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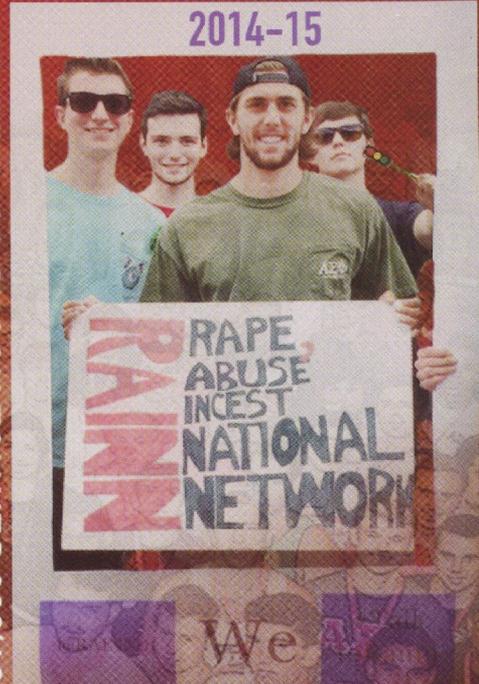
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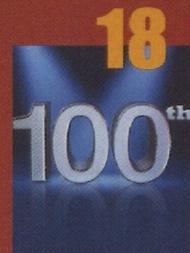
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# MESSAGE

## from the Grand Senior President



### Greetings Brothers!

This past summer, the Fraternity had a successful leadership conference, Elevate, with more than 700 Alpha Sigs gathered in Columbus, Ohio. The caliber of the undergraduates in attendance left me feeling great about the future, not only for Alpha Sigma Phi, but also for our country and the world. Alpha Sigma Phi really is bettering the man, and through that, we are bettering the world.

Our fall semester has been tremendous. Once again we are seeing a record number of men join our fraternity; percentage growth over last fall is in double digits. New colonies have been established across the country, as we revived dormant chapters at North Carolina State, Oklahoma and Connecticut. Our national footprint has expanded into Utah, Montana and Nevada as we continue to build a fraternity with a significant presence and impact across the United States and in other countries. And we chartered our 100th chapter at McGill University – a feat that also made Alpha Sigma Phi an international fraternity. We are now on 138 campuses, with plans to hit 200 by 2020. That means that more men will benefit from the Alpha Sigma Phi experience, which will lead to more productive citizens, more community leaders, and more better men.

But most important, we launched our new Responsible Sig program. Every chapter and colony received a workshop this fall, facilitated by trained volunteers, to learn about the risks associated with hazing, the dangers with the misuse and abuse of alcohol, and how to create a safe environment by preventing sexual assault and violence.

This is such an important program, and to my knowledge, no other fraternity is providing training this extensive for all of its chapters and colonies. Alpha Sigma Phi has taken a leadership role in the fraternal world, and many of our educational programs are seen as national models.

These programs help us manage our risks and keep our insurance rates among the lowest of any fraternity. Plus, our programs are challenging the stereotypes so often ascribed to fraternities.

Our successes are in large part because of the continued financial support of alumni through their gifts to the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation. To all of you who have donated in the past year and those of you considering making a donation as part of the Founders Day Challenge, thank you for helping to make our achievements real and providing positive guidance for our members.

It is an exciting time to be an Alpha Sig. We are indeed in a golden era for our fraternity. There is no better time to get involved. For those of you who serve in a volunteer role in some capacity, thank you. If you have ever thought about volunteering or giving back to our Fraternity, as we celebrate the milestone of chartering our 100th active chapter, now is a perfect time to pay forward your experience and contact Fraternity headquarters to volunteer to help either your chapter or a nearby chapter.

Thank you for your commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi.

In Phi,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Proctor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryan Proctor, Grand Valley '96  
Grand Senior President

# AROUND THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

## 10th Anniversary of the Sig Cup Golf Outing

On August 7, 2015, the 10th Annual Alpha Sigma Phi vs Kappa Sigma "Sig Cup" was held in conjunction with the Trine University Annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Outing. This year, 40 golfers competed in the two-day event. Day one was a four-man best ball scramble, while day two consisted of two-man scramble, match play competition. Although Kappa Sigma leads in over-all wins (6-4), this year the coveted Sig Cup was won by the alumni and undergrads of Team Beta Omicron. More importantly, over \$6,500 in scholarship money was raised and will be awarded to four deserving undergraduate brothers from each of the respective fraternities.

The Sig Cup was founded in 2006 by Beta Omicron brother John Goudy and Kappa Sigma brother Steve LaHood. John and Steve were friends as undergraduates, and a number of years after graduation, they found themselves employed by the same company. With their friendship rekindled, they kept in touch over the years, and in 2006 the idea of fielding teams of returning alumni for a competitive golf weekend was born. The purpose of the event is threefold: to reunite, have some fun, and raise scholarship

money for the undergraduate brothers of both fraternities. In addition to greens fees, participants pay a \$100 scholarship donation fee. No prizes are given. Winners have bragging rights for one year, and get the ceremonial first sips from the Sig Cup traveling trophy.

To date, the Sig Cup has produced over \$43,000 in scholarship money, awarded to deserving undergrads. Over the years the Cup event has expanded to include undergraduates. Their entry fees are usually covered by generous alumni. Success of the Sig Cup Golf Outing has caught the attention of Trine University's alumni relations staff. Noticing the number of alumni returning to play in the Sig Cup, University officials approached Goudy and LaHood with the idea of an all-IFC golf event during the school's annual Homecoming. This year, Fall Homecoming 2015 was the inaugural of the Trine University All IFC Golf Outing, patterned after the Sig Cup format.

Congratulations to Brother John Goudy and Kappa Sigma brother Steve LaHood for establishing a lasting tradition, benefiting the Greek community on Trine campus, and strengthening the bonds of inter-fraternal brotherhood.



Alpha Sigs face Kappa Sigs at Trine University on the links for the 10th time to raise scholarship funds.

## Alpha Sigs Reunite at Milton College, Establish Educational Fund

Even with no chapter and no college, the brotherhood of Beta Upsilon Chapter continues.

Beta Upsilon was opened in 1940 at Milton College in Milton, Wis., and its demise followed that of the college, with both closing their doors in 1982. However, an active and dedicated alumni group keeps Alpha Sigma Phi alive.

Brothers representing classes from the 1940s, '50s, '60, and '70s recently gathered for a reunion and established The Milton College Legacy Fund through the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation to enable Alpha Sigs from Wisconsin chapters (UW-Madison and UW-Whitewater) to attend international leadership conferences and other educational opportunities.

The intent of this grant is to keep Milton College's name alive in Alpha Sigma Phi for generations to come. To learn more about the fund, contact Scott Woodfill at [swoodfill@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:swoodfill@alphasigmaphi.org).



Milton Alumni gather to keep the brotherhood of Beta Upsilon Chapter alive.

## Responsible SIG Program Covers Every Chapter

Alpha Sigma Phi's Responsible Sig program made its way to every chapter and colony in the nation over the course of a month. Fraternity staff, with the help of campus professionals, led the way by creating a dialogue among undergraduate students regarding decision making, alcohol abuse, sexual assault, consent, hazing, and illegal drug use.

## Alpha Sigs in Presidential Races

Two Alpha Sigs are playing prominent roles in determining who will be the next president of the United States.

John Kasich, Ohio State '73, the Republican governor of Ohio, declared his candidacy this past July, becoming part of one of the largest fields of candidates to run for president. As of this publication's press time, Brother Kasich was still in the race. This is his second attempt; Kasich started a campaign in 1998 for the 2000 nomination but withdrew his name in support of George W. Bush.

During his announcement, Brother Kasich sounded themes of unity and support. As reported by CNN, he said, "There are those who say 'Just work harder.' 'Pull yourselves up by your bootstraps.' I believe in all of that, [but] some people just don't have the fortune we have. The Lord wants our hearts to reach out to those

## Second Annual International Day of Service

On September 11, chapters and colonies worked to better their campuses and communities through service projects as part of Alpha Sigma Phi's International Day of Service. Alpha Sigs cleaned up trash in local parks, assisted in after-school programs, helped build houses with Homes for Our Troops, and much more.

As our brotherhood grows each year, so does our ability to lend a helping hand. The men of Delta Zeta (UNC-Charlotte) worked together to pick up trash in their community. Eta Alpha (Oklahoma State) volunteered their day at the local Humane Society. The brothers of Eta Sigma (Kent State) convened to clean up a local park. These groups were just three of many who participated



in International Day of Service. For more information about how to participate, please contact Jay Grothause at [jgrothause@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:jgrothause@alphasigmaphi.org).

**Brothers gather for service.**  
From top: Oklahoma State, UNC Charlotte, Kent State.

who don't have what we have. That shouldn't be hard for America, that's who we are. Empathy. Don't be so quick to judge."

Todd Harris, UCLA '92, a longtime Republican political advisor and campaign strategist, is senior advisor for message and communications to Republican candidate Marco Rubio. A founding partner of the political consulting group Something Else Strategies, Harris brings a wealth of experience to the Rubio campaign. Most notably, Brother Harris has worked as a top advisor to the presidential campaigns of Brother Kasich in 1998 and Sen. John McCain in 2008. He also advised the campaigns of Arnold Schwarzenegger for governor (California), Jeb Bush for governor (Florida), and Marco Rubio's successful run for a senate seat from Florida. Brother Harris is recognized as a leading political communications professional and makes frequent appearances on cable news programs. ■

## Trey Robinson Inside the Life of an NFL Agent

Conor Moran, Penn State '09

In the HBO series “Ballers,” Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson plays Spencer Strassmore, a retired NFL player whose job as a financial manager is to “monetize his friendships.”

It’s great entertainment, but a far cry from the real world of managing the affairs of professional athletes. Just ask Neil “Trey” Robinson, Clemson ’08, an attorney in Charleston, S.C., and a certified NFL agent.

“I spend most of my time assisting my clients in all aspects of life, whether it’s helping them find a place to train for the NFL combine or find housing once they move to the home of their new team,” he says. “The most challenging part of my job is managing expectations, because making it in the NFL is not easy.”

Trey, a founding father of our Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Clemson University, has a thriving legal practice and in 2013 founded RES Agency, a sports and entertainment agency.

To represent players in the National Football League, Trey had to pass the NFL Players’ Association test to become a NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor. And

that came three days before he sat for the Georgia bar exam. (He passed the South Carolina bar five months later.)

“The job description of what I do as an agent is very broad,” he says. “The biggest function I serve is to be my clients’ advocate and representative in negotiations with NFL teams or companies interested in endorsements.”

Trey currently represents two NFL players and four

players in other leagues, such as Arena Football and international leagues in Italy and Poland. He also represents a sports media analyst, an actor, and a 15-year-old weightlifter: C.J. Cummings, a South Carolina resident who set a new national record at the 2015 USA Weightlifting National Championships in Dallas, just this past August.

“My goal is to continue to work with a couple of new guys each year and expand my client base,” he says, “but I am also dedicated to my law practice, and want

to continue to grow professionally on both fronts because it allows me to better serve my clients.”

Contrary to popular belief — and to Spencer Strassmore’s comment above — Trey indicates that being an agent is not really a very lucrative business because of the heavy overhead expenses.



