



# Alphadeltity

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## ADG Welcomes our Newest Founding Fathers

Derrick Cabrera, Past ADG President

Eight Founding Fathers have been initiated at the oldest College in Illinois, McKendree University, established in 1828. McKendree, located in Lebanon, IL, is also the oldest college in the country with continuous ties to the United Methodist Church. The new colony is located only 30 minutes from the St. Louis University campus and Beta Chapter.

McKendree has a small Greek community and holds only a handful of Fraternities and Sororities including one other National Fraternity and one local Fraternity. Dissatisfied with these options, Colony President Jacob Miller took the initiative to find an organization that met more of what he thought a Brotherhood should be. Already, our colony has gained recognition from their Greek peers as there is a willingness to expand the community's presence on campus.

The other founding fathers are: Mark Whalen, Alex Frohning, Jared Wingers, Brad Gebben, Nate Hunt, Taylor Weigler and Mike Lampe. Together with Jacob, these men are working through the Fraternity's Expansion Milestones with great success. The Brotherhood they have with one another already matches the storied Brotherhood of existing Chapters.

Now that Alpha Class education is completed, the colony is eager to lay the foundation for ADG's future at McKendree. They will be attending Conference and Convention in 2012 so please welcome them into the Brotherhood!

## Networking...

Among the great benefits and advantages of being a member of ADG is the networking opportunities. We are blessed to be spread throughout the country with alumni connections in every possible career. Over the past two years, we have worked hard to create opportunities to connect actives and alumni alike to open doors and make networking easier.

**RELATIONSHIPS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES!** Even if you don't need an opportunity now, you never know when you might!

ADGEF has helped create several avenues to

connect you with fellow ADG actives and alumni alike.

First, our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com#!/groups/116733964871/>) provides regular updates of events going on year round. Become a fan to get updates as they happen. You can also follow us on twitter, <http://twitter.com#!/adgef>, for updates as events are taking place. There is also the ADGEF website: [www.adgef.com](http://www.adgef.com). Here you can update your contact information to be added to the data base, join the list serve, see calendar updates, and read the Alphadeltity and other news.

Finally, there is linked in: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=112151>.

Zeta alumnus, Brian Hesse, and Kappa alumnus, Bill Phelan have worked hard to build the Linked In site as a tool we can all benefit from. This is a great tool that you can use to post and/or look for jobs. It is always a WIN - WIN if an ADG can hire or give a job lead to another ADG. Please post your opportunities on the Linked In site to assist another ADG in finding employment.

**Together we are a city walled!**

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## Convention Networking

Finally, there is one more great opportunity to network: The National Convention!

This year's convention will be in Louisville, KY August 7-12, 2012.

ADGEF will be hosting the 2013 convention in Nashville, TN August 6-11, 2013.

**Be sure to mark your calendar now !**

## A Message from the ADG President

By Chris Sapp

### Decisions

Which way will you go? What path will you take? It's your call, and the impact of your choice can forever shape your life for better or worse. What is your decision?

Every day, life presents you a myriad of choices in all shapes and sizes. Some are relatively simple, what you want for breakfast, what you wear, or what you will watch on TV tonight. But, intermingle with these easy questions are real-life puzzlers. We encounter questions that demand answers, and sometimes we are unable or unwilling to conjure a definitive and confident response: Should I take that job, even if it means moving to a new city?; Can I make it if I try to start my own business?; Is this the person I'm supposed to be with for the rest of my life?; Is the time right to have kids?

### How to choose?

- **Consciously** - We cannot avoid making decisions. An inability to decide is itself a choice – one that relinquishes control of your life to other people or outside circumstances. The trouble is, you might not like what you end up getting, and by the time you know it, your alternative options may be slim, or nonexistent.
- **Informed** – Start by checking your information you have available. Does this really matter to you? Why? What is your motive? Answer those questions and then learn all you can about available options and all the necessary details.
- **Multi-Dimensionally** – With life's big & seemingly small decisions (and even some small ones), you need to get the big picture. What impact will this have on all parts of your life: work, relationships, health, spiritual growth, and personal interests?
- **Completely** – Commit to your decision one hundred percent and resisting the temptation to revisit.

