

Pi Kappa Alpha's 2008 International Convention

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The end of summer marks an important time in the life of a PiKA. It indicates a preparation time for the start of school, along with a time to cultivate the way for a successful year of recruitment and development. More notable, the end of summer signifies a time to stop and celebrate another successful year for all Pike chapters.

In between the waves of sweltering heat and tremendous Memphis humidity, more than 800 undergrads, staff, and alumni paraded into the historic Peabody Hotel much like the famous ducks for which the hotel is known. The entrance of so many Pikes into one place could only mark one thing, the beginning of the 2008 International Convention, and the start of a noteworthy week for the Pi Kappa Alpha history books. Pike's premiere event was filled with recognition, learning, and passion. As a recap of all the historic events seen in Memphis at the convention, ask yourself one question... were you there?

Were you there to celebrate our grand Fraternity's 140-year anniversary?

Since the first gathering of six gentlemen at the University of Virginia, our Fraternity has seen tremendous quality growth throughout all of North America, reaching more than 250 schools and establishing itself as the leader in expansion development.

Were you there to visit the Memorial Headquarters on its 20th anniversary, and witness the dedication of a new War Memorial remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice?

The Gold Star Memorial, recently refurbished at the Memorial Headquarters, is located in the front entrance rotunda and



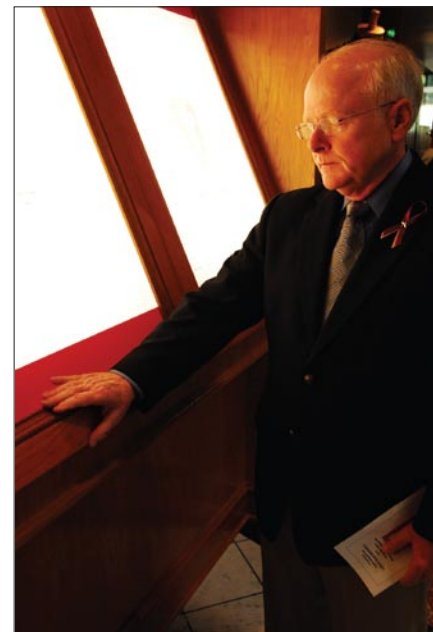
Pi Kappa Alphas from all generations gathered to celebrate the year's achievements and the special event that is convention.

beautifully complements the portraits of the Founders located on the walls. Spanning the length of the front entrance, the Memorial was constructed out of beautiful oak and encases eight uniforms, representing all of the wars in which a fellow Pike brother has fought. Across the front of the display are all the names of those who lost their lives, along with their respective chapter designations. Patrick Haynes (*Arkansas State, Delta Theta '81*), executive director of the Educational Foundation, remarked, "This beautiful facility has always been called the Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters, but until the

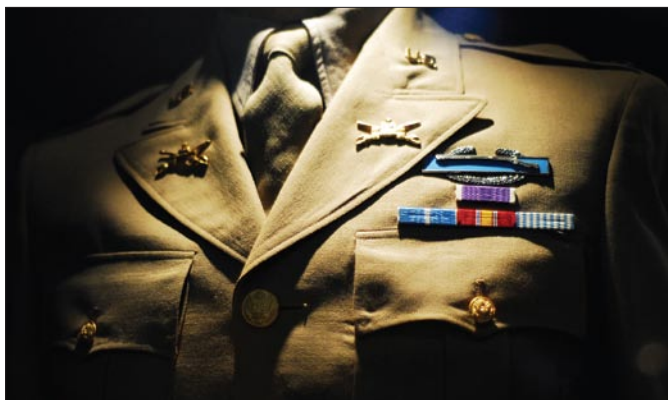
addition of this magnificent memorial, we really had not done justice to the name, or more importantly, to the valiant brothers to whom it is dedicated. The new Gold Star Memorial is now the centerpiece of our headquarters, and most appropriately grounds it as a proud memorial to those brothers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we enjoy each and every day."

The Gold Star Memorial dedication occurred on Friday August 1st, and was attended by members of the Supreme Council, Educational Foundation, Headquarters Staff, Gold Level Certified Undergraduates, and many alumni attending the convention.

Welcoming those attendees was president of the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation, Edward Pease (*Indiana, Delta Xi, '71*). He discussed the sacrifice that the new memorial represents, in addition to acknowledging his tremendous appreciation for the four Pi Kappa Alpha brothers responsible for the funding of the stunning structure.



Rev. Robert G. Certain, a former POW, pauses at the newly constructed Gold Star Memorial at the Memorial Headquarters to remember the Pi Kappa Alphas who have given their lives in the line of military service.



Military uniforms representing each branch of military service have been donated to the Gold Star Memorial.



From left: Thomas Weaver and Jane Orahood Anderson paid tribute to their uncle and husband, D. Mark Anderson, as they accepted the Loyalty Award on his behalf.



Raymond L. Orians was named as the 2008 Distinguished Achievement Award recipient, and is the new namesake of the Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Awards.

The benefactors who graciously donated to the endeavor were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Levert Jr. (*Louisiana Tech, Gamma Psi '65*), Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lisher (*Indiana, Delta Xi '71*), Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. LaBella III (*Delta State, Zeta Beta '94*), and Mr. Daniel Corah (*Colorado State, Epsilon Theta '83*).

