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## WHO WE ARE

InsideAKL is the official publication by the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda. Undergraduate and alumni members, family, 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.

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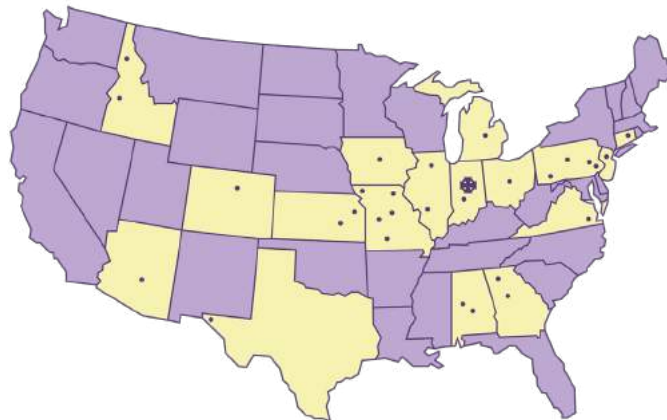
### Mission Statement

Develop brothers who, guided by the Five Ideals, share a lifelong commitment to AKL and are dedicated to assuming leadership roles in meeting the challenges of life.

### Vision Statement

To be the premier collegiate experience leading to lifelong brotherhood.

## Alpha Kappa Lambda National Statistics



**26,000+**

Living Alumni Worldwide

**900+**

Undergraduate Members

**29**

Active Chapters

### Front Cover

*Sigma chapter at the University of Central Missouri walked from Kansas to Missouri for their philanthropy, Pigskin Passoff!*



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## From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Brothers,

Happy Holidays! This is the time of year that we are reminded of all we are thankful for. I am very thankful for both my undergraduate and alumni brothers that carry the torch of AKL every day. Speaking of torches we will see the proverbial "passing of the torch" of our chapters this January as a new crop of leaders begin their terms. Most will start by attending our Clark - Thompson Presidents' Academy and Officers' Institute. This program is generously supported by the AKL Education Foundation. This year we have added an emerging leaders track. The Emerging Leaders Institute is open to all members who have joined in the past 18 months who desire to gain more leadership training and get involved with the fraternity. What was once an opportunity for one or two members of the chapter now has expanded. Some chapters have already committed to sending eight men to the program. This will be our first face to face meeting since the pandemic began.

This is a very large addition of InsideAKL. I hope you find time to read through it all. I would like to highlight though the question I get asked a lot, "Are Fraternities still relevant?" You will see in this addition some great research recently done that speaks to the value of Fraternity. We have been an important part of the college experience (and beyond) for over a century and should be for the next century too.

Have a great remainder of the year.



Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. D. Slivinski".

Jeremy Slivinski,  
Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Executive Director



## 2022 Clark-Thompson Presidents' Academy & Officers' Institute

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The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda proudly provides annual training for incoming chapter presidents and officers every January. The Clark-Thompson Presidents' Academy is generously supported via a grant from the AKL Education Foundation. In 2007, the Mu Chapter Alumni Corporation decided to graciously support the AKL Education Foundation and this program specifically through an endowment in honor of two of their alumni, Dean Clark and Harry Thompson. The Officers' Institute was added in 2014 in an effort to train and develop effective leaders in the chapter. For more information, [click here](#).

### Clark - Thompson Presidents' Academy Attendees

- All newly elected Chapter Presidents are required to attend.
- In order to be eligible and serve as Chapter President, that member must be able to attend Presidents' Academy.
- Any second term Presidents may be invited to Presidents' Academy pending approval from the National Headquarters. Please let the National Headquarters know if you plan on running for a second term.
- Any Colony Presidents will be invited to attend pending the completion, submission, and approval of their Chartering Petition.

### Officers' Institute Attendees

- All newly elected Chapter Treasurers are strongly encouraged to attend.
- All newly elected Recruitment Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend.
- All newly elected Vice-Presidents or Risk Managers are strongly encouraged to attend.
- A "Proof of Attendance" letter can be provided to any attendee if needed for an excused absence if requested for a teacher/professor.



### WHEN?

January 21 - 23, 2022

### WHERE?

Renaissance Hotel : Carmel, Indiana

All officer elections should be completed and reported no later than December 1, 2022. All registrations must be completed by December 10, 2022.

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\$0

Chapter President

\$133

All Other Officers  
per Officer Registration

Cost of President to attend are covered by the AKL Education Foundation

Cost of Officer to attend are billed to the chapter after Officers' Institute

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Meals Included: Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner

Hotel Reservation Included: 1 Room per Chapter

Travel costs to Carmel, IN must be covered by the Chapter

## Emerging Leaders Initiative

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### Finding & Developing Your Leadership Style

#### Emerging Leaders Initiative

For over a decade, The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda has carefully curated programming for the Clark-Thompson Presidents' Academy and Officers' Institute based on the needs and wants of our undergraduate members. This annual event has quickly become the largest, in terms of size and number of AKL brothers brought together, national fraternity event. This year, AKL National Headquarters is proud to introduce the newest addition to our leadership training, the Emerging Leaders Initiative!

Joining a chapter is exciting and fun! Becoming a leader is impactful and helps you grow as a person. The Emerging Leaders Initiative is geared towards our newest and most motivated members who are looking to take on leadership within their chapter, on-campus, or in the larger community.

This leadership development training program focuses on each participant's individual strengths as a leader and how to leverage those to be a leader and teammate while developing professional development skills. Participants can expect activity-based programs with both small group and large group discussions.

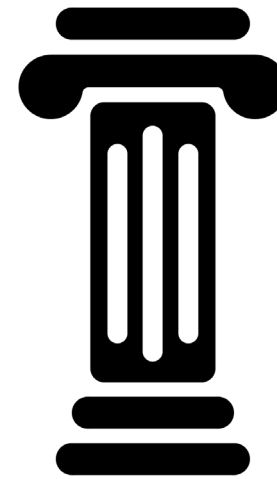
- Open to any member that has joined in the last 18 months.
- Open to any member with a desire to hold a future leadership position within the chapter or campus community.

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**\$133**

**per Emerging Leader**

Cost of Emerging Leaders to attend is billed to the chapter after event.

Meals Included: Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner

Hotel Reservation Included: 1 Room per Chapter

Travel costs to Carmel, IN must be covered by the Chapter

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#### **AKL Statement on COVID-19 Policy and Expectations**

National events coordinated by the Fraternity will require one of the following for a participant to attend in a face-to-face setting:

- Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination submitted to the National Office at least 48 hours prior to the event.
- Proof of a negative test taken in the last five days submitted 24 hours prior to the event.
- Participants attending a National event that have not been vaccinated must wear a face mask at all times in public settings. They also will be required to stay in a guest room as a single and cover the additional expense for the stay.

## Fraternity Growth

### A Push Return to Campus: Gamma, Zeta, and Kappa

#### *The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa*

Lambda is excited to announce our upcoming growth opportunities as we push for a return to campus at Gamma Chapter at the University of Illinois, Zeta Chapter at the University of Michigan, and at Kappa Chapter at Purdue University!

Fraternity growth is an exciting opportunity that comes with a lot of hard work. AKL brothers, both undergraduate and alumni members, as well as friends and family are imperative to growth success.

AKL National Headquarters wants to hear from you, the readers of InsideAKL, because you are the support system and investors in our fraternity and brotherhood. Not just alumni of the listed chapters, everyone has an opportunity to become involved and grow AKL.

#### **Alumni Volunteers & Advisors**

Volunteers and advisors play a vital role in the success of Alpha Kappa

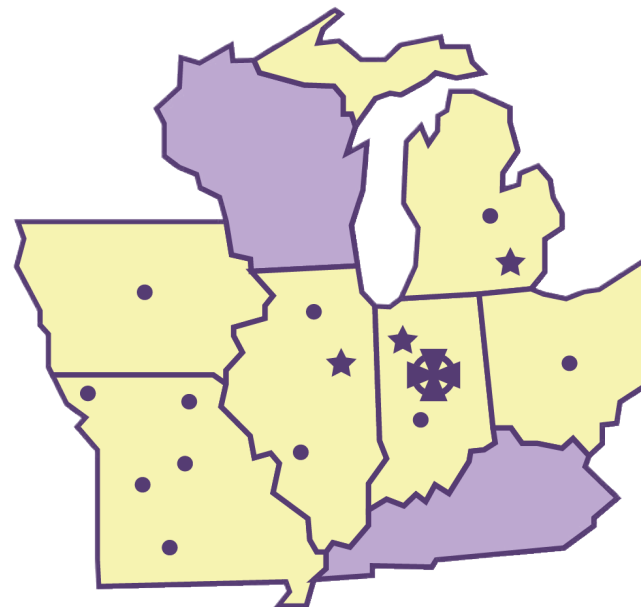
Lambda for chapters and the chapter needs interested alumni. Volunteers can fill specific needs that support the chapter and provide continuity and institutional memory. Volunteers and advisors do not need to be members of AKL, they can be from another fraternity or sorority, parents, and university faculty/staff. *Interested? Fill out a volunteer and advising interest form [here](#).*

#### **Potential New Member Referrals**

If you know someone on campus that would make a great Alpha Kappa Lambda member, let us know! They can be a friend, family/relative, neighbor, co-worker, anyone that is a "Man of Character". Share as much information as possible and we will reach out to them! *Interested? Fill out a membership referral form [here](#).*

#### **Update Your Information**

To keep up-to-date and hear more news from the Fraternity, update your alumni information [here](#).