### What to choose?

- **Easy over difficult** – Smart decisions should be easy, as long as you ask the right questions and start from a solid foundation. The right choice may be challenging. But the decision is easy.
- **Simple over complicated** – Get down to the basics. What is the real issue? Don't turn this into a mental obstacle course. Keep it simple.
- **Evidence over wishful thinking** – Past results and actions are real indicators of possible outcomes. Especially where people are concerned, the evidence of past behaviors is difficult to dispute or "wish away" in the hope for a different outcome tomorrow.
- **Positive over negative** – Every thought you have and each response you make is an opportunity to choose a positive or a negative path. Choose positive. Negative thoughts and actions always induce conflict, stress, and anxiety. Positive thoughts and actions empower you and enable positive results, every time. Be nice. Be inquisitive, not justifiably irritated.

### Decisions Done

- **Decide to decide.** Your most important choice is what you are thinking. Your next most important choice is what you will do next. Focus on just the next choice, and make it a good one.
- **Ask the right questions** of yourself and others. Get clear on what you believe and what is most important, and you'll find the "right answer" is clearly revealed.
- **Commit and "own" your choices.** If you make the decision and did it with the best information at the time of and with the best intentions, stand by it and keep moving forward.

## Why Alumni Matter: Reasons to be Involved

by Jamie Gordon, Kappa Chapter, Spring 1999

For many reasons, alumni tend to drift away from their chapters as they move into post-collegiate life and adulthood. Jobs, family and other obligations pile up, take our time and soon enough years have passed and we've lost contact. As Bill Phelan (Kappa '00), President of Capital City Alumni Association said in an interview for this article "Usually members will say 'Not this year, but definitely next year.' Unfortunately, that typically becomes what is said the following year and then years thereafter. Then alumni are so out of touch with the chapter that they usually feel there is no good time to go back and reconnect. So, on the behalf of your fellow alumni of every chapter, I'd like to extend the invitation to you: Welcome back, you've been missed and it'd be great to see you again. Come and see, see what your chapters have achieved, see what your fellow alumni are doing, come see old friends and new.

There are just as many reasons why "now" is always a great time to get involved. Most importantly, we are a lifelong brotherhood. Unlike many larger fraternities, our bonds of brotherhood actually extend past graduation. More than any fraternity to which friends of mine belong, ADGs remain close throughout the years. It's great to come back and just to see your brothers with whom you were active. It's just as important to reconnect for the benefit of the actives. As one of my fellow alumni, Alex Razzook, was telling the candidates during Homecoming, alumni return and like

to see that the fraternity has built upon the great works that were done during their time, always reaching higher and taking on new challenges; that to be a brother of Alpha Delta Gamma is to bring value to the fraternity, that challenge, and its' rewards, do not end at graduation. However, much like our brotherhood being for life, so is that responsibility. There are always ways in which alumni can contribute to the success of their chapters. Interestingly, the most important thing any alumnus can contribute is not money, but simply his time and involvement. Not a weighty contribution, but a valuable one! Be there, break bread, visit and have fun! Your actives want you around. To wit, the current president of Kappa. Frank Morrone, told me this when we discussed this article: "...with alumni, the actives have members to whom they can turn who have been through it all already." Finally, we are the greatest repository of talents and skills this fraternity has; everybody has a gift to contribute whether a lawyer, carpenter, social-media whiz, professional fundraiser or a chef. Every alumnus has in his possession abilities and talents that can make this fraternity stronger.

In closing, I'd like to go back to something else Frank said: "Alumni carry the oral tradition and history of the fraternity. If we didn't know who we were in the past than how can we know what we will be in the future?" Now that is something about which to think!

## Convention 2012

Just in case you hadn't heard yet, Xi Chapter will be hosting our next National Convention from August 7th to the 11th! We already have quite a few events planned that we think will make our Convention, centrally located in Louisville, Kentucky, a National Fraternity event you won't want to miss. For starters, we'll be staying at the new Louisville Marriott Downtown, a very highly-rated premier hotel overlooking downtown Louisville.

The list of events so far includes: a trip to the Louisville Slugger

Museum, followed by an evening watching the Bats play at Slugger Field in Downtown Louisville, the Frazier Historical Arms Museum, a tour of the beautiful, and newly-expanded campus of Bellarmine University, the Convention Awards Banquet in the Kentucky Room at the Louisville Marriott, and the Xi Chapter Bluegrass City Alumni Cookout, along with a golf scramble and ultimate frisbee tournament. We'll also be showcasing Louisville's booming nightlife at 4th Street Live! and Irish Hill.

