



Founded 1873

#### CARDINAL PRINCIPLES

To Promote Brotherhood To Stimulate Scholarship To Develop Character

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Phi Sigma Kappa is a lifelong brotherhood dedicated to the betterment of the individual, the university community, and our world, by giving its members opportunities to develop leadership skills, participate in service to others, achieve academic excellence, experience cultural diversity and practice personal integrity.

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Demand Excellence Commit to Lifelong Learning Meet Challenges with Innovation Value Brotherhood Above Self

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#### From the Editor's Desk

Brothers, let's start talking about legacy and leaving your impact on Phi Sigma Kappa through unrestricted gifts. Unrestricted gifts are of immeasurable value; they allow the Trustees to respond quickly to the Fraternity's need and opportunities. As you flip throughout this issue, you'll read about many of the year's successes and upcoming programs, many of which will change the way Phi Sigma Kappa does business. Without these gifts, the Fraternity could not continue to grow, support and continuously impact our brothers across the country.

Supporting our Foundation helps support our undergraduate brothers, like the four scholarship winners you'll read about on page 6. Your support is an essential part of the health and continued strength of Phi Sigma Kappa. By making your Annual Fund gift today, you'll help to make next academic year's programs deeper, more impactful and more far-reaching than in years past. Use the envelope in the center of this magazine to send a direct gift today or email michael@phisigmakappa. org for information on ways you can put your investments, or other pieces of your financial portfolio to use for your Fraternity's future.

The Annual Fund of the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation goes into supporting Leadership Schools, the Terrill Graduate Fellowship, the Wenderoth Undergraduate Scholarship, the Robert M. Zillgitt Leadership Institute, Matching Grants, Regional Conclaves, and other Fraternity initiatives. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact our International Headquarter's Staff for more information. I look forward to seeing you all this summer, Aug. 4-6 at the 2016 Shonk Undergraduate Leadership School in Indianapolis, IN. Brothers from across the country will come together to learn, network, and share in the bond and friendships of Brotherhood. Until then!

Fraternally,

Michael E. Carey (Clarion '92)

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#### About the Cover

John Sutton Hall is the main building of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Constructed between 1873 and 1875, the building was the first constructed for the Indiana Normal School. In 1903, the building was named after John Sutton, the first president of the school's Board of Trustees. Sutton Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

We've place it on the cover of this issue to mark the return of Theta Pentaton at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, it just so happened that this building began it's journey in 1873 just like our great Fraternity.



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#### Grand President Scott Jacobson

#### One Purpose, One Fraternity



Recently I found myself sitting on a plane returning from the 85th Anniversary of the Iota Epsilon Chapter at Central Missouri. A few weeks earlier I had the privilege of attending the 50th Anniversary of the Omega Tetarton Chapter at Cal State/LA. Within those weeks, we had welcomed two new chapters to the Fraternity by chartering Chi Septaton at Georgia Southern and Theta Pentaton at Indiana/PA.

As I flew home to Los Angeles, I began to reflect on our Brotherhood, and how truly unique our

Fraternity is. All across the country, brothers are accomplishing amazing things. Brother Gary Ervin (Central Missouri '80) is currently climbing Mt. Everest and raising money for the fight against multiple sclerosis. Only about 800 people in the world attempt Mt. Everest and 500 make it to the summit. Your Brother Ervin is descending the mountain as I type this article! Later you'll also read about how our Gamma Tetarton Chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York has created a \$50,000 grant program that has been dispersing funds throughout the community to qualifying applicants. This program has been immensely helpful to the growth of the community, the chapter, and most importantly, its members. These are just a few examples of our Phi Sig brothers that lift up our Fraternity and make us who we are and who we will evolve to be.

We need to give all of our brothers the ideas, tools, programs and support they need to shine their unique light and continue to make an impact on the world. This concept of service to the next generation of Phi Sigs is what drives the Grand Council and me in everything we are working to accomplish as we move Phi Sig forward. We have a diverse fraternity that stretches from coast to coast and with the right plan in place, our Brotherhood will shine, and we will become the standard for others to follow.

In my video address to the Fraternity for Founders' Day, I challenged each and every one of us to do "just one thing" to make the Fraternity better and leave a #PSKlegacy. I wake up every day and ask what "that one thing" is I will do today to try to honor this great Fraternity. I challenge all of you to do the same. Over the next 6-12 months, I believe that our leadership will be finishing and implementing some innovative ideas, tools and programs that will be truly transformational for Phi Sigma Kappa.



