

## UPCOMING EVENT

October 9

Homecoming Reunion & 2nd  
Annual Hall of Fame  
Reception and Ceremony



# The Kappa Sig Stater

Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma Alumni Association  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### No Better Time to "Rise to the Challenge" Than 2015-16

*Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards." - Ancient Proverb*

*by Walt Shuler '75, President, Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma Alumni Association*

I hope my update finds you in good health and that you, my brother, are finding that Kappa Sigma plays a role in your thoughts or your actions. This will be especially true in 2015-2016.

#### ALPHA-SIGMA CHAPTER

The membership begins the year with an unprecedented roster totaling 107 men. The chapter house will be home to 35+ members this school year. The chapter has a solid Executive Committee in place, young men itching to get the membership moving forward towards higher ground. The chapter finished the year in May with a 3.11 GPA combined, which was above the All Men's average on campus and just percentage points behind the all-men's Greek average. Brothers in the chapter successfully conducted a concert in the spring, which raised +\$4,000 for Military Heroes. They organized and conducted two brotherhood retreats, where they learned more about each other while continuing to plan for the upcoming school year.

#### HOUSE COMPANY

The Kappa Sigma House Company grew to 11 members and has as officers Bros. **Phil Turner '80** (Pres.), **Kelley King '79** (VP), **Brad Longstreth '87** (Treas.) and **Pat McCarthy '79** (Sec.). I encourage you to visit [www.alphasigmabrothers.org](http://www.alphasigmabrothers.org) and read members' bios. Their volunteer work consists of planning and problem-solving around the aging chapter house. The university's sophomore housing program that begins in Fall 2016 required special attention and the start-up of the "Rise to the Challenge" capital campaign in 2014. To date, the campaign has raised nearly \$1.1 million in pledges and donations. The minimum goal needed to make all the proper changes to the chapter house is approximately \$2 million. Donations and pledges of \$4 million, an amount entirely possible to raise, would work miracles on a house that is ancient by campus standards.

#### EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma Education Foundation was formed in 2015. Guided by first-year officers **William Giacci '75** (Pres.), **Patrick Martin '85** (VP), **Don James '68** (Treas.), **Walt Shuler '75** (Sec.) and **Larry Schmitz '73** (Board), the foundation will serve many purposes. First, it establishes a vehicle in which members can build a stronger future for Kappa Sigma at Ohio State. Plans are underway to develop scholarships for fraternity members beginning in 2016–2017. Endowed scholarships in the name of the donors have begun and will serve to remind Kappa Sigma students of the importance of education and self conduct. The foundation also plans to fund predetermined educational areas within the Alpha-Sigma chapter house during renovation.

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges and giving at the time of publishing the *STATER* are just shy of \$1.1 million. This represents only 7% of potential donors, those being alumni, undergraduates and parents — nearly 1,500 prospects. The Kappa Sigma House Company's partner in the campaign is Fraternity Management Group. FMG president, Matt Noble, continues his effort to coalesce this large prospect group into a donor body that produces the single greatest act of giving known to Alpha-Sigma chapter initiates. Volunteers are working to contact their big and little brothers, pledge class brothers, and brothers who are either 5 years younger or 5 years older than themselves. The entire effort has one goal: one brother making one pledge, time after time after time, until each Alpha-Sigma Chapter member says yes and pledges to the campaign. The amount pledged is important, but the volume of participation is critical. The goal is to contact 100% of the membership.

#### ADVISERS

Alpha-Sigma Chapter has continued the

tradition of receiving guidance, counsel and leadership from dedicated volunteers. Led by Brother **Tyler Young '01** (AA/GM), the group consists of **Matt Charnas '04** (AAA/GT), **Evan Nieto '10** (AAA/GP) and Walt Shuler (AAA/GS). At least two new advisers will be added in September. Current plans are for Brother Shuler to move from the GS position to the House Manager to work on house maintenance and presentation. Matt Charnas continues his work as the District Grand Master of the Southern Ohio Chapters. He is joined this year by Tyler Young who becomes the Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Brothers in Action — a program which focuses on membership development.