The delegate fee will be discounted to \$125.00 for Brothers signing up by May 31st, 2012 (just around the corner!). This covers all the events, an official Convention t-shirt and a delegate gift. Your Brothers at Xi look forward to hosting you in the Bluegrass State, to celebrate our Brotherhood at the 81st Alpha Delta Gamma National Convention! Got Questions? The 2012 National Convention website is coming very soon, or you can email [adgconvention2012@gmail.com](mailto:adgconvention2012@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns!



Alpha Delta Gamma National Fraternity  
 National Convention 2012  
 Xi Chapter – Louisville, Kentucky  
 August 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
*Delegate Registration Form*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note\** Please list a permanent mailing address, no dorms please.

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alumnus/Active:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pledge Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office (If Applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bringing a guest?:**  Yes  No

**Guest's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegate Fee:**

*\*Note\** There will be a discounted delegate fee of \$125.00 for those paying by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Check all that apply:  **Early delegate fee (\$125.00)**  **Regular Delegate Fee (\$150.00)**

**Banquet only (\$80.00)**  **Guest Banquet (\$80.00)**

*\*Please Note\** If you need hotel accommodations in Louisville, Xi Chapter has negotiated a nightly rate of \$129.00 per night at the premier Louisville Marriott Downtown. We expect our room block to fill up quickly, so make sure to reserve yours soon while they are still available!

**MAKE PLANS NOW!!!!**

## A Christmas message from Brother Nick

I was watching T.V. the other night and a McDonald's commercial came on advertising the "Happy Meal" and the slogan was "Happiness and this is the box it comes in". Sometime after NCIS came back on, I thought about that slogan and how many levels of wrong it was.

The most obvious is the supposition that anything in a box can make us happy. Sure when we open gifts we can feel a certain amount of happiness in receiving, but what are we really happy about. Yes, the gift is nice, but aren't we really rejoicing about the love and thoughtfulness of the person who thought enough about us to give us the gift? Does a woman who gets an engagement ring from a man, no matter what the ring is like, rejoice over the proposal more than the ring? (I would hope so, if not the marriage is a problem from the beginning).

The holidays are much the same. We wrap up our feelings and emotions in the ribbons, lights and food hoping that the season will bring us happiness. But what happens when we've decorated the tree, lit the menorah, put out the lights, wrapped all the packages, sent all the cards and made our house look like Santa Clause threw up in it, and happiness just doesn't happen? What was missing? What went wrong?

I propose to you that the reason that the happiness did not come in the nice box we provided was because we focused on the wrong things. We focused on all the externals and left out the internals. We've left the real cause of joy out of the holiday, which is God.

God does not come in a box, God is not a thing to be brought out and displayed like a nativity set, God needs to be woven into our lives and the source of our true joy. The holidays are a particular time that we spend celebrating God's love and giving thanks for the wonders he has provided us. What better way to celebrate those gifts and to give thanks than with some of God's greatest gifts, that is one another.

We often celebrate with family and friends, some of us even take this time to do good works and provide for the poor and other service projects which is laudable. But just as we say Christmas is a state of mind, so should the works of charity that we take part in be made part of our daily lives as opposed to our holiday lives. Should we not have that sense of thankfulness and need to do good for others all through the year? Should we not reach out to our family and friends daily and not simply on the holidays? Should we not give thanks for our good gifts and put our gifts and talents to the service of others daily instead of only during this season?

We of ADG say we live by the principals of the 5 S's which are supposed to exemplify our philosophy of life and that which is supposed to shape and have shaped us as men. Although they seem to be separate, they are in fact and nature one in the same. The five S's are supposed to appreciate God's gifts to us, allow us to hone them for our personal good, but not to stop there, the five S's call us to be thankful and joyful in these gifts, realize from whence they came, (God) and knowing that we put them to use for ourselves and our families, also put our gifts at the service of others and the world. We all do this differently, some of us follow a religious vocation, some military, some professional, some artistic, with each of us following the path and using God's gifts in our own way.

