

FROM THE HEART

A PUBLICATION FOR ALUMNI OF INDIANA ALPHA ♦ SIGMA PHI EPSILON ♦ SPRING 2023

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Excitement Surrounding Indiana Alpha UPDATES FROM THE AVC

2023 has hit the ground running for Indiana Alpha alumni and the current brotherhood. It doesn't look to be slowing down, either, as we're getting the house back from Kappa Delta in the fall and brothers will be moving in!

We have an Indianapolis alumni event coming up in June.

We have a Tragos Quest to Greece recipient.

We have a very special Homecoming weekend coming up in September.

And the house is looking 100% better than ever before!

We are hoping to add a videographer/photographer to the AVC board (as a current or recent graduate) to help record the activities of brothers and alumni and help get everyone involved and knowledgeable about Sigma Phi Epsilon. If this interests you, please contact me.

Shape of the House

Check out our recent renovations!

Indianapolis Alumni Event

Please come out and support our efforts for the house and learn just how far we've come. The event will be held June 14 at Blend Bar with Davidoff Cigars (3981 E. 82nd Street) from 6-9 p.m.

Representing Indiana Alpha

Luke Muckerheide '25, was one of 18 selected from 261 applicants to attend this trip to Greece. This will be the first time ever a participant has come from Indiana Alpha! Read more at tinyurl.com/TragosQuestToGreece. Additionally, two other brothers were elected to the leadership academy: Chapter President **Christian Davis '24** and **Jordan Hinds '26**. See the chapter report for more successes.

Homecoming 2023

Details to follow, but plan on coming to the house on Saturday, September 30, for a cookout and house tour. We are excited to welcome you back to Purdue!

This is what we've all been working for and looking forward to! We can't wait to have you be a part of it.

Fraternally,

Christopher Kelly '80

AVC Alumni Relations Director

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SAVE THE DATES



**Indianapolis
Alumni Event**
June 14
6-9 p.m.

Blend Bar with Davidoff Cigars
3981 E. 82nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240



Homecoming 2023
Saturday, September 30
Details to come



SIGEP EXCELLENCE

Indiana Alpha's soccer team after our first I.M. tournament. Special thanks to Coaches Lichao and Elliot!

Want to know more about what your Indiana Alpha brothers are up to?

Look inside!

THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDIANA ALPHA — A New Beginning

Thank You, Generous Brothers We Value Your Dedication to Indiana Alpha

Thank you to the following supporters who have contributed to *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha—A New Beginning*. All donors giving \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign publications. All donors making gifts of \$2,500 or more to this campaign will be recognized on a

permanently displayed plaque in the renovated chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at alehr@penningtonco.com. Thank you!

Order of the Balanced Man (\$250,000 and above)

Indiana Alpha Circle (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Bequest from John R.
Grayson '46
Hal Shevers '57
Norman E. Nabhan '71
James G. Mosch '80
Doug Bowen '93

690 Waldron Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Anonymous
Nick D. Harris '79
Michael G. Ellis '84
Mark A. Napier '92

1905 League (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Carl R. Willis '61
James H. Muehlbauer '63
Edward T. Hazledine '65
Walter L. Brant '71
John S. Andrews '79
Scott R. Swisher '79
William J. Wallace '79
Dwight Denham '82
Michael A. Seldowitz '86

Phoenix Guild (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Roger G. Blocks '62
E. Dana Smith '66
Kenneth K. Wolff '68
John L. Fox '71
David T. Strother '71
In memory of
Rick Ekstrom '72,
Jim Suchomel '72,
Doug Molls '73, and
Ted Tedesco '73
Patrick Gantert '72
David M. Andrews '79
George B. White '79
Ross A. Richards '80
Fred H. Beckman '82
Gregory M. Hague '82
John P. Neary '82
James P. Quinn '83
David E. Duba '84
Edward W. Heathorn '87
Brian R. Rodell '98

