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The Frater shares updates about the Fraternity and showcases the amazing ways our Brothers are making a difference and how others can help. It is a result and a culmination of the Brotherhood and teamwork all of us experienced as undergraduates.

In addition to the Frater, please check the [pilambdaphi.org](http://pilambdaphi.org) website and the Pi Lambda Phi Facebook page for regular updates. Please share your experiences and thoughts, as we want to share your experiences with our entire Brotherhood.

# FROM the IEC & EF PRESIDENTS



Dear Brothers:

As we approach 2018, the New Year will launch an exciting new strategic plan for Pi Lambda Phi. As with any plan, it is fluid while being finalized by the International Executive Council and Educational Foundation. We look forward to sharing it with you as we meet the challenges of growing our fraternity.

Additionally, I would like to share a few other exciting updates. First, save the dates of August 2-5, 2018 for the 123rd Anniversary Pi Lambda Phi Leadership Convention which will be held in beautiful Richmond, VA. Details will be announced in early spring. Next, as a result of multiple years of dedicated work by our Headquarters team, Pi Lambda Phi will be returning to The Ohio State University (OH Alpha Epsilon) and the University of Cincinnati (OH Mu) during the 2018-2019 academic year. We are excited to relaunch two historic chapters in the state of Ohio!

Working with undergraduates provides numerous challenges. At times, the only resolution available is closing a chapter. The PA Omega Gamma chapter at Penn State lost university recognition until Fall 2019 for multiple violations of University rules. Despite our headquarters efforts to guide this group in the right direction, the IEC had no choice but to revoke the charter. Pilam will return to Penn State in fall of 2019 and all PA Omega Gamma alums are welcome to help with this effort. If you are able and interested in assisting with the re-colonization effort, please contact Ian Lowe or me.

Even though we faced a few challenges in 2017, the past year has been a great one for Pilam Nation. I am excited for the successes 2018 will bring our beloved Fraternity.

As we enter the holiday season, I want to wish all Pilams and their families a happy and healthy holiday season!

Fraternally,  
Dan Scott, C.K., President  
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One of my best experiences has been seeing how our educational programs and scholarships make a difference. On average our scholarship recipients had a GPA of 3.45, were involved in 4 organizations, and held 2 leadership positions. Leading the Foundation that helps these young men with their academic achievements is an honor and privilege.

Being able to help these brothers wouldn't be possible without our donors. Their gifts help young men across the United States and Canada remain in school, or reduce their financial burden.

I need your help growing our annual fund. We have a tremendous demand for scholarships and educational training. We have undergraduates deserving of scholarships and limited funds. The Education Foundation under my tutelage wants to increase the number of scholarships and the amount of the awards. We need more donors to help more of our brothers.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for thank yous from our scholarship recipients. They've taken a bold step requesting our help in furthering their education, helping their families through tough times, and making their impact on the future.

As you'll see in the article on Bud Selig, Pilams have made the world a better place by embracing our values and Creed. Our undergraduates are modeling fraternity through inclusion and valuing the content of ones character.

Please join me in helping to grow our scholarship and education programs.

Fraternally Yours,  
Shawn Upchurch, C.K., President  
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# FROM the EXEC. DIRECTOR



**F**ratres & friends, I write to you with updates as we near the end of the fall term. It has been a busy, exciting, and productive few months! We have experienced growth and anticipate more of it coming. I would like to highlight growth of our current chapters, via our future expansions, and through career opportunities within Pi Lambda Phi's Headquarters.

### ***Growth of our Chapter***

We started the school year with over 1300 undergraduate students marking the largest starting roster size we have been in many, many years. That number represents a 50% increase from where we were back in 2011 – the first full year into our last Strategic Plan. With a strong fall recruitment period, a promising outlook for spring recruitment, and with the launching of a few new chapters, we anticipate further growth. More and more students continue to choose Pi Lambda Phi because of its unique and timeless Creed and due to the invaluable opportunity to form lifelong friendships with men of similar character.

