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**Michigan Alpha PDT Named 2016 Fraternity of the Year by
University of Michigan Interfraternity Council**

Strong Membership and Many Achievements Recognized by Greek Leadership

On April 11, 2016, Phi Delta Theta at the University of Michigan was recognized at the Greek Life awards for their excellence in Greek Life and involvement in the University of Michigan community. Michigan Alpha won an award for Risk Management and was named the 2016 Fraternity of the Year. Pictured are current President **Bernard Insalaco '18** (right) and past President **William Watkins '17** accepting the awards.



Phi Delta Theta at University of Michigan has shown excellence in areas such as philanthropy, recruitment, risk management and Greek Life/campus involvement just to name a few. Michigan Alpha had the largest fraternity team at Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan this year and held a successful annual Boxcar Derby, raising funds and awareness for Ann Arbor Active Against ALS. In regard to recruitment, the chapter had its largest fall Phikeia class since re-founding in 2004 with 28 members and added 10 members

in the Winter Semester. Phi Delta Theta was recognized for having outstanding Risk Management policies as well as strong involvement on campus.

This past year, Phi Delt has contributed to leadership roles in Wolverine Support Network, Dance Marathon, the largest student organization on campus, and a newly elected representative to Central Student Government. Finally, Michigan Alpha has excelled in the classroom, maintaining a chapter wide GPA that is higher than the all-male average at the University.

The brothers of Phi Delta Theta's Michigan Alpha Chapter are extremely proud to accept these awards and hope to continue to pursue excellence in the coming years.

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Active Chapter President Q&A

Alumnus Legacy Leads Michigan Alpha for First Time in Decades

At the beginning of the 2016 Winter Semester, *The Sword & Shield* asked active chapter President **Bernard Insalaco '18** questions about his views on the state of Michigan Alpha, goals for the year and perspective of a legacy:

Q: How is the PDT doing overall within the U of M Greek System?

A: Phi Delta Theta (PDT) has made tremendous strides since its re-founding at U of M in 2004. We believe PDT offers the best overall fraternity experience in the U of M Greek System. The chapter has achieved an outstanding balance with excellence in academics, athletics, social and philanthropy.



Sean Insalaco '84 and his son
Bernard Insalaco '18

Currently, PDT has 112 active brothers with a Winter Phikeia class of ten members. Recruitment during this academic year has gone exceptionally well. In the 2015 Fall Rush, more than 250 men visited or expressed interest in joining PDT. We extended 31 bids with 29 acceptances. During the 2016 Winter Rush, we extended 12 bids and had 11 acceptances.

With a total of 112 members, PDT is above the average chapter size on campus of 82. It is not our goal to be the largest chapter on campus, but to maintain a high standard for our members.

This thinking is reflected in the fact that we only offered

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bids to approximately 10% of the men who rushed PDT. We are particularly proud that our bid acceptance rate was 93%. While we are highly selective, the members have diverse backgrounds and a range of majors.

Michigan Alpha has continued to hold high academic standards amongst Michigan Greeks. Currently, the chapter has maintained a 3.35 GPA, which is tied for 12th out of 28 fraternities. This GPA is more impressive when one considers that about 50% of the active members are in the Engineering School which traditionally scores students lower than the School of Literature, Science and the Arts.

Our philanthropic efforts continue to illustrate our involvement on campus. Currently, we are in the midst of our fundraising for our 8th annual Boxcar Derby, which will be held in front of the Big House on April 10 to benefit Ann Arbor Active Against ALS. We expect to break our fundraising total from last year which was approximately \$6,000.

The brotherhood also raised over \$3,000 for Winterfest which is an annual fraternity-wide broomball tournament benefiting the Autism Alliance of Michigan. In addition, PDT had the largest fraternity team at Dance Marathon this year with 35 members. At Dance Marathon, brothers raised funds and awareness for rehabilitation programs for children at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital.

Q: What are your goals for the year as president?