## Active Alumni Club Roll

If you see a local alumni chapter you'd like to learn more about, contact Kenny Rogers, Director of Chapter Services by emailing *kenny@phisigmakappa.org* for information.

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## Phi Sigma Kappa SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

#### **Terrill Graduate Fellowship**

Named in honor of the late benefactor Brother Dean Terrill (Knox College '29) and available on the basis of scholastic record to graduating seniors and alumni entering graduate school or presently in graduate school

Justin Weberski (Illinois '12) was raised in a suburb of Chicago in Saint Charles, Illinois by his mom, dad, and grew up with three younger brothers. He grew up playing a lot of sports, including baseball and basketball, and also knew from very early on that he wanted to be an engineer because of his interest in math and science. After graduating high school he attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and pursued and education as a nuclear engineer while also obtaining a minor in physics. His freshman year was spotlighted with the joining of Phi Sigma Kappa at the end of the fall semester. In addition to enjoying all the experiences that college has to offer, he excelled in the classroom and was involved in many research teams and programs. He finished his undergraduate career with a 3.92 GPA and became involved in plasma physics research on campus at the Center for Plasma-Material Interactions during his sophomore year. Justin also interned at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory in Princeton, New Jersey during the summer of 2015. These experiences convinced him that fusion research was the career path that he wanted to pursue and prompted him to enroll eventually in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This fellowship will help him to continue pursuing this work and achieve great things within his chosen field and career.





Ryan Cole (Ball State '13) was raised in Huntington, Indiana, and son to Scott and Jamie Cole. He graduated from Huntington North High School in 2009 and matriculated at Ball State University that same year. Ryan received his BA in family and consumer science with a concentration in hospitality and food management in 2013. Following his graduation, he began working for American Campus Communities at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne as a Resident Director. In June 2015 he moved to Hoboken, New Jersey and started working at Stevens Institute of Technology as the graduate coordinator for Greek Life and Facilities. In August of 2015 he began graduate school at New York University, studying higher education and student affairs. Ryan is excited to continue working with fraternity and sorority life as a professional and is planning to obtain a Ph.D. eventually, using this fellowship as support in this endeavor.

#### Wenderoth Undergraduate Scholarship

Named in honor of the late benefactor Brother Ernest Wenderoth (George Washington '08) and available to sophomores and juniors on the basis of academic criteria and an essay competition



Adam Brofin (Cornell '18) is a sophomore at Cornell University, studying urban and regional studies with a minor in real estate. He proudly serves as the sports editor of The Cornell Daily Sun, the University's newspaper. He primarily covers football, men's basketball and men's lacrosse. He also serves as the treasurer of the Organization of Urban and Regional Studies within his focused major and assists a professor in the City and Regional Planning Department with data research and analysis.

Adam joined Phi Sigma Kappa in the spring of 2015 when he realized the value of the friendships that he could make by joining the chapter. He felt the most connection with these brothers during their recruitment period and has enjoyed being a brother ever since. He plans to attend a graduate program after Cornell and the money from this scholarship will go toward helping him pursue this postgraduate education.

This summer he will be interning at Tishman Speyer Properties, a global real estate development, acquisition, and management firm in New York City.

Jack Ebersold (Alabama '18) is a rising junior at the University of Alabama studying marketing and operations management in the Culverhouse College of Commerce. He is the philanthropy chair of the Omicron Deuteron Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa at the University of Alabama. Outside of his Fraternity involvement, he is an executive member of the University of Alabama's Dance Marathon, a communications manager for University of Alabama's EcoCAR, and a tour guide for Alabama's Athletic Department.

Jack is the son of Kent Ebersold (Northern Illinois '85), who is the current Vice President for the Pi Pentaton Alumni Association. Kent is 'Damn Proud' of his son for following in his Phi Sig footsteps, even while attending a different university.

Jack is honored to have received this recognition of his undergraduate work and plans to continue leading on campus, within his chapter and throughout the community.



# A whole new way to connect to your Fraternity is coming...



This year, we're introducing a whole new way for Phi Sigs to interact with each other. It's the ultimate Phi Sig experience, personalized for you and your brothers.



The Shonk Undergraduate Leadership school is an innovative conference that focuses on leadership and personal development through educational sessions, interactive experiences and small group activities.

When asked about his experience at the 2014 Shonk Undergraduate Leadership School, one undergraduate wrote, "I have learned that I had more confidence in myself to be a leader on my campus and in my chapter, I left the Leadership School with energy to make a difference with my position." The 2016 Leadership School promises to offer an equally significant experience for its participants.

