



ALPHA NU'S LETTER

ALPHA NU CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS • FALL 2020

FINISHING WHAT WE STARTED

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EFFORTS TO CLOSE DECEMBER 31

When we first announced the *Continuing the Pursuit of Excellence* campaign in the spring of 2017, we were set out to raise \$5.5 million to retire the debt on the Hutt, enhance membership programming, create a maintenance endowment, and complete our first significant renovation of the chapter house in 25 years. Here we are nearly four years later with 276 incredible supporters and more than \$6.2 million raised. We are humbled.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

After dedicating several years to this fundraising effort, we are prepared to officially close the campaign December 31. We will soon be sending a last-call letter to confirm your capital campaign commitment, eligibility for the donor plaque, and, if applicable, your donor plaque listing. This will be the final opportunity to make a first-time or increased commitment to determine your giving society and plaque placement.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP

Please take this time now to view our list of contributors on page 2. Are you included? Are you at the giving level you want to be at on the permanent plaque? We are grateful to all of our donors, but only those who have made commitments of \$2,500 or more will be included on this final piece. If you have the means to add your name or increase your total commitment, please do so now by using the enclosed pledge form or visiting kansasbeta.org for our online form. Your donation will secure our financial footing well into the future and will allow Beta to remain as both the premier facility and fraternity on the Hill.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have been a part of this project the last three-plus years. Everything we have accomplished is due to your generosity and we cannot thank you enough for all of your hard work, time, and treasure that you have committed to Alpha Nu. For those who have been watching from afar, please hear us when we say we would be honored to have you join us in this historic moment of our fraternity.

Yours in _kai_,
Thomas S. Ward '80
Campaign Chairman

Donate Online at
www.kansasbeta.org

The New Normal

Navigating the Pandemic and Reopening the Chapter House for Fall Semester

In the midst of the spring 2020 semester, all operations at the Alpha Nu Chapter of Beta Theta Pi ended abruptly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Campus closed, and everyone had to vacate the Beta house weeks earlier than planned. Active brothers had to adapt to online learning and keeping the brotherhood alive and well through virtual interactions. Like the rest of the world, we never anticipated such a situation and needed to quickly make our way through the uncharted territory of a global pandemic. We all hoped the situation would pass in a few weeks and things would be back to normal for the fall semester. Unfortunately, this was not the case. In the weeks that followed, we realized we needed to adapt. Our primary focus became reopening the house in August within the new constraints the pandemic forced upon us.

The newly elected house leadership, alumni advisory team, our house mom, and the Alpha Nu Parents Club embarked on a collaborative effort to develop a robust set of policies and house modifications to ensure Alpha Nu was prepared to return in August. This was no small effort. Hundreds of hours went into planning and meeting. We met repeatedly with officials from the University of Kansas and Douglas County and investigated best practices being implemented at other fraternities and sororities. All the while, we kept parents in the loop to help manage their expectations and comfort levels with sending their sons back to the house.

Despite all of the planning and preparations, fingers were crossed in late August when members started to return given the ongoing uncertainties in dealing with COVID-19. Fast forward to October, more than eight weeks after a nearly full house of members returned to enjoy life and brotherhood at Usher Mansion. The guys have done a great job in doing their part to make it work. Life at the house is different for now. Guests are temporarily not allowed, social events are on hold, and there are some social distancing and other guidelines in place to help reduce the virus spread within and outside of the house. Even so, my interactions with a number of guys confirms that members are extremely grateful to be back at the house and sharing life with their Alpha Nu brothers. We are proud of the guys and how well they have adapted to this challenging situation.

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CONTINUING THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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Plaque to Commemorate Generous Campaign Donors Add Your Name by December 31

We are truly grateful to the following brothers who have committed more than \$6 million to the *Continuing the Pursuit of Excellence* campaign. Please look for your name below to ensure it is listed how you'd like. All donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more are listed below, but only those who have given \$2,500 or more will be on the final plaque.

If you feel an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at alehr@penningtonco.com with any corrections prior to December 31. Thank you for your support!

