



# Chi Agitator

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1885**

**136<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

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## GRAND MASTER REPORT

My name is Kevin Boes, and I am grateful to have served as the Grand Master for the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma at Purdue University during the 2020-2021 academic year and to be chosen to be the 2021-2022 Grand Master. Some of the following is an update and summary of details contained in my November, 2020 Agitator report.

The chapter appeared before virtual disciplinary hearings with both the SEC and Purdue's IFC during May, 2020. During the SEC Show Cause Hearing, Worthy Grand Master Brother Justin Hansen imposed a significant fine, required a Chapter Alumni Board of Control and challenged the undergraduate brothers to turn Chi back to the fraternity's highest standard as a F.A.C.E Chapter within just 1 year. With the assistance of our faculty adviser, Mike Cline, reasonable IFC/University probations and restrictions were agreed separately for the chapter. The Chapter was very lucky to be given the opportunity to operate after the mistakes made.

Chi never backs away from a challenge. I am happy to report that in just 10 months; despite COVID-19 sanctions and restrictions and with strong Alumni support, the undergraduate brothers have upheld Chi Chapter's 135-year Chi traditions and legacy. Chi was Purdue University's Top 20-21 Recruiting Chapter and is once again regarded as one of the top houses on campus. There is a strong possibility that Chi will receive the F.A.C.E. award at this summer's Conclave.

After last summer's strict membership review conducted by our new Alumni Board of Control (ABC), the remaining chapter membership was effectively cut in half retaining only the brothers who demonstrated a positive commitment to Kappa Sigma's values, ideals and practices and also a

desire to actively participate in house and campus activities. With this new focus, the Chapter has seen dramatic changes during the past academic year in its culture, performance, achievements and overall commitment to the standards of Kappa Sigma. The ABC has been instrumental in turning Chi around, whether it be advising,

speaking on behalf of the Chapter, or testing for Ritual Proficiency. Special thanks to our new Alumni Advisor, Vince Shissler, who has committed countless hours towards helping rebuild the Chapter. From this point on, the Chapter will not look back.

Despite a smaller membership at the start of the school year, the eagerness to improve was apparent and demonstrated by the fall and spring rush efforts. Brothers Walt Foster and Caleb Mayhorn rallied a rush committee and the whole house to pledge-in, teach and initiate 33 fall and 20 spring qualified young men safely and effectively. Through a revamped Brothers in Action program, these men were molded, using the chapter's new culture, into brothers who positively represent the 4 pillars of Kappa Sigma. The new program was a success boasting an impressive 97% pledge retention rate. Some of the main achievements this year include:

- Becoming the Top 20-21 Recruiting Chapter at Purdue University,
- The chapter paid the \$25,000.00 SEC fine,
- Zero Protect Purdue Violations
- Doubled the overall member ritual proficiency percentage
- Raised over \$7,700.00 during the Stephan Alonzo Jackson weekend of giving
- 27 brothers donated blood during spring blood drive
- 90% membership participation in a 5K in memory of our house mother's son
- 90% chapter attendance at 3 collaborative IFC workshops
- Cut HQ liability insurance in half

Last summer, I was afraid for the future, as I thought changing Chi was too great a feat to accomplish. However, if I have been taught anything through it all, it's that tough times don't always last, but tough people do. It is safe to say that we, the Chi undergraduates and Alumni, are resilient. Some of the past mistakes that Chi Chapter made are still with us. The journey to again be an elite chapter is not over. But I fully believe that Chi Chapter has turned itself around for the better and does not plan to ever fall back on any of its negative, past mistakes. Guided by our watch words, diligence and commitment, we will continue our journey toward becoming the top chapter at Purdue and within Kappa Sigma!

AEKAB  
Kevin Boes '18  
Grand Master  
Chi Chapter



# Bob Sorenson '60 joins Chapter Celestial

Brother Sorenson was an exceptional example of what it means to be a Kappa Sigma Brother. During Bob's lifetime, he served, off and on, for 60 years as the chapter alumni adviser, district grand master, Chi House Corporation Board Member, Chi Alumni Association Board Member and reorganization trustee for another Indiana chapter. Bob was always available to assist with any chapter or fraternity need. Robert S. (Bob) Sorenson passed away on April 19, 2021. He was born on April 13, 1941 in Stoughton, Wisconsin. Bob grew up in Oak Park, Illinois before moving to West Lafayette in 1957, graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1959 and lived in West Lafayette ever since. Bob spent one year at Northwestern U and then earned a B.S. in Industrial Management, M.S. in Industrial Administration, and Ph. D. from Purdue University, in addition to a M.B.A. from Northwestern University. Bob was initiated into Kappa Sigma at Northwestern before transferring to Purdue and Chi Chapter.

