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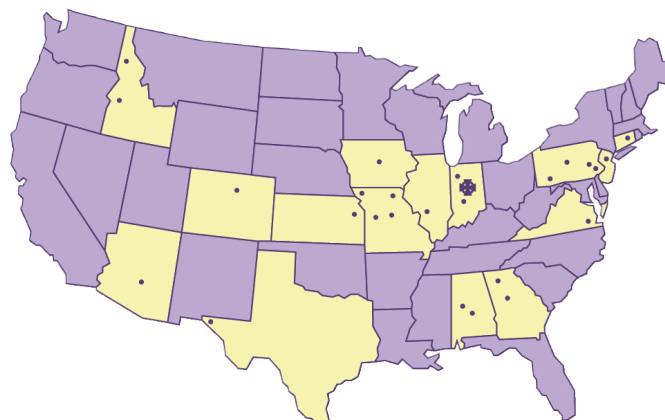
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Develop brothers who, guided by the Five Ideals, share a lifelong commitment to AKL and are dedicated to assuming leadership roles in meeting the challenges of life.

### 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

**25**

Active Chapters

### Front Cover

*Gamma Omicron Chapter at Dalton State College proudly display the Fraternity letters alongside our National Philanthropy!*



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## From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Brothers,

April is always a busy month for Alpha Kappa Lambda. For most campuses it is the last full month of school. It is also the month that our chapters engage in These Hands Don't Hurt which you will be reading more about in this issue of InsideAKL. April is also the Founding month for our Fraternity. So as I started this message with, April is a busy month.

We added to that busy month this year with the roll out of Conclave registration information. Hopefully you have seen the details. We would love for you to attend. While Conclave is a business meeting for the Fraternity it is also a great opportunity to rekindle that Brotherhood spirit. You don't need to be an active undergraduate or alumnus member to participate. All are welcome. We also introduced our new alumni affinity venture, Founders Rock Napa Valley. This program is a great way to connect with the Fraternity, support the Fraternity, and appreciate some exceptional wine. Early enrollment into the program has been impressive. Hopefully you will consider signing up if you have not already.

Finally you will have noticed we have switched our email platform for distribution of these messages. Technology is never perfect and it is ever evolving. Hopefully this new platform is well received and helps us get our newsletter out to a wider audience. Please remember that our emails are meant to keep you connected to the Fraternity. We want to be able to share with you all that is happening as well as opportunities when they arise.



Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. D. Slivinski".

Jeremy Slivinski,  
Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Executive Director

# These Hands Don't Hurt

## Alpha Kappa Lambda Supports Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Gamma Omicron Chapter Dalton State College

*Gamma Omicron Chapter at Dalton State College hosted a week of These Hands Don't Hurt events including tabling to raise awareness and sharing resources about how to support survivors, a Promise Wall, and a raffle of gift baskets featuring donations from local businesses.*

*Overall they raised over \$300 for Green House, a local Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center!*





## Gamma Gamma Chapter Rutgers University

Gamma Gamma Chapter at Rutgers University hosted their These Hands Don't Hurt Promise Wall on College Avenue, a high-traffic area where they were able to raise awareness and collect donations from Rutgers students as well as those in the community. With only a few hours of tabling, Gamma Gamma chapter brothers were able to raise almost \$100 for These Hands Don't Hurt to be donated to a local shelter.





## Gamma Lambda Chapter Temple University

*Gamma Lambda Chapter at Temple University hosted their These Hands Don't Hurt Promise Wall on campus at the Bell Tower! Stationed at a high foot-traffic area, brothers were able to reach out to the community and have them add their handprints to take the THDH Pledge.*

*Gamma Lambda Chapter also hosted an ice cream sale on campus (Bottom Left) where they raised donations for WOAR, the Women Organized Against Rape sexual violence crisis center. The chapter has a long standing history of working with WOAR, fundraising for them for over a decade!*





## Gamma Alpha Chapter Missouri State University

*Gamma Alpha Chapter hosted their These Hands Don't Hurt Promise Wall on campus at the University of Missouri! Through THDH pledges, the chapter was able to raise \$900 to support the True North Women's Shelter in Columbia, Missouri!*





# Return to Campus

## Kappa Chapter at Purdue University

*The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda* is excited to announce Kappa Chapter's return to campus at Purdue University! Through potential new member referrals, recruitment, volunteer and advisor support, and two pinning ceremonies, nearly 30 new members are excited to represent themselves as "Men of Character Committed to Making a Difference!"