Colby Goodwin (left), former running back for Old Dominion University, Quandon Christian (center), former outside linebacker for Clemson University, with Trey Robinson.



**Trey (right) with client Tavaris Barnes, defensive end from Clemson who plays for the Saints.**

“The reason I became an agent is to be able to make a positive impact on my clients’ lives and protect their interests,” he says. “I had many friends at Clemson who played football, and I have seen the ups and downs of pursuing a professional career, and I have seen what can happen if you don’t have someone with your best interest in mind supporting you. The most rewarding part of this business is sharing in my clients’ successes and helping them achieve their dreams.”

But Trey admits the business does have its perks.

At this year’s NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, Trey tried to enter the Adidas suite,

but a large man blocked his way.

“He was a large man, way too big to even be a football player,” Trey says. “I tried to slide around him and he knocked me back the first time and looked back at me like I was crazy. I tried again, and then determined that he was a bodyguard.

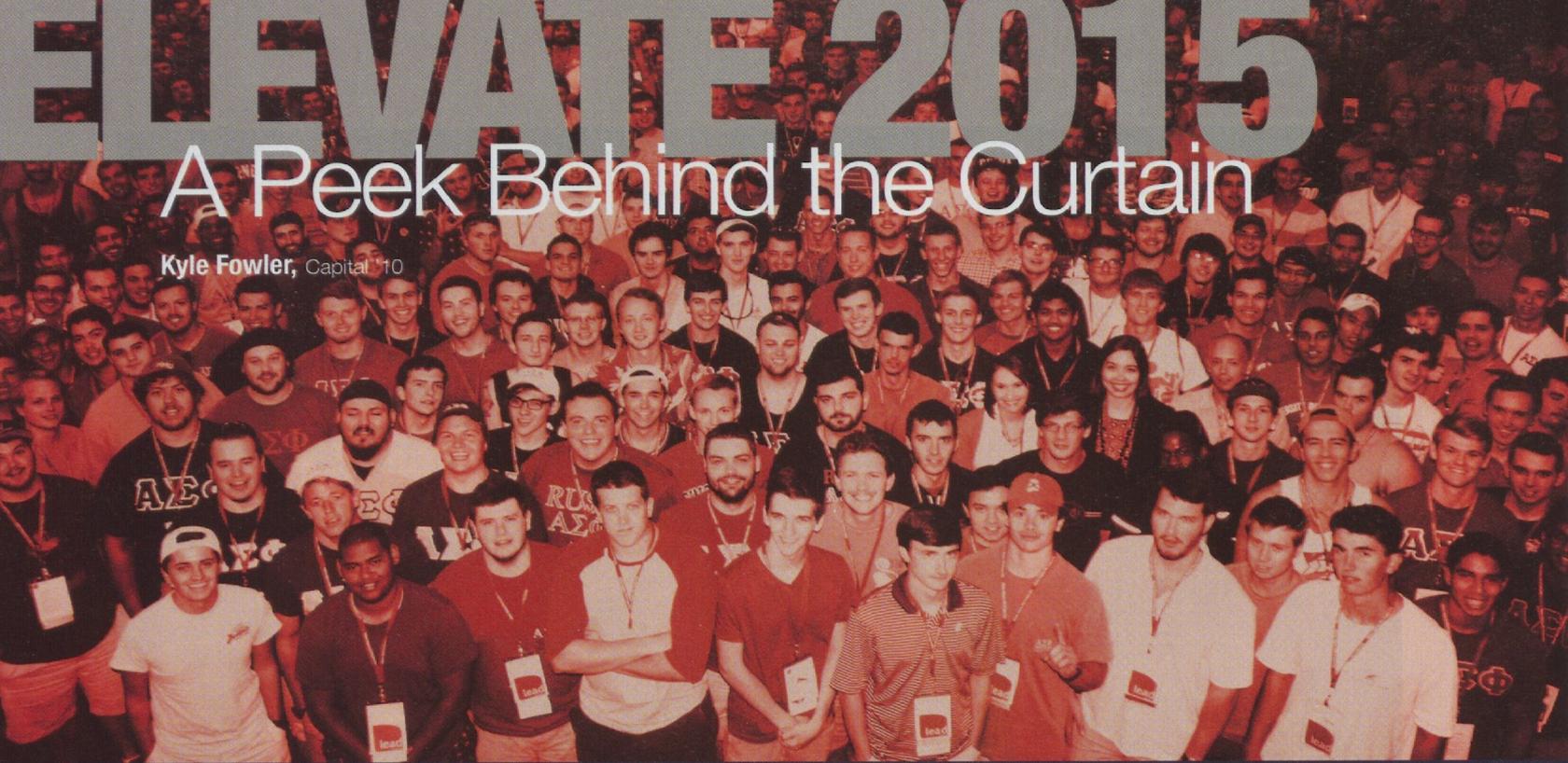
Trey says he was able to look around the man and about three feet away was Snoop Dogg, avid football fan as well as rapper.

“I gave him a head nod, and he said ‘What up,’ and I continued on my way,” Trey recalls. “Just an example that you never know what or who you might run into in this business.” ■

# ELEVATE 2015

## A Peek Behind the Curtain

Kyle Fowler, Capital '10



Early morning at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus, Ohio, is quiet. A few people are milling about, some heading out for early flights; others working, vacuuming carpets, dusting fixtures, and setting up the restaurant for breakfast.

Tucked in a back hall, near the meeting rooms of this convention hotel, almost 40 Alpha Sigma Phi staff members and volunteers gather for one last briefing, one last list-check before it begins:

### **Elevate – International Leadership Conference 2015.**

This past August, 700 Alpha Sigs from across the United States and Canada gathered in Columbus for Alpha Sigma Phi's annual international leadership conference, Elevate. And as a graduate intern for educational programs and assessment, I had a unique, behind-the-scenes look at Elevate and how it functions.

A lot has changed since Alpha Sigma Phi's first national leadership conference, held in 1963 at then-Morris Harvey College in West Virginia (now University of Charleston). Morris Harvey was home to our Gamma Mu Chapter, which hosted undergraduates from around the country. Topics then centered mostly on chapter operations, but today, Elevate has become one of the largest and most successful education and leadership development programs held by any national fraternity.

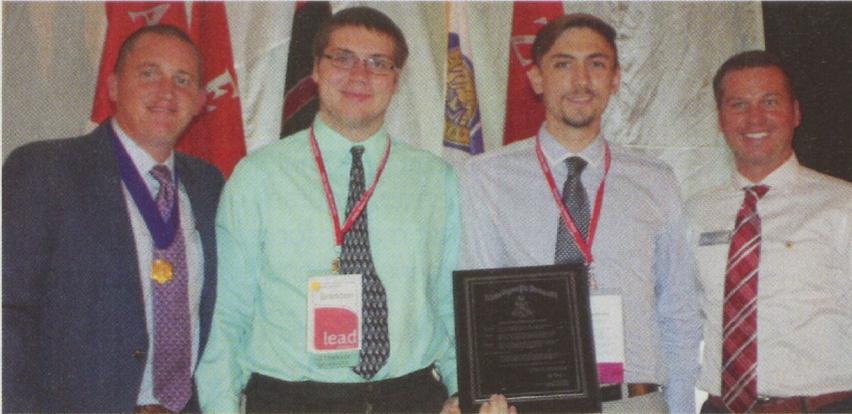
In fact, Elevate is considered a model that many other fraternities emulate.

Elizabeth Morehouse, director of educational programs for Alpha Sigma Phi, says that Elevate now focuses on true personal development and leadership training.

"This year we put into place eight different educational tracks that in essence work on bettering the whole man," she says.

Elevate's curriculum included advanced recruitment, career preparation, health and wellness, recruitment, ritual, service and philanthropy, and toastmasters.

My job was to create assessment pieces for each track. Over the course of my internship, I created a total of 16 tests, which break down to one pre-



Members from the Beta Psi Chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute celebrate 75 years as a Chapter during the Elevate – International Leadership Conference.

test and one post-test.

The men in each track took the pre-test at their first meeting as a group, and the post-test at the conclusion of Elevate. The two-month-out test was sent electronically to attendees later during the fall semester.

The overall assessment results have been extremely positive with feedback illustrating gains in individual development, regardless of which tracks attendees participated in. The information provided helps the Fraternity continuously improve the educational offerings and begins to put metrics on how Alpha Sigma Phi is actually creating better men.

Steve Zizzo, Illinois '84, chair of Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation, which provides financial support to make Elevate possible, says that the Foundation Board and the Grand Council are looking more deeply into the impact Elevate has on our chapters and how Alpha Sigma Phi can improve. The assessments collected will help frame some of this discussion during board meetings held next February in San Diego.

“While we want to make sure dollars spent on programs like Elevate are used wisely,” Zizzo says. “Our prime goal is to make sure we are meeting our ultimate vision of readying young men to be good men and productive citizens.”

Early afternoon arrives, and the first undergraduates and a few alumni attendees begin filtering into the hotel. Many are wearing what most college students wear — jeans, shorts, flip-flops, T-shirts. They check into their rooms and return in nice slacks, dress shirts, bow ties, long ties, some in navy blazers. There is excitement and fun in the air, but the tone is professional.

Several men gather at the Alpha Sigma Phi store — a booth filled with shirts, jackets, cufflinks and other Alpha Sig items. Some grab coffee and soft drinks and sit outside to enjoy the Ohio summer.

**And then the program begins.**

Over the course of two and a half intense days, attendees learned, debated, and bonded during sessions of programs, meals, and some fun times that went from early morning to late at night.

Thursday evening was marked with a welcome dinner and live band on the rooftop pool and patio area, special sessions were held with speakers from RAINN and Awake Aware Alive (two of our five national philanthropic beneficiaries), and Saturday night concluded Elevate with the Cardinal and Stone Banquet, during which chapter and individual awards and honors were given.

But the substance of Elevate came from the educational programs themselves. Members of the health and wellness track went off-site for a yoga session and dodgeball match. Those in the service and philanthropy track completed a service project to benefit the Columbus community. One lucky member from the Toastmaster track gave a speech in front of all 700 attendees as a prize for doing well.

These small touches and innovative changes made a big difference this year. “So many



Members from the Pi Chapter at the University of Colorado celebrate 100 years as a Chapter.

attendees thanked me personally for their experience and said it was the most successful Elevate ever,” says Morehouse.

The Grand Council, Foundation board and CLVEN ) board (our housing organization) all held meetings during Elevate, giving board members an opportunity to meet and interact with the young men for whose benefit they volunteer.

**Each passing hour seems to bring more coordination, more activities for the volunteers and staff. From arranging seating to ushering keynote speakers to coordinating off-site events, the volunteers are in constant motion. Like all good events, at times it may seem like organized chaos to those behind the scenes. But for attendees, Elevate runs as smooth as butter.**

**An event like Elevate doesn't come cheap.**

The total cost of Elevate is over \$250,000. About 60 percent of the costs are covered by attendee registrations. Some 30 percent comes from Alpha Sigma Phi's international budget, and 10 percent comes from a grant provided by the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation.

Foundation Board chair Zizzo believes every cent is worth the impact on our members. “Our international events, Elevate in particular, have been impressive due to the sheer size programs

have become and the number of attendees,” he says. “With close to 700 Alpha Sigs attending Elevate this summer, you realize that you are a part of something much bigger than just yourself or your chapter. That makes for a great brotherhood experience, one that can last for life.”

