



MANY HANDS, ONE PLATFORM

New Online Service Center to Connect Members

By: **Stephen Ehrfurth**, *Minnesota 2006* & **Robert Gilbert**, *Washington 1981*



Contact the leadership of any member based organization and they'll tell you that one of the most important tools for successful management is detailed record keeping and efficient member data management. While it might not be the most glamorous topic, member data is critical and relates to so many elements of our operations from print and email communication to fundraising. Thanks to the generous support and talent of our long-time tech guru Andrew Burton, K 2000, MIN 2001 as well as other key volunteers and staff, the Board of Governors made the decisions to leave the dark ages and enter the 21st Century by forming a long-term partnership with OmegaFi - a Georgia-based tech financial company that works exclusively with Greek organizations.

Alpha Delta Phi is now proud to offer the largest operations overhaul in our history by giving all members the ability to access and make changes to their

member record online at any time via a secure portal called Xaipe Connect. Xaipe Connect is tied to each member's affiliated chapter so even after graduation, alumni members will have direct access to contact chapter leadership, view event calendars and search for fellow alumni. This new tool is designed to be a self-serve method to make changes to your address, phone number or email address. For the first time, all members have the ability to add multiple addresses for our alumni who may have seasonal addresses and (for the more tech savvy) all members have the ability to connect social media accounts and upload current resumes from LinkedIn. All of these pieces of data help our headquarters build a more robust database which directly helps our alumni associations contact and keep track of more members.

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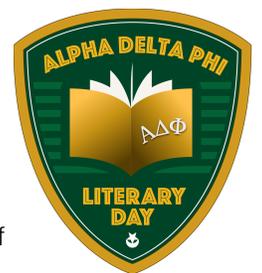
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RECENT UPDATES FROM AROUND ALPHA DELTA PHI

1. FRATERNITY HOSTS FIRST LITERARY DAY

This past October, Alpha Delta Phi hosted its first Annual Literary Day, an event meant to serve as a unified day for chapters and alumni to spend time volunteering for a literary charity, collecting/donating books to a local school or hosting a guest lecture on campus. The hope was that all Alpha Deltas would find a way to use this day to celebrate our heritage as a literary organization. Overall, the first year was a success!

The Minnesota Chapter read the Devil in the White City then hosted a discussion on campus. The Eliot Chapter hosted a discussion with a local author and Union shopped for books to add to their chapter house library. Based on the success of the first year, we can't wait to see what happens next year. ★



2. NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRED

In early April, the Board of Governors hired Steve Ehrfurth, Minnesota 2006, to be the new full-time Executive Director of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. Steve was initiated in 2003 by the Minnesota Chapter at the University of Minnesota where he earned a B.A. in urban geography and political science in 2006. He was hired by the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity in 2006 as a Chapter Service Consultant (CSC). Throughout his two years as a CSC, he visited every chapter multiple times while assisting in the expansions efforts at Brandeis University, Northeastern University and Duke University. He also assisted with the successful chapter restart efforts of Miami University and the University of Washington which were led by local alumni.



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Steve has served as president of the Minnesota Chapter Alumni Association since 2006 and continues to play an active role with Minnesota alumni. He has previously served as treasurer of the Board of Governors and as the chairman of the communications committee and editor of *Xaipe*, the fraternity's biannual newsletter. He also served as chairman of the annual literary competition for the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation (SELEF) for the past eight years.

Steve brings an energetic and committed spirit to our organization's management which will help the headquarters better service our chapters and affiliates. He brings first-hand knowledge of what it's like to be a CSC and how to help chapters succeed which will help successfully manage the CSC staff. He plans to travel to chapters and alumni gatherings to meet and reach out to our members to showcase the good work of the international. ★

3. MARYLAND UNDERGRADUATE RECOGNIZED BY STATE GOVERNOR

This January, Timothy Martin, MD 2017, the current president of the Maryland Chapter, was appointed to serve on Maryland State Commission on Service and Volunteerism by the state's Governor Larry Hogan. Tim has been an avid volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America since he was 6 years old, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He currently volunteers as a scout leader for over 1,800 Boy Scouts in Central Maryland.