Following the welcome and opening remarks, Brother Pease made a special recognition of those student members present from various branches of the military. Those brothers on hand were Cody Coughlin (*Southwestern, Alpha Omicron '07*) representing the United States Coast Guard, George Huyke (*Southern California, Gamma Eta '05*) on behalf of the United States Marine Corps, and United States Air Force representative Benjamin Riggles (*Rose-Hulman, Iota Delta '05*). The Gold Star Memorial is an outstanding addition to the Memorial Headquarters and will be a constant reminder of those who have sacrificed so that we may live in freedom.

Were you there to witness the tribute and remembrance of a life gone too soon?

D. Mark Anderson (*Wofford, Nu '76*) was a man who freely gave his time and treasure to the Fraternity. His untimely death on October 8, 2007 shook the entire Fraternity. It was only fitting that we capped his lifetime commitment to Pi Kappa Alpha and recognized his benevolent nature by honoring him posthumously with this year's Loyalty Award. To receive this award, Brother Anderson's widow, Jane Orahood Anderson, was on-hand to give a strong and uplifting speech on how Anderson has been a model for all people to follow. To conclude the Loyalty Award reception, Anderson's nephew and fellow initiate, Thomas Weaver (*Wake Forest, Gamma Phi '08*) shared a personal prayer by Mark Anderson about being grateful for life and appreciating all it has to offer.



D. Mark Anderson received the Fraternity's Loyalty Award posthumously. His wife, Jane Orahood Anderson, wore his sash and pin, and took his place on the dais for the International President's Banquet.



Were you there to partake in the recognition of five outstanding individuals into the Order of West Range, the Educational Foundation's highest honor, and the Robertson Award for Outstanding Undergraduate?

To lead off the Educational Foundation awards, Joe O'Shea (*Florida State, Delta Lambda '04*) was honored with the Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award, presented annually to the Fraternity's most outstanding graduating senior. O'Shea is the epitome of what it means to be a True Pike. An outstanding individual, he has been heavily involved with his community and has shown strong campus leadership during his undergraduate years, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He was selected as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and will begin that program this fall. During his speech, he discussed how his brothers were there for him, and will always remember how Pike has benefited him when he needed it most. (*Read more about Joe O'Shea on page 60.*)

Following up the Robertson award was the presentation of the Order of West Range honorees. Founded in 1986, the Order of West Range recognizes those Pi Kappa Alpha alumnus members who have gained distinction through career accomplishments,

service to society and/or service to the Fraternity. This year's recipients represent the most renowned and successful alumni Pike has to offer. Receiving the award this year were James R. Holland (*Oklahoma State, Gamma Chi '63*), James W. Thomas (*Florida Tech, Zeta Sigma '69*), Jamie Wolff (*Eastern Washington, Zeta Nu '67*), Andrew M. Coats (*Oklahoma, Beta Omicron '54*), and Robert G. Certain (*Emory, Beta Kappa '67*). (*Read more about the Order of West Range recipients on page 59.*)

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The Orians family enjoyed a special night as Ray Orians received the Distinguished Achievement Award. From left, Ray's wife Paige, who has been at his side for numerous Fraternity events; Ray; their son, Jeffrey (Memphis, Delta Zeta '97), and his wife, Andrea.

Were you there to witness the honoring of our Executive Vice President Raymond L. Orians for his decades of service to Pi Kappa Alpha?

Brother Orians (*Memphis, Delta Zeta '66*) received many honors and recognitions over the course of the weekend, but most notable was the Judge Elbert P. Tuttle Distinguished Achievement Award. This award recognizes outstanding lifetime achievement, and Orians could not be a more deserving candidate. Following the festivities of the golf tournament and Memorial dedication, Orians was surprised Friday night; humbled by the award and honored to be in such company of those who have come before him. Orians joined the Fraternity's staff in 1969, and served as director of housing until his appointment as executive vice president in 1984. Under his leadership, Pi Kappa Alpha established new chapters at 67 universities, and raised the number of active chapters from 173 to 207. During his term in office, over 100,000 new initiates were added to the bonds of *phi phi kappa alpha*. He oversaw the construction of the current Memorial Headquarters in 1988, and under his direction, Pike University and the True Pike Initiative were instituted.

In addition to the Distinguished Achievement Award, there was one more surprise for Orians to receive over the course of the weekend. At Saturday's award luncheon, Executive Director Justin Buck (*Southeast Missouri, Epsilon Iota '96*) asked Ray to come up and discuss the award he had received the night before. Brother Orians recapped his astonishment and expressed his gratitude to all the undergraduates for their continued success in making Pi Kappa Alpha the best in the fraternal world. At that point, Buck asked the president of Epsilon Chapter, Matthew Collette (*Virginia Tech, Epsilon '07*) to read the inscription on the face of the shiny, black obelisk that is the Chapter Excellence Award.

Brother Collette walked up to the podium and informed everyone in attendance that the Chapter Excellence Award will now be called the Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Award. Lining the head tables for the awards luncheon were 46 Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Awards, designating those chapters deserving of such recognition for their previous year's work. For years to come, chapters not only will be pushing forward to receive Smythes, but also Orians Awards to recognize their efforts.



Excitement was the order of the day as the Smythe Awards were presented. Above, members of Alpha Xi Chapter (Cincinnati) receive their Champion Level Smythe Award.

Were you there to watch eighteen Robert Adger Smythe Awards parade through the Peabody banquet hall as the cream of the crop were able to make the step from Orians to Smythe chapters?

Passion and undying dedication come to mind when thinking of those chapters lucky enough to be included in such elite company. These eighteen chapters represent the top 5% of Pi Kappa Alpha and represent the best our Fraternity has to offer in all aspects of fraternal performance. When it comes to recruitment, community service, philanthropy, and academics, these chapters epitomize the qualities of Scholarship, Leadership, Athleticism and Gentlemanly conduct, and the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha.

