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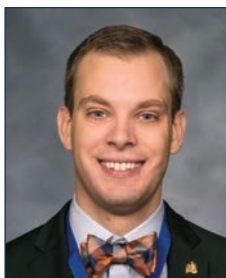
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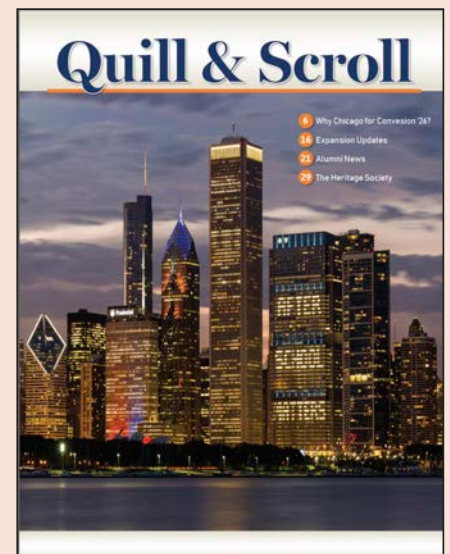
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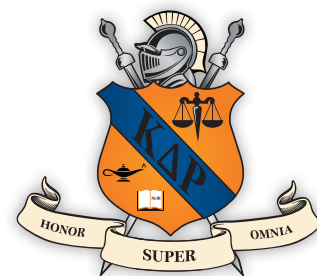
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ONE Fraternity. ONE Brotherhood. ONE KDR... For Life

A Prelude to the 2026 National Convention and
Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy

Chicago, Illinois, August 6–8, 2026



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND WORTHY CONSUL
REGINALD V. DAVENPORT, ED.S.
OMEGA ALPHA '92

President, National Fraternity

Brothers,

There are defining moments in every man's life that shape his future long before he fully understands their significance. For many of us in Kappa Delta Rho, those moments began with a conversation, a handshake, an invitation to serve, or the realization that we had found a Brotherhood that would impact us for life.

For me, that journey began in the Fall of 1987 at Virginia Commonwealth University. Like many young men entering college, I was searching for purpose, connection, leadership, and community. What I discovered in Kappa Delta Rho was far greater than letters or membership in an organization. I discovered a Brotherhood rooted in honor, accountability, leadership, and lifelong relationships.

In the summer of 1988, as a young undergraduate Brother, I traveled to Chicago for my very first National Convention. I can still remember the excitement of arriving in a city filled with Brothers from across the country: men from different Chapters, backgrounds, and generations united under one banner and one purpose. It was the moment I truly understood what it meant to belong to a national Brotherhood.

Now, nearly four decades later, I return to Chicago as National President of the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, Inc. That reality is both humbling and deeply personal.

Chicago is more than our convention location for 2026. It represents continuity. It represents growth. It represents the enduring power of Brotherhood across generations. Most importantly, it reminds us that KDR is not simply an undergraduate experience; it is a lifelong commitment.

As we prepare for the 2026 National Convention and the Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy, our theme captures the vision and direction of our Fraternity:

ONE Fraternity. ONE Brotherhood. ONE KDR ... For Life.

This is more than a slogan. It is a call to unity. It is a challenge to recommit ourselves to the principles that have sustained Kappa Delta Rho for generations. It is also a reminder that the future of our Fraternity depends on all of us (undergraduates, Alumni, volunteers, advisors, and national leaders) working together as ONE.

ONE Fraternity

Our undergraduate Chapters remain the foundation and heartbeat of KDR. They are where future leaders are developed, lifelong friendships are formed, and our values are put into action daily. As a national organization, we must continue investing in Chapter growth, leadership development, academic achievement, and meaningful member experiences.

The Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy is designed specifically to strengthen those efforts by equipping undergraduate leaders with the tools, knowledge, and vision necessary to lead their Chapters with excellence. The future of KDR depends on strong undergraduate leadership, and Convention 2026 in Chicago will provide an opportunity for Brothers to sharpen their skills while building relationships that extend beyond their campuses.

At the same time, we must continue expanding KDR's footprint nationwide. Every new Chapter creates an opportunity for another young man to discover the same life-changing Brotherhood that many of us experienced years ago.

ONE Brotherhood

Brotherhood does not end at graduation. One of the greatest strengths of Kappa Delta Rho is the bond that connects generations of Brothers across Chapters, careers, and decades of membership. Whether initiated years ago or this academic year, we remain united through shared values, shared experiences, and our commitment to one another. Convention '26 provides an opportunity to strengthen those connections by bringing Brothers together to learn from one another, build lasting relationships, and celebrate the enduring impact of KDR on our lives.

I encourage our undergraduate Brothers to engage intentionally with Alumni during convention weekend by listening to their stories, learning from their experiences, and understanding how KDR helped shape their personal and professional journeys. Likewise, I encourage our Alumni to re-engage with excitement and purpose, because our undergraduate Brothers need mentorship, encouragement, and support now more than ever. This convention is more than an event; it is a reunion of generations and an opportunity for all Brothers to reconnect, renew their commitment to KDR, and help shape the future of our Fraternity together.

ONE KDR ... For Life

The phrase "For Life" may be the most important part of our convention theme because KDR does not stop being relevant after graduation. Through this Brotherhood, many of us built lifelong friendships, discovered leadership and purpose, gained confidence and resilience, and found mentors and opportunities that helped shape our lives. "For Life" means that our commitment to one another continues far beyond our undergraduate years and remains a lasting bond built on honor, service, and Brotherhood.

As National President, my vision is for every Brother, undergraduate and Alumnus alike, to understand that Kappa Delta Rho is a lifelong investment in leadership, connection, and personal growth. Convention '26 represents more than a convention; it is an opportunity for undergraduates to connect with Alumni, learn from their experiences, and see the future possibilities within KDR. It is also a chance for Alumni to return home to the Brotherhood, reconnect with Brothers from across the country, and help inspire and guide the next generation of leaders who will carry our Fraternity forward.

This August, Chicago will become a gathering place where generations of Brothers unite to celebrate our history while building our future together. Whether you are attending your first convention or returning after many years away, this National Convention and Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy promises to be a powerful and transformational experience filled with Brotherhood, leadership, fellowship, and renewed purpose. Most importantly, it will remind us all why we proudly stand together as **ONE Fraternity. ONE Brotherhood. ONE KDR ... For Life.**

This is where it started for me in the Summer of 1988!

Honor Super Omnia,

Reginald V. Davenport

Grand Worthy Consul, National Fraternity
of Kappa Delta Rho, Inc.

Why Chicago for Convention '26?



XAVIER E. ROMANO

Executive Director
National Fraternity

So, Xavier, how did we end up in Chicago for Kappa Delta Rho National Fraternity Convention 2026 (or better known as “Convention 26” in KDRHQ planning circles!)? Convention ‘26 takes place on August 6 (Thursday for travel) and goes on to August 9 (Sunday for travel). Well, the fact of the matter is that this was a long process that I will pull the veil back on...there is, of course, a rhyme and reason to this “strategic decision.”

I have to take you back to KDR Convention ‘24 in Norfolk, Virginia, which was my first KDR convention experience, I might add. I was watching the Brotherhood in action. There is no place better to see Fraternity men at their most “relaxed selves,” as I have come to think, than at their own Fraternity convention. This Kappa Delta Rho experience was no different. I saw a curious “distance” manifest itself between KDR undergraduates and Alumni. It was the then-KDR Trustee member, **Mark West, Upsilon Alpha ‘88, Parks College of St. Louis University**, who gave me a wonderfully concise KDR history, knowing I was new to Kappa Delta Rho. Mark was also savvy enough to catch my distinctive glare and recognize that I was paying attention to the way in which our men were glancing at one another. Alumni and collegiate. Somehow, our conversation morphed into a chat that evolved into a distinctive memory. One that would look for environments where our membership would literally have the ideal space where both can celebrate their distinctive histories as KDR Brothers.

Over time, this conversation and memory not only continued to percolate, but a memory that would continue to validate itself, watching how our KDR Alumni and collegiates engaged one another at programs such as our Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy & Consul Academy. It was impossible to miss the genuine joy that these two distinctive KDR communities found in one another: a recognition of our KDR Brothers at fundamentally different life stages. But, there is something special and distinctive in this Fraternity connection that is emblematic of their KDR connection: that bond that makes KDR distinctive. It is distinctive insofar as each community member sees

all that is in this KDR relationship, a relationship that spans decades but decades that are not yet lived by our collegiate membership. There is a very real “presence” that is felt.

Months after KDR Convention ‘24, we started our initial planning on what was to become our KDR Convention ‘26 in Chicago at the Marriott Chicago O’Hare (yes, nine minutes from O’Hare!) Input from Norfolk was clear; in a perfect world, attempt to find a “hub-airport.” Is it possible to find a part of the country where there are strong numbers of KDR Alumni? Can I find a meeting facility that is welcoming, provides wonderful meeting room facilities, and has super accommodations for our range of membership (I believe that this speaks to our exceptional demographic diversity, particularly regarding our range in membership age!) And is there a convention space that would be ideal for collegiate and Alumni interaction, and where meeting space is dedicated to our meeting needs?

Imagine the following:

- * The Marriott Chicago O’Hare is only 10 minutes away from O’Hare via free hotel shuttle, so there are no additional shuttle or transportation costs.
- * Chicago O’Hare is literally one flight from most destinations throughout the country, which creates ease of flight planning and competitive flight costs due to the frequency of flights into O’Hare (ORD).
- * Superb facility that is ideal for KDR Convention ‘26, dedicated space that is all centrally located in one wing of the hotel for all meetings and meals. The Hotel facilities are top-notch, and you can visit by Googling Chicago Marriott O’Hare for hotel information (do not use the website for booking purposes; information will be coming from KDRHQ) with superb room accommodations.
- * Chicago Marriott O’Hare has superb meeting and social space, all of which is centrally located to all our meeting needs.

