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Alpha-Delta News

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ACTIVE BROTHERS LIVING THE ΚΣ MISSION

Stellar Academics, Community Service And New Brothers Are Making The Kappa Sigma Brotherhood Thrive

Considering the current global pandemic and Penn State shutting campus down for the time being, we wanted to point out all the great things our active Brothers at Kappa Sigma Penn State had been doing this semester to keep themselves busy. The start of the 2019-2020 academic year exemplified the mission of Kappa Sigma to...

...complement and enhance the educational mission of Penn State.

Actives are doing this by prioritization of academics and having participated in a variety of university events. The academic report for Fall 2019 shows a house GPA of 3.28, the seventh highest PA out of the 27 fraternity houses at Penn State.

...promote the ideal of Brotherhood.

Kappa Sigma had a very successful rush this Spring semester with over 350 guys at Zone

Day, thanks to Rush Chairs Brandon Lafountain and Brett Blazejewski. After a long rush week, 26 guys accepted their bids and began the pledging process! Pledge Master Graham Van Benthuyzen and Chris Linnell are excited to mold these men into true Kappa

Sigmatas who adhere to the Kappa Sigma mission.

...actively contribute to the personal growth and development of its members.

Kappa Sigma provides a wealth of opportunities for Brothers to be involved and develop well-rounded social and leadership opportunities. Our active Brothers put this into practice both inside and outside of the fraternity. Here is a glimpse of some of our involvement:

- Shravan Asthana: Alpha Epsilon Delta Corporate Donations Chair
- Drew Tochterman: Writer for Trend State
- Quentin Lee: PSHRS Merchandise Chair
- Nick Daffan: President of Triathlon Club
- David Bromberg: President of TAMID Investment and Consulting Group

- Alex Reba: Delta Sigma Pi International Business Fraternity Treasurer
- Carson Keefe: Phi Beta Lambda Alumni Relations Chair
- Joe Ruch: Campus Weather Service Anchor

Within the Fraternity, rush periods and THON have been front and center. Sadly, the Brothers had been looking forward to parties and formals later this Spring but with the shutdowns, these events have either been canceled or postponed. We urge all Alumni to keep an eye on the website www.kappasigpsu.com for updates as things progress over the next few weeks.

...promote ethical behavior and decision-making.

The active Brothers are regularly seeking to implement sound decision-making and

appropriate behavior. This is evidenced in their stellar academic and service records for the 2019-2020 academic year thus far.

...encourage service to others.

This is one of the most exciting ways our Brotherhood makes an

impact. Kappa Sigma Brothers participated in Penn State THON 2020, Feb. 21-23. Brothers Kyle Pollock, Eric Phythyon and Peter Bridgewater were selected to represent Kappa Sigma, and Brother Avery Gross danced as an independent dancer. The Fraternity was partnered with the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority, and together, they raised \$165,989.70 of the \$11,696,942.38 total for THON 2020.

They also recently had a community service event Jan. 28 at the Centre County Republican Party office, where five Brothers spent two hours of their evening rearranging offices and disposing trash. Brothers Matthew Schwenk, Levi Basom, Daniel Phillips, Matthew Biedronski and Joel Vardon were all involved in this event.

**The 2020
Blue White Weekend
Pig Roast
has officially
been cancelled.**

Alumni Brothers Fill Us In On Vacations, Retirement and Why They Give Back

Check out where your alumni Brothers are today! Full updates with photos can be read on the website at www.kappasigpsu.com where you can also use the searchable directory to reach out to Brothers personally, reconnect and get their full story!

Christopher Longwill '73

Update: "My wife and I did vacation to Italy last summer. Alas we did not visit Bologna."

Why I Give: "I like to help in some small way because I recognize that the Chapter can always use some financial help, most likely in numerous ways. I still run into guys who were friends in college."

David Dick '74

Update: "I retired from practicing law, and have been spending winters cycling in Arizona and Florida. Life is good, knock wood. My wife and I are lucky to have good health and good friends. I can't ask for more."

Why I Give: "The Fraternity was important in my life back then, and that remembrance pulls on the heartstrings. That special feeling of being part of something bigger than you..."

Fritz Baesman '64

Why I Give: "I do appreciate receiving the Alpha Delta News just to see if there are still some Brothers from my generation who are on the list."

V. Paul O'Brien '71

Update: "Retired and living the life!"

Why I Give: "The most valuable part of my Kappa Sig experience is Brotherhood, as it continues to grow 49 years after having graduated..."

Craig Baughman '76

Update: "I retired two years ago after a successful sales career for a Fortune 500 company. Keeping busy."

Why I Give: "I felt you guys were doing a good job. The most valuable part of my experience were the friends I made."

Louis Koekler '69

Update: "I've been retired now for almost 10 years. I split my time between Cranford and the Jersey shore at Manasquan. I still do some consulting and write a monthly column for the Trade Association."