The Leadership School is an innovative program that focuses on leadership and personal development

through educational sessions, interactive experiences and small group activities. Each chapter is encouraged to send as many men as possible, but each chapter is required to send a minimum of three undergraduate brothers. These chapter delegates will have the opportunity to explore principles of leadership and personal development while surrounded by brothers from across the country.

The Leadership School is not just for undergraduate brothers. Alumni from across the country are encouraged to attend and engage in these discussions and sessions as well.

The 2016 Leadership School will

be held August 4-6, 2016 at the Indianapolis Marriot North in Indianapolis. The registration fee is available on the website and increases as we near the event. Register now to see savings.

Registration materials will be available before the Leadership School and given out according. Please contact Senior Director of Operations, Kathy Cannady, at 317.573.5420 or email Kathy@phisigmakappa.org for more information.

## What:

**2016 Shonk Undergraduate Leadership School** 

#### When & Where:

Indianapolis Marriot North, Indianapolis IN Aug 4-6

#### Who:

At least three undergraduate leaders from each chapter must attend, all brothers are welcome!

#### Cost:

Visit http://goo.gl/RMIYor to learn more.

## Chi Septaton at Georgia Southern University returns to the Brotherhood!

On Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2016, after less than 10 years away, 28 new Brothers and four Alumni Initiates were initiated and chartered as the Chi Septaton Chapter at Georgia Southern University. This Chartering occurred after two years of dedicated philanthropy, campus involvement and values-based recruiting, all culminating with a banquet attended by 200 Brothers, dates, parents, and Alumni. There were four more newly initiated members later in the semester who were away in mandatory school activities during the Chartering Weekend.

In attendance were numerous Phi Sigma Kappa leadership officials, both current and past. Past Grand President Dave Spreitzer (Kentucky '80), Grand Council Director Doug Diekow (Florida AI), who was also serving as the Chartering Officer for the event, and Regional Adviser Frank Tortorici (Alabama '60) led the group of new members and the alumni throughout the weekend. Alumni Adam Carlock (Valdosta '10) and Will Mast (Valdosta '15) aided the cause along with the other alumni from the Psi Septaton Chapter at Valdosta State University. The Psi Septaton Chapter served as the initiation team performing a commendable job.



## Phi Sigma Kappa's

#### Robert M. Zillgitt Class 2016

The Institute provides education that benefits participants in all aspects of their lives, from fraternity to family, from college to the professional world. As cornerstones, the Zillgitt Leadership Institute explores personal development and awareness, introduces concepts of citizenship and community, and defines elements of leadership.



Anthony Baca (Northern Illinois)



Ben Brinton (LIU/Post)



Christopher Campanella (Towson)



Drew Ferguson (Georgia Southern)



James Free (Valdosta)



Nic Laconico (Georgia Tech)



Steven Liu (Adelphi)



Alexander Miller (Kent State)



Sean Vennett (Auburn)



Marvin Soltero (Cal State/LA)



Hunter Pachman (Young Harris)



Donnie Patton (UNC/Charlotte)



Cody Schroeder (Cal Poly)



Zackary Soltis (Robert Morris)



Warrick Rodgers (Emporia State)



Mike Morgan (NW Missouri)

## PSK Undergraduate Brothers,

My name is Braden Keeter and I am a brother at the Omega Septaton Chapter at Auburn University. I am exiting my junior year and I had the honor of being a part of the 2015 Zillgitt class and am now serving with Michael Haynes (Pittsburg State '16) as the undergraduate representatives of the Grand Council. Michael and I have participated on Grand Council calls since August and had the opportunity to attend the midyear Grand Council meeting in Indianapolis in January.

I am writing to each of you to help you understand that the Grand Council, Foundation Board, Properties Board and Fraternity staff are all working together as a cohesive unit to make the undergraduate experience the best it can be. The negative perception of "nationals" many of us hear as freshmen and carry with us through our years at school is one that I believe is created due to a misunderstanding of what the alumni and volunteers do to serve us. The money sent by

each chapter to the Grand Chapter is going further than just sitting in the Fraternity's bank account. Funds are used wisely and strategically to not only grow PSK but to better the men that join each year. The volunteers that make up the Grand Council work tirelessly together and on committees to better Phi Sig. They are not paid and do not get rewarded, they serve because they not only love this Brotherhood, but they see the importance of fraternities and the positive impact that the experience can make in young men's lives.