We knew that we needed to provide excellent meeting space for our collegiate Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy, which is embedded in KDR Convention ‘26, but we were adding something distinctive. A day-long Friday meeting schedule for KDR Alumni (with evening activities in production) will offer a variety of facets of Alumni engagement, from successful Alumni Network

opportunities to KDR Alumni engagement at all levels. In other words, programming with a specific focus on KDR Alumni, and this takes us to Chicago.

Little did we realize that our data informs us that we might have in excess of 1,200 KDR Alumni in the greater Chicagoland area. “What you say???” We were as surprised as you were. Honestly, I was completely taken by surprise, given that we have no active Chapter in this same geographic region (does not mean we are not actively looking; we are!). “Convention ’26” quickly took on a certain level of excitement, as here we had many of our very own KDR Alumni coupled with a “mega-hub” airport in O’Hare (airport code: ORD).

Suddenly, we were pretty sure we had found our ideal host. Our visit to the facility last year confirmed our suspicions. This place was marvelous for KDR Convention ’26 and provided not only an ideal meeting location, but also a meeting location that would actually facilitate the engagement of our Alumni and collegiate membership!

This was confirmed with a physical site visit made by John McGlennon (Director of Chapter Operations), Donna Misak (Director of Office Operations), and me in the fall of 2025. From the onset, we recognized that we found a very special property that was not only going to meet our operational minimums for KDR Convention ’26, but would actually be ideal given the very special meeting spaces, ability to have our meetings spaces on same floor and in same general locale as all meeting and eating spaces, superb accommodations, no shuttle costs between Chicago O’Hare International Airport and Chicago Marriott O’Hare Hotel (8535 West Higgins Road), along with train access to downtown Chicago from the hotel parking lot (!!!), and superb meals, and eats.

What I found most impressive (although I loved literally everything mentioned!) was the meeting and “hanging out space” for our KDR membership, both active and Alumni, with new enhanced programming options for Alumni on Friday that complements the superb programming available for our active membership via the Elmon M. Williams Leadership Academy.

You can have a glance around the facility by following this link to pictures of the Marriott O’Hare Hotel: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chiap-marriott-chicago-ohare/photos.

All of this is to say that I am exceptionally excited for KDR Convention ’26—Chicago Marriott O’Hare in August. I cannot begin to express my excitement and enthusiasm as I look forward to welcoming you to our celebratory gathering on August 6. It will feature top-notch programming, new Alumni programming, and a superb meeting facility with easy access to your flights.

Welcome to KDR Convention ’26! I cannot wait to welcome you to Chicago. And I would be remiss if I did not send a very special shout-out to Mark West for getting the “thinking juices flowing” all those years ago in Norfolk. He challenged me to find a location and host facility that would enhance our collective KDR Convention experience, and I am thrilled that we could bring this experience to fruition for our KDR community. Think we done good, Mark!

See you in Chicago from August 6–9, 2026. *Let’s have a blast and celebrate all that is good and so very special about Kappa Delta Rho National Fraternity.*

- Xavier



Kappa Delta Rho National Convention Schedule

August 6–8, 2026

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

TIME	SESSION
4:00 PM– 4:30 PM	National Convention Welcome
4:30 PM–5:30 PM	Rick Longenecker–Leadership Development
5:30 PM–7:00 PM	Opening Banquet and Keynote Speaker
7:15 PM–9:30 PM	Alumni & Undergraduate Networking Event
9:30 PM	Meet Your Brothers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

TIME	SESSION
7:30 AM–8:15 AM	Free Time/Breakfast
8:30 AM–11:00 AM	Day 2 of National Meeting (Officer Reports)
11:15 AM–12:15 PM	Social Excellence (Small Group)
11:15 AM–12:15 PM	Legal Liability and Risk Management (Small Group)
12:30 PM–2:15 PM	KDR Foundation Scholarship Luncheon
2:20 PM–3:20 PM	Building Positive Campus Relationships (Small Group)
2:20 PM–3:20 PM	Zach Bell–Professional Development (Small Group)
3:30 PM–4:30 PM	Social Excellence (Large Group)
4:30 PM–6:00 PM	Social Excellence (Small Group)
4:30 PM–6:00 PM	CPR and Narcan Training (Small Group)
6:15 PM–9:00 PM	Dinner and Networking

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

TIME	SESSION
7:30 AM–8:00 AM	Free Time / Breakfast
8:00 AM–10:30 AM	National Convention (Old Business & New Business)
10:45 AM–12:00 PM	Marketing & Public Relations
12:00 PM–2:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own
2:15 PM–3:30 PM	Successful Fundraising & Alumni Engagement (Small Group)
2:15 PM–3:30 PM	Health & Wellness in Leadership (Small Group)
3:45 PM–5:00 PM	Hazing Prevention & Strategic Planning
6:00 PM–7:00 PM	Photo and Founders Society Ordo Honoris Reception
7:00 PM–10:00 PM	Ordo Honoris Banquet



ONCE A BROTHER, *Always* A BROTHER

This August in Chicago, reconnect with the bonds that define Kappa Delta Rho. **The Alumni Program** brings brothers together for meaningful workshops, a dedicated alumni mixer, and opportunities to strengthen lifelong connections.

Share stories, build new connections, and invest in the future of the Fraternity, because the spirit of KDR doesn't end after college; it grows stronger with every brother who stays engaged.

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ALUMNI WORKSHOPS

How to Build and Strengthen Alumni Associations and Corporations

Risk Management

Working with Current Students

Using Social Media to Engage Alumni

What's the Alumni Organization's Role with Campus Partners?

KDR Today and the Future of Fraternities in the 2030s

Working with Current Students

These sessions will be free for all KDR alumni attending the August convention.

ALUMNI MIXER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
5:00–8:00 pm

CRUST BREWING
5500 Park Place, Rosemont, IL

We gratefully thank our sponsors for this event: **Kappa Delta Rho Foundation**, and **Eta Alumni Corporation**.

There are more than 1,000 KDR alumni in the Chicago area. Come by to meet brothers from your chapter and others in a fun and informal setting.



Board of Directors 2026-2030 Proposed Slate

NOMINATIONS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE 108TH NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 8, 2026
AT THE CHICAGO O'HARE MARRIOTT.

The National Board of Directors comprises 12 Alumni Brothers and the Executive Director. The Alumni Brothers serve on the Board of Directors for a term of four years. The 12 Alumni Brothers form two groups of six and are slated and elected in alternating elections.

The slate is determined by the National Fraternity's nominating committee, composed of the Past President, Executive Director, and two Brothers at large. A call for nominations is placed in the Fraternity magazine, *The Quill & Scroll*. The nominating committee reviews all the material from the Brothers who have entered their name into nomination and decides which combination of Brothers would make the best slate of officers for the Board of Directors. This decision is based on the material presented, the skills and experiences the individual Brothers could bring to the Board of Directors, and the needs of the National Fraternity.

When the slate is determined, it is communicated to the National President and to the Brotherhood prior to the National Convention. At the National Convention, the Brotherhood can vote to approve the slate, or a Brother can choose to run against the slate at the meeting. Below you will find the slate chosen by the nominating Committee for the 2026-2030 terms to be approved at the 108th National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, at the Chicago O'Hare Marriott Hotel on Saturday, August 8. There were no undergraduates who were qualified to be slated as an undergraduate Board of Director for the 2026-2030 term.



STEVE FITZPATRICK

Alpha Beta '86
National Fraternity

Steve Fitzpatrick, Alpha Beta '86, started his journey with KDR in 1986 at the University of Delaware when some good friends asked if he wanted to join a Fraternity they were starting. Steve accepted, and as a member of the Alpha class, he helped to build the foundation of the Chapter, including serving as Historian and Senior Tribune. Brother Fitzpatrick has been active with the Alpha Beta Alumni Corporation, scheduling and participating in several events, helping to establish an endowed Alumni Scholarship at the University of Delaware, and currently planning for the Chapter's 40th anniversary celebration in December.

Brother Fitzpatrick is a married father of three (ages 23-30) living in Richmond, Virginia. He enjoys reading, running, and most sports (both watching and participating). Steve has worked at Fortune 200 companies for the past 35 years, where he has gained significant skills in strategic planning, oversight, compliance, and communications. He is an active volunteer and has a range of experience in leadership positions for several local organizations (including Board membership and leadership). He has served on the KDR Board for the past four years and is currently the Board Treasurer. In that role, he has significantly improved the level of transparency of the Finances and has developed and implemented infrastructure (tools, policies, and procedures) to assist in the Board's oversight responsibilities.

Regarding the Board, given that its overall purpose is to 1) set the organization's strategy and 2) provide oversight of the implementation of that strategy by the Executive Director and the National Office, his vision for the Board continues to be to ensure the right members with the right skills are developing and communicating the right strategy to meet our stated goals and then providing the appropriate level of oversight of the Executive Director and the National Office to ensure the successful implementation of that strategy.



DERIEK FRANCE

Zeta Beta '14

Deriek France, Zeta Beta '14, is a native of the US Territory of Guam. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, and entered active-duty service on August 24, 2014, at Joint-Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He attended the Basic



Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at the US Army Medical Center of Excellence, Fort Sam Houston. Following his completion of BOLC, Brother France began his Army nursing career at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In May 2023, he graduated with his Master of Science in Nursing degree from Texas A&M University, at College Station, Texas.

