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## WHO'S NEWS?

### You're News!

#### Submit Your Alumni News

What have you been up to? Let your brothers know by submitting your personal news to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Alumni updates could be the basis for a future newsletter or eLetter profile in the future. Any and all photos are welcome, too!

## THE LOST

### Help Us Find These Brothers

You've received this newsletter but more than 130 of your Brothers have not! It's because we do not have valid mailing addresses for 137 Kappa Sigs. Help us find our lost Brothers – if you have their addresses – by visiting [www.kappasigsu.2stayconnected.com/pdf/522ill.pdf](http://www.kappasigsu.2stayconnected.com/pdf/522ill.pdf) and clicking on the ones you have addresses for. They will appreciate it!

# Alpha-Delta News



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## THE NEW HOUSE

### Kappa Sig Moves Into A New, Beautiful House

*Only You Can Help Our New Abode Feel Like Home!*

*By Ed Gorkes '79*

With the Fall 2015 semester under way, the Alpha Delta chapter of Kappa Sigma could not be in a better position and is poised for an unprecedented year of success! After taking over the old Kappa Delta Rho house at 420 E. Prospect Ave., Alpha Delta has significantly upgraded its housing and has placed itself in the conversation as one of the top fraternities at Penn State.

The new Alpha Delta house will aid tremendously in the expansion of the chapter, which has been happening for the past eight years. But expanding our Brotherhood will not be without its challenges.

Moving into a new house is a large adjustment for the brothers of Alpha Delta. In order to support them, **extra donations** are extremely encouraged during this



pivotal period for our undergraduates. One of the many things in which Alpha Delta prides itself on is the strong groundwork of Brotherhood that underlines the chapter. These donations will go toward ensuring that this foundation will not falter by helping to supply the new house with

much needed furniture, which will assist in ensuring that brotherhood involvement and participation will remain at its all-time high. You can easily donate by sending a check to:

Kappa Sigma  
Pennsylvania State University  
Alumni Relations Processing Center  
P.O. Box 7007  
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Or by calling the donation hotline at 1-800-975-6699.

## CHARACTER COUNTS

### Be Proud Of The Traditions You've Helped Establish and Maintain!



The biggest hurdle facing Kappa Sigma's move was that due to the fact it was formerly home to Kappa Delta Rho, which was embroiled in a scandal this spring, the home was listed as a "nuisance property" by the borough due to KDR's actions. As a result, the property was not to be rented until November but an appeal to the Rental Housing Revocation Appeal board that focused on the proud and honorable history of Kappa Sigma Brothers prompted the board to lift the rental suspension early to allow an upstanding group of men to move in.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Alpha Delta Off To Good Start With Historic Pledge Class

Hunter Obeid '17 | Alpha Delta Grand Master

The first month of fall semester has proven to be full of challenges and adversity for the Alpha Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma. We were beyond thrilled to be leaving our previous location to move into a much larger residency. We expected a larger than normal rush turnout because in the past our lack of traditional housing was a hurdle for us to overcome with rushes.

Every brother was enthusiastic and prepared to sacrifice time and energy to make this year's rush historic. I am proud to announce that we have a strong class of 27 pledges, which is the largest class since recolonization.

We moved into our new house on 420 East Prospect Avenue, previously occupied by the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, not realizing how many obstacles we would have to overcome before focusing on growing as a chapter. After losing its rental license, the Zeta Alumni Corporation of Kappa Delta Rho needed



to concur to a consent agreement with the Borough of State College in order to rent out the house. This put many restrictions on us as their tenants. As the representative for our fraternity to the State College Borough, I make sure our brothers are keeping up with a corrective action plan imposed on the Zeta Alumni Corporation. Our brothers will be attending educational seminars, which include topics such as recycling and the protocol for trash removal. Serving as the representative for Alpha Delta, I have developed a community service/neighborhood outreach plan for

the chapter that includes inviting neighbors over for a meal, helping with their lawns and yard work, and just getting to know our neighbors. I believe that being forced to deal with these restrictions will help us solidify our relationship with the borough and help us in the future.

After my first meeting with the borough, my focus has shifted to working with our newest pledge class to integrate them into Greek life at Penn State. One of the first things they will learn about is the Interfraternity/Panhellenic Dance Marathon that we participate in. In our first canning trip we raised just over \$20,600 with the sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma. It is still early in the year, but much of our hard work has paid off and I see the beginning of a new era for Alpha Delta – one with extensive community involvement and rapidly growing brotherhood.

# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

## You Can Help Alpha Delta Chapter by Donating Today!

This space is about you – the generous and thoughtful Brother who has given back to Alpha Delta over the past year.

