



the *Kap Key*

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NEWSLETTER OF THE KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY

OUR SOCIETY AND ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE

Our Society is in good order, with very few exceptions. To keep the Society healthy, we rely heavily on our dedicated leadership, the generosity of our alumni brothers, and our actives, who represent the values and standards that are part of the Society's culture.

As with any organization with 194 years of history, there are many highs and, occasionally, a few lows. Our chapters have shown that problems in the past need not be doomed to its history. Rather, we have witnessed chapters with tremendous resolve rectify past problems with strong, caring members whose love for the Society is great. How do we continue to grow, prosper, and minimize problems?

POINTS CRITICAL TO OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS

By having more alumni involvement to better support our active members. Alumni need to be more proactive to ensure the continued success of their chapters. In addition to providing financial support, alumni need to volunteer their time, be a mentor, and attend chapter events.

By increasing communication and sharing ideas between chapters. Strong

chapter officers can help those members from other chapters to observe proper rituals and to observe and to develop leadership skills. The

actives have to recognize that their actions can have a direct impact on how they are perceived, not only by the university or college administration, but by the KA alumni. The strength of each of our chapters is critical to the success of the Society.

By recruiting strong classes. Recruitment is critical to the success of our chapters and our Society. Strength of the leadership and the positive promotion of KA results in strong recruitment and pledge classes. Diverse classes add to the dynamics of a chapter. Pledging those with identical thinking has yielded some weak chapters with parochial vision and little interest in the history and ritual of the Society. We celebrate our diversity among our chapters, but I would encourage that diversity also be within each chapter.

Every chapter needs to ask, "Who are we on campus"? Has the chapter become the house known for wild parties or has the chapter created a mystique? Our chapters should demonstrate that we believe in higher standards and shun the stereotypical Greek image. Do our members assume a leadership role on campus and by participating in community activities and philanthropic work? Being campus leaders

forges the identity of the chapter, separate from others in the Greek community. Through leadership, attracting new members who will add real

value to the chapter is made that much easier.

Keeping our actives. There are many reasons why a member chooses to become inactive: lack of funds (scholarships notwithstanding), lack of time, and, sadly, lack of interest. Al-

though we do not ever want to put anyone in an uncomfortable position about choosing to become a member, we should be careful in how we choose our brothers.

Potential pledges should fully understand the financial and time commitments that will be asked of them as a member of the Society. Reinforcing ritual is critical to keeping new members engaged. Membership is a venture that should not be taken lightly, because this is a lifelong commitment.

Kappa Alpha was and remains a central component to our college experiences and helped make each of us who we are today. The Society has provided generations of students with a supportive environment, learning experiences outside the class room, leadership opportunities, and friendships. Today, the opportunity to provide the same value and experience to our current actives is just as relevant and necessary as it has been for the past 194 years.

Please feel free to call me or to send me an email to discuss the direction and progress of The Kappa Alpha Society.

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JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

REPORT FROM JAMES L. GOLDMAN, VC'81, VP'86; APRIL, 2019

Undergraduate education can be and often is a solitary affair. How can this be when colleges and universities number their student populations in the thousands or tens of thousands? Unlike secondary education, where students follow very standardized communal curricula (for good reasons), at the collegiate level, students follow highly customized and personalized curricula. While the first year or two finds some commonality in the academic program as students complete core requirements, by the third (junior) year, it would be rare indeed to find two students following substantially similar academic plans. By the fourth (senior) year, the students are on highly individualized study trajectories, perhaps incorporating independent study and/or research at an advanced level. For the faculty, this is the ultimate achievement of their teaching and mentoring efforts: developing in advanced students the motivation and means to study, discover, and write on their own in fields that are narrowly-focused. It is the underpinning of traditional academic research.

Let's think about this model in contrast to the professional working world. The latter places much more emphasis on collaborative work as groups and teams are hired to work together to achieve common objectives, produce products or services, or serve customers, clients, and patients at a competitive level. Even

the word "company," in the generic non-business sense, denotes a group of people doing something together with some common purpose.