He has served in a variety of clinical and Army leadership positions, including: Clinical Staff Nurse for 7T Surgical Trauma and Telemetry, Pre-operative, Same-Day Surgery, Post-anesthesia Care, and Clinical Nurse Officer in Charge of the Pre-anesthesia Clinic, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. At the height of the global pandemic, Brother France transitioned to Tripler Army Medical Center and served as the Assistant Clinical Nurse Officer in Charge of the Medical Oncology Ward. In May 2022, Brother France assumed command of Bravo Company, Medical Readiness Battalion, Hawaii, Tripler Army Medical Center, managing the administrative and well-being of over 300 Soldiers. Following command, Brother France was selected to serve as the Battalion Executive Officer, Veteran Readiness Activity, Hawaii, Public Health Command, Pacific, managing numerous staff members and daily functions of four military veteran treatment facilities located throughout the island of Oahu. He currently serves as the Deputy Director and Class Coordinator (Class 26-005) for the Practical Nurse Course, Hospital-Based Training, Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Brother France was selected and promoted to the rank of Major on 1 October 1, 2024.

Brother France's military education includes: Common Faculty Development, Instructor Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; TRADOC IMT Cadre Training Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Captain's Career Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; The Performance Triad Instructor Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Clinical Nurse Officer in Charge, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Pre-command, First Sergeant Course, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

His awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC); Army Superior Unit Award; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Expert Field Medical Badge; and the Parachutist Badge.

He is happily married to Charles France, Senior Manager, Certified Public Accountant of KPMG global accounting firm. They have a beautiful son, Tanner, born in February 2025. Additionally, they have two dogs and a cat: Mia, Ringo, and Gavin.



JC JOHNSON

Zeta Beta '91

JC Johnson, Zeta Beta '91, bleeds purple through and through. The son of former Tarleton State agriculture professor and student services vice president Dr. Johnny Johnson, he grew up on campus, hanging out with the "big kid" college students and attending games and other events.

"We went to everything at the university," he recalled. "It was a big part of our whole life."

When it was time to start college, Tarleton State was the obvious choice. Having a father in leadership at the university may have limited the amount of mischief J.C. could get into, but it also added a special element to his collegiate years. J.C. served as Student Body Vice President, received the John Tarleton Spirit Award, and he and a few classmates founded the Zeta Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity, which his dad helped sponsor. On graduation day in 1991, J.C. crossed the stage to accept his diploma from then-President Barry B. Thompson and received a surprise.

"Barry Thompson had the diploma in his hand, and he turned and gave it to my father to give to me. So that was a good day."

J.C. earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural services and development and went on to attain a master's in business from Texas A&M International University and a law degree from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. He is now a managing equity partner at Dorsett, Johnson & Cisneros in Fort Worth, representing clients across industries including real estate, insurance, construction, trucking, hospitality, and oil and gas. He finds reward in being a legal advisor, helping people and businesses succeed.

That sense of pride carries over to his championing of Tarleton State, where his mom and son also completed degrees. J.C. has honored his father's legacy by supporting the annual College of Agriculture and Natural Resources barbecue and establishing the Bleed Purple Athletic Alliance, which helps Texan student-athletes by facilitating NIL opportunities.

"Having both my parents in education, I know the enrichment in every aspect of going to college, through the different programs that we are exposed to, the lessons that were taught, by being involved in organizations or in sports; these are the foundation for the rest of our personal and professional life," he said. "I just think it's a great opportunity to be able to give back and create opportunities to enhance the college experience for these young people."

Convention 2026



ROBERT R. SALTZMAN

Beta '75

Robert R. Saltzman, Beta '75, brings a 45-year-long career of building advancement programs at the university level. Bob's passion is Alumni relations, which involves aspects of leadership development, volunteer management, annual and major gift fundraising, communications, and event planning. He has developed nationally recognized volunteer and fundraising activities at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Hofstra University, Yeshiva University, Monmouth University, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

His lifelong professional advocacy of affinity programming and affinity fundraising was formed, in part, by his Beta Chapter experience. For decades, there has been a strong connection and working relationship between Actives and Brothers.

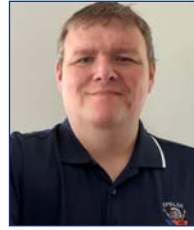
Bob feels that living a life based on Honor Super Omnia should not stop at graduation. He wants to help the Board of Directors develop programs that foster a life-long commitment to Kappa Delta Rho among Alumni, current students, and future members. Brother Saltman currently leads KDR's National Alumni Relations Committee.



RYAN SCHESSLER

Alpha Alpha '21

Ryan Schessler, Alpha Alpha '21, pledged the Alpha Alpha Chapter at Lock Haven University in 2017, serving two terms as Chapter Consul, where the Chapter won "Most Improved Chapter" at convention. After graduation, he joined the Alumni Corporation Board, serving for the past four years and currently acting as Board President. In this time, he has helped lead a fundraising campaign that raised over \$50,000 for active scholarships, and is currently collaborating with undergraduate leadership to build an Alumni-Active Mentorship Program. Professionally, he works as a Corporate Accountant for a large non-profit children's hospital in Tampa, Florida, and is pursuing a Master's degree in Accounting (expected March 2027). Outside of work, he enjoys traveling, live sports, and concerts.



EVAN WINELAND

Epsilon '06

Evan Wineland, Epsilon '06, is a 2006 graduate of Franklin College, initiated into the Epsilon Chapter on October 20, 2002. He found KDR on a random Saturday night when a friend refused to take no for an answer when inviting Evan to go to the Chapter house. Upon entering and meeting the Brothers, he felt an overwhelming sense that he'd just arrived home. He called his father upon returning to his dorm room, explaining he'd visited a Fraternity house and was interested in learning more. His dad replied, "Who is this and what have you done with my son?"

Brother Wineland served the roles of Risk Manager, Social Chair, and House Manager as an undergrad. In 2013, he joined the Epsilon Alumni corporation, which owns and operates the Chapter house in addition to working to increase Alumni relations. He served as President of the Board from 2014 to 2024 and is currently serving as Treasurer. Some of his proudest accomplishments include the Chapter's Centennial celebration in 2019, improving relations between the Chapter and Corporation, and mentoring the undergraduate members. He treasures the friendships he has with Epsilon KDRs across 24 years of initiates.

Brother Wineland and his wife Brianne married in 2023 and adopted their daughter Cecelia in early 2025. They were in the hospital the day she was born on New Year's Day, 2025. Brianne may never forgive him for being the first to feed CeCe. Their wedding was officiated by Epsilon Alumnus and 2022 Ordo Honoris recipient **Rafael Sanchez, Epsilon '92**, and five Chapter Brothers served as groomsmen. Brianne set a strict limit so there wouldn't be dozens. Evan admitted she was right to do so.

Professionally, Brother Wineland made a big career shift in April 2026, joining Accurate Manufactured Products Group (AMPG), a family-owned specialty hardware manufacturer as a CNC Machinist. Compared to his previous roles in a variety of sales organizations, he describes his work as "going to work to play with quarter-million-dollar toys."

Regarding the KDR National Board of Directors, Brother Wineland aims to continue his intention to serve KDR in some way for the rest of his life. He hopes to ensure the current generations of Brothers have as good and influential an undergraduate experience as he did.



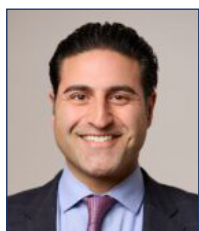
SALUTING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUTSTANDING BROTHERS

INTRODUCING THE 2026 ORDO HONORIS RECIPIENTS

As the history of the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho grows, we recognize Alumni for notable achievements. Before 1982, there was no formal process for recognizing these outstanding Alumni. One might get recognition in an issue of the *Quill & Scroll* or be asked to speak at the National Convention. However, there was no “Hall of Fame” to recognize Brothers who had made significant impacts on their Chapters, their universities, or their communities. In 1982, Executive Director **Donald Stohl, Zeta '54**, corrected this lack of formal recognition by establishing the *Ordo Honoris* and presenting it to the National Board of Directors. The *Ordo Honoris* highlights the outstanding achievements of our Brothers and serves as an inspiration for current and future members. Previous *Ordo Honoris* recipients have discussed how their Kappa Delta Rho experiences transformed their lives and guided their personal and professional development.

Peers are responsible for membership selection in *Ordo Honoris*. Each convention year, individual Chapters, Alumni organizations, or individual Brothers in good standing submit nominations. Nominees must demonstrate exceptional personal or professional accomplishments, community involvement, or outstanding National-to-Chapter involvement with the Fraternity. Each nominee receives a letter notifying him of his nomination. The nominee then submits a letter of acceptance, along with a complete biography. The *Ordo Honoris* Selection Committee, consisting of current *Ordo Honoris* members, receives the nominees’ names and biographies to review and to make the final selections. Alumni selected for induction receive their recognition medal and plaque at the *Ordo Honoris* banquet at the biennial National Convention.

This year, Kappa Delta Rho has the honor of announcing the following Brothers to be inducted into the *Ordo Honoris* as the Lambda Alpha Class at a banquet on Saturday, August 8, at the Chicago O’Hare Marriott in Chicago, Illinois:



ALEX KARAPETIAN

Rho '04

Alex Karapetian, Rho '04, is President of Acopian Technical Company, a third-generation, family-owned manufacturer of

precision electronic power supplies. Headquartered in Easton, Pennsylvania, Acopian has built a legacy of innovation, quality, and reliability that Karapetian proudly continues through his leadership.

A graduate of Lafayette College with a degree in Government and Law, Karapetian also holds a graduate degree from New York University. As part of a proud Lafayette family tradition, he joins **Sarkis Acopian '51, Greg Acopian '70, Jeff Acopian '75, Ezra Acopian '03**, and **Natalie Acopian '19** in supporting and serving the College.

