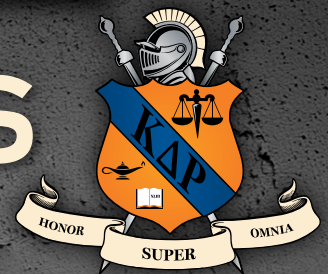


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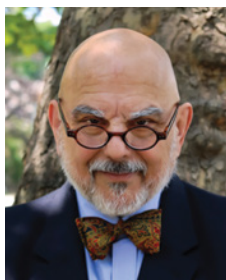
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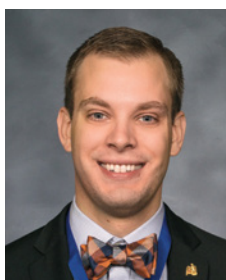
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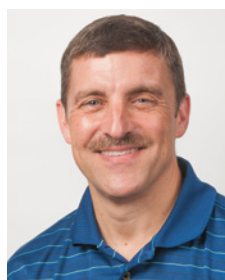
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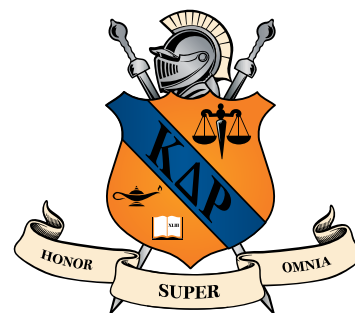
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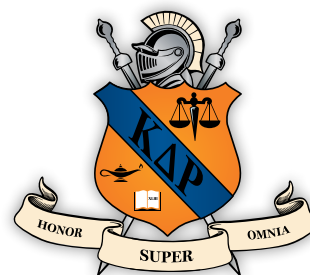
ON THE COVER:
Xavier Romano

From the President's Desk



SCOTT BRADLEY
ZETA BETA '99

President, National Fraternity



One thing that is always constant in the world is change. As you grow you continually change. Your height and weight change, and for some, their hair turns gray, if they can keep it.

Kappa Delta Rho is no stranger to change and must continually adapt to a changing world. As the undergraduates and many alumni have noticed, there have been changes made at our National Office. We have a new Executive Director and some new staff members. Xavier Romano joined KDR in June 2022 as our new Executive Director and brings new energy to the National Office. In the brief time he has been here, he has enacted many changes to improve the operations and cohesiveness of the staff.

We have also added two new field staff members to work with our undergraduates across the country. Hunter Santiago joined us as a Growth Coordinator focusing on chapter expansion. He has field experience after working for the Alpha Chi Rho National Office as a Leadership and Expansion Consultant. Noah Stepp, Zeta Beta '22, joined the office in September and is mainly focused on our expansion efforts with our Lambda Chapter at Cal Berkeley.

With these additions and our current staff, we are building new and stronger relationships between our National Office and the undergraduate Chapters. As we work to grow our existing Chapters, we are also working to add new Chapters, currently at universities where we previously had a presence like Berkeley and Clemson.

The conversations between the National Office and the Chapters are also different this year, and they have responsibility and growth as part of their focus. While the Chapters have done a good job of recruitment this semester, we will continue to discuss and work to build responsibility. The Chapters must continually work to be their "Brother's Keeper" and hold each other accountable. By doing both of these things our Chapters will continue to be the strongest chapters on their respective universities.

While we work to adjust and stay ahead of the change, there is one thing that is always constant. KDR will always work to build better men. *Honor Super Omnia*, everyone.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Bradley'.

Scott

A New Beginning: *Getting to know Xavier Romano*

With over three decades of work in private and public higher education, few practitioners understand the historical and evolving environment of higher education like Xavier Romano. In addition to decades of work as the Vice President of Student Development, Xavier has long been involved in university accreditation work due to his unique experiences. His background has been synonymous with organizational and operational change in support of student success to realigning student services and enrollment management to create a more student-centric experience. These historical skills are already evident since coming on board as Executive Director on the first of June. "Change" and institutional evolution are a part of Xavier's operational mantra.

Xavier's experience has not only been domestic but also international. Taking on his first cabinet-level Vice Presidency at the age of 27, he has a frame of reference formed by his decades of work in student services in the United States and consultancies that took him to Saudi Arabia and Britain (courtesy of The British Counsel). In addition, his perspective of demographics was heavily shaped by his Fulbright experience in Germany.

Xavier's international experience, particularly his time in Germany and Saudi Arabia, shaped his perception of diversity in a global context. He understands that diversity is multifaceted, extending beyond color to encompass cultural, historical, and social backgrounds. In a rapidly evolving world, Xavier emphasizes the relevance of fraternities in academia and society. He challenges KDR to evaluate its position, not only at the chapter and regional levels but also within the broader context of societal evolution and higher education. By embracing diversity in all its forms, KDR can ensure its sustainability and continued



Executive Director Xavier Romano speaking with Undergraduate leadership at Consuls Academy.

impact in the face of demographic changes.

Xavier's approach to student engagement and enrollment management proved to be transformative during his tenure at Knox College, an institution with the oldest Greek system in Illinois. Under his guidance, the Greek population saw a significant increase from 5 percent to approximately 45 percent of campus enrollment, a testament to his ability to foster an engaged community. His philosophy emphasized breaking down barriers between Greek and non-Greek students, recognizing

the importance of unity and collaboration in a diverse campus environment. At his core, his focus is on enhancing the student experience and he approaches his work at KDR in this same vein...an initial focus on the KDR collegiate experience.

"He challenges the current generation of college students, especially those in Greek organizations, to actively engage with leadership opportunities."

Central to Xavier's vision is the belief that universities and students have always been intertwined, serving as the cornerstone of academic and social progress. He challenges the current generation of college students, especially those in Greek organizations, to actively engage with leadership opportunities. Xavier's emphasis on empowering students to initiate positive change echoes through his advocacy for open dialogue and candid conversations within the KDR community.

