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December 2019

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brothers,

Season's Greetings to all of our members! It is hard to believe 2020 is upon us. The undergraduates in our great Fraternity continue to Make a Difference on college campuses across the country. This winter break is an opportunity for them to rest and prepare for the semester ahead. It is also the season of giving. Our members give of their time, talents, and treasures. The financial donations (treasures) are a big part. As would be expected the AKL Education Foundation is in the middle of its December Appeal. I want to thank every member that has already given and to those that choose to give in the near future. There are more details on how to give in this edition of Inside AKL.

We look forward to an exciting 2020 ahead. The Clark-Thompson Presidents' Academy & Officers' Institute is in January here in Carmel, Indiana. We will have up to four undergraduates from every chapter and colony present. Conclave this summer in Williamsburg is shaping up to be another exciting event for undergraduates and alumni alike. Our expansion work is going to be picking up in the near future as we return to a few campuses. There is a whole lot to look forward to.



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.

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# Hair Raising Fundraising

**Gamma Theta Chapter at Boise State University  
Gamma Beta Chapter at the University of Alabama**

## *In the mood for a new hairdo?*

Gamma Theta Chapter at Boise State University hosted their annual Haircut Auction, an event where brothers auction their hair for others to bid on their choice of haircut. The event benefits the Boise Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA.)

This year's auction raised a total of \$4,358.88 all of which went to the WCA. About \$1,500 of that total was raised from another event the chapter sponsors the week leading up to the auction. Students with the Paul Mitchell School of Boise come to give \$5 haircuts in the Student Union Building. This year there were over 200 haircuts given, resulting in a record-breaking amount raised in Gamma Theta Chapter history.

"My favorite part of the auction is actually the next day," said Liam Bredin, Philanthropy Chair. "Everyone who gets a haircut has to keep it for 24 hours and can not wear a hat. This draws attention to everyone around them and usually people ask what

happened. That is when brothers get to talk about the event, the WCA, and the purpose they have in our community."

Liam began planning the event the beginning of the fall semester. "It's difficult to get event space if you book it later," he said. The chapter also offers the \$5 haircuts in the spring, with all proceeds benefiting Paul Mitchell's philanthropy.

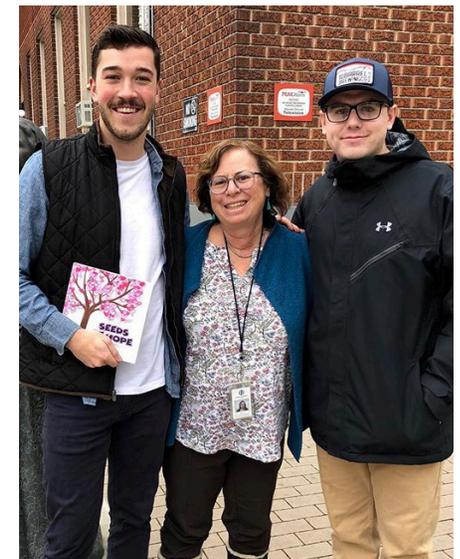
"About a week out from the event we design flyers and table in the quad on campus," said Liam. "I make a sign-up sheet for any brother who wants to auction off their hair. The day before the event we all post on our social media. Executing the event was actually pretty easy. BSU Event Services helps set up all the equipment so most of the chapter's work is advertising."

"This event means so much to me and the chapter because domestic abuse is a serious problem," Liam emphasized. "Spreading awareness that there are places where you can be safe such like the WCA can save lives."



***Above: Gamma Theta Chapter Brothers at Boise State University with their new do's benefiting the Boise Women's & Children's Alliance.***

***Right: Philanthropy Chair Liam Bredin (right) with a representative from the Boise Women's & Children's Alliance (center) and Brother Zachary Zmuda (left.) "A Brother I would like to shout-out is Zachary Zmuda," said Liam. "He handled the money and helped me co-host the auction."***



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## PHILANTHROPY CONTINUED

Meanwhile on the other side of the country, Gamma Beta Chapter at the University of Alabama had a few new hairstyles. Brothers hosted their “Buckets for St. Baldrick’s” basketball tournament and BBQ.

