

PIKE

POWER PLAYER

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Dr. Silverman is revered as a specialist in the history of the Old South and the Civil War, as well as an esteemed author. He has been honored as the South Carolina Governor's Professor of the Year and Winthrop University's Distinguished Professor.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Kentucky, 1981

M.A., Colorado State University, 1976

B.A. with distinction, University of Virginia, 1974

CAREER

Palmer Professor of History at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Dr. Silverman has taught at Winthrop for 33 years. Prior to his tenure at Winthrop, he was on faculty at Yale University.

Author, co-author, or co-editor of 11 books, the latest of which, Lincoln And The Immigrant, is the first book ever written on Abraham Lincoln's stances on immigration in the 16,600+volumes published on the former president.

WORDS OF WISDOM TO YOUNG PIKE MEMBERS

Give of yourselves. Be generous with your time and energy. Always perform random acts of kindness and care about others. The world has far too many selfish and self-serving people – don't be one of them. Leave a legacy of compassion, generosity, respect, integrity, honesty, and love.

PERSONAL LIFE MISSION

My personal life mission has been to excite my students about the crucial need to know and understand their history. Without that they can neither understand the present nor be prepared for the future.

FAMILY

Susan, wife of 30+ years, whom he met at Winthrop when she was the reference librarian

> Alex, son, English teacher in Tokyo, Japan

FAMOUS QUOTES THAT INSPIRE YOU?

My favorite quotes are from
Abraham Lincoln, a person I have
studied for most of my career.
"I may walk slowly," he said,
"but I never walk backwards."
And, my mantra, "Die when I may,
I want it said of me by those who
knew me best, to say that I always
plucked a thistle and planted
a flower where I thought
a flower would grow."

GREATEST LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENT

My greatest life accomplishment has been touching the lives of the thousands of students whom I have taught in my career. A number of them have pursued a career in teaching and there is no greater honor that an educator can receive.

This quarterly segment is dedicated to spotlighting the best and brightest PIKE alumni in their chosen fields.









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Changes to PIKE Regional Presidents

The Supreme Council of The Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity is proud to announce the appointment of four new regional presidents, effective September 19, 2016.

Regional presidents are charged with the vital role of recruiting and supporting Pi Kappa Alpha's alumnus volunteers – chapter advisors and advisory boards, house corporation officers and alumni association leaders. Regional presidents volunteer to serve a two-year term as representatives of the Fraternity in their particular geographic region. Pi Kappa Alpha has 23 regions in North America.



Marty Busekrus (Southern Illinois, Iota Mu '96) Sunshine Regional President

Busekrus is a director in the South Florida office for HFF, a national commercial real estate capital markets firm. He has served lota Mu Alumni Association as vice president and the South Florida Alumni Association as secretary. He has also served on the Lambda Beta alumni advisory board at Florida Atlantic University. Busekrus currently lives in Coconut Creek, Florida and has two children.



Michael F. D'Annunzio (New York, Alpha Upsilon '01) Atlantic Coast Regional President

D'Annunzio is a managing director of commodity products for the Bank of Montreal in New York. He serves on the alumni advisory board for Alpha Upsilon Chapter as chairman/chapter advisor. D'Annunzio served as an undergraduate vice president to the Supreme Council in 2004-05 and served Alpha Upsilon Chapter in a variety of undergraduate roles including

president, vice president, and new member educator. He lives in New York, New York with his wife, Samantha.



S. Shane Pate II (Oklahoma State, Gamma Chi '00) Arkoma Regional President

Pate is the new city manager for the City of Nichols Hills, a suburb of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Central Oklahoma, a juris doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Oklahoma State University. Since 2010, Pate has been

associated with the law firm of Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard, during which his practice focused on real property, state and local government law, serving as an attorney for the City of Nicholls Hills. Since 2012, Pate has served as an officer on the Oklahoma Employee Insurance and Benefits Board. Previously, he was a district executive for the Boy Scouts of America. Pate has served Gamma Chi Chapter in numerous capacities including chapter president, alumni association president, house corporation vice president, chapter advisor, and operations advisor on the alumni advisory board. Pate was most recently awarded one of the inaugural Young Alumnus of the Year awards at the 2016 International Convention. He resides in Edmond, Oklahoma.



Timothy A. Smerz (Northern Illinois, Eta Nu '05) Midwest Regional President

Smerz served Eta Nu Chapter as its chapter advisor and recruitment advisor from 2009-2012. He served the International Fraternity as a chapter consultant from 2008-09. Professionally, Smerz is a strategic sales executive for CVS Health. He resides in Chicago, Illinois.

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Darius "Dar" Sidebotham Recognized For Service To The Fraternity



Darius Sidebotham (Zeta Sigma, Florida Tech '94)

After serving on the PIKE University Board of Directors since its inception in 2004, including serving as president of PIKE University from 2010-2014, Darius "Dar" Sidebotham expressed his desire to step down from the board this year. Under his leadership, PIKE University has grown to

include nine annual events with over 3,000 attendees annually. During his tenure, the PIKE University Certification Program has recognized over 1,500 graduates, experienced unprecedented

growth, and developed an outstanding curriculum. Professionally, he is the vice president of Bernstein Global Wealth Management in Boston, Massachusetts.

Pi Kappa Alpha's International President Shad Williams (Oklahoma State, Gamma Chi '90) shared this remark about Sidebotham: "Dar has taken PIKE University to a level that no one could have possibly envisioned. I know I speak on behalf of the entire Fraternity when I express my gratitude for his service and dedication."

The PIKE University Board is charged with providing direction and guidance for Pi Kappa Alpha's educational initiatives.

New Advisory Board Members Announced



John A. Bobango (Arkansas State, Delta Theta '74) International Risk Awareness Advisor

Bobango has served Pi Kappa Alpha as international president, international vice president, international legal counsel, Foundation trustee, Cumberland regional president, and as a member of the Fraternity's staff. He has also served on the

Fraternity's Finance Committee and as president of the Risk Awareness Foundation. Bobango is the managing partner of the law firm of Farris Bobango. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Germantown, Tennessee, and have two children, Allen and Mary Lauren.



Christopher E. Peterson (Florida, Alpha Eta '91) Educational & Recruitment Advisor

Peterson is the co-founder and president of The Vector Firm, which specializes in sales management consulting to the security industry. He has served as chapter president, Fraternity chapter

consultant, chapter advisor to Eta Phi Chapter (Central Florida), Alpha Eta Alumni Association president, and Sunshine regional president. Peterson most recently facilitated the Fraternity's newest strategic plan. He resides in Orlando, Florida, with his wife and daughter.



Thomas A. Uebler (Arizona State, Delta Tau '99) International Risk Awareness Advisor

Uebler previously served the Fraternity as a chapter consultant from 2003-04 and was the 2003 recipient of the Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award. Professionally, he is a director of the law firm Coach and Taylor, where

he practices fiduciary and corporate litigation. In law school he was class valedictorian, editor-in-chief of the law review, and a clerk to the Delaware Supreme Court. He lives in Wilmington, Delaware with his wife, Cameron, and their children, Wren and Beck.

Foundation Announces Director of Development for Atlanta Area



Eric Johnson (Kennesaw State, Mu Beta '12) **Director of Development**

Johnson has joined the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation staff as director of development, effective October 17, 2016. In this role, Johnson is charged with staffing the Atlanta regional Foundation office that serves alumni residing in Georgia,

Alabama, South Carolina, and Florida. Prior to joining the Foundation staff, Johnson served as a chapter consultant for Pi Kappa Alpha from June 2015 until May 2016, serving the Fraternity's colonies. Johnson is a founding father of Mu Beta Chapter and was an undergraduate vice president on the Supreme Council from 2014-15.

"We are excited to have Eric join the PIKE Foundation team. He brings a wealth of Fraternity experience to this position. With Eric based in Atlanta, he will be able to more efficiently partner with area and chapter-based alumni associations and individual alumni," said Foundation Chief Executive Officer N. Ryan Flickinger (Southern Illinois, lota Mu '94). "We look forward to Eric spearheading the Foundation's donor cultivation efforts in the southeast."

The PIKE Foundation continues to implement its plan to expand the regional model and will eventually have up to six directors of development serving the organization in strategic locations throughout the United States. Interested parties and candidates for this role are encouraged to send their resume and a cover letter to PikeFoundation@pikes.org, attention Human Resources.

The Shield & Diamond deadline for the Spring 2017 issue is January 1, 2017. Take some time over the winter holidays to reconnect with PIKE! Updates may be made via the Fraternity's website at www.pikes.org





t rained through the night and into the morning hours, but the precipitation yielded to sunshine as Theta Omicron Chapter (Indiana State University) dedicated its new residence and education center on September 17, 2016, in Terre Haute, Indiana. One of the Fraternity's continuing success stories - 26 Smythe Awards in their trophy case, more than any other chapter - Theta Omicron Chapter has now set a new standard for chapter housing. This project involved a retrofit, renovation, and major addition, which has made it an excellent example of what the International Fraternity is encouraging for ground-up construction and/or major renovation projects. This new facility also embod-

ies some features that make it a bucket list stop for any Pike who appreciates the Fraternity's history and ritual.

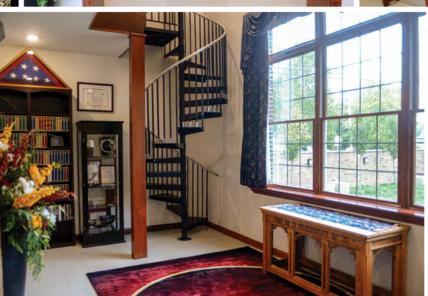
This achievement took years of work and planning. The house corporation was incorporated a week before the chapter received its charter in 1979, and that group of alumni and their successors took the chapter through a succession of housing experiences appropriate to their circumstances. always planning ahead. From a rented storefront, to rented floors in University residence halls, to the acquisition of a former church two blocks north of campus, each step built on the one before. In the meantime, the Theta Omicron Alumni Association worked

to maintain contact with alumni and provide regular opportunities for on campus interaction, even though there wasn't a home in which they could gather.

That changed in 1999 when the house corporation acquired a very special place. As the university gobbled up dozens of city blocks near campus, the neighborhood which provided the population base for Grace United Methodist Church was virtually eliminated, and the church moved to the east side of town. In a closed bid auction, the house corporation was the successful bidder for this well-positioned corner at Seventh & Locust on the north side of campus.









As Chapter Advisor David A. Stowe (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '79) put it at the dedication, "It was divine intervention that brought us to this place." Prior to Grace United's ownership the site had been home to Locust Street Evangelical United Brethren Church. Grace United's building was designed by Robert Pease (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '79), father to Past International President Edward A. Pease (Indiana, Delta Xi '71). The new church building opened in August of 1950 and soon after, the first wedding hosted there was that of Ed's parents. Ed and his brother and sisters were all baptized there. By coincidence, or maybe fate, the last person baptized there in 1997 was a toddler, now chapter member, Jalen Entrican (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '15). Considered the patriarch of Theta Omicron, after completing his stint on the Fraternity's staff and then law school, Ed Pease returned to Terre Haute in 1977 and promptly planted the seeds that led to the colonization

of the new chapter in 1978. His dad was their first special initiate and his mother, Joanna, their honorary housemother for 25 years.

In 1999, the building was retrofitted for Fraternity use, with offices and Sunday school rooms converted to living quarters, and the main room made an excellent chapter room. The sanctuary was functional, but it was not truly a permanent home for the chapter. In 2010, the university designated the north side of campus for private student housing and the neighborhood immediately attracted developers. The house corporation scrambled to acquire adjacent property for future use, eventually acquiring one side of a city block. A capital campaign feasibility study, conducted by Pennington & Company, determined that the chapter had the capacity to raise the funds necessary for a sizeable undertaking.

Having already achieved an excellent location, the house corporation

wanted to make sure the new facility would be one in which members truly wanted to live; not just a place to fulfil a "live-in" requirement. Reconciling the realities of the student housing market with the need for fraternal common space was a challenge, and the house corporation went through several designs with its architect before realizing that Pi Kappa Alpha's history has a connection to what today's students want. Thomas Jefferson's design of the original grounds at the University of Virginia, which he called "The Academic Village," actually provided private rooms for student living that opened to the outdoors. connected by covered porches held up by arches on the West and East Ranges and by columns on the West and East Lawns. A call to Allen Groves (Stetson, Delta Upsilon '79), Pi Kappa Alpha past international president and current University of Virginia dean of students, resulted in copies of Jefferson's drawings being provided to Theta Omicron's



architect; and the design work was off and running.

The design not only met student expectations, but it also made financing more affordable and easier to find. Commercial lenders had been hesitant to finance a limited-use fraternity house. But this model, which is in effect an apartment complex with a club house, was attractive enough that the house corporation received full financing at a competitive rate.

The residences include four 4-bedroom 2-bath and four 2-bedroom 2-bath apartments, each with a full kitchen, living room, and storage space, all totalling 10,000 square feet. This wing runs south down 7th Street towards campus and will eventually attach to Phase II, which will include a more direct entrance to The Pi Kappa Alpha Grounds from the north side of the campus.

Renovation and retrofitting of the former church involved respectful

restoration and repurposed use of certain architectural elements and furnishings, which was all guided by an admonition from undergraduate officers that their new home "should reflect our values - just as our alumni have taught us to live our values every day." The common space includes a large lecture hall (the old sanctuary), and chapter room, which the chapter offered on occasion to the university for campus programs. It has beautiful, 32' tall arched wood rafters, stained the same color as the 80' long tongue & groove wood ceiling. The chairs in the hall are upholstered in the school's sycamore blue color. The common area also contains a TV lounge and trophy room; a chapel, dedicated to Robert R. Pease, furnished with hand-carved choir stalls salvaged from St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana; and pews repurposed from Grace Church. There is a two-story library and museum, dedicated to Ed. which contains the desk he used in

his office at the Capitol when he was a United States Representative. On a bookshelf behind the desk, mixed with other memorabilia, are two gavels, each signed by a different Speaker of the House, that were used by Ed when he filled in to chair the House Floor when the Speakers were unable to do so. There are enclosed book cases filled with various North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and Pi Kappa Alpha awards and recognitions, and the library has more than 2,500 books filling bookcases that climb to the ceiling. There is a mezzanine level with additional bookcases that is accessed by a spiral staircase and a 6' crystal chandelier hangs in the vaulted ceiling portion of the library. The second floor of the old church has an 80' long fellowship hall, with a renovated attached kitchen to support functions. The hall contains 24' tall arched wood rafters and matching stained tongue and groove ceiling, with a hardwood floor below. On the



Above, center: Cutting the ribbon at the Theta Omicron house dedication are (from left) Chapter Advisor David Stowe (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '79); Chapter President Benjamin Weber (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '14); Chapter Patriarch Ed Pease (Indiana, Delta Xi '71); House Corporation President Troy Price (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '84); ISU Associate Dean of Students Al Perone (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '78); Timothy L. Wiseman (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '87), chairman of the public phase of the capital campaign; and Alumni Association President Jason Hill (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '89).

exterior is a 2,400 square foot meditation garden, dedicated to Joanna Pease, surrounded by a brick wall, which contains benches, a fountain, and flame fixture in memory of brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal. Specially located are the limestone corner stones of the two churches that occupied the site prior to Pi Kappa Alpha and a third corner stone representing when Pi Kappa Alpha took ownership in 1999.

What could be considered a signature piece of the new facility is the huge double door at the entrance to the chapter room, modeled after the castle doors found in the Fraternity's early imagery and symbols. There is a smaller wicket door within one of the larger doors, allowing individual entry, that was common to medieval castles, churches, and monasteries. These doors were made from the solid oak pews of the former Grace Church,

hand-crafted by Amish woodworkers into the 16' tall, 14' wide, and 12" thick door, with insets of the carved endpieces from the pews. The doors weigh 5,400 pounds, but are so perfectly balanced on ball-bearing pin hinges that they can be opened with the push of a finger.

All this and much more was celebrated at the dedication ceremony planned by Jason D. Hill (Theta Omicron, Indiana State '89), president of the (Nester Award-winning) Theta Omicron Alumni Association: Bram Blackwell (Theta Omicron, Indiana State '13), the chapter alumni chairman; and their committee. More than 450 alumni and friends attended Saturday's festivities and another 75 attended a Sunday open house for people who had worshipped at the churches formerly located on the site. Music was provided by G Squared, an a capella singing group of Theta

Omicron undergraduates, a reception and campus tours followed, and a reunion for former riders and coaches of the various PIKE cycling teams concluded the day.

This facility sets the standard - both conceptually, with market-relevant residences, and physically with beautiful architecture and interior design that respectfully recognizes the former church occupants while drawing upon the Fraternity's rich history and ritual. The house corporation is already planning Phase II that will complete the remainder of their city block, and the early concept drawings indicate it will not fail to amaze. There have been so many requests for tours and rental of the facility that the chapter had to create a standing committee for guided tours. Theta Omicron extends an invitation to any and all to visit the chapter's magnificent new home. .

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2016 Real Estate Awards

Pi Kappa Alpha acknowledges chapters that do an outstanding job of caring for, maintaining, and improving their chapter facilities.

Recognition is provided for House of the Year, Improvement Project of the Year, and House of the Quarter.

Quarterly winners received a plaque and a \$250 grant for maintenance and improvements. The quarterly winners this



Project of the Year winner received a trophy and a \$1,000 grant.

Improvement Project of the Year Awarded to Alpha Sigma Chapter

(California-Berkeley)

year were the chapters at the University of Central Arkansas, Wayne State University, Missouri University of Science

& Technology, and Louisiana State University. At the 2016

International Convention, the House of the Year winner received a trophy and a \$2,000 grant, and the Improvement

Alpha Sigma completed five projects in their 100+ year old house, which included the addition of a two shower bathroom and a basement gathering area within their existing floorplan, improving their landscaping and porch, and adding a built-in barbeque.

The house corporation maintains a \$50,000 reserve for maintenance needs and spent \$90,000 on improvements this past year. If you've never seen this PIKE house before, just go to the Berkeley campus and you can't miss it on the prominent corner of Piedmont & Durant, directly across the street from the university. You may recognize it from the November 13, 2002 episode of the home improvement television show, Curb Appeal.





If your chapter is interested in applying for these awards, applications are available online in the housing section at *www.pikes.org* or by contacting the real estate department at the Memorial Headquarters at 901-748-1868 ext. 1116.

































Alpha Gamma Chapter (Louisiana State) Wins 2016 House of the Year Award

Alpha Gamma undergraduates, along with their house corporation, completed several projects - some involving the services of a general contractor. These included new kitchen equipment, new internet system, a renovated laundry room, fresh paint, and new furniture.

The chapter has received six consecutive years of fire marshall reports without a single violation.

Weekly cleaning and landscaping services are covered within the undergraduate chapter's general budget. All regular vendor services such as HVAC, plumbing, and electrical services are contracted through the house corporation and billed to the chapter on a monthly basis.

The house is in walking distance to classrooms, the student union, and many off-campus restaurants.

Alpha Gamma is well deserving of this award, as it complies with all of the Fraternity's recommended "Operation and Condition Standards" and is a shining example for all chapters. The next time you're in Baton Rouge, stop in to see this magnificent property.





Alpha Gamma Chapter Advisor Shawn D. Lowe (Lamar, Epsilon Kappa '91) and **House Corporation President Christopher** M. Adams (Louisiana State, Alpha Gamma '91) hold the 2016 House of the Year Award, presented at the International Convention.



Kappa Zeta Chapter at the University of Louisville used a detailed plan for success

by Jake Vanderlugt (Adrian College, Zeta Lambda '14)

The University of Louisville is home to quarterback Lamar Jackson, who has taken the college football world by storm. In his first start this season, Jackson accounted for eight touchdowns in the first half of Louisville's 56-0 win over UNC-Charlotte, setting a school record for total touchdowns in a game with the second half yet to come. But Jackson isn't the only one setting records at the University of Louisville. Across the beautiful 345-acre campus located in the heart of downtown Louisville, Kentucky you will come across the 80 gentlemen who represent Kappa Zeta Chapter. For the first time in Kappa Zeta Chapter's 21-year existence, they have successfully recruited a class of 49 men, achieving a 29 percent growth over last year.

Leading the charge was immediate past president Hares Patel '13. "Chapter engagement was a big issue. Years prior it was the norm for the executive council to do all of the work. If I was elected chapter president, I would want to change the culture of Kappa Zeta," Patel stated during his election speech. And that's exactly what started to happen after Patel's election as chapter president leading into the 2016 spring semester.

RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Patel knew they had to try something different, so he and recruitment chairman Daniel Osborne '13 established a recruitment scholarship for entering freshmen. "Leading into the 2016-17 academic year we wanted to have a new member class that best represented the traits of a True Pike. Kappa Zeta was solely looking for a group of gentle-

"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

-Albert Einstein

men that had the potential of carrying the legacy of Kappa Zeta for years to follow, so what better way to attract these types of men than by establishing a scholarship," said Patel. They began promoting Kappa Zeta's \$500 scholarship with guidance counselors at all feeder high schools as well as to transfer students.

The scholarship serves as positive publicity for the chapter and attracts those who place a priority on academics. Kappa Zeta's scholarship committee conducted over 20 interviews to determine their scholarship award recipient. The interviews allowed them to have one-on-one interaction with the candidates and learn more about them on a personal level. Of the 22 applicants, 11 joined PIKE through the process.

UTILIZING THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

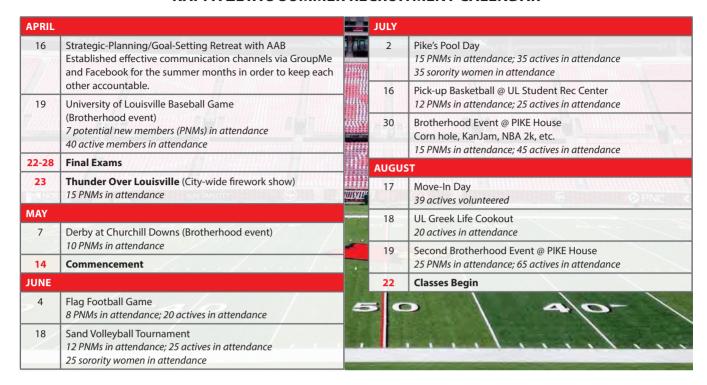
Another first for Kappa Zeta Chapter was meeting with their alumni advisory board for a strategic-planning/goal-setting retreat, with an emphasis on recruitment. Prior to summer break, Matt Buckhalter (Florida State, Delta Lambda '07), alumni advisory board recruitment advisor, facilitated the retreat utilizing the resources available to him from the International Fraternity. "Not only did this get us excited for

recruitment, but we actually knew our roles and assignments going into the summer, making it easier to execute," said Patel.

TEAM EFFORT

Revamping the recruitment committee was a focal point of the recruitment retreat. In years prior, Kappa Zeta would only have five members assigned to the recruitment

KAPPA ZETA'S SUMMER RECRUITMENT CALENDAR



committee; this year they had 15 recruitment captains with another seven members assisting. This new recruitment committee structure not only took the pressure off of a few members, but also allowed them to utilize the strengths of other members and develop younger members in the recruitment process. "Our goal was to continue to make recruitment a chapter responsibility and empower all members to bring in the most best men," stated Patel.

SUMMER RECRUITMENT

Welcome to the official off-season! After a strong performance in the first and second half of the regular season, it's officially time to take a break, right? That might be true for the competition, but let's continue and take a look at Kappa Zeta's summer recruitment program. The following is exactly how the men of Kappa Zeta executed their summer break with the mindset of recruiting the most best men.

In April, chapter members and their alumni advisory board held a strategic-planning/goal-setting retreat. They immediately began putting their plan into action by hosting a brotherhood event at the University of Louisville baseball game, with seven potential new members in attendance. The following week chapter members invited 15 potential new members to the city-wide firework show, Thunder Over Louisville.

