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Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity**

*The Frater shares updates about the Fraternity and showcases the amazing ways our Brothers are making a difference. Content is contributed by alumni, undergraduates, and the IHQ staff.*

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# LEADERSHIP NOTES

**P**ilam is celebrating a unique milestone this year, the 125th Anniversary of our founding. Pi Lambda Phi's longevity is truly a testament to a strong and supportive brotherhood, and is equally dependent on our plans for the future. We're working to build and implement programs to carry our fraternity into the next century and beyond.

These are some of our recent initiatives that will support our Chapters and strengthen our relationships with alumni.

## **Implementing a new strategic plan – OnePilam**

We have begun executing a new strategic plan called, "OnePilam" to address our need to:

- Better engage our Alumni
- Help our Chapters attain excellence
- Live by the Creed of our Fraternity

A variety of initiatives launched by our Headquarters will help us reach these goals. We have already begun successfully implementing a few of these initiatives however, alumni engagement will both increase our likelihood of success and expedite the process.

## **Creating a new look that honors old standards**

Developed to bring a consistent look and feel to the Pilam brand across all Chapters and affiliated organizations, our new brand and style guidelines introduces a clean, modern look to Pilam imagery that complements and honors our time-honored traditions. Our motto, "Not four years, but a lifetime," and the coat of arms remain unchanged, but other graphical elements and a new tagline, "Lead Courageously" have been introduced to reflect the spirit and ideals of Pi Lambda Phi.

## **Using tech to connect with our Chapters and alumni**

Many of our technology solutions have been overhauled, enabling Chapters to more seamlessly manage their operations, recruit new members, educate & train Brothers, and lower their Chapter's risks. We redesigned our website to provide an interface that works on all platforms and devices. We helped our alumni connect with the "[Pilam Portal](#)," an online, searchable database of brothers. Finally, we transitioned to Salesforce, so our Educational Foundation and HQ could more effectively interact with alumni.

## **Returning to six campuses, and expanding to others**

We were thrilled to have returned to six campuses recently – East Carolina, Ohio State, San Francisco State, Penn State, Florida State, and Cincinnati. Soon, we'll have a presence in West Virginia, Iowa, Ferris State, University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, North Carolina State, and Indiana State. If you're interested in seeing your Chapter return and would like to help make that happen, contact us at: [headquarters@pilambdaphi.org](mailto:headquarters@pilambdaphi.org).

## **Helping Chapters acquire long-term housing**

As part of "OnePilam" we launched an initiative to offer strong and growing Chapters an opportunity to obtain long-term housing. An independent Housing Corporation, run by Pilam alumni was formed, and has already taken on two major projects that have resulted in getting Chapters at Drexel and Pittsburgh housed! They're actively entertaining options for their next projects and hope to provide housing opportunities to other Chapters. Chapters interested in long-term housing options, or alumni interested in participating in this House Corporation should email us at [headquarters@pilambdaphi.org](mailto:headquarters@pilambdaphi.org) to learn more.



*Dan Scott, C.K.  
President, International  
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*Ian Lowe  
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## Helping Chapters reach their potential

In Fall 2020, we'll launch an accreditation tool that enables Chapters to gain a holistic view of their strengths and weaknesses. The tool will help them establish action plans and goals to help their Chapter reach full potential. High performance on the accreditation will result in Chapter awards and financial incentives.

## How you can help

We've got a great headquarters staff, and students eager to make Pilam even better, but we need your help. We've always needed the assistance of alumni volunteers, and now that may be truer than ever.

As we continue to introduce new programs, and seek new avenues to continue the proud 125-year tradition of Pi Lambda Phi, we ask you to think about what you can do to help sustain Pilam.

If you enjoyed your time in Pilam, and would like to help current and future generations have similar life experiences, there are two immediate ways in which you can help.

**Donate:** [Make a donation.](#)

**Volunteer:** [Volunteer to aid a Chapter, mentor a Brother, or serve on a committee.](#) Any way you choose to help is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,  
Dan Scott, C.K., *President*  
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# LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

## BROTHERS LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Throughout our history, we've seen examples of Pilam Brothers who have exhibited courageous leadership. Strong leadership is a quality that we have always strived to emulate. Our new tagline, "Lead Courageously" is a cornerstone of our identity, and is now a key message of our new Brand Standards.

Here are some Pilam brothers who saw challenges, faced issues, and overcame obstacles by leading courageously.

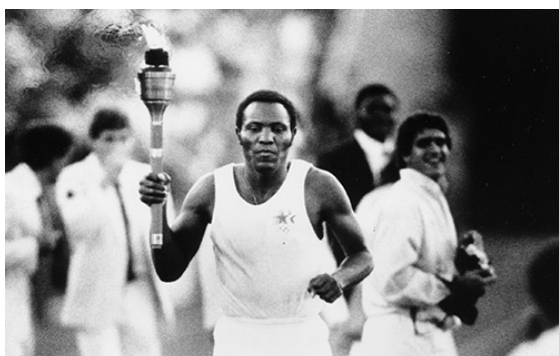
### Pioneers Fighting Discrimination

Arthur Garfield Hays (Columbia) helped found the ACLU.

