

# The Phi Psi Rag



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

## Ensuring Phi Psi Is the Best Fraternity on the Hill Alumni Support Needed to Continue Our Legacy

It is a pleasure to once again write to the loyal and generous alumni of Phi Kappa Psi in order to share news of the Chapter. This issue of *The Rag* welcomes a new group of outstanding young men entering their freshman year on The Hill. Hopefully, you will recognize some of their names listed here and personally welcome them when visiting the Chapter. The rush chairmen and House Corporation have been diligent in recruiting those who fit the character mold of Phi Psi and individuals who will make the Chapter proud as future alumni. Our competition for seeking the best freshman class is extreme and time constrained. We appreciate all who have endeavored to refer high school seniors to our chairmen in hopes they will meet the criteria set by the Chapter. Please, keep doing so! Chapter President **Dan Zima's '13** article on page 4 will recap more on the state of the Chapter.

Your Kansas Alpha Phi Kappa Psi Endowment Association Board has been busy working side by side with the House Corporation in establishing new goals for the upcoming year. We support their programs that are designed to increase awareness through new members, new scholarships, and challenging issues that annually face the Greek fraternity system as

a whole. House Corporation President **Nick Reddell '00** has been aggressive in improving alumni interaction with the undergraduates through their mentoring program. Conversely, your Endowment Association has challenged the Chapter for improved grades, and the results for both have been a huge success! The Chapter saw its best GPA in a number of years this past spring. We congratulate Nick and the House Corporation for their valuable time and steering the Chapter in a great direction!

In June, we said a bittersweet goodbye to Esther Wolfe, who decided to retire this past spring. Yet, we are excited for her next adventure in life! She leaves a lasting legacy of young men who adore her. We will truly miss her. Please, reach out to her when you can. Her address is included in the article below.

Sadly, one of our longtime Endowment Association and original Bill Johnson Birthday Club members, **Jim Aust '64**, passed away. Jim was a man whose presence was known in any room he entered and a man who touched the hearts of so very many. His passion for Phi Psi exceeded all boundaries. His voice may be silenced, but his vision and spirit will never be forgotten.

If not for the boundless energy of the men, and women, referenced in this newsletter, this Chapter would not be the great Fraternity it is. It is rewarding, inspiring, and sometimes difficult to manage all of the moving pieces, and it is certainly interesting. If not for your continued generosity, this Chapter might be on a different path. In 1991, our Brothers opened up and supported the call for a renovation that would carry the house into the 21st century. That was 25 years at 90 active men per annum. If we are to remain the proud flagship of Phi Kappa Psi, that call is echoing again. As others did before us, we are determined to pave the way for another generation of KU Phi Psis. It is who we are and what we do. I trust you will answer my call.

**If you have supported the Chapter in the past, we ask again for your help. If you have not, please reconsider, making your name heard along with all those who have gone before you in creating the best Fraternity on The Hill. Thank you!**

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## House Corporation Completes Dining Room, Housemother Suite Renovations

I hope that you all have had a great summer. Chapter members have moved back into the Chapter House for the fall semester, and I write to provide you with a recap of Kansas Alpha's recent accomplishments, as well as a preview of the Chapter's plans for the 2016-17 school year.

We have completed almost all of the updates in the dining room, and the changes look great. We also updated the housemother's suite this summer, which were the first renovations to this part of the house in 18 years. We are looking to do a much more comprehensive renovation next summer, as the house has been maintained well but has not been updated since 1996. We are to the point of losing out on prospective members in recruitment due to our house being behind our peers. As you know, this is not a problem we have ever faced before—we usually beat out other chapters based upon our facilities. The Housing Corporation and Endowment Association have met and agreed on the framework for a campaign, and will be reaching out to alumni soon.

We were sad to say goodbye to beloved housemother Esther Wolfe due to her retirement, but are of course very happy for her as well. Thank you to those who came to Mom Wolfe's retirement party at the Chapter House. The turnout was impressive, and it was great to see so many brothers we had lost touch with over the years. **For those wanting to stay connected to Mom Wolfe, please send her a letter to 646 Indiana St., Lawrence, KS 66044.** We are pleased to welcome our newly hired housemother, Kaye Page, who began transitioning into the role on June 1. Kaye has substantial work experience as an executive assistant to CEOs of large companies and is very enthusiastic about this new opportunity. If you are near the Chapter House this year, please stop by and tell Mom Page hello.

