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Spring 2012 marked another successful semester for the men of Alpha Kappa. We kicked off the semester by initiating the largest pledge class in our chapter's history — 33 new members. During the spring semester we pledged another 11 men, bringing our recruitment total to a new high of 44 for the 2011– 2012 school year! Spring 2012 pledge educator Dustin Hale (AK '09) is doing a fantastic job leading his class and currently has a 100 % retention rate. Our director of recruitment, Tyler Meyer (AK '11), is well on his way to recruiting yet another great class for the fall of 2012.

This spring the chapter has continued to support our chosen philanthropy, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JD RF). In late February, 71 members attended a service trip to St. Louis, Missouri to assist with the JD RF retreat at the Millennium Hotel. Along with setting up and breaking down the event, the men of Alpha Kappa assisted in supervising over 400 children, ranging in age from 6 to 15 years old. We provided supervision over these children, many who have been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, so that their parents could attend informational sessions on diabetes. As someone who has been dealing with Type 1 diabetes for over seven years, I am so proud and grateful to be a part of a chapter that is very supportive of this worthy cause and many others. When we add up service hours from the JD RF trip, hours from a trip to the Potosi, Missouri area, as well as various service events around the Rolla community, we have accumulated over 5,500 service hours for this spring 2012 semester. This brings our total for the year to an unprecedented 13,500 hours for the chapter.

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Another area in which Alpha Kappa has made great improvements in is charity fundraising. The chapter held its first ever "Pike Pig Roast" on the day of the St. Pats parade. Led by the efforts of Joe Macke (AK '11), it was quickly understood that roasting a 180 lb. pig for 18 hours was no small task. The pig roast proved to be a success, as we raised over \$1,000, in spite of a late parade downpour. It will be an annual event for years to come. Between the pig roast, our annual Rolla Pub Crawl, and Pike apparel sales, Alpha Kappa raised over \$3,100 this semester for a charitable donation to JD RF. These numbers put the chapter at over \$12,000 for the year, which is also another record total for Alpha Kappa chapter.



Andrew Busby  
SMC, Spring 2012

Once again Alpha Kappa has outperformed our MS&T campus competition in intramurals. For the first time in five years, Alpha Kappa took first place in basketball. The chapter also earned first place in dodge ball, first place in soccer, as well as top five among fraternities in every other intramural sport! All this made it possible for Alpha Kappa to retain our title of intramural champions for the 7th year in a row!

This semester, like all, has had its ups and downs, but in summary it has been yet another semester for the record books. I am sincerely proud of the active chapter and of all of our achievements. When I joined Pi Kappa Alpha four years ago, I had no idea of the opportunities that would be afforded to me. I can attribute nearly all of my leadership qualities and fantastic college experiences to Alpha Kappa. It has truly been the most rewarding experience of my life.

In the Bonds,  
Andrew Busby  
SMC, Spring 2012



Sitting alone, in the silence and the dark, my mind travels to the memories of some of the men who have had such an important influence on my life and on the Alpha Kappa Chapter. Men, both living and gone who have given so generously to all of us. The images are sharp in my mind of Wolf, Bauer, Grimm, Horst, Myers, Johnson, Wentz and Brockhaus. And others too, like Powell and Oberbeck. (And please forgive me, there are so many of you not listed here that have made such an important contribution). Men whose connection to Alpha Kappa and to our University have defined their lives – and who joined hands to forward the objects upon which we were founded. Men who invested their lives, their time, and their fortunes in something they believed in and still believe in.

A man has to believe in something. He has to believe that right triumphs over wrong, he has to believe that he can make a difference in this world — that he will make a contribution, he has to believe that truth and integrity are everything, and he has to believe that true love never dies. Where did these men learn how to be a man? I doubt that anyone ever gave them the “How to be a man lecture” (I have, from time to time, given that lecture to the boys at the chapter — of course I never tell them that’s what I’m doing).

I know when these men, and perhaps all of us, learned it. It was at Alpha Kappa. It was in the values we found in our Ritual and in the day-to-day

struggle of living together in the fraternity. Paul Baldetti said, “Alpha Kappa is a laboratory for leadership”, he is certainly right. I think it’s a laboratory for on the job training for living a good life. A life based on honesty, integrity, and most importantly — love. Friendship is easy, Brotherhood is hard. It’s hard to live with a large number of men, to organize, sometimes to simply pay the bills. These men met and overcame the same challenges and difficulties that the boys at Alpha Kappa face every day. Of course there are generational differences, and times are different today than they were in the 1950s or 1960s. But, the constant is that we all are (or were) boys with a desire to learn how to be a good and honest and decent man. We have all done this “learning” in the context of a set of values found in our ritual. And perhaps most importantly, we have done it by establishing life long relationships with those who surround us at Alpha Kappa. Men we learned from, men we wished to emulate, men we hold in the highest esteem. Without our Brothers, how different our lives would have been.

I cherish the contribution and the friendship (I should say Brotherhood) of Grimm, Horst, Johnson, Wentz, Brockhaus, and Powell. My heart aches for Wolf, Bauer, Myers, and Oberbeck, and so many others. Just to have one more conversation, just one more time to ask them “what should I do, what do you think”, just one more funny story, just one more glance across a room into a face with knowing eyes and reassuring smile. In the dark and the silence, I might be tempted to let the demons of self doubt and despair enter my mind, I might let sorrow draw a curtain on grief across a broken heart — just the memory of these men, the sharp image of how Oberbeck’s face would light up when we spoke. Or the reassuring look on Wolf’s face at one of the most difficult times I’ve faced, or the Don Myers cheesy laugh.... brings me home to sooth the anguish and drive all the bad stuff away. Right always wins over wrong, and love never dies. Isn’t that what phi phi kappa alpha teaches us?

I am as always,  
Your Friendly Neighborhood Chapter Advisor.