As the youngest member of the Commission, Tim will bring a youthful perspective to the group who's mission is to assist local communities by teaching them how to recruit and engage volunteers for various organizations around the state. In an article published by *The*

Diamondback, the University of Maryland's student newspaper, Jeffrey Griffin, the director of the commission said "He is a proven leader...I think he's going to be listened to very carefully."

Tim credits his grandparents for his philanthropic spirit saying "My grandparents raised me the right way. They taught me those ideals, not to be selfish." ★

SEEKING ALPHA DELT AUTHORS

Have you written a book? Do you know other brothers who are authors? We'd like to showcase them in future issues of *Xaipe*. Email authors/books to office@alphadeltaphi.org

ALPHA DELT BOOKSHELF: HAMILTON CHAPTER

Showcasing Our Literary Roots via Alumni Authors



mHealth: Global Opportunities and Challenges

By: William H. Morris, MD
Hamilton 1996
(co-author)

From smartphones and interactive robots, to wireless networks that provide real-time access to clinical and business data, mHealth defines the capacity for mobile technologies to increase the quality of care throughout the world. Morris, associate chief medical information officer at the Cleveland Clinic and a practicing hospitalist in the clinic's Medicine Institute, provides a practical guide for patients and providers by offering examples of mHealth technologies.



Gilmore Car Museum 50th Anniversary Edition

By: David O. Lyon
Hamilton 1959

Beautifully written and designed, this commemorative book "describes evolution from the horseless carriage to Art Deco design, and the paradox of prestigious automobiles in a depression to the charisma of color, chrome and fins of the 1950s." The author, a vintage car enthusiast and owner of a 1912 Buick is professor emeritus of psychology at Western Michigan University.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thoughts from the Fraternity President

By: **Stephen W. Starnes**, *Hamilton 1980*

In today's world, we are too often reminded about the inappropriate and (sometimes) disgusting images in the news coming out of college campuses. However, through all the irresponsible behavior from undergraduates, sexual misconduct at many levels and a downright depressing forecast for the true value of the college experience, Alpha Delta Phi continues to recruit high-quality members who choose to be part of the solution and not add to the problem so we have many reasons to celebrate.



I am very proud to report progress on many fronts. We include in our ranks more active chapters than ever before – 32. Throughout this past year, we have also added three new affiliates which you can read about below.

For the first time in our history, we have a presence in the mountain west region of the country at the University of Colorado-Boulder and the Colorado School of Mines. We were also lucky to find an energetic and dedicated group of men at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

We also introduced our first annual Literary Day this past October with great success. The brainchild of one of our

Chapter Service Consultants, Bobby Lobe, this unified day allows all members a day to celebrate our heritage as a literary organization. Our national philanthropies are also growing as we enter a relationship with Stop Soldier Suicide and VETS Canada. Sadly, these are necessary organizations and we hope that as an organization, Alpha Delta Phi will take a leadership position to work on these, goal oriented, issues which generate impactful/tremendous outcomes for our respective nation's veterans who are returning from war.

It pleases me to bring you good news and to ask for your help in continuing this work. Without dedicated alumni, we wouldn't be able to implement these new programs on such a tight budget. I'm very hopeful that we are on the right track and that we are continuing to grow in a positive manner. Xaipe!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen W. Starnes".

Stephen W. Starnes, HAM '80
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EXPANSION IN THE MOUNTAIN WEST

Three New Affiliates Thrive in Colorado and Nebraska

By: **Robert Lobe**, *Rutgers 2015*

Amid a myriad of increasingly negative news articles and Facebook shares aimed at fraternities, one might expect to see a downward trend in Greek Life membership across the nation. Ironically, the opposite appears to be true. The North-American Interfraternity Conference reports that every year for the past decades, the number of fraternity members has increased an average of 4 percent. Fraternities have not only enjoyed growth in their membership, but also an increase in the number of chapters at universities and colleges across the US and Canada. Alpha Delta Phi is no stranger to this growth.

After adding four new chapters between 2014-2015 (Eliot, Alabama, Maryland, Rutgers), Alpha Delta Phi seemingly hit a lull in expansion opportunities. However, this lull was short-lived and put to an end with the birth of the Rocky Mountain Affiliate at the University of Colorado Boulder.

