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THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF MARYLAND ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - FALL 2018

Maryland Alpha Appreciates Your Support!

In just two months, an impressive \$10,489 has been committed to the 2018 Maryland Alpha Chapter House Campaign. Over forty alumni reflected on their days at College Park and made the decision to invest in the chapter that provided them with lifelong friendships and is one of their main connections to the University of Maryland.

With the support of Maryland Alpha alumni, we reached our goal and are so grateful for the generous support of our donors. If you haven't given to this year's campaign yet, there is still time! Even a gift of \$25 will make an enormous impact on the campaign and all we have planned this year.

Not only will your gift enable today's collegiate men to have the same life-changing experiences you did, but it will also assist with the installation of solar panels on the roof. Solar panels will improve

both functionality and efficiency—preserving our house as the premier property on the University of Maryland campus.

You can join the growing list of donors today by visiting our website (umdphidelt.com) and clicking the "Support the Campaign" button. For your convenience, you may spread your gift over the course of a year by making monthly or quarterly payments. You can also set up recurring payments to charge your credit card automatically or draft your checking account.

Please note all contributions will be managed by the Nu Sigma Omicron Housing Corporation and used for housing corporation priorities.

With your help, this year's campaign will not only transform the chapter house, but the lives of countless brothers to come.

2018 Maryland Alpha Chapter House Campaign Donor List

\$10,489 pledged as of October 1, 2018

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One Man Is No Man

Gary Swart #1235 talks about his time in College Park



“*One Man Is No Man.*” This motto rings true as **Gary Swart #1235** reflects on his time in College Park. “I joined Phi Delta Theta because of the people. I learned a lot about supporting teammates and colleagues and built long-lasting friendships that are alive and well today,” Gary said.

Like most of us, Gary sought to surround himself with brothers who had positive and honorable characteristics and immediately felt at home with Maryland

Alpha. Now living in California, thousands of miles and a couple time zones away from College Park, Gary admits he has lost touch with a few brothers, but holds the memories from his time with brothers close to heart. “I’ve managed to stay in touch with many of the brothers and regret having grown apart from others. I do not find myself in College Park as often as I’d like. Although we are separated by distance, I look back on my time at Maryland fondly.”

Teamwork, innovation, and a competitive edge among brothers laid the groundwork that ultimately led to Gary’s career as a general partner at Polaris Partners, a venture capital firm located in Boston and San Francisco. He transitioned to a Venture Capital after decades of operating technology startups, most recently as a CEO of UpWork. “There was a competitive spirit and a motivational culture that helped shape my desire to succeed,” Gary said. “I learned a ton from my colleagues about business and hard work that still plays a role in my career today.”

When Gary is not spending time with his wife, Kathryn, or children Alex (23), Michael (21), Hannah (19), and William (14), you can find him traveling or enjoying the outdoors. Gary admits he is somewhat of an outdoor enthusiast with interests ranging from surfing, skiing, cycling, and hiking.

Gary’s passion for the outdoors and travel has not changed much since his time as an active brother. One of Gary’s most cherished memories from his time in the Phi Delta Theta house were the spring break sailing trips in the Florida Keys. “We would charter a large sail boat with eight Phis and sail for the week. I was always impressed with the sailing prowess of some of my brethren and always learned a ton on those voyages, in addition to having tremendous fun.”

Gary offered current undergraduates the following advice: “Learn as much as you can, and it is never too early to start. Learning tends to happen when you put yourself in uncomfortable positions where your skills and knowledge are stretched to their limits. With this in mind, I would seek out these opportunities. I regret not having more meaningful internships during my undergraduate years and would advise the learners of today to leverage their relationships to seek interesting and impactful internship opportunities in fields that are exciting to them. Pursuing your passion will enable you to thrive and also be excited about what you are doing on a daily basis.”

Lastly, Gary encourages brothers to stay in touch. “With work and kids, it gets harder, but those are just excuses,” Gary said. “Make the effort. When you do you never regret it.” It is evident the motto “*One Man Is No Man*” carries on for life, along with the friendships created in the Phi Delta Theta house.