Ramsay



Chris Ramsay



## Mom’s Day

During the month of March the men of Alpha Kappa hosted our annual Mom’s Day event. The event was a big success with outstanding attendance and plenty of fun to go around. We started off the afternoon with the scholarship presentation where a total of \$24,000 was distributed to deserving members of the chapter based on their leadership, merit, and loyalty. Thanks to the effort’s of Barb Busby, this presentation was followed by a video slideshow of pictures showing activities held over the past year



within Alpha Kappa. At the event, there was Bandana’s Barbeque cater for lunch, and after lunch parents and their son’s stuck around for our “How well do you know your son?” game — the game where we put moms in the spotlight to see how well they really know their son. Afterwards, we tallied up the points, and prizes for 1st through 3rd were handed out. There were a lot of right answers, and a lot of laughs to match, and overall everyone involved had a great time.



## Founder’s Day

This year’s founder’s day was another great success! All those who came out enjoyed the annual presentation from the different branches of the house and a lunch catered by Lee’s Chicken. During the festivities chapter advisor Christopher Ramsay was the center of attention in a “roast” by alumni Kyle Verhoff, Chris Swallow, and Tim Hogan. Ramsay was also awarded the Robert V.



Wolf Loyalty Award for his outstanding service and support for Alpha Kappa. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the alumni who could attend and made this Founder’s Day fun and memorable.

"Right always wins  
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and love never dies.  
Isn't that what  
phi phi kappa alpha  
teaches us?"



## Pikes provide help for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

On February 25, members of Alpha Kappa set off on a community service trip to help with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Retreat in support of our president, Andrew Busby, who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 15. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is an organization dedicated to finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

Early Saturday morning, 70 of us, plus one alumnus, arrived at the Millennium Hotel in downtown St. Louis to begin setting up for the retreat. We had to arrange many tables and chairs, unload truckloads of snacks, and set up activities to entertain the children. We set up an activity room for the 4-7 year olds and one for the 8-12 year olds.

Once everything was set up, it was time for the families to arrive. More than 150 volunteers kept all 160 families headed in the right direction and Pikes were everywhere. There were brothers helping at the registration table, volunteering as advocates, and supervising the children in the activity rooms.

Some Pikes even got to go to the City Museum to chaperone the teenagers as they spent their day there. The parents went to sessions on diabetes care and treatment, research advances, sports, exercise, diet, family dynamics, insurance hurdles. There was also vendor fair, along with the chance to network and make new friends.

...the benefit of the retreat  
will be with those affected forever.



*dedicated to finding a cure*

In the activity rooms, there were movies to watch, toys to play with, snacks to eat, drinks to drink, a blow up tunnel to crawl around in, a blow up basketball game to play, face painting, crafts, board games to play, a castle to color, and a video games to play. In a larger hall, there was another blow up basketball hoop along with a super sized, blow up twister board and a blow up obstacle course for the kids to enjoy. The kids really enjoyed the clown that was there, as he could make any kind of balloon animal imaginable. There were also some magicians whose tricks amazed even us college students.

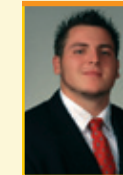
Professional Indy Car Racer, Charlie Kimball, set the perfect tone as the 2012 JDRF T1D Keynote Speaker. As the first and only driver with Type 1 Diabetes in the history of the Indy Racing League, the young man of 27 engaged the packed Millennium Hotel ballroom audience with his personal story. At the seemingly invincible age of 22 he was diagnosed with T1D and thanks to modern medical technology and his determination to not let his disease end his career, Charlie is now recognized as one who has attained the highest levels of motorsports. He drives for the Chip Ganassi Racing Team.

All the food was catered and specially made with the people with Type 1 Diabetes in mind. The Pikes didn't shy away from the catered meals either.

As the retreat ended, the Pikes were there to clean up and make it seem as if we were never there, but the benefit of the retreat will be with those affected forever. In total, we collected 2,557 hours of community service that weekend.

## December Commencement

On Saturday, December 8, 2011 eight members of Alpha Kappa graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology. These men served the fraternity in a variety of positive ways during their college career at Missouri S&T. We wish them the best of luck on their future endeavors, and hope to see them serve our chapter as alumni.



**Alex Van Deeven**

Graduated Missouri S&T with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as Fix-It and

Fundraising. He currently works for Baker Hughes Inc. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



**Charlie Hasseldiek**

Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He served AK as Correspondence Chair. Charlie currently resides in Kansas City, Missouri.



**Christopher Stocker**

Graduated with a degree in Business and Management Systems. Chris now works for Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri.



**Jorge Quiroz**

Graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He served AK as Historian, Continuing Education, and Brotherhood Chair. He played

for the Missouri S&T Men's soccer team during his freshman year. Jorge currently works for Baker Hughes Inc. in Bakersfield, California.



**Eric Mack**

Graduated with a degree in Business and Management Systems. Erik is currently employed

at Pitney Bowes in St. Louis, Missouri.



**Mike Weber**

Graduated Missouri S&T with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He served Alpha Kappa as Social Chair. He now works

for Halliburton in Bakersfield, California.



**Pat McNamee**

Graduated with a degree in Business and Management Systems. Pat played for the Missouri S&T Men's

soccer team for four years. He currently resides in St. Louis, Missouri.



**Stephen Bostic**

Graduated with a degree in Civil and Architectural Engineering. He served AK as Fix-It. He currently works at Brinkmann

Constructors in New Melle, Missouri.

Class of 2012



## Rush — one of the most important operations at AK

Once again, Alpha Kappa was the top recruiting Fraternity on campus for the spring semester. Rush Chairmen Tyler Meyer (AK '11) and Jonathon Goecker (AK '10) did exceptionally well in recruiting the most, best men for the new spring pledge class and recruited 11 men. With four of these men being varsity athletes and remaining seven being athletic, intelligent, and involved, these men have already been contributing to the chapter's success. Alpha Kappa continues to rush the most, best men and dominate in spring rush at Missouri S&T.