Legacy Society (\$1,000,000 and above)

Adelaide C. Ward
Thomas S. Ward '80

Founders Society (\$500,000 to \$999,999)

Anonymous

kai Society (\$250,000 to \$499,999)

John and Linda O'Hara
Kent C. McCarthy '80

Alpha Nu Society (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Nancy M. Winter
Alson R. Martin '68
Michael D. Michaelis '68
Ronald C. Barnds '80

LDL Tosh Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Docking Family Gift
Thomas Docking '76
Brian Docking '01
Geiger Family Gift
E. W. Geiger Jr. '41
E. W. Geiger III '65
Michael S. Geiger '70
Adam W. Geiger '72
W. Todd Geiger '94
David Reuter '98
Michael Reuter '01
Daniel F. Housholder '66
R. David Wentz '67
Thomas F. Edgar '68
D. Bruce Peterson '68
Timothy J. Metzler '78
Max J. Myers '96

Marching Along Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Terry Grewe
The Lyon Foundation
B. Allen Lay '56

Lee E. Phillips III '56
Henrichs Family Gift
Dean Henrichs '61
Matthew Henrichs '96
Mark Henrichs '98
J. Thomas Payne '66
Max Jackson Jr., M.D. '68
Robert C. Colwell '70
Tom Curzon '76
Chris D. Fevurly, M.D. '76
George C. Bruce '77
Marc McBride '77
David C. Wittig '77
John C. Nettels '78
Charles M. Newell '78
Gene M. Diederich '81
Kane Family Gift
John H. Kane 1900
John M. Kane 1930
John F. Kane '56
John B. Kane '82
John J. Kane '07
John B. Dicus '83
Bradley K. Padgett '83
Alan Meitl '84
Michael D. Carmondy '86
Brent R. Padgett '87
Christopher Reitz '88
Thompson Family Gift
Dr. Robert W. Thompson Jr. '92
Trevor R. Thompson '94
Ryan N. Savage '98

Loving Cup Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Nation Meyer '43
Robert R. Crawford '60
Boyd E. Smith '68
David G. Wood, M.D. '69
Winn W. Halverhout '75
John E. Curzon '79
In memory of
James E. Curzon,
Colorado Mines '53

Knox Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Stephen H. Hill '59
John M. Falletta '62
In honor of
Rick Phillips '62
McCollum Family Gift
William B. McCollum, M.D. '62
Rhoads E. Stevens, M.D. '76
Will S. McCollum '05
James R. McCollum '09
John B. Nelson, M.D. '70
In memory of
John M. Brooks Jr. '74
Robert C. Sturgeon '71
In memory of
Mark Dietz '71
J. Michael Parks '73
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 1973
David C. Oswald '75
Douglas A. Hundley '78
Hugh B. Martin, M.D. '82
Al Simmons '82
Thompson Family Gift
Jeffrey R. Thompson '83
Scott Thompson '09
Joey Thompson '12
Kurt A. Wiedeman '83
Zoellner Family Gift
John Zoellner '58
Win Zoellner '86
Ted Zoellner '90
Adam Zoellner '15
Kevin M. O'Toole '89
Joshua W. Mermis '98
Mark Van Blaricum '99
Zach Marten '01

Three Star Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Neal P. Cramer '48
In memory of
Stanley Jervis
Robert Wahl '64
George S. Benson III '65

CAMPAIGN STATUS

AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2020

\$6,259,599 Written
Commitments

276 Contributors

1,316 Active Alumni

21% Total Participation

Burkhead Family Gift
Harland Burkhead '65
David Burkhead '92
In memory of
Bob Arms '65 and
Kent Henrichs '65
R. Andrew Edwards '68
Dick Mellinger '68
Mike Bair '71
In memory of
Alan Voos '69
David K. Martin '71
John H. Robinson Jr. '72
Richard D. Woods '72
In memory of
Jake Hayes
M. Todd Johnson '75
Jeffrey P. Goble '79
Greg A. Duvall '80
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 1980
Scott A. Rowe '80
John S. Waugh '80
Samuel C. Murray '83
Stephen B. Stump '85
Martin J. Sedlacek '88
Jeffrey M. Bartlett '90
Peter S. Johnston '94 and
Sara Peckham Johnston, M.D.
In memory of
James C. Thompson III '94
Trina and Michael Lake '94
Marc A. Hensel '95
Bryan M. Goode '97
Matthew F. Krische '97
Greg J. Skoch '97
Apostolos "Laki" Evangelidis '98
In honor of
Laki and Nancy Evangelidis
John W. Katzer '99
Timothy J. O'Donnell '99
Ryan Workman '99
Chris Rupe, M.D. '00

