

# INSIDE AKA



National Conclave 2022



## WHO WE ARE

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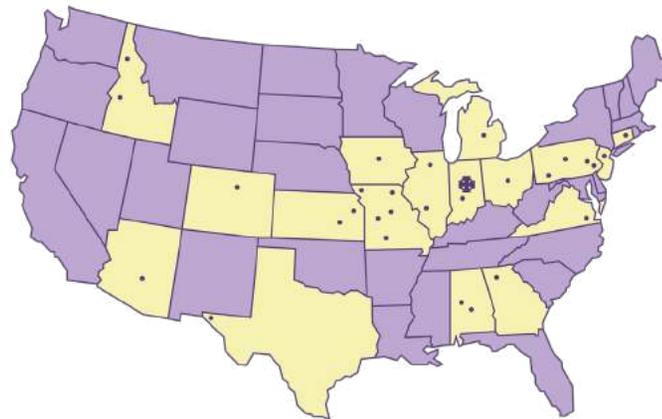
## Mission Statement

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



**27,000+**

Living Alumni Worldwide

**700+**

Undergraduate Members

**24**

Active Chapters

## Front Cover

Brothers of AKL celebrate the 2022 National Conclave in Williamsburg, Virginia! Check out more photos [here!](#)



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## From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Brothers and Friends,

Welcome to Football Season! It is my favorite time of the year. It means school is back in session, alumni events like Homecoming are ramping up, and new members are joining our great organization. Alpha Kappa Lambda is ready for a great year. We have an extremely large edition of InsideAKL for you. I hope you check out all the information including our Alumni Spotlights and more information about Founders' Rock Napa. We also highlight this year's National Conclave which I speak more about below.

The question "What does a post pandemic National Conclave look like?" was answered. We saw attendance numbers at about half of what we normally have. Travel was very difficult. Our activities were much more casual than they have been in the past. With that said the experience was great. Those that did attend engaged the entire weekend. The food was fantastic, the weather cooperated (for the most part,) and the location was extraordinary. The undergraduates that attended give me a lot of hope for the future of our great organization. Thank you to all the attendees, undergraduates, and alumni, for helping us make it happen. I encourage you to check out the photos included in this month's Inside AKL.



Fraternally,

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

Jeremy Slivinski,  
Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Executive Director

# 2022 National Conclave

## Bringing Brotherhood to Williamsburg, Virginia

The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda hosted the 56th National Conclave in Williamsburg Virginia, at the Williamsburg Lodge! This national AKL event welcomed Undergraduate and Alumni Delegates, additional undergraduate and alumni members as National Conclave attendees, the National Executive Council, National Headquarters staff, as well as family and friends!

Travel and early arrivals to National Conclave began Wednesday July 27th. The National Executive Council and National Headquarters staff arrived on site to set up the National Conclave registration and prepare for the following morning's NEC Meeting.

The 2022 National Conclave officially kicked off on Thursday July 28th, with Orientation and the Opening Dinner. The first National Awards were given out at dinner, Gamma Lambda Chapter at Temple University received the Outstanding Community Service Award and Beta Tau Chapter at Southern Illinois

University Edwardsville received the Outstanding Campus Activity Award.

After dinner, festivities continued including the traditional National Conclave Opening Ceremony and the Presentation of the Chapters celebrating each chapter's activities since the previous National Conclave. The evening concluded with the Omega Ceremony, where brothers who have passed away and joined the Omega Chapter since the previous National Conclave were honored and memorialized by their brothers.

The following day, Friday July 29th, began early with breakfast and the first Legislative Session. National Conclave Day Two also hosted two Education Sessions, "Prepping for Fall Recruitment" and "New AKL Recognition Process." Day Two concluded with a Brotherhood Lunch where the next set of National Awards were presented.

Nicholas Green of Alpha Phi Chapter at the University of Idaho received the



*2022 National Conclave - Williamsburg, Virginia - Williamsburg Lodge*

Athlete of the Year Award. William Mast of Dalton State College received the Henry T. Moon Outstanding Advisor Award for his work with Gamma Omicron Chapter. William "Trey" Nunnally III of Beta Nu Chapter and NHQ Communications Manager also received the Ann Gilchrist Staff Award for Professional Excellence.

After lunch, National Conclave Delegates and Attendees had the afternoon free to explore Williamsburg, Virginia! Some chose to explore the local history of Colonial Williamsburg. Others enjoyed the afternoon at Busch Gardens Amusement Park or a short trip to one of Virginia's many beaches.

Day Three, Saturday July 30th, began

with breakfast and a Ritual Education Session, followed by a Leadership Education Session, and the final Legislative Sessions. The final National Awards were presented, including Jerron Phifer of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Dalton State College who received the Clarence E. Brehm Leadership Award. Gamma Omicron Chapter also received the National Presidents' Award. And Gamma Tau Chapter at Indiana University received the Founders' Cup. Congratulations!

Day Three also hosted a special alumni golf outing at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club. Several local alumni made the trip and stayed to join the Closing Dinner at Shields Tavern. All attendees were escorted by a historic music life and drum trio on the walk to dinner!

## National Conclave Day One

Welcome to National Conclave! (Right) Attendees met to kick off National Conclave with Orientation and the Opening Ceremony. (Top Left) Gamma Lambda Chapter at Temple University received the Outstanding Community Service Award and (Bottom Left) Beta Tau Chapter at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville received the Outstanding Community Service Award. Congratulations brothers on your hard work!



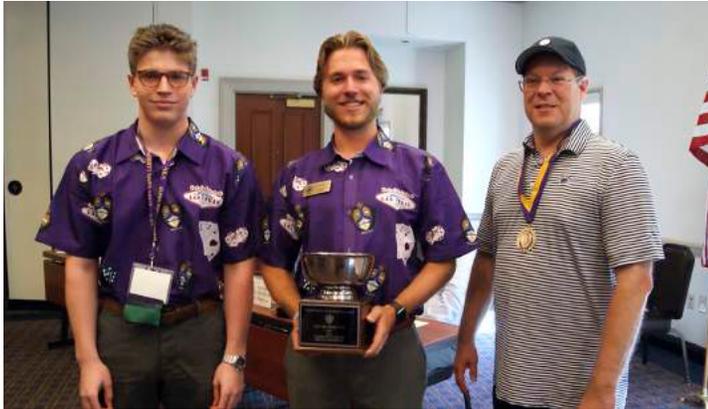
## National Conclave Day Two

*(Right) Legislative and Education Sessions began on the second day of National Conclave, with plenty of downtime for brothers from across the country to bond. (Top Left) Alpha Phi Chapter at the University of Idaho accepts the National Athlete of the Year Award for brother Nicholas Green. (Bottom Left) Gamma Omicron Chapter at Dalton State College accepts the Henry T. Moon Outstanding Advisor Award on behalf of William Mast.*

