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Michigan Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi

PHI KAPPA PSI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

FALL 2021

The fall 1957 pledge class in front of the 1550 Washtenaw chapter house.



GREAT JOY FOR OUR FUTURE

Phi Psi Has High Hopes for Future Housing Vision

While Michigan Alpha has enjoyed nearly a decade of success at the 630 Oxford chapter house since our move in 2012, our plan has always been to return to Michigan Alpha's original chapter house at 1550 Washtenaw. This house was built by the Michigan Alpha founders, and the chapter thrived there until leaving in the '70s. We are striving to build equity in 630 Oxford and are accepting cash donations to fund a move back to 1550 Washtenaw—if and when the opportunity arises to return.

Consider Joining the Canonsburg Club
In honor of Phi Kappa Psi's founding year of 1852, Michigan Alpha has created the Canonsburg Club, an annual giving program set up to fund maintenance and improvements at 630 Oxford and to keep the chapter financially stable. Entry to the club requires an annual membership gift of \$222.24, which breaks down to just \$18.52 a month!

Below are the current accepted payment methods:

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A Thriving, Authentic Brotherhood

What Michigan Alpha Means to Phil Kain '88

As **Phil Kain '88** went through rush (now recruitment) in the winter of 1987-88, he followed his friend and roommate **Pete Han '88** to the Phi Kappa Psi house. "I found Phi Psi to be much more welcoming and friendly than some of the larger houses that I had visited previously," he recalls. "The brothers at Michigan Alpha seemed authentic and genuinely interested in getting to know me." Phil met lots of people through the brotherhood who helped shape him as a man and change the course of his life.

Michigan Alpha was where Phil felt like he was a part of something bigger than himself



for the first time. He has fond memories of the initiation ceremonies in his undergraduate years, especially the pride he felt in becoming a full member. When Michigan won the NCAA basketball tournament in 1989, it was the middle of initiation week where Phil was serving as Pledge Trainer, meaning he had to balance his responsibilities to his incoming initiates with all the excitement that took over campus that week. "What a crazy week and excellent training for how to lead during unusual circumstances!"

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Experience and Connections

Phil started reading *The Wall Street Journal* in college, which helped guide him toward pursuing a career in business or finance. He worked with large banks for over 20 years, gaining experience and contracts in Chicago and around the nation. He wanted to move on to something more entrepreneurial, so after creating a business plan, he took a leap of faith and founded Rush Street Capital in 2014. Phil has served as managing partner at the Chicago-based firm, which provides capital and advisory services to lower and middle market private equity firms, ever since.

Phil's advice to active brothers and young alumni is to prioritize networking in their professional lives. "It's an overused term but an essential skill to learn," he said. "Someday, the young people that you meet will be running companies and will be in positions of influence. You will be very glad that you stayed in contact with them in future years."

Devotion to Our Brothers

Last year, Phil made a generous donation to the Michigan Alpha annual campaign in memory of the late **Michael Etzioni '87**. "Mike was a true friend and embodied everything that we look for in a brother," Phil said of his friend. "I received some of the most important life lessons from Mike, and I strive to be like him every day that I'm alive. He was one of the most reliable and consistent human beings that I have ever met."

It's important to Phil that the chapter receives continued alumni support to thrive on campus. "Alumni supported us when I was an undergrad, and we should all try to support the chapter now—each in our own unique way."

Phil keeps up with several brothers from his undergraduate years on a regular basis. When he's not working, he loves to sing and play music (especially guitar), enjoy the outdoors, and spend time with his three kids. Phil can be reached at philkain@rushstreetcapital.com.



Members gather outside of auxiliary house prior to the first day of school.



New members outside of 630 Oxford chapter house.



The winter 2021 pledge class enjoys a group trip to Harbor Springs, Michigan.



The winter 2020 pledge class moving into their new auxiliary house on Hill Street last year.

LOOKING BACK ON A BETTER YEAR

MICHIGAN ALPHA ENDS THE FALL STRONG

It's been a fantastic fall semester at the University of Michigan. We were thrilled to return to in-person classes and have the sophomores experience everything that our college has to offer. Football had a solid season, social and philanthropic events are back in full swing, and our newest members are finally seeing how great this school really is.

Unfortunately, U of M did not yet reinstate fall recruitment, and we are unable to take new members until the winter; we look forward to updating you on our progress in the next issue. Still, the brotherhood has been stronger than ever. A great bond exists between upper and lower classmen, and our seniors have been instrumental at securing internships for their younger brothers. Not to mention, our GPA as a chapter still sits at a 3.5, making us one of the top academic fraternities on campus.