The Fraternity extends a generous thank you to all the alumni, volunteers, and advisors who helped make this possible. There are still several opportunities to give back to the Fraternity and assist our undergraduate members grow and learn.

### 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 in becoming a Kappa Chapter volunteer or advisor? Fill out a volunteer and advising interest form [here!](#)*

### Potential New Member Referrals

If you know someone on campus at Purdue University 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! *Know a Kappa Chapter potential new member? Fill out a membership referral form [here!](#)*

### Potential New Member Interest Form

Are you a Purdue University student interested in joining or learning more about AKL or fraternity life? *Interested in joining AKL Kappa Chapter? Fill out an interest form [here!](#)*



(Above) Welcome to the brotherhood! Introducing the newest members to the Fraternity and the "Men of Character Committed to Making a Difference" of Kappa Chapter at Purdue University after their second pinning ceremony!



(Left) The AKL flag is raised at the Kappa chapter house, a symbolic representation of Kappa Chapter's return to campus!

**Follow Kappa Chapter Online!**  
**Instagram: @AKLPurdue**  
**Twitter: @KappaAKL**



## Kappa Chapter – Purdue University

*(Top Right) Kappa chapter alumni welcome the newest AKL members into the Fraternity!*

*(Bottom Right) Kappa Chapter Founding Fathers after the first pinning ceremony. They went on to recruit and welcome several more Founding Fathers in a later second pinning ceremony.*

*(Bottom Left) Kappa Chapter House.*





## AKL Risk Management Guidelines: Sexual Abuse and Harassment

*An organization should not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional. This is to include any actions, activities, or events, whether on chapter premises or an off-site location which are demeaning to women or men, including but not limited to verbal harassment, sexual assault by individuals or members acting together. The employment or use of strippers, exotic dancers or similar, whether professional or amateur, at a fraternity event as defined in this policy should not be allowed.*

### What is Sexual Abuse?

To understand sexual abuse, we must define sexual harassment and rape or sexual assault.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** is defined as the unwelcome, unreciprocated imposition of sexual attention, usually in the context of a relationship of unequal power.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT (or conduct or rape):** is defined as an act of sexual contact or penetration with a person against his/her will.

There are many types of sexual abuse. Recognize that sexually abusive behavior occurs on a continuum ranging from harassment to rape.

Verbal abuse or sexist behavior may include:

- 1) Whistling, yelling, taunting.
- 2) Humor and jokes about sex or male or female specific traits.
- 3) Suggestive or insulting sounds.
- 4) Sexual innuendoes about your or someone else's personal appearance.
- 5) Sexual innuendoes about your or someone else's sexual activities; and
- 6) Demands for sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats

Physical abuse may include:

- 1) Any inappropriate touching, pinching, or patting.
- 2) Brushing against someone else's body.
- 3) Coerced sexual intercourse; and
- 4) Assault



### Why Does Sexual Abuse Occur?

Although there is not one direct cause for sexually abusive behavior, there are some factors that help build an environment conducive to sexual abuse. Factors such as gender role stereotyping - what our society says is "feminine" and "masculine" - are part of the problem leading to rape and sexual harassment.

This social environment that encourages males to be aggressive and females to be passive is ripe for sexual abuse. Sexual harassment and rape are issues of power abuse. If we can understand how gender role stereotyping often leads to power imbalances, we can better understand how the phenomenon of sexual abuse happens in our society.

### Alpha Kappa Lambda Risk Management Best Practices

- 1) A chapter will not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional. This is to include any actions that are demeaning to men or women, ranging from assault to harassment or the objectification of individuals.
- 2) A chapter will not sponsor or participate in any activity, including competitive games, community service or philanthropic endeavors, activities associated with recruitment, social events, or events related to activities such as homecoming that are abusive or demeaning.
- 3) A chapter will educate its members on these issues each year.