Currently, Karapetian serves as a member of Lafayette College’s Board of Trustees, helping to guide the institution’s strategic vision and future growth.

Beyond Lafayette, Karapetian is actively involved in numerous civic, educational, and nonprofit organizations. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Acopian Center for the Environment and holds leadership and board positions with the Armenian Assembly of America, the Summit Police Athletic League (President), Notre Dame High School, and Summit Soccer Club. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity.

Through his professional leadership, philanthropic efforts, and volunteer service, Karapetian remains committed to strengthening the institutions and communities that have shaped his life and career.



GEORGE OWEN WAY, JR.

Alpha Alpha '76

George Owen Way, Jr., Alpha Alpha '76, graduated from Lock Haven State College in the Fall of 1977 with a B.S. degree in Health, Physical and Recreation Education. Additionally, he holds an M.Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Clemson University. He is a retired educator of 35 years, during which time he served as a teacher, coach, and administrator. George spent eight-plus years after retirement in the role of Scholastic Director for the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Other organizations that George was a contributing member of include, but are not limited to, a board member and president of both the District III and State Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA), continuous involvement in his church, serving on the Education, Building and Grounds, Stewardship, and Leadership Committees. Last, after serving on the Board for several years, George is in his first year of duties at Lock Haven University as its Alumni Association Board president.

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From a more personal perspective, while a student at Lock Haven, George was a two-time co-captain of the top twenty-ranked Lock Haven University Wrestling Team, an Eastern Regional and two-time Pennsylvani Conference champion. He was also a three-time NCAA Division I tournament qualifier/participant. As a coach and educator, he has been recognized, honored, and inducted into six Hall of Fame organizations for his accomplishments, including the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame. While actively coaching, he was the recipient of multiple "Coach of the Year" awards. He is an integral member of the Lock Haven University wrestling program's "RISE Campaign," which has a mission to raise the funding to endow the Division I Wrestling Program into perpetuity. During his years at "The Haven," George served the Alpha-Alpha Chapter as the Junior Tribune and is currently and actively engaged in all Alpha-Alpha Alumni events.



LT. COL. LARRY R. BOGGS, JR.

Chi Beta '96

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Larry R. Boggs, Jr., Chi Beta '96, has dedicated more than 30 years to military service, leadership, and public safety. A proud member of the Chi Beta Chapter, Class of '96, he began his career in the United States Marine Corps before continuing with 26 years in the West Virginia Army National Guard, serving the majority of his tenure in the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program. As an Armor officer and later Commander of the 35th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), Larry led one of the nation's premier all-hazards response units, specializing in rapid identification, mitigation, and interagency coordination during chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats. Earlier in his career, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, serving as a Company Commander, where he provided decisive leadership in combat operations and ensured the welfare, readiness, and effectiveness of his soldiers in a demanding operational environment. His service reflects a legacy of mission excellence, technical expertise, and unwavering commitment to the safety of both his troops and the communities of our Nation.

Following his retirement, Larry transformed his lifelong dedication to service into a new mission by founding Healing Waters for Warriors, Inc., where he serves as President. The organization provides no-cost, small-group outdoor experiences designed to support the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of Veterans and First Responders. Under his leadership, Healing

Waters for Warriors has grown into a respected, veteran-led nonprofit known for its guided fishing retreats, peer-support environment, and restorative approach to wellness. Larry's vision, compassion, and steadfast commitment to those who serve continue to shape lives across West Virginia, our Nation, and beyond.



MICHEAL KOLBERG

Eta '03

Michael Kolberg, Eta '03, joined the Eta Chapter at the University of Illinois in the Fall of 1999. He was active as an undergraduate, having served as Risk Manager, Consul, and Quaestor. Not long after graduation, Mike started his involvement with Eta's housing corporation in 2007, when the board was working through the renovation and rededication of the Chapter house. He began as a director, and then in 2010, took on the role of President, a position he has held since. Mike has spent countless hours seeing Eta through some very trying times during this period, which included the Chapter going inactive following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a subsequent attempt at its rebuild, the eventual sale of the Chapter house to preserve the organization's assets, and now planning for Eta's future return.

While Mike graduated from Illinois with a bachelor's degree in General Engineering, he chose a career in commercial insurance after being introduced to this path at an engineering job fair, of all places. He currently works at Philadelphia Insurance Companies as a regional manager within its Risk Management Services department. Mike and his team of consultants deliver risk management expertise and resources to the company's policyholders. He finds it rewarding, as many of them are nonprofit human services organizations.

Outside of work and his involvement with KDR, Mike stays active in the community, having spent 15 years with Chicago Tutoring Connection, a tutor/mentor organization that worked with economically and educationally disadvantaged youth in Chicago. Over that period, he saw the three students he worked with graduate from high school and go on to college. Mike is currently a member of the professional organization Society of Casualty Safety Engineers, serving on its board as treasurer, a position he has held since 2017. Mike enjoys traveling, spending time at the family vacation home in Wisconsin, and staying physically active, cycling, running, and strength training.



RICHARD E. CARTER

Sigma '78

Richard E. Carter, Sigma '78, who goes by Chip, is a second-generation KDR. Elden W. Carter, his father, started college in the fall of 1929 at the start of the Great Depression, and became a member of the Sigma Chapter. Brother Carter pledged Sigma Chapter in 1973 and was one of 12 pledges that year, with eight returning members. Together, they rebuilt the Chapter over a few years to near-full capacity. During his time at Sigma, Brother Carter was appointed long-term weekend chef after demonstrating his talent as a fill-in one weekend during his freshman year. He served as Centurion for a number of terms, keeping the aging Chapter house functioning with numerous repairs, including replacing the heat exchanger on the boiler. Brother Carter graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering after switching from a concentration in computers to power at the end of his junior year, allowing for extra electives to broaden his knowledge. As an only child, he found the Fraternity experience to be of immense value for developing people and management skills, and especially for table manners, which led to three job offers upon graduation with interviews over lunch.

Brother Carter has been the ongoing Sigma Alumni Association Board Secretary since Founder's Day 2013, and an active participant in Chapter Alumni activities. He contributed both financially and actively in the effort to recolonize Sigma Chapter and has made financial contributions to the National KDR.

Brother Carter started his career in high school as a warehouseman and an electronic service technician fixing TVs and radios, turning a hobby into income. During college, he worked as a summer engineering intern for Portland General Electric in the Distribution Department, gaining experience in operations, mapping, estimating, and pole testing. After graduation, he hired on to Pacific Power and Light (later renamed to PacifiCorp) as a field engineer in Medford, Oregon, starting a 42-year career. Three years later, he was transferred to a position in Portland, Oregon, supervising a computer-applications and short-term-planning studies group. In this position, he pioneered system-level distribution studies and provided support for the field engineers.

He was the lead engineer in rewriting the planning software for access by the field engineers using IBM mainframe terminals and later implemented and trained for a new software package using dial-back technology. With the transition to personal computers, he helped deploy the first wide-area Ethernet communications to the field engineering offices and managed the Distribution Department's computer applications group. Brother Carter

later became the lead engineer in implementing advanced distribution planning software, which included fielding and digitizing the entire company's distribution system, and training the field engineers on its application. His experience included performing land use-based load forecasting and distributed generator interconnection studies. Following a merger with Utah Power, he expanded the planning process and software application to the merged company, then spent several years on a team integrating the distribution construction standards for the two companies (starting with 10 percent common materials and divergent philosophies). The work included company-wide training for estimators in the new system and standards.

He next spent several years in Distribution Automation, where he was the lead engineer in deploying an outage management system with heuristics that could identify the location and cause of an outage, complete with training dispatchers on its use and integration with the call center and automation devices in the field. This reduced the duration of common outages and assisted with major outage recovery.

Brother Carter's final career change was joining the Transmission Planning group, where he initiated a number of transmission line and substation upgrade projects, initiated several new substation projects, supported field operations and dispatch for switching order development and real-time support, including real-time system troubleshooting. During this time, he performed numerous distributed energy resource interconnection studies and guided other engineers in this activity. He retired from PacifiCorp at the end of January 2020 as a Principal Transmission Planner, just in time to miss the COVID-19 disruption.

In retirement, Brother Carter has been volunteering with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards Association, developing standards for the interconnection of inverter-based resources to the transmission and sub-transmission grid, and is presently actively contributing to three standards under development on related topics. He is also an active participant in the IEEE SusTECH (sustainable technology) initiative and the IEEE Power Engineering Society.



SCOTT BRADLEY

Zeta Beta '99

Scott Bradley, Zeta Beta '99, is a 1999 graduate of Tarleton State University where he was a member of the Zeta Beta Chapter. Immediately after graduation, Scott worked for the Kappa Delta



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Rho National Office as a Leadership Coordinator. In this position, he traveled to many Chapters, visiting with officers and campus leadership. After leaving this job and moving back to Texas, he continued to assist in planning and facilitating at National Conventions until he joined the board of directors in 2011. While on the Board of Directors, he held the positions of Vice President of Standards and Risk Management, Vice President of Finance and Administration, and finally four years as National President.

In his professional career, Scott has spent over 20 years in the mortgage business, the past 15 with Guild Mortgage. He is currently the branch manager of the office in his hometown of Granbury, Texas, and a satellite office in Stephenville, Texas. The best part of the job is getting to watch first-time home buyers get the keys to their new homes.

Over his time in the mortgage business in Granbury, he has received multiple awards from the Granbury Association of Realtors. He has been recognized multiple times as the Affiliate of the Year and one time with a Special Service Award.

Scott has an amazing wife, Dawn, and two boys, Parker and Cole.