Some chapters this year demonstrated continued success with their designation as Dynasty Level Smythe winners (chapters winning their fifth or more consecutive Smythe Award). Year after year, a few chapters continue to impress the Pike nation with their accomplishments. This year marked the addition of three Dynasty chapters, Alpha Kappa (*Missouri S&T*), Epsilon Epsilon (*Toledo*) and Lambda Zeta (*Drexel*) to an already exclusive group. They joined Eta Omicron (*Louisiana-Monroe*), Delta Lambda (*Florida State*), and Epsilon (*Virginia Tech*) as Dynasty Level chapters.

These chapters are the examples for all to follow, and some chapters can only hope to reach such continued success. Michael Ruggieri '06, chapter president of Lambda Zeta, was overjoyed to reach this level and mentioned, "To be honored with five Smythe Awards in our chapter's young history is truly remarkable and just motivates us to keep the momentum going." For Eta Rho (*Northern Kentucky*), this year marked their first Smythe Award, and through a continued push to raise the bar they could very well be the next Dynasty chapter out there. Without a doubt, these Smythe chapters understand what it takes to reach such a high level and hopefully will push and motivate other chapters to set it as their goal for 2008-2009.

Were you there to participate in the deliberation and discussion of legislative issues, and aid the forward progression of our Fraternity through the appointment of a new Supreme Council?

Throughout the week, chapters, alumni associations, regional presidents, the Supreme Council, and other delegates gathered together in three legislative sessions to discuss matters addressing the Fraternity. Led by Parliamentarian Mark Robertson (*Southern Methodist, Beta Zeta '82*) and his colorful commentary, delegates debated over 20 pieces of legislation. This was, for



Pat Talley (left), newly elected international president, is congratulated by Past International President Kevin Knaus.



Carolinas Regional President John McCann (Delaware, Delta Eta '75) epitomized the fun and high spirits of the traditional "Duck Walk".

some, a first hand experience of what it is like to be on Capitol Hill.

The three legislative sessions were held to mold our Fraternity for the future, and guide it in the right direction. Four committees focused on Chapter Codes, Membership, Resolutions, and True Pike. Issues discussed spanned the whole scope of Fraternity operations, ranging from the environmental consciousness of 'going green' to hard pressed decisions on the futures of chapters with suspended charters. During the second legislative session, delegates witnessed the announcement of the slate of candidates for Supreme Council.

Perhaps the hardest working group at the International Convention was the Nominating Committee, chaired by Tommy Turner (*Texas Tech, Epsilon Gamma '67*). This committee was responsible for determining and recommending the slate of officers to the convention for approval. The convention unanimously elected Pi Kappa Alpha's leadership team for the next two years: Patrick A. Talley Jr., International President; Kevin E. Virta, International Vice President; Mathew Forrest, International Vice President; F.R. "Rick" Jenkins III, International Vice President; and John A. Bobango, International Vice President. The newly elected Supreme Council appointed Kevin Huddleston, International Vice President; Whitney D. Zimmerman, International Vice President; and Steven S. Heck, Legal Counsel. Brief biographies of the gentlemen who will serve on the Fraternity's board of directors appear on the inside front cover of this issue.

The appointment of the new Supreme Council allowed us to recognize those brothers who diligently gave their time on the previous council. Past International President Allen Groves (*Stetson, Delta Upsilon '79*) leaves the Supreme Council having provided years of service as a member of the Fraternity's professional staff, legal counsel, international vice president, a member of the RAE, Inc., and as immediate past international president. He has pushed continually for better practices in regards to risk awareness and crisis management, along with providing



Past International President Kevin Knaus places the president's badge on newly elected International President Pat Talley, Jr., signaling a new era for Pi Kappa Alpha.

an exemplary model for all public speakers to follow

In addition, Bruce Wolfson (*Pennsylvania, Beta Pi '71*) will leave the Council after six years as a part of the head governing body. Brother Wolfson has been influential in pushing each active and alumnus brother to be better brothers through the True Pike Initiative. Brothers around the world strive to epitomize what it means to be a True Pike within their communities, families, universities, and individual chapters. Wolfson's efforts will now focus on the Educational Foundation as a member of its board of trustees.

Lastly, this marks the end of a one year term for our undergraduate vice presidents, Jared Averbuch (*Michigan, Beta Tau '04*) and Justin Levine (*Pennsylvania, Beta Pi '05*). They have given the Supreme Council an undergraduate perspective on the direction of the Fraternity. Averbuch will begin studies at the University of Michigan Law School, and Levine will move into the area of finance, working with an investment firm in Los Angeles.

Were you there to watch the parade of officers, affectionately called the Duck Walk, as the convention reached its pinnacle with the International Officers Banquet?

The night was capped off with the 'changing of the guard' as Kevin Knaus pinned Patrick Talley with the presidential badge. Knaus expressed his thanks for being given the opportunity to serve this great Fraternity and encouraged the undergraduates to continue their efforts. He passed the microphone to Brother Talley, who discussed how it was destiny that the Fraternity has reached the point where it is today.

In retrospect, the Convention was reminiscent of a quote by former North Carolina State basketball coach Jimmy Valvano. He said, "If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day." Looking back on the laughter heard, the emotional tributes given, and the intense discussion and dialogue created, it is without a doubt that the 2008 Memphis Convention was an undeniable success.



2007-08 International Awards

Awards are presented for chapter excellence and member accomplishment. Annual awards are presented at the Academy and International Convention; special regional awards will also be presented at the Leadership Summits.

