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MESSAGE

from the Grand Senior President

Alpha Sig Strong for 175 Years and Counting



Dear Brothers and Friends –

When our three founders decided to upend the status quo on the Yale campus by forming Alpha Sigma Phi, they could little predict what would become of their endeavors.

Today, Alpha Sigma Phi stands as one of the largest and most successful college-based fraternities in operation.

We presently have chapters and provisional chapters on 174 campuses throughout the United States and Canada. That means some 8,000 undergraduate members are experiencing the leadership and personal development programs we offer while establishing their own ties of lifelong brotherhood.

More than 700 undergraduates attended Elevate, our international leadership conference, this past summer in Phoenix. More than 100 alumni also attended as facilitators, guests and members of our governing boards. And some 1,200 undergraduates are expected to attend our 175th anniversary celebration at Grand Chapter next July in Hartford, Connecticut.

The Fraternity, Foundation and CLVEN are all on strong financial footing and are continually improving the way we deliver our mission to Better the Man. The Fraternity's Grand Council is engaged in closing our present strategic plan in 2020 and in developing a new plan that will carry us to 2025. We are looking at aggressive ways to improve undergraduate achievement and keep Alpha Sigma Phi relevant, develop methods to keep alumni engaged through life and find ways to continue to grow, both the size of our present chapters and our number of new ones.

None of this would be possible without the faithful dedication and commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi by our undergraduate members, alumni, parents, friends and other supporters. Working together with a generous spirit and with gifts of time, expertise and financial resources, Alpha Sigma Phi continues to have a positive impact on our members and communities.

Please plan now to attend our 175th Anniversary event on July 16-19, 2020. There is no better way to fully experience the true depth and strength of our Brotherhood, and no better way to honor those brothers who laid the foundation for what we have become while adding new bedrock for our future brothers.

In Phi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', written over a light blue circular background.

Jeffrey Hoffman, Member-at-Large '76
Grand Senior President

AROUND THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENTS FOLLOW THE KICK OFF OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BETA THETA ALUMNI REUNION GROWING BY THE YEAR

Philadelphia, PA



The Regional Alumni Ambassador program began in fall 2017, but has never had as much reach or impact as it has today, in the midst of the Fraternity's 175th Anniversary celebration.

The alumni from Beta Theta (Rutgers) are a proud and tight-knit group. Their reunions consist of brothers who currently live in 11 different states. This has been a weekend to highlight on the calendar now for six straight years.

Raleigh, NC



The Regional Alumni Ambassador program brings local brothers together from different chapters and eras. The idea behind this concept is that even after you move away from your college town, you're still near and connected with brothers.



2019

Pictured from the front right corner, and circling to the left, brothers gathered are: Mike Blasi, Andy Ciancia, Tom Obsitnik, Silvio Verdile, Hank Haverstick, Russ Gertmenian, Bruce Bingham, Fred Seponara, John Steiner, Ed Mikalonis, Joe Siachetka, Pete Ghiorse, Mike Della Rosa, John Scannell, Jeff Beyer, Stan Sebastlan, and Tom Meyerer. Not pictured but attending were: Hank Russo, Mike Maguire, Don Fell, and Ron Tylka

Indianapolis, IN



Events in cities, including Charlotte, Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Raleigh, have taken place all across the United States this fall, with many more being planned for the spring.



2018

Left to Right: 1st row: Andy Ciancia, Larry Yablonicky, Stan Sebastlan, Bruce Castka, and Mike Blasi. 2nd row: Dick Diego, Tom Meyerer, Ron Gering, Russ Gertmenian, Tim Killion, Pete Ghiorse, Hank Russo, Tom Obsitnik, Mike DellaRosa, John Scannell, and John Steiner. Not pictured is Mike Maguire.

Charlotte, NC



Alpha Sigma Phi's goal is to continue to encourage these events to take place in major cities in the United States leading up to the 175th Anniversary celebration at Grand Chapter in Hartford, Connecticut in July.

If you are interested in helping organize an event in your area, reach out to Jeremy Ried, Director of Alumni Engagment, at jried@alphasigmaphi.org.

DELTA EPSILON'S ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER RAISES NORTH OF \$3K



Alumni from the Delta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Rio Grande hosted their 6th Annual Golf Outing over the summer. The golf outing is held each year to commemorate Brother Chris Mickley, who passed away in 2014, and to raise funds for a worthy cause. This year, the fundraiser collected \$3,312 for the Rio Grande Track & Cross Country teams. To date, the outing has raised a total of \$18,162.



BETA NU HONORS GRAND CHAPTER ADVISOR

The Beta Nu Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan has honored their Grand Chapter Advisor, Brian Allman, WV Wesleyan '04, with the Chapter's first Alumni Milestone Award. "He has shown a dedication to our chapter through thick and thin, and we're happy to have him beside us for the ride," the Chapter said of Allman.

Content courtesy: Ohio Wesleyan's Greek Vine Newsletter, Fall 2019

BROTHER DICK JACKSON HONORED BY OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



Brother Dick Jackson, Ohio Wesleyan '50, received the David Hamilton Smith Greek Alumni Award during Ohio Wesleyan's Homecoming Weekend. Jackson's legacy is throughout the local and national fraternity. The annual Alpha Sig reunion, called Sig-Bust, was established to honor Jackson. He

recalled, "My feet didn't touch the ground. It was inspiring." Jackson also helped to re-charter the Epsilon Chapter on campus. He recalled the re-chartering was a pivotal moment of bonding for the brothers.

His favorite volunteer role has been Grand Chapter Advisor. He served the Epsilon Chapter in that role from 2014-17. Jackson said in that role, he had an opportunity to work with undergraduate men and look out for their well-being.

When asked if Jackson had advice for students, he said; "Realize what you want to get out of your four years of college. There's a reason for learning and school should be first."



IN THEIR OWN WORDS THE ALPHA XI CHAPTER AT ILLINOIS TECH



"Hi, my name is Arvin Bahrami and I am currently an active brother of the Alpha Xi Chapter here at Illinois Institute of Technology. I joined Alpha Sigma Phi in fall 2019. Since then I have seen our chapter's growth and direction towards a bright future. When I first joined this chapter, I was immediately impressed by the amount of care and sacrifice of each brother who was here to get the Chapter to where it wanted to be. Whether that included volunteering or running for chairs and executive positions within the organization, every brother was

contributing their share of energy towards making Alpha Xi a better place. My aim throughout my time at IIT, as well as Alpha Xi, has been to pave a road for the future brothers to grow; a road that could provide them with the brotherhood experience that I have had the privilege of receiving, as well as opportunities through academics or personal endeavors that anyone may be able to go through. I have the pleasure of looking at our current chapter and standing proud that we have done nothing but move forward since the first day I stepped

through the doors of Alpha Xi. Currently, we are sitting at 30 brothers strong and expecting many more young and bright faces to join us. Thanks to our collective effort, our recruitment season has been successful, as we've added more than 30 new members over the last couple of semesters. In the future, we hope to show these brothers our ideas and values through Alpha Sigma Phi in order to Better the Man for the rest of their lives as well as the longevity of Alpha Xi for future brothers to come."

SCRAMBLED WORDS

Unscramble the list of Alpha Sigma Phi words or phrases. Clues are at the bottom of the page if you need them!



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- 16 TWONENDME _____
- 17 OFADHRTR _____

CLUES

1. An individual who gives their treasure for the benefit of our undergraduate brothers.
2. Binds all brothers of the Old Gal together forever.
3. The longest-running fraternity publication.
4. An individual who gives their time and talent for the benefit of our undergraduate brothers.
5. The highest giving circle in 'The Campaign TBTM' and founding city of Alpha Sigma Phi.
6. A day on which Alpha Sigma Phi was born.
7. The 'Red Book' recreated in 2019 to recognize the Fraternity's 175th Anniversary celebration.
8. A meeting of the Alpha Sigma Phi body that takes place every other year.
9. The leader and chairman of the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi.
10. The publicly launched campaign meant to sustain the growth the Fraternity has seen in the last decade.
11. A day to invest in future generations of Alpha Sigs.
12. A new philanthropic partner dedicated to ending drug and alcohol addiction.
13. A new philanthropic partner dedicated to changing the conversation about mental health.
14. An event that represents the return to one's alma mater each fall.
15. A young lady who embodies the values, standards and ideals in which our members pride themselves.
16. Funds donated by members, family and friends to be used by the undergraduate chapter on an educational basis.
17. The city in which Grand Chapter 2020 will take place in July.

ON THE ROAD TO 175

Alpha Sigma Phi unveiled a 175th Anniversary-themed vehicle named 'Zip' at Elevate this past summer. Zip has been traveling the U.S. and visiting our chapters and joining our members at alumni events. You can follow Zip's journey on Instagram @AlphaSig175.



@ALPHASIG175 | #ROADTRIPZIP

Delta Rho (Central Michigan)



Eta Iota (Western Carolina)



Gamma Chi (Indiana) Alumni



Gamma Upsilon (Eastern Michigan)



Eta Chi (Morehead State)



Delta Psi (Middle Tennessee)



Eta Iota (Western Carolina)



Delta Beta (Northern Michigan)



Theta Omicron (UW-Milwaukee)



Elevate in Phoenix, Arizona



Zeta Eta Chapter

Georgia Institute of Technology

2019 GSP Cup Winner - Medium Category

ALPHA SIGMA PHI'S

BEST

Each summer, Alpha Sigma Phi recognizes alumni, undergraduates and chapters for their excellence. Whether it be for lifelong commitments or for an outstanding academic year, the Fraternity was proud to present our most deserving brothers and chapters with the highest of honors at the Cardinal & Stone Awards Luncheon in Phoenix, Arizona on July 13, 2019.



★ UNDERGRADUATE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2019

MADISON CRAFT | NC STATE '16

Brother Craft was named Greek Brother of the Year at NC State. He served as President, Brotherhood Retention Director, and was on the Alpha Sigma Phi Undergraduate Advisory Board. He was also very active in the Fraternity and Sorority Life community where he was a member of the Omega, served on IFC and worked closely with the whole community on various initiatives regarding health and safety.