### Gamma Chapter at the University of Illinois

Founded March 18th, 1921  
1,500+ Active Alumni

Refer a potential new member for  
AKL Gamma at Illinois [here!](#)

### Zeta Chapter at the University of Michigan

Founded February 9th, 1924  
200+ Active Alumni

Refer a potential new member for  
AKL Zeta at Michigan [here!](#)

### Kappa Chapter at Purdue University

Founded May 20th, 1934  
1,400+ Active Alumni

Refer a potential new member for  
AKL Kappa at Purdue [here!](#)

## Pigskin Passoff

### Sigma Chapter - University of Central Missouri

*Sigma chapter at the University of Missouri* raised awareness and money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation during "Pigskin Passoff," a chapter tradition and philanthropy event. The chapter raised over \$300 that was donated to assist with the Foundation's mission to "cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding research and drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing high-quality, specialized care."

Sigma chapter has been a big supporter of Alpha Kappa Lambda's national philanthropy, Cystic Fibrosis, for nearly a decade. Brock Bookout, Sigma chapter brother, said "After talking to some fellow alumni that were around and founded the event, I gathered that Pigskin Passoff began in 2013 when the Sigma chapter was rechartered."

"This idea was brought up by one of the members that did something similar in high school when they

played against a rival. So, when we find out who we play for homecoming, we find out where they are located and walk that distance from the opponent's city to Warrensburg throughout the week of homecoming. While doing so, we promote and share a GoFundMe link connected to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, so all donations go straight to them."

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about cystic fibrosis while they walk. Brock said "We encourage family, friends, and people in the community to donate to a great cause and to raise awareness on Cystic Fibrosis. Not only do we raise money and awareness each year for Cystic Fibrosis, but we teach those who don't know what it is and the severity of the disorder, so they may be educated on how important this is to us and the community."

This year, Sigma chapter faced a challenge with the distance from Warrensburg to their homecoming game opponent's campus. "Since I've



### *Sigma chapter kicked off their 2021 Pigskin Passoff in Rossville, Kansas!*

been walking in Pigskin Passoff, I've noticed we have averaged a walking distance of 22 to 25 miles throughout the day," said Brock. "With that said, some opponents have a longer distance than approximately 125 miles from their city to ours, so it becomes unlikely that we can walk that entire distance in only five days."

"This year being one of those years with a much larger distance, we had to shorten the length of where we begin to walk from. This year, UCM played Fort Hays, which is located in Hays, Kansas. Because it is unlikely that we could walk the distance from Hays to Warrensburg throughout the week, we shortened the distance to about

125 miles out from Warrensburg, but still directed towards Hays."

The journey began on October 18th, 2021. Monday's group consisted of chapter brothers Anthony Vaccaro, Jay Scollin, and Chase Rybak who started off the walk in Rossville, Kansas and marched 25 miles and stopped in Big Springs, Kansas.

Tuesday's group picked in Big Springs, Kansas and consisted of Riley Given, Bryce Bair, Markus Eldringhoff, and Sam Atienza. They progressed the same distance and walked another 25 miles to Eudora, Kansas.

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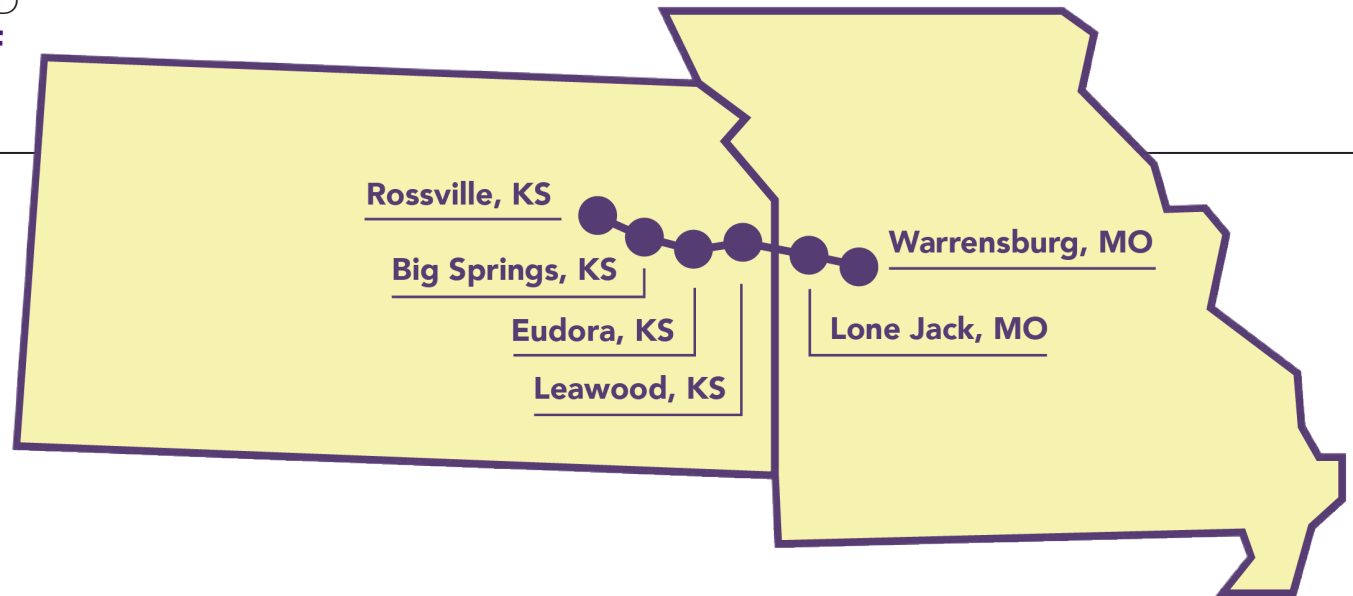


## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

### Sigma Chapter Pigskin Passoff

Wednesday's group consisted of Brock Bookout, Brayden Carr, Chase Davis, and Taylor Allison and walked from Eudora, Kansas, and ended in Leawood, Kansas. Thursday's group consisted of Carter Hawk, Trey Nichols, Luke Thompson, and Trevor Key and walked from Leawood, Kansas to Lone Jack, Missouri. Finally, Friday's group consisted of Brayden Sell, Jack Judge, and Jack Kindle and walked the final distance to Warrensburg.

Brock explained the significance of the event. "When Pigskin Passoff first started, one of the brothers from 2013-2015 had been dealing with Cystic Fibrosis his whole life so there was a lot of pride in doing this event. If we were willing to walk 40 miles a day on the side of a highway people just to raise awareness people would stop to hear our story. We truly care about the cause and don't do this just as a check the box philanthropy event. Many of us have seen firsthand how horrible Cystic Fibrosis is, so there is an obligation to benefit this cause." Congratulations Sigma chapter!



*Sigma chapter brothers at the University of Central Missouri walked over 125 miles from Rossville, Kansas to their campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Small groups of brothers made stops in Big Springs KS, Eudora KS, Leawood KS, and Lone Jack MO to stop and let the next the next group take over and walk the following day.*





## Gamma Tau Chapter Indiana University

*Gamma Tau chapter at Indiana University hosted a These Hands Don't Hurt Promise Wall and cookout. They met their goal and raised \$1000 that was donated to Middle Way House in Bloomington, Indiana!*





## AKFL - Brotherhood Football

### Delta Chapter - The University of Kansas

*Set, hut! Delta chapter at the* university of Kansas spearheaded a new brotherhood event, AKFL. The event started in the spring of 2021 through a round robin type of football tournament that all members of the fraternity and house decided to play.

"Current and new members all picked their own teams of 6 with other members of the house and together we created a bracket." said Andrew Hood, Chapter Treasurer. "Everyone seemed to have an incredible time throughout the tournament, and took it much more competitively than we had expected."

After seeing how big of a success the unofficial event was with the chapter, Andrew and Parker Barton, Ritual Chairman, asked Roy Jacobsen, Brotherhood Chair, if he would be interested in trying to get a legitimate football league started with all the members of the house.

"We both decided it was possible that the idea could actually work with how

many people seemed interested." said Andrew. "So we created a sign up sheet for the league and put it in the kitchen of our house because we knew that's where most people would see it."

24 hours later and the list had garnered upwards of 50 signatures of brothers interested in playing! When planning began, Andrew and Roy found issues they needed to problem solve, mainly dealing with players not being able to make all the games that were scheduled due to classes and school work.

"This year to try and avoid this, we allowed teams to schedule their own games that aimed to work with everyone's daily school and work schedules. These teams were built with eight different captains who came up with a team name, that lead to a chapter wide live draft that allowed for everyone who wanted to play to end up on a team." said Andrew. "These events were a lot of fun, all the games take place in our yard which made it easy for everyone to come and cheer."



*Delta chapter drafting their AKFL brotherhood football teams.*

When asked what advice he would give to chapters planning a similar event, Andrew said "I would suggest making sure members are genuinely interested in committing to a team, and holding the same trust in yourself to play your scheduled games as you would have in your teammates. This event involved coming together as brothers to be the best team you can be with a goal of having the greatest success you can, and overall hoping to be the champion of our league."