David Temple (Virginia), Floyd Greer (Penn State), Rafer Johnson (UCLA), and Charlie Thomas (Wisconsin) led efforts on their campuses to break the barrier that had prevented African-American men from joining fraternities on their campuses.

George Beck (Virginia) and Andy Golbert (Lafayette) challenged universities that were hesitant to integrate the Greek system.

### Olympians



*Rafer Johnson proudly bears the Olympic torch.*

Rafer Johnson (UCLA), Harrison Dillard (Baldwin Wallace), Jules Lennard (Wisconsin), and Amin Nikfar (Cal Berkeley) all won at the

highest levels possible often at times in the face of prejudice and discrimination.

### Entertainers

Rodgers & Hammerstein (Columbia) wrote musicals that challenged prejudice in a time when the topic was taboo for many.



*Abby Mann accepting his Oscar from Lee Remick.*

Abby Mann (Temple) won an Oscar for his screenplay about the Nuremberg Trials, *Judgement at Nuremberg*.

Lewis Black (UNC Chapel Hill) and Kevin James (SUNY Cortland) used their platforms to tackle social topics aligned with the spirit of our Creed.

### Hall of Famers and Sports Legends

Sandy Koufax (Cincinnati), Jimmy Johnson (UCLA), and Artis Gilmore (Jacksonville State).

4-time Super Bowl Champion Randy Grossman (Temple), and Bud Selig (Wisconsin) who enacted multiple diversity focused initiatives as MLB Commissioner.

### Noble and Pulitzer Prize Winners

Richard Feynman (MIT), Marshall Nirenberg (Florida), and Herman Wouk (Columbia).

### Military Leaders

Admirals James Zimble (Franklin & Marshall), and Tim Riker (Baldwin Wallace) served selflessly to provide safety and security to our country.

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*" A writer worth his salt at all has an obligation not only to entertain but to comment on the world in which he lives."*

- Abby Mann

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### Public Servants

Senators Ben Cardin (Pittsburgh), Arlen Specter (UPenn), and Herb Kohl (Wisconsin).

Representatives Elliot Engel (Lehman), Michael Busch (Temple), and Malcolm Kenyatta (Temple).

Governor Ed Rendell (Penn).

### Business Leaders

Mark Cuban (Pittsburgh), Bernie Goldhirsh (MIT), Morty Caplin (Virginia), and Sidney Eskenazi (Indiana) had transformational impacts in their industries.

### Leaders in Education

Paul Verkeil (William & Mary), Arthur Rothkopf (Lafayette), William Cross, Jr. (University of Denver), and Brent Glass (Lafayette) made substantial impacts in the field of education.

Do you know a Pi Lambda Phi Brother who has “lead courageously?”

Please consider nominating a Brother you know who has led courageously and achieved great distinction in life by contacting us at [headquarters@pilambdaphi.org](mailto:headquarters@pilambdaphi.org).



*Mark Cuban, more than just a shark.*

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unchanged, but other graphical elements and a new tagline, “Lead Courageously” have been introduced to reflect the spirit and ideals of Pi Lambda Phi.



### Primary Lockup

- Distinct side-facing lion form
- His gaze is stoic, mirroring Pi Lambda Phi's courage as we strive to make the world a better place
- Clear separation of mane and head creates easy legibility and scalability
- Minimal style with hints of detail for a well-rounded brand mark
- Suggestion of a flame in mane references the lamp and the torch from the original mark
- Includes sabers to aid visual balance and symbolize the strength and fortitude necessary for continuing the fight
- This is our primary lockup. Use this version of the logo lockup whenever possible. It will perform particularly well in orientations where more vertical space is available

The three logo colors indicated here display which versions to use on a white background.

Minimum Height: 1.5"

## PILAM CELEBRATES RETURN TO FLORIDA STATE



On March 7, 2020 over 100 alumni, undergraduates, parents, and university officials celebrated the return of Pi Lambda Phi to Florida State University's campus. It was particularly satisfying for many alumni who tried for years to support the return of the chapter to campus.

Recolonization was the result of a collaboration between the University, FSU alumni, and IHQ Staff who all worked tirelessly to restart the Chapter. Member



*Florida State Founders Day Celebration*

education and operational training were provided in the fall. A Chapter Advisory Board was then assembled to coach and support the officers heading into the spring semester. In the first two classes, over 50 men have joined the Chapter. The Chapter has also earned the second highest grade point average amongst IFC Chapters!

We're excited about what's to come for Florida State.

## INITIATION RITUAL STREAMLINED

Our undergraduates and alumni volunteers came together to consider, propose, and recommend modifications to streamline our Initiation Ritual ceremony. For chapters with large classes, initiations were taking prohibitively long, and some felt that the significance and messaging of the ceremony was being lost. The committee was tasked to review the language in the ceremony and recommend ways it could better communicate the Fraternity's expectations and significance.

The committee carefully considered feedback from students, Chapter Advisors, and elders of Pilam who knew the history of our ritual. They carefully explored possible modifications while being mindful of

preserving the history and symbolism of the ritual. This was reflected in their findings.

