



Chi Agitator

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HOUSE CORPORATION & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORT

Kappa Sigma at Purdue has had some problems recently. These were the consequence of unacceptable trends in the chapter's "activities, attitudes and results" over the past several years. The result, this past summer, was restrictions imposed on the chapter by Purdue and Kappa Sigma. On top of all this, the current COVID problems have complicated the chapter's functioning. However, with the strong commitment of the current membership and increased alumni leadership, Chi has reorganized and is already returning to its former place of excellence and leadership on campus.

At a "Show Cause Hearing" this summer, the Kappa Sigma SEC fined the chapter \$25,000 and required establishing an Alumni Board of Control (ABC) [made up of 20 dedicated Chi Alumni brothers]. A reasonable Purdue University probation agreement was also finally negotiated with the help of the chapter faculty adviser, Mike Cline. While the basis for both of these might be questionable, the chapter is now focused on "getting all of this behind us".

The ABC completed a chapter membership review this past summer and is now mentoring the Executive Committee and brothers in every chapter function. Expulsions resulting from the membership review seriously reduced the chapter membership. This resulted in an in-house occupancy of only 25 to 30 members and 20 parlor contracts. Therefore, additional borrowing will be necessary to meet the house corporation "cash requirements" for this school year.

With the live-in commitments by returning members, a 33 man fall pledge class and a reasonable spring pledge

class, the house should again be full next year with 75 members living in. Assuming the chapter maintains full occupancy (75 live-in contracts) next year and in the future, it will be possible to repay the additional borrowing and rebuild the house corporation's capital reserve over the next several years.

After spending a significant amount of money this past summer on the HVAC system and other repairs, the house's general physical condition is very good. Our House Mother (Teri Battleday), Omni Services' maintenance support, Greek Life Services' accounting support, College Chefs' food service and FMG's administrative assistance are now providing the necessary oversight and assistance needed to maintain orderly house corporation operations.

Kappa Sigma was established on Purdue's campus in 1885. It is Purdue's second oldest fraternity (after Sigma Chi). The chapter Alumni Association has resumed planning for the delayed celebration for the 135th anniversary of Chi's founding at Purdue. The event will take place in the fall of 2021 and will include the 2021 Man of the Year dinner.



Doug Kowert '60
President
Chi Chapter House Corporation
and Alumni Association

SAVE THE DATE

We are looking forward to celebrating the history and legacy of the Chi Chapter in the fall of 2021. We will recognize the 135th Anniversary of the chapter, the 20th Anniversary of our re-chartering, and **The Chi Man of the Year on Saturday, October 9th, 2021**. We look forward to seeing everybody back on campus. Please save the date for a weekend of brotherhood, fellowship, and celebration. Look for more details regarding venues and accommodations in the near future!



KEY CHAPTER LEADERS & ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS 2020-2021

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Grand Master
Kevin Boes '18

Grand Procurator
Alix Fritton '18

Grand Master of Ceremoies
Jacob Pitt '18

Grand Scribe
Nikhil Iyer '19

Grand Treasurer
Connor Whitley '19

ALUMNI BOARD OF CONTROL:

Alumnus Advisor
Vince Shissler '00

Assistant Advisors
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FACULTY ADVISOR

Michael Cline '84

HOUSE CORPORATION

Doug Kowert '60 – President
James Shively '00 – Vice President
Charles Marshall '61 – Secretary
David Druetzler '81 – member
Peter Evers '10 – member
Jared Kuhn '09 – member
Tim Gonderman '83 – member
Robert Morris '00 – member

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Steve Springer '67 – President
Matt Brozovic '82 – Secretary
John Fanone '69 – Treasurer
Rich Adams II '83 – Trustee
Charlie Marshall '61 – Trustee

GRAND MASTER Report

My name is Kevin Boes and I am honored to serve as the Grand Master for the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma during the 2020-2021 academic year. I am a Fall '18 initiate and current junior studying Mechanical Engineering from Great Falls, Montana. Last fall, I served as Grand Procurator for Chi, and I am prepared and excited to take on the role of Grand Master!