So it is no fluke that so many of our religious traditions use the symbol of light for this time of year, we each are entrusted with a part of the universal light, that of God's love to us, and we have a choice, we can lock that light in the dark of a room, letting no one but us see it or make use of it. Or we can place the light on a hill top, feed it, make it grow, and share it's light and heat with the world while we also benefit from it, and my question to you is this, which of these is the path to true happiness and joy? Ebenezer Scrooge tried both ways, so did the Grinch, which brought them happiness?

This holiday season, I pray that each and every one of you find that true joy, and understand that it does not come from a box, no matter how pretty, but from allowing God into your lives, saying yes to His love into your lives and transforming you into the men and servants of Him we are meant to be. There is no greater joy, there is no greater gift, (not even a Jag) than God's love for us, NONE. It is from this gift that all other gifts flow.

Peace to you all my brothers during this loving season.

City Walled, Br. Nick.

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

Edward J. Boyle, Jr  
Epsilon, '55  
July 3, 1937 - August 31, 2011

Hampton B. Bourgeois, Jr.  
Epsilon, '55  
March 20, 1936 - August 9, 2011

John Castellano  
Kappa, '59  
May 19, 1938 - Nov. 10, 2011



Small group discussion led by Past National President, Art Taylor at the ADGEF retreat in Dallas, GA on November 5, 2011

### Engagements

It would appear that the Brothers of ZETA chapter have been blessed with love. The announcement of their recent engagements are as follows

Joey Kister (Spring 08) -  
Jessica Hahn  
(Past National Sweetheart)

Gabe Jones (Spring 08) -  
Sarah Farley

Reece Clark (Fall 09) -  
Katelyn Pirnie

### Active Quotes

"The colony at the University of Texas played host to brother Blackstock and the ADGEF seminar on tradition and building the flame. It was a privilege to host such an event and it was a big step in the growth of the colony. We would like to thank both Mike Blackstock for taking the time to visit and to ADGEF for putting on such informative seminars."

**Michael Yu**  
**Texas Colony**

Winning the ADGEF scholarship was certainly one of my proudest moments as a member of ADG. It was even more of an honor after spending a week meeting so many of our quality men from across the country. I'm also proud that ADGEF has made a commitment to helping brothers with their education, especially in a time of rising educational costs.

**Timothy J.Dulle, Zeta**  
**2011 ADGEF**  
**Scholarship Recipient**

ADGEF aides us in more than just a monetary way. It is the beacon that guides many of us to and after our day of graduation.

**Christopher Smith,**  
**Kappa**  
**2011 ADGEF Past**  
**Recipient Scholarship**  
**winner**



Pictured: XI Chapter winning Outstanding Chapter Award as presented by National President Chris Sapp and 2011 Mac Boland winner Rob Montenegro. Photo by David Tilden

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**NATIONAL AWARDS 2011**

National Sweetheart

Sarah Dever (Xi chapter)

Jelen-Schiro Convention Travel Award

XI CHAPTER

Benjamin Aranda III – Undergraduate Delegate Award

Hill Daniel (Alpha Epsilon chapter)

Wayne Palmer-Ball – Alumnus Delegate Award

Aaron Socrat (Kappa chapter)

Rev. Leo Foley Outstanding Educator of the year

K. D. Motes, Ph. D. (Zeta Chapter)

Fil Fuentes Charitable Activities Award

BETA CHAPTER

Campus Service Award

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Inter-Chapter Communications Award

XI CHAPTER and BETA CHAPTER

Outstanding Membership

KAPPA CHAPTER

Outstanding Membership Growth

KAPPA CHAPTER

Brother Anthony P. Smulders - Outstanding Chapter Moderator

Dr. Ian Patrick (Xi Chapter)

National President's Award – Active of the Year

Aaron Yocum (Xi Chapter)

National President's Award - Alumnus of the Year

William Phelan, IV (Kappa Chapter)

The Most Improved Chapter Award

PSI CHAPTER

Mac Boland Award - Alphas of the Year

Robert Montenegro (Lambda Chapter)

Most Outstanding Chapter Award

XI CHAPTER

ADGEF Scholarship

Tim Dulle (Zeta chapter) \$3000

Christopher Smith (Kappa chapter) \$1500 (Past Recipients)