His wife is a teacher at Granbury High School, his oldest son just graduated from Oklahoma State University, and his youngest is preparing to begin his sophomore year.

Scott also spends a good deal of his time volunteering in the Granbury area. He has spent time coaching his sons in baseball and basketball, as well as being on the board of Granbury Athletic Association for about 10 years, with four years as President.

He is currently Vice President of Fundraising for Hood County Children's Charity Fund. His main task is planning and directing the organization's annual fundraiser. **Pickin' in the Pasture** has turned into a yearly concert, raising funds for clothes and school supplies for underprivileged school kids in the Granbury area. The charity focuses on clothing, school supplies, and emergency needs. They have also recently added scholarships for students going to trade schools.

Recently, Scott has been appointed to the Hood Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and is currently the President of that board as well. In this board, they advise the Chief Appraiser on the management and direction of the office.



108TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Marriott, Chicago O'Hare

AUGUST 6TH - 9TH

Judicial Motion

I, Matt Tessier, VP of Standards and Risk Mgmt., motion to update the judicial bylaws to reflect a more educational and flexible policy and procedures to be found in a new judicial manual. The manual will include these bylaws instead of being housed at length in the current bylaws and be referenced as Section I and subsection 2 as the procedures for judicial issues.

Purpose: The BOD, HQ, and Judicial have been operating in a more student-centric, cooperative, educational, non-combative, and non-adversarial manner over the past few years. However, our processes within the bylaws are generally only about being punitive and hindering cooperative efforts to strengthen the chapter while under sanctions. These bylaw edits, along with the Judicial Manual (**available for review by request**), match policy with current practice. Our bylaws will no longer be mostly judicial, setting a better tone.

Only the edits and additions are here to review, as the entirety of the bylaws and manual are over 15 pages and will be made available. (Contact the HQ for the full materials).

Fraternity Bylaws with Edits

Note: edited parts are in color.

BYLAW X Judiciary Process

SECTION 1. Function (Edits)

SUBSECTION 1. The Judiciary Committee shall be responsible for the adjudication and disciplinary processes and procedures relating to conduct issues relevant to the individual members, chapters, and alumni of the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho.

SUBSECTION 2. The Judicial Process will only begin if the National President, Standards Chair, and Executive Director deem the alleged infractions rise beyond the level of HQ interventions and cooperation with the campus administration. The Executive Director may institute sanctions in agreement with the institution and in cooperation with the chapter as much as possible. If such action is not possible, the infraction will be referred to the KDR Judicial Process. This process will be formally defined in the KDR Judicial Manual.

SUBSECTION 3. The process shall attempt to work as a means of educational and corrective action that is not just punitive but fosters positive development and future success of the membership and campus Greek system through increased knowledge and better practices.

SUBSECTION 4. Any and all infractions and processes will be done with transparency such that the National BOD and the Chapter and their Alumni leadership will all be aware of both the process and any actions that are to be taken.

SECTION 2. Membership

SUBSECTION 1. Selection The Judiciary Committee shall consist of no less than five **voting** members and no more than seven **voting** members selected by the Vice President of Standards and Risk Management and approved by the National President. **No more than two members of any Judiciary Hearing Committee may be members of the National Board of Directors aside from the Vice President of Standards and Risk Management or his appointed Judicial Chair who serves as a facilitator only and is non-voting.** Members of the Judiciary Committee may be individually or collectively authorized, at the determination of the Vice President of Standards and Risk Management, to investigate, report, and make recommendations of any matter relevant to a judiciary situation or affair.

SECTION 5. The Judiciary Committee Procedure (**Edits/additions**)

GENERAL PROCEDURE: Due Notice, as defined below, must be given to the Accused.....

SUBSECTION 1. Due Process (see Judicial Manual*)

*Judicial Manual is available on request

2. HEARING FACILITATOR: The National Vice President of Standards and Risk Management shall serve as the hearing facilitator and chair....

SUBSECTION 2. Hearing Facilitator

The VP for Standards and Risk Management (or a designated Judicial Chair approved by the President) shall present charges, give opportunity to respond, direct committee questions with responses, and allow the committee to determine outcomes based on evidence and chapter/member defense. This will operate per the KDR Judicial Manual.

2026 EXPANSION UPDATES



HUNTER SANTIAGO
DIRECTOR OF
EXPANSION & GROWTH

On January 20, 2026, Kappa Delta Rho officially went boots on the ground in San Marcos, Texas, marking its first expansion to a new campus since 2017. This milestone represented a significant step forward in the Fraternity's long-term growth strategy and commitment to building strong, values-driven Chapters nationwide.

Our Director of Expansion and Growth, **Hunter Santiago**, led the initiative with the support of a dedicated Zeta Beta volunteer group. This team included **Noah Stepp '22**, a notable Zeta Beta Alumnus and former KDR Headquarters Educational Leadership Instructor, alongside an outstanding group of Zeta Beta undergraduate Brothers: **Maddox Silva '27**, **Aidan Woods '27**, **Jackson Batz '29**, **Jarmain Rucker '28**, **Drew Bergeron '29**, **Nigel Jumah '27**, and **Brandon Marciano '29**.



This team executed at a high level during the early phases of spring recruitment at Texas State University, engaging with a large pool of prospective candidates and carefully vetting individuals to ensure alignment with Kappa Delta Rho's core values. Their ability to

connect with students and identify strong cultural fits was instrumental in laying a solid foundation for the expansion.

By early February, when the volunteer team concluded their time on campus, they had successfully helped recruit an initial executive board of eight men. This group would go on to form the backbone of the emerging Chapter, setting the tone for leadership, accountability, and Brotherhood. KDR Headquarters extends its sincere gratitude to this team and to all of Zeta Beta for their unwavering support and commitment to the success of this initiative.

In the remaining weeks of February and throughout March, the group continued recruitment efforts while beginning executive training and new member education. These efforts were supported on campus by KDR Field Staff members Presley Omoto and John McGlennon, who provided hands-on guidance and mentorship during this critical development phase.



During new member education and training, the expansion group actively planned and executed multiple community service initiatives. Among these was participation in the "Texas State Big Event," where members engaged directly with the local community (pictures included), as well as a volunteer opportunity serving veterans at VFW Post 3377, where they assisted with a crawfish fundraiser. These experiences not only reinforced KDR's commitment to service but also helped establish a positive presence within the San Marcos community.



The Texas State expansion group also embraced campus life by participating in Greek Week, taking part in several events, including a volleyball tournament in which they were paired with Delta Gamma. These opportunities allowed the group to build relationships across the Greek community and further integrate into campus culture.

By the end of the semester, the expansion concluded with 13 Founders who had laid the groundwork for future members to join them on the founding father journey at Texas State University. This group represents the beginning of what is expected to become a strong and impactful Chapter.



As KDR at Texas State prepares for its first fall semester, the university itself is anticipating its largest incoming freshman class to date, with approximately 10,000 new students. This presents a unique opportunity for growth, and the men of KDR are eager to recruit a strong pledge class that balances both quality and quantity during this pivotal time for both the Chapter and the institution.

Future KDR Expansions

The Texas State expansion is part of a broader initiative led by the Director of Expansion and Growth to establish a long-term expansion slate through 2035. This strategy ensures that Kappa Delta Rho maintains a consistent annual expansion presence while also building meaningful relationships with campuses across the country. In doing so, the Fraternity aims to position itself to develop an additional 10-year expansion plan from 2035 to 2045 once the current slate is fulfilled.



Kappa Delta Rho is proud to publicly announce two additional confirmed expansions, along with a soft commitment from another university where planning has recently begun.

The next officially slated expansion will take place in Fall 2028 at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida. This expansion carries particular significance, as it has the potential to establish KDR's first chartered Chapter in the state of Florida. The Fraternity's last recorded effort in the state dates back to the Chi Expansion at the University of Florida in the mid-1900s. Looking ahead, active members of KDR may even find themselves planning spring breaks in the Miami area in Spring 2029, with the opportunity to visit and support this new expansion Chapter.

Following that, KDR will expand to Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, in Spring 2029. This marks an exciting return to North Carolina and introduces KDR to one of the most unique and dynamic Greek communities in the country. Appalachian State is widely known for its strong campus culture and spirited traditions. Its football program, while competing in a smaller conference, has gained national attention for historic upsets against ranked opponents such as Michigan and Texas A&M. This creates an appealing opportunity for Alumni across the country to visit the expansion during a fall game weekend in 2029.

In addition to these confirmed expansions, KDR has recently begun planning for a potential Spring 2030 expansion at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, located approximately two hours from Appalachian State. This opportunity stems from a strong relationship built between KDR staff and the university's Fraternity and Sorority Life team, which began forming in August 2024. In a recent meeting, Hunter Santiago secured a place for KDR on the university's future expansion schedule.

The Growth Team continues to actively cultivate relationships like this across the country, complementing the formal expansion application processes that universities conduct. This dual approach has already proven effective in securing opportunities such as FIU and Appalachian State, and it will remain a cornerstone of KDR's expansion strategy moving forward.

New Expansion Committee

Since joining the Kappa Delta Rho staff in 2023, Director of Expansion and Growth **Hunter Santiago** identified the need for a dedicated Expansion Committee to accelerate progress and increase Alumni involvement in the Fraternity's future. Over the course of his first two years, he developed a comprehensive vision and structure for the committee while presenting the concept to the Executive Director, Board of Directors, and engaged Alumni across the country.

In September 2025, following his promotion to Director of Expansion and Growth, Hunter was given the support and

authority to bring this vision to life. With backing from the Board, Kappa Delta Rho officially established its Expansion Committee.