A: Goals for the upcoming year are to increase campus leadership involvement, boost fundraising and awareness for our Boxcar Derby and improve upperclassmen involvement. With U of M being such a large school, I feel that it is crucial to have leadership roles on campus so that our voices can be heard when decisions are being made.

Currently, we have a brother running for Central Student Government as well as a brother on the Social Responsibility Committee which is a well-respected position among Greeks.

In regard to Boxcar, we have increased the number of teams participating in

this event, but we also would like to break our fundraising total. Last year was a significant increase from our normal fundraising total, but we are striving to break our record for benefiting Ann Arbor Active Against ALS.

Keeping juniors and seniors involved is a perennial struggle in the Greek System and Michigan Alpha is no exception. With the combination of tougher academics, graduate school preparation, job searches and other factors on a campus that offers so many tremendous opportunities, upperclassmen tend to be very busy. However, I think we can establish new initiatives to utilize their experience and expertise.

Q: How has your status as a legacy affected your fraternity experience?

A: I believe my legacy status has affected my fraternity experience in a highly positive way. I come from a family where everyone has Greek Life blood in them. My father was a PDT Michigan Alpha Man, my mother a Delta Gamma at U of M, and my two older brothers were Phi Sigma Kappa at Villanova University.

One of the reasons that I wanted to join PDT was seeing the bonds my father still has with this fraternity brothers to this day. Whether traveling to Vermont to spend the weekend skiing or coming back to Ann Arbor for a football game, I saw that my dad had built great friendships that he has maintained more than thirty years after graduating.

Having my parents and brothers in Greek Life showed me the camaraderie and many opportunities that come with joining a fraternity, but I was especially proud that to follow my father in being a Michigan Alpha legacy. He told me many stories of how dominant PDT was on campus during his era. That was a big factor in my decision to run for chapter president because I wanted to build on the past 12 years of progress to restore Michigan Alpha to greatness.

Q: How is Michigan Alpha different and similar today to the fraternity when your father was an active?

A: There are many similarities and differ-

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ences in Michigan Alpha from 1984 and 2016. Something similar to my father's experience is the daily routines brothers find themselves doing. After dinner at the house ends around 6:30, you will find a pack of Phis walking to the Undergraduate Library while stopping at 7-Eleven along the way to pick up some much needed caffeine. Good Time Charley's is still a popular destination for brothers on Friday nights for "happy hour."

If someone were to ask a brother about the time of day, or to answer the phone, that brother could give the same extensive response that Michigan Alpha brothers have learned for decades. Of course, a major change established during the 2004 re-founding is that the chapter fully complies with PDT General Headquarters' (GHQ) rules for pledge education that preclude some of the activities done in the past. PDT GHQ rules implemented for all chapters in 2000 mandate that no alcoholic beverages can be consumed, or possessed, in the chapter house. As a result, the chapter house today does not host the same type of social activities that it traditionally did, but Michigan Alpha still maintains a very active social calendar off fraternity-owned property as allowed by PDT GHQ and local laws.

Another similarity is that brothers take tremendous pride in our historic chapter house. I believe that, both then and now, we have the nicest fraternity house on campus at U of M. Some differences in the chapter house are a lack of window beds and the "Blue Room," formally known as "New Room," was transformed into a weight room for brothers to work out in.

Perhaps the biggest difference is the absence of PDT vs. SAE Mud Bowl during Homecoming. SAE ended 64 years of tradition in 1998 when they turned the Mud Bowl into a tournament following suspension of Michigan Alpha. PDT has participated in the tournament, but has not made it to the finals in the Mud Bowl. Of course, the SAE National Headquarters' four to six years suspension of SAE's U of M chapter starting at the end of the 2015-2016 school year leaves the future of the Mud Bowl unclear.



Name & Class Year:

Bernard Insalaco, 2018

High School & Hometown:

Canisius High School, Buffalo, New York

Major(s): Economics

The Michigan Alpha Alumni Association reached out to the SAE Alumni Association with a proposal to run the Mud Bowl during SAE's absence from campus, but it was rejected. The SAE Alumni Association said they plan to continue the tournament format with the championship played on Homecoming; however, the U of M Interfraternity Council may not allow for Greek organizations to participate a non-sanctioned fraternal event.