Tyler Meyer  
Director of Recruitment

It is clear that the Alpha Kappa's growth in recent semesters has only helped the chapter to be the top on campus and nationally. Therefore, the recruitment committee of Alpha Kappa plans to continue the success from the previous semester and recruit one of the largest pledge classes ever. Due to its success in the past, the recruitment structure used in recent semesters is already in place this spring. The large recruitment committee continues to show success in that it allows the rush chairmen to focus on fewer recruits and it helps involve the entire chapter in the recruitment effort. Director of recruitment, Tyler Meyer (AK '11), and his rush chairmen: Sterling Price (AK '10), Art Hartt (AK '10), Ben Raulston (AK '11), Trevor Becherer (AK '11), and Sam Diacon (AK '11) began recruitment as soon as the spring semester started. Even with increased effort in recruitment from other Fraternities on campus, Alpha Kappa is determined to once again succeed in recruiting the most, best men on the Missouri S&T campus.

## Rush Organization

**Director of Recruitment**  
Tyler Meyer

**Rush Chairmen**  
Art Hartt  
Sterling Price  
Ben Raulston  
Trevor Becherer  
Sam Diacon

**Rush Captains**  
Ryan Sexton  
Kevin Kimmle  
Dan Grace  
Clint Brown



Executive Council, from left: Nick Windhorst, Dustin Hale, Mason Brown, Jordan Wengler, Andrew Busby, Kyle Sneed, Andrew Plyler, Tyler Meyer, Ben Raulston

Want to help with Rush?

Do you know a high school senior coming to Missouri S&T in the fall? Does he have the qualities to make him an excellent Pike? Any tips are greatly appreciated and will be actively pursued by our recruitment committee.

## Contact

Our Rush Chairmen:

- Art Hartt
- Sterling Price
- Ben Raulston
- Trevor Becherer
- Sam Diacon

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<b>Public Relations</b> Jacob Colter	<b>Fundraising</b> Art Hartt Joe Macke			<b>Exterior</b> Ted Leonard	
<b>Social</b> Sam Diacon	<b>Historian</b> Johnny Hsu				
<b>Sorority Relations</b> Ben Raulston	<b>Parent's Club</b> Jake Luetzow				
<b>Special Events</b> Spencer Hiestand Jacob Colter	<b>Risk Manager</b> Jacob Nutt				
	<b>Scholarship</b> Andrew Plyler Greg Kabak				
	<b>Webmaster</b> Brandon Lile				



# Campus Involvement

## Advanced Aero Vehicle Group

Sterling Price  
Nick Windhorst  
Alpha Nu Sigma  
Gregg Crannick

## American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Tyler Meyer  
Kyle Sneed  
Peter Vaccaro  
Matt Whitwell  
Joe Macke  
Greg Kabak  
Nick Windhorst  
Matt Meglio  
Jacob Zimmerman  
Matt Madrusic  
Robert Gruelle  
Brady Muller

## American Nudear Society

Gregg Crannick  
Lucas Wessel  
Matt Crinnian  
Brian Seawright  
Dylan Prevost

## American Society of Civil Engineers

Dan Stokes  
Jake Roth  
Tanner Wagoner  
Cadence Kirchner  
Jacob Colter  
Garrett Eskens  
Evan Fox  
James Bell  
Trevor Becherer

## American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Jon Goecker – President  
Troy Terrill – Vice President  
Mason Brown – Treasurer  
Matt Jackson – Secretary  
Arthur Hartt  
Andrew Terbrock  
Sam Shaffer  
Tyler Shaffner  
Caleb Collier  
John Bilyeu  
Ryan Paul  
Kevin Kimmle  
Brad Gilmer  
Sterling Price  
David Kekec  
Tim Dalton

## Architectural Engineering Institute

Joe Miller  
Jacob Colter  
Evan Fox  
Chad Jones

## Association of Engineering Geologists

Michael Bradford

## Blue Key Honor Society

John Van Gels – President  
Parth Shah – Treasurer  
Kyle Sneed – Secretary  
Lucas Wessel – Public Relations  
Dustin Hale – Comm. Serv. Chairman  
Andrew Busby  
Brian Phagan  
Kaleb Hoffman  
Doug Porter

## Baja Build Team

Eric Jones

## Campus Christian Fellowship

Jacob Colter

## Catholic Newman Center

Ted Leonard

## Chancellor's Leadership Academy

Tyler Meyer  
Raheel Hassan  
Ryan Paul  
Jacob Luetzow  
Jake Campbell  
Kevin Kimmle

## Engineers Without Borders

Ryan Paul – Erosion Team Leader  
Bret Baer – Flooding Team Leader  
Trevor Becherer – PR Chair  
Dylan Prevost  
Tanner Wagoner  
Robert Chisholm  
Ted Leonard  
Seth Bull  
Michael Heise  
Joe Macke  
Jacob Colter  
Garrett Eskens  
Brandon Lile  
Raheel Hassan  
AJ Cuccio  
Kevin Kimmle  
Jake Campbell  
Brad Gilmer  
Ryan Paul  
Arthur Hartt  
Matt Meglio  
Tyler Meyer  
Chad Jones  
Kyle Bonnice  
Taylor Thornhill  
Clint Brown

## Eta Kappa Nu

Brian Phagan  
Tyler Effinger

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Jacob Colter

## Future Business Leaders of America

Jordan Wengler – President  
Andrew Plyler  
Chris Lear  
Parth Shah  
Kyle Schraier

## Formula SAE

Sam Diacon  
Ryan Paul  
Ted Leonard  
Brad Gilmer

## Gamma Sigma Epsilon

John Van Gels

## Greek Leadership Peer Conduct Board

Mason Brown

## Greek Standards Advancement Board

Parth Shah

## Helix Biology Club

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Peter Haw

## Human Powered Vehicle Design Team

John Goecker

## Industrial Designers Society of America

Raheel Hassan

## Industrial Society for Explosives Engineers

Corey Hale  
Dan Grace

## Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers

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Ben Raulston  
Doug Porter  
Kevin Antrobus  
Brandon Lile  
Brian Phagan  
Tyler Effinger  
Chris Wieschhaus  
Colin Eyster  
Albin Dohmen