The Board of Directors appointed **Derek Hudson** (Chi Beta Alumnus) as Committee Chairman to work closely alongside the Director of Expansion and Growth in leading and developing the committee. Throughout October and November 2025, they recruited a highly motivated and experienced group of Alumni, forming an all-star team dedicated to advancing KDR's growth efforts.

The committee includes **Zach Gooding** (Eta Alumnus), **Mark West** (Upsilon Alpha Alumnus), **Lance Richards** (Chi Beta Alumnus), **Noah Stepp** (Zeta Beta Alumnus and former KDR Headquarters ELI), **Perry Stafford** (Eta Gamma Alumnus and former KDR Headquarters staff member), and **Presley Omoto** (Kappa Gamma Alumnus and current KDR Headquarters Chapter Coach).

The Expansion Committee meets twice monthly to plan, strategize, and analyze the current landscape of IFC Fraternity expansion across the country, identifying where Kappa Delta Rho can best position itself for success. One of the committee's most critical responsibilities is identifying and recruiting eight to 10 Alumni within driving distance of each expansion site to serve on an Interim Alumni Board.

Across the country, many universities require the presence of an interim Alumni board as part of their selection criteria, ensuring that a Fraternity has local support even when national staff is not present. KDR has adopted this expectation as an internal standard as well, recognizing the importance of providing consistent mentorship and stability to new Chapters.

The Texas State Interim Alumni Board, which includes multiple Eta Gamma Alumni along with several from Zeta Beta, has already demonstrated the value of this model by providing ongoing support when KDR Headquarters staff are not on campus. The Fraternity looks forward to replicating this structure at future expansion sites, including FIU, Appalachian State, Western Carolina, and beyond.

As Kappa Delta Rho continues to grow, the Expansion Committee will play a vital role in ensuring that each new Chapter is built on a strong foundation, supported by engaged Alumni, and positioned for long-term success.

For more information, questions, or to get involved, please contact:

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Let's make Kappa Delta Rho stronger together!

Stay connected. Stay involved.

KDR Rho Chapter Lafayette College

THE ROAD BACK TO CHAPTER REACTIVATION

On January 20, 2026, Kappa Delta Rho officially went boots on Kappa Delta Rho, Rho Chapter, Lafayette College, had its charter suspended in May 2011 due to an alcohol-related disciplinary infraction. After the charter suspension, **Ed Curtis '62**, the long-time Rho Chapter Alumni Corporation President, agreed with Lafayette College; the Alumni Association would allow Lafayette College to use the Fraternity house, which was and is owned by the Alumni Association, for student housing, with the understanding that Lafayette College would take care of the maintenance of the building and reimburse the Alumni Association for the liability insurance bill. Brother Curtis singlehandedly held the Alumni Corporation together for the next 12 years, until his passing in June 2023.

In July 2023, Rho Brothers **Bob Kiser '74**, **Lucky Yaple '78**, and **Mike Kaelber '73** met with Joyce Curtis, Ed's widow, to retrieve Ed's treasure trove of Rho Chapter historical and financial records and memorabilia. Bob and Lucky delivered the materials to the KDR Rho Chapter house on the Lafayette College campus and stored them in a basement room. Joyce advised that it was Ed's dying wish that the Rho Chapter be reactivated.

Brothers Kiser, Yaple, and Kaelber came up with a plan to re-establish the Alumni Association Board of Governors and reached out to Rho Alumni for volunteers to serve on the Board of Governors.

On August 17, 2023, the reconstituted Board of Governors held its first annual meeting. At that meeting, the Board approved revised bylaws, elected eight (8) board of governors members; four two-year terms, four one-year terms. Officers were elected: President **Bob Kiser '74**, Vice President **Mike Kaelber '73**, Secretary **Brian Rodowicz '96**, and Treasurer **Mark Davis '12**. Also joining the Board as trustees were **Lee Whitebay '73**, **Lucky Yaple '78**, **Kevin Rhodes '82**, **Marc Gallagher '93**, and **Joel Kaye '11**. At the urging of **Walt Ballard '74**, the Board agreed to pursue holding a Friday night dance party along with an open house at the KDR Rho Chapter Fraternity house on the Lafayette College campus during the June 2024 Reunion weekend, and established a Rho Chapter reunion committee, with the goal of bringing back to campus KDR Alumni who might not otherwise come back to campus for Reunion Weekend. One of the major selling points was the idea of being able to tour the Fraternity house, which had not been accessible to KDR Alumni for 13 years.

Concurrently, on July 9, 2023, KDR Executive Director Xavier Romano contacted Bob Kiser via e-mail, advised him that he was aware of the passing of Ed Curtis, and asked how he could help. On July 20, Xavier initiated a virtual meeting with Jake Bates, Lafayette College Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and Bob Kiser to discuss paths for Rho to be reactivated. Along with establishing a working relationship, the chief outcome of the meeting was a recognition that all paths toward reactivation would need to be student-initiated; students would have to come forward, indicate an interest in being part of a KDR Chapter on campus, and proceed through the College process, a very challenging task.

The Rho Chapter All Class Reunion Committee was established to generate interest in the June 2024 KDR Rho Chapter All Class Reunion, to be held in concert with the June 2024 Lafayette College Reunion Weekend. Members included Brothers **Rob Peterson '72**, **Mike Kaelber '73**, **Walt Ballard '74**, **Tim Christy '74**, **Bob Kiser '74**, **Bill Rozier '74**, **Neil Davis '75**, **Lucky Yaple '78**, **Ed Amaducci '79**, **Kevin Rhodes '82**, **John Donovan '89**, **Marc Gallagher '93**, **Brian Rodowicz '96**, **Alex Karapetian '04**, **Amar Gujral '09**, and **Mark Davis '12**. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Brother **Bill Rozier '74**, a remarkable database was created with updated contact information (phone numbers and e-mails) of all known Rho Chapter Alumni. Telephone calls and e-mails were made to over 800 Rho Alumni to reestablish contacts that had, in many cases, been dormant for many years. **Brothers Walt Ballard '74**, **Bob Kiser '74**, **Mike Kaelber '73** and **Neil Davis '75** worked hard contacting the Brotherhood.

Concurrently, Brothers Ballard, Christy, Kiser, and Rozier joined the Lafayette College Class of 1974 50th reunion committee. They advised the Lafayette Alumni Affairs group that a KDR Reunion in concert with the college reunion would have prospects of bringing a significant number of additional Alumni back who would not normally return. The college agreed to open the house for a Friday night dance party and an open house on Saturday.

Early in 2024, Lafayette student **Tyler Beck '27** contacted KDR Executive Xavier Romano requesting information concerning KDR. Tyler was looking for a different Fraternity experience than what he saw on the Lafayette campus. Lafayette College Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jake Bates suggested he consider KDR.

On February 7, 2024, Executive Director Xavier Romano visited the Lafayette College campus. A meeting was held with Jake Bates to discuss the possible return of Rho Chapter. In attendance at the meeting were **Brothers Tim Christy '74**, **Bob Kiser '74**, **Lucky Yaple '78**, **Marc Gallagher '93**, and Lafayette student **Tyler Beck '27**. Brother Yaple proposed the use of the basement of the KDR house as meeting space for the tentative KDR "Interest Group." Jake Bates approved the request. The KDR Interest Group (**Tyler Beck '27**, **Ryan Noble**, **Denis Didenko '26**, **Gavin Davis '27**, **Aaron Keyser '26**, and **David Gvazdabia**) was approved on April 23, 2024.

As part of the telephone calls and e-mails, KDR/Lafayette polo shirts donated by Rho Alumni were offered to all attendees to help confirm attendance and generate additional incentive to attend the reunion. **Bill Rozier** did an outstanding job e-mailing Alumni, and **Walt, Bob, Mike, Neil Davis '75**, and other Brothers worked hard contacting the Brotherhood. The efforts were rewarded with over 200 Rho Alumni returning to campus, including spouses. Lafayette College assisted with the construction of a large tent in front of the house, tables and chairs, snacks, and beverages.

The KDR Rho Chapter 2024 All Class Reunion was a huge success for KDR Rho Chapter and Lafayette College. Speakers included **Xavier Romano**, **Jake Bates**, Class of 1974 President Rhoda Rothkopf (a KDR dining partner), and the auctioning off of a KDR turtle chainsaw wood carving by Brother **Rob Peterson '72**. Brother Rozier posted



stories of KDR Alumni on flat screen TVs. Returning Brothers and families toured the house where they lived as undergrads, a house that had been closed to their admission since 2011. Ed Curtis' family attended and was honored at the event with a KDR framed remembrance. Xavier Romano announced that Ed Curtis would be receiving the KDR Ordo Honoris recognition posthumously at the August 2024 KDR National Convention in Norfolk. Brother **Bob Kiser** and Pledges **Tyler Beck** and **Gavin Davis** received the honor on behalf of the Curtis family. The award was subsequently presented to Joyce Curtis, Ed's widow.

On September 12, 2024, the KDR Alumni Corporation Board of Governors held its annual meeting. Officers were elected, and Brother **Tim Christy** was appointed to fill the Treasurer and Board of Governors position held by **Mark Davis**. Mark did an incredible job working on the Alumni Corporation finances, including IRS tax issues. Bylaws amendments were approved. The Board created the Rho Chapter, Kappa Delta Rho Alumni Corporation **Edward B. Curtis '62** Distinguished Service Award, established the criteria and procedures for the award, and approved its first recipient, **Lucky Yapple**. Brother Yapple was presented the award on September 24, 2024, at St. Luke's Hospital by **Bob Kiser** and **Mike Kaelber**. Lucky thanked Brothers Kiser and Kaelber for the award and asked that the Alumni Association "take care of my house." Brother Yapple passed on October 4, 2024.

