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The semester began in Memphis, Tennessee, at the National Leadership Summit. Brother Drew Pfyl (AK '13) and I attended the three-day conference where we accepted numerous awards and learned many leadership techniques. The chapter won many awards including the Scholarship Plate, most involvement in nationals, the alumni association awards, and the Raymond L. Orians Excellence award. The capstone of the weekend was the Robert Adger Smythe Award presentation. As we sat around anxiously waiting, we were able to meet and get to know other members from chapters all over the country. Finally, it was the moment we had all been waiting for, when Alpha Kappa received its 14th consecutive and 26th overall Smythe Award. There is no better feeling than seeing all the hard work of the chapter rewarded.

Rush for the Alpha Kappa chapter went amazingly well this year. With brother Andrew Wade (AK '15) leading the rush committee, we signed and brought 30 men into our home, hoping that it would become theirs as well. The rush committee is always looking for the men that exemplify the qualities of Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, and Gentlemen. Brother Dylan Holdenried (AK '14), along with his assistants brothers Scotty Palmer (AK '14) and John Schweer (AK '16), were tasked with educating and mentoring the potential new members. Theses brothers did an amazing job focusing in the importance of putting studies first and promoting the importance of campus involvement. After a long semester, they have learned a lot and we can't wait to see all they will accomplish during their time at the Alpha Kappa chapter at Missouri S&T.

As for chapter programming, AK has made a phenomenal effort to launch new endeavors on campus and within the community. The chapter held many small philanthropy events, such as selling solar eclipse glasses and hosting a campus wide bowling fundraiser, with all the proceeds going to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). In addition, AK continues its success in community service ventures, as we completed over 7,000 hours of service. This semester, we were able to schedule service trips to the JDRF One walk, the Pedal the Cause cycle for life, and returning to work at the YMCA Trout Lodge. This semester we have really been focusing on getting more involved in the local Rolla area, even passing a new by-law requiring all members to have 5 hours of local service every semester.

This semester we came in second place in Greek week, but we are more motivated than ever to reclaim what was taken from us this year. With the strong leadership of Brother Kyle Schnell (AK '15), as the special events chairman, we were able to make a clean sweep of First place finishes in all Homecoming events including Best Float, Greek participation champions, and Brother Joshua Giancola (AK '13) and Pi Kappa Alpha's Queen candidate Emily

Lapreze won Homecoming King and Queen respectively. Along with all the competitions, Alpha Kappa was thrilled to welcome alumni from all over the country to our homecoming celebrations.



Joshua Bax (AK'14)  
SMC, Fall 2017

We also welcomed all of the active members' families down during Homecoming to celebrate Dad's Weekend. This celebration began with honoring the members with this semester's scholarship presentation. Scholarships were given out based on their grades, community service, and involvement in pike and on campus. After the presentation, the chapter held many events for the visiting families including a brewery tour and a trivia competition.

The chapter is experiencing a transition point. The older members of the chapter are soon graduating and taking their experience with them. We are being followed by much larger classes of young members eager to be involved but less experienced. It will be our duty, and focus, to make sure we transition this knowledge to the young leaders so Alpha Kappa can continue to be successful. Continuous involvement from our House Corporation, Educational Foundation, and Alumni Association help ensure fluidity. The tireless, everyday involvement of Chris Ramsay helps keeps us on track. It is through this dedication that Alpha Kappa can continue to thrive, improve, and build innovative ideas year after year. It is through the partnership, involvement, and ageless brotherhood of all Alpha Kappa entities that we will continue this dynasty.

In the bonds,

Joshua Bax (AK '14)  
SMC, Fall 2017

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## VICTORY

This summer we sent two members, incoming SMC Joshua Bax (AK'14) and outgoing Pledge Educator Drew Pfyl (AK'13), to the Pike National Academy Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. There, Josh and Drew attended many seminars and keynote speaker presentations discussing different topics such as rush, building a successful chapter, and more. One seminar that they attended was a panel discussion on how to run a proper Initiation week. They were invited to sit on the panel with a few other fraternity representatives and explain why their I-week is so successful. Josh and Drew also attended the awards banquet where they accepted: the International Work Day award, the 100% phi phi kappa alpha club award, the Programming award, the 100+ man chapter award, the 25-man commitment award, the Scholarship plate award, the Orians Excellence award, The Nester Alumni Association award, and our 14th consecutive Smythe award.

ABOVE: Danny Ryan (AK'06), Joshua Bax (AK'14) and Drew Pfyl (AK'13) pictured following the awards ceremony in Memphis, Tennessee.

RIGHT: Alpha Kappa is extremely humbled to have received such a vast number of awards at the International Conference.





# TKA

## 2017

# GREEK WEEK



Garrett Hooper (AK'13) sits atop Pike's newly designed and constructed chariot, inspired by Game of Thrones.

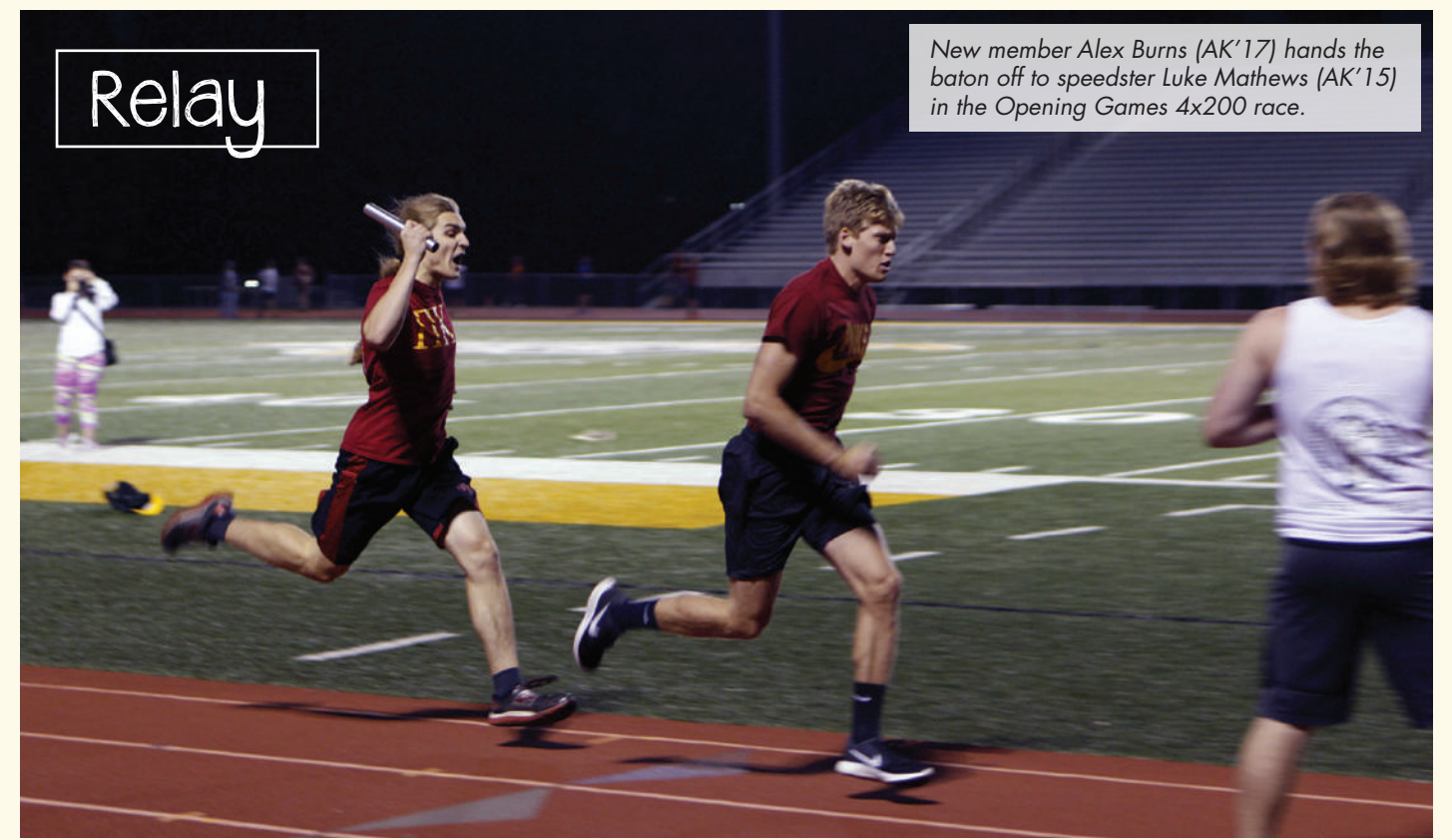
**This year's Greek Week brought together many fraternities through games, events and speakers.**

Although the Alpha Kappa Chapter took second place this year, the bonding and brotherhood obtained through countless hours of training and preparation is truly priceless. The hard work of Special Events Chairman Kyle Schnell (AK' 15) led to many first place finishes in



Cornhole

Brett Donner (AK'16) lofts a beanbag into the air during an intense match in the new Greek Week event, cornhole.



Relay

New member Alex Burns (AK'17) hands the baton off to speedster Luke Mathews (AK'15) in the Opening Games 4x200 race.



## Volleyball

Veteran Luke Schneiders (AK'15) soars above the sand to spike the ball over the net during Greek Week volleyball.



More than just sporting events, Greek Week is an incredible time to volunteer within the local Rolla community.



events such as soccer, chariot race, corn hole, basketball and many others. Many other members of the chapter helped Schnell with his numerous responsibilities throughout Greek Week. A special thanks goes out to Scott Schroer (AK'14), Zach Farniok (AK'14), Thomas Himmelberg (AK'15), Drew Nelson (AK'17), Jacob Hunter (AK'16), Trevor Kopp (AK'16), Hector Trevino (AK'16), Grant Jambois (AK'16), Matt White (AK'16), and Steven Fluegel (AK'16). The Gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha have not tasted defeat in three years, and this loss in 2017 is a big wake up call for the entire chapter. We will be back next year with an unparalleled thirst for victory, that will only be quenched when the trophy returns home.

## Basketball

Captain of Greek Week basketball team James Gleeson (AK'14) drives towards the basket with an unparalleled competitive edge.



## Pie A PiKA

Others look on as a Linking Hearts participant pies Zach Eyler (AK'17) in the face.







Designed by History major Drew Nelson (AK'17), Alpha Kappa was elated to reveal the newest Homecoming float, a full-scale WWI tank.

# Homecoming

Homecoming is a great time for alumni to come back to their school, and see just how much has changed since they graduated. With that being said, it also brings together all of the members of our Fraternity to welcome these alumni back to the chapter house. The active brothers were also busy competing in all of the various Homecoming events. Special events chairman Kyle Schnell (AK '15) was presented with this year's homecoming competition theme, "Miners in Service", in honor of the 100 year anniversary of the mobilization of U.S. troops for WWI. Events such as the pie eating contest, three legged race, yard display, and float competition were held throughout the week, and points were awarded for the winner of each activity. The

Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha were not messing around this year, as we won all 4 of these events with relative ease.

Saturday, October 28th was the homecoming football game, where the results for the competitions and King and Queen were announced. Emily Lapreze and Josh Giancola (AK '14) represented Pi Kappa Alpha in the Homecoming King and Queen competition, and they both did outstanding. Emily was named this year's homecoming Queen and Josh was named Homecoming King during halftime of the game. It was then announced that Pi Kappa Alpha was the overall champion of Homecoming 2017, which was the perfect way to end a great week.

## Trivia Night

Following the Homecoming and Dad's Day festivities on October 28th, the chapter participated in a trivia night to raise money for our philanthropy. Around 70 brothers and parents played five rounds

of trivia, with the winning team receiving \$150 and bragging rights. Categories ranged from: celebrity prom photos, iconic movie characters, science, Missouri sports, and name that tune. This was a fantastic event and we are thankful for everyone who participated and helped bolster Alpha Kappa's philanthropy totals.



Coordinated by Davis Perry (AK'16), the chapter hosted a successful and fun trivia night to raise money for JDRF.

## Dad's Day

Alpha Kappa's annual Dad's Day was, as always, a fantastic success. Many families made their way to Rolla to spend the day with their sons. The day started with presentations from alumni on the standing of the Fraternity as well as presentation of awards. Following this, the Alpha Kappa

Educational Foundation presented scholarships to numerous active members. After the presentations, the families enjoyed a tasty barbeque along with a brewery tour at Public House Brewing Company in St. James. There, brothers and their families enjoyed a tour and, if of age, tastings. After this, the day continued with Homecoming events and a successful trivia night to end a very eventful Dad's Day.



Families enjoy their tour of the local brewery, Public House Brewing Company in St. James after food and fun back Pike.



## JDRF



Over 80 men of Alpha Kappa helped at JDRF One Walk in St. Louis.



Dom Parker (AK'15) has always had a big heart for community service and has a great time volunteering.

