

Alphadeltity

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Chapter Anniversaries

Beta Chapter Celebrates 85 Years of Brotherhood

By Al Schmidt, National Council Secretary

In 1927 the men of an organization known locally at Saint Louis University as Delta Theta, petitioned Alpha Delta Gamma for affiliation. On October 26th of that year, they were chartered and became the 2nd chapter of ADG, thus establishing it as a national fraternity. ADG is currently the longest standing fraternity on SLU's campus.

On the weekend of September 28th 2012, the Gateway City Alumni Chapter and Beta Chapter held events to commemorate this occasion. This weekend was also the homecoming of Saint Louis University, providing an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with not only their brothers, but also their alma mater. The weekend began with a reception at Jimmy and Andy's Bar and Grill in St. Louis. This establishment has been frequented by brothers and alumni for over 30 years. This location reflects the great history of ADG at SLU. It is believed to be one of the oldest bars in St. Louis, and it is rumored to have been Al Capone's establishment of choice when he would pass through town. At the reception, approximately 50 alumni were in attendance with a wide range of eras represented. Attendees included those who pledged in the 70's and extended to the most recent of alumni as well as members who are still active. Money was raised for the active chapter through a raffle for ADG and SLU apparel.

To further commemorate the 85th anniversary weekend, the active chapter held fundraising efforts for the National Philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity. The chapter decided to make this weekend their "Philanthropy Week," a tradition at SLU in which chapters host events in order raise money for their preferred charitable organizations. The capstone of the week was the "Greek Olympics" in which fraternities and sororities at SLU competed in various "Greek" themed events such as a Greek yogurt eating contest, a homerun derby using paddles instead of bats, and a relay race. Throughout the week, the actives held fundraising efforts including: selling "Greek Olympics" shirts, a profit share with a Greek food truck, and a raffle.

The week concluded with a golf outing at Forest Park Golf Course, a SLU tailgate and the homecoming soccer game. As part of the SLU homecoming celebrations, the chapter designed a golf cart to take part in the annual golf cart homecoming parade and won honorable mention. The weekend was a great opportunity for Beta Chapter alumni to reconnect and learn more about the chapter and its activities.

Here's to 85 years of brotherhood and many more to come!

Lamba Turns 60

Lambda's Chapter celebrated their 60th anniversary on December 1st at the Collins Center on campus. The official date of their anniversary was December 4, 1962.

You can read about the event at <http://alumni.lmu.edu/adg> or check out Lamba's great Flickr site for all the celebration pictures: <http://goo.gl/1u9Mz>.

The Alphadeltity will get a full report of all the fun and revelry for the next edition.

Chapter Eternal

Edward J. Derwinski,
Alpha

[http://
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
Ed_Derwinski](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_Derwinski)

Edward Burger, S.J,
Zeta Moderator

William Feldman, Rho

Lanny Holbrook, Rho

Chapter Notes

Epsilon

Andres Martinez, F '94, has moved to Fayetteville, AR to accept a position as Product Innovation Manager of Tyson Foods in Springdale Arkansas.

Mike Blackstock, S '95, and his wife Tara welcomed a baby boy, Colter Cash Blackstock, on November 15th.

Rho

Steve Evans F'05 and Katie Raverty, daughter of Rho Alum **Pat Raverty** were married.

Matt Beamer was re-elected to a second term as Union Township Trustee, Ohio. It is the second largest township in Ohio.

Chi

John Zanmiller, S '89, won re-election to his 5th consecutive term as West St Paul Mayor.

A Message from our National President

As I pen this from snowy New Hampshire it finds me cold, but optimistic. I feel that we are off to a solid start for the year. The chapters that we have visited have showed much promise, and the ones that we are yet to visit are sending good news consistently. We have new colonies, and new irons in the fire. Administratively we're trying to improve as a council. Most importantly we're trying to reach out to you and find new ways of becoming a better Alpha Delta Gamma.

Traveling is a huge perk of being a part of the council. This rings especially true for me, as travel is not only a chance to enjoy the much needed fellowship of my brothers, but also an opportunity to escape the tropical paradise of Dartmouth. This year I have been fortunate enough to visit Psi in Miami, Rho in Covington, Xi in Louisville, and Alpha Epsilon in LaGrange, GA. I was also blessed to see brothers from Xi, Psi, Kappa, Beta, and AE at the ADGEF Retreat in Dallas, Georgia. Lastly, I have had a chance to visit our colonies in Dallas and Austin.

Speaking of the colonies, Kevin Bal has been doing an amazing job in his role as the Vice President of External Affairs. Kevin traveled to Miami to give a seminar on behalf of ADGEF in September. Kevin has also traveled to Austin to give our UT Colony some extra motivation towards becoming our newest chapter. He has also pinned the Dallas Colony and a Colony at Briar Cliff. Currently, Kevin and his expansion directors Hill Daniel and Spence Kraft, are working on several new colony possibilities, including New York, Tennessee, Illinois, and Louisiana. They are doing such a wonderful job, that part of our focus at our mid-year board meeting will be to set a strategic time sensitive agenda for future expansion, and try to map out proper protocol.