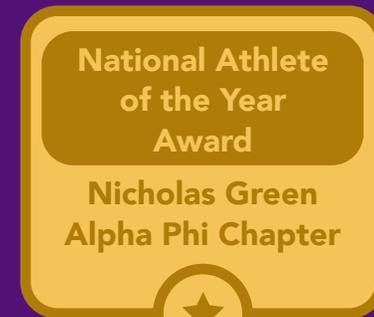
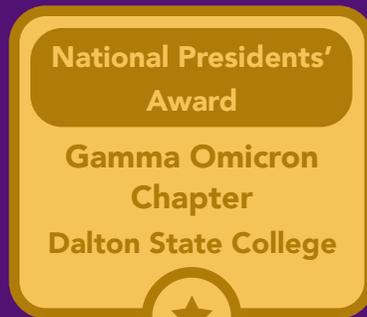
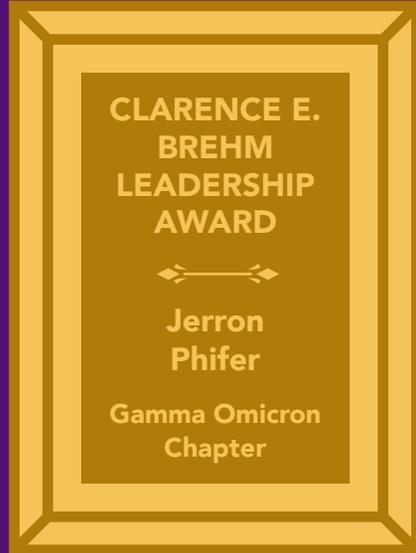


## National Conclave Day Three

*(Top Left) Gamma Tau Chapter at Indiana University received the Founders' Cup. (Bottom Left) Gamma Omicron Chapter at Dalton State College received the National Presidents' Award. (Bottom Center) Jerron Phifer, Gamma Omicron Chapter, received the Clarence E. Brehm Leadership Award. (Bottom Right) Past National President Rich Cruz and National President Stephen Hladik perform the National Officer Installation. (Top Right) National Conclaves attendees are escorted to the Closing Dinner at Shields Tavern.*



# AKA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS



# Remember Our Responsibilities

## Fulfilling the Obligations of Life

*Be safe. Be smart. Be Men of Character.* The health and safety of our brothers is an important area of membership in Alpha Kappa Lambda. As we transition into the academic semester ahead, it is an important time to “remember our responsibilities” and remind our brothers to take the same care in order to meet the obligations of life and fraternity operations.

There are many responsibilities when joining a fraternity that we must uphold as we continue our membership in AKL. Including living by the Creed of AKL, Risk Management Best Practices, and what it means to be a “Man of Character Committed to Making a Difference.”

### Risk Management Guidelines

The Alpha Kappa Lambda Risk Management Guidelines include the following provisions and recommendations. These are intended to apply to all levels of membership in the organization. For the full guidelines, visit [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org) [here](#).

### Finances & Paying National Dues

As a part of membership in any organization, a financial commitment is integral to the operation of Alpha Kappa Lambda chapters. It is members’ responsibility to pay their dues and it is the chapter’s responsibility to hold their members accountable. For more information, check out the following article “2022-2023 National Dues, Fees, and Insurance.”

### Chapter Roster Updates Membership & Billing Statuses

Prior to the start of each semester, chapter leadership must update their chapter’s roster with AKL National Headquarters on OmegaFi Vault. There are only three types of membership statuses with AKL:

- Active Members are enrolled in classes and on campus. This includes both initiated and new members.
- Alumni Members have graduated or left school and are not on campus.

– Expelled Members are those who, for individual reasons, are no longer members of the Fraternity. Chapters must complete an expulsion process to expel members.

Each member also has a “billing status” that refers to what each individual member should be billed prior to the semester starting. Billing statuses must match individual membership statuses to ensure proper billing.

### Membership Entry & New Member Reporting

Once a new member accepts his bid to become a member of the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, he must be added online via OmegaFi Vault to be officially added to the chapter roster.

Once added to the roster, he is officially a new member of the Fraternity and must begin his five day Membership Entry Process. The first step of the process is having each new member complete their new member paperwork.

Once completed, new members are then eligible for Initiation. After new

members have been initiated, chapter officers are responsible for completing an Initiation Report. New members will not be listed as “Initiative - Active” on the chapter roster until an Initiation Report has been submitted.

### AKL Online Education

AKL Online Education is compiled of modules for new members, chapter officers, and all active undergraduate members. AKL Online Education is accessible to all brothers by logging into myAKL.

All new members are required to complete “AKL Foundations” prior to Initiation. This module is designed to make joining members better leaders by educating them on the issues facing college students today.

For more information on fraternity education, check out the following article “Health & Safety: AKL Online Education.”

*Please contact AKL National Headquarters with any questions regarding these best practices at (317) 564 - 8003 or [info@AKL.org](mailto:info@AKL.org)*

# AKL Online Education

## Fraternity Resources

*One of the benefits in Alpha Kappa Lambda* is our vast library of online education available to all members. There are specific officer trainings that every member of the Fraternity can utilize, including:

- Chapter President**
- Vice President**
- Treasurer**
- Recruitment**
- Risk Manager**
- Scholarship**
- Secretary**
- Member Educator**
- New Member Primer**
- Alumni Affairs**
- House Management**
- IFC Representative**
- Judicial Board**
- Philanthropy**

In addition to these officer trainings, there are four fundamental courses available to members. All members are required to complete “AKL Foundations” and are encouraged to participate in our other continuous education courses. AKL Online

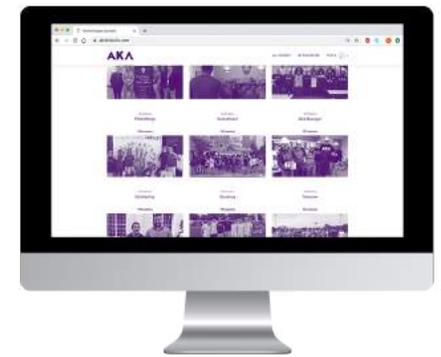
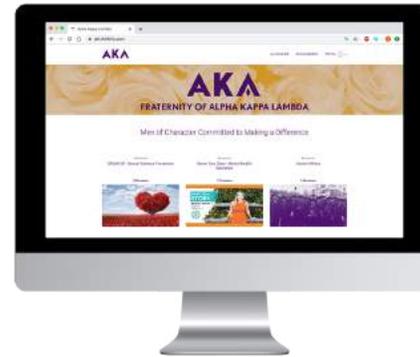
Education can be accessed by logging into myAKL at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org)

### AKL Foundations

The AKL Foundations course of the New Member Entry Process is designed to make joining members better leaders by educating them on the issues facing college students today. As members of the Greek system, students are campus leaders and role models.

As leaders they may face difficult and challenging situations. It is how they respond to these difficult situations that help them learn and develop into effective leaders who make a positive contribution to the campus community.

While our members may not encounter these challenges personally, they may have brothers or friends who do. Through the AKL Foundations course our members will practice the decision making necessary to effectively deal with alcohol and drugs, hazing, sexual violence, and mental health issues in



AKL chapters and the community.

