



# GEORGIA ALPHAN

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GEORGIA ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - FALL 2018

## Chapter Advisory Board Update

Brothers of Georgia Alpha,

On behalf of the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB), I am pleased to report that Georgia Alpha concluded another successful year in 2017-18. The chapter ended the spring semester with 120 actives and achieved an overall GPA of 3.39, which ranked in the top 25% of all IFC chapters. Additionally, the chapter hosted numerous social events, including the annual Bowery Ball as well as being involved in numerous campus activities and philanthropy events. Please see the chapter report by Secretary **Alex Richman #2405** for more information. Recently at the biannual convention, the chapter was awarded the following:

- Gold Star
- Excellence in Recruitment/Initiation
- Excellence in Scholarship
- Biggers Award

The first *Georgia Alpha Annual Fund* concluded this spring, reaching our goal of \$25,000. The purpose of the annual fund is to support periodic improvements as needed at the chapter house. UGA has a responsibility to maintain the house per our lease agreement and the university has exceeded our expectations during our 10 years of occupancy at 130 Greek Circle. However, the interior furnishings remain our responsibility. This spring, we added a set of trophy cabinets in the living room and replaced some refrigeration in our kitchen. We elected to build out an operable kitchen when the house was constructed 10 years ago. A local chef prepares meals here for the chapter as well as several others. This expense was not anticipated and having these funds available as to not drain the chapter's operating budget is so important. We are in the process of identifying projects for the coming year and are kicking off the 2018-19 *Georgia Alpha Annual Fund* with this newsletter. To contribute, please visit [gaalpha.com](http://gaalpha.com) and click on the "Support the Campaign" button or complete and return the pledge form on page 4. We appreciate all of you who supported us this past year and hope we can increase both our participation and funds this coming year.

The CAB and chapter held the annual Founders Day and Golden Legion ceremony on March 21 at the Capital City Club hosted by **John McGoogan #1485**. Over 120 alumni and actives attended and witnessed 15 brothers inducted into the Golden Legion. The ceremony

was conducted by Chief Operating Officer of Phi Delta Theta Sean Wagner. Sean later gave an update about things going on nationally, not only with our fraternity but within the entire Greek system. The dominant topic remains alcohol abuse and hazing. Both the university and Headquarters conduct numerous seminars and training to address the risk in these areas and have now mandated that all chapters initiate within six weeks of pledging.

The fall 2018 pledge class totaled 30 young men and is listed within. Congratulations to Recruitment Chairman **Will McDaniel #2451** and his team for doing an excellent job.

Hopefully many of you will be in Athens at some time during the fall, whether at a football game or another event. Please take the opportunity to drop by the chapter house (130 Greek Circle) as our actives enjoy meeting alumni. Additionally, the CAB and chapter are hosting an alumni event in Atlanta at Miller Brothers (3207 Paces Ferry Place) from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 4. **Robby Miller #1780** is graciously hosting us once again at his recently remodeled store. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Robby ([robby@millerbrothers.com](mailto:robby@millerbrothers.com)) about this event. We hope you will be able to join us.

As always, the CAB and chapter appreciate your feedback and input. We continue to attempt to increase our communication efficiency. We are only reaching roughly half of our alumni via email, which is our primary form of communication, with about 65% by mail. If you received this newsletter, then we have your information, but there are others that you may communicate with regularly that do not receive either. We use our alumni website, [gaalpha.com](http://gaalpha.com), to maintain these records. Our communication vendor, Pennington & Company, hosts and updates this site. While alumni can update their information under the alumni tab, they can also contact me directly to pass it on.

Thanks for your continued support and hope to see you at one of our events soon.

Yours in the Bond,  
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# Spring 2018 in Review

## Philanthropy

On April 3, Georgia Alpha hosted our inaugural Phi Festival, led by Philanthropy Chairman **Grant Bryson #2452**. Phi Festival consisted of five local bands, one of which included several brothers, as well as local barbecue and other entertainment such as a dunk tank, cornhole, and much more. At the event, people from all different Greek organizations came to support the bands and Iron Phi. A total of 550 tickets were sold. In order to sell tickets, a few brothers went to different sorority and fraternity chapters on campus to speak about the event, what we were raising money for, and to sell tickets in a bundle package to incentivize more people to attend. This plan of action showed a positive impact in our relationships with all the Greek organizations on campus. Each brother did their individual part to sell tickets and volunteer their time to do various tasks before, during, and after the event to make sure the event ran smoothly and effectively to make the biggest impact on the community. At the end of the event, our total profit brought our Iron Phi total to \$26,662. Phi Festival has become a staple philanthropy event on campus and we are looking for ways to improve it to make a larger impact on our campus and in our community.

