



GEORGIA ALPHAN

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GEORGIA ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - FALL 2019

Our 2019 Chapter Advisory Board Update

On behalf of the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB), I am pleased to report that Georgia Alpha concluded a successful 2019. Shortly before the end of the fall semester, a new officer slate was elected and is detailed on page 2. As with any organization, success cannot be achieved without great leadership and each year the officers exceed our expectations. We trust that trend will continue for 2020.

The chapter ended the fall semester with 130 brothers, including the fall pledge class of 30 initiates (listed on page 3). The chapter obtained a GPA of 3.41, which ranked in the top 20% of all the IFC chapters. Please see the report from Public Relations Chairman **Palmer Thombs #2626** on the chapter's recent achievements in philanthropy, academics, social, and other campus activities on page 2.

Earlier this fall, the CAB negotiated an amendment between the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation (House Corporation) and the University of Georgia Foundation. This agreement dates back to 1949 when our alumni were raising monies to fund the ultimate construction of 690 South Lumpkin. Over the years, funds were used for repairs and improvements to the same. When the chapter moved to 130 Greek Park Circle in 2009, the responsibility of maintaining the facility transferred to the university per our lease agreement. Having not drawn from this fund in over 20 years, the fund is now the largest fund designated to a Greek organization. The CAB was contacted by the Department of Student Affairs about amending this agreement to award needs-based scholarships, which remains a campus-wide initiative. While virtually all our actives qualify for HOPE and other grants, many have shortfalls covering the entire cost of attending college. Helping our actives cover these costs with alumni donations from many years ago is a great legacy that will carry on for years to come. The scholarship application process is being overseen by CAB member **David Boohaker #2092**. The first group of recipients is listed below:

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| Wells Armes #2558 | Patrick Kelley #2515 |
| Jonah Brunel #2468 | Chapman Lindgren #2450 |
| Sam Edwards #2484 | William McDaniel #2451 |
| William Hooper #2518 | Faheem Pottayil #2487 |
| Connor Kastner #2552 | John Radosta #2514 |

The second Georgia Alpha Annual Fund surpassed our goal of \$25,000. These funds were used to remodel the living room. While UGA is required to maintain the physical structure, the chapter is responsible for the furnishings. The renovation project was dedicated in memory of **Hugh McMaster #1695** at our annual alumni lunch on August 24. In addition to over 60 alumni, a dozen members of Hugh's family joined us, including his wife, Laura, and his son, John. It was a great tribute to Hugh and an example to our actives of what a brother for life really means. While these annual funds provide for improvements the chapter cannot budget, the greatest impact is the impression it makes on the fine young men we have in our chapter and the alumni supporting them.



The undergraduates hosted Matt Smith '95 (South Carolina/Ole Miss), who spoke with Phiikeia about ALS. It was a truly touching presentation. If you wish to support our chapter as we raise money for ALS research, information on how to donate can be found at <http://support.ironphi.org>.

Our 2020 annual fund goal is \$30,000. Please see the form to support Georgia Alpha on page 4. You can make donations online at gaalpha.com. The funds will be used to update the dormitory areas of the house.

Our annual Founders Day will be on March 25, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. at the Brookhaven Capital City Club and will be once again hosted by **John McGoogan #1485**. We have set the date for the 150th anniversary of Georgia Alpha and the event will be on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 433 Bishop in midtown Atlanta. A host committee of **Paul Raulet #1793**, **Clay Willcoxon #1766**, **Robby Miller Jr. #1780**, and me are finalizing plans.

Please see the save the date for these events on page 4.

The CAB appreciates your support and feedback. Notification of the chapter's achievements and alumni functions, including the ones mentioned above, are available on our website, gaalpha.com. Unfortunately, we are still only reaching slightly above 50% of our alumni via emails. In fact, our print notifications like this newsletter are reaching a higher percentage. The CAB is putting emphasis on improving our outreach, but we need your help. **Please take the time to visit our website and update your profile under the alumni tab.** If you are receiving these newsletters, please share them with other alumni you keep in touch with and have them update their profile as well.

