

MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission

Pi Kappa Alpha is dedicated to developing men of integrity, intellect, and high moral character and to fostering a truly lifelong fraternal experience. To fulfill this mission, Pi Kappa Alpha will:

Encourage all our members to live the values taught in our ritual. • Provide innovative services and programs designed to enrich the lives of our undergraduates, alumni, and communities. • Create opportunities for our undergraduate and alumni members to participate in the life of Pi Kappa Alpha on a daily basis. • Promote and foster a spirit of pride, loyalty, inclusion and respect for Pi Kappa Alpha and its rich history. • Empower our undergraduate and alumni members to help shape Pi Kappa Alpha's future by being informed ambassadors and involved advocates. • Encourage our undergraduate and alumni members to take an active role in advancing Pi Kappa Alpha's interests by volunteering their time and by contributing to the fraternity's annual giving campaign. • Communicate effectively and efficiently with our alumni, students and host institutions through various channels on a continuous basis. • Value academic achievement and practice academic integrity. • Establish positive and lasting relationships with our host institutions, alumni and communities. • Encourage our members to be of strong mind and body.

Our Vision

Pi Kappa Alpha will set the standard of integrity, intellect, and achievement for our members, host institutions, and the communities in which we live.

Slices of Beta Pi

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FEED THE FRONT LINES

Beta Pi Pikes Lead IFC Philanthropy

Written by Kaden Stenger, '19

With stay-at-home orders, undergraduates being sent home and medical workers overwhelmed with patients, Penn Greek life knew it had to act. One of our very own undergraduates, **Marcus Nowlan '18**, made it possible. The Penn Engineering rising senior and past external VP created the "Feed the Front Lines" fundraiser as vice president of philanthropy for Penn's Interfraternity Council (IFC). It was organized so that every \$9 donated would secure a meal delivery to an essential Penn health care employee working on the front lines of COVID-19. As a university-wide initiative, the overall goal was set at \$1,800 for a total of 200 meals.

Once the fundraiser began on May 1, the current internal VP, **Kaden Stenger '19**, reached out to chapter alumni for support. The response he got was unprecedented. In a span of only five days, undergraduates, alumni and friends of the chapter, had contributed over \$1,500 in donations! The largest of these contributions came from brothers **Tom Fogarty '81**, **Mark Lopatin '76** and **Eric Morgenstern '81** with each donating \$200 or more. When the fundraiser closed, \$2,388 had been raised in the name of Pi Kappa Alpha in just 10 days. The chapter's efforts exceeded the original fundraising goal for all of Penn IFC by over \$500 and made up 90% of the \$2,647 in total donations!



Marcus Nowlan, '18



Kaden Stenger, '19

While the monetary donations alone spoke volumes, alumni also shared their testimonies for donating. **Eric Morgenstern '81** started the conversation saying, "As a physician in NYC who recently spent 2 weeks on the COVID-19 Units at NYU, I am humbled by the generosity and support from the Pike Brotherhood and the IFC at Penn. The outpouring of love and gratitude I felt from complete strangers in NYC by the simple act of providing a meal when we did not have the time or energy to get one on our own was palpable." **Michael Selikoff '75** spoke about his daughter Lauren's experience as an NYU nurse practitioner: "she (and other front-line workers)... would start their hospital shift each day, knowing that they were entering a frenetic and often overwhelming situation, bravely administering to their Covid-19 patients, many of whom were fighting for every

breath."

Thanks to the incentive of Marcus Nowlan and the support of the Beta Pi chapter, over 250 meals were provided to those who most needed them. The "Feed the Front Lines" donations captured our promise of, "once a Pike, always a Pike," and our preamble's dedication, "for the mutual benefit and advancement of the interests of those with whom we sympathize and deem worthy of our regard". In the spirit of $\Phi\Phi\kappa\alpha$, we exceeded expectations once again through our fight against COVID-19.

THE 2019 MACKLER 5K

The Scott Mackler 5K Event for ALS Philadelphia is a Success

The annual Scott Mackler MD PhD 5K run/walk (Mackler 5K) took place at Temple Beth El, in Newark, Delaware on November 3, 2019. This event was devised and is underwritten by 2019 Alumnus of the Year, as chosen by the Beta Pi Alumni Association, **Harvey Mackler '72**, and the Mackler family, to honor the legacy of **Scott Mackler '77**. All proceeds from the event are for the benefit of the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia (ALS Philadelphia).