#### HOUSE DIRECTOR

Ohio State's housing initiative requires that our House Company contract the services of a live-in house director. I am pleased to announce that I am taking steps to become vetted by Fraternity Managers Association and Ohio State's Student/Greek Life department for the position of house director. As house director, I see an opportunity to oversee the new chapter house changes that will result from a highly successful capital campaign. Alumni who have not pledged their support because they feel their giving will not be protected should know you have my solemn pledge AEKDB that as a house director, I will maintain a culture consistent with "The Star and Crescent" standards.

Please — become reinvigorated by the lessons learned this past year by our volunteers through their hard work. Give of your time, your talents and your treasure to Alpha-Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma. Learn more at [www.alphasigmabrothers.org](http://www.alphasigmabrothers.org).

*Happiness doesn't come from doing what we like to do but from liking what we have to do.*

- Wilfred Peterson

## CHAPTER UPDATE

### Meet Nick Palmiotto, the Chapter's New Grand Master

*Nick is committed to excellence and the professional development of our brothers*

We welcome these thoughts from Nick Palmiotto, the current President of our Alpha-Sigma Chapter. Nick is a senior from Oceanside, N.Y., majoring in finance and economics.

"I wanted to be the Grand Master of this fraternity from the day I accepted my bid," he said. "I knew then that this fraternity will define my college experience and make me a better man. I really sought for the top job to be able to make the chapter even better and dramatically expand our presence and influence on campus. I have a vision for this chapter to be the most influential organization on Ohio State's campus and one of the most successful chapters of Kappa Sigma. We are great because of our chapter's ability to execute effectively and efficiently on all ends. Our brotherhood, philanthropy, membership development, professional opportunities, social and academics are all among the best in Ohio State's Greek life."

"Our brothers are also better prepared for life after college by being a member of Kappa Sigma," he added. "We teach what it means to be a part of an organization, how to work with people and how to be professional."



Nick Palmiotto

Nick is extremely excited about the upcoming year and highlighted how successful the chapter will be. "We are going to succeed this year because we have incredibly talented people in our leadership and chairmen positions. Our executive committee is very efficient, and for the first time, our chapter selected committee chairmen through a formalized screening and interviewing process, so we know our chairmen are well qualified for their positions."

He ended by noting: "Our structure and efficiency as a chapter is remarkable. If our members stay invested in our vision, our chairmen execute in their positions and we continue to be humble men, we will be not just the best fraternity on campus, but the best organization on campus."

Nick is actively involved on campus. He has two jobs in the business school as a career coach for students and as a finance tutor. He is also a member of the Buckeye Capital Investors and is the treasurer of the Order of Omega honor society. After graduation, Nick will be beginning his career at J.P. Morgan in New York City.

We look forward to seeing what you accomplish, Nick!

## REGISTER TODAY!

### Homecoming & Hall of Fame Reception — Friday, October 9

*Hall of Fame Adding Six New Inductees*

The Kappa Sigma Alumni Association is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Homecoming Hall of Fame reception. The reception will be held on Friday, October 9 — the day before the university's Homecoming game against Big Ten opponent, the Maryland Terrapins.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**October 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Reception House at  
Raymond Memorial Golf Course  
3860 Trabue Road  
Columbus, OH 43228

\$35 per person

Family and friends are welcome.  
Dress code is casual.

Please visit the Events tab at  
[alphasigmabrothers.org](http://alphasigmabrothers.org)  
to RSVP and get more info.

The HOF committee selections are representative of all things great about Kappa Sigma. Inductees, both living or deceased, are brothers who have or are having successful careers in business, government and non-profit organizations. Brothers will also be recognized for their service to the Ohio State University as a student or athlete or through their involvement in campus activities while in school or their service to Kappa Sigma.

#### Hall of Fame Inductees

James R. Beatley (1959)  
Robert T. Weltlich Jr. (1963)  
Terry W. Ruggles (1965)

#### Chapter Celestial Hall of Fame Inductees

Hershel T. "Butch" Meredith (1928)  
Sam Swope (1941)  
Tom Moody (1948)

### We Want to Hear From You!



We want to know what's new with you for future issues of The Kappa Sig Stater! Submit your updates (new jobs, marriages, awesome vacations...) for the next issue by emailing your details to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention Kappa Sigma Ohio State). Photos are also welcome!