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There are three events coming up this year that I would ask you to put on your radar, as we are hoping for high alumni turnouts for each of the three, with more precise scheduling information to follow:

1. The alumni golf tournament, which will be hosted again next summer. We had 76 alumni participate in the 2016 tournament and are hoping to increase this number to 144 next year. As you know, we always have a great time at this event.
2. We will once again have a Kansas Alpha tent on the Hill for all home football games. All alumni and families are welcome—please join us! In addition, we will have a more organized social event scheduled around a football or basketball game during the fall semester.
3. We will be having a Sunday brunch at the Chapter House to celebrate Founders Day in February. Again, date and time are TBA.

Lastly, we will again have an alumni mentor program this school year for the undergraduate members and are looking for alumni willing to go to dinner in the Lawrence or KC areas with a group of four to five members and speak about your professions. The dinner is paid for by the House Corporation. Again, please e-mail me if you're willing to assist.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about the Chapter. We thank you for your continued interest and support, and hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Amici,  
**Nick Reddell '00**  
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## Kansas Alpha Welcomes Kaye Page as New Housemother



**K**aye Page joins Kansas Alpha from Kansas City, where she has lived most of her life. Born on the Missouri side of state line, she has spent most of her life in Kansas. Kaye has spent the last 30 years working as the executive administrator to the CEO of Aventis Pharmaceuticals, then at Applebee's International. She is the mother of one son and a new grandmother of a baby boy born in September 2015. Never would she have thought she would become a housemother of a fraternity! However, she has always loved Lawrence and the University of Kansas. Kaye looks forward to stepping out of the large corporate world, and she believes she will be able to apply her many communication and organizational skills as she transitions to Phi Psi. She looks forward to helping young men mature into successful adults. She is thankful for the opportunity to join Kansas Alpha and hopes you will stop by to meet her when visiting campus or the Chapter House.

## MAKING YOUR MARK ON OUR HALLS Alumni Contributions Help Kansas Alpha Achieve More

**L**oyal Brothers, thank you for your generous contributions to Kansas Alpha's annual campaign. Your commitment helps maintain our Chapter House and provides scholastic opportunities for our undergraduate Brothers. Thank you—your assistance is vital to our success!

Alumni who have given so far in 2016 are listed by initiation year under their appropriate giving levels. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or improperly listed, we sincerely apologize. Please let us know by sending corrections to the Kansas Alpha Endowment Association, Phi Kappa Psi, P.O. Box 7028, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207.

**Jefferson**  
*(\$1,000 and above)*  
Michael S. Mitchell '66

**In the Bond**  
*(\$500 to \$999)*  
Donald L. Dunaway '56  
Michael S. Johnson '61

**Loyalty**  
*(\$100 to \$499)*  
David N. Grimes '47  
Richard D. Mercer '50  
Fred A. Dunmire '52  
Robert C. Anderson '53  
Gary L. Russell '55  
Charles L. Broadwell '56  
Bill J. Swartz '56  
Cornelius Boersma III '57  
Hon. Lawrence E. Sheppard '60  
James T. Jennings III '61  
Ralph L. Schmidt '61  
Thomas E. Ruzicka '63  
G. Thomas Spink Jr. '65

Craig V. Wilson '67  
L. Larkin Billick Jr. '68  
Craig Anderson '69  
John L. Brown '69  
Skip Jackson '72  
Thomas C. Sizemore '77  
David T. Gillenwater, M.D. '79  
D. Scott Brown '80  
Timothy W. Cadden '80  
Charles D. Jenks '83  
Thomas A. Miller '83  
Matthew L. Serrano '86  
Michael W. Haws '87  
Jeffrey G. Maher '87  
Bradley W. Slaughter '89  
Nicholas F. Fanelli '98  
Steve S. Kullberg '98  
Jewett H. Ferguson '99  
Joel A. Dreiling '03

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*(Up to \$99)*  
William C. Bolin Sr. '46  
Gary M. Jones, M.D. '59

## Join Our Social Circle

-  **Alumni Website**  
[www.wheatstatealumni.com](http://www.wheatstatealumni.com)
-  **Alumni Facebook**  
Kansas Alpha Phi Kappa Psi Alumni
-  **Chapter Website**  
[www.kuphipsi.com](http://www.kuphipsi.com)
-  **Chapter Facebook**  
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-  **Chapter Twitter**  
[@PhiPsiKansas](https://twitter.com/PhiPsiKansas)



**Left:** Kansas Alpha bids farewell to Esther Wolfe as she retires after 18 years as housemother. **Center:** Cole Baber '15 with his parents after receiving the E. William Johnson Scholarship Award for Service. **Right:** Patty Johnson and her son, Bill Jr., award Cole Baber '15 the E. William Johnson Scholarship Award for Service, named after her late husband.