"Another key bit of advice, as a commissioner of this league, I have found that it takes a lot of personal work with the captains to help troubleshoot any kind of issues they may have with either scheduling their games, or players who cannot play in their

team's scheduled game that week for whatever reason. It is also important to have a list of the rules of the league stated for any occasion you can think of, so that if or when that occasion arises, there is always a clear answer."

Looking to the future, Andrew said "I can see this tradition growing in the future as we continue it as a yearly event throughout the house. Before AKFL began, we had current active and new members coming to us asking when we were going to begin the planning of this season's draft."

"Continuing to keep our game the fun and engaging activity we grew it to be will be essential in order for this event to continue being as successful as it is in our house now."



## Gamma Sigma Chapter Old Dominion University

*Gamma Sigma chapter at Old Dominion University hosted a These Hands Don't Hurt Promise Wall and event on campus collecting handprints so others could take the THDH pledge that their hands will not be used to harm another!*





# Haunted Forest

## Xi Chapter - Truman State University

*Philanthropy, but make it spooky.* Xi chapter at Truman State University hosted their annual Haunted Forest! The inaugural philanthropy event took place back in 1987 and has remained a long-standing fraternity tradition

Joshua Gray, Chapter President, spoke about how the chapter has persisted even amongst challenges. "In 2020 we no longer had our chapter house and the land we used for this event. We also only had 6 active members and were unsure if we would be able to hold the event."

"We asked Phi Lambda Phi for help. They are another small fraternity on our campus and had land to hold the event, it just made sense. Because of the change of scenery we no longer had an indoor portion of the Haunted Forest, so we changed the name to Haunted Forest."

This is the second year that Xi chapter has co-hosted the event with the men of Phi Lambda Phi. "We really enjoy working with Phi Lambda Phi, Alpha

chapter. They are an outstanding group of men." said Joshua. "It is always very exciting to work with other FSL groups in our community and meet new people. When we moved out of our chapter house we were not sure if we would be able to continue the Haunted Forest. We approached Phi Lambda Phi and they were excited to co-host the Haunted Forest with us."

When asked what advice the chapter would give to another organization planning a similar event, Joshua said "Plan ahead. We start planning the Haunted Forest at least by mid-September." The chapter followed their plan based on Time Table, Advertising, Budget, and Safety.

### Time Table

"We have a specific timetable for this event." said Joshua. "There are deadlines for everything. 'When should the poster be ready? When should the workdays be to the setup of the event?' We also make sure that our active members are aware of the



*Xi chapter and the men of Phi Lambda Phi raised over \$1,600 from their Haunted Forest for the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri!*

timetable and they need to plan their schedules around it. Haunted Forest is 6-hour long shifts and 4 days in a row (not including setup for each day and workdays, weeks in advance before the event). We are students first so we need to prioritize school the week before so members are ready for the time commitment for the event."

### Advertising

"This includes poster design, T-shirt design, and making sure that they are approved by the school so we can start advertising as soon as possible." said Joshua. "If no one knows about your event, no one will show up. Posters get hung up on campus as well as around town in local businesses, including the

community! We post frequently on social media to promote our event. We contact the local radio and news for ads and live interviews."

### Budget

"When we plan a budget for the Haunted Forest we try to make it as detailed as possible so there are fewer surprises in the future but leave enough room in the budget for emergencies. We also are working with another organization, so we need to make sure that both organizations are on the same page and we are communicating clearly the cost and what to spend money on." said Joshua.

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*Xi chapter and the men of Phi Lambda Phi welcomed guests to the Haunted Forest, a fundraiser for The Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri.*

### Safety

"Risk Management is very important with any event, including philanthropy. We try to assess the risk and mitigate it for the event." Joshua explained. The chapter took the following precautions for the health and safety of all participants.

- We are on a forest trail so we want to make sure the trail is clear and walkable, even in the dark.
- We provide flashlights to all customers going on the trail.
- We make sure that any bonfires we have are kept small and contained.
- We have emergency procedures in place for injuries, fire, and assault.

- We make sure all customers are aware of the dangers of the trail, including recommendations for close toed shoes and warnings for flashing strobe lights.

The event benefits the The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri and together the men raised over \$1,600 dollars to donate!

"We donate specifically to The Foodbank's Buddy Pack Program." said Joshua. "The Buddy Pack Program is designed to get nutritious food to children for the weekend who rely on free or reduced-price lunches during the school year. At elementary schools, Buddy Packs are pre-

packaged bags with rotating menu items to give a variety of food."

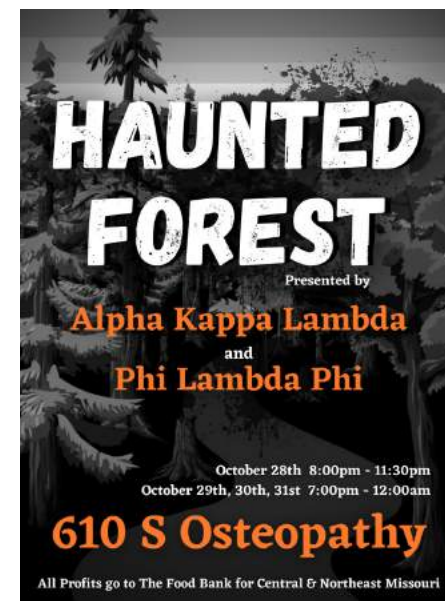
The event itself spans the course of four days and is open six hours per day. Joshua explained, "The last day is Halloween so we were very fortunate to have it on a Sunday, we get a full weekend to raise money. However this year, it rained on the first day of the event. We ended up canceling the first two days due to poor trail conditions. We have scared in the snow before, but rain is a different story."

The men were aware they had guests of all ages and tailored the event for each group. "We have a ticket table at the front of the property. Once a group is ready we give callouts to the actives on the trail. Our callouts tell the actives on the trail that a group is coming and to get ready, as well as the 'scare level.' We have different levels depending on customers' preferences." said Joshua.

"Younger kids, usually go for a less scary experience. Families, high school, and college-age groups mostly opt-in

for the scariest level. Our members get really into it, including crazy clown laughs, loud noises, screams, yelling. By the end of the weekend, most members have lost their voices." said Joshua. This year, the chapter aimed to raise more in donations than last year. "In 2020 we raised \$1,600 with a full event, and this year we raised \$1,639." Congratulations Xi chapter!

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## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

### Xi Chapter Haunted House

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*Congratulations on another successful Haunted House/Forest and for reaching the milestone of Xi chapter's 35th annual philanthropy event! When the chapter was asked what was their favorite part of the Haunted House/Forest and what it means to Xi chapter, several brothers had a lot to share. A true testament to their dedication and hard work.*



*Xi chapter and the men of Phi Lambda Phi clearing the woods and setting up for the 2020 Haunted Forest.*

**"This is the Xi Chapter's biggest event that we hold. We always love bringing in the campus, fraternities, sororities, and the Kirksville community together to help people in need of food they cannot afford. Some of my favorite memories are from being on the trail in the haunted house. When I was a younger member, it was a great way for me to become closer to my brothers, cracking jokes and telling stories."**

**- Joshua Gray, Fall 2017**

**"It means a lot to me to be able to continue this 35 year tradition in Xi Chapter. Even though it was my first time participating, it was awesome knowing that I was playing a major role in the longest standing philanthropy in AKL nationwide. I really enjoyed hanging out by the fire in between runs on the trail. I also enjoyed working together with my brothers to scare people for a good cause."**

**- Matt Hartmann, Spring 2021**

**"The haunted forest is an event to bring a true Halloween spirit to kids and adults alike while being a great way to help other charities that may need some more funding. I was a huge fan of scaring everyone, as I have a creative choice in how I scare them."**

**- Jakob Ringwald, Fall 2021**

**"Helping out the food banks was super important to me, and the Chapter. I'm glad to have done it, and hope to keep doing it."**

**- John Long, Fall 2021**

**"I really enjoyed being able to continue this great tradition, and to be able to be apart of its history."**

**- Garrett Gifford Spring 2021**

**"This being my first year as a member of the organization, I was unsure what to expect going into the Haunted Forest. However, while I wasn't able to participate every single night, I felt an overwhelmingly large sense of community and togetherness. I believe the event allowed me to grow closer with my brothers, and this feeling is helped by knowing our efforts went to a good cause."**

**- Noah Higgins, Fall 2021**



## Gamma Delta Chapter University of Montevallo

*Gamma Delta chapter at the University of Montevallo volunteered at the Shelby Humane Society and helped take care of and spend time with their furry friends.*





## Buckets for St. Baldrick's

### Gamma Beta Chapter - University of Alabama

*New 'do, new you. Gamma Beta* chapter at the University of Alabama hosted their "Buckets for Baldrick's" fundraiser benefitting the St. Baldrick's Foundation! "We have held this event most years for the past decade, and began partnering with St. Baldrick's due to a brother who felt deeply about St. Baldrick's mission due to a familial situation," said Jack Cygan, Chapter Philanthropy Chair.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

Jack continued, "Over the years there have been multiple brothers whose families have been affected by childhood cancer and this has contributed to our tradition of hosting a St. Baldrick's head shaving event."

Preparation for this year's event was simpler due to Covid restrictions. Jack explained, "In past years,

preparation for the event would have entailed setting up stages around our basketball court with couches and chairs for spectators of a full basketball tournament and the haircuts."