Robert Adger Smythe Awards

Dynasty Level

Chapters winning their fifth or more consecutive Smythe Award

Epsilon Chapter (Virginia Tech)

- 9th consecutive Smythe
- 100 man chapter (111 men)
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 9,763 hours of community service
- \$4,793 of philanthropy
- 2nd in athletics
- 60 men recruited (3rd in PKA)
- 67 men initiated (1st in PKA)
- 2.95 GPA

Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri S&T)

- 5th consecutive Smythe
- 90 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 10,904 community service hours
- \$4,912 in philanthropy
- 1st in Athletics and 31 athletes
- 45 men to Pike University (6th in PKA)
- 3.11 GPA
- 100% phi phi k a club

Delta Lambda Chapter (Florida State)

- 7th consecutive Smythe
- 201 man chapter

- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 5,424 community service hours
- \$17,540 in philanthropy
- 69 men recruited (2nd in PKA)
- 60 men initiated (2nd in PKA)
- 2.93 GPA
- 1st in Athletics and 24 athletes

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter (Toledo)

- 5th consecutive Smythe
- 103 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 8,703 hours of community service
- \$13,259 in philanthropy
- 50 men recruited (8th in PKA)
- 49 men initiated (4th in PKA)
- 1st in Athletics and 18 top 3 finishes
- 100% collections
- 100% campus involvement
- 100% phi phi k a club

Eta Omicron Chapter (Louisiana-Monroe)

- 10th consecutive Smythe
- 81 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 5,875 hours of community service
- 30 men recruited
- 29 men initiated
- 1st in Athletics and 16 top 3 finishes
- 24 men to Pike University
- 100% collections
- 100% phi phi k a club

Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)

- 5th consecutive Smythe
- 101 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 5,202 hours of community service
- \$57,053 of philanthropy
- 3.2 GPA
- 1st in Athletics and 33 athletes
- 36 members to Pike University (10th in PKA)
- 100% collections
- 100% phi phi k a

Legacy Level

Chapters winning their third or fourth consecutive Smythe Award

Beta Eta Chapter (Illinois)

- 4th consecutive Smythe
- 167 man chapter
- 3rd on campus in size and recruitment
- 6,200 hours of community service
- \$33,250 of philanthropy
- 45 men recruited
- 41 men initiated (8th in PKA)
- 3.2 GPA
- 100% campus involvement
- 12 athletes

Beta Tau Chapter (Michigan)

- 4th consecutive Smythe
- 116 man chapter

- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 4,626 hours of community service
- \$92,800 in philanthropy
- 45 men recruited
- 38 men initiated
- 3.18 GPA
- 3rd in Athletics
- 100% phi phi k a

Delta Nu Chapter (Wayne State)

- 4th consecutive Smythe
- 90 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 7,351 hours of community service
- \$34,250 of philanthropy
- 38 men recruited
- 35 men initiated
- 3.21 GPA

Champion Level

Chapters winning their first or second consecutive Smythe Award

Alpha Xi Chapter (Cincinnati)

- 2nd consecutive Smythe
- 100 Man Chapter (129 men)
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 14,627 hours of community service
- \$27,274 in philanthropy
- 1st in Athletics
- 53 men recruited (7th in PKA)
- 40 men initiated





Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri S&T)



Delta Lambda Chapter (Florida State)

- 43 men to Pike University (7th in PKA)
- 3.0 GPA
- Student Body President
- 100% phi phi k a club

Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York University)

- 1st Smythe since 2004
- 100 Man Chapter (103 men)
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 2,500 hours of community service
- \$9,000 in philanthropy
- 53 men recruited (9th in PKA)
- 46 men initiated (6th in PKA)
- 36 men to Pike University (9th in PKA)
- 3.3 GPA

Beta Beta Chapter (Washington)

- 2nd consecutive Smythe
- 90 man chapter
- 3rd on campus in size and recruitment
- 6,660 hours of community service
- \$10,158 in philanthropy
- 40 men recruited
- 27 men initiated
- 3.2 GPA
- 100% collections
- 100% campus involvement
- Student Body President
- 100% phi phi k a club

Gamma Tau Chapter (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)

- 1st Smythe since 2000
- 94 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 5,394 hours of community service
- \$19,305 of philanthropy
- 33 men recruited
- 21 men initiated
- 2.95 GPA
- 1st in Athletics and 25 athletes
- 100% campus involvement
- 100% phi phi k a club

Delta Alpha Chapter (George Washington)

- 2nd consecutive Smythe
- 121 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 10,480 hours of community service
- \$14,900 in philanthropy
- 47 men recruited
- 39 men initiated (10th in PKA)
- 3.15 GPA
- 1st in Athletics and 15 athletes

- 100% campus involvement
- 99% collections

Eta Rho Chapter (Northern Kentucky)

- 1st ever Smythe!
- 72 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 7,150 hours of community service
- \$4,500 in philanthropy
- 2.97 GPA
- 55 men recruited (5th in PKA)
- 1st in Athletics
- 52 men to Pike University (2nd in PKA)
- 100% collections
- 100% campus involvement

Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)

- 1st Smythe since 2006
- 92 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 3,344 hours of community service
- \$4,100 of philanthropy
- 35 men recruited
- 31 men initiated
- 3.2 GPA
- 1st in Athletics and 25 athletes
- 25 men to Pike University
- 100% phi phi k a club

Kappa Epsilon Chapter (Rockhurst)