Does the solitary life of academic study fully prepare one for a professional career in a world that emphasizes collaborative work? One could argue that academic preparation is a very necessary but not fully sufficient foundation. The ability to learn independently, think critically, and present one's conclusions clearly is invaluable when working with others in a team environment, but academics alone do not address *how* to work effectively with others.

This is one facet of career and, indeed, life preparation where college fraternities (and sororities) provide an essential component of undergraduate education that study alone simply cannot. In a KA chapter, our students learn to work with, interact with, and socialize with each other, while planning and conducting group activities with a common purpose. One such example is recruiting, a constant ongoing group activity at every chapter of Kappa Alpha. Recruiting is not a solitary affair; it requires teamwork, good communication, and thorough planning. Successful new-member recruiting by the chapter is a marvelous example of the type of accomplishment that highly successful companies achieve routinely.

The scholarship awards program of

The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., takes academic achievement very seriously. The grade point average, or GPA, is consistently one of the most, if not the most, important factor that we consider in recognizing award applicants. However, we never lose sight of the importance of two other elements of a student's life that are so essential to a full undergraduate educational experience. One is service to the fraternity: in other words, service to Kappa Alpha. The other is service to the larger community. It is in these worlds that The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., formally recognizes that good grades alone, while important, are not by themselves an adequate reflection of a complete education. The winners of our scholarship awards have consistently demonstrated a noteworthy level of achievement in all three areas: academics, involvement in Kappa Alpha, and community service.

The ongoing success of the Foundation's scholarship program, as well as its annual leadership conference, depend on financial support from alumni like you who support our continuing effort to make involvement in Kappa Alpha a pivotal part of the undergraduate education and not just a social respite therefrom.

To that end, your gift does make a difference. Your gift will have an impact and will support all of the terrific students in KA today and in the future. Use the envelope accompanying this newsletter to mail your check, or donate online through the Society's web site at www.ka.org.

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Support our Programs

Through your financial support and personal involvement, we have improved our communications, provided funds to encourage interchapter participation to events, and provided scholarship awards. These alumni-funded scholarships, presented annually, are awarded to those actives whose efforts have strengthened KA in the areas of chapter improvements, campus leadership, community service, and alumni relations.

Our national website continues to expand. All are encouraged to explore this deep resource at www.ka.org. You'll find opportunities for social networking, a chance to connect with old friends, historical tidbits, and information about upcoming social events. Take a moment to log on and review and update your contact information. Let us know where you are and what you are doing!

The Kap Key: We are, at our roots, a literary society. Let's celebrate our roots through creative expression from the current membership. Please help out, send us your creative observations and your passionate dreams, and so live up to the spirit of KA.

With this edition of *The Kap Key*, you'll find a gift form and envelope enclosed, even if you've already contributed during the 2018-'19 fiscal year. Every individual contribution truly makes a difference. Dues paid to The Executive Council of The Kappa Alpha Society help us to provide undergraduate and alumni members with programs and activities that cannot be supported by the Foundation under IRS tax-deductible guidelines. You can make secure online-payments at www.ka.org.

THE JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL (CANADA) FOUNDATION

We are pleased to welcome J. Christopher Donald, VT'83, and Aaron D. White, VT'87, as new board members to The John Hart Hunter Educational (Canada) Foundation.

The focus of JHHE(Canada)F is to provide financial support in the form of scholarships and grants to students attending Canadian universities and colleges. Your generous contributions demonstrate your commitment to this nascent foundation as we continue to grow and develop the financial support necessary to become a viable source of scholarship support for Canadian students. Supporting an organization dedicated to the history, literary values, and scholarship of our Canadian chapters is highly encouraged.

Before 2012, there was no tax benefit arising from contributions by Canadian alumni. However, the foundation received official charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency on

January 5, 2012, and all contributions to JHHE(Canada)F now qualify for full charitable tax credit under Canadian law. Canadians are now eligible for tax incentives when supporting this scholarship program.