**Sunday morning comes. Brothers with early flights leave the hotel, some as early as 4 a.m. Others make their way back home at various times of the day. But one last meeting is held for staff, volunteers, and interns. It's a debriefing. The good and the not so good. Logistics assignments are reviewed for taking down the signage, tables, and other equipment and transporting it to headquarters in Carmel. Thanks and congratulations are passed. Exhausted, we depart.**

By all measures, Elevate 2015 was a success. The Fraternity announced a new philanthropic partner — Aware Awake Alive — there was record-breaking attendance, and every single assessment improved from the pre-test to the post-test.

Our next Elevate will be held in conjunction with Grand Chapter 2016 in coastal Virginia at the Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk, July 29–31. Volunteers are needed, and I personally can assure you that the rewards are tremendous.

“I think I can never be prouder of Alpha Sigma Phi during one of our international gatherings – and then the next one comes along,” says Grand Senior President Bryan Proctor, Grand Valley '96, “and I'm even more elated.”

Want to volunteer for Elevate 2016? Please contact Denis Beaudoin, Alpha Sigma Phi's director of alumni engagement at [dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org), or 317.843.1911, ext. 236.

# ASK EVIN



**Evin C. Varner,** Presbyterian '58, Delta Beta Xi '76, Omega '85, was editor of *The Tomahawk* for nearly a decade and a longtime volunteer. He was a font of knowledge about our Fraternity, possessed a wicked sense of humor, and made everyone around him feel special. This column is a tribute to him.

**Q:** I love social media and saw a post that blew my mind (# incredible Alpha Sigs). Is it true that an Alpha Sig invented the Internet?

— Undergraduate and founder of *Post This!*

**A:** Shades of Al Gore. The former Democratic senator from Tennessee, former vice president of the United States, former candidate for the presidency, uttered some credit for inventing the Internet during an interview with CNN in 1999. And he is no Alpha Sig.

While he didn't create the Internet, let's give Al his due for supporting the technology, which has its roots in the ARPANET, the Internet's forerunner, which had its genesis in 1958 as a U.S. Department of Defense project thought up by a guy named Joseph Carl Robnett Licklider, who also was not an Alpha Sig.

But — an Alpha Sig did play a significant role in your everyday ability to hashtag, post, tweet, pin, like, and shop online for that perfect jacket made by an Armenian leather designer in Yerevan.



Enter Jon Mittelhauser, Illinois '90, who co-created the first widely used web browser, Mosaic (or more correctly NCSA Mosaic, for the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois). He, along with Marc Andreessen and some other smart guys, founded Netscape Communications Corporation. Mosaic was the first browser with more than one million users. Netscape of course, created Netscape Navigator, which shared no code with Mosaic. Mosaic became the basis for Microsoft's

Internet Explorer and Navigator's code descendant is Mozilla Firefox. We guess that's begetting bits and bytes.

According to the scholars at Wikipedia, Brother Mittelhauser is credited with being the first person to see an image embedded within a web page and is believed to be the first person to have a URL in his email signature. He is also credited with owning one of the first Tesla roadsters in the United States. His wife, Wikipedia says, is thought to be one of the first people to get a ticket while driving one. But that's another story.

Brother Mittelhauser is now CEO of CloudBolt Software, a leading provider of next-generation solutions for the cloud.

So indeed, your Internet habit can be credited, at least in part, to an Alpha Sig.

#Ask Evin. ■



# aware awake alive

## Our Fifth Philanthropic Beneficiary

**Josh Curry, Marshall '09**

Alpha Sigma Phi has established a philanthropic partnership with Aware Awake Alive, an Austin, Texas-based non-profit dedicated to preventing the loss of young adult lives through education and awareness of both the dangers and symptoms of alcohol poisoning. Alpha Sigma Phi is Aware Awake Alive's only fraternity or student organization partner.

Aware Awake Alive joins RAINN, local branches of the Humane Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Homes for Our Troops as the five national philanthropic partners of the Fraternity.

Undergraduate Alpha Sigma Phi chapters are encouraged to generate awareness and funds for the five charitable groups.

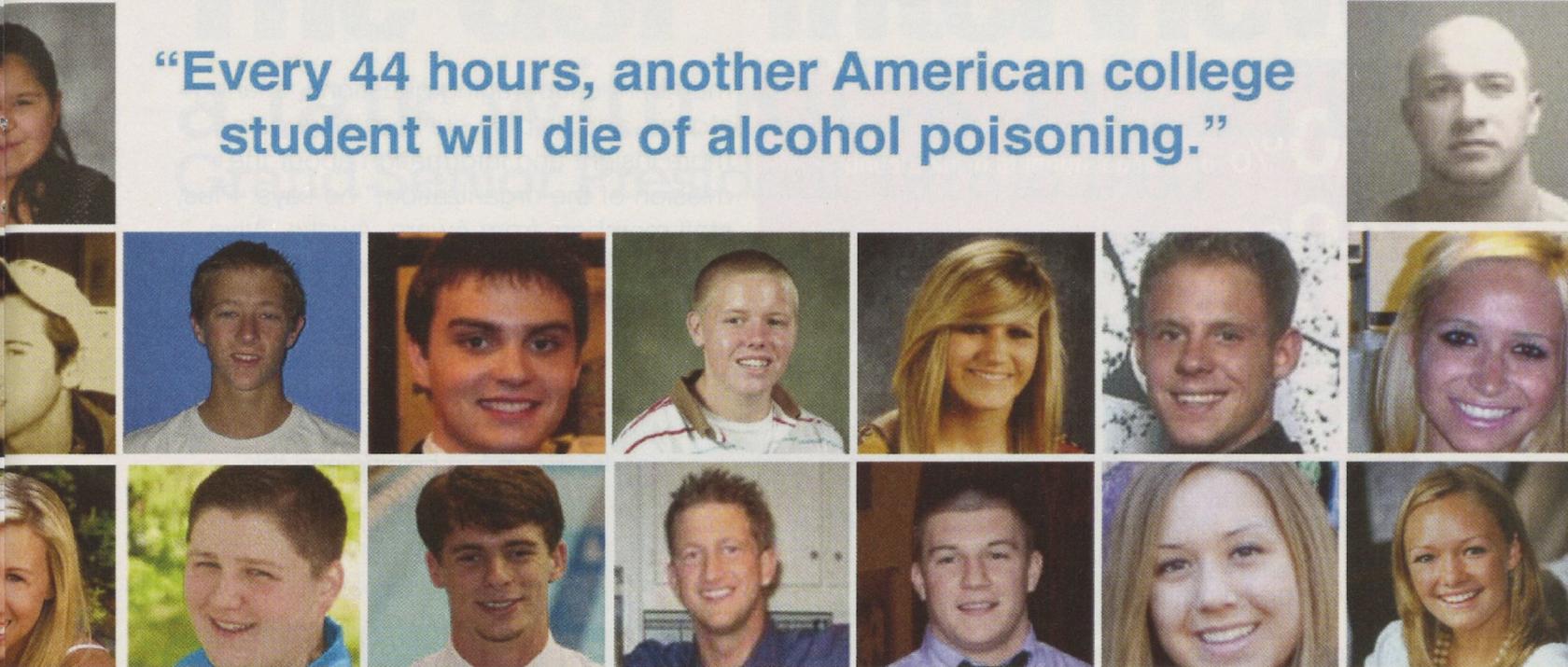
The partnership was announced at this past summer's Elevate – International Leadership Conference.

“We sought a partner that has a mission that directly relates to college students,” says Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96, president and chief executive of Alpha Sigma Phi. “We also wanted to partner with an organization with which Alpha Sigma Phi can make a significant difference.”

Aware Awake Alive was founded in 2011 after the death of Carson Starkey, a student at Cal Poly State University. In 2008, Carson died after binge drinking at a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity event. Though Carson was observed in a state of extreme intoxication by a number of that chapter's



**“Every 44 hours, another American college student will die of alcohol poisoning.”**



members, fear of punishment and penalty stopped them from seeking help.

The tragedy of Carson’s death led his parents, Julia and Scott, along with his brother Hayden, to found Aware Awake Alive to help prevent future lives lost to alcohol poisoning. Carson’s story is told in a video on the organization’s website.

“We’re excited about our relationship with Alpha Sigma Phi,” says Lisa Dow, executive director of Aware Awake Alive. “We believe that partnering with Alpha Sigma Phi will yield positive outcomes as this fraternity fosters leadership and works hard to make the world a better place.”

The organization views its partnership with Alpha Sigma Phi as an opportunity to bring peer-to-peer education to college campuses.

Jay Grothause, Bowling Green ’10, Alpha Sigma Phi’s assistant director of undergraduate

engagement, points out that alcohol abuse is “a top issue. We see the partnership with Aware Awake Alive as a way to help our members learn how to be safe and to be champions of responsible behavior on our campuses.”

Undergraduate members of Alpha Sigma Phi participate in Responsible Sig, a vital part of our member education program that addresses alcohol abuse, hazing, illegal substance abuse, and sexual assault. “We take seriously our responsibility to teach our members how to act responsibly and safely,” said Grothause. “Aware Alive will help us accomplish that education and awareness with both members of our Fraternity and college students in general.”

Recognizing that alcohol consumption will occur, Aware Awake Alive provides tools and training to identify symptoms of alcohol poisoning and appropriate steps to take if

**60%** of college students drink alcohol  
**40%** binge drink  
**1,825** die from alcohol-related injury  
**97,000** experience alcohol-related sexual assault or rape

*\*National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2013 statistics*

alcohol poisoning is suspected.

“We use a realistic approach for promoting awareness about the dangers of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning,” explains Shannon Kostecka, the organization’s program manager.

Aware Awake Alive’s website has a number of resources, and Alpha Sigma Phi members can access a toolbox for lesson plans, free outreach materials, and other education items. The organization’s staff look at their partnership with the fraternity as an opportunity and avenue for bringing peer-to-peer education to campuses all over. Our members are also encouraged to contact the organization about ideas or requests.

“One of the benefits of having a small staff,” she says, “is that it allows for us to have direct contact and respond to questions and ideas. We’re already impressed by the number of chapters reaching out to us.”

And Brother Grothause points out that Aware Awake Alive is reaching out to Alpha Sigma Phi. “Shannon Kostecka was a featured speaker at Elevate and spent time with our

members encouraging questions, sharing stories, and helping our members gain more insight and information about the mission of the organization,” he says. Plus, staff members from Aware, Awake, Alive attended the chartering ceremony of our Eta Eta chapter at the University of Texas–Austin this past August.

“The partnership is off to a great start,” Grothause says. “Alpha Sigma Phi can take a real leadership role in helping end this problem.” ■

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# The GSP Interview:

## a talk with RICK DEXTER

### Grand Senior President, 1978 to 1980

**John Chaney**, Indiana '67

*Since the inception of the national office of president for Alpha Sigma Phi, some 38 men have held the role. The Grand Senior President chairs the Fraternity's board of directors, the Grand Council, and is responsible for leading Alpha Sigma Phi between the biennial Grand Chapters.*

Brother Richard A. Dexter, Oregon State '60, served on the Grand Council during turbulent and uncertain times for fraternities throughout the United States. The social revolution that began in our country during the 1960s carried into the '70s, creating pressure on fraternities and sororities to find new relevance on college campuses. Brother Dexter, members of the Grand Council, and key volunteers and fraternity staff members rose to the challenge. Rick's vision for what Alpha Sigma Phi could become was grounded in our values — and what he found in the brothers around him.

