

LEGENDS OF DELTA SIGMA PHI

ALPHA PI CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - FALL 2016

Alpha Pi Honored as CHAPTER of DISTINCTION from DSP National

For the 2015-2016 school year, Alpha Pi participated in the inaugural PYRAMID PROGRAM chapter performance metric as outlined by the DSP National Fraternity. Chapters with a high completion rate in the Pyramid Program receive the Pyramid of Excellence and Chapter of Distinction awards. The National Fraternity reviews submissions and documentation from all over the country to determine which Chapters made exceptional contributions to their

communities in addition to a well-rounded overall performance.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the National Fraternity awarded Alpha Pi Chapter at Michigan State University the prestigious title of "CHAPTER of DISTINCTION," placing the Chapter in the TOP 5% NATIONWIDE. An award ceremony takes place on October 9, with DSP National Executive Director Patrick Jessee, and DSP Grand Council member

Johnny Knowles in attendance. Only seven chapters received the award among hundreds of competing Chapters/Colonies.

To earn this distinction, Alpha Pi Chapter achieved an average 3.06 GPA among their 100+ members and raised over \$20,000 for non-profit charities, including \$1,750 for the American Red Cross. Members volunteered 20 hours or more on average over the course of the year.

Brother Brett Kast '12 Chosen as Greek Man of the Year

Campus Involvement and Philanthropy Combine to Give Brother Brett Kast a Greek Life Experience Worth Celebrating

Brett Kast '12 is an exemplary Brother and deserving recipient of the Greek Man of the Year award. As an undergraduate, Brett was extremely involved on campus as an Anchor/ Reporter for HOMTV and Focal, member of the Spartan Broadcasters Club and Point Student Newscast. In the fraternity, Brett served as Chapter Philanthropy Chair, Parents Day Chairman and was a Greek Week MTV Night participant. Perhaps his most remarkable achievement thus far is founding the *Jenna Kast Believe in Miracles Foundation*. Brett shared his personal experience as a member of Greek Life and how it affected his foundation as an undergraduate:

"Being a member of Greek Life means a lot to me. When I left High School and came to Michigan State, many of my friends and family members asked how I was going to continue my involvement with my foundation, the Jenna Kast Believe in Miracles foundation. I responded that I would continue doing fundraisers and spreading awareness, but in reality had no clue. I didn't know where to begin. I thought about starting a student organization called "Believe in Miracles" that would fundraise for the organization, but once I got to school that faded away.

Immediately in the fall semester, I joined Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Once brothers found out about the organization, they were extremely eager to help. My fraternity basically adopted Believe in Miracles as their philanthropy. Delta Sigma Phi has been the largest frequent donor for Believe in Miracles, and without their continued support, Believe in Miracles would not be where it is today. The Greek Community as a whole also contributed. Believe in Miracles has benefited from Greek

Week for the past four years and other chapters even donated to the organization.

As I reflect back at my time in college, there is in fact a student organization that benefits Believe in Miracles, and that organization is Greek Life. Being a member of Greek Life means being a part of something much bigger than myself. I worked with Harper's to raise money for other fraternities and



Brett (right) was all smiles as he received the honor in December 2015 from IFC President and previous Alpha Pi Chapter President, Geoff Sabourin (left).

sororities on campus and we raised over \$30,000 and counting for different causes. The amount Greek Life donates to charity is staggering and it is my hope that our philanthropy and community involvement is what people think of when they hear Greek Life, not all the negative.

During my time in college I enhanced the reputation of Greek Life through community involvement and I am proud to be a member of Greek Life. I met so many friends not only in my chapter but in other chapters as well. I will always look back at my time in college as the best four years of my life and Greek Life has been a huge reason for that."

Delt Sig Spartans Set the Tone For Philanthropic Achievement

The Delta Sigma Phi National Fraternity PHILANTHROPY AWARD recognizes a chapter demonstrating significant effort toward funds raised for non-profits including, but not limited to, The American Red Cross. For 2015-2016, only two Chapters received this high recognition - and Alpha Pi was one of them. The Chapter took home this top DSP National Honor for the second consecutive year.

2016 Delt Sig Spartan Alumni Golf Classic a Huge Hit

Brothers gathered on the links for fun, food and a visit to the newly renovated Chapter House

The 2016 installment of the Delt Sig Spartan Alumni Golf Classic was the best yet! Around twenty Delt Sig Spartan Alumni gathered in East Lansing to tame the Meridian Sun Golf Course. The weather cooperated, but the golf course did not. Bobby Flotkoetter '02 and Erik Hakala '02 took home the championship with a -5 score, although Tom Skrocki '06 took home the championship for having the most fun.

