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A Note from Our Chapter President

As another busy and successful semester comes to completion for the Alpha Kappa Chapter it comes time to recognize the achievements that we have had as individuals and as a whole. I have been lucky enough to be chosen to lead this outstanding group of men this past semester, and although I will attest that it has been both a challenging and enlightening experience, I would not change the decision if given a chance. I have been both surprised and inspired this semester by the efforts of the men of this chapter to continue the success that we have come to know.

On an individual level the men of the chapter have proven their excellence on campus and in the workplace, which is something that is not too often highlighted. Of the 140 men in the chapter 34 have secured summer internships in their respective industries with several others accepting offers for co-ops that last from the beginning of the summer through the end of the fall semester. Additionally, this semester, chapter members have secured 18 officer positions in campus organizations outside of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The Chapter began the semester with a good standing in intramurals, with a 400-point lead over the closest competitor. The men of Alpha Kappa pushed through the athletic contests to win the Greek championship in basketball and soccer to further the lead to 845 points and secure the all Greek title for the year.

The chapter had another strong semester of community service, sending 50 men to the St. Louis Color Run. This service opportunity has opened a new avenue for the chapter to further its service efforts by giving yet another option for spring service trips. The semester was also capped by a continuation of our work with the YMCA Camp Lakewood in Potosi as 30 men traveled to the camp to assist in work to maintain and improve the facilities prior to the many summer camps that are hosted there annually. Our help this year was especially appreciated as our efforts helped to clear debris left by the several severe storms that hit throughout the

end of the semester. The service ventures this semester added to the chapters annual total of 11,400 service hours. On the other side of giving back, the men of Alpha Kappa succeeded in raising and donating \$17,000 for the year through the efforts of the annual pig roast held during the St. Pats parade in downtown Rolla, as well as the support of other organizations philanthropic events and the years Out 'til Midnight competition. The chapter stomped the competition in the fundraiser with a total amount raised of approximately 30 dollars per man and a total of around \$5400.

A major highlight for me this semester was the initiation of a pledge class of 10 men that I got to know throughout the semester on a very personal level. These 10 men share with myself and many others, a passion for the house and fraternity that ensures me as I conclude my time at this university, the chapter will be in good hands. Of these ten men, four are varsity athletes adding to the chapters strong presence of 20 men involved in Missouri S&T athletics programs.

The continued success of the chapter is largely due to the continued support of Alumni, Active members, and their families. The Alpha Kappa Educational foundation is a perfect example of the support of Alumni. This year the Educational foundation was able to supply upwards of \$75,000 in scholarships to the members of the active chapter. Each year that I have been here, this number has increased, which is an astounding display of how generous our alumni truly are.

On behalf of the chapter and myself, I would like to thank all of those who support us through our endeavors. Without all of you, this chapter would not be what it is today.

Forever in the bonds,

Zachary Farniok



Zach Farniok (AK '14)
SMC, Spring 2017

Class of DECEMBER 2016



This past semester the Alpha Kappa Chapter said farewell to seven members as they graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology on Saturday, December 17th. All of these members made valuable contributions to the Alpha Kappa Chapter throughout their time here as well as in campus organizations. We wish these outstanding men the best of luck in their post-graduation careers and hope they will continue to stay involved as alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha.

CARLIN BALLAY Mechanical Engineering

Carlin served AK as Brotherhood Chair, Rush Chair, and Social Chair. On campus, he was involved with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Engineers Without Borders, and Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow. He is now employed by Kiewit Energy Group Inc. as a Mechanical Design Engineer.



WILLIAM CASTILLO Electrical Engineering

William served in multiple positions for AK including Scholarship, Alumni Relations, Sergeant at Arms, Treasurer, 2nd IMC, and President last spring. He is currently employed with Burns and McDonnell in Kansas City, MO as a Substation Engineer.



NICHOLAS FOUCHE Computer Engineering

Nicholas served AK in various positions including Computer Chair, House Manager for two semesters, Exterior Chair, Recycling Chair, Duties Chair, Fix-It Chair, Dailies Chair, and Summer House Man while also assisting many of these positions in other semesters. He is currently employed at the St. Louis County Police Department.



WESLEY FREEMAN Nuclear Engineering

Wesley served AK as the 1st IMC as well as the Community Service Chair. He is currently attending Missouri S&T as a graduate student in Systems Engineering.



BRADLEY GILMER Mechanical Engineering

Bradley served as the AK Fundraising Chair. On campus he was very involved with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, serving as the President for 3 semesters as well as Vice President and Fundraising. He was also a member of the Chancellor's Leadership Academy. Bradley now works for Eaton Corporation in the 3 year rotational Leadership Development Program.



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Paul served as both the Intramurals Chair and Social Chair during his time at AK. He was also involved on campus as Secretary of Theta Tau Omega. Paul currently works for Anchor Packaging as a Process Engineer.



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A Note from Our Chapter Advisor

A recent article in *Time* opines that the tragedy at Penn State indicates it's time for fraternities to be abolished. The article says that the fraternity system was formed in the post-civil war years in opposition to university administrations and in conflict with educational principals. That fraternities were formed for wealthy young men to provide them with contacts and privilege into a world that virtually guaranteed their success with no regard for accountability for the bad behavior they regularly participated in. That these privileged and entitled young men were given every unfair advantage without any regard to holding them accountable for their actions. The article is wrong. It was written by someone using half-truths trying to make a splash in the news media because she has a new book to promote and needs the publicity. Further, the author is an associate professor and is naturally seeking promotion. Motivated by money, fame, and promotion—all in conflict with truth and seeking self-promotion regardless of the damage caused to the American educational system. Additionally, because controversy sells advertisement by increasing viewership, it is eagerly encouraged by news media.

But in the days surrounding 1868, university officials were terrified that ideas, debate, or disagreement could somehow boil up to another terrible war.

When will the best interests of our students and truth become the guiding principles?

It is true that fraternities were formed in that period after the civil war with some opposition from university administration. At that time, universities were very different from today and actively discouraged

debate and free thought. They did not tolerate those who questioned the norm in terms of new ideas or conflicting opinions. Fraternities gave college students a place where they could ask, debate, and engage in the kind of rigorous discussions we most value today. But in the days surrounding 1868, university officials were terrified that ideas, debate, or disagreement could somehow boil up to another terrible war. Consequently, it simply was not tolerated. And, secret societies that allowed us to explore ideas without restraint were born.

It is not a question that the events at Penn State are a criminal tragedy. The events that resulted in the senseless death of a young man should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Those responsible for his death were not representing the values they should have learned in a fraternal environment. Rather, they were a disorganized drinking club composed of criminals who had no level of care or compassion for their so-called brothers.

I am not saying that the fraternity system in general and university administration do not face serious challenges—we do. This is a new generation with a whole new set of expectations and a culture that is quite different than we have seen before. The good news is that we share the timeless values that are represented by our organization. The challenge is that we operate under a set of rules defined by the last several years of experience.

We can no longer tolerate hazing in any form. While AK has eliminated nearly everything that might be considered hazing over the last 20 years, there exist questionable policies that must change now. For example, it has long been an expectation that pledges and new I's perform the lion's share of kitchen and other housekeeping duties within the chapter house. The fact that these groups are singled out for theses duties while other members and groups are not, constitutes hazing. This has to stop. Requiring that only the pledges to adhere to study hours has to stop. Every member of the fraternity from the newest pledge to the SMC must equally contribute to the upkeep and

routine operation of the house. And yes, the SMC and the executive officers, just like everyone in the house, must perform kitchen and cleaning duties on an equal basis with the rest of the membership.

The practice of looking away with regard to underage drinking must stop. Those who provide alcohol to underage members or force any member or pledge to consume alcohol for any reason are criminals and need to be eliminated from our membership ranks and then turned over to authorities for prosecution. Underage people who consume must be held accountable and prosecuted for breaking the law. We did not write the laws but we must choose to follow them; if we don't then we will eventually cease to exist.

The fraternity system will win this fight.

Sexual misconduct is not and will not ever be tolerated. Canasta is a terrific game that two willing adults can play. It can be both pleasurable and meaningful to the players under the right circumstances. However, the players must know the rules and follow them before they start the game. No means No. An inebriated or even ever so slightly buzzed yes means No. An "I guess so if you want to" means No. A nonverbal look that shows anything but an enthusiastic desire to proceed means No. And even an enthusiastic yes, can mean No the following day. Only the highest level of respect for women and others regardless of sexual orientation is acceptable. Playing canasta are dangerous waters to enter. It's a great deal safer for a young man to stick to the game of solitaire.

The fraternity system will win this fight. However, we are going to have to redefine what winning looks like and it will be bloody. The system must change. It is clear that much of self-governance is not working and that collegiate members have been unwilling to hold each other accountable. We must devise a system that includes self-governance while at the same time introduces a level of real honest to goodness

accountability. We must work with university officials, The National IFC, and our own Headquarters staff to collectively build a system that is in line with our ideals and values.

Don't complain that "brotherhood" will suffer or be eliminated. That overused word is most often brought up in defense of an indefensible action or event. I am sure the criminals at Penn State whose actions and lack of action resulted in the death of a young man will simply defend themselves by saying "it was just a brotherhood event that got out of hand." What they won't do is complete the thought and follow the truth to the logical conclusion: the event was designed to get out of hand, it was designed to be outrageous, and to abuse their pledges. This event like so many "brotherhood" events had nothing to do with fraternity values or the building of brotherhood. It like others have everything to do with ridiculous, illegal and outrageous behavior simply because they thought they could get away with it.

King Buttermore spent his Presidency of our Supreme Council reminding us and promoting our values. He was absolutely right. If we work to follow the timeless ideals found in the values revealed in our ritual then we will not only survive these difficult times but will excel. I am happy to say that AK has the values of PiKA ingrained as the foundation of our existence. Those values are the bedrock in every member's mind and constantly available for us to rely on. All we have to do is remember and rely on the four simple words that always bring us back home. Live your lives in phi phi kappa alpha.

I am, your friendly neighborhood chapter advisor,

Ramsay



Chris Ramsay
Chapter Advisor

SPECIAL events



GREEK SING

Greek Sing is IFC's version of Battle of the Bands between the Greek community. It is a lot of fun for the members of Alpha Kappa because it is the only time the Greek community gathers together over music. This past semester, Greek Sing was held at The Tater Patch in Rolla, Missouri with 16 bands that participated including one band from Pike.

This is one of the best times for some of the Alpha Kappa members because music is just as important as school work. "To see Pike come together because of music is one of the coolest things to see as member," said Trevin Howerton (AK'12) after their performance. Even though the band did not win the competition, the members of the band felt that they did really well and enjoyed every minute of playing together.

FOUNDERS' DAY AND MOM'S DAY

Traditionally the Alpha Kappa Chapter has always held Founder's Day and Mom's Day on separate weekends, but this year the chapter succeeded in holding its first combined Mom's/Founder's Day on Saturday, March 4th. The morning started off with fresh coffee, assorted bagels, and pastries for the alumni as the Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation and Educational Foundation met in the conference room to catch up and discuss important matters. As the mothers of the Alpha Kappa gentlemen began to arrive following the meetings, the alumni presentation was set to begin. The Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation, Alumni Association, Educational Foundation, and Active Chapter all led the way with short updates on the status of their entities.

Steve Biederman (AK'68), recipient of the Wolf Loyalty Award in the fall, gave a few short words of appreciation for receiving

the award and recounted some of his memories from when he resided in the halls of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house. Following Steve's speech, Brother Bob Brockhaus was recognized as the 2017 Distinguished Alpha Kappa Alumni. Bob has sustained an incredible career as an entrepreneur, starting and running several restaurants in Rolla as well as helping to develop a highly-regarded entrepreneurship program at Saint Louis University. Following the alumni award presentations, the Educational Foundation presented over \$20,000 in scholarships to over 60 members of the Active Chapter, including scholarships for high academic achievement and outstanding service to the fraternity.



Finally, everyone had an opportunity to feast on the excellent entrees and desserts brought by the mothers in our first potluck style lunch. With full stomachs, the Alpha Kappa men spent the rest of the day enjoying quality time with their mothers. The Alpha Kappa Chapter looks forward to continuing the tradition of celebrating Founders Day for the 150th anniversary of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity next year.

PHOTOS:

Left: Brother Keith Wedge speaks on behalf of the AKEF during the annual Founder's Day Celebration. Right: Members of Alpha Kappa along with their mother's listen intently to the Founder's Day presentation



This year marks the 109th Annual Best Ever St. Pat's here in Rolla. The brothers of Alpha Kappa had taken a few years off from participating in some of the St. Pat's festivities, but this year was much different. Pike involved themselves in multiple events such as Green Fridays, Follies, Gonzo and Games, and of course, the Annual Parade. Every "Green Friday" leading up to St. Patrick's Day, some members of Pi Kappa Alpha went up to campus to participate in activities such as washers, a water balloon toss, and a basketball game called knockout, just to name a few. On the Tuesday and Wednesday of St. Pats week, members competed in silly competitions called Follies. These consisted

of activities like Limericks, Greenest person, and a competition to see who can put on the most sweatshirts in one minute. Near the end of St. Pat's week, members of Alpha Kappa went up against other houses in the Gonzo and Games. A volleyball tournament, a cornhole tournament, and a hot dog eating contest were the highlights of these games for the chapter. Finally, Alpha Kappa once again made a float for the Annual St. Pat's Parade which goes through downtown Rolla. This is the third year in a row that Alpha Kappa has placed in the top three in this competition, and the chapter hopes to continue the tradition in the future.

