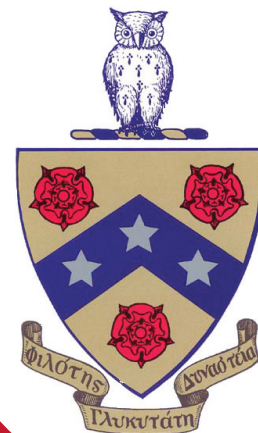


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Upsilon Alpha Chapter Re-Activated



On September 21-22, 2018, the Upsilon Alpha colony of Phi Gamma Delta was re-chartered, becoming a full-fledge component of the University of Arizona's Greek system. Over 50 colony brothers and 29 new members pledged to become a part of The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

Since formation of the Upsilon Alpha Delta Colony in October of 2017, the colony obtained 1,428 service hours in the Tucson community as well as several Philanthropies that raised money for a number of causes including the Primavera Foundation and Alzheimer Foundation. Many members of the colony were also involved in the University of Arizona's clubs and organizations such as ASUA and Chain Gang. Additionally, the members of the colony were a part of UA's track team, cheerleading team, and the swim team all while participating actively in the re-chartering of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter.

As Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta, the Alpha, Beta, and newly initiated Gamma class are proud to uphold the values and carry on the traditions of Phi Gamma Delta.



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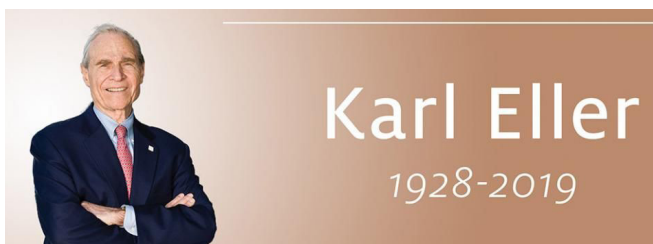
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Dear Brothers,

The Upsilon Alpha chapter added 35 members in its delta class in the Spring of 2019, reaching 121 active and pledge members. Over the last year and a half we have seen substantial growth. This growth has been positive for the chapter academically and morally, as Upsilon Alpha obtained the second highest GPA among University of Arizona fraternities in the Fall of 2018, with a 3.18 grade point average. Additionally, Upsilon Alpha was deemed a chapter of excellence for the year of 2018 joining only five other chapters in reaching above 96% of the standard of excellence points available for the year. These are quantified through philanthropic involvement, academic achievement, new member education presentations, and many other requirements fraternities are asked to fulfill. 2019 is going to be a groundbreaking year for Upsilon Alpha, as the chapter is preparing to move back into Rawls Eller lodge in the summer, and looking to improve in philanthropy, community service, and brotherhood for the upcoming semesters. A special thanks would like to be made to our local graduate brothers in supporting the chapter, as your help has been the cause for much of our success. P!

- Trevor Lohr, Upsilon Alpha Chapter President



**Husband,
father,
grandfather,
executive,
entrepreneur,
veteran, Arizonan,
Brother.**

The undergraduate brothers would like to take this time to give a special thank you to Karl Eller and for everything he has done for the chapter.

The impact he had on the chapter can never be put into words so instead we chose to focus on all over his accomplishments and use Karl as a role model that we will all strive to be like one day. The undergraduates will always hold your words deep within their hearts and remember to, "Make absolute integrity the compass that guides you in everything that you do." If you are interested in paying your respects to Karl the undergraduates are arranging to have a memorial for him and looking into purchasing a stone for him in Greek heritage park.



The Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta recently hosted its second recruitment. All of the active brothers were required to be present on campus and at each of the days of recruitment the week before school started. Brother Cooper Wynn, our recruitment chair, was in charge of finding locations to host each day of recruitment as well as manage the potential new members that came to see Fiji. Brother Wynn, along with his recruitment committee, did a fantastic job for the week and it has been reflected in the Gamma pledge class.

For our first day of recruitment we used the chapter house. This was the first time the active brothers have been allowed in the chapter house since our re-founding just over a year ago. All of the brothers were just as excited to be there as the PNMs were. It made our first official fall recruitment much more successful. The rest of recruitment we hosted in many different areas on campus including; the rec and the game center in the union. While recruitment was a long week it was much more fun to be in the rec and game center playing sports and games with the PNMs rather than just interviewing them.