On June 20, 1964, Bob married Linda Markins, a Purdue Kappa Alpha Theta, of Gaston, Indiana and she survives. He is also survived by siblings, John, and Marilyn Sorenson Pratt (Thomas), son Scott of Indianapolis, and daughter Anne (Andrew) of Middleton, Wisconsin. Grandchildren are Sydney, Robert and Erik Sorenson and Sam, Alec, and Ryan Inman.

Bob deeply appreciated his Norwegian heritage and its emphasis on family, music, and education. He traveled to Norway many times, sometimes with other chi brothers, enjoying cherished relationships with Norwegian family and friends.

Bob began his career with the Ross Gear Division of TRW, Inc., and moved into higher education administration at Purdue in 1966. He left Purdue in 1984 while serving as Comptroller. After serving briefly as Associate Vice-President and Treasurer at St. Louis University he returned to West Lafayette to join the



*Robert S. "Bob" Sorenson  
April 13, 1941 - April 19, 2021*

staff of Ivy Tech Community College. He provided business and computing leadership for the local campus before serving as the Chief Information Officer for the college. After his retirement from Ivy Tech in 2006 he taught accounting in the Krannert School of Management at Purdue.

Lifetime priorities for Bob were his children, grandchildren, and extended family, as well as volunteer service to others. Earning the rank of Eagle Scout as a youth provided him a value base and an obligation to provide duty to others that framed his outlook on life. Locally he served in leadership positions with Tippecanoe Schools Foundation, Leadership Lafayette, Tippecanoe Arts Federation, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Museums at Prophetstown, St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Sagamore Council Boy Scouts of America,

University Place Foundation, the Barbara Cook Chapter of Mortar Board, and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Beyond the local community, he held leadership positions at Kappa Sigma, at the Area and Regional levels of the Boy Scouts of America, Sciencetech Club of Indianapolis, Circle City Lodge of the Sons of Norway, Mortar Board National Foundation, and State and Regional professional associations. For the higher education community, he served on accreditation teams for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Bob's significant recognitions included the G.A. Ross Award for Outstanding Senior Man at Purdue in 1963, Sagamore of the Wabash awarded by Gov. O'Bannon in 1997, and the Daniel D. Robinson Award for Outstanding Contributions to the field of college and university accounting in 1995. Other recognitions were Mortar Board Distinguished Lifetime Service Award in 2016, the Lafayette YWCA Foundation Win Hentschel Distinguished Service Award in 2014, and the Boy Scout Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards.

## AEKDB BROTHER BOB

## 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  
2021-2022**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Grand Master  
Kevin Boes '18

Grand Procurator  
Kyle Wix '19

Grand Master of Ceremonies  
Frederick Clarke '20

Grand Scribe  
James Bramlett '19

Grand Treasurer  
Kyle Chrisman '19

## ALUMNI BOARD OF CONTROL:

Alumnus Advisor  
Vince Shissler '00

Assistant Advisors  
Andy Smith '99  
Adam Bender '00

Nick Hoppenjans '00  
Jeff Kamm '00  
Karl Kraebber '00  
Vishal Shah '00

Christopher Charlesworth '01  
Kevin Lichterman '01  
Bryan Searcy '01  
Nick Troiola '01  
Adam Webb '01  
Erik Zink '02  
Eric Mayer '03  
Ryan Stachon '03

## 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*  
Robert Morris '00 – *member*  
Benjamin Townsend '09 – *member*  
Teri Battleday – *House Mother*

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Steve Springer '67 – *President*  
Matt Brozovic '82 – *Secretary*  
John Fanone '69 – *Treasurer*  
Rich Adams II '83 – *Trustee*  
Peter Evers '10 – *Trustee*  
Charlie Marshall '61 – *Trustee*

# HOUSE CORP, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND ALUMNI ADVISER REPORT

Last November, we reported on a variety of chapter and facility changes due to fraternity and university disciplinary actions that impacted the functions of the chapter and operations of the house corporation. These changes were exacerbated by COVID-19 restrictions and practices. Now that the 2020-2021 school year is over, we are pleased to report that the chapter has survived the pandemic and experienced a complete turnaround in every way exceeding the expectations of the fraternity, the university and the alumni leadership.