"The retreat was a great opportunity for the recruitment committee to have a chance to sit back and assess their current position, as well as create an action plan for the future. At the end of the day the gentlemen were able to leave the retreat with the improvements of a larger committee with delegated responsibilities, a set recruitment calendar, goals, and a way to empower and motivate the entire chapter."

> – Matt Buckhalter Recruitment Advisor

Prior to students leaving campus for the summer, a May 7 Derby at Churchill Downs brotherhood event was held with ten potential new members in attendance.

Kappa Zeta members planned plenty of summer events during June and July, including flag football, a sand volleyball tournament, PIKE'S pool day, a pick-up basketball game in the UL student recreation center. and a brotherhood event at the chapter house. With a strong showing from chapter members, sorority members, and an average of 20 potential new members at each event, summer recruitment was a success.

August brought students back to campus, and Kappa Zeta's recruitment team had 39 members commit to participate in freshman move-in day, providing a great opportunity to connect with potential new members as they arrived on campus. The following day, members participated in the IFC sponsored Greek Life Cookout, which encouraged all freshman to come out, grab free food, and learn more about Greek Life at UL. The event ran from 3:00-6:00 pm, and Kappa Zeta had

20 brothers in attendance. While part of the chapter was at the IFC event, the other 60+ members set up for a post cookout recruitment event. Once 6:00 pm rolled around, the 20 brothers walked back to the PIKE house with 40 potential new members for their recruitment event. "This was a big turning point for Kappa Zeta in regard to recruitment. The entire chapter was engaged and all of the potential

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new members had a chance to interact with our members." Osborne said.

Over the summer, Kappa Zeta Chapter remained in contact with over 150 potential new members through personal texts, individually meeting up, and hosting them at one of their eight recruitment events. These men were laying the groundwork to dominate the competition.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

To myself, to my brothers, to my Fraternity, and to my community - these are the relationship statements of the True PIKE. After all of the brotherhood events, athletic events, pool days, and cookouts, Kappa Zeta wanted to ensure that the men they were recruiting were committed to Pi Kappa Alpha and what it means to be a contributing member. On August 24, Kappa Zeta held their first annual Veteran's Package Day event on the UL campus. At this event, individuals had the opportunity to show their appreciation to our veterans by writing thank you letters, packaging gifts, and leaving their hand prints on the event banner. The event attracted over 30 potential new members, all 80 Kappa Zeta brothers, and many sorority women, all showing their appreciation for our veterans.

ONLY GETTING STARTED

When asked what advice they would give to other PIKE chapters looking to achieve similar success, Patel shared, "Emphasize the importance of recruitment to your brothers. Execution is just as important as planning ahead. Request a recruitment visit from the International Fraternity through www.pikes.org to help get you on the right path. Recruitment is identified by our executive council as our chapter's top priority and requires constant effort. The easiest way to improve your chapter is through proactive recruitment of



blue-chip men who likely won't participate during formal recruitment week."

Patel and Osborne, along with every other member of Kappa Zeta have embraced change and believe in recruiting the most best men. Through utilizing their alumni advisory board and creating a plan, taking a proactive approach and recruiting year round, and ultimately having a positive impact on the culture of the chapter, they have achieved success. Want to know the greatest part? Much like their counterpart Lamar Jackson, Kappa Zeta Chapter is only getting started. ❖







303rd Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha

fter three years of hard work, adversity and perseverance, Mu Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was installed at South Dakota State University on August 20, 2016. The chapter is the second chapter to be installed in South Dakota and the 304th chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

In spring 2013, a small interest group formed at the university and quickly gathered a group of like-minded men seeking to adopt the values of Pi Kappa Alpha. During that same semester, Expansion Consultants Jerod Williams (Southeast Missouri, Epsilon Iota '08) and Nevin Folino (Ohio State, Alpha Rho '07) arrived in Brookings to conduct an official colonization. With their assistance, PIKE was able to recruit many new members and quickly became the largest fraternity on campus.

The colony rapidly increased its prominence, recruiting the most best men, winning Greek Week two years in a row, starting an annual Easter egg hunt philanthropy, and winning the university-wide flag football championship.

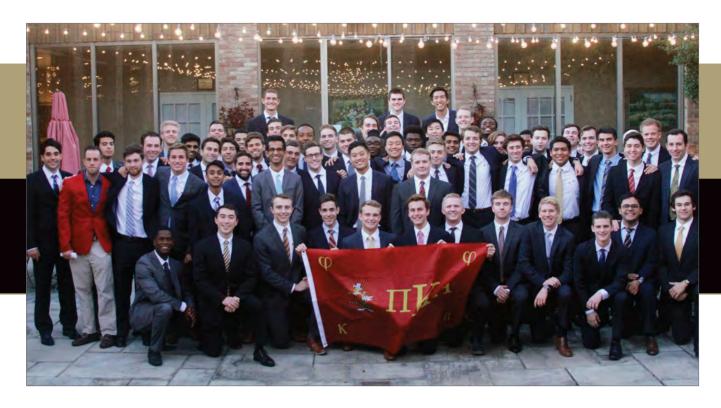
On August 19, 2016, the men of the colony were initiated into the bonds with the help

of initiation teams from Zeta Rho (North Dakota) and Delta Chi (Nebraska-Omaha).

The next evening, Mu Omicron Chapter was officially installed at South Dakota State University by International President Shad D. Williams (Oklahoma State, Gamma Chi '90), Kappa Pi Chapter Advisor Dzenan Berberovic (South Dakota, Kappa Pi '08), and Director of Expansion Joshua Murphy (Arizona, Gamma Delta '07). The weekend concluded with a banquet at the Swiftel Center celebrating the achievements of the chapter. The event was attended by parents, friends, members of the IFC and university administration.

Mu Omicron Chapter looks forward to new challenges as a chapter of PIKE. Under the leadership of President Christian Witt '16 and a very successful executive board, the chapter's size has doubled in new members, greatly increased its involvement on campus, and continued to foster relationships with the sororities, fraternities, and other organizations on campus. ❖





SIGMA CHAPTER RECHARTERED AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

fter months of hard work and tireless effort from every brother, Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was reinstalled at Vanderbilt University on October 8, 2016. This historic chapter was rechartered with 68 brothers.

Sigma Chapter began in February 2015 as a colony with the help of Expansion Consultants Zachary Ryan (Florida, Alpha Eta '10) and Forrest Smith (Virginia Tech, Epsilon '10). Together, Ryan and Smith assembled one of Vanderbilt's most diverse fraternities, full of scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen.

Almost immediately, the colony started working toward earning its place on campus and securing its charter, participating in and hosting a variety of philanthropy events. These included Taylor Trudeau Cycle For Life, Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man On Campus, and Tri Delta's Frats At Bat, where the colony generated over \$1,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In total, the group raised \$11,070 for philanthropy and logged 1,848 community service hours that year,

putting the colony in first place for community service among all fraternities at Vanderbilt.

The highlight of the colony's first year on campus was PIKE Week, a brief series of recruitment events held to attract men of high character and integrity. Vanderbilt's recruitment process poses a unique challenge to fraternities as it lasts the entire first semester rather than a single week; PIKE Week was the colony's

attempt to recruit Vanderbilt's best men despite these circumstances. After a full week of festivities, the colony found a group of 16 men who would go on to become their first recruitment class.

After 19 long months, the members of the colony were initiated into the bonds of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity on October 7, 2016, with the combined efforts of the initiation teams led by Kappa Zeta (Louisville), Epsilon (Virginia Tech), Epsilon Zeta (East Tennessee State), Eta Tau (Austin Peay State), and Theta Pi (Alabama-Huntsville) Chapters.

The following day, Sigma Chapter was officially installed by International President Shad D. Williams (Oklahoma State, Gamma Chi '74), International Vice President Michael McMillan (California-San Diego, Kappa Phi '97), and alumni advisory board member John D. Fitzgerald Jr. (Vanderbilt, Sigma '63). A banquet was held later that evening at the University Club of Nashville and saw the gathering of many friends, family, brothers, and alumni.

Sigma Chapter would especially like to thank Director of Expansion Joshua W. Murphy (Arizona, Gamma Delta '07) for his work in planning and conducting the initiation and installation ceremonies, the Supreme Council of Pi Kappa Alpha for being present for the chapter's installation, and the many others who have supported and encouraged the chapter along the way.

PIKE GOES TO

Mu Pi Chapter Chartered at Historic Military Academy

n October 16, 2016. Pi Kappa Alpha was officially installed at the United States Military Academy at West Point. What started as a farfetched idea by a young cadet has now become reality as 25 men now fill the ranks of Mu Pi Chapter at West Point.

Jonathan McLeroy '16 first reached out to the Memorial Headquarters staff in April 2014 with an inquiry of how to start a chapter after having been exposed to PIKE at North Georgia College & State University. With a group of six sophomores, they were determined to recruit other individuals with the same mindset to start the first social fraternity at the Academy.

The process of colonizing at a service academy was completely unchartered territory for the Fraternity. The expansion process typically begins with an agreement between the University and Fraternity, two staff

members on campus recruiting for a number of weeks and a strong training and implementation plan for the new colony to be integrated in to the current community. However, this standard process had to be abandoned due to the unique challenges faced with the Academy's curriculum and time commitments. One day for a West Point cadet may be equivalent to a week for the traditional college student due to commitments for meals, classes, athletics and extracurricular organizations.

Despite these limitations, McLeroy and the men were able to recruit more cadets, leading to the group's colonization in May 2015 by the International Fraternity. The 17-man colony, with members on the varsity football and soccer teams, was active on and off campus holding brotherhood events,



mixers with sororities at universities in the area. and taking part in service projects in the local community.

After further growth during the 2015-16 academic year, the colony was approved to charter. On October 15, 2016, the cadets were initiated into the bonds of the Fraternity with the help of initiation teams from Gamma Tau Chapter (Rensselaer) and an initiation team of staff members from the International Fraternity led by Director of Expansion Joshua W. Murphy (Arizona, Gamma Delta '07) and Chief Marketing Officer W. Brent Phillips (Missouri, Alpha Nu '87). The ceremony was conducted in the Memorial Room of Cullum Hall which contains all the names of USMA graduates who have given the ultimate sacrifice to our country since 1812. It also honors all USMA graduates who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

The following day, on October 16, 2016, Mu Pi Chapter was officially installed at West Point by Atlantic Coast Regional President Michael F. D'Annunzio (New York, Alpha Upsilon '01), West Point Chapter Advisor Michael J. Lucero (Towson, Lambda Omega '11), Josh Murphy, and Brent Phillips.

This is truly a historic chartering for the Fraternity and an incredible accomplishment for the cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point. *



ARKOMA REGION



ARKANSAS (Alpha Zeta)

Initiates: 179. New Members: 65. CEF: \$64,321. Alpha Zeta Chapter recruited the largest new member class on campus and has seven members serving on student government. The flag football team qualified for playoffs following last year's sixth-consecutive all-intramural championship. Brothers and new members helped with the restoration and maintenence of Evergreen Cemetary.



ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK (Zeta Eta)

Initiates: 31. New Members: 16. CEF: \$5,515. Zeta Eta Chapter hosted its annual broomball recruitment event, helping the chapter achieve the largest new member class. The chapter also hosted Egg-A-Pike and a t-shirt fundraiser, raising over \$800. This October, the chapter participated in the university's National Night Out, honoring the men and women of the Little Rock Police and Fire Departments. Above: Bid Day.



ARKANSAS STATE (Delta Theta)

Initiates: 87. New Members: 19. CEF: \$9,578. Delta Theta Chapter recently finalized plans to build a deck around the volleyball pit at the chapter house. Brothers participated in ROTC's 7-mile Howler Run and won both ZTA's Kick Away Cancer kickball tournament and the Greek League football intramurals. Chapter advisor Tim O. Brown '73 was recognized as Arkansas State's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year at Homecoming. Two brothers are on the university's football team, and one brother is on the Up til Dawn executive board. Above: Brothers Zac Preston '15, Tim O. Brown, and Darrin Addison '15 accept Delta Theta's awards at Pike U at the 2016 International Convention.



NORTHEASTERN STATE (Theta Epsilon)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 1. CEF: \$1,612. Theta Epsilon Chapter won intramural Quidditch and best float at Homecoming. The chapter currently has over 10 university athletes and academic scholars. Two members serve on IFC. Above: Homecoming 2016.



EAST CENTRAL (Epsilon Omega)

Initiates: 48. New Members: 9. CEF: \$2,936. Epsilon Omega Chapter finished the spring 2016 semester with a 3.1 cumulative GPA, seven of the 11 IFC awards, and more members than the next two fraternities combined. With the help of the ECU athletic training program, Epsilon Omega Chapter hosted a meal for first responders, serving lunch to the men and women who serve the Ada community and Pontotoc County. The chapter recently adopted the Taylor Trudeau Cycle For Life as its official philanthropy and hosted a softball tournament benefitting the organization. One brother is currently studying in Limoges, France. Left: Epsilon Omega Chapter at East Central's Greek Awards Banquet.



CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (Lambda Iota)

Initiates: 55. New Members: 39. CEF: \$8,358. Lambda lota sity record, and moved into a new house this August. The chapter received recognition for being the only fraternity with 100 percent participation at a move-in-day community service event and won several other awards for philanthropy and community service last spring. Above: PIKE athletes win at flag football.



OKLAHOMA STATE (Gamma Chi)

🏋 Initiates: 55. New Members: 53. CEF: \$10,965. Gamma Chi introduced a new philanthropy, Firehouse Fever, benefitting the Stillwater Fire Department and their fire safety and awareness classes. The chapter has more new members than any other fraternity on campus, including two members of the university's track team. Above: Gamma Chi's first formal dinner of fall 2016.



CENTRAL ARKANSAS (Epsilon Phi)

Initiates: 40. New Members: 30. CEF: \$708. This fall, Epsilon Phi Chapter recruited the second largest new member class on campus, setting a chapter record, and won the university's flag football tournament. The chapter entered the school year with over 500 community services hours and has since worked to clean up a stretch of the local highway and repaint the commemorative painted paws on campus honoring a fallen alumnus.

ARKANSAS TECH (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 68. CEF: \$0.

TULSA (Gamma Upsilon)

Initiates: 68. New Members: 20. CEF: \$27,460.

ATLANTIC COAST REGION



SYRACUSE (Alpha Chi)

Initiates: 72. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,979. Alpha Chi Chapter hosted its first annual alumni weekend BBQ, providing an opportunity for undergraduate members to reconnect with alumnus members from as far back as the 1960s. In philanthropy, Alpha Chi Chapter is partnering with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The chapter is currently in the process of reestablishing its alumni association and reviving its housing corporation. Right: Alpha Chi's alumni barbecue.





CORNELL (Beta Theta)

Initiates: 66. New Members: 0. CEF: \$13,909. Beta Theta Chapter received Cornell's 2016 All-Sport Fraternity Intramural trophy for being the highest performing chapter in the fraternity intramural league.



HOFSTRA (Lambda Pi)

Initiates: 24. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,063. Lambda Pi Chapter participated in Pike Hike where members walked 14 miles from New Jersey to Ground Zero. Members also participated in national debate day festivities at the university.



RENSSELAER (Gamma Tau)

Initiates: 77. New Members: 10. CEF: \$21,072. Gamma Tau members are leaders and captains in lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, club hockey, club lacrosse, ROTC, ski & snowboarding club, Rensselaer Electric Vehicle, Residence Life, Red & White Alumni Association, and engineering honor societies. The chapter is currently seeking more alumni involvement. If interested, contact Gavin Noritsky '13 at noritg@rpi.edu.



ROWAN (Mu Alpha)

Initiates: 71. New Members: 0. CEF: \$200. Mu Alpha Chapter participated in Hero Walk, raising awareness for victims of drunk driving, in memory of Chapter Eternal Matt Uhl '11. Chapter members also volunteer with Vanguard to help rebuild communities in the surrounding areas of Philadelphia.

BINGHAMTON (Mu Gamma)

Initiates: 33. New Members: 6. CEF: \$890.

COLUMBIA (lota Lambda)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 0. CEF: \$738. During fall recruitment, lota Lambda Chapter implemented two new events: an engaging interview process allowing better connections with potential new members, and a presentation highlighting chapter values and the benefits, both local and international, of joining Pi Kappa Alpha.

MONTCLAIR STATE (Lambda Gamma)

Initiates: 54. New Members: 0. CEF: \$159. Lambda Gamma Chapter held its annual Pike Hike to raise funds for NYPD and FDNY. The chapter also co-sponsored a hazing vigil with Delta Phi Epsilon. Lambda Gamma Chapter received a recruitment visit from Devon Teixeira (Cal State-Fresno, lota Beta '10) who shared tactics for fall recruitment.

NEW YORK (Alpha Upsilon)

Initiates: 107. New Members: 0. CEF: \$271.

RUTGERS (Alpha Psi)

Initiates: 69. New Members: 0. CEF: \$685.

WEST POINT (Mu Pi)

Initiates: 25. CEF: \$0. Mu Pi Chapter conducted weekly meetings to prepare for its chartering on October 16, 2016 (see story on page 17).

Spring Chapter Notes Deadline

Chapter Notes for Spring 2017 must be received at the Memorial Headquarters by

January 1, 2017

to be included.

Submit your Chapter Notes online at www.Pikes.org

BLUEGRASS REGION



TRANSYLVANIA (Kappa)

Initiates: 9. New Members: 9. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$1,567. Kappa Chapter nearly doubled the size of the chapter on bid day with new members on the soccer team, the swimming team, and the tennis and club volleyball teams.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 53. CEF: \$863.

GEORGETOWN (Alpha Lambda)

Initiates: 23. New Members: 0. CEF: \$2,389. Alpha Lambda Chapter is in the process of remodeling their kitchen, one of their restrooms, and outdoor areas to continue renovations that started last winter. Eighteen brothers are on the university's football team, two brothers are on the track and field team, and one brother is on the tennis team.

LOUISVILLE (Kappa Zeta)

🌠 Initiates: 80. New Members: 49. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$6,720. This fall, Kappa Zeta Chapter wrote thank you cards to United States veterans. Multiple members are involved on campus and hold leadership positions with student organizations including IFC, SGA, and club sports.

MOREHEAD STATE (Eta Eta)

Initiates: 22. New Members: 12. CEF: \$352.

Reading Chapter Notes

Chapters marked with a new member pin are among PIKE's top recruiting chapters for the period ending 10/24/16. See PIKE's Top Recruiters on page 23.

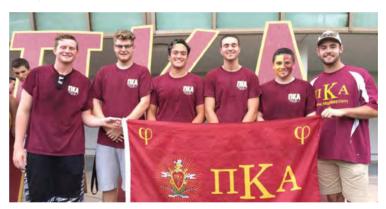
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Each chapter's Chapter Endowment Fund balance is indicated with "CEF". CEF balances reflect funding through 10/1/16. Primarily funded by undergraduates through φφκα Club membership, alumni may also support these funds which provide PIKE University tuition scholarships. To donate or to learn more visit www.pikefoundation.org or call 901-748-1948.



MURRAY STATE (Epsilon Lambda)

Initiates: 55. New Members: 30. CEF: \$2,911. Epsilon Lambda Chapter members serve the university through positions in student government association, the university's judicial board, IFC, and various other honors and service groups. Epsilon Lambda Chapter assisted with the ALS Walk, raising over \$60,000 for research. Chapter Advisor Jerry Penner '79 was recognized as the university's chapter advisor of the year. Chapter President Craig Lamb '14 received the honor of Greek Man of the year. Brother Arron Workman '13 took home the title of Mr. Murray State University. Brothers are competing in flag football, softball, and golf this semester while bringing home first place in many sorority philanthropy events. Above: Fall Bid Day.

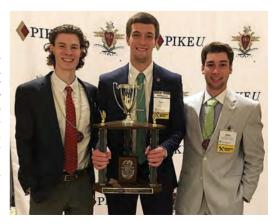


NORTHERN KENTUCKY (Eta Rho)

Initiates: 75. New Members: 32. CEF: \$10,484. Eta Rho held its annual Fireman's Challenge this fall, including the Garnet and Gold girl pageant, Feed the Fireman, Find the Fireman, a CPR training course, and a Fire Truck Pull. All proceeds went to Cameron's Cause. The chapter also participated in the university's Service on Saturday event. Above: Eta Rho's 2016 executive council.

WESTERN **KENTUCKY** (Zeta Epsilon)

Initiates: 57. New Members: 30. CEF: \$1,131. Zeta Epsilon Chapter hosted a parent's day event and has three members on the university's football team. Right: Convention delegates display Zeta Epsilon's Harvey T. Newell Award.



DELTA REGION



DELTA STATE (Zeta Beta)

Initiates: 27. New Members: 21. CEF: \$18,683. Zeta Beta Chapter recruited its largest new member class in five years. The chapter raised over \$2,500 during its second annual Fireman's Week, benefitting both Cycle for Life and the Bolivar County Volunteer Fire Department. Zeta Beta Chapter accumulated 90 units of blood with its Fireman's Week blood drive.



LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE (Zeta Omega)

Initiates: 74. New Members: 42. CEF: \$10,051. Zeta Omega Chapter finished fall recruitment with the largest new member class in chapter history and more than any other campus fraternity. Renovations are still being made to the chapter house.Zeta Omega brothers dedicated hundreds of hours serving the community during and after the devastating flooding in Louisiana, including rescuing those who were stranded on top of their houses, repairing houses, and helping move the possessions of those affected. In addition, the chapter donated money and hosted a blood drive. In campus involvement, one brother plays on the university's football team, four men are on the club soccer team, one brother serves as IFC's vice president of recruitment, and Brother Wil Perkins '13 is the SGA President. Above: Zeta Omega received its seventh consecutive Smythe Award at the 2016 International Convention...

LOUISIANA TECH (Gamma Psi)

Initiates: 50. New Members: 19. CEF: \$5,784. Gamma Psi held Dunk-A-Hunk benefitting a friend of the chapter who was injured in a diving accident. Two brothers are on the football team, one brother is a student orientation leader, one brother serves as IFC president, and one is a student government representative. Right: Recruitment at Gamma Psi Chapter.



LOUISIANA-MONROE (Eta Omicron)

Initiates: 94. New Members: 0. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$28,069. Over 30 Eta Omicron members helped during the university's annual move-in-mania weekend. In athletics, the chapter is in first place again after winning its sixth of the last seven all-university soccer championships. Josh Usie '13, the chapter's external vice president, was named as the 2017 Freshmen Orientation leader, making this the third consecutive year an Eta Omicron brother has been named to this position. Above: Brothers won first, second, and third place at the annual ULM Style Show.



LOUISIANA STATE (Alpha Gamma)

Initiates: 99. New Members: 34. CEF: \$22,945. Following the flooding in the greater Baton Rouge area, several Alpha Gamma alumnus and undergraduate members experienced damage to their homes. The chapter raised \$4,000 for their chef who lost his home. Above: Chapter members completed over 575 hours of community service assisting those who were impacted by the flood.



PIKE'S TOP 25

Top 25 Chapters in New Members as of October 24, 2016.

