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2018 National Conclave Special Issue



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brothers,

Just wow! What a Conclave! Thank you to all of the undergraduates and alumni that attended. Thank you to the numerous families and friends that also joined us. Thank you to all that helped support getting our members there both via planning and via financial support. The Bahamas was an experiment. It was a success. We understand that it was expensive but I would argue AKL as an organization needed that and the members had a great experience. It rejuvenated us and prepared us for the upcoming year. This Inside AKL will share a little more about our time in Atlantis.

The big news is our next Conclave location which is back stateside. Williamsburg Virginia is located within driving distance of over half of our chapters. It is serviced by three airports. We will have four functioning chapters/colonies in the state by that time (2020) as we expand to the University of Virginia this year. You will find the Lodge that will be hosting us will continue the "resort style" feel we had at the Bahamas. The amenities include two golf courses, three pools, it is within walking distance to Colonial Williamsburg, it is within walking distance to William and Mary and of course Busch Gardens and Water Country USA only minutes away. It is a great meeting location for our business and a great social location for our members, friends and families. I hope you add the dates of July 29, 2020 - August 3, 2020 to your calendar. It will be a great experience.

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. A new year begins on campus. I look forward to sharing all the great things going on with AKL in the months ahead. Please keep an eye out on an early September edition that will be highlighting/explaining our new membership education program and the opportunities alumni will have to be involved in sharing that experience.



Fraternally,

Jeremy Slivinski,
Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, Executive Director



WHO WE ARE

InsideAKL is a monthly, educational publication by the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, for undergraduates and alumni. Brothers and friends are encouraged to submit news, articles and photographs of chapter events, philanthropy and service projects as well as other notable achievements. Correspondence can be submitted using the link below.

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Active Chapters & Colonies: 40

Undergraduates: 1,500+

Alumni: 25,000+

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2018 National Conclave

DAY ONE

Registration, Orientation, and Opening Ceremony



Day one of the 2018 National Conclave began with registration and welcoming all delegates and attendees. After Orientation, the undergraduate delegates enjoyed a dinner while an AKL Alumni, Family, and Friends Reception was held outside (bottom left.)

The day ended with the National Conclave Opening Ceremony and the First Legislative Session.



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DAY TWO

Legislative Sessions, Education, and Free Time





Day Two saw a lot more free time for delegates. The morning began with completing remaining legislative business and education sessions.

The first education session was a presentation by Guy Davis, AKL NHQ Director of Programs. Guy presented the new Continuous Education Program. The second education session was an OmegaFi presentation by Kim Acree, OmegaFi National Services Specialist.



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DAY THREE

Officer Installation, Omega Ceremony, and Celebrations





The third and final official day of the 2018 National Conclave began early with an Officer Installation of Richard Cruz as the new National President, Omega Ceremony, and presentation of awards.

After free time, all delegates and attendees were invited to the final Bahamian Poolside Celebration, Held outside by the Royal Towers Pool and Deck, guests were treated to a Bahamian tasting menu and a steel drum band.



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AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all our 2018 Award Recipients! These chapters, colonies, and members have worked hard as they embodied our Five Ideals. Not all recipients were in attendance. Those not pictured include:

Riley Hupfer, Gamma Upsilon Chapter - Outstanding Advisor Award
William "Bill" West, Iota Chapter - Alumni Distinguished Service Award
Kevin Cook, Gamma Beta Chapter - Gilchrist 'Man of Character' Award



OmegaFi also presented awards and scholarships to the following (left to right.)

Tau Chapter, Penn State University - Most Improved Financial Management
Delta Chapter, University of Kansas - Outstanding Financial Operations
Sigma Chapter, University of Central Missouri - Best Collections



Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Connecticut was awarded both the 2018 Founders' Cup and Outstanding Campus Activity Awards. The chapter stays active in campus events, have raised over \$32,000 the past three years, and received a 100% accreditation score. Members also volunteer for local soup kitchens, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and clean-ups.