Brother Haynes and I have had the opportunity to serve on the Undergraduate Experience Committee, which is being chaired by Grand Council Director Sean McGreevey (Henderson State '97). For the past sixth months, our committee, along with members of the staff, have spearheaded a project to create impactful undergraduate programming that will not only help guide the inductors of

each chapter but also teach associate members the guiding principles and ideals of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Our millennial generation is being raised in a world where the perception of how fraternity life is and "should" be is represented by social media accounts such as TFM, Oldrow, etc. Yes, I will agree that these accounts are amusing satire that plays to our lesser selves. However, I do not



believe that they represent what true fraternity and brotherhood are in reality. Fraternities are viewed unfairly in the media because the good things that are done don't make a great viral story. The media plays on the old storylines that fraternities have nothing of worth to provide outside of being a party outlet, a drinking club and convey a version of fraternity that is irresponsible.

However, I would argue that fraternities, especially Phi Sig, create opportunities for young men to discover their values and positively impact communities. For example, take our brothers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York, who created a \$50,000 grant program to help improve the Mount Ida community that so graciously accepts them as their own. These brothers desire to reach out and be selfless is an example of true fraternity and shows that just because a group of 15 to 150 men are joined through fraternity, does not mean good cannot come from it.

Men are built through their time as undergraduate members of Phi Sigma Kappa and these same men go on to do great things after graduation. As stated above, our volunteers and staff work tirelessly to better the experience of an undergraduate member of Phi Sigma Kappa; they see the value that Fraternity brings to a young man's life, and they see what value that young man will make in the community around him.

Our Grand Chapter is working daily to provide us with the tools to be the most efficient during our undergraduate years of maturing and learning what is important in life and how to live out our three Cardinal Principles on a daily basis. I encourage each of you to challenge your brothers to hold themselves to the oaths we have taken declaring we will live a life devoted to the Cardinal Principles - To Promote Brotherhood, To Stimulate Scholarship and To Develop Character.

Brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa cannot settle for average if we want to continue to be a great fraternity that has a reputation for building quality men. The world and the media's scrutiny against fraternities are not going to let up any time soon. In fact, it will become harder as the world stays so incredibly connected. I have seen first-hand the work

and effort Phi Sigma Kappa is exerting to keep us ahead of the curve in being a leader in the world of fraternities.

Damn Proud. Braden Keeter



#### Signet seeks reporter

The Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity is looking for a volunteer to help write and research articles for the Signet magazine. If you are interested, please contact Joe Kern at 317.572.5420, or email joe@phisigmakappa.org.

# Testimonials from Devoted Brothers

"Having served for over 35 years on the Foundation's board of trustees, I know how much the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation does to support the mission of our Fraternity through scholarships and leadership schools. It is a worthy effort, and supporting the Foundation is an excellent way to give back to your fraternity."

Bruce Johnson (Illinois '70)

"The cost of higher education has risen exponentially over the past few years. Our brothers are facing tough times, and many are working multiple jobs year round to pay for their education while still leaving school with student loan debt. This creates a strain on their academic career and leaves little time for activities outside of school and work, such as Phi Sigma Kappa. By supporting the Foundation, I know that I'm helping to empower more worthy young men to participate in the Fraternity experience and bring honor to our Fraternity's name."

Brad Fliller (Adelphi '13)

"Where can you see direct results from your donation to the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation? It starts with the regional conclaves, the Shonk Leadership School, and our General Convention. I was there at the very first Shonk Leadership School. It would not have happened without the support of the Foundation. When we can't go, we can give to our Foundation, knowing the work of the Grand Chapter is continuing within our Brotherhood. Damn Proud!"

Tim Barnes (Henderson State '88)

"I give to the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation because it helps support providing critical chapter service and unique leadership opportunities that further distinguishes Phi Sig from the Fraternal World. The programs that the Annual Fund support go a long way to improving chapters across the country. Having seen the benefits firsthand as an undergraduate, former staff member and now donor makes it easier for me to give to the Fund."

Josh Ordonez (Radford '13)



One of the easiest ways to donate to the **Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation** is through a matching gift program. Many companies will match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations. These donations are often dollar for dollar, which will double the power of your original gift. Some corporations will even match donations from spouses of employees and retired employees. You will be recognized at the donor level that combines your gift with your employer's gift. Many companies maintain matching gift programs as a way to show their general philanthropic intent to support the community and to encourage the philanthropy of their employees. And, of course, tax incentives are involved. The GE Foundation was the first to define and implement a matching gift program in 1954.

Some companies also offer volunteer grants for which they offer monetary donations as a match for employees' volunteer work. In these cases, companies will donate X dollars per hour of volunteering that an employee did on his own time. The company may also stipulate a minimum number of volunteer hours and then pay X dollars per hour after that.