C.S.Mars	Mississippi (Gamma lota)	93		Utah (Alpha Tau)	41
	Arkansas-Fayetteville (Alpha Zeta)	64	V7/	Virginia Tech (Epsilon)	40
	Florida State (Delta Lambda)	63		Iowa (Gamma Nu)	40
6	Louisville (Kappa Zeta)	49	The	Texas (Beta Mu)	40
	Oklahoma State (Gamma Chi)	49	nCo	Central Oklahoma (Lambda lota)	39
<u>ILŪINOIS</u>	Illinois (Beta Eta)	48	0	Nebraska-Omaha (Delta Chi)	39
	Auburn (Upsilon)	46		South Carolina (Xi)	39
	Missouri (Alpha Nu)	46	Party Child	Louisiana-Lafayette (Zeta Omega)	37
	Toledo (Epsilon Epsilon)	45	Circuit S	Florida (Alpha Eta)	36
	San Diego State (Delta Kappa)	43		California State-Fullerton (Mu Epsilon)	35
	Missouri State (Zeta Chi)	43		Texas Tech (Epsilon Gamma)	35
<u>C</u>	Cincinnati (Alpha Xi)	43		Kennesaw State (Mu Beta)	35
	Southeast Missouri State (Epsilon lota)	41			

What are Chapter Endowment Funds?



Each chapter has a Chapter Endowment Fund (CEF) that is managed by the PIKE Foundation. Undergraduates support their CEF when they join the φφκα Club. Alumni may also contribute to their chapter's fund, which once endowed, annually produces awards for students to attend PIKE University events.

A CEF is considered endowed once it has achieved a balance of \$10,000. When that threshold is met, the fund will produce PIKE University scholarships perpetually. The CEF is a great way for alumni to make an impactful gift that will benefit the young men of their chapter for years to come.

Please consider making your tax-deductible gift today at www.pikefoundation.org.

For questions, contact Director of Scholarships and Programs Ginny Stalker at 901-748-1948 x1141.



NORTHWESTERN STATE (Mu Kappa)

Initiates: 30. New Members: 11. CEF: \$20. One of Mu Kappa's new members was elected as a SGA Senator-At-Large. Four brothers are cheerleaders, one is a basketball player, and three brothers are freshman orientation leaders. In addition, the chapter is home to the current SGA president and secretary, multiple SGA senators, multiple Student Activities Board members, and members involved with university ambassadors. Above: Mu Kappa members volunteered at Natchitoches Hope for Paws at their Chili's Giveback Night, as well as the Natchitoches Humane Society for their Bathe-A-Dog day.

MILLSAPS (Alpha lota)

Initiates: 13. New Members: 10. CEF: \$1,588. Alpha lota Chapter held its fall philanthropy event, the Don Fortenberry 5K. In campus involvement, Brother Scottie Dennis '15 serves on the IFC's executive council while Evan Enochs '15 and Thomas Hess '15 both serve on the executive board of the program and activities committee.

MISSISSIPPI (Gamma lota)

Initiates: 184. New Members: 0. CEF: \$4,725. Gamma lota's chapter house received multiple renovations over the summer including the addition of a laundry room, a snack bar, and stages for concerts. The chapter held weekly dinners during recruitment to meet potential new members in a casual setting.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (Mu Nu)

Initiates: 27. New Members: 6. CEF: \$164. Mu Nu Chapter hosted its second annual family day and placed first in Mocktails with the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi. Three members, Bo Trisler '15, Alex Gondolfi '15, and Austin Rogers '15, joined Order of Omega.



MCNEESE STATE (Lambda Upsilon)

Initiates: 33. New Members: 10. CEF: \$2,966. Brother Samuel Ducote '14 represented the state of Louisiana as a delegate at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.



MISSISSIPPI STATE (Gamma Theta)

Initiates: 59. New Members: 27. CEF: \$6,034. Gamma Theta Chapter hosted its second annual Pike Diamond Classic baseball philanthropy event benefitting the Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life Foundation. Above: Gamma Theta also hosts a sorority kickball tournament in conjunction with the Diamond Classic. ADPi had a great showing and came in first place.



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DIXIE REGION



AUBURN (Upsilon)

Initiates: 124. New Members: 0. CEF: \$45,511. The initiation of William Zeigler '15 gave him the honorable distinction of being Upsilon Chapter's 3,000th initiate. Above: From left, Chapter Advisor Rodney Robinson '87, Auburn Mayor William F. Ham '73, Ziegler, and Roger D. Bell '72.



NORTH ALABAMA (Theta Alpha)

Initiates: 20. New Members: 10. CEF: \$1,154. Theta Alpha Chapter recently created new bylaws and is in the process of upgrading the chapter house. Above: Theta Alpha Chapter on Bid Day.

ALABAMA (Gamma Alpha)

Initiates: 75. New Members: 33. CEF: \$32,216.

ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE (Theta Pi)

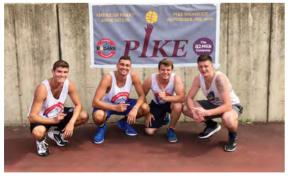
Initiates: 40. New Members: 22. CEF: \$14,082. Theta Pi Chapter's annual Fireman's Challenge broke a record for its number of participants, a 250 percent increase over that of the previous year.

SOUTH ALABAMA (Eta Kappa)

Initiates: 39. New Members: 17. CEF: \$543



FOUNDERS REGION



AMERICAN (Kappa Upsilon)

Initiates: 26. New Members: 11. CEF: \$3,979. Kappa Upsilon Chapter held its annual philanthropy event, September Shootout, raising over \$5,000 for the American Heart Association. This event centered around a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, but also involved a barbecue, can jam, and corn hole.



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 73. CEF: \$0. Christopher Newport Colony members have participated in countless philanthropy events within and outside of Greek Life, including Dance Marathon, the biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds benefitting Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. The colony is participating in the True Pike Experience pilot program. Above: Fall signing day at Christopher Newport.



GEORGE WASHINGTON (Delta Alpha)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 0. CEF: \$5,969. Delta Alpha Chapter kicked off the intramural season with a win in volleyball. Above: Rodrigo Rodriguez '13 volunteered for the World Olympians Association at the 2016 Olympic Games. His time in Rio was spent chaperoning athletes to games and organizing an Olympic event to promote an increased role for women's leadership in Olympic Sports.



HAMPDEN-SYDNEY (Iota)

Initiates: 49. New Members: 5. CEF: \$1,980. lota Chapter is the second largest fraternity on campus, with nearly 20 percent of brothers on the university's athletic teams. Every Monday, the chapter holds a Monday night football recruitment event. In philanthropy, the chapter plans to provide 10 children in the local area with Christmas presents. lota Chapter has completed a total of 715 community service hours and over 20 percent of chapter members were on the Dean's list. Above: Executive board and alumni board retreat.



VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH (Lambda Chi)

Initiates: 85. New Members: 0. CEF: \$7,740. Lambda Chi Chapter raised over \$30,000 for the Evans-Haynes burn center with their spring 2016 Fireman's Challenge. Above: Lambda Chi Chapter's executive board visited the burn center.

GEORGE MASON (Kappa Theta)

Initiates: 73. New Members: 11. CEF: \$1,409.

JAMES MADISON (lota Sigma)

Initiates: 84. New Members: 0. CEF: \$2,981.

MARSHALL (Delta lota)

Initiates: 25. New Members: 0. CEF: \$4,157.

OLD DOMINION (Zeta lota)

Initiates: 52. New Members: 23. CEF: \$3,144. One Zeta lota brother is on the university's football team, two brothers are on the rugby team, and three brothers are on the wrestling team. One new member is also a varsity athlete.

ROANOKE (Phi)

Initiates: 26. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,410.

VIRGINIA (Alpha)

Initiates: 40. New Members: 0. CEF: \$3,779. Following a generous furniture donation from Bill Gordon '67, Alpha Chapter has been making home improvements. Over the summer, Sam Hitch '13 became the first man to complete a triathlon across the entire United States and is now the world record holder for the longest triathlon. The chapter boasted one of the highest organizational participation rates for the IFC blood drive.

WASHINGTON & LEE (Pi)

Initiates: 41. New Members: 0. CEF: \$924. Pi Chapter is currently represented on the university's soccer, tennis, and swim teams. Additionally, brothers compete in rugby, soccer, and lacrosse at the club level.

WILLIAM & MARY (Gamma)

Initiates: 38. New Members: 8. CEF: \$28,608.

WEST VIRGINIA (Alpha Theta)

Initiates: 86. New Members: 0. CEF: \$4,744. During the fall semester, Alpha Theta Chapter participated in and donated to every sorority philanthropy. Brother Daikiel Shorts '16 is on the university's football team.





TOWSON (Lambda Omega)

Initiates: 83. New Members: 16. CEF: \$876. Lambda Omega Chapter partnered with Phi Mu for Dance the Madness. Above: Lambda Omega's new member class.



MARYLAND (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 77. CEF: \$4,289. Membership at the Colony at Maryland ranges from a student senator to 10 Division 1 athletes. The colony is participating in and cosponsoring three upcoming philanthropy events and was paired with Alpha Phi, Alpha Delta Phi and Kappa Phi Lambda for Homecoming. The colony hosted an alumni tailgate for the event. Above: Several brothers participated in Delta Gamma's Anchorslam basketball tournament.



VIRGINIA TECH (Epsilon)

Initiates: 123. New Members: 40. CEF: \$16,769. This past April, Epsilon Chapter raised \$23,000 for the largest collegiate Relay for Life in the world, making the chapter the largest donating organization on campus for the fourth straight year. At the beginning of the fall semester, the local fraternity that recolonized the chapter in the 1970's, the Cotillion Club, voted to merge their alumni association with Epsilon's alumni association. The chapter also won Kappa Delta's philanthropy event, raising over \$4,000 for child abuse services in the New River Valley. Above: Delegates from Epsilon Chapter took home numerous awards from the 2016 Convention, including the chapter's 17th consecutive Smythe Award.

GOLDEN WEST REGION



CALIFORNIA STATE-FULLERTON (Mu Epsilon)

Initiates: 145. New Members: 35. CEF: \$9,606. Mu Epsilon Chapter raised nearly \$3,000 for Cycle for Life with the fourth annual PIKE auction. The chapter has continued their partnership with Titan Athletics, hosting alumni events at different sporting events. In addition, the PIKE logo is featured on the outfield wall of the baseball stadium. Above: Mu Epsilon's dodgeball recruitment event.

CALIFORNIA-IRVINE (Lambda Lambda)

Initiates: 65. New Members: 0. CEF: \$27,197.

CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO (Kappa Phi)

Initiates: 109. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,847.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA (lota Theta)

Initiates: 68. New Members: 0. CEF: \$2,468.



SAN DIEGO STATE (Delta Kappa)

Initiates: 99. New Members: 52. CEF: \$21. Above: Delta Kappa's highly successful fall recruitment booth.



CALIFORNIA STATE-LONG BEACH (lota Epsilon)

Initiates: 46. New Members: 10. CEF: \$354. lota Epsilon Chapter hosted a beach volleyball event benefitting the Cycle for Life Foundation. In September, the chapter hosted a kickball game for undergraduates and alumni, bringing together multiple generations of lota Epsilon members. (photo)



NEVADA-LAS VEGAS (Kappa Omicron)

Initiates: 69. New Members: 0. CEF: \$14,227. Kappa Omicron Chapter enjoyed a very successful fall 2016 bid day.



CHAPMAN (Theta Psi)

Initiates: 94. New Members: 28. CEF: \$25,338. Theta Psi Chapter received the 2016 Campus Partnership Award for its work with the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, raising funds for childhood cancer awareness. Every Thursday, chapter members help clean up the community around campus as a part of Greek Life Cleanup. Devin Ray '15 was recently selected as Chapman's athlete of the week as well as the Southern California Intercollegiate athlete of the week. The chapter has 25 other members who are on the university's athletic teams. Fall recruitment brought the chapter one of the largest new member classes it's ever had.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Gamma Eta)

Initiates: 70. New Members: 24. CEF: \$17,420. Gamma Eta Chapter adopted Cycle for Life as its philanthropy for the semester. Every Friday afternoon, chapter members and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority members tutor children at local elementary schools. The chapter also holds resumé workshops for new members, preparing them for future internship and career opportunities. Above: Gamma Eta Chapter, fall 2016.

GREAT LAKES REGION



ADRIAN (Zeta Lambda)

Initiates: 25. New Members: 0. CEF: \$3,184. Zeta Lambda Chapter enjoyed Homecoming weekend with chapter alumnus members and participated in fraternity run-outs. Above: Pikes rally for bid day at Adrian.



FERRIS STATE (Zeta Kappa)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 0. CEF: \$2,161. Zeta Kappa Chapter received recognition for having more library hours than any other IFC chapter and made history by winning the Nobert Bunker intramural trophy.



WESTERN (lota Omega)

Initiates: 43. New Members: 1. CEF: \$1,418. lota Omega Chapter hosted its annual golf tournament with over 50 undergraduates and alumni in attendance. With a goal of raising \$10,000 for the Learning Disabilities Association of London, brothers are working hard to make Peak Week 2016 the best it's ever been.



MCMASTER (Mu Delta)

Initiates: 50. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,134. Mu Delta Chapter was invited for the third consecutive year to participate in McMaster's Shinerama, Canada's largest post-secondary fundraiser in support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada, where they raised more money than all other Greek organizations. Chapter brothers also attended the Toronto Pride parade to show their support and commitment to diversity. In campus involvement, nine members were Welcome Week representatives during McMaster's Welcome Week for first year students. Above: Four brothers were chosen to be representatives for the MSU Maroons, a group that represents the university and exemplifies school pride at athletic events.



MICHIGAN (Beta Tau)

Initiates: 94. New Members: 0. CEF: \$15,562. Beta Mu Chapter participated in International Work Day in April 2016 by restoring their backyard and spring-cleaning the inside of the chapter house. The chapter is looking forward to its annual Rivalry Run with Alpha Rho Chapter (Ohio State), which raised over \$50,000 for cancer research last fall.

KETTERING (Zeta Alpha A)

Initiates: 20. New Members: 0. CEF: \$2,195. Zeta Alpha A Chapter's parent's day event was a success, and parents were amazed at house improvements. including the new security system donated by Bryan Hawkins '12, completed on International Work Day.

KETTERING (Zeta Alpha B)

Initiates: 20. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,893.



WAYNE STATE (Delta Nu)

Initiates: 56. New Members: 19. CEF: \$13,721. Delta Nu Chapter enjoyed a successful fall recruitment, recruiting more new members than any other fraternity. Chapter members participated in Mega March for Animals, benefitting the Michigan Humane Society. Delta Nu Chapter is currently renovating the chapter house with updates including: fresh paint on the interior walls, new couches for the social room, a repaved driveway, and the addition of a laundry room and two more bathrooms. The chapter is also rebuilding a back deck. Above: Delta Nu Chapter celebrates their 2016 Smythe Award.



WILFRID LAURIER (Kappa Mu)

Initiates: 47. New Members: 0. CEF: \$3,097. Kappa Mu Chapter members volunteered at 14 different events within the region of Waterloo, as the chapter works toward focusing on philanthropic efforts. The chapter also won Greek week. Above: Kappa Mu placed first out of eight teams at the Wilfrid Laurier annual Science Olympics, and won the \$300 grand prize.

MICHIGAN STATE (lota lota)

Initiates: 135. New Members: 0. CEF: \$305. lota lota Chapter's house recently underwent renovations, and the chapter restored its fire truck. Justin Azar '13 represented Greeks from all over the country before Congress with Pikes on the Hill last summer.

WESTERN MICHIGAN (Epsilon Psi)

Initiates: 31. New Members: 2. CEF: \$12,153.

GREAT PLAINS REGION



CREIGHTON (Colony)

Initiates: 2. New Members: 68. CEF: \$19,528. Colony at Creighton added five new members this fall, bringing the colony to 71 members with a 3.4 cumulative GPA and 90 percent campus involvement. Colony members have been participating in philanthropy events with Theta Phi Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Left: New members of the Colony at Creighton.

IOWA STATE (Alpha Phi)

Initiates: 92. New Members: 6. CEF: \$51,590.

NORTHERN IOWA (Theta Zeta)

Initiates: 7. New Members: 6. CEF: \$1,311.

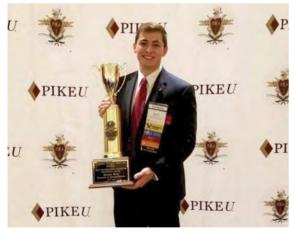
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (Mu Omicron)

Initiates: 11. New Members: 10. CEF: \$0. Mu Omicron Chapter members have been involved in the community, volunteering at the Brookings Special Olympics, food drives, and the regional humane society.



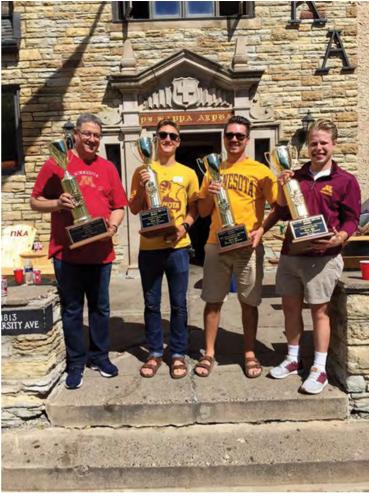
IOWA (Gamma Nu)

r Initiates: 84. New Members: 0. CEF: \$6,952. Gamma Nu Chapter welcomed its largest new member class since its rechartering in 2013, totaling 45 new members. The chapter renovated its balcony overlooking the lowa River and hired a full-time chef for live-in brothers. The chapter won the University of Iowa Intramural Points championship for the fifth year in a row for the 2015-16 school year and is currently on pace to continue their dynasty this year. Above: Brothers Alex Maksymiak '15 and Matt Drew '15, 2016 intramural bags champions.



NEBRASKA-LINCOLN (Gamma Beta)

Initiates: 103. New Members: 33. CEF: \$22,544. This fall, Gamma Beta Chapter recruited one of the largest new member classes in recent chapter history. Of the 32 new members, four were accepted into UNL's Freshman Campus Leadership Association, a group of 20 students who serve as a liaison between the freshman class and the university's student government. The chapter instituted an academic incentive program to increase accountability and foster a stronger sense of brotherhood throughout the chapter. Gamma Beta Chapter raised over \$2,000 with its annual volleyball philanthropy, Pike Spike, for Voices of Hope, a local non-profit that provides help to victims of sexual assault. Above: Gamma Beta Chapter President Austin Wendt '14 displays the chapter's 2016 Smythe Award.



MINNESOTA (Beta Chi)

Initiates: 81. New Members: 27. CEF: \$817. Beta Chi Chapter hosted a fall work day during which they remulched landscaping, replaced several couches, repainted the entire house, and deep cleaned the kitchen. The chapter's alumni association hosted a tailgate at the chapter house featuring a food truck. Above, from left: Brothers Andy Bernstein '86, Tim Sundem '15, Jake Shoults '14, and Spencer Price '12 hold Beta Chi's three consecutive Smythe Awards, and a fourth from the 1980s.



NEBRASKA-KEARNEY (Iota Gamma)

Initiates: 58. New Members: 35. CEF: \$17,337. Over 10 teams competed in lota Gamma's Pike Spike sand volleyball tournament.











NEBRASKA-OMAHA (Delta Chi)

Initiates: 114. New Members: 40. CEF: \$31,699. Over 300 people participated in the chapter's annual sand volleyball tournament, Pike Spike, raising over \$3,000 for the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to assist flood victims. This fall, Delta Chi Chapter is working to revamp its public relations program.

NORTH DAKOTA (Zeta Rho)

Initiates: 58. New Members: 0. CEF: \$11,242. Zeta Rho Chapter raised over \$1,000 with its fall philanthropy event benefitting Concerns of Police Survivors, which provides assistance to families of police officers killed in the line of duty. The chapter achieved the second highest GPA during the 2015-16 school year and received the university's accountability award for outstanding risk management policies and the president's award for Greek excellence. Two members serve on the IFC executive board as president and vice president. The chapter has completed housing renovations including the addition of two French doors, windows on the bottom floor, and the repainting of the ground floor



SOUTH DAKOTA (Kappa Pi)

Initiates: 72. New Members: 20. CEF: \$5,040. Kappa Pi brothers hold over 65 campus leadership positions, including student government association, orientation leaders, Dakotathon, residence hall assistants, Dakota Days Homecoming committee, student ambassadors, TEDxUSD Leadership Committee, Covote Crazies, KYOT USD News, the Volante, and several others. The chapter hosted a new member class retreat, with nearly 30 new members in attendance and an alumni advisory board and executive council fall kick off. Above: Kappa Pi new member retreat.

HEARTLAND REGION



MISSOURI STATE (Zeta Chi)

Initiates: 85. New Members: 44. CEF: \$1,207. Zeta Chi Chapter hosted a service day with Delta Zeta, working various events including a bowling tournament, Meals a Million, The Discovery Center, Arc of Ozarks, and the Salvation Army. The chapter won a Hazing Prevention Week competition and is competing in intramural sports. Above: Zeta Chi's first recruitment event of the fall at the chapter's new house.



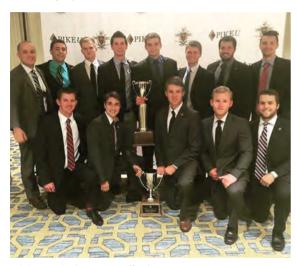
WILLIAM WOODS (Lambda Eta)

Initiates: 33. New Members: 13. CEF: \$1,555. Lambda Eta Chapter kicked off the fall intramural season by winning the whiffle ball tournament. The chapter also partnered with Alpha Chi Omega to host a memorial service for one of their sisters and a friend to Lambda Eta Chapter. Above: In philanthropy, the chapter volunteered with the local Special Olympics.



MISSOURI S&T (Alpha Kappa)

Initiates: 117. New Members: 29. CEF: \$38,475. Alpha Kappa Chapter has partnered with the local the Kaleidoscope Discovery Center, an organization that is fostering strong mathematics and science backgrounds with children, to help with tasks such as construction and the relocation of items. The chapter attended its first overnight community service event, helping to set up for Pedal for the Cause and also volunteered at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk for the Cure. The chapter claimed the 2016 Greek Week championship for the third straight year.



ROCKHURST (Kappa Epsilon)

Initiates: 73. New Members: 0. CEF: \$24,126. In September, Kappa Epsilon Chapter hosted its Pike Spike volleyball tournament. The chapter partnered with Alpha Sigma Alpha to host the seventh annual Hopkins Skip and Run 5K, raising over \$9,000 for college scholarships. Additionally, the brothers held a recruitment event at the Kansas City Royals ball game. In athletics, the chapter has seen success in fall softball intramurals and brothers Mike Panarisi '15 and Drew Douglas '15 are in there last year of their collegiate soccer careers. Above: Kappa Epsilon took the Scholarship Cup and a Smythe Award home from Convention this year.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE (Epsilon lota)

Initiates: 70. New Members: 45. CEF: \$29,130. Epsilon lota had a very successful recruitment with 41 new members this fall and won intramural championships in soccer and ultimate Frisbee. A successful homecoming on November 5 saw the Pikes win overall homecoming and the float competition. Homecoming festivities included a successful alumni event on Friday evening and tailgate on Saturday, as well as a tour of the new Southeast Greek Village.



MISSOURI (Alpha Nu)

🌋 Initiates: 111. New Members: 46. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$43,595. Alpha Nu Chapter maintained a 3.05 cumulative GPA, won 6 intramural championships, and raised over \$20,000 for philanthropy in the 2015-16 academic year. Over the summer, the chapter completed several housing projects including a half sized basketball court addition to the backyard and a basement pub style room renovation. With the addition of 46 new members, Alpha Nu is the largest chapter on campus. Above: Alpha Nu's first championship of the fall 2016 intrmural season.



MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS (Zeta Phi)

Initiates: 17. New Members: 11. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$12,590. Within the first month of the semester, Zeta Phi Chapter raised over \$4,000 for house renovations, completed over 150 community services hours, and nearly doubled in size with the addition of its new member class. The chapter currently has 75 percent campus involvement, and President Robert Kinsinger '14 will speak at the university chancellor's cabinet meeting later in the semester about the impact that Greek Life makes in the local community. Above: Zeta Phi brothers volunteered at the St. Louis Science Center in the GROW Exhibit.