Xavier's leadership at KDR goes beyond rhetoric; he has implemented tangible changes within the



Donna Misak and Xavier Romano facilitating a session on financial literacy with Undergraduate leaders.

Fraternity. His holistic approach involves assessing the strengths and weaknesses of staff, encouraging open communication, and reintroducing in-person events like Consul's Academy. Through face-to-face interactions and genuine engagement, he is working to foster a sense of belonging among the undergraduate members. His goal is to make them feel heard and valued one student and one conversation at a time.

Additionally, Xavier recognizes the vital role that alumni play in shaping the Fraternity's future. He aims to bridge the gap between generations, encouraging alumni to reconnect with their Chapters. Xavier believes that improving alumni engagement is not a matter of solving the issue of disinterest but rather stoking a dormant enthusiasm that is waiting to be rekindled. By opening the door to alumni involvement, he seeks their wisdom, insights, and financial support to strengthen KDR's foundation.

Looking ahead, Xavier's vision for KDR extends beyond immediate goals. He emphasizes the importance of collective engagement from all members to define the Fraternity's trajectory.

Xavier envisions a sustainable future for KDR, one that is built on the organization's rich history while adapting to the changing landscape of higher education. For him, growth is not just about numbers but about finding the right environment where KDR's chapter culture can thrive, fostering a unique approach tailored to each institution.

Xavier Romano's arrival at KDR signifies a new beginning for the fraternity. His commitment

"Xavier recognizes the vital role that alumni play in shaping the fraternity's future."

to diversity, open communication, and genuine engagement aims to revitalize the organization, making it more relevant and inclusive. As Xavier continues to champion change, KDR stands poised to navigate the complexities of the future, armed with innovation, unity, and a shared vision for a stronger, more impactful Fraternity.

Greeks on Campus 2024: *The Landscape is Still Anything But Settled*

BY XAVIER ROMANO



As we begin the new year, one can only hope that the higher education landscape has finally settled into the "new normal" following our post-pandemic hiatus. Unfortunately, I am finding that the landscape in which our Kappa Delta Rho (KDR) Chapters operate is anything but stable. Within certain higher education sectors, such

as regional state universities, institutions are beset by decreasing state higher education appropriations due to challenged enrollments, lackluster endowments, and often meddling on the part of state legislators that is complicating the lives of many University Senior Administrators. It is a landscape that I know only too well. It was not too long ago that I was one of those cabinet-level Vice Presidents for student development (with enrollment management responsibilities at times) in public and private higher education.

Our success and/or failure on campus is not always self-defined due to decreasing Chapter membership or behaviorally related closures. There is but another important consideration and one that is campus-specific, not unlike our Chapters. KDR Chapters are incredibly diverse, nuanced and born of a confluence of KDR culture and that university campus environment where, like our Chapters, no two are alike.

This fall I contacted university student development practitioners, deans of students, and when possible, campus Greek advisors. The intent was to build new holistic relationships between headquarters (what we refer to as KDR HQ) and our partner institutions. I wanted to get a sense from the campus as to how our men were fairing. I also wanted to reintroduce KDR to our campus partners with a level of intention, purpose, and frankly, enthusiasm that frames my daily engagement with our community members.

I came away from these still ongoing conversations with a very real sense of uncertainty that exists with collegiate partners. The uncertainty is in our top-tier research universities (historically R1 Research Institutions like The Ohio State University)) with massive endowments and campus sizes that rival most US towns. These are the rural public access universities that were often historical teacher training colleges and have been the backbone for so many of our educators across the country.

There is a "canary in the mine" that I think is worth watching and this is the University of West Virginia. Their highly popular President, Gordon Gee, has forecasted a dire need to implement budget cuts that will lead to a reinvention for the university. This push-pull between the legislature and higher education leadership has a direct impact on our collegiate men at KDR. How our KDR Chapters are supported on-campus is an area of concern for me as I foresee a reduction in Greek advisory support since student affairs practitioners are particularly vulnerable to university restructuring and realignments. In other words, these often-young professionals who are found in all facets of campus life will be the first to be "restructured."

As we move into 2024, it is important that at KDR HQ we remain diligent in the fluid and evolving campus landscape where our Chapters exist. As campuses move to make budgetary corrections and, in many states, completely restructure regional universities, it is imperative that we be cognizant of a higher education landscape that is not likely to be settled for some years to come. While I suspect that my words come as no surprise to some, the new reality that all of us are facing is that the postpandemic university of 2024 is, and will continue to be, very different from the prepandemic environment. There is no going back.

KDR will have to adapt to this new environmental reality. In a way, we have already started. But as we navigate these complex, fluid waters, one of the few things that I know as fact is that it will take all of us at KDR to map our path forward into a higher education landscape that will not look like our past. However, it is a future where our KDR community has much to contribute.

A Triumph of Renewal: *The Rechartering of Gamma Beta Chapter at Virginia Tech*

BY IRVING MONTGOMERY, SIGMA BETA '21,
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES



Irving Montgomery

In the spirit of new beginnings at Kappa Delta Rho, we are thrilled to announce the triumphant rechartering of the Gamma Beta Chapter at Virginia Tech. The re-establishment of this Chapter marks a significant milestone in our Fraternity's history, symbolizing dedication, growth, and a renewed sense of Brotherhood.

A Journey of Renewal: The story of the Gamma Beta Chapter's rechartering is one of perseverance and unwavering dedication. Over the past two years, a group of determined individuals have worked tirelessly to resurrect and redefine the Chapter, aligning it with the values and vision of Kappa Delta Rho. Through collaborative efforts and a shared commitment to excellence, these Brothers have breathed new life into the Gamma Beta legacy.

Building Strong Foundations: Rechartering a chapter is no small feat, and the Brothers involved in this process have shown exceptional leadership and organizational skills. From recruiting new members to establishing a solid governance structure, every step has been taken with precision and foresight. The foundation laid by these individuals reflects a deep understanding of KDR's mission and a passion for upholding its traditions.