Georgia Alpha has never been in a better state than it is now. While there have been many peaks and valleys in the past, 148 years of continuous existence is extremely rare and, in fact, is the longest at UGA. We all should be both amazed and proud of this. Thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Yours in the Bond,
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Georgia Alpha Rises on Campus



Brothers make PB&Js for the homeless in Athens.

Georgia Alpha completed another successful semester. We initiated 30 new members and were the first chapter to be nationally recognized as an Iron Phi Chapter in 2019-20, raising funds for ALS research. One of our new members, Sam Johnson #2540, raised \$1,106 and completed the AthHalf Half Marathon, earning recognition as an Iron Phi this semester. In 2019 alone, our chapter has had 17 brothers recognized for their work raising money for this great cause.

HITTING THE BOOKS

The fraternity continues its tradition of great success, ranking sixth among the 25 IFC fraternities on campus with a 3.41 GPA. Outside of the classroom, brothers are involved in various activities, including the campus' three major organizations: HEROs, Miracle, and Relay for Life. Our Georgia Alpha brothers also contribute time and energy to Whatever It Takes, a program where students tutor at-risk youth; Terry Student Consulting; the Apollo Society; and intramural sports. We also work with the Georgia football program as recruiting assistants, as interns in the University of Georgia Athletic Association office, and as credentialed media covering practice, press conferences/interviews, and games. We even have members involved in two different bands.

NEW MEMBERS MAINTAIN TRADITIONS

We recently elected a new executive board for the chapter and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate brother Seth Currie #2475 for being elected as our next president. Michael Breithaupt #2474 will serve as vice president, Luc Hebert #2510 as secretary, and Will Hooper #2581 as treasurer. They will serve the chapter through the fall 2020 semester. Please see the full list of officers left. Several members of the executive board will also have vice officers from our fall 2019 pledge class as we continue to teach our newest brothers about the fraternity and prepare them to shape the future of Georgia Alpha.

We look forward to another great semester in the spring highlighted by our formal trip to New Orleans; social events with many of the sororities on campus, including Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, Phi Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha; and a powder puff football philanthropy event.

Yours in the Bond,
Palmer Thombs #2526
Public Relations Chairman



Phikeia support the Athens community by cleaning Fourth Street after the first home football game of the season.

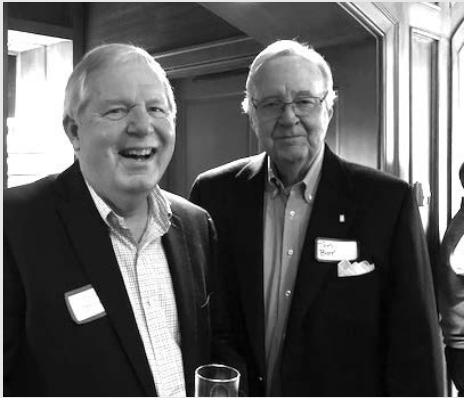


Congratulations to Our 2020 Golden Legion Honorees

Frank Battey #1545
Wallace Brumby #1544
William Butler #1543
Frank Carter III #1549
Michael Clements #1537
Craig Crosby #1536
Boyd Dethero #1553

Paul Elliott #1547
Carleton Fry #1551
Robert Heath #1550
Robert Johnson #1540
Edward Lewis #1541
Richard Lewis #1548
David Littlefield Jr. #1539

James Maret #1535
John Norman #1538
Robert Robbins #1534
William Walden #1533
Clyde White #1554
Latimer Wilson #1546



Georgia Alpha alumni celebrate the Golden Legion honorees and Founders Day.

A Cartoon from the Moon

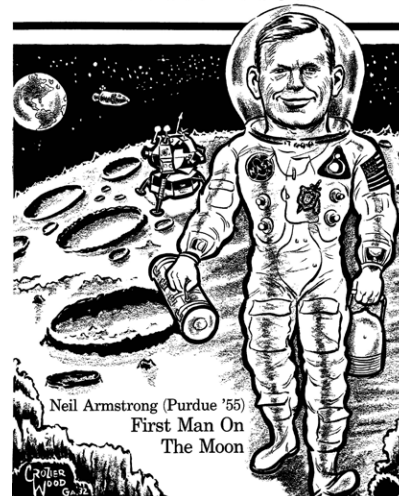
From the cover of *The Scroll*, September 1969

According to the editor at the time, Jack McDonald, the late Lt. Col. L. Wood #591, a cartoonist, offered his talent to be used in the September 1969 issue of *The Scroll*. The issue featured famous Phi Delt Neil Armstrong, *Purdue '55*.

