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Chapter Advisory Board

Mentoring Undergraduate Officers

The Alpha Phi Chapter Advisory Board (CAB), created in 2012, provides guidance to key undergraduate leaders, acts as mentors to Chapter officers, and establishes and maintains positive relationships with the chapter. Several current CAB members were Chapter officers during the Board's beginning period, but that is not a requirement, if you'd like to get engaged.

The CAB membership has grown, both in members and responsibilities. In 2016, efforts began to expand the CAB's duties to include additional responsibilities, including:

- Management of scholarships - Scholarship Committee
- Senior retention, and
- Re-establishment of the Chapter Standards Board

Our 2017-2018 Alpha Phi Scholarship Recipients include:

Brothers **Nate Lindsey '18** and **Luke Driskill '18** will receive the **Harry B. Lackey '27** Memorial Scholarship. Brother **Connor Cassin '19** will receive the **Larry Kloess, III '76** Leadership Endowed Scholarship, and Brother **Solomon Michael '20** will receive the Alpha Phi General Scholarship.

I would like to thank Brothers **Lawren Pratt '88** and **Stanford Golden '65**, who completed two years of dedicated service this Spring!

As always, we welcome any alumni who are interested in mentoring our Chapter leadership, or assisting in newly expanding roles. Our members typically serve from two-to-three years. If you are interested in serving on the CAB, please feel free to contact me directly.

Fraternally,

Chris

Chris Richards '05, President

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Alabama Home Games

Alumni are welcome to visit the chapter house, before and after home football games. The chapter usually hosts a brunch, or lunch, served two hours prior to kick-off on game days. There will be a cash bar for alumni at Homecoming. For more information, contact House Mother Kathy Murphy at 205-305-0957.

Parking Behind the House for Football games

Alumni may pay to conveniently park behind the house, prior to home football games. **(Parking Lot A)** Visit and socialize at the house, have a bite to eat and walk to the stadium. Entry to parking is at the top of McFarland, between the School of Nursing and the Student Rec Center. Parking is \$25 per game, or you may also purchase a season pass for by going on-line to: uagameday.com

Parking Lot A may be entered by turning off University Boulevard near the UA Medical School building, east of the chapter house.

Home Football Games, Fall 2017:

September 9	Fresno State
September 16	Colorado State
September 30	Ole Miss
October 14	Arkansas
October 21	Tennessee
November 4	LSU
November 18	Mercer
November 25	Auburn



From the Alpha Phi Alumni Association

Dave Pylant '75 Steps Up to Lead As President

As the incoming President of the Alpha Phi Alumni Association, I would like to give a big "Thank You" to **Brother Larry "Klondyke" Kloess III, '77**, the 1st President of the newly formed Alpha Phi Alumni Association for his leadership over past two years.

Under Brother Kloess's leadership we had the most successful Alpha Phi of Theta Chi Anniversary Celebration ever last April, celebrating 90 continuous years on the University Campus. Alumni participation increased, and many more alumni came by the fraternity house during the football season.

I know all of us are disappointed with the way the football season ended, but hey, **"A" Day game** is just around the corner (**2 p.m., April 22**), and a new season begins.

As we look to the new year, my hope is that each of us continues to reconnect with those we've lost contact with those from 'Back in the Day', and make new connections with other brothers as opportunities arise. When you are in Tuscaloosa, feel free to drop by the house, have a meal, and meet the new generation of Theta Chi's. *You will not be disappointed.*

One way to say connected is that if you are a Facebook member join the Theta Chi-University of Alabama group.

As a reminder, the Mission of the Alumni Association is to promote alumni engagement by actively communicating with alumni and hosting events to bring alumni together by:

- Serving as a voice for alumni
- Fostering support for the chapter, by encouraging alumni to offer their time, talent and treasure
- Promoting alumni engagement with the chapter and with fellow alumni by the following means, including but limited to:
 - » Publishing the alumni newsletter;
 - » Maintaining the Alumni website (thetachiuia.com);
 - » Maintaining and posting relevant information on the alumni Facebook page and Linked-In page;
 - » Encouraging alumni to support the Building Fund and the Scholarship Fund;
 - » Hosting pregame meals and alumni receptions at the house during football season
 - » Hosting a Founders' Day Senior Dinner

I hope to see you at the house soon! Take care and "Keep in Touch!"

Fraternally,

Dave

Dave Pylant '75

Chapter Eternal

Since the last issue of Alpha Phi Tidings, we regret to announce that the following brothers have joined the Chapter Eternal:

Robert A. Destefano '75

Justice "Jay" Smyth '77

Rush Recommendations

If you would like to recommend a young man to Alpha Phi for rush, please contact:

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From the Chapter President

Tyler Portanova '18 Steps Up to Lead the Chapter

This has been an eventful year here for us on campus!

- Our chapter was the recipient of the Order of Omega Outstanding Fraternity Award this past year. We were recognized due to our involvement within the University, and leading the movement of suicide awareness on campus. Theta Chi has consistently raised a contributions for the *Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention* each semester.
- One of our juniors, **Jared Hunter'18** was recently elected as President of the Student Government Association. He is just the third member of Alpha Phi to become president of the SGA. The chapter rallied behind Jared throughout his campaign, and it was truly a great day for us when he was elected.
- Jasons Men's Honor Society tapped three Alpha Phi brothers for membership.
- We had more than twenty members involved with Student Government on campus, ranging from Engagement Ambassadors to Vice President of Financial Affairs, and now the Presidency.
- **Nathan Lindsey'18**, was recently appointed Director of Mental Health and Wellness for the Interfraternity Council. Through this position he will plan and implement programs for students awareness of mental health and suicide prevention, an issue that is very personal to our chapter.
- We pledged **48 men** last fall. All but one remained active into their second semester, a rare accomplishment for any fraternity. The most recent new member class consisted of the highest percentage of out-of-state students that our chapter has ever initiated, keeping up with the increasingly diverse University.

We continue to strive for excellence and exemplify the ideals that our brothers before us also shared. If you have any suggestions for any potential new members, please contact Rush Chairman Ben Waldsmith or me.

We have had a few alumni visit over the past year, and I encourage those that haven't been to the new house to visit us. It is great to hear the stories from their time on campus and create an extended network for the brothers. Thank you for your support

Fraternally yours,

Tyler Portanova

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2017-2018 SGA President an Alpha Phi Brother

Alpha Phi Brother Jared Hunter '18 was elected Student Government President last month for the 2017-2018 academic year. Brother Hunter is from Montgomery. He is Alpha Phi's third SGA President.





Alumni Leadership – It is our pleasure to announce the following volunteers who were elected last fall and continue to serve Alpha Phi Chapter in 2017:

House Corporation – The Alpha Phi House Corporation is the legally incorporated entity that owns the fraternity house. The House Corporation is responsible for the financial operations, budgeting and management of the chapter house.

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Chapter Advisory Board – The Chapter Advisory Board serves as mentors for the undergraduate officers of the chapter. Board members are assigned to a particular chapter officer. They communicate and mentor the undergraduates, utilizing their own fraternity experiences and “Best Practices” for each office.

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Alumni Association – The Alpha Phi Alumni Association is responsible for alumni communications and activities. The Alumni Association is responsible for publishing the Alpha Phi Tidings newsletter, the Facebook page, Linked In page, and website: thetachiua.com. The Alumni Association hosts alumni receptions, Homecoming and A-Day events at the house.

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If you are interested in getting engaged with Alpha Phi, please contact the president of any one of our three active alumni groups. We welcome alumni who are interested in chapter and alumni activities. **Get engaged!**