ANDREW KELLY | AUBURN '16

Brother Kelly served as President and Vice President of Membership Enrichment. During his time in the Chapter, they won Fraternity of the Year for their membership division. He did numerous things behind the scenes, such as “setting up for events hours before it starts when no one else was available, handling problems at events before they escalated into problems and patching holes in roofs to ensure we get our security deposit back,” according to one nominator.

* ANDREW KISTLER | MICHIGAN STATE '15

Brother Kistler served as the President, Vice President of Service & Philanthropy and Vice President of Alumni and Family Relations. He was also a member of the Undergraduate Advisory Board. He was very involved with the campus community serving as Vice President of Finance for the Inter-Fraternity Council, Director of Finance for MSU Safe Halloween, Director of Sponsorship for MSU Greek Week and President of MSU Special Olympics.

JOSEPH McCRIMLISK | RAMAPO '17

Brother McCrimlisk is a Founding Father and served as Chapter President for our Theta Psi Chapter at Ramapo College. While serving as President, he was chosen to receive the honor of the Chapter President of the Year Award from the Ramapo College IFC. He “guided the founding members of the Theta Psi Chapter to strive to be the largest and most active fraternal organization on campus,” said one of his nominators.

WILL McGUINNESS | MASSACHUSETTS '16

Brother McGuinness held various leadership positions including President, Vice President of Communications, Alumni Chair and Athletic Chair. He was also recognized as Brother of the Year and Athlete of the Year for the Gamma Chapter. “Will lives for the Gamma Chapter, and it is without a doubt that without him, we would not be where we are at today,” said one of his nominators.

* Of the ten Hall of Fame inductees, Andrew Kistler, Michigan State '15, was awarded the Frank F. Hargear Memorial Award. This award is given annually to an undergraduate brother in recognition of contributions exemplifying the purpose and objective of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. This award is the highest recognition an undergraduate brother can receive over and above the Undergraduate Hall of Fame. The award was established by the Grand Council in 1977.



Annually, the Fraternity recognizes no more than ten undergraduate men, typically of senior class standing, and inducts them into the Undergraduate Hall of Fame. The men inducted into the Hall of Fame are the Fraternity's most accomplished undergraduate brothers that have made significant contributions to better their chapter and our Fraternity. From those inducted, one man is chosen as the Frank F. Hargear Memorial Award recipient, which is the highest honor an undergraduate brother can receive.

ALPHA SIG

JONATHAN REYNOLDS | MURRAY STATE '16

Brother Reynolds served as the IFC Representative and President. He also served on the Grand Council Nomination Committee as well as the Undergraduate Advisory Board for Alpha Sigma Phi. While at Murray State, he was involved with the Hutson School of Agriculture. He was awarded Mr. Murray State University for the 2018-19 academic year, Outstanding Senior in Agriculture and Outstanding Agriculture Ambassador.

AARON SCITES | UC-COLORADO SPRINGS '16

Brother Scites served as President, Vice President of Standards, Scholarship Director, Alumni Director and Vice President of Communication at our Eta Xi Chapter at the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs. He also served on the Grand Council Nominations Committee as well as the Undergraduate Advisory Board. “He gave more of himself to others than he did to himself,” said one of his nominators. “He was a rock and kept the Chapter steady, focused and accountable.”

JACK STEPHENS | ILLINOIS '16

Brother Stephens served as President, Vice President of Growth and New Member Class President. In addition, he served on the Undergraduate Advisory Board and on the Grand Council Nominations Committee. He was recognized with an Alumni Association Scholarship from Glen Ellyn Jaycees. “He is an excellent organizer who has initiated many improvements within the operation of the Eta Chapter,” said one nominator.

TRISTIN SWEENEY | NC STATE '15

Brother Sweeney served as an Undergraduate Grand Councilor, Chapter President, Vice President of Growth and Alumni Director. “He wants Beta Zeta to succeed in every aspect of being a fraternity and therefore has contributed an incredible amount in as many leadership positions as possible,” said one nominator. “I will always remember Tristin for his work ethic and dedication to success he demonstrated the entire time he was in the Chapter.”

ALEXANDER THEOFYLAKTOS | BALDWIN WALLACE '15

Brother Theofylaktos served as Brotherhood Director, Alumni and Family Relations Director, as well as President. He was also involved in the campus community holding position as a Summer Orientation Leader and a Student Ambassador. “Alex was a passionate leader and a strong figurehead of the organization,” said a nominator. “Through the Chapter’s challenging times as well as successes, he led his members with class and grace.”

★ GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT'S CUP

The Grand Senior President's Cup is given to the top three chapters within Alpha Sigma Phi and is the highest honor a chapter can earn. One chapter from a small campus, one chapter from a mid-size campus, and another chapter from a large campus are awarded the Grand Senior President's Cup. The chapters that earn this award scored the highest of all chapters on the Annual Report.



PHI | IOWA STATE

The Phi Chapter at Iowa State University performed over 1,700 community service hours total as a chapter. The Chapter had an exceptional fall GPA in 2018 and raised more than \$6,000 for philanthropy including Polar Plunge and Alpha Sigma Phries. The Chapter had a successful fall recruitment adding 26 new members as well as nine new members in the spring. This is the Phi Chapter's fourth time winning the Grand Senior President's Cup.



ZETA ETA | GEORGIA TECH

The Zeta Eta Chapter at the Georgia Institute of Technology raised \$79 per member to benefit RAINN. Each member of the Chapter did an average of 25 hours of community service. The Chapter had the highest IFC GPA on campus for fall 2018 with a 3.61. Phi had a successful recruitment in the fall bringing in a new member class of 24 men. This is the Chapter's second time taking home the Grand Senior President's Cup.



DELTA TAU | MURRAY STATE

The Delta Tau Chapter at Murray State University raised over \$4,200 for philanthropic efforts supporting Homes for Our Troops, the Humane Society and RAINN. The Chapter reported 39 hours of community service per member. Delta Tau recruited 21 men in their fall new member class and currently has 61 active members. The Chapter had a fall GPA of 3.01. This is Delta Tau's sixth time winning the Grand Senior President's Cup.

★ MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

The Most Improved Chapter Award goes to the chapter who demonstrated the most improvement in points from one award period to the next as measured on the Annual Report.



ALPHA GAMMA | CARNEGIE MELLON

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi at Carnegie Mellon University showed great improvements in all areas of the Annual Report, increasing their chapter's score by 56% since the 2017-18 Annual Report.

★ CUPS OF DISTINCTION

THE ALPHA KAPPA PI GOLD CUP

The Gold Cup is awarded for achieving exceptional recognition in all areas of the 2018-19 Annual Report. This cup commemorates the consolidation with Alpha Kappa Pi that took place in 1946 after World War II, and doubled the size of our Fraternity. Outside of the Grand Senior President's Award, this is the highest award a chapter can win within Alpha Sigma Phi.

DELTA CHAPTER, MARIETTA COLLEGE
ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
ALPHA MU CHAPTER, BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY
BETA DELTA CHAPTER, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
BETA ZETA CHAPTER, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

BETA SIGMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
EPSILON ETA CHAPTER, SALISBURY UNIVERSITY
ZETA EPSILON CHAPTER, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ETA XI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO - COLORADO SPRINGS

THE PHI PI PHI SILVER CUP

The Phi Pi Phi Silver Cup is awarded for achieving significant recognition in all areas of the 2018-19 Annual Report. This cup commemorates the merger of Phi Pi Phi with Alpha Sigma Phi in 1939.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ALPHA TAU CHAPTER, STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ALPHA PSI CHAPTER, PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
BETA NU CHAPTER, WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE
GAMMA KAPPA CHAPTER, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE
DELTA NU CHAPTER, LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY
DELTA XI CHAPTER, SUNY PLATTSBURGH
EPSILON KAPPA CHAPTER, ALBRIGHT COLLEGE
EPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

EPSILON CHI CHAPTER, CAPITAL UNIVERSITY
EPSILON PSI CHAPTER, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
ZETA ZETA CHAPTER, NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY
ZETA THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
ZETA TAU CHAPTER, JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
ETA PSI CHAPTER, WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
THETA IOTA CHAPTER, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN MARCOS
THETA PSI CHAPTER, RAMAPO COLLEGE
IOTA EPSILON CHAPTER, MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
IOTA MU CHAPTER, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN MARCOS

THE ALPHA GAMMA UPSILON BRONZE CUP

The Alpha Gamma Upsilon Bronze Cup is awarded for achieving notable recognition in all areas of the 2018-19 Annual Report. This cup commemorates the merger of Alpha Gamma Upsilon with Alpha Sigma Phi in 1966.

GAMMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
MU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
ALPHA XI CHAPTER, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ALPHA PI CHAPTER, PURDUE UNIVERSITY
BETA RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
BETA TAU CHAPTER, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER, OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER, EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, INDIANA UNIVERSITY
DELTA RHO CHAPTER, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

EPSILON PI CHAPTER, MIAMI UNIVERSITY
ZETA PI CHAPTER, SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
ETA ALPHA CHAPTER, OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
ETA GAMMA CHAPTER, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
ETA IOTA CHAPTER, WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
ETA KAPPA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
ETA CHI CHAPTER, MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
THETA XI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
THETA ZETA CHAPTER, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
THETA THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
THETA PI, CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
IOTA IOTA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
IOTA NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA – LAS VEGAS

★ ALUMNI AWARDS

DR. OTTO L. SONDER CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

The Dr. Otto L. Sonder Award is given annually to a Chapter Advisor who displays exceptional passion, commitment and drive for a chapter or provisional chapter. This award was named in honor of Dr. Otto Sonder, American '47, Delta Beta Xi '67.

MICHAEL BELL | MISSOURI VALLEY '91

“The Eta Xi Chapter won its very first GSP under his guidance, an accomplishment some chapters may never reach,” one of his nominators said. “Four years into its charter, Mike has taken a new chapter and turned it into quite literally, the best chapter.”