PITTSBURG STATE (Epsilon Chi)

Initiates: 54. New Members: 22. CEF: \$4,177. Epsilon Chi Chapter has more than tripled in size in the last five years and currently claims the most fraternity members on campus. Epsilon Chi Chapter continues to excel in athletics with a third consecutive year of intramural championship wins. The chapter updated its living room; installed new carpets, cable, and ethernet cords to every room; and updated the chapter room. A higher emphasis is being placed on the cleanliness of the house and a parking system has been installed, allowing for towing of unauthorized vehicles.



KANSAS STATE (Alpha Omega)

Initiates: 89. New Members: 26. CEF: \$64,521. Alpha Omega Chapter held its annual highway clean up and worked to clean Pillsbury crossing, a place where students hangout and swim in the creek.

KANSAS (Beta Gamma)

Initiates: 85. New Members: 29. CEF: \$7,536. Recently chartered Beta Gamma Chapter held its first annual Fireman's Challenge benefitting the Lawrence Fire Department, Midwest Regional Burn Foundation, Valor Kansas, and the families of firefighters killed in the line of duty. One brother is a member of the football team, one is on the cheerleading squad, and 10 brothers are members of either Naval or Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps; making Beta Gamma number one when it comes to members involved with ROTC. The chapter is also heavily involved in intramural sports with two football, two indoor soccer, and three volleyball teams for this semester alone. The chapter increased its overall grade point average by .43 to reach the all Greek average.

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KEYSTONE REGION



PENNSYLVANIA STATE (Beta Alpha)

Initiates: 100. New Members: 0. CEF: \$71,263. During fall recruitment, Beta Alpha Chapter welcomed over 1,000 potential new members to open house and enjoyed a 96 percent bid acceptance rate. In intramurals, the chapter has seen success in softball, bocce, and won second place in golf. Beta Alpha members raised over \$18,000 for THON in one weekend, and the chapter hosted alumni during Homecoming weekend. Above: Brothers built and painted a new fence at the chapter house.

CARNEGIE MELLON (Beta Sigma)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 11. CEF: \$5,220. Beta Sigma Chapter members participated in the school's day of service, installing roof gutters on Pittsburgh homes. The chapter also partnered with the women of Delta Gamma to volunteer at a local animal shelter.

DREXEL (Lambda Zeta)

Initiates: 127. New Members: 0. CEF: \$7,578. This fall, Lambda Zeta Chapter hosted Fireman's Challenge benefitting the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Alumni and undergraduates competed in their annual flag football tournament, and the chapter partnered with Phi Mu to host their first annual cornhole classic. In intramurals, brothers played flag football, indoor soccer, and billiards.

PENNSYLVANIA (Beta Pi)

Initiates: 46. New Members: 0. CEF: \$156,468.

PITTSBURGH (Gamma Sigma)

Initiates: 33. New Members: 0. CEF: \$16,585. Gamma Sigma Chapter recruited three varsity athletes in its fall new member class. Harris Wallack '16 recently organized a 5k benefitting Juvenile Diabetic Research Foundation, raising over \$1,000 for the organization.

SLIPPERY ROCK (Kappa Sigma)

Initiates: 33. New Members: 0. CEF: \$137.

WEST CHESTER (Mu Lambda)

Initiates: 82. New Members: 0. CEF: \$25.



GANNON (Epsilon Upsilon)

Initiates: 36. New Members: 2. CEF: \$3,876. In July, Epsilon Upsilon Chapter hosted over 150 alumnus members for a summer reunion. The chapter participated in the university's service day by cleaning up a local beach. Seven brothers are members of the Pride of Pennsylvania Army ROTC program. Above: Epsilon Upsilon brothers cleaned up Shades Beach during GIVE Day.



LEHIGH (Gamma Lambda)

Initiates: 56. New Members: 0. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$15,896. Gamma Lambda Chapter maintained the highest GPA of any fraternity on campus and hosted many new events including dinner with the university president, salsa dancing with sororities, and the sponsorship of the Color Run with five other chapters. The chapter also co-sponsored four Keystone Miller Blood Drives and logged hundreds of community service hours for the Jewish Relief Agency of Philadelphia and the Feed the Children Distribution center. The chapter has two Division I athletes, one on the track and field team and one on the crew team.

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School Grants

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Half the fun of PIKE *University* is getting to know brothers from different chapters. Ask nearby chapters if they would like to travel together to help defray costs. A collaborative road trip will make the trip not only cost effective, but fun too. Also keep in mind that you do not have to stay in the hotel that we suggest. You can stay at a cheaper hotel in the area, an Airbnb, or ask local chapters if they have any room for you to stay at their place of residence.





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LONE STAR REGION



SOUTHWESTERN (Alpha Omicron)

Initiates: 42. New Members: 0. CEF: \$897. Alpha Omicron Chapter has the highest fraternity GPA, and chapter members make up a third of the student government association including the student body president. (photo)



TEXAS (Beta Mu)

Initiates: 87. New Members: 40. CEF: \$6,666. Beta Mu Chapter along with alumni are enjoying the Longhorn football season with chapter tailgates. Above, Michael Moroney '13, UT President Greg Fenves, and Ryan Thompson '13 at the season opener.



ANGELO STATE (Eta Epsilon)

Initiates: 25. New Members: 27. CEF: \$25,744. Left: the brothers of Eta Epsilon Chapter made a statement against hazing.



NORTH TEXAS (Epsilon Delta)

Initiates: 65. New Members: 26. CEF: \$37,023. Epsilon Delta Chapter enjoyed a successful recruitment after having representation at every freshman orientation with brothers working in orientation leadership positions. Brothers participated in several sorority philanthropy events including Kappa Kappa Gamma's golf tournament, Alpha Phi's Red Dress Gala, and Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. Both of the chapter's intramural flag football teams are undefeated. One brother is on the university football team, and one is on the men's lacrosse team. Above: The chapter's executive council and alumni advisory board held a planning retreat.



TEXAS TECH (Epsilon Gamma)

Initiates: 106. New Members: 40. CEF: \$6,724. Epsilon Gamma Chapter's lodge is currently undergoing renovations, and the chapter hosted an alumni dove hunt. During fall recruitment, the chapter recruited several Texas Tech football players.

HOUSTON (Epsilon Eta)

Initiates: 32. New Members: 27. CEF: \$1,102. Epsilon Eta Chapter is competing in all Greek League intramurals and is the reigning champion in dodgeball and basketball. Over the summer, a trophy case was installed in the chapter house.



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE (Theta Xi)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 0. CEF: \$3,831. Theta Xi Chapter recruited its second largest new member class, including three varsity athletes, since the fall of 2013, placing the chapter at number one in new members at the university. Chapter members volunteered at the annual Bois D' Arc Bash Festival of Commerce, Dakota Brewer '13 was nominated as the president of Order Omega and Weylin Adkins '14 was nominated as the IFC president.



TEXAS STATE-SAN MARCOS (Zeta Theta)

Initiates: 65. New Members: 27. CEF: \$5,185. Zeta Theta Chapter raised over \$1,000 for the local fire department with its annual paintball tournament. The chapter also served the community through Bobcat Build, planting multiple trees for an elementary school, as well as cleaning the vicinity and repairing minor structural issues. During fall recruitment, the chapter recruited more new members than it has seen in 20 years. The chapter continues to excel in intramurals and started the season as reigning champions in basketball and soccer. Above: Zeta Theta's executive council.



SAM HOUSTON STATE (Epsilon Pi)

Initiates: 25. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,598.

SOUTHERN METHODIST (Beta Zeta)

Initiates: 105. New Members: 0. CEF: \$12,759.



LAMAR (Epsilon Kappa)

Initiates: 52. New Members: 0. CEF: \$6,058. Epsilon Kappa members are involved on campus with multiple student organizations, club sports, and faith based clubs. Brothers hold leadership positions in organizations like Greek Council, IFC, SGA, and Lamar's Homecoming committee. Epsilon Kappa members also participated in the Walk for Alzheimers, Relay for Ronald, and the Boys Haven Crawfish Festival. Above: Brothers at the Walk for Alzheimers.



TEXAS-ARLINGTON (Eta Upsilon)

Initiates: 69. New Members: 40. CEF: \$6,045. Eta Upsilon Chapter won the university's Greek Out volleyball game for the second year in a row and received the Maverick Gift award, recognizing the student organization that donated the most money for the campus's Emergency Assistance Fund. The chapter also partnered with the university's athletic department to assist them in selling their volleyball and basketball programs and volunteering as referees during the campus's mud volleyball. Eta Upsilon adopted a highway and donated a new foosball table to The Boys and Girls Club and letters to the university's new Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter.

TEXAS A&M (Theta Theta)

Initiates: 112. New Members: 25. CEF: \$1,344. Theta Theta Chapter has a cumulative 3.08 GPA after implementing an online tutoring service, making academic help easily accessible to members. Many members hold leadership positions in student organizations including student senate, BUILD, Big Event, student engineering council, Aggie investment club, and the Aggie club of engineers. The chapter has nine intramurals teams with members competing in football, soccer, softball, and coed volleyball. Left: Theta Theta's fall 2016 new member class.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE (Epsilon Omicron)

Initiates: 41. New Members: 11. CEF: \$455. One Epsilon Omicron member is on the university football team, and three members are on track team. A recent alumnus is currently a graduate assistant coach for the university's basketball team and another recent graduate is training with the Chicago Bulls. The chapter recently launched its website to help alumni keep up with the chapter happenings. The chapter also established a weekly Bible study.

MAGNOLIA REGION



COLUMBUS STATE (Mu lota)

Initiates: 23. New Members: 12. CEF: \$22. Mu lota Chapter recruited the largest new member class on campus. In addition, the chapter is preparing for its third annual 48 Hour Homeless event and its first annual Dream Girl competition. Above: Mu lota brothers after their first win of the intramural season.



GEORGIA TECH (Alpha Delta)

Initiates: 67. New Members: 25. CEF: \$10,240. During fall recruitment, Alpha Delta Chapter recruited more new members than any other campus fraternity. In intramurals, all of the chapter's intramural teams are ranked to advance to the playoffs. positioning them well for another top-three title in the fraternity league. In philanthropy, the chapter hosted Warrior Run 5k benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. Above: Brothers sing to their Dream Girl as her Alpha Phi sisters look on.

ARMSTRONG STATE (Eta Mu)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 3. CEF: \$1,287.

GEORGIA (Alpha Mu)

Initiates: 97. New Members: 29. CEF: \$753.

GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE (Theta Gamma)

Initiates: 55. New Members: 0. CEF: \$497.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (lota Upsilon)

Initiates: 20. New Members: 21. CEF: \$2,282. lota Upsilon Chapter has the third highest fraternity GPA, 3.15, and recruited one of the largest fraternity classes. This semester the chapter is competing in intramural dodgeball, flag football, indoor soccer, and ultimate Frisbee.



EMORY (Beta Kappa)

Initiates: 23. New Members: 4. CEF: \$4,124. Two Beta Kappa members were selected as part of Emory's 100 Senior Honorary, a distinction given to the university's 100 most outstanding seniors. On September 11th, the chapter sent a letter to the Dekalb County Fire Rescue Station 1 to thank them for their service.



WEST GEORGIA (Eta Sigma)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 19. CEF: \$405. This fall, Eta Sigma Chapter hosted a benefit concert, raising over \$2,500 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Chapter members also volunteered with the university's move-in day. Twenty brothers volunteered to help the football program get ready for the upcoming season. In campus athletics, four brothers are on the football team and one brother is on the golf team. Above: Eta Sigma Chapter received one of the university's most prestigious awards, the Westpy, for support group of the year.

GEORGIA STATE (Epsilon Nu)

Initiates: 43. New Members: 13. CEF: \$2,023.



Initiates: 106. New Members: 35. CEF: \$119.

NORTH GEORGIA (Psi)

Initiates: 75. New Members: 0. CEF: \$3,245.

MIDWEST REGION



BRADLEY (Delta Sigma)

Initiates: 31. New Members: 10. CEF: \$5,559. Delta Sigma Chapter established a new academic program with hopes of improving the chapter's overall GPA and implemented a point system to boost attendance at campus events. Members continue to maintain their adopted stretch of highway. Above: Bid day at Delta Sigma Chapter.



ILLINOIS (Beta Eta)

Initiates: 121. New Members: 2. CEF: \$316. Beta Eta kicked off the fall intramural season with a basketball win. Chapter members volunteered with Feed My Starving Children by packaging meals for children around the world who are suffering from malnourishment. Beta Eta members after an intramural basketball win.





NORTHWESTERN (Gamma Rho)

Initiates: 78. New Members: 0. CEF: \$97,354. Gamma Rho members are working to make an impact on the Northwestern campus and the Evanston community by holding an event benefitting MADD, and working to reduce the chapter's environmental impact. Above: Brothers volunteered at the Evanston Animal Shelter.



ROSE-HULMAN (lota Delta)

Initiates: 92. New Members: 0. CEF: \$34,838. lota Delta members enjoyed great turnouts at events during recruitment week including its pizza and dodgeball, milkshake and a movie, and fire truck cookout events. While working to recruit the most, best men, the chapter was involved in the local community, including volunteering with the Terre Haute Blues Festival. Above: Iota Delta Chapter volunteered with TREES environmental restoration.

INDIANA SOUTHEAST (Theta Kappa)

Initiates: 46. New Members: 24. CEF: \$2,390. Theta Kappa Chapter is in the process of re-establishing its alumni association and forming an alumni advisory board following the election of a new chapter advisor. The chapter started the fall semester with the largest recruitment class, highest fraternity GPA, over 900 community service hours, and ranked first in intramural sports. Left: Recruitment event at the home of an alumnus.



Pulling for the Special Olympics

In April 2016, Executive Vice President and CEO Justin Buck (Southeast Missouri State, Epsilon Iota '96) joined Theta Omicron Chapter and Iota Delta Chapter for their ninth annual Fire Truck Pull, with all proceeds benefitting the Special Olympics of Indiana. By working together, the two chapters were able to raise over \$11,000. Following the successful event, the men from both chapters attended a joint brotherhood event where members competed in football, volleyball, basketball, and other yard games.

Additionally during Brother Buck's visit, he had the opportunity to receive a tour of part one of Theta Omicron's \$1.9 million housing project, the beautiful grounds of the lota Delta's Chapter at Rose-Hulman, and tours of both of the university's campuses. Above: Members of Theta Omicron (Indiana State) and Iota Delta (Rose-Hulman) at the Fire Truck Pull.





PURDUE (Beta Phi)

Initiates: 114. New Members: 37. CEF: \$5,029. Beta Phi Chapter finished the spring semester with the more community service hours than any other Greek organization and continued to serve by hosting its annual Firefighter Challenge, raising over \$6,000 for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Above: Beta Phi Chapter's Firefighters Challenge.



WISCONSIN (Beta Xi)

Initiates: 80. New Members: 0. CEF: \$906. Last spring, Beta Xi raised \$30,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County and United Cerebral Palsy. This semester, the chapter is hosting a semester-long clothing drive. Beta Xi currently has 5 members on the club lacrosse team. Above: Beta Xi Chapter partnered with the ladies of Beta Phi to volunteer for Special Olympics.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (Zeta Gamma)

Initiates: 15. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,017.

INDIANA (Delta Xi)

Initiates: 110. New Members: 1. CEF: \$49,039.

INDIANA STATE (Theta Omicron)

Initiates: 91. New Members: 48. CEF: \$16,668. In September, Theta Omicron Chapter hosted its eighth annual Pikes4Change event where members slept outside in cardboard boxes to raise awareness and funds for homeless people in Terre Haute. The money that was raised was not only above our goal, but more importantly the contributions will provide gifts for impoverished families needing a little extra Holiday cheer. This September, the chapter hosted the dedication of the newly renovated \$2.3 million dollar facilities called The Grounds - Pi Kappa Alpha Education Center (see story on page 4).

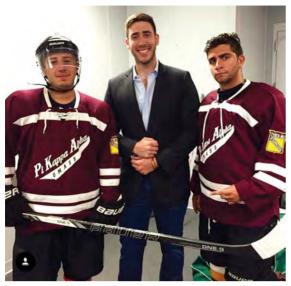
VALPARAISO (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 26. CEF: \$488. The Valparaiso Colony hosted its first annual Fireman's Challenge benefitting the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department. The colony also had a great Homecoming weekend as they rooted for nine of their members. The intramural flag football team is undefeated and looks to be a strong contender for the title.

WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER (Kappa Omega)

Initiates: 41. New Members: 25. CEF: \$15,499.

NEW ENGLAND REGION



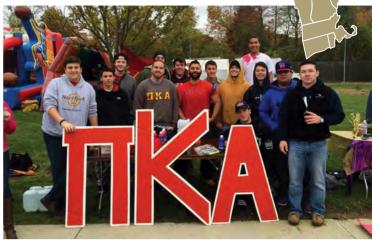
MASSACHUSETTS (Theta Mu)

Initiates: 82. New Members: 0. CEF: \$2,787. This fall, Director of Membership Growth Jake Vanderlugt (Zeta Lambda, Adrian '14) was able to attend Theta Mu Chapter's brotherhood trip to a Boston Red Sox game after presenting a recruitment presentation. Above: Theta Mu Chapter is gearing up for another season of intramural hockey.



VERMONT (Lambda Delta)

Initiates: 64. New Members: 22. CEF: \$8,894. This past summer, Gabe Bresnahan '16 worked for a non-profit providing housing for the less fortunate in Haiti and was one of many Lambda Delta Chapter members who completed internships and volunteer work. The chapter continued its philanthropic efforts into the fall semester by volunteering at Laura's March, benefitting organizations that work to help end sexual violence, and the Walk for Alzheimer's where members assisted in recruiting advocates for the organization. The chapter held its annual alumni barbecue with over 30 alumni in attendance. Above: Brothers at the Walk for Alzheimers in Shelburne, Vermont.



BRIDGEWATER STATE (Mu Xi)

Initiates: 32. New Members: 6. CEF: \$0. Mu Xi Chapter ended the spring semester with the top fraternity GPA. This fall, the chapter celebrated its first local founders



BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (Kappa Delta)

Initiates: 82. New Members: 14. CEF: \$11,164. Kappa Delta members remain focused on academics, boasting a 3.35 cumulative GPA. In athletics, the chapter won multiple intramural championships and has players on both club and university sports teams. Chapter members continue to stay involved in the community by volunteering with the Boston Brakers power wheelchair soccer team, assisting with weekly practices and games. Brother Dylan Rockoff '13 has received attention for his recently released album These Old Streets which reached #8 on the iTunes charts and has been streamed on Spotify over 1 million times. Above: Brothers gather around Fraternity Rock.

BOSTON (Lambda Nu)

Initiates: 53. New Members: 22. CEF: \$186. Lambda Nu Chapter received a recruitment visit from a Fraternity staff member and recruited 22 new members as a result.

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT (Epsilon Alpha)

Initiates: 23. New Members: 8. CEF: \$0. Epsilon Alpha Chapter has the highest Greek GPA, a 3.4. The chapter's new member class holds a 3.8 cumulative

RHODE ISLAND (Kappa Iota)

Initiates: 78. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,409. During fall recruitment, Kappa lota Chapter made school history by welcoming a class of 30 new members. The chapter partnered with Tau Kappa Epsilon to raise over \$10,000 for a local 2-year-old who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

NORTHWEST REGION



MONTANA STATE (Gamma Kappa)

Initiates: 47. New Members: 24. CEF: \$10,981. Gamma Kappa Chapter kicked off the intramural season with two victories. Above: On 9/11, the men of Gamma Kappa Chapter grilled for the city's firefighters.



IDAHO (Zeta Mu)

Initiates: 40. New Members: 3. CEF: \$2,434. This fall, Zeta Mu Chapter participated in its first formal recruitment since rechartering. The chapter has participated in every sorority's philanthropy event. Above: Brothers prepare for a serenade.



LINFIELD (Delta Rho)

Initiates: 39. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,019. Delta Rho Chapter members and alumni completed a variety of home improvement projects during Camp Delta Rho. Brothers are on the university's varsity football, soccer, tennis, and swimming teams. Above: Delta Rho volunteered at the Ruff Ruff Run 5K in McMinnville, Oregon.



WASHINGTON (Beta Beta)

Initiates: 68. New Members: 17. CEF: \$27,843. Over the summer, Beta Beta Chapter's house received interior renovations including new paint on the main floor and chapter room enhancement. The chapter raised over \$10,000 for Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash philanthropy, and Brother Michael Beleson '13 was crowned Mr. Fundraiser for his efforts. Above: Beta Beta Chapter's recruitment team.



ALBERTA (Lambda Epsilon)

Initiates: 46. New Members: 0. CEF: \$456. Lambda Epsilon Chapter held its annual recruitment preparation retreat in before starting the new academic year with brothers who were recognized for outstanding scholastic achievements as well as representing the chapter in basketball, slow pitch, and volleyball. The chapter's Firemen's Challenge benefitted the Edmonton Fire Rescue and Burn Victims Ward. Above: Undergraduate chapter members competed against alumni in their annual football game, followed by a tailgate and an afternoon at the university's football game.

OREGON (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 43. CEF: \$13,631. One member of the Colony at Oregon is a varsity wide receiver on the university's football team and several other members are club athletes. The colony is also one of 16 groups to pilot the True Pike Experience.

PULLMAN, WASHINGTON (Gamma Xi)

Initiates: 50. New Members: 17. CEF: \$78,919. Gamma Xi Chapter used donations from alumni to remodel their kitchen and living room.



OREGON STATE (Colony)

Initiates: 1. New Members: 52. CEF: \$12,763. Over the summer, some of the men from the Colony at Oregon State traveled to Paulina Lake. Last semester, the colony participated in its very first Greek Week, and this fall, the colony completed its first fall recruitment. Left: Colony members during Greek Week.



PACIFIC COAST REGION



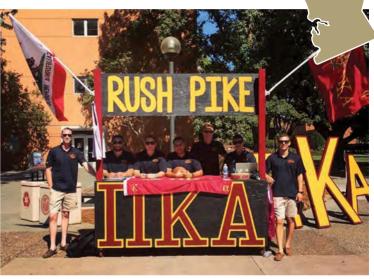
CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY (Alpha Sigma)

Initiates: 48. New Members: 12. CEF: \$19,317. Alpha Sigma Chapter held its annual philanthropy event that included fundraising for Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) with all proceeds benefitting those affected by sexual assault. Over the summer, a back deck was installed at the chapter house. In intramurals, members are competing in basketball, soccer, and football. Above: At the 2016 Convention, Alpha Sigma Chapter received the Improvement Project of the Year Award (see story on page 10).



CALIFORNIA STATE-SACRAMENTO (Theta Tau)

Initiates: 60. New Members: 17. CEF: \$1,315. Theta Tau Chapter started the fall semester with a recruitment visit from Chapter Consultant Eduardo Maciel (Cal State-Fullerton, Mu Epsilon '13). Following the visit, the chapter recruited the most new members on campus. Left: Brothers participated in a recruitment week dodgeball tournament.



CALIFORNIA STATE-CHICO (Lambda Psi)

Initiates: 81. New Members: 19. CEF: \$91. Lambda Psi Chapter enjoyed a successful recruitment week which ended with 100 percent bid acceptance rate. Throughout the week, over 75 percent of potential new members attended chapter events. The chapter will partner with Sigma Kappa for Greek Week.

CALIFORNIA-DAVIS (Theta Omega)

Initiates: 30. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,033.

CALIFORNIA STATE-FRESNO (lota Beta)

Initiates: 51. New Members: 0. CEF: \$6,687.

PACIFIC (Kappa Nu)

Initiates: 17. New Members: 1. CEF: \$10,282.

SAN JOSE STATE (Delta Pi)

Initiates: 85. New Members: 0. CEF: \$20,759.

SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA (lota Omicron)

Initiates: 77. New Members: 0. CEF: \$143. This summer, some lota Omicron brothers traveled abroad to continue their studies with others stayed in the area with Silicon Valley internships. All-American Thatcher Bouck '15 used the summer to continue his athletic success, leading the Santa Clara rowing team to its second ever appearance at the IRA National Championship Regatta.

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by Charlene Nicholson

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Those of you still in your youth give me hope for the future, and the more seasoned members of your Fraternity remind me that behavior associated with being a gentleman can still be found in a True Pike.

Regardless of age, we are carpenters of our future. Along this journey of life, we are provided with tools to assist us in growth. One of those tools is letter writing. Texting, emailing, and other forms of modern communication have their place. But they are no match for a thoughtful letter.

- Letters are powerful
- · Letters inspire
- Letters require thoughtfulness and time
- Letters record history

As a professional letter writer I could share innumerable examples of how writing letters makes a difference. Here are a handful that have changed my life.

Demonstrating Gratitude

I secured my first professional job in college because I took the time to write individual letters to the members of the interview team. Six months into my role, this detail was shared with me. The only thing that set me apart from my competition was a genuine letter of thanks for their time and consideration. That position would become one of the catalysts of my ongoing growth.

What opportunities are you missing by not writing letters? Do you want to beat your competition?

Leaving a Legacy

Many years ago I visited the Truman Presidential Library to view the "Letters to Bess" exhibit. I wept.

Bess Truman saved letters from Harry for decades. From the days of being a crusty, hardworking farmer to the hours surrounding irreversible atomic decisions; his loving bride saved every piece of correspondence. Without this information, we would only understand an abbreviated version of their lives. Recorded forever, in the form of a letter, are expressions of practical matters, fears surrounding big issues, and a longing for one another during their time apart.

You will not get out of this lifetime without writing letters, and there will be many that are critical to your future.

Decades from now you may wish you had written more letters to capture emotions and your perception of the times. Your legacy matters and no two are alike. (Bess stuffed her letters under sofa cushions. I recommend a fireproof vault.)

Expectations of Value

Have you ever been upset about a defective product or poor service? Social media has become an effective platform for ensuring your voice is heard. However, I dare offer that because executives are receiving fewer personalized letters, a more powerful statement is made compared to unleashing your furor on Facebook.

Most entities want to make things right, and a paper trail gets noticed.

You work hard for your money and expect value in your purchases. Similarly, you are a gentleman, and you anticipate respect from others. Choose your battles and write letters to support this approach to living. You will be noticed.

The Future Lies With You

Writing does not come naturally to everyone. If someone told me right now that I would never have to do math again, I would smile on the inside. Everyone has strengths and areas for improvement.

As high achieving scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen you have the chance to impact the future. In the midst of a chaotic world, I trust that you understand the gravity of protecting the art of letter writing.

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Duly Noted

One of the most powerful letters you can write is a professional post-interview thank you letter. Here are a few quick tips to single you out from the competition:

DO:

✓ Select quality, classy stationery.

✓ Legibly handwrite your letter.

✓ Write original (not copied) content that sets a genuine tone. The following format will have you well on your way to a happy recipient. Each person in the interview should receive an individual letter. (Proactively ask for a business card from everyone you meet.)

Neatly label and stamp the envelope and send the letter within two days of your interview. Timeliness matters.

✓ Check your spelling.

DON'T

No loud, obnoxious, flashy card stock, or a sheet of paper ripped out of your spiral notebook.

No printing, abbreviations, acronyms, texting language, or smiley faces.

Stay away from sending the same message to each recipient, as they may compare notes.

These are general recommendations and should be customized based on your experience. professional, invest the time, and polish the final product.

Greeting: Dear Mr., Ms., or Mrs. (Avoid first names and "To Whom it May Concern")

Opening: Thank the individual for their time and consideration of your qualifications.

Body: Take the opportunity to point out meaningful connections, reiterate your interest, and demonstrate that you were paying attention. This is a great space to call attention to your most important assets that may set you apart from your competition. What is the value you bring to the table?

Close: Remind your recipient of your gratitude, and that you look forward to hearing from them. If appropriate, you may also indicate you will be following up on a certain date if you have not heard from them.

It is a nice touch to include your phone number and email. If you have a personal business card (not from your current job), you may consider including it in the envelope.

PALMETTO REGION



COASTAL CAROLINA (Kappa Rho)

Initiates: 90. New Members: 29. CEF: \$91. In honor of 9/11, Kappa Rho Chapter hosted an on-campus event benefitting the Fallen Firefighter Foundation. Above: Kappa Rho brothers at Convention.



CHARLESTON (Lambda Kappa)

Initiates: 64. New Members: 22. CEF: \$25. Lambda Kappa Chapter hosted a paintball tournament brotherhood event. The intramural football team started its season as the reigning champions. Above: Brothers started the semester by working to clean up the Ashley River.

PRESBYTERIAN (Mu)

Initiates: 10. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,832. Over the summer, Mu Chapter held a goal-setting retreat with its alumni advisory board.



Initiates: 97. New Members: 39. CEF: \$2,157.

WINTHROP (Theta Sigma)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 4. CEF: \$1,772. WOFFORD (Nu)

Initiates: 43. New Members: 0. CEF: \$898.



PINE REGION



NORTH CAROLINA-GREENSBORO (Lambda Rho)

Initiates: 40. New Members: 11. CEF: \$11,976. Last year, Lambda Rho Chapter went undefeated in both indoor soccer and flag football. The chapter held its annual Shave a Pike, Save a Life philanthropy event benefitting the Moses Cone Pediatric Wing. Above: Lambda Rho brothers with the indoor soccer championship flag.



HIGH POINT (Delta Omega)

Initiates: 53. New Members: 0. CEF: \$4,323. Delta Omega Chapter raised over \$25,000 in one week for the Jimmy V Foundation, benefitting cancer research programs. Above: Delta Omega chapter house.

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA (Iota Psi)

Initiates: 55. New Members: 9. CEF: \$217.

DUKE (Alpha Alpha)

Initiates: 59. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,565.

EAST CAROLINA (Epsilon Mu)

Initiates: 68. New Members: 0. CEF: \$591.

METHODIST (Mu Eta)

Initiates: 16. New Members: 14. CEF: \$921. **NORTH CAROLINA (Tau)**

Initiates: 51. New Members: 24. CEF: \$5,401.

NORTH CAROLINA-WILMINGTON (Lambda Phi)

Initiates: 51. New Members: 16. CEF: \$1,204.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,696.

WAKE FOREST (Gamma Phi)

Initiates: 76. New Members: 10. CEF: \$1,224.

RIVER VALLEY REGION



CINCINNATI (Alpha Xi)

Initiates: 134. New Members: 0. CEF: \$24,467. Thanks to Alpha Xi alumni, the chapter house's basement underwent renovations this summer, and the chapter is exploring housing expansion options for their house. Five brothers are varsity athletes. Above: The chapter held its annual PIKE Spike volleyball tournament benefitting the Neurosurgery Fitzpatrick Chiari Research Fund.



BOWLING GREEN STATE (Delta Beta)

Initiates: 57. New Members: 1. CEF: \$7,264. Above: Brothers of Delta Beta Chapter before the Bikes 4 Tikes event.





TOLEDO (Epsilon Epsilon)

Initiates: 78. New Members: 45. CEF: \$41,824. This fall, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter broke a chapter and a university recruitment record with its new member class which includes two varsity and four club athletes. Nolan Rodman '14 founded the university's club baseball team last spring. This fall, the team has seen continued success, beating teams from Ohio State, Indiana University, and club baseball World Series qualifier, Slippery Rock University. The chapter held its annual Fireman's Challenge raising over \$3,500 for the Toledo Fire and Rescue Foundation which benefits local families of fallen firefighters. Epsilon Epsilon Chapter's third annual Firemens Challenge.



OHIO STATE (Alpha Rho)

Initiates: 90. New Members: 17. CEF: \$16,600. Alpha Rho Chapter members helped Alpha Xi Delta raise money for Autism Speaks by refereeing their Football Frenxi philanthropy event. Above: The chapter also competed in Tri Delta's Just for Kicks philanthropy soccer tournament benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

DAYTON (Lambda Theta)

Initiates: 99. New Members: 0. CEF: \$220. For the second semester in a row, members of Lambda Theta Chapter serve IFC as president, vice president, and six of the 11 chair positions.

KENT STATE (Mu Theta)

Initiates: 39. New Members: 20. CEF: \$242.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (Delta Gamma)

Initiates: 41. New Members: 0. CEF: \$17,110.

ROCKIES REGION



NEW MEXICO STATE (Kappa Eta)

Initiates: 25. New Members: 9. CEF: \$226. Last spring, Kappa Eta members raised over \$250 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with Pike Powderpuff, their annual philanthropy event. The chapter placed second in Greek Olympics and won the men's softball championship. Chapter members have completed over 60 hours of community service. Above: Kappa Eta's recruitment table.



UTAH (Alpha Tau)

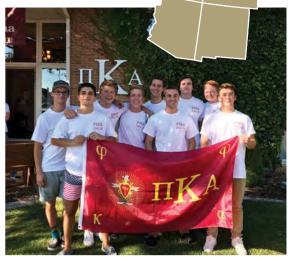
Initiates: 83. New Members: 43. CEF: \$15,826. At the end of the 2015-16 academic year, Alpha Tau Chapter received recognition from the university for risk prevention, challenging the process, and best new member class. Members Anthony Fratto '13, Austin Baker '13, and Tucker Smith '15 received the Greek Man of the Year, Living the Ritual, and Up & Coming Greek Leader awards. This fall, the chapter also brought back its Gameball Run philanthropy event, raising over \$4,000 for Camp Hobe, and retained its title as Greek intramural volleyball champions. Renovations to their bathrooms and chapter room are being completed in order to maintain competitive housing. Above: Alpha Tau's recruitment booth.

ARIZONA (Gamma Delta)

Initiates: 118. New Members: 27. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$89,605.

ARIZONA STATE (Delta Tau)

Initiates: 121. New Members: 28. CEF: \$142,719.



UTAH STATE (Gamma Epsilon)

Initiates: 31. New Members: 11. CEF: \$10,901. Gamma Epsilon Chapter recruited the second largest new member class and is undefeated in intramural football. (photo)



WYOMING (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 26. CEF: \$10,161. Last summer, a number of members completed summer internships and studyabroad trips representing the colony from Washington, D.C. to China and France. One of the members was recently elected as the student senate liaison for IFC and another colony member serves on IFC's executive board as secretary. Three colony members serve as senators on student government. Above: The colony recently participated in its third annual adopt-ahighway cleanup on Highway 130 outside Laramie.

COLORADO (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 0. CEF: \$1,583.

NEW MEXICO (Beta Delta)

Initiates: 57. New Members: 14. CEF: \$1,970.

NORTHERN COLORADO (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 40. CEF: \$0.

SUNSHINE REGION



EMBRY-RIDDLE (Lambda Mu)

Initiates: 44. New Members: 21. CEF: \$9,170. Lambda Mu Chapter held its third annual Firefighter's Challenge in October, partnering with the Daytona Beach Fire Department, and donated proceeds to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Several members hold leadership positions in various organizations on campus, including the Student Government Association, Order of Omega, Orientation Team, and Interfraternity Council. Above: Brothers partnered with the Junior League of Daytona Beach and the women's soccer team to take underprivileged children shopping for school clothes.



JACKSONVILLE (Mu Mu)

Initiates: 44. New Members: 17. CEF: \$843. Mu Mu Chapter is participating in the Green Dot Initiative to serve the community in the highest regard possible. Since the start of the fall semester, the chapter has raised over \$30,000 with the Jaguars Foundation benefitting first responders. Chapter brothers are working to make a timeline of the history of the Mu Mu chapter. The chapter has also held had multiple dinners with the North Florida Alumni Association. Mu Mu's annual rush event, slip and slide kick ball was held on the JU dolphin green overlooking the St. John's River Above: Fall 2016 Bid Day.



FLORIDA SOUTHERN (Delta Delta)

Initiates: 29. New Members: 12. CEF: \$1,421. Delta Delta Chapter is serving the community by tutoring children and cleaning Lake Hollingsworth which was adopted by the chapter last semester. Above: Brother Connor Lockhart '15 (left), and President Mike Massed '13 (center), lead 12 new members to their new home.



FLORIDA STATE (Delta Lambda)

Initiates: 216. New Members: 67. CEF: \$884. During fall recruitment, Delta Lambda Chapter recruited six varsity athletes and five legacies. Clark Rahman '12 is IFC president and Chris Mergenthaler '13 is chief justice of the honor court. FSU Center Alec Eberle '15 is on the watch list for the 2016 Rimington Trophy. Last spring, Taylor Walls '16 became only the third shortstop in university history to be named first-team All-American. Extensive work was done to the house over summer including new balcony rails and a new electronic gate system. Above: Delta Lambda delegates to the 2016 Convention proudly display their Smythe Award.



FLORIDA (Alpha Eta)

Initiates: 120. New Members: 36. CEF: \$36,780.

FLORIDA GULF COAST (Lambda Xi)

Initiates: 72. New Members: 32. CEF: \$970. Lambda Xi Chapter raised over \$1,700 for the Brotherhood Ride with its annual date auction. Brothers also helped out with the Cops and Joggers 5K in Fort Myers. The chapter has recruited four basketball players and two baseball players.

FLORIDA TECH (Zeta Sigma)

Initiates: 37. New Members: 22. CEF: \$13,921. Weekly study hours were added as a requirement for Zeta Sigma new members. Brothers volunteered at the Turtle Krawl 5K, providing runners with water, towels, and encouragement throughout the race.

SOUTH FLORIDA (Zeta Pi)

Initiates: 68. New Members: 18. CEF: \$7,482.

STETSON (Delta Upsilon)

Initiates: 33. New Members: 20. CEF: \$1,966. Delta Upsilon Chapter held its annual football Tournament benefitting the I'm Logan It Foundation. The chapter held a joint tailgate at Stetson University with Embry Riddle and Jacksonville.

WEST FLORIDA (Eta Pi)

Initiates: 44. New Members: 17. CEF: \$88. Eta Pi Chapter recruited five student athletes. The chapter completed 800 hours of community service and received the president's volunteer service award. Brothers volunteered for Manna Food Pantry, packing over 10,000 canned goods and meals, and participated in Miracle League for children with special needs, and United Way's October Day of Caring. At the university's first football game, Eta Pi won the awards for best tailgate, most school spirit, and most participation.

VOLUNTEER REGION



RHODES (Theta)

Initiates: 53. New Members: 0. CEF: \$13,722. Theta Chapter is working to enhance its yard with the renovation of the deck and the donation of landscaping. Two brothers are members of the football team, and one brother is on the soccer team. Above: Brothers and their families improved the landscaping at the chapter house.



AUSTIN PEAY STATE (Eta Tau)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 13. CEF: \$1,870. Eta Tau Chapter recruited more new members than any other campus fraternity and helped initiate the members of the Vanderbilt colony. Above: The chapter raised over \$5,000 for the Clarksville Humane Society with its "The Waggle" golf tournament.

TENNESSEE (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 117. CEF: \$41,312. The colonization of Tennessee is underway with nearly 120 men that have taken the step to become Founding Fathers. A Meet the Pikes Night event was held in October to unveil to the campus, community, and alumni the men of the Colony at Tennessee. The event was held in the West Club of Neyland Stadium due to the generosity of many Zeta Alums.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (Epsilon Sigma)

Initiates: 35. New Members: 24. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$4,744. Epsilon Sigma Chapter recently started renovations around the house including the paving of the driveway and parking lot and the replacement of ceiling tiles throughout the house. In September, the chapter had its first annual September 11th Memorial Cookout honoring the local fire and police departments.

TENNESSEE TECH (Theta Upsilon)

Initiates: 26. New Members: 20. 100% φφκα. CEF: \$2,104.

VANDERBILT (Colony)

Initiates: 0. New Members: 69. CEF: \$16,996.



MEMPHIS (Delta Zeta)

Initiates: 20. New Members: 23. CEF: \$19,670. Delta Zeta recently elected Zorro Gill '13 as chapter advisor. The chapter more than doubled its size with fall recruitment. Before the first day of classes, brothers helped move freshmen into dorms, volunteered for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis, and participated in training courses

through American Red Cross during Memphis' Weekend Day of Service. Delta Zeta Chapter also hosted a Pizza With PIKE percentage night. For the first time, the chapter is participating in St. Jude's Up Til Dawn and planning a Fireman's Challenge benefitting Fire Station #18 in Memphis, Tennessee. Above: Delta Zeta's recruitment committee and fall 2016 new member class.



TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA (Delta Epsilon)

Initiates: 54. New Members: 0. CEF: \$11,754. Over ten Delta Epsilon brothers worked to assist other students on move-in day. Working for the local start-up company Bellhops, each brother donated his wages from the first move to the chapter's philanthropy. The chapter secured the largest new member class on campus. Recent chapter alumni, founding partners in apparel brand Moccasin Bend, partnered with the UT-Chattanooga's School of Business to offer a scholarship to students in the entrepreneurship department. The chapter hosted a work day where brothers built lofted beds, added a polished steel sign in the front yard, and repainted the chapter room. Over 20 brothers were on the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.2 or higher. Above: Brothers participating in the University's Warm Welcome program.





PI KAPPA ALPHA FOUNDATION

Raising Funds to Educate and Empower Principled Leaders

Preserving PIKE's History

Generous benefactors enhance the Freeman H. Hart Memorial Museum and Harvey T. Newell Memorial Library

n October 14, 2016 Betsy Rice, daughter of Junior Founder Theron Hall Rice Jr., welcomed Director of Development Adam Wassell (North Carolina-Greensboro, Lambda Rho '09) to her home for a conversation about the Rice family and Pi Kappa Alpha. Betsy reconnected with Pi Kappa Alpha when she called the Memorial Headquarters about donating personal correspondence and other documents belonging to her father. Among the documents was a letter from Junior Founder Howard Bell Arbuckle written shortly after Rice's death, recounting the close friendship between Rice and Arbuckle. In another letter written to John M. Wells (Theta and Iota, 1887) on October 18, 1889 just prior to the December 1889 Refounding Convention, Rice writes: "I have a vague plan taking shape in my mind for putting ΠΚΑ on a good permanent footing which I cannot unfold at present to anyone simply because it is too indefinable. Suffice it to say that the alumni play an important part in it."

The Rice Family in 1965 | (from left) Front row: Russell Smith, Theron Smith, Mrs. Theron H. Rice, Jr., Jay Smith, Mrs. Theron H. Rice Sr. Back row: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, The Reverend J. Sherrard Rice, Miss Betsy Rice.

Betsy recounts that, although she has no memory of her father, she does know that her mother was very grateful for the support and friendship afforded to her by Pi Kappa Alpha. Betsy's brother, Theron Hall Rice III, was initiated at Iota Chapter (Hampden-Sydney), and her brother, J. Sherrard Rice, declined several recruitment attempts. Betsy was pleased to learn more about the importance of her father's efforts on behalf of Pi Kappa Alpha and his legacy that is recorded in The Oak: A History of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Betsy said: "I'm not sure that I can tell you anything about my father and Pi Kappa Alpha," but the conversation was enlightening. The documents that she has donated on her father's behalf continue to support the history so ably developed by dedicated historians Lloyd R. Byrne (Arkansas, Alpha Zeta 1904), Freeman H. Hart (Hampden-Sydney, Iota '28) and Jerome V. Reel Jr. (Tulane, Eta '57).

Betsy graduated high school at age 17 and attended West Hampton College where she studied mathematics. Upon graduation, she worked for NASA developing jet engines during WWII. After a few years, Betsy left NASA to attend the General Assembly Trading School, later named Presbyterian School of Christ Education, where she received a master's degree in English Bible in 1948. From 1948-54, Betsy lived in Staunton, Virginia and worked for the Presbyterian Church. She returned to Richmond, Virginia and spent the next 12 years working for the Board of Christian Education for the Presbyterian Church. She was responsible for youth and leadership development program for all Presbyterian Churches nationwide. Betsy returned to mathematics in 1968 when she became a junior high school teacher until she retired in 1980. She currently resides in a retirement community in Richmond, Virginia.

Benefactors to the Freeman H. Hart Memorial Museum and Harvey T. Newell Memorial Library include:

Patrick W. Halloran III (Nebraska-Omaha, Delta Chi '62)

- Silver belt buckle commemorating the 1964 Denver Convention
- Rare pin manufactured by Balfour Jewelers
- Letter from Senator Everett Dirksen (Bradley, Delta Sigma '60)
- Collection of publications

W. Duane Kidwell (Bowling Green State, Delta Beta '42) and Sue Kidwell Wyand

Songs of Pi Kappa Alpha, 4th Edition, 1940

Meredith Churchill on behalf of William F. Selle (Kentucky, Omega '21)

Badge

Welcome New President's Council Members

Members of the President's Council are alumni and friends of Pi Kappa Alpha who are investing in the future prosperity of the Fraternity with an annual (tax-deductible gift of \$1,000 or more (\$500 or more if the member is 30 years of age or younger). The Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation is pleased to welcome the following supporters who have joined the President's Council since the complete roll was published in the Spring 2016 Shield & Diamond (bringing the roll to 360 contributing members).

(As of October 12, 2016

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Simon A. Simon Memorial Scholarship Awarded To Seminarian Alexander Pacelli

The Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation Finance & Grants Committee has named Alexander R. Pacelli (Southwestern, Alpha Omicron '07) the 2016 recipient of the Simon A. Simon Memorial Scholarship. Pacelli will receive a tuition scholarship in the amount of \$1,100.

The Simon A. Simon Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a member of Pi Pacelli Kappa Alpha enrolled in theological seminary. The scholarship honors the memory of former Inter/ National Chaplain Reverend Simon A. Simon (Nebraska-Omaha, Delta Chi '54).

Brother Pacelli graduated from Southwestern University in 2010 and is currently a graduate student at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. While at Southwestern, he served Alpha Omicron Chapter as recruitment chairman and president.



Pacelli stated. "From the time I first entered the PIKE House at Southwestern as a freshman, to my graduation in 2010, PIKE was the greatest formative experience of my undergraduate studies. There exist concepts in education that simply cannot be taught in a lecture hall, and Pi Kappa Alpha equipped me with these concepts."

Pacelli is pursuing a master of divinity professional degree with the intentions of becoming an ordained parish priest of the Roman Catholic faith. For questions about the Simon A. Simon Memorial Scholarship or other scholarship opportunities available through the PIKE Foundation, please contact Director of Scholarships and Programs Ginny Stalker at 901-748-1948 ext. 1141 or gstalker@pikes.org.



Alpha Theta Alumni Association Funds New Leadership Scholarship **Supporting Alpha Theta Chapter**

Members of the PIKE Foundation Finance and Grants Committee are pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for the Alpha Theta Chapter. The Alpha Theta Alumni Association has generously donated nearly \$22,000 to the PIKE Foundation, in memory of Jim H. Laughlin Jr. (West Virginia, Alpha Theta '66), to endow the Jim H. Laughlin Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

In January 2016, Alpha Theta lost one of their most dedicated and beloved brothers, Jim H. Laughlin, Jr. Brother Laughlin served the Alpha Theta Chapter as treasurer in 1961

and president in 1962. Although he left Morgantown to build a remarkable legal career in Washington, D.C., his loyalty and leadership paved the way for the construction of the PIKE House at 117 Belmar in 1966. Laughlin continued his involvement with Alpha Theta Chapter for 53 years, serving as president of the housing corporation, attending numerous alumni reunions, and allowing Pi Kappa Alpha's values to shape every relationship he created.

