dedication to getting the little things right, MN Beta hopes to continue to receive the Grand Chapter Award for many years to come. And to any chapter that might be struggling, in one aspect or another, Nelson shares "I think it comes down to focusing on what makes our house and Phi Psi so special are the guys who are in the house and the brotherhood we share. What it boils down to is that we are in a fraternity, we are brothers and I think that's what everything needs to build from."

2020-2021 CHAPTER AWARDS

The Fraternity celebrates the success of our chapters each year in areas of academic excellence, service and philanthropy, and overall campus involvement. Join us in congratulating the six chapters who received these distinctions of excellence.

District Excellence Awards

District I

New York Theta - RIT

District II

Ohio Theta - Ashland

District III

Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

District IV

Georgia Beta - Georgia Tech

District V

Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

Grand Chapter Award

Minnesota Beta- Minnesota





One Step at a Time

By Drake DeloSantos
Associate Director of Communications

The weather was warm this past May in the Florida Keys. **Heartbeat.**

Many flocked to cheer on participants as they gave their all. **Heartbeat.** For some, this was their first run. For others, this was a test of their ability. **Heartbeat.** Laces tied, feet hitting the pavement, this was the challenge Brother Michael Willis *LSU '11* was looking to overcome. **Heartbeat.**

Young adults are usually full of energy, the life of the part, go-getters. Michael's older sister, Rachael, was all of these. Known for her determination, "can-do" attitude, she never took anything for granted. On college graduation day, instead of receiving a diploma and beginning the next chapter of her life, Rachael found herself in the doctor's office. The diagnosis: T Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma. She was 22. Younger brother Michael had just finished seventh grade when the Willis family was met with this devastating blow. In Michael's mind, this was a mere "bump in the road in what was going to be a joyous life" for his sister. After two years of hopeful ups and discouraging downs, Rachael, "breathed her final breath and left her broken, battered body on earth to take ranks with angels."

Pushing the Limits

Michael continued through high school and began studying political science at Louisiana State University (LSU). Coming into college, he knew he had struggled with weight issues and needed to make a lifestyle change. He lived in the Phi Psi house at the time and Kristian Jessen *LSU '11* recalls how Michael developed a passion for running. "Michael played soccer in high school and knew he needed a better physique. He went back to his roots by starting to run more often." Michael's body was not used to the physical strain of running, so when he started up again, he endured shin splits, strained ligaments and lots of twisted ankles. "He had a hard time getting into the sport. But once he did, a fire lit inside of him. He found a passion for something he didn't know he had."

What began as an avenue toward a healthier lifestyle, became a desire to push the boundaries. "Once Michael found the motivation to run, he knew he wanted something bigger," according to Jessen. "He began to watch ultra-runner documentaries. You would walk into our living room with Michael sitting on the couch learning how he could improve his training regime to heighten his running capabilities." He started with small challenges such as a five-mile run but progressed to ten, 25- and 50-mile runs. He was finally seeing the results of his hard work and dedication paying off.

Michael continued to run throughout college and into adulthood. After graduating from LSU, he began working with a U.S. congressman lobbying for change. The rush of politics was exhilarating but he came to a fork in the road as he missed the impact of helping others more. Having a heart for giving back, he chose to continue to make a difference in his community in



Chapter brothers Willis and Goodrich



southern Louisiana through philanthropy. He took on the role as vice president of advocacy for The Center for Literacy and Learning, formerly known as The Center of Development and Learning, helping families receive high-quality early education programs for their children.

Remembering Rachael

In pursuit of honoring his sister, Michael combined his two passions: helping others and running. He established the Running for Rachael Foundation. “The mission of the foundation is to provide opportunities for runners who have lost a loved one,” said Marissa Carroll with the Running for Rachael Foundation. “We are also here to help build a community of runners overcome personal obstacles to allow them to run a race they have never completed.” Since its inception, the foundation

has assisted more than 300 runners overcome obstacles and donated thousands to local families across Louisiana, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and American Cancer Society.

Michael didn’t stop there. On November 30, 2018, Michael tied his shoes and began the rigorous challenge of running a 100-mile ultramarathon.

Heartbeat. He did it in remembrance of his sister and

to raise money for a local cancer services organization. 63 miles in, Michael conceded to the pavement.

Heartbeat. He fell short of his goal, but this setback did not stop him. Remembering how hard his sister fought her battle, he dusted off the gravel and set out to complete the run again. He trained with his coach over the next two-and-a-half years to build up his stamina. Finally, the day had come. **Heartbeat.** Starting his 100-mile journey in Key Largo, Florida, he once again laced up and took one step at a time. **Heartbeat.** A grueling 20 hours, 26 minutes and 29 seconds later, Michael crossed the finish line in Key West. He had completed an ultramarathon. **Heartbeat.**

Crossing the Finish Line

What should have been a time of celebration for the Willis family and their friends became a time of prayer and mourning. Shortly after completing the run, Michael went into cardiac arrest. He was rushed to the local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. He was 27 years old. Not only did he cross the finish line, but he too joined the ranks of angels with his sister.

Michael’s legacy lives on. His family received many accolades and tributes following his death, with the

biggest coming from the foundation he created. The Running for Rachael Foundation hosted a community event in Michael’s honor. “People from all walks of life joined in to walk and run in Michael’s memory,” said Carroll. “Now that he has passed, the organization will honor his legacy by building upon the lessons in life that he taught us. We will continue to fundraise and touch all lives we encounter so we can #livelikeMichael.” In the upcoming months, the Running for Rachael Foundation plans to host their signature 5k to honor both Michael and Rachael.

Once a Brother, Always a Brother

The first stanza of the Phi Kappa Psi Creed states the brotherhood is filled with individuals, “who pledge throughout their lives to be generous, compassionate and loyal comrades.” According to his brothers, not only did Michael take this stanza of the Creed seriously,

“I can hear him telling me to always keep pushing myself and seek new challenges.”

but he also embodied it. “He was always there, willing to lend a helping hand,” shared Michael Goodrich *LSU ’11*. “On gamedays when we would set up tailgate, Michael would get up early to do his run and then show up to lend a helping hand. Tell me, who else do you know would wake up early, run 10-15 miles, then come set up a tailgate function?” Not only did

Michael help set up the tailgate, he encouraged other brothers to stay and strengthen their bonds, including those who had graduated before his time. “If you’ve ever been to an LSU tailgate, you know how busy they can be,” explained Jeremy Fisher *LSU ’01*. “Michael would invite me by the site where he and other brothers would be cooking jambalaya. Most of the time I would just drop by to see what the guys were up to and go about my business. Michael kept me there; he wanted to make sure I felt included still in the brotherhood.”

Michael’s brothers were there for him as he set out on his quest to lose weight and achieve better health. Their support helped him achieve his goals. While deeply missed today, his brothers still sense his presence, urging them to always push the limits. “When I am in doubt about something, I hear Michael’s voice,” said Fisher. “I can hear him telling me to always keep pushing myself and seek new challenges.” Michael is still giving back, providing comfort and his message lives on through his brothers. “Michael would say, ‘things will be all right no matter how bad they seem at the present time,’ and he is right,” said Jessen. “Well, brother, things are going to be all right. We’ll take it from here. Enjoy your time with Rachael.” **Heartbeat.**

For those interested in donating to honor Brother Willis or his sister, please visit runningforrachael.org.



Willis with sister, Rachael

140,000 MEMBERS and Still Going Strong

By HQ Communications Staff

It was on that cold, winter evening on February 19, 1852 that William Henry Letterman and Charles Page Thomas Moore founded Phi Kappa Psi.

