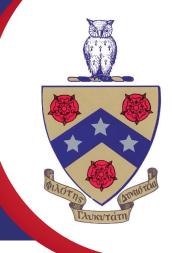
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2021 Pig Dinner

The traditional Frank Norris Pig Dinner was held this year on Friday, November 5th after postponement of the 2020 event, due to the worldwide pandemic. Phi Gamma Delta's Norris Pig Dinner is the most widely observed annual tradition and the longest continually running chapter-based graduate event in the Greek world. The first Pig Dinner was held at Cal Berkeley in 1893 and has been celebrated yearly ever since. BCA President Jeff Derickson '72 served as the Master of Ceremonies of this year's memorable event.

Almost 200 members and guests were present at the **Sands Club** on the fifth floor of the Lowell-Stevens Football Facility at the University of Arizona. A no-host bar greeted everyone as we gathered to meet up with old friends, reminisce, and enjoy the festivities surrounding the entire Homecoming weekend. It was the first large alumni gathering in two years due to COVID-19 protocols and social distancing requirements on campus.





Because of this delay, the members of the **2020 Upsilon Alpha Fiji Hall of Fame** were inducted at this time by **Vince San Angelo '62**. The newest members included **H. Wilson Sundt '54** (posthumously), **Craig Barker '82**, **Jeff Mongan '83**, and **Andrew Braccia '98**.

Gold Owl recipients were honored for 50 years of initiated service. These were awarded to brothers who were initiated in 1970 and 1971 (since we couldn't do it last year). **Silver Owls** were awarded to those brothers who had 25 years of initiated service and were initiated in 1995 and 1996. Each received a pin and a certificate.

New Purple Legionnaire **Trevor Lohr '20** read off the names of those brothers who had passed **Ad Astra** in the last two years.

President Cole Houck '22 gave the State of the Undergraduate Chapter report which highlighted achievements in scholarship, recruitment, philanthropy, community service, intramurals, pledge education, initiation, social events, and graduate relations. Our chapter is one of the top fraternities on campus again and striving to bring the Cheney Cup back to Upsilon Alpha!

The Smith-Cheney Spirit Award was presented to Sebastian Magri '24 for "inspiring all undergraduates to self-sacrifice for their brothers." The Outstanding Pledge Award was given to Cameron Allen Morrison '24, of the Theta pledge class.

UABC President **JeffMongan '83** gave the **State of the House Corporation** report. He talked about all the improvements made to the facility and thanked those who were instrumental in making it happen. He also mentioned the ongoing **Upsilon Alpha Capital Campaign** and said to expect information/contact in the near

future.

The traditional "Bringing in the Pig" ceremony ensued with the current Fall pledge class doing the honors. The oldest brother in attendance was George Drach '56 who kissed the pig's snout. The youngest was Alec Vendetti '25 who got the pleasure of kissing the other end.

Emory Barker '57 then presented a brief history of Frank Norris and gave a rousing rendition of the **Exile's Toast**. You don't want to be an 'exile' of this annual tradition, so plan on coming next year!

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President's Report

Dear Brothers,

It is so nice to be writing to you all after what has seemed like a lifetime of uncertainty. But one thing that is for certain is that the Upsilon Alpha chapter continues to improve. We now sit at 137 active members after initiating

19 stand-up gentlemen from this fall's Iota class. These men all embody the values of Phi Gamma Delta and have displayed what it means to be a leader both within our chapter and on campus. After nearly three full semesters of Covid restrictions, it is so refreshing to see brothers back at the house on a daily basis enjoying meals, good times, and each other's company. Especially in the

newly renovated basement that has been put together by both graduate and undergraduate help supplying the room with couches, TVs, media consoles, and a poker table. In November, we completed our semiannual philanthropy event supporting Sister Jose Women's Shelter in Tucson in which we raised just under \$11,000. Proceeds came from t-shirt sales, donations, a carnival put on by the undergraduates which featured dogs, music, and a volleyball tournament for the Panhellenic community to

participate in. As a chapter, we achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.34 and we are making it top priority to become the fraternity with the highest GPA at the University of Arizona! This coming semester is set to be one of our best yet. I am very excited to be leading the chapter and see everything we have planned unfold. As always, thank you to all of our graduate brothers. Your continued support of the undergraduate chapter allows us to thrive semester after semester and we would not be here without you all! Perge!

