

Alpha Phi Delta

Newsletter of Alpha Phi Delta at the University of Kentucky

July 13, 2022

Remarks from the #1: Back to Normal



Friends and Families of Chi Psi,

With the return of normal operations this past academic year, our Brothers were finally able to cure their hunger for in-person events, face to face recruitment, and a vivacious campus community.

In the Fall, we were immensely successful with recruitment, welcoming in 19 new members, our largest Pledge Class to date. We also proudly debuted our recently acquired Lodge at the Alpha Phi Delta Lodge Opening Ceremony. The event welcomed Brothers from around the

nation who made their way to Lexington to celebrate such an outstanding addition to our Alpha. Adding on, we hosted our first ever Family Weekend event where we treated over 100 Parents and family members to a weekend of reunion and cheering on the Cats at the UK vs UT Chattanooga Football game.

The Spring was a semester like no other. We are ecstatic to have been selected for a litany of awards including: Outstanding Academic Excellence, Outstanding Member Wellness, Outstanding Chapter Growth, and the Top GPA Award from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Additionally, we kickstarted our philanthropic involvement this year by pairing with Sigma Chi to host the first-ever Walk in Her Shoes Philanthropy event to support The Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center.

For this summer, Lodge renovations continue, Summer Recruitment is well underway, and we are looking forward to the upcoming 181st National Convention in Lubbock, Texas, a time to meet new Brothers, expand our knowledge, and participate in a unique Chi Psi tradition. All in all, this past year has been extremely successful for us, and we can't wait to see what the future holds in the upcoming year.

Regan Smith, '23

ΦΔ Executive Board

#1, President:

Regan Smith, '23

#2, Internal Vice President:

William Hardy, '24

#3, External Vice President:

Isaac Sutherland, '24

#4, Treasurer:

Ethan Atwell, '25

#5, Sergeant-at-Arms:

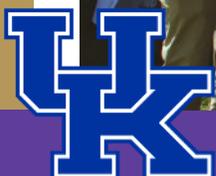
Hunter Groves, '23

#33, Recruitment Chair:

Mathew Soller, '24

Secretary:

Colin Carver, '24



Thank You for a Great Year, Parents!

By Colin Carver, '24

We would like to extend our gratitude to the parents of Alpha Phi Delta both for the pivotal role they play in our Brothers' lives as well as the generous continued support for our fraternity. It has been our pleasure to welcome those parents who are new to Greek Life, and those with storied Greek experiences.

Last Fall, we hosted our first-ever large scale Parent event during the University's Family Weekend which was centered around the Kentucky versus Tennessee at Chattanooga football game. This event included a watch party at our Lodge where we welcomed over 100 parents and family members to our new home. We hosted short Lodge tours, catered food from a local venue, and sold our custom Fall 2021 parent weekend shirts during the event. At its conclusion, our first ever Family Weekend was a massive success and was the largest event our Alpha had ever hosted.

The success of our fall parent's weekend was trumped by our first-ever Parent/Alumni Keeneland Tailgate this Spring. The tailgate featured catered food, enough event space for 150 guests provided by our new friends at RevelXP, and a crystal clear, warm Kentucky afternoon; it was the perfect recipe for parents and family members to get to know their son's fellow Brothers, their respective families, and even Phi Delta Alumni who attend the event.

We would like to continue to build upon our relations with the families of Alpha Phi Delta by extending a warm welcome to our Fall parent's weekend on September 24th, 2022. Join us for some great food and conversations as the Wildcat's face off against the Northern Illinois Huskies. We would also like to invite you to take a tour of the new Lodge renovations that are taking place this summer. Once again we would like to personally thank all of our parents for their continued support of both our Brothers and Alpha as a whole. We hope to see you this Fall!



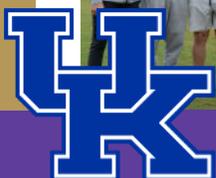
Owen Gilligan, '23, and family members pose for a photo outside of the Phi Delta Lodge during our first ever Family Weekend event.



Phi Delta Brothers and Alumni stand outside for a picture during our Lodge Opening Ceremony.