A Vision for the Future: The rechartering of Gamma Beta Chapter not only represents a renaissance, it also sets the stage for an exciting future. The revitalized Chapter is poised to become a beacon of leadership, service, and camaraderie at Virginia Tech. With a renewed commitment to KDR's principles, the Brothers of Gamma Beta are prepared to make a lasting impact on campus and within the Fraternity.

Acknowledging Those Who Paved the Way: As we embark on this new Chapter, it's essential to recognize and express gratitude to those who played a pivotal role in the rechartering process. Of particular note, Kyle Spillare, Gamma Beta '24, was the first recruited

member and also serves as the inaugural President. He was a key factor in the success of rechartering Gamma Beta. The dedication and determination of him and the other Brothers have not only revived Gamma Beta but have also contributed to the strengthening of Kappa Delta Rho as a whole.

The recharting of the Gamma Beta Chapter at Virginia Tech is a cause for celebration and reflection. It is a reminder of the enduring spirit of KDR and the profound impact that individuals, united by common values, can have on shaping the future of our fraternity. As we look ahead, let us stand together in support of Gamma Beta's continued success and the continued growth and excellence of Kappa Delta Rho.





Brother Jacob Burnap,
Kyle Spillare, Irving
Montgomery, and Owen
Reece at the 2022 National
Convention in Malvern, PA



Below: Brothers Matt Rao,
Kyle Spillare, and Trey
Watts enjoying the slopes at
Wintergreen Resort in Virginia.



GO TIGERS!

BY JOHN MCGLENNON, KAPPA GAMMA '22,
& IRVING MONTGOMERY, SIGMA BETA '21

"Being given the opportunity to help re-found the Upsilon Beta Chapter at Clemson University has given me the ability to develop my leadership and interpersonal skills as well as make a difference on my campus."

— Ivan Huerta, Upsilon Beta '26

Several months ago, Nathaniel Dion, a motivated freshman at Clemson University, reached out to the National Office on behalf of a group of men on campus with the interest of re-founding Upsilon Beta Chapter. Kappa Delta Rho was excited by the interest of the men and upon the first call, Nate was asked "Why KDR?" to which he answered, "I loved what KDR had to offer: a tight-knit Brotherhood, scholarship opportunities, the Brothers' Keeper initiative, and the opportunity to bring Kappa Delta Rho to the South."

In the time since his call, the interest group has grown to over 27 members and has been actively building relationships with other organizations on campus as well as starting plans for Fall recruitment and local operations. The motivation of these men is coupled with their willingness to plan and put their plans into action, and we look forward to their success. Not all groups of intent, nor campuses, turn out to be viable partners for Kappa Delta Rho. However, Clemson University has checked all the boxes to be a home for our Upsilon Beta Chapter, and we couldn't be happier as an organization.



Upsilon Beta Brothers playing cornhole at their first rush event.



Upsilon Beta Brothers at their first brotherhood event as a Chapter.



Alumni Richard Sudderth and Sean Vick visited the Upsilon Beta Chapter's first meeting of the semester.



Brothers Ivan Huerta and Rett Lewis at the 2024 Consuls Academy.



Brothers at their first Formal Chapter meeting as an organization on campus.



Brothers of the Upsilon Beta Chapter honoring their two sweethearts Liz Butler and Maddie Deprino.

2023 National Awards



ROBERT D. CORRIE AWARD

(Chapter of the Year)
Lambda Beta (James Madison University)
Consul: **Zachary Wojnarowski**

GERALD L. MURRAY AWARD

(Outstanding Chapter Operations)
Alpha Beta (University of Delaware)
Consul: **Eitan Schkolnick**

DONALD C. WOLFE AWARD

(Outstanding Chapter Newsletter)
Beta Gamma Chapter (Christopher Newport University)

GEORGE E. KIMBALL AWARD

(Community Service)
Theta Chapter (Purdue University)

JOHN L. BLAKELY AWARD

(Philanthropic Projects)
Alpha Beta Chapter (University of Delaware)

LEO T. WOLFORD AWARD

(Campus Involvement and Awards)
Pi Alpha Chapter (University of Toledo)

GINO A. RATTI AWARD

(Alumni Relations)
Zeta Beta Chapter (Tarleton State University)

DR. HAROLD OSBORN AWARD

(Intramural Sports)
Psi Beta Chapter (East Stroudsburg University)

GEORGE E. SHAW AWARD

(Public Relations)
Iota Gamma Chapter (Towson University)

E. MAYER MALONEY AWARD

(Faculty Relations)
Gamma Beta Chapter (Virginia Tech)

JOHN V. DEMPSEY AWARD

(Outstanding Chapter Website)
Beta Gamma Chapter (Christopher Newport University)

NATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD

(Outstanding Risk Management)
Zeta Beta Chapter (Tarleton State University)

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD

Eta Alpha Chapter (Robert Morris University)
Consul: **Jake Garda, Eta Alpha '24**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Kappa Chapter (Ohio State University)

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR

Sherri Hall
Epsilon Chapter (Franklin College)

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

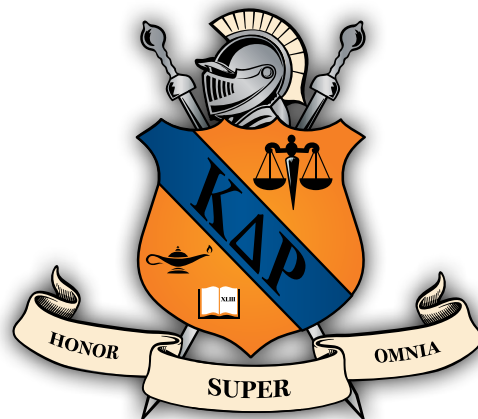
Sebastian Bienkowski, Lambda Beta '23

OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER

Zachary Coleman, Gamma Beta '23

RED ROSE

Taylor Fenn, Pi Alpha (University of Toledo)



Undergraduate Chapter News



Gamma Beta – Gamma Beta (Virginia Tech) ready for Fall rush!