Brooks Fanger '23 Upsilon Alpha Chapter President



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New Executive Board

The Upsilon Alpha Chapter elected and installed a new executive board over the last part of the fall semester. After significant thought and deliberation the chapter elected this group of men to represent us on a daily basis and lead us on our path to winning the chapter's first Cheney Cup since the recolonization in the Fall of 2017. These five gentlemen have put the Fraternity before themselves and will serve it at the highest level while progressing the chapter to the highest potential.

Outstanding Pledge Award



The Upsilon Alpha Outstanding Pledge Award was given out at this year's Homecoming Pig Dinner ceremony.

Benevolent graduate brothers started this award in 2011 to recognize exceptional new members of each pledge class. A Fiji Recognition Ring is given to the winner as well as having his name engraved on a plaque, permanently installed in the new Study Room, formally the Pledge Library.

Congratulations go to Cameron Allen Morrison "24 from the Theta Spring Pledge Class. He earned this award by conducting himself at all times in a manner that reflected only credit and honor to Phi Gamma Delta.

Previous winners include: James Crawley – 2011 Cameron Steiner – 2012 Jacob Kaye – 2013 Michael Mellen – 2014 Trevor Henson – Alpha Matthew Hill – Beta John Papakalos – Gamma Jack Tutalo – Delta Cole Lewis – Epsilon Carson Doty – Zeta Sebastian Magri – Eta

Make a Difference and Support Upsilon Alpha

Volunteer - Join other volunteers on the Advisory Board or Housing Corporation Board. For more info and to let us know you are interested visit https://www.arizonafiji.org/volunteer

Career Network - Join the Upsilon Alpha career network and mentor one or more undergraduates. https://uafgd.mentorease.com/

Recruitment Recommendations - Provide a recruitment recommendation on the Upsilon Alpha website at

https://www.arizonafiji.org/recruitment-recommendation

Contribute to the Upsilon Alpha Building Excellence Campaign

As we look to the future of our brotherhood, we know that the chapter house and an educational endowment will serve a central role in our long-term success.

For many of us, our years in Upsilon Alpha were our launching pad. We developed organizational and social skills, and lifelong friendships that have served us well in life. "Not for college days alone" is alive and well within our brotherhood!

Upsilon Alpha is approaching 100 years old, and we want to ensure our long-term future by raising at least \$2.5 million dollars to help fund the following:

- \$1,000,000 to pay off the mortgage so that we can use those funds to build long term capital reserves and support the chapter's new leadership development program. Thanks to two major gifts from Buzz Sands'63, this goal is accomplished.
- \$1,000,000 to endow a scholarship program to ensure we can recruit and retain the best members.
- \$250,000 to endow a career coach and career programming to ensure Upsilon Alpha has the best career network on campus.
- \$250,000 to use towards chapter house capital replacement items as our chapter house approaches 20 years old and is in more frequent need of systems replacement and major repairs.

We invite all graduate brothers, parents and undergraduate brothers to be part of our effort to honor Upsilon Alpha's past and to ensure our future.

There are many giving levels and naming opportunities. Consider how you can leave your legacy to help preserve Upsilon Alpha for another $100\,\mathrm{years}$.

Thank you in advance for your support!

For more information on the ongoing progress of the capital campaign checkout the Arizona FIJI website at https://www.arizonafiji.org/campaign-brochure-pledge-form



FIJIs Dominate Inaugural Greek Life Colf Tournament

The first annual University of Arizona Greek Golf Tournament was held on Friday before Homecoming 2021. Teams from all fraternities and sororities on campus were represented and raised money benefitting The Campus Pantry and UA Greek Life Leadership Programs.