After transferring to Boulder in the Fall of 2015, Luke Zahorik, a newly-initiated brother from the Alabama Chapter, felt an immense desire to bring the Alpha Delta Phi experience to a campus that sorely lacked fraternities who embodied the values that they supposedly stood for.

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BROTHERS IN ARMS CHALLENGE

22 Day Challenge Raising Awareness for Our Veterans

By: Robert Lobe, Rutgers 2015

We are thrilled to announce the first ever Brother-in-Arms 22 Day Challenge. This challenge is meant to serve as a vehicle for all chapters to help and support our respective nation's veterans recover from mental health issues. Alpha Delta Phi is extremely proud to honor our returning heroes reintegrate into civilian life. Throughout this three week challenge, we chose to support two amazing charities as they work tirelessly to achieve the goal supporting as many veterans as possible. **Our goal is to have chapters raise a combined total of \$30,000 which will provide support for 100 veterans for one year.**

With 35 chapters and affiliates, we believe this goal can be easily accomplished and potentially exceeded. We hope each chapter finds this challenge meaningful while building lasting connections with local veterans and the organizations that aim to support them. Over time, this call to action for our chapters will help establish Alpha Delta Phi as a leader on the issue of veteran care. It is our aim that by having all chapters rally around a single issue, we can make a larger impact in our local communities.



WHY 22 DAYS?

Every day in the United States and Canada, 22 veterans take their own lives. Burdened with the stigma associated with mental health issues and the military "shame" surrounding PTS (Post Traumatic Stress), they turn to suicide as their only option to relieve suffering.

ABOUT STOP SOLIDER SUICIDE

Started in 2010 by Nick Black, JH 2010, Stop Solider Suicide has created a unique national and community-based network of volunteers and partner organizations providing a range of solutions for active-duty Service members, Veterans and family members. They are also one of the leading awareness and outreach charities to change the way the US thinks about mental health care and the stigma of receiving treatment.

ABOUT VETS CANADA

Veterans Emergency Transition Services, VETS Canada, stated in 2010 to help homeless and at-risk veterans reintegrate into civilian life. In 2015, VETS Canada launched its Guitars for Vets program which offers peer support through guitar lessons. ★

HOW THE CHALLENGE WORKS



- **WEEK 1 - APRIL 3-9, 2017**
 - Dedicated to advocacy, awareness and information sharing.
 - Chapters are encouraged to hold events on campus to raise awareness about veterans issues.
 - Events can be co-sponsored by mental health organizations or local veterans and/or ROTC organizations.
- **WEEK 2 - APRIL 10-16, 2017**
 - Dedicated to being active by volunteering in the community with a veterans based charity such as VA hospital or assisted living homes, VFW, Homes for Vets, etc.
 - Chapters are encouraged to show their impact on social media.
- **WEEK 3 - APRIL 17-24, 2017**
 - Focuses on fundraising through large-scale events or crowd-funding type events.
 - Chapters have an online ability to raise funds and compete directly against each other.
 - Overall goal: \$30,000 (roughly \$1,000/chapter)
 - \$30,000 = support for 100 veterans for one year



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ARTICLE

My Experience Incorporating an Alumni Association

By: Daniel Langhorne, *Adelpho 2012*

After being elected vice president of the Adelpho Alumni Association in 2013, I learned my predecessors failed to file the paperwork required to keep our corporation in good standing with the State of California.

My first emotion was panic. I started asking what does this mean for my financial future, considering my social security number was attached to the corporation's bank account?



Shortly after this discovery our president moved out of state and I was left to sort out the mess mostly by myself.

I then realized we needed the help of a good attorney. The Adelpho Alumni Association went on to retain the services of Dawood & Dawood, which specializes in business incorporation and estate planning.

With a small balance remaining from our monthly dues-paying members, the Association spent \$950 for the incorporation fees and to have our attorney's firm registered as the agent.

For the entity address, which is required under California law, I elected to use Chapman University's mailing address.

After exchanging some emails with the university mailroom, I was able to get mail forwarded to the Adelpho Chapter's mailbox in the Student Affairs Department.