### ***Growth through Expansions***

In a time when the value of

the fraternal experience is being questioned more and more due to the tragically poor decisions that some fraternity men are making across this country, Pi Lambda Phi continues to hear that there is a desire and place for a unique Fraternity like our own on many college campuses. I am thrilled to share with you that we have been invited to return Pi Lambda Phi to three campuses where we have a unique history. Starting this spring, we will be returning to East Carolina University. We will follow that effort up come this fall with a relaunching of our chapter at Ohio State. Growth in the Buckeye state will continue when we relaunch our chapter at Cincinnati in Spring 2019. Each of these Chapters have a unique history, alumni that are interested in seeing their chapter reopened, and a host university that recognizes the significant value a Pilam experience can bring to their students. If you have interest in volunteering your time to support these efforts, please email us at [headquarters@pilambdaphi.org](mailto:headquarters@pilambdaphi.org). If you are from a currently inactive chapter but have other alumni that would like to see Pilam return to your alma mater, please contact us at the same email.

### ***Growth of our Staff***

We seek talented Pilam alumni and soon to be graduates that have a desire to grow, improve, and sustain Pi Lambda Phi. Over the coming year we desire to add members to both our Expansion Team and our Services Team. General areas of focus for each team are as follows:

#### ***Expansion***

- Leading the launching process of new chapters across

North America

- Educating & training student leaders the values Pilam and how to lead a modern fraternity
- Attributing to the building of a new Pilam legacy
- Developing key stakeholders (students, faculty, alumni) to build the best possible chapter

#### ***Services***

- Create a greater and more meaningful developmental experience for Pilam members
- Develop multiyear educational and leadership programming for student members
- Generate chapter based programs to maximize chapter success and ensure longevity
- Service and support current chapters individual and chapter needs

Interested in learning more about these opportunities? Email us at [headquarters@pilambdaphi.org](mailto:headquarters@pilambdaphi.org).

It remains an exciting time to be active and engaged with Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. Our purpose, cause, and Creed are as relevant as ever. To continue our growth as an organization, we need more Pilam students living our cause and we need more alumni volunteers supporting, coaching, and mentoring our students. I hope our students and our alumni are ready for the natural challenges that come with a need for further growth. Our staff is ready and willing to make it happen!

Fraternally,

Ian Lowe, Executive Director  
International Headquarters

# BIG PI SPOTLIGHT

## ALLAN H. "BUD" SELIG '53, WI OMEGA

Written By: Patrick Spanner '08, WA Epsilon Alpha

Only one-hundred and sixty-two Big Pi Awards have been awarded to Pilam Brothers since its creation in 1950. Fourteen recipients are Brothers of the WI Omega Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, including Brother Allan H. "Bud" Selig '53, former Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Selig enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1952. During the fall of his sophomore year, he joined Pi Lambda Phi with his childhood best friend, Brother Senator Herbert Kohl '53. During his junior year, Selig served as the Chapter's Rex, an experience which helped prepare him for his time as the Commissioner. One such experience above all others encapsulates Selig's willingness to challenge the status quo and not settle until he achieved his goal, was the role he played bringing in Brother Charles Thomas '55, the first African American member of the WI Omega Chapter, and we believe of any IFC fraternity at the University of Wisconsin. The story is recounted in depth by Selig in the below interview.

Selig, a Milwaukee, WI native, was introduced at a young age by his mother to baseball, attending games of the then minor league Milwaukee Brewers. During college, the Major League Boston Braves relocated to Milwaukee, becoming the Milwaukee Braves. Selig quickly became a fan and later a minor stakeholder in the team. When the Braves relocated to Atlanta in 1965, he sold his stock and began searching for a way to bring baseball back to Milwaukee. After a failed attempt to purchase the Chicago White Sox in 1969, Selig successfully purchased the bankrupt Seattle Pilots and moved them to Milwaukee. In honor of the team he watched as a child, Selig renamed the team the Milwaukee Brewers. He and his family owned the team until selling it in 2005.

In 1992, Selig became acting Commissioner following a vote of no-confidence by the owners in then Commissioner Fay Vincent. Selig wasted no time having an impact on baseball, making tough decisions even in the face of much controversy. In 1994, Selig implemented the Wild Card and divisional playoffs. The change wasn't implemented though until 1995 due to the 1994 players strike, which ultimately led to the cancellation of

the World Series, marking the first time the annual event had not been played since 1904.

Selig became the permanent Commissioner of Major League Baseball in 1998. He served in the role until his retirement on January 24, 2015, becoming the first Commissioner Emeritus of Major League Baseball. During his tenure, Selig made a lasting impact on baseball. In addition to the Wild Card, he introduced interleague play, launched the World Baseball Classic, introduced revenue sharing, reshaped baseball's financial structure, increased Major League Baseball's total revenues by more than 700% during his tenure, and created labor peace between the clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association that is still going strong after more than 22 years.

