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MICHIGAN ALPHA MAINTAINS A STRONG SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD

Undergraduate Brothers Remain Committed to Philanthropic Efforts

This semester has been interesting due to COVID-19, but nevertheless, we have been successful in maintaining the strength of our brotherhood while following state and county regulations. We are also sad that Michigan Basketball didn't make it to the Final Four, but it is safe to say that Michigan is most definitely a basketball school.

This winter, we happily welcomed 25 new members despite not being allowed to have recruitment events in person. It has been great getting to know them and seeing them realize what it means to be a Phi Psi. As we prepare for the 2021-22 academic year, there have been recent talks about a reinstatement of fall recruitment, which we are all very excited in hearing more about. Michigan also released a statement regarding the fall semester, and it sounds like life may be getting back to normal. This is no doubt great news for the chapter.

Even though COVID-19 regulations have prevented us to seeing each other in large groups very often, we are trying to communicate between different member classes as much as possible to further strengthen our brotherhood. The upperclassmen have been doing an incredible job of helping the underclassmen with tutoring, networking, and finding internships. The benefit of the Phi Psi professional network is astounding.

We've done our best to make small upgrades to the chapter house here and there to improve its condition. We are planning to repaint the main room next fall as a brotherhood bonding event. We also recently hired a catering service, which has also proven to be helpful.

In philanthropy, we had a very successful semester. **Mazeed Oluewu '21** founded a charity organization, MyTown Support, after graduating high school and has implemented it on campus.

"After nearly dropping out of college due to financial challenges, my community stood next to me and helped me raise money to stay in school, which led me to transferring to U of M. Now over a year later we have raised \$20,000 for students to stay in school," Mazeed said. "In this campaign, Michigan Alpha raised more than \$2,100 for a student. MyTown Support serves students of color in the Chicago area attending independent schools, but we hope to grow across the nation in the future."

MyTown Support is an awesome organization, and we are all so proud of Mazeed. In other philanthropic efforts, we joined Kappa Kappa Gamma in raising \$2,480 for children in need of school supplies in the Detroit area. We also raised \$2,768 for Dance Marathon at U of M, which benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We raised an additional \$250 for St. Jude through our interfraternity March Madness bracket challenge.

While the past year has featured numerous challenges, we realize that we have a lot to be thankful for and hope all of you are safe and doing well.

In the bond,
Drew MacCagnone '20
Vice President

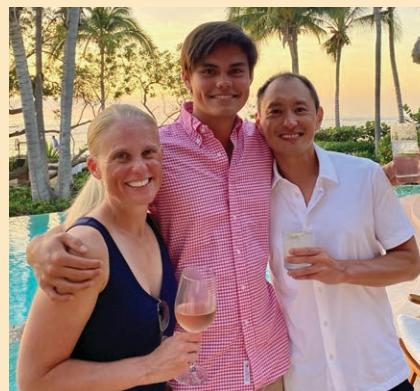
THE STRONG BONES OF THE PHI PSI BROTHERHOOD

Michigan Alpha Prepared Dr. Andrew Fang '88 for Success as Orthopedic Oncologist

When going through rush at the University of Michigan in the fall of 1988, the brothers at Phi Psi were "down-to-earth and a fun bunch, which really stood out" to **Andrew Fang '88**. Alongside **Jamie Plaisted '88** and **Andy Beaudry '88**, who lived in West Quad with him, Andrew happily accepted a bid from Michigan Alpha Chapter. Through Phi Kappa Psi, he was afforded leadership opportunities that prepared him for his career as a doctor, and the brotherhood provided lifelong friendships.

"The connections and the network you build in college will serve you well for the rest of your life.

Joining Phi Psi is a great head start!" he said. "It's always great to hear about the things going on with my brothers on social media (Facebook and LinkedIn). Most everyone has had great success, and I can say I knew them when we were all just having fun getting through Michigan."