Joel Brumfield, Xi Chapter, Truman State University received the 2018 Holmes award for his work as Chapter President and developing a chapter strategic plan based on our Five Ideals. Xi Chapter also received the Outstanding Community Service Award for involvement including their annual Haunted House that raises money for the local Food Bank.

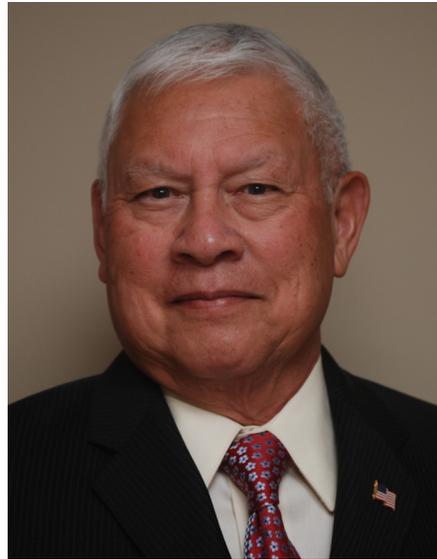


Gabe Kasper, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Saginaw Valley State University was awarded the 2018 Brehm Leadership Award. As Colony President the past two years, Gabe pushed for better colony academics and recruitment. His efforts led to the chartering of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter and Saginaw Fraternity & Sorority Life Chapter of the Year.

Officer Installation

Richard Thomas Cruz, National President

As an undergraduate member of Kappa Chapter at Purdue University, Richard "Rich" Cruz served as his chapter's Social Chairman and Chapter President, as well as being involved in Student Government at Purdue. After graduation, Rich was on the Board of Directors of the Purdue Alumni Association and served as a member of its Executive Council. First elected as Vice-President then President, Rich represented over 400,000 living alumni at various events at Purdue University and across the country.



His involvement in Alpha Kappa Lambda flourished as well, being awarded the AKL Distinguished Alumni Service Award at the 2006 National Conclave. That fall, he became a member of the National Executive Council, then under National President Pat Allen. Since his involvement with the NEC began, Rich has served as an NEC Director, the National Vice President of Finance, and National Vice President. This summer at the 2018 National Conclave, Rich was installed as the newest national President of Alpha Kappa Lambda.

InsideAKL reached out to Rich to learn more about his life and career path through the army, his family, and his vision for Alpha Kappa Lambda.

What has your career path after graduation been like?

"I graduated with a degree in Political Science and History from Purdue University. With that particular degree, I had intended to go to law school, but because of the Vietnam War, I went into the army, stayed, and eventually retired as a Colonel."

"I had intended to only do my military commitment of two years, but two years turned into five years, five years turned into ten years, ten years turned into twenty years, and twenty years turned into thirty. I then used the skills I acquired in the Army to get a job with a major defense contractor."

What brought you from Indiana to Virginia? Where else have you been along the way?

"When I graduated from Purdue, I was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps. I had both staff and command jobs of increasing

importance and responsibility as I moved through the army ranks."

"The army initially sent me to communication schools in Georgia and Oklahoma, then it was on to North Carolina for my first job as platoon leader with the 426th Signal Battalion, XVIII Airborne Corps. I was then sent to Thailand as a Company Commander with the 327th Signal Battalion. Although my parent unit was in Thailand, I spent some of my time at Long Binh in Vietnam. Following that, I went to Arizona, back to Georgia, and Naples, Italy."

"The Army then sent me to Boston University to get my masters degree and subsequent assignment to an Army fort in Massachusetts. Then I went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas...the Army post not the prison...for school and then to Hawaii. After Hawaii, I was sent to Illinois for an assignment with the Army Recruiting Command Headquarters."

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"My next assignment was the most gratifying and fulfilling of my Army career. I was made the battalion commander of the 509th Signal Battalion, in the Livorno/Pisa area of Italy. The command was a 750 person battalion, responsible for Army communications in Northern Italy. I had company units in Livorno, Italy, and Vicenza, Italy, and a detachment in San Vito, Italy."

"Upon completing my time as a battalion commander, I was sent to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania to attend the Army War College. After the War College, I had my first assignment to the Washington DC area, where I became the Chief of Staff and Deputy for the Joint Tactical Command, Control, and Communications Agency in Reston, Virginia."