Andrew Brothers is the raft that keeps our brotherhood afloat. His tireless work on how we can better collect dues and serve our brothers is inspiring. However, we are still looking on ways to collect more efficiently. Andrew made a visit to Rho chapter earlier in the year.

Brother Nick is developing ways to help chapters find spiritual moderators. He is also working with our chapters' current spiritual moderators to find ways to better serve our actives.

David Tilden is carrying on with the active chapter conference calls. Tilden has improved communications by having each call be focused on a pertinent fraternity need. David was present at the ADGEF retreat, and brought some bold flavors, as always.

Executive Vice President, Tyson Sandlin is mastering parliamentary procedure. As a result council meetings are running close to 25 minutes faster than on the previous four years. More efficient meetings make for a happier and more effective council.

Our new Student Rep, Aaron Dwyer also made the trek to the ADGEF Retreat. Aaron's shining accomplishments this term are a calendar and improved social media. Coming out of convention, our members were calling for improved social media and a fraternity wide calendar. Aaron is working with his directors of active social media and alumni social media Eric Budd; and Tyler Scroggs. These gentlemen have already surpassed last year's tweets, and are working hard to bring pertinent updates to different groups of ADG. This should also make for a more updated website that is better at disseminating news. The fraternity wide calendar will be a help to chapters or alumni looking to travel.

For my own part I do very little. I have an amazing Council, and a highly utilized Board of Directors. They make my job very easy. Please work with us to keep up our momentum! We encourage you to always send us ways to improve. If there is ever anything you need, I can always be reached at Crimsonmantis1924@gmail.com.

City Walled,

Matt Berkshire
National President

Sale of Alpha House

By Pat Coogan, Alpha Alum

As of October 10, 2012, the 88th anniversary of our founding, alumni of the Alpha Chapter led by Charlie Johnson (Fall 1992) and Dennis Huyck (Fall 1989) completed the sale of the Alpha Chapter House on North Shore Avenue in Chicago. The decision to sell was anything but easy, but it became a financial necessity as the chapter continues to sit out a university-mandated suspension. Alumni from every chapter certainly have fond memories of time spent at the House, and it will forever hold a special place in the hearts and minds of Alpha alums.

Yet, as brothers, we recognize that this chapter is much larger than a brick-and-mortar (and duct tape) structure. The house on North Shore has

been a part of our history for roughly 40 years, but the Alpha chapter is rapidly approaching it's 90th birthday. The Alpha alumni are committed to the next task at hand - reestablishing a thriving chapter on the Loyola campus. The proceeds of the sale will aid this effort, but the bonds of brotherhood that we all share will be the driving force that ensures we deliver. The chapter is slated to begin recruiting again in the Fall 2013 semester, and work is already underway to make certain that we hit the ground running. Repairing a damaged relationship with the university administration, and recruiting a class of young men of strong character to lead Alpha into the future are the primary objectives - part of a long term plan for sustained success and viability for this chapter.

Operation Endowment

By Mike Blackstock, ADGEF President

Over the past three years, the Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation has been on a marketing campaign to create awareness for our programs and opportunities for our actives. We started with a new website, LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. These efforts have helped us to connect with over 800 alumni in that time. Six new Alphadeltities have also been created since December, 2009. Current and past editions may be reviewed on the ADGEF website, www.ADGEF.com. Our final step is to host the 82nd National Convention in Nashville August 6 - 11, 2013. This will be the first time in the fraternity's history convention has been hosted by the Educational Foundation.

There have been thirteen ADGEF Educational Seminars around the country. Alumni in fields such as business, politics, education, the secret service and the military have made these seminars a success for each and every chapter. They have inspired us with their passion by relating their expertise to the actives based on current chapter struggles. In the past year, we have implemented the active/alumni mentor program. Actives hoping to follow a particular career path are connected with alumni who can offer advice, provide internships and introduce them to other professionals in their industry. ADGEF has also hosted a service project and overnight retreat each year in the fall. Over three hundred actives and alumni have participated thus far accumulating almost one thousand hours of community service. This year's retreat and service project took place in the north Georgia Mountains on October 20th.

All of these efforts have taken place while also offering record amounts of scholarships. This leads to the questions of how much more could we accomplish if we didn't have to worry about the scholarship anymore and how many more seminars could we host? Perhaps we could provide guest speakers at convention or even provide convention delegate scholarships? We want to assure that the educational foundation can continue to grow without any concern over the well being of the scholarship. Our goal is to have the scholarship endowed by raising \$100,000.00 before we get to Nashville next August. To succeed, we have set a goal for each chapter and built a team of alumni support to help coordinate on the local level. Please consider supporting our cause and urge others to do the same. Together, we can assure scholarships for worthy actives from around the country for years to come. Thank you, in advance, for your help in achieving our goal!