The Jim H. Laughlin Jr. Memorial Scholarship was created to celebrate Laughlin's legacy within Alpha Theta, and will award a minimum of



Jim and El Laughlin

\$600 annually to current PIKE students who share in Laughlin's commitment to extraordinary leadership.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT

These chapters are extremely close to receiving annual PIKE University tuition support from the PIKE Foundation. YOU can be the difference-maker for a student leader who wants to attend PIKE University to improve his chapter and enhance his personal development but cannot afford the expense. Once a Chapter Endowment Fund reaches \$10,000, students receive annual PIKE University scholarships which can be used towards event tuition. If your chapter is listed below, please consider donating to the PIKE Foundation and your chapter's endowment fund. Gifts are tax-deductible and can be made online at https://pikefoundation.webconnex.com/CPU.

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Tribute gifts to the PIKE Foundation are a thoughtful way to recognize or remember a chapter brother or loved one. These gifts were received July 7 through October 14, 2016

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Visit www.pikefoundation.org or call 901-748-1948 for more information.



Homecoming and Chapter Events Highlight Associations' Fall Season





GAMMA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Oklahoma State

Gamma Chi Alumni Association hosted a construction walkthrough of the brand new chapter house at the corner of Monroe and University. Two hundred alumni and guests were in attendance, as well as newly-elected International President Shad Williams '90, who gave a brief address.

The capital campaign to finalize the new chapter house is still ongoing, and Brother Neal Patterson '68 has made a challenge to all Gamma Chi alumni wherein he will match all donations made to the chapter house capital campaign up to \$2,000,000 if made before December 31, 2016. Donate today - every dollar and donor counts, no matter how big or how small. A live webcam of the construction can be viewed at www.cmswillowbrook.com/ pikestream. Any questions regarding Brother Patterson's challenge, the capital campaign, and/or where and how to make donations can

be directed to Brother Shane Pate '00 at shanepate32@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for the annual Hall of Fame banquet, which will be held on April 1, 2017. Major events are planned for this year - you won't want to miss it!

For further information on how to get involved, and for news of many other planned major events, visit www.osupikes.org, Facebook page "OSU Pike Alumni, Gamma Chi Chapter", or email the alumni association at osupikealumni@ gmail.com. If you do not receive emails or newsletters from the alumni association, please provide your updated contact information.

ATLANTIC COAST



BETA THETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Cornell

After a successful Cornell Homecoming in 2014. conversation among alumni focused upon

much-needed renovation of the property at Beta Theta's chapter house in Ithaca, New York. Failing steps and a deteriorated porch were structural concerns. The chapter's alumni housing corporation engaged a group of alumni experienced in fundraising and prior alumni giving. Elliot Dee '82, Bill Page '82, and Tom Sporney '72 directed a fundraising program that established class captains and reached out to Cornell Pike alumni and friends from three generations to raise over \$130,000 in a capital campaign to renovate the front of the property. In addition to fundraising efforts, Steve Amador '80 was able to establish the Alpha Theta Community Improvement Campaign, a 501(c)(3) organization that is able to receive tax-deductible contributions for the purpose of improving the property. The improvements on the property were completed during the summer of 2016, in time for the chapter returning for the fall semester and Homecoming 2016.

BLUEGRASS



EPSILON LAMBDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Murray State

During Homecoming, Patrick "Snake" Kough '96 helped host a 1990s era reunion at the Murray Country Club with over 150 alumni and their spouses in attendance. This fall, the Epsilon Lambda Alumni Association awarded its first three scholarships to Craig Lamb '14, Brett Sorrels '15, and Graham Martin '15 from the newly established scholarship account. Mark Lamb '78 and Dr. Joe Chaney '66 worked to make this scholarship a reality, and Brother Brandon Hayes '92 currently has a \$2,500 match challenge for the fund. Those wishing to donate to the tax deductible Pi Kappa Alpha scholarship fund can do so through the Murray State Foundation, www.murraystate.edu/foundation. Thanks to John Martin '89 and his wife, Traci, for their support with MSU Family Day. The association would also like to congratulate Brother Craig Lamb for his selection as one of two student vice presidents selected to serve on the Supreme Council for 2016-17, a first in the chapter's 58-year history.

KAPPA CHAPTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Transylvania



The Kappa Chapter Alumni Association had over 50 attendees at the Transylvania University alumni weekend in April. Brother Leon Hirsh '69 was recognized with the 2016 John T "Teeny" Gentry Alumni Involvement Award in recognition of his work in the establishment of the Kappa Chapter Alumni Association.

DIXIE



HUNTSVILLE AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Huntsville Area Alumni Association held its fourth annual BBQ-n-Biz event at the Theta Pi Chapter house, and it was a great opportunity

for alumni, undergraduates, new members, and potential new members to network with each other. Approximately 100 people attended the event. For more information on upcoming events, please go to www.huntsvillepikes.org or email huntsville.pikes@gmail.com.

DELTA



DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Southern Mississippi

Delta Mu Alumni Association enjoyed a successful association convention this past July with over 100 attendees between their Friday night social, Saturday meeting, and golf tournament at the Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. New to the function was a ritual continuing education session led by Tony Cain '65, which provided a back-to-basics approach as a foundation to the gathering. Additionally, Ron Davis '68 educated the general membership on the importance of their Order of 1949 program and was successful in signing up several new members at the convention. Members of this group are Delta Mu alumni who have pledged to contribute to the future prosperity of the chapter through annual, unrestricted tax deductible gifts of \$200 or more. If you want to join the Order of 1949, or make a general donation, please contact Vic Purvis '63 at (601) 310-7753.

ETA OMICRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Louisiana Monroe

Eta Omicron Alumni Association launched its 2016-17 annual donation request drive in July with a goal of raising \$25,000 this year in support of the undergraduate members. The chapter's 45th annual Founders Day weekend is set for April 28-29, 2017, in Monroe. Make sure your e-mail is current to receive the association's monthly e-newsletter, the Pikeline On-Line and if you use Facebook, join almost 600 of your Eta Omicron Brothers in The Old Pikes group. For more information, contact Tommy Walpole '80 at hopike@bellsouth.net.



ZETA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Delta State



Alumni association members Trey Labella '94, Michael Montgomery '97, and Brad Vickers '94 represented the association at Pi Kappa Alpha International Convention in New Orleans.

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ALPHA THETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION West Virginia

Alpha Theta alumni have been gathering on a regular basis for 35 years, beginning with the Annual Pike Golf Outing. This year it was held on July 29-30 in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and planned by Brother Dave Fleming '68. Golf on Friday was followed by a social at Buffalo Wild Wings. Following golf on Saturday, Dave and Kelly Fleming hosted dinner at their home.

The following weekend, the 17th annual reunion was held in Morgantown, West Virginia. The festivities began Thursday evening with dinner. Golf on Friday at Uniontown Country Club was hosted by Lee Yates '66. On Saturday, the ladies met for brunch at Table 9 while the brothers met for a business meeting. That night, Al '65 and Adrianne Dering hosted dinner at their home

For more details, check www.wvupikes.com or contact Doug Ladish '62 (doug.ladish@me. com). Join the association's closed Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups (Pi Kappa Alpha - West Virginia University).

NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

National Capitol Area Alumni seeks to provide meaningful engagement and networking to all Pike members residing in the Washington, D.C. metro area. In 2016, the association hosted 12 events with over 200 alumnus members participating, including regional happy hours, Founders Day on Capitol Hill featuring Congressmen Pete Sessions '76, cigar night, volunteer work at the D.C. Central Kitchen, and Wreath Across America. For more information about upcoming NCAAA events please visit www.ncaaapikes.org or contact association president, Phil Johnson (Virginia Tech, **Epsilon '05)** at thephilipjohnson@gmail.com.

GREAT LAKES



SOUTHERN MICHIGAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Southern Michigan Alumni Association held its annual meeting in September during Adrian College's Homecoming Festivities. The association welcomed recent graduates to the meeting which centered on the Alumni Advisory Board working with the chapter. Brothers traveled from as far as Florida, Texas, and Pennsylvania for the Homecoming festivities. The Southern Michigan Alumni Association welcomes all Pikes from the area to participate and to join them in celebrating the Pi Kappa Alpha spirit. Contact Harry Kammerer (Adrian, Zeta Lambda '71) at Kammerer1008@aol.com for more information.)





IOTA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Nebraska-Kearney

The lota Gamma Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who attended their third annual Husker tailgate this September. Upcoming events include the 30th anniversary weekend on April 21, 2017. The weekend will begin with an open house, followed by the 13th annual Kent Estes Memorial Golf Tournament and the 30th anniversary banquet on Saturday. Invitations will be emailed to alumni in January. Please update your contact info with the chapter at www.bit.ly/igaaupdateinfo.

Make sure to like the association's Facebook page, Pi Kappa Alpha lota Gamma Alumni Association, for alumni updates, upcoming events, or to share news. Make sure to continue your fraternal experience by joining the IGAA by visiting www.bit.ly/pikeigaa.

HEARTLAND



ZETA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Missouri State

Zeta Chi Alumni Association celebrated Homecoming with plenty to celebrate including the dedication of the new chapter house. If you are



not receiving emails or the association newsletters, please update your information at zetachipikes.com

MIDWEST



IOTA DELTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Rose-Hulman

Nearly 100 alumni and their guests traveled back to Terre Haute, Indiana, for Homecoming weekend. Friday afternoon, alumnus members gathered for a social hour in town before joining the undergraduates for Rose-Hulman's campus pep rally and bonfire. Following that, everyone returned to the chapter house to continue reconnecting with their brothers. Saturday's events began at the Homecoming game where the chapter held a tailgate party around the fire truck, grilling burgers and brats. After the game, the business meetings for the alumni association and housing corporation were conducted, and the annual pig roast dinner was shared by all. Following dinner, the chapter had a bonfire of its own, while the fire truck was turned into a hayride, and alumni and undergraduates alike celebrated their brotherhood. Returning alumni ranged from founding fathers of the chapter to the most recent graduates. Thanks to everyone who attended.

THETA OMICRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Indiana State

Theta Omicron Alumni Association would like to thank all of the brothers and their families who attended the dedication of the grounds, the Pi Kappa Alpha Residences and Education Center in September. Over 400 guests, includ-

ing alumni from Hawaii to New York, attended the event. Campus tours were also hosted by the university's alumni association and it provided an excellent opportunity for alumni to experience the momentum at Indiana State. Additionally, the association had a great Homecoming celebration which included a chance for alumni to experience the excitement of the annual Trike race, won by the undergraduate chapter, and the growth of Tent City. Please mark your calendars now for next year's Homecoming on Oct. 21, 2017. Alumni are encouraged to reconnect with the university and with Theta Omicron Chapter by contacting thetaomicronalumniassociation@gmail.com and visiting the Theta Omicron Alumni Association Facebook page or LinkedIn Group. Also, to update your contact information, please visit gotrees.org. (See story on page 4.)

GAMMA XI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Pullman, Washington

The 28th annual Gamma Xi Alumni Association golf tournament was held in June at Willows Run Golf Course in Redmond, Washington. Nearly 50 golfers competed in the event representing four decades of Gamma Xi alumni. The foursome of Eric Cascio '11, Mikko Keranen '12, Hayden Whaley '12, and Scott Zerda '12 won the scramble competition. Special thanks to Matt Leonard '08 for his tournament coordination efforts once again this year. During Homecoming weekend, the undergraduates hosted an open house for alumni, family, and friends at the chapter house in Pullman, Washington. Upcoming events include a Gamma Xi Alumni Advisory Board and undergraduate executive council semiannual goal setting retreat in early January in downtown Seattle. Also in January, several Gamma Xi alumni will hit the ski slopes with CityLeague ski racing, the country's largest team ski racing program, composed of over 100 teams and over 1,000 Seattle area skiers, snowboarders and tele-markers, who compete in a six-week series running from January through early March. The Gamma Xi Alumni



Advisory Board launched a Plumfund crowd funding website (www.plumfund.com/fundraising/m4z3b) in an effort to raise \$25,000 for several much needed repairs and improvements to the chapter house. A portion of these funds were utilized to update the alumni and dining rooms over the summer. To see photos of the renovations or get general information on the chapter or alumni association, visit their new website at www.gammaxi.pikes.org or contact Dan Studer '92 at wazzupikes@ comcast.net.

NEW ENGLAND



BOSTON AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The alumni association hosted a summer retreat in downtown Boston, sponsored by Darius Sidebotham (Florida Tech, Zeta Sigma '94),



during which officers were transitioned. Later in the summer, the association was represented in New Orleans at the International Convention and voted in all legislative sessions. During an event held at the end of August at Greentown Labs, the association honored outgoing officers with commemorative gifts. A special gift was purchased for the outgoing alumni association president and founder of the Boston Area Alumni Association, Robby Sisco (Francis Marion, Theta Delta '75). The event was sponsored by Christopher Kennedy (Binghamton, Mu Gamma '13). The association intends to hold events in other regions of the Boston Metro area and is looking for event sponsors. For information about upcoming events or to be added to their mailing list, please email bostonpikes@gmail.com.

PACIFIC COAST



ALPHA SIGMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION California-Berkelev

In the spirit of brotherhood, alumni of Alpha Sigma and Alpha Rho Chapters gathered for a pre-game celebration in Berkeley prior to the Cal v. Utah football game this October.

THETA TAU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **Cal State-Sacramento**



The 21st annual Theta Tau alumni golf tournament and award ceremony was held in October with over 30 alumni in attendance benefitting the chapter. During the tournament, the annual event was renamed the Fred "Pappy" McNally Alumni Golf Tournament. Fred McNally (Miami, Gamma Omega '51) was instrumental in bringing PIKE to Sacramento State and was also the chapter's first advisor. Doug Stone '84, Larry Weight '83 and Rob Kiddoo '84 were instrumental in hosting the tournament and other festivities that weekend.

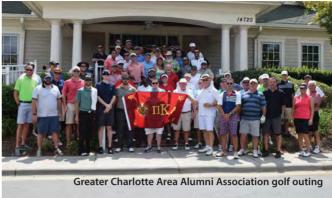
PINE



LAMBDA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **North Carolina-Greensboro**

In 2016, the Lambda Rho Alumni Association completed a capital campaign, raising over \$8,000 to support Lambda Rho Chapter's En-





dowment Fund. The association hosted four events in 2016, Lambda Rho alumni weekend, the alumni cabin trip, International Convention, and Homecoming, with more than 60 percent of Lambda Rho alumni participation. The association has supported its local community by fundraising for Child Incorporated, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Carolina, Lambda Rho Chapter's Shave-A-Pike philanthropy, the Special Olympics, JDRF, and Lambda Rho's Chapter Endowment Fund. Join the Lambda Rho Alumni Association by emailing Joe Pratico '09 at rpratico@gmail.com.

GREATER CHARLOTTE AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In June, the Greater Charlotte Area Alumni Association attended a Charlotte Knights baseball game. The association continues to host monthly meet-ups on the third Thursday of the month. Their July event took place at the Epicentre in uptown Charlotte for Alive After Five, Blue Blaze Brewery in August, and Boardwalk Billy's in September. The association hosted its second annual golf outing benefitting PIKE University scholarships in August at Skybrook Golf Club in Huntersville, North Carolina. A number of different chapters, 54 golfers in all, competed on the links. The Greater Charlotte Area Alumni Association will host its annual Founders Day event on February 25, 2017, at Rooster's Southpark in Charlotte, North Carolina. For more information or to be added to the association's e-mail list, find them on Facebook and LinkedIn under Greater Charlotte Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha.

IOTA PSI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Appalachian State

Iota Psi Alumni Association hosted its 11th annual golf tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, with over 60 brothers in attendance, spanning two decades of lota Psi history from undergraduates to founding fathers. Planning is underway for the 12th annual golf tournament, targeting May 2017. For details visit www. appstatepikes.com.

ZETA XI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Western Carolina

Board elections were held at Zeta Xi Alumni Association's annual meeting in July. **Mike DeMatteo '79** was elected president; **Frank** Kelley '77 and Rod Metcalf '69 were elected to at-large positions; and Jackie Adkins '75, Dennis Fox '69, and Jason Heller '89 were re-elected to their posts. Bruce Piercy '81 was appointed to fill DeMatteo's at-large position.



Remaining on the board are Lew Stewart '67, Al Kesler '69, Jeff Graham '84, and Justin Shinn '03. Leaving the board are Bill Ross '68, Bob Barber '70, and John Clawson '85. If you are not yet a Facebook member on the private page, please contact Tim McBride '79 at tmcbrid@yahoo.com and he will get you signed up. Send announcements to JerryMatheny@comcast.net for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter or to get on the email list.

RIVER VALLEY



ALPHA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Ohio State

Alpha Rho alumni celebrated Ohio State's Homecoming a day prior to the Buckeyes 58-0 beat down of Rutgers. Thanks to the young alumni for organizing the event. Alpha Rho will



celebrate its 105th year at Ohio State on March 4, 2017, with its annual Founders Day event at Columbus' Hofbrauhaus. The event begins at 4pm with dinner and an update on the state of the Fraternity. RSVPs are accepted via Facebook at *Pi Kappa Alpha – Alpha Rho Alumni* or e-mail **Tony Mayne '95** at *tony.mayne@gmail. com.* As of Oct 1, Alpha Rho alumni have provided more than \$3,000 to support the undergraduate chapter's attendance at PIKE University events. Are you receiving the association's monthly e-newsletter? If not, email Tony to be placed on the mailing list.

ROCKIES



BIG SKY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Gamma Kappa Chapter

Big Sky Alumni Association would like to thank all those who returned for a great Homecoming weekend. The association held its annual meetings Friday followed by a barbecue at the chapter house. On Saturday morning, everyone gathered downtown for the Homecoming parade, then headed to the tailgate and football game. The association would like to thank outgoing board members Casey Miller '93 and Ryan Buffington '96 for their work over the last few years serving on the board. Their contributions have helped in the success of the association as well as the undergraduate chapter.

Those interested in organizing city parties for Founders Day should contact **Lewis Crouch** '91 at *lewiscrouch@gmail.com* for more information and go to *msupikes.com/cityparty.php* for a complete listing of the membership by location. Please continue to utilize the Facebook page, *Montana State Pike Alumni*, for future association and chapter updates.

SUNSHINE



ALPHA ETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Florida

For the 12th consecutive year, a group of Alpha Eta alumnus members gathered for a weekend of golf and catching up with friends. This year's event was the largest event yet, with 12 foursomes, over 60 Pike alumni, and a few undergraduates in attendance.



This year's event was won by a foursome composed of Ron Kozlin '89, C.J. Evans '89, and Ernie Cox'81, who play every year, and special guest alumnus and International President Shad Williams (Oklahoma State, Gamma Chi '90).

Mark your calendars for next year's weekend: July 21-23, 2017, at Champions Gate Omni Resort outside of Orlando. The golf tournament will be held on July 22.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Members of the Northeast Florida Alumni Association attended Mu Mu (Jacksonville) Chapter's back to school alumni event at Pusser's Caribbean Grille, celebrating the association's third consecutive Nester Award for an outstanding alumnus chapter. At a different event at Pusser's Caribbean Grille some of Mu Mu Chapter's new members were introduced to alumni association members from 16 different chapters. The association has been voted the best alumni association of all the fraternities on the Jacksonville University campus for giving back to the chapter what they learned as undergraduates.



TAMPA BAY AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Before the Florida State and University of South Florida football game, alumni from Delta Lambda and Zeta Pi Chapters attended a pregame event at Ferg's Live Sports Bar and a game day tailgate at Raymond James Stadium. Under the direction of new association president **Scott** Sandoval (South Florida, Zeta Pi '10), the weekend was a great success.





ETA TAU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Austin Peay State

Over 50 members of the Eta Tau Alumni Association attended the funeral of Brother Scott Easley '90 in August 2016.

Earlier this year, the association started holding a monthly Beer and Bull session which is consistently attended by 25-30 brothers.



Welcome New Alumni Associations

East Carolina Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (East Carolina University)

Sean Kayes Skayes1023@gmail.com

Denver Area Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (Metropolitan Denver, CO Area)

Darren Thompson darrenthompson22@gmail.com

Check the website at www.pikes.org to find an alumni association near you. For information on starting an association for your chapter or area, contact the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraterity at 901-333-2775 or alumni@pikes.org.

Andrew Zaleski (Tennessee-Chattanooga, Delta Epsilon '09) had a good job, a comfortable home, and a well-established network, but he was looking for something else. Unsettled, he soon gave all of that up to live on the Appalachian Trail for three weeks before moving across the country. The lessons he learned proved invaluable.

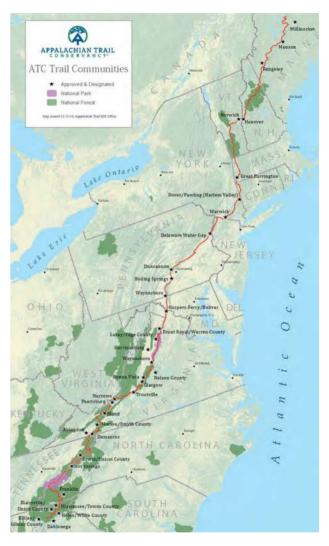
The Itch

About a year before I left, I had an itch to leave. I had lived in Chattanooga for almost a decade and had gotten to the point where I couldn't go anywhere without running into someone I knew. I wasn't growing. I couldn't shake the feeling of being restless, so I began planning my move.

I narrowed my next home down to Nashville or Denver. I weighed the pros and cons of both cities. In Nashville, I would have a job lined up and another decent network, as it wasn't too far from home. But I knew if I was going to relocate, I wanted to go all in. I wasn't looking for a safe bet, so Denver it was.

The Prep

I hiked about once a month on average before the trip. I had some experience, but not a lot. Previously, the longest I had spent out in the mountains was three days. I committed myself to getting in as good shape physically as possible. However, with so much to plan between the move and the hike, I didn't accomplish as much as I had hoped. As much as I tried to prepare, I realized two major things while on the trail: good gear is key and the only way to prepare is to do it.



The Appalachian Trail is the longest hiking-only footpath in the world, ranging from Maine to Georgia. At 2,190 miles long, it crosses 14 states. The reality of the situation hadn't fully hit me until I started packing up my desk in Tennessee. I remember thinking, "I'm about to live in the woods and move across the country."

The Journey

I left for the Appalachian Trail on April 22, 2016. For the first three days, my Fraternity brother and avid hiker, Chris Cahill (Tennessee-Chattanooga, Delta Epsilon'09), accompanied me. After that, I was on my own.

Being alone during the day. I felt cathartic. Out there, I didn't have an agenda. My main responsibility was staying alive. I would make sure I was constantly planning for the next water points and staying on track to get to the next campsite at night. Because you're burning over 6,000 calories a day, it's virtually impossible to bring enough food on the trail. I learned it's easiest to mentally divide your entire timeline into a bunch of little trips. That aspect of planning helps determine how much you're going to carry until the next stop and makes the overall trip feel more attainable.

Around the middle of the second week, I began to find my rhythm and feel confident in my physical stamina.

I began my trip 90 miles north of the Georgia border.

After just a few days I began to run into pockets of people I recognized almost every night at camp. As we leapfrogged each other on the trail, we would end up at the same

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campsites repeatedly, and of course would get to know each other.

Going into it, I knew the Appalachian Trail was popular, but as I was moving along I ran into virtually no one during the day. Once I hit the campsites every night, I would find anywhere from two to 25 other hikers. There were people of all walks of life on the trail and everyone was willing to share their story. The people I met were incredible. Along the way, I ran into two young women from New York who were looking to find sanctuary and get away from a bad home life. I ran into an injured, retired Marine who shared with me that he had his shoulder bone replaced twice. If he



Andrew's Tips for **Long Distance Hikers**

- Take care of your feet. It makes a world of difference to take your socks off and let your feet breathe after pounding them all day.
- Good gear is essential. I learned that Oboz boots were the best for me, but use whatever makes you most comfortable. Boots will keep your feet dry but trail runners will let your feet breathe.
- Keep expectations to a minimum and see challenges as opportunities – a negative attitude will keep you from getting what you want out of the trip.
- Bring hot sauce. Trail food gets very boring after a while. You'll want to keep things interesting.

had to do it a third time, he might lose his arm. He wanted to accomplish as much as he could physically in case that happened. I also ran into a young woman from Arizona who was about to go to college and wanted to mark hiking the trail off her bucket list.