- 1st Smythe since 2005
- 74 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 3,139 hours of community service
- \$5,077 of philanthropy
- 34 men recruited
- 32 men initiated
- 3.3 GPA
- 1st in Athletics and 29 athletes
- 33 men to Pike University (13th in PKA)
- 100% phi phi k a club

Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)

- 2nd consecutive Smythe
- 130 man chapter
- 1st on campus in size and recruitment
- 3,306 hours of community service
- \$4,465 in philanthropy
- 74 men recruited (1st in PKA)
- 56 men initiated (3rd in PKA)
- 3.2 GPA
- 1st in Athletics
- 68 men to Pike University (1st in PKA)
- 100% phi phi k a club

Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Award

Epsilon Chapter (Virginia Tech)

- Xi Chapter (South Carolina)
- Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology)
- Alpha Nu Chapter (Missouri)
- Alpha Xi Chapter (Cincinnati)
- Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York)
- Alpha Phi Chapter (Iowa State)
- Alpha Omega Chapter (Kansas State)
- Beta Beta Chapter (Washington)
- Beta Eta Chapter (Illinois)
- Beta Xi Chapter (Wisconsin)
- Beta Tau Chapter (Michigan)
- Gamma Beta Chapter (Nebraska)
- Gamma Eta Chapter (Southern California)
- Gamma Rho Chapter (Northwestern)
- Gamma Tau Chapter (Rensselaer)
- Gamma Upsilon Chapter (Tulsa)
- Gamma Chi Chapter (Oklahoma State)
- Delta Alpha Chapter (George Washington)
- Delta Lambda Chapter (Florida State)
- Delta Nu Chapter (Wayne State)
- Delta Pi Chapter (San Jose State)
- Delta Chi Chapter (Nebraska-Omaha)
- Epsilon Epsilon Chapter (Toledo)
- Epsilon Iota Chapter (Southeast Missouri State)
- Epsilon Mu Chapter (East Carolina)
- Zeta Iota Chapter (Old Dominion)
- Zeta Sigma Chapter (Florida Tech)
- Eta Alpha Chapter (Clemson)
- Eta Omicron Chapter (Louisiana-Monroe)
- Eta Rho Chapter (Northern Kentucky)
- Theta Omicron Chapter (Indiana State)
- Theta Pi Chapter (Alabama-Huntsville)
- Theta Psi Chapter (Chapman)
- Iota Gamma Chapter (Nebraska-Kearney)
- Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)
- Iota Psi Chapter (Appalachian State)
- Kappa Delta Chapter (Northeastern)
- Kappa Epsilon Chapter (Rockhurst)
- Kappa Nu Chapter (Pacific)
- Kappa Omega Chapter (Wisconsin-Whitewater)
- Lambda Delta Chapter (Vermont)
- Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)
- Lambda Iota Chapter (Central Oklahoma)
- Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)
- Lambda Xi Chapter (Florida Gulf Coast)

Harvey T. Newell Award - Most Improved Chapter

Theta Pi Chapter (Alabama-Huntsville)

Scholarship Cup

Gamma Rho Chapter (Northwestern) - 3.32 GPA

Scholarship Plate - Recognizing 3.0 Chapter GPA

- Theta Chapter (Rhodes)
- Xi Chapter (South Carolina)
- Psi Chapter (North Georgia)
- Alpha Iota Chapter (Mississippi)
- Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri Science & Technology)
- Alpha Mu Chapter (Georgia)
- Alpha Xi Chapter (Cincinnati)
- Alpha Omicron Chapter (Southwestern)
- Alpha Tau Chapter (Utah)
- Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York)
- Beta Beta Chapter (Washington)
- Beta Zeta Chapter (Southern Methodist)
- Beta Eta Chapter (Illinois)
- Beta Pi Chapter (Pennsylvania)
- Beta Tau Chapter (Michigan)
- Beta Upsilon Chapter (Colorado)
- Gamma Beta Chapter (Nebraska)
- Gamma Eta Chapter (Southern California)
- Gamma Rho Chapter (Northwestern)
- Gamma Upsilon Chapter (Tulsa)
- Gamma Phi Chapter (Wake Forest)
- Delta Alpha Chapter (George Washington)
- Delta Theta Chapter (Arkansas State)
- Delta Nu Chapter (Wayne State)
- Delta Omicron Chapter (Drake)
- Delta Chi Chapter (Nebraska-Omaha)
- Epsilon Upsilon Chapter (Gannon)
- Eta Rho Chapter (Northern Kentucky)
- Theta Lambda Chapter (Creighton)
- Iota Gamma Chapter (Nebraska-Kearney)
- Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)
- Kappa Delta Chapter (Northeastern)
- Kappa Epsilon Chapter (Rockhurst)
- Kappa Zeta Chapter (Louisville)
- Kappa Eta Chapter (New Mexico State)
- Kappa Nu Chapter (Pacific)
- Kappa Pi Chapter (South Dakota)
- Kappa Upsilon Chapter (American)
- Lambda Epsilon Chapter (Alberta)
- Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)
- Lambda Eta Chapter (William Woods)

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The Scholarship Cup was presented to Gamma Rho Chapter (Northwestern) by Executive Director Justin Buck (right).

Man Miles Award

Lambda Epsilon Chapter (Alberta)

Pike University High Attendance Award

Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)

Pike University 25 Man Commitment

Recognizing chapters that committed to send at least 25 men to Pike University events during the 2007-2008 year.