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Expansion News

By Kevin Bal, External Vice President

Our expansion efforts over the last few years have been amazing. We have brought on several new chapters including restarting our Theta chapter. Over the next few years, we can expect to have the number of active chapters continue to grow. Here is a quick overview of what we have currently in the works:

Our colony at the University of Texas at Austin is our oldest colony. They are a group that many people have expressed interest about over the last year. The members at UT are a very strong group that has accomplished every milestone and will look to complete the last of these goals during our next Convention in Nashville in the summer of 2013. We are very excited to have this group on a major campus as this shows that we do have the capability to expand to larger campuses. The gentlemen of UT have been working closely with Brother Mike Blackstock and Brother Robert "Dart" Thomas as well as Tyson Sandlin and Kevin Bal. We look for great things from our UT colony as we push towards chartering them in next year.

One of our newer colonies is at the University of Dallas. This group was colonized in the Fall 2012 by Matt Berkshire and Kevin Bal. We left Dallas knowing that we have a very strong group here as well. We pinned 11 members and since then, several more have joined the colony. Their membership is in the low 20's. We expect a few more candidates who have been studying abroad in Rome, Italy will be pinned in January as well. The mother chapter for this group is Zeta Chapter and they have been working very closely with the colony to establish the proper structure on how to handle day to day activities as well as instilling a good foundation so that the colony can prosper. We feel that this is a "powerhouse" in the making along with our UT colony.

Kevin Bal recently returned from Sioux City, Iowa where he installed a colony at Briar Cliff University. At the time of the colonization there were 5 members. Since then, three more candidates have joined the colony. This colony has the potential to grow and they are very dedicated to becoming Alpha Deltas. The possibilities are endless for this group as they are the only recognized social fraternity on campus and they are fully supported by the faculty and staff at Briar Cliff. They are a strong group which has already taken the initiative to start accumulating service hours.

Hill Daniel and Kevin Bal have worked on and sent in the application to recolonize our Epsilon Chapter at Loyola University in New Orleans. We are also working on sending in our application to recolonize our Gamma Chapter at Depaul University in Chicago, IL. Finally, we continue to work with the group from Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, TN to form a colony there.

Overall, I believe we have made great strides towards future expansion. The colonies we have now will only help strengthen our brotherhood for years to come. The future is very bright for Alpha Delta Gamma.



Our newest colonists from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa



ADGEF/ Alpha Epsilon Retreat 2012

By J.J. Martone, Alpha Epsilon Spring '08

Since 2007, ADGEF has hosted the Lagrange Alpha Deltas with an annual fall trip for a weekend of fraternal bonding in the North Georgia Mountains. The first part of the trip consists of community service at Chastain Park in Atlanta, Georgia. This year, we broke ground on an urban garden that will support the local community. The project also involved clearing the land of over growth, picking up trash and trimming trees and shrubs. After the service work, a convoy of vehicles traveled to Dallas, Georgia for the ADGEF/Alpha Epsilon retreat.

After about an hour and half drive, we arrived at Lake Pegamore. The thousands of acres that surround the lake belongs to Mike Blackstock and his family. Blackstock tells everyone that he has been camping and fishing on the land since he was a young boy and now shares that experience with brothers from all over the country. The scenery is quite beautiful with the changing colors of the leaves and the shoreline of the lake.

Forty three alumni, actives and candidates from all over the country attended this year's retreat. Seven of the participates were current/ past national executive councilmen that included National President Matt Berkshire, Executive Vice President Tyson Sandlin, Vice President of Internal Affairs David Tilden, Vice President of External Affairs Kevin Bal, National Student Representative Aaron Dwyer, and two Past National Presidents Art Taylor and Mike Blackstock. The chapters represented at this year's retreat include Beta, Epsilon, Kappa, Xi, Psi, and Alpha Epsilon.

Upon arrival, we set up camp for the night followed by the annual skeet shooting over the lake. This has been a highlight of the retreat every year and has become quite competitive between the brothers. The next activity is group discussions. We are divided up into groups consisting of a past or present national council member or a brother who has been to retreat before, as well as alumni, actives, and candidates from each chapter that is represented. In these groups, we discuss different ideas and issues such as fundraising, brother bonding, candidate education, problems within a chapter, and the strengths and weaknesses that brothers and candidates see in their chapters. I cannot express enough how helpful this event is to members of each chapter. Each year, every chapter has used an idea from another chapter to better their own. Not only is there a discussion of issues and ideas, but it also helps everyone get to know each one of the members of the group.