Throughout our 169-year history, we have welcomed scholars, philanthropists and leaders into the brotherhood. This past fall, we initiated our 140,000th member into Phi Kappa Psi.



Brother Jahnig is the 140,000th member of Phi Psi.

Dominick Jahnig ASU '21 enrolled at Arizona State University after receiving his associates degree from a community college. "I decided to join Phi Psi because I felt an instant connection with every guy I talked to when rushing," recalled Jahnig. "I wanted something that was more of a brotherhood; guys I know that will be there at my lowest point, standing next to me at my wedding day and every part in between." From the start, his brothers were there to lend a helping hand and offer some valuable advice. "Coming in I had no idea how to even tie a tie! Darian Sueiro ASU '20 helped me and told me it all starts with appearance. That little piece of information is something that is going to stick with me forever."

The brotherhood drew Jahnig in initially but he soon found that his personal beliefs were reflected in Phi Psi as well. "Brotherhood, service to the community, etc. are all things I was looking for when finding the right fraternity for me." While he found the brotherhood in the instant connections he made during the rush process, it was *The Great Joy of Serving Others* that put the cherry on top for

his decision to join Phi Psi. "Members of Phi Kappa Psi went out one day and packed hundreds of meals for hungry children. Seeing service like that warms my heart because it's about helping out the community and putting others before yourself."



Higher, Further, Faster

By Megan Diveto, Associate Director of Communications

Photos: NASA/Joshua Fisher

Joshua Fisher *Auburn '18* has been obsessed with photography since he can remember.

His father bought a small Sony point-and-shoot camera to gift to Joshua as his first camera. Combined with his fascination with space, his mom wanted to be an astronaut before becoming a teacher; he shot for the stars and landed a job as a photographer at NASA.

Both of his parents went to Auburn University, so when it came time for Joshua to choose a college, it was an easy choice. When he finally arrived on the massive Auburn campus though, he was eager to find something to be a part of. During new student orientation he found the booth for the student newspaper, The Auburn Plainsman, and it was there that he was able to put to use his passion for photography. He would spend the next four years working for The Auburn Plainsman capturing photos around campus, particularly for Auburn football. But it was when he joined the newspaper staff that he met one of his future brothers and was introduced to Phi Kappa Psi. Joshua rushed his sophomore year, and although it was a smaller chapter, considering the relative size of the other chapters on campus, it was there that Joshua found a place to belong.

Joshua didn't want the typical large school fraternity experience. At Phi Psi, he was able to relax and be himself. "What I loved about Phi Psi was that even if we weren't throwing these giant parties or all of those other things, it was fun. It was a family and we got to do things as a family," Joshua said. He found value in the principles and morals held by the chapter. "One of the things that I learned was that you have to be honest with yourself. If one of my brothers or I were going through something, you didn't have to go through it alone."

Thanks to one of his brothers, who helped him through the application process at NASA and who Joshua in return helped with some job-related materials, he landed a job at The Armstrong Flight Research

Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Within a week Joshua had packed his life into his car and singlehandedly drove thousands of miles to his new home. Across the country, he can count on his brothers to continue to encourage and uplift him. "I'm thousands of miles away from anyone I knew at Auburn. I can still reach out to one of my brothers to check-in on them and they still check-in on me."

According to NASA, The Armstrong Flight Research Center is their "primary center for high-risk, atmospheric flight research and test projects." Joshua is grateful to have the opportunity to work beside some of the greatest and most innovative minds today. "They are pushing the edge, going to the bleeding edges of where science can get us. Getting to work beside these people who are committed to that mission, going higher, further and faster, it's an amazing experience."

When thinking back on his time at Auburn and Phi Psi, Joshua is glad that he put in the work early. Being a brother in Phi Psi allowed him to learn personal responsibility and his brothers pushed him to be his best. His advice for anyone that is looking for their dream job is simple: work hard and put yourself out there. "Everyone's path is going to be different. You have to make sure you put in the effort while you're in school. If you get that experience and put in that work while you're in school, start building your portfolio, complete an internship and make sure your resume is up to date. Then when you go to interview with someone, you'll be able to show them that you can do the job and not have as much on-the-job training." Joshua continues to grow within his profession, every day is a new learning opportunity. He is excited about the opportunities in front of him and remains committed to his passion. His hard work has paid off and Joshua's future is bright as he reaches higher, further, faster.

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By Micah Kleid F & M '00

How many chapters in Phi Kappa Psi have broken three Guinness World Records?

The answer is just one – New York Theta. But more on that later ...

The Great Joy of Serving Others is the maxim under which our Fraternity was founded 169 years ago and since then, brothers have tried to live by that motto. Joshua Geise RIT '15 was living the spirit of the Fraternity while still in high school through his work for an after-school program. It was not until after joining the New York Theta chapter that his passion for helping others became The Shore Foundation, whose mission it is to solve digital equality and end the digital divide.

"I grew up in Virginia and attended an Information Technology (IT) high school," Geise recalled. "During my junior year, I got involved with an after-school program called Students Working to Advance Technology (SWAT). The goal of SWAT is similar to the Shore Foundation. The school system got computers from within the system itself and companies who donated them. Students would stay after school to refurbish the computers and hosted events called, Bridging the Gap, where we would donate them to individuals in need."

After enrolling at RIT and joining the New York Theta chapter, Geise met Chance Wright RIT '14. The two of them quickly realized the possibility of expanding the goodwill that SWAT thanks to the resources the Fraternity offered on a local and national level. Unfortunately, because SWAT's funding comes from the state of Virginia, they were not too keen on giving computers to people in other states. After spending a couple of years trying to make it work, a thought occurred to Geise while traveling back to school after winter break: They could just do it themselves.

"It started out with five of us who were living together, with four of us being in the Fraternity," Geise explained. "By that February, we had submitted the paperwork and The Shore Foundation was an official 501(c)3 organization."

The infancy of The Shore Foundation was those five original founders working out of their small house. At their first event, they donated 20 computers to the Hillside Family of Agencies, the same organization already supported by New York Theta's Mud Tug event. With the help of their brothers, Geise and Wright refurbished the computers in their house and distributed them to families in need.

"It would have definitely been impossible without the Fraternity," said Geise. "From the resources around us to having all of us brothers together in the same house, it was invaluable. Everything that comes with the Fraternity is a positive experience. It gave us the ability and drive to get The Shore Foundation started."

Scroll, Save, Support

According to Wright, after that first event the foundation moved to a new office space and it was there that the groundwork for the chapter setting its third Guinness World Record was laid.

"Those first 20 computers came from private donors," Wright explained. "They were pieced together from friends and family, not really an organized effort. But the Guinness World Record is when we really started to position ourselves to start organizing and bringing in a large quantity of computers."

New York Theta had broken the Guinness World Record for the largest game of dodgeball in 2011, followed by the largest tug-of-war game in 2012 with a record 1,574 people (that record has since been broken). In 2018, the chapter joined with The Shore Foundation to do it again.



Former New York Theta GP, Emmmanuel Betancourth *RIT '17* (left) with Brothers Geise (middle) and Wright (right)

“Our Guinness World Record is for the most computers donated in 24 hours, which we set at 537 and achieved with New York Theta on December 9, 2018,” Wright said. “The catalyst for this was the chapter already had two world records, and it would be a fun idea to try for a third. We did a little research and found that no one had set a record for computers donated, and The Shore Foundation was perfectly positioned to set it.”

Without the New York Theta chapter, achieving the record would not have been impossible.