Since November 1, 2012, our Canadian foundation has received \$39,855 in contributions. With more than 1,998 Canadian alumni, I encourage all to directly support our actives. Please consider a generous gift to our Canadian foundation. Contributions can be made directly online through The Kappa Alpha Society website (www.ka.org) by clicking on the "Give to the JHHE(Canada)F" link. A Canadian tax receipt will be provided to you by mail.

YITB,

Michael E. Mestinsek, VA'93

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INTRODUCING THE TWO NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS TO THE JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL (CANADA) FOUNDATION

J. CHRISTOPHER DONALD, VT'83

Christopher Donald is a managing director with XYZ Storage, formerly known as All Canadian Self-Storage, based in Toronto, Canada, and was a co-founder of the firm in 1997. His immediate prior employer was the Deutsche Bank Group, covering approximately 14 years in roles such as head of prime finance for Asia-ex, head of prime finance for Japan, global and European COO roles for securities lending, and prime brokerage/synthetics in Hong Kong, New York, London, and Tokyo. He has also worked as a consultant in the finance/hospitality sector with Lehman Brothers and Cubanacan in London and Havana. Chris has also been a financial controller for a specialty pharmaceutical company, partner in a merchant bank/consulting outfit and served in the Canadian Forces for a total of 10 years. He is a CFA charterholder from the CFA Institute, has an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and a BA in history from the University of Toronto.

AARON DAVID WHITE, VT'84

Aaron White has spent most of his career in the consumer goods business. Upon graduation from the University of Toronto, Victoria College, with a degree in commerce and economics, he headed to Europe, where he worked for the Austrian crystal company Swarovski in marketing and product management. Returning for a short time to Toronto, Aaron worked in sales and marketing within the freight forwarding and construction industries. In 1993, Aaron and his wife moved back to Austria and then to Switzerland, once again with Swarovski. As VP of sales and marketing, Aaron was responsible for the development and management of numerous giftware, decor, and jewelry product lines and small businesses built upon the company's core competencies. The completion of Insead's International Executive Programme lead to the decision to return to Canada, along with their two Swiss-born sons, to begin a new business venture. Since 2010, Aaron and his wife, Susan, have been running Kickboard Canada Inc., the Canadian distributor for Micro brand scooters from Switzerland. They live in midtown Toronto.

The Kappa
Alpha Society
will be celebrating
200 YEARS
November 26, 2025

We want to party, so we're starting the planning now. We're looking for volunteers to be part of our celebration and to make this the best KA event ever.

We would welcome suggestions for themes, possible locations to hold the event, for guest speakers, and for the names of possible volunteers for a start. Won't you be part of this effort?

To provide suggestions, assistance, or to be on the committee, please contact:

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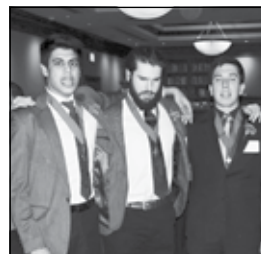
The 161st Kappa Alpha New York City Dinner

In a great and continuing Kappa Alpha tradition, a large turnout of alumni and undergraduates gathered for this year's 161st New York City dinner, held at the Princeton Club on February 1, 2019. Executive Council President John H. F. Enteman, CG'72, warmly welcomed all of the alumni, undergrads, and guests attending this year's festivities. Most of our active chapters were represented.

The enthusiasm and party spirit at the dinner was evident by the singing, which increased in volume as each table of Kaps stood and "raised their glasses"! Still, a gentlemanly decorum was maintained throughout the highly entertaining evening. Clearly, a good time was had by all.

After a delicious filet-mignon dinner, James L. Goldman, VC'81, VP'86, president of The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., took center stage. As has been done in the past, a small group of outstanding undergraduate students was honored as recipients of The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Awards Program for the 2018-'19 academic year. The JHHEF scholarships are awarded annually to students demonstrating exemplary academic performance (grades), community service, and leadership in Kappa Alpha activities. Dr. Goldman had the pleasure of describing the talents and accomplishments of each of these wonderful young men and presenting each with his award check. Kudos to the 11 scholarship award recipients for representing the best in KA!

