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ABOUT KAPPA SIGMA

Founded in 1869 at the University of Virginia, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity is currently one of the largest men's college organizations in North America, having initiated more than 200,000 members. With more than 240 undergraduate and alumni chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, the Fraternity teaches its core standards and values through educational programming related to the four cornerstones of Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service.

MERRITT SWEENEY '00

It is said often that the good die far too young.

In addition, far too often, it is reality.

A past president of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University, Merritt Sweeney passed away at the young age of 38 this past January, following a lengthy illness.

Leaving behind his parents, one brother and scores of people who consider themselves lucky to be his friend, Sweeney was a devoted fan of the Arts who loved painting. He was known to have a particular affinity for animals, mainly ferrets and dogs.



Alpha-Delta News



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BROTHERS OUTSIDE OF STATE COLLEGE!

Spring Has Sprung!!!

Alums Making Penn State Proud!



Brother Brandt Reilly '11 will be escaping the State College snow next winter as he heads down south to Dallas, Texas. Brandt has started his internship this Spring with Mizzen and Main, a popular golf outerwear company known for their moisture wicking, wrinkle-free men's dress shirts. He is working in the apparel department as a marketing intern. Brandt is a senior enrolled in the College of Health and Human Development studying Recreation, Park Tourism and Management with a concentration in Professional Golf Management. During his internship, Brandt plans to learn as much as he can and weigh out his options for a full time job come August. He plans to reach out to colleagues from his past as well those from his current internship for support as he seeks an opportunity in the golf industry. When asked what he would miss the most while away this spring, Brandt responded – "I will miss being a member of the active brotherhood as some of the best bonds I have had with people have come from the fraternity. Not being able to build as strong of a relationship with the new pledge class spring semester is something I will miss as well."



Brother Jacob Moll '14 is currently studying in Jönköping, Sweden at Jönköping University. His program is through the CIRT program in the College of Education. While studying abroad, Jacob is enjoying being in a new culture for five months while also getting the opportunity to travel to a few other countries during his free time. So far, Jacob has visited London and plans to visit Copenhagen, Rome, and hopefully somewhere else in Germany. While he is at Jönköping University, Jacob is practicing his IM volleyball for this upcoming fall at the university, where they hold free two hour practices for the students a few times a week. Jacob would like to congratulate all the brothers graduating this spring and wish them success in their future. "I look forward to seeing you all once I return. A to B."

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GRAND MASTER REPORT

by *Brandon Fello*

Dear Brothers and Alumni:

As the current Grand Master of Penn State's Alpha Delta chapter of Kappa Sigma it is my pleasure to report to you all on the state of our beloved fraternity. As a member of the fall 2014 pledge class and Master of the Ritual I have the experience and commitment necessary to help propel Alpha Delta into being the best fraternity of which I am capable. Alpha Delta prides itself on an abundance of aspects such as: rush, academics, philanthropy/community service, ritual numbers, and brotherhood.

Alpha Delta currently boasts an undergraduate population of 69 brothers, 23 of which are new initiates from the fall 2015 semester. Alpha Delta also has had several brothers returning and leaving state college: Brother Michael Rokosny ('12) has returned from a fall internship, Brother Jacob Moll ('14) is currently studying abroad in Sweden, and Brothers Brandt Reilly ('11) – PGM major, Ryan Hill ('13) – bachelor of science in Economics, and Jim Fagan ('10) – bachelor of science in Accounting have graduated from Penn State. After a tough spring rush semester Alpha Delta currently has seven extremely quality pledges who have already shown a lot of promise. Pledge educator Niko Kotsaftis ('14) is the brother in charge of molding these college students into the gentlemen that make a Kappa Sigma. As someone who well versed in the "Bononia Docet" and chapter history, Alpha Delta's spring 2016 pledge class is in great hands.



