

The Phi Psi Rag

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



PHI PSI WELCOMES ANOTHER FALL ON THE HILL

*The Chapter House Is
Prepared for Another Year*



Alumni at the clubhouse following the day of golf.

Summer is behind us and the smell of fall is in the air for most of us. That means cooler weather, MLB playoffs, football games, tailgating, and revisiting the Chapter House to meet up with old friends and Brothers. Led by **Nick Reddell '00**, the House Corporation has been hard at work over the summer months preparing the house for a new class of incoming freshmen. It is never an easy or a quick task following two semesters of use by more than 80 undergraduates. Cleaning, repairing, and replacing wornout items are always first on the list of things to do. I was at the Chapter House before move-in and everything is looking incredibly fresh, bright, and inviting. Kaye has done an exceptional job making a difference and putting in her personal touch. Please stop by and introduce yourself to her and thank her for all she does as housemother.

I would be remiss if I didn't add how deeply saddened we are with the devastation of Hurricane Harvey in the Gulf states. We hope our Brothers and their chapters are safe from the harm raining down on them and know our National Fraternity will give aid wherever they can. Please, say a prayer for everyone in the path of that unrelenting storm.

There is a lot to absorb in this alumni newsletter from the information gathered by our contributing writers. Please feel free to contact us if there is something we might have missed in our reporting or request a subject to be covered. We work hard to keep you informed on our activities, our successes, and developments at the Chapter. I hope you will be impressed with our undergraduates' involvement throughout the University and the city of Lawrence. They are truly making a difference in the community.

Your Endowment Association can't thank each and every one of you enough for your generosity and continued support in our mission and

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Spring Brought the Awards, Summer Brought House Improvements

Kansas Alpha Looks to Continue Growth This Fall

We have started another exciting year in Lawrence. We have 36 new members at the house and all seem to be settling in with college life. Our upperclassmen are working hard to help mentor our new members with ideal course selection and joining organizations on campus. We finished the spring semester with a chapter GPA of 3.17. For any of you that might have missed our update this summer, current President **Jacob Ferris '15** traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., for the 2017 Woodrow Wilson Leadership School. Kansas Alpha was one of only three chapters nationally to be accredited with distinction, the highest level recognized by our National Fraternity. Kansas Alpha was also awarded the District Excellence Award for District V. This award recognizes the top chapter in the entire district. With these honors, Kansas Alpha became one of the most successful chapters of Phi Kappa Psi in the nation.

Our success at Woodrow Wilson went even further. For the first time since 1981, a more than 25-year gap, a member of Kansas Alpha was elected as the Archon to represent our district. The District Archon position is an elected member of the Phi Kappa Psi Executive Council, the board of directors for the National Fraternity. **Robin Bajpai '17** was elected to serve as District V Archon. Brother Bajpai won the election over several other nominees from within our district. His credentials are stellar: a cumulative 4.0 GPA, Chapter scholarship chairman, KU student senator, and 2017 KU IFC New Member of the Year, all while being a freshman. Having a fellow member of Kansas Alpha elected as Archon is very exciting and a tremendous resource for our Chapter. We congratulate Brother Bajpai.

To give you some perspective on the great honor we received, Phi Kappa Psi has over 100 chapters, and only 15 of those chapters received the base level of accreditation. We were among the only three to reach the highest and most prestigious level.

This summer we continued to make improvements to the Chapter House. As always, the House Corporation is committed to overall house maintenance. We feel like we have made some great strides in maintaining and updating the first floor. We invite all alumni to please stop by the house the next time you are in Lawrence. Also, we are always looking for more alumni that are willing to be a part of our mentor program. This usually involves going to dinner with a few undergraduates that can potentially speak to alumni about their professions and college best practices. We will also be starting a new program this school year where many of the undergraduates will be reaching out to our alumni. This program is meant to bridge the gap between alumni and the active brotherhood. Don't be alarmed if you are called or emailed by an undergraduate, as they might simply be introducing themselves and answering any questions you might have. I would like to thank all of our alumni for your continued support.

In the Bond,
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ALUMNI GOLF REUNION BRINGS CLASSES TOGETHER



Nick Reddell '00, Mike Haws '87, and Jeff Maher '87 at the alumni tournament.



The class of 1987 reunites and wins their flight.

The Kansas Alpha Reunion Cup Golf Tournament was played on Saturday, September 9, at Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Lenexa, Kan. Ninety Brothers participated with pledge classes represented all the way back to 1961. Many traveled from out of state to attend as Brothers from Arizona, Utah, Texas, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Illinois came in to play.