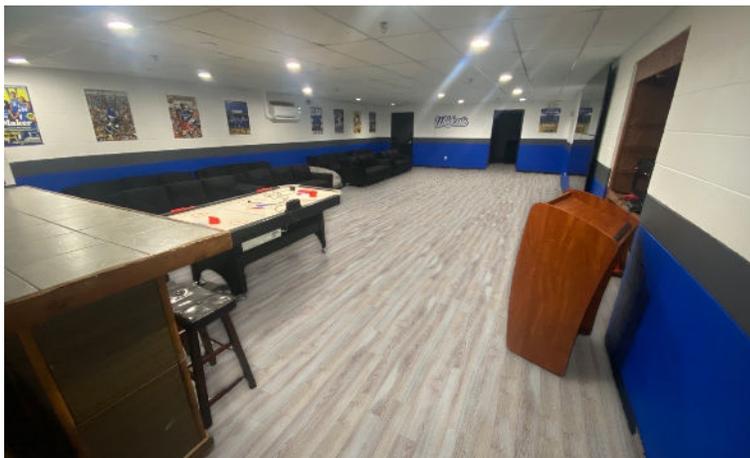
Brothers of Phi Delta and their mothers pose for a photo at our Keeneland Parent & Alumni Tailgate.



Renovations Continue as 25 Brothers Move Into the Lodge

By Isaac Sutherland, '24

As we look forward to another year in our new home, we welcome twenty-five Brothers to the Lodge. With the increase in occupants, we have been working tirelessly to improve the amenities and quality of the Lodge and its surrounding property just like last summer. **Our upcoming renovation schedule requires us to raise \$5,500 to cover all material costs.** Please consider donating to our Lodge Fund or donating items off one of our registries below.



Digital rendering of the Phi Delta Lodge shows new flooring plans.

These improvements include:

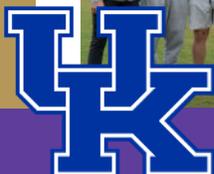
- Installing new flooring in the basement
- Improving residential bathrooms with new lighting and ventilation systems
- Installing kitchenettes on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building to allow Brothers to prepare food and cook on their own
- Increasing storage options for residents with the installation of new closets
- Enhancement of our Study Room and Dinning Room with new paint, educational displays, furniture and more
- Improvements to our commercial kitchen as to allow our new in-house catering staff to cook and store food safely

PLEASE SEND ALL ITEM DONATIONS TO: 364 AYLESFORD PLACE, LEXINGTON KY 40508

Donate Here to Support our Lodge Renovation Plans

[Donate Here](#)

In addition you can check out our Home Depot and Amazon registries below



Continuing our Academic Success

By Tucker Lloyd, '24

Entering the Fall semester this past year, many of our Brothers were unsure of how a return to mostly in-person classes would affect their grades and GPAs, especially as many of our younger Brothers had not sat in a real college classroom before. Looking back now, the Alpha was not phased at all. We again finished second on campus with a 3.39 cumulative GPA amongst all Brothers.

This past Spring, our Brothers excelled once again rising to a 3.41 cumulative GPA. This success propelled us to be awarded the Outstanding Academic Excellence & Top GPA Award by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Time and time again, our guys have stepped up to the plate and knocked school workout of the park. We look forward to the upcoming semester as we continue to support Brothers in both their day to day lives and their academic careers.



Brother Regan Smith, '23, #1, after receiving awards given at the Fraternity and Sorority Life 2022 Awards Ceremony.

First Annual Chi Psi Walk In Her Shoes

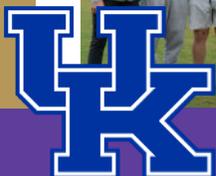
By Jon Reynolds, '24

After nearly three years since our last in-person philanthropy event, Chi Psi at the University of Kentucky was able to host the inaugural Walk in Her Shoes. The Walk in Her Shoes was a collaborative philanthropy event hosted by Chi Psi and Sigma Chi to raise money and awareness for the Ampersand Sexual Violence Center of the Bluegrass: a solely public donation center that focuses on the protection and care of victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse.

Twelve teams competed in a 100 meter relay race in high heels, all with hopes of taking home the golden heel and a donation to the charity of their choosing. With over 200 spectators and over \$2500 raised, we were ecstatic to see the campus community come together to support such a great cause. Special thanks to Brother Mathew Soller, '24, for his work in planning and executing a phenomenal event. We look forward to working with Sigma Chi to host this event again the future!