“There were many times throughout the process when we encountered a problem,” explained Wright. “Many times, the only solution to that problem was asking people to help and hoping to succeed. For example, transporting 600 computers without a freight elevator or loading dock, every single one of those computers had to have at least three or four touch points. Most, if not all, of those touch points were brothers.” The event itself would not have been possible without chapter brothers handling logistics, registration and donor recognition.

Reaching for Digital Equality

Since that day three years ago, the organization has evolved to the point where they are now processing thousands of computers a year. However, the pandemic exacerbated the problems.

“It used to be called the digital divide, but now it’s called digital equality,” said Wright. “It’s the difference between someone who has regular access to a computer and someone who does not. COVID-19 brought awareness to the issue, and it is now being seen a hundred times over as a huge problem that school systems, nonprofit organizations and even large corporations are facing.”

Despite these limitations, COVID shone a light on the problem The Shore Foundation is trying to solve.

“One organization had a large group of donors come up, and we were able to ship more than 100 computers to an organization in Georgia,” Wright added. “Those

computers were used for educational purposes to get kids into the virtual learning space and to allow the parents to search for jobs online.”

“COVID obviously caused a big downfall because of all the limitations but it also brought a lot of awareness to the need itself of increasing that digital equality,” Geise explained. “People are understanding more because of COVID the disadvantages that people who don’t have readily available access to a computer and the Internet have, whether it’s telehealth appointments, virtual learning, a job search, or even a young person having the ability to find things they’re interested in, really dive into and it, and learn more about it.”

Building the Bridge

When donating a computer to The Shore Foundation, not only does it help an individual or family in need, but also you receive a tax write-off and avoid the cost to dispose of the equipment. Many organizations have a technology turnover cycle every 3-5 years that is built into their cost systems. The Shore Foundation will work with them to set up a recurring donation program.

“We’re always looking to unlock new partnerships,” said Wright. “Whether through donations, partner organizations or volunteering, we’d be happy to have you.”

There are opportunities for locals in the Rochester area as well as remote support.

“People can help out by organizing their own donation events, lending support with their marketing skills, or even offering IT assistance.”

For more info about The Shore Foundation's Giving Groups – Community Partner Union (CPU), Power Generators or Cloud Support, go to: theshorefoundation.com.



Unique Paths

By Megan Diveto, Associate Director of Communications

“It’s important for me to give to the Loyalty Fund because I am making a financial stake in the future of our organization.”

The unique path that brought Brian Gildemeyer Delaware '14 to Phi Kappa Psi has inspired him to give back to the brotherhood.

Holding the title of Senior Emergency Preparedness Analyst for Pepco Holdings, Brian started his education at SUNY Brockport where he received his Bachelor of Science in meteorology and water resources/hydrology. Unlike most, Brian’s Phi Psi story doesn’t start in his undergraduate career but when he enrolls at the University of Delaware for graduate school that he’s introduced to the brotherhood.

“I had no friends. I was trying to find my way in a new campus environment. When I stumbled upon rush week, I didn’t know anything about it because



PHI KAPPA PSI LOYALTY FUND

What is the Phi Kappa Psi Loyalty Fund?

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

Gifts to the Fraternity's Loyalty Fund help support:

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

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

As a 501(c)(7) organization, gifts made to the Fraternity are not tax deductible.

**2020-21
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Loyalty Fund:**

\$6,240



in undergrad I was a soccer player and gymnast. So, I didn't have an opportunity to experience Greek life," Brian said. Unfortunately, Delaware only allowed undergraduate freshman to participate in fraternity rush. Still, he wanted to be involved with an organization that gave back to the community, like he did as a student athlete, and there was still one option left. "I can't explain how this all happened, but everything aligned, and Phi Kappa Psi was looking to initiate a colony on campus. My interest made its way back to the campus consultants and they asked if I wanted to rush a fraternity."

From there Brian began a winding journey of completing his Master of Science in Disaster Science and Management, Master of Business Administration and recolonizing Delaware Alpha. Since the chapter wasn't technically rushing, only re-chartering, Brian received permission from Headquarters to be a colonist and then become a member. Ian Sneed *UC Long Beach '10* and Tony Vaccaro *Muskingum '11* were not just Expansion Consultants, but mentors that guided Brian during his Phi Psi journey. His involvement before the chartering in 2014 was on the down low; he didn't want to jeopardize the colony if the school found out he was a graduate student. Brian credits his undergraduate brothers for doing a substantial amount of the heavy lifting during the colonization process especially attending required university events that needed to be completed. So, Brian kept his head down and worked hard, both for Delaware Alpha and academically. He remembers the pivotal moment of putting together the

binder of information for Headquarters to reestablish their charter. "I submitted it to Headquarters and later got a phone call saying congratulations. The charter had been approved and Delaware Alpha was officially back on campus," Brian recalled.

Through Phi Kappa Psi, Brian's passion for giving back to his community was amplified. In his job, he is able to help people when large weather events impact communities. Personally, he has spent the COVID-19 pandemic sewing personal protective equipment for healthcare workers and packing boxes at food banks (something he enjoyed during his time at the Woodrow Wilson Leadership School). In Phi Psi, he found the true essence of *The Great Joy of Serving Others*. This is one of the many reasons he gives to the Phi Psi Loyalty Fund. "It's important for me to give to the Loyalty Fund because I am making a financial stake in the future of our organization. Being able to make a financial donation to go where it needs to, to help across the country, that's huge. To see the progression, development and leaders at headquarters move the organization forward, that's invaluable."

Brother Gildemeyer credits Ron Ransom *Butler '00* with the leadership that inspires him to continue to give to the organization. He looks forward to continuing his donation to the Loyalty Fund to help advance the brotherhood; to help current and future brothers with their own unique Phi Psi stories.

To learn more about the Loyalty Fund, go to phikappapsi.com/alumni/loyalty-fund/

chapter advisors



“It has been the honor of my life so far to serve as the chapter advisor for Minnesota Beta. I remember as an undergrad being excited to talk to alumni about their lives, careers and the chapter when they were in college. I love to be able to pay that forward by talking with them about their lives, career goals, Phi Psi, and anything else.”

—Andrew Zobel *Minnesota '14*

The chapter advisory team is an integral aspect of our Fraternity's success.

Thanks to volunteers across the country, our men receive guidance and support from alumni and friends of Phi Kappa Psi who have accepted these roles. Our advisors regularly meet with officers, new member classes, and the chapter, as well as engaging in the recruitment process, community service and philanthropy events, and educational opportunities provided to our men. The Fraternity owes much of its success today to these dedicated men and women who are committed to ensuring that our undergraduates have an outstanding fraternity experience.

If you are interested in getting involved with a chapter as a member of the advisory team or in any volunteer role, we would love to hear from you: phikappapsi.com/alumni

2021 Highlights

- We have **441** advisors who cover **486** advisory roles.
- We welcomed **26** new advisors this year.
- This year, advisors dedicated **7,000+** hours to Phi Psi chapters.
- We hosted an inaugural New Advisor Check-In virtual meeting in October for advisors who have been in their roles for less than one year. One-third of our new advisors participated.

Breakdown By Position

94	Chapter Advisors
57	Finance Advisors
53	Fraternity Education Advisors
52	Faculty Advisors
48	Membership Recruitment Advisors

Advisory Positions Available

- Risk Management and Social Advisor
- Philanthropy and Community Service Advisor*
- Alumni Relation and Public Relations*
- Scholarship Advisor*
- Mentoring Advisor

*Can be remote

FOUNDERS DAY 2021

Celebrating Phi Kappa Psi



By HQ Communications Staff

February 19, 1852 is a date no one in our organization will forget.