We will closely monitor how the situation with Mud Bowl develops, but in the meantime there are many photos and memorabilia in PDT's Trophy Room that celebrate Michigan Alpha's role in establishing the Mud Bowl and many victories in the rivalry match.

Q: What message do you have for alums who have a son considering U of M?

A: I highly recommend that alums encourage their sons to take advantage of the outstanding opportunities that U of M offers. Michigan's academics are consistently ranked among the best in the nation and have a long tradition of producing highly successful graduates.

Of course, not all learning takes place in the classroom, and the U of M Greek System offers leadership development and life experiences that enrich a collegiate experience. U of M's Greek System is one of the strongest in the nation with 28 organizations for men and 16 for women. The U of M IFC and Office of Greek Life have been working closely to implement new rules and programs to make the fraternity experience more safe,

positive and productive. I am gratified to say PDT is a leader in those efforts.

We always welcome legacies to meet the brothers and see what Michigan Alpha has to offer. As has always been the case, legacies are not guaranteed a bid, but brothers certainly will reach out and make an extra effort to get to know them. We know Michigan Alpha has a great tradition in many U of M families, and we're doing our best to ensure this opportunity will always be available for them. With the support of alums and their legacies, we believe Michigan Alpha's future is very bright.



Another Year of Outstanding Academic Performance

The Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters has strongly encouraged chapters to place greater emphasis on scholarship during the last couple of years. The Alumni Association has also asked the active chapter to meet, and exceed, the goals set by the PDT GHQ.

Congratulations to our actives for their 3.352 fall 2015 GPA, which ranks them 12th among 30 IFC chapters at U of M. This GPA is higher than the all-men's average GPA.

Active Chapter Membership Highest in 20 Years

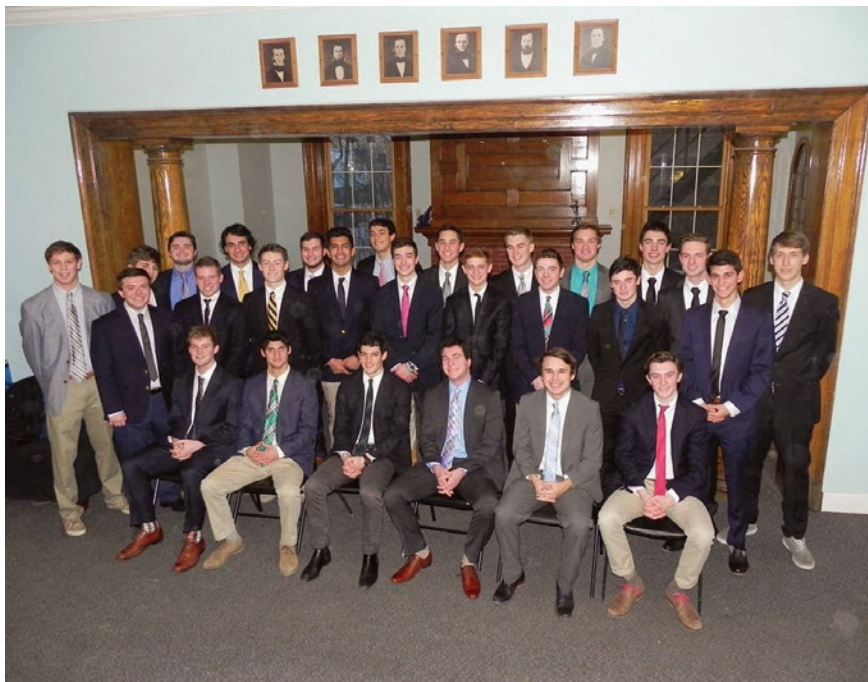
29 Initiate from 2015 Fall Pledge Class

Michigan Alpha's outstanding 29 member 2015 Fall Semester pledge class activated during January. This is the chapter's largest regular (not re-founding) semester pledge class since the mid-1990s. More than 250 men expressed interest in Michigan Alpha during rush, so the awarding of bids was

highly selective to build a strong, talented and diverse pledge class.