## Interfraternity Council

Andrew Busby  
Erik Hinze  
Robert Chisholm  
Dan Grace

## Intramural Managers Association

Joe Graff  
Tim Dalton

## Kappa Mu Epsilon

Caleb Collier  
Matthew Whitwell

## M Club

Caleb Collier  
David Kekec

## Material Advantage

Mike Archibald  
Math Club  
Justin Vance

## Missouri Miner Student Newspaper

Dylan Jones – Features Writer

## Missouri S&T Lacrosse Club

Tyler Effinger – Treasurer  
Andrew Terbrock – Secretary  
Joe Graff – Captain  
Mike Archibald  
Matt Vandiver

## Missouri S&T Rugby Club

Erik Hinze  
Zach Baker  
Dillon Kiewer

## MSM Spelunker's Club

Michael Bradford

## Missouri S&T Solar House Design Team

Chris Barton – Safety Officer

## Missouri S&T Varsity Football

Freddy Dugard  
Jacob Nutt

## Missouri S&T Varsity Soccer

Sam Shaffer – Asst. Coach  
Joe Jordan – Asst. Coach  
Brian Tucker – Asst. Coach  
John Bilyeu – Captain  
Ryan Muich – Captain  
Sam Diacon  
Kyle Sneed  
Peter Vaccaro  
Peter Haw  
Matt Jackson  
Kyle Schraier  
Joe Macke  
Jon Goecker  
Caleb Collier  
Brian Seawright  
Evan Fox  
Jeffrey Hall  
David Zdvorak

## Missouri S&T Steel Bridge Design Team

Tanner Wagoner  
Garrett Eskens  
AJ Cuccio

## Missouri S&T Volleyball Club

Paul McGhee  
Nick Windhorst

## National Geology Honor Society

John Van Gels

## Omega Chi Epsilon

Matt Whitwell

## Order of Omega

John Van Gels – President  
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Kaleb Hoffman – 2nd VP  
Dustin Hale – Website Chairman  
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Doug Porter  
Andrew Busby  
Brian Phagan  
Tyler Meyer

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Caleb Collier

## Phi Eta Sigma

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Ryan Paul  
Tyler Myer

## Phi Kappa Phi

Gregg Crannick  
Brian Phagan

## Scrubs

Raheel Hassan

## Skydiving Club

Dylan Prevost

## Society of Mining Engineers

Corey Hale  
Dan Grace

## Society of Petroleum Engineers

Chris Hollenberg  
Jake Shaw  
Jorge Quiroz  
John Van Gels  
Austin Reed  
Kyle Bonnice  
Zach Ewbank

## Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Freddy Dugard

## Student Ambassador

Michael Bradford

## Student Council

Tyler Meyer  
Brandon Lile

## Student Diversity Program

Freddy Dugard

## Student Union Board

Jordan Wengler – Sec/Treas.  
Matt Crinnian – OAR Director  
Eric Jones  
Brady Muller  
Clint Brown  
David Zdvorak

## Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

Matt Crinnian – Vice President  
Chris Lear  
Chris Barton  
Mason Brown  
Tyler Effinger  
Dustin Hale  
Lucas Wessel  
Ben Raulston  
Corey Hale  
Bret Baer  
Tyler Schaffner  
Chris Hollenberg  
Cadence Kirchner  
Mike Archibald  
Brandon Lile  
Kevin Kimmle  
Troy Terrill  
Tyler Shaffner  
Albin Dohmen  
Evan Laughlin

## Tau Beta Pi

Brian Phagan  
Kevin Antrobus  
Caleb Collier

## Tennis Club

Matt Modrusic  
Jake Campbell  
Taylor Thornhill

## Theta Tau Omega

Andrew Busby  
Jake Shaw  
Erik Hinze

## Trap and Skeet Club

Zach Ewbank  
Jake Campbell

## Writing Center Undergraduate Tutor

Freddy Dugard

## New Initiates



### Alpha Kappa Initiates its largest pledge class to date!

On January 21st, Alpha Kappa initiated 33 new brothers into the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha, one of the largest pledge classes in

AK history to date. The newly initiated men completed their first semester under the guidance and leadership of Nick Windhorst and are excited to continue contributing to the legacy of the chapter.

## Pledge Class



*Back row, from left: Taylor Arens, Kelsey Bardell, Zachary Ciurczak, David Zdvorak, Seth Bull; Front row, from left: Clint Brown, Kramer Hall, Jake Kemple, Keith Landers, Ryan Sexton, Ben Bartnicke*

The spring semester bring a smaller pledge class to Pi Kappa Alpha than in the fall, but the men this semester are very diverse. The pledge class this semester is S2K12, and it is composed of four juniors, one sophomore, and six freshmen. During the new member retreat, the stories told proved that the members of S2K12 have come from various backgrounds making this class particularly strong. After the bonding and the lessons of value, teamwork, and integrity, S2K12 is very excited for the upcoming semester. Dustin Hale is the new member educator this semester. He will guide this strong class into full membership. During the first part of the semester these men will learn about time management, responsibility, leadership, good study habits, and many more life skills. The skills they learned will help them be leaders on campus, in PiKA, and in their lives after college. The members of the S2K12 look forward to completing the program to become active members and continue their involvement in our chapter.