It took just over a month for our attorney to receive the necessary paperwork from the California Secretary of State but I couldn't have been prouder the day I picked up our articles of incorporation. They came with a seal press and certificates bearing the name of our organization.

Our organization's short-term goal is to apply to the Internal Revenue Service, California Franchise Tax Board and the U.S. Attorney General's Office for a 501(c)7 status as a tax exempt social club. This will cost us ever more but our Board believes it's the right course to keep tax collectors away and so our members can deduct their member dues on their tax returns.

The long-term goal is to raise enough money to put a down payment on a permanent home for the chapter.

My advice to other chapters considering the formation of an official alumni association is to incorporate and apply for nonprofit status if you can afford it. The key is getting buy-in from your brothers.

If you chapter is looking to start an alumni organization and has questions, contact ddlanghorne@gmail.com. ★

THEY'RE BACK! REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Revitalizing Regional Conferences to Focus on Chapter Operations

After taking a few years off to focus on the annual president's summit, we're bringing regional leadership conferences back! The first conference was held in Baltimore this past October with chapters from the southern and mid-atlantic regions in attendance. Coming in the spring, conferences will be held for the western, midwest and northeastern regions. Each conference focuses on elements of chapter operations such recruitment/new member education, budgeting, literary and philanthropic programming, and risk management. This year's conferences will also feature live webinar training sessions with representatives from OmegaFi so chapters will get the chance to ask questions and participate in hands on learning sessions so they feel comfortable using the new tools and services including Vault and Xaipe Connect. More information will be sent via email. ★



CLASSY CAPITAL CONVENTION

Recap of the 184th Annual Convention in Washington, DC

By: Edward Donahue, Johns Hopkins 1968

On one of the hottest (and most humid) weekends in DC history, Alpha Deltas from the US and Canada converged on Washington DC to celebrate the 184th Annual Convention and Leadership Training Conference. The Convention focused on two core topics - the launch of our new partnership with OmegaFi and smart decision making. The conference opened with speakers from OmegaFi followed by a speaker from Holmes Murphy, the fraternity's liability insurance provider, who discussed the importance of having a risk management plan/strategy at the chapter level. Business on day one concluded with Dr. Jeff Belkora who lead the group in an interactive discussion about decision making and introduced everyone to the Decision SCOPE model. Each participant was asked to work through a difficult decision using this model. Following the business sessions, guests were given a private tour of the National Portrait Gallery.

The Convention concluded on day two with a laundry list of new programs and services that will help our chapters grow and succeed such as redeveloped annual report that our Chapter Services Consultants will use to gauge successes and failures and the Brothers in Arms Challenge (see page 5). After the successful convention meetings, delegates and guests took a sweltering two block walk from the hotel to the University Club for the formal banquet and award ceremony. After dinner, guests enjoyed remarks from the keynote speaker William Reinsch, Johns Hopkins 1968. Brother Reinsch, who was the former president of the council on foreign trade, discussed the current political landscape and the complexities (and comedy) of the recent presidential election in the US.

Upon leaving the nations capital, guests felt well informed and ready for a successful academic year. ★



ABOVE: The Eliot Chapter receiving the Robert G. McKelvey Award for Academic Excellence. From left to right David D'Alessandro, ELT 2015, Alex Ngo, ELT 2019, Stephen Starnes, HAM 1980, and Nathan Gartlan, ELT 2017. Photo: © Roger Deschner, CHI 1977



ABOVE: Timothy Martin, MD 2017 receives the Order of the Sword and Spear from Stephen Starnes, HAM 1980. The Sword and Spear is the highest award given to an undergraduate and the recipient is selected solely on the basis of his personal contribution to his chapter, school, and community. Photo: © Roger Deschner, CHI 1977



184TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AWARDS

E.O. BLACKMAN AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE (BEST CHAPTER)

Washington Chapter

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD

Florida Sate Chapter

ANDREW ONDERDONK AWARD FOR ALUMNI EXCELLENCE (BEST ALUMNI ASSOC.)