The committee recommended only cursory changes to the text of the ritual. The changes expedited the ritual by making some of the individual activities into group activities. But a number of individual sections were retained, so each New Member individually hears and experiences critical messages of the ceremony on his own. The committee presented their recommendations at the 2018 Convention, and the House of Delegates resoundingly passed the resolution.



*Chapter Eternal Remembrance Ceremony*

# BIG PI SPOTLIGHT

## INTERVIEW WITH FRANK GIMBEL, WI OMEGA

*Frank Gimbel '55 (Wisconsin Omega) is a 2019 Big Pi recipient who distinguished himself as a trial attorney and a tremendous community servant of the Milwaukee area. He recently sat down with Roger Orloff and Ian Lowe for an interview.*

### ***Why did you join Pi Lambda Phi?***

I came to Madison and joined Pilam in the fall of 1954. I picked Pilam because they had the right priorities. They wanted to take kids and help them become better. We wanted to excel and to be recognized. We wanted to have the highest grade-point average, and to be very competitive in sports against other fraternities – which we were. We were involved in a lot of on-campus activities. The Chapter had a winner's mentality, whether it was academics, sports, or [even] musical competitions.

### ***What from the Creed has particular meaning to you?***

All of it. I was born in the 1930s and experienced bigotry as a kid. During WWII, as a member of the Jewish faith, many people in my neighborhood were supporters of Adolf Hitler and so I had occasions where I had to duke it out on the street corner with people who were anti-Semitic.

In high school (1953-1954) my friends and I took a bus trip down to Miami Beach. This was during the days of segregation. I remember seeing the signs that said “colored bathrooms” and drinking fountains. I remember we were the only ones on the bus. It stopped and we were told by the bus driver we'd have to move up front so he could let some “n-words” on the bus. Being from Milwaukee, we were very liberal and said we had no problem with them sitting anywhere they wanted. The bus driver told us we didn't understand, we were either going to move up front or these “n-words” would be staying on the side of the road and that was just the

way it was going to be. So, we moved up front. I saw firsthand some ugly situations where bigotry and prejudice were not concealed, not hidden in fancy speech, but were on the street in a gruesome way.

### ***How did your experience in Pi Lambda Phi effect your views on the Creed?***

Our Chapter had a history of liberality. We all came from different economic strata, but we pledged to make life better for the people that didn't have what we had and to support any similar agendas that practiced similar perspectives to the ones we had. During my undergraduate time in Pi Lambda Phi, we initiated the first African-American member. Charlie Thomas was an extraordinary person who went onto become the Superintendent of schools in Evanston, Illinois. He was a gentleman and a scholar. Although this was a first and a big deal for that Greek community, the decision to have Charlie join us was just a reflection of the soul of our Chapter – our soul was that we are here to do good.

### ***Do you have any particularly strong memories from your time in the Chapter?***

Bud Selig was my “pledge father!” To think about what he did to enlarge the game of baseball, there's no precedent. And Herb Kohl became extraordinarily powerful as a U.S.



*Frank Gimbel - 2019 Big Pi Recipient  
University of Wisconsin Madison - WI Omega*



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Senator and then as owner of the Milwaukee Bucks, and then as a philanthropist. Then Steve Marcus, who built the Marcus Corporation. That all these men were in Pilam with me at the same time is remarkable.

### ***How did the relationships with those three men form and evolve over time?***

I knew Bud and Herb while growing up but didn't meet Steve until college. We all had an extracurricular interest in politics and in community, but we expressed it in different ways. Bud became the owner of the Brewers and saved the franchise here. Steve became the "Emperor" of hospitality – restaurants and hotels. Herb moved into political office and he and his family were good with business decisions too. Our work all collided together in different ways. I was the Chairman for the Convention Center District Board for Milwaukee for 20 years. We built the Convention Center.

### ***The four of you worked together in multiple instances to make other upgrades to the city and worked collaboratively to find ways to finance these improvements.***

We wanted to provide Milwaukee a "Big League status" as a location that people would want to come to. Bud and Herb did it with sports, Steve with his restaurants and hotels, and I did it with the Convention Center and a lot of advocating to support the work of the others.

### ***What have you enjoyed most about being a Pilam?***

The people I met. I made lifelong friends. We don't interact every day, but we had an experience and a bond [in college] that brought us together which made those friendships solid and enduring. When sadness

occurs in their families, you want to be there at their side to console them. When they have happy events, you want to celebrate those moments too.

My Fraternity Brothers were on a regular basis there for me [during tough times] and we shared good life events too. I'm a better person today at 83 than I was at 18 when I first joined Pilam. I credit the soul of our Fraternity for contributing that to me.

### ***What is it about Pi Lambda Phi that should appeal to so many people?***

Our priorities were in the right order. Pilam always fostered a lifestyle of responsibility to studying, going to class, and maintaining your obligations on a schedule. Pilam had a very substantial influence on me.