It was on that cold, winter night that our prestigious fraternity was founded during a typhoid fever epidemic. 169 years later, our fraternity was in a similar situation with the global COVID-19 pandemic. That didn't stop our members from celebrating Phi Kappa Psi.

The week of February 15, 2021 commenced a virtual gathering of brothers from around the world. Brothers took part in virtual programming that showcased how Phi Psi's are making a difference in our communities, how higher education is evolving, learned more about

the current state of the organization and came together for one night to participate in the reading of the Creed. The week concluded with the third annual Founders Day of Giving.

As Founders Day ended, some reflected on their Phi Psi experience. Brother James French *Vanberbilt* '56 shared that as he was

seeking a brotherhood, one phrase stood out to him. "Membership in Phi Kappa Psi is a lifelong endeavor," recalled French. "No other house on campus said anything like that. That statement includes my decision to pledge and be initiated into this marvelous

brotherhood." Even current undergraduates like Jarod Sinahon *USP '18* know that there is always a brother there, ready to lend a helping hand. "Having those who will be there, by your side no matter what, is the beauty of Phi Kappa Psi," said Sinahon. "No matter where you come from, your affiliations or associations are, time and day it is or where you are, brothers will answer the call no matter the circumstances. And it doesn't get any better than that."

In 2022, many Founders Day events will return to in-person. Phi Kappa Psi will offer again a recording of the state of the organization video, undergraduate and alumni education panels and the reading of the Creed. All of these and 2021 Founders Day videos are available on the Phi Psi HQ YouTube channel.

Is your chapter or Alumni Association planning on hosting an event?

We want to know! Email alumni@phikappapsi.com to share your plans with us.



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PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDERS DAY OF GIVING 2021

48 Hours for Phi Kappa Psi

- 49%
Phi Psi
Alumni
- 8%
Phi Psi
Undergraduates
- 5%
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795
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Accounting and Accountability: Building Blocks for Career

By HQ Communications Staff

Elevate Lifestyle, an event marketing company in Charlotte, North Carolina, annually solicits submissions for the city's outstanding entrepreneurs, executives, managers and professionals from public and nonprofit sectors.

One of our own was recognized in September as one of the 30 Under 30 Future Leaders of Charlotte. Brother Clayton B. Wood *Bowling Green '13* received the honor at a public ceremony after being nominated by one of his peers. The 2021 honorees appeared in the Best of the City magazine.

Highlighted in the same publication was Wood's consulting firm, C.B. Wood Financial LLC. The firm works with 50-to-1,000-employee businesses, structuring their healthcare plans to improve predictability, produce better medical outcomes and lower the risk of the plan. In return, the business should see an increase in profitability. "The plan is to continue to grow the firm so we can help businesses control their healthcare expenditure," Wood said.

Motivated by helping others, Wood also is working to establish a new family foundation that will help support local causes in the Charlotte metro area. "My goal is to donate a percentage of the revenue that the firm earns each year to grow the fund, so we can increase the number of causes we can support," Wood said.

Giving back is one of the values instilled by Phi Psi that had a profound effect on all aspects of his life. "The brotherhood taught me that working together can significantly better your community and yourself. That could be in your business, charity, church, while volunteering or having better family life," Wood stated.

Brother Wood joined Phi Psi as a freshman and claims it was the turning point of his college experience. "After going through Rush, I knew the brothers were going to push me professionally more than any other chapter on campus," Wood said. "To this day, I continue to stay in touch with my Ohio Zeta brothers. Over the past five years, we have been able to enjoy each

"The brotherhood taught me that working together can significantly better your community and yourself."



Wood and fiancée, Audrey at 30 Under 30 celebration in September

other's weddings, bachelor parties, reunions and casual get-togethers."

During his time at Phi Psi, Wood's chapter earned the highest GPA, most volunteer hours and philanthropic dollars raised by any fraternity on campus. As chapter president, he earned the President of the Year award given by the university. All great accomplishments, but what made Wood's experience as a brother special were the connections and mentorships formed along the way. "Being able to travel the country to Phi Psi programs helped me be able to create these connections," Wood recalled.

Several brothers have made a significant impact on Wood. "Jerry Nelson *UCLA '48*, Scott Noble *Texas '81*, Paul Wineman *Washington '55*, Ron Ransom *Butler '00*, Zack Longwell *Ashland '09*, Matt Kifle *Ohio '12*, Scott Nady *Cal '10* – and more." Brothers Brian Kochheiser *Bowling Green '12* (Wood's big brother) and Kenny Roberts *W & J '12* encouraged Wood to be his best as a brother and to create the building blocks of his professional career.

Kochheiser remembers Wood from the day he recruited him to join Ohio Zeta. "I could tell that he was ambitious and motivated to make an impact in the community. I have no doubt that trend will continue throughout his life."



Wood (third from right), along with big brother Kochheiser (far left), at 2016 GAC

But the brother who has had the biggest impact on his life is a fellow Ohio Zeta brother and his mentor, Hal Dick *Bowling Green '55*. Dick instilled in him not only the importance of staying connected with the brotherhood after college, but also to be dedicated to his passion. “I can confidentially say that I would not be the man I am today if it wasn’t for these brothers who were a part of my collegiate experience.”

The highlight for Wood this year has been moving into a new house. He and his fiancée moved to the Charlotte area in 2017 and are excited to continue settling into their newly built home before getting married in the spring of 2022.

When not managing his business, Wood and his fiancée can be found boating on the lake, watching football and basketball, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Wood said, “A bucket list item that I’d like to cross off is to attend a football game at each of the NFL stadiums.”

His advice to new alumni: “Stay connected. You never know when a brother will need you or you will need a brother.”

Interested in becoming involved as a mentor? Go to: <https://nelsonleadershipinstitute.org/mentorship/>



Brothers Hal Dick and Clayton Wood

Destined for Success

By Hal Dick Bowling Green '55

Because he was born on February 19, perhaps Clayton was destined to be a Phi Psi. Our connection also seems serendipitous.

I had gone to BGSU’s October 5, 2013, Homecoming celebration, and at an event on that rainy Saturday morning, Brian Kochheiser introduced me to Clayton who had just agreed to pledge but had not gone through the ceremony yet. I thought he was really sharp from that first meeting, and we sat together at the event. At the same time, Ohio Zeta had just developed an “Amici” mentoring program for which I volunteered. I was totally delighted when the chapter told me I was being paired with Clayton. We had similar northwest Ohio and Lutheran backgrounds, and so began an Oregon-Ohio mentorship and friendship.

Though we have seen each other only in 2013 and at the 2016 GAC, I will always be watching and applauding Clayton’s achievements.



Brothers from Illinois Zeta gathered in November to learn more about time management, networking, resume writing and interviewing.

Keys to Success

By HQ Communications Staff

One of the benefits of fraternity is the professional development and networking opportunities presented to its members.

After Illinois Zeta received a grant from the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, they knew exactly how the money should be spent. “We’ve had our professional development program for about seven years. It has been extensively utilized and extremely useful,” shared Chapter Advisor Carl Johnson *DePaul ’15*. “Our Advisory Board has been talking for a couple of years about ways to grow the program such as offering larger group workshops that could reach more brothers. Receiving the Excellence in Advising Grant from the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation made it possible. It was great to be part of the group that planned and presented this workshop, and great for to my own professional development, too.”

The entire program was developed and presented by Illinois Zeta members, both active and alumni. But it was the current active members that benefitted the most from the program. “COVID-19 created a lot of uncertainty about post graduate life for many of us the last couple of years,” said Alex McDonald *DePaul ’19*. “The professional development workshop was an opportunity to give brothers at all stages of their career planning a way to progress to their future career goals.”