“The event benefits the St. Baldrick’s Foundation that raises money for research to cure any form of childhood cancer” said Josh Nahm, Philanthropy Chair. “There’s a big funding gap between adult and childhood cancers so this foundation is looking to close that gap.”

The goal was to raise \$2,000 where four members would shave their heads. If \$3,000 was raised then one participating member’s haircut would have him rocking a mullet.

“This year went even better than last year.” said Josh. “Funds raised surpassed our goal of \$3,000 and reached \$3,300. This is the second year we’ve been able to shave because we reached our goal. I shaved my hair as well as Jeff Niles and CJ Stearns.”

Planning for the event started with reaching out to St. Baldrick’s who assisted in updating the chapter’s online donation page. “We then texted other Philanthropy Chairs to get as many houses on board as possible.” said Josh. “I got the food and a friend painted the banner and we were ready to go. Our sponsors were Delta Delta Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Tau, Phi Sigma Tau, and Delta Tau Delta.”

Thanking his brothers, Josh wanted to recognize “Chris Robson, the other Philanthropy Chair was a huge help recruiting other greek life and Jeff Niles always helps with philanthropy a ton. It was also great to see a new member, CJ Stearns, step up and participate. We’re looking to continue the event again next year and hoping it’s just as successful.”

***Top Right: Reaching the chapter’s goal, brothers (left to right) CJ, Josh, and Jeff rocking their new shaved heads.***

***Bottom Right: Gamma Beta Brothers after a successful philanthropy.***



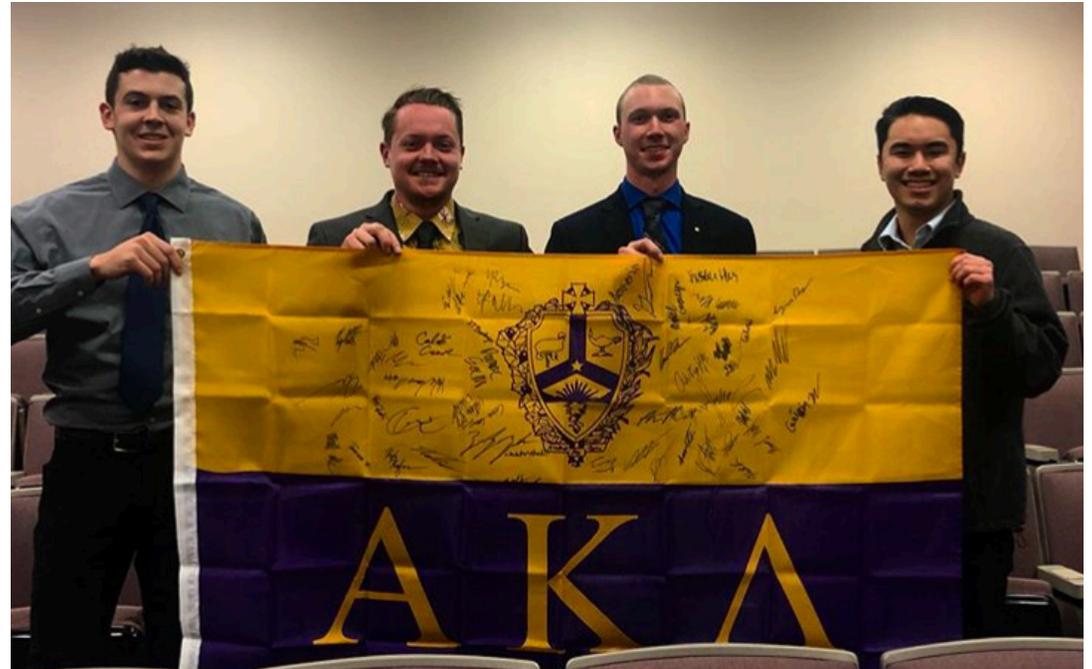
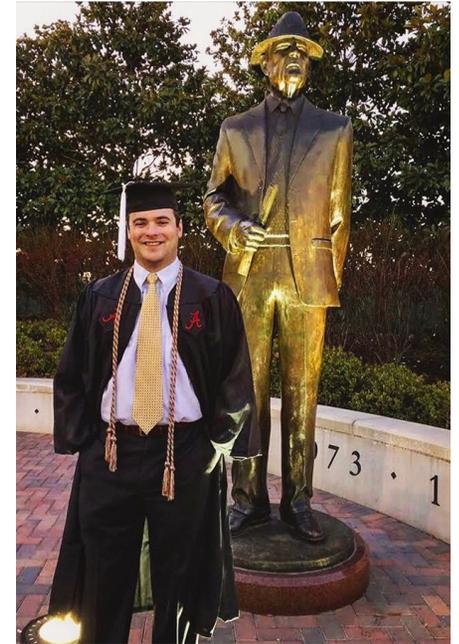
# CONGRADULATIONS!