#### Follow these steps to DOUBLE (or even triple) your gift:

- 1) Check with your company's human resources department or payroll department to see if it offers a matching gift program; companies of all sizes offer this type of program.
- 2) Ask for donation guidelines and a list of eligible charities if your company does offer a matching gift program. The Foundation would be categorized as a fraternity/sorority educational foundation.
- 3) Watch for matching opportunities through community efforts if your company doesn't offer a matching gift program. This type of program often takes place during the holidays and is often publicized in local newspapers.
- 4) Donate to the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation and then complete the appropriate forms with your company to ensure that the match is made

Before donating through a matching gift program, find out if different giving methods (for example, credit card, check or money order; volunteering) result in different matching levels. Also, make sure you know if there is a deadline to submit your paperwork from the time your gift was made. Some programs may have a limitation, for example, of 90 days or perhaps six months. Some may make the match immediately, while others may make their matches at certain times of the year. Many companies enforce a minimum match dollar amount. Most companies place a per annum cap on total matching dollars – both individual and total to recipient institution.

#### The following companies have matched gifts to the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation within the past 3 years:

Bank of America
Chemical Bank
Compaq Computer Corporation
DST Systems, Inc.
Hewlett Packard
Jewish Communal Fund

JP Morgan Chase Kraft Foods Microsoft Corporation Philip Morris Union Pacific

Please get started early in the **2016-2017 Annual Fund**, so that your donation will be matched this fiscal year! Contact Marsha Spears, for the **Foundation's** tax ID number and to help determine if your company will match gifts. Marsha can be reached at 317.573.5420 or by email at marsha@phisigmakappa.org.

## Do you have a Phi Sig #psklegacy to share?

As Phi Sigma Kappa approaches the upcoming
2016 Shonk Undergraduate Leadership School, the Signet Publishing Board
and International Headquarters staff would like to share your
#psklegacy with every member. If you have items you'd like to donate,
they will become a part of the permanent archives
at Phi Sigma Kappa International Headquarters.



#### **DO YOU HAVE:**

A memory to tell or write?

Photos to share?

Memorabilia to contribute?

For more information or to share your #psklegacy, please contact the International Headquarters at 2925 E 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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By These Things, We Stand!

## Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity

GreekLifeEdu Update

#### GreekLifeEdu?

Total Registrations: 349	100%
Part 1 Complete: 243	70%
Part 2 Complete: 76	22%

#### What is GreekLifeEdu?

GreekLifeEdu is an online health and safety training program for Phi Sigma Kappa new members. It complements routine member education activities and initiatives with lessons on having a plan in college social situations, living our values, and creating a safe community. Starting in 2016, all new members are required to complete Part 1 of the GreekLifeEdu two-part program. The above graphic shows how many brothers have taken this new training thus far; this is without the requirement even being in effect!

#### **Chapter Highlights**

Phi Sigma Kappa would like to highlight our groups who have had the highest amount of undergraduate brothers complete the GreekLifeEdu program before the requirement. Thank you for your participation and embrace of this new program and initiative!

Virginia Polytechnic Institute
University of Tennessee-Martin
Southern Illinois University
Robert Morris University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Pittsburg State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Northeastern State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Kent State University

## How do I learn more about the Fraternity's GreekLifeEdu Initiative?

GreekLifeEdu passwords and logins will be issued to newly-associated Phi Sigma Kappa members beginning in Fall 2016. These new associates will not be able to initiate until the program is complete. The program will be made available to current Phi Sigma Kappa undergraduate members upon request, and we encourage all undergraduate members already initiated to finish the program along with their new members, but there is no current requirement. Within four years, all of Phi Sigma Kappa's undergraduate members will have undergone this new training, and our Fraternity will be a stronger, more well informed organization. Contact Director of Chapter Services Kenny Rogers at kenny@phisigmakappa.org for more information.



## HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

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#### DELTA TRITON ANNOUNCES HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Your Help Is Needed to Secure Our Legacy

Task for your help in a very important undertaking for Phi Sigma Kappa at Purdue University. The Alumni Board has worked diligently to position Delta Triton for the future. Today, we proudly announce the Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future campaign. Through this capital campaign, we will construct a new home at our historic 302 Waldron Street location. This vital project is designed to secure our future and provide an improved environment for generations of brothers.

#### A NECESSARY UNDERTAKING

In the coming weeks, you will receive a brochure that outlines our vision. It is a bold plan and large undertaking but one that is necessary for the vitality and success of our chapter. We must improve the safety and livability of our facility to attract and retain the best and brightest men at Purdue. Our chapter is working at a disadvantage as other fraternities and university housing surpass what we offer our members. We have a responsibility to provide a safe and sound structure for our undergraduates. To fulfill this responsibility, a major investment is needed, and the time is now.