Alpha Alpha – Alpha Alpha's (Lock Haven University) Color Rush Rho '23.



Epsilon: Epsilon's (Franklin College) Fall 2023 newly initiated Brothers.



Kappa: (The Ohio State University) Kappa brothers participating in Community Clean-Up in the University district at OSU.



Alpha Beta: Alpha Beta (University of Delaware) Brothers enjoyed their annual mountain weekend in Lewistown.



Iota Beta: Iota Beta (RIT) brotherhood: an honor not just a title. With whom the best stories are written.



Nu: Nu (Indiana University) Brothers enjoying some colorful chaos before the semester began at Indy Paintball Battleground.



Gamma Gamma – Gamma Gamma (York College) Brothers had a great time at the Involvement Fair!"



Zeta Beta: Zeta Beta (Tarleton State University) brought home 39 new members this fall!



Kappa Gamma – Kappa Gamma (Arizona State University) – Congratulations to our newly initiated Brothers, the Nu Class of Fall 2023!



Omega Alpha: Omega Alpha (VA Commonwealth University) celebrating their 7 year Charter day on November 5th.



Iota Gamma: Iota Gamma Chapter welcomed their Mu class of Fall '23.



Lambda Beta – Congratulations to the Lambda Beta (James Madison University) KDR men's intramural soccer team on winning the championship!



Epsilon Beta – Epsilon Beta (Old Dominion University) new Exec Board!



Theta: Theta (Purdue University) Brothers had a great time on their annual canoe trip! The Brothers spent an afternoon enjoying warm weather and cool water.

Undergraduate Chapter News



Nu Alpha – Nu Alpha (Columbia University) KDR Cupcakes... Philanthropy event supporting CASA.



Eta Alpha – Eta Alpha (Robert Morris University) - Life recently at the Rho!



Phi Beta: Phi Beta (College of William & Mary) celebrates at the Homecoming parade.



Beta Gamma: Beta Gamma (Christopher Newport University) welcomed their newly initiated Kappa Alpha class this fall.



Nu Gamma: Nu Gamma (The College of NJ) at the Involvement Fair this fall.



Omega: Omega (Indiana University of PA) Chapter received Chapter of the Year and Excellence in Chapter Management at the Greek Awards this semester.



Psi Beta: Psi Beta's (East Stroudsburg University of PA) new Exec Board: Consul Oscar Montes, Sr Tribune Joe Benson, Praetor David Schuster, Quaestor Colby Holmberg, Jr Tribune Jaleel Gonzalez and Aedile Bryan Rodrigues



Eta: Eta (University of Illinois) Brothers enjoying the last bit of summer

Alumni Spotlight

Dominguez Center for Data Science to Open at Bucknell University

BY KATE WILLIARD

*Editor Note: **Michael Dominguez, Iota '91**, states: I am honored that Quill & Scroll wanted to share the news of the opening of the Dominguez Center for Data Science at Bucknell University. Recolonizing the Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho at Bucknell, serving as an officer of the fraternity, and later as president of the Interfraternity Council were transformative experiences for me while at Bucknell. The relationships I cultivated with my Brothers, university administrators, faculty, and members of the board of trustees through those experiences were invaluable and played a significant role in my desire to give back to the university. Brother Lee H. Idleman, Iota '54, and former chair of the board of trustees at Bucknell, was an incredible mentor and role model; his passion for serving the university has always stayed with and influenced me.*

Harnessing the power of data is no longer a specialized skill set mastered by few. It's a necessary and critical literacy marker for individuals in nearly every profession.

Thanks to a founding gift from **Michael J. Dominguez, Iota '91**, Bucknell University is expanding its efforts to educate students across disciplines in the field of data science. The new Dominguez Center for Data Science will launch in 2024, and with it, programming that leverages curriculum, research, and the expertise of faculty from all three of Bucknell's colleges.

The Dominguez Center for Data Science will prepare Bucknell students to solve global problems in a digital age through hands-on learning experiences that prepare them for 21st-century careers. The center will also emphasize responsible data use, ensuring students understand how to ethically execute data-driven decision-making.

"Data will be an increasingly important component of any field students pursue," Dominguez says. "It serves as the foundation for decision-making, drives innovation, and is critical to the future of any business or initiative."

The launch of the new center is a tangible indicator of progress toward *The Plan for Bucknell 2025*, which identifies the cultivation of academic excellence across the institution as its first strategic commitment. "The Dominguez Center for Data Science will provide students opportunities to hone their data literacy while developing skills that will carry them through the future," says University President John Bravman. "We're exceedingly grateful for Michael's commitment to the founding of this center, which will become a distinctive and defining element of the Bucknell experience."

The center's vision emerged through interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty from across the university: From the Freeman College of Management, Professor



Matthew Bailey, analytics and operations management; from the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Brooksbank, mathematics; and from the College of Engineering, Professor Brian King, computer science. Through a benchmarking study of data science programs at other institutions, the team found Bucknell to be well-positioned for distinction in the field because of its three-college structure.

The university emphasizes the practical application of data through programs that apply data science in innovative ways, pushing beyond the assumed boundaries of data as a discipline. Samuel Gutekunst, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Data Science, frequently partners with students and faculty colleagues from across the university on data-centric initiatives and anticipates an even broader integration of data into various disciplines through the center. "Bucknell students have already done incredible work in data science, from academic research to applied analytics, to solving real big-data questions for companies," Gutekunst says. "This new center will open up more opportunities for cross-college collaboration on real, impactful projects."

The center will serve as a central hub for offices that facilitate and enhance data-centric academic work and will become a sought-after resource for the entire Bucknell community.