*Top Left: Now Xi Chapter alum Austin Kerwood with his Grandma at Truman State University's graduation ceremony.*

*Top Right: Past Gamma Beta Chapter President Ben Greenberg celebrating his graduation from the University of Alabama.*

*Bottom Left: Sigma Chapter Brothers Ryan Kilgore (left) and Andrew Lingle (right) graduate from University of Central Missouri.*

*Bottom Right: New alumni members from Gamma Theta Chapter at Boise State University. (From left to right) Matt Berry, Patrick Baur, Adam Jarrett, and Scott Ikemoto.*



**Congratulations to all recent graduates! As cliché as it might be, "It's not four years, it's for life" rings true. As you transition from membership as an undergraduate to an alum, remember that membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda is "affiliation that is binding for life."**

**Remember it's not "I was an AKL," it's "I am an AKL." You remain a member for life, and spend most of your membership as an alum. Stay in touch with alumni events, Homecomings, Founders' Days, etc. If you can't give money, your time, skill, and mentorship is just as valuable.**



*Top Right: Recently graduated alumni members from Lambda Chapter at Emporia State University. (Left to right) Stetsyn Roberts, Jacob Whitesell, Eli Stewart, Landon Fliger, Brian Percival, Jarrod Fisher, Cole McClain, and Stephen Holbert.*

*Bottom Left: Gamma Sigma Chapter Brother Nate Andrews graduates from Old Dominion University.*

*Bottom Right: Gamma Omicron Chapter congratulates Brother Daniel Oliver for his graduation from Dalton State College.*



*Top Left & Bottom Right: Gamma Lambda Chapter at Temple University held a holiday mixer with the women of Alpha Epsilon Phi.*

*Top Right: The Alpha Phi Chapter House at the University of Idaho lit for the holidays.*

*Bottom Left: Gamma Kappa Chapter at Fairleigh Dickinson University thank the women of Phi Sigma Sigma for their Secret Santa gift.*



# Kyle Weddington

## Mu Chapter – the Ohio State University

*As a recent alumni, Kyle Weddington of Mu Chapter has continued to stay involved with the brothers at the Ohio State University all while navigating his first career moves.*

### How you did you get involved with and join Alpha Kappa Lambda at tOSU?

"I was a Sophomore in college with no real interest in greek life. A close friend of my that lived in my dorm recommended me to some of the current members recruiting. I went to an interview and initially declined the invitation to become a Founding Father. A few months later I got a text message from one of the guys asking if I was still interested. At that point I decided I would give it a shot and see how things shook out."

### What leadership positions did you hold in AKL and on campus?

"I founded a Coffee Club on campus. Unfortunately as my involvement in the

fraternity increased my involvement with the group decreased and I handed it over for others to manage."

"I served as the third consecutive President of the newly established Mu Chapter. My experience was amazing. I learned so much about organizational structures and managing a rapidly growing business."

"I felt like my passion for the fraternity was at its peak as I was able to have a hand in just about everything that was happening external and internal. It's something that I still talk about in job interviews to this day. It was such a valuable experience for me and I learned so many lessons that will stick with me."