Including the 10 member 2015 Winter Semester pledge class, total chapter membership stands at 112, which may be an all-time high for Michigan Alpha. The recruiting momentum of the chapter has been growing in recent

years with the rising reputation of the chapter. Alums with sons planning to attend U of M are encouraged to reach out to the active chapter leaders as numerous legacies have joined and found the fraternity to be as enjoyable as their fathers did.



2015 Winter Pledge Class

Back row L-R: Gabe Salter (Swampscott, MA), Jared Scherrer (Birmingham, MI), Connolly Rizely (Tulsa, OK), Sam Coury (Birmingham, MI), Brandon Tajfel (Freehold, NJ), Andrew Glasser (New York, NY), Conner Levy (Los Altos, CA), Daniel MacBlane (Livingston, NJ), Nick Donovan (Erie, PA), Paul Zavell (Toledo, OH), Jack Krcmarik (Traverse City, MI) and Max Nikolai (Oak Park, IL)

Middle row L-R: Peter Lucido (Shelby Township, MI), Colin Case (Pittsford, NY), Kyle Fietsam (Troy, MI), Ishaan Jaglan (Barrington, IL), Sebastian Fasanello (Buffalo, NY), CJ Mayer (New York, NY), Matthew Wise (Rochester, MI), Philip Roberto (Elmhurst, IL) and Adam Konig (Dallas, TX)

Front row L-R: Sam Knowles (Western Springs, IL), Steve DiMare (Rockville Centre, NY), Jordan Kaplan (Millburn, NJ), Matthew Salomons (Tarzana, CA), Ryan Susterich (Muskegon, MI) and Blake Bernard (Farmington Hills, MI)

2015 Winter Pledge Class

Front row L-R: Luke Jacobs (Los Angeles, CA), Mike Kalmus (Port Washington, NY), Jack Caywood (Sturgis, MI), Chase Austin (Alma, MI) and Jack Zuidema (Norton Shores, MI)

Back row L-R: Curtis Weingard (Dix Hills, NY), James O'Sullivan (Garden City, NY), Gannon Hutto (Rochester, MI) Cameron Zamanian (Franklin Lakes, NJ) and Ryan Delaney (Carmel, IL)



2015 Homecoming Open House a Great Success

More than 35 Alums Visit 1437 Washtenaw

The 2015 Homecoming Open House at 1437 Washtenaw was a great success and attended by more than 35 alums – 1970s and 1980s eras were particularly well represented. This year’s event at the chapter house was intended to be low-key compared to the 150th anniversary Homecoming last year. The Alumni Association is working with the active chapter to plan bigger Homecom-

ing events in the future.

The 2016 Homecoming Open House will take place 11 a.m to 1 p.m. before the Michigan vs. Illinois football game on October 22 which has a scheduled 3:30 p.m. kickoff. Watch the Alumni Association’s web site (www.pdtumich.com) and social media pages for updates on plans for the event.

Homecoming 2015 in Pictures



L-R: Greg Karmazin '87, Jim Barger '86, Matt Krauss '14, Joe Krauss '82, Nat Love '81, Charlie Green '58, J.T. (Tom) Buck '77, Dave Love '89 and John Buck '54



Hal Norton '73 and Charlie Green '58



Old "Red Brick Barn" was looking good for visiting alumni.



Jim Barger '86 points to a composite picture of his father, Jim Barger '57



Pictured L-R: Greg Karmazin '87, Sid Sheth '88, Jim Barger '86 and Rick Norden '87.



The front lawn was a popular place to park as always.

James Root '52 Returns to Campus

First Visit to Michigan Stadium & Fraternity in 64 Years



It has been said that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Brother **James Root '52** proved there is truth to the old saying while loving every minute of his first visit to Michigan Stadium since the 1951 football season (fall semester of his senior year) to watch the Wolverines take on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Rebels.

