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COVER ARTICLE

Chartering Gamma Upsilon

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Brothers,

I had the great opportunity to present the charter to our Gamma Upsilon Chapter recently. Chartering events are always a highlight for the Fraternity. As I addressed them I shared a story I would like to share with you.

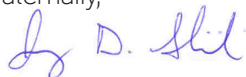
My grandfather worked for the railroad in Northern Virginia over a half century ago. His primary tool for his job was his pocket watch. That pocket watch now sits in a glass case on my oldest son's bedroom dresser. As I look at it, I find it amazing how different it is to the Apple Watch I wear on my wrist. They obviously look different and I can use my watch to do a number of different things that his pocket watch couldn't. Despite the differences though their core purpose is the same...to tell time. That in itself has not changed.

Fraternity is very much like those two watches. It looks completely different today than it did over a half century ago. We have different activities, policies and living conditions. Many issues the students face today were not the same as over 50 years ago. Just like those watches though the core purpose of Fraternity is still the same. It develops ***Men of Character Committed to Making a Difference*** based on our Five Ideals. I think this is sometimes lost by our alumni, including me. We sometimes think that because the new member process looks different or because the housing situation is different than when we were undergraduates that the meaning/purpose has changed. We assume that a member and his experience at a small chapter isn't the same as one from a large chapter. We assume the name of the school dictates the caliber of members and experience. We have to be careful not to accept those assumptions though. Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University is an example of how their experience today reflects our over 100 year purpose. You have the opportunity to read more about this later in this newsletter.

I will end my remarks with sharing the charge and reminder I shared at Gamma Upsilon's chartering. Fraternity is about our Ideals. We cannot be the reason a student drops out of school due to bad grades. We cannot settle for being average on our campuses. We cannot put a man's life at risk via our activities. We cannot treat others any less than we would treat ourselves. We know alcohol, hazing and sexual assault are big issues on campuses. We cannot amplify those issues. Instead we must combat those issues. We must strive to make a difference every day. That has been our purpose for over 100 years and that continues to be our purpose no matter what Alpha Kappa Lambda looks like today. The men that understand that are the men that are truly Alpha Kappa Lambda. You aren't a member just because you wear the letters on your chest, you are one because you wear them on your heart.



Fraternally,



Jeremy Slivinski,
Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Executive Director



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Saginaw Valley State University



"Having fulfilled all requirements, a charter is today being granted to the Saginaw Valley State University Colony," proclaimed Jeremy Slivinski, Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda Executive Director, "whereupon they will become the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda."

Eighteen members were initiated on Friday, March 16th, 2018 at Saginaw Valley State University. Headquarters Staff were assisted by Gamma Upsilon officers initiated at this year's Presidents' Academy and representatives from our Gamma Iota Chapter at Eastern Michigan University to perform the Initiation Ceremony.

"It was an honor to help initiate the rest of the chapter," said Gamma Upsilon President Gabe Kasper. "As a colony, we were able to grow a very tight bond with each other that I'm sure will last a lifetime. It was amazing to see them take that next step in our brotherhood." "Performing Ritual was unique," said

Gamma Iota Chapter President Chris Beauchene. "Normally when we perform Ritual we know every man there. Just as I trust my brothers when offering bids, I trust my brothers from other chapters. I took pride in being to a part of this new chapter's history."

For a first time Ritual experience, Dylan Langlois, Vice President, said "I honestly expected much less than what happened. When Ritual was happening it had a dark undertone that soon lead to a bright future my brothers. Ritual allowed for me to think much deeper than I originally expected."

The following celebratory banquet included a keynote sent by Don Enstrom, AKL National President. Bryan Crainer, Associate Dean for Student Life and Leadership Programs, spoke about the chapter's significance on campus. Sandy Haddad, Fraternity and Sorority Life Coordinator, said "The men of AKL are scholars and leaders here at SVSU," said Sandy.

"They have achieved numerous things over the past year such as excelling in homecoming competitions, hosting the Glo-Hard party during Welcome Weekend and getting first place in Greek Week."

As the largest chapter on campus, and the first chartered in a decade, Gamma Upsilon boasts the top GPA of all Greek organizations.

After the presentation of the charter, 22 men signed it into action. "When I stepped up to the charter, I honestly had to pause for a minute, take a deep breathe, and really look at it," recalled Gabe. "Knowing that our signature on that paper means that we become part of AKL history and we will have a lasting impact in this campus and community for generations to come."