Minnesota Chapter

ORDER OF THE SWORD & SPEAR

Timothy Martin, Maryland 2017

ROBERT G. MCKELVEY AWARD (BEST GPA)

Eliot Chapter

PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

Daniel Arnone, Florida State 2017

BEST PHILANTHROPY

Johns Hopkins Chapter

BEST LITERARY PROGRAM

Eliot Chapter

BEST RISK MANAGEMENT

Minnesota Chapter



THE CAPTAIN PASSES

Peter G. Schmidt, Washington 1943

By: Robert Meyers, Washington 1991

Alpha Delta Phi and the Washington Chapter lost a dear friend and loyal brother on February 4, 2016 with the death of Peter G. Schmidt, WASH 1943.

Peter entered the University of Washington to study engineering and joined Alpha Delta Phi. When his engineering studies were interrupted by World War II, he served as a junior officer in the Navy aboard the USS Trinity in the South Pacific. When the war was over, Peter returned to finish his degree at the University of Washington. He married Elva Mary Ingalls who he met at an Alpha Delta Phi dance. Peter went on to attain a Masters Degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan.



In 1953, Peter opened the MARCO Shipyard on Seattle's ship canal. Peter and MARCO revolutionized the world fishing industry utilizing the Puretic Power Block. In the 1970's, MARCO capitalized on the Alaska King Crab boom. Peter and his staff of talented and skilled naval architects designed, and the MARCO shipyard constructed, many Alaska limit seiners. In the late 1970's, MARCO purchased the Campbell Shipyard in San Diego, which had been in operation constructing tuna seiners for nearly 100 years. That tradition continued for several more years while the Company built 250 ft. tuna purse seiners that navigated throughout the high seas.

Peter served on the Alpha Delta Phi International's Board of Governors, served as the Washington Chapter's alumni president multiple times throughout multiple decades, helped the Washington Chapter navigate some troubled waters in the late 1970's and late 1990's, and was meaningfully involved in the Washington Chapter's recent re-colonization effort.

Besides his official leadership roles, Peter was a beloved brother and valued mentor to the Washington undergrads and alumni. He genuinely believed in the Fraternity's ideals and the Washington Chapter's traditional culture of excellence. He lived those ideals and he sought always to perpetuate those ideals and that culture. Anyone who knew Peter became a better man because of him.

In recognition of his service and commitment to the brotherhood, Peter received the Alpha Delta Phi Award, the highest award granted by the fraternity, and the Washington Chapter's highest honor, the Glen H. Southwick Outstanding Alumnus Award. ★

NECROLOGY

Since the publication of our last edition of *Xaipe* we have learned of the death of:

Sheldon Anderson, MIN 1956
James Arrington, PK 1957
Dudley Baker, WMS 1953
Melvin Battles, D 1957
James M. Bierman, MIN 1947
George W. Brewster, N 1954
Frank Brown, Jr., WMS 1940
John S. Calhoun, HAM 1956
Robert Carlson, MIN 1945
Alexander Conn, R 2004
John Craig, Jr., PK 1954
Raymond Croop, COL 1948
Edward Fargo, III., WMS 1955
Ralph Fisher, Jr., CAL 1942
George Geiger, D 1930
John Henderson, MCG 1940
Winston Hindle, Jr., AM 1952



ABOVE: Lauren A. Larsen, MINN 1956

Morgan B. Hodskins, BDN1949
Willbur Johnston, S 1959
Hugh Johnston, II., HAM 1960
Walter Kanwisher, JH 1953
Lauren A. Larsen, MIN 1956
John McGhee, CAL 1952
Edward McGrew, Jr., MID 1959
Marcus Minkler, R 1945
James Mavor, TOR 1984
N. Peter Nieman, D 1957



ABOVE: Alexander J. Conn, R 2004

Walter Plaut, Jr., BDN 1970
Peter G. Schmidt, WASH 1943
A. Bruce Sundberg, MIN 1952
Peter Vivona, R 1966
Jason D. Wolcott, JH 2001



OUR VISIONARY FOR A NEW ERA

Walter C. Kanwisher, Johns Hopkins 1953

By: Donald B. French, Miami 1953

Walter C. Kanwisher, JH '53 passed on in Venice, Florida, June 1, 2015 and was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Ann. He is survived by his five children and nine grandchildren

Walter has left us with a strong and lasting legacy of an active and revitalized Alpha Delta Phi. Walter was appointed Executive Secretary of the Alpha Delta Phi International Fraternity September 15, 1965. His appointment heralded a

“New Era” of change for our Fraternity in many remarkable ways providing him great latitude in how it was to be engineered.



