



# SWORD AND SHIELD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF MARYLAND ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - FALL 2021

## Thank You, Generous Alumni

### *Hope to See You Soon!*

There are many reasons to be hopeful about what the future holds. We're pleased to share that Maryland Alpha's collegians have overcome various challenges to maintain Phi Delta Theta's tradition of being a premier Greek organization at the University of Maryland. While the collegians should be commended for their hard work in recent months, they'll be the first to tell you that they haven't been alone in contributing to Maryland Alpha's success.

The alumni who have generously given \$14,125 to Maryland Alpha's House Corporation fund have honored their lifelong commitment to Phi Delt when our brotherhood has needed it most. As we build upon Maryland Alpha's bright future, we're calling upon you to join our loyal brothers in donating to the house corporation fund today!

The time has come to purchase a new HVAC system for the chapter house. While the current system has served Maryland Alpha well, it's now 30 years old and is simply no longer up to par. The new HVAC system will cost roughly \$50,000, but it will be well worth it to ensure that our undergraduate brothers are living comfortably while raising the bar for fraternity life on campus.

We also want YOU to enjoy your experience whenever you return to College Park and visit the chapter house. We hope that you'll join us on Nov. 5 for happy hour at R.J. Bentley's.. While it was wonderful to hear stories about how brothers organized reunions on virtual platforms this past year, we can't wait to see many of you in person for this and other upcoming events.

We hope you know that you've helped Maryland Alpha get to where it is today—a brotherhood so strong that it can add to its long list of accomplishments even during a pandemic. There's so much to be optimistic about, and it's important to us that you're a part of it. We can assure you that you'll be satisfied in knowing that you've contributed to Maryland Alpha's achievements by making a gift to the house corporation fund!

No gift is too small when it comes to funding the future of our beloved fraternity at the University of Maryland. You can make a donation today by visiting [umdphidelt.com](http://umdphidelt.com) and clicking the "Donate" button.

Thank you for joining us in being a part of Maryland Alpha's bright future. We can't wait to see you, but until then, please send our best to your loved ones. Go Terps!



## Save the Date

### *90th Anniversary (Belated) Celebration*

Regrettably, yet hopefully understandably, we have decided to postpone our 90th Anniversary (Belated) Celebration due to COVID restrictions. However, we will make plans to have Anniversary Celebration next fall (fall of 2022). Be on the lookout for additional details as next fall approaches. In the meantime, we will have a happy hour on Friday, November 5, 2021, at R.J. Bentley's (7323 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD) from 5-7 p.m. for all Maryland Alpha alumni and their significant others. There is no cost to attend, and we will have a cash bar. We hope to see you there!



# 2021 Maryland Alpha Chapter House Campaign Donor List

\$14,125 raised as of September 29, 2021

### Friends of Marv Perry

\$500 - \$10,000

- George F. Atwell #485
- Simon H. Waugaman Jr. #596
- Kenneth H. Roberts #614
- Thomas C. Glass #645
- Joseph E. Moore #764
- Paul R. Leleck #966
- Ronald D. Lane #979
- Jeffrey A. Rivest #1037
- George P. Feldman #1051
- Lawrence E Angle II #1445

Adam Hasner #1475

Demetri Diavatis #1550

Matthew B. Smith #1616

James L. Kane Jr. #1792

### Friends of Bob Fitzpatrick

\$250 - \$499

- Harold J. Campbell Jr. #566
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- J.G. Scarborough Jr. #661
- Robert D. Campbell #766
- John C. Ford #778
- Donald R. Hug #1136

Gordon A. O'Neill #1375

Daniel P. Good #1881

### Friends of Jack Deacon

\$100 - \$249

- Alfred S. Bendell IV #308
- Thomas C. Morrison #507
- John F. A. Fischer #589
- Carl Majeczky #604
- H. Russell Potts Jr. #696
- Robert E. Scott Jr. #788
- Stephen J. Lee #980
- James K. Ferrant #1078

Eric Tupler #1403

Robert Heilig #1785

Kevin Grampp #1912

### 1930 Society

Up to \$99

- Frederick G. Thompson Jr. #486
- Richard M. Reddish #601
- Nicholas J. Schaus #818
- Stephen S. Leslie #930
- Robert C. Roberts #984
- Bruce L. Daugherty #1009

## State of the Active Chapter

Overall, Maryland Alpha remains strong as we enter our fourth semester of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have adapted our recruitment techniques each semester and drawn on our strong recruitment networks to attract quality new members. "Meet the Greeks" on the McKeldin Mall in August, which is when recruitment truly starts, was a blast.

### Membership and Honors

Congratulations to our spring 2021 senior class! Many of these fine graduates are now working in finance, consulting, and other great starting positions for their careers.

This past semester, were honored to receive seven awards from the National Fraternity:

- Excellence in Chapter Recruitment
- Excellence in Philanthropy
- Excellence in Community Service
- Excellence in Risk Prevention
- Excellence in General Headquarters Reporting
- Excellence in Academics (3.45 chapter GPA)
- Bronze Star

### Plans for this Year

We are excited for an in-person school year with great recruitment, philanthropy, and internship events. We are also holding a spikeball tournament later this fall to raise money for autism awareness in addition to our signature Casino Night next semester, which raises over \$20,000 for ALS research annually. Later this semester, recent Phi Delt graduate **Mike Hess #2065** plans to attend a meeting to discuss internship opportunities within his new startup.