"In the past we have also grilled and served hot dogs and burgers to raise more money for the event. Last year's setup entailed gathering brothers and other spectators together and setting up chairs with trash cans behind them to catch the hair of the shavees."

When asked what advice they would when planning a similar event, Jack said to get as many brothers involved as possible. "Be sure to delegate tasks between brothers so one person isn't solely responsible for the event."

The digital portion of this event featured an online donation site via the St. Baldrick's Foundation website [here](#). Jack Cygan along with chapter brothers Jacob Dennis and Robbie Kamin volunteered to shave their heads in exchange for donations made to the St. Baldrick's Foundation.



*Philanthropy Chair Jack Cygan (Left) and Robbie Kamin (Right) in the barber chairs.*

"This year, the event was scheduled for the early afternoon on a Friday to ensure optimal participation from the brotherhood. We set up chairs with trash bags behind them to catch all the hair in the courtyard behind our house," said Jack.

"We had 20 or so brothers spectating the event. The responsibility of head shaver went primarily to brother Ryan Diegal, a respected brother in the house. Myself, Jacob Dennis, and Robbie Kamin were seated next to each other with no mirrors available. We posted the results immediately

after the haircuts, and made posts on social media with donation links to the St. Baldrick's website. We then cleared the courtyard and cleaned up any remaining hair."

The chapter raised nearly \$2,500 to donate to the St. Baldrick's Foundation! "We're proud to raise as much as we can for the cause," said Jack. "This event is one of our annual events that everybody loves to participate in and looks forward to every year. It's not just tradition, but even more than that."

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*The finished product! (Left to Right) Jack Cygan, Jacob Dennis, and Robbie Kamin.*

"It's a way to show our appreciation and express our values in a tangible way. In short, it's a way for us to 'put our money where our mouth is.'"

When asked what it was like to participate in the event, Jack said "I haven't had a short haircut for the past 6 or 7 years, let alone a shaved head, so I felt a degree of uncertainty about how the finished product would look going into the event."

"That being said, I felt extremely excited to shave my head in solidarity with kids who are going through chemo in order to show my support for the experience they're going through. I felt that having my head shaved would raise awareness and start conversations around campus and help keep these brave children in the minds and hearts of the community."

Jacob Dennis added "It was definitely a shock going from super long hair to nothing, but it's grown on me. It was a great experience for an even better cause. I'm very glad I was able to be a part of it."

The event has become an important recurring philanthropy for Gamma Beta chapter and is an excellent example of how a chapter can build a partnership with an organization that is anticipated annually.

Jack concluded, "The brothers here at the Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda are grateful for the opportunity to partner with an organization such as St. Baldrick's. We feel that every child deserves to have a happy and healthy childhood, and we're dedicated to helping with that goal through any means available."

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

### Gamma Beta Chapter Buckets for St. Baldrick's

*Congratulations to Gamma Beta chapter on another successful Buckets for Baldrick's! Even with the changes to this year's event, the brothers persisted to continue their philanthropy event.*

*Just a little off the top please. (Top Right) Jack Cygan, (Bottom Right) Robbie Kamin, and (Bottom Left) Jacob Dennis said goodbye to the flow and shaved their heads for a great cause! They weren't allowed to see their results until after all the haircuts were done.*





## Gamma Omicron Chapter Dalton State College

Gamma Omicron chapter at Dalton State College volunteered with the women of Alpha Sigma Tau for “Rock and Rappel,” an event that benefitted the GreenHouse CAC/SAC, a child advocacy and sexual assault center. Brothers underwent training prior to the event and volunteered to help participants gear up and rappel down the 5-story Landmark Building in Downtown Dalton, Georgia.



## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

# Alpha Kappa Slambda

### Gamma Pi Chapter - University of Connecticut

*Everybody get up it's time to slam* now. We got a real jam going down. Welcome to...Alpha Kappa Slambda! Gamma Pi chapter at the University of Connecticut hosted their philanthropy event for UConn's upcoming campus wide philanthropy event, Huskython.

Huskython is a year long fundraiser with philanthropy events culminating in the main event every February. "The event itself is an 18 hour dance marathon where participants dance, play sports, participate in competitions, and a variety of other activities to celebrate and raise even more funds." said Nate Fields, Chapter Philanthropy Chair.

"The goal is to raise as much money as possible to donate to the Connecticut Children's Hospital." said Nate. This year the chapter raised over \$470 from Alpha Kappa Slambda that will go to the final donation amount.

Alpha Kappa Slambda is a 3v3 basketball tournament that was started back in the Spring of 2017. The event has transitioned between the names

of "Hoops for HuskyThon" and "Slambda" but with this event being it's first occurrence in nearly two years due to Covid restrictions, the chapter wanted to change the event back to its original name. Nate said "We hope to make this a tradition every year for our philanthropy efforts."

When asked how he began planning this event, Nate said "I started preparing for this event two months in advance by making graphics to advertise the event and reserve space to have the event. The best piece of advice I would give is to start organizing early in case anything comes up that could interfere, and constantly remind brothers about the event every week if you can."

Advertisement was a big part preparing for the event, from social media graphics, making t-shirts for promotion, and reaching out to various organizations. "After that, I reserved the Greer Fieldhouse on UConn's campus by contacting the UConn athletics department so that teams would have courts to play on." said



Nate. "I got different awards for the winners of the tournament including gift cards, t-shirts, and a bracket for the winning team to take home."

Their hard work paid off and the event had a full registration. Sixteen men's teams and three women's teams signed up. "The men's division was divided into four regions, like the NCAA Division I tournament, and all teams played at least three games. The top two teams from each of the four divisions qualified for the tournament, which was based on their record through the three games." said Nate.

"All of the games were very competitive and it was entertaining to watch all the teams from different organizations play against each other. A team from AKL took home the championship."



*Gamma Pi chapter at the University of Connecticut hosted their philanthropy event "Alpha Kappa Slambda" (also known as "Hoops for Huskython") to raise money for UConn's campus-wide event, Huskython, benefitting the Connecticut Children's Hospital.*

"For the women's bracket, since there weren't as many teams, I had them do a round robin, and whoever had the best record won the tournament."

When asked what he looked forward to most about the event, Nate said "My favorite part about HuskyThon is being together with all of Greek Life and working together to achieve one common, purposeful goal. This event doesn't only mean so much to our chapter, but to our school as well since it's supporting UConn's largest philanthropy by bringing together students of many different organizations to play and celebrate the sport so many of us love."

Congratulations to Gamma Pi chapter on a successful event and to all the UConn and Huskython supporters!



## Welcome New Members!

*(Top Right) Gamma Sigma chapter at Old Dominion University welcome their newest members into the fraternity after performing Ritual and Initiation!*

*(Bottom Left, Center, and Right) Xi chapter at Truman State University continue to Recruit 365 and welcome their two newest members to the fraternity! Welcome to the brotherhood!*

## Alethia Kai Logos!





# Officer Transitions

## Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders, Today.

***Congratulations! You've been elected*** as a Chapter Officer! You ran on a platform of new ideas you want to bring to the chapter. You met with brothers before elections to hear what the membership wanted and needed. You also may be asking yourself, "So where do I begin?" Perhaps your chapter already has an established officer transition procedure, or maybe you want to start the tradition.

### Officer Transition vs Training

Officer transition is the passing of information, records, responsibilities, and advice from outgoing to incoming officers. Officer training includes any and all meetings, planning sessions, or discussions designed to prepare new officers for their new roles.

One opportunity for officer training is AKL's National Clark-Thompson Presidents' Academy and Officers' Institute. Your university may also provide leadership training for specific officers or future leaders. These events are facilitated outside the chapter.

Officer transitions should take place before the end of the fall semester. These transitions can be one-on-one or can be held at an Officer Retreat.

### Officer Retreat

Take an afternoon, a day, or even a weekend to get your Executive Board away from the chapter facility and prepare for the upcoming year.

**When?** Immediately after elections and before the new semester. These retreats can also be done during the year if leadership feels the chapter needs to regroup.

**Where?** Reserve a space on campus, ask alumni or family to host a space, or another space in the community.

**Why?** An Officer Retreat together can develop cooperation and teamwork. Collaboration of leadership leads to problem solving and goal-setting.

To the right is an officer transition interview to get started at your retreat.

## INCOMING OFFICER TRANSITION INTERVIEW

The purpose of this activity is to assist in the officer transition and understand the role more fully. Prior to meeting, decide how information will be shared. Will the incoming officer be taking notes? Will outgoing officer create or add to existing officer binders with notes to pass down?

This is for your records only. If you do not feel that all of the questions are necessary for your position, they do not need to be asked. More questions can be asked and added to this list as they come up.

1. What is the purpose of this office?
2. Who do I report to for guidance and review/approval of projects?
3. How does this office help fulfill the chapter goals?
4. What major projects/timelines are associated with this office?
5. What are the weekly/monthly tasks that are a part of this office?
6. Who are the officers that work with this position?
7. What did you enjoy most about the office? What tasks demanded the most time? The least amount of time?
8. What were the major challenges encountered during your term? What advice would you give to avoid the situation/challenge(s) in the future?
9. Describe the budget process. What were your greatest concerns regarding the budget and chapter spending issues? What advice and tips can you provide that will help me manage the budget and meet the chapter's financial obligations?
10. Discuss what was accomplished, when, how and what succeeded or failed. Recommendations and advice should be offered.
11. The outgoing officer should share her list of resources (journals, binder(s), tools, etc.) and all official documentation related your officer position.