*Pikes soccer takes 1st place! Kneeling front row from left: Colin Eyster, Rob Gruelle  
Back row from left: Kevin Kimmle, Brian Tucker, Chris Lear, Matt Meglio, Dan Stokes, Joe Graff, Michael Heise, Paul McGhee, Joe Jordan, Blake Summers*



*Kramer Hall leading the pack in Intramural Track*



*PiKA Basketball – Tyler Schaffner makes it look easy*

The Alpha Kappa Chapter did it again! For the 7th year in a row we won the overall Intramural championship. Pi Kappa Alpha's athletic future has never looked brighter. Intramural Chairman Sterling Price (AK '09) is extremely confident in the new group of athletic young men. The chapter looks forward to their continued success both on and off the field.

We started the semester off right showing dominance when we placed first and second in softball. There was a small set losing early in the flag football playoffs, which put us 50 points behind the leader. With a second place finish in Volleyball pikes finished the fall semester down 60 points.

However, we rebounded by winning the basketball championship with an outstanding team of senior leadership and freshman talent. This achievement plus a strong showing in dodgeball, racquetball, weightlifting, table tennis, and darts gave us a 35 point lead with only soccer remaining.

Pike soccer not only went undefeated but also posted shutouts in every game of the regular season. We won the soccer championship 3-1, which further added to our overall lead in intramurals. Looking forward, the age diversity of our intramural teams and camaraderie shared give us the competitive edge to continue our strong intramural tradition.



*PiKA Basketball – Kelsey Bardell elevates for a dunk*

## Alpha Kappa Annual Ski Trip

Before returning to school to begin the 2012 spring semester, several members of Alpha Kappa ventured to Aspen, Colorado, to test their abilities on many of the mountain's slopes. The group took full advantage of what Aspen had to offer. Not only did they get to visit the very colorful downtown area of Aspen, but everyone was eager to visit all four of the mountains that were included with the pass (Aspen Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, and Buttermilk). One of which hosted this past year's Winter X Games! Each year, brothers and new members alike have made a point to return to Colorado before returning from winter break. Although more snow would have been preferred, every attendee is thankful they took the trek and had a great time.



## Pike University

On February 10, Alpha Kappa sent 25 men to Chicago, Illinois for another Pike University Leadership Summit. Along with Pikes from chapters all across the Midwest, brothers from Alpha Kappa spent the weekend in style at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in the suburbs of the windy city.

Not only did the event allow the brothers to network with one another, some sessions also gave them the opportunity to learn how to better their chapter including: "Chapter Programming," "Ritual and Values," "Pledge Education," and "Recruitment." Other sessions helped prepare them for the professional world such as: "Dress for Success and Etiquette," "Public Speaking," "Leadership," and "Building Your Brand."

At the awards ceremony Saturday evening, brothers Dustin Hale and Jordan Wengler gained their gold-level Pike University certification for attending their fifth leadership summit.

Many brothers took their free time during the weekend to explore downtown Chicago. They visited famous Chicago



*Pike University*

attractions like: The Willis Tower (previously known as the Sears Tower), Navy Pier, Wrigley Field, and the Cloud Gate sculpture. A few even got the chance to try some authentic, Chicago-style, deep-dish pizza.

After a busy weekend of driving, learning, and sightseeing, the brothers were happy to return to Rolla with a lot more than they left with.



## International Work Day

On April 21st, the members of Alpha Kappa gathered together to participate in the annual international workday. The day was filled with projects to improve and clean the interior and exterior of the house. Led by brothers Nick Windhorst and Chris Barton, members of the house were split into teams consisting of people of all different ages, and each team was assigned their own special tasks. These tasks consisted of scrubbing tiles, cleaning the shed, weeding and mulching the yard, and much more. Overall the event was a success, many projects were completed during the long day of work and it provided a great bonding experience.



Jacob Zimmerman (left) and Jake Westrich working hard.

## Executive Retreat

Members from the house corporation, educational foundation, alumni association, and the active chapter executive council met in Rolla to finalize changes in the Strategic Plan [see page 18]. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss the goals and upcoming changes in each respective entity. At the conclusion of the retreat actives and alumni alike were glad to have a well defined plan for the future.



## World Record Breaker!

On Friday, April 27, Rolla Middle School (RMS) and Alpha Kappa broke the Guinness World Record for most people in a thumb wrestling chain. A total of 824 students and faculty from RMS and 22 members of Pi Kappa Alpha combined to set the new world record at 846 people. The past record was 310 people and was set in 2011. Participants lined the

halls of Rolla Middle School early Friday morning and thumb wrestled for the required 5 minutes to break the record. The record-breaking was organized by Pike as chance for the fraternity to get more involved in the community and further improve its image with the city of Rolla.



## Pub Crawl

The 5th annual Rolla Pub Crawl was a great success for Alpha Kappa. Pike teamed up with Delta Omicron Lambda (DOL) to raise \$1,700 for JDRF! This year the pub crawl was led and organized by Parth Shah (AK '09) and Kendra Woodall (DOL). Those participating in Pub Crawl had drink specials at Speak Easy, Locker Room, The Grotto, The Porch, and C&M Billiards for the night. Wristbands were sold to students and the general public for \$5-7 dollars each as a donation to JDRF. In addition to the wristbands, there was also a BBQ outside of the Grotto to raise additional money.

## Pike Pig Roast



Art Hart (left) and Spencer Hiestand helping out at the 1st annual Pike Pig Roast

During the 104th Best Ever St. Pats Parade, the brothers of Alpha Kappa held the inaugural Pike Pig Roast along the parade route at the corner of 11th and Pine Street. We served three different flavors of pulled pork sandwiches along with homemade chips, cookies, and refreshments to parade goers. The chapter roasted the 180lb pig for 18 hours in the parking lot and pulled the pork ourselves, which turned out to be quite a task! The roast was excellent publicity for Pike and also served as an opportunity for continued alumni relations.

Some supplies for a roaster were borrowed from Christian Campus Fellowship this year, but we plan to raise funds to buy our own pig roaster for future use. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), an organization we have been working with for a couple of years now. In total, we collected 146 hours of community service and raised over \$800 for JDRF. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Joe Macke, Fundraising, and Andrew Busby, President, the event went off great. The chapter eagerly looks forward to doing this again next year.