AKL Foundations will also cover; Drugs & Alcohol risk management and best practices, Anti-Hazing education, Sexual Violence Prevention, and Mental Health resources.

### SPEAK UP Sexual Violence Prevention

This course will educate members of AKL as to the devastating impact of sexual violence on victims, in fraternities and sororities, and the university community. Many members will say initially that “I would never do anything like that.” or “That does not happen in my chapter.”

### Name Your Story Mental Health Education

By completing the Name Your Story Mental Health Education course, members will become aware of the

most common mental health disorders diagnosed among college students including depression, anxiety, suicide, and related risk behaviors involving alcohol, illicit drugs, and non-medical use of prescriptions drugs.

### Recognize / Challenge / Change DEI Education

Recognize. Challenge. Change. is an honest conversation about our increasingly interconnected and diverse world. Participants will challenge myths regarding the historical and present-day distributions of power, investigate the role of racism and anti-racism in social, professional, and educational spaces, and feel empowered to analyze their own social identities and positions within systems of power.

More information about AKL Online Education can be found online at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org) [here](#).

## Growing the Fraternity

**“Recruitment is the lifeblood of the Fraternity.”**

### Recruitment Minimums

*In order for any organization to be sustainable and grow, every member must be committed to recruitment. Fraternity recruitment should not be the sole responsibility of the Recruitment Chair.*

Every undergraduate member should strive to recruit one new member per semester to assist chapter and fraternity growth. Members who are graduating at the end of the semester should aim to recruit two new members, one to fill your spot and a second to help the fraternity grow.

Every year, the National Fraternity sets Recruitment Minimums for each AKL Chapter. These minimums are based on campus size, past recruitment targets and achievements, and input from the chapter leadership. The following chart is the 22-23 Academic Year Recruitment Minimums. This chart can be found at [www.AKL.org](http://www.AKL.org) on the Chapter Statistics Dashboard [here](#), where it is updated daily as chapters add new members to their rosters via OmegaFi Vault.

Chapter	Institution	Fall Minimum	Spring Minimum	Year Minimum
Delta	Kansas	28	10	38
Kappa	Purdue	20	15	35
Xi	Truman State	6	4	10
Sigma	Central Missouri	18	2	20
Tau	Penn State	7	15	22
Chi	PennWest Cal	4	6	10
Psi	Iowa State	12	8	20
Alpha Zeta	NW Missouri State	12	6	18
Alpha Omicron	Colorado	20	5	25
Alpha Rho	UTEP	6	6	12
Alpha Phi	Idaho	18	5	23
Beta Tau	SIUE	20	5	25
Gamma Alpha	Missouri	14	6	20
Gamma Beta	Alabama	40	5	45
Gamma Gamma	Rutgers	5	10	15
Gamma Delta	Montevallo	13	3	16
Gamma Theta	Boise State	15	5	20
Gamma Lambda	Temple	6	19	25
Gamma Omicron	Dalton State	10	5	15
Gamma Pi	UConn	20	18	38
Gamma Rho	Arizona State	17	8	25
Gamma Sigma	Old Dominion	12	3	15
Gamma Tau	Indiana	40	10	50
Kutztown	Kutztown	10	5	15
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>373</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>557</b>

# AKL 101

## National Conclave: A Brief History

*AKL National Conclave is the Fraternity's biennial business meeting and brotherhood event where Undergraduate and Alumni Delegates, National Executive Council, National Headquarters staff, and guests meet.*

National Conclave has a history almost as extensive as the Fraternity, having met annually, biennially, across the United States, and even outside of the country and virtually.

While at National Conclave, the Fraternity discusses business, passes legislation, hosts education sessions and brotherhood events, and recognizes national award recipients.

At this year's event, attendees recalled that "National Conclaves stand out individually in our memories based on the locations and curated events at each one." National Conclave has many traditions including National Officer Installations, Chartering and Ritual Ceremonies, recognizing members who have attended multiple National Conclaves, and more!

### Previous National Conclave Locations

- 2022** - Williamsburg Lodge - Williamsburg, Virginia
- 2020** - Virtual Conclave
- 2018** - Atlantis, Bahamas
- 2016** - Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel - Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2014** - Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel - Carmel, Indiana
- 2012** - Waterside Marriott - Norfolk, Virginia
- 2010** - Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites - Chicago, Illinois
- 2008** - Hilton Perimeter Park - Birmingham, Alabama
- 2006** - Sheraton Indianapolis - Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2004** - San Francisco Airport Marriott - Burlingame, California
- 2002** - Marriott Los Colinas - Irving, Texas
- 2000** - Orlando Renaissance - Orlando, Florida
- 1998** - Snowmass Resort - Snowmass, Colorado
- 1996** - Indianapolis Marriott - Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1995** - Crown Plaza - Atlanta, Georgia
- 1994** - Hyatt Bellevue - Seattle, Washington
- 1993** - Hyatt Crown Center - Kansas City, Missouri
- 1992** - Westin La Paloma - Tucson, Arizona
- 1991** - Omni Severin Hotel - Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1990** - Jefferson Sheraton - Richmond, Virginia
- 1989** - Clark Kerr Center - Berkeley, California
- 1988** - Omni Union Station - St Louis, Missouri
- 1987** - Hyatt Regency Hotel - Washington, D.C.
- 1986** - Nendel's Inn - Corvallis, Oregon
- 1985** - Hyatt Regency Hotel - Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1984** - Adams Mark Hotel - Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1982** - Hilton Harvest House - Boulder, Colorado
- 1980** - Bel-Air Hilton - St Louis, Missouri
- 1978** - Water Tower Hyatt House - Chicago, Illinois
- 1976** - Kiandra Lodge - Vail, Colorado
- 1974** - Plaza Inn - Kansas City, Missouri
- 1972** - Colorado State University - Ft Collins, Colorado
- 1970** - Lodge of the Four Seasons - Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri
- 1968** - Stanley Hotel - Estes Park, Colorado
- 1966** - Sheraton Blackstone Hotel - Chicago, Illinois
- 1964** - Resort Hotel Claremont - Berkeley, California
- 1962** - Breezy Point Lodge - Pequot Lakes, Minnesota
- 1960** - Stanley Hotel - Estes Park, Colorado
- 1958** - Stanley Hotel - Estes Park, Colorado
- 1956** - Kappa Chapter House - West Lafayette, Indiana
- 1953** - Iota Chapter House - Manhattan, Kansas
- 1951** - Alpha Chapter House - Berkeley, California
- 1949** - Eta Chapter House - Pullman, Washington
- 1947** - Beta Chapter House - Palo Alto, California
- 1945** - LaSalle Hotel - Chicago, Illinois
- 1941** - Gamma Chapter House - Champaign, Illinois
- 1939** - Alpha Chapter House - Berkeley, California
- 1938** - Eta Chapter House - Pullman, Washington
- 1936** - Gamma Chapter House - Champaign, Illinois
- 1933** - Zeta Chapter House - Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1930** - Alpha Chapter House - Berkeley, California
- 1927** - Delta Chapter House - Lawrence, Kansas
- 1925** - Allerton Club House - Chicago, Illinois
- 1924** - Epsilon Chapter House - Madison, Wisconsin
- 1923** - Central YMCA Building - Chicago, Illinois
- 1922** - Alpha Chapter House - Berkeley, California



# 2022 – 2023 National Chapter Dues, Fees, and Insurance

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## '22 - '23 New Member

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**\$435**

*upon joining*

National Membership Entry Fee = \$320.00  
Membership Dues = \$115.00  
Educational Programming Fee = \$0.00

## Fall 2022 Semester

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**\$235**

*per member, plus local dues & fees*

National Membership Dues = \$115.00  
Insurance = \$120.00  
Educational Programming Fee = \$0.00

## Spring 2023 Semester

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**\$275**

*per member, plus local dues & fees*

National Membership Dues = \$115.00  
Insurance = \$120.00  
Educational Programming Fee = \$40.00

### National Membership Entry Fee

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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 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.