- Zeta Chapter (Tennessee)
- Alpha Gamma Chapter (Louisiana State)
- Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology)
- Alpha Xi Chapter (Cincinnati)
- Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York University)
- Alpha Omega Chapter (Kansas State)
- Beta Zeta Chapter (Southern Methodist)
- Beta Phi Chapter (Purdue)
- Gamma Beta Chapter (Nebraska)
- Gamma Rho Chapter (Northwestern)
- Gamma Chi Chapter (Oklahoma State)
- Delta Chi Chapter (Nebraska-Omaha)
- Epsilon Iota Chapter (Southeast Missouri State)
- Zeta Rho Chapter (North Dakota)
- Eta Rho Chapter (Northern Kentucky)
- Eta Upsilon Chapter (Texas-Arlington)
- Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)
- Kappa Epsilon Chapter (Rockhurst)
- Kappa Kappa Chapter (North Carolina-Charlotte)
- Kappa Nu Chapter (Pacific)
- Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)
- Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)
- Lambda Mu Chapter (Embry-Riddle)
- Lambda Omicron Chapter (Rogers State)
- Colony at DePaul University

ALUMNI AWARDS

Chapter Advisor of the Year

David M. Eck
(Toledo, Epsilon Epsilon '88)
advisor to Zeta Iota Chapter (Old Dominion)

Alumni Advisory Board of the Year

Eta Upsilon Advisory Board (Texas-Arlington)

William R. Nester Award for Most Outstanding Alumni Association

Eta Omicron Alumni Association (University of Louisiana-Monroe)
Eta Sigma Alumni Association (University of West Georgia)

Outstanding New Alumni Association

Theta Alpha Alumni Association (University of North Alabama)

HOUSING AWARDS

House of the Year

Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)

Improvement Project of the Year

Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology)

International Work Day Awards:

- Overall Best Work Day
Kappa Lambda Chapter (Western Illinois)
- Chuck Wagon Award
Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)
- Best Interior Project Award
Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)
- Best Exterior Project Award
Gamma Alpha Chapter (Alabama)
- Alumni Participation Award
Eta Omicron Chapter (Louisiana-Monroe)
- Manpower Award
Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)
- Green Project Award
Kappa Gamma Chapter (Florida International)

PROGRAMMING AWARDS

The four areas of chapter programming that are critical to the foundation of an effective fraternity experience are: membership, operations, brotherhood,



The Harvey T. Newell trophy for Most Improved Chapter was received by Theta Pi Chapter (Alabama-Huntsville).

and leadership. Each area has further sub-categories that help comprise the basis of the Chapter Self Assessment, Chapter Consultant Visitation Summary, and Awards Application.

The following awards specifically recognize chapters for excellence in specific areas of chapter programming, sixteen in total. To qualify, chapters must score a year-end score of at least 3.5 (out of 4) in the award category:

Accountability

Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)

Alumni Relations

Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri Science & Technology)

Athletics

Chapter awards for athletics are broken down into three different areas to recognize those chapters from campuses with various student and Greek population sizes.

- Division 1 (20 or more fraternities) – Gamma Beta Chapter (Nebraska)
- Division 2 (10-19 fraternities) – Epsilon Epsilon Chapter (Toledo)
- Division 3 (9 or fewer fraternities) – Eta Rho Chapter (Northern Kentucky)

Campus Involvement

Delta Alpha Chapter (George Washington)

Community Service

Delta Chi Chapter (Nebraska-Omaha)

Continuing Education

Kappa Epsilon Chapter (Rockhurst)

Finances

Eta Omicron Chapter (Louisiana-Monroe)

International Fraternity Participation

Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)

Eta Rho Chapter (Northern Kentucky)

Management

Alpha Kappa Chapter (Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology)

New Member Education

Eta Omicron Chapter (Louisiana-Monroe)

Philanthropy

Beta Tau Chapter (Michigan)

Public Relations

Beta Tau Chapter (Michigan)

Recruitment

Chapter awards for recruitment are broken down into three different areas to recognize those chapters from campuses with various student and Greek population sizes.

- Division 1 (20 or more fraternities) – Delta Lambda Chapter (Florida State)
- Division 2 (10-19 fraternities) – Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)
- Division 3 (9 or fewer fraternities) – Delta Chi Chapter (Nebraska-Omaha)

Risk Awareness

Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York University)

Ritual

Gamma Xi Chapter (Washington State)

RECRUITMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

100 Man Chapter Recognition

- Epsilon Chapter (Virginia Tech)
- Zeta Chapter (Tennessee)
- Xi Chapter (Southern California)
- Upsilon Chapter (Auburn)
- Alpha Zeta Chapter (Arkansas)
- Alpha Nu Chapter (Missouri)
- Alpha Xi Chapter (Cincinnati)
- Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York University)

Beta Alpha Chapter (Pennsylvania State)
 Beta Zeta Chapter (Southern Methodist)
 Beta Eta Chapter (Illinois)
 Beta Tau Chapter (Michigan)
 Beta Phi Chapter (Purdue)
 Gamma Alpha Chapter (Alabama)
 Gamma Eta Chapter (Southern California)
 Gamma Iota Chapter (Mississippi)
 Delta Alpha Chapter (George Washington)
 Delta Theta Chapter (Arkansas State)
 Delta Lambda Chapter (Florida State)
 Epsilon Epsilon Chapter (Toledo)
 Eta Alpha Chapter (Clemson)
 Theta Psi Chapter (Chapman)
 Iota Theta Chapter (California Polytechnic State)
 Iota Iota Chapter (Michigan State)
 Lambda Zeta Chapter (Drexel)
 Lambda Theta Chapter (Dayton)
 Lambda Lambda Chapter (California-Irvine)

20/20 Recruitment Recognition
 Recognizing chapters that achieved a twenty percent increase in initiations from the previous academic year while initiating at least twenty men and maintaining a zero balance.