*Several chapters have made community service a tradition by hosting regularly scheduled local cleanups. Here are a few chapters who have continued to give back to their community this Fall 2021 semester.*

*(Top Left) Gamma Lambda chapter partnered with the Clean Up Club at Temple University for a volunteer block cleanup!*

*(Bottom Left) Alpha Zeta chapter at Northwest Missouri State University and (Bottom Right) Alpha Phi chapter at the University of Idaho gave back to their community with one of their regularly scheduled highway cleanups!*





# Fraternity Matters

## An Accelerator for Success in College & Beyond

Originally published by the North American Interfraternity Conference [here](#).

*Students spend 90% of their time outside the classroom. Fraternities capitalize on those hours by preparing men for success in college and in their futures far beyond what their peers experience. And a study of thousands of alumni of diverse backgrounds shows this holds true regardless of an individual's background or socioeconomic status entering college.*

Because of higher expectations, as well as the support and network fraternities provide, members experience greater gains in learning and graduate at higher rates than their peers. 83% of members say their confidence in their leadership skills increased because of their membership. Fraternity and sorority members also report higher levels of interaction with people different from themselves, leading to members being more prepared than their peers to join a diverse workforce and community. So, it is no surprise that fraternity alumni are twice as likely to believe their college experience prepared them well for life after college.

**4 out of 10 of fraternity men had a brother help them find an internship or job**

Fraternity members can tap built-in alumni networks, finding jobs more quickly than their peers. Research shows almost half of members had a brother helped them find an internship or job and provided them with career advice. Fraternity alumni report being more fulfilled in their careers and lives in every aspect of wellbeing in their lives, from career to community to financial to physical, because of the relationships and resources they can leverage. Membership is clearly a worthwhile investment.



**80% of fraternity men report excellent to good mental health and wellbeing**

While college men are experiencing loneliness and depression at increasing rates, fraternities empower students to create a strong support system. This family and home that fraternities offer help and guidance when a member needs it most. Research shows that this connection can create a strong sense of belonging, leading members to have more positive mental health and less anxiety and depression than other students. Brothers feel comfortable having tough conversations and learning from each other, and when they seek help, research shows members are twice as likely to reach out to a fraternity brother than anyone else.

**78% of fraternity men feel a strong connection to campus and are more satisfied with their experience**

Fraternity men love their collegiate experience – as students and as alumni. In fact, more than 8 out of 10 fraternity members say they would re-join their organizations. Research shows, fraternity membership connects men to the university in a way that nonmembers simply don't experience. They're more satisfied as students and as alumni are more likely to recommend and give back to their alma maters.

Members are more engaged inside and outside of the classroom than their peers – they report feeling more supported by their faculty and nearly half serve in leadership roles across campus. They're also more connected to their local communities, with research showing they spend significantly more time volunteering than non-affiliated students.

*(Bottom Left) Beta Tau chapter at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville celebrated two intramural championships! AKL along with the women of Alpha Phi won the co-ed soccer championship and the AKL men's volleyball team won with the help of the chapter sweetheart's coaching.*

*(Bottom Right) Congratulations to Alpha Zeta chapter at Northwest Missouri State University for winning the first intramural volleyball game of the year!*

*(Top Right) Alpha Phi chapter at the University of Idaho cheered on the Vandals and attended an Idaho Men's Basketball game!*





# Winter Break Checklist

## Preparing Chapter Facilities for a Safe Winter Break

*It's time to make sure that Greek undergraduate leaders, chapter advisors and alumni take the time to ready their chapter facilities for the colder months and winter break. This Winter Break Checklist was developed by our insurance partners at Holmes Murphy as a risk management tool to assist chapters in preparing for the coming break period.*

### Inside Chapter Facility

- Ensure furnace is on and thermostat is set at or above 60 degrees.
- In extreme cold weather, open the indoor faucets slightly to allow water to trickle, as moving water does not freeze as easily.
  - Watch to ensure no backup in drains.
- Leave the doors to cabinets that contain water lines open, this will allow heat to enter the area.
- Ensure all non-essential appliances and electronics have been unplugged.
- Secure Chapter house and lock all valuables.
- Contact the local police department or campus security to check on the chapter house periodically.
- Thoroughly clean Chapter house prior to extended break.
- Confirm that heat registers are not blocked and combustible materials are safely stored.
- Remove all perishable food.
- Inspect all rooms and check for the following:
  - Unnecessary damage. Any damage discovered should be documented.
  - Unplug all nonessential appliances and electrical devices.
  - Ensure heat registers are not blocked by personal belongings.
  - Lock room/suite door for security.



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### Provide Chapter Facility Caretaker With:

- A Master Key
- Alumni House Corporation Contact
- Emergency Response Contact & Emergency Repair Company options
- Insurance Claim Reporting Information

### Outside Chapter Facility

- Lock and inspect all windows and repair all broken glass.
- Ensure that exterior doors are well insulated and close and latch completely.
- Inspect hot water heater and exposed water lines & drain pipes for slow leaks.
- Attach and secure downspouts with extension from foundation to prevent water damage.
  - Ensure they fully displace water away from foundation and other walking areas without draining onto the driveway, sidewalks, or patios.
- Ensure all hoses are removed from exterior water spigots/faucets.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to ensure proper roof drainage.
  - Improper roof drainage can cause ice damming to occur, which can cause interior water damage.
- Drain water lines in lawn sprinkler system where appropriate.
- Clean exterior of chapter house, removing yard debris or materials as well as any items stored next to the chapter house. Debris can provide an opportunity for an arsonist.
- Check security/safety lighting.
- Service and clean fireplace and chimney and check for defects or debris.

*(Top Right) Gamma Rho chapter at Arizona State University enjoyed spending family weekend with their parents and loved ones with a BBQ!*

*(Bottom Right) Psi chapter at Iowa State University enjoyed an undergraduate and alumni brotherhood event with a tailgate and game watch!*

*(Bottom Left) Congratulations to Gamma Rho chapter at Arizona State University for winning "Strike Out Arthritis!" The philanthropy event was hosted by the women of Alpha Omicron Pi and participants competed in a bowling fundraiser to support children with arthritis.*





# AKL 101

## End of Year Checklist

*As the semester comes to a close, check that your chapter Executive Board completes the following housekeeping tasks for a smooth officer transition.*

### ○ Update Chapter Roster

- Update your chapter roster with AKL National Headquarters by logging into OmegaFi/Vault, under “Chapter,” “Chapter Roster.”
- Update members’ membership and billing statuses to reflect if they are “Active” or “Alumni/Left School.”
- Update university chapter roster by contacting your university’s Fraternity and Sorority Life Office. If you are a newly elected Chapter President and have not met the FSL staff, introduce yourself by email or in person.

### ○ Submit Remaining Initiation Reports

- Does your chapter have any new members that have not been reported as initiated? Login to OmegaFi/Vault, under “Chapter,” “Member Initiation Reporting.” Complete any unfinished Initiation Reports.

### ○ Submit Remaining Expulsion Reports

- Does your chapter have any members with a pending expulsion? Be sure to change their membership and billing statuses to “Inactive - Expelled.”
- Submit or re-submit an Expulsion Form at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org) along with chapter minutes with the proper motion to expel and vote count.

### ○ Register for the 2022 Presidents’ Academy & Officers’ Institute

- Login to [www.myAKL.org](http://www.myAKL.org), under “Communications,” “Events.” Click “Register Myself Only” and select your “Participation Type.”
- Chapter President Registration costs are covered by the AKL Education Foundation. Chapters will not be billed for additional Officers and Emerging Leaders until after the event.



### ○ Update Chapter Officers

- Update chapter officers with AKL National Headquarters by logging into OmegaFi/Vault, under “Chapter,” “Officers.”
- Click “Edit Officers” and select new officers from chapter roster. Add officer term dates “From” and “To.” These dates can overlap with previous officers or start when their predecessors term ends.
- Update chapter officers to your university by contacting your university’s Fraternity and Sorority Life Office.

### ○ Host Officer Transition Meetings

- Schedule a day for all officer transition meetings or set a due date for all individual transition meetings to be completed.

### ○ Setup Budget and Billing

- Chapter Treasurers should submit a chapter budget proposal to their Executive Board to be voted on and approved by chapter. After budget has been confirmed, contact OmegaFi to set up local dues.
- Be sure to check members’ membership and billing statuses on the chapter roster. Chapters will be billed for the number of “Active” membership statuses, and each member’s account with an “Active” billing status will be charged to pay the chapter bill.

### ○ Outline Recruitment Plan and Calendar

- Chapter Recruitment Chairs should identify any important university recruitment dates. For example, Student Organization Fairs, any formal recruitment, grade check, and/or bid day dates (when applicable.)
- Set up a chapter recruitment calendar with these dates and tentative chapter recruitment event dates. This calendar should be shared in advance so members can add these dates to their calendars.

# 2022 National Conclave

## Business, Brotherhood, and Bonding

*National Conclave is the largest* national Alpha Kappa Lambda event in terms of chapters and members represented. This biennial event brings together undergraduate members, alumni members, the National Executive Council, National Headquarters staff, as well as family and friends together for a weekend of business, brotherhood, and fun.