Meeting these people came full circle at a campsite one night during the last week. Two or three people with whom I had become familiar had unified as a group along with a few others. I asked if I could join their group, too, and we ended up pitching in to rent a car to visit a festival in Damascus, Virginia, called Trail Days.

Trail Days is a famous festival known among hikers as a place where you can meet up with gear suppliers who have giveaways and repair gear; take advantage of great deals; and meet other hikers. Many of the festival goers, like us, took a couple of days off from hiking to come, and others were hikers who had previously completed the trail and came out to meet up with old friends.

At the festival, I met a couple who the hiking world refers to as "triple crowners." In other words, they had hiked all of the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian Trail, and the Continental Divide Trail. This was their second and third times conquering the Appalachian Trail.

As soon as I got done, I promised myself I wanted to hike the entire thing. I'm not sure when I will be able to set aside four months of my life to accomplish that, but after my three weeks, the fire had been lit. Out there, I was forced to keep a balance between planning and living in the moment. I wanted to make sure I was properly prepared, but didn't want life to pass me by either. I made sure to soak up the mountain tops.

The Move

I experienced a constant state of adrenaline or excitement from the time I started the trail to the time I began my move. A few weeks after I came back from hiking, another

brother. Parker Newell (Tennessee-Chattanooga. Delta Epsilon'09) helped me move 1,500 miles to my new home.

I looked forward to conquering my transition. In Denver, I had a few good friends who helped me get my bearings, but it took me months to find a job. I applied for six to ten jobs a day and didn't hear back from anyone until after the first month. This period was my most challenging learning experience thus far.

It was easy to become depressed about finding a job because I didn't have the comfort of the recognition I had so easily relied on back in Chattanooga. I had also experienced so much excitement over the last month, and then shifted to the monotony of applying for jobs day-in and day-out. People in Denver didn't know my network from back home; they didn't know that UT-Chattanooga was a credible school.

I knew I had to power through, so as I did on the trail, I constantly reminded myself to pull it together and keep moving forward.

Looking Ahead

Right now, I work as a project manager in video ops with Century Link. I finally feel like I'm getting to the point where I can catch my breath. I'm feeling more established and comfortable, like I was in Chattanooga.

I enjoy having that baseline of steadiness in my life, but I equally enjoy the personal growth I gain from new experiences. I'm comforted by the satisfaction I get from personal improvement. That being said, I'm starting to plan the beginning stages of my next big life hurdle – getting my PTP (Project Management Professional) certification and planning my next big trip.

Much like the trail, moving across the country had its own challenges to overcome. I consider myself to be an avid planner, but I learned during my journey that the only way to prepare is to do it. .

Navy Names Two Ships for Pike Medal of Honor Recipients

In a ceremony at University of Mississippi Vaught-Hemingway Stadium on September 17, 2016, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced two Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, DDG 125 and DDG 126, will be named Jack H. Lucas and Louis H. Wilson Jr. respectively in honor of the two Medal of Honor recipients. Both men received their medals during the same ceremony from President Harry Truman.



USS Jack H. Lucas

At 14 years old, Jacklyn H. "Jack" Lucas (High Point, Delta Omega '56) joined the United States Marine Corps in 1942, telling the recruiter he was 17. He forged his mother's signature on the enlistment papers and headed to boot camp. During World War II, Lucas, then a private first class, received the Medal

of Honor at age 17 for heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

After the war, he fulfilled a promise to his mother and earned his degree at High Point University where he was initiated into Delta Omega Chapter. Lucas was recognized with Pi Kappa Alpha's Distinguished Achievement Award on January 1, 1995.

Lucas is the youngest Marine and the youngest service member in World War II to receive the Medal of Honor.

DDG 125 is the first ship to be named for Jack H. Lucas.



USS Louis H. Wilson Jr.

Gen. Louis H. Wilson Jr. (Millsaps. Alpha Iota '39) received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of Guam during World War II.

Wilson was promoted to General July 1, 1975, when he assumed the office of commandant of the Marine Corps.



Wilson was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award from Pi Kappa Alpha at the "Victory Convention" in 1946, was inducted into the Order of West Range in 1990, and served with distinction as a trustee of the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation from 1979 to 1980.

DDG 126 will be the first ship named in honor of Louis H. Wilson Jr.

Arleigh Burke-class destroyers conduct a variety of operations from peacetime presence and crisis response to sea control and power projection. They are capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously, and contain a combination of offensive and defensive weapon systems, including integrated air and missile defense and vertical launch capabilities.

Both ships will enter the Navy fleet in 2023, at 509 feet long with a beam length of 59 feet and capable of operating at speeds in excess of 30 knots.

Compiled by Megan Cook from Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs Release dated September 17, 2016

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Derek Rushing '83 is an educator in Keppel Union School District in California.

ARIZONA Gamma Delta



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John Sukovaty '09 is a financial advisor at Edward Jones in Broomfield, Colorado, and would love to serve as a local resource for fellow Pikes. Contact him at john.sukovaty@edwardiones.com.

CALIFORNIA-SANTA BARBARA lota Kappa

Seth Streeter '92 is CEO and co-founder of Mission Wealth, a leading wealth management company that specializes in comprehensive financial planning and investment advisory services for high-net-worth clients across the country. He has been featured in many national publications including The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Money Magazine, and Investment News. In 2008 he was ranked by Worth magazine as one of the nation's top wealth managers. He recently took the stage at a TEDx talk in Santa Barbara where he took an introspective approach to help the audience assess and transform their true wealth. Watch the video at https://tedxsantabarbara.com/2016/ seth-streeter.

Charles R. Barnes II Receives Moore-Stone Award for Service to Florida State



The Moore-Stone Award winner for 2016 is a man forever tied to Florida State University and Seminole Boosters, Inc., the fundraising arm of Florida State Athletics. Charlie Barnes (Florida State, Delta Lambda '65) was a popular student leader on campus in the 1960s prior to joining the United States Army

as an infantry officer and serving a year-long combat tour in Vietnam. Armed with the GI Bill, Barnes returned to FSU to complete his education and to sharpen his considerable skills as a recruiter and organizer. Following graduation, he was hired by marketing giant, Proctor and Gamble.

In the late 1970s, Barnes was recruited back to Tallahassee by his Fraternity brother, Seminole Booster President, Andy Miller, becoming the Boosters' second fundraiser. Arm-inarm, this dynamic duo pursued a long-term vision, developing and leading massive banks of fundraising volunteers and later crafting a series of capital campaigns to fund the new landscape of first class athletic facilities. They built an organization that raised more than \$1 billion over 35 years. Barnes retired in 2012, but remains active with the Boosters.

A compelling speaker and accomplished writer, Barnes coordinated and served as host of Bobby Bowden's famous spring Seminole Booster Tour which, at its zenith, included more than 30 stops and routinely attracted thousands of Seminole fans. For many fans outside Tallahassee, Barnes was the 'face' of Seminole Boosters.

Barnes also emerged as one of the organizations most successful major gift fundraisers. In his final year, Barnes led a \$15 million capital campaign to build the Albert J. Dunlap Athletic Training Facility, which elevated Florida State's athletic facilities to among the best in the country.

Barnes' love of FSU, ability to recruit and inspire fellow supporters, along with his vision and creativity, helped grow the Seminole Boosters into the ultra-successful support organization it is today.

Georgia Tech Pikes Enjoy Beach Holiday



Front row: Robert Haynie '72, Russ Smith '71, Nigel Glover '73. Second row: Allen Ray '71. John Abbott '71, Charlie Redding '72, JC Cerulli '70. Third row: Ted Sak '73, John Thompson '72, Bill Adams '73.

Alpha Delta Chapter (Georgia Tech) has had a running rivalry with Delta Lambda Chapter (Florida State). Some of our brothers from both chapters played golf each year on the Friday before the football game in either Atlanta or Tallahassee. This went on for years until the ACC decided we were not going to play each other very often. We renewed the golf and football last fall, and we said good bye and that we would see each other in six more years for the next football game.

One Tech brother, Charlie Redding (Georgia Tech, Alpha Delta '72) lives in Tallahassee and he organized a beach trip to St. Theresa island. There were a total of ten Alpha Deltas along with our wives, and the Tallahassee folks supplied their beach houses and their boats. Golf was hot, the beach was wonderful, and going out to a secret sandbar to stand in waist-deep water in the Gulf of Mexico and then on to a secluded island (35 of us in seven boats) was a very nice way to spend a day.

- Nigel Glover (Georgia Tech, Alpha Delta '73)

CENTRAL FLORIDA Eta Phi

Andres Mesa '99 is the chief compliance officer at Path Medical in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

CORNELL Beta Theta



Stephen Amador '80 is the managing director at Palm Coast Technologies, LLC.

EMBRY-RIDDLE Lambda Mu

Kyle Corbett '12 is currently a student naval aviator with the U.S. Navy in Meridian, Mississippi.

FRANCIS MARION Theta Delta

Over the past 12 years, Watson "Wattie" Snowden '74 has worked for the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. He has worked in Iraq, Afghanistan, and is currently in Mexico.

INDIANA STATE Theta Omicron

Jeffrey Maher '79 is the vice president of global business applications and IT operations at Peabody Energy in St. Louis, Missouri.

IOWA Gamma Nu

N. Alan Lundgren '62 was elected to serve a two year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th international convention held in Fukuoka, Japan. Lundgren is an accountant and asset manager. A member of the Gilbert Lions Club, and a Lion since 1980, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, district GLT coordinator and multiple district convention chairperson. He was also a member of the public relations committee as a board appointee in 2014-15. In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards including the Membership Key Award Builder Key Award, Extension Award, two International President's Awards, and the

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SERVICE IN THE WILD

Former Chapter Consultant Zach Ryan contributes to the community in out-of-the-way places.

by Megan Cook

Rollowing the completion of a year with the PIKE chapter consultant corps, **Zach Ryan** (Florida, Alpha Eta '10) returned home to work as an emergency room scribe. Soon after, he began to realize how much he missed traveling. He needed a change of pace from sunny Jacksonville. Florida. Much to Ryan's excitement, he got word that the United States Forest Service was in the process of hiring seasonal employees.

A few weeks later, Ryan was hired onto a fuels crew out of Boulder. Colorado. His experience in healthcare and business consulting did not exactly align with environmental science, forestry, or firefighting like his cohorts - Ryan would have a steep learning curve.

In his new office in the Arapho-Roosevelt National Forest, he widely expanded his knowledge of the outdoors as he learned how to identify tree species and edible plants, how to use firefighting equipment, and how to forecast atmospheric stability, which correlates to the behavior of a fire.

From PIKE to Pike National Forest

While working with the timber crew at Pike National Forest in Jefferson, Colorado, Ryan experienced his first

"I was with my timber crew doing some support work when we started to hear a lot of radio traffic about a

fire, including a call to dispatch reporting smoke," Ryan said.

The three-hour radio sequence to dispatch started with a single torching tree and by the end, the fire had spread to 60 acres. After the fire's latitude and longitude were given to dispatch over the radio. Rvan looked up the location to realize that the fire was right across the street from his bunkhouse.

"That gave me a bit of a helpless feeling," he said. "I was sure the fire was going to hop the road and take the bunkhouse with it. Luckily, the fire station for our district is on the same piece of property, so a hose lay was quickly assembled and the space was made more defensible. The fire ended up spreading east/ southeast away from my residence."

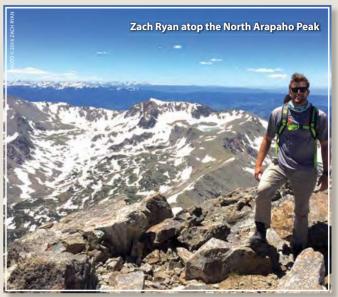
During a different fire. Ryan and

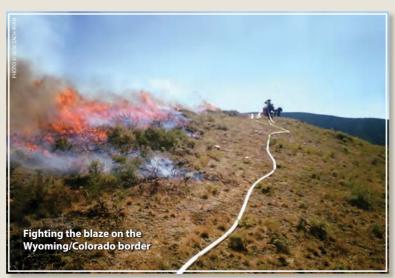
19 other crew members were sent on a two-week deployment to help fight the Beaver Creek fire on the Colorado/ Wyoming border. When the crew arrived, the fire was on day 58 and covering nearly 36,000 acres. Together, the 20-man crew put in 215 hours of work in 14 days, creating hose lays, hold lines, and back-burning to minimize fuel in the fire's path.

Although his Fraternity experience didn't teach him about surviving in the outdoors or how to put out fires, the skills he learned during his time as an undergraduate and as a chapter consul-

tant helped him adapt to his role as a forestry technician on the fuels crew

In October, Ryan took a wilderness EMT course in Mt. Shasta. California. to work on a search and rescue team part-time this winter. He will also be working at a ski resort to sharpen his skiing skills, positioning himself for the ski patrol to gain more first-responder experience. Next summer, he plans to serve another season with the U.S. Forest Service on the Helitack (helicopter firefighter) crew. Long-term, he still aspires to work as a healthcare professional.





"For right now, I'm greatly enjoying the freedom and variety of experiences I am having and know I have the rest of my life to build my career. I am confident that these steps and opportunities will only make me a well-rounded, successful professional down the road."

– Zach Ryan

'FLIPPING' ROLES

Delta Upsilon Chapter Advisor Mark Marcus is uniquely suited to give advice.



Mark Marcus (center) attends an informal meeting with fellow Pikes (from left) Justin Dean '14, Nate Bryhan (Wisconsin-Whitewater, Kappa Omega '00), John Layton (Florida, Alpha Eta '51), and Davion Belk (Stetson, Delta Upsilon '14).

et's call this: from flipping burgers to flipping a fraternity.

Starting Near the Bottom

Mark Marcus (Stetson, Delta Upsilon '14) hadn't actually hit rock bottom. Such a statement would be overly dramatic. Flipping burgers for slightly more than \$7 an hour, however, qualified as a struggle. What's more, he didn't have any real plan for his future.

Marcus was a few years past graduating from Gainesville High School (Gainesville, Fla.) and had quit studying music at Seminole Community College (now Seminole State College) and the University of Central Florida. Like many students, he simply wasn't ready for the academic commitment, describing his thought process as "I guess I'm going to college because that's what you're supposed to do out of high school."

"My mind was not there, and my focus was not there," he says. "And more important, I didn't have the discipline."

The failed attempt left him lost.

"I hadn't yet understood or valued the struggle and the adversity that I was beginning to embark on. ... It was tough," he recalls.

"I was just trying to make a way for me."

Nearly four years at McDonalds did stir a fire. Marcus steadily moved up the ranks and with corporate training was poised for franchise management. Yet, he decided against it. More restaurant management followed along with an idea about starting his own cleaning business. That was quickly fizzled – good idea but no start-up money.

More hardship ensued, financially and personally. Until a mentor changed his life.

Killraie Lewis, a friend/counselor/ mentor from church, offered this advice: "I think you need to go back to school." Marcus had nearly closed the book on college; the mentor reopened it.

Finding Solid Ground

That was 2010, nearly a decade after high school. Marcus was living in DeLand. Lewis happened to be running the GED (General Education Development) program at Daytona State College. Roughly a year later, Marcus obtained an associate degree from Daytona State with plans of heading to UCF for accounting. UCF had a convenient sister campus at Daytona State.

Then there was another turn in the road. With accounting unavailable online at UCF and a commute not realistic, Marcus was again stalled. And

again listened to his mentor, who said, "Stetson."

In 2011. Marcus became a student at Stetson. Months later, he also became a Stetson staffer, working with Housing and Residential Life. Three years later, he was a Stetson graduate. Today, he's chapter advisor for Pi Kappa Alpha on campus (Delta Upsilon Chapter) and chair of the chapter's alumni board. For good measure, he is Stetson's second African-American chapter advisor for any Greek organization on campus. (The first was Patrick Coggins, Ph.D., who was the chapter advisor for the Tau Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which started at Stetson in November 1999. Coggins also was the first fully tenured African-American professor at Stetson and served as the Jessie Ball duPont Endowed Chair Professor for Multicultural Education from 1991 to 2011. Coggins is the first Caribbean Guyanese professor and holder of an endowed chair at Stetson. He remains at Stetson today as a professor of education and multicultural education.)

Go figure.

Greek Revival

The story gets better. Since 2014, Marcus has been a huge success at the job, instrumental in an impressive revival by the Pikes on campus.

Before his arrival on the scene, circumstances at the PIKE house were so dire that Marcus, who had built a reputation with housing as something of an enforcer, was called for emergency duty. The task: Put a halt to the unruliness and unrest.

"I went to go clean up PIKE house," Marcus says.

The result: "They literally flipped their Fraternity around in less than half a semester." (Hence, the flipping burgers tie-in.)

Never before a "Greek guy," he wound up receiving an honorary membership in the house – and then running the house.

Lessons learned through earlier struggles had brought him to leadership and mentorship. With the Pikes notably very few of whom were
African-American – he found himself
on the other end of important advice.

"I saw a group of guys that really were talented, but they needed somebody to give them some direction and also give them some support," he says.

In turn, his lessons took hold, although he deflects credit by noting, "I only gave them the push they needed."

Finally, at the request of local PIKE leadership and with the blessing of its international organization, Marcus became PIKE chapter advisor in March 2015.

His Own Backyard

Generally speaking, while his job is to make sure "they do what they need to do, and have what they need to do it," he relishes the role of mentor most of all.

"If I could go back in time, I would probably slap myself," explains Marcus, who in 2015 earned a master's degree in executive management and leadership from Liberty University and is working toward a doctorate online. "I had no idea about the repercussions of my decisions when I was younger. ... But it's literally part of my testimony. It's what allows me to reach those tough students, the kind that are rigid, rebellious or don't want to let anybody in

"Leading, to me, is natural. I take it very seriously. Those who are put in leadership positions have a huge responsibility."

The Marcus of today wants that responsibility.

"I have not made all the right decisions. I am not perfect. I do not have a clean slate," he says. "However, I do understand that I have an opportunity to help better someone else's situation. You learn, as you grow, to manage.

"I found my backyard."

At home. At peace. With his Fraternity.

By Michael Candelaria Reposted from *Stetson University Today*



Built on Transparency and Flexibility, New Sports Marketing Consulting Firm Launches

It was April 2012 when their paths first crossed. Kyle LeValley was developing marketing partnerships for Churchill Downs and **Brent Seebohm** (Colorado State, Epsilon Theta '96), then the associate athletic director for external relations at the University of Louisville, was in a meeting where LeValley was presenting a Kentucky Derby sponsorship package to the University's marketing department. When the meeting began, the two had no idea they shared the same hometown of Fort Collins, Colorado, nor did they have any inclination



Brent Seebohi

that four and a half years later they would be joining forces on a new sports marketing consultancy. Customary small talk at the end of the meeting between LeValley and Seebohm revealed the fact they grew up ten miles from each other and an ensuing friendship allowed the two to identify compatible skill-sets, complementary relationship networks and congruent philosophical approaches – synergies that ultimately became the inspiration for a business partnership.

LeValley and Seebohm describe *Caboom Enterprises* as a "right-sized firm, that thrives as a trusted extension of its clients." LeValley and Seebohm, both now residing in Louisville, Kentucky have a passion for sports business and feel there are a couple of opportunities present within the marketplace they can build a successful practice on. "We are strong believers in full transparency," stated LeValley, adding "it's no secret the advertising and marketing agency industries have recently been deservedly scrutinized for a lack of transparency – we think clients want to know where every dollar is going, this includes sports related activity." LeValley's claims are corroborated by the sweeping report on transparency released in June 2016 by the advertising industry's leading trade group.

Seebohm, who founded and grew a similar consultancy from 2009-12, added "We're not a traditional startup marketing agency, we are a specialized consulting firm with a real strategic focus on sponsorship brands and sports licensees. But, what really makes us unique is our relational approach: we evaluate every project independently and are not bound by the constraints and bureaucracy prevalent at bulky firms."

LeValley's experience includes sales and marketing positions with Anheuser-Busch, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Churchill Downs, Learfield (University of Louisville) and the NHRA. Seebohm's past experience includes roles in the athletic departments at Colorado State University, Wichita State University and the University of Louisville, in addition to GM/VP positions with Learfield Sports, IMG College and U/S Sports Advisors. Seebohm also served as NACMA national president and worked for the Colorado Rockies with the MLB All-Star Game.

Caboom officially launched in mid-August 2016 and LeValley and Seebohm have already had conversations with a variety of prospective clients, aiming to solidify as many as five by the end of the year. "We're finding that our connected, experienced and flexible approach is being received extremely well, and we're optimistic we'll spark the results our client partners crave," Seebohm said.

Caboom's official website is www.caboom.biz, and its official Twitter handle is @CaboomSpark

Ambassador of Goodwill. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Helen Keller Fellow and a life member of the Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Lundgren has three sons and 10 grandchildren. He is proud to say his family is a "three generation Lions family," with two of his sons, and their wives, and two of his grandchildren being Lions members.

KENTUCKY Omega

Brady Culver '11 is currently in medical school at the University of Kentucky College of Medi-

LOUISVILLE Kappa Zeta

Patrick McGarity '07 is a district manager with ADP in West Palm Beach, Florida.

MONTANA STATE Gamma Kappa

Robert A. Culliton '85 and his wife, Mary Jo, live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida with their children Robbie, Reeves and Catherine. He is managing director of Culliton Channel Consulting Co. and has a master's degree in technology management from Pepperdine University. Culliton is the founder and program director of Rising Stars Baseball, a program for children with special needs. He is also a trustee for The Greenwood School. He may be reached at bob_culliton@outlook.com.

NORTH DAKOTA Zeta Rho

Colin MacQuarrie '13 competed in the Olympic trials in swimming.

NORTHEASTERN Kappa Delta

Bryce Wagner '07 is a senior associate at KPMG in New York City.



NORTHERN ARIZONA Theta Rho

Derrick Sinclair '83 is the senior valuation services director at Colliers International in Tucson, Arizona.

OKLAHOMA STATE Gamma Chi

Lee Wilson '86 is the director of technology at Walmart headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas.

SOUTH ALABAMA Eta Kappa

Zakary Gosa-Lewis '10 was recently named as the coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

STETSON Delta Upsilon



Lawrence Connelly '61 partnered with Streetrod Productions of Florida to create this golf cart replica of Delta Upsilon Chapter's firetruck. He plans to let the chapter use the cart for parades and special events.

TENNESSEE

Zeta

John Foster '70 is a partner and attorney at law at Foster, Jensen & Gulley in Atlanta, Georgia. Foster is the great-grandson of junior founder John Shaw Foster.



TENNESSEE-MARTIN Epsilon Sigma

Alexander Campbell '08 is the finance manager at Taylor Automotive, Inc. in Martin, Tennessee.

TEXAS A&M Theta Theta

Chris Brooks '87 is a mission advisor with Universal Weather & Aviation in Houston, Texas.

TEXAS STATE-SAN MARCOS Zeta Theta

Christopher Lagasse '03 is the manager of commercial operations at Premier Pipe, LLC in Houston, Texas.

VERMONT Lambda Delta

Daniel Diamond '08 is an educator in the Swanton School District in Vermont.