We raised \$13,256 from 77 donors this past giving year which ended August 31.\* Unfortunately, our giving totals and donor numbers have fallen in each of the last three years. We must reverse this trend, and you have the power to help us do that! Any gift helps Alpha Delta – to ensure the same experience you got while an active Brother is available to all, to maintain and organize alumni communications and

events and for general upkeep and projects at the new house, which we are seeking extra gifts for this year. Donating is easy. Visit our website ([www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com)) and click donate in the upper right hand corner or follow the directions to donate by mail or over the phone on the front page of this newsletter.

Thank you to the following donors who helped Alpha Delta this past year and get your name on this list next year by donating what you can, when you can!

### Alpha-Delta Club (\$2,501+)

### President's Club (\$1,001-\$2,500)

Thomas C. Hilbert 1963  
R. Brad Lawrence 1969

### Founders' Club (\$501- \$1,000)

Walter J. Conti 1952  
H. Wesley Link 1955  
Richard Armstrong 1981

### Star & Crescent Club (\$251-\$500)

James Lovett Jr. 1952  
Thomas C. McNulty 1968  
Louis F. Koehler 1969  
Michael B. High 1970  
Anthony J. Buzzelli 1971  
V. Paul Spuds O'Brien 1971  
Charles L. Goodwin 1972  
David J. Guerin Jr. 1972  
Robert W. Hampton Jr. 1973  
John E. Wray Jr. 1973  
Donald H. Carretta 1975

Kim T. Chapman 1977  
Mark H. Breedlove 1978  
Mark L. Rippy 1981  
Matthew H. Bennett 1994

### Crest Club (\$101 - \$250)

John T. Flynn 1955  
Wayne A. Pihl 1956  
R. Dean Madden 1963  
Harold D. Schrader 1965  
Gary A. Agostini 1968  
Willard J. Martin Jr. 1968  
Kenneth R. Ewing 1969  
John F. McEnery 1970  
E. Lawrence Nucci 1970  
George L. Strachan III 1970  
Jim G. Lang Jr. 1972  
William Turtle Murdoch 1973  
Ronald F. Derzak 1974  
David E. Dick 1974  
James H. Leax Jr. 1974  
Michael S. DeNapoli, D.C. 1986  
Curt R. Miller 1988

John M. Murphy 1989  
Shawn L. Huber 1996  
Robert A. Lesko 2004

### Blue & White Club (\$51-\$100)

George (Bing) Bortle 1954  
Harry E. Koch 1962  
John T. Rogers 1963  
F C. Baesman 1964  
James A. Ball USAF-Ret 1965  
Terry R. Eshenour 1966  
Philip Xanthopoulos 1966  
Ted H. Perry 1970  
Anthony Gasbarro 1971  
James Preston Charles 1972  
Robert A. Hannegan 1972  
Gary W. Link 1972  
Bill - Vitori 1973  
Thomas A. Nyquist 1977  
Craig A. McCracken 1981  
Linda McCann 1984  
Michael E. Fiffik 1989  
Jeffrey Lawrence Reymos 1991

Marc A. Beard 1999

### Supporting Club (\$1-\$50)

Michael Samick  
Keith Sorgie  
Theodore A. Lesko 1940  
Harvey (Jerry) G. Cook 1955  
Andrew Turner 1962  
Lawrence H. Carter 1964  
Vincent D Di Loreto 1965  
Richard D. Chamberlain 1971  
Michael A. Demoise 1974  
Ralph W. Tolino 1975  
Robert L. Berk 1976  
Marie Soohy 1986  
David E. Falchek 1991  
Clinton L. Burks 1993  
Jason M. Lytle 1997  
Nathan J. Wurst 2002  
Matthew Wurst 2006  
Chris Micklos 2009

\*New giving year began Sept. 1, 2015

## Alpha Delta Welcomes 27 Pledges from Multiple Backgrounds to Bring Variety, Vitality to the Brotherhood



**Aaron Sturm** is a freshman from Collegeville, PA. He enjoys wrestling and football, plans on majoring in Finance and will be involved in philanthropy events for Alpha Delta.



**Aidan Bitterman** is a freshman from Princeton, NJ. His interests include country music and baseball.



**Alex Cheesman** is a sophomore from Swedesboro, NJ who enjoys basketball and football. He intends to major in Philosophy.



**Alex Dufresne** is a freshman from San Antonio, TX and is planning to major in French.



**Alex Shockley** is a sophomore from Snow Hill, MD. He likes soccer, swimming and tennis, plans on majoring in Spanish and Hospitality Management and wants to be very involved in THON through Alpha Delta.