Brothers (left to right) Nathan Atkins, '23, Andrew Olivera, '24, Justin Frank, '23, and Tommy Baird, '24, pose for a picture at the conclusion of the First Annual Chi Psi/Sigma Chi Walk in Her Shoes on April 28, 2022.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Luke Karem, '25



On the day I signed my bid with Chi Psi, I did not know a single member of the nineteen people in my New Member Class and had no idea what to expect from my New Member Education. Eight weeks later, I had 19 new Brothers and had learned more than I had ever expected. Under the guidance of our new member educator, Brother Owen Gilligan, '23, my class and I met every week to learn and discuss Chi Psi's history and the lessons to be learned from its stories. We learned of Brothers who were loyal to each other even on opposite sides of war, Brothers who dedicated their lives to the betterment of the next generation of the Fraternity, and even Brothers who gave their lives to protect their fellow Chi Psi men. These stories deepened my understanding of fraternity and taught me how to better empathize with those around me. They taught me to hold my Brothers above all else and that, if nothing else, I would always have my fellow Chi Psi men at my back supporting me wherever my life went.

This education did not stop with these lessons, however. Every moment spent with the Fraternity, from casual gatherings in the Lodge to weekly Alpha Meetings, taught me something new. Observing Brothers in Executive positions taught me how to be a better, more understanding leader, studying with Brothers helped me become a better collaborator, and working around the Lodge taught me life skills like how to properly paint a wall or repair a driveway. In addition to these lessons, I formed deep and meaningful relationships. These relationships were not only with members of my own class, but with everyone, regardless of age, grade, or position. While a new member, I formed friendships that I am certain will continue for the rest of my life.

My time as a new member of Chi Psi has had a deep impact on me that will continue to resonate for years to come. I am deeply grateful for my Brothers and the experiences Chi Psi has allowed me to have. While I am no longer a new member, I continue to constantly learn more and more because of my fraternity. I look forward to helping make new member education just as impactful for classes to come and welcoming more Chi Psi men into the bonds of fraternity.

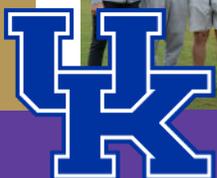
Phi Delta Connects with U. Michigan Colony at Homecoming

By Matthew Soller, '24

Visiting the Michigan Colony was a great experience and showed me what a more developed alumni base could turn into. It also reinforced our mission to continue growing our alumni network in hopes of cultivating a community of gentlemen that transcends generations. I loved getting to tour the historic Lodge, build a strong relationship with the new Colony members, and spend time with national alumni. Each person was excited to get to know the Phi Delta Brothers and were more than elated to show us around the town of Ann Arbor. We are very excited to see them succeed and gain back their Charter.



Brothers (from left to right) Brad McCormick, '24, William Hardy, '24, Adler Rosenberger, '19, Jake Cole, '24, Matthew Soller, '24, Nate Pittman, '21, Alex Chaney, '24, and Isaac Sutherland, '24, at Alpha Epsilon in Michigan.



NIC ALUMNUS HONOR OF DISTINCTION WINNER

Dr. Michael Gustafson, ΣΔ '93, ΦΔ '21

By Isaac Sutherland, '24

This past month, Alpha Phi Delta alumnus Dr. Michael Gustafson, ΣΔ '93, ΦΔ '21, was awarded the North America Interfraternity Conference Alumnus Honor of Distinction. This award, given to only one fraternity alumnus a year, recognizes individuals who have shown a fervent support of their fraternity as an alumnus. We have been fortunate to collaborate with Brother Gustafson ("Dr. G") on numerous occasions throughout the development of our Alpha. We can attest firsthand to his unfettered dedication to Chi Psi and its members. Chi Psi would not be the same without him. Congratulations Dr. Gustafson!



Read below why the NIC chose Dr G. for one of their most prestigious awards:

"Dr. Michael R. Gustafson II is a staunch advocate for advancing fraternity; he creates positive change, supports fraternal values and provides extraordinary service to Chi Psi on a daily basis. And although he did not have a traditional undergraduate fraternity experience, as he was initiated as an alumnus, he has displayed true dedication to and love for Chi Psi's ritual and traditions. Dr. Gustafson is eager and willing to volunteer as an alumnus to make a serious difference in the lives of many young members of Chi Psi, especially as he works closely with the Chi Psi Alpha (chapter) at Duke University. Whether as a sitting member of the Chi Psi Executive Council, a facilitator for programming at the Mid-Year Leadership Retreat and Annual Convention or as a traveling advisor to regional Alphas in need of essential program facilitation, he has made himself into one of the most important advisors and alumni in Chi Psi's modern history."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Danh Tran, '19

By Bilal Shalash, '19



Alpha Phi Delta would not be where it is today without the leadership of Danh Tran, ΦΔ '19. As our founding #1, Danh was tasked with creating a Colony of Chi Psi as a freshman alongside an Executive Board also comprised of all freshmen. He served as #1 for 2.5 years. Soon after his tenure ended, Danh began working as a Medical Scribe to get his foot in the door with local hospitals and pursuing his passion of studying medicine.