Why I Give: "I thoroughly enjoyed my years at KS and the enduring friendships I made. Many of the friendships have been maintained over the past 50 years since graduation..."

Richard Fisher '75

Richard Fisher is living proof that just because you haven't connected with the Kappa Sigma alumni in recent years, doesn't mean you can't make a difference – and it's never too late to reconnect. Fisher '75 hasn't been actively involved in many years, but it is no reflection of his fondness for the Kappa Sigma Brotherhood and the memories he made at Penn State.

Fisher '75 donates to the annual fund specifically because of his time at Kappa Sigma in the 1970s. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at the fraternity, and because of that, he now enjoys giving back. During his four years on campus, he served in the Kappa Sigma house as chairman – a position that gave him "many interesting stories" he can still recall today. He considers his role now to be a storyteller.

"I enjoyed my time back in the 70's at the frat, and want to give back something even though I really haven't had any involvement with the chapter in years," Fisher '75 says. "I haven't tapped into the network or attended any functions in years, but at this stage of my life I'm a storyteller and I have many interesting stories from my four years in the house as the social chairman."

Despite not being actively involved in many years, he recognizes the importance of the Brotherhood that's always there. Fisher '75 is now living a "semi-retired" life as of January 2019. Since he is the first one to admit that his golf game could use some improvement, he still working three consulting jobs while he works on his swing.

Do you have a life update or news? Make sure you share it with your Brothers!

We get it — it's easy to lose touch with the people who matter most. But, in the wise words of Mary Schmiech, "the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young." So, let your Brothers know what's happening in your life.

We want to hear your stories, but more importantly, we want to get you reconnected with the men you created formative bonds with when you were an undergrad, during your first years with Kappa Sig. Who are those people that you always think about reaching out to, but don't, who you wish you could reconnect with?

Sharing your stories and updates can make it possible.

After all, we become who we are in life by interacting with people. The most important people in that respect are the friends we made when we were young. They helped bring out of us the people we were meant to be, they taught us how to care about someone besides ourselves and they were there for us when no one else could help.

While it's easy to lose touch with our best friends when our attention turns to our careers and families after college, it can be so worth it to stay connected to our lifelong friends.

Share your updates and news with your Brothers, when you email alumniupdates@affinityconnection.com.

UPDATE FROM BROTHER WES LINK



Brother Wes Link is feeling better, but still recovering from his accident. He wants to express his sincere appreciation for all the letters and cards he received from concerned Brothers. He is not able to respond back personally to everyone, but the outpouring of support was gratifying. Wes also wants to express the importance of Brotherhood and how it benefits you throughout your life and not just in college. Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to Wes!

ALUMNI UPDATE

Kim Chapman '77: Military Life, Bike Tours and Giving Back to Kappa Sig

For those of you who have been reading Kappa Sigma updates for the last decade, you may remember a 2011 article (which you can find at www.kappasigpsu.com) on **Kim Chapman '77**. We decided to catch up with him to see where life has taken him since our 2011 update.

When we last caught up, Chapman '77 was a retired lieutenant colonel after 22 years of service and heavily involved with his teenage children through youth sports, the PTA and high school boosters. Now, those kids are college graduates. His daughter graduated from William & Mary in 2013, and his son, who was also a Kappa Sig, graduated from Towson University in 2016.

For Chapman '77 and his wife, Karen, a three star general in the Army, the last nine years have been eventful to say the least. Since her Africa deployment in 2011, Karen spent two additional years deployed, one year in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. They were caught off guard 17 months ago when Karen suffered two heart attacks. While she is "largely recovered" now, it was a long road,



and the second of two unexplainable health scares - the first being breast cancer back in 2010. They are grateful she's currently in good health, and her official Army retirement is April 1, 2020 after 33 years of service.

The military lifestyle led them to five different stations in the last nine years before landing in Falls Church, Virginia, where they have been for the last 18 months.

"Military life is like having ADD, everything is always changing," Chapman '77 says citing his nine primary care doctors in just two years.

During that time, Chapman '77 set off on some solo bike tours. He biked nearly 1,000 miles from the Florida Coast to New Orleans, Louisiana taking on about 60 miles per day. He saw some interesting things along the way and admittedly knows "more about the south than he'd like."

His favorite part of the trips is learning the areas he rides through and getting to know the people he meets at the "side of the road," whether it's a cabbage farmer with two teeth in Central Florida or the owners of a BBQ stand who have the best BBQ you've ever had, but don't have two nickels to rub together.

"Just talking to people, getting to know people at 10 miles an hour. It's kind of cool. It's a series of mini events like that. It's just cool meeting people," Chapman '77 says. "You just learn a lot about people, and I enjoy that."