Below are quotes from what participants had to say about the program:

“Great presentations today. I came into today with very little knowledge of how I should advance in my career after college. I feel much more confident now.”

“I learned that I need to advocate for myself and be accountable.”

“My understanding of the importance of networking and its best practices just grew about 1000%.”

“This is why I joined this Fraternity.”



A special thanks to those presented at the program:

Edwin Aguilar *DePaul ’17*

Carsen Casica *DePaul ’15*

Milosz G. Gawlik *DePaul ’17*

Carl M. Johnson *DePaul ’15*

Steve Hall *Illinois State ’86, DePaul ’19*

Will Tselepis *DePaul ’21*

Jacob Goebels *DePaul ’19*



CEO Dad Knows Priorities

By HQ Communications Staff
(with excerpts from the Indianapolis Business Journal)

The Indiana Alpha chapter house is in the center of campus, and it seemed like a place Jason Becker *DePauw '01* would be proud to call a second home.

And so began Brother Becker's time with Phi Kappa Psi, where he developed friendships with brothers — both older and younger — who have been among the most meaningful relationships in his life.

"As an undergraduate student, I loved being responsible and accountable for the chapter's success as a sophomore and then representing the broader Greek system's interests as the Interfraternity Council President as a junior and senior," Becker recalled. "My early adult experience of serving others helped prepare me to be a Chief Executive Officer."

Earlier this year, Becker was recognized as one of the Indianapolis Business Journal's "Forty Under 40." Honorees are chosen by a committee comprised of IBJ editors and managers as well as previous honorees. This year, more than 300 names were reviewed. The goal: To find promising business and community leaders who excel in their careers and community service — often beyond what is typical for their age — and who are likely to be making important contributions for years to come.

Becker's career started in Management Consulting with a Chicago-based firm called West Monroe. He later joined RICS Software (Retail) and Dyknow (Ed Tech). As the CEO, his goal was to turnaround the performance of both companies and — as it turned out — his team has made both businesses grow revenues, more profitable and achieve success. "We prioritized changes that enhanced our product-market fit, focused on serving clients that were growing, and made sure we had the right size and type of organization for the market we are in," he said.

A Carmel, Indiana resident, Becker gives back by serving on the boards of Community Health Network (CHN) and the Running Industry Association (RIA). Looking back at the effect the pandemic had on his volunteer work, Becker reflected, "As Boards, we had to make big decisions with limited and fast-changing information. In some ways it felt like 20 years of lived experience smashed into two."



"A force of nature," is how Becker describes his wife, Nicole, whom he cites as one of the most influential people in his life. John Taylor, Becker's late "uncle" and mentor, is someone he also holds in high regard. "His key piece of advice was to read, watch, and listen more than you talk."

If Becker could advise his younger self, he would say, "Invest in your health because it compounds." Finding himself at an unhealthy weight in mid-way through college, Becker started running. At first, he couldn't run a quarter of a mile without stopping, but he kept at it. "My first race was the Chicago Marathon with the goal of beating Oprah and P. Diddy's time, which I did!" Since, he has completed many half marathons, a trail marathon, sprint triathlons, Olympic distance triathlons, and a Half Ironman. Today, Becker runs six or seven days a week for mental health. "It's an essential part of my routine that I love."

While Becker has achieved a great deal of success already, his current goal is to keep developing as a role model for his kids. "I want to show them how to have 360-degree success in life — health, family, marriage and career."

That attitude is exemplified by what he considers the highlight of his year. Not his job. Not the accolades or a new personal record for a race, but this: "Going back to DePauw University (DPU) in June with my wife Nicole (DPU '06) and four sons (5, 5, 4, and 1) to see her Young Alumni of the Year plaque hanging in the Union Building. She was recognized for her outstanding leadership and service. Seeing her recognized, showing the boys the campus, Phi Kappa Psi and Marvin's (a popular diner on the edge of campus) was spectacular and a 2021 highlight."

Priorities obviously in order, Brother Becker is a shining example of noble character.



Oklahoma Alpha 100th Anniversary Celebration

By HQ Communications Staff

Brothers, past and present, gathered on October 1-2, 2021 to celebrate 100 years of Phi Kappa Psi on the University of Oklahoma campus.

Founded on October 9, 1920, Oklahoma Alpha was unable to celebrate their centennial in 2020 but they made up for it this year. Coming together to commemorate their legacy, Oklahoma Alpha planned a weekend that would emphasize the brotherhood and values of our organization.

The events for the weekend started on Friday with a chapter house visit where alumni were able to tour the renovated location and share old memories. This was followed by a cocktail reception at a nearby bar where brothers continued reminiscing over drinks and hors-d'oeuvres. The festivities continued Saturday, starting in the morning with a golf scramble, and a barre class for the ladies, and ending with the centennial celebration dinner. During the celebration dinner, there were speakers and presentations in which Oklahoma Alpha looked to the past fondly and to the future optimistically.

Below you will find what a few of the brothers in attendance had to say about the celebration. Here's to 100 more years of Oklahoma Alpha!

"Brother Bower had a quote that 'alumni always answer the call.' His speech was one of the best parts of the ceremony." *—Justin Ludlum '15*

"This was an amazing event to experience, not only as the chapter president, but as a brother in itself." *—Nic Lippert '19 (Current GP)*

"Joining Phi Psi is a lifelong bond and it is only by maintaining those bonds that we grow as people as well as the Fraternity as a whole." *—Bassel Abuljebain '12*

"They say that a man never truly dies until he fades from memory. The men and history we honored at our Centennial will live on, as long as we remember their names and retell their deeds which built Oklahoma Alpha. I challenge my brothers to be men after their example and dedicate time, coin and passion to this Fraternity, so long as they stand on this side of Heaven." *—Jeff Scott '11*

"This event occurred on my 31st birthday (Oct. 2, 2021), and I couldn't think of a better way to spend that day than celebrating my life and the life of my chapter all at once." *—Jared Bills '12*

2020-21 FISCAL YEAR FRATERNITY INCOME

Undergraduate Support: **\$1,862,000**

Alumni Support: **\$24,195**

Other Income: **\$133,902**

Total Income: \$2,020,097

“I commend our staff for proactively staying ahead of what the pandemic has brought us through. **We are in a much better position** than any of us anticipated a year ago.”

— SWP Burns H. Davison III, Iowa State '79

2020-21 FISCAL YEAR FRATERNITY EXPENSES

Operational Expenses: **\$1,461,941**

Insurance Expense: **\$1,122,997**

Total Expenses: \$2,584,938

2020-21 PERMANENT FUND CONTRIBUTION

\$376,553

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

Dream of a *Lifetime*

By Beth Winchell, Creative Design Manager



65 years.

A lifetime, right? For Brother Richard C. Bower *Oklahoma '56*, it's a lifetime of service.



The proclamation given to Brother Bower in October states, "WHEREAS: During Phi Kappa Psi's one-hundred and sixty-nine years of existence, Brother Richard C. Bower has devoted sixty-five years of service with his love and friendship to the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi."

In addition to being able to — finally — celebrate his chapter's 100th anniversary, Bower was given the prestigious Medal of Honor from SWGP David Moyer *Alabama '91*. This recognition, bestowed at the discretion of the national president, is Phi Psi's version of a lifetime achievement award. Typically announced at Grand Arch

Council (GAC), SWGP Moyer chose to honor Brother Bower during Oklahoma Alpha's Centennial Celebration surrounded by his chapter brothers.