Following the 2020 Virtual National Conclave, the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda is excited to return to our in-person National Conclave! This year the event will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia from July 27th through July 31st, 2022.

For more information and to stay informed, visit [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org) for National Conclave updates as they continue to roll out!

Each chapter has two Undergraduate Delegates and one Alumni Delegate for legislative sessions. However additional undergraduates and alumni can attend as a Non-Delegate.

### How to Register *Registration Opens January 2022*

- Go to MyAKL.org and log in using your username and password.
- Once logged in to myAKL, navigate under the "Communications," and click "Events."
- Under "Upcoming Events," "2022 National Conclave," select either "Register Myself Only" or "Register Myself and/or Others." Make sure to select the correct "Participant Type" from the choices available.
- Those attending as a Non-Delegate/Guest can select a meal package that includes "All Meals," "No Meals," or purchase individual meals followed by a payment screen.
- If you have any questions about National Conclave, registration, or anything else please contact AKL National Headquarters.
  - Phone: (317) 564-8003
  - Email: [info@AKL.org](mailto:info@AKL.org)



*Save the Date!*

**JULY 27TH - 31ST, 2022**

**WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

*Registration*

**OPEN JANUARY 2022**

### Tentative Schedule & Programming

**Wednesday July 27th:** Early Arrivals to National Conclave

**Thursday July 28th:** National Conclave Registration, National Executive Council Meeting (NEC Only), National Conclave Orientation, Dinner, National Conclave Opening Ceremony, Legislative Session

**Friday July 29th:** Legislative Session, Undergraduate Education, Alumni Education, Lunch, Legislative Session

**Saturday July 30th:** Keynote Presentation, Initiation Ritual and Omega Ceremony, National Conclave Photo, Lunch, Legislative Session, National Conclave Closing Banquet

**Sunday July 31st:** Departures from National Conclave

### Alumni Support

Interested in sponsoring an undergraduate member's travel, registration cost, or programming? Check out our article "Giving Back to Your Fraternity" in this same issue for more information on how you can support brothers attending AKL national events like National Conclave!



# Giving Back To Your Fraternity

## Brothers Supporting Brothers



### How alumni can support members attending AKL national programs?

As alumni begin to think about supporting their undergraduate chapter, they often wonder, what is the best, most impactful way to support the chapters growth, operation, and over all development? Helping members attend national events and trainings is a great way to support each chapter in accomplishing all their goals. There are three main events and trainings:

- President's Academy and Officer's Institute, every January
- Emerging Leaders Initiative, starting January 2022
- National Conclave, Summer of each even year (next will be Summer of 2022)

### Travel

Travel is the biggest barrier to members attending any national event or training. Travel cost cannot be covered by the AKL Educational Foundation due to travel not meeting requirements for being an educational cost. Alumni and supporters can give in a couple of different ways:

- Airline Miles/Rewards- Are you a frequent flyer? Your airline miles can be donated to support the travel of one or more members attending national events.
- Vehicle Rental- not all members

have access to a reliable vehicle to drive to national events. Supporting a chapter by taking care of the cost of a rental vehicle is a great way to insure safe travel to and from events.

### Registration

Registration cost is another barrier to chapters being able to send the max number of members to a national event. The AKL Educational Foundation is generous and capable of keeping costs as low as possible for our undergraduate members but there is still a registration fee.

- Donate to the AKL Education

Foundation to sponsor one or more members' registration fees. This will also count as a tax-deductible gift.

### Programming

As needs change for our undergraduate chapters, national staff are working on updating current trainings and creating new education for all undergraduate members.

Supporting the cost of supplies, materials or other needs for our programs will help our undergraduate members receive the very best quality education without the need to increase dues or registration fees.

- Donate to the AKL Education Foundation to sponsor one or more of our amazing programs and trainings. This will also count as a tax-deductible gift.
- Clark-Thompson President's Academy and Officer's Institute
- Weekend long educational program with tracks specifically for Presidents, Vice President/Risk Manager,

Treasurer and Recruitment Chair. Each track is lead by a national staff member or other industry expert. This takes place in Carmel, IN, during the month of January.

- Emerging Leaders Initiative, starting January 2022
- Weekend long program taking place along side the Clark-Thompson President's Academy and Officers' Institute.
- Created to help newest members of each chapter learn about their individual leadership skills, strategies for working with and within teams as well as develop foundation professional skills needed on campus and in the workforce.

Anyone can also donate directly to the chapter you wish to support. A bonus to giving through the AKL Educational Foundation is it does allow for tax-deductible giving. To donate, [click here](#).

For questions regarding donations and how to support members attending the upcoming Presidents' Academy, contact National Headquarters.

# 2021 – 2022 National Chapter Dues, Fees, and Insurance

## '21 - '22 New Member

**\$425**

*upon joining*

National Membership Entry Fee = \$320.00  
National Membership Dues = \$105.00  
Meetings Fee = \$0.00

## Fall 2021 Semester

**\$215**

*per member, plus local dues & fees*

National Membership Dues\* = \$105.00  
National Insurance\* = \$110.00  
Meetings Fee = \$0.00  
\*incentive or surcharge may apply

## Spring 2022 Semester

**\$250**

*per member, plus local dues & fees*

National Membership Dues\* = \$105.00  
National Insurance\* = \$110.00  
Educational Programming Fee = \$35.00  
\*incentive or surcharge may apply

## Incentives & Surcharges

- 10% National Membership Dues increase for Spring 2022 semester for chapters 10% below their Fall recruitment minimum. (increase of \$10.50)
- 10% National Membership Dues decrease for Spring 2022 semester for chapters 10% above their Fall recruitment minimum. (decrease of \$10.50)
- 10% National Membership Dues increase for chapters out of compliance. This is a failure to complete compliance requests and/or semesterly Risk Management Report. (increase of \$10.50)
- 10% surcharge on National Insurance for chapters that had a Risk Management violation the previous semester. (increase of \$11.00)

## National Membership Entry Fee

This is a one-time National Membership Entry Fee to join the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda. The National Membership Entry Fee must be paid in full along with the National Dues within 30 days of joining. Full or partial payment of all charges prior to Initiation Ceremony is strongly encouraged. While individual new members are responsible for paying their balance, the chapter is responsible for making sure the Membership Entry Fee and National Dues are paid in full. If a member drops or is removed from the roster, the chapter is still responsible for making sure that individual pays, otherwise it is the responsibility of the chapter.

## Educational Programming Fee

Previously the Meetings Fee, the Educational Programming Fee serves the same purpose and is billed once a year and is to be collected from every man on the roster. Billing occurs in January. The Educational Programming Fee must be paid along with the National Dues & National Insurance within 15 days of the start of the semester.

## National Membership Dues

The National Dues are billed twice a year and are to be collected from every man on the roster. Billing occurs in August and January. The National Dues must be paid along with National Insurance within 15 days the start of the semester.

## National Insurance

The National Liability Insurance is billed twice a year and is to be collected from every man on the roster. Billing occurs in August and January. The National Insurance must be paid along with National Dues within 15 days the start of the semester.



## 55 Years of Brotherhood

**Raul Gomez, Alpha Rho '67**

*Raul Gomez, Alpha Rho '67, recently* reconnected with his chapter at the University of Texas at El Paso and has been a key figure in their re-recognition at UTEP. Raul sat down with InsideAKL to chat about his collegiate career and the chartering of Alpha Rho chapter, his family and career, and his involvement with the fraternity over 55 years of brotherhood.

**Raul, tell us more about yourself.**

"I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas where my family has lived since the 1880's. Needless to say, this gives me special pride for my hometown and its history. My family was always involved in many civic and community activities and my grandfather and father had been recognized for their many contributions by the city with the naming of a large park in their names."

"While growing up like most kids in my time, which was before electronic games and videos, our days were full of baseball, basketball, and riding our bikes throughout the neighborhood."

"There were no issues with getting into trouble or getting lost since everyone knew everybody's parents and there was never an issue of being home by supper time."

"Through the years I grew to enjoy sports. I played baseball and basketball from elementary school to college and for many years later in life. I became very fond of golf at an early age and still play regularly to this day with a 17 handicap."

**What was your college experience like at UTEP?**

"My college experience started off better than most people since Texas Western College (now the University of Texas at El Paso) had just won the 1966 NCAA basketball championship. The school had an enrollment of about 5,000 so everyone knew everybody and we all celebrated the special accomplishment together."

"I worked part-time to make money to pay tuition, fees and buy books. I



*Raul and his wife Gail have been together since they were college sweethearts.*

was employed at a local department store where I was assigned many different functions over my four years of college. Because of this opportunity to work through school I was able to pay for all my college expenses on my own and never incurred student loan debt which I am very thankful for!"

"There were about 8 fraternities and 6 sororities on campus and there were strong ties amongst the organizations. I remember that we would have our fraternity seating block areas for football games and we all wore coat and tie to all the games. Campus life was transitioning during the sixties to more social and political awareness but UTEP was spared the major upheaval that many campuses across the country endured. Fortunately for me I was able to maintain strong ties to the fraternity which helped me stay grounded through those years."



**Tell us about your experience joining AKL. Did you always know you wanted to be in a fraternity?**

"I had gone through fall rush in 1966 but did not find any particular fraternity that appealed to me. I was approached by a member of the AKL colony and was invited to attend a meeting. I was intrigued with the idea of being a part of something new and having a hand in creating a new organization."