A native of Baltimore, Maryland, he attended Johns Hopkins University from 1949 to 1953 graduating with a degree in Business Administration. He entered the Naval Officer Candidate School and received his Ensign commission in April 1954. During

four years of active duty he served at Pearl Harbor and finally in Washington, DC, in the Naval Plans and Policy Department. In September 1959 Walter was appointed Budget Director of the Community Chest of the Baltimore Area. His career in management continued with his designation in 1962 as Executive Director of a pediatric specialty hospital in Baltimore where he devoted time and effort in the development and implementation of a program for care of children in need of long term hospitalization. In addition to this impressive list of accomplishments Walter was voted Mayor of Pleasantville, NY, and served in that position for many years. The General Office of the Fraternity was moved to Pleasantville, NY, where it remained until 1975 when the Headquarters was moved to Baltimore, MD.

In late 1967 I received a telephone call from Walter asking that I consider being the Miami Chapter delegate for the Alpha Delta Phi Constitutional Convention to be conducted in Cleveland, Ohio in April of 1968. It was my privilege to serve in that capacity and to work closely with Joseph W. Bartunek, HUD '45, a seated judge and attorney, who chaired the sessions during the proceedings of the convention in developing and offering to the Fraternity a new and

more effective Constitution. However, in reality, Walter was the driving force behind the conception and the development of this new innovation for the betterment and governance of the Fraternity. With the new Constitution placed in effect in 1969, Bartunek was elected President of the Fraternity. Robert S. Price K '58, the Kenyon delegate to the Constitutional Convention and later President of the Fraternity, provided legal coordination during the process of developing the final language of the revised constitution.

Some key concepts proposed by Walter and promulgated by the new Constitution were as follows: Executive Board – Nine men compose the Board of the Fraternity elected by the Annual Convention. Meeting regularly they would deal with the problems of the day and the challenges of the future. Regional Directors – The US and Canada was divided into seven regions with a Regional Director selected to be active in the field cementing relations with Chapters, Alumni and the International. Conventions – A new approach was developed – Committee of the whole – workshop sessions – learning from each other and helping one another.

In 1970 and 1971 Walter worked closely with the Executive Board and the new officers with me serving as President, in planning, discussing and implementing many new innovations to keep Alpha Delta Phi in step with the times. His ideas about improving written communication with our undergraduates and alumni came into being with his development of a revitalized newsletter named “The Alpha Delta Phi”, now called *XA/PE*. The first issue, dated October 1970, covered in much detail the actions of the 138th Convention held in Rochester, NY. It summed up in many ways the positive plans and programs he envisioned for the Fraternity. In a letter in that issue Walter stated “The Executive Board of our Fraternity has given the future of Alpha Delta Phi a hard look in the past year and the theme for the last two conventions has been “The Fraternity in the Seventies”. The true architect for this new focus and direction was Brother Walter Kanwisher.

Walter possessed a great sense of humor and demonstrated it often. During serious discussions with the Executive Board on how to proceed, he would pull out his worn railroad engineer's cap, don it and indicate that he was now ready to expound in detail the answers that were being sought. He was indeed a singular engineer of our Fraternity's future and will be remembered by all who worked with him. ★



XAIPE CONNECT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Other elements of this partnerships include a chapter level financial management platform called Vault. The International is offering all chapters the use of this free service to collect dues, rent, and other fees including those the chapter pays to the International. Vault comes with direct access to an Account Manager who provides monthly guidance to each chapter and its officers. Vault also offers parents the ability to create a limited view account to help pay their son's chapter or international fees.

