



ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Spring Alumni Weekend Schedule
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SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND APRIL 20 & 21, 2018

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

<http://wvupikapp.org/events/saw18/>

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2018 SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND

APRIL 20 -22. MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - DAVID DESKINS, AP 108

As we prepare to gather in Morgantown for our annual Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter business meeting and Spring Alumni Weekend, we are grateful to introduce Brother David Deskins, AP 108 who now resides in Florida. For the Brothers that don't know Dave, he is passionate about his family, career in the hotel industry and of course Mountaineer Football. Please enjoy getting to know more about Dave below.

Q: Tell us a little bit about you.

"I am originally from Phoenixville, PA, a suburb just outside of Philadelphia. I have been married to my wife Nancy for 28 years and we have one son, DJ, who is 25 and a 2015 graduate of WVU. We are a big sports family and follow all of the Philly teams, and of course, the Mountaineers. We had season tickets for Mountaineer Football, but since moving to Orlando in 2015 we generally only get back for a couple of games each season. We have always enjoyed outdoor activities like cycling and golf and now that we are in Florida these activities have increased although my golf game has not improved as quickly as I would like!"



Q: Tell us about your career and what you do for a living.

"I have been in the hotel industry for almost 35 years. I started out as an auditor working the overnight shift and worked my way up through the finance side of the business. I have had the fortune of working for some great companies and in a lot of different types of hotels from suburban conference centers and downtown luxury properties to airport locations and resorts. I have traveled all over the country for both work and pleasure through my various positions (as well as benefiting from the contacts I have made over the years). I have been in a regional and corporate environment but the hotel level is where all the fun happens. Every day is different, even in the world of finance."



traveling whenever possible."

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Q: What are the things you do to enjoy life away from the responsibilities of your career?

"We have found that our quality of life in Florida has been much better than we imagined it would be since the year-round nice weather has created a different work environment that did not necessarily exist in the northeast. We have tried to take advantage of this by doing as much outside as possible like golfing and cycling. We have also tried to take advantage of some of the great places to visit in the state and enjoy



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Thanks to those who are able to join us this weekend and for all the alumni who continue to support Alpha Rho and the Alumni 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 wwupikapp.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.

LET US KNOW

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. Visit <http://wwupikapp.org/letusknow> to submit your news.

RECENT AND UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- Brent Webster, AP 219 - March 26
- Chuck Huber, AP 78 - March 30
- David Goldberg, AP 316 - March 30
- Daniel Scully, AP 293 - April 4
- Patrick Farley, AP 67 - April 12
- Aaron Myers, AP 322 - April 14
- Gilbert Kall, AP 394 - April 17
- David Kish, AP 97 - April 18
- Anthony Graley, AP 359 - April 22
- Nick James, AP 488 - April 27
- Kenneth Berko, AP 367 - May 1
- Rich Harbert, AP 212 - May 5

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Q: What, if anything, did you learn from being a member of Pi Kappa Phi that helped you in your career thus far?

"As an officer and PUSH Chairman, the fraternity definitely helped me understand how to work within an organization that has many personalities and view points and to get a group headed towards the same goal. We had some challenges during my time at WVU and being able to work through them was invaluable experience."

Q: What do you consider your best memories from your time as a Student Member of Pi Kappa Phi & Alpha Rho?

"My best memories are the great initiation class I was part of and the friendships that I have been able to maintain over the years. Starting out with no house and then eventually getting one was a great achievement for our chapter during my time. Also, all of the great work we did for PUSH was always fun as well as rewarding."

Q: You are still in contact with some of your Brothers from your time as an undergraduate. What do these relationships mean to you now? What does being a Pi Kapp mean to you today?

"I value the relationships that I have been able to maintain and only wish I had been able to keep in touch with more brothers. While I don't talk to them on a regular basis, it is nice to know that at any time, I can reach out to them and it is like we are back on campus again."

I think it is challenging to be a supporter of Greek life in the current environment in which we live as a result of some of the events that have happened around the country. When I look at how much we grew and the leadership lessons we learned while being part of the Alpha Rho chapter, I have no doubt that it was the right decision for me."

Q: You have been a contributor to the Alumni Chapter. What are your observations of the work the Alumni Chapter is doing and why is it important for you to be a part of it?

"I think the Alumni Chapter has done a tremendous job of getting brothers active again in the chapter as well as keeping everyone up to date on what is new with Alpha Rho. Supporting the alumni chapter and being involved is an important way to provide additional support for our student chapter as well as helping to maintain Alpha Rho's legacy."

Q: We're nearing the celebration the 40th Anniversary of the Re-chartering of Alpha Rho in 1978 and the Reorganization of the Alpha Rho Student Chapter. What does this mean to you and what do you want our Chapter to look like in the future?

"It is important to me that Alpha Rho maintains a presence at WVU and that would ideally be in the form of a student chapter. With the strong alumni chapter that is now in place I think the future for the student chapter will be bright. Anything we can do to get the students and alumni together can only help the organization get better. I would like to see a chapter that is recognized campus wide as well as within Pi Kappa Phi as a model chapter and sets the example as to how one should represent themselves on campus."

Thanks to Dave for giving us a little insight into his life and for his continued support of Alpha Rho.

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