On the weekend of September 30th, eighty gentlemen of Alpha Kappa ventured to St. Louis to help the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) with their annual One Walk. The 5K pledge walk, hosted by MilliporeSigma, anticipated raising nearly \$1 million this year for juvenile diabetes research. Preparing for the event, the brothers were tasked with setting up tables, chairs, tents, and course routes for the walk. The morning of the walk, the Pikes assisted registration, parking, and various activities. At the conclusion of the 5K, all eighty members cleaned up the event grounds, stacked chairs and tables, and broke down the course routes. Pike remains a strong supporter for JDRF and we appreciate the opportunity to serve our community.

## YMCA Camp Lakewood in Potosi



Alpha Kappa fixed up the mini golf course to make it look brand new, great work men!

The gentlemen of Alpha Kappa once again attended their traditional service trip this semester at YMCA Camp Lakewood in Potosi, MO. This service trip has always been one of the Chapter's favorite and, as usual, the outing was an enjoyable time for all in attendance. Falling on the second to last weekend of the semester, the trials of both dead week and finals week were weighing on everyone's minds. Despite this, everyone put their worries aside and had a great time helping out the camp. Alpha Kappa cleared hiking trails, raked and burned leaves, and aided in fixing up the mini golf course. The Potosi staff ensured we were fed well with delicious food and commended for our efforts. At the end of the day, Pike was once again asked back to help in the spring and we are all looking forward to it.

## DOG WALK

Seventeen brothers of Alpha Kappa made their way out to the Tri-County Humane Society to volunteer this past semester. Most of the "work" that was required of the brothers was to walk and play with dogs that were recently brought into the shelter awaiting adoption. Minor cleaning of cages was tasked and completed, as well as bathing many of the animals. Being that it is such a small operation in St. James, they love any help they can get and were thrilled with our assistance. The brothers really enjoyed their trip to the shelter and look forward to returning soon.



Four brothers laugh and have fun with their dogs together outside on a nice warm day.

## Pedal The Cause



During the fourth weekend of September, Alpha Kappa brought almost 50 brothers to St. Louis to help volunteer for our first major service event of the year. These members were able to fill almost 300 volunteer slots for the Pedal The Cause foundation. Pedal The Cause is a bike race with courses ranging from ten to one hundred miles. The riders participating in these rides receive donations that are then put towards non-government funded cancer research. This event draws a crowd of 2,800 riders, and that's not including their friends or families!

Alpha Kappa arrived in St. Louis Friday night in order to get a bright and early start on Saturday morning. On Saturday, we worked tirelessly for twelve hours. We helped set up the event in the morning, and that night we helped with Taste The Cause, a subsidiary of Pedal The Cause where people enjoy food from a plethora of local restaurants. Sunday morning started off early for most of the members that had attended the trip. We worked as course marshals out on the streets, helping the bikers with directions and cheering them on as they raced towards the finish line. After that, we served food and drink to the riders as they finished their ride. Finally, we aided in tearing down the event. We rolled up signs, took down tents, packed up food and refreshments, and cleaned the area where the event had taken place. After completing every task that had been set before us, our members went home to Rolla to prepare for school the following week.



The Alpha Kappa chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha enjoys being part of something bigger and that is exactly what Pedal The Cause offers us. We are all looking forward to helping their organization in the years to come.

ABOVE: The active chapter provided a priceless amount of help to the success of the Pedal the Cause bike race event.

LEFT: Jonathon Zettwock (AK'17) quenches his thirst after working tirelessly in the hot summer sun.



# INTRAMURALS



Pikes A Floor Hockey secured the championship victory

As the fall semester comes to a close, Alpha Kappa has once again shown their dominance in intramurals. This semester, Pike had a total of 42 teams which competed in ultimate frisbee, floor hockey, badminton, disc golf, futsal, billiards, softball, Kan Jam, swimming, flag football, volleyball, and paintball. We managed top 3 finishes in all but one of these events, showing Pike's ability to dominate in any event.

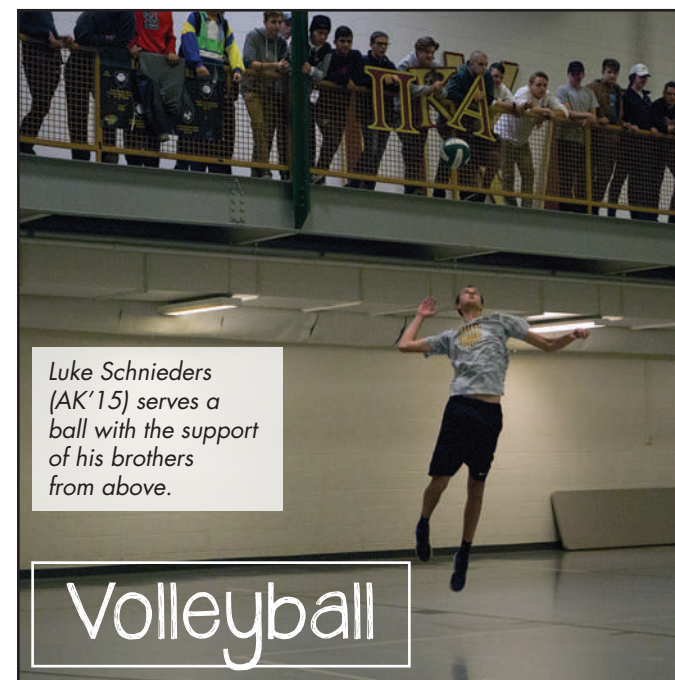
The intramural season started off strong with a promising Softball team that posted a +74 point differential in 4 regular season games. The team had a potent offense led by seniors Erik Schou (AK '12), Angelo Encapera (AK '12), and Eric Huenke (AK '14), while also showing off their gloves as they ranked first in runs allowed. The team was rolling strong into the playoffs, only to be met by a tough Sig Ep team in the semi-finals. As the game came to its final inning, a close call did not go Pikes way, and unfortunately were unable to reach the finals and took 3rd overall.

As the intramural season continued, Brandon Jaegers (AK '16) and Kevin Morris (AK '16) brought home a doubles badminton championship. Our floor hockey team, one of the main highlights this semester, was also able to get 1st place after knocking off the 3 time defending champion independent team "League of Shadows" in the championship game. Flag Football, led by Scott Schroer (AK '14), Rob Pearson (AK '13) and Eric Roettger (AK '15), also showed their strength as they finished the regular season undefeated. We managed to reach the championship game vs Sig Ep, but ended up losing by one score and finished 2nd overall.

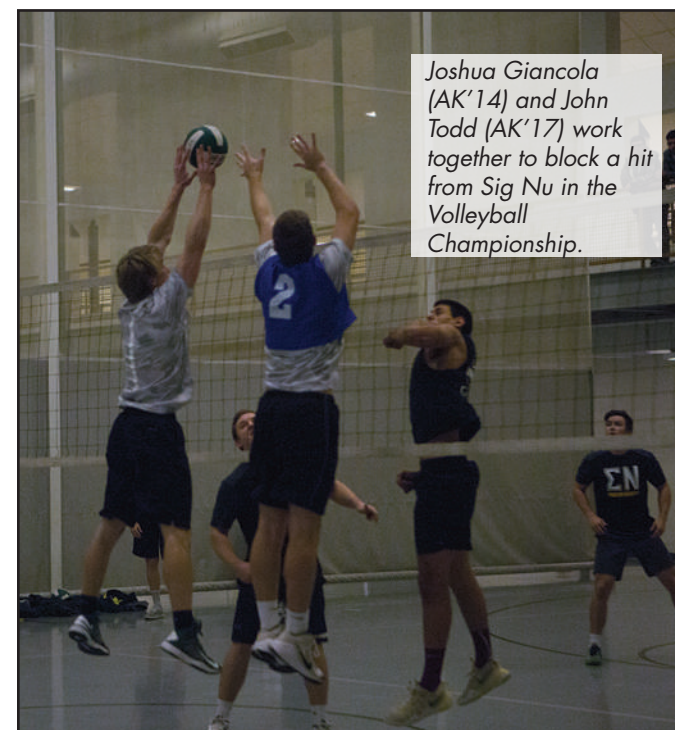
To finish out the semester, Volleyball put up, once again, a very impressive season. We were able march our way into the finals vs Sig Nu after beating Kappa Sig in the semi-final matchup. After an intense first two sets, we were faced with a winner-take-all third set. The set was back and forth the whole time and, after a few unlucky rallies, we ended up losing 14-16 and taking 2nd overall.

Although some championship games did not go our way, this semester has been an overall success for Alpha Kappa intramurals. Brothers were able to come together to witness many great moments and games. As some of our most dominant sports come this spring, we are very confident that we will, once again, bring home another intramural championship.

best on the intramural fields. Off to a convincing start, we are well on our way to another intramural championship.



Luke Schnieders (AK '15) serves a ball with the support of his brothers from above.



Joshua Giancola (AK '14) and John Todd (AK '17) work together to block a hit from Sig Nu in the Volleyball Championship.

## Football

Matt Hagan (AK '16) reaches over a defender to catch a touchdown during Pikes A Flag Football.



Rob Pearson (AK '13) evades defenders with unnatural speed in Pikes A Flag Football.

## Badminton



Brandon Jaegers (AK '16) returns a volley with tremendous power during Pikes A Badminton

## Softball



Will Wyne (AK '14) takes a few practice swings to prepare for a huge game for Pikes A Softball.



# CAMPUS

## involvement

### ALEX BURNS (AK'17)

#### IFC BABY REP

My name is Alexander Burns (AK '17) and I am one of the newest members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. I am excited to serve our Fraternity as the newest IFC baby rep. I was interested in Interfraternal Council because I want to strengthen the greek community by promoting good relations between other houses and continue to improve our image and status on campus by being a positive active influence on campus. Another main reason I decided to join was Greek Week. After sprinting in the track relays during Greek Week opening games, I saw the influence the IFC Reps had on the games and I believe that I would fit well in a role to help conduct an event that brings the Greek community together.



Welcome Alex Burns (AK'17) as Alpha Kappa's newest IFC baby rep!



Nolan Herbst (AK'17) and Hiram Duran (AK'17) represent Pike on campus as they pass out free hot cocoa to students in the midst of finals.

### AUSTIN POWELL

*"...similar to Phi Phi Kappa Alpha, the bonds of ROTC is defined by our values.."*

Being a third year cadet in Air Force ROTC has made a great impact on my development as a person and as a leader. Air Force ROTC at Missouri S&T is an amazing opportunity to not only learn about life as a military member, but also learn many things about oneself and how to become the person you would want to be in the world. The Air Force's core values of Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do, bleeds off in its training to help make oneself into a man of Integrity, dedicated to serving the nation, while doing everything in life to the best of one's ability. Similar to Phi Phi Kappa Alpha, the bonds of ROTC is defined by our values and has allowed me to experience a military brotherhood that only works to complement my experience in the Fraternity. I am extremely thankful for my Fraternity brother's continued support in this important endeavour in my life.



Brother Austin Powell (AK'15) is pictured on top row, fourth from the left. Powell spent part of the summer in Alabama, where he is pictured here at training flight on Graduation day.

**Advanced Aero Vehicle Group**  
Drew Nelson  
William Weishaar

**Air Force ROTC**  
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**American Society of Drilling Engineers**  
Alex Burns  
Zach Inselmann  
Connor Kirtley  
Stephen White

**American Institute of Chemical Engineers**  
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Joseph Early  
Tyler Ferrell  
Sid Ketcham  
Mike Meyer  
Zach Murphy  
Rob Pearson  
Chris Zdvorak

**American Society of Engineering Management**  
Garrett Hooper  
Kyle Schnell  
Geoffrey Steinhart

**American Society of Chemical Engineers**  
Steven Fluegel  
Alex Higinbothom  
Chris Zdvorak

**American Society of Civil Engineers**  
Josh Bax  
Brett Donner  
Mason Fannin  
Matthew Hagan  
Grant Husman  
Ben Hughes  
Troy Kahle  
Canaan Kindle  
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Frederick Murphy  
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Eric Roettger  
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Jeremy Bruder  
Kyle Carberry  
Tyler Dachel  
Ben Dohogne  
Dakota Eikermann  
Hiroki Gavin  
Joshua Giancola  
James Gleeson  
Allan Gromilic  
Bradley Grothaus  
Dylan Holdenried  
Eric Huenke  
Jacob Hunter  
John Iffland  
Tyler Jaegers  
Chuck Kelley  
Trevor Kopp  
Joshua Mefford  
Jacob Mendez  
Danny Moeller  
Chris Murphy  
Austin Nault  
Chris Oswald  
Drew Pavlik  
Jared Pechette  
Davis Perry  
Blake Porter  
Dakota Saylor  
Benjamin Softic  
Alec Sternemann  
Andrew Wade  
Aaron Walters  
William Weishaar

**Blue Key Honor Society**  
Thomas Bucinski  
Josh Giancola  
Alex Kardon  
Danny Moeller  
Aaron Walters

**Chancellor's Leadership Academy (CLA)**  
Joe Early  
Hiroki Gavin  
Alex Higinbothom  
Thomas Himmelberg  
Taylor Keller  
Kevin Morris  
Rob Pearson  
Austin Powell  
Jon Schliem