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Melissa and Matthew Clark '01
Paul Mangan '02
John R. Igo '05
Adam D. Bettis '06
Trevor C. Blattner '06
Michael T. Hagan, M.D. '06
Christopher W. Hermreck '06
Jeffrey G. Larkin '06
Coleman Ritchie '06
Michael T. Raupp '07
Michael Schoenhals '07
Peter T. Curzon '08
Trey Anderson '09
Thomas K. Grutzmacher '09
In memory of
Woodford K. Grutzmacher '76
Ryan R. Ingle '09

Loyal Brother Society

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Falkenstien Family Gift
Max Falkenstien '48
Kurt Falkenstien '77
Stites Family Gift
O. R. Stites 1921
O. R. Stites Jr. '46
John F. Stites '48
J. David Stites '73
Jerry R. Stites '77
Tim H. Stites '80
Arnspiger Family Gift
Richard C. Arnspiger '51
Richard C. Arnspiger II, M.D. '78
John R. Arnspiger '21
John G. Atherton '51
In memory of
Oliver T. Atherton 1914
Donald A. Johnston '56
John T. Stewart III '58
Howard M. Johnson '59
Robert A. Gollier II, MD '62
In memory of
Leo Pivonka '62
William A. Stoddart '63
John P. Atkinson, M.D. '65
Justin D. Hill '66
John W. Tulloch '66
In memory of
Richard McCoy Masoner '66
James Richard Edelblute '66
John Robert Toland '66
In honor of the
Class of 1966 Mystic Shrine
Andrew Gerald Spohn '66
Parker James Young '66
Michael G. Vineyard '66
R.B. Miller III '67
Stephen J. Chandler '71
In honor of the
Class of '71
G. William Pogson, M.D. '72

In memory of
Edward '52 and
Harvey Grandle '52
John L. Shuss '72
George M. Wine Chase '72
In memory of
M. Daniel Chase '45 and
Albert L. Chase '46
Paul C. Shellito '73
Jeffrey L. Gerhart '75
Mark Kane '75
John H. Mastio '75
John L. Shellito '75
Mark A. Sinning, M.D. '75
David H. Shuss '76
Allen R. Kaufman, M.D. '77
Todd C. Limbocker '77
Richard L. Morgan, M.D. '77
In memory of
John L. Morgan, M.D. '36
Richard Glover II '78
David M. Walther '78
Dana T. Boucher '79
Griff Docking '80
Charlie Podrebarac '80
Randy Smith '80
Scott M. Wells '81
Long Family Gift
Jeffrey L. Long '85
Jackson W. Long '15
Hanna Family Gift
William Hanna '86
Dr. Charles W. Horner '86
Brian C. Stewart '86
Richard W. Wiedeman '86
In memory of
Ted and Drolette Wiedeman
Wade L. Williams, M.D. '86
Michael H. Brown, DVM '87
In memory of
Russell H. Kilgore and
Dr. John V. Brown II '52
Michael W. Peters '88
Steve P. Wright '91
John Gollier, M.D. '93
Weishaar Family Gift
Michael '95, Beth,
Spencer, and Charlie
Rebecca and Ryan Browning '96
Tony Rome '97
Jeff B. Handlin '98
Billy Marshall '99
Brandon Bauer '00
In memory of
Terry E. Bauer
Morgan Browning '00
J. Jonas Carmichael, M.D. '00
Kyle J. Holt '00
H.D. Trey Yost '00
Samuel D. Ritchie '04
Nicholas C. Barnthouse '08

HONORING YOUR PLEDGE

Thank you to all who have fulfilled your capital campaign pledges and to those honoring their balances with final payments. While the campaign is ending at the end of this year, we do have scheduled installments due through 2023 and will continue to monitor those balances for the next few years.