**TOMAHAWK:** *Brother Rick, how did you get connected with Psi Chapter at Oregon State?*

**Rick:** My stepdad, Tracey Ditmars, was initiated

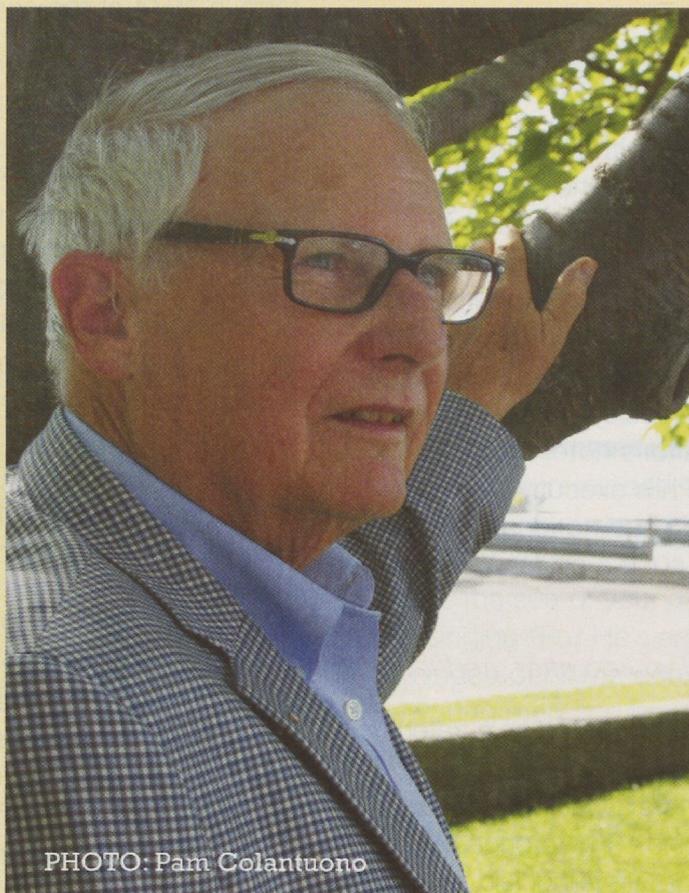


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into Mu Chapter in 1922. He contacted the Oregon State chapter, and Brother Jim Hamner, Oregon State '59, visited my home and invited me to stay in the Alpha Sig house in Corvallis during rush.

**TOMAHAWK:** *What was Oregon State like when you arrived?*

**Rick:** There were about 9,000 students, and almost 50 percent were Greek. There were 32 national fraternities on campus and much of the social life and nearly all campus leadership depended on the Greek system. Oregon State

was a traditional land grant college and is rated in many magazines today as one of the most beautiful campuses in the U.S.

**TOMAHAWK:** *Please tell us about your undergraduate experiences with The Old Gal.*

**Rick:** We were a medium- to small-sized chapter, usually ranging from 30 to 50 members. I was pledge class president and later chapter president. My academic and social life centered on fraternity structure and tradition. Psi Chapter was very structured — we used appropriate table etiquette at every meal; we maintained

study hours in the house; we participated in house dances, serenades, pinning ceremonies, and played intramural sports. We adhered to the traditional initiation rituals, with ceremonies for induction into brotherhood being conducted over a week. We were even required to learn more than 20 fraternity songs! After my freshman year, I served as paid fraternity rush chairman and traveled throughout Oregon. For getting 20 pledges I got free room and board.

**TOMAHAWK:** *Did you have any contact with other chapters as an undergraduate?*

**Rick:** My only contact was with Mu Chapter (University of Washington) until the 1962 Convention in Miami. I went as the chapter delegate with three other undergraduate brothers: Ric Middlekauff, Oregon State '61, Rob Ingram, Oregon State '60, and Gary Wright, Oregon State '62, Omega '13. It was at that convention that I met Ralph Burns, Ohio Wesleyan '32, Omega '93, for the first time. (Editor's note: Ralph Burns served as Alpha Sigma Phi's executive secretary from 1936 to 1976.) And I had no idea how that introduction would have such a profound impact on my life.

**TOMAHAWK:** *What did you do after graduation?*

**Rick:** I applied for and was accepted as a fraternity traveling field secretary operating out of our Delaware, Ohio headquarters. I was on the road almost continually from June 1963 through May 1964. Interestingly, the other traveling field secretary at the time was George Lord, Ohio Wesleyan '61, another future Grand Senior President. At the time, Alpha Sigma Phi had about 56 chapters. I was fortunate to get to know Ralph Burns very well. Ralph was very prominent in the fraternity world, and I looked up to him. He treated me well and I grew to love him as a father.

In June 1964 I went on active duty as a second lieutenant with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. My job was atomic demolitions munitions platoon leader. After serving our country, I returned to Oregon State, received my MBA in 1967, and started my career with Pacific Northwest Bell in January 1968.

**TOMAHAWK:** *How did you reconnect with the Fraternity?*

**Rick:** The 1972 Alpha Sigma Phi National Convention, what we now call Grand Chapter, was being held in Ann Arbor, Mich. Ralph called me from the convention and asked if I would serve on the Grand Council, to which I said yes. I was elected to fill the term of a member who was vacating his seat. I was then reelected for a full term in 1974 at the convention in Seven Springs, Penn.

**TOMAHAWK:** *Tell us about your time on the Grand Council. We know those years were tough on fraternities.*

**Rick:** Many people consider the decade of 1965 to 1975 as the "dark age" for fraternities. Unfortunately, Alpha Sigma Phi was not immune to the issues facing Greek societies on campuses around the country. For example, for the academic year 1965–66 Alpha Sigma Phi initiated 1,124 new members. Ten years later that number dropped more than 50 percent to 525. Our number of chapters dropped from 58 to 49. Pledge and initiation fees were the primary source of revenue for the national organization, and they were falling fast. Reduced revenues and the high inflation during that time severely affected the fraternity's travel-heavy operations budget. We weren't able to do as much. And a skeptical outlook about the value received from belonging to a national organization festered in most of our chapters.

Our staff was reduced from three in 1965 to only one in 1976. *The Tomahawk* was published infrequently. Manuals and procedures were badly out of date. Alumni records were not yet computerized. We had no concrete goals for growth, financial security, or standards. Campus environments were in unrest with drugs, war protests, and other social upheaval.

But even with all this, Alpha Sigma Phi persisted. George Trubow, Michigan '53, Omega '13, Richard Gibbs, Oklahoma '51, George Lord, Ohio Wesleyan '61, Omega '80, and I were serving on the Grand Council, and with Ralph Burns retiring, we knew we had to take hands-on action. We

hired Gary Anderson, Westminster '71, Omega '86, as our executive director, and he worked tirelessly to stop financial hemorrhaging. During the same time, Evin Varner, Presbyterian '58, Omega '85, volunteered to overhaul Alpha Sigma Phi's communications program. He took over as editor of *The Tomahawk* and began making significant improvements in the Fraternity's other publications and training manuals.

In many ways, Alpha Sigma Phi was blessed with some very talented and dedicated people coming together at the same time to keep our brotherhood alive. I attribute this mainly to Ralph Burns' insistence that we have love and acceptance of all brothers. We recognized that our proud history as the 10th oldest fraternity in the country, and strong heritage of brotherhood that stretches back to our founders, gave us tremendous opportunities in 1976.

I was elected GSP in 1978 at Valley Forge. Future Executive Secretary Kevin Garvey and I laid out plans and constructed seven measurable goals for which we would both be held accountable. We managed the Fraternity's success against these goals.

And the Grand Council agreed to "bet the farm" during this period. Our strategy was to leverage our strengths and create a feeling of a growing and improving winner by telling a compelling story and showing our vision. We reestablished a regular schedule for *The Tomahawk*, computerized the alumni files, established chapter operating standards, tightened financial controls, established measurable goals for the Fraternity's executive director, established To Better the Man as a training guide for our members, improved chapter communications with a monthly newsletter called the *Old Gal Gazette*, and embarked on an aggressive expansion program that brought Alpha Sigma Phi to new campuses and reopened closed chapters — UNC-Charlotte, North Carolina State, East Carolina, Marshall, University of Miami, Radford, Longwood, and others were being added to our active chapter rolls.

Things were looking up, and we undertook a capital campaign called the Third Founding, which created new revenue sources for the fraternity

and helped accelerate our future growth.

**TOMAHAWK:** *Did your numerous experiences with Alpha Sigma Phi have any impact on your professional life?*

**Rick:** Alpha Sigma Phi gave me the practical training and experiences that helped me to develop into a general manager. Consulting with chapters, speaking to groups, designing strategy, developing effective teams, and working the political environment all got their start at Psi Chapter for me. Alpha Sigma Phi provided mentors I could not have gotten elsewhere.

**TOMAHAWK:** *We see you at most Alpha Sigma national events today. What draws you back?*

**Rick:** I stay involved because I believe in our values, their impact on young men, and the need to continue espousing them in a society that has become much more crass and selfish. I love coming to the meetings because I can schmooze with like-minded men. I can renew ties. I can sing songs. I can be reminded of Ralph Burns, a father figure to me. I can see Jonathan Burns, Member-at-Large '84, who reminds me so much of Ralph. I can see the sea of young undergraduates at dinner singing "For He's an Alpha Sig." I can be reminded of how much we alumni do for these young men and how they will carry on our traditions long after I'm gone. The world is a better place because of Alpha Sigma Phi, and I am so proud to be a part of it. ■

Brother Dexter was honored to receive the Evin C. Varner, Jr. Distinguished Service Award in 1981 and the Delta Beta Xi award in 1974. He presently serves on the Foundation board of directors and is a tireless advocate for Alpha Sigma Phi. Rick and his wife Marilyn have been married since 1969. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Rick and Marilyn presently live in Dover, NH.

# 100<sup>th</sup>

## Active Chapter Opens. 100 More to Come?

Aaron Bullock, Wake Forest '09

Mark the date: September 26, 2015.

On that day, on the campus of McGill University in Montreal, Alpha Sigma Phi made history.