As a guest, Gamma Iota's Chris saw the spirit of the Chartering Ceremony as "Excitement and reward. Our new brothers were thrilled, overwhelmed, and overall a sense, especially from

older brothers, that this was the focal point of years of concentrated effort."

"Never give up hope," advised Chris. "Never forget to be proud of being part of AKL. And never forget we are Men of Character above all else." Another Gamma Iota brother, Denzel Moten, said "You are a part of an organization that will support you as long as you put the organization high in your life."

"The development of the chapter is in your hands," concluded the ceremony. When asked what's next for Gamma Upsilon, Gabe said "success."

"I believe our groundwork will continue to make an impact on SVSU's campus and community. In the near future, we are preparing for different service and philanthropy projects like a prom for senior citizens, animal shelter work, and These Hands Don't Hurt. We are also looking forward to our Formal in April as well as SVSU's Student Life Awards because the chapter was nominated for multiple awards."

GAMMA UPSILON



(Top Left) Gamma Upsilon Brothers after Ritual.

(Bottom Left) Jeremy Slivinski spoke during the Chartering Banquet about Fraternity history.

(Bottom Right) Jeremy Slivinski presents the signed charter to Gabe Kasper, Chapter President. "It all came to me at that exact moment," said Gabe. "It's incredible to know that 3 years of hard work has paid off now so that many more years can prosper through AKL."



UNDERGRADUATE SPOTLIGHTS

Dylan Gates & Ben Rayborn



Dylan Gates (above), Gamma Alpha at the University of Missouri, presented two class projects simultaneously at Mizzou's Textile Apparel Management (TAM) program's Advisory Board Student Showcase.

"For both of the projects we were the only ones selected from the classes to present at this event," said Dylan.

For his Soft Goods Quality Evaluation class, Dylan researched the traceability of American Eagle Outfitters' supply chain as well as their corporate social responsibility report.

The other project came from his Soft Goods Branding and Promotion class. Creating a re-branding for the TAM program, Dylan presented a three pillar focus on students, alumni, and research. Along with this focus he developed a completely new logo and a website layout prototype in the hopes of increasing and publicizing alumni engagement.

"I think that its a real testament to putting in work in a program you really care about. My work paid off because I was able to showcase my work to executives all over the industry."

Ben Rayborn (below), Psi at Iowa State University, presented at the Pittsburgh Analytical Chemistry Conference (Pittcon) in Orlando, Florida. His poster focused on his research involving continuous microfluidic blood separation.

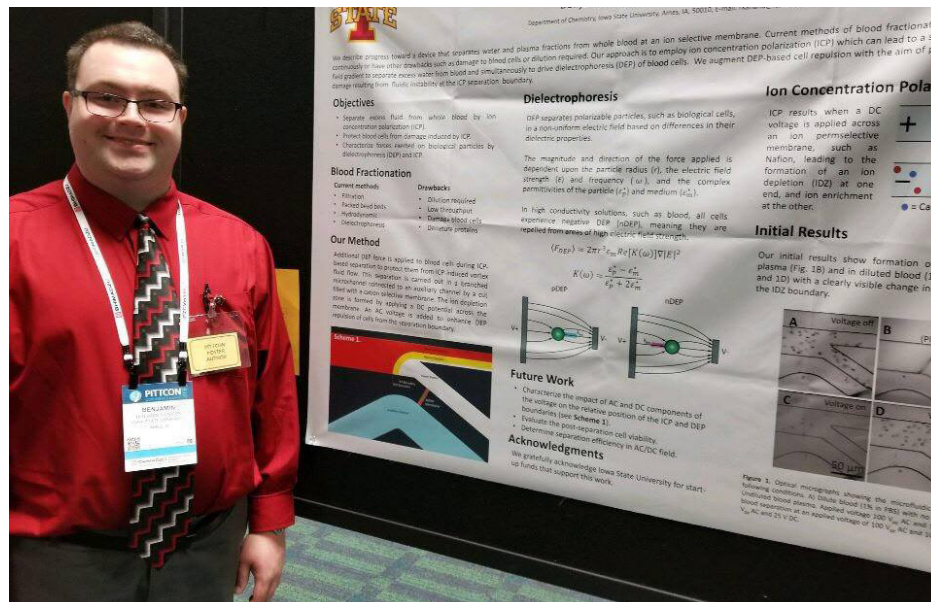
"This work is going to be the first stage of a new form of dialysis," said Ben. "The motivation is to create a device for kidney disease patients to wear around the clock under their shirt rather than going to a clinic 3 times a week for 3 hours."