As a quick summary: The chapter leadership and membership, working with the Alumni Board of Control (ABC), are now functioning at and above expectations; And the chapter's participation in occupancy numbers for next year and positive maintenance of the chapter house this year is "back to the old House Corporation expectations"; The October 8, 2021 135th Anniversary-Man of the Year Celebration is expected to be a great way to recognize Chi's return to prominence.

Sanctions and restrictions placed on the chapter were the consequence of unacceptable trends in the chapter membership's "activities, attitudes and results" over the past several years. The strong commitment of the new chapter leadership and membership mentored by the ABC has returned Chi to its former place of excellence and leadership in the order and on campus. We are proud to report that discussions with the fraternity's and campus leaderships and the relaxing of restrictions on the chapter are a gratifying result of the Chapter's efforts this past school year.

Pledging and initiating 53 new members (the most on Purdue's campus), paying the SEC's \$25,000.00 fine, participating in a significant number of fraternity and campus activities and working to get back in the lead academically are just a few of this year's milestones. Reducing individual insurance rates and the "possibility" for removing

any remaining Kappa Sigma and Purdue sanctions for next year are also significant milestones. We are also very proud that, among his other campus activities, the Chi's GM was elected to Purdue's Mortar Board honorary and is now its Secretary and Treasurer.

A compromise was reached with the chapter to accept a special assessment to cover the difference between the 61 fall live-in house contracts for next year and the minimum house occupancy of 75. Based on the limited chapter house damages and maintenance this past school year, this will satisfy the house corporation's financial budgets for the 2021-2022 school year. A strong commitment to fall rush has already begun. The expectations that the chapter will meet the 75 full house occupancy for the 2022-2023 school year seem very reasonable.

We are excitedly looking forward to "everything good" that will result going forward with the new operating and communicating synergy between the Chapter Executive Committee, chapter Membership, ABC and other Alumni Groups that began this past year.

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

Vince Shissler '00  
Alumni Adviser  
Alumni Board of Control







# CELEBRATING 135 Years



**PLAYERS ORIGINAL  
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@ 40 SALISBURY**

**ELMER OLIPHANT '14  
& 1935 +/- KAPPA SIG  
PLAYERS**



**COVID prevented us from celebrating during 2020 but it will not stop us from celebrating in style the weekend of October 8-10, 2021. The weekend activities are open to family members. Activities will include:**

## Friday, October 8

Golf with tee times starting at 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Chapter House tours from 5:00-7:00 PM

Alumni Pub Crawl starting at 8:00 PM

## Saturday, October 9

Golf with tee times starting somewhere between 9:00-11:00 AM

Coffee, Donuts and Chapter House tours from 10:00am-12:00 PM

135th Banquet and 25th Annual Chi Chapter Hall of Fame from 6:00-9:00 PM (\$50 for the banquet) at the Purdue Memorial Union North Ballroom.

## Sunday, October 10

Breakfast at the house from 7:00-9:00 AM

**RSVP for the weekend here!**

<https://chikappasigma.org/135th-rsvp-form>



## 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees



### WALT EVERSMAN '56



Walt graduated Purdue in 1959 with a BS in Aeronautical Engineering. He completed an MS in Engineering Mechanics and a PhD in Aeronautics and Astronautics at

Stanford University while he was working for the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company. Walt's academic career started in 1964 as an Associate Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at Wichita State University. After ten years at WSU, he taught in New Zealand before returning to the US in 1978. Here he became the Chair of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology. In 1985, he accepted appointment as Curators' Professor of Aerospace Engineering, the position from which he retired in 2015. Walt's academic interests include aircraft structural dynamics and design, while his research primarily covered aeroelasticity and aeroacoustics. Mr. Eversman is also a recipient of the 2008 AIAA Aeroacoustics Award.