The trip was particularly special because Brother Root was accompanied by his son, James, Jr., who was raised a Wolverine fan, but had never seen the team play in person. Brother Root also had an enjoyable time catching up with Brother **John Buck '54** who was tailgating outside the stadium.

After watching the Wolverines defeat the Rebels, Brother Root visited the chapter house and was given a guided tour by active chapter President **William**

Watkins '17. He thoroughly enjoyed the nostalgic journey commenting, "There have been many changes from my era, but nevertheless all the good memories came flooding back!"

Brother Root is long retired from working in the chemical industry and lives in Houston, Texas. He maintains an active lifestyle and is in good health.

The Alumni Association thanks Brother Root for his loyal donations to the Annual Fund and recent donation of 1950s era photos to our Heritage Project.

At age 86, Brother Root is living proof that Phi Delta Theta is a fraternity for life, and 1437 Washtenaw is still your home on campus.

The Alumni Association is pleased to offer alums advice about visiting Ann Arbor, and can help with facilitating individual or group reunion visits to the



chapter house. It is worth noting that the chapter house's doors are locked for security purposes at all times, so the Homecoming Open House is the only time when entry is assured (actives may let you in if they are present at other times). Please feel to contact us by e-mail at pdtumich@gmail.com.

2015 Homecoming Sign-in List

Alums Spanning Seven Decades Visited

John Buck, Sr. '54	Sidhdharth Sheth '88
Charlie Green '58	Dave Love '89
Dr. Ted Ludwig '61	Mark Hynse '89
Rick Price '69	Chuck Abookire '90
Hal Norton '73	Tom Hamilton '90
Frank K. Mills '74	Eric Shuffler '92
Joe Fattore '77	James Milne '11
J.T. (Tom)'Buck '77	Curt Stanhope '12
Bruce Young '78	Myles Woermer '13
Duane Bollert '78	Murphy Horlacker '13
Craig Hamilton '78	Michael Isaacs '13
Nat Love '81	Eric Pillado '13
Jeffery Post '82	Evan Redmond '13
Joe Kraus '82	Matt Kraus '14
Peter Bogart '84	
Tim Reaume '85	
Jim Barger '86	
Greg Karmazin '87	
Rick Norden '87	

The Mud Bowl 2015



Despite SAE having their charter suspended by the national headquarters just months earlier, a group of former SAEs played against a team of U of M students in the 2015 Mud Bowl. The SAE Alumni Association has vowed to organize and host the 2016 Mud Bowl despite likely opposition from the U of M IFC, which prohibited fraternity participation in the 2015 event.

The Heritage Project Records Michigan Alpha History

Old Photos, Newsletters & Memorability Wanted

Michigan Alpha has one of the most distinguished and longest histories of any fraternity on campus. Learning about the history of our notable house and the famous members is a key part of the active chapter's commitment to maintaining a sense of continuity in the fraternity and respect for tradition.

The Alumni Association initiated the "Michigan Alpha Heritage Project" to

better understand, document and preserve the history of the chapter. We are pleased to have recently added pictures to our archives from the U of M Bentley Library and **Charlie Green '58**.

Have any classic pictures of the fraternity such as shots of Mud Bowl or Homecoming that you can share for the Alumni Association's Heritage Project Mud Bowl archive? Know the score or

outcome of a Mud Bowl missing from our records of the 64 PDT-SAE rivalry matches played from 1934 to 1997?

If so, please send pictures or information to the Alumni Association by e-mail at pdtumich@gmail.com or mail at:

Greg Karmazin
38310 Saddle Lane,
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*Chapter house summer of 1930
(U of M Bentley Library Archives).*



*Mud Bowl 1958
(U of M Bentley Library Archives).*



*Christmas Formal 1958. Left to right: Bob Fritts '56, Bob Walker '56, Frank Moore '56, Phil Mitchell '56 and Norm Harbert '55
(Submitted by Charlie Green '58).*

The Chapter Grand

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of:

- Albert "Ox" Wistert**, Class of 1942
- John Ferguson Ingraham**, Class of 1948
- Howard L. Gordy, Jr.**, Class of 1954
- George C. Muellich**, Class of 1955
- Dean E. Finkbeiner**, Class of 1958
- Dr. Richard S. Rasmussen M.D.**, Class of 1970

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. For full obituaries, view our website at www.pdtumich.com.