PHOTO:

The Alpha Kappa Americana themed motorcycle float during the Annual St. Pat's Parade in Rolla.

Color Run • St. Louis



On the Saturday of April 22nd, 50 gentlemen of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity traveled to St. Louis to volunteer at the St. Louis Color Run, an event that supports great charities every year such as Autism Speaks. As one of our new community service events, the brothers plan to revisit the color run for years to come because every member truly had a blast. Several of the men stepped up and were designated as group leaders of the color and foam stations. The rest of the men manned the color stations, spraying paint on the oncoming participants and making the color run as fun and exciting as possible.

At the end of the race, everyone was colored head to toe with the color of their station. All members were thrilled with the event and could not wait to inform the rest of the chapter of the fun experienced through this volunteering opportunity. The community service chairman this semester, Caleb Fricano (AK'14), has found an amazing event not only for volunteering but also for increasing the brotherhood between members while helping an amazing cause that has given so much back to the community and other charities.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

During the weekend of February 3rd and 4th, all of the new-initiates from the F2k16 pledge class took the initiative to volunteer at a local pancake breakfast that is held through an international volunteering organization known as Kiwanis. Kiwanis does everything from benefiting other charities to going out on service projects to help local communities. The proceeds of the breakfast went to their Kiwanis Children's Fund. The Kiwanis Children's Fund supports local programs that

are available to kids and develops new programs for future generations. The men of Pi Kappa Alpha set up the entire pancake breakfast on Friday, and on Saturday morning they served pancakes, flipped sausage, made hashbrowns, and made coffee for the guests of the Kiwanis breakfast. Alpha Kappa is proud of the F2k16 pledge class for setting such a great example by serving the community and hopes to continue reaching out to the local area to offer our time and service.

Kaleidoscope Discovery Center • Rolla

Throughout the spring semester, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha volunteered at the local Rolla Kaleidoscope Discovery Center twice. The Kaleidoscope Discovery Center offers a place for children to be imaginative and have somewhere to continue learning after school as well as a building for the high school robotics team to get ready for competition. The learning center needed several tasks completed because they are new to the community and are still in the process of completing the interior. The brothers painted walls, moved trash and furniture, mapped the electrical wires in the building, made shelving, and created rooms for the kids among various other jobs. Alpha Kappa hopes to keep returning to the Kaleidoscope Discovery Center so that we can help the local children by giving them more opportunities to learn and grow.



Camp Lakewood Service Trip • Potosi

The gentlemen of Alpha Kappa once again attended their traditional service trip this semester at YMCA Camp Lakewood in Potosi, MO. Due to a large structural change within the camp's organization communication was difficult to achieve, but community service chair Caleb Fricano (AK'14) was able to get in contact with the new director who was very enthusiastic to have our help. The service trip to Camp Lakewood was very organized and was once more an enormous success. This service trip has always been one of the Chapter's favorite and as usual, the outing was an enjoyable time and the New

Initiates were pleasantly surprised. Falling on the last weekend of the semester, finals were on the forefront of everyone's minds; however, it was a great brotherhood bonding experience prior to the members departing their separate ways for the summer. While some brothers cleared hiking trails, others painted a boat dock as well as cleaned up the lake side after much of the flooding had carried a considerable amount of trash into the lake. All in all, the Fraternity's efforts were commendable and Camp Lakewood is looking forward to hosting Alpha Kappa for another service trip in the fall.



RUSH

As we embark on securing the 14th 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 emphasized more than ever to the chapter the collective effort to rush outstanding men. The Spring 2017 class includes 10 outstanding gentlemen, diverse in talent and unquestionable in character. Additionally, the S2K17 class brings to the table academic success and athletic dominance, boasting three varsity athletes out of the 10 members. Although we have seen a decrease in number of active members due to brothers graduating and moving out, we are optimistic of the reclamation of men to replace them in this upcoming F2K17 class. 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 of their continuation to recruit the best men.

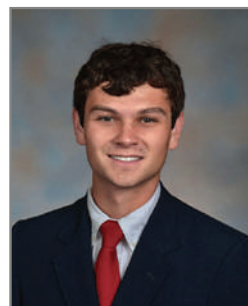
Last semester, the recruitment committee held a BBQ grill rush event to attract this semester's new members. Recruitment for next semester's fall class included numerous PRO days in addition to planned rush events in both St. Louis and Kansas City. We plan on hosting these events at a Cardinals game and Royals game in St. Louis and Kansas City respectively.

A great deal of effort was and has been put in by the recruitment committee to ensure Alpha Kappa continues to dominate the recruitment process. This upcoming semester,

brothers Kramer Hall (AK'12) and Kyle Carberry (AK'17) 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, Alex Higinbotham (AK'14) and his rush chairmen: Andrew Wade (AK'15), Scotty Palmer (AK'14), Tyler Jaegers (AK'13), and Brett Donner (AK'16) 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, and worthy pledge classes. Strategies and training handed down by former directors as well as new initiatives developed throughout each semester 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.

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.



Alex Higinbotham (AK'14)
Director of Recruitment

RUSH ORGANIZATION

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Alex Higinbotham (AK'14)

Rush Advisor

Will Wyne (AK'14)

Rush Chairmen

Brett Donner (AK'16)
Scotty Palmer (AK'14)
Andrew Wade (AK'15)

Rush Captains

Ian Fitch (AK'16)
James Gleeson (AK'14)
Matt Hagan (AK'16)
Taylor Keller (AK'16)

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 an excellent Pike? Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated and actively pursued by our recruitment committee.

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CURRENT JOB MARKET IS FAVORABLE

Rolla Mayor and longtime councilman Louis J. Magdits shares his insight

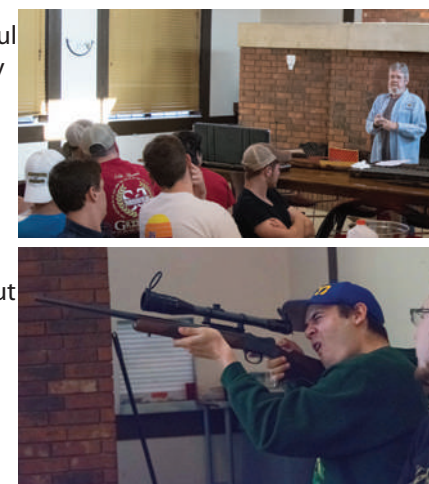


On April 13th, the Alpha Kappa chapter was thrilled to invite the Rolla Mayor and longtime councilman Louis J. Magdits into the house for a formal dinner. Magdits was welcomed and felt at home as everybody ate Chef Jimmi's spaghetti and meatballs. Following the meal, Magdits spoke in front of those in attendance, and everyone was attentive as he explained why he saw the current job-market favorably for current Missouri S&T students who apply themselves within their community. It was a treat to share a meal and memories with such a local leader who remains active in public servitude, and the Chapter cannot wait to have him back next year.

History of Firearms

DR. RONALD FANNIN
TEACHES ABOUT WEAPONS

On April 4th, the Alpha Kappa Chapter was thrilled to invite over faculty member Dr. Ronald Fannin, a guest who has attended a dinner at the Chapter House in previous years. Ron is a gun enthusiast, and all the brothers enjoyed having him come to speak about the history of firearms as well as the part of his collection which he brought with him. After dinner, the brothers enjoyed viewing, holding, and learning about the various fascinating weapons that make up Ron's gun collection. The chapter was grateful for the opportunity to host such an exciting guest. The visit was very informative and gave members a chance to view firearms throughout history as well as connect with the Missouri S&T Faculty.



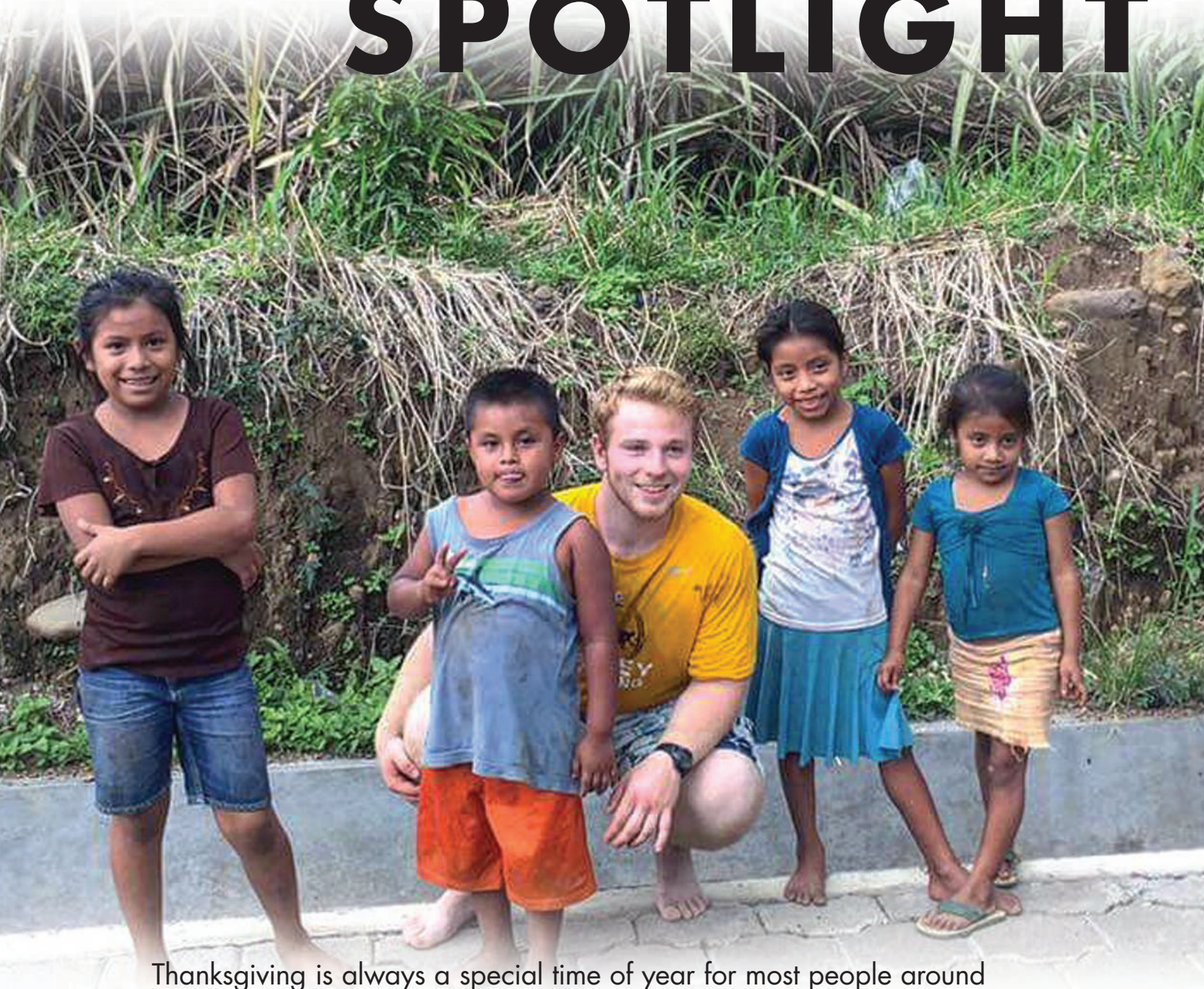
A safe Pat's is the best Pat's

A VISIT WITH MS&T POLICE
LIEUTENANT LETHA YOUNG

On Tuesday March 7, the brothers of Alpha Kappa had the pleasure of inviting Police Lieutenant Letha Young over for dinner. At the conclusion of Chef Jimmi's delicious meal, she spoke and gave great advice on alcohol safety and awareness. With St. Pat's quickly approaching, the members of Alpha Kappa felt that a safe Pat's was the best Pat's. She then began to describe various exciting experiences that she has come across in the past which is always a pleasure to hear about. After speaking to us, she took the time to answer any questions and encouraged us to stop by the campus police station for further inquiries. We here at Alpha Kappa are very appreciative of the MST Police for protecting us and getting to know us on a more personable level.



brotherhood SPOTLIGHT



Thanksgiving is always a special time of year for most people around the world. It is a time when families and friends come together to celebrate the joys in our lives and express the love we share for one another. This past year, Thanksgiving provided me with a life changing experience that both motivates and inspires me to this day.

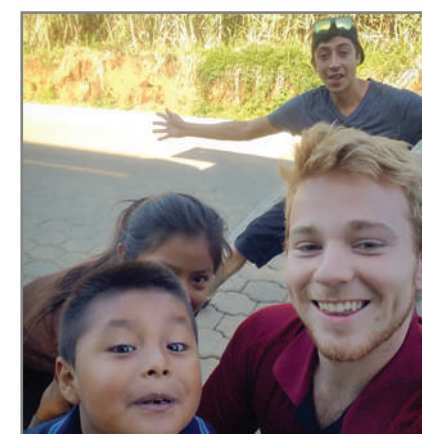
CHADBURN BARTON (AK'16)

Over Thanksgiving break, myself and my fellow Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Team traveled to Guatemala where we are partnering with Nahualate—a community of approximately 3000 people—to bring them clean, safe, and potable water for the first time in their lives.

