



# ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

## Featured in this Issue Alumni Spotlight



Brothers CR Piatt, Jay Marano, Jr., Patrick Farley, Dave Kish and wife Terri, and Bob Laughner and wife Linda at the WVU vs. Baylor watch party in Bethel Park, PA on December 3, 2016.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - BRENT WEBSTER, AP 219

Brent Webster was initiated into Pi Kappa Phi in January of 1988 and is considered one of the best leaders Alpha Rho has ever had. He had an innate ability to get those around him to see and share his vision for the Chapter. As Archon in the early 1990's, he led us through one of the darkest periods in our long history. It was because of Brent that Pi Kappa Phi was able to flourish on campus in the 1990's and beyond. There is no doubt that had it not been for Brother Webster, there may not have been an Alpha Rho on campus to



enjoy for the hundreds who came after him. His influence is still felt today and his values are reflected in many of the Alumni Chapter Board Members. President Tom Begley credits Brent with teaching and exemplifying what true Brotherhood is. *"When I took the Oath to become President of the Alumni Chapter, Brent was the one I wanted to administer it for me. Beginning in the Fall of 1989 when he was my Warden, Brent has taught me more about Brotherhood and leadership than any other person I've ever known. I'm very lucky to call him my good friend and Brother".*

As a professional in law enforcement, his accomplishments are incomparable. He leads the largest police force in the State of West Virginia as Chief of the Charleston Police Department. In October of 2015, he hosted President Obama in Charleston and shared his thoughts on drug policy and law enforcement. His work is recognized as groundbreaking and is the model of community policing nationwide. And last month, Brent was recognized as the West Virginian of the Year. When asked about the most rewarding aspect of his amazing career, true to form for those who know him well, he deferred the spotlight to the men and women he leads. *"The most rewarding part has been watching how the officers balance their duties of enforcement with professionalism and compassion. The media and movies portray the average officer as robotic and uncaring but that is not the case at the Charleston Police Department. Our officers are some of the most compassionate people I have ever met in my personal or professional life. It is amazing what an officer witnesses on a daily basis. The citizens of Charleston are fortunate to have such a caring group of men and women".*

(see BRENT WEBSTER on page 2)



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Alpha Rho has three members who appear in the latest Star & Lamp, Fall 2016. Check out the photo of Tom Begley and Jason Hyett on page 15 accepting the Alumni Chapter of the Year award. Matt Loffa is recognized as one of Pi Kappa Phi's "Thirty Under 30" on pages 20 and 23.

To view, visit <http://starandlamp.com/>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Spring Alumni Weekend, April 21-22, 2017

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS** (active APAC members)

- Craig Winkelmann, AP 69 - December 17th

- Bill Fuchs, AP 75 - January 16th

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

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Brent credits his time in Pi Kappa Phi with helping him in his career. *"I learned a lot of leadership lessons at Pi Kappa Phi that continue to help me today. I was the Warden for a year and Archon for another year when I was an active. As everyone knows, the Warden is the integral figure in dealing with the "pledges" and of course the Archon is president of the local chapter so the daily operations lean on that role. There is no doubt those two positions have helped me immensely with my role as Chief of Police. For the record, the Warden position was the most rewarding for me and it is arguably the most important member of the executive council. He teaches the history and reinforces the principles, philosophies and culture of the fraternity."*

Brent sees good things ahead with the Alumni Chapter and the return of our Student Chapter. *"The Alumni Chapter is doing incredible things.... I appreciate the time and effort the AC has committed to keeping us informed and interested... It appears the interest in the AC is growing."* We asked Brent what the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1978 Rechartering and the Re-Organization of our Student Chapter means to him and what he wants our Chapter to look like in the future. *"It proves the Alpha Rho Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi will persevere. It is a time of rebirth too. In a generation where drug use and hazing is dominating college and fraternity life, we need to steer clear of this culture or otherwise we will be doomed for the same fate as before."*

We honor one of our most distinguished Alumni, Brent L. Webster, AP 219. We're all lucky to call him our friend and Brother!

**KEEP UPDATED!**

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://www.wvupikapp.org/update/>.

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