Whole Man Scholarship Winner

Kenneth Garner #2191



Junior

Cumulative GPA: 3.6

Major: Accounting

What Morrison’s Philosophy Means to Him:

Morrison’s Philosophy encompasses how I carry myself in every walk of life. It’s more of a lifestyle than it is a philosophy to me, guiding my choices and decisions in the face of adversity no matter how serious the task at hand may be. Many times

we find ourselves in situations where the bystander effect is evident, leaving entire groups sidelined and inactive believing someone else would step up. Now, instead of standing with the crowd, I feel it is my duty to step in and take on the challenge. I carry this refusal of inaction in my work life, school life, and definitely within my chapter. The new

belief I hold is that if I don’t step up, no one else will. Relying on others to accomplish something you know needs to get done is a dangerous way of thinking. Rather, standing as a leader and someone who will take on any given task, regardless of recognition or difficulty, is something I pride myself in and always mention when asked about myself and my character. I like to ask Phikiea what their loose translation of the phrase means to them, as well as where they feel it could be most used or evident. My hope is that they will take this philosophy to heart and apply it to our chapter and fraternity once initiated. So far, it’s shown wonders as I believe we do an excellent job of getting necessary tasks done simply from the thought that it is our duty. To me, Morrison’s Philosophy means doing something you know needs to be done without having to be asked or told, and carrying this sense of duty through all walks of life. To me, Morrison’s Philosophy is a way of life.



Chapter President's Report



(Left): Brothers Gabe Ross #2146, Kenny Garner #2191, Jeff Hirata #2176, Shay Lynch #2186, Andrew Brown #2198, and TJ Coughlin #2185 with Chef Lisa and Assistant Chef Chennae. **(Right):** Christmas 2017



The active brothers of Maryland Alpha are maintaining a positive presence on campus and in the surrounding community. As the 2018-19 school year is underway, members have many outstanding accomplishments to be proud of in the past year. Currently, the chapter holds a strong GPA of 3.19. This is a .04 increase since the end of last fall. This is due in part to an exceptional spring 2018 new member class. The 20 newest initiates of Maryland Alpha achieved a new member class GPA of 3.32, which ranked the third highest out of all new member classes.

As always, active brothers are dedicated to giving back to the community through philanthropy events. This past school year Maryland Alpha held its first-ever "Phi Delt Phair." Held at RJ Bentleys, the brothers were able to raise over \$15,000 for the Special Olympics of Maryland. This event was a great success, especially considering it was its first time being held. Their annual Casino Night had an excellent turnout as well and raised over \$20,000 for various organizations. Students from other Greek organizations and the community attended the first night held at the chapter house, while parents and alumni joined the following night at Terrapins Turf. All proceeds were donated to the Live Like Lou Foundation for ALS, Terps Against Hunger, and MedFund. Additionally, brothers cosponsored various sorority and fraternity events such as Delta Sigma Phi and Alpha Omicron Pi's Night of the Carnation and Kappa Delta's Gala for the Girls.

The active brothers of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Maryland are extremely proud of this year's accomplishments and look forward to continuing their successes. As always, alumni are always welcome to come visit the house and connect with fellow brothers.

Fall 2017 Phikeia



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| Grant Adlam #2216 | Oliver Hull #2217 | Alessandro Russo #2215 |
| Casey Alverado #2210 | Steve Lawson #2221 | McIvor Saint-Maxens #2219 |
| Bernardo Azevedo #2208 | Korben London #2222 | Nick Salvato #2214 |
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| Preston Faecher #2212 | Guido Raponi #2209 | Will Zabet #2218 |

Fall 2017 with Phikeia Educator Greg Jarnutowski #2127.

Spring 2018 Phikeia



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| Ollie Abramson #2234 | Sia Ibrahim #2233 | Malachi Perez #2237 |
| Braedan Alevizatos #2239 | CK Koumbourlis #2240 | Brett Podell #2223 |
| Benny Birnbach #2229 | Henry Malone #2235 | Jonah Rosen #2242 |
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Spring 2018 with Phikeia Educator Jeff Hirata #2176.

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Save the Date: Homecoming 2018!

Join us Saturday, October 13, for a tailgate before the UMD vs. Rutgers game at noon.

Please contact chapter president Jonny Cornely at jcornely@terpmail.umd.edu for more details.

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