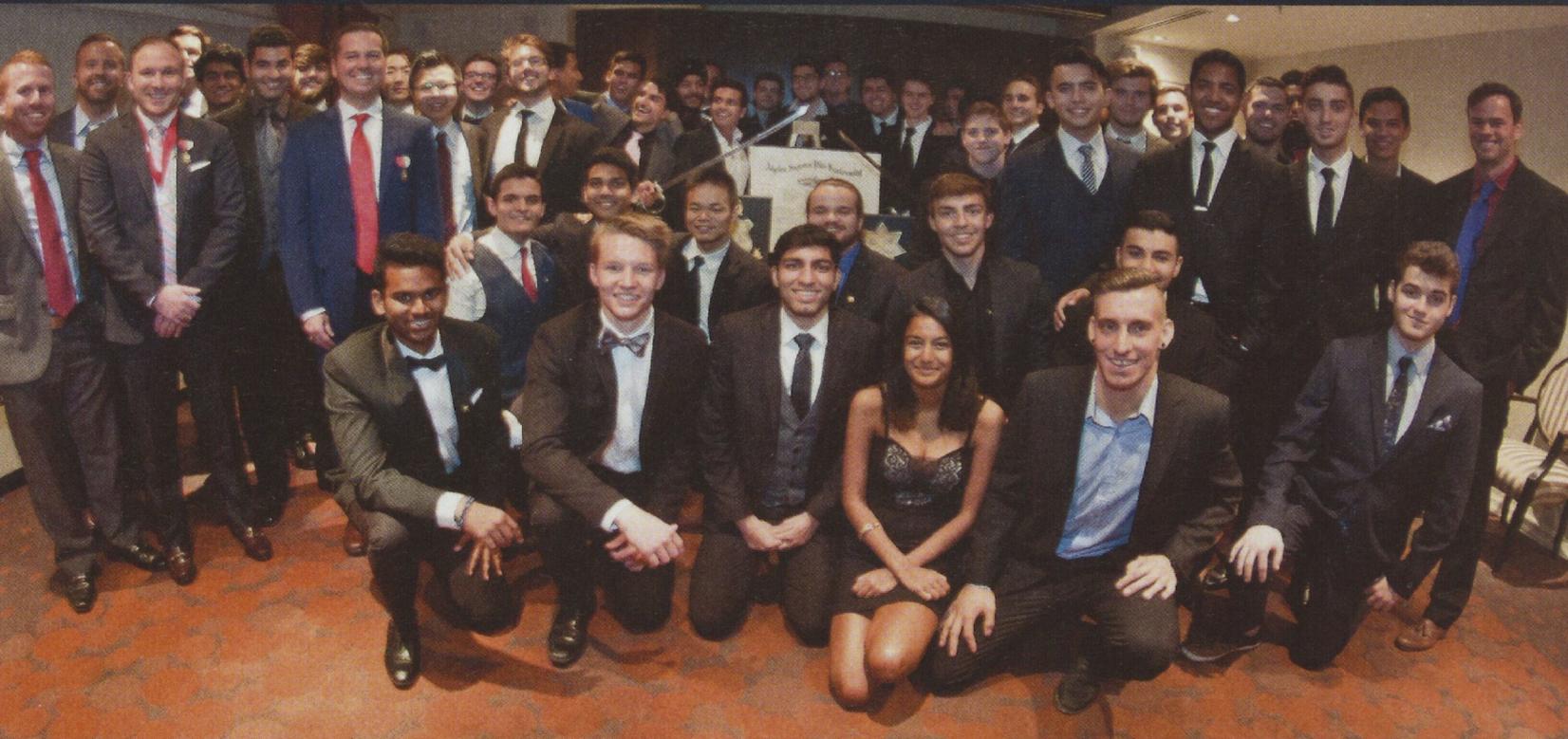
Twice.

For the first time in the storied history of our Fraternity, we have 100 active chapters. And for the first time, we opened a chapter outside of the United States.

"It was a special day for Alpha Sigma Phi," says Grand Senior President Bryan Proctor, Grand Valley '96. "Two important milestones were achieved on our way to meeting the goals of our 2020 Strategic Plan."



Ali Taghva, McGill '14 and Sam Gosden, McGill '14 acknowledge each other after the Ceremony.



Eta Nu Chapter poses with Fraternity Staff, Grand Councilor and their Sweetheart with the Charter.

**“There are many more victories to be won and accomplishments to be celebrated. There are men on this campus today who need to be Alpha Sigs, and there will be men who will come next year and next decade and next century who share our Values, and we will be proud to have them share our Brotherhood.”**

*Gordy Heminger at McGill Chartering*

Eta Nu Chapter President, Omar El-Sharawy, McGill '14 poses with Fraternity Staff prior to the Eta Nu Chartering Ceremony.



It's true that Alpha Sigma Phi has chartered many more than 100 chapters — 165 as of this publication — but the fraternity had not had 100 chapters active at the same time.

“Having 100 chapters at the same time has been a kind of mystical bar for Alpha Sigma Phi,” says President and CEO Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96. “But on the heels of chartering the Eta Nu Chapter at McGill, we've presented charters to eight more chapters. And there are many more to come.”

As of the fall 2015 academic calendar, Alpha Sigma Phi has 108 chapters, 19 colonies, five interest groups, and six expansion efforts. That places Alpha Sigma Phi on 138 campuses at the same time, and puts us well on our way to meet our goal of 200 chapters by 2020.

“What I really like about our expansion efforts is that we are attracting exceptional young men on the campuses we target,” says Brother Proctor. “The story of McGill is similar to what we've experienced on U.S. campuses. It's reassuring that like-minded men of values can come together in brotherhood, no

**“One of the biggest challenges a man faces is having the sense of belonging – to belong as part of a greater cause, to belong to a group, or, in our case, to belong to a brotherhood of extraordinary gentlemen.”**

*Omar El-Sharawy at McGill Chartering*

matter where Alpha Sigma Phi may go.”

Alpha Sigma Phi's expansion efforts at McGill started in the fall of 2014. Within a very short period of time, through the leadership of several highly motivated and passionate

young men, requirements were satisfied to become an official colony. Subsequently, 38 men were initiated in a ceremony held in December 2014.

The young colony built on their quick success, recruiting an additional nine men, winning Greek week, hosting a workshop on alcohol abuse and sexual harassment, and participating in several campus philanthropic events, all while maintaining an average GPA of 3.21. This active group quickly turned their attention to focus on hitting the required benchmarks to petition for chartering.

The colony officially completed the chartering benchmarks in early spring 2015, and was approved by the Grand Council to become the 100th chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The brothers of McGill led Alpha Sigma Phi to our second international colony, now established at the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland. Friends of our brothers at McGill attending Sterling heard of Alpha Sigma Phi

and are in the process of starting a chapter. It will be the fourth U.S.-based fraternity on the campus.

While significant on its own, the chartering of our 100th chapter and the first international chapter stands for another significant point in the continued growth of the Fraternity. It validates the approach the organization has taken during the past six years to increase growth. In early 2009, the Fraternity dramatically shifted the focus of human and financial capital to support the chapters through an unprecedented level of training, resources, and volunteer support. This has resulted in a growing from 64 chapters and colonies and 854 new members in 2009 to 138 chapters and colonies and 2,599 new members in 2015.

“I think it’s important to point out that while our growth is remarkable, we haven’t lowered our standards for either new or existing chapters,” CEO Heminger says. “We take a targeted approach with new groups and support them with a wide range of in-person and online resources, many of the same resources we make available to our older chapters.”

Specifically, Alpha Sigma Phi has expanded on-site training to all chapter-level executive board positions, provided monthly comprehensive educational webinars, and introduced a new educational program designed to target members at all phases of their undergraduate careers.

The use of these resources results in high-performing chapters that excel. One example

**“The men gathered in this room have worked hard to create and perpetuate a Fraternity of high quality, moral character, and distinction. And tonight, we celebrate the first international chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity receiving their charter and our 100th Active Chapter of the Fraternity!”**

*Ali Taghva at McGill Chartering*



Rohan Singh Sachal, McGill '14, poses for a picture during the Eta Nu Chartering Ceremony.



Omar El-Sharawy, McGill '14 shakes hands with Fraternity Vice President, Matt Humberger, Bowling Green '03.

is the Wisconsin-Whitewater chapter, which was chartered in 2013 and two years later was recognized with Alpha Sigma Phi’s highest chapter honor, the Grand Senior President’s Cup, at Elevate this past August.

The 2020 Strategic Plan, adopted by the Grand Council in 2013, outlines objectives and specific strategies for growth, membership development and shared living environments to be met by December 6th, 2020 – the 175th anniversary of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Increased growth also means the need for



Sam Gosden, McGill '14 looks on during the Eta Nu Chartering Ceremony.

of 50, increased leadership training and educational resources are being provided to chapters. Specific tools have been designed to maximize recruitment efforts, and Alpha Sigma Phi is working with the chapters to collaboratively determine reachable recruitment goals and incentivize chapters that hit those goals.

New programs to bring the vital presence of strong alumni support for chapters have been started. The most extensive of these efforts has been with the establishment of chapter councils. The strategic plan calls for recognized chapter councils at 95 percent of chapters by 2020. A chapter council is an 11-member board consisting of alumni (not necessarily from that chapter) charged with coaching, mentoring, and guiding the undergraduate officers.

Recognized alumni associations are also being supported by the international organization. These alumni associations differ from chapter councils in that they are more focused on creating opportunities for a chapter's alumni to interact through

fundraising efforts or social events. By 2020, 75 percent of chapters that have been open for at least six years will have an established recognized alumni association.

New opportunities have started for alumni to volunteer on the national stage as well. Opportunities include serving on the ritual education team, facilitating groups at national conferences, and joining the recently formed board of advisors that exists to provide feedback and suggestions to Alpha Sigma Phi's Grand Council and Foundation board. Together all of these efforts will help to contribute to the Old Gal's continued growth.

"It's hard not to be excited about what Alpha Sigma Phi is achieving," says Grand Senior President Proctor. "Marking our 100th active chapter and first international chapter is huge, but achieving our 2020 goals can't happen without the hard work of the Fraternity staff, alumni volunteers and undergraduate leaders."

Proctor smiles at a new thought: "I can't wait to see what our strategic plan after 2020 will be. That will be electrifying." ■

# How Recruiting Quality Can Equal Quantity Michigan State University

Competition for fraternity members at Michigan State is fierce. With 50,000 students at the school's East Lansing campus and more than 60 Greek letter organizations, our Gamma Kappa Chapter has learned to stand up to the challenge.

Our chapter, founded in 1956, was closed in 1966, and re-opened in 1997 only to close yet again in 2007. Five years later, Alpha Sigma Phi returned to the campus with an invigorated spirit and winning attitude that saw the group grow from 29 members in 2012 to 79 members today.

Recent success, including their re-chartering in spring 2015, is attributed to growing the right way, says Gamma Kappa Chapter President Alex Battle, Michigan State '13.

"Since our re-colonization, we have not focused on recruiting numbers, we have focused on extending bids to outstanding gentlemen who we know will make great brothers," he says. "The easiest way to recruit great new members is to have great brothers to recruit them."

That philosophy has driven the new era of Gamma Kappa, and the chapter is now hitting on all cylinders. It has enjoyed its single largest new member class in years with 24 this fall. But what does it mean to recruit great new members in high quantities?

"When we look at a potential new member, we look at multiple characteristics," Battle says. "We

look for how they carry themselves on campus, how they treat others, and how they would add to our brotherhood. We also look at their interest in leadership and if we believe they would uphold our five values."

And that means only good things for Alpha Sigma Phi and Michigan State University.

"We are devoted to helping Greek life at MSU take the next step, as well as forming a great relationship with the entire MSU community," Battle says. "Alone, our brothers would not have the ability to change the culture on this campus, but we can work together to accomplish great things."

Ensuring a productive recruitment takes hard work and dedication from all members of the chapter. But shared values make it easier.

Battle says that "new members are welcomed with open arms, and they appreciate the feeling of home immediately felt. Plus, new members recognize the leadership opportunities awaiting them and their ability to make a difference." ■





# MARCH TO 2000

## Growth Continues for New and Existing Chapters

**Ethan Kraus**, Maryland '98

Alpha Sigma Phi's growth continues at a strong pace with presence on 138 campuses in the United States, and one each in Canada and Scotland.