In coelo quies est.

If you learn of the passing of a Michigan Alpha man, please contact the Alumni Association by e-mail at pdtumich@gmail.com. We can also be reached by regular mail at Phi Delta Theta - Michigan Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007.

Please include obituaries and condolences with your message. We will post them in the Chapter Grand section of the Alumni Association's website — www.pdtumich.com — as a permanent memorial.

South Porch Renovation Underway as Summer Project

Donation Opportunity Similar to North Porch Available

The Alumni Association has started a major renovation of the South Porch which will be completed by early fall of this year. The ceiling of "The Bin" under the porch had been deteriorating for years and finally reached the point where there were concerns about safety, although not visible from the surface of the porch. The brick walls along the porch have also deteriorated and needed significant repair.

As a result, the Alumni Association retained an architect with expertise in historic renovation to develop a plan to rebuild the South Porch to meet current building codes while maintaining the aesthetics of the overall structure. The plan will revitalize the South Porch as a

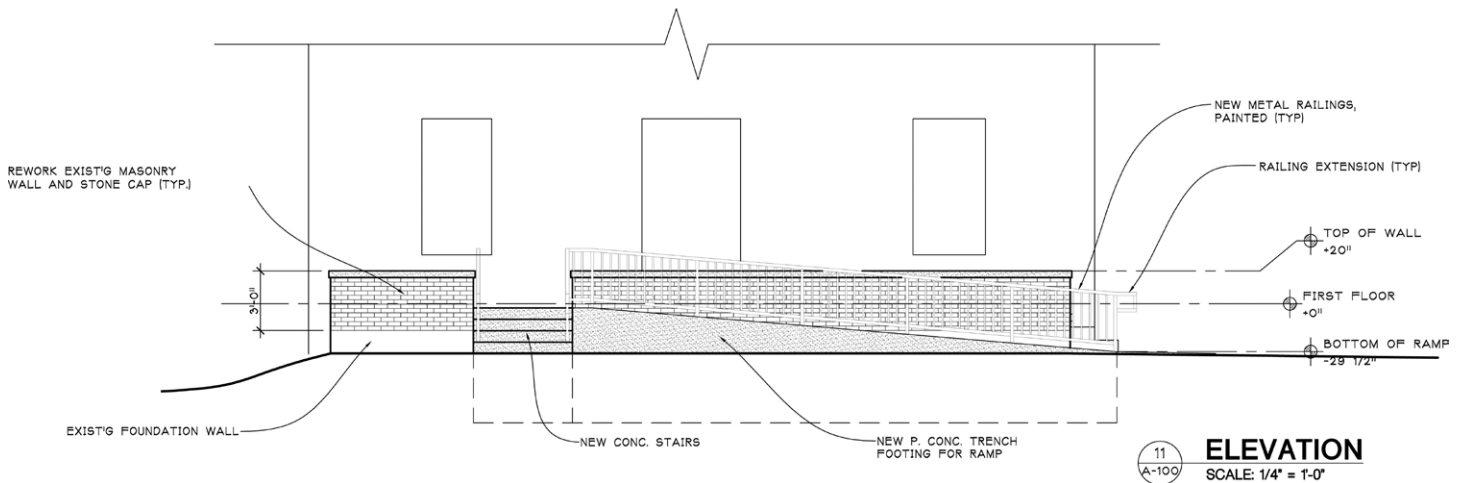
place for range of outdoor activities and better connect it to the front yard.