After working through 18 holes, navigating sand traps and water hazards and even donating a few golf balls into the woods, it was time to return to the Chapter House. Brothers feasted on chicken wings and played volleyball, all while building new and better memories at 1218 E Grand

River.

Many Alumni saw the recent Chapter House renovations for the first time. The new paver patio was a big hit! Alumni were impressed with the renovated second floor, HVAC to keep Brothers warm and new laundry room (with the huge ugly boiler finally removed). Our beloved Chapter House is truly getting better every year!

Soon after, Brothers reconvened at their favorite watering hole in East Lansing. Some went to Rick's, others The Riv and some enjoyed cigars and whiskey outside the Chapter House. Everyone had a great time getting together, forging new relationships and meeting Brothers of all ages from across the Midwest.





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Bob Jameson '88 - BOND ETERNAL

Robert E. Jameson, age 47 of Adrian, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Bob Jameson '88 was born May 11, 1969, in Adrian, Michigan to Charles and Anne (Rebottaro) Jameson. After graduating from Adrian High School with the Class of 1987, he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Michigan State University where he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from University of Toledo College of Law.

He is survived by his wife Dana Bugbee Jameson whom he married on December 16, 1994.

For the past 19 years, Bob served the private practice of law. He served as a Public Defender for Lenawee County and recently served as President of the Lenawee Bar Association.

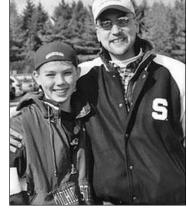
He was an enthusiastic Michigan State fan, had an avid interest in Civil War and Wild West history, a hunter and was a drummer who enjoyed music. Because of his natural talent for music, he initiated the idea for the drum corps at Maurice Spear Campus.

In addition to his mother, Anne Jameson, and wife, Dana, he is survived by his children: Taylor, Jenika and Chloe Jameson; siblings:

Charles W. Jameson II, Leigh (Henry) Jameson-Heise and Jessica (Bill) Chesser all of Adrian; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, The Honorable Charles W. Jameson (2014).

Funeral services took place on August 1, 2016, at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, Michigan, with Pastor Scott

Winstead officiating and a private burial followed.



For those who wish to make contributions in memory of Bob, donate to Maurice Spear Campus Drum Corps.

Share online condolences and memories via http://www.MSUDeltSigSpartanAlumni.com/robert-jameson-bond-eternal



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Christian Suero '10 Awarded \$2,500 Sphinx Scholarship



This fall, 64 Delta Sigs will receive a helping hand from the Delta Sigma Phi Foundation to pay for their education. In July 2016, the Foundation announced its 2016-2017 McKee Scholarship recipients.

Since 2009, these scholarships have provided muchneeded resources for brothers seeking undergraduate or post-graduate degrees. A will bequest of just over \$4.3 million to the Foundation from Brother Hensel McKee, University of Washington '30 makes these funds possible.

This year, the Foundation created new scholarship levels with various disbursement amounts tying the scholarships to Delta Sig's ideals: Men of Courage, Men of Action and Men of Excellence.

Congratulations to Delt Sig Spartan Christian Suero '10 who represented Alpha Pi Chapter at Michigan State University. Christian is taking home a \$2,500 graduate school scholarship!



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Undergraduate Spotlight: Matt Pickels '15



Major: Accounting Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Matt is in the Michigan State Honors College pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting.

When he graduates, he plans to work toward obtaining his MBA and CPA. Eventually, he hopes to be a

public accountant at one of the big four accounting firms specializing in auditing.

Matt has one sister, 16, and two brothers, 10 and 5.





Greek Week Offered Fun, Teamwork and Friendly Competition

Brothers raised expectations and money along with Kappa Alpha Theta and Zeta Psi during the weeklong event

Every spring, one sorority, one large fraternity and one small fraternity collaborate to form a Greek Week team. Teams compete against one another in activities to raise money for dozens of local and national charities.

This year, Alpha Pi paired with Kappa Alpha Theta and Zeta Psi to raise money for the Jenna Kast Believe in Miracles Foundation. Throughout the week, the team participated in events counting towards the team score such as a blood drive, fundraiser, community day and field day.

