



# AIK SIDE

April & May  
2020



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brothers,

I find myself repeating that we are living in an unprecedented period in the history of our Fraternity. In a very rare situation we are having to cancel our 2020 National Conclave. We provide more details why further in this newsletter but please understand it was an extremely difficult decision.

In an effort to update our database a company called PCI has been reaching out to our members via postcards and email. We have received a number of questions regarding this process. The most important message is, "yes this is a legitimate activity." This program is fully funded by PCI which is why they want you to buy a directory and memorabilia after you have provided your information. Your participation benefits the Fraternity greatly and saves us a significant amount of time and money. I hope you consider participating.

Finally I encourage you during these times to reach out to an old Fraternity Brother. Check on how they are doing. Reconnect with those you have lost touch with over the years. Now is a great time to realize the Fraternity bonds we built as undergraduates.



Fraternally,



Jeremy Slivinski,  
Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Executive Director



## WHO WE ARE

InsideAKL is a monthly, educational publication by the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, for undergraduates and alumni. Brothers and friends are encouraged to submit news, articles and photographs of chapter events, philanthropy and service projects, as well as other notable achievements. Correspondence can be submitted using the link below.

[Online Event/Article Submission Form](#)

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Active Chapters & Colonies: 30+

Undergraduates: 1,000+

Alumni: 26,000+

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# *National Conclaves 2022 & 2024*

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

## CANCELLATION & RESCHEDULING

The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda has come to the decision to officially cancel the 2020 National Conclave. In return for canceling with a minimum penalty, we have rescheduled to use the same property, The Williamsburg Lodge, in 2022 and 2024. The dates are July 27 – 31, 2022, and July 31 – August 4, 2024.

- This decision is based on the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and concerns regarding; the health and safety of those wishing to attend, meeting size guidelines, travel restrictions, and the financial difficulties chapters are facing.
- The Biennial Business Meeting will be held in a new format with details to come soon. This includes the NEC Nominations process.
- National Awards recipients will be announced at the beginning of August and local ceremonies will occur over the fall semester. Nomination packets will be available starting in June.
- For all chapters, the Fraternity will process a \$700 credit to your OmegaFi BillPay accounts on July 1, 2020.
- The Fraternity will immediately process refunds for alumni members who have registered and paid.
- For any member that has already made a reservation with the hotel, the hotel is automatically canceling those reservations. Please contact the hotel directly if you do not see your room canceled.



*National Conclaves 2022*

**JULY 27 – 31, 2022**

*National Conclaves 2024*

**JULY 31 – AUGUST 4, 2024**

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY

# These Hands Don't Hurt

## Alpha Kappa Lambda Supports Sexual Assault Awareness Month

*Even before its official declaration,* Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) was about both awareness and prevention of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. Looking at the history of the movement to end sexual violence, it's clear why.

It's impossible to prevent an issue no one knows about, and it's difficult to make people aware of a problem without providing a solution. The two work in tandem, and they always have. From the civil rights movement to the founding of the first rape crisis centers to national legislation and beyond, the roots of SAAM run deep.

Alpha Kappa Lambda recognizes that sexual assault is a serious problem on college campuses and believes that it can be fought through education, service, and philanthropic projects.

The first These Hands Don't Hurt event was held in the mid 90's at the Beta Zeta Chapter at East Tennessee State. The event was quickly adopted by the National Fraternity and was

officially established as AKL's National Philanthropy in 1996. Since then, chapters have tailored the event to their campuses and communities, finding creative ways to offer support. The hallmark of These Hands Don't Hurt is the "Promise Wall."

While a Promise Wall can take many physical forms, the fundamental idea of the Promise Wall is that advocates take the pledge against domestic violence and sexual assault by pledging their hands will not be used to harm another.

Advocates can take the pledge and physically add their "hand" to the Promise Wall in a number of ways. Paper hands can be traced and cut out prior, where advocates add their signature or words of support before attaching to the wall. If your campus allows washable paint, hands can be painted and stamped onto the Promise Wall. Pro-tip: have latex gloves and wet wipes on hand for easier clean-up.

A Promise Wall should be displayed on campus or in the community. It can



be part of an existing structure such as a wall or window in a public building on campus. Or a free-standing wall constructed by the chapter with materials like ply-board. Other options include banners, posters, or tri-folds that are transported easier.

In addition to a Promise Wall, chapters should focus on awareness, volunteering, and donating funds.

Chapters should include education with their Promise Wall by having literature/resources available. It's not always about raising the funds for a big check but starting the conversation and having correct information to share. Spread the word, encourage others to take the pledge.

Service events can be done by volunteering at a shelter, hotline, or other organization that needs hands-

on assistance. Contact your campus health/wellness center to see if they have any upcoming events they need volunteers for. It may not always be the most glamorous role, but they need assistance in promoting, setting up, and running events.