A twelve-man delegation from Beta Pi participated in this year's fundraiser. The current active members of Beta Pi who ran the Mackler 5K are **Obed Antoine '19**, **Alex Schoeny '18**, **Sam Eichenwald '17**, **Leo Chambers '19**, **Malcolm Summers '19**, **Zachary Melchione '18**, **Marcus Nowlan '18**, **DJ Nigh '18**, **Kevin Lajeunesse '18**, **Joe Churilla '17** and **Nick Parkes '17**. Also attending was **Brandy**, the Beta Pi house dog. Special recognition is due to **Michael Bobrick**



House Dog Brandy

'77, who makes an annual trek from his home in Virginia to participate.

The fundraiser was an absolute success. Nearly \$80,000 was raised by this year's event. In the races 20-year history, Harvey and his family have presented over \$2,750,000 to ALS Philadelphia. This year, the donors from the Beta Pi chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha contributed more than \$5,000, with \$2,460 from our undergraduate members. Special thanks to **Obed Antoine '19** who coordinated

the undergraduate contingent with Brother Mackler. The 20-year total contributions on behalf of Beta Pi chapter is now close to \$100,000. These donations allow ALS Philadelphia to provide technology and equipment to those in the Philadelphia area who suffer from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

To all those who donated their time and money toward the success of this year's Mackler 5K, we thank you.

PIKA ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Penn Sprint Football Features Pike Brothers

A strong contingent of Pi Kappa Alpha athletes contributed to the success of the 2019 sprint football team (formerly light-weight football). As part of the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL), Penn finished with five wins and two losses for the season. All five Pike players saw action for the team. In addition, one Beta Pi brother served as team manager. They are:

Alex Schoeny '18: kicker, #27

Connor McQuillan '18: defensive back, #42

Kaden Stenger '19: defensive line, #53

Dietrich James (DJ) Neigh '18: defensive line, special teams, #54

Marcus Nowlan '18: defensive line, special teams, #75

Kevin Lajeunesse '18: team manager

During the 2019 season, brothers Schoeny and Neigh made significant contributions to the team's success on the field. Brother Lajeunesse will be remembered long after the 2019 season for his contributions to the team.

As the team kicker in his first year with the team, Schoeny was presented a decorated game ball for the Post University game and



received the Ralph Roesler Special Teams Award for his season accomplishments. In his second game, he was picked to be the CSFL Player of the Week for his play against Cornell University, thanks to his five-for-five point after touchdown attempts, and average 49.5 yards on his ten kickoffs. Playing all seven games, Schoeny's kickoffs averaged 46.1 yards, with two touchbacks. For the season, he had 28 points after touchdowns, one

field goal and zero blocked kicks.

Neigh ended the season with 21 tackles, 18 unassisted. He had 6.5 tackles for a loss with four sacks. Neigh received a decorated game ball for his efforts against Alderson Broaddus. After the season, he was selected as the Penn sprint football Outstanding Defensive Lineman, and named as a CSFL All League Defense Honorable Mention.

In recognition for his importance to the team, Lajeunesse had an award, instituted in his name, to be awarded annually for future team managers.

Returning to the team for the 2020 season will be Brothers Schoeny, McQuillan, Stenger and Nowlan. All four are in serious contention for starting positions if the CSFL season is played after January 1, 2021.

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE

Beta Pi Attends the Academy

On August 1-4, 2019, a three-man delegation representing Beta Pi attended The Academy, PIKE University's annual officer leadership training program, at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. The three undergraduate members to attend were **Kaden Stenger**, **Ronak Bhagia** and **Jae Chung**, all **Beta Pi '19**.

The purpose of The Academy is to provide undergraduate members of Pi Kappa Alpha with the necessary training to succeed in the daily operation and leadership of the undergraduate chapters. Pi Kappa Alpha is widely recognized as having the most comprehensive and finest educational programs of any fraternity or sorority in the United States.

Our representatives spent time with Brothers from Drexel University, as well as



Ronak Bhagia, Kaden Stenger



Ronak Bhagia, Kaden Stenger, Jae Chung and Bruce Wolfson

other chapters, and spoke at length with **Bruce Wolfson '71** and members of the International/National Supreme Council, including the current President of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Please visit <https://pika-upenn.2stayconnected.com/images/Stenger.pdf> to best understand the

dedication and enthusiasm to Pi Kappa Alpha, generated by attendance and participation at The Academy.

The Beta Pi Alumni Association is dedicated to encouraging and supporting our undergraduate brothers to take advantage of all the opportunities that Pi Kappa Alpha presents them. Each of the three representatives was asked to contribute an amount toward uncovered costs of their trip, and the balance was subsidized by the Beta Pi Alumni Association. The Beta Pi Alumni Association maintains an

Undergraduate Assistance Fund to be used, when necessary, for the benefit of undergraduate Brothers, including offering financial assistance to any active member to attend The Academy and other PIKE University events. In addition, this fund subsidizes the cost of Founders Day dinner for our undergraduate members.