The mission of the UA Campus Pantry is to alleviate hunger in the Wildcat community by providing food assistance to those in need. About 1/3 of college students experience food insecurity at some point and The Campus Pantry helps to reduce this statistic by providing supplemental groceries to students in need and allows them to gain access to nutritional resources.

The UA Greek Leadership Program offers many different opportunities to improve leadership skills. This year we helped support the Greeks Reclaiming Empowerment And Consent (GREAC) program. This is a partnership with Consortium on Gender-Based Violence.

The tournament was held at the Arizona National Golf Club and over \$7500 was raised for our charities through sponsorships, raffle items and other donations. The format was best ball/scramble and 22 teams competed in a shotgun start. Gift bags and lunch were included.

Out of all the teams competing, Fijis came in first and third! The third-place winners were the graduate team of Jeff Patch '77, Marty Humphrey '74, Jack Derickson '75, and Jeff Derickson '72. The first-place team was an all-undergraduate foursome of Jake Contos '22, Merrick Martin '22, Andrew Norris '23, and Peter Relf '22. Congratulations to all the participants. Plan on joining us next year for some fun and philanthropy.



Congratulations to our Smith-Cheney Spirit Award Recipient

Now in its third year, the **Smith-Chency Spirit Award** was created to honor an undergraduate brother who has exhibited special characteristics, exemplified by the late Steven L. Smith '72. Pledging Upsilon Alpha in the Fall of 1968, Steve "T-Bear" Smith immediately got involved in committees on campus, the local community, and in the fraternity. His bright example of volunteerism was a source of inspiration for all. But maybe his biggest role was to be there for his brothers in the fraternity.

He was a shining example of participating in anything he could to further the goals of Upsilon Alpha and help make the chapter worthy of the Cheney Cup, given to the most outstanding Fiji chapter in the nation. Steve passed 'Ad Astra' four years ago and this award was established in his name.

Every year a deserving brother's name will be added to the permanent plaque in the Fiji house, and a framed certificate will go to the recipient. He doesn't have to be "the most popular" or the "best scholar" or "best athlete," but rather, the brother that exemplifies the person who would gladly sacrifice "for the good of the Chapter." Just like Steve. The two previous winners were Jacob Crow '20 and Alex Gray '22.

The Awards Committee, with advice from some of the key leaders in the chapter, considered all worthy candidates and selected the winner. The recipient of the 2021 Smith-Cheney Spirit Award is **Sebastian Magri '24.**



(L-R) Emcee Jeff Derickson '72, Sebastian Magri '24, Kathy Hawkes-Smith

These are some comments made about him by his peers: "Sebastian is one of the hardest workers I have ever met. His excellence exceeds the classroom as well as within the fraternity. I have witnessed first-hand him tutoring brothers of all years, in many different topics ranging from computer science to history. He consistently holds up our values and strives for excellence in every aspect of his life. He often gives up his time to help others in any capacity that he can."

"This brother is an academic weapon. As a freshman, Sebastian was tutoring seniors in completely different majors. He is always looking for a way to lend a helping hand and never backs down from a challenge that faces him."

"The best way I can describe him is IMPRESSIVE. Sebastian is one of the nicest individuals in our house, a very good athlete, and 'smart' is an understatement. He is someone I could go to for anything and I believe he will have a lasting impact on FIJI."

Congratulations to Sebastian Magri, a worthy recipient who has duly earned the respect of his brothers!



Books Needed for Library

Taking advantage of our Chapter House Endowment Fund (CHEF) with the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation, we recently completed renovations to our innovative Study Room. This program provides educational grants to house corporations for chapter housing, furnishings, equipment, and annual maintenance.