**Chi Epsilon**  
Joshua Bax  
Troy Kahle  
Martin Vaupel

**Club Baseball**  
Garrett Thele

**Associated General Contractors (AGC)**  
Mason Fannin  
Caleb Fricano  
Eric Roettger  
Luke Schneiders

**Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)**  
Brendan Curran  
Brandon Eisenbath  
James Kvesic  
Thomas Taglieri  
David Tutt

**Backpacking Club**  
Brendan Curran  
Jon Todd

**Baja SAE Club**  
Brandon Jaegers

**Emerging Leaders Institute**  
Taylor Keller

**BBQ Club**  
Nolan Herbst  
Ben Hughes  
Grant Jambois  
Sid Ketcham  
Jake McFail  
Drew Pavlik  
Rhett Romanik  
Alec Sternemann  
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Chris Oswald  
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Joey Tiemann

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**Drillbotics**  
Alex Burns  
Ian Smith  
Hector Trevino

**Ducks Unlimited**  
Alexander Kardon

**Emerging Leaders Institute**  
Taylor Keller

**Engineers Without Borders**  
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Mark Daming  
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John Donnelly  
Dakota Eikermann  
Daniel Enloe  
Zach Farniok  
Nolan Herbst  
Grant Husman  
Adam Koncki  
Harry Medler  
Jacob Mendez  
Michael Meyer  
Austin Nault  
Brandon Ochterbeck  
Davis Perry  
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Hector Trevino  
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Hiroki Gavin  
Allan Gromilic  
Bradley Grothaus  
John Iffland  
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Hyland McCarroll  
Alex Miller  
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**Football**  
Tyler Ferrell

**iGEM**  
Thomas Bucinski

**Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers**  
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Daniel Enloe  
Matthew Felsen  
Taylor Keller  
Kevin Morris  
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Rhett Romanik  
Erik Schou  
Garrett Thele

**Intrafraternity Council**  
Josh Mefford  
Drake Rivera  
John Schweer

**Intramural Managers Association**  
Erik Schou  
Will Wyne

**Intramurals Referee**  
Felipe Andrade  
Tyler Ferrell  
Matthew Hagan  
Thomas Himmelberg  
Taylor Keller  
David Murphy

**ISEE**  
Creighton Miles

**Mars Rover Design Team**  
Mark Daming

**Men's Club Volleyball**  
Steven Fluegel  
Drew Pfyl

**Men's Golf**  
Blake Porter

**Men's Soccer**  
Felipe Andrade  
Kyle Carberry  
Eric Ferenach  
Corey Jolitz  
Martin Kelvjer  
David Murphy  
Jared Pechette  
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Tyler Sivadon

**Military Aerospace Society**  
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**Mine Rescue Team**  
Creighton Miles

**Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society**  
Jacob Bayless

**Miner Baja SAE**  
Jacob Bayless  
Dakota Saylor

**Miner Med Pre-Health Society**  
Rob Pearson

**MS&T Swim Club**  
Matthew Felsen  
Connor Kirtley  
Zach Murphy

**Sig-Sec**  
Brendan Curran  
Brandon Eisenbath  
Thomas Taglieri

**MS&T Automotive Performance Engineering Society**  
Ty Bollweg  
Caleb Fricano  
Allan Gromilic  
Eric Huenke  
Brandon Jaegers  
Drake Rivera  
John Schweer

**MS&T Trap & Skeet**  
Brett Donner  
Matthew Hagan  
John Iffland  
Taylor Keller  
Hyland McCarroll  
Zach Price  
Andrew Wade

**Mucking Club**  
Roger Taylor

**National Society of Leadership & Success**  
Brad Asselmeier  
Tyler Dachel  
Trevor Kopp  
Danny Moeller  
Kevin Morris  
Blake Porter  
Chris Zdvorak

**Order of Omega**  
Joe Early  
Thomas Himmelberg  
David Murphy  
Collin Renith  
Will Wyne

**Paintball**  
Drew Nelson  
Jon Todd  
Benjamin Softic

**Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society**  
Jacob Bayless

**Rock Climbing Club**  
Brendan Curran

**Rocket Design Team**  
James Kvesic  
Cole Looney  
John Nelson  
Blake Porter

**SAAC**  
David Murphy  
Blake Porter

**Water Environment Federation**  
Chris Zdvorak

**Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers**  
Hiram Duran

**Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration**  
Creighton Miles

**Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)**  
Alex Burns  
Zachary Duran  
James Gleeson  
Connor Kirtley  
Chris Murphy  
Drew Renner  
Jon Schliem  
Ian Smith  
Hector Trevino  
Stephen White

**Solar House Team**  
Ben Hughes

**Solar Car Team**  
Taylor Keller

**Solar House Team**  
Ben Hughes

**St. Pat's Board**  
John Schweer

**Steel Bridge Team**  
Zachary Tuhoski  
Martin Vaupel

**Student Union Board**  
Jacob Mendez  
Zach Monroe  
Chris Murphy  
Dakota Saylor  
Kyle Schnell

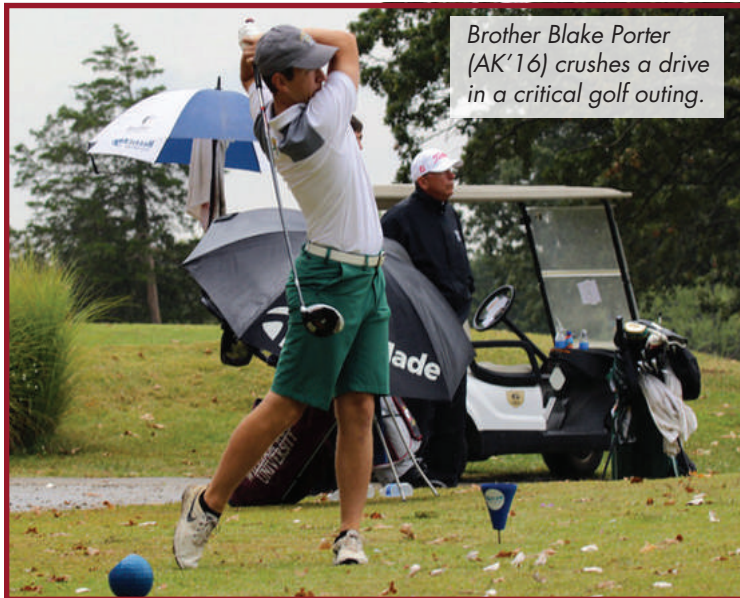
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Anthony Betcher  
Scott Schroer

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Ty Bollweg  
Brendan Curran  
Thomas Himmelberg  
Dylan Holdenried  
Eric Huenke  
Scotty Palmer  
Garrett Pugh

**Water Environment Federation**  
Chris Zdvorak

**Water Polo Club**  
Hiroki Gavin





Brother Blake Porter (AK'16) crushes a drive in a critical golf outing.

## BLAKE PORTER (AK'16) MS&T GOLF TEAM

The Missouri S&T Golf team decided to make a comeback and start up a team for the first time since 2003. New initiate Austin Hoerstkamp (AK'17) and I have had the pleasure to be able to compete for the school in one of the only start-up teams in all of NCAA sports. The new golf coach, Chad Green, first reached out to me two weeks before the start of my freshman year and asked if I would like to join the program. After coming to S&T planning to put my sticks up, I was very humbled to receive an offer to play for the school. Our first half-season consisted of many good and bad rounds for a very young team and we are looking to make a mark on the GLVC in the upcoming seasons.



Kyle Carberry (AK'17) hustles to strike the ball downfield in a varsity soccer game.

## KYLE CARBERRY (AK'17) BROTHERHOOD AND TEAM CHEMISTRY

Being a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the varsity soccer team has been a huge part of my college experience. Without Pi Kappa Alpha, the men's soccer program would not be what it is today. From the screaming fans to the huge percentage of the team being active members, there is a strong relationship between the success of the team and the involvement of the active chapter.

Coming to college is a scary experience for anybody. When I got to Rolla and immediately experienced a long term knee injury, I felt even more alone. The bonds that the members of the team have with one another were, however, very comforting and inclusive. A lot of this can be attributed to Pike. With nine active members of Pi Kappa Alpha currently being on the team and another handful who are hoping to become new members in the future, there is a strong team atmosphere. Team chemistry is extremely important and Pike fosters a great atmosphere for creating bonds. Spending time with guys who you live and die by on the field and being able to call them your brother is an incredibly binding experience. Even members of the soccer team who are not affiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha feel very included and involved because of how welcoming and supportive the house is of our team.

Pi Kappa Alpha is very supportive of the involvement of members who participate in varsity athletics. I was recently the recipient of the Karl R. Morgan Award which endows scholarship money to the varsity athlete with the highest GPA. Being recognized for involvement and the work that varsity athletes put in makes me even more appreciative of what the house has to offer.

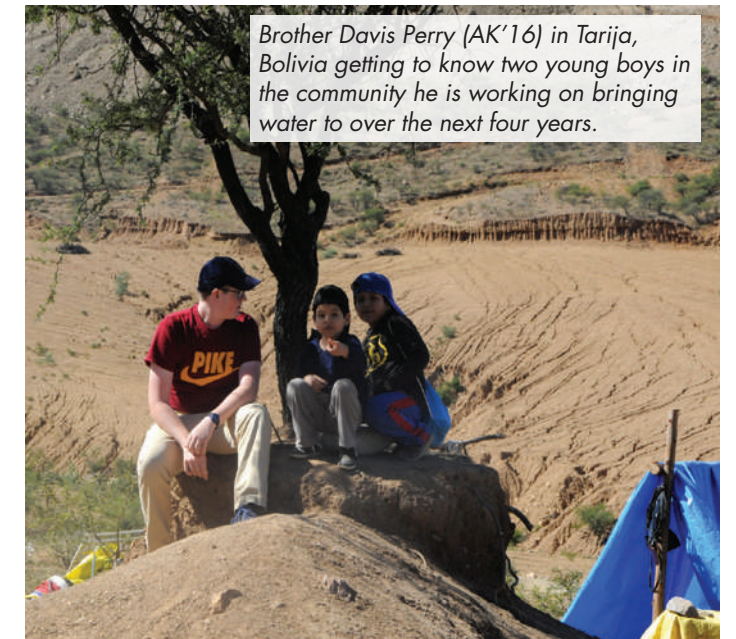
This past season was a great experience. With huge support from Pikes, we fought our way into a postseason position. The highlight of the year was during a must-win postseason game when we beat Rockhurst 3-2 with all three of the goals being scored by members of Pi Kappa Alpha. Being involved in Pi Kappa Alpha as well as the on the soccer team has brought me closer to my teammates and my brothers in ways I hadn't imagined before I started school.

## DAVIS PERRY (AK'16) ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS PROVES LIFE CHANGING

This past summer, I had the opportunity to travel with Engineers Without Borders to Tarija, Bolivia. Over the course of the fall and spring semesters, I became extremely involved and fell in love with the work my team was doing. From designing a clay blanket to prevent runoff water, from contaminating a water well to writing an operations and maintenance manual for the community's water distribution system, I put in countless hours and learned so much from getting involved with this design team.

On May 17, me and four team members departed for Bolivia. After countless hours in the air, we arrived in Bolivia and got to work. We monitored the existing project (which had taken 8 years to fully complete) and looked for potential problems that the community may experience, such as giving them instructions on chlorinating the system and how to add new house connection lines without contaminating their water supply.

After this, we trekked to a new community, that our team has partnered with, to bring them a water system over the upcoming years. In this new community, we did topographical surveying, evaluated major erosion issues, met the new community members, and interviewed each



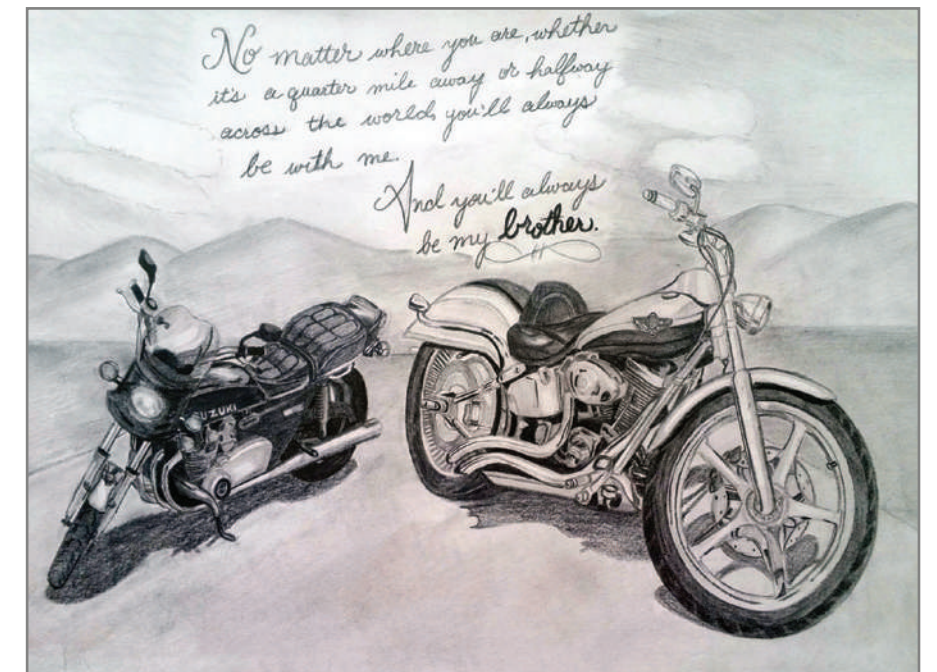
Brother Davis Perry (AK'16) in Tarija, Bolivia getting to know two young boys in the community he is working on bringing water to over the next four years.

of them (in Spanish, of course) about their overall current health and what they want out of our new project.