"Numbers are only a small part of the story of working with data," says Interim Provost Margot Vigeant. "Turning numerical values into meaning is at the heart of data science, and why it is absolutely critical that this center sits at the intersection of all three colleges and multiple disciplines. It is important for every member of our academic community to be able to thoughtfully process, consider, and engage with data."

Recruitment for a center director will begin at the start of the spring semester. As the critical first hire, the director will elevate cross-college programming and research, expand existing expertise in data visualization for multidisciplinary initiatives, create pathways for community engagement, and develop a summer bridge program surrounding data science challenges to attract students from under-resourced schools.

Dominguez, who serves as chief investment officer and senior managing director at Providence Equity Partners and is a member of the university's board of trustee, sees the center as a doorway to opportunity. "Bucknell provided me with growth and development that transformed my view of leadership and scholarship," he says. "I'm thrilled to be a part of something new, something highly relevant and distinctive that will help transform education at the university."

Blast from the Past

From the April 1930 Quill & Scroll

What's the Use of Belonging to a Fraternity?

BY RICHARD B. MARTIN, PI '31

When the average student enters college, he clings to the idea that all fraternities are detrimental to acquiring an adequate college education and have no place in the development of a well-balanced personality. Possibly he has been told by some friends that fraternity life is spending money, getting drunk, playing bridge, attending dances or other social functions which finally leads the student to fail miserably in his work and to be dismissed from college. It is surprising to note the number of alumni and students who are of this opinion.... meaning no offense to those that do not think at all. Fortunately, there are those who think with us that fraternities play an important constructive part in college life.

To us who are members, fraternity means not only a place to eat and sleep, but it embodies principles of right living, high ideals and lofty standards to be followed closely, promotes clean and wholesome fellowship which is a means to acquire lifelong friends. We, as good Brothers realize this as our purpose. Consequently, there is no need to dwell on this aspect of fraternity life.

Aside from this interpretation of fraternity life there is another about which very few of us have thought. It is the training, development and cultivation that we receive from our fraternal contacts. Fraternity life has much to do with molding our destiny, even though we are quite unaware of it. If we utilize the opportunities presented by our fraternity we will profit tremendously from them in later years. Unfortunately, there are too many of us who do not take advantage of these offers and cannot expect any returns.

The environment of fraternity—students with conflicting ideas, unmitigated temperaments, varied ideals, students representative of many types of homes and vocations—all thrown together in a “melting pot,” contributes to the development of keen understanding and a broadened outlook on life. Our fraternity offers us complicated problems of government organization, management, social problems, and moral as well

as intellectual oscillation between conflicting ideals and standards. From following the actions of our Brothers and noticing their mistakes, we form habits which remain with us throughout our lives.

When we have orientated ourselves to the environment of our fraternity and its customs, much has been accomplished, for we are adjusting ourselves to a group that is thinking in collective terms apart from our own. We must adjust ourselves to the level of each of our Brothers if we wish to retain their respect and friendship by interpreting their ideas from their own viewpoint. Through fraternal contact we learn not to be egotistic in our relations to our Brothers, however, not too free either, for there are always those who take advantage of the fraternal spirit, one for all, and all for one. In our fraternity meetings, since every Brother is on a level with the other, when important decisions are to be rendered, we must always consider the opinion of our colleagues and if it is more rational than our own, we make concessions. If we possess this spirit, we have grasped the significance of fraternity, for selfishness and stubbornness are two abominable characteristics of the average person.

By associating with Brothers who are usually studying with different vocations in view, and who have varied ambitions, we gain a broad outlook on our time, we become acquainted with the arts, sciences, business and politics along with other specialties. This is an excellent foundation for any ambitious young man with a determination for a successful career.

The angle of fraternity like promoting high ideals, fellowship, scholarship and extra-curricular activities, I shall not discuss for each of us knows that by memory since we rehearse it every year about rushing season. However, the subject matter of this article should be considered carefully and be presented to every incoming freshman and also those who are opposed to fraternity life.

Remembering Ed Curtis, Rho '62



Ed Curtis

The National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho lost one of its most dedicated and honorable Brothers with the passing of Brother Ed Curtis, Rho '62. Please see the comments below from National President Scott Bradley, Zeta Beta '99, and Rho Member, Alumni Board of Governors Bob Kiser, Rho '74.



Ed was a great supporter of KDR for the entirety of his time as a member of our Fraternity. I first met Ed in 1997 at my first National Convention and always searched him out for conversations. He was always easy to find with his rainbow suspenders. Ed worked tirelessly to get the Rho Chapter reopened at Lafayette College. Even while the chapter was closed, Ed, then President of the Rho Chapter Alumni Board of Governors, made sure the Rho Alumni Scholarships were still handed out to Brothers of other Chapters to benefit the entire Fraternity. Ed will be greatly missed."

—Scott Bradley, Kappa Delta Rho
National Fraternity President



We are all saddened by the passing of Brother Ed Curtis. Ed served on the Rho Chapter Alumni Board of Governors for over 35 years with most of those years as our President. During this time, he provided invaluable leadership to the Chapter and was highly respected by all that that he came in contact with due to his straightforward and caring style of leadership. Ed was devoted to KDR and wished nothing more than to see Rho Chapter reactivated. Just days before Ed's passing, he worked to schedule meetings with Lafayette College officials to discuss the reactivation of the Chapter and resuming occupancy of the KDR house on campus. We all extend our heartfelt condolences to Ed's wife Joyce, and daughters Shelley, Sarah, Jessica, and Jody, and related family members."

—Brother Bob Kiser '74, Member,
Alumni Board of Governors





**BY MONROE CLARK
MCBRIDE,
LAMBDA '76**

As I always knew it would be, my fraternal experience has proven to be one of the outstanding impacts in my life. Both of my parents are Greeks and growing up, I saw the close relationships that they had with their fraternity Brothers and sorority Sisters. Those friendships continue even to this day, 70 years after their college days ended.