## Up 'til Dawn

On Saturday, April 21st, the Interfraternity Council of Missouri S&T hosted Up 'til Dawn, a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The event was held in the Multipurpose building across the street from the Pike house. The entire Greek community stayed up all night enjoying Greek Sing, a battle of the bands competition, along with educational speakers including: Jack Lengyel, coach of the "We Are Marshall" football team; Deanne Bell, from the TV show "Smash Labs" and Daryl Davis, an intriguing social activist.

Up 'til dawn raises money to help pay for the chemotherapy, radiation and bone marrow transplants. With the help of many generous parents and alumni Pike raised an outstanding total of \$5,986 which was twice as much as any other fraternity! AK's donation was 27% of the total donation for Missouri S&T! We averaged \$46.77 donated per member, which was also first among fraternities on campus! Thanks again to all the parents and alumni for your donations!

## Cumulative Giving Levels (As of 12/31/2011)

Note: The giving levels below do not include the many scholarships established through the Missouri S&T Development Office in support of Alpha Kappa. These donations will be announced in future Kapers.

<b>1868 Society</b> <b>\$500,000 &amp; Up</b> Alfred Powell	<b>Sabre &amp; Key Society</b> <b>\$50,000 to \$99,999</b> William Kruger	<b>Lily of the Valley Society</b> <b>\$5,000 to \$9,999</b> Richard Bauer Karl Gevecker Alan Kamp Wesley Myers	<b>Shield &amp; Diamond Society</b> <b>\$1,000 to \$4,999</b> Jack Fleischli Gevecker Family Trust Gwen Gevecker Paul Herrmann Terry King Robert Markland S. Dale McHenry Miear Family Ronald Miller Senco Services James Van Buren	<b>Kapers Society</b> <b>Up to \$999</b> Jerrold Alyea James Bess Brian Beyer Duncan Block Robert Brockhaus Doayne Chartrau David Erman Roger Fanetti Robert Fleischman David Hill Rollie Johnson Charles Koerner Joseph Krispin	Art Kruger Edward Kyburz James Lincicome Donald Myers Derek Pelate Donald Peterson Charles Schuman Dale Spence Christine (Bernard) Wagner Don Weisenstein Alvin Wentz Benjamin Winters John Wolf
<b>Founders Society</b> <b>\$250,000 to \$499,999</b>	<b>Garnet &amp; Gold Society</b> <b>\$10,000 to \$49,999</b> Alpha Kappa House Corporation William Horst Pierre Powell Perrin Roller Kent Weisenstein Dotty Wolf				
<b>Junior Founders Society</b> <b>\$100,000 to \$249,999</b> Phillip Colombatto					

## Annual Giving Levels (01/01/11– 12/31/11)

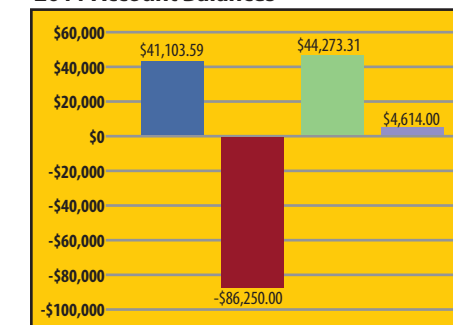
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<b>Platinum Club</b> <b>\$5,000 to \$10,000</b>	<b>Brass Club</b> <b>\$100 to \$499</b> David Erman
<b>Gold Club</b> <b>\$2,500 to \$4,999</b> Phillip Colombatto	<b>Copper Club</b> <b>Up to \$99</b> David Hill
<b>Silver Club</b> <b>\$1,000 to \$2,499</b> Alan Kamp Wesley Myers	

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AT&T	Thrivent Financial
Lockheed Martin	Senco Services

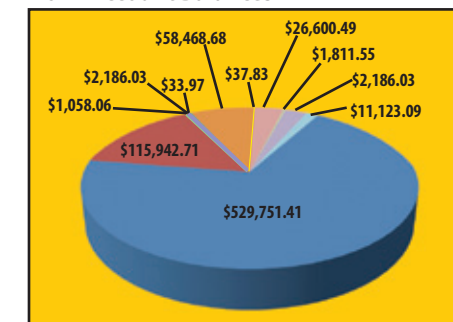
Note: Giving levels are donations to AKEF and do not include the many scholarships endowed through other legal entities where PIKA is a selection criteria nor do these donations represent donations to AKHC prior to AKEF's incorporation.

## 2011 Account Balances



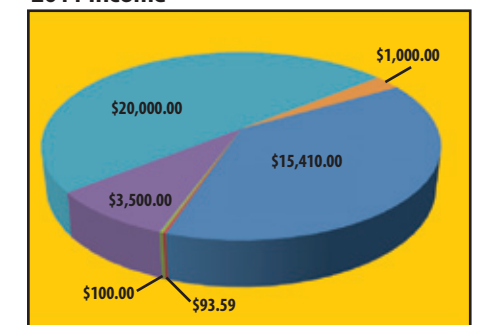
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■ Unrealized Gain/Loss

## 2011 Account Balances



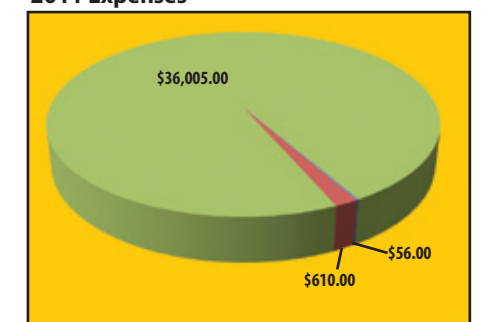
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■ Frisbee  
■ Kruger  
■ Rippert  
■ Roller  
■ Rolla Public Schools  
■ Wolf  
■ Thompson

## 2011 Income



■ Unrestricted Fund  
■ F2K3  
■ Rippert  
■ Myers/Colombatto  
■ Wolf Fund  
■ Thompson

## 2011 Expenses



■ PO Box  
■ Legal & Accounting  
■ Scholarships



Summary Information for Parent's Day, March 10, 2012

Over \$24,250 was presented in scholarships and awards to undergraduate members of Alpha Kappa Chapter this past February during Parent's Day.