In alignment with Pilam's Creed, Selig made many decisions to increase the diversity and inclusivity of baseball including introducing the Civil Rights Game, Jackie Robinson Day, Robert Clemente Day, the MLB Diversity Business Summit, and what became known as the "Selig Rule," which required all teams to consider minority candidates for top positions within their club, including the general manager and assistant general manager positions, among others. The "Selig Rule" was the first of its kind in American professional sports, introduced in 1999, three years before the National Football League's "Rooney Rule."

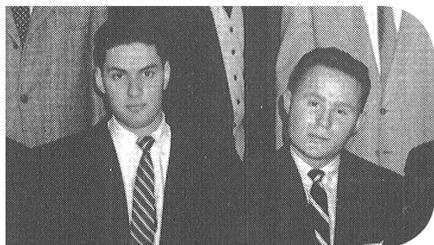
For his role within Major League Baseball and the impact he left on it, Selig was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on July 30, 2017.

In the following interview, conducted in late September of this year by Brother Patrick Spanner '12, Director of Operations & Development for the Fraternity, Brother Selig shares multiple stories from his over sixty years of membership in Pilam, how the Fraternity helped pre-



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pare him for his successful career, and his thoughts on whether fraternities are still relevant on today's college campuses.



Brother Bud Selig '53 (left) and Brother Senator Herb Kohl '53 of WI Omega pictured in the 1955 Badger yearbook. (Photo: UW Digital Collections)

**Spanner:** Brother Senator Herb Kohl, who was one of your childhood best friends, attended the University of Michigan for a semester before transferring to Wisconsin in the

spring of your freshmen year. When you two went out for Rush the following fall, what stood out about Pi Lambda Phi and drew you to join the organization?

**Selig:** I remember I liked that there were a lot of people from Milwaukee there. I liked them. I liked everybody that I met. Quite frankly, there was never a doubt about what I was going to do. I was going to join Pilam.

**Spanner:** How have the lessons you learned in Pilam and the relationships you have maintained with Brothers over the years played into your successful career?

**Selig:** It's part of an educational experience, and then part of a life experience. You meet different people. You not only develop friendships, but you develop interesting relationships -- different people from different areas.

You also learn how to live with people, how to get along with them, how to build these kinds of relationships. That's really what fraternity life is all about. I mean I had some interesting experiences in the Fraternity, especially when I became a Rex. But overall it was a great group of people to go through college with -- in every way. The fact that we've had reunions and that these relationships have flourished and exist 60-some years later is amazing. Being a Pilam was just a great experience.

**Spanner:** During your tenure as the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, you made some monumental decisions. Some of the decisions you made were controversial at the time, such as implementing what became known as the "Selig Rule." How did your Pilam experience help you to make them and to have confidence in them?

**Selig:** You learn to lead; you learn how to get along with people; you learn how to get votes. Everybody kids me,

"Is this where you learned how to get votes?"

I'll tell you a story that I don't normally like telling myself, but the brothers all talk about it. We had a young man who was waiting on table at our house, Charlie Thomas. He was a football player, African American.

Now this was 1954, '55. He was really one of the guys, everybody really liked him. Very articulate and great [football] player. He happened to be behind the great Alan Ameche, who was maybe the greatest college player I ever saw. Charlie was a tough guy, coming from Chicago. We got to be friendly.

I used to go to the library every night. One night Charlie said to me, "Would you wait ten minutes for me? I'd like to go to the library with you." Of course I did.

We'd walk to the library and we'd stop at our hamburger place on our way home, called Greasy George's, a name well earned, by the way. This went on for a long time. Finally, when we were walking home one evening, I asked, "Do you want to pledge the fraternity?" And he said, "Nah. Come on."

About two weeks later we were sitting at Greasy George's, as we did five or six nights a week, and he asked, "Were you serious about me pledging the Fraternity?" I replied, "Yeah. I was damn serious about it." And he said, "Well, if you can do something, I'll do it."

A lot of people in baseball heard this story years later with all my work with Jackie Robinson and the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

To make a long story short, I began to talk to all the guys. We had a meeting which went till 2:00 in the morning. It was really tough and it didn't look like we might get it done, but we finally did. I wasn't going to leave, as the clubs later found out in baseball, until we got done what we set out to do.