To say the least, these are very interesting times for the Chi Chapter.

The Chapter has seen drastic change and immense progress the past few months. Unfortunately, last May, the Chapter appeared before the SEC and IFC for hearings. From this, sanctions were imposed by both, highlighted by a \$25,000 fine due to the culmination of past mistakes and reappearances at SEC show cause hearings. Clearly, a change in culture was needed.

Since then, Chi has already seen cultural improvements. I am extremely proud of the effort the Chapter has put forth this summer and the first months of the semester, despite removing half of our membership. Morale is high and brothers are holding each other accountable for the policies we have set in place thus far. In times like these with COVID-19 and imposed sanctions, it is easy for Chi to give up, but brothers and alumni continue to support the 135-year legacy this Chapter has to uphold. Culture change can be difficult, but the EC is doing a phenomenal job realigning the brotherhood toward the values we all live by.

The first two months of the 2020 school year have gone by quickly. With just over 50 brothers, we have managed to raise over \$10,000 through a gofundme effort to go toward the fine. Also, Walt Foster and Caleb Mayhorn rallied a rush committee and the whole house to pledging in 30 qualified

young men safely and effectively. This number is expected to increase, as we are continuing to rush throughout the semester. Our Brotherhood Development head Sam Coverick is ready to form the new members into better men as they begin their journey to brotherhood. I have no doubt in my mind that this pledge class will “leave the house better than they found it.”

In addition to the strong rush effort, we initiated 10 new brothers who had their pledgship delayed due to the pandemic. I am excited to see the impact this pledge class will provide to Chi. Despite uncertainty with COVID-19 and Chi's situation, they chose to stick together through it all, which is a testament to the commitment this brotherhood has now.

The Chapter has several exciting smaller events coming up. Many brothers ran a 5K for our house mother's grandson, who sadly passed away 2 years ago. Additionally, in late October, a handful of brothers will be helping at a local food bank. All events abide by Protect Purdue and CDC guidelines.



Chi's relationships with HQ, Purdue University, and Alumni have greatly improved. An Alumni Board of Control lead by Vince Shissler ('00, founding father) has provided insights and direction that have inspired the Chapter to be the best it can be. We are all extremely grateful for the efforts of not only Vince, but the plethora of alumni who have given back to the Chapter throughout the years. The brotherhood has participated in several of HQ's initiatives, including a 100%-chapter RSVP to the “Largest Rush Event” in mid-September. The Chapter also gave back to first responders on 9/11 by donating a dozen donuts and a thank you card to the Fire Department during their 7:00 am shift change.

The Chapter just recently hosted a virtual anti-hazing workshop with Ryan Bosse and several others



from HQ, with over 90% of our membership in attendance. This discussion focused on the negative effects of hazing and why Kappa Sigma does not promote it. Culture change is tough, but hazing is one thing that will never be in the Chi Chapter's future.

In terms of the University, I am communicating frequently with Dean and alumnus Mike Cline and Associate Dean Brandon Cutler. In an effort to promote Purdue and their efforts to support their students during these times, Chi is hanging a Protect Purdue banner, sponsored by the university, and is investing in co-branded Protect Purdue-Kappa Sigma shirts. I am extremely proud of the responsibility of brothers to wear masks and socially distance. To illustrate, in late September one of our brothers living in the house unfortunately tested positive for COVID-19. However, the swift response plan from the EC and whole Brotherhood to orchestrate a house-wide test, identify and individually quarantine high-risk contacts, and follow policies set by both Purdue and the Chi Chapter allowed us to mitigate the spread within the house. This resulted in 0 additional positive cases of COVID-19 in the house after testing all brothers living in! Unlike many other congregate living facilities on campus, Chi has enjoyed going to in-person class, the co-rec, etc. without being put on a 14-day house quarantine. But the war against COVID-19 hasn't ended; we will continue to follow guidelines because we recognize that congregate housing plays a critical role in keeping Purdue open this fall.