We are at 92% collected, which is good, but of the \$520,000 that is left to collect, more than \$75,000 is past due. If you would like to confirm the status of your pledge, please contact our communications coordinator at alehr@penningtonco.com.

For those who have scheduled installments due in the future, you should be receiving payment notices the month prior. If your pledge schedule has lapsed, we attempted to reach you by letter early October in hopes of bringing those balances current by December 31. We appreciate your response and diligence as we monitor these open pledges.

Jack Hannah '08
Bryan Hay '08
Rhodes Kelley '08
Christopher B. Swain '08
Brian Tee Fey '08
Phillip Linville '09
In memory of
Woodford Grutzmacher '76
Jacob B. Wittler '09
In memory of
Woody Grutzmacher
Garret R. Prather '10
Siler Family Gift
J.J. Siler '10
Matthew C. Siler '13
J. Clark Goble '12
Ross M. Ringer '12
Samuel M. Watson '12
David S. Catt '14

1839 Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

J. Walker Butin '44
Stephen R. Ellsworth '45
Robert W. Weber '47
John W. Feist '59
In memory of
Ronald (Ron) Broun '61
Richard L. Sengpiehl '59
In memory of
Gerald M. Simmons '59
Dr. Alan D. Forker '60
In memory of
Ron Ott '60
The Rev. B.W. Woodward Jr. '62

Daniel G. Clothier '66
Phillip Ridenour '66
Bruce W. Patterson, M.D. '68
Stephen J. Ridgway '69
Arnold Family Gift
Paul N. Arnold '75
P. Brendan Arnold '03
G. Gordon Docking '77
Charles A. Peterson '76
David B. Kemp, M.D. '78
Steven R. Pankey '79
Sam H. Sheldon '79
Reeves W. Wiedeman '79
Matthew C. Haverty '80
Michael L. McBride '80
Andrew Bettis '86
Stephen Parsons '86
Eric C. Sigler '87
David L. Dunlap '92
Corey M. Johnson '98
M. Chris Adams '02
Matthew Murphy '02
Andrew W. Schurle '04
Seth Sheldon '04
Matthew Dupy '07
Benjamin R. Geheb '07
Luke A. Bettis '08
Dustin T. Curzon '08
John F. Hassler II '09
Andrew P. Wolfe '12



The Hutt on a nice fall afternoon.



New members do their obligatory trophy cleaning before classes commence in the fall.

POSITIVE PROGRESS

Alpha Nu Chapter Finishes Spring Semester with 3.65 GPA, Welcomes 25 New Members

Greetings, brothers! I'm writing to you from the president's desk in O'Club on a beautiful September afternoon. Although things at Alpha Nu Chapter feel more than a little different this semester compared to others, I feel lucky to simply be back at the Hutt given the circumstances. Most guys have a mix of in-person and online classes. Intramurals have ceased operations, most student clubs and organizations are meeting strictly through Zoom, and the first home football game of the year was played without any fans in Memorial Stadium. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly affected Alpha Nu in a variety of ways, but we've done our best to retain the most authentic experience possible.

We were lucky enough to finish up our recruitment process before most COVID-19 guidelines were implemented. Thanks to our team, there are 25 new brothers roaming the halls of Usher Mansion today. As far as grades go, we finished the spring semester with a chapter

GPA of 3.65, and last year's pledge class achieved an impressive 3.71 GPA during the fall semester.

The Hutt is also continuing its excellence and tradition of leadership on the Hill, with the election of my pledge brother, **Apramay Mishra '22**, as KU's newest student body president in April. Additionally, **SaeVheon Alcorn '23** and **TaeVheon Alcorn '23** are both sprinters for the KU Track and Field team. The 136th Annual Turkey Pull was a great ending to the fall 2019 semester, and we have a spring formal in Chicago planned for late April. Crossing our fingers on that one!

I can sincerely say that Alpha Nu is in a great place right now. We look forward to seeing our alumni brothers again once it is safe for them to return to Usher Mansion.