About four or five days later, my father and mother called. Not critical at all, but they had heard from other people. It was a big deal, you know, this was 1954.

My dad said, "Gee. The only thing I want to say is: Are you sure? Is this the right time? Maybe you're rushing this a little."

I said, "Dad, this is our time. I'll be gone in another year or so from here. This is our time. Either we do this now or we don't do it at all."

It worked out great. Charlie Thomas became a member

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Brother Bud Selig's 14th floor office in downtown Milwaukee is a shrine to his lifetime in baseball.

of the fraternity. He later became superintendent of many Chicago school districts. He was wonderful human being.

I tell that story because it's typical of what Pilam was. [Pilam] was a great living experience and I learned a lot of things. We were all young and obviously had a lot to learn, but you met good people. Really good, solid people. People who had different backgrounds, different everything else. I would regard Pilam, at least in our day, as extraordinary.

**Spanner:** Was experience bringing Charlie in the Fraternity one of the factors for you putting in place what became known as the "Selig Rule"?

**Selig:** All the above: retiring Jackie Robinson's number, Henry Aaron having been an extremely close friend of mine for 60 years. But I don't know, I'll let other people examine those decisions. All I know is I loved Charlie Thomas; I really enjoyed him as a friend. It never occurred to me why he shouldn't be a Pilam. And, by the way, he was a terrific Pilam.

**Spanner:** What are you most proud of from your time as Commissioner?

**Selig:** Well, I guess the redoing of baseball's economics, revenue sharing. The Minnesota Twins are going to be in the playoffs this year. I had to redo a sport that hadn't changed in 70 years. There were a lot of other things though, including the wild card, and bringing baseball back to Milwaukee, of course. I was a kid when I did that.

You go through all this change, always trying to do what's right. Often my decisions were not popular, but you don't do things to be popular. You do things because they're right. So that goes back to Charlie Thomas.

**Spanner:** Fraternities have been in the media a lot lately and not for good reasons, for the

most part. Do you believe fraternities are still relevant today and are needed on college campuses?

**Selig:** I can only speak to my experience, and I've stressed to you what a great human, social, and educational experience it was. I know the fraternity played a vital role in my college experience; four years of growing up.

Life has changed, and other than teaching [at Wisconsin, Marquette, and Arizona State], I'm not on a college campus anymore. If kids today are fortunate enough to have the kind of people we had in Pilam, different types of people, older, younger, they're lucky. Some of us were great students, others were screwups. But that's how you learn. That's how you grow up. So the answer to your question is: You bet I do. I think fraternities play a very useful role.

**Spanner:** What's next for you perhaps in your personal or professional life?

**Selig:** Well, I'm 83, but I still feel young. I'm teaching and I'm writing a book on my career. That's keeping me very busy.

I also run into a lot of brothers. In fact, in April last year in Phoenix they had a reunion of the class behind me. We went to a dinner hosted by [Brother] Don Sandler, who is a very close friend. It was just terrific seeing all the people. We go back -- well, let's think about this -- 63 years, 64 years, 65 years. There's something very special about your relationship with your brothers. We joke a lot. We kid a lot. We had a lot of strange stories, but it was great. We were lucky. I'm proud of our Pilam heritage.

Being a Pilam at the University of Wisconsin in the 50's was really special.

# A CALL TO SERVICE

## 2017 HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

Written By: Tim Davey '06, OH Beta Tau



Brother Xavier Ramos '02 (left) and Brother Hank Harrison '08 (middle) of VA Alpha Psi pictured in front of the Munchies Bus.

“That no society of men can flourish unless members of that society are endowed with the opportunities and privileges of freedom.” These words, so often spoken in dorms and on campuses across the continent, sometime take on a deeper meaning for our members. As the United States was pummeled with hurricanes and their terrible after effects, some of our brothers decided it was time to act.

The city of Corpus Christi, Texas lies just a short trip down the coast from Houston and is home to “Munchies Bus,” a food truck owned and operated by three of our very own. Speaking with Brother Jeremy Wells '02, VA Alpha Psi, the media contact, he enlightened me to the cause and the results. Munchies started with a simple task, “feed the need,” a slogan they used during the early periods of the bus. When Hurricane Harvey struck the coast, this slogan became a mission.