## E. William Johnson Scholarship Awarded at Annual Founders Day Celebration

More than 60 alumni and undergraduates attended the Wheat State Founders Day brunch at the Kansas Alpha Chapter House on Sunday, February 28. The event was a great time to get together and enjoy our Phi Psi brotherhood. Reports were provided for the Alumni Association, the upcoming annual golf tournament, the Chapter, the Kansas Alpha Endowment Fund, and the national organization.

At the event, **Cole Baber '15** received the E. William Johnson Scholarship Award for Service. Bill Johnson, also known as BJ, was

a lifelong and dedicated member of the Kansas Alpha House Corporation and a true visionary and leader of our Fraternity values. BJ opened every meeting by reading the Phi Kappa Psi Creed, and he truly believed "Phi Kappa Psi is a brotherhood of honorable men, courteous and cultured, who pledge throughout their lives to be generous, compassionate, and loyal comrades."

After Brother Johnson entered Chapter Eternal, his friends and fellow brothers, **August J. LaRocca '63** and **James A. Aust '64**, led the charge to establish the scholarship in his name.

As a special acknowledgement, BJ's wife, Patty, and son, Bill Jr., were guests of the Fraternity and spoke about what the scholarship means to their family and to BJ's eternal memory. Scholarship winner Brother Baber and his parents attended the event and received the merit-based gift. We thank all those involved in the creation and sustainability of this gift for many years to come.

The 2017 Founders Day brunch will be Sunday, February 19. Please circle the date on your calendar.

## Alumni Golf Tournament Draws Record-Breaking Crowd Undergraduate Team Wins 2016 Kansas Alpha Cup



*Mike Roznowski '97 wins the prize for longest drive.*



*Jeff Jones '73 wins the closest to the pin prize.*

A new high of 77 golfers teed up at the 2016 Kansas Alpha Phi Psi Reunion Cup on July 23 at Prairie Highlands Golf Course in Olathe, Kansas. Alumni from California to Florida returned to participate in the event, which was followed by a barbecue meal at the course.

This year, a team of undergraduates won the cup with a score of 54 on the par 72 course. Congratulations to **Palmer Harrison '13**, **Cole Stelzer '16**, **Austin Shockley '16**, and **Carter Mayberry '16** on the performance. In a scorecard playoff, second place went to the team of **Greg Smith '69**, **George Kerdolff '74**, **Jeff Jones '73**, and **Skip Jackson '72**. Third place went to **Paul Cohen '01**, **Rudy Maki '01**, **Adam Hensley '01**, and **Andrew Kasselmann '02**. Proxy prizes went to **Jeff Jones '73** for closest to the pin, **Mike Roznowski '97** for longest drive, and **Pete Kovich '69** for the longest putt.

A record number of hole sponsors helped raise more \$1,300 for the Kansas Alpha Endowment Association. The Wheat State Alumni Association benefitted from a new sponsor of the tournament, Dixon Golf, which had two hole contests on the course. Nearly \$500 will be returned to Wheat State for the players who donated to participate in those contests.

Finally, a huge thank-you to **Matt Serrano '86**, who owns Park Plaza Liquor, for helping secure all of the beer, which was donated by Crawford. We hope to continue to grow this event, and it appears our first year hosting it in Kansas City was a success! To receive our e-mail invitations, please contact me using the information below.

In the Bond,  
**Jeff Maher '87** / jeffmaher@aol.com / (913) 530-8498



*Jesse Wilkins '15, Nathan Guthrie '15, Jacob Ferris '15, Nick Love '15, and Mitch Wade '15 attend the 78th Grand Arch Council.*

## Kansas Alpha Accepts Amici Award at 78th GAC

I'm happy to report another successful year for Kansas Alpha and to announce a big change for the coming school year. This past semester, we were successful academically, with a 3.13 GPA as a Chapter, which is one of the strongest GPAs we've recorded in a spring semester. On top of that, we led all fraternities across campus in community service. All Brothers participated in the university's Big Event, where members spent the day at various houses, parks, and schools assisting individuals across the Lawrence community. We are very proud of these achievements and look forward to our continuous improvement.

I also want to recognize Chapter Vice President **Jacob Ferris '15** for his outstanding work on Phi Kappa Psi's newest scholarship, the Phog Allen Scholarship. During spring break, Brother Ferris attended Phi Psi's American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas and returned with the idea of starting this scholarship, which rewards incoming freshmen who demonstrate academic competence and a desire to serve their communities. You can view more information on the Phog Allen Scholarship on our newly updated website, kuphipsi.com.