### ***You crossed paths with Bobby Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. Can you tell us that story?***

I was asked by the Wisconsin Democratic Chairman in 1963 to chair the planning and serve as Toastmaster for a dinner where Lyndon B. Johnson would be in attendance. I was honored by the request, but it was a hectic time in my life with two young babies and I was working extra jobs just to make ends meet. I told him if he could get me a job in the U.S. Attorney's office in Milwaukee, I'd do it.

So, he immediately has a phone brought over to him and he calls up "Bobby" and asks if Bobby can get me a job with the U.S. Attorney's office. That was Bobby Kennedy! The next day I get a phone call and am offered a job. So, I do the event – I sell it out. I watched LBJ (a Democrat) convince a group of Milwaukee business owners (Republicans) to increase their minimum wage through a compelling series of questions and points on behalf of this wage increase. It was impressive.

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I tell people, LBJ was so good that day, he could have gotten 50% of the votes at the table running against Jesus Christ himself.

That night, I'm serving as Toastmaster. We have the mayor and multiple senators in attendance. The event's going smoothly and LBJ is to be arriving shortly. Then a secret service guy tells me LBJ will be 30 minutes late, so I had to stall and keep the crowd entertained so they wouldn't leave resulting in LBJ walking into address an empty room. We stalled successfully, but it was an interesting first challenge to extemporaneous speaking opportunities.

### ***Did you ever spend time with Bobby Kennedy?***

I met him twice but never spent meaningful time with him. Meeting John F. Kennedy was interesting – he had an aura about him. I've met both Bush Presidents and spent time with Bill Clinton and with Barack Obama – very charming man.

### ***You once said, "You can't sit back and wait for life to come to you, you have to go into the teeth of life, and if you're going to achieve anything, you have to be aggressive." What does that mean to you?***

You start by imbuing people with the notion that work is not a sign of weakness and that menial work is an initial opportunity to advance. My successes in life have come largely because I didn't say "No" when opportunities came to help one cause or another. So, that's another part of it. I've gotten more satisfaction out of community service than the community has probably gotten out of me being in the community. Rewards come (as a result of doing service) but you don't do the service for the rewards, they come naturally.

### ***You tried a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. How was that?***

I won. Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote the decision. The case dealt with entrapment. The case was Mathews v. United States (1988). I've got a 1000% in the Supreme Court – that's pretty good \*smiles\*. I don't think I'll ever get back there, but it was a very interesting experience.

### ***What did it mean to receive the Big Pi Award?***

It was a confirmation that when looking back on my life, that I must have done something good – that I made a difference.

### ***Any other things you took from your Pilam experience?***

My Pilam days were a hallmark in my life. I got from Pi Lambda Phi not only an appreciation of the importance of the Creed, but I came to understand how despite the things that make each of us different, how we're all very similar.

### ***If you could go back in time and advise a 19-year-old Frank Gimbel, what would you say?***

Setup a laundry list of objectives of what you want to do while at college. Meet your commitments and obligations to your classes – whatever they are. Be clean in your dealings. Use the "Golden Rule" – do unto others as you'd have done to you. Life is driven by an adherence to fundamentals. The fundamentals are to pay attention to your surroundings, take what life gives you, and give back in a way of service. These will lead a to a successful life.

### ***Any final closing thoughts?***

Always remember the Creed and invest in the relationships with the other Brothers.

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# LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

## BROTHERS LEARN LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOWERSHIP

Students, facilitators, and support staff came together for the first ever Pi Lambda Phi Leadership Institute in June 2019 at Camp Bryn Mawr in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. Camp Bryn Mawr provided us a secluded camp to focus on the tasks at hand.

This 4-day and 3-night gathering was titled a “Leadership Institute” but it intentionally mixed both Leadership and Followership principles. Ultimately, the focus was on how our undergraduate leaders could create the strongest team mentality possible within their Chapter. [Watch a short video recapping the Institute.](#)

Students first learned leadership and followership principles in a large group session. Then they broke off into smaller groups (called “families”) to discuss the concept and its application further. Each family was made-up of eight students and two facilitators. Families bore the name of one of the original three founders – Werner, Fisher, or Levy, or one of the re-founders from the 1908 Revitalization Period – Frank, Jagtndorf, Hyman, Diamant, and Schwartz.

Pilam Alumni and friends who work professionally as Greek Life Advisors on university campuses served as facilitators. Their role was to help the students make sense of the principles through facilitated conversation and examples of how they’d used it within their own lives. Then, students in each family applied the principles through team builders and challenges – like an obstacle course, a high ropes course, a chariot race, a climbing wall, and more. By the end of the Institute, students were able to take what they learned, and create an action plan to take back to their campus to improve their Chapters.

Additionally, we presented our Chapter Awards (listed in the Chapter Updates Section) and conducted our Chapter Eternal Remembrance Ceremony (CERC). We used the CERC to memorialize Brothers who had passed away the prior year. The serene camp setting under the stars with a bonfire and candles, helped to make this somber ceremony very special.



The success of the institute is reflected in Student Participant Survey responses and quotes:

- 98% would recommend to their Brothers
- 98% said they had a good framework to better evaluate their Chapter
- 95% said having attended the LI prepared them to be a better Leader
- 100% said the revised Chapter Eternal Remembrance Ceremony further connected them to the Fraternity’s ritual and history.