“There was no question that the September cover should feature Neil Armstrong (Purdue '55). The only problem was to find an appropriate picture. Clearwater, Fla., Phi L.C. Wood (Georgia '32) solved the problem in a jiffy with his excellent cartoon of Brother Neil as he established Moon Alpha. *The Scroll's* sincere thanks to Brother Wood. On the inside front cover are reproductions of the official Apollo 11 insignia and a sketch of the first historic step on the moon. Both are courtesy of NASA.”

September 1969

THE SCROLL



The sketch created by Lt. Col. L. Wood #591 in honor of Neil Armstrong, *Purdue '55*.



A sketch of the first historic step on the moon provided by NASA for *The Scroll*.

Fall 2019 Initiates

Jack Abel | Atlanta, Ga.
Wells Armes | Raleigh, Ga.
Alex Branch | Athens, Ga.
James Braswell | Roswell, Ga.
Andrew Bergner | Sandy Springs, Md.
Stone Brown | Cumming, Ga.
Christopher Dickson | Suwanee, Ga.
Garrison Earnest | Woodstock, Ga.

Aidan Egan | Atlanta, Ga.
Ben Essex | Greenville, S.C.
Sam Gaynor | Austin, Texas
Jack Graddy | Memphis, Tenn.
Sam Greenwell | Cincinnati, Ohio
Mason Griffith | Roswell, Ga.
Hayden Harvey | Dallas, Texas
Andrew Hill | Dunwoody, Ga.

Issac Huntington | Druid Hills, Ga.
Sam Johnson | Big Sky, Mont.
Connor Kastner | John's Creek, Ga.
Patrick Leonard | Atlanta, Ga.
Garrett McCarthy | Atlanta, Ga.
Curtis Mclelland | Alpharetta, Ga.
Keaton Roberts | Asheville, N.C.
Julian Shrader | Atlanta, Ga.

Reed Stout | Nashville, Ga.
Matthew Sumlin | Atlanta, Ga.
Brock Thrasher | Atlanta, Ga.
Austin Trimble | Charlotte, N.C.
Davis Tyler | Decatur, Ga.
Cameron Walter | Peachtree City, Ga.

Celebrate 150 Years with Georgia Alpha

Make plans now to join us for the 150th anniversary of Georgia Alpha. The event will be on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 433 Bishop in midtown Atlanta. A host committee of Paul Raulet #1793, Clay Willcoxon #1766, Robby Miller Jr. #1780, and Mark Chandler #1686 are finalizing plans.

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Save the Date for the 2020 Golden Legion/Founders Day

Please join us for our annual Founders Day on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Capital City Club - Brookhaven. The event is once again hosted by **John McGoogan #1485**. There will be a cash bar.

We hope to see you there! Please do not hesitate to contact John (jmc@prestwicklending.com) with questions.



Facebook: Phi Delta Theta-University of Georgia



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Yes, I Want to Support the 2020 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: \$ _____

Please Bill Me:

- One-Time Monthly
- Quarterly Twice a year

I wish to make my first payment:

- Now On _____

Phone Number

Payment Amount: _____

- Check - Made payable to: OmegaFi
- Debit my bank account

Name On Account: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

- Charge my credit card

Card Number: _____

Name On Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Signature

Recurring payment:

Would you like to make this a recurring payment?

- Yes No

Process on the _____ day of the month according to the pledge payment schedule indicated here.

I have included or will consider including Phi Delta Theta - University of Georgia in my will or estate plan.

Please clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to:

Phi Delta Theta, University of Georgia (5360)
PO Box 2187 | Columbus, GA 31902

To make a payment online, visit gaalpha.com.