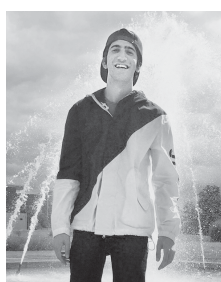
**Bennet Massie** is a freshman from Camp Hill, PA. His interests include skiing, hiking, and cars. His intended major is Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering. Bennet wants to be highly involved in the fraternity's philanthropy and community service events.



**Chris Chavez** is a sophomore from Oxford, PA. His interests include running, hiking, fishing, and swimming. He plans on majoring in Security Risk Analysis and plans on playing IM sports for Alpha Delta and getting into THON.



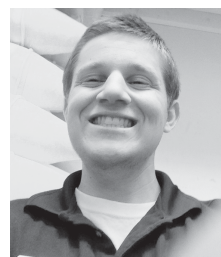
**Dalton Kramer** is a freshman from Reading, PA. He enjoys the NBA and water polo. He intends on majoring in Employment Relations and wants to be very involved in Brotherhood development and rush events.



**Daniel Maffucci** is a freshman from Danbury, CT. His interests include cars, photography, and computer engineering. He plans to major in Management Information Systems.



**Daniel Charasz** is a freshman from Great Neck, NY. He's an avid tennis player.



**Daniel Funck** is a junior from Holland, PA. His interests include golf and lacrosse and he plans to major in Hospitality Management.



**Earl Chen** is a freshman from Shanghai China, but has lived in Wisconsin for several years. His interests include Xbox, soccer, and golfing.



**Felice Santoro** is a freshman from Philadelphia, PA majoring in Computer Engineering.



**Jacob Weiss** is a freshman from Danville, CA who enjoys lacrosse and plans to major in Supply Chain and Information Systems.

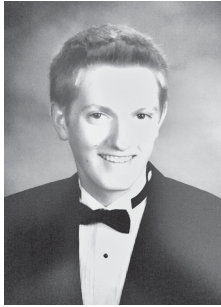


**Jacob Ward** is a freshman from Lincoln University, PA. His interests include rugby, cross-country, and baseball, and he plans to major in Neuro-Psychology.

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## FALL 2015 PLEDGE CLASS

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**Kevin Taylor** is a freshman from Landenberg, PA and enjoys music and photography. He is currently in the Division of Undergraduate Studies and is excited to join the strong sense of brotherhood around Alpha Delta and will be involved in THON.



**Kevin Baum** is a sophomore from North Woodmere, NY. He likes soccer.



**Mark Henry** is a freshman from State College, PA. His interests include hunting, fishing, and hiking. He intends to major in Architectural Engineering.



**Mark Montesano** is a freshman from West Chester, PA. He enjoys fishing, shooting, and trucks. He plans on majoring in Health Policy Administration. Mark is excited to better the fraternity and would like to hold a chair position in the future.



**Mike Nathanson** is a freshman from Roxbury, NJ. He plays volleyball, lacrosse, guitar and drums. He plans to major in Finance and give back to Alpha Delta through working different chair positions and eventually Grand Master.



**Owen Karsmaski** is a freshman from Bradford, CT. He enjoys sports and traveling and is currently a Pre-Medicine student. Owen wants to be involved in IM sports and run for rush chair.



**Ryan Schollenberger** is a freshman from Yardley, PA. He enjoys snowboarding, art and design. His major is currently undecided. Ryan places a lot of emphasis on the brotherhood and continuing it by helping the rush process.



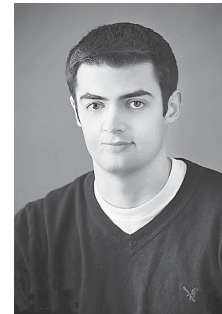
**Sam Wadleigh** is a freshman from Glastonbury, CT. He enjoys soccer, basketball, and volunteer work. His intended major is Chemical Engineering. Sam has aspirations of becoming a future community service or philanthropy chairman.



**Tanner Azemar** is a junior from Boiling Springs, PA. His interests include cars, music, and fitness. Tanner is also a Mechanical Engineering major. Tanner enjoys Greek Sing and would like to remain involved in the future.



**Tyler White** is a freshman from Mechanicsburg, PA. He enjoys, soccer and snowboarding. He intends on majoring in Math and Physics.



**Vince Tosto** is a sophomore from Butler, PA. He enjoys basketball and baseball. His intended major is Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering. As a former class president and Eagle Scout, Vince would like to use his leadership skills to benefit the fraternity in different chair positions in the future.



**Zach Watkins** is a freshman from Baconton, GA. His interests include football, golf, and anything Penn State. He intends on majoring in Political Science. Zach is a strong leader in his pledge class and sets the bar high for Alpha Delta in the future. He plans to be very involved in THON and the Military Heroes Campaign.