The drive started small. The bus and the crew would collect some donations and drive up the coast to distribute it and other assistance to the surrounding communities in need. Corpus Christi may have dodged the bullet, but the other areas have not. The response, though, was larger than expected and as the donations rolled in and other local businesses joined the effort, Wells and the crew of Munchies found themselves in the middle of a relief effort. Now, it seems that Wells, along with fellow VA Alpha Psi Brothers Hank Harrison '08 and Xavier Ramos '02 have found a new calling. They have decided to take the business “Munchies Bus” and convert it to a non-profit, taking their original slogan and turning it into a mission statement. Munchies Bus is going to “feed the need” in a much larger sense.

As the storm season continued and Hurricane Maria

rolled across Puerto Rico, another brother found himself called into action. Brother Stephen Rolston '13, NY Beta Omicron, works for NBC and the field production office. When NBC News rolled down, so did Rolston. Understandably, Hurricane Maria and the relief effort received a lot of news coverage, both political and realistic, but Rolston was able to see the look in the eyes of our Puerto Rican neighbors. He mentions it as heartbreaking. A military officer with the NY Army National Guard, Rolston was inspired seeing the US military in full force distributing supplies. Most inspiring of all was a simple phrase uttered to Rolston as they were on the ground. “If my family is okay then things will be fine, we will rebuild stronger than before.”

Does this kind of service mindset kick in after we graduate? Is it ingrained in us during our undergraduate years? It seems that both Wells and Rolston felt this call to service even prior to their undergraduate days. In each case, they were able to use the Fraternity as an outlet and a vessel for good works. For Wells, he remembers utilizing a “cardboard village” on the campus to raise donations and awareness of the homeless problem. Rolston helped with Hurricane Sandy relief during his undergraduate days as he helped dig out a beach community in Bell Harbor, NY.

This call and service continues today. I spoke with numerous chapter presidents and community service chairs and nearly all could speak of brothers in their chapters who either helped with the current relief or showed extra dedication to these efforts. Without a doubt, our fraternity continues to live up to our Creed and the mission of Pi Lambda Phi to “promote social, organizational, civic and community responsibility.”



Brother Stephen Rolston '13 (Back Middle) returning from Puerto Rico with the NBC Nightly News team and members of the 165th Georgia Air Guard.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



**Phillip Spence '05, FL Delta**

FL Delta Chapter Advisor, PA Alpha Delta Chapter Advisory Board Member, and PA Delta Iota Chapter Advisory Board Member

*Why do you volunteer for Pilam?*

Volunteering for Pilam has always felt like less of a choice and more of a responsibility to me. Pi Lambda Phi has given and taught me so much, such as how to be a leader, how to be a mentor and how to be an impactful person in the lives of the people around me. It has always felt like my responsibility to pay that back as much as possible by investing in the growth and success of our undergraduate brothers. By helping develop stronger undergraduate leaders within our fraternity, I truly believe our chapters become stronger, Pi Lambda Phi as a whole becomes stronger and our members have a stronger opportunity to have a meaningful impact in the communities and organizations they join as alumni.

*What has been most rewarding about your experience as a volunteer?*

Having the opportunity to help my chapter thrive will always be one of the most fulfilling aspects of volunteering for Pilam. But the most rewarding experience for me has to be watching the brothers I work directly with grow as individuals and as leaders. Advising some brothers over multiple years in leadership positions, it is incredibly rewarding to see how much they can grow and develop over time and that the opportunity to discuss their challenges helps them make some of those challenges into their strengths.

*Why should other Pilam alumni serve as a volunteer?*

Having more engaged alumni to volunteer for our chapters has always been the key to continued success for Pi Lambda Phi. By sharing the experiences that alumni have had within Pilam and within personal and professional roles, we can help our chapters have more successful years and less challenging years. Pilam alumni should serve as volunteers to help our fraternity to continue to grow and thrive, but also for the personal fulfillment that comes along with helping young men develop. Whether it is your own chapter or another chapter, I would recommend to all alumni to find a way to give back. You won't regret it.

*As a Foodie who strongly believes in the saying, "Live to Eat, Not Eat to Live", what is the best meal you have ever had?*

Living in the great city of Philadelphia, it is hard to find a bad meal. But nothing tops the adventure of eating at Zahav, a modern Israeli restaurant that serves hands down the best hummus you've ever eaten. I will try just about anything so after realizing the grilled duck hearts tasted better than any filet mignon I have ever had, I was sold. If my recommendation doesn't convince you it is good, the 3-month waiting list definitely will.