## HONOR ROLL

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*Reflects gifts received from 9/1/14 through 8/26/15.*

## ANNUAL FUND

With the new giving year starting on September 1, help us rebuild our annual fund!

### Gifts by Decade

**Total 2014-15 gifts: 129**

1930s-1950s:	26
1960s:	55
1970s:	25
1980s:	18
1990s:	5
2000s:	0

1990s



Thank you to all of our brothers listed above who have supported the annual fund in the 2014-15 giving year (9/1/14 through 8/31/15). As we launch the new giving year on September 1, your support is critical for the longevity of the Alpha Sigma Chapter. Here's why...

In addition to funding our communications program, the annual fund helps support small projects that keep Kappa Sigma an attractive option for new recruits at OSU. Contributions this year will help us to support our alumni programs, special events, and active chapter activities. And, as alumni, you play a critical role in making sure our chapter lives on. Your gift makes a significant impact on these efforts.

Consider a gift of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Make your check payable to Kappa Sigma and send it to:

Kappa Sigma  
 The Ohio State University  
 P.O. Box 218343  
 Columbus, OH 43221

### Attention: Classes of the 2000s

When we look at our Honor Roll (above), we can't help but notice that not one alum from the past 15 years has given this annual fund giving year.

We know that the first few years after graduation can be tough. At the same time, you are the alumni who are closest to your active days at the chapter and have the time to interact with Alpha-Sigma brothers. You remember, better than anyone, the significance of brotherhood and keeping the momentum behind events, our alumni relations program and support of our active chapter.

We'd like to remind you that your participation in the annual fund matters even more than the amount. It sends a signal to the current class of brothers telling them you are dedicated to their future. It also sends a message to your alumni brothers that you haven't forgotten your pledge to help shape the future of Kappa Sigma.



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## Inside ...

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- A new live-in House Director for Alpha-Sigma ... and many other updates.

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

### Alumni Topple Actives in Annual La Coppa Bologna Golf Outing

In the 2nd La Coppa Bologna Golf Outing, Kappa Sigma alumni were victorious over members of the Alpha-Sigma Chapter. The final results declared the alumni winners in three of four matches played.

La Coppa Bologna matches were held on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in July on the Ohio State University Gray Golf Course. Alumni and actives each fielded four two-man teams in a Best Ball competition using full handicaps.

Results: (1) Actives Kyle Bramman/Brendan Duffin defeated alumni **Chris**

**Conklin '08/Doug Klingel '85**; (2) Alumni **Pat McCarthy '79/Ryan Leitenberger '08** defeated actives Cal Green/Ryan Shon; (3) Alumni **Bill Jones '83/Steve Watts '78** defeated actives Jeff Hart/RobbyTobey. **Walt Shuler '75** defeated the active scoring combination. Medalists were Brendan Duffin (78) and Walt Shuler (75).

The active chapter is doing research into procuring a permanent La Coppa Bologna trophy. They are also on record as wanting to play a third La Coppa Bologna event this fall semester when they have a full compliment of players at their disposal.

The event can be held multiple times a year. Contact Walt Shuler (wshuler0119@gmail.com) if you'd like to organize a La Coppa Bologna match.



Alumni and actives at the start of the 2nd Annual La Coppa Bologna Golf Outing.

## CHAPTER CELESTIAL

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of these brothers:

Sam Swope '41

Mike Colley '55

Randall Hall '96

The brothers of Alpha-Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma mourn their passing and extend condolences to their family members and friends.

## Before and After



BEFORE



AFTER

Our thanks to Brother **Pat McCarthy '79** and the KSIG House Company for giving the "House on the Hill" a much-needed first-floor and stairway makeover with new paint and carpet. You can find more photos at [www.alphasigmabrothers.org](http://www.alphasigmabrothers.org).