After the dinner's conclusion, both alumni and undergrads extended the festivities by sampling the liquid refreshments offered at a number of nearby establishments, making the trip to New York truly an evening to be remembered by many.



Congratulations

*to The John Hart Hunter
Educational Foundation, Inc.,
Scholarship Award Recipients
for 2018-2019*

- Tianjian Kong, CC'20
- Maxwell Louis Barsh, CH'19
- John T. Schenk Jr., CH'20
- David S. Browne, VT'19
- Anil T.J. Partridge, VT'19
- David S. Mancuso, VL'20
- Brian J. Matus, VL'20
- Kadir Sethi, VM'21
- Nicholas J. Dante, VP'20
- Elliott M. Stiles, VOO'19
- Adam P. S. Lang, VOO'19
- Andrew P. Burroughs, VD'20

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As you know, The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., has been designated in the US as a 501(c)(3), public, charitable, and educational organization, and your contributions are fully tax-deductible for US taxpayers only to the full extent allowed by law as a charitable contribution. Your contribution might well qualify for matching funds from your employer. The Foundation, an independent entity affiliated with the Society, makes financial grants to support exclusively educational and charitable programs that benefit Kaps, our chapters, and the collegiate world at large.

In addition to your financial contribution, which is essential and greatly appreciated, you can also get involved with the alumni group supporting your chapter or with The Executive Council, which supports the entire Society. Our undergraduates are uniformly appreciative of the time given by alumni volunteers.

We offer profound thanks to those alumni who have financially supported the Foundation through their contributions. If you have not yet or not recently supported our efforts, we invite you to join this renewal of enthusiasm for and generosity toward Kappa Alpha. Please do support our important work; it is making a difference.

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SUPPORTING KAPPA ALPHA MADE SIMPLE

Over the past few years, it has become obvious that many of our brothers are uncertain as to how to direct their generosity and to best support our initiatives. This little guide should help you to focus your giving priorities to best support the effective efforts of The Executive Council and The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundations (US and Canada).

CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY

The monies you donate to The Kappa Alpha Society go directly into our programs to promote and to support chapter growth, to provide funds for travel reimbursement, and to pay for our communication programs and website.

You'll find a return envelope for contributions included with this *Kap Key*. If you've made a gift to the Society this year, we thank you. If not, please do so. Your financial support is critical if we are to continue the programs we have and make plans for possible expansion.

THE JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. (US)

Contributions to JHHEF, Inc., are tax deductible for US federal tax purposes; the organization is designated as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable entity. Donations to JHHEF, Inc., might qualify for corporate matching-gift programs. The Foundation established and continues its annual scholarship awards through these contributions. Furthermore, the Foundation supports the leadership of Kappa Alpha's active chapters by sponsoring an annual series of educational seminars and exercises attended by chapter officers.

THE JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL (CANADA) FOUNDATION

To provide KA alumni living in Canada with the opportunity to make a gift that qualifies for the Canadian charity credit, The John Hart Hunter Educational (Canada) Foundation received official recognition as a registered charity and is on its way to being able to award scholarships to students attending Canadian colleges or universities.

TESTAMENTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Consider naming KAS as a beneficiary as a component of your estate planning. Be sure to see your tax advisor.

Society News

CHAPTER UPDATES FROM THE KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY

KA IN CC CHAPTER REPORT

The pipes are lit in CC's new house after celebrating two stellar terms on campus. In the eighth year since our re-founding, the CC chapter has successfully established itself on campus and brought in a total of nine new a++oi in the last two terms, including one a+++ brought in at VOO last fall and three at VP this winter. The chapter now totals 21 members, all proud Kaps who are helping our chapter to grow further.

The new on-campus house has served us well, and many thanks to all the

alumni who have helped support us with furniture and other items for the lodge. The lodge has provided an excellent community for all the brothers and our h++n friends, and we are slowly adding books to our library. The new kitchen has proven helpful for our dinners, especially with the new numbers. We've managed to stay on the good side of the Greek-life office and out of trouble, while still hosting parties and events that both the brothers and our guests enjoy. Wednesday nights now alternate between video-game tournaments and symposium debates, which have been very popular and

provide a chance to generate interest to potential new members.