Being a part of this experience was honestly life changing and really gave me a new perspective on life. I never realized how truly blessed we are in the United States, just by chance of being born here. I am immensely excited to go back next summer and continue to use my engineering skills to help other underprivileged communities.

## THE ARTIST WITHIN : JOHN SCHWEER (AK'16)

There's no doubt that MST is a hard school (especially while being involved with IFC and St. Pats Board), so it proves beneficial to have an outlet. One of the best outlets I've found is art. Anything from doodles to building things helps me escape for a bit and relax. The drawing of motorcycles pictured is something I drew for my friend who lost his dad and best friend within months of each other. The bikes in the drawing belonged to them and now the Harley belongs to him. I actually submitted this drawing to the campus library and it's now hanging in the Fall 2017 exhibit. Another couple projects I've been working on over the last year include a bottle cap coffee table, a decorative woodburned active paddle, storage shelves, as well as various other hands on things. So, when I'm not studying, setting up an event for IFC, or selling sweatshirts for Pats, it's nice to be able to escape into my own little art world.





# Strike Out Diabetes Fundraiser



Nearly 20 prizes were given away during the course of the night, from assigning a lane a "hot lane" where the next bowler on that lane to bowl a strike would receive the prize, random raffles, as well as prizes for top score, etc.

On December 6th, the week before finals, Pi Kappa Alpha hosted the first ever Strike Out Diabetes fundraiser at Coachlite Lanes in Rolla, MO. Coordinated by Davis Perry (AK'16), and with the help of Brett Donner (AK'16), Jacob Hunter (AK'16), Harry Medler (AK'17) and Bradley Grothaus (AK'17), the event was a huge success. Alpha Kappa filled up the whole bowling alley, giving out a variety of prizes from local business sponsors, and everyone there was able to forget about the upcoming stresses of school and finals and have fun in the name of a great cause. Pi Kappa Alpha hopes to build upon the success and annualize the event.



Pictured from left are Harry Medler (AK'17), Davis Perry (AK'16) and Brett Donner (AK'16) who were on the fundraising team this semester and welcomed bowlers to Strike Out Diabetes.

## Sack Lunch-A-Thon

The men of Alpha Kappa were able to pass out over 260 lunches to local Rolla businesses this year. This annual fall fundraiser is used to benefit the Friday Backpack Program. The Sack Lunch-A-Thon was a huge success this year, as we were able to raise over \$1,500 while strengthening Alpha Kappa's

ties with the community. Many businesses were more than happy to make generous donations and promise to continue giving orders for years to come. This shows the impact Alpha Kappa has not only in our community but more importantly, the impact we can make on the less fortunate.



# the SOLAR eclipse

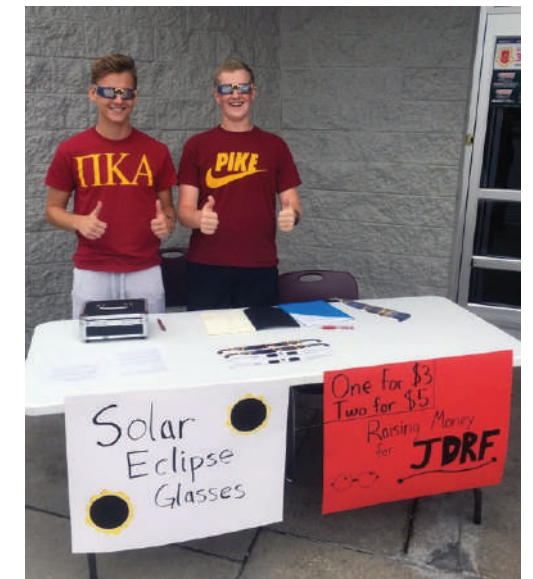


School got off to a hot start this semester as the first day of classes coincided with the 2017 solar eclipse. Being at a science and technology based university, the school made it a large event and many classes were canceled so the students could view this astronomical anomaly. Rolla was at the edge of the sun's path of totality across the United States, so the students were able to get a near perfect view of the eclipse.

Pike took part in the festivities by hosting a fundraiser selling solar eclipse glasses. They sold out rapidly and the event was a tremendous success. The fundraiser both promoted safe viewing of the eclipse and raised money for JDRF, which does Type 1 Diabetes research. For the eclipse itself, Pikes swarmed outside to view the marvel, socialize, and enjoy the summer heat (or lack thereof during the eclipse).

ABOVE: Brothers lay outside to soak up the sun, grill food, play yard games, and fraternize.

RIGHT: Davis Perry (AK'16) capitalized on the solar eclipse for the chapter, as he sold solar eclipse glasses the week before classes started, pictured here with Tim Schreffl (AK'17).



The campus was lively as people swarmed outside of Havener Center to catch a glimpse of the solar eclipse.







The Hooligans are a little known success story of Alpha Kappa. Started by, and annually ran by Pikes, they go to each men's soccer games and supports our brothers by bringing a crowd of over 100 students to the games.

# HOOOLIGANS

Every fall, a few brothers come together and gather the rowdiest group of soccer fans in the GLVC. This year, Mason Fannin (AK'14), Will Wyne (AK'14), and Chris Zdvorak (AK'15) took on this challenge. Four tailgates were hosted at the storied Goalphish annex before Friday home games. During each tailgate, the F2K17 pledge class came and raised money by grilling hot dogs and burgers and selling them to all the hungry Hooligans. The events were a big hit in the Rolla community, with members from over ten fraternities and sororities participating. The soccer boys

ended up making the GLVC tournament as the eighth seed and knocked out Rockhurst, the first seed, in their first game by a score of 3-2 in overtime. Although it wasn't an official event for Hooligans, a handful of brothers, now living in the Kansas City area, made their way to Rockhurst to watch the game in support. Games like that show how deep the love is for the men's soccer team and Hooligans through many years of Pikes. We congratulate the Men's Soccer team on a successful season and we can't wait to cheer them on next year!



A bus full of float trip members is alive and full of zealous energies as people catch up in the first time many have seen each other since summer began.

# Float Trip

Now an annual tradition, the Alpha Kappa Pikes had its Float Trip at the Huzzah Valley Resort of the Ozarks. Around 60 people participated in the jam-packed weekend and rejuvenated the friendships they share with one another. Many of the participants were anxious to get down to the campsite, as tents were set up Friday evening and the campfires were lit before sundown. Brats and burgers

were served up. Some brothers and other friends shared stories about their summer break before a long Saturday of floating. In the morning, the group made their way to the starting point of the Huzzah River. Many tied up their rafts together to take on the winding 6-mile float with one another. The river brought much needed relaxation and good times with great people.

## Brotherhood Week

Over the week of October 1st-8th, the Alpha Kappa chapter hosted its bi-annual brotherhood week. Our members participated in several events and tournaments that were scheduled throughout the week. The tournaments included shinny hockey, FIFA 17 and corn hole. Prizes were given to the winning teams for the tournaments and added a competitive edge to the games. Several other events were held over the course of the week, such as watch parties for Cardinals and Blues games and patio hangouts. The week was an overall success, as we had a huge turnout for a majority of the events. Older members that live out of the chapter house made sure they came to the house to participate in many events and have fun alongside their brothers. We look forward to our brotherhood week next semester, and hope to have an even bigger and better turnout!



Nothing strengthens the bonds between our brothers more than socializing and playing yard games together.

## Formal 2017

The Pi Kappa Alpha Formal this year was at the Lake of the Ozarks and what a beautiful weekend it was! The formal was October 13th-15th and we had around 50 people from across the gamut of pledge classes. The formal dinner was held outside of Shady Gators under a decorated pavilion. All in all it was a great weekend. Everybody came together and had a great deal of fun playing cornhole and we were even able to swim because of the beautiful weather! Nothing strengthens the bonds better than a getaway weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks. The brothers of Alpha Kappa look forward to many more exciting formals in the future!





## GETTING TO KNOW THE CHANCELLOR

MS&T Interim Chancellor Christopher G. Maples Visits the Chapter House

On Monday, October 9th Alpha Kappa had the honor of inviting the newly installed Interim Chancellor Christopher G. Maples to the house for dinner. Chancellor Maples introduced himself to the chapter and told us about his personal life and the path he took to becoming Chancellor of Missouri University of Science and Technology. Maples was the former president of the Oregon Institute of Technology, until he retired in 2016. Prior to this position, he spent five years at the Desert Research Institute and Nevada System of Higher Education. Maples says he enjoys working with the students of S&T in trying to develop change on campus and loves the Rolla community. Maples welcomed all the brothers of Alpha Kappa to discuss any further inquiries with him personally after dinner. It was an honor having Chancellor Maples visit our chapter house and we enjoyed getting to learn more about him and the university.



Interim Chancellor Christopher G. Maples stayed after dinner and talking to the chapter to talk one on one with active members like Davis Perry (AK'16) and Brandon Jaegers (AK'16) seen here, talking about expanding the role of the Greek life within the university.

## A VISIT FROM ROLLA FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF RON SMITH

On Tuesday, September 9th, Alpha Kappa was thrilled to host Rolla Fire Chief Ron Smith for dinner. Smith talked about his career in fire safety and his path to becoming Rolla Fire Chief. He shared many stories from his past duties, which included responding to the Alpha Kappa chapter house fire in 1999. Smith taught us valuable lessons about fire safety. He reviewed what procedures we should take to prevent a fire, and what to do in the case of a fire starting in the house. It was a privilege to have Chief Smith at the chapter house and we are all very thankful for the services of the Rolla Fire Department provide for us and our community.



## AL WENTZ Week

On the week of October 24th, brother Al Wentz (AK'54) visited the Alpha Kappa chapter for his annual Al Wentz Week. Al Wentz Week is a week dedicated to furthering education within the chapter through Al's presentations.

Al's first presentation was a recap and telling of the international cruise him and his wife had taken this past year. They visited numerous countries and experienced the diverse cultures of all the places which they visited. With this, Al told the chapter plenty of exciting stories and fun facts from all the exotic lands he saw.

His second presentation pertained to taking a leadership role within your career. Al demonstrated many of the skills one should utilize if they wish to lead within their work. Al is an avid proponent of taking leadership and doing what it takes to prove one can go above and beyond. Al believes pursuing a degree in business or management is a great way to adopt the skills of a leader and to further advance yourself in your career.

Al's third and final presentation outlined participation in the Alpha Kappa chapter. He gave in explicit detail all the reasons it is important for members to stay proactive and take part in the business of the Fraternity. Complacency is a weakness that can hurt many chapters, and the foundation to a strong brotherhood is every member doing their fair share to help advance the goals of the Fraternity. He also gave an overview of the identity of the chapter and how involvement has a positive reflection on the chapter. Al explained the importance of leadership and participation and how it helps when applying for awards such as the Smyth Award.

As usual during this week, Al hosted his annual wine appreciation session. Members of the chapter 21 and older could attend and learn about the origin of different wines, how they are made, and how to choose a wine for an occasion.

Alpha Kappa is extremely appreciative of Brother Al Wentz and all other alumni who take the time and effort to stay involved in the chapter and wish to see it improve. We look forward to next year's Al Wentz Week.



ABOVE: Brother Al Wentz (AK '54) speaks with the active chapter during his session on leadership in the workplace.



# Engagement Announcements



Michael Meyer



Caleb Fricano



Brandon Eisenbath

The Alpha Kappa chapter would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Caleb Fricano (AK'14), Brandon Eisenbath (AK'14), and Michael Meyer (AK'15), and their fiances on their recent engagements.

## RECONNECTING THE BONDS THROUGH NETWORKING

This year, the Alpha Kappa chapter hosted an Alumni Networking event the night before Missouri S&T's biannual Career Fair. The event was made possible due to the zealous efforts of Davis Perry (AK'16), Trevor Kopp (AK'16), and Joseph Early (AK'15). The alumni that attended joined us for dinner and talked about their company, what their day-to-day roles consist of, and gave networking advice. Following dinner, the alumni split off and the active chapter had the opportunity to network with them one-on-one, give out their resume, and get a foot in the door before the Career Fair. Companies that the alumni represented included: PepsiCo, ExxonMobil, Honeywell, Brinkmann Constructors,

CRB, and Minetrove. The chapter really enjoyed and benefited from this event, and developed priceless connections with the alumni. Thank you to the alumni who came to the event, the chapter looks forward to seeing you, alongside some new faces, next year!