"We're on track to meet our target of 200 active chapters by the year 2020," says Alpha Sigma Phi President and Chief Executive Officer Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96. "Our expansion teams continue to perform at a high level as we recruit a number of outstanding new members."

Brother Heminger also points out that growth in our existing chapters is eclipsing previous years. Total new members for Alpha Sigma Phi are up 22 percent over the same period last year.

Most recently the Grand Council approved chartering petitions to establish new chapters at Southern Illinois University (Eta Gamma), Eastern Michigan University (restart of Gamma Upsilon), UNC-Pembroke (Eta Epsilon), Wright State University (Eta Psi), and Oklahoma State University (Eta Alpha).

With these five new chapters, Alpha Sigma Phi has 108 active chapters, 19 colonies, five interest groups, and six new expansion efforts for a total of 138 campuses with Fraternity presence.

Expansion efforts this fall have taken us back to some campuses to restart chapters and to several new schools, increasing Alpha Sigma Phi's footprint.

## University of Oklahoma

(Norman, Okla.)

The Alpha Alpha chapter founded in 1923 was Alpha Sig's first in the Sooner State. As a restart, Alpha Alpha joins the Eta Rho Chapter at Cameron University and the Eta Alpha Chapter at Oklahoma State University.



The chapter has played a major role in Alpha Sig history, and has initiated 898 brothers. Calvin Boxley, Oklahoma '23, and Richard Gibbs, Oklahoma '51, served the Fraternity on the Grand Council. Brother Gibbs served as Grand Senior President from 1982 to 1984, and was a trustee of the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation. Brother Gibbs received the Distinguished Service Award in 1983. Scott Grissom, Oklahoma '78, has served on the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi, 2000–2006 and 2012 to present, holding various officer positions, and led the ritual exemplification committee at annual meetings of the Fraternity for more than a decade. Brother Grissom received the Evin C. Varner, Jr. Distinguished Service Award in 2010. Ross O. Swimmer, Oklahoma '62, served as principal chief of the Cherokee nation from 1975 to 1985, and served as assistant secretary of Indian affairs for the U.S. government. Brother Swimmer received the Distinguished Merit Award in 1985. Thirteen initiates have received the Delta Beta Xi Award.

The Sooners compete in the Big 12 along with other Alpha Sig schools (Iowa State, Oklahoma State, Texas, and West Virginia). OU is one of the few American universities with two museums on campus: the Jones Jr. Museum of Art and the Noble Oklahoma Natural History Museum. Make sure to check both out during your next visit to Norman.

## North Carolina State University

(Raleigh, N.C.)

With roots in the 1920s as a chapter of Phi Pi Phi and the 1930s as a chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, our Beta Zeta Chapter, like the phoenix rising, is set for its third restart this fall. In total, the Beta Zeta Chapter has initiated 353 brothers, including Jeffrey R. Hoffman, Member-at-Large '76, Wes Nobles, NC State '76, and Brian Lilly, NC State '78, winners of the Frank F. Hargear Award in 1978, 1979, and 1981 respectively. Hoffman served on the Fraternity headquarters staff, is editor of the *Tomahawk*, and has served on the Grand Council including terms as Grand Junior President and Grand Treasurer. In 2012, Brother Hoffman was elected to serve again on the Grand Council.



NC State has a proud history in the ACC, rivaling fellow Alpha Sig chapter homes such as Miami, Wake Forest, UNC, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, and Clemson. The former Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter house is being leveled to make way for new additions to the Greek Village — and the future home for the chapter. When in town, make sure to visit The Pit for the best local BBQ (OK, I know that will bring a little controversy.)

## University of Connecticut

(Storrs, Conn.)

In a restart of our Gamma Gamma Chapter, founded in 1943, more than 70 men have joined to form a colony and bring back this historic chapter. Gamma Gamma initiated 549 brothers until its closure in 1972 as a result of the university's interpretation that Title IX prohibited on-university housing for gender-selective groups. Since its closure, two attempts at restarts have been made. Nonetheless, Gamma Gamma has made significant contributions to Alpha Sigma Phi. Robert E. Miller,



Connecticut '49, served on the Grand Council and as a two-term Grand Senior President. He also served as a trustee of the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in the 1980s and '90s, as chairman of the board, and as secretary of the trust until the end of 2004. Brother Miller received the Delta Beta Xi Award and won the Distinguished Service Award in 1988.

UConn is home of the Huskies, and our new brothers will find themselves cheering against fellow brothers from Cincinnati, South Florida, and East Carolina. When in Storrs, make sure to visit the UConn Dairy Bar for incredible ice cream and take a drive down through Hartford to visit the famous Mark Twain House.

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### **Averett University** (Danville, Va.)

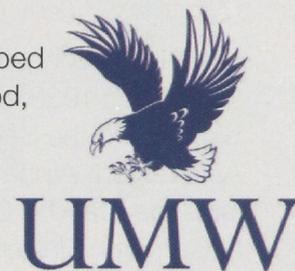
Alpha Sig's Theta Beta Colony is in beautiful Danville, Va., near the Virginia-North Carolina border in the heart of old tobacco country.

Averett University welcomes us as the second National Interfraternity Conference fraternity on campus. Averett was founded in 1859 and is a fully accredited, private, four-year college. Its 1,950 students include more than 840 traditional undergraduates from 25 states and Puerto Rico, as well as 11 countries, and some 1,100 adult learners in graduate and professional studies programs. Known for personal attention, the school boasts an average class size of 12 with a 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Averett is a NCAA Division III school with 13 men's and women's teams competing in the USA South conference. When in Danville, make sure to visit the American Tank Museum to explore the history of American armored military power and celebrate our value of patriotism.



### **University of Mary Washington** (Fredericksburg, Va.)

Virginia is fast becoming a hotbed of Alpha Sigma Phi brotherhood, with eight active chapters and colonies. Mary Washington is slated to be home to our Theta Gamma Colony, the first National Interfraternity Conference organization on this beautiful Northern Virginia campus. The school itself is an athletic rival of another regional Alpha Sig chapter, Salisbury (Maryland). Fredericksburg is a draw for Civil War buffs and is situated near the battlefields of Chancellorsville and the Wilderness, as well as being home to the Fredericksburg battlefield, where more than 15,000 men lost their lives. While this is another solemn place to think about patriotism, it is also a relevant place to think about the idea of brotherhood as well.



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### **University of Houston** (Houston, Texas)

Our Theta Delta Colony will become the 15th fraternity on campus. Houston joins four other Texas universities as homes to Alpha Sigma Phi. Our new brothers will cheer for the Cougars with gusto against fellow Alpha Sigs in the American Athletic Conference at Cincinnati, USF, ECU, and UConn. No visit to Houston is complete without taking in an Astros, Rockets, or Texans game or enjoying the Houston Museum District with 19 museums, many within walking distance of each other.



## University of Montana (Missoula, Mont.)

Welcome Alpha Sigma Phi to the Big Sky State. Flying by the new home of the Theta Epsilon colony, it's hard to miss the huge hillside letter M that marks Mt. Sentinel and the Montana campus. We will be the eighth fraternity on campus and the first Alpha Sig chapter in the state of Montana. A visit to our new colony should include a ride on the famous Missoula Carousel. This local gem was recently restored after 100,000 hours of work put in by the community.



## Utah State (Logan, Utah)

The Beehive State welcomes Alpha Sigma Phi. The Theta Zeta Colony is our first group in Utah, and we will be the seventh fraternity at Utah State. The Theta Zeta Aggies join California's Fresno State chapter and San Jose State colony in the Mountain West Conference! When in Logan, be sure to hike the famous Wind Cave Park, ski Beaver Mountain, and visit the beautiful local LDS Tabernacle.



## University of Nevada at Reno (Reno, Nev.)

Our Theta Eta Colony represents Alpha Sigma Phi's first entry in the Silver State and will be the 14th fraternity on campus. The university was founded in 1874 and has more than 18,000 students. The Theta Eta Colony joins Utah State as our new Mountain West representatives. No visit to Reno is complete without some friendly games of chance. With the family you can visit Circus Circus,



or for a more upscale experience you can visit the new Peppermill Casino. The National Automobile Museum is also located in town and is worth a visit.

## University of Oregon (Eugene, Ore.)

The Pac-12 is crowded with Alpha Sig chapters! Along with Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, California, Oregon State, and Washington comes the Theta Theta Colony at Oregon. The university, long famous for its storied Nike history, can now possibly look for new Ducks uniforms in Cardinal and Stone. (We can always dream.) Alpha Sigma Phi joins 19 other fraternities on campus. When in Eugene, you absolutely cannot miss the Cascades Raptor Center to see avian wildlife at its finest, and the locally renowned Owen Rose Garden, where you can look for the twin roses of the Old Gal.



## Texas State University (San Marcos, Texas)

Alpha Sigs are joining four other chapters and colonies in the nation's second largest state.

Texas State University was established in 1899 and is home to more than 35,000 students, making it the state's fourth largest university. The Theta Iota Colony at Texas State will be the third Sun Belt Conference Alpha Sig group, along with Appalachian State and Georgia Southern University. The colony will be the 13th fraternity on campus. When in beautiful San Marcos, also known as San Marvelous, check out the San Marcos River and Spring Lake for absolutely stunning local scenery, Middleton Brewery for good food and local beer and Three Dudes Winery for local wine. ■



# FACES OF GIVING:

**Conor Moran, Penn State '09**

*Each year a few thousand Alpha Sig brothers choose to give back to the fraternity by volunteering their time or expertise — with their dollars. These generous gifts enable Alpha Sigma Phi to provide a level of leadership training that is modeled by many other fraternities.*

*At the heart of most of these gifts is a man, a brother, who believes that Alpha Sigma Phi has played a significant part in his life. Here are the faces of just two.*

## The Bliklen Leadership Fund

### Paul Bliklen, Purdue '45

Growing up on a citrus orchard in Tucson, Ariz., could not have been more different than the icy northern Indiana winters facing Paul Bliklen when he arrived in Lafayette, in 1944.

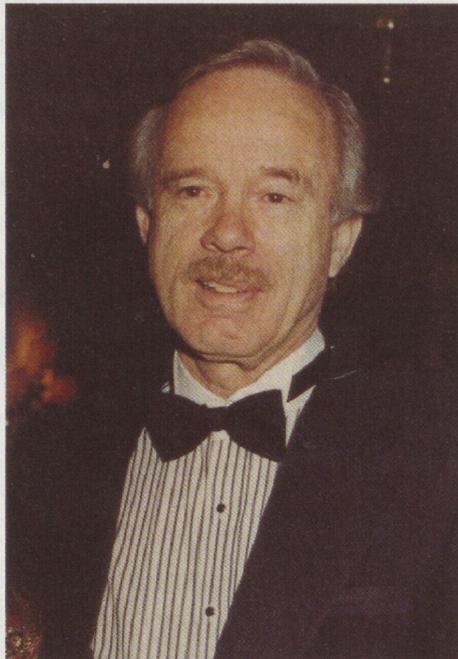
He didn't know anyone on campus and was not sure what to expect in his pursuit of an engineering degree.

Fortunately, before arriving on campus he received a letter from Alpha Sigma Phi, inviting him for a tour of campus and a place to stay on arrival. That offer of help solidified his commitment to the Fraternity.

