



## Thank You for Your Support!

We want to thank all of the Psi Chapter Brothers and Supporters who made donations so far this year. We are close to setting an Annual Giving record!!

See inside for a full 2019 Honor Roll or on our website at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com).



## Chapter Eternal

Since the last Psidelights, we have learned of the following deaths:

- Robert Tatnall '74
- Charles Stone '55
- Blair Studebaker Jr. '56
- Owen Best '56

Psi Chapter mourns the loss of our Brothers and extends our sympathy to their family and friends.

## ON THE WEB

Keep updated with all of our happenings on our website at [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com)! If you haven't been to the site yet, you can create your account and begin uploading pictures, having conversation with other alumni, and keep up to date with chapter information. Check it out today!

# Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

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[www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com)

December 2019

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT Thanksgiving Reflections



With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, I would like to wish the House actives, our Alumni, and family a cornucopia full of holiday fare, warm blessings, good health, and cherished times.

In addition to my family, I am most thankful for my closest friends. The foundation of those friendships

was poured about 40 years ago, while we were young adults living in the House, and remains steadfast to this day. Thank you, my Brothers.

On behalf of the Phi Kappa Sigma Penn State Alumni Board, I'd also like to thank all the Alumni that have generously donated to this year's annual fund. Among other points, those monies help support the publication of *Psidelights*, helping to keep all us all connected, no matter our class year or where we call home.

In closing, I'd like to express my thanks to the Alumni Board too. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

We Are Penn State, and We Are Phi Kappa Sigma!

Fraternally,

Mark Bokelman '82

## ALUMNI PHOTOS

### Brother Tom Hebel '77



Thanks to Brother Tom Hebel for sending in this photo! Here's a picture of **Tom Hebel '77** and **Harry Scott Thomas '77** with **Jon Apple '77** at the engagement party for Jon's oldest son David. The event was hosted by Jon and Suzy Apple at their beautiful home in Bucks County.

This second photo is from Homecoming 2019. Tom had this to say about it: *"It was great meeting John Lapinski and hanging out with our regulars. We had a visit from Jeff Logan but he was gone before we took the photo. Rycheck showed up when we were in the stadium but came back just before we left... nice to see him as always. Best of all, Phil looked and sounded great. How awesome to see him and Karen again. Brotherhood is the best!"*



Do you have a photo or an alumni update you'd like to share with your brothers in an upcoming eletter? Send it to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

## ALUMNI PHOTOS



### Michigan game

This picture was submitted by **Russ Hatton '78**. It is from the Michigan game this season. Russ says of the picture; "The usual gang with **Colin Kelly '80** second from right and **Jim Kerrigan '78**, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right."

### Homecoming 2019

Here we have a great picture of Phi Kap Alumni and Actives at Homecoming.

If you have more great Homecoming pictures from this year please send them into [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) for our photo album.



## CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

### William Sandston '42 Donates \$25,000 to Psi Chapter Scholarship Fund



We want to thank William and his wife Jeanne for including Psi Chapter in their will and trust.

William and Jeanne have generously made our Psi Chapter the recipient of the \$25,000 bequest. William and Jeanne pledged through a codicil added to their Will and the gift will be directed to the Psi Chapter Scholarship Fund – **Stellis Aequos Durando Scholarship Fund**.

Many years in the past our Psi Chapter used the **Stellis Aequos Durando Scholarship Fund** to provide annual Scholarships for

our House Brothers based on certain criteria. When the fund was depleted, we placed the account in a hold status. The fund will now again be available for future bequests and tax-deductible contributions.

We will be sending a special mailing to encourage our Alumni Brothers to send contributions and codicil bequests this and future calendar years to benefit our current and future House Brothers.

The Actives and Brothers again thank Jeanne and William for their generous support to Psi Chapter Penn State, and for providing the Actives with scholarship opportunities.

## FROM STRANGERS TO BROTHERS

Our "Question of the Month" for November is: Who was your best friend during your first year with Skull?

We want to hear your stories but more importantly, we hope that perhaps in thinking about the young men you once were and the bonds you made during your first year with Phi Kap you might reach out to that one close friend and rekindle some of the connections you once had.

We become who we are in life by interacting with people. The most important people in that respect are the friends we made



when we were young. They helped bring out of us the people we were meant to be, they taught us how to care about someone besides ourselves and they were there for us when no one else could help.

Please consider these things when submitting your answer this month. It is easy to lose touch with our best friends when our attention turns to our careers and families after college. Studies have actually shown that making time for friends as you age can actually lead to a longer life. We look forward to hearing your responses!

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

# Skull Alumni Look to set Record Annual Giving Year Increasing target to \$19,000

Thanks to you we have surpassed our goal of \$15,000. So we are aiming for a new record of \$19,000.

### 2019 Annual Fund Honor Roll

#### 1890 Club (\$890+)

Christopher McKown	1977
Michael Rycheck	1987
David Sieling	1993
Mark Jones	1993

#### Stellis Aequos Durando Club (\$500 - \$889.99)

John Wylie	1952
Fred Montanari	1956
Thomas Hebel	1977
Russell Hatton	1978
Thomas D'Andrea	1978
Mark Bokelman	1982
Richard Cassidy	1989
Eric Friberg	1991

#### Psi Club (\$250 - \$499.99)

Otto Grupp	1951
Don Marshall	1968
Robert Clare	1981
Michael Lawler	1982
Donald Wright	1982
Andrija Silich	1985
Ronald Felix	1985
Christopher Genovese	1987
Daniel Dygert	1988
James Mullarkey	1990
Henry Zielinski	1991
Christopher Zuniga	1991
Lincoln Taylor	1993