#### REMAINING COMPETITIVE

Hundreds of young men have had the fortune to call 302 Waldron home. Time has definitely taken its toll, however, and growing maintenance concerns, unstable infrastructure, and important life-safety issues require us to act. As the needs of today's students evolve, we must rebuild to ensure brothers have the space and resources required for success at Purdue.

#### **OUR PLAN**

The alumni and undergraduate leadership developed a tactical approach to provide a facility that will meet the needs of both our undergraduate brothers and future generations. The result is a \$3.3 million comprehensive plan to offer a competitive living space at our historic location and to ensure the continuity of the legacy that each of us helped build. Through a careful evaluation of the capability of our alumni, we set a feasible fundraising goal of \$1.75 million.

#### ALUMNI AND LOYAL FRIENDS **CONTRIBUTE \$1.02 MILLION**

I would like to thank the campaign committee for all their time and effort, as well as the era and class leaders, who will continue working to distribute the message and get classmates involved. Most of all, a special thankyou goes to the donors of the campaign who have given so generously. Early commitments from these dedicated brothers and their families total \$1,020,768. I hope the example they set will inspire you to give so that this campaign lives up to the legacy of the Delta Triton Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Brothers, we now have a chance to repay in a small way what Delta Triton provided us: a home away from home, where we learned the joys and responsibilities of friendship and brotherhood. This is our opportunity to preserve Delta Triton's legacy for future generations. We must challenge one another to support this campaign and reconnect to our chapter. I know that the principles and ideals we all learned as Phi Sigma Kappa men will inspire us as we consider what we can do individually and collectively. Every contribution counts and every gift will benefit future Delta Triton men.

I am asking for your help. Please consider joining our growing list of loyal supporters of the Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future campaign.

Please contact me if you have questions or want to know how to get involved. Your participation will make a difference.

Fraternally. Richard Schleicher '59 Campaign Chairman rls@ajskfc.com



For decades, the Delta Triton Chapter at Purdue University has needed a new chapter house. After years of thorough planning and discussion, this dream, which spans generations, is finally possible due to a partnership between Delta Triton and the Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation.

In May, the chapter launched its public phase of the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign to construct a \$3.3 million chapter house at the site of the existing facility in the heart of Purdue's campus. Phi Sigma Kappa Foundation will support Delta Triton by providing donors with an opportunity for tax-deductible donations. With 60 percent of the total cost of construction dedicated to educational spaces and assets, the Foundation's assistance will be imperative in helping Delta Triton complete its project as envisioned.

With the success of the pairing to date, Chapter Development Director John Lendrum expects to see a trend of national and local chapter cooperation in the future. "I appreciate the willingness and support of the Foundation to assist Delta Triton," Lendrum said. "I think this model can go a long way toward supporting chapters and growing Phi Sigma Kappa across the country."

In a letter to Lendrum, Foundation President John Sheehan expressed his support of the partnership and the Delta Triton capital campaign.

"The Delta Triton Alumni
Association has done an excellent job
in properly structuring this
transaction by utilizing a
knowledgeable architectural firm and
experienced law firm to document the
plans for the new chapter house,"
Sheehan wrote. "The Foundation was
also pleased to see the alumni
association engaged a professional
fundraising firm (Pennington &
Company) in the process to facilitate
the donor support needed to complete
such an endeavor."

As of May 20, more than 50 loyal Delta Triton brothers and their families have pledged \$1.1 million toward the historic effort. The total value of funds deposited over five years may be as much as \$1.75 million. During construction, brothers will spend one year in off-campus housing. Once the architect certifies the completion of the educational portions, the Foundation will grant the funds back to the chapter.

The 55-man-house-plan at 302 Waldron Street is set to open its doors in the fall of 2018.

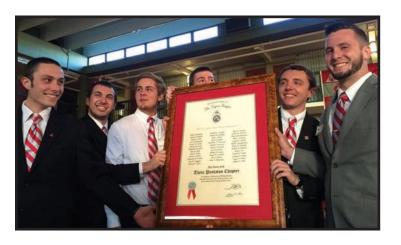


#### Theta Pentaton Returns!

After an absence of 20 years, the Theta Pentaton Chapter returned to Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a roar on the weekend of April 22 and 23. Thirty two men from the colony were initiated into our bond. The weekend also featured the induction of the chapter, the installation of chapter officers and the Ritual of the Third Degree Obligation for two long-time members of the original chapter.