To sign up for Xaipe Connect, visit www.alphadeltaphi.org and click on the Xaipe Connect button that reads "Gain Access". Once there, you'll be asked to provide some basic information to confirm your membership. If you should have questions or encounter challenges gaining access, please contact the headquarters at 508-226-1832 or office@alphadeltaphi.org ★



ABOVE: A screenshot view of the "Edit Profile" screen in Xaipe Connect. This new online platform, available to all members of Alpha Delta Phi, allows our members to easily manage and update their contact and career information while staying in touch with their chapter via event calendars, membership roster, lost brother search and an extensive resource center. Xaipe Connect is a free service for all initiated members.

EXPANSION (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

This notion of a new fraternity experience, one that placed a focus on intellectual growth, caught on quickly with other prospective fraternity members and led to the establishment of the Rocky Mountain Affiliate in the Spring of 2016.

To call the Rocky Mountain Affiliate an overnight success would discredit the countless hours of work and planning put in by the group. However, the rapid success the group has experienced is almost unprecedented. In less than a year, the group has nearly doubled in size from 17 to 34 members, secured IFC associate member status, achieved the top GPA on campus and has been awarded the "Most Improved Chapter" by the university. Since their onset, the affiliate has excelled at devoting their valuable manpower to some of the more crucial elements of fraternity life: recruiting quality men, vast involvement in their community, and striving to be top-performers in the classroom. The affiliate has followed a model for success that all chapters looking to improve should internalize.



One of the best parts about our Rocky Mountain Affiliate is that their establishment has now given way to another new affiliate some twenty miles away in Golden, Colorado at the Colorado School of Mines. CSM is one of the premier engineering schools in the US, and boasts the highest admission standards of any public university in Colorado. After hearing of the establishment of the Rocky Mountain Affiliate, a group of men at Mines felt the itch to bring Alpha Delta Phi to their campus and thus, in the Fall of 2016 the Mines Affiliate was established.

Affiliates can be born in a variety of ways. The "cross-pollination" model, where brothers transfer or have friends or family members at other campuses where Alpha Delta Phi does not exist, is probably the most common one. However, a group of men at the University of Nebraska Lincoln took a different route. After going through the typical fraternity rush this past Fall, the group of men felt overwhelmed and uninspired by the conversations they had with the existing chapters on campus. Longing to create a unique experience of their own, the men did their due diligence in researching fraternal organizations and eventually decided that Alpha Delta Phi offered what they were looking for. The group was invited to attend the quarterly Board of Governors Meeting in St. Louis on November 5th, 2016, where they were granted Affiliate status alongside the Mines Affiliate.



The trend we see here is that anybody, at any level of the organization, can play an integral role in the expansion of the fraternity. Whether you are a brother switching schools or an alumnus with a son heading off to college, the potential for growth lies within all of us. I encourage you all to keep your eyes peeled for that next opportunity for a young group of men to experience the joyful and invaluable experience that is being a part of the Alpha Delta Phi. ★



WHY I VOLUNTEER...

ROBERT GILBERT

WASHINGTON 1981 | VICE PRESIDENT - BOARD OF GOVERNORS



“Growing up, I was very fortunate to have had many adult mentors shape my life. From adults in my church, Scout leaders, coaches, teachers and employers to older brothers in Alpha Delta Phi. I can never pay them back, but I can give back to young people. Because Alpha Delta Phi had such a great influence on my development, I've chosen to volunteer for the local chapter and now the International fraternity.

The Fraternity offers our young members invaluable leadership and personal development opportunities. Working to ensure these opportunities continue to exist for future generations, gives me an incredible sense of satisfaction.” ★

CHRISTOPHER McCONNVILLE

FLORIDA STATE 2014 | BOARD OF GOVERNORS



“Throughout my time in Alpha Delta Phi I can say I developed from a kid into a man. But while that sounds cheesy, it was during my time as an undergraduate that I learned how to speak in front of large groups, make lifelong friends, meet people who I consider family, fall in love with a girl, and most importantly I gained confidence in myself. All of those milestones were as a result of another brother sitting me down during a party and taking the time to tell me, a stranger, that all he needed to do was believe in himself.

This is just one example of how greatly someone can change another's persons life so drastically just by being supportive, being a good friend, and also being the true meaning of a brother. It's also a perfect example of what brotherhood is about and why I continue to volunteer as a governor.” ★

HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

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