In addition, the team competed in Bar Night and Songfest. Greek teams competed against each other in a dance-themed competition. The Bar Night team finished in 3rd place while the



Songfest is one of the fan favorite events during the week

Songfest team finished strong but just off the podium. This weeklong event helped raise money to make a child's wish come true.

Inaugural Darts Tournament Sparks Brotherly Competition

Brothers Matt Workman '13 and Jack Flory '13 claim victory in the first edition of YITDarts

This spring, the Brothers organized the first ever Brotherhood Steel Tip Darts Tournament. Affectionately labeled YITDarts, **Alex Hallway** '13 created the event after numerous Brothers picked up the sport to pass the time in The Sack (first floor suite). As the sport gained popularity amongst the Brotherhood, Alex decided to organize a tournament to determine the mightiest darts duo on the property. After the double elimination tournament announcement at the next chapter meeting, many were quick to sign up.

Once those in charge of collecting funds muscled registration money from every miserly Brother in the house, they purchased eight boards along with 48 individual darts. Plywood backboards were hung behind the dartboards to protect the basement walls from wayward throws. The total number of participants amounted to 32 individuals, comprising of 16 teams who competed for the amusement of 15 to 20 spectators. After many hard fought matches, and a spectacular display of brotherly competition, Brothers Matt Workman '13 and Jack Flory '13 brought victory and pride to their Pledge Class and their home court dart board in The Sack when they won two consecutive matches to beat the team from the winners bracket.

Rumor still has it the losing team was from Spring '13, and they



Darts flew as brothers battle in the double elimination tournament.

played on a rival dart court on the second floor. Fortunately for those who lost, the passing of time diminishes the details, but the winners shall remember the victory forever. After all, it is now immortalized on a gold dartboard trophy that rests in the first floor study.

House Renovations Further Elevate Prestige of the Chapter House

As our Alumni know, 1218 E Grand River is the premier property along Grand River and among the Greek Community in East Lansing. One of the first Delt Sig Spartan founders built the Chapter House in 1932 as a permanent, lasting home to future generations of our Brotherhood. Over the past 84 years, thousands of gentlemen learned about Brotherhood, Leadership and Excellence within the walls of this great building.

As an ACB we have a responsibility to our Alumni, Current Undergraduates and future Brothers to maintain, improve and meet the changing demands of students so our beloved Chapter House can remain the place that men of character want to join and live for decades to come. Over the past three years, we completed many projects:

- New deck overlooking the Red Cedar River
- · Replaced historically significant windows along the front of Chapter House
- New stone paver patio in back between Chapter House and volleyball court
- · Second floor hallway renovation
- · Second/Third floor bathroom remodeled
- · Replaced electrical in basement ceiling
- Installed three furnaces
- Removed decrepit boiler
- Dozens of smaller maintenance projects to provide upkeep to the Chapter House

We have ambitious plans to continue work on the physical structure and make it better for future Brothers. We plan to:

- Replace Chapter Room floor
- Replace roof
- Improve Wi-Fi access
- Replace electrical on 2nd and 3rd floor
- Front foyer/war room remodel
- Fencing
- Doll House renovation
- Norm Potter Room Study Chairs/Table Refinish

We believe we still have the premier property along Grand River, and



Projects like this back patio unite the brotherhood and raise the appeal of the Chapter House for current and future generations of Delt Sig Spartans

future Brothers desire to live in this castle and be a part of the Chapter. However, we must continue to find ways to improve and maintain the residence and preserve this great historic building. Our ACB is strong and will continue to meet the challenges presented to us. We will continue to work and would love your help in doing so. Please stop by and see these recent improvements, and learn how you can lend a hand with the next phase in our mission to provide the greatest living/learning environment at Michigan State University. Please visit www.MSUDeltSigSpartanGiving.com for updates on our progress.

Esteemed Alpha Pi Alumnus to Receive Top Honors from Grand Council Brother Richard McLellan '61 is one of only fifteen individuals to receive the Delta Sigma Phi Career Achievement Award.

On October 9, 2016, esteemed Delt Sig Spartan Alumni, **Richard McLellan** '61, will be honored with Delta Sigma Phi's Career Achievement Award. For decades Richard served as the ACB Legal Counsel and as one of the chapter's largest donors. Since its inception, the Richard D. McLellan Academic Scholarship has given out the most scholarship money of any chapter in all of Delta Sigma Phi history!

Richard worked tirelessly throughout his career and helped many through his lifelong dedication to the legal profession, political leadership and our Alpha Pi Chapter. Several governors and even President Gerald Ford trusted him with various positions on boards and transition teams over the past several decades. Being a leader entrusted with such duties speaks volumes about the ability and character of our Brother Richard McLellan.