Philanthropy is off the charts as well! We raised over \$3,000 for Mud Bowl, and **Mazeed Oluewu '21** has continued his work with MyTown Support. Mazeed created this fund to help students of color in the greater Chicago area afford secondary education, and it has already raised \$30,000. He has shown so much passion for this cause, and we are so proud of his efforts to help people from his hometown.

In November, we partnered with Alpha Phi on a new philanthropy event called Hot Diggity Dog. Both groups held their own hot dog eating contests, raising money for C.S. Mott Children Hospital. We look forward to hosting even more events for a good cause and have the utmost confidence in Philanthropy Chairman **Langston Sholl '20** in planning for next semester.

November 5 was Parents Day at Michigan Alpha, and it was truly a joy to welcome our families to the chapter house once more. We look forward to Founders' Day next February. Until then, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Go Blue!

In the bond,
Andrew Maccagnone '20
 Chapter Vice President

Winter 2021 Wolverine Scholarships

The Wolverine Scholarship is awarded each semester for academic achievement. Each winner is a brother in good standing who earned a GPA of 3.5 or above in the last two semesters. Congratulations to their success!

- **David Kasabian '18** is senior majoring in economics with a minor in business administration. Following graduation, he will move to New York City and work at Greenhill & Co., a global investment bank, as an analyst in the mergers and acquisitions group.
- **Will Pater '20** is a junior studying neuroscience on the pre-med track. He plans to graduate with a major in neuroscience while also writing an honors thesis followed by med school.
- **Clayton Kramm '20** is a junior in the LSA Honors College majoring in neuroscience. He plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in orthopedic surgery following graduation. In addition to his classwork for his major, he is involved in a medical research laboratory associated with the School of Pharmacology, where he intends to continue research and complete an honors thesis before graduation.
- **Talal Ben Ahmed '20** was born in Tunisia and lived there until moving to the U.S. with his mother at the age of 7. He is a junior at the Ross School of Business and plans to seek a career in real estate development.
- **Zachary Steinfeld '18** is a senior from Los Angeles, California, studying sociology, STAMPS product design, and entrepreneurship. After graduation, he plans on working in industrial or automotive design—ideally in London or Tel Aviv.
- **James MacKenzie '20** is a junior in the Ross School of Business. He accepted an internship for next summer working as a

leveraged finance analyst at MUFG Bank in NYC. He hopes this will lead to a full-time offer in the capital markets sector at MUFG.

- **Will Rocchio '21** is a sophomore in the Ross School of Business. He worked at Hilltop Securities over the past summer and hopes to continue the investment banking path.
- **Luke Flaska '20** is a junior in the Ross School of Business and plans on pursuing a career in real estate after graduation. He is from Chicago and hopes to find an internship there this summer.
- **Parker Lynch '20**, Chapter President, is a junior from Manhattan Beach, California. He is studying economics with a minor in entrepreneurship.
- **Ryan Mulliken '21** is a sophomore and will be Phi Psi's next Chapter President. He is the operations director of Model Congress. He has a 4.0 GPA, is majoring in economics and history, and is applying to the Ford School of Public Policy.
- **Dylan Bengtson '20** is a junior studying economics with a minor in applied statistics. He intends to join the consulting industry.
- **Alex Emde '18** is a senior. Starting in the summer of 2022, he will be in Boston working on the institutional sales team with Fidelity Investments. He is sad to leave Ann Arbor, but at the same time excited to start a new chapter in his life!

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship account at the National Fraternity to ensure we have funding for future Wolverine Scholarships! Visit PKPFoundation.org to donate to the Michigan Alpha Chapter OneFund. Include "for scholarships" in the comment section.

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THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

The alumni brothers listed below have given to Michigan Alpha's annual campaign since the beginning of 2019. Their generous contributions have been appreciated more than they know, as they've helped our undergraduate brothers prevail throughout the pandemic. As Michigan Alpha looks to carry its success into 2022, please consider joining your brothers in giving back to our brotherhood today! If an error has been made in your gift listing, please contact our campaign coordinator at mmacdonald@penningtonco.com.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR FOUNDERS' DAY!

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Show your Phi Kappa Psi pride by joining your Michigan Alpha brothers for Founders' Day! More details will be released as we get closer to the event. Follow our alumni Facebook page for future updates.

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*This is the Current Chapter House at 630 Oxford owned since 2012.
Our plan is to maintain ownership of this house until we have an opportunity
to repurchase 1550 Washtenaw. We hope to see you at Founders' Day for a tour.*

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