### DAVID DANNER '67



David graduated from Purdue in 1970 with a degree in BSIE and MSIE. He served his country in the Marine Corps for two years, going on to develop custom software and

hardware for his own company, IDEAMATICS, in 1975. To this day, Dr. Danner brings over 50 years of experience to the operations of IDEAMATICS as Chairman of the Board, President and Consulting Software Engineer. In 1986, he founded IDEATECH, Inc., to manufacture and distribute his invention, the Ideal-Phone product. This integrated the personal computer and the telephone into a single efficient workstation. Prior to this list of accomplishments, David had the opportunity to pledge for the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma (1967). He served as the chapter's house manager for two years and was the campaign manager for Brother Steve Springer's successful election as Sophomore Class President. David is extremely grateful for the friendships and confidence he has gained from the Chi Chapter. His wife, Pamela, is a little sister of the Chi Chapter. They have three daughters together, the oldest being a Purdue graduate (and her husband is a Kappa Sig!).

### KEVIN LICHTERMAN '01



Kevin graduated from Purdue with a BA in Communications in 2003, going to work for a small commercial real estate brokerage and investment firm based in Chicago, IL.

He received his MBA with a concentration in real estate development in 2008 from Roosevelt University. After a nearly 15-year career in commercial real estate lending, Mr. Lichterman embarked on a new phase in his career and joined American Landmark Properties (ALP). He currently utilizes his prior experience and existing network to source and lead all commercial real estate acquisitions for American Landmark Properties. During his college years, Kevin and a few guys from his dorm "were provided with a very special opportunity to bring Chi chapter back to Purdue University and mold it into the best fraternity on campus." He can't stress enough the importance of building and retaining your professional and personal network. Kevin could always be counted on to support the chapter in any way possible.

# Chi Chapter HISTORY OVERVIEW



**“VERYEARLY” CHAPTER COMPOSITE**



**1958 HOMECOMING SIGN**



**1979 FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTY**



**1961 SENIORS**



**2001 FOOTBALL “P”**



**1961 HOUSE DANCE**



**1960 GRAND PRIX TEAM**



**2015 CHRISTMAS  
PHILANTHROPY**

## Some history highlights

- Chi Chapter is founded on March 15, 1885 under the guidance of W.G.M. Stephen Alonzo Jackson. It is the 22nd Chapter of Kappa Sigma and the second fraternity established on the Purdue campus.
- Shortly after it's founding the Chi Chapter took up residence in a home at 40 North Salisbury Street. The structure remains to this day.
- The chapter opens the house at 308 North Street in time for 1922-23 school year.
- The chapter thrives during the years following World War II. The western addition is added to the house in 1961.
- After years of wear and tear on the facility and a declining membership, the Chi Chapter becomes dormant in 1995.
- **After a successful Capital Campaign, the chapter house was expanded and completely rebuilt to its existing size.**
- After increased interest from undergraduates at Purdue, the Chi Chapter is revived as a Colony in the fall of the 1999-2000 school year.
- After successfully meeting the requirements for initiation, the “Founding Fathers” of the new era of Chi are initiated in January of 2000.
- The house is painstakingly refurbished and rebuilt during the 2000-2001 school year and summer.
- After refocusing efforts during the pandemic of 2020, Chi is looking forward to a future as a leading chapter on the Purdue campus.



# ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS & SUPPORT

There is no better time than now to support the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma! Our chapter, like all fraternities, is as strong as the commitment of our undergraduate members' focus on success, and our alumni and parents' commitment to sharing some of their time and treasurer with the Chapter.

## How you can support Chi:

### 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. You 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 go to the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation (tax-deductible gift supporting educational programming, scholarships, and educational space in the chapter house) and/or the 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, 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](mailto:dkowert@comcast.net) or 312-339-0685 or Steve Springer at [sespringer@msn.com](mailto:sespringer@msn.com) or 317-374-3517 for more information.