## Academics

This past semester, we finished with a 3.39 GPA, good for eighth best on campus. Our fall 2017 pledge class finished even better, with a 3.4 GPA. Additionally, we had nearly 25% of our chapter finish on either the President's or Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester. Many of our recent graduates have found their way to great jobs all over the country. Members of the spring 2018 graduating class have already begun working at Ernst & Young, Bank of America, Boston Capital, Georgia Football, and many others. We have recently graduated brothers that began medical school all over the country, from Medical College of Georgia to Baylor University.

## Community Service and On-Campus Involvement

In the past few years, we have been looking to increase our brother involvement in on-campus organizations. As of this past spring, we had brothers on the executive board of all three major organizations on campus (HEROs, Miracle, and Relay for Life), and had brothers representing us with leadership positions in nearly a dozen others. Our own brothers played a crucial role in raising collectively over \$2 million between these various organizations. A few of these events required participants to stay up all night raising money, and over 30% of our chapter participated. With many students struggling to make free time in their schedule, we are very proud that these brothers were able to dedicate a Friday or Saturday night in order to raise money for noble causes.

Another aspect of our brotherhood that we hope to improve upon is our service within the community. Between fraternity-sponsored events and individual community service, we were able to log collectively over 1,500 hours directly for Athens-Clarke County. A few of our events include roadside cleanups, providing the homeless with meals, and aiding at local animal shelters. We are hoping that we can keep this momentum going in this fall and get to our goal of 3,000 hours for the calendar year.

Yours in the Bond,  
**Alex Richman #2405**  
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Between fraternity-sponsored events and individual community service, members were able to log collectively over 1,500 hours directly for Athens-Clarke County.



About 550 students attended the inaugural Phi Festival and enjoyed live bands, local barbecue, a dunk tank, cornhole, and much more!



## Fall 2018 Executive Board

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## Brother to Brother Updates

**Richard H. "Rick" Pennell Jr. #1688** was one of five trustees selected to serve on University of Georgia Foundation during its annual meeting on June 14-15. After earning his bachelor's degree in accounting from UGA in 1981, Rick went on to become president and chief executive officer of Metromont, a pioneer in the engineering and manufacturing of precast concrete for schools, office buildings, and parking decks to industrial plants and stadiums. Rick lives in Greenville, South Carolina.

**Robert M. Davis #1854** is continuing his work as an administrator at Unity Christian School. He is also on a lifelong journey to respond to a call to pastoral ministry through the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

**Grant Gosden #2322** started medical school at the Medical College of Georgia.

**Joe Frierson #1317** and his wife Ann will be the first couple to receive a joint Blue Key award. Joe has worked for 52 years as the managing partner for private wealth management at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. He served as a trustee of the UGA Foundation from 1998 to 2014 and chaired the Foundation's Investment Committee from 2004 to 2014. Joe was a longtime member of the Foundation Fellows Committee and has served as a member of the interview team for Foundation Fellows Interview Weekend for the past decade. In addition, he chaired the Lamar Dodd School of Art Board of Visitors from 2001 to 2011.

**Mark Chandler #1686** is supporting the Leadership & Ethics Academy. The Leadership and Ethics Academy constitutes the Fraternity's comprehensive efforts to provide the best possible education and leadership training for undergraduates and alumni volunteers. There is no better place for the leadership development of Phi Delt members than the Leadership and Ethics Academy.

## Fall 2018 Pledge Class

Jagger Barnes  
Michael Bennett  
Jack Chambers  
Tommy Cosgrove  
Bryce Cross  
Jack Dee  
Giovanni Fabris  
Eathan Foncannon

Winston Fox  
Matthew Geisler  
Will Gibbins  
Sam Grove  
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Luc Hebert  
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Will Hooper  
Matthew Ikard  
Patrick Kelley  
Jack Lawson  
Grant Melville  
Charlie Merrigan  
Charlie Olliff

Adam Prusik  
John Radosta  
Seth Reynolds  
Tyler Shiflett  
Carson Tapp  
Palmer Thombs  
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Recent Georgia Alpha graduates have found jobs across the country with companies such as Ernst & Young, Bank of America, Boston Capital, and Georgia Football.





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Visit *gaalpha.com* to:

- Learn more about recent news and register for any upcoming events, as well as view event photos
- Search for alumni
- Make your contribution to and/or track the progress of our *Georgia Alpha Annual Fund*.
- Update your address, phone number and email address
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)

**Yes, I Want to Support the 2018 Georgia Alpha Annual Fund!**

Please clip and return this form.  
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**I wish to pledge:**

- \$1,000 - 1871 Society
- \$500 - McGoogan Society
- \$250 - Burch Society
- \$100 - 690 South Lumpkin Society
- Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- One-Time  Monthly
- Quarterly  Twice a year

**I wish to make my first payment:**

- Now  On \_\_\_\_\_

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