While at Michigan Alpha, Andrew found that there was always someone to hangout with, whether you wanted to go out and party or to hunker down and study hard. He took advantage of the leadership opportunities within Phi Psi, serving as Chapter President and Corresponding Secretary, which were formative learning experiences.

His father was an engineer, and Andrew considered engineering as a potential major when he was in high school, but with a love of biology and the sciences, pre-med at the University of Michigan was his calling. Following his graduation from UM, he attended medical school at Loyola University in Chicago and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery, as well as a fellowship in orthopedic oncology at UCSF (University of California San Francisco).

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WOLVERINE SCHOLARSHIPS

Wolverine Scholarships are provided semi-annually to Michigan Alpha brothers for strong academic performances. The scholarship awards are typically \$300 depending on number of eligible brothers and available funding. Eligibility criteria includes obtaining a 3.5 GPA, being in good standing, having strong chapter meeting attendance, and living in the chapter house. Six Wolverine Scholarships were awarded for academic performance during the fall 2020 semester. Here are brief bios for four of the winners.

- **Parker Lynch '20** is from Manhattan Beach, California, which is about 30 minutes south of downtown Los Angeles. He is a sophomore studying economics and his tentative plans are to have a career in business. He has a retail real estate internship set this summer. Parker is the chapter President.
- **Joe Maguire '19** is from St. Louis, Missouri. Currently, he is a second-semester sophomore majoring in Economics and pursuing a minor in Business and Entrepreneurship. In the future, he hopes to enter the business consulting industry in some capacity.
- **Talal Ben Ahmed '20** is from Newport Beach, California, a small beach town in Orange County. He is majoring in business and minoring in real estate development. He hopes to one day work for a nonprofit organization and help those in need around the world.
- **Addison Muir '17** is from Greenwich, Connecticut, a suburb outside of New York City. He is majoring in economics and minoring in quantitative methods in social science. After college, he will be working in the private banking division at J.P. Morgan in NYC. He aspires to own an investment firm.

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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"Since my fellowship, I have been one of two regional orthopedic oncologists for Kaiser Northern California/Hawaii and Chief of the department at South San Francisco Medical Center," he stated. "Orthopedics is a great mix of medicine and technology/engineering. Plus, doing surgery is just a ton of fun."

Andrew specializes in orthopedic oncology, which can be challenging in terms of patients and procedures than in different areas of focus in the medical field.

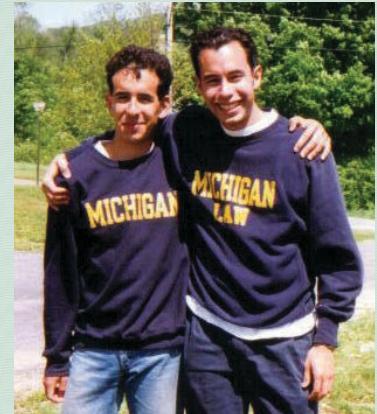
"Sarcomas are a rare cancer and can affect children and teens," he explained. "Being diagnosed with cancer is a really difficult time for the parents and children. However, the rewards of successfully helping the patients and families through their treatments are immeasurable."

He married his college sweetheart, Robbie, an Alpha Gamma Delta he met at West Quad. They live in Burlingame, California, and have two wonderful children: Sophia, a sophomore in high school; and Ryan, a senior in high school, who was recently accepted to the University of Michigan. "We are really excited to spend more time in Ann Arbor!"

You can connect with Andrew at bonze021@yahoo.com

Remembering Mike Etzioni '87

Mike Etzioni '87 exemplified everything that I would want in a fraternity brother and leader. He had a calm, pleasant demeanor and got along well with just about everybody. Mike had inherent leadership skills and he used them to serve our fraternity in many capacities. He served as chapter President and several other leadership positions. Mike counseled dozens of brothers about matters big and small and was universally respected and admired by the Michigan Alpha brothers who attended UM from 1987 to 1990.



