



# ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## HOMECOMING 2019!

### SAVE THE DATE

October 4th & 5th

Be sure to hold your calendar and make plans now to join fellow Alpha Rho alumni and friends in Morgantown, October 4th & 5th.

WVU will face the Texas Longhorns on Saturday, Oct. 5th at Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium.

Be on the look out for more information on Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter events planned for the weekend.

We look forward to seeing you again in Morgantown!

## A FATHER'S & BROTHER'S PRIDE

Recent initiate Ayden Lasley, AP 848 from Jarrettsville, MD has been a part of The Ability Experience's Build America program. As its website states, Build America is a six-week team event traveling the country promoting accessible recreation for people with disabilities. From the construction of accessible amenities at camps to wilderness adventures with athletes with disabilities, the Build America team is dedicated to proving true human ability. While Ayden has been travelling from Boston to Los Angeles contributing to a great program, the opportunity has provided him an experience that will stay with him.

However, there another piece to the story. Ayden's father Bill Lasley, AP 849 was initiated into Alpha Rho the same day as him. Undoubtedly, they now share a bond unlike many fathers and sons. As Brothers, we all have personal moments where Pi Kappa Phi has touched our lives, and Bill and Ayden are no different. Bill recently shared some of his thoughts about Ayden and his Build America journey in an email to President and CEO, Tom Begley, AP 284.



"Good morning,

My son Ayden Lasley is participating this year in BAM, and I'm literally watching this change his life. It's been such an awesome experience for him, and truth be told, for me as a parent. The occasional calls, and text I get from him bring tears of joy to my eyes while simultaneously making my heart swell with pride.

Here's an example of one of the text, I received from him last night:

"So, we have these things called Pi Alpha moments. It's like that one defining moment throughout the trip. Definitely had mine tonight watching everyone admire the ramp, and the one kid here in a wheelchair go up it. This is the first time BAM or Pi Kapp has ever come to this camp and we started with no plans, and built the whole thing, from nothing. The campers were awesome., we got everything done, and I had definitely one of the best weeks of my life here."

As a father, this is one of the best texts I have ever received. As a Pi Kapp, it was inspiring. I'm a bit of a music buff, and it inspired me to write a kind of fight song for the Pi Kappa Phi brothers who participate in BAM. I'm still working on the melody, but I've included the lyrics below.

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT, YOU COULD BE NEXT!**

In the coming months, you may receive an email from the Alumni Chapter inquiring more about you. With positive feedback about our Alumni Spotlight segments, we will continue with them in our alumni newsletter series. When you receive the request, please take some time to reply and let Alpha Rho know how your are doing. We take great pride in the accomplishments of our alumni as you are the reason Alpha Rho exists, and we want to share your story.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

- DJ DeCuollo, AP 494 - July 16
- TJ Katz, AP 253 - July 19
- Mike Turner, AP 220 - July 24
- Rob Allen, AP 406 - July 25
- Jason Hyett, AP 466 - August 2
- Robert Laughner, AP 68 - August 8
- Randy Lapcevich, AP 175 - August 11
- Philip Michael, AP 170 - August 15
- Jordan Feathers, AP 438 - August 18

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I've been blessed in my life to become a part of two organizations, the Freemasons, and Pi Kappa Phi. I'm unapologetically proud to be a brother in both!"

**"We Build America"**

*Bill Lasley- AP 849- Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter- West Virginia University*

*(Verse)*

**We take the path that's chosen less,  
And understand that we are blessed.  
We give our hearts,  
We give our time,  
A band of brothers  
With ties that bind.  
There will be moments,  
They'll surely define  
They make us remember  
We're Pi Kappa Phi!**

*(Chorus)*

**We build America  
One camp at a time  
We build America  
Pi Kappa Phi!  
We build America....  
We're Pi Kappa Phi!**

*(Verse)*

**We travel the road, together as one  
And we all know,  
There's work to be done.  
Though our homes are far and wide  
We are brothers,  
With a goal in mind,  
To touch their hearts,  
And change their lives.  
Together as one,  
We're Pi Kappa Phi!**

*(Final Chorus)*

**We build America  
One camp at a time,  
We build America  
Pi Kappa Phi!  
We build America....  
We're changing lives,  
We build America,  
We're... Pi..... Kappa..... Phi!!**

**Best regards,**

**Bill "Laz" Lasley**  
*AP 849- Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter- West Virginia University*

[www.musicbylaz.com](http://www.musicbylaz.com)

The Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter is just as proud of Ayden and his representation of Alpha Rho, Pi Kappa Phi and West Virginia University. We thank Bill for sharing the love of his son and Brotherhood in Pi Kappa Phi.

Proud to be a Pi Kapp!

**ΟΥΔΕΝ ΔΙΑΣΠΑΣΕΙ ΗΜΑΣ**

*"Nothing shall ever tear us asunder."*

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