Alpha Rho Chapter (Ohio State)
 Beta Mu Chapter (Texas)
 Gamma Theta Chapter (Mississippi State)
 Zeta Beta Chapter (Delta State)
 Theta Sigma Chapter (Winthrop)
 Iota Chi Chapter (Connecticut)
 Kappa Delta Chapter (Northeastern)
 Kappa Upsilon Chapter (American)

20/30 Recruitment Recognition
 Recognizing chapters that achieved a thirty percent increase in initiations from the previous academic year while initiating at least twenty men and maintaining a zero balance.

Mu Chapter (Presbyterian)
 Gamma Sigma Chapter (Pittsburgh)

Delta Beta Chapter (Bowling Green State)
 Delta Nu Chapter (Wayne State)
 Epsilon Iota Chapter (Southeast Missouri State)
 Theta Omega Chapter (California-Davis)
 Iota Delta Chapter (Rose-Hulman)
 Kappa Epsilon Chapter (Rockhurst)
 Lambda Nu Chapter (Boston)

20/50 Recruitment Recognition
 Recognizing chapters that achieved a fifty percent increase in initiations from the previous academic year while initiating at least twenty men and maintaining a zero balance.

Alpha Chapter (Virginia)
 Epsilon Chapter (Virginia Tech)
 Psi Chapter (North Georgia College)
 Alpha Gamma Chapter (Louisiana State)
 Alpha Upsilon Chapter (New York University)
 Alpha Phi Chapter (Iowa State)
 Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Utah State)
 Gamma Omicron Chapter (Ohio Univ.)

Gamma Pi Chapter (Oregon)
 Gamma Upsilon Chapter (Tulsa)
 Delta Gamma Chapter (Miami)
 Delta Pi Chapter (San Jose State)
 Delta Chi Chapter (Nebraska-Omaha)
 Delta Omega Chapter (High Point)
 Epsilon Eta Chapter (Houston)
 Epsilon Upsilon Chapter (Gannon)
 Zeta Iota Chapter (Old Dominion)
 Zeta Sigma Chapter (Florida Tech)
 Eta Epsilon Chapter (Angelo State)
 Eta Eta Chapter (Morehead State)
 Eta Nu Chapter (Northern Illinois)
 Eta Upsilon Chapter (Texas-Arlington)
 Kappa Eta Chapter (New Mexico State)
 Kappa Omega Chapter (Wisconsin-Whitewater)

For questions about the International Awards Program, contact the Director of Pike University at (901) 748-1868 ext. 105 or pikeuniversity@pikes.org.

Community Service

Pikes Make A Difference In Memphis

Pi Kappa Alpha members from across North America attended the 2008 International Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee from July 30-August 3, 2008. Pi Kappa Alpha partnered with Jacob's Ladder Community Development Foundation to provide an opportunity for convention attendees to participate in a community service event. On Friday, August 1st, 34 Pikes split into three teams to perform maintenance on three residences in the Beltline community of Memphis, Tennessee. The teams scraped siding, painted eaves, cleaned porches and roofs, swept out garages and collected trash strewn across vacant lots. In addition to the work, the Pikes took time for basketball and football games with neighborhood youth. The mission of Jacob's Ladder Community Development Foundation is the revitalization of inner-city neighborhoods through community partnerships. This was a return visit to the Beltline community for Pi Kappa Alpha and Jacob's Ladder Executive Director Bill Marler said, "We are very grateful for bringing the Pike's back to the Beltline for a second visit and under very different weather conditions. Please relay our gratitude to them for putting the finishing touches on three major projects with the thermometer approaching 100. The Pikes are flexible, adapted to the situation and did everything we hoped could be done. In addition, they made a nice connection to the community's younger crowd with a couple of games of basketball and football. We could not have asked for more and hope you will consider another visit."

Pi Kappa Alpha is pleased to partner with outstanding organizations such as Jacob's Ladder Community Development Foundation.

Thanks to the following Pikes for their participation in the 2008 International Convention Community Service Project:

Clayton Barnette (North Carolina-Greensboro Colony)
 Michael Bock (Drexel, Lambda Zeta '08)
 DeAndre Calvert (Wayne State, Delta Nu '06)
 CJ Champ (Northern Iowa, Theta Zeta '06)
 Deniger Cobb (Delta State, Zeta Beta '07)
 Daniel W. Corah (Colorado State, Epsilon Theta '83)
 Trey Cox (Embry-Riddle, Lambda Mu '07)



Justin Danehy (Embry-Riddle, Lambda Mu '05)
 Anthony Doemeny (Santa Clara, Iota Omicron '07)
 Ahmed Elalighe (Millsaps, Alpha Iota '06)
 Michael Engle (Santa Clara, Iota Omicron '07)
 Douglas Evans (Wayne State, Delta Nu '04)
 Gregory Ferrara (Drexel, Lambda Zeta '07)
 Wayne Fisher (North Carolina-Greensboro Colony)
 Bradley Funk (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '06)
 Andrew Hall (North Carolina-Greensboro Colony)
 Trevor Houk (Armstrong Atlantic State, Eta Mu '07)
 Dan Keefe (Pennsylvania, Beta Pi '06)
 Michael Krieger (Univ. of the Pacific, Kappa Nu '06)
 Larry McElravy (Nebraska, Gamma Beta '05)
 Doug Mesthos (Drexel, Lambda Zeta '06)
 John Militti (Wyoming, Iota Alpha '04)
 Drew Moriarity (Drexel, Lambda Zeta '05)
 Andy Mulchek (Missouri-St. Louis, Zeta Phi '05)
 Josh Murphy (Drexel, Lambda Zeta '05)
 Al Perone (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '78)
 Joe Pratico (North Carolina-Greensboro Colony)
 Mike Ruggieri (Drexel, Lambda Zeta '06)
 Paul Sabbatini (Delta State, Zeta Beta '07)
 Ryan Sullivan (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '07)
 Patrick Turney (Winthrop, Theta Sigma '07)
 Jarrad Williams (Texas-Arlington, Eta Upsilon '07)
 Lawrence Willis (UC-Irvine, Lambda Lambda '08)
 Andrew Willmann (Indiana State, Theta Omicron '05)
 Whitney Zimmerman (Rose-Hulman, Iota Delta '06)