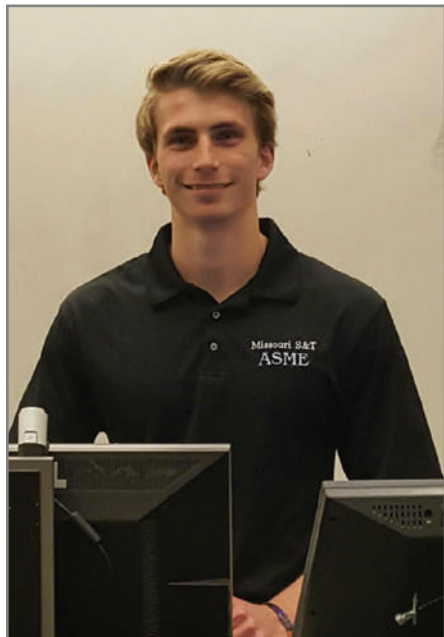
Before my team began work with Nahualate, the community utilized small wells running throughout the community which ran dry when the rainy season passed. Other than these wells, which did not provide them with clean water, the only other way they were able to collect water was a mile long hike down and back from the river that carves out the 600 foot cliff Nahualate sits atop. During our most recent trip to the community, our team was able to finish drilling a 400 foot deep well and install a well pump which now supplies the community with clean, safe water direct to their homes via an eight mile long distribution system.

Needless to say, they needed our help but, I think they helped me more than I will ever be able to help them. I was struggling with finding my purpose in life, and I was starting to question if I really wanted to pursue a career as an engineer. While in the country, it opened my eyes to how my knowledge can directly change the lives of people forever. The people I met while in the community were the most generous, loving, and happy group of people I have ever met. They welcomed us into their homes for shelter and made us food three times a day when they had so little to share in the first place. They genuinely cared about our well-being and wanted to know us on a personal level fostering a type of friendship which would have normally taken years to create.

Not only did the people of Nahualate enrich my life, but they also inspired me to set some goals for myself. The first is that I will learn something new every day that will allow me to better the lives of those around me. Secondly, no matter where my career takes me, I will always remember my new family in Guatemala and keep in touch with them as much as I can. Another goal of mine is to strive to become team lead for the Guatemala Team for EWB-MST which is becoming a reality in the Fall 2017 semester, and finally, I will get to know people on a more personal level because with today's technology it appears that people are growing further apart rather than together. My time in Guatemala has had a significant impact on my life and I only hope that others may have similar experiences in the future.



CAMPUS involvement



ASME PRESIDENT, JOSH GIANCOLA (AK'14)

My name is Joshua Giancola (AK'14) and I am the president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) for the Spring 2017 semester. I have been involved with ASME since the Spring 2014 semester, the same semester I was pledging Pi Kappa Alpha. At that time, another Pike was the president of ASME and encouraged the younger members in the house to get involved within organizations on campus. Looking back, I am glad he pushed us to get involved because without his guidance I would not be in the position that I am today. As the president of ASME I plan industry trips, bring in guest speakers, plan design competitions, and work with the mechanical engineering department. I very much enjoy being a leader on campus and I hope to set an example for the younger members in the house.



Brother Brandon Ochterbeck (AK'16)

HELPING KEEP THE CAMPUS SAFE FROM RADIATION CONTAMINATION

As an engineering student at Missouri S&T, I have always wanted to find a supplement to my coursework that also provides me with real world experience. After a brief search, I came to work as a student technician in the Department of Environmental Health and Safety for Missouri S&T. As a student technician, I work under the Health Physicist, who oversees all things involving radiation safety on campus. Since I work under the health physicist, I deal exclusively with the labs that contain radioactive material, including the University's nuclear reactor. My work as a student technician spans anywhere from basic surveys where we take swipes of a specific lab and run on two different detectors for the purpose of making sure there is no radiation contamination on any of the surfaces, all the way to radiation surveys in which we make sure that no one will be exposed to any radiation from any source. As part of this work, I also fill out paperwork for dosimeters which are worn by people working around radiation to detect dosages given to them, and I fill out monthly summaries and audits for the nuclear reactor. I greatly enjoy my role as a student technician on campus as I believe it gives me a closer look into how the University functions as a whole, and it has also given me ample opportunities to meet other people working in technical vocations.

BEING INVOLVED ON ST PAT'S BOARD PROVES BENEFICIAL



Brother John Schweer (AK'16)

For the first time in nearly a decade, the Alpha Kappa chapter has gotten involved in the St. Pat's Board here at Missouri S&T. The last members of our chapter to make it through the Board were Jeremiah Mohan (AK '06), Elliot Giles (AK '06), Danny Ryan (AK '06), and Andrew Rasdall (AK '07). The last time the Alpha Kappa Chapter was heavily involved with St. Pat's celebrations was in 2008, the court year for brothers Mohan, Giles, and Ryan as well as the last year Pike did a cudgel and carried shillelaghs during the annual St. Pat's festivities. While recalling his experience on the Board, one of the alumnus named above wrote to me,

"Man, those were the days. It made it feel like there was more to St. Pat's than just getting drunk." In an effort to bring this type of St. Pat's spirit back to Pike, I have joined the St. Pat's Board and successfully made it through my first Best Ever St. Pat's celebration.

Although I have been told that the organization has toned down from how crazy it was in the 1990s and early 2000s, I can assure you that it is still unlike any other organization on campus. On an average week, the Board requires around 20-30 hours of participation. However, during the 10 Daze of Pat's I was needed just about every hour of every day.

Despite the huge time commitment, I can say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my first couple of months in the organization as well as the experience and skills gained during my first St. Pat's as a baby representative. I have even seen an increase in my overall GPA as a result of tighter time management skills gained from being on the St. Pat's Board. I hope to get more members of Pike either involved on the St. Pat's Board or at least fired up for next year's 110th Annual Best Ever St. Pat's.

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Brother Matthew Hagan (AK'16)

SERVING AS A REFEREE

This spring semester, as many new college students do, I decided it would be beneficial to secure a part-time job in order to obtain some extra spending money. Looking at my options, I decided my time would best be spent getting more involved in the Missouri S&T athletic community. I joined the refereeing staff for intramural basketball. By taking this opportunity, I have had the opportunity to meet multiple people around campus and also work with five of my fellow Pike brothers. I feel this has been a great opportunity for myself and all the brothers who have made the same decision as it helps us to improve the image of Pike by doing our part for the school community. I will most definitely continue on into the seasons to come and am excited to continue working alongside my brothers.

Advanced Aero Vehicle Group

Drew Nelson
Drake Rivera
William Weishaar

Air Force ROTC

Austin Powell

American Association of Drilling Engineers

Connor Kirtley

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Thomas Bucinski
Greg Evans
Tyler Ferrell
Steven Fluegel
Alexander Higginbotham
Mike Meyer
Zach Murphy
Brandon Ochterbeck
Rob Pearson
Chris Zdvorak

American Society of Civil Engineers

Josh Bax
Brett Donner
Mason Fannin
Ian Fitch
Logan Fitch
Matthew Hagan
Grant Husman
Jake McFail
Sean Murphy
Zachary Price
Eric Roettger
Timothy Schmitt
Luke Schneiders
Martin Vaupel
Austin Wiecher

American Society of Engineering Management

Chuck Kelley
Kyle Schnell

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Brad Asselmeier
Ty Bollweg
Kyle Carberry
Alex Carter
Tyler Dachel
Ben Dohogne
Dakota Eikermann
Joshua Giancola, *Treas.*
James Gleeson
Gavin Hiroki
Dylan Holdenried
Eric Huenke
Jacob Hunter
Tyler Jaegers

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Alexander Kardon
Trevor Kopp

Chancellor Kurre

Joshua Mefford

Danny Moeller

Austin Nault

Chris Oswald

Scotty Palmer

Drew Pavlik

Davis Perry, *New Member*

Development Chair

Drew Pfyl

Blake Porter

Zach Price

Scott Schroer

Benjamin Softic

Alec Stirnemann

Joey Tiemann

Andrew Wade

Zachariah Wilson

Army ROTC

Cody Seckfort

Anthony Betcher

Ryan Gascon

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

Mason Fannin

Logan Fitch

Eric Roettger

Luke Schneiders

Timothy Schmitt, *PR Chair*

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Brendan Curran, *SIG*

Security Vice President

Brandon Eisenbath

James Kvesic

Thomas Taglieri

David Tutt

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Tyler Dachel

Grant Jambois

Jake McFail

Chris Murphy

Alec Stirnemann

Joey Tiemann

Austi Wiecher

Blue Key Honor Society

Thomas Bucinski

Josh Giancola

Career Opportunities

Employer Relations

Hector Trevino

Catholic Newman Center

Joshua Bax

Ryan Gascon

Thomas Himmelberg

Jacob McFail

Chancellor's Leadership Academy (CLA)

Gavin Hiroki

Taylor Keller

Kevin Morris

Robert Pearson

Austin Powell

Jon Schliem

Chi Epsilon: The Honors Society of Civil Engineers

Joshua Bax

Timothy Schmitt

Choir Guild

Sean Murphy

Cycling Club

Chance Kurre, *Vice Pres.*

Drillbotics

Zach Inselmann

Ducks Unlimited

Alexander Kardon

Engineers Without Borders

Mike Barnett

Chadburn Barton

Ben Dohogne

Zach Farniok

Austin Nault

Davis Perry

Will Wyne

Foundry Educational Foundation

Zach Tuhoski

Formula Electric

Josh Giancola

Formula SAE Electric

Jeremy Bruder

Joshua Giancola

Dylan Holdenried

Brandon Jaegers

Scotty Palmer

Drew Pavlik

Jared Pechette

John Schweer

Joey Tiemann

Future Business Leaders of America

Caleb Fricano

Nicholas Posey

GAMMA

Jouaqin Alarcon

Keegan Kendrick, *Sec.*

Chuck Kelley

Canaan Kindle

Connor Kirtley

Fred "Sean" Murphy

Jonah Walker

Honors Academy

David Murphy

Intramural Managers Association

Erik Schou

Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers

Grant Jambois

Evan Miller

Kevin Morris

Erik Schou

Garrett Thele

Intrafraternity Council

Josh Mefford

Drake Rivera, *Greek Week Chair*

International Society of Explosive Engineers

Creighton Miles

Joe's Club

Tyler Dachel

Alec Stirnemann

Kappa Kappa Psi

Trevin Howerton, *Alumni Relations Chairman*

Mars Rover Team

Thomas Taglieri

M Club

Felipe Andrade

Corey Jolitz

Martin Klevjer

Mitch Morris

David Murphy, *Rep.*

Nicholas Posey

Neil Wiaranowski

Material Advantage

Garret Pugh

Military Aerospace Society

Austin Powell

Ryan Gascon

Miner Med

Colin Renth

Miner Baja SAE Team

Brandon Jaegers

Zachary Tuhoski

Zachary Tuhoski

Zach Motley

Miners in Space

Tommy Wieschaus

Missouri S&T Automotive Performance Society

Ty Bolweg

Caleb Fricano

Dylan Holdenried

Drake Rivera

Missouri S&T Club Baseball

Drake Rivera

Tim Schmitt, *President*

Jonah Walker

Will Wyne

Missouri S&T Marching Band

Trevor Howerton

Missouri S&T Lacrosse Club

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Missouri S&T Ultimate Frisbee Club

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Missouri S&T Varsity Baseball

Adam Richter

Missouri S&T Varsity Football

Tyler Ferrell

Joshua Price

Tyler Smart

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Mason Fannin

Corey Jolitz

Martin Klevjer

Mitch Morris

David Murphy, *Rep.*

Nicholas Posey

Neil Wiaranowski

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Missouri S&T Volleyball Club

Steven Fluegel

Paul McGhee

Drew Pfyl

Multi-Rotor Robot Club

Thomas Neufeld

National Society of Leadership & Success

Brody Boullion

Samuel Geers

Zach Motley

Zach Motley

Omega Chi Epsilon

Alexander Higginbotham

Zach Murphy

Chris Zdvorak

Order of Omega

Angelo Encapara

Matt Kilwin

Mitch Morris

Will Wyne

Petro-Bowl Team

Zach Duran

Pi Epsilon Tau: The Honors Society of Petroleum Engineers

Chris Murphy

Phi Eta Sigma

Rob Pearson

Rocket Design Team

Trevor Kopp

James Kvesic, *Secretary*

William Weishaar

Tommy Wieschaus, *Treas.*

Satellite Team

Zahary Inselmann

Scrubs

Tyler Jaegers

Rob Pearson

Society of Manufacturing Engineering

Alex Carter

Caleb Fricano

Blake Porter

Thomas Wieschaus

Zack Wilson

Society of Military Engineers

Ryan Gascon

Cody Seckfort

Society of Mining Engineers

Jeffrey Hall

Creighton Miles

Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)

Zachary Duran

Angelo Encapara

James Gleeson

Connor Kirtley

Carter Leake

Luke Mathews

Chris Murphy

Garret Pugh

Drew Renner

Jon Schliem

Hector Trevino

Solar House Team

Chadburn Barton

Levi Gotto

Spelunking Club

Thomas Neufeld

Steel Bridge Team

Tim Schmitt

Jonah Walker

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David Murphy, *Vice Pres.*

Student Council

Bradley Gilmer

Student Design Center

Zach Tuhoski

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

Will Castillo

Curt Gielow

Garret Hooper

Aaron Walters

Student Union Board

Anthony Betcher

Gregory Evans

Joshua Giancola

Levi Gotto

Taylor Keller

Zach Monroe

Kyle Schnell

Norb Stauebach

Tommy Wieschaus

Theta Tau Omega

Anthony Betcher

Paul McGhee

Trap & Skeet Team

Alex Carter

Brett Donner

Ian Fitch

Matthew Hagan

Taylor Keller

Creighton Miles

Kevin Morris

Chris Oswald

Zach Price

INTRAMURALS



WATER POLO

Alpha Kappa continued their dominance in intramurals this semester after getting off to a strong lead in the fall with campus wide championships in softball and flag football. The lineup of spring semester intramural sports included basketball, soccer, dodgeball, inner tube water polo, track, table tennis, and racquetball.