During this recruitment period, we took a pledge class of 30 outstanding young men, many of which are legacies here at Upsilon Alpha as well as other chapters around the country. The Gamma pledge class was initiated on November 19, 2018 with only one pledge being dropped during the process. The pledge class consisted of one varsity football player along with many club lacrosse and rugby players. We also added 3 more legacies to our fraternity. The pledges excelled at everything they were required to do, and we are very proud to have initiated these gentlemen.



These Phi Gamma Delta undergraduate brothers all received a **4.0 GPA** in the fall semester of 2018.

Congratulations to:

Ryan Capotosti '19

Steven Cole '20

Luis Contreras '19

Jack Hepson '22

Matthew Hill '21

Brody Hughes '19

Brenden Lasser '20

Will Martens '22

Steven Preston '19

Dalton Thompson '22

Seth Trout '21

Cooper Wynn '19

This hard work is sure to pay off for these Fiji gentlemen.

CAREER FOCUS

The undergraduate brothers are extremely hard working and know the balance between working hard and spending time with their brothers. Many of the brothers have achieved academic excellence, last semester there were twelve brothers who achieved 4.0 gpas.

If you would like to promote a career field or speak about a company that you are employed with please feel free to reach out to our corresponding secretary at correspondingsecretary.fiji.az@gmail.com to organize a time to speak to the chapter.

If you are interested in getting involved with the undergraduate brothers, but are unable to visit our Tucson chapter please join our Upsilon Alpha LinkedIn group to network with them. The link to the group can be found at the end of this newsletter.

This semester the chapter had several undergraduate brothers accepted into the prestigious Eller College of Management. These undergraduate brothers have chosen a variety of majors including Finance, Management Information Systems, Accounting, and Economics. There was one undergraduate brother who was admitted into the Eller Global Cohort and will be spending his summer in Brazil while completing his first semester's classes for the Eller College of Management. Congratulations to all of these amazing students your hard work in the classroom is already beginning to pay off.

The last pig dinner was a huge success as well as the chartering event. The Frank Norris Annual Pig Dinner is open to all Upsilon Alpha Graduate Brothers and is held the fall semester of every school year. The more brothers that are present the better so please stay in contact so you can hear about the next event!



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Contact **Matthew Dvertola** at mdvertola@email.arizona.edu or (610) 731-5229 if you are willing to serve on a career panel and/or take a call from an undergraduate or another graduate and/or willing to promote internships or full-time jobs to members.

GRADUATE HIGHLIGHTS



Bob Faucett '55

Brother Faucett currently resides in San Diego, California with his wife Penny, and their children Leslie and Erik. Although Bob is retired, he still enjoys spending his time being a flight instructor. Recently his wife, daughter, grandchildren, and him returned home from a trip to Scandinavia, Norway, Finland and Sweden. Aside from his personal life, Bob still enjoys keeping up with Upsilon Alpha and his brothers. He was initiated at Epsilon Omicron (University of Oregon), but still holds fond memories of his time at U of A, such as being on the Track team with brother Roman De Sanctis.

Edward Wilson '62

Brother Edward (Eddie) Wilson '59 currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina with his wife Nancy and their children Patricia, Deborah, William and Heidi. This past October Edward and Nancy moved from Goodyear, Arizona to Charlotte to be closer to family.

John Jennings '75

Brother John Jennings '72 currently resides in Paradise Valley, Arizona. John works as the CEO of CQR Technologies and enjoys traveling around the world. Most recently John completed an around the world trip with National Geographic this past October. He visited 13 countries in 23 days.

Ernie Peterson '04

Brother Ernie Peterson, 2004, currently resides in San Francisco, California. Ernie currently works as a Head Analyst at Symphony Asset Management. Ernie describes 2018 as a "year of firsts" as he got a new dog "Rover" and received a promotion at work.



David Stombaugh '09

Brother David (Keegan) Stombaugh currently resides in Chicago Illinois with his wife Sarah. Together they share a 7-month-old son, Jack. Keegan is currently employed at the University of Chicago in the department of Anesthesia and Critical Care where he works as an Anesthesiology Resident Physician.





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Kyle Pagan ‘14

Brother Kyle Pagan has been employed with Raytheon in Tucson for three years. During his college days at the University of Central Florida, Kyle worked with Lockheed Martin. Along with working for Raytheon, Kyle is the current Purple Legionnaire for the Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. When asked what the fraternity means to him, he said “Upsilon Alpha means opportunity to me. This chapter is blessed with a storied tradition and many successful, involved graduate brothers. But the rechartering in September 2018 gave this chapter a new life, and an opportunity to succeed in new ways. It’s up to our newest members to build upon that history and create their own destiny that honors all UofA FIJIs.” His advice for the chapter going forward is to recruit good pledges who are passionate and motivated to be involved and make a difference in our chapter. He also says that he hopes the undergraduates pay close attention to the direction of the chapter and know that each decision they make alters the course of the chapter. Finally, Kyle said that, “Chapter excellence requires active management from all brothers”.