### Recruitment Recommendation

Provide a recruitment recommendation to Matthew Barriga at [mbarriga2018@gmail.com](mailto:mbarriga2018@gmail.com), Will Conway at [conway3535@gmail.com](mailto:conway3535@gmail.com), or Nolan Pechan at [nolanpechan@gmail.com](mailto:nolanpechan@gmail.com). You can also fill out the recommendation form at: <https://www.chikappasigma.org/recruitment-recommendation>

### Volunteer

We are looking for alumni to join our volunteer team in these areas:

- **Advisory Team:** give advice and mentor the chapter undergraduate chairs & officers for chapter and alumni involved events.  
Contact Vince Shissler at [vinshiss@gmail.com](mailto:vinshiss@gmail.com)
- **Educational Foundation:** raise funds for career, leadership, and scholarship programs.  
Contact Steve Springer at [sespringer@msn.com](mailto:sespringer@msn.com)
- **House Corporation:** help one of the committees responsible for Chi's facility [including Finance, Fundraising, Legal, Communications, Insurance/Risk Management, or Property Management University Relations].  
Contact Doug Kowert at [dkowert@comcast.net](mailto:dkowert@comcast.net)
- **Alumni Association:** assist in coordinating communications and events with chapter alumni and the University.  
Contact Doug Kowert at [dkowert@comcast.net](mailto:dkowert@comcast.net)

## Help Chi Develop their New Career Network

This is a new initiative at Chi. Here's how you can help undergraduates and alumni continue to develop their career network:

- 1) Join Kappa Sigma, Chi Chapter - Purdue University on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3613955/> to find career opportunities and advice.
- 2) Tell us if you are willing to talk with other alumnus or undergraduates regarding your career field.
- 3) Let us know if you are willing to sit on career panels at the Chapter House in the fall or spring.  
Contact Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgutucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgutucson.com) or 520-990-3250 if you are interested.

## MEET CHI'S NEW 2020-2021 INITIATES

John Anderson (Alpha Phi)  
Dawson Ball (Alpha Phi)  
Jack Benson (Alpha Phi)  
Alex Berk (Alpha Phi)  
Freddie Clarke (Alpha Phi)  
Brendan Corban (Alpha Phi)  
Jarrett Corneil (Alpha Phi)  
Josh Fergusson (Alpha Phi)  
Jacob Gazda (Alpha Phi)  
Ethan Gick (Alpha Phi)

Matthew Gray (Alpha Phi)  
Victor Gust (Alpha Phi)  
Alexander Hoffman (Alpha Phi)  
Vignesh Kareddy (Alpha Phi)  
Hunter Kepner (Alpha Phi)  
Zachary Leedy (Alpha Phi)  
Michael Lollino (Alpha Phi)  
Traig McPhail (Alpha Phi)  
Brock Melton (Alpha Phi)  
Luke Miller (Alpha Phi)

Luke Randall (Alpha Phi)  
Saxon Reihel (Alpha Phi)  
Kevin Sakong (Alpha Phi)  
Michael Schnippel (Alpha Phi)  
Maxwell Schrage (Alpha Phi)  
Maverick Tebbe (Alpha Phi)  
Griffin Titan (Alpha Phi)  
Camden Tomey (Alpha Phi)  
Colton Vanoverberghe (Alpha Phi)  
Grant Walker (Alpha Phi)

Satchell Warnell (Alpha Phi)  
Brian Boynton (Alpha Chi)  
Duncan Clipp (Alpha Chi)  
Kyle Harper (Alpha Chi)  
Derek Hayduk (Alpha Chi)  
Cameron Jarek (Alpha Chi)  
Braden Jarvis (Alpha Chi)  
Samuel Kidwell (Alpha Chi)  
Joel Krittenbrink (Alpha Chi)  
Cayden Lazier (Alpha Chi)

Jacob Livesay (Alpha Chi)  
Owen Pifer (Alpha Chi)  
Logan Rettinger (Alpha Chi)  
Alec Rheinheimer (Alpha Chi)  
Zim Seely (Alpha Chi)  
Raif Shah (Alpha Chi)  
Andrew Sovik (Alpha Chi)  
Rodney Woudema (Alpha Chi)  
Matthew Yueng (Alpha Chi)

# ALUMNI Updates

**Daniel Meyer '55** – While attending Purdue University, Daniel majored in electrical engineering. He also served on the Purdue President Steven Beering's Vision 21 Campaign Cabinet and after graduation received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in '89 and an Honorary Doctor of Engineering from Purdue in '92. Daniel and his wife Ann, live in Cincinnati, Ohio where he holds the position of Chairman and CEO for Cincinnati Milacron.