**Ed Kinney '83, WI Omega**

Vice President & Treasurer of WI Omega Housing Corporation, and Treasurer of the Omega Society (WI Omega Alumni Association)

*Why do you volunteer for Pilam?*

I volunteer for Pilam because it is an ongoing way to

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live the Creed and to ensure that others will have that same opportunity. Wisconsin Omega has been a big part of my life for the past 34 years.

*What has been most rewarding about your experience as a volunteer?*

The most rewarding part of service to the Fraternity is knowing how many Omega brothers are out there now living the Creed because of the efforts we've made to revitalize and sustain the Chapter over the years. So many brothers look at their time in Pilam as critical to their formative years – that time means so much to them. Lifelong bonds of friendship are formed. It is so very rewarding to know that as an active alumnus I've helped to make that possible for so many guys.

*Why should other Pilam alumni serve as a volunteer?*

The opportunity to give back to an organization that gave so much to you is meaningful in one's life. And really, when it comes to Pilam, "giving back" is not even the right words. Volunteering for Pilam is all about "paying it forward", assuring that others will have the same opportunity that you did.

*What is your favorite Wisconsin Badger's sports moment?*

Wow – tough question. Maybe Bronson Koenig's falling-out-of-bounds three pointer to beat Xavier in the 2016 tournament that made Bill Murray cry? Or hearing the puck ring off the cross bar on Boston College's last-gasp shot in the 2006 hockey championship in Milwaukee? But if I had to pick one moment, it would have to be Darrell Bevell's touchdown scramble to beat UCLA in the 1994 Rose Bowl. Hands-down.

## **Calvin Carie '06, IN Epsilon Gamma**

IN Alpha Theta Chapter Advisor, and Convention Committee Chairman

*Why do you volunteer for Pilam?*

I volunteer for Pilam because it gives me the opportunity to utilize my professional career abilities for the betterment of others. It gives me the opportunity to expand on my skills as I'm continuously learning through every situation. Being able to serve others



through volunteering is a passion of mine so when I get to do something I truly enjoy it makes it all worth it.

*What has been most rewarding about your experience as a volunteer?*

The most rewarding part has been the relationships I've been able to acquire and grow. I have some of the greatest friendships and memories with staff, students, and campus professionals that I wouldn't have had if it weren't for my roles as a volunteer.

*Why should other Pilam alumni serve as a volunteer?*

Alumni should consider volunteering or serving in whatever capacity fits their abilities. There are so many ways one can volunteer. It's a rewarding experience being able to lead and pour into students with either professional knowledge, personal experiences or just general conversation. Having an hour-long phone call where only 20 minutes is about business and the rest is filled with general conversation is extremely humbling.

*As a lifelong Hoosier (not an Indiana University alum), what makes Indiana one of the best states?*

Indiana is great in so many ways. Depending where you are in the state you can have such different scenery between northern and southern Indiana. Sunrises and sunsets are always nice but every so often there are amazing ones where every color possible is displayed across the sky; it's amazing. Since hospitality plays a huge part in my life and professional career that the term "Hoosier Hospitality" really is near and dear.

# A PILAM TRADITION

## ATTRACTING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST



Pictured left to right: Alejandro Gomez '17, CA Tau at the University of California, Berkeley, and Jonathan Finnerty '15, NJ Alpha Lambda at Rutgers University

Every year, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awards 45 scholarships to undergraduate students throughout the United States. Out of thousands of applicants, only a select few meet the requirements to become a Cooke Scholar. It is with great pride that Pilam is the home to two such Cooke Scholars: Alejandro Gomez '17, CA Tau at the University of California, Berkeley, and Jonathan Finnerty '15, NJ Alpha Lambda at Rutgers University – New Brunswick.

Alejandro, a civil engineering major at Berkeley, says of joining Pilam, “Being a part of Pilam has really set a foundation for me to achieve my goals.” Receiving the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, Alejandro brings to Pilam a dedication and sincere love of academics and community service. He says of his scholarship and its relation to the Fraternity, “Relating this to JKCF is quite easy. I see JKCF as an extended family, just as I see Pilam. I know that the individuals around me truly have a vested interest in seeing me succeed just as I see them succeeding.” Alejandro also adds that in the fraternity, all brothers come from different walks of life but still support each other and the community, regardless of background.