Looking forward, I am excited for Chi's future, despite having an environment not conducive to growth. With a strong spring rush, the house will be full for the first time in several years, as most of the upcoming seniors have committed to living in and providing their leadership and insights to the younger brothers.



Everyone in the Chapter understands and is committed to our top goals for the year, guided by diligence and commitment: win F.A.C.E and become better men together. There is no better time to be a Kappa Sigma than right now.

AEKDB

Kevin Boes
Grand Master
Chi Chapter, Kappa Sigma



We're Planning A Celebration For Our 135th Anniversary As Well As 20 Years Since Our Refounding

Yes, because of COVID, we are celebrating these anniversary events a year later, but we feel it is really important that we celebrate these important milestones.

To help us in our planning, we are asking for your help in these areas:

- **We are looking for volunteers** willing to help plan the weekend. Please contact Jeff Kamm at jeffkamm@hotmail.com if you are willing to join the volunteers who have already "stepped up".
- **We are looking for photos** from your time in school, please scan and email them to matt.noble@fmgutucson.com.
- **We need to improve our contact information.** Please review the lists below and see if you can help us:

<https://www.chikappasigma.org/lost-alumni> (lost alumni)

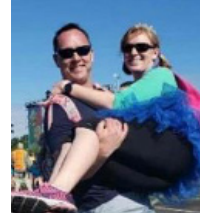
<https://www.chikappasigma.org/no-cell-phone-brothers> (no cell phone)

<https://www.chikappasigma.org/no-email-brothers> (missing email)

ALUMNI BOARD OF CONTROL

What the Alumni Board of Control (ABC) is and where do we stand?

- ABC was formed in June 2020
- Currently 20 members from various pledge classes from the '80's thru early 2000's
- Help oversee all chapter operations for a timeframe of 18-24 months
- Conducted thorough Membership Review during summer 2020 of all willing, active brothers and spring 2020 pledges
- Conclusion of Membership Review ultimately resulted in expulsion of 44 members
- Met with GM on regular basis to help select rest of EC
- Conducted weekly meetings with entire EC during Summer 2020 to present day
- Assigned ABC members to each EC position and committee heads
- Working in conjunction with Educational Foundation, Housing Corporation, DGM, and HQ.



Vince Shissler '00
Alumnus Advisor

Meet Our Alumni Board of Control (ABC) / Chapter Advisors



Adam Bender '00
AAA to Grand Scribe and Alumni Relations Committee



Chris Charlesworth '01
AAA to Risk Management Committee



Charles Druetzler '02
AAA to House Management Committee



Drew Frey '87
AAA to Grand Procurator and Rush Committee



Nick Hoppenjans '00
AAA to the Alumni Relations, Rush & Social Committee



Tim Jones '87
AAA to House Management Committee



Jeff Kamm '00
AAA to Grand Treasurer & 135th Anniversary & House Management Committees



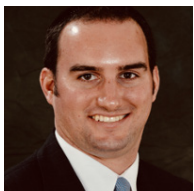
Karl Kraebber '00
AAA to Grand Procurator and Academic and Alumni Committees



Kevin Licterman '01
AAA to Grand Treasurer and Alumni Relations Committee



Jeff Madden '88
AAA to Grand Treasurer



Eric Mayer '03
AAA to Grand Treasurer and Academic Committee



Jason Orth '87
AAA to Grand Procurator



Bryan Searcy '01
AAA to Grand Procurator and Risk Management Committee



Vishal Shah '00
AAA to the Social Char, Rush & House Management Committees



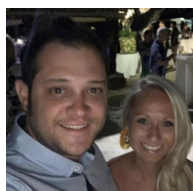
Andy Smith '99
AAA to Grand Procurator and Risk Management Committee