Pike fielded multiple teams for every sport and up to 6 teams in soccer all while fielding co-rec teams in both major sports. Brothers from every pledge class participated and contributed to the chapters continued dominance bringing home another intramural championship among all the fraternities on campus. This makes 16 intramural championship wins by the Alpha Kappa Chapter in the last 17 years, a truly impressive feat from all brothers involved.

The basketball team started the semester off with another dominating season, running the table in the Greek league with a perfect record of 7-0. The team seems to keep getting better each year as younger members such as brothers Trevor Kopp (AK'16), Matthew Hagan (AK'16), and Brandon Jaegers (AK'16) all step up to help the team. Junior James Gleeson (AK'14) was essential in scoring as he led his younger squad with a ton of points and some exciting slam dunks. The soccer team also continued their dominance by winning both the Greek and campus championships. They as well as the basketball team had a perfect record. Kramer Hall (AK'12) showed his experience and passing ability while facilitating an elite team and racking up multiple assists to brothers Chris Zdvorak (AK'15) and Kyle Schnell (AK'15). It is also quite impressive that the brothers who play on Alpha Kappa's second best soccer team won the campus championship, meaning they beat all the fraternities and had a good enough team to beat all the best teams from around campus.

In addition, the Alpha Kappa dodgeball team and a team made up of Fall 2016 pledge class members had a very successful weekend at this years dodgeball tournament. The two teams were on opposite sides of the bracket and won all their games enabling them to meet to play each other for the campus tournament finals.

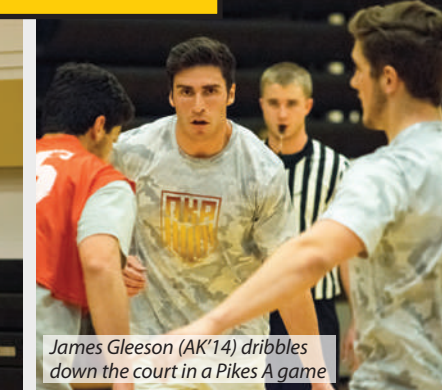
Overall, the chapter continues to show resilience to settle for nothing but the best on the intramural fields. We are proud to continue our winning legacy with yet another intramural championships making it 16 in the last 17 years.



BASKETBALL



Thomas Himmelberg (AK'15) leaps up between the defense for a shot during Pikes A



James Gleeson (AK'14) dribbles down the court in a Pikes A game

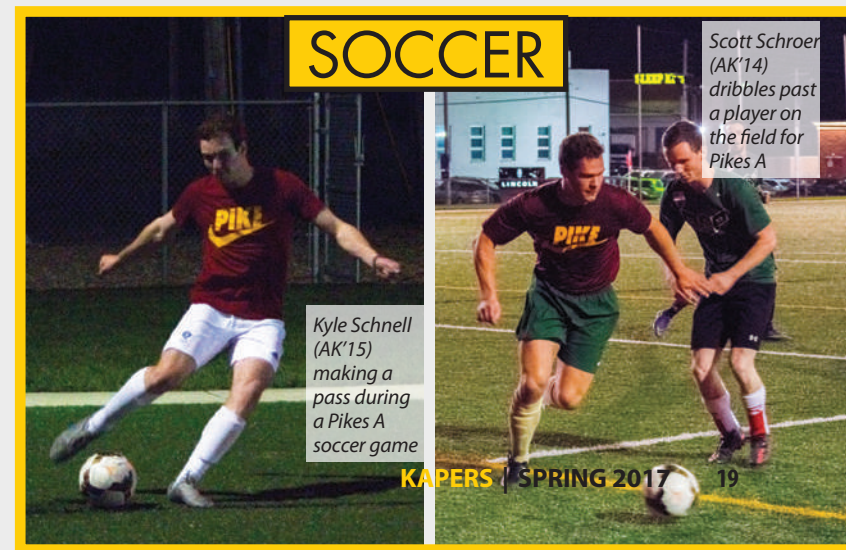


Brett Donner (AK'16) playing table tennis for Pikes A singles

TABLE TENNIS



DODGE BALL



Kyle Schnell (AK'15) making a pass during a Pikes A soccer game

SOCCER

Scott Schroer (AK'14) dribbles past a player on the field for Pikes A

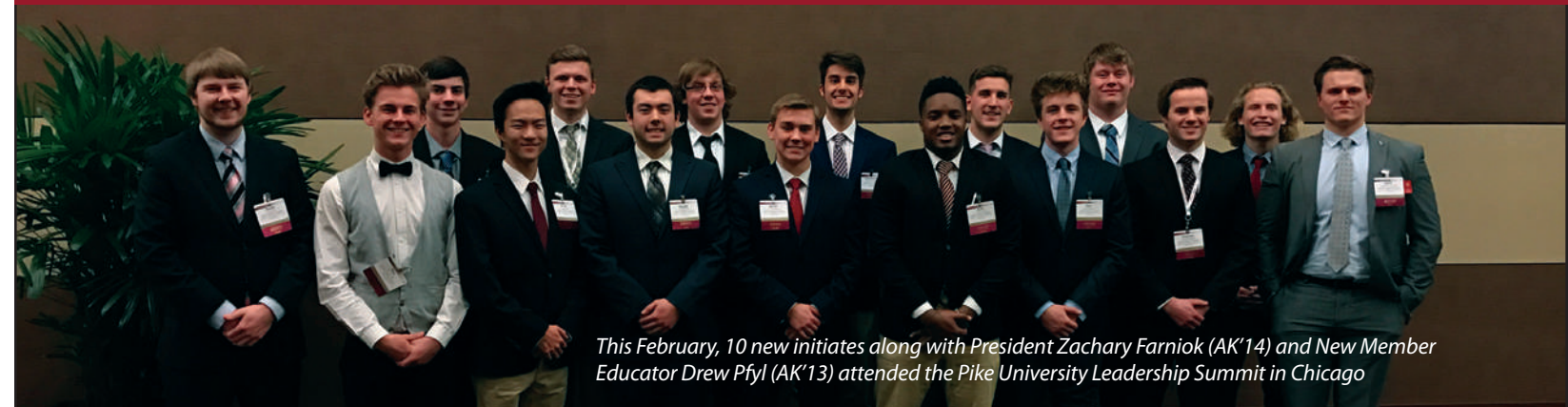
NEW INITIATES & PLEDGES



This Spring, Alpha Kappa initiated 10 outstanding young men into the bonds of Pi Kappa Alpha. Through the relentless work of the recruitment committee, Alpha Kappa was able to find the "most, best men" on campus. Each one of them emulate the virtues of SLAG to the utmost extent, which we hold so high. The Fraternity started the semester with a successful pledge retreat on the outskirts of Rolla at Chapter Advisor Chris Ramsay's house. The new members got to hear from the executive council about the various positions in the house as well as how the chapter functions. Not only was it a learning experience for them, but the executive members also got to know about one another and share stories around the bonfire. The next morning was then kicked off with community service at the Kaleidoscope Center in Rolla. These young men were ecstatic to be volunteering in the community and giving their time helping others. New Member Educator Drew Pfyl (AK'13) remarked on the new class, "Throughout this semester, it has been an honor to get to know these men, as well as watch them grow as a pledge class and individuals. These gentlemen have such passion and drive for this house that I believe we could all learn something from them. I am excited to see what the next few years have in store for these young men. With their passion to make Alpha Kappa as great as it can be, I have no doubt that they will be great leaders and mold the future of Alpha Kappa in a positive way."



PIKE U

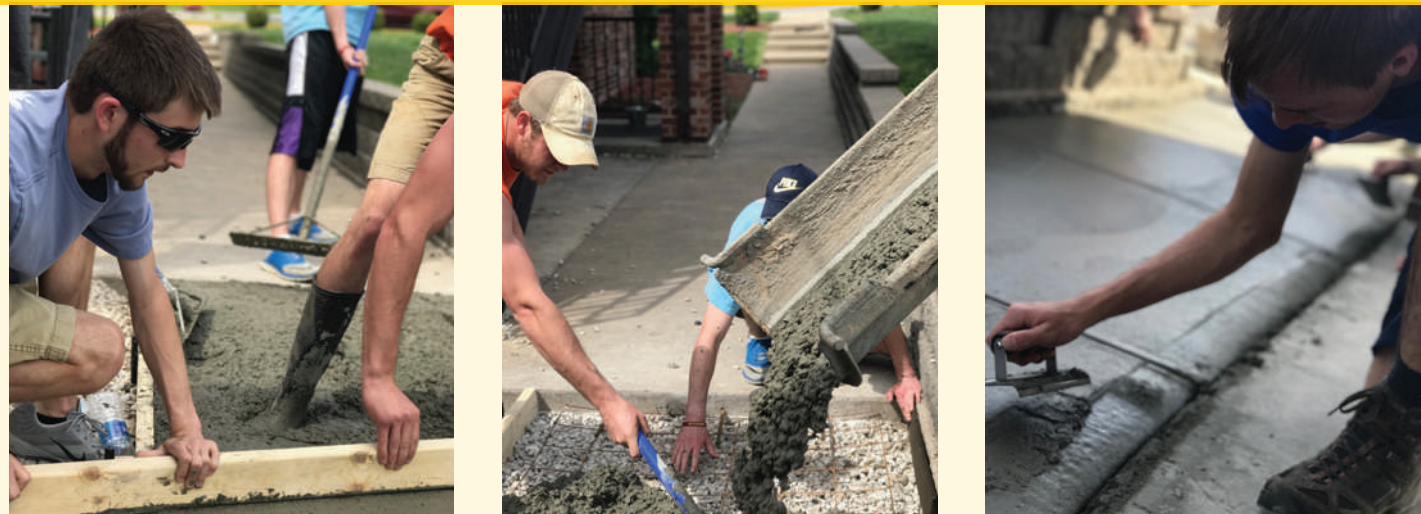


This February, 10 new initiates along with President Zachary Farniok (AK'14) and New Member Educator Drew Pfyl (AK'13) attended the Pike University Leadership Summit in Chicago

This spring, over the weekend of February 3rd-5th, the Alpha Kappa Chapter took 12 New Members and 4 Initiated Members up to Chicago for PIKE University. Throughout the seminars held during the weekend, members were able to further their knowledge in various areas of Pi Kappa Alpha. These areas included exceptional insight on: rushing the "Most, Best Men", avoiding risk and managing it better, continuing the tradition of winning Smythe awards, and brushing up on the origins of our Fraternities Rituals and symbols. Not only were the

members in attendance able to better themselves to help Pike, but most importantly, they were able to interact with different Pike chapters in the Heartland Region. This gave the chapter great networking opportunities as well as the chance to see how Alpha Kappa can improve areas of our chapter that other chapters excel at. As always, it's a pleasure to allow the New Members to experience Pike University, allowing them to see Pi Kappa Alpha on an International level and experience the differences between each chapter.

INTERNATIONAL WORK DAY



LEFT: Brother Creighton Miles (AK'16) helps even out the surface of the concrete. CENTER: Brothers Zachary Price (AK'15) and Scotty Palmer (AK'14) spread out freshly poured concrete for the new sidewalk. RIGHT: Luke Schnieders (AK'15) finishing the nearly completed sidewalk.

This year's International Work Day took place on Saturday, April 22nd. Rain kept the men of Alpha Kappa indoors for the day, but it didn't wash away their eagerness to work. Led by House Manager Luke Schnieders (AK'15), the men made the most of what became Inside Work Day. Various tasks were completed throughout the house including deep scrubbing of the tile floors, repainting of the shower ceilings, and scrubbing of the new laminate floors in the upper portion of the house. However, the rain

could not stop the men of Alpha Kappa from doing some exterior work, and the following Tuesday, April 25th, a new sidewalk was installed entirely by the efforts of the brothers. This 36-foot stretch of sidewalk connects the parking lot to the east entrance of the house, allowing for a comfortable walk between the two. At the end of the projects there was a noticeable improvement within and around the house, and the brothers were very pleased with the result of all of the hard work they had devoted.

BROTHERS ATTEND NHL WINTER CLASSIC

Over winter break brothers Palmer (AK'14) and Schnell (AK'15) were lucky enough to attend the NHL winter classic game in St. Louis between the Blues and the Blackhawks at Busch Stadium. It was the first time that St. Louis was given the opportunity to host this New Year's tradition. The Blackhawks got out to an early lead in the first period, but in the end they were defeated 4-1 by the Blues. Both brothers, along with the majority of fans in attendance, were thrilled with the victory and were grateful for the opportunity to have witnessed such a historic event. All of our brothers in Alpha Kappa strive to create strong bonds with one another that go far beyond their lives at Rolla. Attending events, such as this, creates great opportunity to strengthen these bonds.