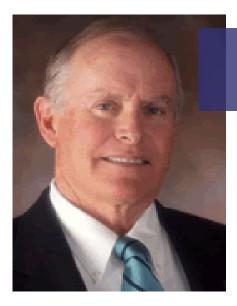
Educational grants are provided for facilities and services for the benefit of Fraternity members where the benefit is similar to those provided by colleges and universities for the education of the general student body. This includes Study Rooms and covers the fixtures and furniture.

Our Study Room (formerly the Pledge Library) is now a 'state-of-the-art' facility incorporating the newest technology with plenty of study tables, monitors, whiteboards, special lighting, and group session capability...all powered by fiber optic high-speed internet service.

The undergraduates love the Study Room, and its constant use proves that it was well worth the expense. They have one request from parents and grads though...they need books to fill up the library bookshelves. Novels appropriate for college students, fiction and non-fiction books, and resource books are what they have requested.

Take a look at your own library and decide if you would like to donate some of your books to the Fiji House, located at 1801 E. First Street. The brothers would appreciate it and the shelves will be a whole lot fuller for future Fijis to enjoy. Thanks for your consideration.





Alumni Spotlight

Steve Pierce '72

Stephen Morris Pierce grew up on the Las Vegas Ranch north of Prescott. His roots run deep in Arizona's cattle industry as a third generation Arizonan whose family began ranching in the state in 1915. Steve was active in the Arizona Junior Hereford Association and served as the organization's president.

Pledging FIJI in the fall of 1968, Steve immediately got involved in campus activities as well as in the Fraternity. He was a member of Sophos, Chain Gang and Bobcats honoraries. As a senior, Steve served as the Chapter Recording Secretary. He was also a key member of the University of Arizona Livestock Judging Team and drew on his experience raising top quality Hereford bulls back on the ranch. Graduating with a B.S. degree in Animal Science Steve worked for the University of Arizona Alumni Association for a while before returning to the Las Vegas Ranch.

Steve married wife Joan in 1973 and became parents of Tyler, Nelson, Steve, and Lindy. They now have 7 grandchildren. He showed cattle at livestock shows around the country and had a number of champions including the 100th year Hereford show in Denver in 1981. He also bred and raised Quarter Horses that he raced successfully with many winners.

Steve served the cattle industry's Arizona interests on the Arizona Beef Council and also as a member of the U.S. Beef Export Board. It was his committee that came up with the famous slogan "Beef, It's What's For Dinner." He has also been a member of the Yavapai Cattle Growers' Association, Arizona Cattle Grower's Association, Arizona Angus Association, County Bank Board of Directors, the Anasazi Foundation, and the Central Arizona Project. He even found time to be a 4-H Leader.

Steve and his family have won numerous environmental awards, including two Range Manager of the Year Awards from the Society for Range Management, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's Wildlife Habitat Stewardship Award and the 2006 Private Lands Fish and Wildlife Stewardship Award from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. He was recently chosen as the 2022 Pioneer Stockman of the Year.

In 2008 Steve was elected to the AZ State Senate where he felt he would be able to represent rural Arizona. Steve served in the Arizona Senate from 2009-2017, and eventually served as Arizona Senate president in 2011-2012. He was voted 2011 Senator of the Year by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. After a 2-year retirement he was asked to return to the Arizona State House of Representatives to finish the term of a member who resigned. He is now back home at the ranch where he still raises cattle but sold his horses.

Steve claims that the FIJI house taught him that "getting along with others was a basic in life. As pledges, we were selected by the active brothers and had no say in who we would be pledges with. We were put together and accepted each other for who we were. We worked, lived, and played together and were molded into men. That carried on my entire life and was key to my success in politics. I guess now it's our turn to tell the next generation to "carry on" as we were told. Our friends in life and friendships made as brothers at the Fiji house are how we will be remembered."

In Memoriam

The following Upsilon Alpha brothers passed Ad Astra during the last two years. Lucky to have had them in our lives, they may be gone but never forgotten.