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Renee Atkinson
In memory of
Jeff Atkinson '63
Nancy Friedersdorf, Ph.D.
Ruth C. Skillman
In memory of
Jack V. Skillman '48
John F. Derr '58
Donald M. Mitchell '58
Sanford v. H. Olson '59
Gerald L. Young '59
Richard R. Mitchell '60
Gregor D. Edwards '66
John K. Oelslager '66
Richard A. Peacock '66
John R. Treat '66
In memory of
Craig A. Beam '66 and
John D. Popovich '66
Gary L. Evans '67
Jeffrey V. Conopask '69
James S. Keller '69
Kenneth D. MacLean '70
James H. Ham III '72
Edward G. Gehlhausen '74
Thomas E. Everly '75
In memory of
G & O
Daryl R. Martz '76
Gary L. Kotterman '78
Lloyd "Mac" McGlinicy '78
David R. Ehler '79
James M. Keefe '79
George F. Plesac '79
Christopher D. Kelly '80
Kevin J. Spurlock '80
In honor of the
Fall '76 Pledge Class
Gregory A. Hartman '81
In memory of
Steve Grate '80,
Bret Harrison '80, and
Bill Mullins '81
Scott M. McCain '82
Richard C. Schroeder '82
Glade T. Montgomery '83
Martin P. Weissburg '84
Tim Dickson '86
Beau Graham '88
Robert E. Pritchard '89
David E. Hetrick '90
Mark S. Meyer '93
Keith A. Rintamaa '93

John A. Rittenhouse '93
James M. Anderson '95
Matthew D. Bennett '00
Benjamin R. Miller '01
Jacob G. Plesac '12

Founders Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

John C. Miller '58
John R. Schiffer '61
Lawrence K. Volland '63
G. Scott Dixon '64
Thomas W. Wolff '65
Steven D. Derrick '66
Fred C. Lash '66
Gregory L. Rinehart '68
Wendell D. Schultz '68
David A. Sappenfield '69
John R. Fields '72
In memory of
Carl A. Carr '72
Herbert K. Streich '73
Kevin R. Smith '77
Mark R. Easley '78
Steven E. Wilson '78
Thomas R. Orton '79
Timothy J. Kelly '80
Steve Morgan '81
Michael L. Sheward '81
In memory of
Steve Grate '80
Bret Harrison '80, and
Bill Mullins '81
William D. Farrar '82
In memory of
Clayton "Bud" Farrar '54
David J. St. Claire '85
David S. Griffith '88
In memory of
Lt. Col Richard F. Brereton '89
Shane K. Platt '90
Eric D. Dodd '91
Chad B. Ciesil '93
Grant R. Lohse '02
Wade H. Miller '02
Dustin R. Longest '04
Andrew M. Dec '05

Brotherhood Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Nonnie Owens, House Mom
1992-2001
Bradford Taylor
In memory of
David G. Guinnup '75

William R. Redlich '42
Theodore J. Lanham '49
Raymond G. Keller '57
William V. Dohr '59
David S. McMichael '59
Richard F. Trowbridge '59
Robert F. Kroeger '60
Bill M. Reid '60
Robert T. Thorson '61
Robert H. Sheridan '62
Kenneth A. Campbell '64
Robert L. Flint '64
David D. Schoeff '64
Byron H. White '64
Andrew R. Ceperley '65
Gilbert J. Frey '66
Kenneth G. Miller '66
Michael A. Burdick '67
Richard T. Friestadt '67
Jack Kacsur '67*
Logan F. Wernz '67
Michael A. Gilbert '68
Steve R. Simmons '68
August G. Voelkel '68
C. Kelley Davidson '69
Louis B. Astbury '72
Donovan A. Langford III '72
Keith D. Baker '75
Dale J. Giolas '75
Jerrold L. Ulrey '75
Anthony P. Bowman '78
Warren W. Browning '78
Kerry A. Prielipp '79
John R. Esgate '80
Albert P. D'Andrea '81
John W. MacGregor '82
Barry L. Olson '82
J.D. Landgrebe '84
Peter N. Peregrine '84
In memory of
Christopher R. Peregrine '82
Scott L. Uebele '85
James D. Farley '86
William J. Needham '86
Scott L. Doelling '87
Gregory E. Schiffler '91
Douglas M. Melton '97
Craig S. Lill '02
Patrick K. Crawford '03
Paul J. Feldmann '07