We are particularly pleased that his plan will make the porch, and ultimately the first floor of the chapter house, handicap-accessible for the first time ever. Making the chapter house handicap-accessible has been a long-standing goal, but the complexity and cost of the task was prohibitive as a stand-alone project. By integrating handicap accessibility into the overall renovation of the South Porch, it can be cost-effectively accomplished.

During 2008, a group of five alums from the 1950s— **Dick Young '51, John Buck '54, Doug Roby '56, Bob Leland '58** and **Bernie Rinella '58**— donated a

total of \$12,750 to fund the majority of the renovation of the North Porch. Their outstanding donation is memorialized on a plaque on the wall inside the chapter house.

The Alumni Association obtained multiple bids and the South Porch renovation is expected to cost more than \$75,000. We invite alums to follow the lead of very generous North Porch donors and consider forming a similar group donation, which the Alumni Association would be pleased to recognize in an appropriate manner. Anyone interested in this idea should contact Alumni Association President **J.T. (Tom) Buck '77** at jt buck@infinitelearning.com.



View of "The Bin" under the South Porch which has been completely removed as of early June. The cornerstone on the northwest side of the house is also visible.

2015-2016 ANNUAL FUND

Strong Alumni Support is the Glue that Holds a Chapter Together

At the beginning of our 2015-16 Annual Fund giving year (September 1), we established a goal of \$20,000 from at least 120 brothers. With only two full months left to give before it ends on August 31, we have received \$16,240 from 79 brothers. We appreciate any and all donations and want to thank all those brothers who already contributed.

Last giving year (2014-2015) we received an incredible \$24,332.90 from 123 donors, and the year before that (2013-2014) we received a total of \$17,717.90 from 95 donors. We know that Michigan Alpha Chapter is more than capable of beating that record. Remember, Michigan Alpha Chapter relies 100% on alumni support to remain open and active for future generations of brothers.

Make your contribution today and add your name to the 2015-16 Honor Roll. Donating is easy! Visit www.pdtma.com.

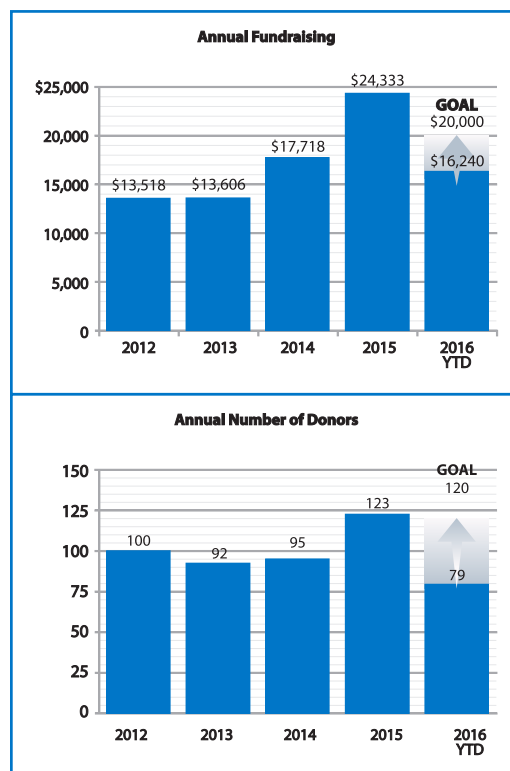
com to donate online or send a check made payable to Phi Delta Theta Michigan Alpha Chapter to:

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Your support is greatly appreciated! For those of you who haven't made your gift yet, we'd like to remind you of the importance of your gift.

Strong alumni support is the glue that holds a chapter together and, as we work to secure the future of our chapter, you play a critical role. Our future rests on your shoulders.

The Phi Delta Theta spirit lives on in all of you. We hope you'll pass the torch by making a gift that will impact future generations of brothers.



