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Michigan Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi

PHI KAPPA PSI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY

UPDATES FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION BOARD

I've always been a fan of Clint Eastwood, hence the title. There's plenty of all the above to share.

I'LL START WITH "THE BAD" TO GET IT OUT OF THE WAY.

During the 2021-22 school year, we were investigated by the university for allegations of non-violent hazing. Most will admit the main investigator took a biased and aggressive approach to the investigation. The result is that Michigan Alpha was found guilty (appeal denied), deemed an off-campus fraternity, and handed some serious restrictions, which exceeded the university's legal authority.

It was touch-and-go during the latter half of July last year, as the house corporation board had to decide whether to honor 20 signed leases for the 2022-23 school year. **Looking back, we definitely made the right decision to honor the leases.**

"THE GOOD" FAR OUTWEIGHS "THE BAD."

I'm blessed to be flanked by **Dan Adsit '11** and **David Frayne '89**, who are both dedicated to the continuing success of Michigan Alpha. We are all blessed by the outstanding young men our fraternity continues to attract. The attraction to Phi Kappa Psi is very often the strong sense of brotherhood that manifests itself to freshmen in many ways and is often lacking in other fraternities. Michigan Alpha leads all chapters of ΦΚΨ across the nation in GPA and excels in philanthropy as well.

The house corporation has recently connected with our actives on a couple of occasions. Five journeyed to Sterling Heights on Easter Sunday and joined me for worship at Grace Christian Church. On May 13, a group enjoyed hoops and fellowship at the house of **Brad Holman '02**. Dan Adsit joined them. Afterward, six of us enjoyed a few cold ones at Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth. Thank you, Brad, for picking up the tab!

"THE UGLY?"

We have been waiting for a ruling from Nationals, as they have been slow to respond to the allegations mentioned above. We are hoping for a two-year suspension of our charter (with one year already being served). There are new bylaws in place, which perhaps provides them with some cover for the delayed decision. The Executive Council meets in June, so we should know more then. Brother and attorney **Jay Hagerman, Gettysburg College '06** wrote the new bylaws and has been providing us with excellent counsel. Stay tuned as we work our way through this.

In the Bond,
Roger Goodrich '80, House Corporation President
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Spring 2023 Wolverine Scholarship

Congratulations to Our Recipients!

The Wolverine Scholarship recognizes deserving brothers each semester for their academic achievement. Each winner must be in good standing with a GPA of 3.5 or above in the last two semesters. Congratulations to the following brothers!

Andrew Bradley
Thomas Fouts '22
Ryder Haupt '22
George Hill '22
Henry Hill '20
Joseph Maguire '19

Maxwell Meston '22
Ryan P. Mulliken '21
Nicholas Scheele '22
Jordan Spiker '22
Evan Willey '22

Michael R. Etzioni Scholarship Winner

Congratulations, Ryan!

The Michael R. Etzioni Scholarship is awarded annually to individuals for their leadership in the chapter and their school spirit. The scholarship was founded for the late **Michael R. Etzioni '87**, who passed away in 2006. **Ryan Mulliken '21** was last year's winner for his service to Michigan Alpha. He provided guidance through a period of instability in the chapter, particularly with university relations and tempering Nationals' concerns when the university came under fire with sanctions from the university.



Service That Speaks for Itself

David Law '65 Reflects on His Inspiring Career in Biomedical Research

When **David Law '65** first arrived at the University of Michigan, he didn't intend to join a fraternity. He changed his mind, however, after befriending twin brothers **Alessandro '65** and **Richard Bruni '65**. Together, they decided to pursue Phi Kappa Psi. "We ended up a part of a large pledge class, many of whom went on to become starters on the UM football team!" Dave recalls.

Being a part of a boisterous pledge class helped coax Dave out of his shell. "I was a bit of a shy nerd in high school, so it was nice to discover that I had a personality," he jokes. He earned the trust and loyalty of his brothers, who later elected him to serve a term as house president.

Dave earned a bachelor's degree in zoology and chemistry in 1967. Following graduation, he was inducted into the Army and served in Vietnam until 1970, when he returned to the U.S. as a Decorated Combat Infantry Officer. In 1971, Dave began his graduate studies at Wayne State University; he received a master's in biology and microbiology in 1973 and a Ph.D. in molecular genetics and biochemistry in 1981.

Between 1981 and 1986, Dave completed his pre-doctoral training at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and in the Biological Sciences department at Wayne State. His postdoctoral training brought him back to the University of Michigan, where he worked with the department of Human Genetics until 1986.

"My biomedical research career spanned from 1986 until 2005 and included time working on the human genome project as well as breast and colon cancers," Dave said. In 2006, he transitioned into the role of executive director for Joy-Southfield Community Development Corporation, a non-profit in West Detroit. He remained there until his retirement in 2019.

In addition to being a decorated veteran, Dave also received many significant awards during his lengthy career, including the Public Health Service-National Research Service Award, the Anna McKeever Hilliard Visionary Award, the Innovations in Health Care Award, and the National Philanthropy Day Distinguished Volunteer Award. He has also served his community as a teacher, mentor, author, presenter, researcher, and volunteer for a wide selection of organizations.