"This agency eventually was renamed as the Joint Interoperability and Engineering Organization under the Defense Information Systems Agency. My next assignment was in Maryland as the Commander of the Army

Information Systems Engineering Command. Then I was sent to Portugal as the head of communications and information systems at a Portuguese NATO Headquarters. My last assignment was to the Pentagon in Washington as the Special Assistant to the Chief Information Officer of the Army. I retired from the army in 1998."

"Following retirement from the Army, my wife and I made a decision to stay in the Washington DC/Northern Virginia area. I went to work for one of the big defense contractors, Northrop Grumman. I had senior business development positions in both the Information Technology Sector, McLean, Virginia; and the Technical Services Sector in Herndon, Virginia. My job was to find and win new government business contracts for Northrop Grumman. I was part of a team of individuals responsible for winning over two billion dollars worth of contract work."

"After retiring from Northrop Grumman, we decided to stay in

Northern Virginia. My wife was still working and many of our friends, both military and civilian, live in the area."

Tell us more about your family.

"I'm married with two grown children and five grandchildren. And we have two "kids" of the four legged variety. Maile and Barkly are both rescue dogs. My wife, Tess, is the Executive Assistant to the CEO of an IT Company, Ligado Networks."

"My daughter Kathy is married to a Navy Commander. They live in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She has two kids; Nicole, getting her masters degree at the University of Virginia, and Ryan, who works for the Virginia Beach Public School System."

"My son, Brian, works for Siemens in the Chicago area. His wife is a physical therapist. They have three children; Madison, a sophomore at Grand Valley State University. Tristen, a junior in high school. And Karissa, an 8th grader. They reside in Elgin, Illinois."

Karissa accompanied me and my wife to the Bahamas for the Conclave."

What was your impression of the 2018 National Conclave?

"The 2018 National Conclave was outstanding. There was enough free time to enjoy the Bahamas, yet we were able to get our legislative business accomplished. Planning a Conclave is never easy. But I believe the Conclave was made more difficult because it was in a foreign country. Having to deal with customs, shipping, etc. were obstacles that had to be overcome. I can't say enough about the great job that Jeremy Jeff, and the entire staff did at the Atlantis, Paradise Island."

"I would say getting to meet the undergraduates at the lunches and at the final poolside celebration was a highlight. Being with the members of the NEC in a social setting is always a plus. I enjoyed the Bahamas, just relaxing around the pool at Atlantis."

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What is your vision for AKL?

"I would like to continue on the path that has been set by our Past National Presidents since I have been on the NEC. Pat Allen, Kevin Camden, Bryant Gatrell, and Don Enstrom were the bridges from AKL's first hundred years into its second hundred years. They have set the tone and each of them has continued to raise the bar. Working with Jeremy Slivinski and the NEC, I also want to raise the bar. I feel that AKL is a strong fraternity and will only get stronger as we move forward."

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as National President?

"Even though we had some setbacks with the closing of Eta and Kappa Chapters, I would like us to continue expansion efforts. Plans are already in motion for future expansion at Virginia, Wisconsin, and Texas. And eventually returning to Eta, Kappa, and Phi Chapters."

"Additionally, knowing the climate on today's campuses, we need to be vigilant in order to prevent hazing, sexual misconduct, and racial incidents. Unfortunately because of fraternity deaths last year, there is a national conversation about greek culture. I will do everything that I can to be on the right side of that conversation."

"A lot was accomplished during the National Conclave Legislative Sessions. Updating our constitution and by-laws is a big step in the way we do business. I'll also continue to foster our relationship with the Foundation Board and with its President, Bryant Gatrell."

Thank you Rich for taking the time to talk to us at InsideAKL and help share your story with our brothers. We appreciate all that you have done for you chapter and the fraternally nationally, and are even more excited to see what your accomplishments as National President!



Don Enstrom (left) Past National President, and Eric Breese (center) National Chaplain, install Rich Cruz (right) as Alpha Kappa Lambda's newest National President while at the 2018 National Conclave in Atlantis, Bahamas.