Finish catching up with Chapman '77 in the complete article at www.kappasigpsu.com. Visit the website for a complete article, some great photos and how you can connect with Chapman '77 and other Brothers!

2019-2020 HONOR ROLL

Thank you!

The following Alumni are recognized for their annual fund contributions in 2019-20.
Reflects gifts received from September 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020

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

Thomas Hilbert	1963
R. Brad Lawrence	1969

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

Kim Chapman	1977
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Star & Crescent Club (\$251-\$500)

H. Wesley Link	1955
David Ludwig	1965
Kenneth Hinkle	1968
John Kennon	1968
Thomas McNulty	1968
George Strachan	1970
Michael High	1970
Mark Rippy	1981

Crest Club (\$101 - \$250)

Robert Snelling	1954
George Bortle	1954
R. Madden	1963
Harold Schrader	1965
Vincent Di Loreto	1965



Lawrence Chopp	1965
Willard Martin	1968
Raymond Royko	1969
Kenneth Ewing	1969
Charles Ingram	1969
Ted Perry	1970
John McEnery	1970
John Purcell	1970
Gary Wert	1970
Richard Kelly	1970
Robert Hampton	1973
David Dick	1974
Donald Carretta	1975
Paul Fox	1983
Robert Bowsher	1986
John Murphy	1989
Donald Bradford	1994
Shawn Huber	1996
Robert Lesko	2004

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

John Rogers	1963
F Baesman	1964
James Ball	1965
Anthony Gasbarro	1971
David Guerin	1972
William Murdoch	1973
William Vitori	1973
Linda McCann	1984
Christopher Bostaph	1989
Steven Fox	1989
Timothy Madden	1989
Jeffrey Reymos	1991
David Falchek	1991

Supporting Club (\$1-\$50)

Harry Koch	1962
Christopher Longwill	1973
Robert Berk	1976

SUBMIT YOUR UPDATES

We want to hear your stories and see where life has taken you

It only takes one look at the most recent headlines to realize that we're all facing uncertain times.

However, in the face of all this uncertainty and in spite of Penn State shutdowns and cancelled undergrad and Alumni events that we all look forward to each year, one thing remains true. Kappa Sigma stands strong and united. We may be separated by miles and quarantines, but we are forever connected in spirit.

If there ever was a time for us to prove

our commitment to those values and that community, it's now.

How can we do this?

- Reach out to your Brothers. Call them. Email them. (Can't find their contact information? You'll find it on the Penn State Kappa Sigma website.)
- Tap into your Kappa Sigma values. Help your neighbors, show generosity and show compassion.
- Rely on your Brotherhood if you need it. Each Kappa Sig is a force on their

own, but together we are unstoppable. Don't be afraid to reach out if you need something.

- Submit an update to the website. We all just want to hear that our friends are doing OK and gain some hope for the future when life gets back to normal. Sign into www.kappasigpsu.com, click the "Alumni Corner" tab at the top and select "submit an update." Share a pic, tell a story, let us all know what you are up to!

PHILANTHROPY: THON AND MORE



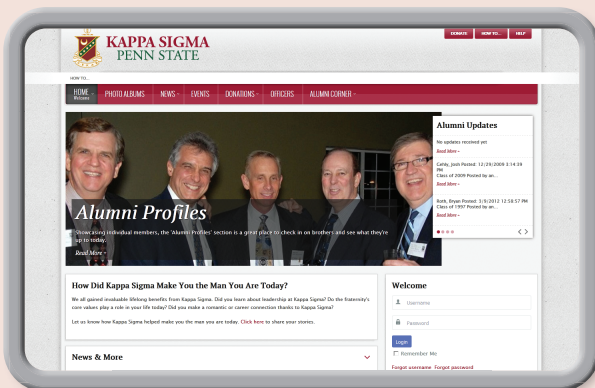
Greek Organizations	
1. Alpha Tau Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha	\$291,081.06
2. Alpha Omicron Pi and Phi Kappa Psi	\$232,532.95
3. Gamma Phi Beta and Acacia	\$172,335.26
4. Kappa Sigma and Sigma Delta Tau	\$165,979.70
5. Delta Upsilon and Delta Gamma	\$151,570.27

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ON THE WEB

Have You Registered on the Alumni Website?



www.kappasigmapsu.com

Brotherhood is unique. We spend four years on a college campus with our fraternity Brothers, and as a result, we have a community for a lifetime. We want to make the most of those connections. Our Brotherhood has a reach that extends across the country. It provides a resourceful network of support, professions and community.

We have provided an online forum on our website for you to connect with other alumni. By utilizing the alumni website, you can stay in contact with Brothers wherever life after graduation took them. Register online for our password-protected platform, so you can upload photos, utilize the searchable directory, and read and provide updates. Visit the alumni page and get connected today! Register online and start the conversation that has been years in the making!