EVIN C. VARNER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Evin C. Varner, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, created in 1959 by the Grand Council and re-named in honor of Brother Varner in 1985, it is presented annually to one brother who is also a previous recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award.

TOM BROWN | INDIANA '75

“He’s served our brotherhood faithfully for life since his initiation at every level of leadership: chapter, alumni board, foundation and grand council,” one nominator said. “Most importantly, he is a true brother who exemplifies our ideals to the fullest.”



STAN G. THURSTON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Stan Thurston Lifetime Achievement Award goes to an alumnus who has made a lifetime commitment to exemplifying the ideals, vision and purpose of Alpha Sigma Phi through outstanding dedication.

RICK DEXTER | OREGON STATE '60

Brother Dexter served on the Grand Council for eight years from 1972-1980, including the roles of Grand Councilor, Grand Secretary and Grand Senior President. His service and leadership in the 1970’s saved Alpha Sigma Phi as our fraternity was facing a decline in members, chapters and financial resources. He served on the Foundation Board from 2010-2018 and his leadership and vision helped to establish the business plan that would become CLVEN. Brother Dexter is a 1974 Delta Beta Xi inductee for his sustained alumni involvement to the Fraternity, and was the 1981 Evin C. Varner Distinguished Service recipient.





WALLY DANT, III

DAVE HOWARD

JASON NOLEN-DOERR

DELTA BETA XI AWARD & KEY

The Delta Beta Xi Award is given for sustained alumni service to the Fraternity, generally over a period of at least ten years. While potential criteria for the award are as varied as our brotherhood, general criteria include years of service, type of service, and significant achievements. To be inducted as part of a class, a brother must receive at least 2/3 of the points possible from the judges (past Delta Beta Xi recipients) and must be in the top ten among all the nominees for that particular year.

This coveted honor recalls the period from 1864 to 1875 when members of Delta Beta Xi secretly pledged their allegiance to Alpha Sigma Phi. Their courage kept the traditions of the Fraternity alive despite a faculty ban on the organization. The special key that is presented to each recipient is a replica of the Delta Beta Xi Badge worn by members of Alpha Chapter from 1864-1875. Only award recipients of Delta Beta Xi may wear it.

WALLY DANT, III | PURDUE '82

Brother Dant has been active in serving the Alpha Pi Alumni Association at Purdue University in various capacities over the years, including a stint as Alumni Association President. He also served as a small group facilitator for Better Man weekend in 2016 and 2017. In addition, Brother Dant is a current member of the Foundation Board of Directors, where he has served as the CLVEN Board Liaison and Grants Committee Chair. One nominator said of Brother Dant; "His vision, leadership and ability to quietly inspire others and his use of his well-developed communication skills make him a deserving candidate to be inducted into Delta Beta Xi. Brother Dant has cardinal Alpha Sigma Phi blood running through his veins."

DAVE HOWARD | PURDUE '83

Since his graduation from the Alpha Pi Chapter at Purdue University, Brother Howard has stayed involved with the Chapter by donating and assisting when needed. He took action and became the Secretary of the Chapter's Housing Corporation, and along with Brother Dant, played a significant role in not only engaging more alumni but also saving the Chapter. Beyond that, he has been a facilitator at Leadership Programs and a Member of the Board of Advisors. A nominator said of Brother Howard; "I can't say enough good things about Dave. He truly exemplifies the values of Alpha Sigma Phi and has dedicated much of his time to ensuring her continued success."

JASON NOLEN-DOERR | MURRAY STATE '05

As an undergraduate, Brother Nolen-Doerr helped reform the recruitment process for the Delta Tau Chapter at Murray State University. After graduation, he served on Fraternity Staff and had great success with starting new chapters that are thriving to this day. He has been an active volunteer with Alpha Sigma Phi, serving as lead facilitator for various leadership programs as well as most recently serving as the Grand Chapter Advisor for the Iota Gamma Chapter at Boston University. He currently serves as the Grand Marshal on the Grand Council. One nominator said of Brother Nolen-Doerr; "When I think of a brother who is not yet a member of Delta Beta Xi, but deserves to be, the only name that I will say is Jason's."

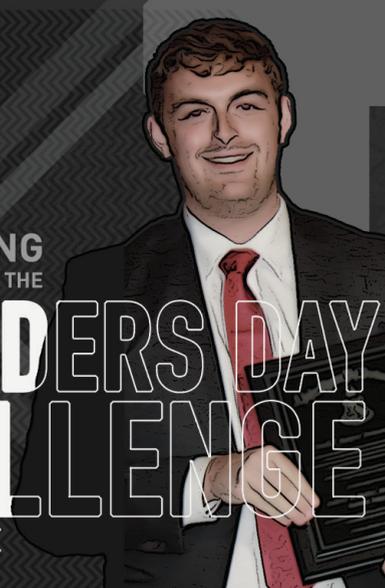
HELPING YOUR CHAPTER WIN THE FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE IN 2019

Visit aspgiving.org to support your chapter and help them win their division in this year's Founders Day Challenge. There, you will be able to make a gift, challenge your brothers to do the same and see where your chapter stands against other groups in your division.

Alpha Sigma Phi is right in the middle of its annual **Founders Day Challenge**, the Fraternity's primary fundraising vehicle to raise money for the benefit of our chapters and their members. Gifts made during the **Founders Day Challenge**, from September 1 to December 31, will go toward helping Alpha Sigma Phi continue to be the industry leader in educational programming and provide a variety of scholarships to its members. It is through the Founders Day Challenge that our men are allotted the opportunity to attend high impact educational events at little-to-no cost to them.

While the **Founders Day Challenge** officially ends on December 31, the **Founders Day of Giving** (chapter competition portion) ends at 12 a.m. PT (3 a.m. ET) on December 7. The chapter who has raised the most dollars and has accumulated the most points in each division will be awarded an additional \$1,000 in their chapter endowment. Second place finishers in each division will receive \$500.

Here's a quick overview of how this year's competition works and how your chapter can win its division:



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THE 2019 EDITION OF THE
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DIVISIONS & PRIZES

DIVISION	INITIATED MEMBERS	DOLLARS RAISED	
		1 ST	2 ND
SILENCE	1-199	\$1,000	\$500
CHARITY	200-399	\$1,000	\$500
PURITY	400-599	\$1,000	\$500
HONOR	600-999	\$1,000	\$500
PATRIOTISM	1,000+	\$1,000	\$500

NOTE: The prize money above is put in the winning chapter's endowment



POINTS

This year's Founders Day Challenge introduces Point scoring. Essentially, with each donation, your chapter will receive one point. The Fraternity's Day of Giving, on December 6, will offer opportunities for your chapter to multiply its points. Keep an eye on out the Fraternity's social media accounts (@alphasigs) for details.



This year's **Founders Day Challenge** is the first since the launch of *The Campaign To Better The Man*, a capital campaign to provide our brothers the resources to sustain the most successful decade in our history.

The Campaign TBTM has a goal of raising \$10 million by December 6, 2020. At the time of public announcement, *The Campaign* had raised more than \$8 million.

The Campaign acknowledges the challenges that our unprecedented growth creates for future Alpha Sigs. By raising funds now, we can continue to provide the best fraternity experience in the nation.

All donations made during the **Founders Day Challenge** will count toward *The Campaign*.



Members of the Foundation Board gather on stage at Elevate in Phoenix, Arizona on July 13, 2019 to publicly announce *The Campaign TBTM* and reveal how much it's raised in its silent phase.

RESULTS FROM THE 2018 FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE

In 2018, Alpha Sigma Phi expanded the playing field from three divisions to five divisions. It also extended winnings to runners-up in each division, making it possible for up to 20 chapters to earn extra money to go into their chapter endowment. This also allowed for greater parody in the chapter vs. chapter competition, making for a much more exciting **Founders Day of Giving** on December 6. Here were the results of the 2018 **Founders Day Challenge**:

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HELP YOUR CHAPTER WIN THEIR DIVISION!

Winners & runners up in each division will receive \$\$\$\$\$\$ in their chapter endowment. The undergraduates have already given, so their fate is up to you now! If you so choose, make your gift on December 6 at aspgiving.org to earn bonus points for your chapter and help them prevail victorious in their respective division!

DOLLARS RAISED			UNIQUE DONORS		
DIVISION CHAMP	RUNNER-UP	SILENCE DIVISION	DIVISION CHAMP	RUNNER-UP	
\$ 4,054 EPSILON CHI capital	\$ 1,250 THETA CHI northern arizona		78 EPSILON CHI capital	72 ETA GAMMA southern illinois	
\$ 8,813 DELTA RHO central michigan	\$ 5,500 ALPHA ZETA ucla		56 DELTA CHI elmhurst	50 DELTA NU lock haven	
\$ 30,731 DELTA ZETA unc-charlotte	\$ 23,206 NU california		74 DELTA ZETA unc-charlotte	19 GAMMA EPSILON buffalo	
\$ 12,751 GAMMA ZETA bowling green	\$ 11,590 DELTA marietta		48 GAMMA ALPHA ohio northern	37 GAMMA ZETA bowling green	
\$ 64,585 ALPHA PI purdue	\$ 16,407 ETA illinois		149 ETA illinois	123 ALPHA PI purdue	

WHY I GIVE

Not every member of Alpha Sigma Phi considers joining Greek Life when they first get to college. Bryan Wilson, Albright '09, had a similar story:

“When I got to college, I wanted nothing to do with Greek Life,” Wilson admitted. “I thought it was one of the worst things that existed on campus and I never thought I would end up as an active member of the Greek Community on my college’s campus.”

However, after meeting a close friend, Sean Crossley, Albright '08, Brother Wilson started to see things differently.

“I came to realize that this group of men were doing great work on the campus and in the community, and were the kind of people with whom I wanted to be associated,” he said.