His notable achievements include Michigan Super Lawyer 2006, 2007 and 2009, Small Business Advocate of the Year, Lawyer of the Year and the Robert A Taft Award. He served Alpha Pi and the citizens of Michigan over the past thirty years, and we are excited

to honor Richard at the Chapter House with a ceremony attended by Alpha Pi Undergraduates, Delta Sigma Phi National Leadership and any interested Alumni who wish to share their thanks and appreciation for his life-long achievements. If you wish to join in the celebration, please RSVP to MSUDeltSigSpartanAlumni/Richard-Mclellan-Career-Acheivement



Richard D. McLellan '61

The Delta Sigma Phi Career Achievement Award is presented to

Alumni who distinguish themselves in their respective professions. The National Fraternity created the award in 1985 with the inaugural recipient being Michael Deaver. Since that time, only 15 people have received the honor.



Alpha Pi Leadership Fund & Academic Scholarship Program

Delt Sig Spartans Earned More Scholarship Money Than Any Other Chapter Nationwide

The Delta Sigma Phi National Foundation manages the Alpha Pi Leadership Fund, our Chapter's exclusive fund for tax-free Alumni contributions. Alpha Pi is one of the pioneering Chapters of this fund with over \$51,000 in scholarships awarded to Alpha Pi Active Brothers since 2004. Our Chapter has awarded more in scholarships than any other Delta Sigma Phi Chapter in the nation! Alpha Pi Alumni make tax-deductible donations as the funds are used for academic purposes only (i.e. scholarships, computer and networking equipment, libraries and leadership training). Alpha Pi Leadership Funds cannot be used for capital improvements to the Chapter property.

Richard D. McLellan Academic Scholarship

Up to \$500 awarded each semester to Brothers who earn above a 3.5 GPA.

Up to \$250 awarded each semester to Brothers who earn above a 3.25 GPA.

New Member Academic Scholarship

Up to \$150 awarded to Pledges who earn above a 3.5 GPA.

Up to \$75 awarded to Pledges who earn above a 3.25 GPA.

What Has It Accomplished?

SINCE 2004:

199 Scholarship Recipients

\$51,000+ Scholarships Awarded

Norm Potter Library/Study Room Refinished

Wireless Internet Installed

After several years of hard work and commitment to academic achievement, the Active Chapter's cumulative GPA is now ABOVE THE ALL-MEN's AVERAGE at Michigan State University!!! (Includes both Greek and Non-Greek men.)







2015 Regional Leadership Academy Brothers from across the Michigan/Ohio Valley area joined Alpha Pi for a one-day leadership workshop

Alpha Pi hosted the DSP Regional Leadership Academy in November 2015, attended by Delta Sigma Phi Chapters from across the Michigan/Ohio Valley area. The event took place at the Breslin Center, home of MSU Spartan Basketball. Nearly a dozen Chapters convened for this advanced leadership experience.

Regional Leadership Academies provide leadership training for Undergraduate members. This academy is open to all members, but emerging leaders are especially encouraged to attend. National Fraternity staff and facilitators help members recognize their personal values while better understanding the values of the Fraternity. RLA participants also identify areas for improvement within their Chapters and create action plans to facilitate positive change.

Academies are held each fall and spring nationwide, bringing Chapters together based on geographic location. Brothers focus on learning, networking and Brotherhood.

This opportunity allows undergraduates to learn from other successful Chapters in vital areas such as: Recruiting, Risk Management, Leadership Development, Chapter Financial Success and Brotherhood. Delt Sig Spartans took a leadership position in this academy through support from the Chapter Executive Board and our Alumni Corporation Board members. ACB led the discussion panel and shared some of the insights that helped mold Alpha Pi into one of the premiere chapters in the Nation.



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2016 Football Schedule

Sep. 2 Furman

Sep. 17 @ Notre Dame

Sep. 24 Wisconsin

Oct. 1 @ Indiana

Oct. 8 BYU

Oct. 15 Northwestern

Oct. 22 @ Maryland

Oct. 29 UofM

Nov. 5 @ Illinois

Nov. 12 Rutgers

Nov. 19 Ohio State

Nov. 26 @ Penn State

Dec. 3 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



Brothers traveled to Dallas, TX on New Year's Eve 2015 to cheer on the Spartans in the Cotton Bowl.