Our philanthropic traditions remain strong as well, as we continue to hold Poetry at the Nott. Many of our brothers read poems, both classical and personal, on a variety of topics. We also had a great turnout from faculty, local Schenectady residents, and other students of Union College. The CC brothers were also active on John Calvin Toll Day, Union College's day of service for the Schenectady community, where we helped to clean Vale Cemetery. We continue to support Vale as

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much as we can in gratitude for our access to Captain Isaac Wilbur Jackson's grave. Finally, the chapter donated to the Skate for Alex fundraiser for epilepsy research, and several of our brothers attended the event to show our support.

Our tradition of attending every s++g remains strong, with delegations visiting well-run alumni weekends at VT, VOO, CH, and VP, along with the New York Dinner. Our academic standards have remained high as well, and we managed to achieve the second highest GPA of any Greek organization in the fall, and the highest GPA of Union College fraternities. Our new members in the fall held the highest GPA by far of any Greek organization, and we are all very proud of their success.

Over the next year, we hope to continue to raise KA awareness as an organization on campus and to continue to foster goodwill with the administration and other organizations. We will be very sad to lose four senior brothers this spring, along with one who graduated this winter. Their guidance as we moved on campus was invaluable, as was their support in our continued growth. We will miss the happiness they brought to the house and the knowledge they shared with their brothers while they were here. We wish them the best of luck with their lives outside of Union College; we know they will do well wherever they go and will continue to brighten the lives of everyone they meet.

Here's to the bright future of CC and all of KA. Ray! Ray! Ray! Long live KA!

Silas Cleveland, S+I in CC'20

KA IN CH CHAPTER REPORT

KA in CH has had quite a year to remember. After losing a group of influential and exuberant CH Kaps, we gained yet another class of young men with the stars in their eyes as bright as those who paved the way for them. The S++ B++ is thriving in its membership here at CH, and we are proud of the feats that our A++oi have accomplished.

Academically, we have had yet another successful year. We hold ourselves to a high standard and our academic integrity is something that makes us stand out on the Hobart & William Smith campus. Our studies have even taken some of us

around the world. A++oi Devin Doebelin and John Schenk spent the fall semester in New Zealand and Scotland respectively, and Josh Wasserman is currently spending spring semester in Copenhagen. A++os Paul Suhlrie decided to stay for an extra semester, which was certainly a treat! We wish he could have stayed even longer, but he had to return to his home in Heidelberg, Germany. K+l+s, Paul! We miss you! Ryan Montbleau received the Durfee Award for most outstanding senior, and Gavin Gross received the Dexheimer Student Trustee Recognition Award. We are very proud of them and all the hard work they have done this year.

As this year winds down, we look forward to where our studies will take us, whether it be into the workforce for some or across the globe for others.

In addition to academic excellence, CH has made a positive impact on the communities within the colleges, as well as in the city of Geneva. On September 11, we honored those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks by planting 2,977 American flags on our quad. It is a truly beautiful sight to see the sun rise over those flags on that day of remembrance.

The fall semester consisted of numerous other philanthropic acts. CH had a great turnout for the colleges' Day of Service program. On that day we were spread out all over Geneva, working for the benefit of the community and its members. CH's very own Evan Bixby and Devin Doebelin participated in the Geneva Heroes program, and Evan spent another year volunteering at the local Boys & Girls Club. We held our fourth annual two-on-two basketball tournament in support of our friend, Charles Ruehl, CH'16. Despite the weather being rather unfavorable this year, we still had an amazing turnout, which made for an awesome day! All proceeds were donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

It brings me great joy to be reporting the achievements of my best friends and fellow CH Kaps and even greater joy knowing what we have in store for the future. To the seniors graduating this year, I wish you all the best of luck, and there is not a doubt in my mind that you will all flourish in your personal endeavors. I would like to thank you for two unbelievable years, and I am excited to see where your lives take you. For the rest of you, I am eager to see where the next year brings us. I hope we can continue

to attract new Kaps with the values that drew me so close to the S++ B++.

