



ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND

APRIL 20 & 21, 2018

Make plans to join us in Morgantown!

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 20

- 3:00-5:00pm Welcome Reception at Mario's Fishbowl
- 6:30-10:00 Dinner at Atria's inside Holiday Inn Morgantown

Saturday, April 21

- 10:00am to 12noon Alumni Chapter Meeting Mountainlair Shenandoah Room
- 12:30-2:00pm Lunch at Wings Ole at Evansdale Location
- 4:00-6:00pm WVU vs. Kansas State Baseball—Ability Experience Event at Monongalia County Ballpark
- 7:00pm-? Dinner (sponsored by Alpha Rho Housing Corp.) at Mike Turner's residence

Register today at wvupikapp.org.

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STUDENT CHAPTER EXPANSION LEADERSHIP

This month, we are featuring two Pi Kapp Alumni that are playing a key role in the reorganization of Alpha Rho. Conner Burk and Parker Begale got to campus in late January and have had immediate and dramatic success. As of the writing of this article, they have recruited 67 men to join Alpha Rho. We had a chance to catch up with them and ask a few questions about themselves, our Alumni Chapter and the reasons for their success.

Parker is an alumnus of Theta Phi chapter at Louisiana Tech. Conner is an alumnus of Alpha Alpha at Mercer University. Parker joined the staff in 2017 and has worked on 3 expansions before Alpha Rho while Conner worked on 9 expansions before arriving at WVU and has been on Staff since 2016. These exceptional young men have a bright future in Pi Kappa Phi and we expect to see them take on senior staff roles in the future.

When asked about their impression of the Re-chartering so far, Conner said *"I knew that the Alpha Rho expansion was going to be successful, but I had no idea it would be as successful as it was. Not only do we have high numbers, but the men that make up those numbers are absolute all-stars"*. Parker added *"... Gentlemen that understand there is so much more to fraternity life than a social scene. In lieu of all of the events in the Greek Community recently, I believe they have an opportunity to be trendsetters and show the entire campus how extraordinary fraternity (more specifically Pi Kappa Phi) [men] can be"*.



Conner Burk



Parker Begale

Both were very complementary of the role our Alumni have played in the process. According to Parker, *"The Expansion process was expedited due to the fervor and excitement from the Alumni Chapter, and it certainly helped take some weight off of our shoulders as representatives of the National Organization"*. Conner added that *"I have been to a lot of schools, and I honestly believe that this has been the most dedicated and passionate group of alumni that I have ever worked with"*. He went on to say *"... I don't think we would have gotten the numbers we did if it was not for the strong alumni presence"*.

On the role Alumni should play in today's fraternity, Conner strongly believes in an engaged Alumni base. *"I think the role of alumni has become more important over the years. Sadly, Greek Life is under fire, and I strongly believe that the students need level-headed,*

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ALPHA RHO REGIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Are you connected with one of the Alpha Rho Regional Alumni Chapters? Regions include Pittsburgh, Charlotte, Maryland/DC/Virginia and Charleston, WV. Join today via Facebook by searching the following:

- pi kappa phi - alpha rho alumni chapter - charleston wv region
- pi kappa phi - alpha rho alumni chapter - pittsburgh region
- pi kappa phi - alpha rho alumni chapter - charlotte region
- pi kappa phi - alpha rho alumni chapter - charleston wv region

Each region is excited to host alumni events throughout the year that will cater to regional alumni interest.



Let Us Know

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Did you recently get married or have a child? Did you get a promotion at work or new job? If you have anything you wish to share, we want to know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring Alumni Weekend (April 20-21, 2018)

RECENT AND UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- Robert Ziskey, AP 309 - February 4
- Gerry Crispin, AP 456 - March 1
- Tom Begley, AP 284 - March 12

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passionate alumni that remember the positive side of Fraternity and brotherhood to set them straight and make sure that they are doing the right things. A student chapter needs alumni support in order to be as successful as they possibly can". Parker agrees and said "I believe the most successful relationships between the two entities occur when trust, collaboration, open-mindedness, transparency, and (most importantly) brotherhood are present. Both the student and alumni members must be willing to work together and do what is best for the chapter overall".

On the topic of what they hope to see in the future, both expressed hope and optimism. Parker says "In the future, I would like to see the focus of our men stay in line with the values of Pi Kappa Phi. As they maintain their focus on the aspects of fraternity that it was originally founded for, they should always push themselves to improve and become better men as individuals and as a brotherhood." Conner added "There are two things that need to happen in order for this to be an overwhelming success. The first is that the alumni need to stay as involved as they already are, and I'm not worried about that changing. The second is the students need to continue to want to change Greek Life for the better and not fall into any negative culture influences from other [fraternities on campus]..."

Conner summed up his expectations this way. "... this Re-chartering is going to be successful because the alumni put their hearts and souls into it (so did Parker and I), and we were able to find some of the best students at WVU..."

We're so thankful that we got two of the best expansion team members on Staff. We salute Conner and Parker. They will always hold a special place in Alpha Rho's history and are welcome anytime! Thank you both for caring so much about our Chapter.

Show your support! Now more than ever, your financial support is needed to ensure resources our available to the Alpha Rho Student and Alumni Chapters. We ask you to consider a contribution today. It's easy! Simply visit wvupikapp.org and click 'Contribute' then view the membership levels. You may make a full payment or set-up monthly installments. If you have any questions, please send them to apalumnichapter@gmail.com.

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