



# ALPHA RHO ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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**SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND**  
**APRIL 17 - 19, 2020**

**Details coming soon!**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chairman Emeritus, Patrick E. Farley, AP 67, on recently being named the newest inductee to the WVU Greek Hall of Fame. A well deserved honor for one of our own!



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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - ERIK BALDWIN, AP 412

The Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter is proud to share the next version of our Alumni Spotlight. Brother Erik Baldwin, AP 412 serves as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Alpha Rho Alumni Board of Directors and he took some time to provide us some insight into his and his family's life.

**Tell us a little bit about yourself (career, family, hobbies and interests)**

I am a West Virginia native. I was born and raised in Sissonville, WV. I currently live in the Pittsburgh area in Mars, PA with my wife, Andrea, and two kids, Isabella and Jack. I graduated from WVU in 2001 with a degree in Medical Technology from the School of Medicine. I also have an MBA in Healthcare Management from Regis University and a Master's degree in Military Operational Arts and Sciences from the USAF Air University. I was initiated in the Spring of 1996. I held several committee chairs and was Secretary as an undergraduate. After graduation I volunteered as Chapter Advisor from 2001-2004. Since then I have participated in the Alumni Chapter in several different roles and I am presently the VP/COO. I currently work in downtown Pittsburgh for Gateway Health where I am the Director of the Medicaid Pay for Value team. I am also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve where I am the Senior Health Services Administrator and Commander of the Aeromedical Staging Flight for the 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. I love to ski and I am working on putting a respectable golf game together.



**You've been someone who has always been active in Pi Kappa Phi and the Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter. What motivates you to continually give back to our fraternity?**

I love doing it. The Fraternity has provided me with my best friends for life. Family really. From my younger brother who started at WVU and I got to see initiated at Marshall to brothers I don't even know that I am confident would help me out, if I were ever in need. For that and many other reasons, I am happy to give back where I can.

**As someone who has had an up close view of Alpha Rho for the better part of the past two decades, what strikes you about the resilience of our Chapter?**

I'm probably most struck by the willingness to serve and do what it takes to make this the best fraternity. The resilience originates from those of us who loved our experience as an undergrad and want that to be available to those who come after us. There are passionate and hardworking alumni brothers that give up an incredible amount of time and a little bit of cash to keep it going. There are volunteers that believe in the fraternity and what it stands for that are willing to give extra to keep it going. There are also hard working students who have made many of us proud during and after the re-chartering.

**Given what we have been able to accomplish these past few years, and how far we've come from the dark days before the Charter was revoked, what do you most look forward to from your continued**

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## 2020 Contribution Campaign!

**Show your support** Your financial support is critical 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/contribute](http://wvupikapp.org/contribute) and view the membership levels. You may make a full payment or set-up monthly installments. If you have any questions, please send them to [contact@wvupikapp.org](mailto:contact@wvupikapp.org).



### 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.

### RECENT/UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- 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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### involvement?

I'm hopeful that someday I'll get to see my 6 year old initiated. I'm looking forward to a new group of alumni to take on the supporting role in the chapter. We have many of our "go to" guys that have been involved for many years. I'm looking forward to what new leaders step up in the future to take on the challenge of keeping the chapter moving forward. I'm excited to see what the chapter will look like when fresh eyes get the opportunity to continue the improvements already made.

**As someone who is actively involved with the Alumni Chapter, what advice would you give to a Brother who hasn't been around for a while who might consider coming to one of our events?**

Stop by and say hello. Spend five minutes and introduce yourself to brothers you don't know or just catch up with someone you do. You'll find that it's probably not the same vibe as it was when you were twenties, but you'll pick up right where you left off with people you haven't spoken with someone in years. After that, make it a habit to keep coming. Nobody is going to ask more than that.



If you have any opportunity to get involved, I would highly recommend it. Do what you can even if it is something you consider small. It may turn out to be a big thing. If you don't have time to attend meetings, see if you can mentor an undergrad. If you don't have a ton of money to donate, give a small amount or offer to help out with an event.

We thank Erik for his time and his continued commitment to Alpha Rho!



Let Us Know

### 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://wvupikapp.org/letusknow> to submit your news.

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"Nothing shall ever tear us asunder."