PIKAPALOOZA

Beta Pi Creates Musical Charity Event

Beta Pi's undergraduate members have organized, put together and staged one of the largest and most successful charitable events in the long history of Beta Pi.

On April 20, 2019, Beta Pi, under the leadership of **Viruj Menon**, with the able assistance of Beta Pi's philanthropy committee, comprised of **Tyler Underwood**, **Nick Youssef**, **Nick Parkes**, **Brandon Kim**, **Nicky Aguzin**, and **Zachary Melchione**, conceived and produced what has come to be known as Pikapalooza, a musical extravaganza, for the benefit of the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia.

With permission of the University of Pennsylvania administration,



the backlot of a campus location, 4040 Walnut Street, was transformed from an empty space into a music venue. Fitted with speakers and a sound system provided for and set up by Penn's Social Planning and Events Committee,

various musical groups were showcased and performed to the delight of the crowd. Three Penn-sponsored musical groups, the Penn Glee Club Band; the Bloomers Band, an all-female company; and Penn Jazz, headlined the show. Other Penn student groups/bands that appeared and provided entertainment were Enohem, Slackwoods (featuring Beta Pi senior **Daniel Leapman**), Slowsie, NiSplash and Mawi.

Approximately 250 people attended the festival and had a great time. Special mention and thanks are given to The Greek Lady food establishment, that donated food for the occasion, for its generosity and kindness. In addition, the scheduled four-hour event featured games and a raffle.

Helping to secure the success of Pikapalooza was Ana Cruz, who created a spectacular branding campaign. Ms. Cruz is well known on campus for her graphic designs for many student organizations, including her work formatting the front page of the Daily Pennsylvanian.

As a result of the efforts of all the aforementioned Beta Pi brothers, and all the other Beta Pi's who contributed their time and efforts to ensure the success of Pikapalooza, a donation will be made to the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia in excess of \$2,000.

HOUSE EVENT

Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, Pi Kappa Alpha undergraduates held a registered (University approved and regulated) Halloween party at the Chapter House. The event was very successful and had great attendance, as the photo reveals!





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WELCOME TO PI KAPPA ALPHA

This issue of Pi Kappa Alpha's *Slices* is dedicated to our undergraduate members at the University of Pennsylvania. One of the oldest and largest college fraternities in the country, Pi Kappa Alpha has been at Penn for 100 years. Located on campus at 3916 Spruce Street, it has always been a leader in scholastics, leadership, social activity, and philanthropy. This issue contains highlights of their activities within the last two years.



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ALUMNI-UNDERGRADUATE RELATIONS

Howard Marks '64 Visits Beta Pi Chapter House

On November 29, 2018, **Howard S. Marks '64**, made a most welcome appearance at the Beta Pi Chapter House to the delight and enlightenment of the Beta Pi undergraduate members.

Mr. Marks is the co-chairman and co-founder of Oaktree Capital Management, LP, founded in 1995

and today the world's biggest distressed-debt investor. Under his leadership, the company has enjoyed unprecedented success and growth, culminating in a successful IPO.

As a tribute to his proficiency as an investor, Penn looked to his expertise and chose him to guide the multi-billion-dollar Penn Endowment Fund. From 2001-2010, Mr. Marks was chairman. Through his insight and skills, the Penn Endowment Fund fared much better than the other Ivy League endowment funds following the downturn in the stock market beginning in 2008.

Mr. Marks has a strong connection to Penn and has gifted Penn many times in the past. In 1992, he created the Howard S. Marks Terms Scholarship providing renewable scholarships to Penn undergraduates. In 2003, he and his wife, Nancy, endowed the Marks Family Writing Center at Penn. More recently, they have endowed the Howard Marks University Professorship in Behavioral Science, the Howard Marks Investor Speaker



Series at Wharton, and the Howard Marks Professorship in Economic History.

Despite the demands on his time, Mr. Marks maintains a relationship with Pi Kappa Alpha. As an undergraduate, Mr. Marks was an active member of Beta Pi all four years he attended Penn. He has fond

memories of Pi Kappa Alpha and the original chapter house at 3900 Locust Street. His last visit to Beta Pi was in 2014.

On the date of his latest visit, Mr. Marks was on campus to give a guest lecture at Wharton. He followed this lecture with a visit to Beta Pi. Twenty-five undergraduate Brothers were there to greet Mr. Marks and were enthralled by him as he spoke. He mentioned that he was also an author of "Mastering the Market Cycle," a book that provides guidelines for investing in the stock market and explains how stock markets can be expected to react under various conditions.

Those in attendance were deeply impressed by Mr. Marks' qualifications and life history. They felt he was able to convey to them an idea how to become better thinkers and investors. **Joseph Churilla '17**, found his visit to be "awesome" and later learned that Mr. Marks' visit to the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter house was "the talk of the campus."