Alpha Delta is also committed to education, recognizing that our principle purpose as students at Penn State is to obtain the best education of which we are capable. I am happy to announce that 26 of our brothers earned a semester GPA of at least a 3.5 and spot on the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester. Among these 26, 4 brothers: Declan Wilson ('12), Tyler White ('15), Alex Prince ('15), and Lawrence Faison ('11) earned a 4.0.

The spring semester is also a time when Penn State hosts its annual Dance Marathon known as THON. Alpha Delta takes THON as a very serious opportunity to make a large impact in the lives of those families affected by pediatric cancer. As an eye opening experience for many new initiates THON did not disappoint this year. Brothers Nicholas Vough ('12), Andrew Teodoro ('12) and Samuel Kresky ('12) represented Alpha Delta as they danced for all 46 hours and as a pairing Alpha Delta and Gamma Sigma Sigma (Alpha Delta's THON partner) raised over \$78,000 all FOR THE KIDS!

Alpha Delta is also looking to break chapter records in terms of ritual numbers. At the end of last semester Alpha Delta posted 100% level 1, but there will not be any complacency here. Upon initiating twenty-three new members the ritual numbers have taken a hit, but the chapter is fully committed to reach new heights. Goals for these numbers include 100% level 1 and level 2 by the end of spring semester. As president of the chapter I have also begun to incorporate ritual chapters throughout the semester to allow our brothers more opportunities to see the ritual at work. In these chapters the members are dressed formally, opening is conducted, the order of business is followed, and the closing ceremony are conducted.

In conclusion, Alpha Delta holds brotherhood above all else. We are brothers, not for a day, or an hour, or a college term only, but for life. As Alpha Delta continues to adjust to the move from 232 East Nittany Ave. to 420 East Prospect Ave. we will never forget our roots. We pride ourselves as a chapter built from the ground up, and pay our respects to the brothers that paved the way for us to be successful. Looking forward to the future Alpha Delta is a chapter that has not and will not become complacent and in the best way we know we will push forward with honor to the past, pride to the present, and diligence toward the future.

AEKDB,

Grand Master Brandon Fello

THE SPRING 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!

Congratulations to the newest members of the Alpha-Delta Executive Committee.

Each newly elected member is highly qualified through their extensive leadership experience, and we are confident that through their dedication and commitment they will lead Alpha-Delta into the New Year.

Grand Master

Brandon C. Fello ('14)

Brandon Fello is a sophomore from Hyde Park, PA majoring in actuarial science. Brandon is a member of the Fall 2014 pledge class and has been highly active within the Alpha-Delta chapter as an active leader and positive role model. He has served as the Public Relations chair during the Spring 2015 semester as well as for Fall 2015 and is a master of the ritual. Brandon was inspired to run for Grand Master as he had a vision of where he believed the chapter should be headed towards, and his passion for Alpha-Delta led him to pursue it. It is this vision that will take Alpha-Delta to the next level as Brandon has new goals for Alpha-Delta, which include raising the chapter's cumulative GPA, increasing ritual proficiency and obtaining the FACE and founders circle.

Grand Procurator

Alexander C. Biener ('14)

Alex Biener is a sophomore from Larchmont, NY majoring in Economics. He is a member of the Fall 2014 pledge class and is very excited to serve as Grand Procurator. Soon after initiation, Alex immediately demonstrated his ambition and leadership skills as he took on the position of philanthropy chair. As well as serving this role he served as assistant greek sing chair during the fall semester. Outside of Alpha-Delta, Alex's hobbies include, running, and the martial arts, he is also a lifeguard on campus. Alex was motivated to run for Grand Procurator by his desire to make Alpha-Delta great and he would like to leave his mark behind.

Grand Master of Ceremonies

Benjamin J. Colasante ('14)

Ben Colasante is the newly elected Grand Master of Ceremonies. A sophomore from Glastonbury, CT majoring in Civil Engineering, Ben is prepared to take on this role. Previously serving as the chair of community service for two semesters, Ben is a qualified individual who is seeking new opportunities to better Alpha-Delta. Ben's goals for the upcoming year include increasing Alpha-Delta's presence on campus through participating in events such as Homecoming, Greek Sing, and Greek Week. As well as increasing on campus presence, Ben would like the brothers of Alpha-Delta to reach 100% level two ritual proficiency and expand the brotherhood. Ben's hobbies include watching football and participating in THON. Once Ben graduates from Penn State, he plans to work in the construction business on projects such as skyscrapers or stadiums and arenas.