For Dave, the benefits of joining Phi Kappa Psi manifested in personal growth, which impacted his later success. "Being in a fraternity gave me a good deal of self-confidence," he shares. He also values the long-lasting friendships, which have endured throughout the years. These friendships proved to be crucial in the months following Dave's military service. "Several fraternity brothers played an essential role in helping me readapt to civilian life after returning from Vietnam."

Dave's fondest memories of Phi Kappa Psi include TGIF dance parties with local live bands,

including Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen. "I also had fun with Little LeMans and the Mud Bowl at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house."

During his occasional visits to Ann Arbor, Dave sets aside time to "maintain the strong connections" he has with brothers who still live there. For years, he made it a point to be in town during the Founders' Day events. He encourages any alumni who have drifted away from the brotherhood to reconnect. "Our strong band shall ne'er be broken!"

Dave and his wife live in Northville, Michigan, where they spend their time painting, gardening, and landscaping. Dave also enjoys metalwork and wood craftsmanship.

If you'd like to reconnect with Dave, you can reach him at davelaw@umich.edu.



Dave (right) and other Phi Kappa Psi brothers get together during Vidmer weekend.

THANK YOU, LOYAL SUPPORTERS

The alumni brothers listed below have given to Michigan Alpha's annual campaign since the beginning of 2017. Their generous contributions have been appreciated more than they know, as they've also helped our undergraduate brothers prevail throughout the pandemic. As Michigan Alpha continues its success throughout 2023 and beyond, 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 kunderdown@penningtonco.com.

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KEEPING OUR BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY STRONG

Brothers Enjoy a Fulfilling Semester

Michigan Alpha Chapter has had a great semester, highlighted by several philanthropic events and lots of fun brotherhood memories. Before we get into the more memorable events, we'd like to note that we currently have 97 active members, and our chapter is thriving academically with a 3.67 GPA.

Over the past few months, our chapter participated in three main philanthropy events.

- First, we raised approximately \$3,600 through multiple fundraising events to support MSU in the wake of the horrific events that occurred there earlier this semester.
- With the help of Kappa Kappa Gamma, we organized a gift drive for local elementary schools. We bought clothes, toys, and books to give underprivileged kids a meaningful Christmas.
- Finally, we raised enough money to compete in the Winterfest Broomball tournament for the first time in seven years. The proceeds were donated to the Autism Alliance of Michigan, The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, and Fisher House Michigan.

Although we always put an emphasis on academics and community philanthropy, we strive to create ways to spend time together and keep our brotherhood strong. This semester, we once again competed in a soccer and flag football league against the other fraternities on campus. We came up just short of a championship in both, finishing as runner-up in soccer and losing in the semifinals in flag football. Our sophomore and senior PCs also vacationed together in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for spring break.

We hope everyone is doing well. Go Blue!

In the Bond,
The Brothers of
Phi Kappa Psi
Michigan Alpha



Brothers with Langston Sholl, Brody Stratz, and Tyler West after their rugby match.



Seniors enjoying spring break in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. From left: Asher Tannenbaum '20, Parker Lynch '20, Langston Sholl '20, Will Pater '20, Wyatt Sales '20, and Dylan Bengston '20.



Brothers having fun at a Real Madrid match while abroad in Spain. From left: Rafa Carbonell '21, Ben Schaffer '21, William Giarraputo '21, Nick Ayala '21, and Griffen Bonesteel '21.

HOUSE CORPORATION BOARD

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Are you interested in helping with upcoming board meetings or advising the chapter? We are actively looking for alumni to serve on the House Corporation Board as well as recent graduates to serve as Chapter Advisors. If you are willing to volunteer, please reach out to any of the House Corporation Board members listed above.

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2023 Executive Board

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Thomas Fouts '22

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Evan Willey '22

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Lucas Kawamoto-Duran '21

House Manager
Maxwell Meston '22

Our recruitment chairman is
Lucas Kawamoto-Duran '21.
If you are interested in learning more about our recruitment process, please reach out to him at fc.lucask@gmail.com.

Join Our 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 keep the chapter financially stable.

Entry to the club requires an annual membership gift of \$222.24, which breaks down to just \$18.52 per month.

To join today, please choose one of these payment methods:



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BROTHERS MEET FOR A VIRTUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment to Serving Others

Founders' Day was held virtually on February 19 for the third time in a row. This provided an opportunity for alumni to come together and chat in a virtual environment to honor the spirit of our founders and their enduring legacy of the great joy of serving others.

Our event had good examples of brothers providing services to their local communities and the wider market.

- Brother **Blake Martin '92** won the Philanthropic Award for his 50-mile march for veteran suicide awareness and prevention.
- Joe Dewulf '11 won the Entrepreneurship Award for his venture, Novel, which works with companies in monetizing offerings on their social media channels.
- Roger Goodrich, Valpraiso '80 won the Mr. Phi Psi Award for living and breathing the ideals of the Phi Kappa Psi Creed in his service to Michigan Alpha.

It was enlightening to see the alumni and current brothers of Phi Kappa Psi in our annual event to discuss the state of our fraternity and chart a path forward. While we have had our challenges this past year, we will continue to progress in improving our chapter operations.



Brothers enjoy connecting during Alumni Weekend in May.



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