"It was a joy to participate and be in attendance for such a momentous occasion, celebrating a milestone for our chapter," Bower said. The much-anticipated event had been postponed due to the pandemic and was a bright spot in a dark year for Bower. "It was a dream of a lifetime and one I won't soon forget. I had so looked forward to this day, and then to be recognized with a proclamation and the Medal of Honor, too ... it was such a great experience!"

One of the brothers in attendance was Jeff Scott *Oklahoma '11*. He recalled advice Bower had given him as an undergraduate, "Oklahoma Alpha is the fraternal home you grow up in, learning lessons which shape who you are as a man. When it's your turn as an alumnus to mentor undergraduates, you have a duty to pass on the lessons you've learned and make sure the next generation of brothers accomplishes even more than you have and will." Scott has strived to accomplish that since graduating from college.

Lifelong Friends

Brother Bower's Phi Psi experience began at Oklahoma University in 1955, where he majored in engineering physics. In his undergraduate years, Bower recalled having a great group of guys in his pledge class. "It was a core group of men with different backgrounds who shared experiences as initiates and became lifelong friends."

After graduating, Bower worked for DuPont and then obtained a master's degree from Harvard Business School in 1964. While in Boston, he connected with some alumni and helped with fundraising phone solicitations. After a while, he joked, "I'd make a call, and before I could really say anything, they would ask, 'how much do you want this time?'"

Top: Phi Psi brothers at Oklahoma Alpha's Centennial Celebration

Middle: Brother Bower (center) after receiving the Medal of Honor. Beside him are (L) Gordon Letterman and (R) SWGP David Moyer.

Bottom: Close up of the front and back of the Medal of Honor, given at the sole discretion of the National President.





Brother Bower, along with Jim Blazer *Ohio State '79*, Paul Wineman *Washington '55*, David Jones *Texas Tech '55*, Hal Dick *Bowling Green '55*, at the 2006 GAC Awards Lunch.

Returning to the Dallas, Texas area, where he would spend the rest of his life, Bower focused on his career and family before getting back into a more active role with Phi Psi. But once he did, there was no turning back! He remembered meeting so many supportive alumni during his time at Oklahoma Alpha. “And then I woke up 20 years later to be one of those guys, taking over the reins.”

An inspiring leader in Bower’s eyes was J. Bart Aldridge *Oklahoma 1922*, who served as national president from 1952-54. He was present at chapter activities and was admired on both a local and national level. “He was a marvelous, encouraging person and instilled in me that if practiced diligently, the qualities and values of Phi Psi are a lifelong event.”

“Societally, things are in such flux today. We need to remind ourselves that the Ritual and Creed are great guides for life, the bedrock of our core values. It’s so important for us to carry on these qualities and impress upon our young alumni to do so, too,” Bower said.

One way to continue the good work and stay connected is to attend GAC. Bower has attended 14 so far — the first in his freshman year — and each one has been rewarding. “You miss a lot by only being involved locally. When you attend GAC, you can see the breadth of work organizationally and gain appreciation for the talents of others from chapters across the country.”

Lifetime Accomplishments

Over the years, Bower served as a house corporation and alumni association officer, member of Project 2025 and the Order of the S.C. Fellow Project 2025 committee member Wynn Weigand *Missouri '74* recalled, “Richard and I worked together on Project 2025. We helped set the groundwork and organizational structure for creating the Canonsburg Corporation in 2005.” Bower served as Canonsburg’s first secretary until he retired in 2006. Bower’s expertise in many areas was critical in the formation of Project 2025. “Richard is a major reason Canonsburg has been able to be successful in assisting our house corporations financially,” said Canonsburg Corporation Chairman John Ziegelmeyer *Kansas '70*.

Looking toward the future, Brother Bower encourages alumni engagement to grow the organization. “We need to replenish, educate and mentor new members. The work we do now will keep the wheels turning for a lifetime to come.”

Medal of Honor Recipients

First presented at the 2002 Sesquicentennial Grand Arch Council (GAC) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Phi Kappa Psi Medal of Honor was created to honor both members and non-members alike. The award is presented to those who have achieved success in their personal, professional or fraternal lives, and who have had a substantial effect on our Fraternity. It is Phi Kappa Psi’s highest honor and awarded by the National President at his sole discretion.

2002 – Kent Owen *Indiana '58*
Jerry Dunlap *Ashland '66*
Mrs. Terrie Dunlap
Dud Daniel *Arizona '47*

2004 – D. Bruce McMahan
Southern Cal '57
Jerry Nelson *UCLA '48*
John Donnell Jr. *Case Western '59*

2006 – Robert Betterton Jr.
Tennessee '80

2008 – Fred Clay *Alabama '67*

2010 – Donald Fites *Valparaiso '53*

2012 – Haldon Dick *Bowling Green '55*

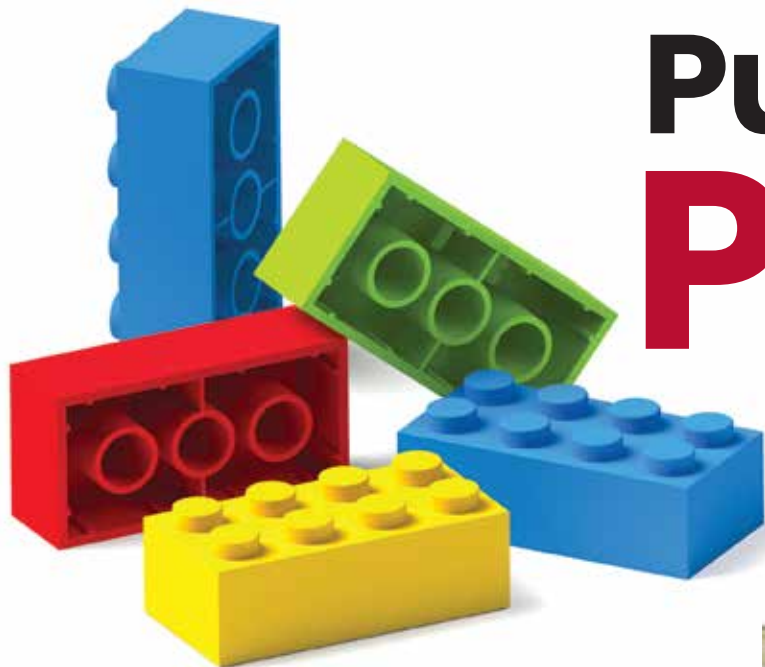
2014 – Mike McCoy *Indiana '58*
Wayne Wilson *Michigan State '59*
Dick Starr *Ohio State '65*

2016 – John Ziegelmeyer *Kansas '70*

2018 – Lloyd Talbert *UCLA '78*
Tom Pennington *Texas '80*
Scott Noble *Texas '81*

2020 – Shawn Collinsworth
Indiana State '91
Greg Knapp *Illinois '71*
David McDonald *Beloit '82*

2021 – Richard Bower *Oklahoma '56*



Putting the Pieces Together

By Drake DeloSantos, Associate Director of Communications

How do you help others understand that COVID-19 is easily transmissible? Sure, you can use word of mouth, social media or even graphics. But what about LEGOs?

Brother Connor Dunwoodie *Ashland '14* is a former news reporter with WYMT in Hazard, Kentucky, and along with his news director, they used LEGOs to help their community understand how one person could put others at risk. Just over a year later, they received a regional Emmy award for their creative explanation of how social distancing can save lives.