Brother Scotty Palmer (AK'14), left, and Brother Kyle Schnell (AK'15) enjoying the Blues Winter Classic game.



The brothers of Alpha Kappa took part in yet another very successful winter ski trip. This year, over 30 actives, traveled out to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for a week filled with snowboarding, skiing, and brotherhood. Although many groups traveling to Steamboat were slowed down by inclement weather and dangerous road conditions, everyone made up for lost time on the mountain. The week featured exciting nightlife including a Waka Flocka concert, parties at the top of the gondola, and over 14 inches of fresh snow! Steamboat proved to be a perfect destination for the week and the winter ski trip remains a staple for many brothers break.

BROTHER SCHLIEM DONATES HAIR FOR CHARITY

This February, Brother Jonathon Schliem (AK'13) successfully donated 10" of hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, a charity that creates and provides wigs to patients for absolutely no cost. Brother Schliem spent just over two years growing his hair out with the ultimate goal of donating it. When asked what drove him to grow his hair for such an extended time, Brother Schliem replied, "Nearly every day I'm complimented on my hair. So one day I simply decided that it should be given to someone who will appreciate those compliments more than I could ever understand." Schliem's inspiration stems from his aunt, Anne Fink, who passed away from glioblastoma in 2011. Brother Schliem ended by stating that he loved donating his hair so much that he plans to continue donating for the rest of his life (or at least until he goes bald).



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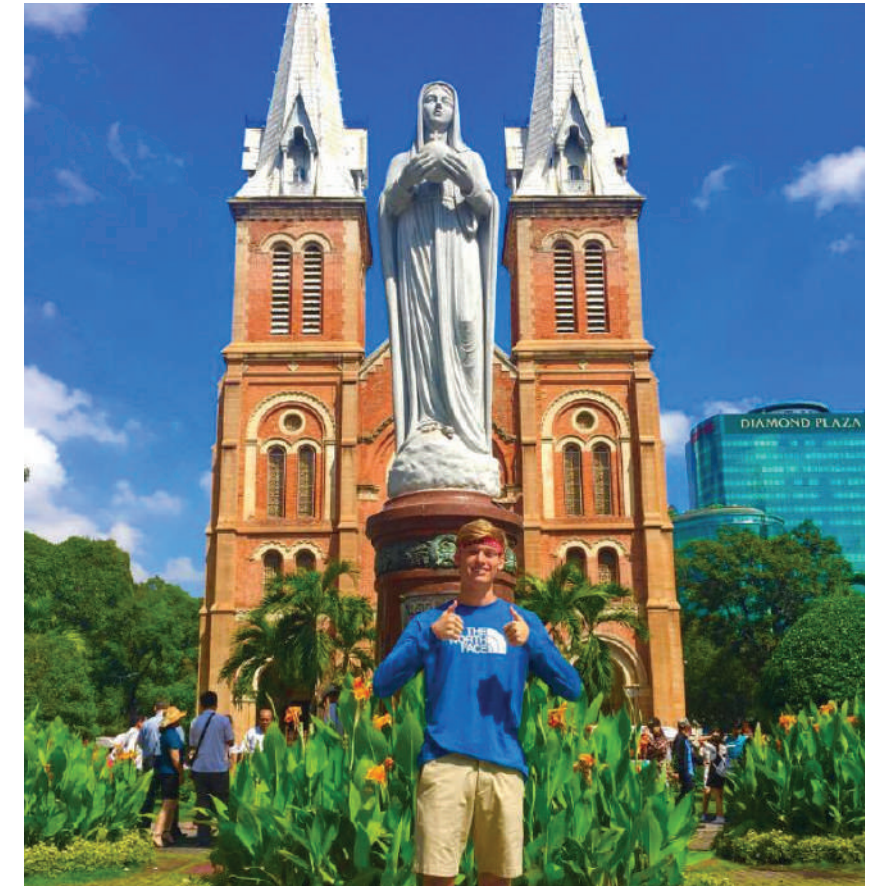
FIRST-EVER TRIP TO MULLALLY'S DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

The upperclassmen of Alpha Kappa decided to try a new brotherhood event this semester by touring Mullally's Distributing Company in Cuba, Missouri. Sean Mullally, who recently started taking over the business, was very enthusiastic and excited to show the chapter members around the facility. From the repackaging room to the warehouse, Sean explained in detail the history of Mullally's as well as what ensues on a typical day in the facility. While walking through the warehouse, Sean spoke about the various types of beer sold by the company as well as other popular products. Upon completion of the tour, the staff at Mullally's handed out t-shirts and hats as souvenirs while the active members had a chance to relax and enjoy the products. The members had a great time and were glad to have a change in scenery at the first ever trip by the chapter to Mullally's!

Brother Luke Mathews Inspired to Study Abroad in

MALAYSIA

Studying Abroad provides an opportunity unlike any other, which is why I chose to study in Malaysia this semester. The idea came from talking to Brothers Schliem, Kirtley, and Duran of AK'13 about their travels while there in the fall of 2015. However, my experience was slightly different because I decided to travel alone. In the beginning, there were many obstacles I was faced with such as the language barrier and finding the time to attend classes rather than traveling the country, but after the initial days, I learned that this was a perfect opportunity to improve my skills and build my resume. I have been able to see the cultures of seven different countries while here and many I have visited multiple times. During these visits, I have experienced three different New Year's and learned how to say hello and thank you in four different languages. The different style of education has given me better insight as to how other countries teach and how to work with a diverse group of students as well. All in all, I advocate that studying abroad is a great chance to test your ability to adapt to fresh situations and believe that the experience can be incredibly beneficial for anyone's life and future.



SPRING BREAK Activities

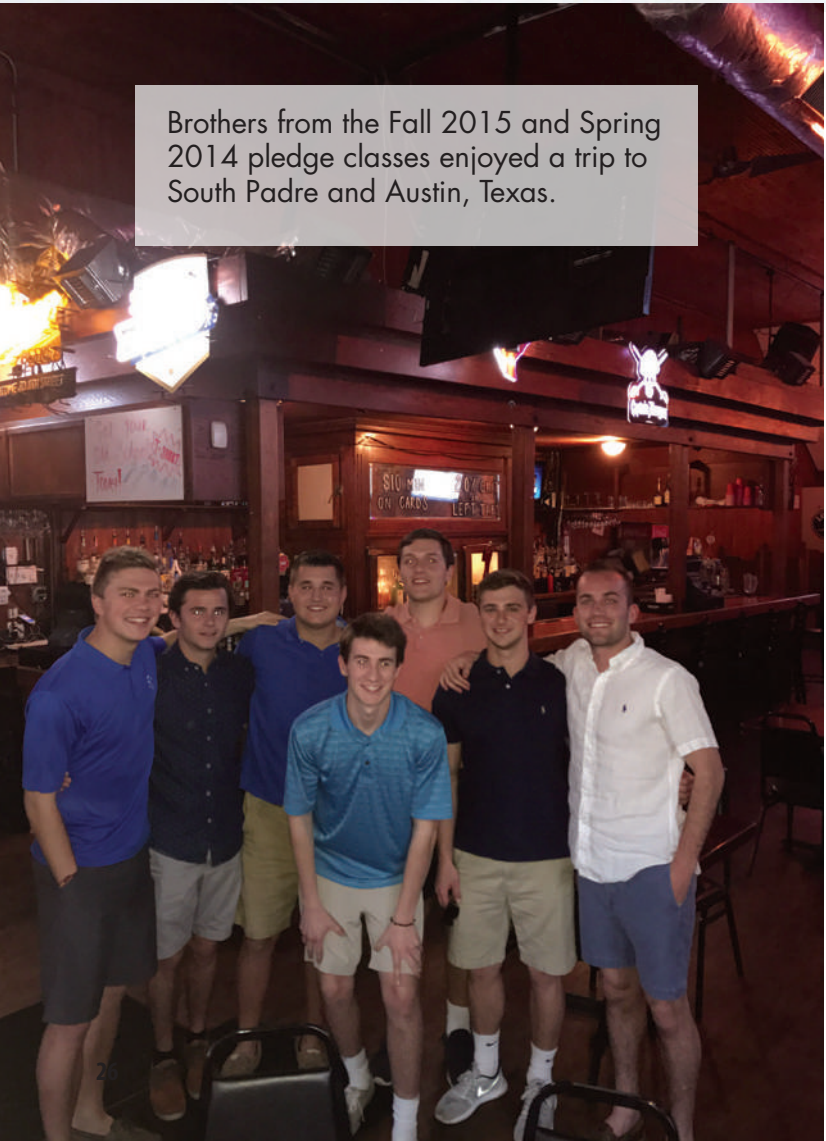


Brother Brendan Curran (AK'15) hitting the slopes at Keystone.



BLAKE PORTER VISITS SEATTLE

During spring break of 2017, I took a rather unusual trip than your normal college student would. I ventured out to Seattle, Washington in order to visit my brother and explore the beautiful Cascade Mountains. During my trip, my brother and I hiked mountains with elevations ranging from 3 to 7000 deltas. This offered us beautiful views of snow covered mountains and what seemed like the never-ending mountain range stretching over the rest of the United States. My brother also showed me around his work at Boeing Field. I got to see numerous historical aircraft at the Boeing Museum of Flight. Seeing aircraft and other defense systems made me excited for my future in engineering. Although my trip was unorthodox for a college student, it was a trip I will never forget.



Brothers from the Fall 2015 and Spring 2014 pledge classes enjoyed a trip to South Padre and Austin, Texas.

Adventure in the West



Over Spring Break, brothers Felipe Andrade (AK'15), Kramer Hall (AK'12), and Thomas Himmelberg (AK'15) traveled west for an action-packed vacation of a lifetime. Accompanied by six other S&T friends, the brothers stayed in Pagosa Springs, CO and spent three days snowboarding at Wolf Creek Ski Resort, a small resort notorious for receiving record amounts of snowfall each year. Aside from snowboarding, Pagosa offered vast rivers, hot springs, and local shops to be enjoyed during the down time.

Although the brothers enjoyed snowboarding in Colorado, their trip did not stop there. The group piled back into their cars and drove seven hours into Arizona to visit several iconic National Landmarks including Horseshoe Bend, Lower Antelope Canyon, and the Grand Canyon. The two-day desert adventure left the brothers in awe at the beautiful and vast formations of the earth. This portion of the trip was highlighted by a 12-mile hike (6 miles in and 6 miles out) of the Grand Canyon along Bright Angle Trail.

The trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the brothers and a big thank you goes out to Garrett Trautman for his hospitality.

Kramer Hall (AK'12), Felipe Andrade (AK'15), and Thomas Himmelberg (AK'15) proudly display the Pike flag above the Grand Canyon



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Zachary Farniok

NEW MEMBER /
PLEDGE EDUCATOR

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ASSISTANTS

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ThC (TREASURER)

Andrew Pavlik

ASSISTANT
TREASURER

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SC (SECRETARY)

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Husman

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Luke
Schnieders

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Scott Schroer

FIX-IT

Alex Kardon

RECYCLING

Eric Roettger

STEWARD

Blake Porter

SUPER DUTIES

Scott Schroer

SPECIAL PROJECTS

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Scott Schroer

ASSISTANT
HOUSE MANAGER

Zach Price

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Will Wyne

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SOCIAL MEDIA: David Murphy

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COMMITTEE: Ian Fitch

SOCIAL

CHAIRMAN: Andrew Wade

COMMITTEE: David Roll

COMMITTEE: Chris Zdvorak

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COMMITTEE: Matt White

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COMMITTEE: Davis Perry

BROTHERHOOD

CHAIRMAN: Scott Schroer

COMMITTEE: Tyler Ferrell

COMPUTERS

CHAIRMAN: Tommy Weischaus

COMMITTEE: Brendan Curran

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Alec Stirnemann

COMMITTEE: Matthew Hagan

FUNDRAISING

CHAIRMAN: Creighton Miles

COMMITTEE: Joe Early

HISTORIAN

CHAIRMAN: Evan Miller

COMMITTEE: Brandon Jaegers

PARENT'S CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Chris Oswald

SCHOLARSHIP

CHAIRMAN: Danny Moeller

COMMITTEE: Tyler Dachel

COMMITTEE: Austin Wiecher

Executive Officers

SMC: Zachary Farniok

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2ND IMC: Thomas Himmelberg

ThC: Andrew Pavlik

SC: Grant Husman

HOUSE MANAGER: Luke Schnieders

NEW MEMBER PLEDGE
EDUCATOR: Drew Pfyl

DIRECTOR OF
RECRUITMENT: Alexander Higinbotham

VP—RISK MANAGEMENT: Joshua Bax



SPRING 2017 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

From left: Andrew Pavlik (AK'15), Alexander Higinbotham (AK'14), Drew Pfyl (AK'13), Will Wyne (AK'14), Zachary Farniok (AK'14), Thomas Himmelberg (AK'15), Grant Husman (AK'15), Joshua Bax (AK'14), and Luke Schnieders (AK'15)

GARRETT HOOPER • Harley-Davidson

I am currently on co-op as a maintenance engineer at the Harley-Davidson Motor Company in Kansas City. Here at the plant in KC, we roll out a motorcycle every four minutes. There are hundreds of machines that make such a process possible, and my department is responsible for keeping those machines in running order. As a maintenance engineer I have had the opportunity to design parts, diagnose machine issues, and coordinate contractor work. With my degree in engineering management, I get the chance to interact with a lot of people on a daily basis as well whether it be line workers, supervisors, or even the senior vice president. I have even run into a few Pikes from different schools here at H-D. Interacting with all these new people, learning their roles, and working together to accomplish a goal has been my favorite part of this Co-op. There is always something new going on at H-D and there is never a dull moment. I have wanted to be a part of Harley-Davidson since I was a kid so this really has been a dream come true.