The week following the chartering, the new chapter won Greek Week Overall, Vice President Alex Franks was chosen Greek Week King and the outgoing vice president, Deric Schmidt, won IUP's Distinguished Service Award for his work in the re-chartering of the chapter.

Chancellor of the Court of Honor Bill Neugebauer, himself a founder (ritual #5) of the original chapter, presided over the events of the weekend, and presented both the new charter to the current officers and a facsimile of the original charter (which has been lost) to five other members of the group that founded Theta Pentaton in 1965. These were Brothers Chuck Illig (ritual #3), Law Claus (ritual #6), Ron Fortney (ritual #14),





Larry Judge (ritual #31) and Dale Patrias (ritual #32).

Of special interest was the alumnus initiation of Brother Dave Phelps, who had pledged the Fraternity more than 40 years ago and completed his membership education, but never went through the Ritual for the Initiation of New Members. Brother Phelps has been a loyal friend of the chapter for the past 42 years, attending frequent homecomings and Founders' Day events.

Besides being kidded for setting a record for the "longest pledge program," he may have also set a record for the shortest time between being initiated and being put through the third degree ritual—roughly three hours. Brother Kenny Herbst (IUP '69) also advised the brothers present as part of the Third

Degree ritual. Brother Herbst was able to pin his badge proudly on his grandson, refounding brother Jack Herbst.

Brother Romar Lyle, who had associated our brotherhood at Long Island University/Post's Pi Tetarton Colony, and who has subsequently graduated from that school, was also initiated so that he can work with assisting our chapters and colonies in eastern Pennsylvania, where he is now employed. The Grand Council approved the chartering petition of LIU/Post at its meeting on April 28.

Brother Neugebauer was assisted in the chartering by Regional Leadership Coordinator Grant Carpenter (Northern Arizona '12), as well as former Grand President Tim Vojtasko (IUP '85), former Grand Council member Wes Semple (Clarion '66), former Regional Adviser Pete Korones (Clarion '76), Greg Furer (Pitt '06) and current Regional Adviser David A. Schell (Clarion '73), who ran the Ritual for the Instruction of New Members. Also joining the group for the festivities was current Grand Council member Sean McGreevey (Henderson State '97).

A group of brothers from Kappa Chapter at Penn State did an excellent job as the ritual team. Brothers from Kappa had also performed the initiation and induction rituals when Theta Pentaton was first chartered in 1965.

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A group of 130 collegiate and alumni brothers, parents, and other relatives, as well as guests from the host university, including Betsy Sarneso, the university's Assistant Director for Greek Life, celebrated the chartering at the subsequent banquet at the Radisson/Park Inn in Indiana. The guests were treated to a vast display of memorabilia from the 50-year history of the group—newsletters, composites, souvenir glassware—as well as a running collection of pictures from Phi Sig events since the founding.





## OUR HERITAGE...

#### 125 Years of Leadership By Albert D. Shonk, Past Grand President & Historian

On February 24, 1891, our Delta Chapter at West Virginia University was inducted and was the fourth chapter to celebrate its Centennial 25 years ago.

Delta Chapter owes its founding to friction which existed between factions in the Columbian and Parthenon Literary Societies. The leaders of one faction withdrew from the societies and applied for a charter in Phi Kappa Psi, and the leaders of the other faction formed the nucleus of Delta Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Clarence Mayers (West Virginia 1894), one of the charter members, told the story of their induction banquet:

"We put up \$25 apiece for the first banquet. It was a crucial time. The only existing fraternity since the founding of West Virginia University was the Phi Kappa Psi; so our banquet was the first rival fraternity banquet. It had to be a good one. So we went down the river to Pittsburgh and chartered a boat. It was the Delta. It brought up to Morgantown the best caterer in Pittsburgh with ten assistants and enough food and liquid refreshment to heap high the festal board. When Delta whistled as she rounded the bend in the Monongahela River the Phi Psis were making fun of us. But we showed them a thing or two in that spread. The first banquet established the Fraternity."

Delta has been one of our most outstanding chapters for most of the years since that first banquet and has contributed many outstanding members to Phi Sigma Kappa. In government leadership, they are unsurpassed. Two members of the chapter served as governors of West Virginia; one served as a U.S. Senator; two members served on the West Virginia Supreme Court, and one served as U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, and four members served in the U.S. House of

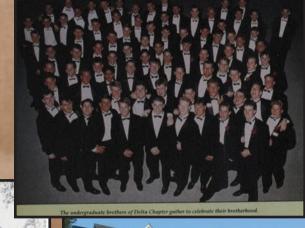
Representatives.