Jonathan Finnerty recently graduated from Rutgers University where he was a re-founding father of NJ Alpha Lambda. Jonathan received the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship and completed his BA, cum laude. He is now a JKCF Graduate Scholar at the University of Tennessee where he is working on his MA in philosophy. Jonathan says that, “Both my scholarship and membership in Pilam have lead me down a road of excellence. Both organizations showed me that with the support of my brothers and scholars that I was capable of anything and that together, we were capable of anything.”

Further illustrating the atmosphere of Pilam, it is interesting to note that Jonathan and Alejandro did not know each other and lived on opposite sides of the country. Both found the Creed and values of Pilam to not only coincide, but also complement the academic values found in their scholarship. From academic scholars to community leaders, the values of Pilam continue to prove that our brotherhood is here to stay. It’s a great time to be a Pilam!

# CHAPTER & ALUMNI NEWS

## **CA Alpha Upsilon University of California, Merced**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **CA Tau University of California, Berkeley**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **CN Kappa Kappa University of Windsor**

Snaps to the Brothers at CN Kappa Kappa for Living the Creed by taking action in their community to fight prejudice. Read more about what they did [here](#).

## **FL Delta University of Florida**

Nose Bowl – November 11, 2017

## **FL Delta Upsilon Florida Institute of Technology**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **IN Alpha Theta Indiana University**

Snaps to the Brothers at IN Alpha Theta for Living the Creed by hosting their Elimination of Prejudice week event. Read more about the event [here](#).

## **IN Epsilon Gamma Vincennes University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **IN Epsilon Iota Purdue University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **MA Theta Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Multiple Brothers had prestigious summer internships with Google, Ultimate Software, Facebook, Dropbox, and other companies.

## **MD Alpha Omicron Frostburg State University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **MD Kappa Delta Salisbury University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **MI Alpha Omega Siena Heights University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **MI Delta Beta Ferris State University**

Keeping alumni updated, the chapter passed out EOP wristbands, went to Cedar Point for a fundraiser, and participated in the alley way clean up. They plan to volunteer by helping with safe ride and raking the library lawn. They will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner with a sorority.

## **NC Omega Beta University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **NC Omega Zeta Western Carolina University**

Snaps to NC Omega Zeta Alumni Brothers for raising over \$18,000 for the Catamount Student-Athlete Scholarships.

## **NJ Alpha Lambda Rutgers University**

Snaps to the Brothers at NJ Alpha Lambda for Living the Creed by hosting their Wall of Prejudice event. Read more about the event [here](#).

## **NY Alpha Pi Stony Brook University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **NY Alpha Rho Pace University Pleasantville**

Raised over \$250 by hosting "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" on our campus event in support of preventing domestic violence.

## **NY Alpha Tau Hofstra University**

No submission at the time of publication.

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

No submission at the time of publication.

## **NY Kappa Gamma SUNY Cortland**

Snaps to Brother Mike Vela '85 for his philanthropic work at his alma mater of SUNY Cortland. Read more in this [article](#).

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

No submission received at the time of publication.

## **NY Omega Epsilon University of Buffalo**

No submission received at the time of publication.

## **NY Omicron Rho Binghamton University**

No submission received at the time of publication.

## **NY Phi Lambda Adelphi University**

Snaps to the Brothers at NY Phi Lambda raising \$600 for the Elimination of Prejudice Foundation by hosting their 2nd Annual EOP Week, and for hosting their "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event in support of preventing domestic violence. Read more about their Walk a Mile event [here](#).

Snaps to Brother Tatesh Sookdeo '15 for being crowned the 2017 Homecoming King.

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

Re-colonizing Fall of 2018!

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

Snaps to Brother Ryan Angney '05 and his wife, Molly, for the birth of their first born (and future Pilam), John Alexander Angney on September 15, 2017.

Snaps to Brother Andrew Bianco '14 for being crowned the 2017 Homecoming King at Baldwin Wallace University.



## **OH Mu University of Cincinnati**

Re-colonizing Spring of 2019!

## **PA Alpha Delta Temple University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **PA Alpha Gamma Bloomsburg University**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **PA Beta Gamma Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **PA Delta Iota Drexel University**

Save the Date! Re-chartering banquet the weekend of January 12-14.

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## **PA Epsilon Zeta University of Pennsylvania**

No submission at the time of publication.