### National Membership Dues

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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 Insurance within 15 days of the start of the semester.

### Insurance

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

### Educational Programming Fee

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Previously called 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 & Insurance within 15 days of the start of the semester.

### Chapter/Local Dues

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The chapter must charge chapter/local dues to pay for events and activities. This must be billed via OmegaFi and no money should be taken via cash or payment app for proper record keeping and to avoid any potential issues regarding mismanagement of funds.

### Accounting/OmegaFi Fee

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The chapter must account for the Accounting/OmegaFi fee for budgetary purposes. This fee is collected from every member to pay for OmegaFi services. This must be billed via OmegaFi.

## 2023 Officers' Academy

### Clark Thompson Presidents' Academy & Officers' Institute and Emerging Leaders Initiative

**Save the Date!** *The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda* is excited to announce the 2023 Officers' Academy! For members interested in running for election or attending our annual leadership training, below is a few event details. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and information!

The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda proudly provides annual training for incoming chapter presidents and officers annually 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

with Chapter Presidents, Chapter Treasurers, Recruitment Chairs, Vice Presidents, and Risk Managers are all invited to attend with specific programming for each officer training.

Additionally, the Fraternity is thrilled to host our second annual Emerging Leaders Initiative alongside the 2023 Officers' Institute!

The Emerging Leaders Initiative is geared towards the Fraternity's 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. The Fraternity looks forward to seeing you all in Carmel, Indiana next year!



### WHO?

**All newly elected Chapter Presidents are required to attend. Chapter Treasurers, Recruitment Chairs, Vice Presidents, Risk Managers, and Emerging Leaders are encouraged to attend.**

### WHEN?

**January 13th - 15th, 2023**

### WHERE?

**Renaissance Hotel  
Carmel, Indiana**



## Andrew Mitzel

### Gamma Theta Chapter '06, Boise State University

#### Tell us a little about yourself and your collegiate experience.

"I grew up in a suburb of Boise, Idaho in a town named Meridian. There I graduated from Meridian Middle and Meridian High School. I always knew that I wanted to stay close to home and get into politics so choosing to attend Boise State University was an easy fit since it was close to home and was the capital of the state with abundant opportunities to get involved in politics."

"I have always loved the outdoors and staying active. Every Sunday my wife and I play on an indoor soccer team and have for the past 10 years. I enjoy backpacking to high alpine lakes in Idaho in the summers, camping, hunting, and golfing. In the winter I enjoy snowshoeing and skiing. We are only 45 minutes to the outdoors and mountains in Boise, so we like to take advantage of that."

"I had a great college experience with the fraternity and outside the

fraternity. I had the opportunity to live on campus in the dorms, apartments, and off-campus with my brothers, which provided great memories and experiences."

"While I was in college serving as the President of our Fraternity, I met my future wife who was the President of her sorority Alpha Xi Delta. In college, I loved my courses and exploring new electives and topics. Most weekends you would find me spending time with our brothers and we would often be playing intramural sports on campus."

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

"I always knew that I wanted to join a fraternity. As an only child, the appeal of brotherhood was something I was drawn toward. I also saw and valued the opportunity to pursue leadership positions within the fraternity."

"I was one of the few people who took the time to contact and meet with each



of the fraternities on campus rather than them working to recruit me."

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

"I held many officer roles during my time as an undergrad serving as our chapter's Social Chair, Recruitment Chair, Vice President, and President."

#### Were you involved on campus or in the community in other ways besides AKL?

"I was actively engaged in Student Government and spent time working with the university administration. While in student government I served as our chief of staff to our student body President and Vice President."

"I also founded and ran our first-ever Funding Advisory Board (FAB) which allowed student clubs and organizations an opportunity to apply



for grants to attend conferences, put on events, and purchase resources to help with their organizations. During my time as an undergrad, I also worked as an on-campus academic advisor advising students one on one and at new student orientations helping them enroll in courses and understanding their degree progress. I served as an advisor on campus for 3 years advising over 1,000 undergraduate students."

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

"My life since college has been extremely busy. I spent several years serving as an alumni advisor to the chapter before my career dominated my time. I moved into the political field quickly and began running state legislative races for candidates in the Idaho legislature shortly after graduation."

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## Andrew Mitzel – Alumni Spotlight Continued

“In 2014 I was offered the opportunity to work on a re-election campaign for our state’s Lt. Governor and then again on his campaign in 2018 when he ran for Governor of Idaho.”

“When we won the election in 2018 the Governor afforded me the opportunity to come work for the Governor’s office as his Senior Advisor which I did from 2018-2021. In May of 2021 I was recruited by Boise State University to come and serve as the Director of Government Affairs which I accepted and have been back ever since.”

### Could you tell us more about your family?

“As I mentioned before I married my college sweetheart Mikayla in our senior year of undergrad at Boise State. She has been an incredible person in my life pushing me in my career and pursuits. This past June we welcomed our first baby girl into our family, Olivia. She is a bundle of joy and now that she can crawl we spend a lot of time chasing her.”

### What is your favorite AKL memory?

“As someone who loves the outdoors, we would always plan an annual camping trip with the brothers each year and head to the mountains for some relaxation and brotherhood time. This was always a core memory for me and was one of the best memories I have.”

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

“As I mentioned before I served as our alumni advisor for a number of years. I still maintain contact with many of our brothers. We have a fraternity fantasy football league that is now entering its 12th year of play. We also have a group of brothers that live here locally in Boise and we continue to take trips to the mountains.”

### What advice would you give to our undergraduate members?

“My advice would be to make sure you



*(Top Left) Andrew with his wife, Mikayla, and their daughter, Olivia, at the Idaho State Capitol. (Top Right) Andrew and fellow AKL brothers during their last mountain trip.*

enjoy your time. Graduation comes and goes faster than you will realize, and it’s important to utilize your time and make those memories while you can. Make sure you get involved in the fraternity while you are there, even if it is just a chair position. Those leadership roles will greatly help you in the future regardless of what career you pursue.”