Seventy-one awards were given to sixty different members for scholastic achievement and leadership.

These awards would not be possible without the continuing generous financial support from our alumni.



3.8 – 4.0 GPA Scholarship Recipients

During the Founder's Day meetings in Rolla on March 3, 2012, Steve Biederman was elected as the newest member of the House Corporation Board of Directors. Steve attended the University of Missouri–Rolla from the fall of 1967 through the spring of 1972, at which time he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Steve was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha in 1967 and served Alpha Kappa Chapter as Secretary, Steward, and Vice-President. Steve also served on the UMR yearbook staff as Literary Editor, Sports Editor and Business Manager. He was an active member in a number of campus organizations such as Blue Key, Theta Tau, and the American Society of Civil Engineers and was included in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Steve participated in intramural sports and played four years of varsity baseball. He twice received all-conference honors, and was also named all district and honorable mention All-American. Steve was inducted into the MSM/UMR Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1999.



In retirement, Steve keeps busy as a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis and as an OASIS intergenerational tutor at an elementary school in the Rockwood School District. Steve also volunteers with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and serves on their Executive Committee for the annual Light The Night Walk in St. Louis. While serving as President of Walton-St. Louis, Steve was selected as the Corporate Chairperson for the 2008 Light The Night walk with particular emphasis on fund raising for the event. In addition to volunteering, Steve enjoys traveling, watching Cardinal baseball games, golfing and hiking with family and friends.

Steve has been happily married for nearly 40 years to the former Linda Wollard, a 1974 UMR graduate and whose father, Joseph Wollard, was a former Business Officer at the University. Steve and Linda live in St. Louis have two married daughters – Stacey and her husband Brian live in Dunedin, Florida with their grandson, Wyatt. Kimberly and her husband Mladen live in St. Louis and both work for Enterprise.

Scholastic Awards

<b>3.8 – 4.0</b> Lucas Wessell Brian Seawright David Kekec Tyler Effinger Andrew Bignall Zachary Baker Matthew Meglio Caleb Collier Brian Phagan Brady Muller Christopher Lear Michael Kabak Matthew Jackson Hsu Ting-Chi Gregg Crannick	<b>3.5 – 3.79</b> Austin Reed Taylor Thornhill Benjamin Raulston John Van Gels John Bilyeu Tyler Meyer Dillon Kliever Jacob Westrich Nicholas McGraw Raheel Hassan Jake Campbell Peter Vaccaro Bret Baer Matthew Whitwell Joseph Macke John Muich Jeffrey Dierker	<b>3.2 – 3.49</b> Trenton Walters Andrew Plyler Eric Jones Dustin Hale Sterling Price Brian Kierath Andrew Terbrock Tucker Wagoner Kyle Sneed Mason Brown Robert Gruelle Chris Wieschhaus Andrew Busby Ryan Paul Brian Van Booven Kyle Schraier Joseph Miller Kaleb Hoffman Brandon Cundiff Kevin Kimmle Robert Chisholm Jonathon Wilmes Matthew Modrusic Marc Siebers	<b>Leadership Awards</b> <i>Officer Awards</i> Jeremy Bylo Dustin Hale Lucas Wessel Brian Van Booven Nicholas Windhorst Jordan Wengler Parth Shah  <b>Alumni Awards</b> <i>Wentz Leadership Award</i> Andrew Plyler Jeremy Bylo Jordan Wengler Lucas Wessel Dustin Hale Parth Shah	<b>Memorial Awards</b> <i>Rippert Award</i> Robert Gruelle <i>Hubbard Award</i> Brady Muller  <b>Officer Awards</b> Brian Phagan Parth Shah Samuel Shaffer Lucas Wessel John Van Gels Matthew Crinnian
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Upon graduation, Steve began his working career as a project engineer for Fruin-Colnon Construction Company (later known as Fru-Con), a general contractor headquartered in St. Louis. Steve worked throughout the United States on a variety of retail, commercial, entertainment, heavy industrial and medical projects and eventually attained a position of Operations Manager with Fru-Con. In 2002, Steve accepted a position with Walton Construction Company, which opened an office in St. Louis and was led by Dan Frisbee, another UMR alum and Alpha Kappa PiKA. Steve was named President of Walton-St. Louis in 2007 and continued in that position until his retirement in 2010. Steve was a team member on a number of projects with both Fru-Con and Walton that were recognized by the respective companies for their outstanding performances related to schedule, cost, safety and innovation.





## Strategic Plan Updated

At the Spring 2012 retreat, members of the boards of directors of the House Corporation, Educational Foundation and Alumni Association along with the outgoing and incoming Executive Officers of the Active Chapter met to review and update the strategic plan that all four entities use as a guide for their activities. Following are some of the key changes for each of the entities.

**The Active Chapter** decided to increase their semester grade point objective to 3.1 which is above that of all MST campus groupings. They also established a goal of being first in GPA among all fraternities which is up from the previous objective of being among the top three fraternities each semester. They also increased the number of campus wide organizations in which Alpha Kappa would hold executive offices. They retained their goals of being first in Homecoming and Greek Week competitions as well as first in intramurals each year.

**The Educational Foundation** renewed its efforts to seek additional funds from Alpha Kappa alumni for scholarships and to increase the number of scholarships offered. All funds received by the EF are only used for scholarship purposes.

**The House Corporation** pledged to continue to provide a “like new” facility each fall and to continue to investigate the opportunity to obtain additional property for parking. The HC also will maintain its policy of charging the AC yearly rent that is based upon the rate of increase of the MST dormitories. This annual rent is a fixed amount and does not vary with the level of occupancy of the chapter house. The HC has a policy of not accepting any funds except the AC rent.