I wanted that, too, when I pledged the Lambda Chapter at Berkeley and have not been disappointed. Not

only did my time as an active help prepare me for the life to follow, but I still count many of my Brothers among my close friends. It was also through my involvement with Kappa Delta Rho that I met my wife, and we have been married for 46 years.

I owe my Fraternity much. In gratitude and with affection, I want her to be strong and preserved so that others might also benefit from their association in our great Brotherhood.

Recently, as Laurie and I prepared to meet with our attorney to update our estate plans, there was never any doubt in my mind that provision would be made for so important a benefactor in our lives. We are glad that we did this.

MEMBERS

Kyle A. Bamford, Iota Beta '10
David M. Bliley, Psi '62 *
Alvah C. Borah, Eta '32 *
Robert H. Boyer, Pi '60
William P. Butz, Nu '65
J. Gregory Carl, Theta '80
John C. Carl, Theta '51 *
James D. Carroll, Alpha Beta '93
Nien-tzu Chen, Alpha Alpha '97
David A. Clark, Iota Beta '01
Paul A. Downes, Gamma '68
Ronald C. Dunbar, Beta '57
James F. Edgeworth, Psi '56 *
Ferd B. Ensinger, Alpha '45 *
Howard A. Fidler, Eta Beta '93
William A. French, Theta '51 *
Glenn T. Gnrrep, Omicron Alpha '98 *
Zachary K. Gooding, Eta '09
John S. Goodreds, Delta '56
Christopher Harley, Lambda '74
Charles P. Hendricks, Theta '56 *
James E. Hertling, Nu '59 *
Cortland P. Hill, Beta '61
Gordon E. Hoyt, Alpha '36 *
Jim C. Hubbard, Psi '66

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Thomas R. Jensen, Zeta '50 *
Daniel R. Johnsen, Theta '62 *
Robert A. Jones, Alpha '59
Alok K. Kapoor, Iota Beta '93
James W. Kitchell, Alpha '51
David C. Lauder, Eta '71
Steven M. Lawler, Theta Beta '92
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Thomas C. Lockwood, Nu '56 *
Mark N. Lundgren, Nu '70
Brian A. Martens, Iota Beta '97
Monroe C. McBride, Lambda '76
Thomas V. McComb, Nu '59
Timothy F. Moore, Eta '68 *
Michael E. Mueller, Eta '95
Arthur S. Nelson, Eta '32 *
John R. Padget, Beta '58
William J. Paris, Eta '87
George J. Peer, Theta '45 *

Gaetano P. Piccirilli, Xi Alpha '01
Jason J. Pock, Tau '05
Michael P. Pumilia, Theta '72
David L. Rathgeb, Eta '73
Joseph W. Rejuney, Epsilon Beta '90
Dean B. Rissolo, Rho Alpha '89
Maurice F. Ronayne, Xi '51 *
Joseph S. Rosenberg, Xi Alpha '96
Bimal N. Saraiya, Theta '00
Dale W. Schaffenacker, Eta '78
Scott W. Schulze, Theta '80
Allen L. Shumard, Kappa '30 *
Eugene L. Spencer, Iota '76
Gregg R. Steamer, Delta '74
Gerald E. Stebbins, Phi Alpha '88
Loran L. Stewart, Sigma '32 *
Brian J. Stumm, Iota Beta '92
Richard R. Sudderth, Theta Beta '87
Lawrence L. Swearingen, Nu '64
Mark S. West, Upsilon Alpha '88
Jeffrey S. Whitcomb, Iota '91
Charles L. Wiedrich, Sigma '56
John D. Winters, Theta '55 *
Bradley S. Witzel, Lambda Beta '94

* Deceased

New Beginnings Bring Challenges and Opportunities



J. HALL JONES JR.,
LAMBDA BETA '91
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

KDR Foundation President

We are beginning a new era and we want you to be part of it! Every transition in leadership brings an opportunity to reflect on organizational habits and assess what habits should be enhanced and improved and what behaviors can be left behind and replaced with more effective methods of performing. With the hiring of Xavier Romano as KDR's 18th executive director, we are entering a new era for our Brotherhood. As with many transitions, we approach this change with optimism and hope that our Fraternity will continue to prosper, and the quality of programming will remain innovative and valuable to our undergraduate Brothers.

The Kappa Delta Rho Foundation is making changes with an eye to the future as well.

- ✦ The Foundation is upgrading our infrastructure to improve the efficiency of our financial reporting and free up National Office staff time to bring additional focus to our undergraduate Chapters.
- ✦ The Foundation joined seven other Greek Fraternities in the Interfraternity Giving Tuesday Challenge. In this friendly competition, KDR leveraged a third-party platform to expand our reach and realize one of the most successful giving days in Foundation history.

- ✦ We are also rolling out Kappa Delta Rho's lifetime giving society; the Cursus Hororum. You can see more details in the Foundation's 2022-23 Annual Impact Report.

As the song goes "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

Your Fraternity needs your support! Due to the rising cost of education for our undergraduate Brothers and our organization's efforts to provide leadership resources for our Chapters, Kappa Delta Rho's need for support is greater today than it has been at any point in our history. It would not be possible to provide the quality of resources that are available without the financial support of Alumni. As Kappa Delta Rho works its way through this time of transition, and we enter into a time of "New Beginnings", let's demonstrate for all to see that we believe in the added value that our Fraternity brings to our undergraduate members. I encourage you to continue investing in the future of our Fraternity by supporting the Annual Fund!

Honor Super Omnia

Kappa Delta Rho's need for support is greater today than it has been at any point in our history.