It was through his time in the Fraternity as an undergraduate that Bryan came to understand the importance of committing to the Mission and Vision of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Giving monetary gifts at a Twin Roses level, Brother Wilson understands the importance of supporting the Fraternity and their efforts to provide meaningful resources and opportunities to today’s collegiate men.

Brother Wilson’s total involvement, whether it’s through donations or time, has encompassed much of what Alpha Sigma Phi offers: from attending the Burns Institute and Elevate, where he was awarded the Kleinoeder Graduate Scholarship, to the Cardinal & Stone Awards Banquet.

His commitment to the Fraternity has earned him the Donor Feature for this issue of *The Tomahawk*. We recently talked with Bryan about his thoughts on the Fraternity and giving back as an alumnus:



BRYAN WILSON

ALBRIGHT '09

By David Reitan,
Ohio Wesleyan '11

How do the values of Alpha Sigma Phi apply to your life after college?

As an Emergency Physician and EMS Medical Director, the values of Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor and Patriotism impact every decision I make on a daily basis. I must respect my patient’s privacy at all times, unless I need to speak out to get help – a very similar premise to our relationship with RAINN. My work in Emergency Medicine is centered around helping others regardless of ability to pay and has a large overlap with those with mental health and substance abuse disorders, which connects with our values Charity, Purity and Honor and our partners Shatterproof, Aware Awake Alive and Active Minds. My work in public service as medical director of a large Fire and EMS Department is my contribution to my local community and the manner in which I live out Patriotism.

Why do you think it is important for young alumni to give back to the Fraternity?

This is easy – we need to make sure those who come after us can have a better experience than we did! If we do not give back to the Old Gal, she cannot continue to bring people together to do the good work we have done for nearly 175 years.

How can young alumni get involved with The Fraternity after college?

There are so many ways to get involved! The very easiest way is to reach out to Fraternity Headquarters, who can put you in the best position to get involved. The most impactful way to give back is to volunteer locally. There are eight chapter council positions (plus the Grand Chapter Advisor) that need to be filled for each and every

chapter we have and if you live nearby, this is a great way to be able to give back. I would also recommend getting some brothers together to come to national or regional events that are occurring. This is a great opportunity to make sure you stay connected and can network with brothers near you who you may not even know live in the area! And make sure the alumni engagement team at Fraternity Headquarters has updated contact information for you, so you can be kept informed of upcoming news and events.

Do you have any general advice for current undergraduate members?

Take advantage of every opportunity afforded to you on your campus and through the Old Gal. Get involved wherever you can – but remember, the sheer volume of your activity is not what matters, it is the impact and the depth of that involvement that matters the most. Ask yourself, how can you make this experience or opportunity better for those who come after you – how can you make the team better than you could ever be yourself. This attitude will get you far, regardless of where life takes you after graduation!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I just want to thank Alpha Sig for helping me get where I am today. Every opportunity I’ve had has helped make me the best doctor and leader I can be, and the experiences afforded me here have been irreplaceable!

Thank you, Brother Wilson for your dedication and passion. You’re an excellent example of what it means to Better the Man.

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LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA

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By T.J. Brennan,
Seton Hall '11



Alpha Sigma Phi announced two new philanthropic partnerships at Elevate - International Leadership Conference in Phoenix this past July. These partners are centered around two topics that have affected, at one point or another, potentially every member of the Fraternity: addiction and mental health. The two organizations, Shatterproof and Active Minds, were formed under tragic circumstances and have relative goals to each other: to change the stigma around addiction and mental health, respectively, and to further the conversation surrounding these topics. Both organizations, as well as the Fraternity, believe the men of Alpha Sigma Phi will have a big role in their chapters, communities and campuses in moving the conversation about these topics to the next level.

Shatterproof was founded by Gary Mendell, whose son, Brian, battled addiction for 10 years before ultimately taking his own life. He had been in recover for 13 months, but the stigma he felt towards his disease became too much. Mendell began researching and reflecting what had happened and how he lost his son. He was fortunate to be in a position to make sure Brian had the best care and wanted a way to make sure that as many people as possible could be educated that addiction is a disease and that many of those suffering from the disease can live healthy and productive lives.

Active Minds was founded by Alison Malmon. While a freshman in college, Malmon lost her older brother, Brian, also to suicide. Brian, who had been dealing with depression and psychosis, concealed his symptoms from everyone around him. Malmon, a freshman psychology major, questioned why this was not being talked about more.

Through both tragedies, however, springs optimism and dedication to spread awareness of topics that have affected many a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi. It is these background stories that resonated with the Undergraduate Advisory Board, which selected these two new partners.

“In both situations, the individuals lost were young men who were the same age as many of our members,” said Tabatha Sarco, Senior Director of Undergraduate Engagement of Alpha Sigma Phi. “In addition, our Undergraduate Advisory Board really appreciated the amount of resources both provided on their websites.”

These new partnerships will join RAINN, Aware Awake Alive and Homes for Our Troops as the five official national philanthropic partners of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Like many philanthropic organizations, both Shatterproof and Active Minds are striving to change the conversation around their specific area of expertise.

“We encourage people to think about the language of addiction,” said Holly Jespersen, Senior Communications Manager of Shatterproof. “We have an area on our website where we talk about language. It is important that people avoid using stigmatizing language, like ‘addict’ or ‘clean’.”

The stigmatizing language can impact the person on the road to recovery. Shatterproof, Jespersen said, is dedicated to using and creating a more uplifting message to those dealing with addiction.

“We encourage people to share their stories. The more people who are living full, productive lives in recovery and share their stories, the more we understand these are people we all know and love, Jespersen said. “People have archaic ideas and misinformation about addiction and about feeling it’s a moral failing or people aren’t trying hard enough. We want people to realize this is a disease. There is treatment and there is life in recovery.”

Speaking up on topics is also something Active Minds is encouraging from its member organizations on college campuses. Becky Fein, the Director of Engagement and Training for Active Minds, said she believes change in stigma occurs in conversations with people of a similar mindset.

“We want to empower the conversation among young adults and make changes in a way only peers can,” Fein said. “Powerful change is rooted in peer advocacy and supporting conversations among one another.”

Fein says that Active Minds is excited about the partnership with Alpha Sigma Phi because it is a truly unique partnership. Fein states that young adult males have unique challenges around speaking out about mental health.

Alpha Sigma Phi’s primary demographic is the next big frontier for Active Minds, which uses a data-driven approach to finding key areas of need in the mental health space.

“We’re really grateful Alpha Sig found us, reached out and said the men of Alpha Sigma Phi are interested in changing the conversation around mental health both on their campuses and in their chapters,” Fein said. “We were hearing that several of the chapters had experienced loss in the past couple of years and they know that brothers are hurting and they weren’t sure how to best support them. We are here to help.”



Starting the conversation on either of these topics can be difficult, but both Shatterproof and Active Minds have resources to help the men of Alpha Sigma Phi start these conversations. Active Minds uses The VAR method of Validate, Appreciate and Refer. When hearing someone they know or care about is stressed or mentions anything that could be a cause for concern, the first response should be to Validate that person’s concern by fully recognizing what they are saying. Next, that concern should be appreciated, and the listener should share with whom they are speaking that they appreciate this person being open with them. Finally, referring someone to events or information that can help.

“You don’t need to be an expert to help,” Fein said. “You just need to be there.” Jesperson also acknowledged the nature of addiction and said she was aware that it could be a difficult topic to talk about. Jesperson said a goal for our men should be to start the conversation and be the ones to create a call to action on campus.

“There are countless ways to program around Shatterproof,” Jesperson said. “You can have fun with ideas for planning substance-free events.”

The Gamma Zeta Chapter at Bowling Green State University has hosted a mental health week with multiple activities to raise awareness and money. This is just one example of how our men are getting involved.

“For Active Minds, our members can attend their national conference in February to learn more about mental health. Active Minds can also help them find mental health speakers to come to campus and/or connect them with a local Active Minds chapter,” Sarco said. “For Shatterproof, our men can volunteer or run/walk in their Rise Up Against Addiction 5K’s across the country.”

It is not just for undergraduates. Alumni and family members are also able to support these new partnerships through several of Shatterproof’s “Rise Up Against Addiction” 5Ks. Alumni can also support both organizations by donating directly to the organizations, or by encouraging Chapters to support them by utilizing Amazon Smile when

shopping online. This will donate 5% to the beneficiary of the shopper’s choice, a quick and easy way to give back to the organizations.

While the events and fundraisers are ways to get involved with the new partnerships, the overarching goal is to shine a light on these topics for a demographic that has struggled with discussing these topics.

“For both organizations, the real opportunity is simply bringing awareness to their college campuses,” Sarco said. “This could be as simple as handing out pamphlets for their Counseling Center with services and hours of operation. Drug addiction and mental health impact a lot of people, and if our men can educate their campuses about these topics and raise money while doing so, their impact on these organizations will be considerable.”

The statistics show the need to focus on these topics, and Alpha Sigma Phi will be among those on the forefront leading this conversation on college campuses across the world. Addiction and mental health are both topics that our men are seeing on their campuses more and more.

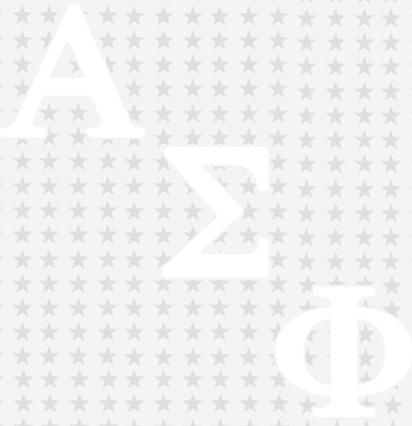
In regard to Shatterproof, 1-in-3 families are impacted by substance abuse. With Active Minds, suicide is the second-leading cause of death among college students. We have to focus on these topics because not only are they important, they are impacting our undergraduates personally. For so long, these topics have been taboo. It’s time to bring these topics to light so that we can tackle them together.

