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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - NOAH IRVING, AP 813

As we move further away from the 2019 Rechartering, we're pleased to have some of these Rechartering Brothers join the Alumni Chapter. As a way to introduce our members to our newest Alumni members, we're going to profile one of these members over the next several months. The Alumni Chapter is pleased to start this off with one of the most instrumental members of the 2019 Rechartering Class. Noah Irving was a leader among this group from the moment he became an Associate Member. He held the offices of Warden and Archon and led the final push the then associate Chapter had to meet the requirements to Recharter. We're looking forward to seeing Noah take on leadership roles within one of the Alumni branches of Alpha Rho soon. Noah has become a good friend to a lot of us in the Alumni Chapter already. And like him, we're looking forward to many years of having him as an important part of the Alumni Chapter.

Tell us a little bit about yourself (AP #, current location, job, family, hobbies, ect.).

AP: 813

Currently located in Morgantown, WV, as I got a job working as a Systems Engineer for Idemia National Security Solutions. Now that I am out of college, most of my free time goes into video games and working out. However, I am trying to spend more time skiing, playing volleyball, and playing ultimate frisbee now that COVID has somewhat relaxed.

Offices held in the Student Chapter, Majors, Awards and Academic Achievements
Warden in 2018 and Archon in 2019; Two majors: Computer Engineering and Biometric Systems with a Minor in Computer Science; Graduated with Magna Cum Laude with Honors

You had a stellar undergraduate record and contributed greatly to the Rechartering effort in 2019. What stands out to you during that time that you are most proud of?

I know that what I will remember most will be all of the incredible experiences we were able to have as a brotherhood. If I were to try and recount all of the distinct memories I have, I could fill a hundred newsletters. But to narrow it down, I can say that some of my most profound and memorable experiences came from our greatest successes and our greatest mistakes. First, being initiated by the Alpha Rho All Star Ritual team on Rechartering weekend was truly special and I fell in love with our common bond of ritual. It showed us how it should truly be performed. That's something I'll never forget. Also, the thrill of winning first place in Greek Week just after we started the



L-R: Tom Begley, APAC President and CEO; Ally Cannon, Chapter Advisor; and Noah Irving

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Rechartering process along with winning Master Chapter and the Founder's Cup for the year I was Archon, was incredibly satisfying. Going to Pi Kappa Phi College, with my Exec team and making lifelong connections with countless brothers outside of Alpha Rho was awesome. And certainly, the honor of winning the WVU Greek Arista Cup award capped it all off for me. I'll forever remember the pride we felt achieving such a distinction.

But I also learned from some of the challenging times and will remember things like having the whole exec council resign because we didn't understand how a particular situation was supposed to be handled. I learned from confronting difficult issues internally and outside the chapter that could've become serious problems if they hadn't been properly handled. I mention these because with each incident, while definitely not pretty, reinforced the importance of using Ultimate Respect within the chapter, which allowed us to grow stronger as we were overcoming our most serious obstacles. I'm sure the lessons I learned will serve me well as I progress in my professional life.

As someone who was there from the beginning, what did it mean to you and the Student Chapter to have the support of Alumni in accomplishing the goal of Rechartering?

Nothing we accomplished during Rechartering could have been possible without the support of the Alumni Chapter. And while the interactions between Alumni and Student members had their ups and downs (as anyone would expect when starting as essentially a group of strangers), I believe a strong bond was formed between all Alpha Rho members during the Rechartering process. I know that while I may be young, I made lifelong friends that were already part of the Alumni Chapter long before me. When I think about it, the reality of what the Alumni Chapter was able to accomplish seems totally crazy to me. At the

RECENT/UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- Erik Baldwin, AP 412 - November 9
- Kenton Schaff, AP 239 - December 5
- Craig Winkelmann, AP 69 - December 17
- William Fuchs, AP 75 - January 16
- Robert Ziskey, AP 309 - February 4
- John Gallagher, AP 251 - February 10
- Giles Davidson II, AP 104 - February 27
- Gerry Crispin, AP 456 - March 1
- Tom Begley, AP 284 - March 12



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time, the Alumni were taking something that was incredibly close to your hearts, this bond that tied all of you together across great distances and time, and were offering it up to a group of complete strangers



who were college kids. While I know that putting the future of the Chapter in the hands of those who come after us is part of the essence of fraternity, you put a great degree of faith in us. I'm sure this was difficult because you couldn't always be there to oversee everything we did. I will be forever grateful to the Alumni Chapter for taking that leap of faith

in us. It allowed me, to have the best experiences of my time in college. As I transition into my days as an Alumni member, I only hope that what we were able to achieve continues to grow and make all of us Alpha Rho members proud.

Now that you are entering the next phase of membership in Pi Kappa Phi, one of Alumni Member, what are you most looking forward to in the coming decades?

In the near future, I am looking forward to finally getting settled in my career and life, so that I can quickly become an active member of the Alumni Chapter. I would like to get involved soon, as I'm sure the leadership skills I developed through my time on Exec can continue to be utilized as an Alumni. I do not know exactly what I aspire to accomplish in the Alumni Chapter, but I have some ideas and plans for the future that will hopefully become reality. In the long run, I am most looking forward to finally experiencing what I initially joined Pi Kappa Phi for. From the very start, I signed my bid with the intention that I could create something to stand the test of time that I could be proud of for all my life. Perhaps most importantly, I will work to make sure that in 5, 10, 15, 20 years, I will be able to see Alpha Rho continue to thrive because of the foundations that were set while I was a student. I already can't wait until all of the 2019 Rechartering class has joined the Alumni Chapter. We'll be leaving the student chapter in the hands of those we recruited and brought up in Pi Kappa Phi. I hope I can continue to support the Student Chapter and ensure they stay on the right track. Knowing that our efforts and sacrifices for these past few years haven't been in vain is something that's important to me. Finally, now that I am part of the Alumni Chapter, I'm looking forward to spending more time with my older Brothers and build on the bonds that are already in place. And I look forward to making even more lifelong friends through Alpha Rho.

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"Nothing shall ever tear us asunder."