Here are the results:

- A Flight Winners: **Mike McCann '84, Chris McCann '90, Dave Boersma '84, and Dave Porter '84**
A Flight 2nd Place: **John Stephenson '00, Jeff Lozier '99, Whit Potts '03, and Ryan O'Leary '06**
B Flight Winners: **Paul Abram '87, Todd Fowler '87, Jeff Maher '87, and Matt Merz, *Nebraska Beta '86***
B Flight 2nd Place: **Jimmy Steimer '03, Nate Blake '03, Pat Ameay '03, and Joel Dreiling '03**
C Flight Winners: **Scott Turner '84, Andy Miller '84, Paul Owen '84, and Ted Stevens '84**

C Flight 2nd Place: **Kyle Hunt '00, Fred Dohogne '00, Jeff Rowe '00, and Adam Huggins '01**

Long Drive:

Pat Ameay '03

Long Putt:

Joey Phillips '01

Closest the Pins:

Nick Reddell '00 and Pat Ameay '03

A big thank-you to Brother **Adam Dolski '03** for helping organize the event and handing out pins to Brothers celebrating various anniversaries. Post golf, many Brothers gathered at Johnny's Tavern in Olathe for food and beverages to catch up and reminisce of their Phi Psi undergraduate years. Thank you to everyone who came out.

Fraternally,
Jeff Maher '87

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programs. Our scholarship programs remain the strongest on The Hill and act as great recruiting tools for attracting high-quality freshmen. We strive to be diligent with the goals and tasks we are entrusted with by our alumni in providing the best for the Chapter.

From all of us, thank you. See you on The Hill!

In the Bond,
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We will once again have the Kansas Alpha Tent on The Hill for all home football games. All alumni and family are welcome—please join us!

Welcome, New Members

- Brody Allen** / Overland Park, Kan.
Jacob Bradshaw / Rossville, Kan.
Will Brautman / Leawood, Kan.
Connor Brown / Plymouth, Minn.
Jack Charleton / Lenexa, Kan.
PJ Daly / Overland Park, Kan.
Michael Damore / Leawood, Kan.
Joe Davidson / Wichita, Kan.
Graham Dawald / Overland Park, Kan.
Max Donahue / Olathe, Kan.
Logan Elfstrand / Kansas City, Mo.
Charles Elvin / Olathe, Kan.
Jack Griffith / Wichita, Kan.
George Hart / Westwood, Kan.
Jay Hawkins, III / Lenexa, Kan.
TJ Helton / Kansas City, Mo.
Zach Himel / Deerfield, Ill.
Skylar Hudson / Olathe, Kan.
Johnny Illoanus / Warren, Mich.
Noah Jarosz / Omaha, Neb.
Theo Jensen / Littleton, Colo.
Dylan Mars / Gardner, Kan.
Drake Mattis / Lenexa, Kan.
Jackson McClain / Olathe, Kan.
Bryce Miller / Claflin, Kan.
Ashton Orcutt / Overland Park, Kan.
Nick Platt / Overland Park, Kan.
Carter Robinson / Overland Park, Kan.
Tate Rowland / Overland Park, Kan.
John Ryan / Prairie Village, Kan.
Jack Sailer / Kansas City, Mo.
John Schnieders / Overland Park, Kan.
Derrick Serran / Overland Park, Kan.
Aaron Stewart / Olathe, Kan.
Jed Stitt / Stilwell, Kan.
Brian Tines / Lenexa, Kan.

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Brothers of Kansas Alpha participate in a community service event at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Lawrence.

Recent Accomplishments Makes Kansas Alpha Want to Achieve Even More

The past year at Kansas Alpha has been the most successful in over 13 years. Reaching this success has been a long process that began last fall. It took the work of our entire executive team, advisors, and alumni to be able to elevate our Chapter to one of the best in the nation. In my last report, I mentioned that our goal for the spring semester was to reach the highest level of accreditation through our National Fraternity.



Andrea Kleekamp, National Fraternity Health and Wellness director, presents the Elevate program to Brothers.

SERVICE

On a local level, Kansas Alpha has spread our influence into a diverse range of university organizations, including IFC, Student Senate, and numerous professional clubs. We have had over the past consecutive years the highest number of community service hours submitted on campus. Our Chapter was built on service, and we understand the importance it has on the Chapter and those around it. The combination of all of our involvement and service will continue to impact the community in great ways.