“Through starting that conversation,” Sarco states, “Alpha Sigma Phi will be living up to its vision to Better the World through Better Men.”

“We are confident these partnerships will make our men better as individuals and that our impact can truly make our world a better place,” she said.

“Our partnership with these organizations tells our men and campus partners that we are dedicated to being different and tackling issues that are impacting young adults everywhere.”





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CHAPTERS ALREADY SUPPORTING OUR NEW PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS



Gamma Zeta (Bowling Green)

The undergraduate men of our fraternity are creating an immediate bond with our two new philanthropic partners. Chapters from all over North America are hosting events and fundraisers to raise money for both causes.

Our Gamma Zeta Chapter at Bowling Green State University collected more than \$4,000 during the month of October for Active Minds.



Beta Zeta (NC State)

Eta Sigma (Kent State) also raised over \$4,000 for Active Minds during their Phi-ghting Games event on campus in mid-October.

The Beta Zeta Chapter at North Carolina State University raised more than \$2,500 for Shatterproof during a golf outing they held later that same month.



Eta Sigma (Kent State)

These are just a few ways our undergraduate men can make a difference with Active Minds and Shatterproof, but our alumni can make an impact as well.

Please join your undergraduate brothers by visiting activeminds.org and shatterproof.org to see how you can get involved in the fights against mental health stigma and addiction.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019-20 UNDERGRADUATE LEADERS

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STUART SPISAK

WESTMINSTER '78



By Brandon Carta, Keene State '12

Stuart Spisak joined the Mystic Circle in 1978 as a member of the Alpha Nu Chapter at Westminister College. Growing up, Stuart always knew he would join a Greek-letter organization because it was a tradition within his family. Stuart's recruitment experience exemplified that of many of our brothers who felt like Alpha Sigma Phi was a home away from home. During his undergraduate years, Brother Spisak did not hold any officer roles, but as an alumnus, he's become highly active in giving and volunteering for the Fraternity.

After leaving Westminister, Brother Spisak lived in State College, Pennsylvania at a printing and publishing company. As he started his career, Stuart was invited by the Alpha Sigma Phi Chief Executive Officer to go speak to the Delta Nu Chapter at Lock Haven University. From his first interaction he knew that the Delta Nu Chapter was looking to create a new paradigm for what fraternity looked like on their campus. It was clear the group had a thirst to build a healthy brotherhood, and Stuart found himself traveling to see the group several times. After visiting a few times, Stuart became the Grand Chapter Advisor for the group.

As he began impacting the lives of the undergraduate students at Lock Haven, he also began volunteering for his chapter at Westminister. He became involved in the Alumni Association and eventually served as President where he led a campaign for their chapter house. His experiences at both Lock Haven and Westminister provided a strong rationale for Stuart to attend his first national program, and once he did, he was hooked on supporting the Old Gal. Brother Spisak started sitting on national committees and was elected to the Grand Council in 1992. He served the Old Gal as Grand Councilor, Grand Secretary, Grand Junior President and Grand Senior President.

In each of his roles, Brother Spisak's philosophy and mission are clear. All undergraduate students should have a positive experience, even if that experience is different than his own. Alpha Sigma Phi's President & CEO Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96, recalls the kind of leader Stuart Spisak was for the Fraternity and uses his passion for the Old Gal as a daily reminder.

"Stuart was Grand Senior President when I was appointed to serve as an Undergraduate Grand Councilor," Heminger said. "The thing I most remember about Stuart as Grand

Senior President was his focus on the undergraduate experience. I have tried to carry that lesson with me in this role, as it is often very easy to get caught up in the business aspect of the Fraternity. For Stuart, being an Alpha Sig is about the brotherhood and that starts with the undergraduate experience."

Brother Spisak's advice to alumni interested in getting involved is that the Fraternity is always in need for volunteers. He believes alumni should have a better appreciation for their fraternity experience as time goes on.

"it's important to give back to a group that has provided many brothers with a professional foundation, while also realizing the Fraternity can still provide us with lessons in professional development," Spisak said, "I think alumni can easily find areas they are passionate about and start giving back in those areas."

Outside of the Fraternity, Stuart also successfully lives out the values of Alpha Sigma Phi. Brother Spisak's chapter brother, Kevin Garvey, Westminister '75, currently serves on the Foundation Board of Directors. He's a former Fraternity Staff Member, Grand Treasurer and Grand Senior President. Brother Garvey has known Stuart since his undergraduate days. He says Brother Spisak has been an exemplary brother since the beginning.

"Stuart lives the values of our Fraternity ritual every single day," Garvey explained. "Over the last 40 years, Stuart has always stayed involved with the Old Gal. In all our deliberations on Grand Council, Stuart would always bring us around to how does this effect our undergraduates. This was something he learned from 'Mr. Alpha Sig', Ralph F. Burns."

Mike Young, Murray State '94, another former Grand Councilor, echoed the praises sung by Heminger and Garvey.

"Stuart possesses many qualities that make him a great Alpha Sig," Young said. "He has a genuine love for this brotherhood and what it stands for and exemplifies what it means to be charitable toward others."

Brother Spisak's contributions and efforts as an alumnus have been a superb example for others. It's because of alumni like Stuart that Alpha Sigma Phi is able to be a better institution and a better tool for young men across the world to better themselves; and the world.



AUSTIN RAINS

WRIGHT STATE '15



By Austin Cook, Oakland '13

In 2015, the Eta Psi Provisional Chapter was just being born. Fifty men came together and would eventually become the Founding Fathers of the Eta Psi Chapter on January 9, 2016. Austin Rains, Wright State '15, was one of those men.

Austin was recruited by L.T. Piver, Chico State '11, Director of Expansion for the Fraternity. Piver was in just his first year on staff and was one of Alpha Sigma Phi's coordinators of expansion at the time.

"Austin Rains is a perfect example of who we look for in a Founding Father," Piver said. "I knew immediately he would be a leader for Eta Psi."

Brother Rains became that leader and played a major role in Eta Psi earning their charter. He even had the honor of providing the opening remarks at the Chartering Ceremony.

Austin was quickly noticed by his brothers and was nominated to become the Scholarship Director the following semester. He gladly accepted the position and dedicated his time to become the Scholarship Director while still trying to figure out what he wanted to do with his career. Austin was nominated to become President by his brothers during his senior year at Wright State. Again, he gladly accepted.

"I spent the first half of senior year as president of Alpha Sig, and I loved it," Austin said. "I enjoyed connecting the guys to a mission bigger than we were, and just bettering the world."

One of Austin's major focuses regarding philanthropy while being president was our philanthropic partner RAINN. During his time as president, he organized a fundraiser where the brothers of Eta Psi created polyester foam pins in the shape of a rain drop and handed them out around campus. Proceeds ultimately went to support RAINN in their efforts to end sexual assault on college campuses.

Eta Psi ended up partnering with the Student Council Office, in which they hosted a panel of well-known speakers against sexual assault right on campus.

"I just didn't think other fraternities were upfront regarding sexual assault, so I made sure our fraternity was focused and fighting negative stereotypes," Austin said. "I didn't want others to think of myself of my fraternity as regular "frat" guys, so I made sure we represent ourselves regularly at fundraisers and charity events against sexual assault."

Today, Austin has enjoyed life as a young professional, and a young husband. He got married in October and has chosen to embark in a career in Health Administration, where he oversees day-to-day operations for a urology department service line.

Despite a busy schedule, Austin remains involved as an alumnus of Alpha Sigma Phi. Austin is currently serving as the President of Eta Psi's Alumni Association and is a member of the Fraternity's 175th Anniversary committee. He's also made gifts to the Fund for Alpha Sigma Phi and to Eta Psi's Chapter Endowment.

"It's important to me to give back because I would not have the same experience if it wasn't for those who gave back before us," he said. "I saw what giving back does by way of the Fraternity's leadership conferences and was appreciative that was all funded by donors."

For Brother Rains, helping Alpha Sigma Phi create young leaders, such as himself, is key.

"It's important for me to afford someone else the opportunity to grow as a leader, a man, a brother, and, eventually, as a husband," he said. "You need to be a good leader to be any of those things. I'm proud to be an Alpha Sig, and I'm proud to be able to give back to our undergraduate members."



THE EVENT TO CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Alpha Sigma Phi will celebrate its 175th Anniversary at the 56th Grand Chapter in Hartford, Connecticut on July 16-19, 2020. Tickets to this milestone event are on sale and selling fast at aspevents.org!

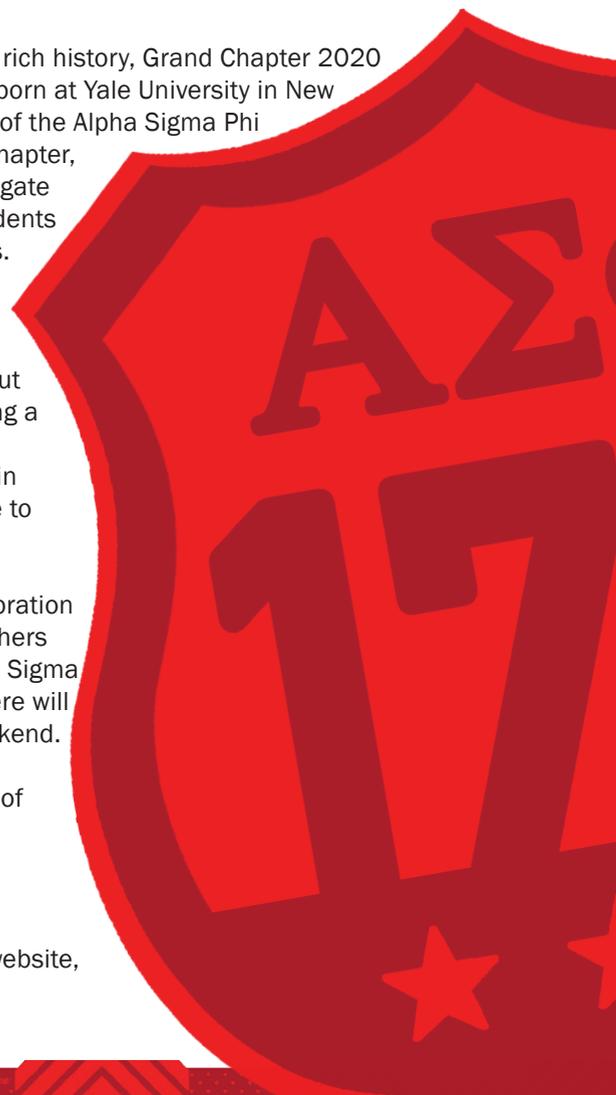
What promises to be an event unlike any other in Alpha Sigma Phi's rich history, Grand Chapter 2020 in Hartford will take place just minutes from where the Old Gal was born at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. At the surface, the Grand Chapter is a meeting of the Alpha Sigma Phi body which is the supreme legislative body of the Fraternity. Every chapter, provisional chapter and recognized alumni association sends a delegate to sit along side the Grand Council and the Past Grand Senior Presidents to vote on the direction of the Fraternity during the Plenary Sessions.