"There were only 113 students in my high school," Brother Bliklen says. "Coming to a campus of 7,000 students was a bit overwhelming." But the brothers of the Alpha Pi Chapter went out of their way to make him feel welcome. He accepted his bid to join the chapter not long after, and joined three other students living in the house during his new member period.

"There was no way I wouldn't join," he says.

Brother Bliklen points out that the friendships he formed carried him during his college years and stayed with him after graduation. He fondly remembers that Christmas breaks were only five days long when he attended Purdue. "I joined one



of my brothers on a train trip to his home in upstate New York — it was closer than going to Tucson — and I was welcomed as part of the family."

After graduation, Brother Bliklen moved back to Arizona to work in engineering, a job and a career that took him all over the world.

About 10 years into his career, he became involved in helping establish the Gamma Iota Chapter at the University of Arizona. After several years the chapter closed, but Brother Bliklen's commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi never waned. When the Arizona chapter was re-established in 2012, Brother Bliklen assisted once again.

In 2014, Brother Bliklen set up an endowed scholarship, the Paul Bliklen Leadership Fund, through the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation to provide scholarships to undergraduate members to attend our leadership and educational programs.

"I like what Alpha Sigma Phi is doing for young men," he says. "A lot of these men face roadblocks and adversity attending college, similar to what I faced. I like to know that I'm helping them."

And he sees the high character and integrity that our new members are espousing: "I think the Fraternity is doing a good job of putting our values into practice." ■

# Stories that bind Alpha Sigs for life

## Young alumnus, annual giver

### Neil “Trey” Robinson, Clemson '08

Learning to overcome adversity as a group can shape a young man's outlook. Just ask Neil “Trey” Robinson, one of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter's founding fathers.

“I was initially drawn to the start-up efforts of Alpha Sigma Phi at Clemson in 2006 because several members were from the Charleston area, my home,” he says. “But the initial group had some problems.”

The colony was growing well and making plans for the future, but violations of Alpha Sigma Phi's risk management policies created a setback and delay in chartering.

“We had to do something different, so I, along with several other brothers, stepped up to establish a quality fraternity on campus — one that was different than the existing opportunities.

“We didn't want to be another ‘cookie-cutter’ fraternity at Clemson.”

That hard work translated into numbers; over 30 joined that following fall semester, and with the re-financing and renovation of a chapter house, 40 more signed up. The chapter had brothers from 26 states, and they were creating something special that brothers would want to come back to.

They even initiated the then-mayor of the town of Clemson as an honorary member.

That's not cookie-cutter.



Trey's commitment didn't stop when he graduated. Even with a growing legal practice and acting as an agent representing professional athletes, he believes it is important to help continue to grow the fraternity by volunteering his time and offering financial support.

“I chose to give to Alpha Sigma Phi because I want to

ensure that young men continue to have the same experience I did as an undergraduate brother,” he says. “I want to see my donations used to expand the reach of Alpha Sigma Phi and continue to provide great programs for my brothers.”

His work with current and future NFL players takes him back to the Clemson campus on a regular basis. And he always takes time to visit the chapter house and meet with brothers.

“Every time I visit, I go from being a stranger to being a brother. That's special,” he says. “If you have time and the resources and have the opportunity to give back, you should. Protect your legacy and what you started.” ■

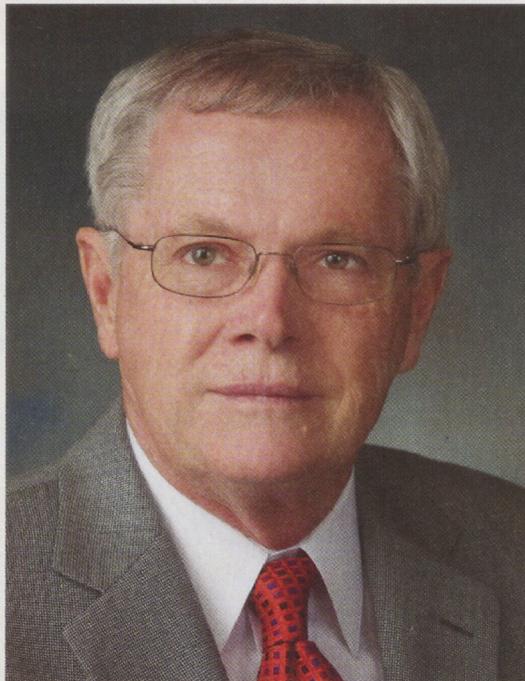
# 2015 FOUNDER'S DAY CHALLENGE: GIFTS FOR GREATNESS

Alpha Sigma Phi is celebrating our 170th birthday this year. And while December 6 is when we honor our principal founders, it's also a time when we celebrate the generosity of Alpha Sigs. Donations of time and money from thousands of our brothers are why our beloved Fraternity has persisted — and why we are thriving today.

Each year the Fraternity's Founder's Day Challenge raises vital support for our leadership and education programs, enabling hundreds of young men to participate. Dollars raised through the challenge have a direct impact on the grant for educational and leadership programs given by the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation to the Fraternity.

"We don't send out regular mailers or emails throughout the year asking for donations, because we want to make sure donor money goes to support our undergraduates rather than overhead," says Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96, president and chief executive officer for both the Fraternity and the Foundation.

"Our campaign coincides with our Founders Day and end-of-year giving for tax purposes, as all gifts are 100 percent tax deductible when made to the Foundation."



**John Francis, Oklahoma '56**

Last year's campaign netted \$169,000 from 1,400 donors. Brother Heminger points out that this number represents just 3 percent of our total membership. "Just increasing to 5 percent of members would have a tremendously positive impact on the total grant dollars that can go to undergraduate programs," he says.

One donor, John Francis, Oklahoma '56, says that he gives to Alpha Sigma Phi because of the rewarding experience he had as an undergraduate.

"My experience with Alpha Sigma Phi was very positive," he says. "I made friends for life, and it gave me a home away from home while at college. It helped me to learn to work together with others as a team and to help in setting goals not only for myself, but for the group."

Brother Francis, dean emeritus for engineering and technology at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, indicates that becoming an Alpha Sig seemed a natural fit.

"My hometown physician, who I respected greatly, was a member of the fraternity and sponsored me to be a new member. I met other members during recruitment, and I liked

their values and the way I felt welcomed into the brotherhood.”

Our Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Oklahoma has its roots in the 1920s. But after years of success, it endured some setbacks and has been closed since 1999. After establishing a chapter at Cameron University in Oklahoma and a colony at Oklahoma State University, Alpha Sigma Phi is in the process of restarting Alpha Alpha, and initiated 52 members November 1 of this year.

“I am very pleased and excited to see a renewed and strong presence of the fraternity at my alma mater,” says Francis. “I hope to continue to see the organization prosper, as I was very impressed with the men at the event I was able to attend this semester.”

Seeing his chapter restart is just one of the reasons Brother Francis chooses to give to the Founders Day Challenge.

“I do feel that any support I give to the Fraternity will be used to help future Alpha Sigs in even

more ways than I was helped,” he says. “I know that my gift will be used to support the leadership development of these young men. The fraternity provided me with a very memorable and rewarding experience. I hope my gifts will help others enjoy a similar experience.”

Donors like Brother Francis make possible the great experiences and leadership development that Alpha Sigma Phi provides our undergraduate members. Please join him and consider donating to the 2015 Founders Day Challenge.

“As our undergraduate membership grows, so does the need to increase the grant for these important programs,” says Heminger. “Our job today is to make sure that our members have the opportunity for lifelong friendships and experiences that help shape these young men to become successful, positive contributors to our society.”

Just like Brother Francis.

**To contribute to the 2015 Founders Day Challenge, please visit [donate.alphasigmaphi.org](http://donate.alphasigmaphi.org).**



**Generous donations from our members support undergraduate programs like Elevate – International Leadership Conference (above), where brothers learn critical skills such as decision-making and how to handle a job interview.**

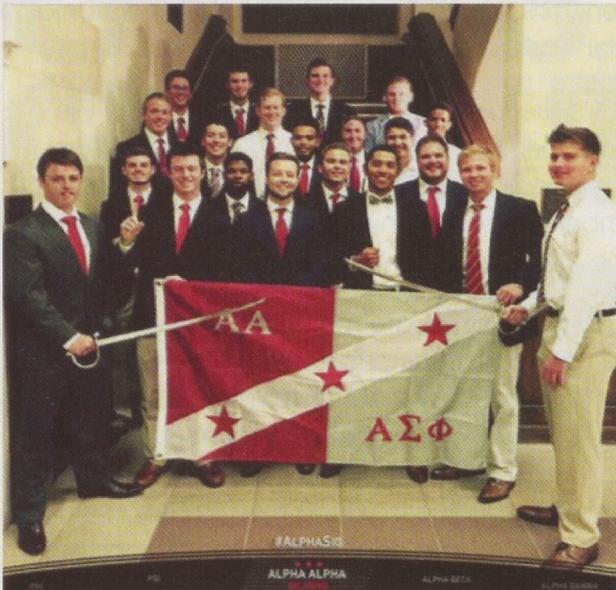


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Say hello to the newest members of Alpha Alpha (Oklahoma)! A bright future is ahead for these men, Alpha Sigma Phi, and the University of Oklahoma.

Best of luck moving forward, Alpha Sigma Phi - University of Oklahoma!



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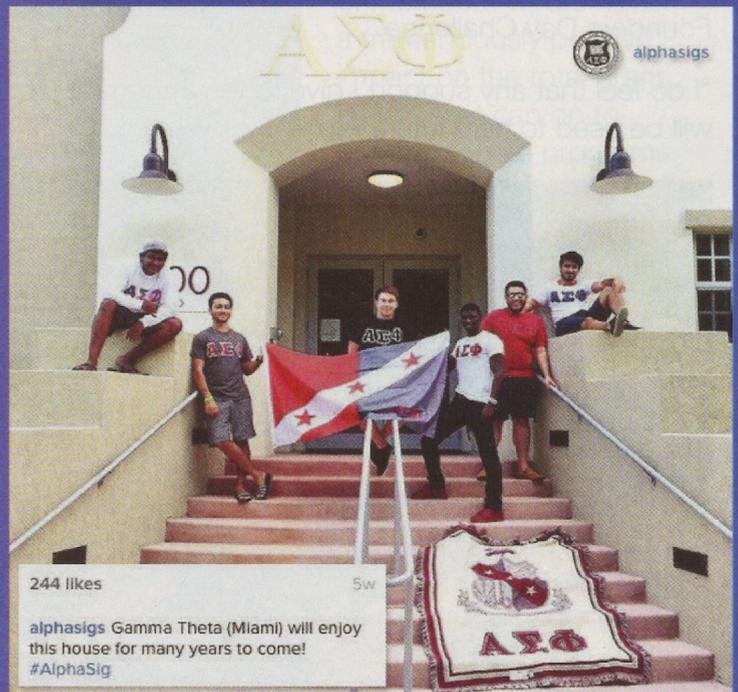


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Like Alpha Sigma Phi on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram to stay up to date with all that's going on with Alpha Sigs across the United States and around the world. From philanthropic and service projects to alumni news, Alpha Sigma Phi's social media accounts have all the bases covered.