Once those are complete, the camp fire is built, people go fishing, and dinner preparation gets underway. The meal of choice is called a silver turtle but you can bring and cook whatever you want (if you don't know what a silver turtle is, you should come to next year's retreat and find out). Samuel Khan of Psi chapter always puts on a cooking display with his annual rib feast over the open fire. Everyone sits around the fire, eats, and tells stories of the college life.



Service Project Participants

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Late night leads us to a very powerful and humbling event known as Circle of Friends. To all of the active brothers who have not been, if you want to sell to the candidates on what ADG is all about, this is the event. To find out what we do, you must come to retreat but this truly molds the candidates and brothers into a life long bond. In short, this event shows what being a brother of Alpha Delta Gamma is all about. You can just tell after the event how much the candidates want to be a part of the brotherhood. I have personally heard many candidates from the different chapters say that they could not wait to be brothers and will do whatever it takes to become one.

For the rest of the night, everyone sits around the fire underneath the night sky and the stars where we sing songs, chant, and continue to tell stories. As it continues to get late, guys slowly continue to head to their tents for some sleep in preparation for the trips back home the next day. In the morning we close out retreat by putting out the camp fire and reciting our national prayer.

Why you should go!

- Who doesn't like camping?
- You get to shoot guns
- Meet guys from different states and chapters (networking)
- Selling the brotherhood to your chapter's candidates
- Sharing your crazy college stories

Special Thanks to Mike Blackstock for allowing us to have retreat on his family's land every year. Big thanks to the guys who traveled long distances (Beta, Kappa, Xi, and Psi). Also, Thanks to Kevin Bal for letting guys crash at his place the night before retreat.

What will happen next year? Come and find out!



ADGEF retreat 2012 attendees

2012 Convention Awards—Louisville, Ky (August 12, 2012)

Individual Awards

The Mac Boland Award; Alphadelt of the Year	Frank Morrone, Kappa Chapter Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
National President's Award; Active of the Year	Brian Golka, Zeta Chapter Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO
National President's Award; Alumnus-of-the Year	Derrick Cabrera, Beta Chapter St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Presidential Citation	Thomas Andres, Beta Chapter St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Presidential Citation	Robert Thomas, Epsilon Chapter Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
Presidential Citation	Dr. Ian Patrick, Xi Chapter Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY
Br Anthony P. Smulders Outstanding Chapter Moderator Award	Dr. Mindy Walker; Zeta Chapter, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO
Rev. Leo Foley Outstanding Educator of the Year	Matthew Beverlin, PhD; Zeta Chapter Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO
Outstanding Chapter Ombudsman Award	Bernie Sandalow, Lambda Chapter Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles, CA

Chapter Awards

Most Outstanding Chapter	Zeta Chapter, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO
Most Improved Chapter	Lambda Chapter, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
Inter-Chapter Communications Award (2)	Zeta Chapter, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO & Beta Chapter, St Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Campus Service Award	Kappa Chapter, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
Fil Fuentes Charitable Activities Award	Beta Chapter, St Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Outstanding Membership Chapter of the Year Award	Lambda Chapter, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
Outstanding Growth Chapter of the Year Award	Lambda Chapter, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
Rev. A.J. Kelly, S.J. Scholastic Memorial Award	Zeta Chapter, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO

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Spring Conference

Feb 22 - 24, 2013

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Riverfront in Covington, KY - \$99 per night for quad occupancy (total about \$220.38 with tax & all fees for both nights).

Go to www.holidayinn.com/cvg-riverfront and use group code 'ADG'.

Or call 1-888-HOLIDAY; refer to the hotel in Covington, KY and the 'Alpha Delta Gamma group' or group code 'ADG'.

Going to have meetings at TMC, & a special sporting event at the Cincinnati Cyclones.

"Past National President Chris Sapp is working hard to plan a phenomenal conference in Cincinnati. Thus far it appears that the main worries of the active body are revolving around Hofbrauhaus and Chili, but Sapper is diligently planning great programming and convenient lodgings. Stay posted for more news." Matt Berkshire

Convention Awards

Jelen-Schiro
Convention Travel Award

The Benjamin Aranda, III
Award – Convention, Active

The Wayne S. Palmer-Ball
Award – Convention,
Alumnus

Beta Chapter, St Louis University, St. Louis, MO

Spence Kraft, Xi Chapter
Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY

Christopher Smith, Kappa Chapter
Catholic University of America,
Washington, DC

Active Quotes

"It has been an amazing and humbling experience to be the ADGEF Scholarship recipient for 2012. Not only am I the first member of my chapter in 23 years to receive this honor, but it shows me that my fraternity believes in me as much as I believe in it. These funds ensure that I will be able to successfully complete another year of college and come that much closer to giving back to my community."

Anthony Pico, Lambda Chapter
2012 ADGEF Scholarship winner

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