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

Fall initiation on November 11, 2017.

Save the Date! Join us for the presentation of the Big Pi Award to Brother Louis Shapiro '78 and a Founders' Day celebration on Saturday, March 24, 2018.



## **PA Omega Gamma Pennsylvania State University**

Re-colonizing Fall of 2019.

## **PA Phi Sigma University of the Sciences in Philadelphia**

Snaps to the Brothers for hosting a dunk tank event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They raised \$150 in donations.



Alex '17 and Scott Greene of PA Phi Sigma

## **PA Sigma Upsilon Shippensburg University**

No submission at the time of publication.

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

Re-Chartering Banquet – November 17, 2017

Won Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus and also won Highest Participation at Phi Mu & PIKE's Captathon event.

## **VA Delta Chi University of Virginia's College at Wise**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **VA Lambda Kappa Roanoke College**

Save the Date! Re-chartering banquet Friday, April 13, 2018 during Alumni Weekend.

## **VA Omega Alpha University of Virginia**

Hosted a successful Homecomings tailgate and annual Housing Corporation meeting on October 21st. Brothers from many generations came to reconnect with the house, the current group of undergraduates, and other alumni. Alumni should look out for more events like this one by connecting with the chapter on Facebook, @UVAPLPAumni, and updating their contact details by emailing the Alumni Relations Coordinator, Christopher Walters (cw2au@virginia.edu).

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

Re-colonized Fall of 2017!

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

No submission at the time of publication.

## **VA Theta Xi Radford University**

No submission at the time of publication.

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

No submission at the time of publication.

## **WI Chi Upsilon Carroll University**

No submission at the time of publication.

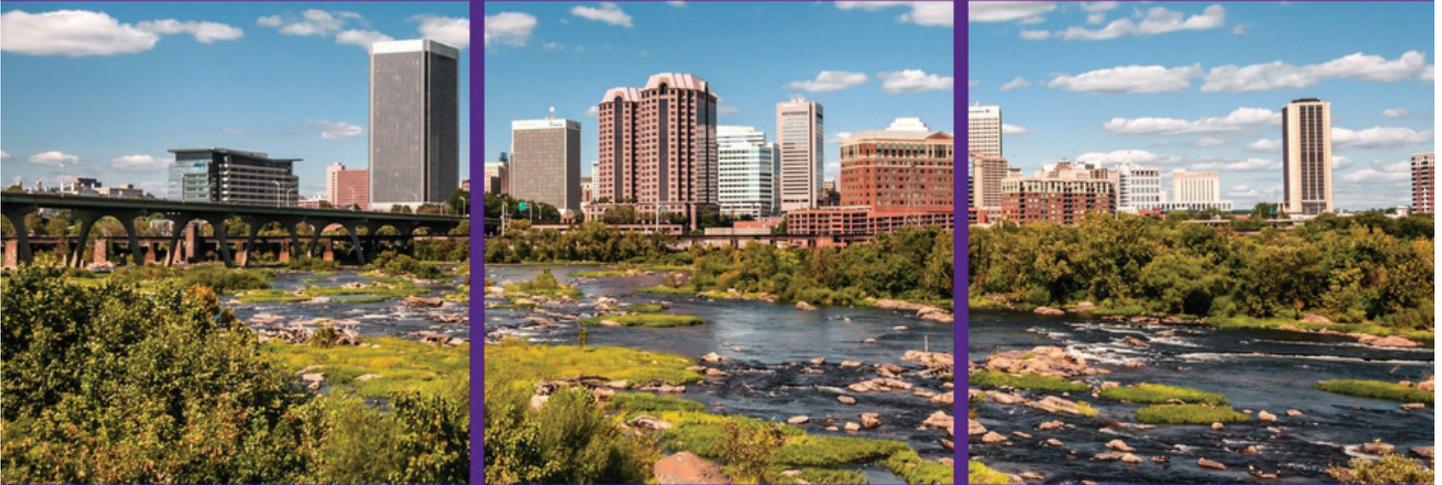
## **WI Omega University of Wisconsin, Madison**

No submission at the time of publication.

## **Have Pilam News?**

If you have Pilam news, we want to hear about it! Email any personal, chapter, or in-memorium updates to the Foundation at [foundation@pilambdaphi.org](mailto:foundation@pilambdaphi.org).

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*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.*