"The fact that AKL was different and that there were men from many different backgrounds was especially appealing to me. I take great pride in the fact that I am a charter member and founding father of Alpha Rho chapter. It is quite heartwarming to think that the chapter that we had worked so hard to establish is still active."

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***Alpha Kappa Lambda National Headquarters 1987 Staff Reunion.***

"We're still here nearly fifty-five years later. To this day I wear my colony pin and my AKL badge with pride along with my fifty year membership pin!"

**Did you hold any chapter officer roles or leadership responsibilities?**

"During my first meeting of AKL as a new member I volunteered to be the Intramurals Chair. I guess that opportunity to assume a leadership role helped me to develop an appreciation for doing my part in supporting the fraternity."

"I went on to serve the chapter as Rush Chairman, Secretary, Vice-President, and President. These experiences played a key function in instilling a commitment to make a difference in whatever organization I was involved in throughout my life."

**How else were you involved on campus or in the community?**

"I participated in a number of other student organizations on campus including IFC where I served as Secretary. I also participated in the campus Newman Center and Pre-Med Clubs. I also served on a special committee to review the roles of student organizations and the University's administration. Within the El Paso community I was involved with the local Jaycees."

**Tell us more about your life and career after college.**

"I owe AKL a great deal for my life experiences after college when I worked for the National Headquarters as a Fraternity Consultant under the leadership of Lew Bacon. This

opportunity helped me decide my career path of pursuing higher education administration. Crazy as it sounds, my experiences on the national staff made all the difference for me in my life and my personal beliefs and commitments."

"Academically I was able to pursue my first masters degree while I was on the national fraternity staff. I went on to earn a second masters degree in higher education administration along with post graduate doctoral work. I held various positions at a number of universities ranging from Student Activities and Organizations Coordinator to Dean of Students and finally Vice President for Administrative Services."

"My career made yet another direction change when I was asked by one of my cousins to join the family Freight Forwarding and Customs Brokerage firm back in El Paso. The firm was about to embark on a major expanse to establish and operate offices from San Diego, CA to Brownsville, TX. After

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED**  
**Raul Gomez, Alpha Rho '67**

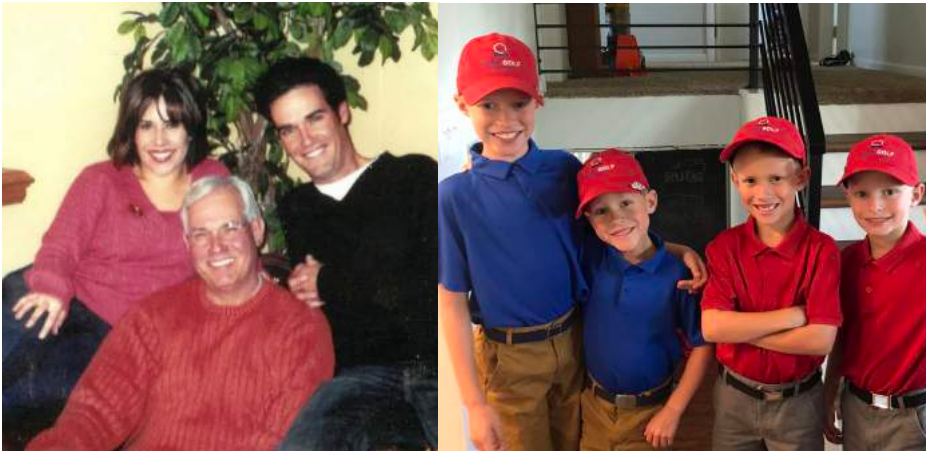
22 years, the company became the largest international brokerage, freight forwarding, logistics, warehousing, and trucking company along the entire southern border. To this day I credit much of the contributions that I made to the success of my family's business endeavors to my experiences in Alpha Kappa Lambda as an undergraduate member, national staff member, and later as an alum. When the company was sold to UPS I finished my career with FedEx where I retired as the Senior Manager of North American Distribution Services in 2017."

**Please tell us about your family.**

"My wife, Gail, was my college sweetheart. In fact, she was the AKL chapter sweetheart and was a member of Alethia Kai which was our ladies auxiliary. Gail is retired from teaching after over 30 years. We were blessed with two children, son Jeffrey and daughter Jessica. Both graduated from New Mexico State University."

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*(Top Left) Raul with his children Jessica and Jeffrey back in 2004. (Top Right) Raul's grandchildren share his interest in golf, repping their Peak Golf Academy caps.*

"They were involved in the golf program and Pi Beta Phi respectively along with many other activities. In fact, Jeffrey had an opportunity to join Alpha Alpha chapter during a reorganization on campus, however, he felt that with his golf team demands he would not be able to devote the amount of quality time that he would have otherwise invested. Our son went on to become a professional golfer then worked with national software companies in sales management. Unfortunately we lost our son ten years ago to an unexpected massive stroke."

"Our daughter was involved in the health industry before she became a flight attendant with Frontier Airlines. Jessica met her husband at Frontier during her exciting career where Dave is a captain. We also have four

wonderful grandsons who are all avid golfers like their uncle and grandfather. Who knows, they just might become future AKL's if the cards fall that way."

#### **Can you share a fond AKL memory?**

"I have many special memories of AKL during my undergraduate years and from the 55 years since being initiated. I can say that my two most cherished memories include meeting Gail Cleland at the 1968 National Conclave in Estes Park, CO. I was also fortunate to work with Brother Cleland in my years on the national staff."

"The other special memory is working with some very talented and gifted men on the national staff. The three brothers who had a unique impact on me and my life are Lew Bacon,

Gary Tye and Ron Seibold. All these men made significant contributions to AKL and helped many of our brothers throughout the years. Their impact on our fraternity is still evident today!"

#### **How do you stay involved with the fraternity or keep in contact with brothers?**

"Staying in touch with my brothers from the past is a bit of a challenge as many have left the El Paso area and, unfortunately, many have joined Omega Chapter. I do see some "old timers" around town and we manage to reminisce about the good old days."

"I also had the opportunity to reconnect with the Alpha Rho chapter recently and have participated in their successful efforts to become re-recognized at UTEP. I look forward to working with the men and to providing guidance to the chapter. They are a strong and committed group of brothers and I know they will continue to make a difference on the UTEP campus and in the El Paso community."

#### **What advice would you give to our undergraduate members and potential new members?**

"First of all I would remind our undergraduate members that they have entered into a special lifelong brotherhood that will serve them and make a difference in their lives in the years to come. It is always important that all our undergraduate members remember their history and maintain the standards and ethics that our Founding Fathers in Los Amigos established for us all. Our Five Ideals are morals that have and will continue to stand firm for many years."

"I would also advise any potential new members to consider how AKL is a leader in not only the Greek community on campus but also nationally. Additionally, AKL offers a unique opportunity to be a member of a fraternity that is unlike most other fraternities and that each brother can and does make a difference now during the college experience but ongoing in later life."

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# Why AKL?

**Jonathon Rose, Beta Chi '17**

*"I started my fraternity experience later than most people begin. I went to a community college for my first two years and then transferred to George Mason University. My mentality starting the first week of 'real college' was to get into as many social groups as I could to make up for lost time. The very first night I moved on campus I went to a fraternity social event and I immediately fell in love with the idea of joining one."*

"AKL was the newest fraternity on campus at the time and I was really interested with joining and getting in at the ground floor so to speak to build it into being competitive with the older, established chapters. My senior year I became chapter president and went to Presidents' Academy in Indiana."

"At Presidents' Academy, I learned how you could turn your time in a fraternity into a career. My worldview of AKL was no longer just bounded by my Beta Chi chapter. This trip would be the catalyst of change to how my life would go the next few years."

"Right before graduation, I saw that AKL headquarters was hiring and I immediately applied. A few weeks later I was packing my bags to move to Indiana to start working at AKL National Headquarters. My biggest responsibilities included overseeing chapters as a House Manager and Traveling Consultant. I lived in the Gamma Beta chapter house at the University of Alabama for two semesters and was an advisor to several other chapters in the region. It was an enriching time in my life working with the other AKL NHQ staff and traveling around the country. I have so many amazing memories of that year that I hold dear."

"A year later, I was working at the University of Kentucky as a Fraternal Housing Coordinator. Although that was a very fulfilling experience as well, it never was the same as working with my own fraternity. Joining AKL absolutely helped me become a professional in ways I didn't think I would get from my initial purposes of joining a fraternity in the first place."



*(Top Left) Jon on his first day at AKL NHQ. (Middle Right) Roll tide! Jon on campus at the University of Alabama. (Bottom) Jon with Beta Chi chapter brothers at a philanthropy event on campus at George Mason University.*





## Omega Chapter

### Remembering Our Brothers

*"Brothers and friends, we are assembled to remember those once among us who have received their calling from on high and passed into the eternal Omega Chapter of the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda.*

This is at once a time of sorrow at the loss we have all sustained, and the celebration of the many happy memories we will hold dear forever.

The fraternal tie that binds is a lasting bond; yet, a place once filled among us is now empty; a voice once known to us is now silent; the form we grew to know, and welcome will no longer be seen by us in this life.

