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## GREAT TRADITION – NEW VISION CAMPAIGN COMING TO A CLOSE

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Brothers, the Michigan Alpha House Corporation (MAHC) deeply appreciates your support over the past several years. We have accomplished incredible things together, most notably purchasing and updating our new chapter house, 630 Oxford. Together, we raised more than \$260,000! For all our hard work and dedication to this effort, we should be extremely proud. After reviewing and strategizing what is best for Michigan Alpha, MAHC has decided to end the *Great Tradition—New Vision* capital campaign.

### JOIN THE CANONSBURG CLUB

As we close the book on our capital campaign, we turn our focus to the operational success of Michigan Alpha and preparing ourselves for opportunities in the future. This year in particular, we are shifting our focus to the Canonsburg Club. The Canonsburg Club is an annual giving program set up to allow the Michigan Alpha House Corporation to continue making improvements to 630 Oxford and keep the chapter financially stable. Entry to the club requires an annual membership gift of \$18.52 per month (\$222.24 per year). You can sign up for recurring monthly payments by visiting [www.michiganalpha.kintera.org/donate](http://www.michiganalpha.kintera.org/donate). Just think—if all 817 of our active alumni joined Canonsburg Club, we would create a fund that could significantly

improve our existing house by refurbishing the basement and adding a third story to the house, expanding it to more than 30 live-in brothers. Additionally, we would be able to prepare ourselves for the eventual opportunity of securing 1660 Washtenaw, the grand old house of past Michigan Alphas. Please join your brothers and become a part of the Canonsburg Club today.

### FOUNDERS' DAY 2016 AND FUTURE EVENTS

Although our timing could have been better—the event was held over Easter weekend—we still had a strong undergraduate and alumni showing at Founders' Day 2016 in Ann Arbor. Once again, we held the event at the beautiful Palmer Commons on the U of M campus and were treated to stories of entrepreneurship, undergraduate success, and dedication to Phi Psi from young and old. To learn more about our second annual award recipients, please read the articles on page 3. As we look forward to the summer and fall, I encourage you to keep watch for e-mail announcements of Michigan Alpha events in your local area. We hope to host another round of summer BBQs in Detroit, Chicago, and New York. Additionally, we'll be hosting our second annual Phi Psi Cup golf outing in Ann Arbor on September 16. Please see the announcement on page 2 for more details.

### STAY INVOLVED WITH MICHIGAN ALPHA

I urge you to find a way to maintain or increase your involvement with Michigan Alpha this year. Quite simply, our mission is to serve each other and our undergraduate brothers. We have numerous opportunities to assist with mentoring, job networking, academic or career advising, financial stewardship, and social activities. Please reach out to the members of MAHC and let us know how you would like to help.

If you made a multi-year pledge to the capital campaign, please ensure you continue payment on your commitment. We still have nearly 20% left to collect of our total raised! It is essential we receive every dollar pledged so Michigan Alpha can maintain good financial standing.

We are grateful for your support and encouragement and look forward to serving you as we prepare for another fantastic year for Michigan Alpha.

Live Ever,  
**Jack Gray '07**  
jpgrayjr@gmail.com



# THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI, FOR COMMITTING \$261,926

**W**e are deeply grateful to the following Michigan Alpha brothers and friends for committing \$261,926 to *Great Tradition—New Vision: The Campaign for Michigan Alpha*. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Michigan Alpha and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has mistakenly been omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 to make a correction.

## Founders Society (\$100,000 and up)

Michigan Alpha  
Undergraduate Chapter

## Brotherhood Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

## Amici Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

## Letterman Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Richard H. Chamberlin '58  
Kelly and  
Brian D. May '99  
Andrew J. Paulsen '00  
William C. Wiedman '01  
Jared C. Frost '03

## Moore Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

F. Dewey Tennent '44  
Dr. C. Kohler Champion '57  
Allen B. Dickerson '57  
William C. Martin,  
Wittenberg '58  
Loyal A. Eldridge '60

## Wolverine Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Cynthia Buell  
In memory of  
Richard W. Buell '62  
R. Thomas Costello '56  
Russell S. King '83  
Richard W. Fanning '89  
Mike Agosti '90

Chadwick Hauff '93

Robert M. Stern '93

Scott T. Stasik '96

Brad C. Spiegel '00

Bradley M. Holman '02

David J. Neditz '03

## Michigan Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Michael and Karen Stern  
In honor of  
Jordan Stern '11  
Quentin B. Sickels '46  
James L. Gullberg '47  
In memory of  
Al MacAdams  
Theodore E. Gibson '50  
T. Stephen Hauser '52  
Kenneth R. Erickson '58  
Arthur R. Di Blassio '59