MEETING YOUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



In the interim between our biennial National Conclaves, the National Executive Council leads Alpha Kappa Lambda's vision, direction, fiscal security and general oversight of the Sorority. The National Executive Council is comprised of alumni volunteers, listed left to right.

Don Enstrom, Phi Chapter, Former National President

Eric Breese, Psi Chapter, National Chaplain

Richard Cruz, Kappa Chapter, National President

Stephen Hladik, Tau Chapter, NEC Director

Geoffrey Burger, Gamma Alpha Chapter, National VP of Finances

Kevin Camden, Alpha Lambda Chapter, National Counsel

Jeremy Slivinski, Beta Nu Chapter, National Secretary

Patrick Allen, Phi Chapter, NEC Director

John Linthicum, Beta Nu, Chapter, NEC Director

Chris Beauchene, Gamma Iota Chapter, NEC Undergraduate Member

Hamilton Galloway, Alpha Phi Chapter, NEC Alumni Corporation Member

You Say Goodbye...

James Boyle, Gamma Lambda at Temple University

On behalf of the of the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, we want to thank James Boyle for his time on staff. After graduation, James has served as a Regional Manager since 2016.

How does your first day on staff compare to your last week?

"The biggest difference between my first and last week on staff is the speed at which everything flows. When I first started I still needed to build relationships with chapters, but now that I'm in my last week I am much more accustomed to the wants and needs of certain chapters. Everything moves faster now that I am integrated into the office and know what each of my chapters is proficient at and what they are looking to improve."

What did you gain/learn from your time on staff?

"During my time on staff I was able to work on my time management, communication, and management

skills. All three are necessary to properly advise our chapters and presidents while working on the go. Without proper time management I would not be able to keep up with each of my chapters on a weekly basis or set aside additional time dedicated to certain chapters."

"Without proper communication I would not have been able to effectively assist each of my chapters or keep the rest of the office in the loop. Without management skills I would not have been able to properly take charge and keep chapters focused on their goals. Being able to work on all three of these transferable skills will help me with anything I focus on in the future."

What's your next move?

"My next move is to head back home to the Philadelphia area and use what I learned here to be able to help my own chapter at Temple University. Professionally I will be getting back into advertising, marketing and sales, which

are what I studied as an undergrad. I have no doubts that I will do well in my life professionally and personally because of the connections I've made and lessons I've learned from AKL."

Any advice to share?

"One last thing that I would want chapters to focus on is collaboration. That would include between your chapter brothers, with other organizations on your campus and with other chapters of Alpha Kappa Lambda. Working with your chapter brothers should be a given, but working with other organizations and other chapters across the country should be too. It will allow you to better connect to your campus, community and brotherhood."

"You can also use these other groups to learn and adapt for your own chapter. Gaining those outside perspectives will give you the room to see a bigger picture, so search for connections wherever you can find them."

**"Trust the process...Go Sixers.
P.S. Fly Eagles Fly."
- James Boyle**



James, thank you for two years of hard work, fraternity growth, and dad jokes. From us at National Headquarters, we wish you the best in all future endeavors and success!

...We Say Hello

Jonathon Rose, Beta Chi at George Mason University
Tim Braun, Beta Chapter at SIU-Edwardsville

As one door closes, two more open. This summer, Alpha Kappa Lambda National Headquarters welcomes our two newest staff members.

Jonathon Rose joins us from our Beta Chi Chapter at George Mason University. He will serve as Chapter Manager of our Gamma Beta Chapter at the University of Alabama.

Jonathon graduated from George Mason University this past spring with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. During his time as an undergraduate member, he served as Vice President, Fraternity Educator, and most recently as Chapter President.

Jonathon was also involved on-campus as a member of the Psychology Honors Fraternity, Psi Chi. As well as a participant in the Mr. CARE Pageant for cancer awareness and research.

Tim Braun also joins staff from our Beta Tau Chapter at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Tim is our new Expansion Specialist, beginning

with a rechartering this fall of our Epsilon Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tim joins staff after graduating Spring 2017 from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville after earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Specialization in Management and Marketing.