Yet, these Brothers are alive in the hearts and the memories of us all and will ever be held dear in the 'halls of Alpha Kappa Lambda.'

It is fitting that we here pause and reflect upon the transience of life and remember those who have come and gone before us.

And we answer for every Brother named, 'Present' for though we can no longer grasp their hands in friendship nor look them in the eye, they are seen and heard with the eyes and ears of faith... the faith that someday we will meet again."

*– Excerpt from the Omega Ceremony*

**"The fraternal tie that binds is a lasting bond; yet, a place once filled among us is now empty."**

#### **Gamma Chapter University of Illinois**

John Edward Goggin, 1959  
Eugene Lloyd McMeen, 1960

#### **Delta Chapter University of Kansas**

Robert D. Hunley, 1958

#### **Kappa Chapter Purdue University**

Charles Leroy Clerget, 1955  
Mark Christopher Hinton, 1990  
James M. Smith, 1938

#### **Xi Chapter Truman State University**

Richard C. Geist, 1976

#### **Upsilon Chapter University of N. Colorado**

Frank Duc Nguyen, 1999

#### **Phi Chapter Oregon State University**

Terrence K. Brock, 1965

#### **Alpha Rho Chapter University of Texas El-Paso**

David R. Russell, 1967

#### **Gamma Rho Chapter Arizona State University**

Jamison Turner, Uninitiated

*These members have been reported since October 15th, 2021.*

**"These Brothers are alive in the hearts and the memories of us all and will ever be held dear in the 'halls of Alpha Kappa Lambda.'"**

## Want to Get Involved?

### Staying Involved and Connected as an Alumni Member

*Alpha Kappa Lambda understands how vitally important our alumni and volunteers are to the success of a chapter. There are several different ways to volunteer with the Fraternity. If you are not currently a volunteer but want to get involved with and active chapter or during an upcoming expansion, contact us at [info@akl.org](mailto:info@akl.org)*

### Staying Involved With The Fraternity

More information about volunteer and advisor roles can be found at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org)

#### Chapter Advisor

This person would spend the most time with the members, attending meetings when possible, and providing guidance as needed.

#### Chapter Office Mentor

Anyone is suited for this role that enjoys working with students. This person can assist with as many or as few members as they see fit for their schedule.

#### Housing Corporation Board

If already in a house, or planning to be housed, as Housing Corporation Board must be established separately from the Chapter Advisory Board.

#### Virtual/Remote Advisor

Want to help but not local to a chapter? This person would help with achieving chapter goals, oversight, and providing guidance as needed.

#### Chapter Advisory Board

A Chapter Advisory Board is comprised of volunteers and advisors that can support and work in conjunction with the Chapter Advisor.

#### Parents' Club

Any interested parents can form a Parents' Club to support the chapter through special activities such as "Mom, Dad, or Parents' Weekend."

## Chapter Advisor & Volunteer Monthly Conversations

Chapter Advisor & Volunteer Monthly Conversations are held to serve as an opportunity to connect with the Executive Director of the Fraternity, fellow advisors, and volunteers. All conversations take place the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm EST.

For more information and the meeting link, [click here!](#)

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

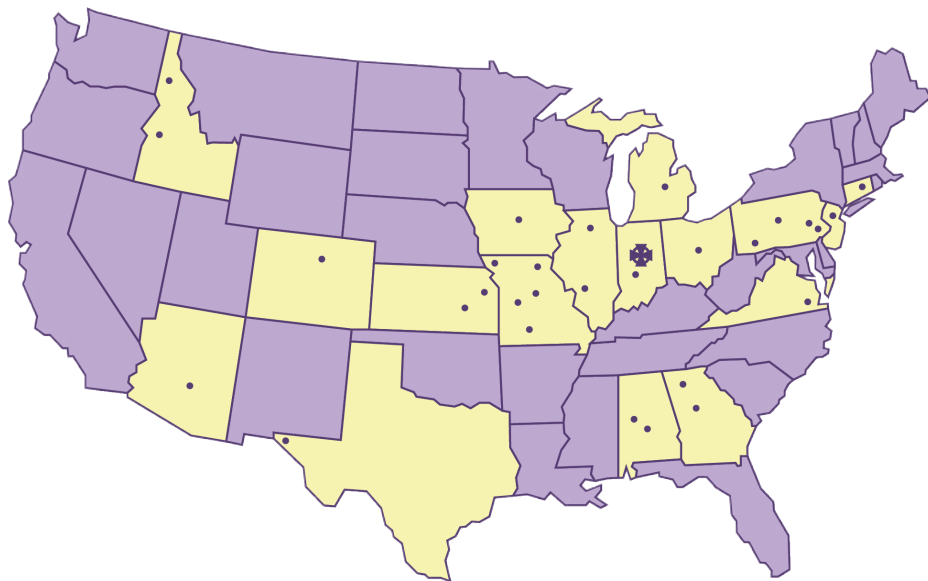
## Volunteer Interest Form

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities and how to get involved with the fraternity, fill out a volunteer interest form [here!](#)

## Recommend a Potential New Member

If you know someone that would make a great Alpha Kappa Lambda member, recommend a potential member [here!](#)





*Want to get involved with a specific chapter or upcoming growth opportunity in your region? Check out the fraternity's current active chapters and upcoming growth!*

## Upcoming Growth

Spring 2022: Zeta- University of Michigan - Founded: February 9, 1924

Fall 2022: Kappa- Purdue University - Founded: May 20, 1934

Spring 2023: Beta Nu- VCU - Founded: September 14, 1985

Fall 2023: Upsilon- University of N. Colorado - Founded: May 12, 1957, Spring

2024: Phi- Oregon State University - Founded: January 25, 1958

Spring 2024: UNC-Wilmington - New Institution

Fall 2025: Towson University - New Institution

Fall 2026: Alpha Iota- University of Wyoming - Founded: May 24, 1964

Unscheduled: Eta- Washington State University- Founded: October 15, 1927

Unscheduled: Loyola University New Orleans - New Institution

## VOLUNTEER & ADVISOR OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

### Want to Get Involved?

## Active Chapters

**Delta Chapter** – University of Kansas

**Lambda Chapter** – Emporia State University

**Mu Chapter** – The Ohio State University

**Xi Chapter** – Truman State University

**Sigma Chapter** – University of Central Missouri

**Tau Chapter** – Pennsylvania State University

**Chi Chapter** – California University of Pennsylvania

**Psi Chapter** – Iowa State University

**Alpha Zeta Chapter** – Northwest Missouri State University

**Alpha Lambda Chapter** – Northern Illinois University

**Alpha Omicron Chapter** – University of Colorado Boulder

**Alpha Rho Chapter** – University of Texas-El Paso

**Alpha Phi Chapter** – University of Idaho

**Beta Tau Chapter** – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

**Beta Psi Chapter** – Missouri State University

**Gamma Alpha Chapter** – University of Missouri

**Gamma Beta Chapter** – University of Alabama

**Gamma Gamma Chapter** – Rutgers University

**Gamma Delta Chapter** – University of Montevallo

**Gamma Theta Chapter** – Boise State University

**Gamma Lambda Chapter** – Temple University

**Gamma Xi Chapter** – Clayton State University

**Gamma Omicron Chapter** – Dalton State College

**Gamma Pi Chapter** – University of Connecticut

**Gamma Rho Chapter** – Arizona State University

**Gamma Sigma Chapter** – Old Dominion University

**Gamma Tau Chapter** – Indiana University

**Gamma Upsilon Chapter** – Saginaw Valley State University

**Kutztown Provisional Chapter** – Kutztown University

*As an undergraduate member, you may be most familiar with myAKL as the OmegaFi portal where you completed your membership paperwork upon joining, accessed the online AKL Education, and had the option to make payments on your fraternity dues, fees, and insurance.*

As an alumni member, you will continue to have access to myAKL and all its features! In our digital age where re-connecting and networking is as readily available online as it is in person, myAKL is your tool to stay connected with Alpha Kappa Lambda. Below are a few of the features available to all brothers that we want to promote and see our members utilize.

**Brotherhood Job Board & Postings**

**AKL Online Education**

**Chapter & Association Search**

**Member & Alumni Search**

**Fraternity Calendar**

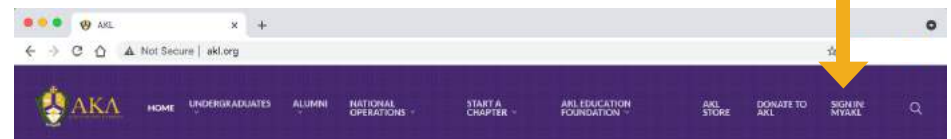
**National Event Information**

**Chapter Information**

**And Many More!**

## myAKL: How to Login

1) Visit [www.myAKL.org](http://www.myAKL.org) or access myAKL at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org)



2) Enter your email and password

3) Forgot Password? Click "Forgot Password" link, enter your email, click continue. Forgot email? Contact AKL NHQ.

4) Need Access? Click the "Get Access" link, select "myOmegaFi," select "Alpha Kappa Lambda," select "Alumni Enrollment," and enter your information to find your profile.

## Questions?

Contact National Headquarters at [info@AKL.org](mailto:info@AKL.org) or (317) 564 - 8003



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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



To adjust to whatever challenge may come our way, we must be nimble enough to react to the needs of today's generation and tomorrow's.

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