*This excerpt was taken from the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda's Risk Management Manual, for more information visit the full manual [here](#).*



# Summer Break Safety

Originally published at [www.HolmesMurphy.com](http://www.HolmesMurphy.com)

*Summer break, or the months of May through August, is a high risk period of time for chapter houses. It is important you take the time to properly prepare your chapter house for the summer break period. The leading risks to a chapter facility during the summer break period are:*

## Fire Wind

Only two perils on the list are truly unavoidable, that being wind and hail. However, the risks and resulting claims from wind and hail often occur to the roof and structure of the facility, emphasizing the need to have the facility inspected by a professional on a regular basis.

Most incidents involving water damage could have been minimal if someone had taken the time to prepare the house for break. The plumbing issues creating damage often went unchecked for days, weeks and even months. As a result, what would have been a few hundred dollars in clean up and a small plumbing repair turned into a costly claim.

Avoiding a claim can make a significant difference in the cost of property

## Vandalism Water Damage

insurance and ability to provide a safe and healthy environment for undergraduate members.

The benefits of preparing your house for summer break include:

- Avoid the expense and the time associated with a claim and restoring the damaged area.
- With a large loss, you may risk having an uninhabitable house for the fall semester.
- Water damage can lead to mold
- Many insurance policies limit coverage in this area.
- Protect your history from thieves and vandals, A price cannot be put on sentimental value

Use the Summer Break Checklist to help prepare your chapter facility!

## Theft Hail



## Summer Break Checklist

- Inspect all rooms, document damage and deduct from security deposit
- Complete routine maintenance on furnace/boiler/AC
- Clean and inspect all roof drains and gutters (contact a local professional)
- Repair all broken windows and doors to prevent damage from inclement weather; ensure that doors latch completely
- Have a roofing contractor inspect the roof, provide a written recommendation, and repair any immediate concerns
- Contact emergency service company to conduct an inspection and service emergency lighting, alarm equipment, fires suppression and sprinkler systems
- Clean exterior and interior of chapter house and check security/safety lighting
- Clean/service fireplace and chimney and check for defects or debris
- Inspect the hot water heater and exposed water lines and pipes for slow leaks
- Remove and dispose of debris outside the facility, especially near the dumpster
- Unplug and store unused appliances
- Service and clean stoves, ovens, hood ranges and other kitchen equipment
- Inform the host institution (college/university) as to whether the residence will be occupied or not and provide proper contact information for the facility

## If the chapter facility is unoccupied over the summer:

- Securely lock the property and limit access to only designated caretakers
- Have a responsible alumnus, undergraduate or professional property management company check the property daily to ensure a loss has not occurred. A consistent daily presence will deter thieves and vandals.
- Inform local police and/or campus security the property will not be occupied. Provide them with access to the facility and ask them to patrol frequently
- If it will not affect the function of your fire sprinkler system or other systems, turn the water off at the main supply line (contact a professional for this service)
- When not in use, remove all hoses and store preferably inside facility
- Hire a mature caretaker to reside in and look after the property in exchange for free/reduced rent if a house mother and/or resident advisor is not available



# AKL 101

## 2022 National Award Nominations

*The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda is excited to announce that the 2022 National Award Nominations are now open! Nominations will be open until Friday, May 20th, 2022 and announced this summer at the 2022 National Conclave. Winners will be recognized by the National Executive Council and presented with their awards during the in-person event. For the selection process to best work please be sure to fully complete all questions including short answer questions.*

### Founders' Cup – Nominate [Here!](#)

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

### Clarence E. Brehm Leadership Award – Nominate [Here!](#)

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

### Holmes Award – Nominate [Here!](#)

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



### Henry T. Moon Outstanding Advisor Award – Nominate [Here!](#)

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

### Athlete of the Year – Nominate [Here!](#)

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

### Outstanding Campus Activity Award – Nominate [Here!](#)

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

### Outstanding Community Service Award – Nominate [Here!](#)

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



# 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 Open Now!*

- 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 NOW AT MYAKL**

### 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!



### Registration Types and Cost

Each chapter should be represented by two Undergrad Delegates. Each chapter can also have one Alumni Delegate. Each chapter is automatically billed the \$800 for two delegate representatives. It should be the responsibility of the chapter to get this paid for those representing the chapter. The registration covers multiple meals and materials but not travel or hotel costs.