While an undergraduate, Danh won 2 Chi Psi Educational Trust scholarships and another fellowship as a medical student. He is now entering his 4th and final year of medical school at the University of Louisville. He's currently applying to Emergency Medicine residency programs around the country.

Outside of Chi Psi, Danh participated in DanceBlue for 3 years and competed on American Ninja Warrior in 2019.

He is proud of where the Alpha is today and looks forward to seeing what the Active Brothers take on next!



Brothers' campus involvements and positions

We encourage all of our Brothers to get involved not only in our Alpha but also in different organizations around campus. Check out these involvements below!

- Leks Acosta, '24:** Intramural Chair, Christian Student Fellowship, Campus Recreation and Wellness Supervisor
Matt Allison, '24: Professional Development Chair, Interfraternity Council VP of Scholarship, Newman Center, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Lewis Honors College
Ethan Atwell, '25: Treasurer, Christian Student Fellowship, Ping Pong Club
Tommy Baird, '24: Club Lacrosse, Campus Outreach Team
Matt Bartholomai, '24: Alpha Editor, DanceBlue Video Coordinator, Newman Center
Drew Beecham, '23: Interfraternity Council President, Phi Beta Kappa, Student Association for Peace Studies
Masen Bryan, '22: UK Dining Ambassador
Colin Carver, '24: Secretary, Wildcat Records President, Christian Student Fellowship, Student Government Association
Alex Chaney, '24: Judicial Board Chairmen, Interfraternity Council Judicial Board Member, Student Government Association Senator
Jake Cole, '24: Brotherhood Chair, Society of Mining Engineers, Mining Rescue Team
Daniel Cosoreanu, '25: Ping Pong Club
Adam Creehan, '24: Risk Manager, KHP Club
Euan Dunn, '24: Social Chair, UCF Bible Study, CRU, Turning Point USA
Micah Ehrman, '22: Lodge Manager, Senior at Large, American Society of Mechanical Engineers President
Owen Gilligan, '23: Pursuit Facilitator
Noah Grebe, '25: UK Athletics Ambassador
Hunter Groves, '25: Sergeant at Arms
William Hardy, '24: Internal Vice President, Lewis Honors College, SEAM
Rafe Hemmerlein, '25: Christian Student Fellowship, DanceBlue
Luke Karem, '25: Mental Health Chair, Student Public Health Association
Tucker Lloyd, '24: Scholarship Chair, KHP Club
Nathan Lockhart, '22: KHP Club
Brad McCormick, '24: Accounting Club, Finance Society
John-Michael Morrison, '25: American Institute for Architecture Students Social Chair, Residence Hall Association, UK Men's Lacrosse Club Team, DanceBlue
Ryan Pardo, '24: Apparel Chair
Grant Pride, '22: Social Enterprise Pathway Member
Alberto Ramos, '24: Engineers Without Borders, American Society of Civil Engineers
Jonathan Reynolds, '24: Philanthropy Chair, Interfraternity Council VP of Leadership and Development, DanceBlue Morale Committee
Pablo Sakaguchi, '23: Social Chair, UK Dining Ambassador
Brandon Sarrett, '22: American Institute of Architecture Students VP
Derek Schreiner, '24: Service Chair, Interfraternity Council VP of Operations
Regan Smith, '23: President
Matthew Soller, '24: Recruitment Chair, American Marketing Association
Isaac Sutherland, '24: External Vice President, UKSGA Director of Government Relations & Civic Engagement, DanceBlue Morale Committee, CSF Greek Team Leadership
Adam Swofford, '24: Phi Delta Epsilon Medial Fraternity
Will Towles, '22: DanceBlue
Cameron Tvrdik, '24: UK Club Swimming VP, Tau Beta Pi Honors Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Jack Weaver, '24: Alpha Editor, Managing Editor and Photo Editor for Kentucky Kernel, Cru
Cliff York, '22: DanceBlue Mini Marathon Chair