Yours in _kai_,
Nick Kneibert '22
Chapter President
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Brothers from the class of 2022 before the annual Beta German last November.



Parker Beal '22, Tripp Mohr '21, Joseph Edmonds '21, Tate Benson '22, and Levi Johnson '21 take advantage of a nice spring day last semester to go trap shooting.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Charlie Andrews
Waukee, Iowa
Business Marketing



Cade Gollier
Ottawa, Kan.
Finance



Cayden Rieg
Prairie Village, Kan.
Business
Administration



Nicholas Blackford
Leawood, Kan.
Biology



Luke Griffin
Tulsa, Okla.
Architecture



Spencer Roehll
Naperville, Ill.
Finance



Jack Bowersox
Stilwell, Kan.
Business
Administration



Tanner Helton
Leawood, Kan.
Computer Science/
Business Management



Luke Rottinghaus
Prairie Village, Kan.
Finance



Tyler Chapple
Wichita, Kan.
Finance



Adam Jolles
Prairie Village, Kan.
Computer Science



Turner Seals
Topeka, Kan.
Economics/
Environmental
Science



Phillip Clemente
Mission Hills, Kan.
Finance



Jack Lockton
Mission Hills, Kan.
Business
Administration



Luke Stanford
Salina, Kan.
Political Science/Eco-
nomics
(Pre-Law)



Elliot Cohen
Prairie Village, Kan.
Business



Liam Logan
Overland Park, Kan.
Computer Science/
Business Analytics



Chris McKone Stillman
Prairie Village, Kan.
Interdisciplinary
Computing
(Pre-Med)



Nick Eilts
Glenview, Ill.
Finance/Business
Analytics



Nick Niemann
Castle Pines, Colo.
Mechanical
Engineering



Ben Whittaker
Quincy, Ill.
Human Biology
(Pre-Med)



Ryan Gatti
Overland Park, Kan.
Strategic
Communications



Michael Nulton
Kansas City, Mo.
Business Analytics



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ALUMNI NEWS

Lynn O'Neal, M.D. '74 retired in 2014 and resides in Lawrence, Kan. He likes to travel, read, spend time with his four grandchildren, and root for the Jayhawks. Email: lwosnow@gmail.com

Chad Tenpenny '94 completed his second year on the staff of U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, where he serves as state director and counsel. Chad coordinates Pat's schedule, manages his four state offices, and engages in a wide variety of public issues. However, after nearly 40 years in Congress, Senator Roberts announced he does not plan to seek re-election in 2020. When Chad is not traveling to Washington, D.C., or all the unique counties and corners of Kansas, he can be found cheering on his two daughters at a basketball gym, softball diamond, or a golf course. They will be Blue Valley Tigers but he has yet to purchase any black and gold fan gear. Rock Chalk! Email: cdtenpenny@gmail.com

Jeffrey Larkin '06 shares he, his wife, Meghan, and his daughter, Kate, welcomed another baby girl into the family on July 2, 2019, named Emily Elizabeth. They have been loving life in their home just west of the KU campus and are excited to watch more of the Les Miles football era. Email: jeffreylarkin@gmail.com

The New Normal

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Our success in getting to this point is in large part due to the daily efforts of **Steve Babb, Illinois '87** (right), our first-ever Alpha Nu executive director. His two boys, **Tom Babb '19** and **Adam Babb '21**, both lived all four years at Usher Mansion and gave us all the opportunity to get to know Steve and the rest of his family. His dedication to Beta, and in particular his newfound love of and loyalty to Alpha Nu, made him the perfect choice for executive director.



Working closely with the advisory team, Steve is focusing on mentoring the guys, working with the KU administration and Beta National, navigating the most recent challenges and obstacles created by the pandemic, and working to keep Alpha Nu above the fray that comes with Greek life in general being under a microscope.

Staying ahead of these things is no small task, but with Steve's leadership, we are confident that Alpha Nu will continue to set a positive example at KU and across the nation of what a fraternity founded on solid principles can mean to the lives of those who experience it. Please help us welcome Steve. We are glad to have him on board!

Yours in _kai_,
Al Simmons '82
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