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.” — Plato



MARK “SHELBY” WEST
UPSILON ALPHA '88
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

VP of Development & Communication

As we delve into fresh starts in this edition of the *Quill & Scroll*, my mind gravitates toward July 1, an annual milestone symbolizing my personal new beginning. I eagerly anticipate the strides we will take as this date marks the commencement of the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation's new fiscal year. I look forward each year to surpassing the previous year's achievements in Annual Fund contributions, scholarships, and donor participation. Before June 30, 2024, I hope you will witness and appreciate the remarkable efforts of the Foundation, the Fraternity, and, crucially, your invaluable support as a donor.

Before delving too far into the future, let me highlight some noteworthy achievements for which the Foundation expresses gratitude:

- ✦ \$122,800 was raised for the Annual Fund with backing from 252 donors, including 86 new and returning contributors. This marked the 15th most successful year in the Foundation's 28-year history.
- ✦ The Foundation distributed over \$100,000 in endowed scholarships to over 70 Brothers from 22 Chapters.
- ✦ This past Giving Tuesday held on November 28, 2023, proved to be another triumph, securing just over \$20,000 in contributions for the Annual Fund from 70 generous donors. We've made substantial progress since 2015 when contributions totaled just over \$3,000.

As we approach the midpoint of our fiscal year, I invite you to connect with a Chapter Brother you know, particularly one who has never donated or has not done so recently. Encourage them to consider making a gift of \$19.05. Why this specific amount? 1905 is the founding year of KDR. While soliciting charitable donations may present its challenges, reminding alumni of the significant role KDR played in their college experience—and beyond—could persuade them that a gift of \$19.05 is indeed a reasonable contribution.

Your assistance is crucial in propelling the KDR Foundation towards another new beginning of success for our members.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mah S. West".

Mark “Shelby” West

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2022-23 Scholarship Recipients



The New Member Scholarship is intended to acknowledge and assist members who consistently maintain academic excellence during their first semester as a Brother. It is awarded to individuals who attain a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the semester in which they join and continue to meet the good standing criteria with the National Fraternity. This \$100 scholarship is disbursed directly to the University and allocated towards covering the Brother's tuition fees. Let us acknowledge and celebrate the academic accomplishments of our 62 Brothers from the following 13 Chapters.

New Member Scholarships

FALL 2022

Noah Abramson, Beta '25
Allen Wang, Beta '25
Kidus Zegeye, Beta '24
Marco Atallah, Eta '26
Charles Claycamp, Nu '25
Aidan Denk, Nu '26
Harrison Pala, Nu '25
Ethan Beach, Pi Alpha '26
Ethan Herington, Pi Alpha '26
Luke Weston, Theta Alpha '25
Blake Gifford, Alpha Beta '26
Ryan Soehnel, Alpha Beta '25
Zachary Coleman, Gamma Beta '24

Ryan Mychalus, Gamma Beta '25
Zach Buchan, Lambda Beta '26
Jace Capes, Lambda Beta '26
Nicholas Guarino, Lambda Beta '26
Riley Johnson, Lambda Beta '25
Jack LeWarne, Lambda Beta '26
Conner Benson, Phi Beta '26
Cade Bridges, Phi Beta '26
Theo Coughlin, Phi Beta '26
Hakan Dagli, Phi Beta '26
Braeden Garrett, Phi Beta '26
Jarrett Haft, Phi Beta '26
Russell Jenkins, Phi Beta '26

Max Kaminski, Phi Beta '26
Cole MacMillan, Phi Beta '26
Alan Marietta, Phi Beta '26
Ethan Qin, Phi Beta '26
Daniel Robbins, Phi Beta '26
McRae Stuckey, Phi Beta '26
Max Stein, Lambda Gamma '25
Alexander Jaroszak, Nu Gamma '25
Yotam Koren, Nu Gamma '25
Brandon Perini, Nu Gamma '23
Charles Schaechinger, Nu Gamma '25

SPRING 2023

Sebastian Miller, Beta '26
Nicholas Whitecotten, Epsilon '26
Jacob Reuter, Kappa '26
Avian Reza, Kappa '26
Ryan Friedman, Kappa '26
Nick Hammer, Kappa '26
Trent Williams, Kappa '26
Kaden Haslam, Kappa '26
Grant Daylor, Kappa '26
Ben Burson, Kappa '26
Connor Broshes, Kappa '25
Damien DeSomma, Alpha Beta '25
Ethan Policastri, Alpha Beta '26
Daniel Farricielli Jr., Alpha Beta '25

Logan Natysin, Gamma Beta '25
David Kitterman, Gamma Beta '25
Jack Brothers, Gamma Beta '25
William Brown, Gamma Beta '25
Eric Choi, Lambda Beta '26

Lake Hayes, Lambda Beta '26
Anish Malik, Phi Beta '26
Evan Dymon, Phi Beta '26
Matt Jacobs, Nu Gamma '26

"Receiving this scholarship from such a historic organization only strengthens my commitment to the values and principles that guide my academic and personal journey. I am grateful for the peace of mind that your generosity brings me, knowing that I can put my focus and determination solely on my studies and on becoming the greatest version of myself." - Andrew Heller, Beta '25

2022-23 Scholarship Recipients



The Kappa Delta Rho Foundation distributes over \$100,000 in scholarships each year thanks to the generosity of our alumni Brothers and friends. Eligibility requirements vary, but generally, if a Brother is in good standing with the Fraternity and their University and has at least a 3.0 grade point average, they will qualify. While all scholarships are merit-based, a few of our scholarships have economic need as an additional criterion. Some scholarships are available to the general membership, and some are Chapter-specific, while others are related to specific areas of study. If you are interested in hearing more about our scholarship program, please contact us at foundation@kdr.com

Endowed Scholarships

Ali Alomari, Nu Alpha '25
Nu Alpha Chapter Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Marco Atallah, Eta '26
Thomas P. Burns Scholarship

Aaron Austinson, Pi Alpha '24, Rho
Alumni Scholarship

Max Beers, Phi Beta '24
Robert D. Corrie Phi Beta Scholarship
Phi Beta Scholarship