As an undergraduate, Tim served both on and as head of the chapter's Fundraising Committee, Historian, and led as the IFC's VP of Operations.

"After graduation I worked as a car salesman. I liked it, but wasn't sure about it in the long run," recalled Tim. "I saw the fraternity job posting on Facebook. Alpha Kappa Lambda was always a passion of mine in college."

As for Jonathon, he recalled "I was staring graduation in the face and looking for jobs. I was looking at clinical jobs since I've worked in clinics before, when I stumbled across the Alpha Kappa Lambda job posting



Tim Braun (left) and Jonathon Rose (right) outside National Headquarters.

where I would get to move and travel, something I've really wanted to do and see more of the country."

"I'm excited to get to know AKL from a different standpoint," continued Jonathon. "From undergrad to a national perspective, I'm sure I'll learn more about the fraternity. I'm also excited to see how fraternity life differs at another college in a whole new geographic location to me."

"This is a great opportunity to give back and grow as a person," said Tim. "I'm looking forward to meeting new people, assisting colonies and chapters grow, and seeing what lasting impact I can make."

When asked what advice they had as recent graduates entering the workforce, Jonathon said "Make the most out of your time. I transferred from community college so I only had two years as an undergraduate member. If I had four years, I would have done more. Make every minute of everyday productive and find a good balance."

"Do everything you can," Tim advised. "Do internships also. I cannot recommend those two things enough. You don't want to look back and regret anything."

Welcome to Headquarters Staff, Jonathon and Tim! We look forward to seeing all that you accomplish.

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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Chapter Announcements

- **Alpha Kappa Chapter of Colorado State University is having a reunion in Fort Collins, Colorado the weekend of September 7th–8th. For information, contact Chuck Duersch at duersch732@gmail.com**
- **Expansions planned for the following year include a return to our Epsilon Chapter at the University of Wisconsin–Madison during Fall 2018.**
- **During the Spring 2019 semester, Alpha Kappa Lambda will execute its second expansion of the year to the University of Virginia for the first time.**

Headquarters Updates

In addition to two new staff members, Alpha Kappa Lambda National Headquarters has had three internal promotions of current staff members.



Guy Davis, formerly Program Consultant for Education and Assessment, focused on developing programs for the Presidents' Academy & Officers Institute and National Conclave. Now as Director of Educational Programs, he has

assumed additional responsibilities of developing and implementing programs for our Member Entry and Continuous Member Education programs designed to prepare AKL Brothers for life beyond college. Similar to other staff, Guy has assigned chapters that he assists with chapter operations including executing recruitment plans, brotherhood development, scholastic achievement, and university relations.



Trey Nunnally joined staff in 2016 as a Regional Manager, where his responsibilities including consulting chapter officers both in the office and on the road. On chapter visits, Trey provided Recruitment Skills Workshops, Officer Operations

Meetings, FIG Risk Management Presentations, brotherhood, etc. Now as Communications Manager, Trey is the Creative Editor of InsideAKL, graphic designer responsible for logos and social media posts, creating printed and digital resources, AKL National social media, as well as working with Guy Davis on developing a visual identity for our Member Entry and Continuous Member Education programs.

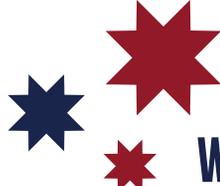


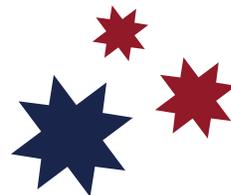
As the Director of Membership Growth, Jeremy Roberson will continue to oversee expansion, colony development, and recruitment skills training for the Fraternity. The 2018-2019 academic year will see major projects for the Fraternity

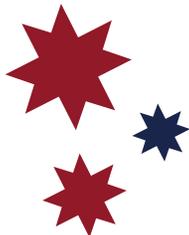
including expansions to the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Epsilon Chapter) in the fall and the University of Virginia in the spring. Several colonies are expected to receive their charters this upcoming year as well.

Coming soon...
Summer 2020



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 **HISTORIC TRIANGLE**
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