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

“For new members considering joining, I would encourage you to look beyond the ‘fun’ aspect and pick a fraternity that you know will provide you with lasting relationships and leadership opportunities. It’s easy to get drawn

into the fraternity that is recruiting you at a fun BBQ but I always said I want to be in the fraternity that has fun on Friday night but still wakes up on Saturday morning to go do a service project.”

### Why AKL?

“I joined AKL because I could see the potential in the group that they knew how to have fun but they also wanted to better themselves. I was not looking for a place to hang my hat for four years and then leave I wanted to become a better man and serve my university and community. AKL provided me with that opportunity and I know they will continue to grow in Idaho and nationally.”

## William "Bill" Sampson

Delta Chapter '65, University of Kansas

### Tell us a little about yourself and your collegiate experience.

I just retired, at the end of December 2021. Before then I was a lawyer, serving first as a JAG officer in the United States Navy. I flew only a desk—not an F-14! And then as a civil trial lawyer, usually on the defense side. I practiced with the Foulston & Siefkin firm in Wichita, Kansas (12 years) and with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, Missouri (35 years.)

My career took me all over the world; I spent my time with bright, talented, creative people. I was fortunate to have wonderful clients and colleagues, and I am convinced that was the right work for me. I am starting with this because most people identify me as a lawyer.

I grew up on the East Coast (9 years in New Jersey and Pennsylvania) and in the Midwest (5 years in Minnesota and the rest in Kansas). Along the way I scrubbed off any accent I might have picked up! I have always liked reading and still do a bunch of it. I played

golf until my commute into Kansas City and back made that impractical, but I am about to pick it up again. I have written any number of articles, professional and not, two books—one a professional trial handbook that has been published and the other a novel that is scheduled for publication in January, and a series of letters to the editor.

I enjoy public speaking and have done a good bit of it outside the courtroom. I like KU basketball. My wife, Dru, and I attended every KU game in this year's NCAA Tournament, and we have been to every Final Four in which the Jayhawks have played since 1988. And I like to travel. Dru and I have been to every continent except Australia and Antarctica, and we hope to get to Australia next year.

College was the experience I needed. I was a good high school student, and I had been a student leader in both Pennsylvania and Minnesota. But I didn't have a group in Kansas. Part of that was a function of starting



high school just after moving to a new city. I arrived in Topeka, Kansas, on Wednesday of the week before school started. When I went to class on Monday I knew two people in the building, the registrar and the school nurse. Ironically, the nurse's son became my best friend at the AKL house three years later. We're still friends today.

The other explanation for my not having a group was me: not knowing anyone my sophomore year I became introspective and quiet. Sports didn't work out well because Topeka High's excellent football team did not need a kid my size who played guard! And come winter and spring, I learned it had neither a hockey team nor a baseball team. But by my junior year I had found other things to do, American Legion baseball, for example. By the time I was a senior I was active in a variety of things in school, including debate, theatre, and vocal music.



Delta Chapter became interested in me after the rush chairman and I were cast in the same summer-stock musical. I remember little about the run-up to joining AKL, but I do remember the membership was not one-dimensional. There were athletes, but the chapter did not take its identity from that one group or from any other. Delta Chapter was a kaleidoscope of backgrounds and personalities.

After I pledged, and when I arrived at the house in Lawrence, I discovered a simply amazing collection of performing talent, both theatre and musical. Bruce Levitt, another pledge brother I still count as an important friend, majored in theatre at KU and became Chair of the Department of Theatre at Cornell. Paul Hough, the rush chairman, and Wes Payne graduated and pursued careers in musical theatre.

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## William “Bill” Sampson – Alumni Spotlight Continued

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Bruce Dumler, who played mostly oboe but who could play any woodwind instrument, joined the Stan Kenton Orchestra right out of college and immediately became a principal. Roger Lewis, who played trombone, was the envy of the house as he traveled with “The Fabulous Flippers,” the Midwest’s top show band of the time. Bob Jacoby, another pledge brother, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and went on to medical school at Johns Hopkins. Bob was a gifted keyboard player who competed in national organ competitions while in medical school. Yet Bob was no better at the piano than two other brothers, Keith Johnson and Bruce Bikales! Bikales, who became my pledge father, could play any stringed instrument, including guitar and harp, and went on to Oxford for graduate school in classics.

To say this was “a rich intellectual and artistic environment” was the understatement of the day. Our president, Tom Snyder, was convinced AKL needed to compete for, be accepted into, and win that year’s

Rock Chalk Revue, the hugely-popular fraternity-sorority campus variety show performed for 7,000 people in the spring. So Bruce Levitt, the chief writer, and Bob Jacoby, the chief musician and song writer, and a host of others put the script and the sets and the songs together and sold the package to the Student Union Activities Association. We teamed with Alpha Phi, competed against three pairs of Rock Chalk regulars, and won!

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

I knew nothing about college fraternities until my senior year at Topeka High School. When I encountered the outstanding college men who were representing their houses, I pretty quickly decided I wanted to be a part of that.

In comparison with other KU chapters, Delta Chapter at KU was on a different path then, just as it is today. There was no “jock culture.”

AKL was not a “secret” fraternity. And there was little hazing. My experience joining AKL I have largely related in the previous question. At a time when KU fraternities were almost look-alike in their demographics and attitudes, AKL was stunningly diverse.

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

The chapter voted to make me Rush Chairman my freshman year, and I became President my senior year. Along the way, and with continuing help from the chapter and its excellent alumni board, I found the leadership positions I had not had in high school.

When I graduated I was house president, a newly-commissioned officer in the United States Navy, a member of SACHEM—the senior honor society (now Mortar Board) and on my way to law school.

### **Were you involved on campus or in the community besides AKL?**

I debated for KU for three years, winning two tournaments. I left the team in the spring of my junior year so I could again participate in Rock Chalk Revue. We won again that year for the third time in a row and retired the first-place trophy.

I led a campus political party my junior and senior year and campaigned for Senior Class President. I was selected for and participated in the honorary speech and debate and history fraternities, and I graduated with honors in history. The university’s student newspaper selected me as an “Outstanding Senior.”

My senior year, I led the effort to recruit the first Black member of a “white” fraternity at KU. In the spring of 1968, Delta Chapter pledged Willie McDaniel—an exceptional student who would go on to medical school after three years of varsity football, and Delta Chapter integrated the KU fraternity system.

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## William “Bill” Sampson – Alumni Spotlight Continued

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While a law student at KU, I taught four undergraduate sections of Western Civilization each semester for two years. I served on the law school’s faculty recruitment committee. I led the group that created a bar-exam review course for new graduates. And I was asked by the faculty to represent a KU professor in an academic hearing concerning denial of tenure. I was a Finalist in the Moot Court Competition and an Editor of the Law Review.

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

So much of my life has revolved around family and being a lawyer. Most of my active-duty time was spent at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California. Our daughter, Lara, was born in Kansas in 1971, but her first few years were in California.