If I had to pick one adjective to describe Mike, it would be **consistent**. He was consistent in all his personal relationships. I never once wondered if Michael and I were still friends. From the moment we became friends in 1988, I knew that we were friends. I felt that every time we were together. It was tangible and palpable. He had this innate ability to make me feel relevant.

Mike graduated from the University of Michigan with his bachelor's and law degrees. He moved to the Los Angeles area in 1992 and had a distinguished career as an attorney in Southern California. Mike worked for Latham & Watkins and served in the General Counsel's office for the House of Blues organization.

Mike was taken from this earth as a young man in 2006, leaving behind his wife, Lainie, and two children, Max and Maya. Alumni are encouraged to donate to the Michigan Alpha (Michael R. Etzioni) Scholarship fund by visiting PKPFoundation.org.

Fraternally,
Phillip Kain '88



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A Q&A WITH MICHIGAN ALPHA CHAPTER PRESIDENT PARKER LYNCH '20



What is your favorite restaurant in town?

My favorite restaurant in Ann Arbor is definitely Frita Batidos. It has outstanding Cuban burgers with fries on top. I honestly eat there twice a week and highly recommend it.

Where is your go to place to study?

This year, my go to place has been Ross. In a normal year, I would go to the UGLI or the Law library, but with those buildings closed, Ross is my next best option. Plus, Ross has a Starbucks inside to keep me going and isn't too far of a walk from the house.

What made you want to join Phi Psi?

I wanted to join Phi Psi because of the bond I noticed between the brothers. It was amazing to me how close everyone was with each other, from the seniors to new members. Everybody always talks about how Phi Psi has the strongest brotherhood on campus, which is definitely the biggest reason I joined this fraternity.

What are your favorite Phi Psi memories?

My favorite Phi Psi memory was definitely the Mud Bowl game last year. It was awesome seeing all of the brothers so united and passionate about their fraternity. It honestly felt

like we were going to war together. The laughs and screams from that day were incredible. And the fact that we won made it an awesome day.

What would you say to an incoming freshman thinking about joining?

I would tell an incoming freshman that joining Phi Psi will be the best decision they'll make in their life. There is nowhere on this campus that has as close of a bond that we all have. The moment you accept your bid, you have hundreds of new friends willing to do anything for you. We have fun, work hard in school, and have brothers from all over the country.



How has Phi Psi and your time in the chapter impacted your life?

My time in Phi Psi is better than I could have ever imagined. It's crazy to me that after accepting my bid and getting initiated that I can confidently say that I have 125 best friends. The brothers in my class make me a better person every day and I would do just about anything for any of them, as I know they would for me.

We always talk about how we never want to leave this school and that we all bring out the best in each other. After all, these guys are the

ones who are going to be the happiest at my wedding and the saddest at my funeral.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni

The alumni brothers listed below have given to Michigan Alpha's annual campaign since the beginning of 2020. 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 build upon its success for the remainder of 2021, 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 nedwards@penningtonco.com.

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Brothers Celebrate Michigan
Alpha's Success Via Zoom

Due to COVID-19 considerations, we held a virtual Founders' Day event on Zoom. While we only had six participants, we enjoyed singing "Amici" together, so the event was considered a success. A recording was posted on our Facebook page, which received almost 100 views. We also discussed updates on the chapter, the donation campaign, and scholarship offerings, including the new Michael R. Etzioni Scholarship.

The state of Michigan Alpha is strong, as we have successfully navigated the challenges of COVID-19. Thank you to all the brothers who have paved the way for Michigan Alpha to be successful amid the pandemic! As we look to the future, we hope to save for continual upgrades to the chapter house to further cement our standing as the premier social fraternity at the University of Michigan. Hopefully, next year we can celebrate Founders' Day in person with attendance like we had in 2010 and 2011 (see photos to the right). Thank you all for your support!



Founders' Day 2021.



Founders' Day 2010.



Founders' Day 2011.