Thank you to those who already contributed as of May 31, 2016:

Robert Morrison Level (\$1,000+)

Richard Worsham	1967
Frank Sprague M.D.	1972
Carl Annessa	1979
Alexander Rothrock	1981
Jordan Dickstein	1984

Robert Ufer Level (\$500 - \$999.99)

Bernard Rinella	1958
Anthony Petrilli	1967
Joseph Valerio Sr.	1969
Mark Hopkins	1976
Gregory Karmazin	1987
James Kelligrew	1987

Bliss Bowman Level (\$250 - \$499.99)

James Root	1952
John Buck	1954
Richard Young	1954
Dean Finkbeiner	1958
Robert Leland Jr.	1958
James Harris	1963
William Waterston	1972
Douglas Young	1976
James Browne	1978
Nathaniel Love	1981
Philip Waterman III	1988
Steven McCormick	1992

Century Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

John Ingraham	1948
Loyal Jodar MD	1949

T Shreffler	1951
William Mogk	1953
Thomas Mericle	1954
Robert Neary	1954
Richard Harrison	1956
John O'Reilly	1956
Frank Gazzolo	1957
David Hershey	1957
N. O'Keefe	1957
David Bowers	1958
Charles Green	1958
Henry Heil Jr.	1958
Peter Tillotson	1958
William Woodell	1958
Edward Zeerip	1958
Robert Sommer	1959
Dr. Frederick Ludwig, II	1961
Pete Wolgast	1961
Charles Schieman	1962
C. Gregory Spangler	1962
Michael Harmon	1963
John Ley	1963
James Waterston	1963
H Patrick Hayden Jr.	1966
Charles Reilly	1969
John Neville	1970
Joseph Kozma III	1974
Frank Mills	1974
David Bahm	1975
Roger Dooley	1976
J.T. (Tom) Buck	1977
Duane Bollert	1978

Craig Hamilton	1978
H. Bjerke	1979
Thomas Bode	1979
Joseph Fattore	1979
Thomas Walsh	1979
Jeffrey Allshouse	1980
Jeffrey Post	1982
William Repasky	1983
David Liederbach	1984
Robert Whims	1984
Michael O'Connor	1985
Timothy Reaume	1985
Mike Staiger	1986
Bradford Burrows	1988
John Lawrence Jr.	1988
Thomas Hamilton	1990
Ernst Bastian	1991
Drayke Dondero	1991

President's Club (\$50 - \$99.99)

Charles Hammond	1949
Charlie Kropf	1955
Timothy Reiman	1955
J. Smith	1970
Thomas Niemann	1979
John Cacace III	1996
James Milne	2011

Association Supporters (Up to \$49.99)

Michael Adams	1974
Timothy Baker	1981



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Michigan Alpha's Newest Alums

22 Seniors Graduate Together in Michigan Stadium

Spring Commencement was held on April 30, 2016 in Michigan Stadium. Twenty-two Michigan Alpha seniors proudly wore their fraternity colors together in the stadium as they became our chapter's newest alums.



Bottom Row Left Side:

Austin Smarsh- Northville, MI
Matthew Fernandes- New York, NY
Levi Smith- Shepard, MI
Nick Manzek- Alexandria, VA
Nate Mizraki- Los Angeles, CA

Back Row Left Side:

Drew Nikolai '15 (Master's)- Oak
Park, IL
Ross Martin- Tulsa, OK
Justin Rakowicz- Grosse Pointe, MI
Dan Allweiss- St. Petersburg, FL
Matt Slodowitz- Glen Rock, NJ
PJ Picon- Montville, NJ
Sohrab Vatsia- Manhasset, NY
Sean Scheely- Chicago, IL

Max Najork- Palo Alto, CA
Tommy Woo- Potomac, MD
Kevin Dickey- Omaha, NE
Will Reagan- Los Angeles, CA
Calvin Amin- Omaha, NE
Quinn Manfredini- Chicago, IL
Stephen Leavy- Manhasset, NY
David Glazer- Omaha, NE
Connor Gibney- Northville, MI
Mike Bower- River Forest, IL

Not pictured:

Arshi Singh- Carmel, IN
Chris Ridolphi- Chicago, IL
Josh Linton- Boston, MA
Harry Hadden- Ann Arbor, MI
Dan Scott- Mountain View, CA