Mike Johnson ‘83

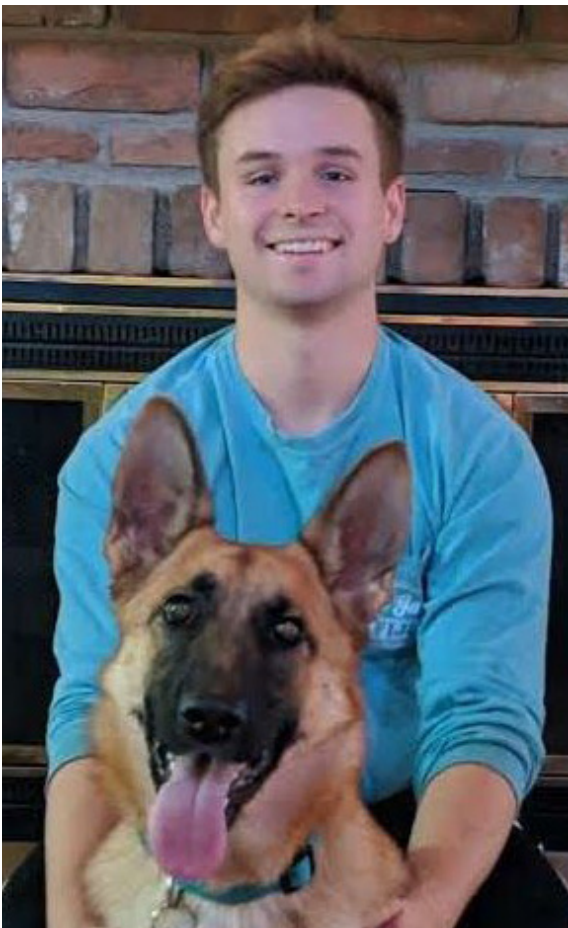
Brother Mike Johnson was heavily involved at the University of Arizona during his time here. As an undergraduate Mike held the titles of Recording Secretary, Cheney Cup and Awards Package Chairman for two years, Spring Fling. As well as participating in Intramural Golf, Soccer, Football, Under 6 foot Basketball, Over the Line Softball. He was also involved on campus as a member of both Blue Key, and the Traditions Committee. Brother Johnson is currently employed with World View Enterprises as while as being a member of our house corporation.

MEET OUR UNDERGRADS



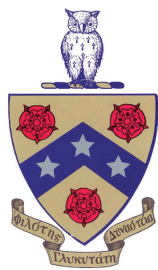
Bennett Adamson '20

Bennett Adamson is a Junior Honors student studying Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law, with minors in Economics and Business Administration. Brother Adamson is Treasurer of the Chain Gang Junior Honorary, Senator for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences within ASUA, and an Arizona Ambassador. Bennett joined FIJI during the initial recolonization process in fall 2017, as part of the Alpha Pledge Class. According to Bennett, “Phi Gamma Delta is leading the way on campus here at the University of Arizona; redefining what it means to be a fraternity man and shaping a New Culture”.



Cooper Wynn '19

Brother Wynn is currently an Electrical and Computer Engineering major at the University of Arizona. Within Upsilon Alpha, Cooper served as the recruitment chair for the fraternity for the first year and a half of their founding, and recently “retired” from the position after their first fall recruitment. Aside from his involvement in the chapter, he is an undergraduate research assistant, working with Dr. Jerzy Rozenblit, in the Electrical and Computer engineering department on a surgical training device. Following graduation, Cooper has accepted a full-time job as a Program Manager working for Microsoft in Seattle, WA. Within this position, he will be working in their Cloud and Artificial Intelligence department and is eager to begin this summer. Cooper states, “To me Upsilon Alpha is the rebirth of what fraternities were meant to be. When we started this colony, we started it with the idea of a “New Culture” in which the focus would be more on creating leaders the college and outside community could look up to. We wanted to create an example that other members within Greek life could follow and now, after a having been on campus for over a year, I believe we have started to accomplish those goals. Upsilon Alpha has been something that I have been proud to be a part of and will be mighty proud to be a brother of for the rest of my life.”



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Barbeque and other house warming
events next semester.

Coming this  *Fall 2019*

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