# DJ Launch Codes

DREW NELSON (AK'17)

**Q: Since you were initiated into the bonds of Pi Kappa Alpha, you have emerged and stepped up as a DJ for our functions. When did you start learning to DJ?**

Nelson: "I taught myself in my freetime over this past summer."

**Q: And what was your motivation to learn this skill?**

Nelson: "It was just always something that I wanted to do, so I just went for it."

**Q: How do you feel our social presence has been affected as you've practiced and performed more and more?**

Nelson: "I would like to think that people have more fun at our social functions—everyone says they do, so I'll take their word for it."

**Q: What has been your favorite memory behind the DJ booth?**

Nelson: "I wouldn't say there's a specific memory, but just seeing how happy people are and react to the music is really my ultimate joy."

**Q: What is something about DJing that you think many people overlook?**

Nelson: "Definitely the amount of preparation it takes into learning music, operating the programs and equipment—there's a lot of technical expertise that is needed."

**Q: What are your plans for this role going forward?**

Nelson: "Just keep doing what I've been doing and do the very best for the house—maybe try to even make a career out of it, we'll see."



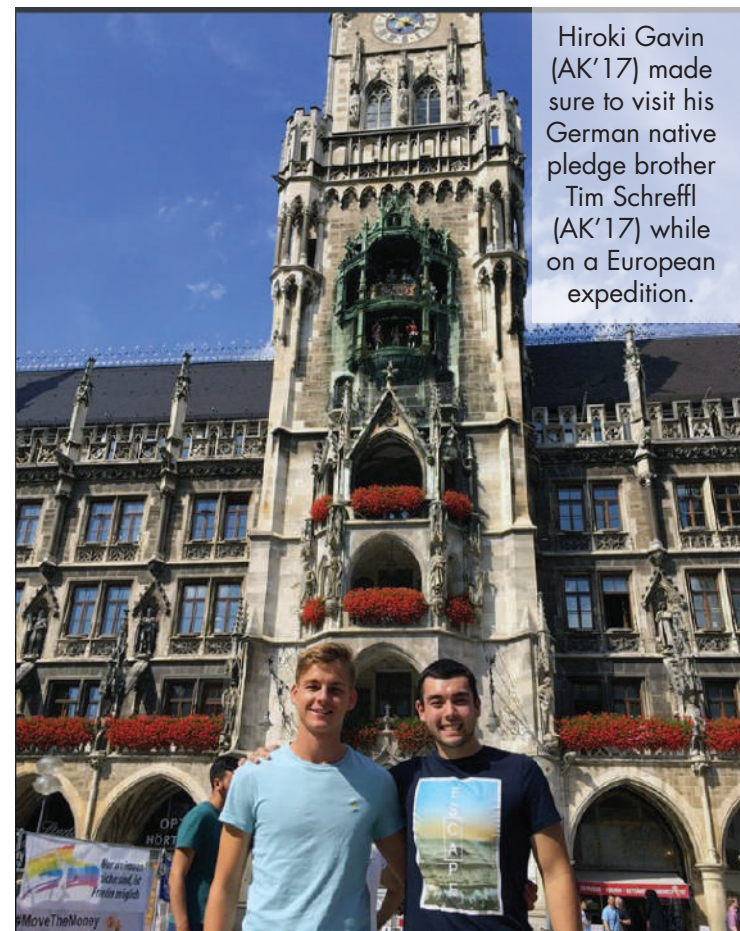
Drew Nelson (AK'17), also known as DJ Launch Codes, has constructed his very own Pike DJ booth to use and store his equipment.



# SUMMER TRAVELS



All smiles for Brandon Jaegers (AK'16), who proudly wears a Pike shirt at the Pike National Forest.



Hiroki Gavin (AK'17) made sure to visit his German native pledge brother Tim Schreffl (AK'17) while on a European expedition.



Pledge brothers Brad Asselmeier (AK'15) and David Murphy (AK'15) trekked in Colorado and surmounted Pike's Peak.



Luke Schnieders (AK'15) explored America's treasure, the Grand Canyon, in all its beauty.



Brendan Curran (AK'15) gazes into the White Sands in New Mexico.



Eric Schou (AK'12) at the Caldera in Santorini, Greece.



# BROTHER ZACH MURPHY (AK'14) VISITS MOROCCO



In early June, I took a solo trip to the country of Morocco (situated in the northwestern-most corner of Africa). Morocco is a peaceful and moderate Islamic nation and welcomes tourists from all over the world. This provided a unique opportunity to experience an Arabic culture in a relatively safe environment.

I spent the first few days in Marrakech located in southern Morocco, just west of the Atlas Mountains. I stayed in the old part of the city called the Medina. The Medina is the old heart and soul of the city. It is a winding, twisting maze of mud brick buildings where Google Maps wouldn't help if you got lost. In the city, I visited old mosques and palaces, and haggled in the open-air markets called souks.

Next, I travelled through the country. I passed over the Atlas Mountains into the Sahara Desert. Here, the ancient inhabitants of the region lived in cities made of clay and mud. One of the most famous cities, Ait Ben Haddou, was used as a set in Gladiator, Prince of Persia, and Game of Thrones. I then headed out into the sand dunes of the Sahara on camelback. I rode the camel out to a small camp in the desert amongst thousand-foot sand dunes where I spent the night. This was certainly the highlight of the trip. I then embarked on a ten hour drive back to Marrakech and took a flight home.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience and I feel this new cultured outlook has been one that I look forward to sharing!

Brother Zach Murphy (AK'14) reflects in the soft sand dunes in Morocco.



# RUSH

As we embark on securing our 15th consecutive Robert Adger Smythe Award, the fruits of our labor as a recruitment committee are as essential as ever. Not only have we expanded our rush committee, but we have strongly emphasized to the chapter the collective effort in rushing outstanding men. The Fall 2017 class includes 30 upstanding gentlemen, diverse in talent and unquestionable in character. Additionally, the F2K17 class brings to the table academic success and athletic dominance. This past semester, we have dominated intramurals and enhanced our social reputation on campus. This is both a testament of Alpha Kappa's dedication to excellence and their continuation to recruit the best men.

This past summer, the recruitment committee held two rush events. One was held at Busch Stadium for a Cardinals baseball game. The other event was held in Kansas City for a Royals baseball game. There were multiple rush dinners throughout the entire summer that were held as well. Recruitment for next semester's spring class includes a rush BBQ event that we hold every fall semester. There will be 15 actives in attendance and upwards of 12 potential rushees.

A great deal of effort was put in by the recruitment committee to ensure Alpha Kappa continues to dominate the recruitment process. This upcoming semester, brothers Brett Donner (AK'16) and Taylor Keller (AK'16) will be working at the chapter house to bolster the chapter's

recruitment process during the school's registration and professional development days.

Director of Recruitment, Andrew Wade (AK'15) and his rush chairmen: William Wyne (AK'13), Scotty Palmer (AK'14), Troy Kahle (AK'15), and Kyle Carberry (AK'17) have been working unflaggingly to find the best men to bring into the chapter. It is apparent that Alpha Kappa's efforts to maintain a large recruitment committee have paid off in the form of its successful, thriving pledge classes. Strategies and training handed down by former directors have given the committee structure, vision, and knowledge to continue this tradition of elite recruitment performance that Alpha Kappa has time and time again been recognized for nationally.



Andrew Wade (AK'15)  
Director of Recruitment

Alpha Kappa's commitment to endow the chapter with motivated men will never cease. It is only right we recognize the help of numerous alumni recommendations and support. We extend our gratitude to them for their assistance in this process. We look forward to continuing our streak of dominance at Missouri S&T and exemplifying the superb character Pike brothers spread not only on campus, but in the world.

## RUSH ORGANIZATION

### Director of Recruitment

Andrew Wade (AK'15)

### Rush Advisor

Will Wyne (AK'14)

### Rush Chairmen

Matt Hagan (AK'16)  
Kyle Carberry (AK'17)  
Taylor Keller (AK'16)

### Rush Captains

Brett Donner (AK'16)  
Tyler Sivadon (AK'17)  
John Iffland (AK'17)

## Want to help with RUSH?

Do you know a high school senior planning on coming to Missouri S&T in the fall? Does he have the qualities to be a great addition to our Pike chapter? Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated and actively pursued by our recruitment team.

CONTACT: Matthew Hagan  
Director of Recruitment  
Email: mhky2@mst.edu





The fall 2017 pledge class with their big brothers in Wolf Hall.



The new members are exuberant and full of Pike pride after winning an ultimate frisbee game.

# NEW INITIATES & PLEDGES



## The Phases of a PADDLE

### 1<sup>st</sup>

Piece of wood is raw and fresh



### 2<sup>nd</sup>

The edges are sanded to round the shaping



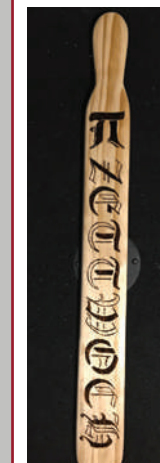
### 3<sup>rd</sup>

Letters are sketched and wood burned onto the paddle



### 4<sup>th</sup>

A fresh coat of lacquer seals the final touches



This Fall, Alpha Kappa initiated 30 fine young men into the bonds of our great Fraternity. With a large group of seniors graduating this December, the new initiates are already working hard to follow in their footsteps. The semester began at Ramsay's where the new members gained knowledge about the Fraternity, participated in conversation about what brought them to S&T and Pike, and eventually set their goals as a pledge class for the semester. Although the goals were very ambitious, the Fall pledge class not only met, but also exceeded them in every possible way. The new members played a huge role in intramurals this year by helping us win championships such as floor hockey which has not been done in many years. The primary goal for this large fall pledge class was to implant the lofty ideals of Pi Kappa Alpha and establish a strong foundation of Phi Phi Kappa Alpha within each and every one of our new members. So far, it is very apparent that every new member has developed a great respect for the house and is ready to put forth their best effort in helping us make our Fraternity even better than it already is. This great pledge class class is giving the house a very bright future, and we are all very excited to see where they take us next.



SMC (PRESIDENT)

Joshua Bax

NEW MEMBER /  
PLEDGE EDUCATOR

Dylan  
Holdenried

ASSISTANTS

Scotty Palmer  
John Schweer

ThC (TREASURER)

Creighton  
Miles

SC (SECRETARY)

Brandon  
Jaegers

VP — RISK  
MANAGEMENT

Austin  
Powell

DIRECTOR OF  
RECRUITMENT

Andrew  
Wade

RUSH CHAIRMEN

Matt Hagan  
Taylor Keller  
Kyle Carberry

RUSH CAPTAINS

Brett Donner  
Tyler Sivadon  
John Iffland

RECRUITMENT  
ADVISOR

Will Wyne

HOUSE MANAGER

Danny  
Moeller

DAILY DUTIES

Price Stirnemann

EXTERIOR

Scotty Palmer  
Matt White

FIX-IT

Drew Nelson

RECYCLING

Kevin Morris

STEWARD

Garrett Thele

SUPER DUTIES

Dachel Oswald

ASSISTANT  
HOUSE MANAGER

Alex Kardon

1<sup>ST</sup> IMC (EXTERNAL VP)

Thomas Himmelberg

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

CHAIRMAN: Jacob Hunter  
COMMITTEE: Matt Hagan

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHAIRMAN: Zach Inselmann  
COMMITTEE: Will Wyne

CORRESPONDENCE

CHAIRMAN: Hector Trevino

INTRAMURALS

CHAIRMAN: Trevor Kopp  
COMMITTEE: Luke Schneiders

PUBLIC  
RELATIONS

WEBSITE: Luke Mathews  
SOCIAL MEDIA: Ben Softic

SORORITY RELATIONS

CHAIRMAN: Kyle Carberry  
COMMITTEE: Grant Jambois

SOCIAL

CHAIRMAN: Taylor Keller & Drew Nelson  
COMMITTEE: Troy Kahle

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHAIRMAN: Kyle Schnell  
COMMITTEE: Matt White

2<sup>ND</sup> IMC (INTERNAL VP)

Joe Early

ALUMNI RELATIONS

CHAIRMAN: Davis Perry  
COMMITTEE: Trevor Kopp

BROTHERHOOD

CHAIRMAN: Marty Vaupel  
COMMITTEE: Grant Husman

COMPUTERS

CHAIRMAN: Thomas Taglieri

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Ben Softic

FUNDRAISING

CHAIRMAN: Davis Perry  
COMMITTEE: Brett Donner  
COMMITTEE: Jacob Hunter

HISTORIAN

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CHAIRMAN: Austin Weicher  
COMMITTEE: Tyler Dachel

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SMC: Joshua Bax

1<sup>ST</sup> IMC: Thomas Himmelberg

2<sup>ND</sup> IMC: Joe Early

ThC: Creighton Miles

SC: Brandon Jaegers

HOUSE MANAGER: Danny Moeller

NEW MEMBER  
PLEDGE EDUCATOR: Dylan Holdenried

DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT: Andrew Wade

VP—RISK MANAGEMENT: Austin Powell



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## Joseph Early (AK'15)



This past summer I had the great opportunity to intern with Procter & Gamble at the Cape Girardeau location. This location is one of the largest P&G plants, with over 3 million square feet located right next to the Mississippi River. The plant is responsible for the production of the well-known brands Pampers, Luvs, Bounty, and Charmin.