As part of Homecoming Weekend on October 26, 2024, a reception was held on the front lawn of the KDR house, bringing together students, alumni, parents, and fraternity supporters in celebration of the chapter's continued growth and momentum. The event featured remarks from members of the Board of Governors, **Jake Bates**, Associate Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life at Lafayette College, **Irving Montgomery**, KDR Headquarters Chapter Consultant, and members of the KDR Rho Chapter Student Interest Group. Following the reception, attendees gathered to cheer on the football team before concluding the day with an alumni-hosted dinner that further strengthened connections between students, families, and alumni.

Spring 2025: Alumni worked with KDR National to generate interest in KDR rush and shepherded through the Lafayette College approval process. Work included practice presentations for the faculty review committee presentation with Alumni review and suggestions. KDR National attendance at these practice sessions included **Xavier Romano**, **Hunter Santiago**, and **Irving Montgomery**.

On June 5, 2025, the KDR Rho Student Interest Group was approved for interim Chapter status by Lafayette College.

June 2025 once again brought a successful KDR All Class Meet and Greet in conjunction with the Lafayette College reunion

weekend. The Meet and Greet included a tent and refreshments on the front lawn of the KDR house and house tours.

In July and August 2025, arrangements were made by the Alumni Board with contractors connected with the Lafayette College facilities department to complete renovations to two rooms of the basement of KDR House to make them suitable for recruitment and meetings. Renovations included wood repairs, painting, and electrical work.

In July 2025, Rho Alumni made arrangements with KDR national, through Xavier, for **Hunter Santiago** and **Presley Omoto** of KDR HQ to be on campus to assist Tyler and the KDR Interest Group with Fall & Spring recruitment. In September 2025, Nine new pledges were recruited through fall rush thanks to their efforts.

In September 2025, Homecoming weekend was celebrated with a meet and greet reception on the front lawn of the KDR house, tours of the house, attendance at the football game, and dinner with students and parents.

"In all my years of advising fraternal organizations, I have encountered few students who possess the sheer depth of dedication and unwavering passion that Tyler exhibits. His resolve, even when confronted with challenging odds, has been nothing short of inspiring. He never wavered, relentlessly pushing both himself and his developing Brotherhood forward".

On November 20, the KDR Rho interim student Chapter of nine members was granted full Chapter status by Lafayette College. In his letter of approval, Jake writes the following.

The success realized by Rho could not have been possible without Tyler's leadership and this outstanding group of Brothers.

After the Lafayette-Lehigh game on November 22, 2025, all nine pledges were initiated as Brothers. Brothers Beck, Kiser, Newman, and Kaelber participated in the initiation rite. In April 2026, six additional pledges were initiated, giving Rho Chapter a total of 15 Brothers.

Working with Jake Bates and Thor Banks, Lafayette College Director of Residence Life, housing arrangements were made with Lafayette for all 12 Brothers who will not be graduating to live in the KDR House in September 2026. Alumni continue to work with senior leadership at Lafayette College to effect a full return to the KDR house.

In April and May 2025, arrangements were made by the Alumni Board and contractors connected with the Lafayette College facilities department to complete renovations of a third room in the basement of KDR House, now being used as a Chapter room to make it suitable for recruitment and meetings. Renovations included wood repairs, painting, and electrical work. The basement bathroom was also repaired and updated for use.

The work continues. Honor Super Omnia.

The Weight Young Men Carry



IRVING MONTGOMERY
SIGMA BETA '21

As someone with lived experience navigating mental health challenges throughout college without a consistent outlet, I can confidently say this is one of the most important partnerships our organization has undertaken to meet the needs of our undergraduate members today.

I had the privilege of working within KDR throughout my college years and into the beginning of my professional career. One thing I know to be true is that young men are struggling. They are struggling with mental health, social connection, relationships, substance use, alcohol, and more. While there is a misconception that young men do not want to talk about emotions or what they are going through, my experience over the past decade tells a very different story.

When safe, trusted spaces are created, young men open up. I have had countless conversations with Brothers over the years about depression, suicidal ideation, relationship challenges, substance use, and more. Those conversations only happened because trust existed and because they viewed me as someone who would listen and support them without judgment. That is what we must continue to build: environments where young men feel safe enough to speak honestly so we can begin to break the stigma together.

Unfortunately, society often tells men that having emotions is weak and that vulnerability is a lack of strength. That pressure, combined with a lack of accessible and confidential resources, contributes to young men struggling in silence.

This is where Release U, formerly known as MANUAL, comes in.

Release U provides all undergraduate members access to a holistic well-being platform that includes 50-plus hours of video content, 1:1 text coaching, webinars, and in-person programming.



"[MANUAL] has helped me look deeper into why I feel certain ways when things happen in life, and understand that we are all human. We can grow from struggle".

—KDR Undergraduate Member

"[MANUAL] has helped me keep focus on my personal goals and goals within the Fraternity. It helps remind me I'm also not alone in a mental health journey".

—KDR Undergraduate Member

Our approach is not limited to mental health alone. We meet young men where they are through topics like mental health, gambling awareness, nicotine use, personal finance, interviewing skills, physical fitness, and more.

One of the most impactful components of the platform is our 1:1 text coaching system, which is not AI-driven. Each conversation is supported by a real human on the other end responding directly to the needs of our members.

After a two-year pilot program, Kappa Delta Rho has officially entered into a full partnership with Release U, ensuring all members have access to the platform moving forward. Early engagement data shows strong adoption across Chapters, with continued growth in usage and positive self-reported outcomes from undergraduate members. In fact, 94.3% of members reported that MANUAL has improved their ability to manage their personal health and well-being, and 98.6% of respondents shared that if a Brother is struggling with mental health or substance misuse, resources like MANUAL can help them achieve their goals.

Our team at Release U is excited to continue building on this momentum. This summer, our Founder and CEO, Zac Clark, a person in long-term recovery and a longtime behavioral health professional, will join us at Convention in Chicago as the opening keynote speaker. He will share his personal journey with sobriety and mental health and reinforce how KDR can continue to serve as a community that prioritizes wellness, accountability, and belonging for young men.

Nu Chapter at Indiana University Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Nu Chapter celebrated its 100th anniversary at Indiana University on April 18, 2026. With the help of the National office, notices were sent to over 800 Alumni across the country. Alumni from California, Maryland, North Carolina, and everywhere in between gathered in Bloomington to hear about the history of the Chapter and reminisce about its first 100 years. In addition to Alumni, members of the current undergraduate Chapter, spouses, and guests were in attendance.

The event was emceed by **EJ Diener**, the current Worthy Consul of Nu Chapter. Several Nu Chapter Alumni presented an historical perspective over the last 100 years. Brother **Skip Higgins** did exhaustive research and presented a glowing picture of the early years of the Chapter and its membership beginning in 1926. Brothers **Del Newkirk**, **Ken Beckley**, **Tom McGlasson**, **Gary Wilson**, and **E. Mayer Maloney, Jr.**, spoke about various periods and the locations the Chapter occupied on the Bloomington campus. They each brought back memories of pledgeship, Chapter activities, triumphs, and disappointments. They stressed the joys of Fraternity life, the lessons learned, and the lifelong friendships that have endured. A common theme throughout was the resilience that the Chapter has displayed throughout its 100 years. A display table containing memorabilia brought by Alumni and the Chapter was on hand, along with composite photographs.

Representing KDRHQ, Brother **John McGlennon**, **Kappa Gamma '22**, presented the Centennial Award to Brother Diener. Also in attendance was the family of **Tom McComb, '59**, who had been President of the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation. **Doug Rammel, Pi Alpha '90**, who had become acquainted with Tom and his family through the National Fraternity, announced a new award. Upon Tom's passing, the family wanted to do something for Nu Chapter and decided to donate his ring and create a "Thomas V. McComb Active of the Year" award, which was presented to Brother Alex Dunn at the event. Tom's widow, Norma, their children, and spouses were in attendance.

Other special recognitions were made to Alumni who had been active throughout the history of the Chapter, in particular **Marty Joachim**, **Walt Burnham**, and especially **E. Mayer Maloney, Sr.**, who had been President of the house corporation board and Chapter advisor for many years and Executive Director of the National Fraternity for two terms. A moment of silence was observed for the many Brothers who were no longer with us.

The tradition of serenading was remembered, and Brother **Bob Schweitzer** came forward and led the attendees in one of the traditional KDR songs. He was joined by those who remembered this song.

EJ Diener closed the event by giving a summary of the current status of the Chapter and future plans. He reminded everyone that the program had been available on Zoom and that the planning committee was working with Nationals to make the program available electronically to all who want to view it in its entirety and see the written presentations of all eras of the Chapter.



A Fraternity Worth Celebrating



J. HALL JONES, JR.
LAMBDA BETA '91
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KDR Foundation President

Every once in a while, I have to remind myself to take a step back and reflect on how blessed I am to be serving as President of the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation. I have the opportunity to meet wonderful people from across the country, from different colleges and universities, with different experiences and backgrounds, but with a common purpose of Honor Super Omnia. Speaking to Alumni on a regular basis, I am always impressed with the stories of camaraderie and friendship that keep people attached to their Chapter Brothers.