In addition to attending presentations, such as one from a postdoc of the Whitesides group at Harvard, Ben's biggest takeaway was to use the opportunity to ask questions.

"This is the largest analytical chemistry conference and most of the big names in analytical instrumentation and lab suppliers were there. They are all highly motivated to help you, because they know their competitor is a 30 second walk away."

When Ben met some active brothers in his first general chemistry lab, he never thought he'd join a fraternity. It was two years later when they formed a study group, the chem squad, that Ben learned more about the fraternity.

"My brothers are always encouraging and willing to listen, and the chem squad has continued to be helpful listening and asking questions about the research side of my studies."



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

2018 HuskyTHON

Gamma Pi at University of Connecticut

"Seeing the impact of the money we raised highlighted the impact and roles we as fraternity men can have on the lives of other people."

- Will Murtagh, Chapter President

HuskyTHON, the University of Connecticut's flagship philanthropy event, is an 18 hour annual dance marathon benefiting the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. The 2018 event marked Alpha Kappa Lambda's fourth time participating and by far the chapter's best showing.

Each team is assigned a child who receives care from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Alpha Kappa Lambda's child representative, Gavin, has been receiving treatment and care from CCMC since he was born. "Meeting our child representative resonated with our brothers the impact that HuskyTHON has on these kids and their families," said Chapter President Will Murtagh. "Seeing the impact of the money we raised for these families and these unbelievably courageous children highlighted the impact and roles we as fraternity men can have on the lives of other people."

The chapter's executive board planned an initiative to play a larger role in this year's HuskyTHON. "This

meant stressing the importance of HuskyTHON and the impact it has on the children and families who receive care at the medical center," said Will, "as well as hosting numerous fundraising events to raise more money for our team."

Fundraising events included late nights at the chapter's Husky Village House. These late nights included the sale of food and snacks where all profits were donated to their HuskyTHON team. They also hosted the Alpha Kappa

Slambda basketball tournament. The tournament itself raised almost \$1000 for the team.

Will recognized certain members for their diligent work. "All the fundraising events were coordinated by Ashwin Karakal, our chapter philanthropy chairman. I would also like to give a lot of credit to two brothers, Joe Schiro and Kristian Schif who did a great job organizing our team as they were our Dancer Representatives who relayed all the important information between

our team and the Management team of HuskyTHON."

Alpha Kappa Lambda's team this year consisted of 55 brothers. After raising \$3,500 the year before with only 25 team members, the chapter set their goal to \$7,500 this year. After surpassing this goal relatively quickly, the chapter raised their standards setting their sights on \$10,000. The final amount raised was only shy of their second goal with over \$9,000.

As a university, the over 2000 students who participated in the dance marathon raised \$1,021,485.37 for Connecticut Children's Medical Center, making HuskyTHON 2018 the highest fundraising event for Connecticut Children's. The money raised this year is unrestricted, which means the Medical Center will be able to use it where they need it most, but it will ensure that they will be able to continue the highest quality of care and life-saving research to the children in need. Congratulations Gamma Pi!



William “Bill” Bauer

Sigma Chapter at Central Missouri University

This month, InsideAKL caught up with Bill Bauer, Sigma alum from Central Missouri University and now Chapter Advisor for the Alpha Beta Colony at the University of Arizona.

Tell us about your experience as an undergraduate member of Sigma at Central Missouri?

“I had this Anthropology class. An AKL brother and I sat next to each other only by fate. We talked socially to one another. One day he invited me to steak night at the AKL Fraternity house. There I met a few of the other AKL members and felt welcomed. Attended a few AKL activities and decided to pledge. Turns out there was another guy (Chris Hanson) in my pledge class who also had the same major as I had.”

“AKL was lots of fun. Guys from different backgrounds and interests. Always something going on. Intramural sports, parties, Formals, etc. The Fraternity house had a living room area where the guys would sit around

and talk “smack” to each other. It took me awhile to catch on. Had to be quick witted to survive and keep up. At the end of every year, AKL had a slide show with music to commemorate the past year. The guys that put it on had the knack for making on a great show. Lots of photos and great memories, very emotional. You bond with these guys and they become like family.”

Did you hold any leadership positions in the chapter or in campus/community organizations?

“Yes, I was the Judicial Chairman in AKL for at least one semester before I transferred. I remember one night someone rolled a car tire down the three story stairwell. Never got anyone to fess up to that prank. Otherwise, the men of AKL were well behaved. Minimal fines going out.”

Can you tell us more about your educational background?