Will Belongia, Chi Beta '24
John C. Carl Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Sebo Bienkowski, Lambda Beta '23
Graduate School Scholarship

Matt Bliss, Iota Beta '24
Paul A. Downes Iota Beta Scholarship
Iota Beta Chapter Scholarship
John C. Carl Scholarship

Jake Catrone, Pi Alpha '24
O. D. Roberts Memorial Scholarship
Lee H. Idleman Memorial Scholarship

Vito Celender, Eta Alpha '23
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Timothy Clark, Theta '23
Dr. Gerald L. Murray Scholarship Fund
John C. Carl Scholarship

Charles Claycamp, Nu '24
Nu Chapter Scholarship

Zachary Coleman, Gamma Beta '24
Lee H. Idleman Memorial Scholarship

Javier Cruz, Theta '23
Wally T. Miller Memorial Scholarship

James Dean III, Lambda Gamma '24
Commerford B. Martin Engineering Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Andrew Dieterle, Iota Beta '24
Iota Beta Chapter Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Eric Evans, Epsilon '24
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Kyle Fowler, Nu '25
Nu Chapter Scholarship

Adam Fredritz, Pi Alpha '25
James F. Edgeworth, Sr., Pi Alpha Chapter Scholarship
Past Recipient Scholarship, Rho Alumni Scholarship

Declan Gallagher, Nu '25
Nu Chapter Scholarship

Kyle Greber, Beta Gamma '24
Robert D. Lynd Scholarship

Tyler Guerke, Lambda Beta '24
Lambda Beta Chapter Scholarship
John C. Carl Scholarship

Evan Haney, Beta Gamma '25
Robert D. Corrie Beta Gamma Scholarship
Commerford B. Martin Engineering Scholarship

Andrew Heller, Beta '24
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Michael Heraty, Theta '24
Robert D. Lynd Scholarship

Matt Hiatt, Theta '24
William C. Hogan Memorial Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Nolan Johnson, Gamma Gamma '24
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Julian Kasmai, Nu '25
Martin J. Joachim Memorial Scholarship
E. Mayer Maloney Memorial Scholarship

Roth Kessler, Epsilon '24
John C. Carl Scholarship

David Kitterman, Gamma Beta '25
Michael A. McCarthy Architectural
Scholarship

Griffin Klauder, Beta Gamma '22
Robert D. Corrie Beta Gamma Scholarship
Graduate School Scholarship

Robert Knight, Epsilon '25, Iota Fund Scholarship

Isaiah Laque, Zeta Beta '24
Richard J. Petronis Zeta Beta Scholarship

Jacob Lombardi, Pi Alpha '24
James F. Edgeworth, Sr., Pi Alpha Chapter Scholarship
Rho Alumni Scholarship
Commerford B. Martin Engineering Scholarship

Aroosh Majety, Phi Beta '25
Robert D. Corrie Phi Beta Scholarship

Aidan McMoil, Iota Alpha '24
Peregrine Falcon Scholarship, Rho Alumni Scholarship
Commerford B. Martin Engineering Scholarship

Samuel Metzger, Pi Alpha '24
Lee H. Idleman Memorial Scholarship

Tommy Miele, Nu Gamma '24
Lee H. Idleman Memorial Scholarship

Cian Mitchell, Eta '26
Eta Chapter Dale Schaffenacker Scholarship

Samuel Neuberger, Pi Alpha '24
Horace E. Shackelton Memorial Scholarship
John C. Carl Scholarship

Kamaru Ohioze Godwill Oseni, Nu Alpha '23
Nu Alpha Chapter Scholarship

Harrison Pala, Nu '25
Nu Chapter Scholarship

Ryan Pegler, Eta '26
Eta Chapter Guy L. Davis Scholarship

Henry Pfeiffer, Iota Beta '26
Iota Beta Chapter Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Ayush Praharaj, Theta '24
Theta Veterans Scholarship

Gerson Quevedo, Theta '25
Rho Alumni Scholarship
John C. Carl Scholarship

Gabriel Ramos, Eta Gamma '23
Lee H. Idleman Memorial Scholarship

Eduardo Rodriguez Gonzalez, Phi Beta '24
Robert D. Corrie Phi Beta Scholarship

Kalindu Samarawickrama, Theta '24
Commerford B. Martin Engineering Scholarship
John C. Carl Scholarship

Fernando Santos, Nu '24
Nu Chapter Scholarship

Steven Sasson, Iota Beta '24
Iota Beta Chapter Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Jeremiah Snider, Pi Alpha '24
Rho Alumni Scholarship

James Stanley, Eta '26, Eta Chapter
William J. Paris Scholarship

Christian Steiner, Iota Beta '23
Iota Beta Chapter Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Chris Stewart, Nu '13
Nu Chapter Scholarship

John Strassle, Gamma Beta '23
John C. Carl Scholarship

Brian Stumm, Iota Beta '92
Paul A. Downes Iota Beta Scholarship
Graduate School Scholarship

James Sykes, Theta Alpha '23
Elmon M. Williams MBA Scholarship

Matthew Travers, Kappa '25
John C. Carl Scholarship

Jacob Troupe, Gamma Beta '24
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Noah van Treeck, Lambda Beta '21
Elmon M. Williams MBA Scholarship

Grant Vivian, Pi Alpha '23
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Allen Wang, Beta '25
Rho Alumni Scholarship

Nicholas Whitecotten, Epsilon '26
John C. Carl Scholarship

Kisal Wijesooriya, Theta '24
Rho Alumni Scholarship
John C. Carl Scholarship

Zachary Wojnarowski, Lambda Beta '23
Robert D. Lynd Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

Evan Zakharchenko, Eta '26
Michael E. Mueller Scholarship

Brian Zimmerman, Lambda Beta '25
Lambda Beta Chapter Scholarship
General Undergraduate Scholarship

WHERE ARE OUR CHAPTERS?