David Selby (West Virginia '63) and Chris Sarandon (West Virginia '64) are wellknown actors. The late Don Knotts (West Virginia '46) was a member of the Delta Chapter. He received our highest award, the Medallion of Merit, in 1961. The chapter has also had many outstanding athletes over the years.

Donovan H. Bond (Delta '42) was for years the West Virginia University Director of Development and served the West Virginia Foundation as Executive Director. He was our 26th Grand President (1960-62). He received the Medallion of Merit at the Centennial Convention in 1973. He remained very active as a Foundation Trustee and member of the Court of Honor up to his passing a decade ago.

Twenty-five years ago at the Centennial Celebration on March 23 at the Lakeview Inn in Morgantown, Delta continued their tradition of outstanding banquets. A total of 677 alumni and undergraduates were present. There wasn't a room in Morgantown large enough to accommodate everyone, so the banquet was held in two rooms. In attendance was Grand President Tony Fusaro, Council Director Jim Whitfield, Foundation President & Chancellor Al Shonk and Court of Honor member Donovan H, Bond, who was also chairperson of the event. It was most certainly the largest Phi Sigma Kappa event ever held.

The entire Fraternity congratulates Delta on their 125th and trusts that the chapter will continue adhering to their distinguished history in the years ahead.



The undergraduale brothers of Delta Chapter gather to controll into sentention.

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## Chapter Eternal

The Signet recently learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

**American University** 

Phillip B Caswell '62 Lucien C. Johnson Jr. '57 Richard G Bartlett '55

**Arizona State University** 

Garrett Wysocki '04 Richard A Shott '69

California State University/LA

Charles A Eckart '71

**Drexel University** William P Kelly '75

**East Tennessee State University** 

David P Lee '57

Fairleigh Dickinson/Madison

Rockfeler Gue '08

Franklin & Marshall College

Charles D Rodenberger II '61

Georgia Institute of Technology

Matthew J Lahtela '95

**Gettysburg College** 

Anthony J Bavosa '56

Lehigh University

George L Engelke Jr '60 Oliver W Gill,III '59

Louis A Dignazio '56

Michigan State University

Kenneth L Peck '63

**Midwestern State University** 

James D Lowrey '69

Danny R Edwards '68

Northwestern University

Earnest T Morgan '69

Raymond H Silvertrust '68

Pennsylvania State University

John O Lindberg '74

**Purdue University** 

Ralph L Schowe '52

**Quinnipiac College** 

James D Neal Jr '69

**Rider University** 

Mark Auerback '62

Rutgers

Tim L Yezierski '93

William S Kiskaddon '59

Slippery Rock University

Frank J Kuhl '74

St. Lawrence University

Douglas J Dreghorn '62

**Stevens Institute of Technology** 

James W Davies '51

Ara G Dourgarian '51

**University of Connecticut** 

William M Rader Jr '62

**University of Illinois** 

Robert R Helm '40

University of Maryland

Richard J Kelly MD '56

John M Hayes '54

University of Massachusetts

Shad Tessier '95

**University of Michigan** 

Ronald J Buszek '68

University of Nevada/Reno

David W Shoemaker '50

University of New Mexico Martin S Kalberg '65

University of Pittsburgh

Raymond Zedler '02

**University of Southern California** 

Larry L Gray '78

Robert N Moodey '46

University of Tennessee

Morris F Bass '49

**University of Washington** 

Clifford G Knudson '59

West Virginia University Vaughn L Kiger '66

**Western Illinois University** 

Russell J DuFrain '66

Robert W Forsberg '59

Please send deceased notices to Joe Kern at joe@phisigmakappa.org or by mail to the address below 2925 E. 96th St. Indianapolis, IN 46240 to the attention of Joe Kern. Those wishing to conduct the Ritual for the Funeral Service upon the death of a member of Phi Sigma Kappa may request information from the International Headquarters. The Ritual for the Funeral Service is not secret and it may be conducted either at the place of interment or in the home of the deceased at such time as is approved by the relatives, or the chapter.

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#### Phi Sigma Kappa Alumni: Lost Alumni Updater

Finding brothers after graduation can be just like looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack." But not anymore, the Lost Alumni Updater has been available for more than a year and has generated a great deal of success!

As of the publication of this magazine, more than a thousand submissions have been made to the Lost Alumni Updater. These contributions have helped the International Headquarters reconnect and reengage many Lost Alumni. Thank you for all those who contributed to this initiative by submitting even just 1 bit of information!