But Grand Chapter is not limited to the delegates. Alpha Sigma Phi is on pace to sell more tickets to Grand Chapter 2020 than in any other Fraternity event in its history. A major component of this turnout is the anticipation built around our alumni members. For some, being a part of Alpha Sigma Phi's summer events are an annual occurrence. For others, this will be an opportunity to reconnect with the Old Gal in celebration of a milestone that not many fraternities have been able to witness.

The Fraternity encourages alumni of any era to experience this celebration with chapter brothers from their collegiate days, as well as with brothers from across many walks of life with whom they've yet to meet. Alpha Sigma Phi also encourages alumni to bring a guest if you so choose, as there will be an abundance of partner and spouse events throughout the weekend.

Alumni and guests will be treated to a private evening cruise, a tour of significant locations on Yale's campus and are invited to join our undergraduate attendees at the Cardinal & Stone Awards Banquet, where the Fraternity honors exemplary brothers and chapters.

Many more details will become available at the Fraternity's events website, aspevents.org.



THE FULL STORY BEHIND THE VALUES OF ΑΣΦ

In celebration of our upcoming milestone, the Fraternity's 175th Anniversary Committee has been leading an effort amongst our chapters to exemplify each of our five values on their campus and in their community leading up to our 175th Founding on December 6, 2020. While those values are well-known, the story behind them may not be.

Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor and Patriotism. The Five Virtues of Conduct and Character that have long since guided Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi to become Better Men. The better man Alpha Sigs strive to become is not about what you have, but is about who are. It is about understanding what you believe in and what impact you will have in the world. It is not an aspiration for fame or fortune, but for the satisfaction of a life well led and the positive impact you can have on others. It is about searching for and discovering the meaning of your life.

But do you know the full story?

These values that define us as a brotherhood have not always been ours, and they have not always been so well-known. While our Founding Fathers spoke of values and men of high character, the specifics were deep within our secret motto. As Alpha Sigma Phi grew, so did our ritual. In 1946, our merger with Alpha Kappa Pi was the catalyst for consolidating and creating the five values that we know today and were added to our ritual ceremonies at that time. For 60 years, Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor and Patriotism remained shrouded in secrecy, only discussed during the execution of the Initiation Ceremony with definitions so obscure that many brothers could not list them, let alone define them and live by them. So, at Grand Chapter 2006, Alpha Sigma Phi took another courageous and intentional step toward a stronger and better brotherhood by lifting the veil of secrecy surrounding our five values, publicly declaring who we are and what we stand for. In 2013, we changed from a single national philanthropic partner (Livestrong), to five partnership philanthropies that align with each of the five values.

Silence – A brother has the strength to embrace silence and the will to build an interior life founded upon an honest desire to truly listen to others. Trust in silence transcends the guilt that is created when men feel the need to compete in action or rhetoric. He is introspective and self-reliant.

Silence includes keeping the secrets of the Fraternity, and knowing when to speak up. Within the Mystic Circle, brothers can voice things they might otherwise not be able to, as it is known that their secrets will be kept. The Black Lantern Processional is silent to show respect.

Silence is about listening first, acting second. It's about an openness to new ideas, ways of thinking and beliefs that may be different from yours. Sometimes a person going through troubles just needs for someone to supportively listen, not to solve their problems or voice an opinion. Silence can be about learning from others to gain wisdom and build better relationships.



The philanthropic partner is RAINN, the Rape and Incest National Network, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

Charity – A brother is charitable in the broadest sense of the word. A man who strives for a life of charity and service is more patient, kinder and more forgiving of the flaws of others. He puts others before himself. A charitable man sacrifices of himself to help others and seeks no recognition in return. He is humble, reverent and generous.

Charity is not just giving money. A poor man can be charitable. Time and labor are some of the most important aspects of this. Time is a precious thing both in our lives and with others. A charitable man willingly sacrifices himself to help others without expectation of reward. The reward is becoming a better man.

The philanthropic partner changed in 2019 from Humane Society to Shatterproof, focusing on drug and alcohol addiction that often lead to suicide and other devastation.

Purity – A brother consistently strives for purity of mind, body and soul. The man who is pure of thought, word and deed does not shrink from adversity or lofty goals. There is no self-pity, rationalizations or apologies. He is moral and a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. Like integrity, purity is doing the right thing even when no one else is watching. There are no hidden agendas nor tainted motivations. A pure man can look back on his actions and not be ashamed of what or why he acted.

How do you make decisions? Purity is understanding the motivations that inform your decisions rather than about the decisions themselves.

The philanthropic partner is Aware Awake Alive, focusing on alcohol abuse in young people.

Honor – A brother lives a life of personal integrity, thereby accruing honor. An honorable man lives up to promises made - to others and to himself. A man of honor is not vain and is willing to endure scorn or ostracism rather than conform to the pressures of peers, superiors, or the fashion of the day. He is ethical, honest, humble, and trustworthy. We accrue honor by earning trust and respect. Trust is earned by living up to promises made and being honest in what you say and why you say it. Respect is earned by sacrificing for what you believe in, by living a life of integrity without straying from your moral compass. Honor is its own reward.

The philanthropic partner is Active Minds, focusing on mental illness awareness and education for students.

Patriotism – A patriotic brother loves his country, remaining consistently engaged in its affairs. He seeks to know his country and to pass that knowledge on to others. He is devoted to the principles of personal freedom, justice and civic responsibility embedded in the founding documents that have made his country great. He is loyal, proud and humble.

Patriotism is not about blind faith in a political party. It is knowing who you are, where you come from, and pride in being a part of something greater than yourself and understanding that you can have an impact. It involves keeping informed of issues and participating in democracy such as voting. It includes honoring those who have sacrificed to secure and protect our freedom. It involves making a better neighborhood, community and nation.

The philanthropic partner is Homes for Our Troops, building custom homes for severely injured post-9/11 veterans.

Alpha Sigma Phi is an organization based upon values. While not directly founded upon these specific values, our founders Louis Manigault, Stephen Ormsby Rhea and Horace Spangler Weiser laid the groundwork of what has become an organization of men that can connect with, and are driven by, our five values. Without our values, we would not have been able to overcome the challenges that fraternities have faced for almost 175 years. Without our values, we will not be able to overcome the challenges fraternities will continue to face. Our values are not only a cornerstone of our organization, but living them publicly is what sets up apart on our college campuses.

So, Brothers, as we are about to celebrate a historic 175th anniversary, let us rediscover the meaning and purpose of our values. Let us recommit to leading a values-driven life with values-driven practices within our chapters. Let us reimagine what can be as we move forward as a fraternity and remain an exemplary organization. As part of the 175th Anniversary, the Values Exemplification Committee has worked diligently to create programming and guide opportunities to continue to live our values. Our chapters are reflecting and acting out our five values, focusing on one Value during each of the five academic quarters from January 2019 and leading up to Grand Chapter 2020 in Hartford, Connecticut. Chapter members receive information each quarter regarding group discussions about the value and activities or fundraisers for the philanthropic partner matching that value. Chapters are encouraged to interview those who they determine best exemplify the value and gain a further understanding of the impact our values can have in our world. By doing so, we will continue “to Better the Man through the creation and perpetuation of brotherhood based upon the values of character: Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor and Patriotism.”

WHY I VOLUNTEER



BOB SEARS

MISSOURI '80

By David Reitan,
Ohio Wesleyan '11

For some people, volunteering is not the easiest thing to do. But for Bob Sears, Missouri '80, volunteering is an opportunity worth taking.

"Volunteering is not a job; it is an honor and a privilege," he said.

That mindset has come from a lifetime of serving his Alpha Sigma Phi community. Interestingly enough, Brother Sears may never have done so, seeing that joining a fraternity was not something he initially wanted to do.

"I never thought I would be in a fraternity," Sears admitted. "In fact, I was dead set against it. But my best friend and I were going to Missouri together and we received an invitation to a summer rush event at a country club near where we lived. We decided to join that day and it was a great decision."

Thankfully, Bob joined the ranks of the Fraternity and has stayed active as an alumnus. He currently serves as the Grand Chapter Advisor at his Alma Mater and the newly reorganized Alpha Theta Chapter at Missouri. It doesn't take long to notice that Brother Sears brings a sincere passion to the position, encouraging the undergraduate members to get involved however they can. When asked if he had any general advice for the current members, Bob replied:

"It has been my experience that one gets very little out of an organization without sacrificing in support of it. The very best experience and personal growth and open doors in the future will come to those who are willing to make it a point to attend meetings, join in when there is heavy lifting to do, volunteer for extra help when needed, put his name in the hat when there is an election, volunteer on a committee or clean up after an event."

It is for these reasons we Brother Sears is this issue's Volunteer Feature. We had an extended conversation about his time in the Fraternity—both as an undergraduate and alumnus—and what he has going on now.

What does the Fraternity mean to you as an alumnus?

The very first thing it means to me today is lifetime friendship. This group of alumni, whether from my class or those much later, have an instant connection that makes it easy to share stories. No one is a stranger.