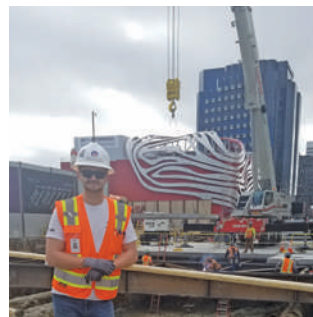


NORBERT STAUSEBACH • Traylor Brothers



My spring co-op was with Traylor Brothers, a civil engineering company based in Indiana. I was assigned to a joint venture project on the Westside Purple Line Extension for the subway system in Los Angeles. This 1.8 billion dollar project, that will not be complete until 2023, spans 7 miles and consists of 3 stations: La Brea, Fairfax, and La Cienega. I worked mostly on the La Cienega station in Beverly Hills. At first I was mostly tasked with office work: putting together safe work plans for employees in the field, calculating the total takeoff for the station including all of the lagging that was required for the station, all of the struts, walers, deck beams, and cap beams. However, after a short time I was given more responsibility and tasked with

managing a sub-contractor of STS, Condon Johnson. They were in charge of drilling soldier beams into the ground so when the station was being excavated it wouldn't cave in. I conducted daily meetings with Condon Johnson to discuss daily activities such as if there were any major findings that would delay our work and to schedule the delivery of piles so they would have them before they set them in the ground. The soldier piles are 3 feet wide, 100 feet long, and range in weight from 13,000-30,000lbs. There are a total of 467 total piles that will go into the ground for the entire station. I have had a great time at my co-op so far and hope to come back to Missouri S&T with experience that will help me in my future career.



TROY KAHLE • ARCO Construction

My co-op with ARCO Construction has truly been amazing so far. Since day one, ARCO has been keeping me busy with multiple different projects. One of the projects that I am working on is a job out in Columbia, MO called Boulder Springs Building #9—an 18,000 square foot, 18-unit, 3-story apartment building with a total project cost around \$2.5 million. Some of the difficulties included in the job are an extremely tight budget we have to manage while also coordinating and rescheduling different scopes of work because of the city's agonizingly long permitting process. I am also working on a job in Lexington, KY called Provision Living at Beaumont Centre—a 91,000 square foot, 163-unit, memory care and assisted living facility. On a typical day at ARCO I am usually doing take-offs for different jobs: we are estimating, contracting and communicating with subcontractors about bid instructions, managing job books and updating unit costs, etc. What I enjoy most about ARCO is the balance of my time between the office and on-site visits. Visiting jobsites is such an unbelievable experience because I see the project I have been studying from the plans and discussing with different subcontractors being "brought to life" so to speak. Besides this perk, the culture that ARCO has to offer is why I love working for this company and coming to work every day. Everybody here wants you to be a part of the 'ARCO Family' and truly wants to get to know you on a personal level. That is one of the main reasons ARCO Construction thrives in the business of general contracting and the reason why I have thoroughly enjoyed my co-op.



JARED PECHETTE • ICL Performance Products

During my time at ICL I have been given the opportunity to work on many small mechanical projects, while mainly focusing on a bigger electrical study that was long overdue in the plant. Since Mid-January, I have been modeling the Lawrence Plant's electrical circuit on a power systems software, in an effort to calculate arc flash potential at all the workable locations in the plant. This study will eventually yield safety information that will go on labels that will be placed at these locations out in the plant. This label implementation is part of a NFPA safety code called 70e and has acquired most of my attention throughout my time here in Lawrence. Outside of electrical work, I have also had the privilege of using AutoCAD to come up with concept designs that eventually lead to fabrication and installation out in the plant. A couple things that I really enjoyed about ICL are the Lawrence plant's company culture such as how they coordinate meetings, the relationship between maintenance and engineering departments, etc and also the amount of "hands-on" experience I have gotten being out in the plant gathering information. It is always a great opportunity to be able to gain firsthand experience in the the engineering field and to put the knowledge I learn at Rolla to use.



SUMMER '17 INTERNSHIPS

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Caleb Fricano

This semester, I was awarded the F2K3 Scholarship. I am very thankful for the Alpha Kappa Alumni's financial support and recognition of my efforts and success as the chapter's Special Events Chairman the past two semesters. This award will ease my financial burden, allow me to focus on studies, and provide me with financial peace of mind. Scholarships such as this really

show the amount of support that the brothers of Alpha Kappa have for the chapter and its members, even after graduation. Knowing that the Alpha Kappa Education Foundation is so willing to give back to its current members for their successes in relation to scholarship, leadership, athleticism, and gentlemanly conduct keeps our traditions alive.



Davis Perry

Although I am in my second semester here in Rolla, the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation has already impacted my academic career. I am extremely grateful to have been awarded the Charles R. Hubbard Badge award, in conjunction with the GPA scholarship. The multitude of scholarships awarded by the generous Alpha Kappa Alumni to the Alpha Kappa chapter inspires me, and the continued support of the Alumni allows us to further our

academic careers. Without these scholarships I would have to look into obtaining a part-time job, and my academics would suffer as a result. However, with these generous scholarships, I am able to get involved on campus with Engineers Without Borders and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, as well as have ample time for academic studies. I would like to thank the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation for helping this chapter thrive.



Joshua Bax

My name is Joshua Bax and I am extremely honored to be the inaugural recipient of the Caleb Waldbuessler Scholarship. I am a junior in Civil engineering and a proud Alpha Kappa member. I always try to lead by example and in doing so I have held many committee chairman positions; including community

service, campus involvement, intermural, steward, and VP risk management. Thanks to my fellow active members for awarding me this scholarship and thanks to the generous pledge brothers of Caleb Waldbuessler, for providing me this opportunity to succeed, and to the chapter for this scholarship.



Moeller Moves Class Resources to Google

In the past, the members of the Alpha Kappa chapter have had and still utilize class resources in the form of a file cabinet full of past materials to study from. These files are passed down by older students in order to aid the entire chapter by allowing them to better prepare themselves and succeed in their academics. Over the years, it has proven difficult to keep all of this material organized, especially if borrowed files are not returned. To prevent losing valuable materials and circumvent this organizational issue, scholarship chair Danny Moeller (AK'15) decided going digital made the most sense. Using Google Drive, he began scanning and uploading digital and hard copies of files to a system of folders before giving viewing access to every chapter member. The new Alpha Kappa scholarship file is still very much a work in progress due to the sheer amount of class material to sort through, but the ability to access all of the material accumulated as a chapter anywhere from a computer, phone, or tablet is worth the countless hours of compiling and organizing the new system. Alpha Kappa hopes to continue a strong tradition of academic excellence and this is a strong step towards making this goal a reality.



Scholarship Chair Daniel Moeller (AK'15) in front of the old file system which is now compiled digitally

SCHOLASTIC Awards

GPA Scholarships

3.8 – 4.0

Brendan Curran
Zach Duran
Joseph Early
Brandon Eisenbath
Zachary Farniok
Logan Fitch
Joshua Giancola
Thomas Himmelberg
Connor Kirtley
David Murphy
Sean Murphy
Zach Murphy
Jared Pechette
Cody Seckfort
Neil Wiaranowski
Tommy Wieschhaus

3.5 – 3.79

Brad Asselmeier
Anthony Betcher
Benjamin Dohogne
Alexander Higinbotham
Dylan Holdenried
Canaan Kindle
Martin Klevjer
Mitchell Morris
Scotty Palmer
Drew Pavlik
Austin Powell
Drake Rivera
Jon Schliem
Timothy Schmitt
Kyle Schnell
Luke Schnieders
Jonah Walker

3.2 – 3.49

Michael Barnett
Jeremy Bruder
James Gleeson
Erik Huenke
Corey Jolitz
Troy Kahle
Matthew Kilwin
James Kvesic
Danny Moeller
Erik Schou
Roger Taylor
Andrew Wade
Aaron Walters
William Wyne

WHITE GPA AWARD

3.8 – 4.0

Brett Donner
Trevor Kopp
Davis Perry

3.5 – 3.79

Kevin Morris
Will Weishaar

3.2 – 3.49

Tyler Dachel
Alex Kardon
Chris Oswald
Blake Porter
Thomas Taglieri
Austin Wiecher

Leadership Awards

BERNIE RIPPET SCHOLARSHIP

Jacob Hunter

CHARLES R. HUBBARD BADGE AWARD

Brett Donner
Trevor Kopp
Davis Perry

F2K3 SCHOLARSHIP

Caleb Fricano

OFFICER SCHOLARSHIPS

Joseph Early
Connor Kirtley
Tyler Jaegers
Zachary Murphy
Scott Palmer
Robert Pearson
Scott Schroer

CHARLES A. WENTZ JR. — KAPERS

Joseph Early
Thomas Himmelberg
Connor Kirtley
Zachary Murphy
Robert Pearson
Scott Schroer

AKEF GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD

Zachariah Wilson

CALEB WALDBUESSER SCHOLARSHIP

Joshua Bax

CUMULATIVE GIVING LEVELS

(AS OF 12/31/16)

Giving levels are donations specifically to AKEF and are reported as part of AKEF's IRS 501(c)3 requirements. These donations do not include the many endowments that our alumni have established through other institutions that support members of Alpha Kappa.

- 1868 SOCIETY**
\$500,000 & Up
Alfred Powell

FOUNDERS SOCIETY
\$250,000 to \$499,999

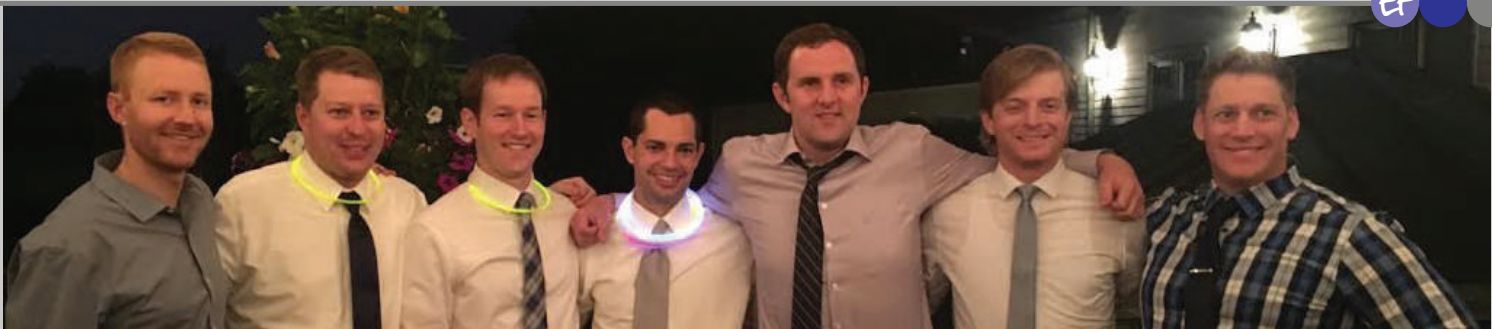
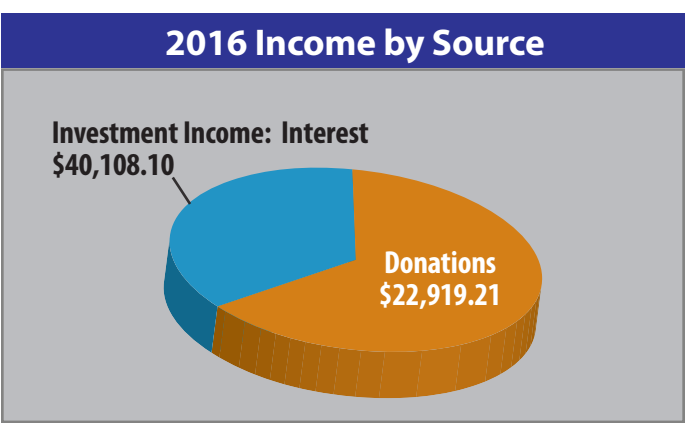
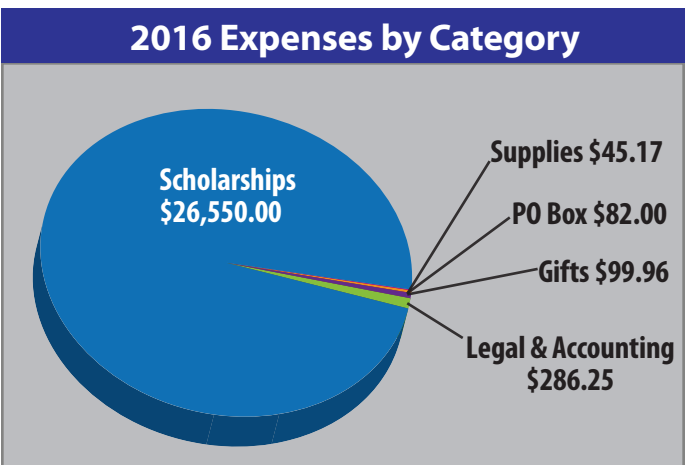
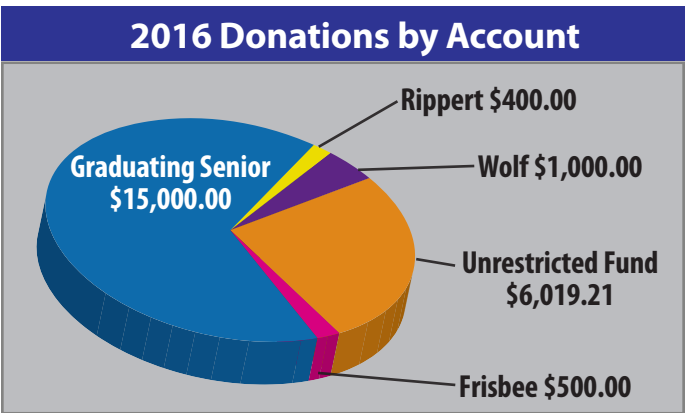
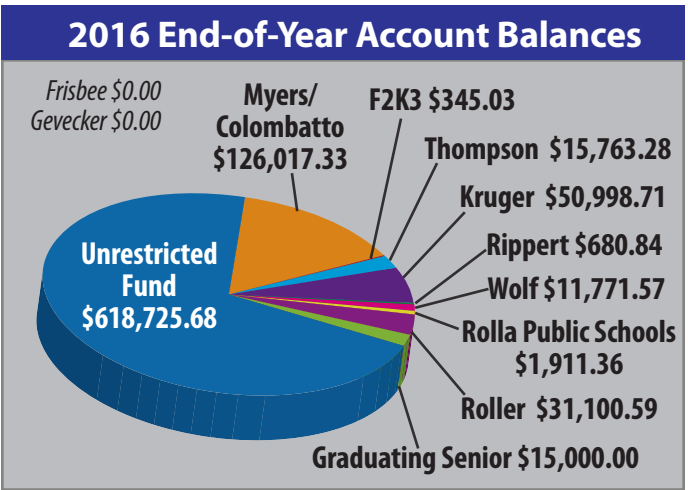
JUNIOR FOUNDERS SOCIETY
\$100,000 to \$249,999
Phillip Colombatto