<p><b>Undergrad Delegate</b></p> <p><b>\$ 400 per Delegate</b> <b>(\$800 per Chapter)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to all scheduled events</li> <li>• All National Conclave printed materials</li> <li>• Thursday Dinner, Friday Breakfast &amp; Lunch, Saturday Breakfast &amp; Lunch &amp; Reception/Dinner</li> </ul>	<p><b>Alumni Delegate</b></p> <p><b>\$ 400</b> <b>per Alumni Delegate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to all scheduled events</li> <li>• All National Conclave printed materials</li> <li>• Thursday Dinner, Friday Breakfast &amp; Lunch, Saturday Breakfast &amp; Lunch &amp; Reception/Dinner</li> </ul>
<p><b>Non-Delegate/Guest</b></p> <p><b>\$ 375</b> <b>per Non-Delegate/Guest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to all scheduled events</li> <li>• Thursday Dinner, Friday Breakfast &amp; Lunch, Saturday Breakfast &amp; Lunch &amp; Reception/Dinner</li> </ul>	<p><b>Individual Meals</b></p> <p><b>\$ Varies</b> <b>per meals selected</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday Dinner: \$100.00</li> <li>• Friday Lunch: \$75.00</li> <li>• Saturday Lunch: \$75.00</li> <li>• Saturday Dinner: \$100.00</li> </ul>

### Hotel Reservation

The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda will host the 2022 National Conclave at The Williamsburg Lodge. Book your hotel room now for an early discounted group rate! Delegates must stay at the Conclave hotel.

*Book Your Hotel Room [Here!](#)*  
***\$ 184 per night (plus taxes & fees)***

***The Williamsburg Lodge – 310 South England Street, Williamsburg, VA***

### What to Pack & Expect

- Attire is business casual for the entire duration of the event. (at a minimum, slacks and/or khakis, button-down shirt). Jeans, gym shorts, and t-shirts are not appropriate during any scheduled programming.
- Pack casual clothing for free time after scheduled programming. There will be some time to relax and enjoy the comforts of the hotel, Colonial Williamsburg, and surrounding areas like Busch Gardens: Theme & Water Park.
- Each attendee should bring their copy of "The Truth and The Word" to add to your Membership Collection of signatures.
- You must swipe your credit card for incidental charges to your hotel room. The National Fraternity will not cover any damages or extra charges to a room.



# Boilermakers & Bulldogs

**Mike Uremovich, Kappa Chapter '95**

*Earlier this year at the 2022 Clark-Thompson Presidents' Academy and Officers' Institute while undergraduate officers were returning to education sessions, a man walked up and introduced himself to attendees as well as National Headquarters staff.*

That man was Mike Uremovich, a Kappa Chapter and Purdue University alum who by chance was staying at the Carmel Renaissance Hotel the same weekend as Officers' Academy. An AKL banner caught his eye and he introduced himself. Truly demonstrating "membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda as affiliation that is binding for life!"

Mike has recently been named the Butler University Head Football Coach. He previously orchestrated impressive offenses as an FBS coordinator and has held many successful coaching positions.

InsideAKL was delighted to follow-up with Mike after Officers' Academy and share his story with our readers now.

**Tell us more about yourself. Where you grew up, hobbies or interests, fun facts, etc.**

"I grew up in Manhattan, a small town in Illinois. It is about an hour south of Chicago and had a population of 2,000 when I lived there. I lived in New Lenox, Illinois for my high school years and attended Providence Catholic High School. I really don't have any hobbies outside of coaching, when I get time off, I want to be with my wife and kids."