Many of the recently funded scholarships were named for Alumni that had a powerful influence on their Chapter. For example, Brothers from the Nu Chapter at Indiana University wanted to honor their longtime Brother and Scholarship Adviser, **Marty Joachim, Nu '61**, by creating a scholarship in his name. In the process of discussing the parameters of the scholarship, I heard many stories of the impact that Marty made on decades of Nu Brothers as their academic adviser. Many men who attended IU during his tenure credit Marty for guiding them through graduation. To highlight the breadth of Brother Joachim's influence on Nu Brothers, since the formation of the scholarship in 2021, 57 donors have contributed nearly \$80,000 to the scholarship fund. The positive impact that Brother Joachim had on KDR is now passed on to future Nu undergraduates through financial and academic assistance. **The positive impact the Brotherhood makes is worth celebrating.**

Another joy that I experience in my role is that I am made aware of many outstanding Brothers who have made a positive impact in the world. **Did you know that the most decorated soldier in World War II was a Kappa Delta Rho Brother?**

(Excerpts from the Am-Pol Eagle follow) **"Matt Urban, Beta '41**, graduated from Cornell University with a degree in history and government. Lt. Col. Urban became the most combat-decorated American soldier of World War II. From June through September 1944, he demonstrated "singularly outstanding combat leadership, personal bravery, and tenacious devotion to duty" during multiple key actions with the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. A Medal of Honor nomination written for Urban was lost in the chaos of war. It wasn't until 1978, 35 years later, that the oversight was corrected. On July 19, 1980, President Jimmy Carter awarded him the nation's highest military honor, calling him "the Greatest Soldier in American History." Urban's medals, awards and badges were: Medal of Honor, Silver

Star Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat Valor Device and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with four Bronze Campaign Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Croix de guerre avec Etoile Vermeil, Presidential Unit Citation, and Combat Infantryman Badge."

There are so many people worth highlighting and celebrating in our Brotherhood. Brother Urban, through his courage, lived a life of Honor Super Omnia.

Lastly, as a Kappa Delta Rho Foundation Trustee for nearly 25 years, I have had a front row seat to watch how many of our Alumni view KDR as a lifelong Brotherhood. There are over 50 Brothers who have donated to the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation for more than 30 years, and another 200 who have provided financial support for over 20 years. These are Brothers who were positively impacted by our Fraternity, and they want to pass on the opportunity for others to receive that same benefit for generations to come. For many of these Brothers, there was no operating endowment or meaningful scholarship program to assist in their personal growth. However, they realized that for KDR to be all that she can be, everyone needed to band together and provide her with the financial resources to be as meaningful to the next generation as she has been for so many Alumni. Because of their belief in the lifelong benefit of following the precepts of Honor Super Omnia, our Foundation can now distribute over 40 scholarships with a combined distribution of over \$125,000. Because of their trust in the honorable stewardship of Foundation assets, we are able to fund a meaningful and growing portion of the Fraternity's education, leadership, and men's health and wellness training. **Because of their support, we are a much stronger Fraternity!**

As we look towards coming together for our Convention and Leadership School in August, we can celebrate who we are, and just as importantly, celebrate where we are going. Kappa Delta Rho is as vital today as ever, and through continually growing the support of our

Alumni base, we can celebrate her accomplishments for generations to come!

Honor Super Omnia,
J. Hall Jones, Jr.
Lambda Beta '91



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 David May, Rho '11
 Shaun Hong, Tau '92
 James Hubbard, Psi '66
 James Pietrovito, Psi '71
 Wade Pugh, Psi '67
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 Richard Sherwood, Psi '69
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 Barre Bell, Iota Alpha '88
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 Jeffrey Jacobs, Iota Alpha '90
 Brian Winters, Iota Alpha '88
 Richard Wise, Iota Alpha '86
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 Michael Bouyea, Iota Beta '97
 David Day, Iota Beta '01
 James Donahue, Iota Beta '91
 Jacob Ference, Iota Beta '09
 Scot Fernandez, Iota Beta '99
 Todd Gibbs, Iota Beta '02
 Alok Kapoor, Iota Beta '93
 Olaf Kunz, Iota Beta '94
 Steven Barham, Lambda Beta '94
 Hall Jones, Lambda Beta '91
 Joel Lenderman, Lambda Beta '91
 Richard McCoy, Lambda Beta '92
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First Charitable Gift Annuity Created

Christopher Harley, Lambda '74

Kappa Delta Rho is blessed to receive financial support from numerous generous Alumni every year. To ensure the continued prosperity of our Fraternity, many Brothers have initiated plans to continue their positive impact on KDR, even after entering Chapter Eternal, by joining the Heritage Society and including KDR in their estate plans. Many Alumni have included Kappa Delta Rho in their wills, while others have named KDR as the beneficiary in a life insurance policy. In some cases, the funds are directed towards KDR's leadership programming. In other cases, the Brother has chosen to endow a scholarship to pay it forward for future Brothers.

Recently, the Foundation partnered with Chris Harley, Lambda '74 on a first-for-KDR Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) to enhance the Lambda Chapter Scholarship Fund. As this is a new method of planned giving, we asked Brother Harley to describe how he approached working with the Foundation to satisfy his goals.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE LAMBDA SCHOLARSHIP AT THIS TIME?

There were several catalysts for creating the CGA with funds from my IRA at this time:

1. Recent tax legislation includes a number of changes that enhance the ability to make charitable contributions using an IRA.
2. I turned 73 in 2025, which means that I am starting to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD).
3. With Lambda Chapter being reinstated, a Lambda Chapter Scholarship was created as part of the KDR Foundation, largely due to the efforts of Monroe McBride, Lambda '76 and the Foundation Board.
4. We have already begun contributing to that fund.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT THROUGH A CGA?

In discussing plans with our accountant, a CGA was one of the tools we explored for tax-efficient giving.

1. The particular program can be used during one tax year by a taxpayer who is making RMDs: essentially anyone who is 73 or older.
2. An amount of up to \$54,000 (inflation-indexed) can be made directly to a qualified charity from the IRA

3. In the case of KDR Foundation, the annuity is administered by the National Gift Annuity Foundation
4. The paperwork and documentation involved were minimal and easy to complete, a few hours; more time-consuming is going about the giving decision itself.
5. The amount donated counts toward the RMD and is subtracted from AGI for 2025. AGI drives a lot of tax issues due to the phasing out of tax benefits that are calculated using AGI.
6. A set life annuity payment is made annually.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO PARTNER WITH THE FOUNDATION ON THE CGA?

In our case, the choice of using the Lambda Scholarship Fund and/or KDR Foundation included:

1. The scholarship fund has already been created and now needs to build an endowment so that annual scholarships can be awarded.
2. I had met new Members and have been acquainted with younger Alumni who worked to get Lambda reinstated.
3. Having received much from my years as a U Cal undergraduate living on Channing Way for four years, I see this as a chance to give back and start building a meaningful pool of funds to attract undergraduates over the long term.
4. In addition, I have lived in a number of countries (Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico) and worked with people from around the world (Asia, Africa, Latin America), and US fraternities are fairly unique in giving young men a chance to self-govern, work together, and resolve problems.
5. I think a well-run scholarship fund can reward those students who contribute to running the house, maintain a strong level of academic achievement, participate in university organizations outside the house, and participate in community-wide philanthropic programs.
6. We are a relatively small house so our (all Alumni) giving goes a long way towards carving out a unique niche on the UC campus.

2024-2025 Heritage Society Members

* Deceased

Ferd Ensinger, Alpha '45*

Gordon Hoyt, Alpha '36*

Robert Jones, Alpha '59

James Kitchell, Alpha '51

Ronald Dunbar, Beta '57

Cortland Hill, Beta '61

John Padget, Beta '58

Paul Downes, Gamma '68

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Thomas Jensen, Zeta '50*

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Dale Schaffenacker, Eta '78

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John Carl, Theta '51*

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Bimal Saraiya, Theta '00

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Mark West, Upsilon Alpha '88

Gerald Stebbins, Phi Alpha '88

James Carroll, Alpha Beta '93

Matthew Lenno, Alpha Beta '95

Joseph Rejuney, Epsilon Beta '90

Howard Fidler, Eta Beta '93

Steven Lawler, Theta Beta '92

Richard Sudderth, Theta Beta '87

Kyle Bamford, Iota Beta '10

David Clark, Iota Beta '01

Alok Kapoor, Iota Beta '93

Brian Martens, Iota Beta '97

Brian Stumm, Iota Beta '92

Bradley Witzel, Lambda Beta '94



THE VALUES THAT OUR FRATERNITY UPHOLDS, FELLOWSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, AND TRADITION, SHAPED MY JOURNEY. THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS A POWERFUL AFFIRMATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES AND A REMINDER THAT THE BONDS WE FORM EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE CHAPTER WALLS.

Henry Pfeiffer, Iota Beta '25





Chapter Eternal

In Memory

Patrick F. Baughn, Beta '78
April 6, 2021

Eugene H. Blabey II, Beta '61
September 2, 2024

Steven Blum, Beta '72
June 27, 2024

William T. Cotton, Beta '58
November 18, 2024

L. Roland Doerschug, Beta '59
September 9, 2023

Frederick W. Drewes, Beta '58
2016

James B. Gilmour, Beta '80
January 16, 2023

John H. Humpton, Beta '76
January 7, 2026

Richard Jackson, Beta '63
June 26, 2025

Edmund W. Keeley Jr., Beta '59
January 31, 2024

Ernes Sho-Hua Liu, Beta '64
December 7, 2024

William H. MacInnis, Beta '63
March 13, 2024

Stephen L. Matson, Beta '71
November 26, 2023

Michael M. Nestor, Beta '02
March 13, 2024

Jody N. Sebastiano, Beta '99
July 27, 2025

Michael A. Sopchak, Beta '72
October 2, 2023

Charles D. Tanzola, Beta '81
December 7, 2023

Walter W. Bishop, Epsilon '70
January 18, 2026

John B. Hachman, Epsilon '67
January 31, 2026

John N. Hansson, Kappa '70
April 16, 2026

Donald R. Zwakenber, Lambda '64
March 28, 2026

A. Daniel Hamilton, Pi '58
April 26, 2026

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