“I was on a 3/2 Engineering program. Meaning three years at CMSU

(now UCM) and two years at either Missouri University, University of Missouri-Rolla, Kansas University, or Kansas State. I chose Rolla and so did Chris Hanson, my pledge brother. We ended up being roommates at Rolla. CMSU did not have an Engineering program. It turns out there were also a couple of Actives in the 3/2 program too. So we obviously clicked together.”

“I have a BS in Electrical Engineering from UMR (now called Missouri University of Science & Technology) and a BA in Physics from CMSU (now called UMC). I also got my private pilots license while at Rolla. I came close to having my Masters EE degree, but never finished the thesis.”

How did your career path lead you to your current position.

“I learned a niche subject called Telemetry. Everything that flies transmits telemetry. I also chose the Technical career path as opposed to Management. Once you become a Manager instead of an Engineer, you

become obsolete. People seek me out for my expertise. I love helping others solve problems. Ever since I was in Junior High School, I knew I wanted to be an Engineer. My Dad (an Accountant) also encouraged me to pursue Engineering.”

“After graduating from Rolla, I went to work for the Bendix Corp. Bendix was a DOE contractor. You needed a Security Clearance to work there. Consequently, other than the name of the department, they couldn't tell me what I was going to do. I picked the Telemetry job. Sometimes life is blind luck. This was mostly a Production job. Well Production gets old after a while.”

“One day one of the other Engineers requested a job transfer to the Test Equipment Design department, so I did too. Being a Design Engineer seemed more useful for my brain. Designing is inventing. I loved the work but very demanding.”

“I found a job with Rockwell International
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from an ad in the LA Times. Rockwell had just won this huge contract to design and build the electrical power system for the International Space station. Said goodbye to my family in Kansas City and move to LA. This job had nothing to do with telemetry but was challenging. We created an organization from nothing.”

“Around 8 years of working ISS, my boss ask if anyone knew anything about telemetry. Next thing I knew, I was working on this new anti-ballistic missile program called Standard Missile-3. At this time Boeing (Boeing purchased Rockwell in 1995) was a subcontractor to Raytheon. That was 1996. I’m still on that program, however, we have evolved four generations. I have been supporting Flight Test since 2002.”

“Around 2005, I took an offer from Raytheon and moved to Tucson, AZ. I had moved up the food chain, but still two steps from being an Engineering Fellow. The best things in life are not necessarily planned. I remember being out in Kauai for one of the early flight tests. I didn’t have a specific roll, but my mentor Pat Buckley said to sit in this chair and not get up. I have

now sat in that “chair” so to speak for 16 years. I’ll probably take a more important leadership position before I retire, which means leaving my comfort zone.”

What skills and experiences from your time as an undergraduate have helped you as a professional?

“The Physics department at CMSU was small so all the professors knew who I was and my abilities. Same thing applies in your professional life. The immediate people around you need to know who you are and what you are capable of.”

“A small company allows you to take on more responsibility. But you can’t hide when the hammer falls. At a large company you can get lost and become an unknown. So you have to make yourself visible.”

“Most undergraduates at some point end up studying together with other classmates. The original cloud sourcing. Together you can solve anything. The same thing applies in your professional life. Today it’s called Diversity. And you can hedge your bet by hanging around smart people.”



Bill with his family hiking the Sabino Canyon in Tucson, Arizona.

Bill, please tell us about your family life. Any children in college?

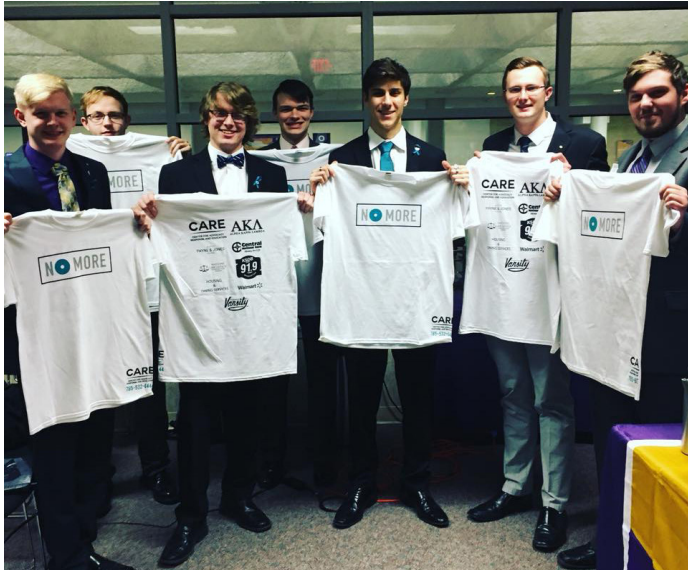
“I’ve been married now for 22 years to my second wife, April. We have twin daughters, Kacie and Rebecca, who started college as Freshman this past Fall. They ended up going to rival schools. Rebecca attends Arizona State University and Kacie at the University of Arizona. April and I met while working for Rockwell International in Canoga Park, CA supporting the International Space Station electrical power system. April was Business Finance and I was an Electrical Engineer.”