*Participant in Mom
Nonnie Challenge

Campaign Status at a Glance

As of May 26, 2023

Campaign Goal
\$1.75 Million

Stretch Goal
\$2 Million

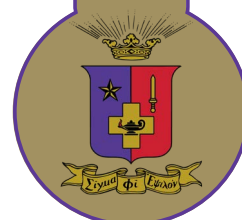
Total Commitments
\$1,732,088

Total Contributors
195

\$2 MILLION STRETCH GOAL

\$1.75
MILLION
GOAL

\$2,000,000
\$1,750,000
\$1,500,000
\$1,250,000
\$1,000,000
\$750,000
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\$250,000
\$100,000



"A NEW BEGINNING" IS UNDERWAY

Campaign Breakdown and Updates

Earlier this year, we provided an important update on the status of Indiana Alpha. In this communication, there are several key items that are worthy of reemphasis:

Kappa Delta, our tenants at 690 Waldron, exited in November of 2022, as their new house was completed. During their time in the house, Kappa Delta completed significant improvements, which has positioned the house to be reoccupied by our newest brothers in fall 2023. The opportunity to have the brothers back in the house has changed our renovation strategy over the next three years.

Since 2015, the SigEp brotherhood has not occupied 690 Waldron; to many alumni, this has been a very concerning issue. We have also had several delays in the house renovation driven by supply chain issues, inflation and, most recently, interest-rate increases. These issues created a level of skepticism about the future of Indiana Alpha. "Will we ever occupy the 690 Waldron?" "Will the renovation actually happen?"

We can now confidently put this skepticism behind us, as our new beginning is underway.

We are entering year five of *The Campaign for Indiana Alpha—A New Beginning*. While the capital campaign has been the centerpiece, our plan has included three legs: fundraising, recolonization, and renovation. The first four years have not been without challenges, but thanks to support from our alumni, SigEp National, the AVC board, and our new brothers, we have remained focused on our objectives.

RECOLONIZATION

We are pleased to report that fall recruiting has been excellent. The chapter is currently at 48 brothers, and we expect additional members by the semester's end. The Balance Man Program has been fully implemented, and our mentor board, which supports each of the chapter officers, is fully staffed.



FROM THE HEART

The chapter has now reached a critical mass where the brothers can accelerate recruiting and fully engage as an active chapter on campus. This has been bolstered by the brothers actively utilizing 690 Waldron for chapter activities. The chapter also continues to excel academically, having the highest GPA of all fraternities and sororities, well-above the all-campus average.

690 WALDRON RENOVATION

Our renovation committee, **Scott Swisher '79**, **Dave Andrews '78**, and **Ted Hazledine '66**, have been very active, and the project is progressing. The biggest change as of today involves replacing the big-bang, all-at-once renovation we originally planned with a construction plan phased over three years. In our original vision, Kappa Delta would vacate in June 2023 and SigEp would begin demolition and construction throughout fall 2023 and spring and summer 2024. We would then have a grand reopening in fall 2024 with our own young brothers taking occupancy.

Given the opportunity to reoccupy the house in fall 2023 and our efforts to manage supply chain, inflation, and interest-rate issues, we will move to a phase of renovation beginning immediately. Our architects, Scholer and Company, and general contractor, Larson-Danielson (**Tim '77** and **Terry Larson '80**), have been working diligently to build a plan that will achieve all our renovation objectives.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE *We Need Support More Than Ever*

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed and supported us in achieving our first-level goal of \$1.75 million. Our donor goal is to receive donations from 20% of our active alumni of 1,500. Currently, we have 195 donors to our goal of 300, although we are confident this can be exceeded.