When I returned to Kansas I entered private practice. Because I have always loved teaching and writing, I quickly became involved with what the law calls CLE, Continuing Legal

Education. I taught more than 100 CLE programs in the United States and in Europe, and I authored more than 100 articles and other publications that deal with trial practice. Once back in Kansas I became active at the law school, serving on its Board of Governors and teaching—both as an adjunct professor and as a regular lecturer in its trial tactics classes.

I became the President of the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, the KADC, and later was elected President of the largest national association of defense counsel, DRI, the Defense Research Institute. I also served as President of the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence, which provides continuing education to the nation’s state-court appellate judges.

I continued to read, especially in history and more especially in military history. Recently, I was privileged to teach an Honors Seminar to incoming freshman students at KU that dealt with the leadership traits of famous commanders. In the several

years before my retirement I had the opportunity to branch out into the law of data privacy, and I became affiliated with The Sedona Conference, the nation’s most important legal “think tank.” Sedona Conference Working Group 11, which deals with data privacy, asked me to lead several teams tasked to develop a legal test for determining whether the data security utilized by the custodian of what the law calls “personal information” was “reasonable.” We came up with the test, and it has already been cited in the nation’s courts. Since I retired, I have written a novel about basketball and academic life at KU.

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

My wife, Dru, who is also a KU law graduate, retired several years ago after a career in fund raising. Since then, she has been dedicated to advancing diverse communities in Lawrence, where we live, and throughout the United States. Through the Dru Mort Sampson Center at the KU School

of Law, she is developing programs to encourage inclusive outlooks and action within the law school student body and outside the school as well, into the local and state and national communities the students will graduate into. Dru has a remarkable, welcoming personality. The last time I went for a checkup our dentist told me Dru was his favorite patient and that I had ‘won the lottery’ when I married her!

We have three grown children, two of them lawyers. Lara, our daughter, practices intellectual property law in Philadelphia. Andy, our older son, is a transactional lawyer in San Francisco. Seth, our younger son, is the director of outdoor activities at a charter school in Idaho. Seth has four sons, two of whom recently visited Lawrence to attend the Bill Self Basketball Camp. Seth’s younger sons are busy with soccer. Andy’s two sons, spent their summer in Barcelona with their grandparents. Lara’s daughter, 13 this summer, is a fine, young artist.

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## William “Bill” Sampson – Alumni Spotlight Continued

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Like so many people who have been able to stay in the same career for 50 years, I have received several accolades. Some of the most recognizable are being included in Chambers USA Leadings Lawyers For Business, Best Lawyers in America, and Super Lawyers. I was elected into the American Board of Trial Advocates, the International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys.

Because of my continued involvement with DRI, the NFJE, and the KADC after I was President, each of those organizations presented me its Lifetime Achievement Award. I have been a partner in two fine law firms, serving on their recruiting and other committees. In 2017, the Shook firm gave me its crystal apple as Mentor of the Year.

### **What is your favorite AKL memory?**

After the cast parties for the victorious Rock Chalk Revue skits, my favorite

memory would be the moment the vote was announced for Willie McDaniel. The effort to recruit him was controversial, and I was not an uncontroversial chapter president.

To help assure any resentment of me would not spill over into the chapter meeting and affect the discussion about Mr. McDaniel, I asked Bob Jacoby, perhaps the most talented person in the house and certainly the most popular, to chair that part of the meeting. Bob did a masterful, patient job; and at the end, when he was successful, we were all successful.

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

Staying in touch with the chapter was difficult when I lived in California and even when I lived in Wichita. In recent years, I served as master of ceremonies at the Delta Chapter reunion in Kansas City and have served on the chapter board of directors. I read the chapter’s newsletter and stay in touch with brothers like John Yorke and “Buzz”

Prelogar, whom I knew when I was an undergraduate and who are still actively involved with chapter affairs.

As I have mentioned, Bruce Levitt remains a close friend. Dru and I stayed with Bruce and his family when we visited Ithaca, New York, last fall. Dale Peterson, the son of the Topeka High school nurse, lives in the Phoenix area. Dale travels frequently, and we rarely see each other; but we talk throughout the year by phone or on Zoom.

My wife and I are regular attendees at the Kansas City Symphony, for which Bill Taylor, the outstanding fraternity educator my freshman year in the house, serves as Treasurer. Bill and I have communicated almost “philosophically” about chapter issues over the years; and now that I have retired, I plan to see him for lunch when I am in Kansas City.

### **What advice would you give to our undergraduate members today?**

Pick at least one thing you can

contribute to the house and work hard at it. If you stay only a year, you are giving up real time and real money to be a part of the fraternity. Your AKL experience can be a throw-away, it can be so-so, or it can be meaningful. It is far more likely to be meaningful if you work at it.

Next, spend time with your brothers. Several of my pledge brothers who came away with the finest friendships . . . the finest memories of their time in the house, spent hours sitting in their rooms talking with the guys who wandered in and out.

Take the time to play some hoops or walk to the Union or go to a movie. Visit the brothers in their homes. You will be welcome—I guarantee it (!); and you will have a terrific time. Plan a trip. Or, don’t plan one—just go somewhere for the weekend. You a have better chance to create BFFs now than you ever will again. But you have to put the time in.

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## William “Bill” Sampson – Alumni Spotlight Continued

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Last, be a good student. If you discipline yourself to be a good student you will almost surely discipline yourself to be a good and respectful friend. You will also begin to acquire, and you may master, the skills you will need to be successful in a career. Careers require the same learning and the same focus that being a good student requires. If you don't learn these things in college you may learn them later; but you also may not. You have much more time to learn them now.

### What advice would you give to potential new members?

AKL may strike you as “different.” But that's OK. AKL has always been different; and today, “different” is important to you. Earlier, I talked about how Delta Chapter was different when I joined it. While that was a long time ago, I believe the AKL differences that were meaningful then are even more meaningful today. AKL is non-secret, it tolerates no hazing, it has a diverse membership, it has principled leadership, it is committed

to scholarship, and it is dedicated to being excellent.

Several of the premier KU chapters of my day, chapters regularly recognized as “best” by their national fraternities, are no longer there. Indiscriminate hazing, too much alcohol, and the embarrassment and even serious injury that resulted persuaded the university administration to remove them from campus life. They may come back. But for now, the camaraderie that AKLs enjoy is lost to these houses. And for the members of those chapters who are of sound character, there will never be a good way to face the former members they bullied and harmed, or their families.

“Different” is important beyond such obvious things as hazing. By living together, by subjecting the selfishness that comes naturally to young men to the requirements imposed by a principled community, your AKL experiences will not only be different, they will be better. If you join AKL you will become more thoughtful, and

more courteous. You will become a better student. You will learn more because there will be more people to learn from, but not so many that the learning is diffuse. You will learn better because the upperclassmen will get you into the programs you need, and help you succeed once you do.