"The year prior to becoming President I was Social Chair for the fraternity. This ended up being my first taste of leadership and the stress that came with it. I was the first social chair to organize an official fraternity event at an established fraternity house. There was no play book, something



*Then Colony President Kyle Weddington (center) presenting Mu Chapter's Charter alongside AKL Executive Director Jeremy Slivinski (left) and National President Rich Cruz at the October 19th, 2018 Re-Chartering Ceremony.*

I experienced frequently during my leadership roles in AKL. I found myself learning from every experience and mistake. It prepared me for the role as President."

### When did you graduate and what have you been up to since then?

"I graduated in December of 2018. Since then I started my first job in February 2019 at Highlights for Children as a Marketing Campaign Analyst. My work involves analyzing telemarketing campaign efforts

and their outcomes. I use business metrics and campaign performance numbers to make recommendations on marketing efforts and various tests taking place within the business."

"I enjoy working with the numbers and learning about the various behind the scenes aspects of the publication business. I also love my work environment and the people I work with. I initially found the job on Indeed, applied, and the interviewing process took about a week."

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"I was offered the job a day after my finally interview and began working 2 weeks later."

**How does membership as an alumni differ/compare to membership as an undergraduate?**

"It's totally different. I don't see what's going on from a day to day level with the fraternity, especially from an operations stand point."

"I am currently the Chapter Adviser and Alumni Board President so I get to check in every now and then and I am often surprised at the progress and change that happens in between the check ins. It's nice to see the fraternity growing and progressing with the foundation I was able to help lay."

**What is your fondest AKL memory?**

"My fondest memory is most definitely the Chartering Ceremony. I agonized over the details for weeks and spent

many nights planning and organizing behind the scenes. Nothing compares to the feeling of putting your heart and soul into something and seeing it all pay off when you sign your name on that parchment."

**What advice do you have for college men joining AKL?**

"Take every single opportunity you have to learn and grow yourself as a person. Whether through service or an entirely new experience, get in the habit of saying yes."

**What advice do you have for a young college graduate looking for his first position out of college?**

"Start the search early. Like much of college, I procrastinated the job search process until a month before graduation and I was left unemployed for two months after. Landing that first job isn't as easy as it may seem, but don't get discouraged. Just keep a positive outlook and don't give up."

*Thank you Kyle for catching up with us! If any of our readers have an alum they would like to see featured in an Alumni Spotlight, email [info@AKL.org](mailto:info@AKL.org)*



*Top Left: Alpha Zeta Chapter at Northwest Missouri State University host their inaugural AKL Award Ceremony.*

*Top Right: Alpha Phi Chapter at the University of Idaho complete another highway cleanup.*

*Bottom Left: Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University are #Thankful for their AKL brothers this holiday season.*

*Bottom Right: Gamma Gamma Chapter Brothers at Rutgers University enjoy a brotherhood event at Top Golf.*



# CLARK-THOMPSON PRESIDENTS' ACADEMY



## & Officers' Institute

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.

Training tracks are offered for the following: Chapter President, Treasurer, Recruitment Chair, and Vice President/Risk Manager. All officer elections should be completed and reported no later than December 4, 2019. All registrations must be completed by Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

More information and registration can be found online at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org)

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**Chapter President**

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

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

**WHEN?**

**January 17 - 19, 2020**

**WHERE?**

**Renaissance Hotel : Carmel, Indiana**

**WHO?**

### **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.



*Top Left: The 2019 Executive Board (back row) of Alpha Omicron Chapter at the University of Colorado Boulder transitions in the newly elected officers (front row.)*

*Bottom Left: Alpha Phi Chapter's 2020 Executive Board at the University of Idaho.*

*Bottom Right: Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University celebrate their newly elected Executive Board with a chapter photo.*



# 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.



### 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.

# *National Conclave 2020*

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA



*When?*

**JULY 30 – AUGUST 2, 2020**

*Where?*

**WILLIAMSBURG LODGE  
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA**

*Who?*

**ALL AKL BROTHERS, FAMILY &  
FRIENDS INVITED TO SAVE THE DATE!  
MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**

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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!

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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.

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

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