#### Club Skull (\$100 - \$249.99)

Jennifer Capezzuti	
Malcolm Fisher	1950
Vance Genzlinger	1951
Richardson Farley	1952
Graham Hume	1955
Frederick LeVan	1955
LeRoy Toddes	1957
Charles Yarbrough	1957
Jacob Shook	1958
Noel DeCavalcante	1959
Alan Davidson	1960
Larry DiGiacinto	1960
Richard Solt	1960
Kenneth Louis	1961

John Lapinski	1969
Charles Finney	1969
William Gaul	1969
Jon D'Amico	1971
Mark Nowakowski	1973
Joseph Ulsh	1975
Joseph Van Leer	1975
Gregory Kashur	1980
Eric Johnston	1981
David Meuschke	1981
Robert Salvatora	1982
Richard Fencel	1982
Stephen Cramer	1982
David Wilson	1983
Eric Meuschke	1985
William Rosenhoover	1987
Marcus Brown	1987
Lou Matlow	1988
Matthew Brown	1989
Robert Beran	1990
Ty Torres	1991
Donald Pohland	1992
James Hartman	1992
Gavin Haney	1993
Ryan Woodring	1994

#### Dues Giver (Up to \$99.99)

Robert Brown	1969
Jack Beighley	1973
Stephen Rowe	1978
Colin Kelly	1980
Steve Bartnicki	2001

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*"My becoming a Phi Kap  
was a major positive  
experience in my life.  
That's why I give."*

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John Haberlen	1962
Donald Dieter	1965
Joseph Koletar	1966

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

### Make the 2019 Giving Year the Best Yet!

Last year we finished with a total of \$17,858 from 89 donors choosing to make a voluntary gift. We have faith that we can surpass this number for the current giving year with the help of all of you, our generous and dedicated Skull Brothers.

#### Giving Online is Easy!

You can donate online by simply going to our website, [www.psuskull.com](http://www.psuskull.com) and selecting the Donate button at the top

of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699, or by sending a check made payable to Phi Kappa Sigma – Psi Chapter to:

Phi Kappa Sigma  
Pennsylvania State University  
Alumni Relations Processing Center  
P.O. Box 7007  
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Our college days came and went, but the real Phi Kap experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships and if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift TODAY!



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## Why American Universities Still Need Greek Life

These days, it's not uncommon for people to question the value of Greek Life. As Kristin Musulin wrote in her 2014 article on USA Today, "Greek life is, by the nature of its foundation, a positive and enriching institution. Fraternities and sororities engage in these positive actions every single day." Yet, the media only focuses on the negative.

There is, of course, a social component in Greek Life, both historically and today. However, we all know there's so much more — including opportunities for leadership, service, fellowship, teamwork, and lasting and lifelong friendship. For the students who join, their membership comes with friendship, a community of support, and an unrivaled opportunity for both personal and professional growth — one that you simply cannot get inside the classroom.

At Phi Kappa Sigma, here's what we're really doing:

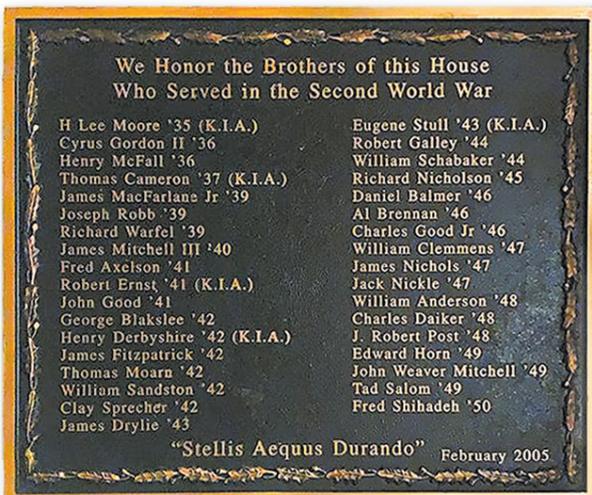
**Providing real-life leadership experience.** Leadership opportunities abound when you're in a fraternity, whether you serve as the president, treasurer, or even as the chair of recruitment. The skills you develop in these positions, such as communication, conflict management, accountability, and delegation, are ones you can apply for a lifetime of career success.

**Forging lifelong connections.** Brothers of Phi Kappa Sigma gain friends with whom they can share life's best moments, but also lean on in times of need. We often hear from alumni who were able to lean on their brothers in life's toughest moments, such as the illness of a loved one. Fraternities offer strong, close-knit

communities of friendship and support well beyond graduation.

It's no mystery that, according to a recent article in The Wall Street Journal, the average person meets their best friends at age 21.

**Building a lasting career network.** If there's one thing we hear consistently, it's how Phi Kappa Sigma helped our alumni find a job, a business partner, interns, and more! With 984 living alumni, we're able to rely on each other for networking regardless of whether you're a new alumnus looking for work or a seasoned businessman with job openings to fill. Our alumni also often count on each other for career advice and guidance when they need it. With a membership that lasts a lifetime, our members can always tap into the Psi network.



## HONORING PHI KAP VETERANS

Veterans Day was November 11, 2019. Throughout our history, the Brothers of Phi Kap have proudly served our country.

There is no way to repay you for your sacrifice on our behalf. However, Phi Kap does pledge to honor your many heroic contributions and remember those of you who have served, fought and

died protecting our freedoms.

We'd like to hear your stories about your time in the military. Please take a minute to tell us about your service by emailing us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com), and your story may be shared in a future e-letter to your Phi Kap Brothers.