If you join AKL you will have many leadership opportunities; they are there for the taking. You will have a group: people who care about you, people you can count on. If you join AKL you will benefit from the principled leadership that flows from its officers and its alumni board. Principled leadership will make the difference between your fraternity's winking at hazing, should it crop up, and stamping it out immediately. Principled leadership will demand the culture of excellence you and your parents want to be a part of. Principled leadership will let you spend your weekends with community-service programs like “These Hands Don't Hurt” instead of with drink/crash/ repeat. Principled leadership will lift

you up when you need help, and you will; principled leadership will applaud you when you succeed, and you will.

And, if any of you gets as close to a shooting war as I did, principled leadership—in this case from the President of the alumni board, will turn a porch light on at 4:00 a.m. That way, a college senior driving in to Kansas City on an April Monday for his 0545 pre-induction physical—an event only four days removed from the Friday induction that would have ripped him out of college and sent him to Vietnam as a rifleman, would be able to recognize the house and knock on the door and come inside. Waiting were a cup of coffee and a steady hand on my arm and a reassuring voice. The Navy's JAG program accepted me two days later; I wasn't inducted that Friday. I was able to graduate from college, I went to law school, and I'm here to write this note to you. The alumni board President was J. Glenn Hahn, who later became AKL's National President. I will never forget him.

## 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**

Peter Emmett Clecak, 1957  
William Roger Porter, 1962

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

Jeffrey Allen Pulskamp, 1994

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

Charles A. Shahan, 1970

#### **Alpha Theta Chapter University of Wisconsin Eau – Claire**

Richard Alan Nelson, 1972

#### **Beta Theta Chapter Angelo State University**

Eugene L. Long, 1973

*These members have been reported to the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda’s National Headquarters since InsideAKL’s 2022 March & April issue.*

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## 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 an 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 Officer 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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!](#)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 1:00 PM EST

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 1:00 PM EST

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 1:00 PM EST

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 1:00 PM EST

## 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!](#)



## Founders Rock Napa Valley

### Just Like Wine, Brotherhood Gets Better With Age

**Brandon Chaney, Proprietor & CEO of** Fairwinds Estate Winery, was drinking a glass of Fairwinds Estates Cabernet Sauvignon in Napa Valley in 2018 and reminisced his college life and how impactful his Greek experience had been to him. Unbeknownst to him, this was the moment the idea to create premium handcrafted wines for the fraternities and sororities that gave back to these organizations was hatched.

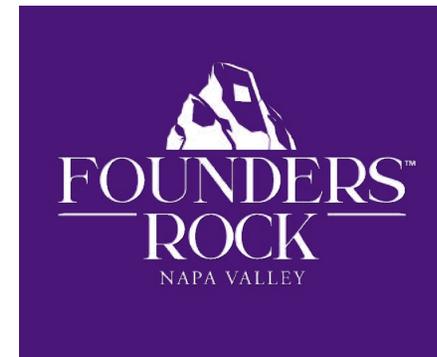
"Every Greek organization has such amazing history. AKL is a treasure trove. As we go through our lives post college, we sometimes forget how instrumental the Greek experience has been to us - the friendships forged and the personal growth that occurred to help shape the direction of our lives," Chaney says.

"What if we could create a wine brand that celebrates the history of the organization that are so near and dear to our hearts and did it in a subtle and sophisticated way for the alumni experience."

Chaney purchased Fairwinds Estate Winery in California's historic Napa Valley back in 2015 after selling his public utility business. Fairwinds was the 4th winery established in Napa Valley after prohibition and located in the beautiful northern realm of Napa along the Silverado Trail in Calistoga.

He pushed the idea to the back of his mind until COVID-19 shutdown his hospitality business at the winery. "Our winery was dependent on visitors to the winery as we only sell our handcrafted limited production wines directly to consumer through our wine club," Chaney says.

Chaney connected with Jeremy Slivinski, CEO Alpha Kappa Lambda, and they discussed a program for AKL in which 20% of the sales were given back to the fraternity. From this beginning, Founders Rock Napa Valley was born and it has been a huge success and really helped bring the AKL brotherhood together while the pandemic caused everyone to be stuck in their homes.



**Brandon Chaney, Proprietor & CEO of Fairwinds Estate Winery, and Founders Rock Napa Valley, Alpha Kappa Lambda's official wine brand and club, celebrates the Fraternity's history and ideals.**

Greek life and organizations are currently under attack by many organizations that don't understand the how valuable they are to not only the college experience but the network of alumni and alumnae that support us post college.

#### Realizing a Passion Project.

Chaney views the wine industry as an artist passion, and it has been an interest of his since childhood. His father is a retired professor of tree physiology at Purdue University, and his mother, an artist, ran the overseas study programs for the university's continuing education department. Often while growing up, the family traveled to Europe for sabbatical leaves and the overseas study programs. The European wine culture intrigued Chaney, and he was fascinated by the years on the wine bottles.

"I started collecting wine as an 8-year-old thinking I would save it for when I was 30," he says. "Of course, when I finally opened it, the wine tasted [terrible] because I didn't store it properly. But that's kind of where the seed was planted for my interest in the wine industry."

In college Chaney studied finance and art history, and after graduation he started working for General Electric in nuclear energy. At 25, Chaney and his college roommate founded a telecommunications public utility company in California after the state deregulated the industry. Chaney had the opportunity to sell the business in 2014 and that left him free to pursue other interests. In 2015, Chaney and his college roommate purchased Fairwinds Estate Winery in Napa Valley.

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## Founders Rock Napa Valley – Continued

*The inaugural shipment of Founders Rock Napa Valley and its wooden crate for six bottle club members. The wooden wine crate is meant to be a keepsake that uses traditional methods of wood fire branding and requires the lid to be screwed off. The shipment includes hinges for the lid.*

"You don't necessarily get into the wine business to make money. It's more of a passion project. It's creating something special in an artist way," Chaney explains. "I wasn't necessarily an expert in producing wine, but when I brought the winery, what came along with it was an amazing team."

"I bought what I love and leveraged a lot of their expertise, and I've learned a lot along the way. I didn't know anything about telecom when I started a public utility either, but I quickly came up speed and maybe brought a different perspective by doing some innovative things. Now I feel like

this is an opportunity to bring some innovative ideas to the wine industry."

Unbeknownst to him at the time, he would also bring an innovative alumni and alumnae engagement and fundraising method to the Greek community and Alpha Kappa Lambda with its first official wine brand and club.

### Experiences for Club Members

In the beginning, Chaney didn't think Greek organizations would be interested in partnering for a wine brand. "The challenge is you don't want to associate alcohol with

undergrads. AKL is an undergraduate experience - and it's an amazing part of the college experience, but it's also a lifelong membership," Chaney explains. "AKL's wine brand isn't designed for the undergraduate community. It's designed to bring the brothers together post-graduation and is a way for them to celebrate the amazing history of what Alpha Kappa Lambda is all about, its ideals, and if there's a way we could also leverage that to raise money for a specific cause within Alpha Kappa Lambda to help out the fraternity, then that's a win-win."