Ryan Stachon '03
AAA to House Management Committee



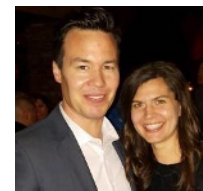
Nick Troiola '01
AAA to Alumni Relations Committee



Adam Webb '01
AAA to the Alumni Relations, Rush & Social Committee



Bob Yeager '87
AAA to the Grand Scribe and Academic Committee



Erik Zink '99
AAA to the Grand Master of Ceremonies, and Social & Rush Committees



EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Legacy Giving

Please consider leaving a legacy with Chi that helps us fund housing upgrades, career and leadership programs, and scholarships. Learn more about Chi's Leave a Legacy program at <https://www.chikappasigma.org/leave-a-legacy>.

Become a Chi Regular Donor/Investor

We would like to thank the alumni who have generously supported our Chapter with their annual gifts to the House Corporation and Education Foundation. During the month of December, we will be circulating our annual request for alumnus financial assistance with ongoing expenses, capital improvements and scholarship awards. Please consider donating to these programs.

You will help make Chi be an even greater place for our young men to spend their four undergraduate years and for alumni to stay involved for a lifetime. Your financial support of Chi Chapter really does make a difference! Gifts to the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation (tax-deductible gift supporting educational programming, scholarships, and educational space in the chapter house) and Chi Chapter House Association

You can give in one of two ways:

- 1 Make a one-time donation via credit card or check to the Housing Corporation or University, and/or
- 2 Join our newly created 1885 Club honoring our chapter founding as a donor to the House Corporation and/or Foundation, which is a monthly recurring gift donation via credit card. A monthly gift of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will make a difference in our future success.

Visit <https://www.chikappasigma.org/donate-now> to learn how you can support Chi through an online gift, check or legacy giving.

Contact Doug Kowert at dkowert@comcast.net or 312-339-0685 for more information.

Minimum Annual Funding Needs We Hope To Meet Through Gifts



| \$5,000 | \$20,000 | \$25,000 |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Educational Programs | Facilities | Scholarships |

Chi To Start New Career Network

Chi is developing a new career network for alumni and undergraduates to participate in. Here is how you can help:

- 1) Join Kappa Sigma, Chi Chapter – Purdue University on LinkedIn where we can provide career opportunities and advice.
- 2) Let us know if you are willing to take a call from another alumnus or undergraduate regarding your career field.
- 3) Tell us if you are willing to sit on career panels at the Chapter House in the fall or spring each.

Contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgutucson.com or 520-990-3250 if you are interested.

Join Us on LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3613955/>

Chi Volunteering

Volunteers are the key to Chi's success. We are looking for alumni willing to join our team in these areas:

- **Advisory Team:** help provide advice to undergraduate officers & chairs in the running of the chapter.
- **Alumni Association:** help in coordinating the fall Homecoming Weekend and spring Man of the Year/Hall of Fame Weekend and other special alumni events.
- **Educational Foundation:** help raise funds to support career, leadership and scholarship programs.
- **House Corporation:** help in assisting on one of our committees (Finances, Fundraising, Legal, Communications, Insurance/Risk Management, Property Management & University Relations).

Contact Doug Kowert at dkowert@comcast.net or 312-339-0685 for more information.

ALUMNI UPDATES

William Lantz '83 is a Landing and Recovery Lead Engineer for NASA. Him and his wife, Lori, currently live in Cape Canaveral, Florida. When William is not spending his time at NASA, he enjoys to golf and work on computers. A skill of his is computer programming and maintenance.

Richard Skradski '91 is a Northeast Regional Manager for Teledyne ISCO. Richard has 20+ years of experience as a Territory Manager for the Water & Wastewater Industry. Richard currently lives in Freeport, Pennsylvania with his wife, Denise.

Merritt Jones '93 is the Director for Web Development of Alight Solutions. Merritt currently lives in Excelsior, Minnesota with his wife Tonya. When Merritt is not continuing to develop his career in Information Technology, he enjoys reading in his free time.