**What was your collegiate experience like?**

"I had a great experience in college. I earned a degree in US History with a certification to teach secondary education. It was unique because of my desire to coach football. I spent two years coaching at McCutcheon High School. When the head coach left for a job at Purdue, I had a tough decision to make in order to keep coaching. I would spend the next two years transferring to Purdue Calumet



*Mike, Kappa Chapter and Purdue Alum, now Butler Head Football Coach!*

for the fall term so I could coach high school football at Providence. I would then transfer back to Purdue West Lafayette and move back into the house for the spring terms. It was a lot of paper work but necessary to continue to grow as a coach."

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

"There is one reason I joined AKL, Chris Woodard. He is still a good friend to this day. I had attended rush events at several houses and I met him at the Co-Rec. He introduced himself and asked me to stop by the house. I had not been to AKL before this visit. I really liked the atmosphere of the house. There were men from all over with different backgrounds and interests. I decided to pledge and fell in love with the place. Four men that I



lived with in the chapter house were in my wedding."

"I believe in brotherhood as friendship of the highest calling. I accept membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda as affiliation that is binding for life. These words have remained true in my life. It doesn't mean everyone always got along or agreed on everything but there was a mutual respect in the house. It was a great experience."

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

"I was social chair and pledge educator for two semesters. I really enjoyed serving the house in both of these roles. Especially pledge educator, because it allowed me to spend time with the new men joining the house."

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## Mike Uremovich – Alumni Spotlight Continued

"I have several good friends that were younger than me because of this leadership role. I ran for president and lost. Looking back the house made the correct decision!!!"

### Could you tell us more about your family and/or personal accolades?

"I have a great family for which my wife Katie (Theta at Purdue) deserves all of the credit. We have three children Ella (17), Mike (15), and Drew (11). They all have made sacrifices in order for me to be a football coach."

"Coaching is a calling that the entire family must be on board with in order to be successful. I am thankful that they see this profession in the same way I do, not in wins and losses, but an opportunity to help change lives. I will never be able to repay them for their commitment to this goal."

### How do you stay in contact with the fraternity and brothers?

"I still keep in contact with a lot of

the guys. One of the draw backs to coaching is that I can never attend a homecoming reunion because I always have a game. But many of the guys still take trips to see my teams play every fall."

"I have had guys from the house make trips all over the county to watch us play. It really means a lot, especially now that they all have kids and families. They will never know how much this has meant to me over the years."

### What advice would you give to our undergraduate members today? What advice would you give to potential new members considering joining a fraternity?

"The only advice I would give would be to join a house. This is the only opportunity you will have in your life to do something like this."

"You will learn more about yourself than you can imagine. The relationships you will form will last the rest of your life. The people you meet will cause you to



*(Top Left) Mike with his family! Children Ella, Drew, and Mike, and wife Katie.  
(Top Right) Mike and Katie at their wedding celebrating with fraternity brothers.*

look at things in a different way. Lastly, it's a lot of fun. Don't miss the chance to be a part of something bigger than yourself."

*Thank you Mike for sharing your story with us! The following is a brief list of Mike's career accomplishments. For more information on Mike's career, visit Butler University's official head coach announcement [here!](#)*

**2022–Current:** Butler; Head Coach  
**2019–21:** Temple; Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator  
**2016–18:** Northern Illinois; Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator  
**2013–15:** North Carolina State; Offensive Line Coach  
**2012:** Northern Illinois; Special Teams

Coordinator/Running Backs Coach  
**2005–11:** – University of St. Francis (Ill.); Head Coach  
**2003–04:** Waynesburg College (Pa.); Offensive Coordinator  
**2001–02:** Northern Illinois; Graduate Assistant  
**2000:** Benedictine University (Ill.); Special Teams Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach  
**1998–99:** Providence Catholic High School (Ill.); Wide Receivers Coach  
**1996–97:** McCutcheon High School (Ind.); Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach

*If any readers are interested in being featured in an Alumni Spotlight or would like to recommend a brother to be featured, email [trey@AKL.org](mailto:trey@AKL.org)*

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# Why AKL?