Francis E. Hawke '44 Charles J. Leftault, Jr. '54 James E. Bruemmer '56 John V. Waddle '57 Jon M. Counts '59 Thomas R. Ecker '59 Thomas W. Kennedy '59 Brent F. Moody '61 Bonham C. Richardson '61 John R. Welch '61 Robert C. Garis '62 Walter S. Knotts '62

Eric C. Jorgensen '66 Charles W. Cochran '68 Cleveland A. Smith '69 Thomas R. Snee '69 Howard Thomas Roberts Jr. '70 Michael P. McCarroll '70 Richard S. Cohen '72 Thomas A. Reeb '75 John B. Funk '86 Andrew Berkenkamp '04



Undergraduate Profiles

Nick Tarquin '21

Nick Tarquin is originally from Tucson and attended Ironwood Ridge High School. Nicholas graduated this winter with a degree in Criminal Justice Studies with which he hopes to be a criminal investigator within the federal government.

After high school, Nicholas joined the military and attended one of the Marine Corps boot camps in San Diego California. While in the Marine Corps, Nicholas was a part of the Security Force Battalion Kings Bay Bravo Company (2014-2016). After his time in the Security Force, he joined the Marine Corps Infantry with 2nd Battalion 5th Marines Fox Company where he was given the job of team leader (2016-2018).

After serving our country, Nick attended The University of Arizona where he joined Phi Gamma Delta as a member of the Delta Pledge Class. Throughout his time in FIJI, Nicholas held the position of risk manager (2019-2020) and was an elected member to the executive board as Recording Secretary (2020-2021).

When asked about what being a FIJI meant to Nicholas, he said, "becoming a FIJI here at the University of Arizona has been nothing short of a blessing. It has given me the opportunity to better myself as a brother and grow as an individual. These last four years have been priceless and I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life."

Jacob Kaller '22

Jacob Kaller grew up in Phoenix where he attended Pinnacle High School. Jacob is a member of the Delta Pledge class and has played a pivotal role in aiding the chapter to get it to where it is today. Over the last couple of years in FIJI, Jacob held the position of risk manager (2020-2021), served on pledge education, and as a justice of the judicial board. On top of his involvement in FIJI, Jacob was a part of the UofA Cheerleading squad (2019-2020) where he cheered for the Wildcats at all the main sporting events. Jacob is a finance major and has goals of working in the finance business development area in the tech or energy sectors.

When asked about his time in FIJI and how it has impacted his life, Jacob replied, "I made it a point to grow the chapter and establish a presence back on campus. I have been involved in most aspects of the Fraternity including; scholarship, recruitment, philanthropy, pledge education, risk management, social, awards, and the judicial board. My favorite part about being a FIJI is having the opportunity to build a legacy of Phi Gamma Delta, and have a positive impact on my brothers. The Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has changed my life in the most positive of ways. It helped me grow into a man, taught me the importance of excellence, and brought me lifelong brothers that I could not be more grateful to have."



National Champion again!

Vince San Angelo '62 is truly an amazing guy. No graduate brother has done more for Upsilon Alpha than Vince. After graduation from the University of Arizona and a distinguished military career around the world in the United States Marine Corps, Vince has served this Fraternity as a Purple Legionnaire, Section Chief, Chairman of the Board of Chapter Advisors, President of the Tucson Graduate Chapter, and as President of the Upsilon Alpha Building Corporation. Among other things he currently serves as the Finance and Housing Advisor on the BCA and Treasurer of the UABC, only because he is trying to "wind down" in his fraternity responsibilities and train others to do the work that he has shouldered for so many years.



Vince has been awarded the Distinguished Fiji Award, a Certificate of Appreciation by the Archons in recognition of Outstanding Service provided to the Fraternity, a Citation for Distinguished and Exceptional Service to the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta and is a member of the Upsilon Alpha Hall of Fame. If there was ever a key graduate brother in our chapter's recent history, Vince is that man.