In many ways, the house is already in better shape than when most of us lived there. That said, the renovation requirements of a 100+-year-old house remain for SigEp to stay competitive at Purdue. Our financing plan has always been to use campaign donations to fund the start of renovations, with the remainder to be covered by a mortgage. The driver of our mortgage, which will fund the balance of renovations, is the house bill from the brothers living in the house.

We do not see risk in that plan; however, inflation and interest rates challenge our efforts to meet all our renovation objectives. For this reason, achieving our stretch goal of \$2 million is a requirement. We continue with our programs, "One More Donor," "Naming Rights," and the "Mom Nonnie Challenge," all of which are detailed at purduesigep.org.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

If you have yet to donate, we hope that your concerns have been addressed and you can now confidently make a donation. We need 105 more donors to reach our 300-donor goal!

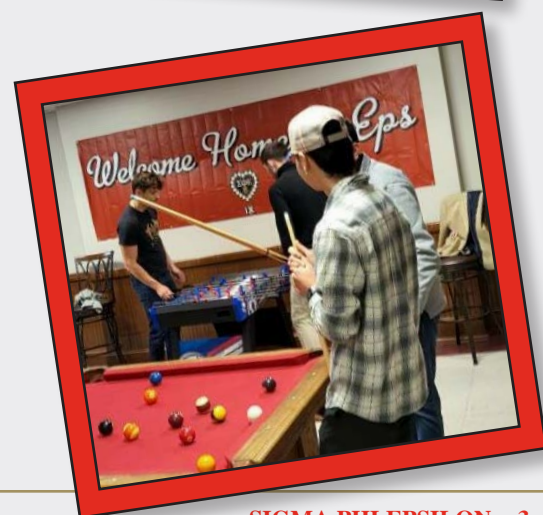
If you have donated, we ask two things. First, reach out to alumni you know who haven't supported the campaign and ask them to support Indiana Alpha as you have. Second, review your own donation. Perhaps, with the certainty we have today, you could now make an additional donation. Or, as we begin renovation, if you have access to goods and services that could support "in-kind giving," please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you back at 690 Waldron for Homecoming 2023 and throughout the fall!

Fraternally,
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Campaign Co-Chairman
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Purdue SigEps preparing for the 2020 BTFU Cup.



SigEps gathering before first tee in 2019.



Reunited through Golf

A Growing Indiana Alpha Alumni Tradition

As brothers graduate from college and move on with their careers, many look for ways to stay in touch. Five Indiana Alpha brothers channeled their love for golf to create the perfect opportunity to reconnect.

Tom Orton '79, Chris Kelly '80, Mike Mathew '80, Tim Catton '81, and Gregg Hague '82

all had significant roles in developing Indiana Alpha's alumni golf event. Tom, Tim, and a small group of alumni brothers in 1984 went golfing in Orlando, Florida, to get away from the cold Midwest. Unfortunately, Orlando had record low temperatures during their trip.

The group expanded in year two and invited **Web Browning '78**, who in subsequent years suggested the outing be hosted at "The Lob" in Hobe Sound, Florida. Yearning for more get-togethers, brothers from Chicago decided to travel down to Indianapolis for a getaway consisting of golfing and boating nearly every summer. More alumni learned about the gatherings, and a simple alumni get-together grew into the BTFU Cup.

Indiana Alpha golf outings give alumni a perfect chance to reunite and catch up on fond memories from their undergraduate years. "More people just started hearing about it, and when we opened it up with a scramble event, then it really started to add on," Tim said. Gregg recalls joining the group at Loblolly in Hobe Sound, Florida, though it has since moved to the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex at Purdue.

"Probably the best thing is we always had a formal dinner when we went to Loblolly, and that became where we cemented that we'd get together every year," Gregg mentioned. "As a formal dinner, we would do our SigEp toast and raise our glasses. Tom would lead that toast, and it became a tradition at events like weddings."

Thanks to an email thread about music started by **Tom Orton '79**, word spread about the golf events as the thread continued to grow.