Y.I.T.B.,

Matt Ellerkamp, S+I in CH'20

KA IN VL CHAPTER REPORT

The students who had been in the former active chapter of KA in VL had a fulfilling 2018–2019 school year. Even though the university ceased to recognize our chapter, and we lost the rights to live in our beloved lodge, there were still 57 students on campus, making the most of an otherwise dismal year. Many of them continued to maintain their friendships, despite living all across campus. They also continued to be active in university organizations by being involved in esteemed engineering societies, the local band Burn It Down, and the Lehigh skateboard club. A group were also actively engaged in volunteering for New Bethany Ministries.

Dave Mancuso and Jacob Matus were honored to be recipients of John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., scholarships.

Twelve of the students graduated and will be sorely missed, but 45 returned to Lehigh for the fall 2019 semester, and all looked forward to strengthening the friendships that they developed in KA.

Mark Messics, VL'82
President, KAAALU

KA IN VM CHAPTER REPORT

It's been another great year for KA in VM. After recently holding elections, the chapter's officer corps is as follows: HM1: Conor Kenney; Literary Secretary: Jamie Barkaway; Treasurer: Maanav Sunderaraman; Rab: Alexandre Monnier; HM2: Rishav Aikat; and HM3: Kevin Reynolds. K+l+s!

Regarding the year's achievements, Gabriel Rincon is graduating with a BCom and will be attending UBC Law next year. Andrew Young is graduating with a BA. In the fall, he will commence an MFA at Pace University. Andrew also played Belarius in the English Department's production of *Cymbelline*. Naoll Degife was named to the student-athlete

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honour roll as a member of the McGill Redmen varsity lacrosse team. McGill active Kabir Sethi was one of the John Hart Hunter Scholarship recipients. K+!s!

We are looking forward to another great year in Montreal. We are looking forward to many new h++n for next year's s++g and hope you'll be there to join us in the winter.

Kevin Reynolds, VM'19

KA IN VP CHAPTER REPORT

It is my pleasure to report an exciting and eventful year for the Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha. The 2018–2019 year has been a year of positive change and great progress for VP and has been marked by success in recruitment as well as in academic, social, and philanthropic endeavors.

In terms of brotherhood, our recently hosted s++g served as a strong reaffirmation of the unity of KA, with n++ f++ from four chapters and a++oi from six in attendance. We at VP have been delighted to welcome seven new a++oi into our brotherhood this year: three in the fall semester and an additional four in the spring semester. We are immensely proud of all of these new members and look forward to their contributions to KA. Additionally, with increased efforts from the university to improve and diversify the fraternity community at Penn, we commend the efforts of our diversity chair, A++os Noah Makarome, for his work in maintaining our unique and thriving community at VP.

Kaps in VP have also maintained our focus on strong academic achievement. With brothers pursuing a wide array of studies, from computer science to history to biology, a++oi at VP continue to push each other forward and to excel; KA maintains one of the highest average GPAs among fraternities on campus. Additionally, brothers are active in a number of organizations on campus, including music groups, theater groups, and academic societies.

KA in VP has had a fun and exciting year socially as well. This year's primary focus was to expand our presence on campus and to maintain some treasured traditions from previous years. Due in large part to social chairs A++oi Dennis Ronel and Iain Ma, I am happy to report success on both fronts. We once again

hosted our biannual wine and cheese night, a time-honored tradition, and it remains a favorite event for many brothers and friends of the fraternity. We additionally organized many other enjoyable events this past year, both new and old, including hatchet throwing, go-karting, and poker nights. Open events had stellar attendance, and our campus presence has risen dramatically.