Listed below are member quotes relating to the overall experience and to specific parts.

### About the general experience:

“Meeting so many Pilams from across the country really made me love Pilam even more.” – Daniel (Western Carolina University)



*A high ropes course was among the favorite team building activities.*

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“It was honestly one of my favorite things I did this summer.” – Christopher (University of California Berkeley)

“[It was] a once in a lifetime experience for me. I am very excited to take all the learned material back to my chapter and to implement it.” – Basit (Ohio State University)

“As we were able to go through solutions of various fraternal problems together, it made us more open minded and allowed us to take what we learned from our conversations and apply it to our own chapters.” – Steven (RPI)

### On the curriculum:

“I found the “Four Phases of a Chapter” part as a good and refreshing look at how to reevaluate myself personally as well as my chapter. It helped really give insight and [to] reevaluate how well we’re running as a chapter.” – Alex (Shippensburg University)

“I thought the session on the “5 Temptations of a Leader” was a great way to look at negative impacts’ leadership can have. The popularity over accountability is a big one, especially in a fraternity. We all are friends at the end of the day but that can’t get in the way of allowing the best leaders to take positions of power and really enact change.” – JP (Temple)

### On the application activities:

“[The Obstacle Course] was a great exercise. Waiting until the 3rd day was smart so that our groups had time to develop as a “family.” – Andy (University of North Carolina)

“The Teambuilders we did really helped build a strong sense of brotherhood within our small ‘family’.” – Frank (San Francisco State University)

### On the Small Families & Facilitators:

“Our small “families” enabled us to have a quick vulnerable moment and space to talk. Things discussed opened us up to form a closer relationship for the weekend.” – Ian (Christopher Newport University)

“My small family facilitators were awesome. They helped us break down my chapter into what we do well and don’t, and what we can work on within the chapter.” – Eric (Eastern Washington University)

### On the Remembrance Ceremony:

“[The Chapter Eternal Remembrance Ceremony is an] amazing thing that we do in Pilam. This makes me feel like it really is more than just four years. You could have heard a pin drop that night.” – JP (Temple)

### Here’s what the Facilitators had to say:

“The curriculum was well designed and provided a holistic framework of leadership development that fraternity members need today.” – Kyle

“The high ropes course was an important part of that day in that it allowed students to process, refresh, and reset before the rest of the day’s sessions.” – Chris

“Many students say they wanted the instructions to the Teambuilders so they could go back to their chapters and implement the teambuilders with their Brothers.” – Miguel

With such resounding affirmation, we’re excited to begin planning for the next Leadership Institute in Summer 2021!



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*– Steven (RPI)*

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# CHAPTER UPDATES

## CA Alpha Upsilon - University of California, Merced

Top GPA amongst campus fraternities (3.084), spring 2019.

## CA Tau - University of California, Berkeley

Alumnus Amin Nikfar was named a throwing coach for University of North Carolina's Track & Field Team.

## CA Tau Alpha - San Francisco State University

Since refounding in Spring of 2019 we have grown to 35 members and continue to make strides on campus with focuses on diversity and inclusion.

## FL Delta - University of Florida

Held two philanthropy and one service event in the spring: a car wash with AOPi Sorority (MS Foundation and Arthritis Foundation); "ADPie a Pilam" with ADPi Sorority (EOP and RMCH Foundations); and a service event with Delta Gamma Sorority to help make dog toys for a service dog organization in Gainesville. We also presented an honorary bid to our "Miracle Child" Bennett as part of Dance Marathon benefitting UF Shands Hospital.

## FL Delta Upsilon - Florida Institute of Technology

Chapter has grown to 24 Brothers. We have been fundraising for our chapter through campus events and alumni relations. We also helped to initiate the recolonized Florida State University chapter in Fall 2019.

## FL Epsilon Lambda - Florida State University

Recolonized in Fall 2019. We've grown to over 50 Brothers. Recently hosted a Founders Day celebration and Alumni weekend with over 100 guests in attendance. Alumni have launched an endowment with an initial goal of \$10K. \$7K has already been raised.

## IN Alpha Theta - Indiana University

Brothers hosted and participated in multiple service and philanthropic events that include Big Brothers Big Sisters at IU, EOPF, American Civil Liberties Union, the Human Rights Campaign, Homes for Hope in the Dominican Republic, 100 Men who Cook (to benefit local children), and Polar Plunge.

## IN Epsilon Gamma - Vincennes University

Our classes have all moved online, so brothers are finding more time to put scholarship above all.

## IN Epsilon Iota - Purdue University

Our brotherhood went on a ski trip in Kalamazoo, MI at the end of February.

## MA Theta - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Annual Brothers Golf Outing — Las Vegas, NV April 2020 (35 year anniversary).

## MD Alpha Omicron - Frostburg State University

Re-Chartered in spring 2019, received Frostburg State's Community Relations Excellence Award. Chapter Advisor Ashley Daniels received both an Advisor Excellence Award from the University and National's Outstanding Campus Advisor Award! In Fall 2019 we conducted our Wall of Prejudice educational and philanthropic event. We also participated in "Wreath Hanging on Main Street" – a community service event.