**Stephen Johnson '62** – Stephen graduated from Purdue University in 1965 with a degree in industrial engineering. Following graduation, he pursued a career in the industrial distribution cutting tools field and worked as the president for Jonco Tool. Today, Stephen is retired and resides in Rockford, Illinois with his wife Marilyn.

**Kurt Hagerman '77** – While attending Purdue University, Kurt majored in BSIM and graduated with a BS in Management and Science in 1982. Today, Kurt is the Senior Principal Security Product Manager at Oral Cloud Infrastructure in the greater Seattle Area, where he is a technology business leader, expert in governance, risk and compliance, and a security industry thought leader.

**James Milner '79** – James graduated from Purdue University in 1981. With a major in accounting, he went on to pursue a career in finance and worked his way up to the position of Chief Financial officer for Naples Soap Company. James now resides in Ft Myers, Florida, is married to his wife Judy, and has a daughter named Jacquelyn Milner.

**Rice Berkshire IV '87** – Rice graduated from Purdue University in 1990 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology. From 1985–1990, he was involved on campus through NROTC, the Navy Sail Team, Editor Navy's "Spyglass," Purdue Crew, ASHRAE (treasurer), and Kappa Sigma. As a member of Kappa Sigma, he held the position of Rush Chair and Vice President of the Chapter (GP). For the past 18 years Rice has worked for Koya Bearings North America as a Sales Account Executive where he works to find the best solutions for the greatest profit for both his customers and company.

**Karl Kraebber '00** – Karl graduated from Purdue University in 2003. While studying general health sciences, he was also involved on campus as a volunteer football equipment manager. Following graduation he received his masters from Purdue in Organizational Leadership and pursued a career in healthcare operations and process improvement. Today, Karl is married to his wife Erin Kraebber and is the Director of Xenotransplantation within the Department of Surgery at the University of Alabama Birmingham School of medicine.

**Chris Tantillo '11** – Chris graduated from Purdue University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. As well as being a part of the Kappa Sigma chapter, he was also involved in the Purdue University Interfraternity Council and the Purdue University Dance Marathon. Chris then went on to receive his MBA from Indiana university and for the past four years has worked as a Operations Manager for Lockheed Martin. He and his wife Carli reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

## — UNDERGRADUATE Profile —



### James Benedict '20

James Charles Benedict II is a rising Junior from Douglasville, Georgia. A Spring 2020 Initiate, and part of the 2023 graduating class, James studies Professional Flight with a minor in General Management. After Purdue he is looking to fly for a commercial Airline such as Delta, United, or American for a lifetime. James has always had a passion for flight and is thrilled with the idea of a professional career in aviation.

Within the chapter, James currently serves as the Assistant Scribe, and a committee head for By-Laws, Historian, Sustainability, Alumni Relations, Public Relations, and Awards committees. Elsewhere on campus, James is an Aviation Ambassador for the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology, a Manager for the Purdue Baseball team, a member of Purdue Professional Pilots, Purdue College Republicans, Purdue Future Greek Leaders, as well as being a Team Leader for Boiler Gold Rush this past Fall.

James joined Kappa Sigma for the brotherhood and rich history behind the chapter. James was initially hesitant about greek life, but after speaking to a few of the brothers at Meet the Greeks spring semester of his Freshman year James knew that he wanted to be a part of this incredible organization. To him, being a Kappa Sigma means being a man of honor and courage and someone that the university and community respects and looks up to. For James it's about being the ideal man and citizen.

As for younger members, James believes that you can get so much out of this chapter if you put time and effort into it. When you first join it can be hard to find your place in everything. James knows he was definitely there when he first became a member, but he put his nose to the grindstone and tried to see what he could help out with. Little things here and there slowly turned into large projects to the point where James had the opportunity to start a whole new committee that he now leads.



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Kappa Sigma Fraternity

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## 135th Anniversary & Hall of Fame Weekend Oct 8-9, 2021

See more details here and RSVP:

<https://www.chikappasigma.org/chi-135th-anniversary-celebration55/>



## STAY CONNECTED WITH CHI CHAPTER

**Website:** <https://chikappasigma.org>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/592653728010686>

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/kappasigma\\_chi/](https://www.instagram.com/kappasigma_chi/)

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