"One guy can just send out some memory that he remembered from college to 65 guys, and obviously most all of them remember it too," Chris stated. "I'm the alumni relations director, so I started propagating the email string and inviting anybody and everybody from that string to come to the event."

The format of the BTFU Cup was modeled after the Ryder Cup, though teams shifted over time from Indy vs. Chicago to North vs. South due to brothers attending from various regions and states. Inspired by the Old Oaken Bucket of Purdue and IU's football rivalry, each team's BTFU Cup victory is represented on the trophy to tell the story of the competition over the years. "Even for the non-golfers, we're actually having two teams set up for them and we'll play it as a scramble, and their points will count toward the Cup," Mike added.



The Cup's legacy grows every year, and alumni are encouraged to reunite for a weekend of friendly competition and brotherly union. "Those guys are my best buddies, and we show up for each other's events when we need to be there, help each other out when needed, and we vacation together," Tom said. "It all goes back to those bonds we made in the late '70s and early '80s, and we still keep them going."

SigEp bonds go beyond the golf course as brothers reminisce on what brought them together so many years ago. "We always talk about how lucky we are that a couple of guys walked up those steps at 690 Waldron and had the vision to change the place," said Gregg.

To connect with alumni through the email thread and learn more about the golf events, you can email Chris at ckelly4251@gmail.com or AVC-alumnirelations@Purdue-SigEps.com.

"There are a lot of golf tournaments that have post-event parties. This is a party with a golf tournament." —**Mike Mathew '80**

Welcome, NEW MEMBERS!

Ryan Barney '26
Westfield, Ind.

Andrew Modin '26
Morris Plains, N.J.

**Nicandro Diaz
Butron '24**
Mexico City, Mexico

Anthony Mendoza '26
Franklin, Tenn.

Max Cervantes '26
Dyer, Ind.

Rahul Menon '26
Newburgh, Ind.

Ethan Cisler '25
Land O'Lakes, Fla.

Grant Miller '26
Columbia, Md.

Sankhya Gowda '25
Bangalore, India

Will Napier '26*
Downers Grove, Ill.
(Father **Mark
Napier '92**)

Dennis Green '25
Indianapolis, Ind.

Pranav Singh '25
South Riding, Va.

Christian Hein '26*
Caramel, Ind.
(Father **Andy Hein,
Indiana Theta '98**
and Grandfather
**Basil Mawbey,
Indiana Gamma
'67**)

Jack Slater '26
Sammamish, Wash.

Jordan Hinds '26
Noblesville, Ind.

Colvin Timmons '26
Granville, Ohio

Keith John '25
Naperville, Ill.

Enzo Tiptur '26
Leesburg, Va.

Daniel Kang '24
Seoul, South Korea

Jack Willard '26
Jefferson, Md.

June Kwon '26
Seoul, South Korea

Elliot Wong '25
Irvine, Calif.

Josh Mansky '26
Minneapolis, Minn.

Brayden Wrede '26
West Lafayette, Ind.

*Legacy

Chapter Eternal

Robert E. Samsen '51
May 28, 2022

Jim W. Kruger '61
July 9, 2022

William E. Lewis '61
March 29, 2022



SIGEP EXCELLENCE

INDIANA ALPHA'S SEMESTER OF SUCCESS

Indiana Alpha Chapter had a remarkable year in terms of achievements, academics, philanthropy, campus involvement, events, and more. From winning awards from national headquarters to participating in various community service projects, the brothers have been excelling across campus and working to become more balanced men through their accomplishments.

One of the biggest achievements of the fraternity was when **Luke Muckerheide '25** was selected for Tragos Quest to Greece. Luke is now a Tragos Scholar and will be attending the Quest over the summer of 2023.

The chapter was also given the Excelsior Award for Recruitment Excellence by national headquarters, which recognize the fraternity's exceptional recruitment efforts in fall 2022. The chapter recruited 19 men during that semester, doubling its size.

This semester, our chapter performed well academically and achieved a 3.46 cumulative GPA, which was .26 above the IFC average and .32 above the all-men average. The fraternity was ranked second overall in the IFC.