The active chapter is excited for our 90th anniversary/alumni weekend reunion in November. See you then!

YITB,

**Chris Giuditta #2278**

Chapter President







## Blast From the Past

### Chapter Presidents Through the Ages

Harold Robinson #6  
 James Stevenson #16  
 Edwin Long #138  
 John Shipe #168  
 Eugene Ochsenreiter #197  
 Robert Guyther #230  
 Eugene Vreeland #245  
 Sam Burch #249  
 Morris Curren #293  
 Ralph Sigler #410  
 James Coyne #439  
 Robert Hur #466  
 John Rice #468  
 Bob Fitzpatrick #550  
 Joseph Hardiman #590  
 Lowell McCoy #599  
 Charles Hart #640  
 William Crawford #655  
 Russell Potts #696  
 Joseph Moore #764

Robert Campbell #766  
 Russell Parker #787  
 George Cospser #815  
 Thomas Pavlinic #854  
 James Deckman #886  
 Stephen Leslie #930  
 Jack Boyle #991  
 Donald Zuidema #1007  
 Jeffrey Rivest #1037  
 William Dux #1063  
 Nick Silvestri #1083  
 Vincent Walsh #1103  
 Lorenzo Carrea #1109  
 John Sigler #1123  
 Robert Bruffy #1141  
 Mark Hubbard #1210  
 James Francomacaro #1230  
 Michael Ward #1249  
 Martin Kopac #1265  
 Anthony Olmert #1298

James Evans #1306  
 Richard Gergar #1392  
 Granville Miller #1408  
 Mark Brugger #1487  
 Christopher Washburn #1534  
 Phillip Minnick #1537  
 Christopher Broderick #1559  
 Raymond Kendall #1611  
 Matthew Smith #1616  
 Richard Zeoli #1669  
 Paul Keeler #1690  
 Adam Luecking #1720  
 Jonathan Gandolfo #1740  
 John Flannery #1780  
 Robert Heilig #1785  
 Matthew Nietubicz #1807  
 Arthur Berens #1848  
 Stephen O'Dea #1875  
 Daniel Good #1881  
 Christopher Marion #1886

## What's New, Brothers?

### We Want to Hear from You!

Tell us what you're up to! How have you lent a hand in your community lately? Do you have any career highlights or family updates you'd like to share with your Maryland Alpha brothers? How have you been coping with life during the pandemic? Have you reached out to any brothers for support during this time of uncertainty?

Share your story, and it may appear in a future issue of *Sword and Shield*. Submissions can be sent to our communications coordinator at [kunderdown@penningtonco.com](mailto:kunderdown@penningtonco.com) with "Phi Delt Maryland Alumni News" in the subject line.

Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected to our Phi Delta Theta brothers. We hope you have a safe, healthy, and happy fall and holiday season.

## Help Us Shine a Light on

### Our Phi Delt Alumni

#### Send in Your Stories!

Maryland Alpha wants YOUR help identifying brothers to feature in future issues. Do you know someone with an interesting story to tell? Are you one of them? We want to hear from you!

In our newsletters, we love to share alumni stories of class reunions, family and friend connections, volunteer missions, career paths, unique hobbies, life accomplishments, and anything in between!

If you have a suggestion, please contact our communications coordinator at [kunderdown@penningtonco.com](mailto:kunderdown@penningtonco.com) with "Phi Delt Maryland Spotlight" in the subject line.

Thank you for staying connected with Maryland Alpha. We are excited for your input on who we should feature next!



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### Visit Our Alumni Website!

Visit [umdphidelt.com](http://umdphidelt.com) to:

- Learn more about recent news and view event photos
- Review the status of ongoing fundraising efforts
- Update your address, phone number and email address

### Follow Maryland Alpha!

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## Research Proves

### THE FRATERNITY EXPERIENCE IS MORE RELEVANT TO TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS THAN EVER BEFORE

*Recent research on fraternities and sororities* demonstrates how positive the impact of the Greek experience—and the Phi Delta Theta experience—is for undergraduates today. Both inside and outside the classroom, we are providing tangible value at the most important time of growth in their lives.



Membership *improves the learning gains* students make in the classroom, and members are *more academically engaged* than their peers.



Members are *more involved* in campus activities than other students, and Greek organizations *promote both personal development during and satisfaction in* their college experience.



Fraternities and sororities seek to enhance inclusivity, and our members actually report *higher levels of interaction with people different from themselves compared to unaffiliated students*.



These benefits are *even greater for first-year students* as they join fraternities and sororities and find community and belonging. This leads to *stronger retention and higher graduation rates* among Greek students than their peers.



As many college students experience stress, loneliness and depression, fraternities and sororities *offer critical connection and a sense of community*, and members report *higher levels of positive mental health* than their unaffiliated peers because of it.