While service is about donating your time, philanthropy is about raising funds. Donations can be collected in exchange for adding a handprint to the Promise Wall or as an optional contribution to their participation. Or partner with a local business to start a fundraiser. Be transparent with where money collected will be donated. Contact the organization you intend to donate to and invite a speaker or representative to your event.

These Hands Don't Hurt does not end with April. Continue to support survivors and give back all year long.





January 25th, 2020

In late January, Gamma Gamma Chapter at Rutgers University raised over \$200 for Rutgers University's Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance with their Promise Wall.



During the colder month of February, Alpha Phi Chapter at the University of Idaho hosted "Alpha Kappaccino," a coffee bar and Promise Wall on campus.

Proceeds were donated to "Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse" which supports survivors of domestic abuse.



February 14th, 2020





Gamma Omicron Chapter at Dalton State College hosted their Promise Wall this past February, encouraging student to take the pledge to end domestic violence.

February 19th, 2020





February 19th, 2020

Gamma Omicron Chapter used disposable latex gloves when doing paint handprints. Make cleanup easy so more people are willing to participate.





## FRATERNITY NEWS

# National Award Nominations

*Alpha Kappa Lambda national award nominations can now be submitted online!*

There are both chapter and individual member awards that recognize the hard work of our brothers. Including the Fraternity's highest award, the Founders' Cup, granted to the highest achieving chapter. All nominations must be submitted [here](#) prior to August 1st and will be announced by the end of August 2020.

### *Chapter Awards*

#### **Founders' Cup Award**

For outstanding performance in all categories, this prestigious award is presented to the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda's most outstanding chapter in all areas of performance. Consideration of recruitment performance, financial management, campus leadership, risk management, scholarship, and community service are but a few of the areas examined in determining the recipient of AKL's highest award.

#### **Outstanding Campus Activity Award**

This award is presented to the chapter which exemplifies outstanding involvement and activity on campus. Possible examples include campus service projects, musical/theatrical productions, university ambassadors, and other projects which are consistent with the objectives of the Fraternity and the particular host institution where the chapter is located.

#### **Outstanding Community Service Award**

The award is in recognition of quality, interactive philanthropic programming with the community. This includes both hands-on service and any funds raised. Chapters which illustrate concern for the promotion of human welfare and the surrounding community are eligible for this award.



### *Individual Awards*

#### **Clarence E. Brehm Leadership Award**

Created in 1982 in honor of Clarence E. Brehm (Iota '32). This award is presented to the individual collegiate member who has illustrated superior abilities in leadership. This award is based both on performance within the Fraternity, and participation in campus activities.

#### **Holmes Award**

Established in 1954, this award is named in honor of Brothers Fred Gooding Holmes (Alpha '15) and Fred Weber Holmes (Alpha '38). Each chapter may nominate one senior or recently graduated member for this honor. The member must have graduated within the last six months. It is presented to the member considered to be the Fraternity's "most outstanding undergraduate member."

#### **Henry T. Moon Outstanding Advisor Award**

Renamed in 2015 after Henry T. Moon (Tau '57) long time advisor to Tau Chapter at Penn. State. This award is given to the individual who consistently fulfills and goes beyond all obligations and duties required of a chapter advisor. This award was originally created to recognize volunteers who rise above the call of duty, and guide the chapter effectively toward fulfilling the Fraternity standards and expectations.

#### **Athlete of the Year Award**

The recipient is selected from undergraduate members who participate in intercollegiate athletics. The athlete with the most outstanding personal record in his respective sport will be selected.



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ALPHA KAPPA LAMBDA



EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda Experience has never been more important than it is today. On college campuses, in small towns, and big cities alike, society needs men committed to the Five Ideals of AKL: Judeo-Christian Principles, Leadership, Scholarship, Loyalty, and Self-Support.

The same issues which affect the world also affect Alpha Kappa Lambda. Our organization can help shape the future leaders of society by providing programming, scholarships, and guidance to our members.

We must bring ideals and values to the leaders we will depend on to make the world a better place – but we need your help!

[Click Here to Donate to the AKL Education Foundation](#)



When you give to the Alpha Kappa Lambda Education Foundation you help educate and empower young men who are committed to making a difference in their communities by learning, embracing and exemplifying AKL character.

All gifts to the Alpha Kappa Lambda Education Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

### Create Academic Success



Expand and endow our academic scholarship program. We cannot teach and provide young men with the AKL experience if they can't afford to attend college.

### Develop Our Chapters



Instill our values and fortify and strengthen the young men in every chapter across the United States.

### Flexibility for the Future



As history has shown, it's impossible to predict how the needs of students and society will evolve over the next century.