Grand Treasurer

Austin S. Quinones ('14)

Austin Quinones is a senior from York, PA majoring in Accounting in the Smeal College of Business. Austin has extensive leadership experience within Alpha-Delta as he has served several leadership roles including risk manager, THON treasurer, and social logistics chair. He is highly qualified to serve as Grand Treasurer and his goals for the upcoming year include finding Alpha-Delta a permanent residence, increasing ritual proficiency, and properly allocating funds so we as a chapter may operate at full capacity for the lowest cost. Austin's Hobbies and Interests include, "sports, The GAFF, working out, The GAFF, and being a Wade Boggs enthusiast." Once he graduates, Austin plans to return to Penn State

to obtain his Master's degree in Accounting. When asked for his favorite memory with Alpha-Delta, Austin responded, "My favorite memory was attending THON and Mini-THON with Tafels. At the Mini-THON I was lucky enough to compete in a lip-syncing contest where Cordi (the Tafels youngest child) accompanied me and we ended up winning the competition."

Grand Scribe

Ryan J. Dilts ('13)

Ryan Dilts is a junior from Fairport, NY, studying Material Sciences and Engineering. Ryan was motivated to run for Grand Scribe because he wanted the opportunity to demonstrate what he's capable of to his fellow brothers and make an impact by helping them as much as possible. Ryan has previously served two semesters as Scholarship chair and he has gained relevant experience through this, which he plans to apply throughout his term as Grand Scribe. In his free time Ryan enjoys sports (preferably soccer and football), playing the keyboard, spending time with family and friends, watching movies and shows, reading, and chemistry. During his term as Grand Scribe, Ryan plans to raise Alpha-Delta's cumulative GPA, increase philanthropic and community service events, and encourage higher ritual proficiency levels with incentives. When asked for his favorite memory with Alpha-Delta, Ryan responded, "There's too many to pick from but some of the best memories have been with my entire brotherhood dancing in the stands of the BJC and experiencing the last 4 hours of the 46 in THON, truly some of the most emotional and moving experiences I've ever felt."

FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT



Though we have been removed from the “active” part of Kappa Sig and have been moved to the alumni ranks of the fraternity, we still have a bond with Kappa Sigma that will not go away. No matter whether you are rich or poor, 23 or 90 years old, you are a Kappa Sig, who flies under the banner of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. We do our part. Here are a few reasons why I ask you to do just a little more and donate whatever amount you can afford:

That’s a nice piece of paper in your hand.

Any and all forms of communication we keep with alumni, including this newsletter, have come out of the money from the alumni fund. Your contribution to the annual fund permits ongoing communications with alumni. Without your support, you would not be holding this letter.

“In your life you only get to do so many things and right now we’ve chosen to do this, so let’s make it great.”

This John Lasseter quote speaks true to all Kappa Sig alums and actives, and the actives are proving it. This summer, when the active chapter went to the Kappa Sigma conference, they received the Founder’s Circle Award which is the highest distinction a chapter can receive. They are elite. As alumni, are we? Are we on par with the active chapter? Are we making Kappa Sigma great?

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

We had an exceptional time at Kappa Sigma when we were actives. It is an experience that cannot be easily replaced or replicated. We are a brotherhood of cream-of-the-crop men; let’s act like it and make the actives’ experience as good as ours.

If you want to donate to Kappa Sig, go to our website at www.kappasigsu.com and click in the top right corner where it says “donate,” or fill out the enclosed form.

ANY AMOUNT COUNTS!

Remember your fraternity, your heritage, and your brotherhood. Remember Kappa Sig.

Edward Gorkes '79 Alumni President