I interned as a Manufacturing Engineer and was responsible for the completion of five separate projects throughout the summer. My projects were very diverse and allowed me to obtain an understanding of the entire baby care side of the plant including the production lines, the offline filtration systems, and even the finished product handling part of the plant. The work I completed was focused on the improvement of current systems in the plant including utilization of specific materials and improving the dust collection systems on the line.

My favorite project over the summer was working with our German counterparts in Euskirchen to establish a plan to install an entirely new system with the potential to save over \$1 million dollars per year. I really enjoyed my work because there was a direct focus on how each project would directly contribute to the success of the company, which meant I had the chance to complete meaningful work.

Besides the engineering focus of my job, there was a large emphasis on collaborating with other employees, so I was able to meet and discuss my projects with a wide array of full time employees while receiving feedback and guidance to help improve my work throughout the summer. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to work in such a challenging and rewarding position this summer and I look forward to returning back next summer to take a stab at the papermaking side of the plant.

ABOVE: Current Internal Vice-President Joseph Early (AK'15) is pictured in the top left with a group of summer interns at P&G.

## James Gleeson (AK'14)

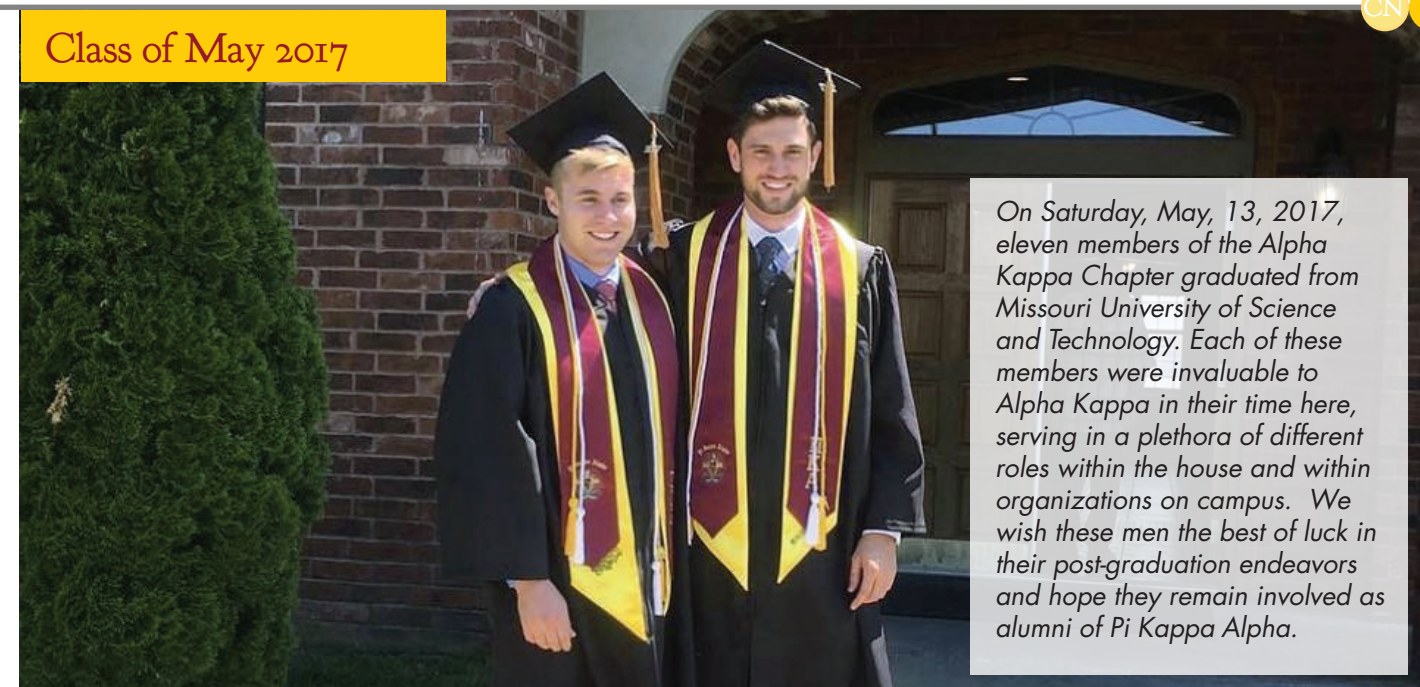
This past summer, I had the honor and privilege of working for John Deere in Waterloo, IA. I worked as a Manufacturing Engineer in the Tractor Cab Assembly Operations factory, where 42 7/8R tractors are assembled daily. For the duration of my summer internship, I was given four important projects that challenged my ability to innovate and think creatively.

My most challenging project was the In-Process Kanban project, which was an operation to tackle all ergonomic opportunities for improvement for our active seat sub-assembly operators. The previous IPK forced our operators to reach below the knees and above the shoulder. As a result of the design work implemented during my project, there were advances in the safety, quality, and efficiency in the active seat module. My internship with John Deere was truly a blessing and I couldn't be more excited to see what the future holds for me and my career.

BELOW: Brother James Gleeson (AK'14) enjoyed his experience at John Deere and looks forward returning in the future.



## Class of May 2017



On Saturday, May, 13, 2017, eleven members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology. Each of these members were invaluable to Alpha Kappa in their time here, serving in a plethora of different roles within the house and within organizations on campus. We wish these men the best of luck in their post-graduation endeavors and hope they remain involved as alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha.

## GREG EVANS

Biochemical Engineering

Greg served AK as Dailies Chair for two semesters. On campus, Greg was a member of AICHE. Greg will be attending graduate school and is planning to work on research.



## JAMES HOLLOWAY

Engineering Mgmt, Economics

James served AK as the formal coordinator. On campus, James was a key contributor to the Varsity Soccer Team. He is currently employed at Barry Wehmiller Design Group.



## TIMOTHY SCHMITT

Civil & Architectural Eng.

Timothy served AK as Scholarship Chair, Super Duties Chair, as well as Assistant House Manager. On campus, Timothy was involved with many different organizations. He was a member of American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE), Chi Epsilon, and the Steel Bridge Design Team. He also was a part of Associated General Contractors, where he held the position of Secretary and Public Relations. Timothy also served the Club Baseball team as President, Vice President and Secretary. Timothy is currently employed at CRB Builders in Kansas City, MO as a Construction Engineer.



## LOGAN FITCH

Civil Engineering

Logan served AK as both Director of Recruitment and Pledge Educator. On campus, Logan was involved with ASCE and Associated General Contractors, where he held the positions of Vice President and Secretary. He is currently employed with Brinkmann Construction as a Civil Engineer.



## CONNOR KIRTLEY

Petroleum Engineering

Connor served AK as the Sorority Relations Chair and Secretary. On campus, Connor was involved with GAMMA, where he held the position of Presentations Chair. Connor is currently working with Halliburton as an Associate Technical Professional in Williston, North Dakota.



## JOSEPH HENDERSON

Mechanical Engineering

Joseph served AK as Parent's Club Liaison Chair, Social Chair, as well as an IFC Representative. On campus, as an IFC Representative, Joseph held the position of Sales Chair. Joseph is currently employed with Kiewit Engineering & Design Co.



## MITCHELL MORRIS

Mechanical Engineering

Mitchell served AK as Secretary. He was very active on campus, as he was Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team as well as Industry Trip Liaison for American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Mitchell is currently employed at Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita, KS as a Stress Engineer.



## MATTHEW KILWIN

Mechanical Engineering

Matthew served AK as an Assistant Pledge Educator, and was an active member of the Rush Committee. On campus, Matthew was involved with Order of Omega, the Varsity Soccer Team, and he was Fundraising Chair for American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is currently employed by Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita Kansas.



## DRAKE RIVERA

Aerospace Engineering

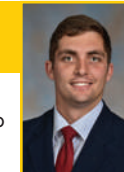
Drake served AK as Scholarship Chair and was an IFC Representative. On campus, Drake served IFC as the Greek Week Chair, and he was a founder of the Automotive Performance Engineering Society. Drake is currently employed at Infoscitex in Dayton, Ohio as an Aerospace Engineer II.



## ZACH WILSON

Mechanical Engineering

Zach served AK as Fundraising Chair, Scholarship Chair, as well as Sergeant at Arms. He is currently employed with Paul Mueller Company in Springfield, MO as a Design Engineer.





# brotherhood SPOTLIGHT



## TYLER JAEGERs (AK '13)

This year's membership spotlight is Brother Tyler Jaegers (AK '13). Brother Jaegers has spent, in total, a year and a half interning at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, where he plans to return after graduation. Tyler has spent time with several departments during his time with Disney.



In 2015 he started in a project manager's role. The projects he worked on during this term consisted of the expansion of the convention center at their Yacht and Beach resort, and the preliminary planning of Disney's brand new multi-sport stadium at the Wide World of Sports Complex.

"My first term with Disney was a fantastic experience. I had the pleasure of working on multimillion dollar buildings that had not been released to the public at the time. Learning and working to maintain scope, schedule, and budget was eye opening. The experience gave me an understanding to how and why every dollar of a project is important."

The following spring, brother Jaegers transferred to a new team. This time he experienced a more technical role as he worked as a mechanical design engineer for the park rides.

"I have never learned so much in such a short time while at the ride mechanical team. Ever since I was a kid I dreamed of being part of the design and construction of amusement rides and this internship gave me that exact opportunity. I put my hands on over 20 attractions throughout the four theme parks, but none was more memorable than being part of the opening team for Disney's brand new ride, Frozen Ever After. The project was on a short schedule but we were able to work hard and quick to make opening day a great experience for our guests. My roles included the documentation of the pneumatic safety stop systems, the retrofit and alignment of the station control sensors,



and acting as the project engineer during first shift. Toward the end of the project, ride system testing was taking place throughout the night. During this phase an engineer was still needed to work with contractors during the day. This was a perfect opportunity for me to put my previous project management experience to use while having immense personal responsibility for the construction that was taking place."

Brother Jaegers then returned the following summer to a similar project management role, this time stationed in Disney Animal Kingdom.

"I wanted to use my experience and understanding of the company to further my management skills. I love the technical side of the industry but I also enjoy managing the overall project and making decisions on behalf of the company. This time I was able to work within my favorite park on some of my favorite attractions. My largest project was the upgrade of the Kilimanjaro Safari trucks, where we upgraded an obsolete tracking system and made several other additions to the truck. I also lead a park wide effort to update the lighting control system throughout the entire Animal Kingdom. My favorite part of this internship however, was the opportunity to share the experience with Thomas Himmelberg (AK '15), as he had his first internship with Universal Studios in Orlando Florida."

Before his graduation in December, brother Jaegers reflected on his time at Pike and how it helped him have the success he has had. While an active he has served as rush chairman, community, service chairman, sorority relations chairman, Director of Recruitment, External Vice President and Pledge Educator.

"I attribute all of my success to my brothers and mentors I've had throughout my time at Pike. Ironically, I didn't want to rush initially, but followed my friends to Pike and learned what a great opportunity I was given. I've always advised younger guys that involvement is the most important opportunity Pike can offer you. The things we do and teach within these walls directly relate to professional and relationship skills you will have for the rest of your life. Pike has a way of giving back more than you expect, as long as you invest zealously. I will forever feel grateful, proud, and blessed to be a Pike."

*FAR LEFT: Tyler Jaegers (AK '13) excited to be back in Orlando for another opportunity to work for Walt Disney World.*

*ABOVE: Brother Jaegers was part of the ten person team that created the new ride, Frozen Ever After.*

*LEFT: Thomas Himmelberg (AK '15) worked in Orlando as well, working at Universal Studios. These two Alpha Kappa Pikes spent lots of time together in Florida all summer.*



## Joshua Giancola (AK'14)

As a graduating senior who has already taken on a large amount of student loans, it was a big relief when I was awarded two scholarships from the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. I was awarded a Scholastic Scholarship for obtaining a 4.0 in my previous semester as well as the William A. Kruger Scholarship. Being awarded these scholarships has

allowed me to get a start on paying off my student loans. Knowing these scholarships are available to me every semester has only motivated me to do better in school over the course of my time at Missouri S&T. My parents and I want to thank the kind donors of the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation for providing me these scholarships.