In terms of philanthropy, we hosted the Canes and Canines event with AOII, raising an impressive \$2,632, which was split between Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America and Natalie's Second Chance Animal Shelter. We also completed 638 community service hours, demonstrating our commitment to giving back to the community.

The chapter was successful in its social endeavors this year. Indiana Alpha hosted a spring formal with an attendance of around 100. Throughout the semester, we focused on building a strong brotherhood through events such as a ski trip and various socials with other organizations on campus. We started branching out and hosting events with other fraternities and sororities, including a housewarming for

FSCL executives, dinners with KD and AGD, and a philanthropy event with AOII.

Indiana Alpha made promising moves in its pursuit of becoming an accredited learning community. One example is that we attained two faculty fellows: Dr. Peter Moore and Dr. Timothy Whalen.

The fraternity grew to 50-plus members and started inhabiting the chapter home, which will be ready to move in come August. The fraternity's success was recognized when **Josh Ling '23** was nominated by Purdue's IFC as Best IFC President.

Heading into summer, freshman brother **Jordan Hindes '26** will be attending Ruck Leadership Institute. Jordan is an aspiring leader and a promising example of the direction the fraternity is going.

Overall, Indiana Alpha had an exceptional academic year and achieved significant success in all areas. The fraternity members are proud of their accomplishments and will continue to strive for excellence in the future.

Fraternally,
Christian Davis '24
Chapter President



Congratulations to the 2022 executive board for being awarded the Excelsior Award for Recruitment Excellence!



Our 2023 chapter officers.

WHO SHOULD BE NEXT?

We Need Your Recommendations for New Brothers!

As you've read through this edition of *From the Heart* and reminisced about your own unforgettable experiences and memories with our fraternity, we urge you to consider: "Who should be next?"

Who do you know that embodies the same values, work ethic, and sense of community that our fraternity upholds? Who would benefit from the same incredible opportunities that you had?

Indiana Alpha is stronger because of our members. By inviting outstanding individuals to join our brotherhood, we can continue to build a community of driven, supportive, and ambitious men who strive for excellence.

Please send your recommendation to our vice president of Balanced Man Scholarship, **Rian Mitchell '25**, at mitch429@purdue.edu or CC Chapter President **Christian Davis '24** at davi1429@purdue.edu. Include the PNM's name, major, and year in school.

Thank you again for your support and commitment to our brotherhood.

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690 IS BACK! | Renovation to Begin in June

This is really happening! The reoccupation of 690 Waldron by Sigma Phi Epsilon, which was expected to be in the fall of 2024, happened *two* years ahead of schedule, as the women of Kappa Delta sorority completed their new house construction very early. We were able to have access to the house while still collecting a good share of the rent. The men started using the house as a study, relaxation, and meeting place around Thanksgiving 2022, and after the completion of our renovations beginning in June, we will welcome 30 live-in brothers in August! The Kappa Deltas left us a home that, although still needing extensive renovations, is nicer than any of us have ever experienced at 690 Waldron.

The renovation will begin with the piece-by-piece removal of the most significant architectural feature of our house—the red clay tile roof! We will then repair the substructure and reinstall the original tiles. Hopefully, this component will be complete by Homecoming 2023.

At the same time, we will demolish the old cold-air dorm and start building a series of sleeping rooms, study areas, and bathrooms.

The subsequent phases will involve gutting and rebuilding the existing sleeping rooms on the first and second floors as well as remodeling the Great Hall, basement, dining room, and kitchen.

As we mention on page 3, the work will be performed by Larson-Danielson Construction of LaPorte, Indiana, run by alumni **Tim '77** and **Terry Larson '80**, who generously donated their fees to the project.

As any of you who are being affected by rising interest rates and inflation can attest, trying to complete this project within the original budget is a major challenge.

We still need your donations to make this the best house possible!



Donate today!

purduesigep.org/give-now

Fraternally,
David Andrews '79
Renovation Committee



Brothers after taking down the Kappa Delta sign and reclaiming our house.