Gregory Pilkinton '93 is a Senior Director for Ankura. Gregory currently resides in Houston, Texas where he continues to progress in the field of management consulting and expert services. Gregory also serves as a Board Member for the Gutierrez Energy Management Institute, which acts as a resource in the energy industry.

Rick Meyer '03 is the Vice President of Truck Service. Rick currently resides in Carmel, Indiana where he continues to successfully be a vital role in the truck service company for light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles.

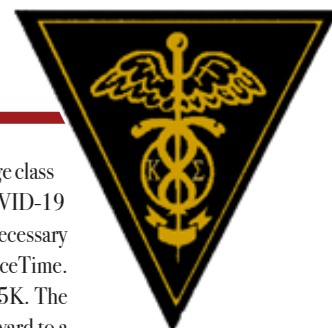
Thomas Canada '05 is a Research Engineer for Southern Company. Thomas currently resides in Birmingham, Alabama where he spends his time as an engineer for an American gas and electric utility holding company.

Collin Schmid '12 is a Project Manager for ARCO Murray Construction company. Collin currently lives in Winfield, Illinois where he continues to build his career in construction and project management.

Alex Martin '14 is an Implementation Consultant for RealPage, Inc. Alex currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina. Outside of his career in analytic consulting, he also works as an Assistant Baseball Coach for Myers Park High School.

Dawson McMahon '16 is a Junior Data Analytics Consultant for Lovelytics. Dawson is currently a graduate student, studying Business Analytics and Information Management at Purdue's Krannert School of Management. He currently resides in West Lafayette, Indiana where he continues to pursue a career in data analytics.

2020 PLEDGE CLASS



The Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma is proud to welcome 33 pledges on the journey to brotherhood. Over the past few weeks, the Alpha Phi pledge class has begun to demonstrate that they have the specific qualities every Kappa Sigma member prides themselves on. With the challenges COVID-19 has brought all of us, the Alpha Phi pledge class continues to show resilience to learn what Kappa Sigma and Chi is all about. While taking necessary COVID-19 precautions, these young men have begun connecting and building unbreakable bonds with the brothers in person and via FaceTime. In addition, having just met Chi's house mother, Terry Battleday, they welcomed the opportunity to support her and her late grandson in a 5K. The chapter is taking note of how much these young men have grown individually and united as one. The Chi Chapter is excited and looking forward to a bright future the Alpha Phi pledge class will bring.

Meet some of our pledges!

Will Akanbi | So | Indianapolis, IN | Computer Engineering
John Anderson | Fr | Fort Wayne, IN | First Year Engineering
Dawson Ball | Fr | Carmel, IN | Agriculture Business
Jack Benson | Fr | Indianapolis, IN | Construction Management
Alex Berk | Fr | Arlington Heights, IL | Supply Chain Mgmt. & Analytics
Freddie Clarke | Fr | Rye, NY | Computer Science
Brendan Corban | Fr | Nashua, NH | First Year Engineering
Jarrett Cornell | Fr | Arlington, TX | First Year Engineering
Josh Ferguson | Fr | Kokomo, IN | Professional Flight
Jacob Cazda | Fr | Arlington Heights, IL | First Year Engineering
Ethan Gick | Fr | Leesburg, VA | First year Engineering
Matthew Gray | Fr | Avon, IN | Kinesiology
Victor Gust | Fr | Dyer, IN | Professional Flight
Xander Hoffman | Fr | Fort Wayne, IN | Computer Engineering
Vignesh Karedy | Fr | Westport, CT | Engineering
Hunter Kepner | Fr | Fishers, IN | Mechanical Engineering Technology
Zack Leedy | Fr | Zionsville, IN | Construction Management