## Danny Moeller (AK'15)

Being in my junior year at Missouri S&T, I have witnessed the generosity of the alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation for five semesters through the scholarship program. This support is greatly appreciated by not only myself, but the entire Alpha Kappa chapter. This is truly a great system that rewards members in ways I could not have imagined before becoming a part of Pi Kappa Alpha at S&T. With goals set for greatness in academic

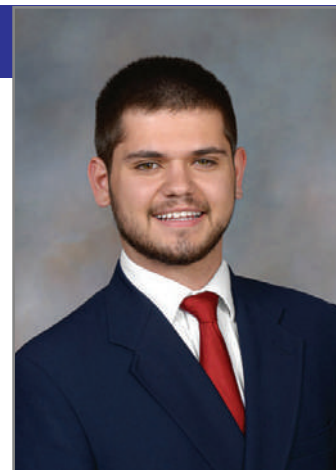
performance and leadership, the scholarships provide motivation for the men of Alpha Kappa to strive for self-improvement on campus and in their personal lives. I am extremely grateful for the honor to be awarded the Richard and Shirley Bauer Scholarship and another for my GPA in the previous semester. The support from our great alumni reinforces my drive to perform well academically and succeed in leadership roles and I cannot express my thanks enough.



## Alex Kardon (AK'16)

In my third semester with the Alpha Kappa chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, I was awarded with two scholarships. I am very thankful for the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation and the sponsors of the scholarships I received. The Jerrold M. Alyea Scholarship and the Robert and Nora White scholarship will come to great use in continuing my educational career. I always strive to make the best grades

and be the best brother possible here at S&T and I am extremely grateful for our alumni, as well as my current brothers, that support the fraternity and allow these scholarships to be given out. It is very important for me to thank the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation and the donors that gave me my scholarships for their help reducing my financial burden.



# SCHOLASTIC awards

## GPA Scholarships WHITE GPA AWARD

3.8 – 4.0

Trevor Kopp  
Davis Perry  
Kyle Carberry

3.5 – 3.79

Will Weishaar  
Kevin Morris  
Creighton Miles  
Alex Kardon  
John Schweer  
Brandon Jaegers  
Brett Donner

3.2 – 3.49

Jacob Hunter  
Blake Porter  
Stephen White  
Moeller  
Austin Powell  
Collin Renth  
Geoffrey Steinhart  
Martin Vaupel

## Leadership Awards

**ROBERT & NORA WHITE**  
Kyle Carberry  
Jake McFail

**MARK H. THOMPSON**  
Thomas Himmelberg

**ROBERT V. WOLF**  
Joshua Bax

**THOMAS G. FRISBEE**  
Zachary Farniok

**DAVID C. GRIMM**  
Creighton Miles  
Trevor Kopp  
Davis Perry  
Joseph Early

**WILLIAM A. KRUGER**  
Joshua Giancola  
Marin Vaupel

**KARL R. MORGAN**  
Kyle Carberry  
David Murphy

**MYERS/ COLOMBATTO**  
Chuck Kelley  
Caleb Fricano

**CHARLES A. WENTZ, JR.**  
Thomas Bucinski  
Robert Pearson  
Joaquin Alarcon  
Zachary Murphy  
Adam Richter  
Alexander Higinbotham  
Chris Zdvorak  
Brandon Ochterbeck  
Michael Meyer  
Joseph Early  
Dominick Parker

**CHARLES A. WENTZ JR. — KAPERS**  
Thomas Himmelberg  
Joseph Early  
Evan Miller

**CHRISTOPHER RAMSAY**  
Kyle Schnell

**RICHARD & SHIRLEY BAUER**  
Brandon Jaeger  
Alec Stirnemann  
Joseph Early  
Collin Renth  
Danny Moeller

**ROBERT & MYLLA MARKLAND**  
Dylan Holdenried  
Brendan Curran  
David Murphy

**INTRAMURAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**  
Robert Pearson

**CHARLES P. DREBES**  
John Schweer

**CHARLES R. HUBBARD**  
Kyle Carberry

**BERNIE RIPPET**  
Kyle Carberry

**PERIN ROLLER**  
Dalton Major

**OFFICER SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Zachary Farniok  
Will Wyne  
Thomas Himmelberg  
Drew Pavlik  
Grant Husman  
Drew Pfyl  
Luke Schnieders

**GEVECKER FAMILY**  
Bradley Grothaus  
Benjamin Hughes  
Jacob Bayless  
Hiram Duran

**JOHN C. LATZER**  
Kirby Phillips

**DALE A. & PATRICIA RUMA SPENCE**  
Tommy Wieschhaus

**RON & JANICE MILLER**  
Anthony Betcher  
Brody Bouillon  
Drew Pavlik

**JERROLD M ALYEA**  
Alex Kardon

**JERROLD M ALYEA ACHIEVEMENT**  
Luke Schnieders





# alumni SPOTLIGHT

**BILL SCHNELL, P.E.**

During the last ten years, 8,752 motorists departed on trips throughout Missouri, but never arrived at their destinations. Unfortunately, they joined more than 36,000 other motorists annually nationwide who ended their journeys, unexpectedly, as tragic roadway fatalities. Bill Schnell, P.E. (BS CE, AK 1982) had an idea to reduce this number.

Bill started working at MoDOT as a summer intern on a survey crew in 1978, and his first supervisor was alumnus Bernie Wagner (AK'46). Over the years, he's played a key role in delivering many major transportation investments in the region. Today, as the Assistant District Engineer in St. Louis, Bill leads the Program Delivery team responsible for planning, design and construction of all MoDOT improvements in the District.

MoDOT has the seventh largest transportation system in the nation, responsible for over 10,000 bridges and 30,000 miles of highways. The St. Louis District encompasses

five counties and receives the largest share of MoDOT's annual \$2.1 billion budget. Under his tenure, the St. Louis District delivered the last \$4.11 Billion in projects, 5% under budget and on schedule. He also serves on the Executive Advisory Committee of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, keeping the top elected officials in the region informed on transportation issues.

Missouri's Blueprint—A Partnership for Zero Deaths is an annual conference which develops the state's strategic safety plan. The first Blueprint meeting occurred after 1,257 roadway fatalities occurred in 2005. With engineering, enforcement and education, fatalities dropped to 757 in 2014, but started rising again in 2015. Distracted driving, smart phone use and unbuckled drivers were a major factor.

Bill proposed a bold engineering strategy, initiating the State's first Design-Build (DB) Safety Project. Utilizing crash data, 31 locations with the highest safety concerns in two counties were identified. Five teams of nationally known traffic/safety consultants and contractors competed in a data-driven analysis and submitted proposals to MoDOT.

The unique DB procurement emphasized implementation of the most cost-effective treatments utilizing Highway Safety Manual analysis. A fixed price (\$24.11 million) variable scope contract encouraged teams to provide the maximum safety benefit with the dollars available.

The safety improvements constructed with this one contract are expected to reduce 73 fatal and serious crashes. This unique project quickly gained national attention.

Bill speaks on the national recognition: "On November 15, 2017, I was humbled to receive an award in Washington, DC on Capitol Hill for the "Road to Saving Lives" Safety Design-Build Project. This innovative data-driven approach was the first in the country and chosen by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and the National Roadway Safety Foundation as

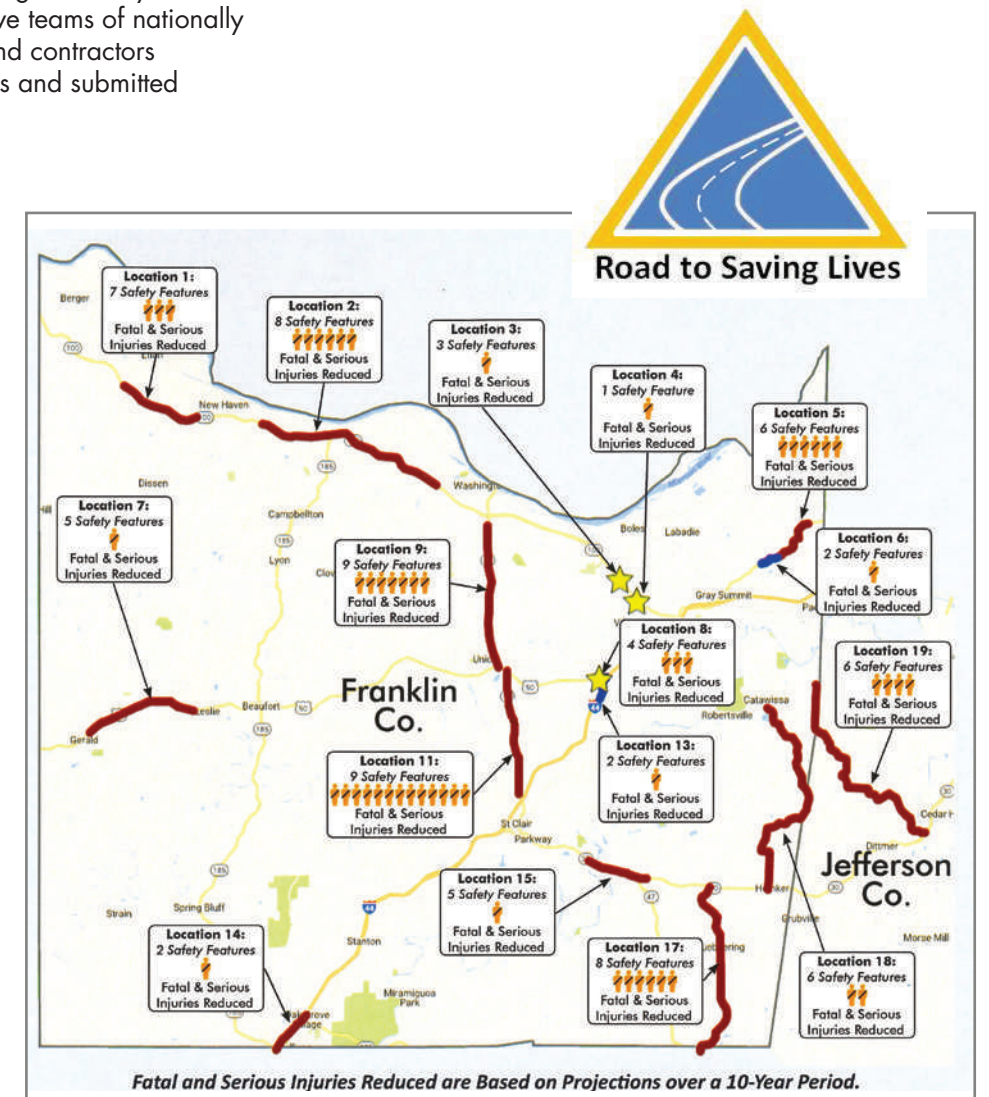
a National Best Practice. Getting an award on The Hill and receiving recognition from Senator Roy Blunt was quite an honor...but getting to walk through the tunnel system under D.C. to access the United States Capitol was even cooler for a civil engineer!"

Other states are now encouraged to replicate the project to save more lives.

Bill is the father of active Kyle Schnell (AK'15), and brother of Bob Schnell (AK'78).

## PHOTO OPPOSITE PAGE:

*Bill Schnell and his wife on Capitol Hill, after receiving national recognition for his innovative Design-Build Safety Project.*





**CHARLES BLASCHKE IV AK '04** and his wife Celine had their first daughter, Mia Celina Blaschke, on July 7th, 2017.



**BRIAN VAN BOOVEN (AK '09)** married Abbey Campbell on September 23, 2017 in Wentzville, Missouri. Abbey was the Pike Dream Girl during the 2013–2014 school year and the couple currently resides in Dallas, Texas.



**MIKE SCHROER AK '04** and his wife Gretchen had their second child, Roan Foster Schroer, on September 20th, 2017.



**WILLIAM KIRBY AK '04** and his wife welcomed their first son, Nolan William Kirby, into the world on September 6, 2017. Nolan is the second child after their daughter Reese.



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**ZACHERIAH WILSON AK '15** married Abby on September 9th, 2017.



## LABOR DAY WEEKEND **GOLF OUTING** LAKE OF THE OZARKS



Twelve AK alumni, along with family and friends, got together once again for the tradition of golfing at the Lake of the Ozarks over the Labor Day weekend. The weather couldn't have been better for the four days. Some played all four days, while others played only one or two rounds. One brother just dropped in for the evening to catch up with his contemporaries. That's the great thing about this weekend, you can play as much or as little as you want.

The tradition is so strong among those who have been doing this for decades that brothers came from as far away as Chicago, Seattle, and Germany. Of course there were several from the St. Louis area, as well.

Brother Sontheimer went the extra mile and prepared a BBQ feast for Saturday evening dinner. There is nothing better than pork steaks and all the fixings with a cold beverage after a long day of golf. After dinner, the guys relaxed: playing cards, telling stories from back in the day, and watching football games to cap off the evening.

When the weekend was over, there were regrets that more AK alums hadn't joined in the weekend's activities. Barring a major calamity, we'll be doing this again next Labor Day, so reserve the weekend on your calendar and contact me for the details. It's a great way to close out the summer and renew brotherhood.