### Joel Brumfield, Xi Chapter '16

I joined the Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda in the Spring of 2016 at Truman State University. I served as Brotherhood Chair, House Manager, New Member Educator, and Chapter President. I would not be where I am today without AKL, both personally and professionally. The connections I made have proven to be some of my strongest relationships and I still keep in contact with many of my brothers.

I currently serve as the Xi Chapter Advisor, and have witnessed the success and struggles of my chapter. Seeing each of these stages from different perspectives has shown me just how valuable and beneficial the organization is to our members, alumni, national fraternity, local community, and the university.

It is fair to say that the connections I made through AKL to the community and University faculty played a part in my returning to Truman to work in the Career Center, where I am now the Career Services Coordinator and Trainer. I recently became the

Chapter Advisor after Brad Turnbull, my Chapter Advisor during my presidency moved on to another organization.

Most recently, I worked with the chapter to identify individual and group strengths. Members completed the StrengthsQuest Assessment and we analyzed the data to understand how our strengths could be used in influencing, executing, strategic thinking, and relationship building. We used these functional skillsets to plan our future chapter initiatives and work.

Meeting with the newest members and executive officers has shown me just how much this organization means to them and proves that all the hard work from the members before them and before myself has all been worth it. And they are going to continue the hard work to make sure future members have just as a significant and beneficial experience as the current and former members.

– Joel Brumfield, Xi '16



Joel (Left) currently serves as Xi Chapter Advisor. During undergrad Joel was awarded the Holmes Award (Below Right) by Stephen Hladik, current National President and former National Vice President, at the 2018 National Conclave. (Bottom) Joel as an undergrad with Xi Chapter!





## Omega Chapter

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### 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*

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#### **Alpha Chapter University of California – Berkeley**

John E. Cakebread, 1949

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

Malcolm M. Clark, 1943  
Clarence C. Leverenz, 1949

#### **Eta Chapter Washington State University**

Gerald Lee Carr, 1960

#### **Lambda Chapter Emporia State University**

Michael Jerry Alcanter, 1969  
Gregory Lee House, 1968

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

William C. Durow, 1966  
James Dean Thompson, 1961

#### **Tau Chapter Pennsylvania State University**

Robert George Misko, 1970

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

Nicholas James Steinke, 2006

#### **Beta Psi Chapter Missouri State University**

Brian Neil Gillespie, 2001

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

Jared Anil Jaquez, 2016

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*These members have been reported to the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda's National Headquarters since January 1st, 2022.*