## MD Kappa Delta - Salisbury University

Volunteered 100+ hours of community service at the Hope and Life Outreach (HALO) shelter. Brother Jack Moran was chosen to represent the Chapter for a women's rights group on campus called, "Girls On Top of the World."

## NC Delta Zeta - East Carolina University

Held multiple philanthropy events, raising nearly \$700.

## NC Omega Beta - University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Won most improved GPA on campus award. With help from the Michael & Sandra Piller Estate, we made renovations to the house including new lighting, flooring, and walls in the basement, new sound system, DJ booth, renovated living quarter hallways. Additionally, a new basketball court will be put in our back lot area in the upcoming months. Hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in February to support the Mamba Sports Foundation in memory of Kobe Bryant. We established three new chairman positions: sustainability, mental health, and landscaping.

## NJ Alpha Lambda - Rutgers University

Gauged chapter focus and really got an understanding why brothers are invested in Pilam and started growing more tradition and value within the chapter for all the brothers.

## NY Alpha Pi - Stony Brook University

Recently adopted a highway, which we maintain through monthly cleanups.

## NY Alpha Rho - Pace University Pleasantville

Named Pace University's Fraternity "Chapter of the Year." Top GPA amongst campus fraternities (3.250), spring 2019.

## NY Alpha Tau - Hofstra University

Held a brotherhood retreat in Spring 2019 semester to plan for the 2019-2020 school year. We're planning a concert in Fall 2020.

## NY Beta Omicron - St. John's University

Won Civic Engagement Award and Greek Week 2019. Brother Cooper Miqueli won IFC President of the Year and Thomas Moore inducted into the President's Society, the most



# CHAPTER UPDATES

prestigious group at SJU. Top GPA amongst fraternities (3.47), fall 2019.

## **NY Kappa Tau - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

Made some notable changes and improvements to our chapter house. We repainted our chapter room and replaced all of the windows on the first floor of the house. We also grew in size to 38 members, our largest brotherhood in many years. NYKT has also participated in many campus events, including holding multiple events to raise money for a local dog shelter.

## **NY Phi Lambda - Adelphi University**

Received university awards from for dedication to community and diversity through our philanthropic efforts. We are planning a luncheon in the fall to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our returning to Adelphi's campus.

## **OH Alpha Epsilon - Ohio State University**

Top GPA amongst campus fraternities (3.575). Chapter received the Jack Buccheit Award (for most Chapters visited) from Pilam National and OSU's "University Engagement Award" for being highly involved and working with other organizations across campus. Chapter will move into a 30-person Fraternity House fall of 2020.

## **OH Beta Tau - Baldwin Wallace University**

Chapter received George A. Beck Trophy as Chapter of the Year from Pilam National - the third time in four years! Received the Jules Lennard Award for Elimination of Prejudice Foundation support. Top GPA amongst campus fraternities (3.450), fall 2019. Top GPA amongst campus fraternities (3.416), spring 2019.

## **OH Mu - Cincinnati**

Recolonized in Spring 2020. First alumni event will occur in Fall 2020.

## **PA Alpha Delta - Temple University**

Chapter received Snap Melniker Award for Community Service - 3rd time in 5 years!

## **PA Alpha Gamma - Bloomsburg University**

Chapter Alumnus Advisor Patrick Lincoln received Pilam's "Chapter Advisor of the Year" Award.

## **PA Delta Iota - Drexel University**

Hosted an Alumni vs. Brother Football Game in the fall. Held our Winter Awards Banquet and executive board members transition.

## **PA Gamma Sigma - University of Pittsburgh**

Chapter received multiple awards from the University, Jack Pugh was awarded IFC Chapter President of the Year, Brian

Wiesman was awarded IFC Council Member of the Year, and Rachel Baxter was awarded Chapter Advisor of the Year!

## **PA Phi Sigma - University of the Sciences**

Hosted 50th Anniversary Gala in the University's MPR and Gymnasium. At this event we had brothers dating back to the first pledge class get together and finally reunite. IM Basketball Team Champions (Fall 2019). Chapter spent time preparing Thanksgiving meal boxes for families and helped distribute them with Saint Francis de Sales Church. Started our first "Phi Sigma Alumni Challenge" where alumni helped by donating \$5 per pledge. We raised \$500 that will go towards renovating the rooms of the house. A big THANK YOU to the alumni who generously donated.

## **PA Sigma Upsilon - Shippensburg University**

Brother Ryan Gandy represented PLP and the University at the Northeast Greek Leadership Academic in February.

## **PA Omega Gamma - Penn State University**

Recolonized in fall 2019. Chapter has over 40 Brothers, achieved second highest GPA of all PSU Fraternities, and amassed over 100 hours of community service!

## **VA Alpha Psi - Christopher Newport University**

Initiated our largest spring class in many semesters!