SABRE & KEY SOCIETY
\$50,000 to \$99,999
William Kruger

GARNET & GOLD SOCIETY
\$10,000 to \$49,999
Alpha Kappa House Corporation
Richard (Shirley) Bauer
Jack Bodine
William Horst
Bob Kallemeier
Gene Penzel
Pierre Powell
Perrin Roller
Kent Weisenstein
Dotty Wolf

LILY OF THE VALLEY SOCIETY
\$5,000 to \$9,999
Karl Gevecker
Paul Herrmann
Alan Kamp
S. Dale McHenry
Wesley Myers
Brian Stirrat

SHIELD & DIAMOND SOCIETY
\$1,000 to \$4,999
Steve Biederman
David Erman
Robert Fanetti
Jack Fleischli
Dan Frisbee
Gevecker Family Trust
Gwen Gevecker
Timothy Hogan
Byron Keil
Terry King
James Lincicome
Robert Markland
Miear Family
Ronald Miller
Ron Moore
Kyle Sneed
James Van Buren
- KAPERS SOCIETY**
Up to \$999
Jerrold Alyea
Cheryl Bess
James Bess
Brian Beyer
Duncan Block
Robert Brockhaus
Doyne Chartrau
Betty Collins
Al Diamond
Anthony Eftimoff
Stanley Ellis, Jr.
Robert Fleischman
Tim Frisbee
Michael Gellar
Dennis Gelner
Nancy Goodson
Eugene Held
David Hill
Rollie Johnson
Michael Kearney
Jeff Keating
Charlie Klumb
Charles Koerner
Joseph Krispin
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Edward Kyburz
Ronald Ledbetter
Jack Meehan
Donald Myers
Paul Naslund
Scott Oppelt
Derek Pelate
Donald Peterson
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Charles Schuman
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Parth Shah
Dale Spence
Robert Stapleton
Marjorie Strawhun
James Thomas
Christine (Bernard) Wagner
Keith Wedge
Gene Wehking
Don Weisenstein
Alvin Wentz
Benjamin Winters
John Wolf
Thomas Wright
John Wuest
Dave Zimmerman



FORMING THE CALEB WALDBUESSER SCHOLARSHIP

During the Mom's Day scholarship presentation, Steve Rothermich AK'06 presented the Caleb Waldbuesser Scholarship to Joshua Bax AK'14 for his commitment to community service and fundraising for the Pike house.

The gentlemen of AK'06 recently created the scholarship to honor their late pledge brother Caleb Waldbuesser, who died in a tragic accident one semester after graduating. During Caleb's time at Alpha Kappa, he excelled in the classroom; he was a gentleman; and he dedicated his time to the fundraising and community service efforts of Alpha Kappa. The members of AK'06 felt the scholarship recipient should not only devote time to community service and fundraising, but they felt the recipient should also lead by example. Someone that works diligently behind the scenes, quietly taking care of business even though they might not always get the public recognition. Members of AK'06 shared their experiences in forming the scholarship for the AKEF.

John Pettit remembers discussing creating a scholarship in Caleb's honor after his funeral. Their pledge class was standing in the parking lot in Jasper, MO. They had no idea how to set it up or how long it would take to raise the money, but they decided to make it happen. The main challenge in forming the scholarship was money. Although it seems obvious, it's true. At the time, only 3 of our 8 pledge brothers were working fulltime. The rest were finishing school or in grad school. Even when everyone took full-time jobs, we thought it would be easy to give up a part of our nice starting salary. Reality quickly set in with rent, mortgages, weddings, kids, student loans, taxes, and all the other expenses that one just doesn't have a feel for in college. Some of the brother's employers offered a matching program; however, some

have changed jobs and the current employer does not match contributions.

All things considered, Stephen Grelle feels his pledge brothers did a great job of funding the scholarship, it only took us a year or two longer than originally anticipated. Aside from the financial aspect, the process of setting up the scholarship was quite easy. It required correspondence with the Miner Alumni Association, specifically Darlene Ramsay, to help setup the fund and provide selection guidelines.

Steve Rothermich feels that other alumni should get involved with creating scholarships, but only if it means something to them. "Caleb was a special guy and a dear brother of ours who we loved very much. We wanted to do something to honor him and this was the best way we could think of and to give back to the fraternity that has given us so much," stated Steve. "I came out of college, in large part thanks to the fraternity, as a very well-rounded adult."

Steve feels a sense of pride in helping sponsor the scholarship. Scholarships are a rewarding way to financially help undergraduate brothers through school. Finding ways to get involved in the fraternity and on campus created valuable life skills. Steve believes it is an accomplishment in itself, to be able to donate money to help fund a student's education.

The members of AK'06 feel if the resources are available, alumni should give back to the community for whatever they are passionate about. Whether that is via a charity, community organization, or a donation to their alma mater, service is an important part of being a Pike and it shouldn't end after college.

ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS (AS OF 12/31/16)

| DIAMOND CLUB | PLATINUM CLUB | GOLD CLUB | SILVER CLUB | BRONZE CLUB | BRASS CLUB | COPPER CLUB |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|-------------|
| \$10,000 & Up | \$5,000 to \$10,000 | \$2,500 to \$4,999 | \$1,000 to \$2,499 | \$500 to \$999 | \$100 to \$499 | Up to \$99 |
| Gene Penzel | | Phillip Colombatto | Paul Herrmann Alan Kamp S. Dale McHenry Kyle Sneed Dotty Wolf | Steve Biederman Byron Keil James Van Buren | David Erman Roger Fanetti Charlie Klumb Dale Spence | |

DAVID HILL AK'04 and his wife Tara, also a Rolla grad, will be moving from Fort Worth, Texas to Seattle, Washington. David accepted a new position with Amazon after his tenure with Lockheed Martin.



JEFF HENDERSON AK'00 and his wife Tiffany had their first child November 21, 2016...Avery Jane Henderson.



DAN STOKES AK'08 married Lauren Filla on April 22nd in Pacific, Missouri. They are currently living in St. Louis, Missouri.



MASON BROWN AK'10 married Lindsey Schmucker on June 3rd in O'Fallon, Missouri. The couple resides together in Creve Coeur, Missouri.



JEFF BUSBY was recently promoted as the Electrical Systems Business Manager with ABB. Prior to this new position, Jeff was an Account Manager where he sold over \$100 million in electrical equipment to petrochemical companies. Jeff will continue to manage sales, but now he works within the oil and gas business. Jeff and his MS&T sweetheart Kelsey (Hall) Busby are expecting a newborn due to join the family May 8th.



KEVIN Q. SMITH: POWER LIFTING CHAMPION

I've been truly blessed in life with a few decisions that turned out to be gold. One of those was my decision to pledge Alpha Kappa. Little did I know at the time how much my time at AK would define my future and set me up for a diversity of life achievements and milestones.

- Career success based on a solid engineering and business education. Check!
- People/team leadership based on early leadership lessons, experience, and role-modeling. Check that one too!
- Setting new American and State records in Powerlifting? Wait a minute, how does that work again? Not sure I got the connection on that one bro. Well in my view, it's about goal-setting, will, and work-ethic.

I took up the sport of Powerlifting a few years ago in my mid 50s. I was challenged to do so by my son, Derek, who is an active duty Marine and Powerlifter. I've lifted weights my entire life for football, MS&T Rugby, post-college Rugby (playing into my early 50s), etc. but it was always in support of playing a sport, not the sport itself.

The sport of Powerlifting is simple. You are classified by age/weight and you must lift as much as possible in 3 major movements: Squat, Deadlift, and Bench Press. All on one day, on a platform, in front of hundreds of people, and a group of judges watching your every move and technique. It is scary and intimidating—especially since you are lifting to the limit of your strength on stage.

But setting big goals and developing a plan to achieve that gives you confidence that you can perform. Having the will to do something difficult and stick to it. And developing a work-ethic to do those heavy workouts 5–6 days/week at 5 A.M. in the gym. Those are recipes for success in any endeavor when consistently applied.

How did AK and Rolla help build that? Having a plan to get through that tough class or through that tough stretch at school; sucking it up with will power to make it happen, even when you have setbacks and disappointments. Also, learning to develop a work-ethic shared by your brothers to push through the tough times together.

It's amazing how meaningful some life decisions can be when you look back with the benefit of time and I will be forever grateful to my brothers, supporters, and mentors for my AK and Rolla experience. Oh, and since I'm an engineer, here are the numbers: 441lb squat (200kg), 419lb bench press (190kg), 501.5lb deadlift (227.5kg), 1361lb total (617.5kg). 4 California state records and 4 American records. Not too bad for an old guy!

All the best,
Kevin Q. Smith (1982, 1984, 2000)





The Treasury • Petra, Jordan



Twin Towers • Singapore

Al & Joan WENTZ

CRUISE THE WORLD

On January 3, 2017, we began a four month (111 days) cruise around the world on the Holland America Amsterdam. Leaving Florida, sailing through the Caribbean, and passing through the Panama Canal, we marveled at the engineering wonder. The canal had recently been expanded by Panama, to accommodate much larger ships.

After sliding through the canal, we were into the Pacific Ocean, visiting countries in central America, and on to Hawaii, followed by Guam and several other small Pacific islands. The next stops were Japan, South Korea, China and Vietnam. Highlights included, Osaka a large industrial city, Nagasaki a place once destroyed by the atomic bomb in World War II and Kagoshima a beautiful seaside city. The fish markets in Incheon and Shanghai were enormous. Hong Kong boasted twice as many sky scrapers as New York and the rebuilt Ho Chi Min City (Saigon) showed no signs of the war era.

On to Singapore, a beautiful large modern city/country and their magnificent economy. Thanks to the British, the spoken language was English. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, we visited the Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest in the world. Al reflected on memories of his career consulting work in various countries of Southeast Asia. The tea and rubber plantations of Sri Lanka impressed us much like the hustle and bustle of Mumbai, India.

All during this trip we were pampered by an attentive ship crew, who responded to our every need. The food and wine were a delectable blend of local, French, Italian, Oriental and American cuisine. We selected from eight to ten entrees at dinner, where we shared an ocean view table with friends from Arizona and Utah. To say we were spoiled is an understatement.

From India we cruised to Muscat, Oman in Africa, where we visited this modern kingdom. There was concern regarding Somalian pirates, who recently captured a large crude oil tanker. Security precautions were taken, by the Amsterdam crew, to protect our safety. On to Aquba, Jordan where we ventured to Petra, one of the seven wonders of the world and



Hindu Temple

Wadi Rum, a spectacular mountainous desert. Next came the Red Sea and an all-day passage through the Suez Canal, a vast cut through Egypt in comparison to the engineered locks of the Panama Canal.

The Suez brought us into the Mediterranean Sea, where we visited Athens and numerous Greek Islands. The rich history of Greece and its impact on our modern civilization fascinated Al and I. It made us wonder if a few college electives in Greek and Roman history would be useful additions to the engineering curriculums at MS&T.