MEET YOUR NEW SUPREME COUNCIL

One of the principle tasks of each convention is the election of the Supreme Council, Pi Kappa Alpha's board of directors. The 2008 Memphis Convention has chosen the following gentlemen to lead the Fraternity for a two-year term until the 2010 Convention. To ensure continuing undergraduate representation, the two collegiate members will serve a one-year term, after which new collegians will be selected for a one-year term.



Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
(Armstrong Atlantic State, Eta Mu '74)
International President

Talley has served as international vice president, legal counsel, Delta regional president, member and president of the Risk Awareness Foundation, and chapter advisor to Eta (Tulane) Chapter. He also served on the modernization task force. Talley is a managing partner in the law firm of Frilot LLC, and was recently recognized as one of the Leaders in Law in New Orleans and also BEST lawyers in America. He resides in New Orleans, Louisiana, with his wife, Sharon, and their children, Sarah Ilene, Trey and Peyton. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Garnet & Gold Society and the President's Council.



Kevin E. Virta
(Western Michigan, Epsilon Psi '83)
International Vice President

Virta has served as international vice president, Great Lakes regional president, editor of the Shield & Diamond, and was the Fraternity's executive director. He is also chairman of the Fraternity's Finance Committee. Professionally, he is vice president of business development for Crayon Interface and is responsible for developing channel partner relationships for the company's innovative cellular software and service platform. Virta and his wife, Tracy, live in Holland, Michigan, with their children, Chapin and Trevor. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Lily of the Valley Society and the President's Council.



Mathew J. Forrest
(Southern Illinois, Iota Mu '94)
International Vice President

Forrest has served as international vice president, the colony advisor at Florida Atlantic University and as chapter advisor to the Lambda Beta Chapter at FAU. In 2004 he was appointed Sunshine Regional President. Forrest also serves as vice president of communications for the Iota Mu Alumni Association. In 2007 he joined the well regarded state lobbying firm of Smith & Ballard. Forrest resides in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Shield & Diamond Society and the President's Council.



F. R. "Rick" Jenkins
(Texas-Arlington, Eta Upsilon '84)
International Vice President

Jenkins has served as the Lone Star regional president, as chapter advisor to Eta Upsilon (Texas-Arlington) Chapter and as a member of their house corporation. Professionally, he is president for the Fort Worth market for Southwest Securities, FSB, a full service commercial bank located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Jenkins and his wife, Trisha, reside in Arlington with their daughter, Abigail, and son, Reid. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Lily of the Valley Society and the President's Council.



John A. Bobango
(Arkansas State, Delta Theta '74)
International Vice President

Bobango has served as international legal counsel, Educational Foundation trustee, Cumberland regional president, and was a member of the Fraternity's professional staff. He is also a member of the Fraternity's Finance Committee and president of the Risk Awareness Foundation. Bobango is a former member of the Memphis City Council and a principal in the law firm of Farris Bobango Branan. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Germantown, Tennessee, with their children, Allen and Mary Lauren. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Founders Society and the President's Council.



Kevin M. Huddleston
(Nebraska-Omaha, Delta Chi '04)
International Vice President

Huddleston has served Pi Kappa Alpha as an educational and recruitment advisor. At Nebraska-Omaha, he has served as his chapter's president and previously served as rush chairman and vice president. He completed the Pike University True Pike Challenge in 2007. After graduation in December 2008, Huddleston will receive his master's degree in architectural engineering at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.



Whitney D. Zimmerman
(Rose-Hulman, Iota Delta '06)
International Vice President

Zimmerman has served as his chapter's president and previously served as alumni relations chairman and pledge class vice president. Upon graduation in 2009, he will receive his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.



Kevin G. Knaus
(Kansas State, Alpha Omega '82)
Past International President

Knaus has served as international president, international vice president, chapter advisor to Epsilon Nu (Georgia State) Chapter, international rush director, and was a member of the Fraternity's professional staff. He is executive vice president of sales and marketing for LandAmerica OneStop. Knaus and his wife, Elena, reside in Suwanee, Georgia, with their children, Parker and Madison. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Oak Trust, Sabre & Key Society and the President's Council.



Steven S. Heck
(Kansas State, Alpha Omega '88)
Legal Counsel

Heck has served as a real estate advisor, a member of the International Rush Advisory Committee, chapter advisor to Alpha Omega (Kansas State) Chapter, and was a member of the Fraternity's professional staff. He is also a director of the Risk Awareness Foundation. He is director of international tax for Georgia-Pacific Corporation. Heck and his wife Jan reside in Marietta, Georgia, with their daughter Abby. He is a member of the Educational Foundation's Sabre & Key Society and the President's Council.