**The Alumni Association** will seek to establish local alumni programs in St. Louis, Kansas City and out state Missouri. In addition to these local group efforts, it will establish programs to include all alumni. The local programs will include social events and other activities which will be available to local area alumni. The programs for all alumni will include special invitations and activities for alumni celebrating their graduations at five year intervals during homecoming weekends. Also they will provide, along with the AC and the other alumni entities, Founders’ Day programs that will be designed to encourage AK alumni to return in March. They, along with the AC, will seek to obtain more news about alumni for publication in the Kapers.

Finally, they will more strongly promote the “1905” campaign to obtain alumni voluntary yearly dues of \$19.05. These dues are used to pay for the semi-annual publication of the Kapers, luncheons for graduating seniors and their families at commencement each semester and for expenses related to alumni activities at Homecoming and Founders’ Day.

These are just some of the updates to the strategic plan. There are others new objectives as well as maintaining the activities which have earned Alpha Kappa eight Smythe Awards in a row and maybe nine by the time that this article is published.



## 1905 Alumni Dues Program

The Alpha Kappa Alumni Association (AA) funds several programs and services on behalf of all AK alumni. The Alpha Kappa House Corporation (HC) and the Active Chapter (AC) have very generously assisted the AA by subsidizing our expenses for several years.

At the recent semester retreat, it was decided that the HC and the AC needed to apply their funds to issues related to each of them. The HC to reducing the mortgage as rapidly as possible to save interest expense and the AC to keeping its costs to members competitive with other fraternities and out of the house living.

Therefore, the AA is renewing a program which it quietly began two years ago. The program based upon the founding of Alpha Kappa in 1905 asks each AK alumni to contribute \$19.05 each year as voluntary dues. These “dues” will allow the AA to become self supporting and provide

services to the alumni such as the Kapers, Homecoming and Founders’ Day celebrations, to welcome new alumni and their families at a luncheon held on commencement day and to fund other alumni activities.

All donations will be used exclusively for alumni activities. The AC, HC and the EF each obtain their own funds to cover their own expenses.

Please make your contribution to the Alpha Kappa Alumni Association and mail the check to:

Alpha Kappa Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 195  
Rolla, MO 63146

Thank you for your support of your fraternity’s alumni programs.

## You're Invited!

### 10th Annual Pi Kappa Alpha Grapes and Grains BBQ

- **Where:** The home of Al and Joan Wentz  
5953 Old Poag Road, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025
- **When:** Saturday, September 22nd at 3:00 P.M.
- **Please RSVP:** alwentz35@aol.com or phone 618-692-8286

*We gladly welcome all Pike alumni.*

*“We look forward to seeing you there!” — Al Wentz (AK ‘54)*



AUGUST

August 13-17 — Opening Week  
For more information on how you can help Alpha Kappa with recruitment, contact Tyler Meyer (rush@akpikes.com).

SEPTEMBER

September 15-22 — Greek Week Celebration  
Check with the Miner Alumni Association for a list of events and activities.  
  
September 29 — Dads Day  
Contact Jake Westrich (parents.club@akpikes.com) for more information.

OCTOBER

October 7 — JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes  
Join AK in our support of this cause at Forest Park, St Louis. Contact Trevor Becherer (tebqn8@mail.mst.edu) for more information.  
  
October 12-13 — Homecoming  
Join Alpha Kappa for Missouri S&T's Homecoming celebration. See the next page for more information.

NOVEMBER

November 2-4 — Pike University  
  
November 17-25 — Fall Break  
  
November 30-December 1st — Executive Retreat  
If you are interested in attending please contact Kyle Verhoff (kverhoff@gmail.com)

AK Alumni Association  
25th Annual Golf Outing

This summer on June 9th, the AK Alumni Association held its 25th annual golf outing at The Highlands club in St. Louis. There was a total of 31 alumni and actives partaking in the fun yet challenging 18 hole event. Brothers were split into four man teams and anxiously awaited the 9 A.M. shotgun start. Everyone present enjoyed the golf, brotherhood, and memories shared (not to mention prizes handed to winning teams and players). Contact Robert Van Camp (robert.vancamp6@gmail.com) or Greg Klumb (gregoryklumb@aol.com) for information about the 2013 outing.

- Awards
- Winning team: Ken Baer AK'06, Josh Heger AK'06, Neil Fehr AK'05, Jason Kath AK'06
  - 2nd place: Bret Baer, Andrew Keeven, Ryan Paul & Tim Dalton, all AK'10
  - Longest drive: Tim Dalton '10
  - Closet to pin: Robert Van Camp '80
  - Low roll: Jim Van Buren '59
  - Man-miles: Ryan Heistand '03

Special thanks to Phil Jozwiak (60's) for donating his 50/50 winnings to the AK Alumni Association.



2012 Homecoming Schedule  
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

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 Kyle Sneed at president@akpikes.com

Friday, October 12th

All Day ..... Open House

Saturday, October 13th

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. ....Keynote Speaker

Sunday, October 14th

All Day ..... Open House

We'll see you at Homecoming!

Please help the active chapter update the alumni database by either filling out the "Alumni Update" below, or by contacting Chris Wieschhaus at alumni@akpikes.com. This information is not given to us by the University, and must be obtained in another way. Thank you for your time.

Alumni Update

In order for you to receive your history book, Kapers, and future mailings accurately, we need to verify your address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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☐ I am interested in receiving the Kapers digitally

History Book

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

- ☐ I have already received my copy
- ☐ Please send me a copy

Homecoming 2012

Alpha Kappa will be holding a lunch during Homecoming 2012. Please let the Chapter know if you plan to attend.

- ☐ I will be attending Homecoming 2012
- ☐ I may be attending Homecoming 2012
- ☐ I will not be attending Homecoming 2012



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