In June, Phi Psis from all over the nation congregated in New York City for the 78th Grand Arch Council. National President **Scott Noble, Texas '81** rolled out the red carpet and hosted the opening ceremonies on the U.S. Navy's USS Intrepid aircraft carrier. During GAC, Kansas Alpha received two

notable awards: one as a Chapter and one awarded to a distinguished alumnus within our organization. As a Chapter, we received the Amici Award, which recognizes the top Chapter in each district. This award is given from each district's Educational Leadership Consultant. **John Ziegelmeyer '70** also received the Phi Kappa Psi Medal of Honor, which is arguably the most prestigious individual award. This honor is awarded at the sole discretion of the Fraternity's national president to an individual who truly embodies the values of Phi Kappa Psi and has demonstrated a commitment above and beyond that which is called. Congratulations, Brother Ziegelmeyer!

On a final note, we appreciate all of the alumni recommendations we received this past year for recruitment. The incoming pledge class of 34 consists of several referrals and legacies, and we couldn't be more grateful for everyone passing along names. If you have any referrals for this coming year for guys who would be a good fit, please contact the 2016-17 Rush Chairmen: **Jonathan Shull '16** at [jdshull13@gmail.com](mailto:jdshull13@gmail.com), **Brad Glass '16** at [bbglass12@gmail.com](mailto:bbglass12@gmail.com), and **Weston Hack '16** at [westonhack18@yahoo.com](mailto:westonhack18@yahoo.com). As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Fraternally,  
**Dan Zima '13**  
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*Jared Beauchamp '15, Jacob Ferris '15, Matt Hagge '15, Carson Jones '15, Charlie Greene '15, Nathan Guthrie '15, and Will Belliel '15 attend Phi Psi's American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas.*



*Mitch Wade '15, Jacob Ferris '15, Jesse Wilkins '15, and Nick Love '15 tour New York City after Phi Psi's 78th GAC.*

# 34 New Members, Six Legacies, a Lifetime of Brotherhood

## Welcome, Members of the 2016 Pledge Class

**Lucas Adel\***  
*Prairie Village, Kan.*

**Joey Gould**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Mark Mcloskey**  
*Novato, Calif.*

**Drew Thomas**  
*Overland Park, Kan.*

**Will Arnold**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Jay Guastello**  
*Prairie Village, Kan.*

**Max Montgomery**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Jack Treas\***  
*Lake Quivira, Kan.*

**Robin Bagpai**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Jared Gustafson\***  
*Omaha, Neb.*

**Chris Morris**  
*Overland Park, Kan.*

**Nick Vance\***  
*Lenexa, Kan.*

**Thad Blevins**  
*Shawnee, Kan.*

**Karrington  
Kennison**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Matthew Navickas**  
*Overland Park, Kan.*

**Clayton Vlach**  
*Shawnee, Kan.*

**Max Brown**  
*Emporia, Kan.*

**Luke Koeppen**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Justin Paden**  
*Overland Park, Kan.*

**Zach Wagner**  
*Shawnee, Kan.*

**Brendan Clark**  
*Highlands Ranch, Colo.*

**Nick Kupets**  
*Deerfield, Ill.*

**Ethan Peters**  
*Shawnee, Kan.*

**Bennett Walleck\***  
*Allison Park, Pa.*

**Trevor Cox**  
*Lenexa, Kan.*

**Jake Mankin**  
*Overland Park, Kan.*

**Henry Smith**  
*Omaha, Neb.*

**Nick Zinn**  
*Olathe, Kan.*

**Alex DeBay**  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Thomas Mavec\***  
*Leawood, Kan.*

**Anthony Sok**  
*Overland Park, Kan.*

*\*Legacy*

**Dexter Durbin**  
*Prairie Village, Kan.*

**Kevin McDonnell**  
*Olathe, Kan.*

**Matthew Sposari**  
*Burien, Wash.*

## Chapter Eternal

**James A. Aust '64** entered Chapter Eternal on May 7. He was a lifelong leader and fundraiser for Phi Kappa Psi. During his 31 years in advertising, he developed a nationally renowned reputation in agricultural marketing under the close mentorship of agency owner Jim Barickman. Entrepreneurial to the core, at 40 Jim launched Charter Marketing Group, where he tripled revenues for several national accounts. He retired in 2000 and loved his family and friends fiercely.

## 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](mailto:adamdolski@hotmail.com) and/or send payment of \$250 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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**Read about the Kansas Alpha Cup on page 3!**



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