Any Advice for our members?

“Work hard. Make stuff happen. Get along with others. Be a Team player. Find a Mentor. Networking is very important, other people need to know who you are and your abilities. Be ethical and apply your personal warranty. Once onboard, be a sponge. Soak up everything you can. Don’t sit still, once you become comfortable you stagnate.”

Thank you to Bill for taking his time to share his experiences with us! If you’d like to see an alum featured in the future, contact us at info@akl.org

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



(Far Left) Members of our Iota Chapter at Kansas State University supporting the campus' philanthropy program "No More Campaign" by raising awareness for sexual and domestic violence.



(Left) Gamma Pi chapter members taking advantage of a snow day at the University of Connecticut with some snow football.

(Right) Brothers from Psi Chapter at Iowa State University exploring Devils Tower, Wyoming.



(Far Right) Alpha Beta Colony members at the University of Arizona participated in Alpha Delta Pi's philanthropy event "Diamond Series."



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



(Left) Beta Tau Chapter at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville was awarded “Chapter of the Year” as well as the “5-Star Accreditation with Distinction Award” from the University. Kyle Kinder, individually, received recognition as “New Member of the Year.”

(Right) Alpha Zeta Chapter at Northwest Missouri State University participated in a “End Distracted Driving” presentation on campus.



Sober Monitors

With the weather warming up and more social events taking place, here are a few protocol tips for chapters to run an efficient Sober Monitor Program.

Expectations of a Sober Monitor Program

- Monitors are not to consume alcohol for a reasonable amount of time prior to and during the social event
- One monitor for every 15 guests is recommended
- One sober student officer for each event is recommended
- If the event is co-sponsored between a sorority and fraternity, both male and female monitors may be used, with all standards applied equally
- Monitors should be older members of all participating organizations who will serve as general monitors or service monitors at the service distribution center
- New members should not be serving as monitors
- Monitors should meet with the Risk Manager/Social Chairman before the event begins to discuss responsibilities and stations for the event
- Specialty clothing should be worn by the sober monitors to set them apart from the rest of the attendees (ex highly visible t-shirts or jackets)
- The Chapter President, Risk Management Chairman, and Social Chairman should limit their use of alcohol (if consuming at all and if of legal drinking age) during social events so they can, along with the monitors, ensure that a safe social environment is maintained

Sober Monitor Stations

- There should be a sober monitor at every exit/entrance to the building
- There should be a minimum of two sober monitors at the main entrance of the event (and there should only be one entrance for the event)
- There should be a sober monitor stationed at any part of the house/venue that is restricted to members and guests
- There should be monitors walking around the event
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Responsibilities of Sober Monitors

- Sober Monitors at the entry of the event are responsible for checking identification cards and guest list upon entry to the event
- There should be system for identifying members and guests who are over the legal drinking age (i.e. 21+ years old)
- All monitors must fully understand emergency protocol. If an emergency situation arises, the monitor should be able to call 911 if appropriate and ask for assistance in ending the social function and have guests leave the party
- Monitors should be prepared to exercise their right to deny access to the event to anyone who they think is already impaired by alcohol or other drugs or wearing offensive costumes, even if the person is on the invitation list
- Monitors should ask members/guests to leave if they become too intoxicated and behave inappropriately. If they are uncooperative, call the police
- Monitors should respond to any disruptions that take place at the event
- Monitors should be prepared to notify hired security (if applicable) if they see a situation that requires attention
- Monitors should prevent guests from leaving with alcohol
- Monitors should be prepared to find alternate transportation home for impaired guests (cab is preferred)

Thing to Consider

- How will the monitors and officer be selected for each social event? Rotation, volunteer, etc.?
- How many monitors will you have for the event?
- What specialty clothing will monitors and the sober officer wear?
- Which officer is responsible for meeting monitors and review responsibilities prior to the event?
- What are the specific responsibilities for the monitors and officers?

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