It was at the height of the pandemic when Brother Dunwoodie knew he needed to help the people of southeastern Kentucky understand more about COVID-19. "There were a lot of questions and misinformation about the virus," explained Dunwoodie. "I had a rough idea for the story, and I got together with my news director to help add in some more details to it. We wanted to explain – in a family-friendly way – what was happening." But how do you communicate to thousands of people how easily the virus spreads? That's where LEGOs came into the shot. "Using LEGOs allowed us to visually show our viewers that if one person was infected and not practicing social distancing or wearing a mask, how quickly they could transmit the virus to others. Plus, who doesn't want to get paid to play with LEGOs for a day?" After the story aired, community members flooded Dunwoodie's inbox about how easy he made it to talk about COVID-19, especially children.

On August 15, 2021, Dunwoodie and his news director were awarded one of television news's highest honor, an Emmy award. The pair won the award from the Ohio Valley Emmy chapter in the Health/Medical News category. "When putting this story together, an award



was the last thing on my mind." It wasn't until a friend encouraged him to submit the piece to the nominations committee six months after the story aired, "And that's how the story goes!" While he knows winning an Emmy is no small feat in broadcasting, he is very humbled to be honored with the award. "There's a lot of phenomenal work done in the Ohio Valley chapter, so to be contending for the award and then to win, it's quite incredible. However, focusing on honest, factual journalism is what my team and I strived for."

Brother Dunwoodie spent three years at WYMT in Hazard, Kentucky where he was a multimedia journalist and anchor covering natural disasters, crime and feature reporting. Growing up, he had a passion for photography, videography and editing. He found his calling in journalism. Recently, Dunwoodie left television news and founded his own company, Chronicle Creative Media, in Columbus, Ohio. The company creates commercials for businesses and works with media companies throughout the country.

MEMBER MILESTONES

Share your milestones with us to be included in the next issue of *The Shield*. Submit your news at: bit.ly/member-milestones.

Indiana Gamma – Wabash

Brother **Leo E. Priemer '06**, an Edward Jones financial advisor in South Bend, Indiana, was recently named to the annual list of "Next-Gen Wealth Advisors" by *Forbes* magazine and SHOOK Research.

Kansas Alpha – Kansas

Brother **Blake A. Shuart '01** received the "40 under 40" award by the *Wichita Business Journal*; he careers at Hutton and Hutton Law Firm LLC.



Brother **Daniel S.R. Dakhil '03** was named one of *Wichita Business Journal's* "40 under 40." Brother Dakhil careers at CrossFirst Bank.



Brother **Thomas M. Bailey '06** and his wife, Megan Clayton Bailey, welcomed Della Jane Bailey on September 2021. Brother **Brad S. Bailey '03** is a proud uncle once again.

Brother **Michael L. Guerry '05** and his wife, Laine, welcomed twins into the world Sunday, September 26. Babies Quinn LeGrande and her little brother Whit Harrison are doing well. Rock Chalk! *

Brother **Scott W. Paradise '06** and his wife, Loree, welcomed Walker Lloyd into the world September 28, 2021.



Brother **Drew L. Alingh '04** and his lovely wife Liz, welcomed their fourth child into the world October 12, 2021. Mom and baby Brooks Matthew are doing great!



Brother **Christopher C. Jones '04** and his wife Colleen welcomed a baby boy, Robert Cahill Jones, in mid-October! Rock Chalk!



Brother **Chris M. Drier '02** added a new one to the family October 22, 2021. Welcome to the world, Wyatt Graham Drier.



Brother **Joel A. Dreiling '03** and his wife Sonya welcomed a boy, Evan, into the world October 20, 2021. Mom and baby are doing great!



Brother **Chris W. Fields '03** and his wife Sarah welcomed a son, Gabriel David Fields into the world December 2, 2021. They are over the moon with their new bundle! And late Brother **David W. Fields**

'73, who entered Chapter Eternal in January, is a proud grandfather once again.

Minnesota Beta – Minnesota

Brother **Justin P. Smith '04** married Sarah on August 6, 2021, in the middle of deployment in support of joint cyber operations. Best man, **John A. Stoffregen '05** was at his side.



Mississippi Alpha – Ole Miss

Brother **Griffin S. DeMarrais '18** graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Business. He now works on the news team for KAIT8 TV in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

New Jersey Delta – TCNJ

Brother **Dr. Scott R. Rocco '91** was named the 2022 New Jersey Superintendent of the Year by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators.

Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

Brother **Charles W. (Chuck) Edgar III '72**, was named a member of the Legal Elite by *Florida Trend Magazine*, putting him among the top 1.3% of attorneys in the state of Florida.

Brother **Milton O. Thompson '74** was honored with the Charles L. Whistler award, the highest public service award given to an individual in the city of Indianapolis.

Ohio Iota – Akron

Brother **Nicholas S. Dorsey '15** married the love of his life, Rachael, on Friday, November 12 at Laurel Hall in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ohio Nu – Ohio

Brother **Eric A. Cox '08** got married in Maui after having to postpone due to the pandemic the year prior.



Brother **Lee G. Fuller '09** and his wife, Jessika welcomed their first child, Charles, into the world on August 20.

Ohio Pi – Denison

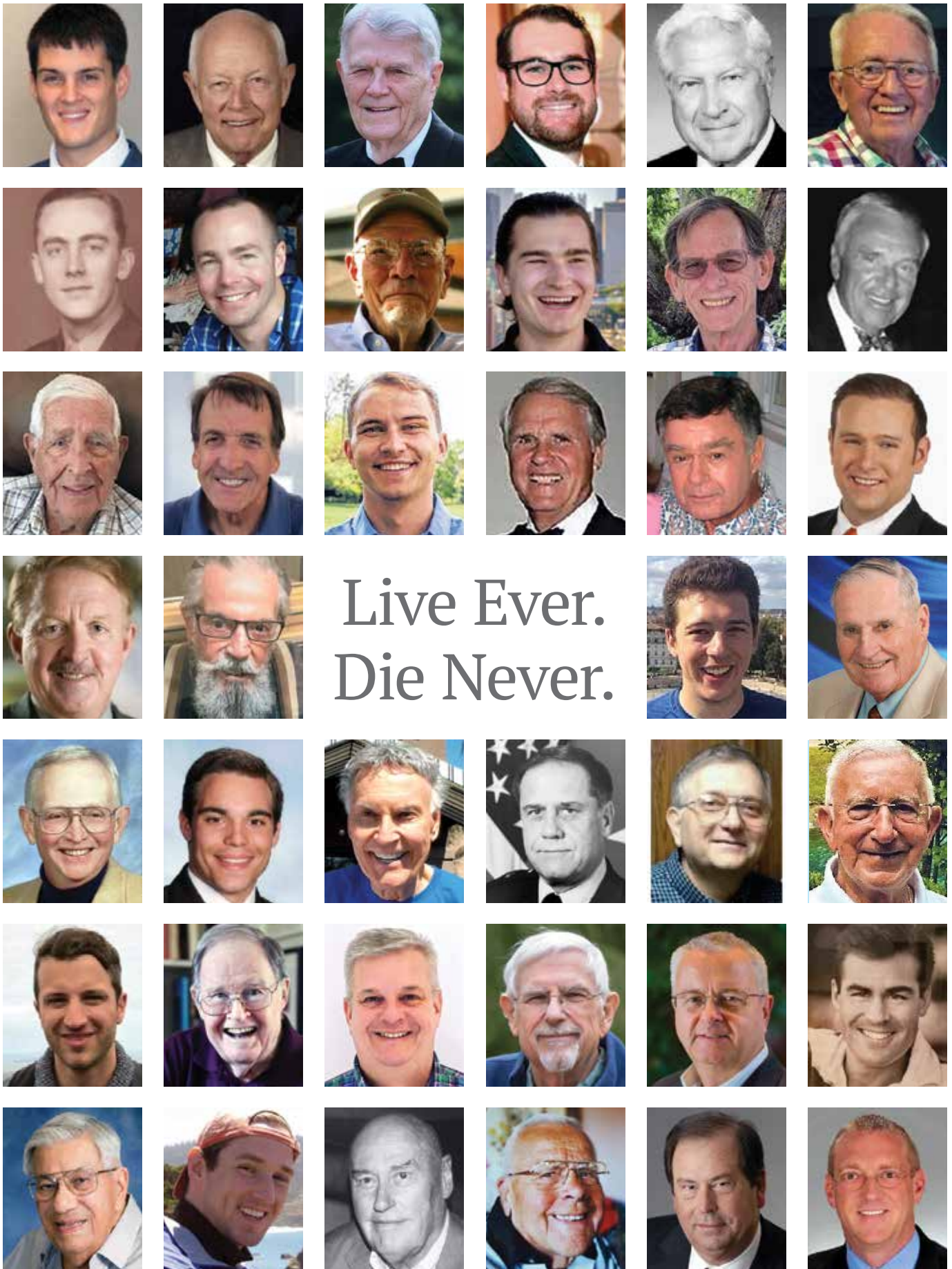
Brother **Andrew C. Bruss '18** married his wife, Nicole, surrounded by numerous brothers and said, "Amici was sung loud and proud."