Michael Lollino | Fr | Arlington Heights, IL | First Year Engineering
Traig McPhail | Fr | Carmel, IN | General Business Management
Brock Melton | Fr | Washington, IN | Aviation Management
Luke Miller | So | Orinda, CA | Selling and Sales Management
Emmanuel Ndegwa | Fr | South Bend, IN | Industrial Engineering Technology
Luke Randall | Fr | Alexandria, VA | First Year Engineering
Saxon Reihel | Fr | Los Angeles, CA | Applied Mathematics
Kevin Sakong | Fr | Closter, NJ | Marketing
Michael Schnippel | Fr | Elkhart, IN | Exploratory Studies
Max Schrage | Fr | Indianapolis, IN | Construction Management
Maverick Tebbe | Fr | Westfield, IN | Pre-Pharmacy
Griffin Titan | Fr | Millburn, NJ | Business Communication
Camden Tomey | Fr | Pendleton, IN | First Year Engineering
Colton VanOverberghe | Fr | Port Jefferson, NY | Marketing & Business Management
Grant Walker | Fr | Crown Point, IN | Exploratory Studies
Satchel Warnell | Fr | South Bend, IN | Political Science

UNDERGRADUATE Profiles



Alex Yeverino

Initiation Year: 2019

Graduation Year: May 2023

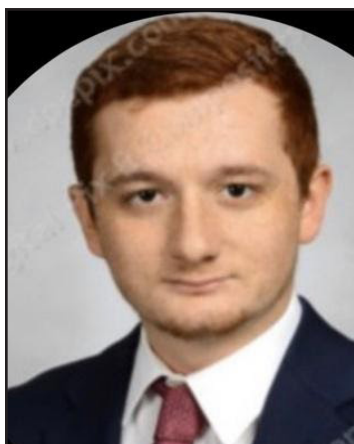
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Campus Involvement: Currently seeking membership in IFC and Formula SAE

House Involvement: T-shirt committee head, member of philanthropy, rush, mom/dads day, butter-up, and alumni committees.

What Kappa Sigma means to me: To me The Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma represents a special relationship that I am able to have to my fraternity. Being that Chi was one of the first chapters of Kappa Sigma to be created, it is hard to not keep that legacy in mind when dealing with my day-to-day ordeals. There is a reason I am surrounded by the brotherhood that Kappa Sigma has offered me, and I have been able to already, within my first year of membership, take advantage of opportunities that have come my way including leadership, fellowship, and service-related opportunities. Being a Kappa Sigma is something that only few get the liberty of, and I have and will continue to preserve the legacy it has shown to me, out of respect for past members who made it all possible.

Advice to new brothers: My advice to new members is to get involved early outside of just Kappa Sigma. Our goal is to keep the Kappa Sigma name as prosperous as it has been, and by stretching out to university clubs, organizations, and groups, our name will only continue to be more and more respected. In all, cherish this membership because these are the moments you are going to look back on for years to come.



Andrew Arias

Initiation Year: 2019

Graduation Year: May 2022

Major: Construction Management

Campus Involvement: Treasurer of NECA; AGC

House Involvement: Intramural Head, Public Relations Head, Academic Committee, Grand Prix Committee

What Kappa Sigma Means to me: Kappa Sigma to me is a place where I can become the best version of myself. Kappa Sigma has taught me numerous life lessons involving professionalism and brotherhood that I will take with me for the rest of my life. The memories and friendships that I have made through the house are some of the most valuable things I will carry on with me for the rest of my life.

Advice to new brothers: Get involved as soon as possible in the house and around campus. There are so many opportunities that the campus and house can offer you to better yourself and you have to take advantage of these opportunities to not only help better yourself, but to show the campus and recruiters that Kappa Sigma members are go getters.



Chi Chapter
Kappa Sigma Fraternity

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FALL 2021

Chi's 135th Anniversary Weekend

More details to following via email and mail in the near future!



STAY CONNECTED WITH CHI CHAPTER

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/59265372801068>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kappasigma_ch

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3613955/>