Phi Kappa Psi championship team at the Hoops for Haley, Pi Beta Phi's philanthropic event.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The awards and honors that our Chapter received from last year are tremendous. However, these achievements have increased the desire of our Chapter and members to achieve more. The infrastructure we have built will continue our progress forward and heightens our belief that we can accomplish greater things this coming year. In the past year, we made significant strides in improving our governance, rituals, and traditions in a way that hasn't happened in recent years. Further refinements will make our Chapter better, as well as increase the bond between all Brothers of Kansas Alpha.

REACHING SUCCESS

I hope this semester will be defined by building on our achievements from the past year. We have great goals for 2017-18. However, it is important for every member to strive to do better than last year and for us to devote our resources to the betterment of the Fraternity. Knowing what we can do when we all work together, we must enthusiastically continue that incredible commitment and collaboration, from undergraduates to alumni, to reach historic success.



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Save the Date

Founders Day Brunch

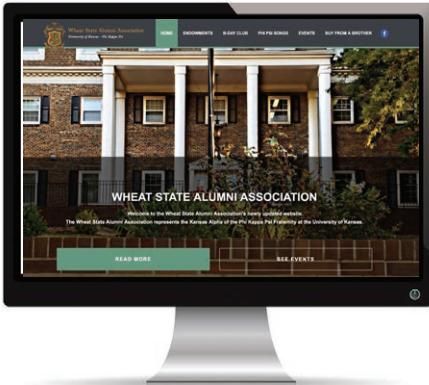
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More details to follow

Reserve Your Parking Spot for Basketball Season

We are pre-selling basketball season parking spots around the circle in front of the Chapter House. If you are interested, please contact Adam Dolski '03 at adamdolski@hotmail.com and/or send payment of \$300 per parking spot to Phi Kappa Psi Kansas Alpha Endowment Association, c/o Adam Dolski, 5942 Buena Vista, Fairway, KS 66205.

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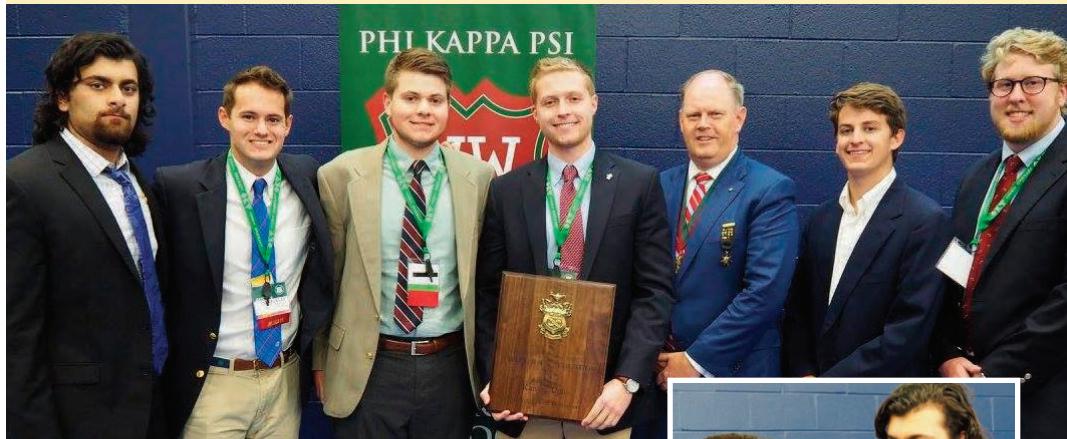
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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Kansas, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

A FINE SHOWING AT WWLS 2017

Kansas Alpha Is Recognized as the Best Chapter in the District

This summer, Phi Kappa Psi met in Indianapolis, Ind., for the Woodrow Wilson Leadership School and Kansas Alpha did not leave disappointed. The Chapter was one of only three chapters nationally to be accredited with distinction. The Chapter was also presented the award for Best Chapter in the District. Brother **Robin Bajpai '17** was elected to serve as the District Archon, shortly after being named KU's IFC New Member of the Year. The beginning of the new school year brings high expectations and Kansas Alpha's commitment to excellence brings out the best in the Chapter.



Brothers of Kansas Alpha receive an award from National President James Boyle, Washington Alpha '88, one of three chapters to be accredited with distinction. From left to right: Robin Bajpai '17, Austin Shockley '16, Jacob Ferris '15, Nick Love '15, James Boyle, Ethan Peters '17, and Nick Vance '17. (Right) Brother Robin Bajpai '17 receives his Archon pin from the former District V Archon.