## **VA Lambda Kappa - Roanoke College**

Greek Week Champions - Spring 2019  
Chapter of the Year at Roanoke College - Fall 2018

## **VA Omega Rho - Virginia Commonwealth University**

Chapter had third highest Brother GPA at VCU in Fall 2019. Brother Solomon Workneh landed an internship with an I.T. company called CACI, which works with the Department of Defense and Brother Jay Bisen landed a Research Intern role at the National Institute of Aging for a year. Recent alumnus Anas Zafar now works with Altria as an Analytics Developer.

## **VA Omicron Zeta - Virginia Polytechnic Institute**

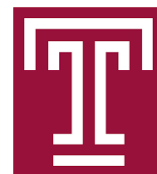
Had great social events, a volleyball tournament with AXO sorority, and we supported a cause to combat domestic violence with "MOCK ROCK." We also welcomed 27 new brothers in the Fall and 18 more this Spring.

## **WA Epsilon Alpha - Eastern Washington University**

Brother Francisco Flores received the Rafer Johnson Award for athletic achievement.

## **WI Omega - University of Wisconsin, Madison**

Alumnus Frank Gimbel was awarded the "Big Pi Award" — the Fraternity's Lifetime Achievement Award. His induction took place at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee in May.



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## MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING, BY THE NUMBERS...

Chapter	School	Membership	Spring '20 Recruits	Chartered
CA Alpha Upsilon	University of California Merced	38	6	2018
CA Tau	University of California Berkeley	51	12	1922
CA Tau Alpha	San Francisco State University	24	10	1988
FL Delta	University of Florida	122	5	1925
FL Delta Upsilon	Florida Institute of Technology	26	5	1992
FL Epsilon Lambda	Florida State	44	11	1998
IN Alpha Theta	Indiana University	88	13	1928
IN Epsilon Gamma	Vincennes University	12	6	1996
IN Epsilon Iota	Purdue University	40	N/A	2017
MA Theta	MIT	45	N/A	1920
MI Beta Alpha	Grand Valley State	N/A	14	2020
MD Alpha Omicron	Frostburg State University	21	3	1993
MD Kappa Delta	Salisbury University	39	8	1986
NC Delta Zeta	East Carolina University	44	8	1971
NC Omega Beta	Univ of North Carolina	50	7	1940
NC Omega Zeta	Western Carolina University	26	4	1978
NJ Alpha Lambda	Rutgers University	18	4	1961
NY Alpha Pi	Stony Brook University	28	9	2018
NY Alpha Rho	Pace University	24	6	2015
NY Alpha Tau	Hofstra University	18	3	2016
NY Beta Omicron	St. John's University	46	7	1972
NY Kappa Tau	RPI	37	12	1954
NY Omega Epsilon	SUNY Buffalo	35	10	1943
NY Phi Lambda	Adelphi University	41	12	1963
OH Alpha Epsilon	Ohio State University	37	30	1960
OH Beta Tau	Baldwin Wallace University	32	3	1960
OH Mu	University of Cincinnati	N/A	9	1923
PA Alpha Delta	Temple University	66	16	1927
PA Alpha Gamma	Bloomsburg University	47	13	2016
PA Delta Iota	Drexel University	50	6	1965
PA Gamma Sigma	University of Pittsburgh	35	9	1914
PA Omega Gamma	Penn State University	33	10	1942
PA Phi Sigma	University of the Sciences	35	5	1969
PA Sigma Upsilon	Shippensburg University	44	9	1984
VA Alpha Psi	Christopher Newport University	19	8	1992
VA Lambda Kappa	Roanoke College	27	8	1959
VA Omega Alpha	University of Virginia	37	21	1932
VA Omega Rho	Virginia Commonwealth University	14	4	1984
VA Omicron Zeta	Virginia Tech	109	18	1984
WA Epsilon Alpha	Eastern Washington University	29	14	1995
WI Omega	University Wisconsin Madison	41	10	1926

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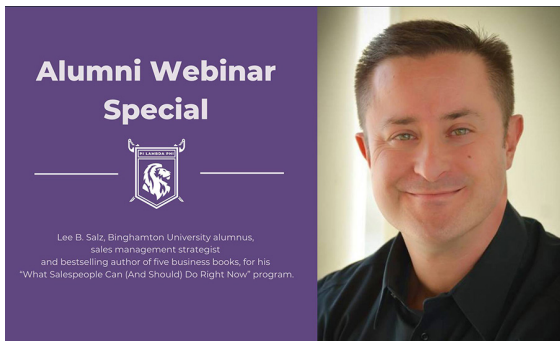
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# CHAPTER & ALUMNI NEWS

## THE LATEST FROM THE WEB. WHAT'S NEWS, BROTHERS?



**Lee Salz (Binghamton)** hosted a webinar for Pilams about what salespeople can and should do while navigating through this economically challenging time.



**Caleb Hineman (Ohio State)** was recently elected as Student Government Vice-President in a landslide election. Caleb obtained over 5,000 votes from fellow students, this equates to 58.6% of the total student vote. Big snaps to brother Caleb and the OH Alpha Epsilon chapter!

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Shout out to the PA Alpha Gamma chapter at Bloomsburg University! These fraternity men earned the highest semester GPA for the Fall 2019 term for all fraternities on Bloomsburg's campus! Keep up the hard work!