Some of the characteristics I have now were developed through my experience as an undergrad brother. I learned leadership, small group politics, service, public speaking, responsibility, social skills and a long list of other personal skills.

How do the values of Alpha Sigma Phi apply to your life after college?

Honor, by which I mean respecting my brothers and true friends by being honest with them, to build them up, to avoid jealousy, to allow them their victories and celebrate rather than point out my own wins.

Dedication to a goal and the tasks that get you to the goal. This was needed as an officer but also on a personal level in order to graduate and then later to be successful in my career.

Brotherhood. My experience with the Fraternity developed in me a special kind of brotherhood that has influenced my later relationships.

What have you gained from serving as a volunteer for the Fraternity?

I have met and developed so many new friends that I cannot count. These are not just friends, but brothers. They will be people I can call on to laugh with, cry with, commiserate with and ask for help from for life. The experience has opened my mind and eyes to a whole new way to jump in, do some good for others and come out a better person.

Why do you think it is important for young alumni to give back to the Fraternity?

Volunteering, especially by giving back to the Fraternity, is a great path to personal development. First, you are paying back to the group that had some role in getting you where you are. Second, you are paying forward to the men coming up behind you who are eager to meet you and learn from you. Third, you will be rewarded personally more than you can imagine by the personal growth you will receive.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am grateful that I have been able to take the time to focus on volunteer activities outside of my career. Volunteer work is sorely needed and I am happy to help Alpha Sigma Phi where I can. I would not have done any one of these things without having the experiences gifted to me by Alpha Sigma Phi.

Thank you, Brother Sears for your all your efforts to make Alpha Sigma Phi such an excellent institution for young men.

CHARTERING UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING CHARTERING CEREMONIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION



IOTA MU

california state university, san marcos



63
NAMES ON
CHARTER

CHARTERED ON: September 7, 2019

LOCATION: University Student Union, Ballroom A & C

STAFF: LT Piver, Chico State '11

KEYNOTE/INSTALL: Tom Brown, Indiana '75

PRESIDENT: Olaf Zielinski, CSU San Marcos '18



IOTA NU

university of nevada, las vegas



53
NAMES ON
CHARTER

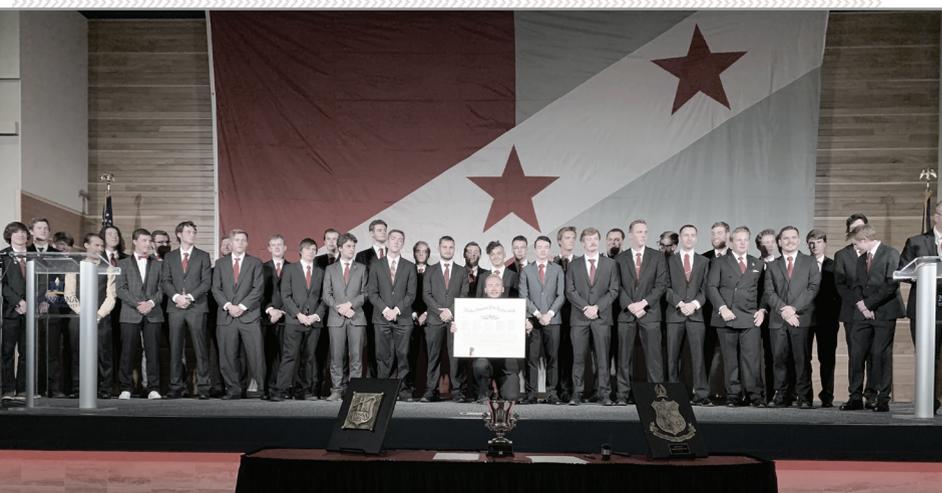
CHARTERED ON: September 8, 2019

LOCATION: University Student Union, Room 208C

STAFF: Tabatha Sarco, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority

KEYNOTE/INSTALL: Tabatha Sarco, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority

PRESIDENT: Cody Williams, UNLV '18



IOTA EPSILON

montana state university



80
NAMES ON
CHARTER

CHARTERED ON: September 28, 2019

LOCATION: Union Building, Ballroom A-D

STAFF: Jeremy Ried, Elmhurst '07

KEYNOTE/INSTALL: Rodney Rusk, Central Michigan '93

PRESIDENT: Josh Freund, Montana State '17

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN OF OUR NEWEST CHAPTERS

Six provisional chapters received their charter/re-charter this fall. If you would like to make a gift to one of these six chapters in honor of their chartering, please visit aspgiving.org.



GAMMA ALPHA
ohio northern university



34
NAMES ON
RE-CHARTER

RE-CHARTERED ON: October 5, 2019

LOCATION: McIntosh Center, Activities Room

STAFF: Sam Harris, Wayne State '12

KEYNOTE/INSTALL: Jeremy Ried, Elmhurst '07

PRESIDENT: Zachery Lemon, Ohio Northern '18



THETA PHI
university of west georgia



38
NAMES ON
CHARTER

CHARTERED ON: November 2, 2019

LOCATION: University Recreation Ballroom

STAFF: Adam Stahon, Westminster '12

KEYNOTE/INSTALL: John Bissman, Cincinnati '16

PRESIDENT: George Klintworth, West Georgia '17



THETA XI
university of maine



48
NAMES ON
CHARTER

CHARTERED ON: November 9, 2019

LOCATION: Wells Conference Room - Room 1

STAFF: Nick Stepaniak, Central Michigan '09

KEYNOTE/INSTALL: Zach Shircliff, Indiana '17

PRESIDENT: Chris Decker, Maine '17

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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 fount 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.

ASK EVIN

Q: I was talking to an alumnus at Elevate this past summer about Alpha Sigma Phi's history and traditions. Being from a new chapter, he told me about a chartering tradition he remembered from years ago. It had to do with baby toys or something. Was he just kidding.?

– New member from a new chapter.

A: Nice of him to remember, but it wasn't baby toys, it was an item from a layette, a new mother's favorite gifts of linens, clothing and toiletries. Specifically, it was a baby blanket.

It doesn't take too much of a leap to associate a baby blanket with a new chapter and it is more appropriate than, say, soft bristle hairbrushes, booties or pacifiers.

As for the tradition's origins, we have to go back to the 1970s, a particularly tough decade for fraternities and sororities, especially those trying to expand to new campuses. Alpha Sigma Phi's Delta Epsilon Chapter at Rio Grande College was founded in 1972 and was our newest chapter for about six years.

The Fraternity launched an expansion effort in the mid-70s with the intention of marching through the southeastern states. While who actually originated the idea of a baby blanket is shrouded in hazy history, in 1978 members of the Rio Grande chapter traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, to deliver a baby blanket from Delta Epsilon to Beta Zeta, our then newest chapter at North Carolina State University. The blanket was appropriately inscribed with the giving and receiving chapters' Greek letter designations. At its bottom were the words "Great to Get. Greater to Give."

In addition to presenting the blanket, the Rio Grande brothers also presented the Alpha Badge Plaque engraved with the new chapter information.

Soon after receiving the blanket and plaque, members from NC State traveled to University of North Carolina – Charlotte, to deliver the same to the Delta Zeta Chapter, which in turn took them to the next newest chapter, Delta Eta at East Carolina University.

Expansion opportunities increased and the blanket and plaque traveled to new and re-established chapters across the United States. New blankets had to be added to the original to hold all the chapter names. By 2010, it was three baby blankets that, though a bit beaten and tired, traced our growth to that point and the tradition was retired.

It was a fun tradition which gave much pleasure to the newly minted chapter, but more so, to the one which gave it.

PLANNING TO 2025 AND BEYOND

Mia Hamm, American soccer phenom and philanthropist, is quoted as saying, “The backbone of success is hard work, determination, good planning and perseverance.”

She could be referring to Alpha Sigma Phi’s roadmap to success.

The present Grand Council, Alpha Sigma Phi’s board of directors, inherited a five-year strategic plan to take the Fraternity to 2020 and our 175th year. This plan focuses on **growth**, with the goal of 200 active chapters and increased alumni involvement at the chapter level; **member development** which includes enhanced training and philanthropic opportunities; and **undergraduate living environments**, essentially empowering CLVEN, our housing corporation, to assist chapters with resources to help develop safe and healthy living environments.

We are well on the way to meet those objectives. But bringing this plan to a close next summer means that we will introduce a new plan, designed to take the Brotherhood to 2025.

For the past 18 months, the Grand Council has studied changes in student population, campus environments and the relevancy of fraternities to the college men of today and tomorrow.

The Council has also recognized that Alpha Sigma Phi is blessed with a significant number of alumni, with more than 2,000 brothers matriculating from college each year.

While fraternities in general face some pending challenges, Alpha Sigma Phi’s 2025 strategic plan is focusing on the number of opportunities that lie ahead. Specifically, the plan focuses on three priorities, **growth, undergraduate achievement, and lifetime engagement.**

Growth remains a priority, even with the recognition that changing campus environments will slow the breakneck speed of gaining new chapters. We will still target new opportunities and develop more ways to assist existing chapters grow their rosters.

Undergraduate achievement is focused on enhancing academic success, becoming a recognized leader for relevant issues for men, making membership more accessible and inclusive, and ensuring that high-quality brotherhood experiences are available for our members.

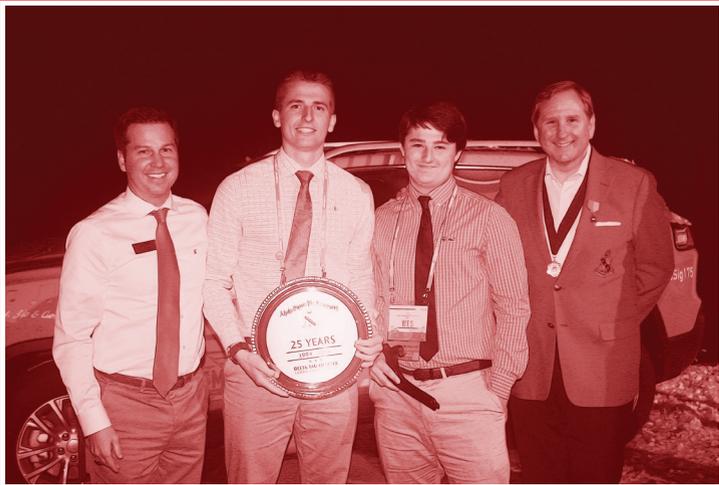
Lifetime engagement looks at ways to strengthen our Brotherhood through remaining relevant to our alumni, particularly younger alumni, as they move through life’s stages.