Building on the many successful initiatives of recent years, the VP chapter has continued to grow our philanthropic endeavors in the 2018–2019 school year. Continuing the work of former philanthropy chair A++os Thato Moupo, Kappa Alpha has maintained our role as a strong supporter of Penn's Relay for Life, with well over \$1,000 raised for Colleges Against Cancer and high brother attendance. We also had similar a++oi support for the Fight Back 5K in the fall semester, a joint event between KA and Colleges Against Cancer, with brothers both volunteering and participating. In addition to these great returning initiatives, our current philanthropy chair, A++os Zachary Koslowski, spearheaded a new initiative for VP: a Red Cross blood drive. This blood drive was incredibly successful, with many members of the community donating and both VP and the Red Cross expressing interest in continuing the event in the future.

With our elections and a renewed and invigorated movement toward a tighter bond between brothers, we are thankful now more than ever for the fruitful year we have had and for the brotherhood that we share. We hope, in the near future, to build off this year's endeavors to further expand our chapter, and I am extremely proud to say that the future is looking very bright.

Reno Thiart, VP'20

KA IN VOO CHAPTER REPORT

The a++oi of KA in VOO had an audaciously riotous and philosophically delightful year. First, we welcome our newest member, Griffen Helm.

Events throughout the year maintained the same high standards of previous years. The band parties introduced last year continued, with standout successes being our spectacularly silly Halloween party (including a costume

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contest), as well as our pensive wine and poetry nights, which covered everything from classic Victorian poetry to amateur love ballads written in dating apps. It's the sign of a great year when joy is found among intellectual pursuits and discussion, as well as letting loose. The year was topped off by a fantastic formal with an amazing turnout from our young alumni, many of whom travelled from out of town.

As for achievements of the year, our members experienced a wealth of successes. Adam Lang and Elliott Stiles were recipients of the JHHEF scholarship award, Sergio Dempsey had two papers published, Caelan Mestinske became editor-in-chief of our university's science student council magazine, and Josh Katz will be moving forward with a Master of Arts in political science. To these gentlemen, we say "congratulations" and wish for continued success.

Finally, with the year coming to a close, we look back and realize where we need to go. Our fresh leadership rallied by our new s+l, Sergio Dempsey, is ready to tackle the new year head on. With the addition of a gym to the lodge, courtesy of Victor Shi, we are setting plans in motion to upkeep the legacy of our lodge and to continue to make it the welcoming space that it is. We are determined to pass on the good fruits of labor handed down to us from our previous a++oi to all future generations in VOO. Lastly, as we will inevitably reminisce in the days to come, we wish our graduating members best of luck in their continued journey into adulthood. To Ciarán Murdock, Josh Katz, and Ronald Poon, safe travels, and may the stars guide you on your way.

Victor Shi, VOO'20

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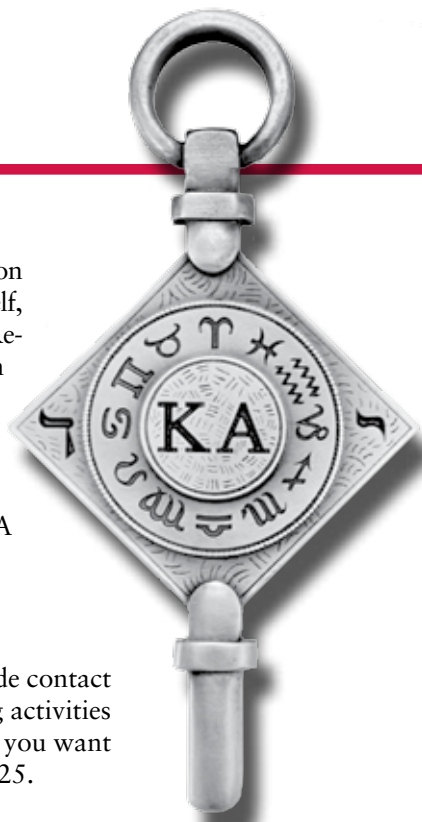
WITH THE KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY

Share your story! The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of alumni. Please use the back of the enclosed gift form to send some news about yourself, news of brothers with whom you've kept in touch, or a couple of fond KA memories. Return the form in the enclosed envelopes (tuck in a check if you can!). You can also log on to the website and submit your news electronically by visiting the "Submit News Items" page at www.ka.org and filling in a short online form. It's that easy!

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