**Mark Cuban & Big Brother Ezra Krieg (Pittsburgh):** Nothing quite like a Miami Heat vs Dallas Mavericks game to bring big, Ezra Krieg, and little, Mark Cuban, together!



**Ryan Gandy (Shippensburg)** had the chance to attend the Northeast Greek Leadership Academy (NGLA) back in February. Only a small percentage of students get to experience this, so we were very interested in Ryan's experience.



**Leigh Steinberg (UCLA)** is the agent for NFL Super Bowl Champion Patrick Mahomes of the Kansas City Chiefs and recently signed Tua Tagovailoa, and Jerry Jeudy. Leigh's got an incredible story. He's had tremendous success as a sports super-agent for renown athletes, including NFL Hall of Famers Troy Aikman, Steve Young,



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## THE LATEST FROM THE WEB. WHAT'S NEWS, BROTHERS?

Bruce Smith, Howie Long, and Edgerrin James. The movie "Jerry Maguire" was inspired by Leigh's life and career.



Amin Nikfar (University of California Berkeley) is two-time Olympian. He's just embarked on his first season as a University of North Carolina Track & Field Assistant Coach. He specializes with the throwing events (shot put, discus, etc.). Prior to being hired at UNC, he had stints at Stanford, Southeastern Louisiana, and the University of New Orleans. Amin is also a 2012 inductee of our prestigious Big Pi Chapter. Congratulations Brother Amin and good luck this season at UNC.



Malcolm Kenyatta (Temple) was recognized by his Alma Mater as an alumnus under the age of 30 "that brings an uncommon passion to his endeavors." Malcolm and his peers were recognized as rising achievers designing their own futures and making a better tomorrow for all of us. Malcolm currently serves as a State Representative for the 181st District in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Congratulations Malcolm!

James Jackson (Baldwin Wallace) was the Office Production Assistant for "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," the new movie about beloved children's television star Fred Rogers and starring Tom Hanks. Since graduating, James has worked on several movies



and miniseries including: "How I Met Your Mother", "Happiest Season", and "Manhunt: Lone Wolf." Keep up the awesome work Brother Jackson!



The University of the Sciences Chapter (PA Phi Sigma) won the fall 2019 intramural league basketball Championship. Snaps to the Brothers for this accomplishment.



Evan Smittle (Baldwin Wallace) was recently inducted to the prestigious "Dayton C. Miller Honors Society." This society is considered BW's pinnacle of academic achievement. Less than four percent of the undergraduate student body achieves membership in the society. Way to go Evan!

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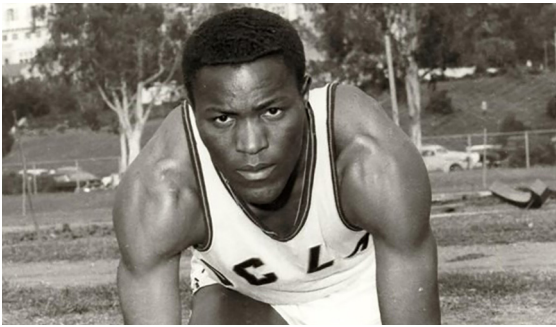
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Rafer Johnson (UCLA) was recently honored when UCLA chose to name its track at Drake Stadium in his honor. Rafer is an Olympic Gold Medalist in the Decathlon and he is one of our most outstanding Brothers. In recognition of his achievements, the "Rafer Johnson Upsilon Achievement Award" is presented to Brother who most exemplifies the outstanding qualities of athletics, scholarship, and service to the community, college, and Fraternity. [View a short video about the track's dedication.](#)



Alumni Brothers attend the Leadership Institute in June of 2019 and help with facilitation and by sharing stories of Pilam history.



We're very proud our men at Pace University-Pleasantville for winning Fraternity Chapter of the Year at the University's student engagement awards ceremony.



Congrats to our Adelphi Chapter for cleaning up at their annual Greek awards! The chapter won the most awards of any chapter, including Outstanding Brotherhood, Outstanding Contributions to the Greek Community, Chapter of Excellence, Outstanding Senior (Ernesto Marciano), and Outstanding Chapter Officer (Zachary Hopkins).



Brothers from the University of Wisconsin-Madison volunteered at the "Out of the Darkness Walk" to raise awareness about suicide prevention.



Brothers and alumni from WA Epsilon Alpha (Eastern Washington) celebrated 24 years of brotherhood at their chapter's anniversary celebration. Go Eggs!

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# The Creed of Pi Lambda Phi

That all men are created free and equal.

That no society of men can flourish unless members of that society are endowed with the opportunities and privileges of freedom.

That freedom implies the elimination of prejudice --  
That the elimination of prejudice means a better understanding 'twixt men.

That it is incumbent upon me to fight for such freedom even with my life.

That it is incumbent upon me, in my personal life, to be devoted to the highest standards of honesty and justice.

That because my country is dedicated to the highest standards of freedom and justice for all men of all creeds, I hereby pledge allegiance to my country, and to its national symbol.



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