WEBER STATE Eta Theta



Dan Kolbenschlag '06 has been promoted with Grant Thornton LLP-Atlanta to grow the new Grant Thornton office in Jacksonville, Florida. He is in the audit practice serving dynamic public and private clients.

Kolbenschlag served on the Mu Beta Alumni Advisory Board (Kennesaw State). He continues his involvement with PIKE as he recently joined the Northeast Florida Alumni Association, and will work closely with the alumni advisory board of Mu Mu Chapter (Jacksonville). He can be reached at Dan.Kolbenschlag@us.gt.com.

WEST FLORIDA Eta Pi

Michael Sidor '12 is an accountant with Gulf Power Company.

WESTERN MICHIGAN Epsilon Psi

Charles A. Baumann '70 is retired after a career in executive mortgage banking and financial planning. He and his wife, Joan, live in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

MISSOURI - Alpha Nu

A group of Alpha Nu alumni and friends continued their tradition of following the Mizzou Tigers to an SEC road game on the fourth annual SEC roadtrip. Twenty-five alumni and friends headed south to Louisiana for



the October 1 LSU-Mizzou football game. Alumni traveled from eight states to enjoy a Friday in New Orleans, then a Saturday full of tailgating and football in Baton Rouge. Thanks for the southern hospitality go to

> the organizing committee, Alpha Gamma Chapter Advisor Shawn Lowe (Lamar, Epsilon Kappa '91) and the tailgate hosts. Plans are already being made for the 2017 trip when Mizzou takes on Georgia "between the hedges" on October 14 in Athens. For more information, please contact Craig Campbell '81 at ccampbell@anderscpa.com.

> From left are tailgate hosts Hab Karam, Susan White and Otey White, Steve Vincent '83, Bob Driver '82, Dino Lavezzi, Sean Roarty '85, Dan Knopf '84, Craig Campbell '81, Greg Rottjakob '84, Tom Howard '84, John Lawson '83, Scott Welch (Southeast Missouri State, Epsilon Iota '81), Tim Gamma '84, Jesse Speltz '83, Bill Hunt '83, Mark Sweeney '81, Jeff Robertson '81, Roger Cagle '80, Tim Unnerstall '81, Charlie Hildebrand, Greg Rebman '83, Greg Minana '84, Kevin Sass '84, Scott Beyerl '82 and Bob Barrett. Not pictured are Kirby Greteman '83 and Terry Engel '80.



Planned giving is a process of charitable, legal, and tax planning that enhances your philanthropy and enables you to address other financial and estate planning issues while making a donation. Your legacy gift is an investment in the future of Pi Kappa Alpha, one that will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of our undergraduate brothers for generations to come.

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of The Oak Trust (as of October 14, 2016)

J. Brandon Cochran (Charleston, Lambda Kappa '04)

Nick P. LeRov (Utah, Alpha Tau '90)

Alfred G. Thomsen (Nebraska-Omaha, Delta Chi '54)



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Remember that there is no income tax charitable deduction for the donated assets, but they don't count as income, either.

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I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation (Tax I.D. #62-6039877), a nonprofit, educational corporation located at 8347 West Range Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, 38125, the sum of ______ (or _____ % of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) to be used for the general purposes of the Foundation (or for a particular program of your choosing).

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125 years ago: 1891

100 years ago: 1916



From the December 1916 Shield & Diamond: Alpha Sigma Chapter - First winners of the Scholarship Cup



Robert Adger Smythe took over the Index in 1891 and changed its name to the Catalogue.

75 years ago: 1941

From the December 1941 Shield & Diamond:

More than half the football program covers in the country this fall carry the colorful artwork of Henry Alonzo "Lon" Keller (Syracuse, Alpha Chi '26), whose paintings have done much to enhance programs in recent years. The color plates for this issue were furnished through his courtesy. Although Keller is a specialist in football covers, he also does the cover art work for all Yankee Stadium and Polo Grounds fights, as well as the recent World Series program covers.

50 years ago: 1966

From the September 1966 Shield & Diamond: National Dream Girl finalists Linda Purcell, Marsha Crockett and Virginia Lee with their chapter escorts at the convention.



ALL-OUT WAR CLOSER TO U.S. STREAMLINES the FRATERNITY By OWEN L. SCOTT

25 years ago: 1991

From the December 1991 Shield & Diamond:

One of the Academy highlights was the annual barbecue on the back lawn of the Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters. Alumni and undergraduates alike enjoyed the opportunity to meet informally and enjoy the beautiful Memphis weather.



Pi Kappa Alpha Mourns The Passing of Past National President Richard F. Ogle

A True Pike, his service to the Fraternity spanned 55 years

i Kappa Alpha lost one of its true servants with the passing of Richard F. Ogle (Alabama, Gamma Alpha '61) on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Brother Ogle's legacy is one of leadership, vision and generosity.

During his years at Gamma Alpha Chapter (Alabama), Brother Ogle served the chapter as new member class president, recruitment chairman, vice president and president. Graduating in 1964, he joined the Fraternity's professional staff and served as a chapter consultant in 1964-65. When he returned to the University of Alabama School of Law, his Fraternal service continued as resident counselor for Gamma Alpha Chapter from 1965-67.

Since his initiation in 1961, there has rarely been a time during which Pi Kappa Alpha did not benefit from Ogle's leadership and talents. After graduating from law school, he served as chapter advisor to Eta Kappa Chapter (South Alabama). He played an important role in the Fraternity's 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration in 1968. In 1970 he was appointed district president and in 1972 he was elected national vice president on the Supreme Council. From 1974-76, Brother Ogle served as legal counsel to the Supreme Council. He continued his service on the Supreme Council from 1976-78 as national president. In 1979, he was asked to serve as a trustee of the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation. During his tenure as a trustee, Brother Ogle served the Foundation as secretary, vice president and president. He was unanimously elected trustee emeritus of the Foundation upon the completion of his term as trustee in 1985. He was honored for his longtime service to Pi Kappa Alpha with the Loyalty Award in 1988. In 1990 he was inducted into the Foundation's Order of West Range. He supported local alumni association efforts and was a founding father of the Birmingham Metro Alumni Association.

Brother Ogle established the Richard F. Ogle Leadership Award benefiting Gamma Alpha Chapter in 1983, and permanently endowed the scholarship in 1990. The scholarship has been awarded to 25 outstanding members of Gamma Alpha Chapter since its creation. Ogle also served as administrator to the John Horne Memorial Academic Award since inception in 1987. He requested that memorials be made to the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation for the Richard F. Ogle Leadership Award. To make a gift in Richard's memory mail checks made payable to the Richard Ogle Leadership Award in care of the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation, 8347 West Range Cv, Memphis, TN 38125 or give online at https://pikefoundation.webconnex.com/Ogle.

Professionally, Brother Ogle was a partner in the law firm of Christian & Small LLP.

One of three men asked to speak at Ogle's service, Past National President and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Joseph J. Turner Jr. (Clemson, Eta Alpha '70) said, "Richard was a man who reflected and lived out the Fraternity's values. At the end of the day he made a difference in all of our lives. A true gentleman, a visionary leader, and a wonderful family man who loved his wife and daughters."



Richard F. Ogle

Past International President Tommy Turner (Texas Tech, Epsilon Gamma '67)

shared, "Richard touched all of us as only a few can. When I spoke to him, I always felt that he was listening as if we were the only ones in the room, and I had his complete attention. We should all hope to be a man with shoulders as broad as his, and with a smile as warm."

Brother Ogle is survived by his wife, Rhonda, two daughters, Brook Ogle and Jessica Tate, and son-in law Thomas Jackson Tate, Jr. (*Alabama, Gamma Alpha '03*), who were all proudly displaying IIKA memorabilia during the service. There were over 30 Pi Kappa Alpha brothers in attendance, including seven current/past presidents.

"We were indeed blessed to have Richard as a brother and a leader. What a very special Pike. What a beloved brother and model family man. May he rest in peace."

> - Raymond L. Orians (Memphis, Delta Zeta '66) Executive Vice President Emeritus



A loyal supporter of PIKE events, Richard Ogle (right) enjoyed a laugh with Brother Marvin Dennis (Illinois, Beta Eta '56) at the 1999 Officers Leadership Academy.

GEORGE JACOB ALBRIGHT JR. (Florida, Alpha Eta '50)



George J. Albright Jr. entered Chapter Eternal on September 12, 2016. He attended the University of Florida from 1950-54, and excelled in his college endeavors, joining Circle K, a Kiwanis organization. He was also elected to Florida Blue Key and the University of Florida Student Hall of Fame.

Albright was the retired executive vice president of National Standard Life Insurance Co. of Orlando. He started with the company out of college in 1954, and rose through the ranks up to his retirement in 1973. He managed over 400 agents in 20 offices throughout Florida, and was selected "Man of the Year" by the Florida Insurance Council in 1971.

In 1973, Albright embarked on a new career, forming Albright Realty and joining Kiwanis International. His business timing was perfect and Albright Realty provided him and his family with financial success for 40 years. In addition, he supported his family with the citrus groves he and his father, George Sr., planted in the Weirsdale area.

Albright and his wife Aggie's lifelong love for community service blossomed after joining Kiwanis. His rise through the Kiwanis ranks includes: 1975 president of the Lake Weir Club; 1981 lieutenant governor Division 18; 1991 Florida district treasurer; 1992 governor elect; then governor for 1993-94. Finally, Albright capped his Kiwanis journey as the president of Kiwanis International Foundation worldwide, raising millions of dollars for children's causes.

The Albrights' 40-year perfect attendance at Kiwanis included starting the statewide "Apples for Teachers" program; creating the Annual Florida Kiwanis Cookbook; and beginning the George Albright Charity Golf Tournament, which lasted over 20 years. Both are Hixon Diamond 16 award recipients, Kiwanis Ambassadors, and members of the Kiwanis Heritage Society.

Albright's lifelong love and commitment to the Weirsdale Presbyterian Church began with his baptism in 1931, performed by his grandfather, the Reverend George Edwin Albright. During his lifetime George served his church as an elder, deacon, finance committee member and many committee chairs. He always looked forward to selling and delivering over 500 tickets each year to the annual Boy Scout spaghetti dinner held at the church.

He loved politics and enjoyed supporting many local candidates for office. Albright served Marion County as its building and zoning committee chair and was a member of the county's environmental land council, aka "Pennies for Parks". Many of his happiest times were spent with Aggie at their cabin on Cattail Creek in North Carolina. Albright's wit and humor will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Aggie; his four sons (George III, David, Clay, and Justin); and eight grandchildren.

TURNER W. BRANCH (New Mexico, Beta Delta '57)



Turner W. Branch entered Chapter Eternal on August 4, 2016. He graduated with a B.A. in political science in 1960 from the University of New Mexico, where he was student body president and a member of Phi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society.

Turner was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on active duty at Quantico, Virginia. He was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California and joined the Second Battalion of Fifth Marines, First Marine Division where he served for three and a half years.

After an honorable discharge in 1963, he graduated in 1965 from Baylor Law School, where he was a section editor of the Law Review. He received the T.R. McDonald Award as the outstanding student at the Law School. He served as chairman of the Student Grievance Committee, was selected to Omicron Delta Kappa and to the International Legal Fraternity Phi Delta Phi.

Branch returned to Albuquerque to practice law in 1965. He was a member of the State Bars of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, and the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He also served the state he loved as a New Mexico state legislator.

He was the founder of Branch Law Firm, one of the oldest personal injury firms in New Mexico, and was known for taking on challenging, complex, and controversial cases involving personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability, as well as catastrophic class actions and mass torts against pharmaceutical companies on a national and international basis. He was a board recognized specialist as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the State of New Mexico. He was certified as a civil trial specialist in 1984; a fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; a diplomate in the American Board of Trial Advocates; and also served on their boards of directors. He authored and contributed to numerous articles, books and speeches in the field of personal injury and spoke to trial attorney associations nationally.

Named Baylor Law School Lawyer of the Year, Turner was also instrumental in shaping New Mexico law. In 1976, he was lead counsel in the land mark decision of Hicks v. The State of New Mexico, which for the first time allowed injured individuals to recover damages for the wrongful conduct of the state. He also represented the State of New Mexico in litigation against the big tobacco companies. The Branch Law Firm® argued successfully that the discovery rule should apply to the statute of limitations governing product liability and medical malpractice cases.

One of Turner's favorite roles was that of grandpa, or Poppi as his grandchildren called him. He took time from his busy schedule to go to his grandchildren's plays, football games, lacrosse games, soccer games, basketball games, concerts, science fairs and many other events.

Other than his family, his dogs and the law, Turner's greatest love was the UNM Lobos. He was also part owner of KQTM, (101.7 FM), the city's ESPN radio affiliate. In 2012, the Branches donated \$1.5 million to the University of New

Mexico athletic department. The field is named in their honor. Lobo Football Coach Bob Davie observed. "I knew the moment I met him that he was different and he was unique. He's been relentlessly good to the people of New Mexico, and particularly the University of New Mexico and the athletic department."

Turner defined success as "giving it your very best at all times and letting others judge the results without paying attention to what the 'the judges say one way or the other': but at all times keeping your eye on the objectives for and on behalf of the client. Unfortunately, success is measured by the accumulation of wealth. If you're doing well financially, you're successful. I don't think this is a judge of success or not. I think success is being able to know you've given it your very best and looking in a rearview mirror of life and saying I did my best - that's success." Using that definition, Turner was a success in every aspect of his life.

In addition to Margaret Moses Branch, his wife, friend and law partner, he is survived by children Brian and Rebecca, brother James, and sister Virginia.

BLAKE N. CAUMMISAR (Mississippi, Gamma lota '12)



Blake Nicholas Caummisar entered Chapter Eternal on August 22, 2016. He was a graduate of Memphis University School, Class of 2011, and went on to graduate from the University of Mississippi in May 2015 with a degree in finance. Caummisar joined Gamma Iota Chapter in 2011 – initiated with

one of the chapter's largest new member classes. While at Ole Miss, he supported Gamma Iota Chapter by participating in intramural softball, the Powder Puff football event and Charles Summer activities. He also played an important role with new member recruitment. Upon graduating, he moved to Nashville to begin his career at UBS Bank.

A total of 77 Gamma Iota alumni and students attended Caummisar's memorial service on August 27, joining his parents Stan and Beth Caummisar and his sister, Laura Caummisar, in celebrating Blake's life on earth and in Heaven. Blake's brother, Chas Ellzey '14, remembers Blake by sharing, "His selfless and caring personality will continue to inspire others to act more kindly towards one another and to have more faith in the good we all possess." Brothers Ellzey and Marten Genter '11 have teamed up to produce memorial wristbands that are being sold on campus with proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's hospital in Caummisar's honor. The chapter is also working closely with alumni to establish an annual memorial golf tournament.

Stan and Beth Caummisar are working closely with the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Foundation staff in exploring the opportunity to bolster the Fraternity's Health & Safety initiative in memory of their son, Blake.



JAMES I GARDNER IR (Arkansas, Alpha Zeta '48)



James L. Gardner Jr. entered Chapter Eternal on July 23, 2016. He attended the University of Arkansas where he received his commission through the Air Force ROTC program before reporting to Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, where he received his pilot's wings in 1952. He graduated from

Middle Tennessee State with a degree in economics.

Gardner later received his basic parachutist wings, which required five static jumps. During his 32-year active duty career, he had a variety of assignments, moving over 26 times, including overseas assignments in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. His commands included the operations group at Charleston AFB. South Carolina; vice wing commander at Dover AFB, Delaware; wing commander at McGuire AFB, New Jersey: vice commander and commander at 22nd Air Force, Travis AFB, California; and military airlift command inspector general and chief of staff at Scott AFB, Illinois. His military decorations include the Silver Star. Bronze Star. two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters. He was a command pilot with over 7,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft, including 200 combat hours flying the 0-1 Birddog in Vietnam as a forward air controller.

Gardner retired as a major general in 1983. He and his wife made their home in Hanahan, South Carolina. He was a member of Citadel Square Baptist Church and supported the Base Chapel at Charleston AFB for many years. Gardner was a past chairman of the Berkeley County Republican Party and received the Order of the Palmetto from then Governor Mark Sanford. He was also an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by his sister; a son, Colonel Scott Gardner USAF (Ret.); a daughter, Julie Gardner Smith; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

THOMAS F. HORAN JR. (San Jose State, Delta Pi '82)



Thomas F. Horan Jr. entered Chapter Eternal on July 2, 2016. He held several chapter offices, but most importantly was known as one of the most friendly, outgoing and caring brothers in the house. He graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering in 1984. Soon after, he joined

the U.S. Navy and attended Top Gun school at Miramar Naval Air Station, where he flew F14s and became a decorated pilot. He faithfully served his country for 21 years and retired as a commander. He also was an admired captain with Southwest Airlines for the last 19 years.

In July 2015, Horan was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, an extremely aggressive brain cancer. In his memory, his brain was donated to science - his family is active with Gray Matters Foundation in order to advance the research of brain cancer and work towards preventing more tragic deaths. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Melanie; four daughters (Blythe, Brooke, Devin, and Chloe); and two grandchildren.

FARI ROME WEI BAUM (Gamma Omega, Miami '51)



Earl R. Welbaum entered Chapter Eternal on August 1, 2016. An Eagle Scout, Welbaum attended the University of Miami on an athletic scholarship. He lettered four years in track and field, serving as captain of the team his senior year, and established several school records. Welbaum was

inducted into the university's sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and was later selected to serve as president of the university's sports Hall of Fame committee. In 1998, he was added to the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame. Considered one of the university's greatest middle distance runners, the school newspaper described him as the Ironman. In 1955, he was called to active duty in the United States Air Force Reserve as a squadron adjunctant. He was discharged from active duty

as a first lieutenant in December 1958 and was subsequently honorably discharged from the USAF in 1967 with the rank of captain. After his discharge from active duty, he returned to finish law school at the University of Miami in 1958. He and his wife, Joan, were married in 1959 and had three children, 10 grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren. Welbaum was a partner in the law firm of Welbaum Guernsey from 1961 until his retirement in 2012 and was also a member of and selected Who's Who Legal, South Florida's Best Lawyers, Who's Who in America, Florida Trend's Florida Elite in Construction Law, and Florida's Top Attorneys. He was a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Welbaum was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation's Garnet & Gold donor society. In 1951, he was one of the first members to live in the PIKE house at 5800 San Amaro Drive and from 2010-11 he served on the design committee for the chapter house that was completed in 2015 at the same address.

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Gamma Nu

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MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

Zeta Phi

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Epsilon Beta

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Sigma

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DREAM GIRLS of Pi Kappa Alpha

by Andrea Wade

The friendship and support of women has been important to the Fraternity since the earliest days of its existence. "The Dream Girl of Pi Kappa Alpha", a song written in 1917 by Benjamin E. Shields (Davidson, Beta '17), helped to popularize the custom of designating a young lady as the chapter Dream Girl. Many chapters choose to do so even today.

Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girls have added value and selfless dedication to each chapter as they carry the tradition forward. Two current Dream Girls share their experiences:



Arley Coffin is a senior at Western University. Along with giving her time to the Fraternity, she is the vice president of operations for Alpha Gamma Delta and communications coordinator for the University Students Council.

Support and expectations.

"Being PIKE Dream Girl has absolutely exceeded my expectations! While it's so nice to attend events and have such a connection with the chapter, it really is the little moments in between – running into Pikes on campus or spending time at the house, that have made my time as Dream Girl so significant and meaningful."

"I join the members at their recruitment booth on campus, attend all PIKE events, and I'm included on the chapter's composite. But for me, what has truly made me feel warmly welcomed and supported as Dream Girl is the ongoing friendships that I have with so many of the Pikes, and the faith that they have in me to represent the chapter well."

Aligning with PIKE.

"The ideal Pike is zealous. I believe that what the Pikes and I have in common is the desire to live a value-driven life, ultimately striving to be

the best, most well-rounded version of ourselves as undergraduate students, while doing good for our communities. I have learned the importance of building solid relationships, and what an asset these friendships in your college years can be to your future. I've also learned the importance of supporting the Greek community, and specifically the Pikes, by encouraging them to live out the values of their organization, supporting their personal and chapter wide endeavors, and challenging them to build better men."



Caroline Graham is a senior and a criminal justice major at Old Dominion University. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, she enrolled at the University of Alabama where she studied for two years until she transferred to ODU.

PIKE sets the standard.

"One line from Pi Kappa Alpha's mission statement that stands out is 'provide innovative services and programs designed to enrich the lives of our undergraduates, alumni, and communities.' PIKE provides so many opportunities that help men achieve greatness," says Caroline. "I was lucky enough to attend the international convention in New Orleans, and the opportunities presented through PIKE U set the standard for other fraternities. PIKE *U* is a way to start a man off in the business world, meeting successful people, and going to workshops that are designed to better each individual. Pi Kappa Alpha sets a man up for success if he puts in the work and effort."

"Caroline reminds us that we are men of character. She serves as a conscious reminder to all the brothers that we need to protect each other and keep each other on the right track."

> - William Kienle (Old Dominion, Zeta Iota '13) Chapter President

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JAY COOK (Mississippi State, Gamma Theta '02)

Chapter Advisor/House Corporation President

Degree:

Bachelor of Business Administration (Risk Management, Insurance, Financial Planning)

Master of Business Administration

Career:

Bank of Commerce Assistant Vice President

Interests:

Church, Traveling, Golf, Cooking, Pi Kappa Alpha



"We are here not only to help young men make the decisions necessary to lead the chapter forward, but also to prepare them for the next chapter in their lives."

In autumn 2010, Gamma Theta Chapter alumni held a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi to get an update on the status of the chapter, and see what we could do to help Gamma Theta improve. Regional President Tommy Walpole (Louisiana-Monroe, Eta Omicron '80) suggested that we select someone to serve as chapter advisor. I was just a year out of grad school and still knew most of the guys in the chapter, so I volunteered. My cousin, Will Rackley '08, was serving as vice president at the time and said they could use the help of someone who could see things from an older perspective. We talked about it and I became chapter advisor.

The first year or two were difficult as I was the lone advisor. However, this year we have put together an extremely strong advisory board. The job of a chapter advisor is tough and I couldn't be successful if it weren't for the other men who have stepped up to serve on the Gamma Theta alumni advisory board.

I continue to serve as an alumnus volunteer because I want to see Gamma Theta improve every year. It's a challenge to help these young men understand all they are capable of when they come together. I've seen what other successful chapters have done, and I want Gamma Theta to be listed consistently as one of Pi Kappa Alpha's top chapters.

Of all the positions I've held, being chapter advisor has absolutely been the most gratifying. Being on the front lines with the guys on an almost daily basis is fantastic,

and getting to know these young men on a personal level is really special. As chapter advisor, there are constant challenges in making sure the chapter runs smoothly, but being able to work with the young men of Gamma Theta and help them find solutions is truly rewarding.

One major event that had a large impact on my time as an alumnus volunteer was the chapter house renovation that we completed this past summer. We embarked on a two-year journey with Pennington and Co. to complete a successful capital campaign. It really brought our alumni base together – to be able to renovate the house as we did provided the facilities needed to further advance the chapter.

I would tell anyone who is interested in volunteering in any capacity that it is extremely fulfilling to be an advisor. It provides the opportunity to give back to the Fraternity that has given so much to all of us. The advisors who serve with me are all friends, and it's as much a relationship building experience for us as it is an opportunity to serve the undergraduate chapter.

The work of alumnus volunteers contributes greatly the continued success of the chapter. We are here not only to help young men make the decisions necessary to lead the chapter forward, but also to prepare them for the next chapter in their lives. By doing this, I think we're also preparing them to take over as the next generation of alumnus volunteers.

For more information on how you can volunteer, visit us on the web at www.pikes.org or contact the Alumni & Volunteer Department at 901-748-1868 x 1133 or alumni@pikes.org.