Glenn Phillips (Email: [g\\_s\\_phillips@yahoo.com](mailto:g_s_phillips@yahoo.com))





## AK GOLF SCRAMBLE

For the second straight year, the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association held its Annual Golf Outing at the beautiful Quarry at Crystal Springs in Creve Coeur, Missouri. The course did not disappoint—excellent weather greeted the golfers assembled the morning of June 4th. After signing in and purchasing some raffle tickets many took the opportunity to hit a complimentary bucket of balls on the driving range. All Brothers received the complimentary Swag Bag containing a personalized sleeve of golf balls, a flashlight (courtesy of Brother Kevin Smith), sunscreen, a BBQ spice assortment (courtesy of Brother Robert Van Camp), Pike Pads from the Active Chapter, an assortment of snacks for the course, and course drink tickets.

The shotgun start for the four man scramble was at 8 A.M. The nine foursomes finished around 12:30 for a delicious meal of hot dogs, burgers, and sides. After lunch came an update on fraternity and alumni news, golf awards, and raffle.

There was a tie for first place (66) between the foursome of R. Van Camp, G. Klumb, J. Murphy, & C. Klumb and the foursome of N. Fehr, J. Birke, K. Baer & J. Hegar. There was a bit of a controversy over which foursome should win the prizes (golf balls and solar phone chargers) so the groups split the spoils. Longest drive (a dozen Titleist balls) was won by Neil Fehr and Closest to the Pin (a dozen Titleist balls) was won by Bob Kallmeier (also low Roll Number at the event). Well done, fellas. The raffle this year included a lot of good prizes. The top prizes were a Vibe Brand Super Insulated 45 QT Cooler—Robert Van Camp, and a set of 4 box Seats to Cardinals vs Pittsburgh Game—Tim Scanlon. Five others won solar phone chargers and boxes of a dozen golf balls each. In addition to KQ and Beans, other prize donors for the event include Brother Rich Henry (Golf Balls), Brother Steve Penberthy (Snacks), Brother Charlie Klumb (Sunscreen and snacks). Thanks for your support guys!

The golf outing for 2018 will return to the Quarry at Crystal Springs the Saturday after Memorial Day, so save the date, June 2, 2018. We'll see you at "The Springs."



Two teams tied for the lowest overall score, shooting a 66

### 2017 AKAA Roster

Zachariah Wilson,	Andy Reitter, Alex
Jared Pechette, Tommy	Meier, Mike Hayes,
Zoellner, Geoff	Ben Schnurbusch
Steinhart	Bob Kallmeier, Bob
Tim Scanlon, Bob	Sieckhaus, Jim Van
Scanlon, Tom	Buren, Phil Jozwiak
Trautman, Don Anselm	Roger Nekula, Elmer
Jim Poncirolli, Fred	Schneider, Phil
Hohenberger,	Columbatto, Steve
Glenn Phillips, John	Biederman
Hohenberger	Neil Fehr, Joel Birke,
Greg Klumb, Robert	Ken Baer, Josh Hegar
Van Camp, Jim	Bill Schnell, Kyle
Murphy, Charlie	Schnell, Marty Vaupel,
Klumb	Grant Husman

## Distinguished ALPHA KAPPA ALUMNI

### DR. ROBERT H. BROCKHAUS (1962)

First, I want to thank the previous distinguished alumni who selected me for this honor. I firmly believe that others are more deserving than me and shared that with the past honorees when they told me that I had been selected. I would like to make my presentation based upon the word "PIKES" using each letter to offer some thoughts that may be of value to today's active chapter brothers.

**P is for persistence.** *Nothing of great value is ever easy — it takes persistence.*

During my junior year, I realized that I didn't want a career as an engineer, but that was the only major back then. So I persisted knowing it was a good degree. As a young faculty member, I became convinced that Saint Louis University business students would benefit if a course on entrepreneurship was offered. I was told by senior faculty members that such a course did not belong in a university, and if I persisted, I would not earn tenure. I persisted and did get tenure and today Saint Louis University's entrepreneurship program is ranked 9th in the country among thousands of programs. I am sure that each of you want something that seems difficult to obtain. I firmly believe that if you develop a persistent approach you are very likely to succeed.

**I is for innovation.** *An invention is not an innovation. For an invention to be an innovation, it needs to be desired or appreciated by others.*

As a student, I served two semesters as steward and implemented new procedures for purchasing food that saved us money. Other brothers saw that I was capable of finding new ways to save them money and elected me treasurer. As international consultants to families that own large businesses, my wife, Joyce, and I assist them to find unique and innovative solutions to issues that confront their families and businesses. As chapter members what do you think could be done differently? How can you convince others that your idea would be of benefit to the chapter?

**K is for knowledge.** *Without knowledge, you have no basis for your ideas.*

My grades were not the best but I did get out in four years with 166 credit hours and having never failed a course. However, my real knowledge came in a different way. As a student, I paid close attention to others in leadership roles, especially brothers who served as chapter president. I observed when they were successful and when they were not. The knowledge that I gained from these observations



has benefited me throughout my career. As an alderman in my city, I studied the pro and cons of issues so that I could make better decisions when I voted. Because other aldermen knew that I carefully studied issues prior to voting, I was influential in helping them decide how to cast their votes. As a student, what interests you and how can you develop a deeper level of knowledge of that subject?

**E is for exceeding expectations.** *It takes persistence, innovative ideas and knowledge to exceed expectations.*

Alpha Kappa has a great chapter today, and it also was when I was a senior. At that time, only one chapter in the country received the coveted Smythe Award and we earned it my senior year. Bob Tooke was the captain of the football team and St. Patrick. Bill Hallerberg was the national Pike undergraduate of the year. These two men along with Myron Bruns and I were selected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. I believe that our class exceeded the expectations that the actives had of us when we were Pledges. Professionally, I have always attempted to do the very best I was capable of in any position that I held. As a result, I believe that in most cases I did exceed the expectations of others. Joyce and I own holiday rental properties in the Colorado Rockies, Florida Keys, and the Missouri Ozarks. As owners of these establishments we constantly attempt to have these homes exceed the expectations of our guests.

**S is for success.** *Meaningful success comes with the risk of failure.*

When I was a student, success meant graduating. But today, I recognize that I was successful in other ways during those four years that I did not realize at the time. I have tried to give examples in this presentation. I have enjoyed my career and that in itself is being successful as not everyone can say that. Each of you will define success differently. As you strive towards your definition of success, you will encounter failure. Learn from it and do not let it keep you from reaching your goal. I did not and you should not seek to receive honors or recognition for your efforts. Instead just do the very best that you can do and the recognition will most likely follow.

I need to close by sharing the biggest reason for any success that I have had. She is my wife, Dr. Joyce Brockhaus. She has been by my side when times were difficult and has been a partner in any successes that we have had.



## JIM MURPHY RECEIVES

# WOLF LOYALTY AWARD

Jim was born in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. He graduated in 1980 with a double major in Economics and Public Administration. He then went on to get a MS in Student Personnel Administration and received that degree in 1983.

He first worked at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, for their Student Affairs department before taking the Director of Residence Life position at UMR in 1988. In this position, he coordinated student activities for University housing.

In February 1999, when the fire at the House occurred, Jim worked closely with officers and advisors to find an initial short term and then longer term housing for the Brothers until the current House was ready for occupation in the Fall of 2001. Obviously this was a difficult time, and both Jim and the Chapter worked closely together to make the best of a bad situation. Through the efforts of two undergraduates, Chris Swallow and Tom Qualls, an invitation was extended to Jim, which he graciously accepted, and was given a special dispensation Initiation into the Bonds in 2004.

Jim became an at large member of the House Corporation in 2005. Four years later, after the untimely passing of long time House Corporation Treasurer Don Myers, Jim became Treasurer and has filled this position effectively for the last 8 years.

During these last 8 years, Jim also managed to receive a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Mizzou in 2012. His thesis was about "The Factors that Affect successful Fraternity and Sorority Leadership." He certainly had good research material here at Alpha Kappa and other Fraternities and Sororities on campus.

Jim has been very busy the last several years as Treasurer as many changes in the financing structure of the House Corporation have changed, and on short notice the House Corporation purchased the property to the east of the



house. He effectively managed the budget, advised the rest of the House Corporation members on what financial arrangements were workable with the seller, and made an arrangement for a bridge loan. This was done making sure that enough money was available for the upkeep of the House and not overextending the House Corporation or Chapter.

Jim has served the University for the last five years as Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students. He and his wife Phyllis have 3 kids, Erin 31, Marn 30, and Patrick 26, all of which live in Missouri.

*Alpha Kappa was delighted to host Dottie Wolf, the wife of R.V. Wolf, at the chapter house, here pictured with the R.V. Wolf Award recipient, Jim Murphy.*



This summer the chapter house received its normal maintenance to assure a "like new" appearance for the beginning of the fall semester. Also as usual, minor improvements were made. Steve Biederman led the work with the assistance of a summer house manager from the chapter.

At the Homecoming meeting, it was approved to enter into a new mortgage agreement, which will save the House Corporation around \$63,000. It will reduce the current mortgage rate from 6.1 percent to 4.1 percent. It was also agreed upon to determine if the new loan agreement would allow the HC to borrow up to an additional one million dollars for major improvements. Jim Murphy, treasurer, has finalized the loan agreement.

It was also decided at the Homecoming meeting to consider the renovation of the TV room and weekend kitchen areas. A committee was formed to consider possible changes with Bob Kallemeier as the chairperson. At the Fall Leadership Retreat, the decision was made to convert the TV room into a chapter meeting room and the weekend kitchen area into a conference room. It was also determined to investigate the possibility of expanding the chapter house with an addition of a social hall for parties on the east side of the Powell Wing. The two changes will allow for Wolf Hall to be a permanent dining room. The resulting chapter house layout will conform more to the layout of the new fraternity houses being built on campus in the last few years. The plan is to finalize a decision by Founders' Day.



# CHAPTER HOUSE NEWS

## 2017 Summer Renovations

In May of 2017, the newly elected executive officers convened with the Housing Corporation to determine the plan and budget for the work to be done over the summer as well as elect someone to act as summer house manager. Brother Stephen White (AK '16) was selected as the summer house manager and assembled a team of four additional brothers to act as the summer house crew. The goal of the crew, over the summer months, was to do a deep clean of everything in the house, as well as completing general maintenance tasks and contracting out work for larger projects. The general cleaning consisted of a deep sanitizing of all furniture, walls, and amenities in the house, shampooing carpets, stripping and rewaxing of all tile floors in the house, and scrubbing of the laminate and slate floors with heavy duty cleaning solution. Maintenance of the house included paint touch up throughout the entirety of the house, lawn care,

landscaping, and miscellaneous repair of the household property. Twenty new memory foam mattresses were also purchased from the local Sleep Ezzz store.

The summer also consisted of several larger tasks that had to be contracted out for completion.



King-O-Tile was contracted out to replace the existing carpet in the chapter conference room and both study rooms with a luxurious laminate to match the hallways of the chapter house. IFS was also contracted to perform their regular maintenance on the house's HVAC system. After their investigation of the system, they replaced a faulty condenser motor in one of the A/C units, fixed an exhaust fan on the chapter's dishwasher, and installed temperature regulators in three separate three-room clusters to make the temperature of rooms in the house more equivalent. Jesse Sullins, a local painter, was also contracted to recoat the three community bathroom floors with a precatalized epoxy material that was previously chipping away for the concrete floors. Lastly, a local electrician from Freedom Electric was contracted to remove ambient lighting fixtures from Wolf Hall and the common room and replace them with ceramic plates. Contractors were in the house constantly throughout the summer months, but due to Brother White and his crew working efficiently and diligently, work was never halted and the jobs of the contractors and the house crew never conflicted.

TOP: The summer team worked diligently to improve outdoor beautification.

LEFT: The new luxury vinyl flooring installed in the chapter conference room and other areas around the house.



## Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity FOUNDER'S DAY *Schedule*

Please consider this schedule of times to be tentative. We will have a much more accurate schedule of events for this weekend going out at the beginning of next semester. For further information contact SMC Dylan Holdenried at (314) 372-9658 or dlhxw7@mst.edu.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND

**All Day**  
Open House

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

**All Day**  
Open House

**9:00 A.M.**  
Educational Foundation Meeting  
at Chapter house in the conference room

**10:00 A.M.**  
House Corporation Meeting  
at Chapter house in the conference room

**12:00 P.M.**  
Lunch

**1:00 P.M.**  
Keynote Speaker

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

**All Day**  
Open House

Please help the active chapter update the alumni database by either filling out the "Alumni Update" below, or by contacting Trevor Kopp by email at tkkq49@mst.edu. This information is not given to us by the University, and must be obtained in another way. Additionally, feel free to contact the alumni relations chairman if you have any comments or article suggestions for the *Kapers*. Thank you for your time.

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Say anything and/or send pictures! Update the Chapter and Alumni Association on your current activities to be published in the next *Kapers*.

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### HISTORY BOOK

In a continuing effort to fully distribute the Alpha Kappa history book, please complete this section.

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### FOUNDER'S DAY 2018 — R.S.V.P.

Alpha Kappa will be holding a lunch during Founder's Day. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

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