In honor of  
the new house

David H. Kibler '59

Frank L. Lenzotti Jr. '59

Alden B. Glidden '62

Peter W. Rose '68

David W. Frayne '89

Alan Huddy '89

Chris T. Cramer '91

Bradley L. Hibbard '97

Joseph P. Digirolamo '98

Harold J. Koss '01

Jared A. Stasik '01

Michael J. Amez '02

Benjamin J. Coleman '03

Brendan B. Dowdle '03

## Maize and Blue Society (Up to \$999)

Kathleen Abrash  
Susan Aronson  
Jim Clisham  
Martha F. Kendall  
In memory of  
John S. Kendall '58  
Daniel Labes  
Lisa McGarrity  
Payty Phillips  
Jack W. Quualman  
John Rapson  
Leslie Ruby  
Charles Scott  
Robert Scott  
Virginia Simon  
Mark Weiss  
John W. Fauver '40  
Hadley Family Gift  
Robert W. Hadley '13  
Robert W. Hadley Jr. '39  
John B. Hadley '41  
William I. Hadley '48  
Richard M. Ellinwood '44  
James S. Linderman '48  
John A. Syverson Jr. '48  
John F. Beyer '49  
Lawrence C. Lander '49  
Ned G. MacWilliams '49  
Henry C. F. Arnold '50  
Robert E. Jewett '52  
J. Robert Effinger '53  
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John P. States '56  
James B. Book IV '58  
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Charles H. Matthews '58

Perry W. Morton '59

Robert O. Hayes '60

Erik H. Serr '61

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Robert C. Linderman '63

In honor of

James Linderman '48

Paul S. Williams '64

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William A. Rotzien '66

Thomas M. Adams '83

Bryan D. Libbin '86

Marton T. Markovits '87

Mark J. Steffanina '87

James R. Rossow Jr. '88

David F. Darin '89

Mark D. Kalinowski '89

Matthew O. Breed '90

Christopher R. Cramer '98

Abdiel E. Fuentes-Garza '99

Nicholas Katona,

Valparaiso '99

Christopher M. Quick '99

Eric M. Ryckman '99

Matthew D. Raeburn '00

Jonathan B. Lau '01

Lee A. Laudicina '01

Monet H. Duval '02

Michael J. Ellis '02

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Ben J. Glaze '05

Tyler Krone '05

Michael S. Bertenthal '07

Jack P. Gray Jr. '07

## Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of May 31, 2016

\$261,926 Total  
Commitments

114 Contributors

817 Active Alumni

Blake Toll '07  
In honor of the  
Fall 2007 Pledge Class  
Kyle Baird '08  
Tucker T. Billups '08  
Alexandros E. Miti '10  
Raymond E. Escobar '11  
Nick J. Liberator '11

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[michiganalpha.kintera.org/donate](http://michiganalpha.kintera.org/donate)  
to contribute and  
learn more about  
the Canonsburg  
Club!

Save the Date  
for Our  
Second Annual  
Phi Psi Cup

**When:** Friday, September 16, 2016

**Time:** Check-in starts at 11 a.m., first tee time at noon with a reception to follow

**Cost:** \$150 includes golf/cart, reception\*, and entry for main tournament

**RSVP:** [jpgrayjr@gmail.com](mailto:jpgrayjr@gmail.com) or [djnidetz@gmail.com](mailto:djnidetz@gmail.com)

**Style:** Main event will be two-man best ball (net) and side games will be available

\*Guests will be allowed at the reception for an additional \$30



## Award Recipients Honored at Founders' Day

**A**fter a lifetime of devotion to Phi Kappa Psi, **Al Dickerson '57** was named Mr. Phi Psi at Founders' Day 2016. Al has been a strong role model for Michigan Alpha and what it means to be a Phi Psi for decades, serving on the MAHC board, as well as mentoring undergraduate brothers. He lives life by the Phi Psi Creed and believes the life lessons he experienced through the fraternity have shaped him and made him the man he is today.

As a freshman at the University of Michigan in the fall of 1956, Al was overwhelmed by the size of the campus and found that his classes often had more students in them than his entire high school did. When Al joined Phi Psi, he found friendships of true value and brothers who were interested in him and cared about him for who he was. As an alumnus, he found that those Phi Psi brothers have stayed with him and helped him through life.

*“What a surprise, privilege, and honor it was to be awarded Mr. Phi Psi. It was such a nice reward for what I have done, and I never really expected that kind of recognition, but I’m very thankful for it.”*

*Al and his wife, Arlene, live in South Haven, Michigan. His e-mail is aldickerson200@gmail.com.*

**F**or his successful career of entrepreneurial work, **Stewart Nelson '65** was awarded with the Entrepreneurship Award at Founders' Day. After serving in the Air Force after college, Stew went back to school to earn a master's degree in business administration. Since then, he has started two companies in Ann Arbor: an environmentally friendly cleaning company and an internet company.

Stew has spent 20 years serving as an angel investor and works as a mentor with Ann Arbor SPARK, an organization designed to advance and support businesses. In addition to that, he is the president of the New Enterprise Forum, a group of professionals who assist start-up companies.

On top of his involvement in the business world, Stew has worked to ensure the success of Michigan Alpha. He helped with the recolonization process and also served as chapter advisor for 10 years. Stew is still close with his fraternity brothers and enjoys coordinating gatherings with them. Founders' Day gave him a chance to be back with Phi Psi, and he was honored to receive the award.



