

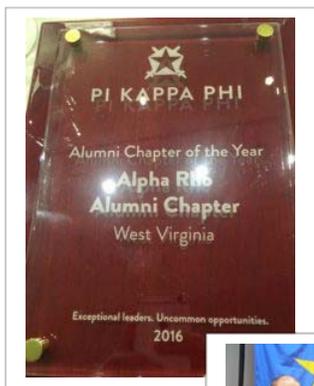


ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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HOMECOMING 2016 IS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Homecoming 2016 was held September 30 through October 2 and provided another great weekend of events for Alpha Rho as we welcomed over 30 brothers plus guests. The weekend started with a Friday gathering at Mario's Fishbowl and Homecoming parade on High Street. Then Saturday's tailgate and WVU victory over Kansas State was followed by Morgantown Saturday evening festivities. We were fortunate to have so many brothers and guests present, including Christian Wiggins, COO of Pi Kappa Phi. Thanks to those who made the trip to Morgantown. We hope to see you at Spring Alumni Weekend, April 21-22, 2017!



Brothers Tom Begley and Jason Hyett accepting the 2016 Alumni Chapter of the Year from Pi Kappa Phi CEO, Mark E. Timmes.

PI KAPPA PHI'S ALUMNI CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

The Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter was awarded Alumni Chapter of the Year at Supreme Chapter held this past August in Austin, Texas. Making the presentation even more memorable, we were fortunate to be seated with Durward Owen, long-time Pi Kappa Phi Executive Director and honorary fourth founding father of our great Fraternity as the award was presented. Below is a condensed version of the application submitted for alumni chapter of the year consideration.

The Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter has been in existence since 1999. It has ebbed and flowed with various periods of success over the years. When the Alpha Rho Student Chapter had its Charter revoked in the Spring of 2015, the leaders of the Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter decided to reinvent itself. With a series of bold actions, the last year has been nothing short of amazing for this organization.

The first step taken was to make the commitment, as Alumni, to take control of our destiny. A core group of men committed to doing everything necessary to achieve the goals of returning the Student

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Our financing campaign continues and while many brothers have contributed, much more is still to be accomplished. Your support will position the Alumni Chapter to provide guidance and assistance to our alumni initiatives and the return of the undergraduate Chapter to campus.

If you have not contributed, consider doing so today. It's easy! Simply visit www.wvupikapp.org and click 'Contributions' then view the membership levels. You may make a full payment or set-up monthly installments.

Giving back today will make Alpha Rho stronger and continue to allow us to strengthen our Bonds of Brotherhood.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alpha Rho has regional alumni groups in Pittsburgh, the DC/MD/VA area, Charleston, WV and the NY/North Jersey area. Learn more by visiting and joining the regional Facebook pages. Search "Pi Kappa Phi - Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter - Charleston, WV Region" or replace Charleston WV with Pittsburgh, MD/DC/VA or NY/North Jersey to find the others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Alumni Weekend, April 21-22, 2017

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (active APAC members)

- Oct. 15, Chris "Barney" Denson, AP 360
- Oct. 28 Brendan Gilligan, AP 425
- Nov. 3 Kris Scheponik, AP 357
- Nov. 9 Erik Baldwin, AP 412

Let us know more about you...marriage, birth announcements, special awards and more! Send to letusknow@wvupikapp.org and we'll share via this newsletter and other media.

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Chapter to campus as soon as possible and to have a vibrant Alumni Chapter to provide meaningful ways to carry out the lifetime commitment each member has made to Pi Kappa Phi. A new Constitution and Bylaws was written and ratified and a full Board of Directors consisting of 9 members was elected during the summer of 2015. From there, work began on several important projects including new website creation, re-launch of our social media sites, forming a functioning database and establishing a budget and Financing Campaign. The campaign within 7 months had members contribute over \$10,000. Additionally, we have begun a comprehensive history project, implemented a Strategic Planning Committee, strengthened relationships with University and new Greek Advisor and committed to supporting the Ability Experience with at least \$1,000 annually. Two well attended event were also hosted with Homecoming in the fall and the Spring Alumni Weekend and Board of Directors meeting. We also established 4 regions for where we have concentrations of alumni currently residing.

The past year has demonstrated in a real and tangible way the Bonds of Brotherhood. After going dormant leading up to World War II, Alpha Rho has had a continual presence on the Campus of West Virginia University since 1978. Losing the Charter in 2015 could have been the end of a long legacy. But it wasn't. Instead, this loss has awakened the dormant fire in many of our members who understand the values and Ideals of our Founders. And while not completed, the determination, accomplishments and spirit of the Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter is praiseworthy.

BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!

We want to keep you in the loop with all of the great events and things happening with your Alpha Rho Chapter. Please take a moment to update your information by <http://wvupikapp.org/update/>.

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