Virginia Zeta – Virginia Tech

Brother **William P. White '80** received the Knowlton Award from the Military Intelligence Corps Association (MICA). The Knowlton Award is given to those who have "demonstrated the high standards of integrity, moral character, professional competency and selflessness, and who have contributed significantly to the promotion of the Military Intelligence Corps."



* Brother Guerry's twins announced their arrival in September.



Live Ever.
Die Never.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Please email Chapter Eternal announcements to membership@phikappapsi.com.

Obituaries reported from July 1 through December 15, 2021 are included below. Year of initiation is shown after name. Full obituaries can be found at bit.ly/chapter-eternal

California Beta - Stanford

Henry R. Peters '41
Gary R. Truex '55

California Gamma - Cal

George A. Whiting '50

California Delta - Southern Cal

Tommy A. Kuenster '05

California Epsilon - UCLA

John C. Quigg '40
Michael A. Cornwell '52

Colorado Alpha - Colorado

John W. Cornelison '58
Connor J. Thomson '18

Delaware Alpha - Delaware

Jack E. DuBois '18

Florida Beta - Florida

John C. Morris '71

Illinois Delta - Illinois

William G. Barrick '74

Illinois Epsilon - Illinois State

Michael J. Burrell '91

Indiana Alpha - DePauw

William A. Pendl '51
Randall B. Ripley '56
William J. Vesey '59
Ted C. Honold '72
Brad S. Burton '16

Indiana Beta - Indiana

Russell A. Jackson '80
Alan H. Lambert '81

Indiana Gamma - Wabash

John T. Kemper '69

Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

George Reinhardt '57
Ryan H. Steigerwald '04

Indiana Zeta - Butler

Dennis L. Jennings '72
Stanley E. Weed '73
Paul M. Anderson '75
David A. Bushman '75
Kevin G. Gueldenhaar '76
Christopher J. Staton '79
Edward J. Roberts '80

Iowa Alpha - Iowa

Stephen W. Burger '66
Andrew K. Wood '92

Iowa Beta - Iowa State

William G. Castner '45
David L. Anthony '54

Kansas Alpha - Kansas

Michael K. Finnigan '64
Mason H. Linscott '82

Michigan Beta - Michigan State

Chester A. Felsing '54

Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

John E. Nelson '49

New York Beta - Syracuse

Frank C. Smith '53

New York Epsilon - Colgate

Lawrence Hasbrouck '50

Ohio Alpha - Ohio Wesleyan

Stephen S. Humphrey '92

Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

Vincent J. Del Medico '48

Ohio Eta - Toledo

Thomas H. Brymer '60

Ohio Theta - Ashland

Gary M. Olson '69

Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma

Virgil T. Hill '46
Don E. Schultz '54

Richard C. Hensley '59

G. Bert Paine '59

Stephen D. Saunders '65

Oregon Alpha - Oregon

Douglas R. Carter '49

Pennsylvania Beta - Allegheny

John C. Phillips '54
Archie O. Wallace '54
Norman G. Williams '61

Pennsylvania Gamma - Bucknell

David R. Schultz '58

Pennsylvania Epsilon - Gettysburg

Robert A. Schoen '49

Pennsylvania Iota - Penn

Lawrence H. Hale '50
Andrew J. Mamrol '80

Pennsylvania Lambda - Penn State

Peter D. Wanser '58
Robert I. MacDonnell '58
Paul S. McQuiston '75

Rhode Island Alpha - Brown

David S. Chadwick '44

Tennessee Epsilon - Tennessee

Howard R. McLean '67

Texas Alpha - Texas

Robert D. Gray '76
Jeffrey S. Mecom '85

Texas Beta - Texas Tech

Robert D. Southerland '58
John L. Burmeister '95

Washington Alpha - Washington

Steven M. Block '61

West Virginia Alpha - West Virginia

Seth A. Underwood '17



SEEN & HEARD

Add these works by fellow Phi Psis to your bookshelves or playlists!

Florida Alpha – Florida State

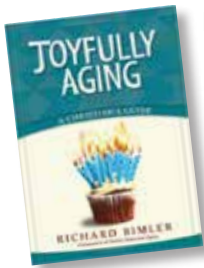
Harrison Kramer '19 and **Daniel Ogden '19** have been performing together in their band, *The Sauce Factory*. The duo plans on recording an EP in the next couple of months.

Illinois Theta – UIC

Amari Elazar Vossoughi-Parks '21 just released his newest single, *Lxve Strong*, and it is available to stream on all major music platforms.

Indiana Gamma – Wabash

Frank Ruvoli '09 is currently working on his new album which will be released next year. His currently albums are available for streaming on Spotify, Apple Music and Google Play.



Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso

Dr. Richard W. Bimler '59, has authored more than a dozen books. Of those, "Joyfully Aging," is his biggest seller. It's a positive look at how aging is a gift to celebrate rather than a problem to cure. Brother Bimler resides in the Chicago area after serving in various executive positions within Christian ministries throughout the country.

Missouri Alpha – Missouri

Justin Nielsen '20 is a musician under the label name "Carta Cobain" which can be streamed on Apple Music and Spotify.



New Hampshire Alpha – Dartmouth

Dr. Elliott Robert Worthington '56 is a writer of more than 2,500 publications. "Under Fire with ARVN Infantry" was published in 2018 and "Rung Sat" in late 2021. The third book in his military trilogy, "From Combat Infantryman to Clinical Psychologist ... All in the Army" will be published in the fall of 2022.

West Virginia Alpha – West Virginia

Matt Palmatary '20 owns his own photography business and is currently in the process of getting involved with drone videography. You can check out some of his images by visiting his Instagram. @palmaphotography

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PHI PSI MEMORIES?

➤ Did you attend a GAC in Las Vegas? New York? Phoenix? Others?

➤ Do you still have a Phi Psi T-shirt you wore as an undergraduate?

➤ Who was/is your mentor?

➤ What made you decide to join Phi Psi?

➤ Have you attended a leadership program?

➤ What was the best service project you did?

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