Stephen Hladik, President of Alpha Kappa Lambda, understands that the vast majority of Alpha Kappa Lambda's enduring membership is our alumni. "As we continue to strive to reengage our alumni members with enhanced benefits, we are excited to launch this new opportunity. Founders Rock Napa Valley and 11 Friends Wine Club is one of the new benefits we hope our alumni will take advantage of. Alpha Kappa Lambda's CEO, Jeremy

Slivinski, agrees that the benefits of membership and your experiences in Alpha Kappa Lambda should not end when you graduate from college. "We should continue to celebrate and cultivate our friendships and experiences the rest of our lives. The 11 Friends Wine Club offers Alpha Kappa Lambda Alumni that opportunity."

"When we thought about the brand name, we wanted to create something that would resonate with the brotherhood but wouldn't be in-your-face AKL," Chaney says. "After working with the Alpha Kappa Lambda team, Founders Rock Napa Valley is just a great brand name for it." Chaney intends for the wine shipments to be a special experience for the recipients. He wanted to ship the wine in a keepsake box that uses traditional methods of wood fire branding and requires the lid to be screwed off, and he eventually found a company in Australia that could make vintage-looking wooden boxes.

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## Founders Rock Napa Valley – Continued

Inside the inaugural shipment of crates for 6 bottle club members is 2 bottles of Bushnell Guild 2018 Red Wine from Napa Valley, 2 bottles of Yellow Rose 2018 Chardonnay from Russian River Valley, 2 bottles of Strength & Victory Sparkling Brut Methode Champenoise from Napa Valley, a vintage letter welcoming the shipment, hinges for the wine crate and an engraved wine key.

However, disaster has altered struck the winery in late 2020.

### A Symbol of Brotherhood

The Glass Fire, which the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has listed as the 10th most destructive wildfire in state history.

The fire began burning on September 27, 2020 in northern California and engulfed Fairwinds Estate Winery the following day. The fire department attempted to save the winery, but when the blaze began closing in, firefighters had to give up and leave.

“The day after the fire, I got a call from the fire department. As they were driving off, these guys looked back and notice the American flag flying above the flames,” Chaney says. “So they drove back into the forest fire, got out and saved the American flag. They were like, ‘We’d really like to present this back to you’. It was unbelievable. When I went [to the winery] the next day, everything was destroyed.

Although news of the winery burning down was difficult initially, Chaney says he looked at it as an opportunity to grow the business back bigger and better. The wine was kept in an underground wine cave on the property and was saved from the fire.

“It is my hope this wine brand for the Alpha Kappa Lambda will not only be enjoyed by brothers all over the world but will also help bring the brotherhood even closer together for the years to come,” says Chaney. Wine club members will receive free tastings at the historic winery in Napa Valley. “I hope the entire Alpha Kappa Lambda



*Fairwinds Estate Winery on September 28, 2020. The fire department had attempted to save the Calistoga, California, winery as the Glass Fire burned around the property, but when the blaze began closing in, firefighters had to give up and leave.*

brotherhood comes and visits the winery. It is truly a special place,” remarks Chaney.

### Join the 11 Friends Wine Club!

<https://foundersrocknapa.com/>

20% of your purchases will be given to support Alpha Kappa Lambda’s programming and educational efforts. We have membership options that best fit your budget and lifestyle. In order to receive the twice a year shipments and be eligible to purchase additional bottles, you must be a member of the 11 Friends Wine Club. A \$50 one-time, non-refundable deposit

will be processed to secure your first shipment only. The deposit will be deducted from your first club shipment cost. Wines are released in two three-bottle or six-bottle shipments each year based on the club level you select.

The cost will range based on your wine selections. The cost of a bottle ranges from \$35 to \$75 + tax & shipping. There is no long-term commitment, and you may cancel at any time. Enjoy your wine, and remember, when you share a glass, gift a bottle or visit the Fairwinds tasting room in Napa Valley together, you are supporting Alpha Kappa Lambda!

## What's New?

### Staying Connected with the National Fraternity

*Planning an AKL event? Advertise with InsideAKL! Submit your Brotherhood and Alumni Events, Homecoming, and more to InsideAKL by emailing info@AKL.org with "InsideAKL" in the subject line. Please include chapter designation or regional open invitation, dates, times, and contact information.*

### Delta Chapter - University of Kansas

#### October 1st

- AKL Homecoming Tailgate
  - 1025 Emery Road (Time TBD, approximately 2 hours prior to kickoff)

#### November 20th

- Annual Alumni/Actives TopGolf Event
  - TopGolf of Overland Park, KS - 11:30AM meet-up, Golf at Noon
- Formal Initiation Ceremony
  - 1025 Emery Road - Toward end of semester (Date & Time TBD)

#### December 9th -

- Alumni Holiday Luncheon and Annual Meeting
  - Kansas City (Further Details TBD)

**Contact** - RSVP now for any of the above events to: rogbwill@gmail.com

### Kappa Chapter - Purdue University

#### September 16th

- Initiation
  - Time TBD, Chapter House 417 Waldron Street

**Contact** - Chris Elmore, Chapter President chriselmore111@gmail.com



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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**

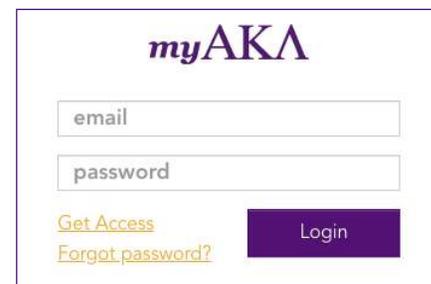
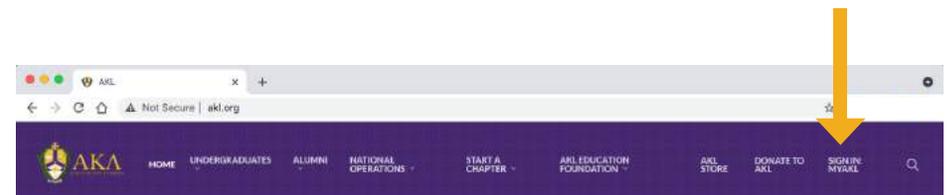
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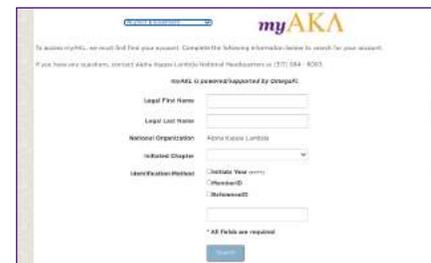
## myAKL: How to Login

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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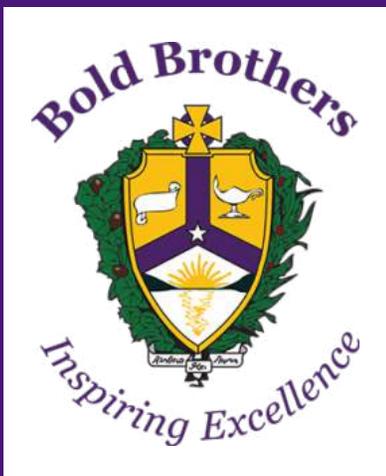
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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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