But not many know that he is also a World and U.S. National Handball Champion! Vince started playing handball while stationed at MCRD San Diego in 1967. Over the next 23 years, he played handball sporadically due to being stationed at various places like Vietnam, Panama, aboard ship, living on Molokai, HI, etc., where courts weren't available and/or his assignments precluded playing.

Upon moving back to Tucson in 2000, he started playing regularly at the Tucson Racquet and Fitness Club. His game improved and he began to enter tournaments such as the Semper Fi Tournaments in San Diego, local tournaments in Tucson and other parts of the U.S., National tournaments at various venues, and World Championship tournaments in the U.S. and Canada. Since then, he won many Marine and local tournaments, several Arizona State Senior Olympics in Tucson and Phoenix, and made his presence known on the National/World Championship level for many years!

Beginning in 2004 Vince has won 11 impressive National, World or National Masters titles in five different age groups! Last November he won the Senior National Championship in Atlanta in the 80+ age group and has his sights on many more. The U.S. Handball Association no doubt will induct him into its Handball Hall of Fame but first, he has to retire from playing!

Vince says that "Handball has been a great sport for me—it has kept me in good physical condition, I've made many friends, competed against great players, and I continue to do so. I intend to keep playing as long as my health and physical condition allows. I plan to attend the next National tournament in Portland, Oregon in June 2022—God willing." Congratulations Vince! You will always be a champion to Upsilon Alpha.

Upsilon Alpha Fall 2021 Intramural Championships

- 1st in 5v5 Basketball
- 1st in Indoor Volleyball
- 1st in the Mario Kart Tournament James Gossett '24
- 2nd in 3v3 Basketball
- 2nd in Cornhole
- 2nd in Indoor Soccer



The Upsilon Alpha Chapter is proud to initiate the Iota pledge class into the brotherhood of Phi Gamma Delta. This young group of men have proved what it means to be a FIJI gentlemen and they embody our core values. These 19 young men will progress this chapter for years to come in both the Greek community and in the classroom.

Cooper Dyce '25

Denver, CO Cherry Creek High School Major: Pre-Business

Will Casev '24

Raleigh, NC Raleigh Charter High School Major: Pre-Business

Connor Hickey '24

Scottsdale, AZ Chaparral High School Major: Pre-Business

Aydin Lingenfelter '25

Phoenix, AZ
Sunnyslope High School
Major: Pre-Business

Callan Taylor '25

Lake Quivira, KS Major: Public Health

Adam Garrison '25

Scottsdale, AZ Horizon High School Major: Pre-Business

llan Wieser '25

Phoenix, AZ
Deer Valley High School
Major: Pre-Business

Sam Webster '25

Omaha, NE Elkhorn South High School Major: Chemical Engineering

Alec Vendetti **'25**

Eugene, OR Marist Catholic High School Major: Pre-Business

Oren Munk '25

Eureka, MO Eureka High School Major: Civil Engineering

Taylor Walburn '24

Lenexa, KS Olathe Northwest High School Major: Neuroscience and Biochemistry

Charlie Krause '25

Leawood, KS Shawnee Mission South High School Major: Applied Physics

Connor Campbell '25

Park City, UT
Park City High School
Major: Pre-Business

Peyton Eastwood '25

Mesa, AZ Mountain View High School Major: Pre-Business

Holden Kavs '24

Portland, OŘ Mountainside High School Major: Digital Marketing

Nathan Udenze '24

Chandler, AZ Arizona College Preparatory Major: Accounting

Max Tiffany '25

Phoenix, AZ Brophy College Preparatory Major: Pre-Business

Adetomiwa Oke '25

Phoenix, AZ Brophy College Preparatory Major: Pre-Business

Harrison Surgent '25

Phoenix, AZ Brophy College Preparatory Major: Pre-Business



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