## 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!](#)

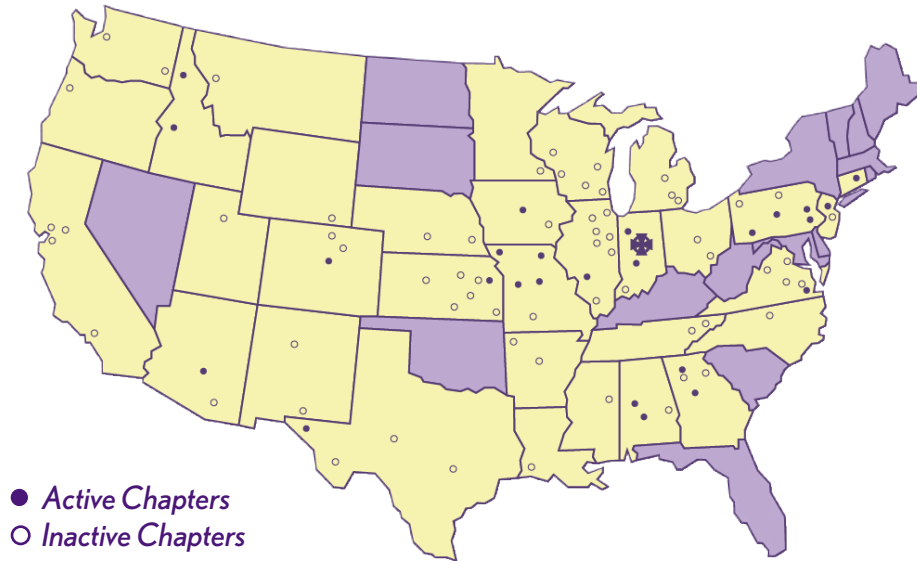
## Recommend a Potential New Member

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



## VOLUNTEER & ADVISOR OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

### Want to Get Involved?



*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

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  
Fall 2025: UNC-Wilmington - New Institution  
Fall 2025: Towson University - New Institution  
Fall 2026: Alpha Iota- University of Wyoming - Founded: May 24, 1964  
Unscheduled: Zeta- University of Michigan - Founded: February 9th, 1924  
Unscheduled: Eta- Washington State University- Founded: October 15, 1927  
Unscheduled: Loyola University New Orleans - New Institution

### Active Chapters

**Delta Chapter** – University of Kansas  
**Kappa Chapter** - Purdue 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 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  
**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  
**Kutztown Provisional Chapter** – Kutztown University



# Founders Rock Napa Valley

## Just Like Wine, Brotherhood Gets Better With Age

**Attention Alumni! The Fraternity** is excited to introduce Founders Rock Nappa Valley, AKL's new wine available to alumni and friends of the fraternity! Inspired by Founders Rock located on campus at the University of California across the street from where Alpha Chapter built their house, the wine brand will pay homage to the Fraternity's history.

Created in partnership with Fairwinds Estate Winery, we are excited to share the premium wine brand and extend an invitation to join the 11 Friends Wine Club. Membership in the 11 Friends Wine Club is a celebration of your Fraternity and a way to support it at the same time.

Members receive an iconic wood crate emblazoned with symbols from AKL's history. We pay homage to our founding by use of the original Los Amigos pin. The border compliments this with the use of California Oak and Laurel leaves that can also be found as the Dexter and Sinister supports on AKL's crest. The name itself, Founders

Rock Napa Valley, recognizes our founding at the University of California - Berkeley as well as the Founding of all AKL chapters across the country. The realization that more than one group is responsible for our century of success.

Brothers who join the 11 Friends Wine Club will receive two shipments of three or six bottles a year of limited production Founders Rock Napa Valley wines made exclusively for Alpha Kappa Lambda by Fairwinds Estate Winery. 11 Friends Wine Club members will be supporting the Fraternity's strategic priorities via their annual membership fees.

When you join the 11 Friends Wine Club, 20% of your purchase will be given back to support AKL's programming and educational efforts. With every shipment, the members of the 11 Friends Wine Club support the strategic priorities of the Fraternity such as undergraduate leadership development, organizational growth, and alumni programming.



### Membership Benefits

- Membership financially supports Alpha Kappa Lambda.
- Club membership options to best fit your budget and lifestyle.
- Two shipments of three or six bottles per year (minimum to retain 11 Friends Wine Club seniority.)
- Wine received in a handmade vintage Alpha Kappa Lambda fire-branded wooden crate.
- Exclusive access to limited releases and library wines.
- Exclusive access to the gift website to gift wines and merchandise to friends and family.
- Free wine tasting experiences at Fairwinds in Napa Valley.
- Special access to Alpha Kappa Lambda events and experiences.
- Your name honored on the Alpha Kappa Lambda - 11 Friends Wine Club Member Plaque at the winery.
- Fairwinds Estate wines offered at 10% off.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the benefits of membership and join today!





*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**

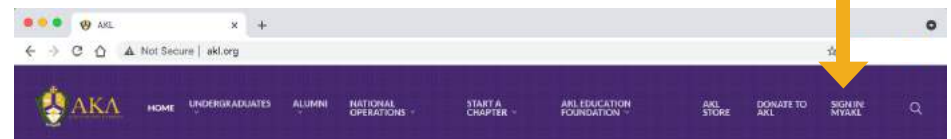
**National Event Information**

**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

ALPHA KAPPA LAMBDA



EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

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

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

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



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

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

### Create Academic Success



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

### Develop Our Chapters



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

### Flexibility for the Future



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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