Between ports we had 61 days at sea, allowing us to engaged in ship-sponsored activities. These included trip-related discussions, duplicate bridge, religious presentations, cooking lessons, formal galas, cocktail parties, dancing and fitness center workouts. Breakfast buffets were huge, well prepared and contained everything you could ever desire. Lunch had a wide variety of selections, both buffet style and in the sit-down dining room.

After we left Greece, we crusaded to Malta, a historic island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. It has a rich history, occupied by numerous civilizations. Under British control, it was heavily bombed during World War II. Then it was on to the island of Mallorca, as we entered Spain. Two days in Barcelona enabled us to see the unfinished, miraculous Gaudi cathedral in all its glory. Cadiz was the next port, near Jerez, famous for their sherry wines.

Heading south we stopped in Casablanca, Morocco, the setting for the famous 1943 movie depicting the difficult German and French relationship during WW II. Our final port was the beautiful city of Funchal, Portugal, where madeira wine is produced. These volcanic islands were a contrast of rugged mountains and sandy beaches. We spent the last six cruise days crossing the Atlantic Ocean, returning to Ft. Lauderdale on April 26, 2017.



Wadi Rum • Jordan



Fish Market



Rainbow Falls • Hawaii

Distinguished ALPHA KAPPA ALUMNI

DR. ROBERT BROCKHAUS

The Brothers previously honored as Distinguished Brothers of Alpha Kappa announced at Founders' Day that they have selected Dr. Robert Brockhaus, AK '62 as the honoree for this year. Bob has had a career as a professor and as an entrepreneur and is recognized around the world for his accomplishments. In a recent Saint Louis University alumni magazine, the current dean, Dr. Mark Higgins, stated that Bob was "one of the most respected voices in the global entrepreneurship movement." And Dr. Jerry Katz who succeeded Bob said "I would argue that no one else in America had accomplished so much on his own for the field of entrepreneurship."

While a student at MSM, Bob served Alpha Kappa as steward and treasurer. He also was president of the Alpha Phi Omega chapter, a member of Theta Tau, named to the Dean's List, served on the Rollamo yearbook board and was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Following graduation in 1962 with a Mechanical Engineering degree, he was employed by Ralston Purina. He eventually rose to the position of Operations Manager for the West Coast production plants before becoming the Manager of Engineering for the Consumer Products division in the corporate office in St. Louis. During this time, he took a leave of absence to earn an MBA from Purdue University.

He left Ralston Purina in 1969 to establish a restaurant, Another Place, near the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus. When Alpha Kappa purchased the Wee Chef property behind the chapter house, he rented the facility from the House Corporation and operated a second Another Place. At the same time, he began teaching part time in the business school at UMSL. Bob found that he thoroughly enjoyed teaching. He sold the two restaurants and enrolled in the doctorate program in the business school at Washington University in St.

Louis where his dissertation was on the factors that motivate individuals to start their own businesses.

In 1973, he was recruited by Saint Louis University to teach in its management department. Because of the topic of his dissertation, the chairperson of the department asked him to teach an experimental graduate course that summer on entrepreneurship. In 1973, only a handful of universities had courses on entrepreneurship. Many of the faculty in his department believed that such courses did not belong in a university and told him that if he pursued in his effort to have entrepreneurship taught, he would be denied tenure. Despite this threat, Bob persisted and was able to finally have entrepreneurship courses become a permanent part of the curriculum. This was the beginning for his academic career.

Within a few years, he had become deeply involved in the leadership of academic organizations that promoted entrepreneurship education at universities and colleges. For one of these, he served as the International President and later as the Executive Director for almost two decades. Under his leadership the International Council for Small Business grew from a couple of hundred members in the US and Canada to tens of thousands in affiliates spread throughout the world. For his long dedicated service, he was honored with a Lifetime Membership—one of four presented in the six decades of the organization.

His research on entrepreneurs put him in the forefront of the fledgling field of academics who studied entrepreneurship. His research is among the most cited in academic studies and has resulted in over 80 academic publications and the authorship/coauthor of several books. He served on 12 editorial review boards for academic journals which focused on entrepreneurs and small businesses. He developed an international research conference which was held annually at St. Louis University for decades and chaired many others. In 2003, he was selected

by the United States Small Business Association as its National Entrepreneurship Research Advocate. This was the first time this national recognition was made. He has been an invited speaker in over 20 countries. And, he received a Fulbright to lecture for six months in New Zealand. His research and speaking led to him holding visiting endowed chair positions at other universities. He also was selected as a "Fellow" of five academic societies whose members are senior scholars in the study of entrepreneurship.

To encourage college students to consider entrepreneurial careers, he developed the Global Student Entrepreneur Award. Students studying in fulltime academic programs anywhere in the world who had started their own business were nominated to be recognized for their success at international conferences.

He also established conferences for a variety of audiences in St. Louis. Examples include the Missouri Secondary Educators Entrepreneurship Conference, Exploring Entrepreneurship (for anyone in the St. Louis area) and the Family Firm Forum for families that owned large businesses. Bob served as President of the Eastern Missouri Small Business Week. It is an annual weeklong series of events that honor successful businesses as well as provide educational programs for hundreds of attendees. Bob was also an elected delegate for White House conferences on small business.

At the invitation of the U.S. Small Business Administration, he founded and served as the State Administrator for the Missouri Small Business Development Centers program. With financial support from Missouri universities matched by the SBA, tens of thousands of small businesses have received free or low cost training throughout Missouri.

At Saint Louis University, he was the first business school professor in over 100 years of its history to hold an endowed chair. He held this position which



was funded by the Coleman Foundation as well as the Director of the Center of Entrepreneurship for his final fifteen years. He was also honored by the university as its Grantsman of the Year for the amount of outside funding that he obtained for the university. He served on the SLU faculty senate, chaired the school of business's rank and tenure committee, advised the student entrepreneurship club as well as serving as the faculty advisor to the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter.

In 2003, he left Saint Louis University, to focus once again on his own entrepreneurial career. He and his wife, Dr. Joyce Brockhaus, a psychologist, have an international consulting practice, the Brockhaus Group, which provides services to families that own large businesses. For over 20 years they have assisted families that own large businesses to decide who will lead the business in the next generation, as well as who will own it, and they have provided guidance to families in resolving conflicts between family members. Joyce and Bob also own vacation rental homes in the Missouri Ozarks, Florida Keys and Colorado Rockies.

That the focus of Bob's adult life has been on entrepreneurship is not surprising. Both sets of Bob's grandparents, father, brother, as well as Joyce, have been or are entrepreneurs. And his son, Rob, a Pike from the Saint Louis University chapter, has already established two businesses.

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Bob's entrepreneurial career is just part of his life. He has also served as president of his church council, vice-chair of the local Boy Scout District for 20 years receiving its highest honor for service, city alderman for eight years, was selected as Father of the Year by the local high school, and honored as one of its first ten Distinguished Alumni selected from over 25,000 alumni. He also has been named as the Citizen of the Year by the local Chamber of Commerce from over 20,000 residents. Bob is a member of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh at MS&T. Pi Kappa Alpha has been an important part of his life as well. He has served as the District President for Kansas and later for Missouri. He was the chapter advisor for the Purdue University chapter and the faculty advisor for the Saint Louis University chapter. An R. V. Wolf honoree, he is the longest serving president of the Alpha Kappa House Corporation.

MAJOR POSITIONS HELD

Operations Manager

West Coast plants, Ralston Purina

Coleman Foundation Chair in Entrepreneurship

St. Louis University

Director

Center for Entrepreneurship, St. Louis University

State Administrator

Missouri Small Business Development Centers

President

Progressive Management Enterprises

MAJOR HONORS RECEIVED

National Entrepreneurship Research Advocate

U. S. Small Business Administration

Lifetime Membership

International Council for Small Business

Citizen of the Year

Chamber of Commerce

Distinguished Alumni Award

Lindbergh High School

PREVIOUS DISTINGUISHED AK ALUMNI

Enoch Needles

Founder and Partner, HNTB Corporation

Melvin Carnahan

Governor, State of Missouri

Ronald Miller

Vice- President, Proctor and Gamble

Steve Wunning

Group President, Caterpillar

Bryan Stirrat

Founder and President, BAS and Associates

Robert Markland

Professor and Administrator, University of South Carolina

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICES HELD

International President and Executive Director

International Council for Small Business

National President

Small Business Institute Directors' Association

Founder and Chairperson

Entrepreneurship Division, Academy of Management

President

Small Business Week of Eastern Missouri

FELLOW

International Council for Small Business

National Small Business Institute Directors' Association

United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship

International Family Firm Forum

National Students in Free Enterprise Association

MARQUIS WHO'S WHO LISTINGS

Who's Who in the World

Who's Who in America

Who's Who in American Education

BIEDERMAN RECEIVES

I would first like to say "thank you" to the Alumni Association and all others involved in my receiving the Robert V. Wolf Loyalty Award. Based upon my experiences on the House Corporation Board, I'm confident there were other worthy candidates under consideration, so I'm truly humbled and honored to be the recipient of this award. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for Bob, his leadership, and dedication to Alpha Kappa and to the University. Bob was a mentor as well as a friend and positively influenced me during my time at Alpha Kappa, which carried over to both my personal and professional life. Bob greatly impacted the lives of many Pikes and UMR students



Steve Biederman receives the RV Wolf Loyalty Award for his years of dedication to the Alpha Kappa Chapter and Alumni Association

WOLF LOYALTY AWARD

other than myself and I am truly honored to be the recipient of an award in his name.

In retrospect, I realized it had been 50 years since I pledged Alpha Kappa. Many things changed during that time frame; for example, the name of the university changed from UMR to MS&T. The Chapter House I knew was destroyed by a fire and was rebuilt. Some things, though, remained the same, most notably the brotherhood and friendships that exist between alumni and current membership. I also believe the leadership and dedication to AK exhibited by Bob Wolf so many years ago continues today through the efforts of Chris Ramsay and others.

My time at Alpha Kappa was instrumental in my personal growth. As a Pike, I became less introverted and became more involved in chapter management as well as other campus organizations. As I grew more mature during my professional career, I realized many other people contributed to my successes and achievements in ways they may not have realized. It became important to me to "pay it forward" to help others achieve their goals. An opportunity to re-engage with Alpha Kappa presented itself in 2012 when my friend and our fellow AK brother, Dan Frisbee, resigned from the House Corporation Board to pursue a job opportunity in another state. At Dan's suggestion, Bob Brockhaus called and asked if I'd be interested in becoming a HC Board member. I accepted Bob's offer and have not regretted doing so for one moment. It is my honor and privilege to serve on the Board and to assist today's brothers to help them realize their potential.

Steve is the 11th recipient of the R.V. Wolf Loyalty Award.



As you may recall in 2015, we initially leased two lots with the understanding that we would raze the houses and turn one lot on Eighth Street into a parking lot and the other on Ninth Street into an extension of our front lawn. And that the owner for his tax purposes could set the date when he wanted to change the leases into a purchases. In the summer of 2016, he requested that we complete the purchases. We honored his request but asked him to allow us to deter full payment until February, 2017. He agreed to a \$300,000 loan at no interest until that date. On February 1, we paid the remaining \$300,000 and then had title to both properties.

In 2015, while negotiating the purchases, we spoke with the House Corporation of Phi Kappa Theta. They were building a new house on the location of the old house. Across Eighth Street, they had two lots that they were converting into parking lots. In between their two lots, was the one on Eighth Street that we planned to lease and then purchase. And one of the lots that they owned was adjacent to our existing parking lot. We agreed that when we obtained ownership we would sell them the lot that we were going to purchase and buy their lot next to our parking lot. The end result would be each fraternity having just one large parking lot. This agreement was reached prior to the removal of the homes and construction of the lots. Thus prior to the ownership swap, the construction of the lots was done with the long term ownership in mind.

With the finalizing of our purchases, this spring we swapped titles to these two lots with Phi Kappa Theta.

The net result is that our parking lot is now large enough for every brother who has a car to park it on our lot.

Again, this summer we will do our annual cleaning and maintenance to bring our house to a “like new” condition which is our annual policy. In fact, we actually bring it to a better than new condition as we continue to make improvements each year to the structure.

As you probably recall, only the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation can accept donations, although the AK Alumni Association can accept donations that support its programs for alumni. The only source of revenue to the House Corporation is the rent from the chapter which is a fixed amount (regardless of the number in the house) and is increased annually by the same rate as MS&T raises its dormitory rates. Therefore, the property that we have purchased, the improvements we make, mortgage payments and all other House Corporation expenses are made possible solely by the rent that we receive from the chapter. The funds needed to finance the purchase of the new properties and the improvements exceeded the funds that the House Corporation had.

We borrowed \$100,000 from the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation to complete the financing. The rate was below that of the bank but more than the AKEF could safely earn elsewhere. Thus both parties benefited and the interest paid to the AKEF is used to finance the scholarships it awards to the members.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity HOMECOMING 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 Joshua Bax at jmbzbc@mst.edu.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

All Day
Open House

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

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, OCTOBER 29TH

All Day
Open House

Please help the active chapter update the alumni database by either filling out the “Alumni Update” below, or by contacting Davis Perry by email at djp7cf@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.

ALUMNI UPDATE

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

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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*.

☐ 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.

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HOMECOMING 2017 — R.S.V.P.

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

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