Take a look at some highlights from the past few months, and take action now to catch what's new with Alpha Sigma Phi. ■



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# ENGAGEMENT

A chapter council's primary role is to advise and mentor the undergraduate officers by providing a mature perspective to the undergraduate chapter. Alumni volunteers, faculty members, and family members play important roles in each of the 11 positions that constitute a fully functioning chapter council. To learn more or to volunteer for a chapter council near you, please contact Director of Alumni Engagement Denis Beaudoin, Ohio Wesleyan '01, at [dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org).

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PA	Epsilon Kappa	Albright College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DC	Beta Chi	American University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NC	Epsilon Rho	Appalachian State University	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
AZ	Zeta Beta	Arizona State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
AL	Zeta Psi*	Auburn University	X	X	X				X				X		
VA	Averett*	Averett University													
OH	Alpha Mu	Baldwin Wallace University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NC	Gamma Lambda	Barton College	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MA	Epsilon Mu	Bentley University		X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
WV	Beta Gamma	Bethany College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NY	Epsilon Nu	Binghamton University, SUNY	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
OH	Gamma Zeta	Bowling Green State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MA	Eta Tau*	Bridgewater State University	X												
CA	Zeta Mu	California State - Fresno	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
CA	Epsilon Psi	California State - Chico	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
OK	Eta Rho	Cameron University	X		X								X		
OH	Epsilon Chi	Capital University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PA	Alpha Gamma	Carnegie Mellon University	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
MI	Delta Rho	Central Michigan University		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SC	Epsilon Upsilon	Clemson University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
CO	Zeta Epsilon	Colorado State University		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X
NY	Iota	Cornell University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WV	Gamma Delta*	Davis & Elkins College	X									X			

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NC	Delta Eta	East Carolina University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MI	Gamma Upsilon*	Eastern Michigan University	X					X					X				
IL	Delta Chi	Elmhurst College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA	Zeta Rho	George Mason University	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X				
GA	Zeta Eta	Georgia Institute of Technology	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
GA	Zeta Delta	Georgia Regents University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
GA	Eta Mu*	Georgia Southern University	X		X								X				
MI	Delta Phi	Grand Valley State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NY	Beta Xi	Hartwick College	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
IL	Alpha Xi	Illinois Institute of Technology	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
IL	Delta Omicron	Illinois State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
IN	Gamma Chi	Indiana University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
IN	Zeta Sigma	Indiana University – South Bend		X	X	X	X	X				X					
IA	Phi	Iowa State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA	Zeta Tau	James Madison University	X		X			X				X	X				
NH	Zeta Xi	Keene State College	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		
OH	Eta Sigma*	Kent State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MI	Gamma Psi	Lawrence Technological University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PA	Delta Nu	Lock Haven University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA	Delta Iota	Longwood University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
OH	Delta	Marietta College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WV	Beta Delta	Marshall University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD	Epsilon Xi	McDaniel College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
CN	Eta Nu*	McGill University	X		X			X									
OH	Epsilon Pi	Miami University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
MI	Gamma Kappa	Michigan State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X				
MO	Alpha Omicron	Missouri Valley College		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
KY	Eta Chi*	Morehead State University															
KY	Delta Tau	Murray State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NJ	Alpha Rho	New Jersey Institute of Technology	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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NC	Beta Zeta*	North Carolina State University	X	X			X	X				X				X
KY	Eta Phi*	Northern Kentucky University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MI	Delta Beta	Northern Michigan University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MI	Zeta Zeta	Northwood University-Michigan	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
MI	Eta Lambda	Oakland University	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X			
OH	Zeta	Ohio State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
OH	Epsilon	Ohio Wesleyan University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OK	Eta Alpha*	Oklahoma State University	X		X								X			
OR	Psi	Oregon State University	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X				
OH	Epsilon Theta	Otterbein College	X	X	X	X		X	X				X			
PA	Upsilon	Pennsylvania State University	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X			X	
NY	Delta Xi	Plattsburgh, SUNY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SC	Alpha Psi	Presbyterian College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
IN	Alpha Pi	Purdue University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
VA	Delta Theta*	Radford University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
NY	Beta Psi	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
NJ	Beta Theta	Rutgers University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MA	Zeta Pi	Salem State University	X		X	X			X			X	X			
MD	Epsilon Eta	Salisbury University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
CA	Zeta Lambda	San Francisco State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CA	Eta Beta*	San Jose State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
NJ	Zeta Alpha	Seton Hall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PA	Delta Delta	Slippery Rock University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CA	Epsilon Phi	Sonoma State University	X										X			
IL	Eta Gamma*	Southern Illinois University—Carbondale	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
TX	Eta Pi*	Stephen F. Austin University	X										X			
NJ	Alpha Tau	Stevens Institute of Technology	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
TX	Texas State*	Texas State University	X													

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MD	Eta Omicron*	Towson University	X	X	X				X		X		X			
IN	Beta Omicron	Trine University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NY	Zeta Iota	University at Albany, SUNY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NY	Zeta Chi	University at Oneonta, SUNY	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			
OH	Epsilon Sigma	University of Akron	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
AL	Alpha Iota	University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AZ	Gamma Iota	University of Arizona	X		X	X		X	X			X	X			X
CA	Nu	University of California – Berkeley	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
CA	Zeta Gamma	University of California – Davis	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
CA	Eta Epsilon*	University of California – Irvine	X			X		X	X							
AR	Eta Zeta*	University of Central Arkansas	X			X				X			X			
OH	Beta Sigma	University of Cincinnati	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
CO	Pi	University of Colorado	X	X	X	X		X	X				X			
CO	Eta Xi*	University of Colorado – Colorado Springs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X				
CT	Gamma Gamma*	University of Connecticut						X								
DE	Delta Pi	University of Delaware	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
CT	Epsilon Lambda	University of Hartford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
TX	Houston*	University of Houston	X													
IL	Eta	University of Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
IA	Alpha Beta*	University of Iowa	X							X						
VA	Mary Washington*	University of Mary Washington	X													
MD	Epsilon Delta	University of Maryland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MA	Gamma	University of Massachusetts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
FL	Gamma Theta	University of Miami	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
MI	Theta	University of Michigan	X	X	X	X	X		X							
MI	Zeta Phi*	University of Michigan – Flint	X		X				X				X			
MN	Rho*	University of Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MT	Montana*	University of Montana	X													
NV	UN Reno*	University of Nevada – Reno	X													
NC	Zeta Theta	University of North Carolina – Asheville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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NC	Delta Zeta	University of North Carolina — Charlotte	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NC	Eta Kappa	University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NC	Eta Upsilon*	University of North Carolina — Pembroke	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		
OK	Alpha Alpha*	University of Oklahoma	X	X		X			X			X			
OR	Oregon*	University of Oregon													
PA	Omicron	University of Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
OH	Delta Epsilon	University of Rio Grande	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FL	Zeta Omicron	University of South Florida	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			
UK	Theta Alpha*	University of Stirling													
TX	Eta Eta	University of Texas — Austin	X		X	X	X								
TX	Eta Theta*	University of Texas — San Antonio													
OH	Beta Rho	University of Toledo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VA	Zeta Upsilon	University of Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
WA	Mu	University of Washington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WI	Kappa	University of Wisconsin — Madison	X	X	X	X	X					X	X		
WI	Zeta Kappa	University of Wisconsin — Whitewater	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UT	Utah State*	Utah State University													
VA	Delta Upsilon	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NC	Beta Mu	Wake Forest University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MI	Beta Tau	Wayne State University	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
WV	Alpha Kappa	West Virginia University	X	X	X				X				X		
WV	Beta Nu	West Virginia Wesleyan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NC	Eta Iota*	Western Carolina University	X										X		
MI	Epsilon Iota*	Western Michigan University	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
PA	Alpha Nu	Westminster College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OH	Eta Psi*	Wright State University				X									

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# ENDOWED FUNDS

Chapter endowments are supported through gifts from members and friends of the chapter to exclusively benefit a chapter's undergraduate members.

Scholarship and Leadership Fund endowments are typically created to honor or memorialize someone. A minimum of \$20,000 contributed over a three-year period is required to start a Scholarship Fund to recognize academic achievement of undergraduate or graduate members.

A minimum of \$10,000 contributed over a three-year period is required to start a Leadership Fund. Leadership Funds are used to provide scholarships for qualified undergraduate members to attend Fraternity leadership and educational programs.

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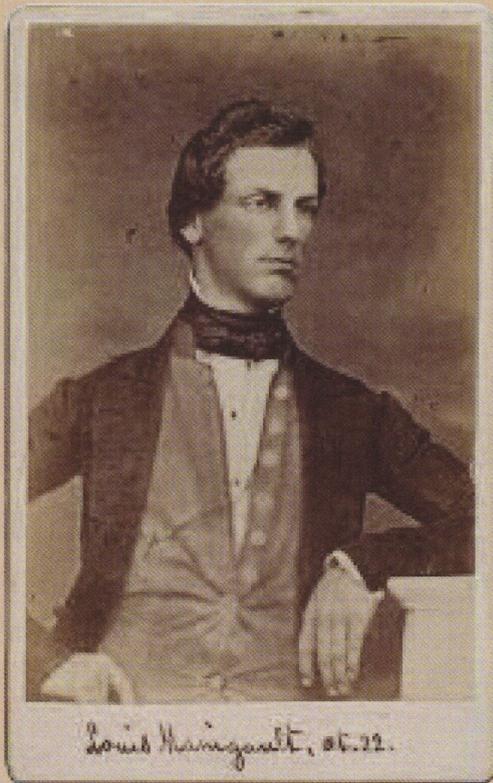
## Leadership Funds

Name	Corpus	Spendable
Paul F. Bliklen Leadership Fund	\$ 10,333	\$ 517
Garvey Family Leadership Fund	15,000	750
John and Sarah Gibson Leadership Fund	2,000	0
A.W. Lubbers Leadership Fund	85,931	5,437
Matthew and Molly Maurer Leadership Fund	3,124	0
Stan and Dotty Thurston Leadership Fund	1,003,493	49,691
Evin Varner Leadership Fund	28,000	1,306

## Scholarship Funds

Name	Corpus	Spendable
Marvin A. Chapman Fund	\$ 251,647	\$ 24,434
Hart Family Scholarship Fund	1,910	0
Carl P. Huber Scholarship Fund	10,060	477
John Lyon Scholarship Fund	2,000	0
Byron R. Nugen Scholarship Fund	9,968	496
Ohio Wesleyan (Swogger Scholarship Fund)	20,420	5,952
Ohio Wesleyan (Wells Scholarship Fund)	5,000	1,019
Rich Roth Scholarship Fund	1,082	0
Zachary Stoltz Scholarship Fund	11,500	1,408
Thawley Family Legacy Fund	12,930	1,561
Tom Venettis Scholarship Fund	1,350	0
Washington (Newhouse Scholarship Fund)	11,445	428
Washington (Tift Scholarship Fund)	26,801	1,390

# the Manigault Society



Named for our principal founder, Louis Manigault, the Society includes those who have included Alpha Sigma Phi in their wills, or designated Alpha Sigma Phi as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account. These selfless acts benefit future Alpha Sigs. To learn more about planned giving, please contact Alpha Sigma Phi CEO Gordy Heminger at [gheminger@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:gheminger@alphasigmaphi.org).

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