Specific tactics are being developed to support achieving each of these priorities and the complete plan will be presented at the 2020 Grand Chapter.



CHAPTERS WHO CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

IN 2019 BASED ON ORIGINAL FOUNDING DATE



The Delta Tau Chapter at Murray State University was recognized at the 2019 Cardinal & Stone Awards Luncheon at Elevate in Phoenix, Arizona for the 25-year anniversary of their founding. The Chapter also won their sixth Grand Senior President's Cup in 2019, the second most of any chapter in Alpha Sigma Phi's history behind Beta Delta (Marshall) (7).

A QUARTET OF ACTIVE CHAPTERS SHARE FOUNDING MONTH/YEAR

Alpha Mu (10/7/39), Alpha Nu (10/14/39), Alpha Pi (10/21/39) and Alpha Xi (10/28/39) each share the same founding month of October and year of 1939. The inactive Alpha Lambda Chapter at Case-Western was also founded in October 1939. These chapters represent some of our largest in terms of total membership (undergraduates + living alumni), as Alpha Xi (Illinois Tech) is the 15th largest chapter, Alpha Nu (Westminster) is the 4th largest chapter and Alpha Pi (Purdue) is the 2nd largest chapter. Brother Dave Howard, Purdue '83, Delta Beta Xi '19, says there is pride in being around for 80 years, but the focus must remain on the future. "All our chapters need to navigate the wants and needs of today's youth," he said. "They need to be able to balance that with today's risks and challenges, such as hazing, alcohol abuse, illegal drug use and sexual assault."

★ 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1999



EPSILON EPSILON (BLOOMSBURG)



EPSILON ETA (SALISBURY)

★ 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1994



DELTA TAU (MURRAY STATE)

★ 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1969



DELTA BETA (NORTHERN MICHIGAN)

★ 70-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1949



GAMMA DELTA (DAVIS & ELKINS)

★ 80-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1939



ALPHA MU (BALDWIN WALLACE)



ALPHA NU (WESTMINSTER)



ALPHA XI (ILLINOIS TECH)



ALPHA PI (PURDUE)

★ 90-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1929



ALPHA THETA (MISSOURI)

★ 110-YEAR ANNIVERSARY | 1909



IOTA (CORNELL)

2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

★ **CLVEN** TO-DATE
PROPERTIES MANAGED **33**

★ FRATERNITY

	2018-19
UNDERGRADUATES	8,949
LIVING ALUMNI	58,675
CHAPTER-BASED VOLUNTEERS	1,237
CHAPTERS + PROVISIONAL CHAPTERS	174
NEW MEMBERS	3,505
GRADUATED MEMBERS	2,837
EXPANSIONS/RE-ORGANIZATIONS	20
CHARTERS/RE-CHARTERS	9
APPOINTED GRAND CHAPTER ADVISORS	67

★ FOUNDATION

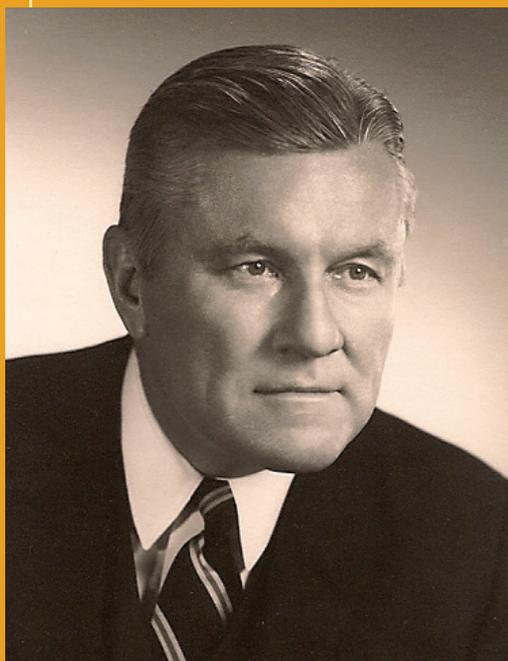
	2018 FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE
DOLLARS RAISED	\$400,647
TOTAL DONORS	2,102
DAY OF GIVING DOLLARS	\$72,459
DAY OF GIVING DONORS	844
	2018-19
DOLLARS RAISED	\$1,314,075
GRANT TO FRATERNITY	\$560,000
FIRST-TIME DONORS	512

ARIZONA STATE | ZETA BETA
AUBURN | ZETA PSI
CARNEGIE MELLON | ALPHA GAMMA
CENTRAL MICHIGAN | DELTA RHO
COLORADO | PI
EAST CAROLINA | DELTA ETA
EAST TENNESSEE | IOTA THETA
FRESNO STATE | ZETA MU
GEORGIA TECH | ZETA ETA
GRAND VALLEY | DELTA PHI
HOUSTON | THETA DELTA
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OHIO NORTHERN | GAMMA ALPHA
OKLAHOMA | ALPHA ALPHA
OKLAHOMA STATE | ETA ALPHA
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WEST GEORGIA | THETA PHI
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UNLISTED: CLVEN MANAGES THE PIKE
HOUSE AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE

LEAVING A LEGACY WITHIN THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

KLEINOEDER'S IMPACT STILL FELT 30 YEARS LATER



Brother Howard L. Kleinoeder, Washington '35, passed into the Omega Chapter in 1990 and left a bequest of 6.4 million dollars to the foundation, the largest gift in its history. His gift drastically changed Alpha Sigma Phi, allowing national leadership programs to continue while also supporting Fraternity staff's ability to provide education to our undergraduate brothers. Without his selfless contribution, Alpha Sigma Phi would not be the organization it is today.

Did you know that your assets can benefit not only your loved ones after you are gone, but can also be used to support Alpha Sigma Phi's educational efforts? Contributing a portion of your assets as you enter the Omega Chapter is a selfless act. A brother who does so earns recognition as a member of the Manigault Society, the highest distinction held among donors to Alpha Sigma Phi.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation works with our alumni and donors to ensure their desires are understood and properly documented. Members of Alpha Sigma Phi who make a gift of their assets dictate the usage of those funds. Many brothers elect to give directly in support of the Fund for Alpha Sigma Phi to support our award-winning educational programming. Others choose to invest in their chapter endowment, or other leadership or scholarship funds.

The following can qualify as planned gifts to the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation:

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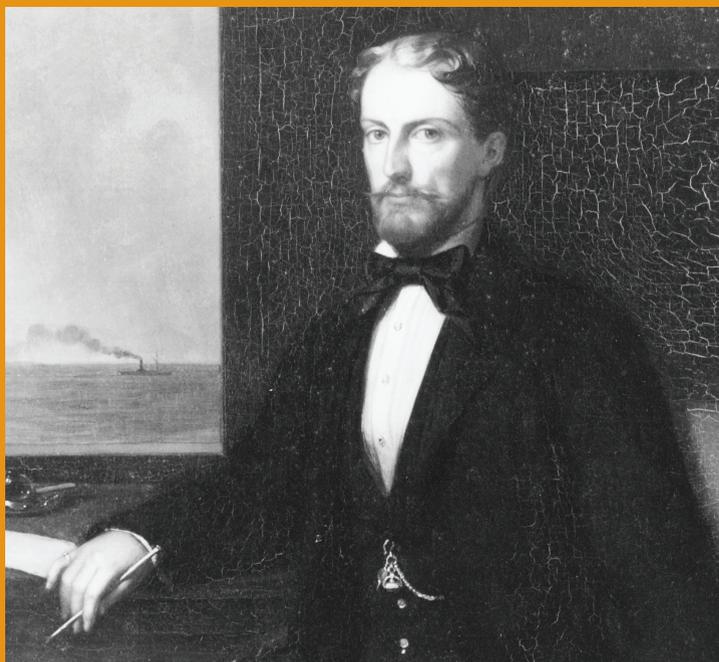
It is always best to consult with an estate planning attorney or plan account manager when listing the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation as a beneficiary.

If you have listed the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation as a beneficiary, please let us know. If you are considering doing so, we would love to speak with you to better understand your goals.

Please contact Matt Humberger, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, with questions or to join the Manigault Society. He can be reached via email at mhumberger@alphasigmaphi.org or by phone at 317.843.1911.

A full listing of current Manigault Society members can be found in this publication.

the Manigault Society



Named for our principal founder, Louis Manigault, the Society includes those who have included Alpha Sigma Phi in their wills, or have designated Alpha Sigma Phi as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account.

These selfless acts benefit future Alpha Sigs. To learn more about planned giving, please contact Matt Humberger, Vice President & COO, at mhumberger@alphasigmaphi.org.

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Christopher Musbach, Ohio Wesleyan '02
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Joshua Orendi, Bethany '96
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Larry Philippi, Bowling Green '76
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★ BEQUESTS

Made through a will or living trust. Donors may designate the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation as the beneficiary of a death-time gift by cash or other assets. While there is no lifetime tax benefit (other than possibly an estate tax deduction for the estate of a wealthy donor), making a bequest enables a donor to make a larger gift without impacting the donor's financial position during their lifetime.

★ BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

The donor names the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation as a direct or contingent beneficiary of one or more retirement accounts, IRA's, life insurance policies, annuity contracts or other assets. Because the benefits are paid at death without jeopardizing the donor's financial security during life, this option allows for a larger or supplemental gift than might be possible during the donor's life.

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