*Alumni and undergraduates at Founders' Day 2016.*

*“It’s always nice to get recognition, and entrepreneurship has been a passion of mine for 30 years. It was great to see that people appreciate the work I’ve done, and I got to reconnect with my fraternity.”*

*Stew and his wife, Jan, live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His e-mail is svnelson@comcast.net.*

**M**adison O’Neill '13 was awarded the 2016 Mr. Phi Psi undergraduate award at this year’s Founders’ Day celebration. Last year, Madison led the undergraduate members as chapter president, and he was also recognized as IFC President of the Year at the University of Michigan’s 2016 Greek Awards for his hard work. Serving in this leadership role taught Madison about using his opportunities to grow and learn, and he is grateful for what Phi Psi has given him.

*“I stepped up to be president and it was hectic at first, but it was a great experience,” Madison says. “It meant a lot to me to receive this award, and the recognition was validation of the hard work I put in.”*

Being a part of Michigan Alpha has provided Madison with an environment of like-minded and successful men who provide support, respect, accountability, and brotherhood. The strong sense of brotherhood has also earned the overall undergraduate chapter recognition, and the members were awarded the Philanthropy Award at Founders’ Day for their efforts to support **Taylor Janssen '13** after he suffered a serious neck injury. The chapter rallied to support Taylor and his family both financially and emotionally, and Madison said it was incredible to know that the chapter could help their brother like that.

*Madison lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and studies economics. His e-mail is mmcleodoneill@gmail.com.*

## Phi Kappa Psi Continues Success in Academics and Philanthropy Chapter Wins University Greek Awards

**T**he past few months have been very successful and progressive for our chapter. We continue to emphasize philanthropy, and our chapter executives have worked countless hours to make Michigan Alpha a strong and important part of the Michigan and alumni communities.

### Academics and Membership

Michigan Alpha earned a GPA of 3.425 compared to last semester's 3.34. We are slowly but surely establishing our chapter as an academic leader, as this semester puts us in sixth place overall.

Recruitment Chairman **Brenner Bernstein '16** organized winter recruitment, and we are excited to welcome three new members, **William Coffman '16**, **Mitchell Kauffman '16**, and **John Whitney '16**, who will strengthen Michigan Alpha.

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# Phi Kappa Psi Continues Success

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## Philanthropy Efforts

Michigan Alpha continues the philanthropic excellence demonstrated in previous semesters. Kids Without Cancer (KWC), run by **Robert Carey '13**, **Jake Glaser '13**, **Josh Vertes '13**, and **Drew Ohlrich '13**, is a club founded four years ago by former Phi Psis that works in association with the parent organization based out of Detroit, Michigan, as a non-profit to raise money toward pediatric cancer research. Events range from organization-wide, such as the Motor City Quack Attack, to university-based, student-run events, such as the popular hot dog eating contests. This club raised over \$1,300 this semester. Other events this semester included charity hockey games with Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Chi Psi. Active brothers contributed 60+ hours to ensure this event ran smoothly. The event gained national attention for its success, and the total money donated to the American Cancer Society from ticket and jersey sales is still being calculated.

## Chapter Awards

Chapter executives and brothers demonstrated all sorts of leadership and initiative throughout the semester as we proudly accepted the University of Michigan's IFC Philanthropy Award, Alumni Award, and Chapter President of the Year Award. It will be difficult to follow and surpass the achievements from this past semester, but the newly elected executive board led by **Ben Russ '14** is preparing for another successful year.

Amici,  
**Nick Sear '16**  
Corresponding Secretary

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*Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is currently attending the University of Michigan, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

## ALUMNI NEWS

**David C. Marshall '51** became a doctor in 1957, had his surgical residency from 1964-1967, was active in the U.S. Navy in 1967, worked in a private practice in 1980, and became a consultant in 1985. Today he is retired and has two children, Hugh and Annie, with his wife, Helen. David lives in Pennington, N.J.

for doing a fine job in the face of many, many problems." Chuck lives in Bonita Springs, Fla. E-mail: cymatthews89@gmail.com

**Phil M. Kain '88** lives in Chicago, where he is the president of Rush Street Capital. He and his wife, Robin, have three children, Avery, Carolyn, and Bennett. E-mail: philkain22@gmail.com

**Chuck H. Matthews '58** says "Congratulations to brother **Arthur Di Blasio '59**. If we had similar alumni house corporation brothers in the late 1960s, we would probably have the house on Washtenaw. Grand job by the current brothers

**Marc R. Stasik '03** had his first child at the end of 2015. He is a financial advisor for Sigma Financial Corporation and lives in Frankenmuth, Mich. E-mail: marc.stasik@gmail.com

**WELCOME, NEW  
MEMBERS**

**WILLIAM COFFMAN '16**  
•  
**MITCHELL KAUFFMAN '16**  
•  
**JOHN WHITNEY '16**



Jack Scott '14, Jon Ohlrich '15, and Tyler Tick '15 celebrate the new year.