

Pi Kappa Phi

Alpha Sigma Chapter



Rush 2020

University of Tennessee -Knoxville

A WELCOME LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ΠΚΦ

Incoming Students,

As President of the Alpha Sigma chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, I would like to extend a welcome to you on behalf of my brothers, by congratulating your acceptance to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. I know many of you don't know what to expect, with current state regulations and university restrictions due to COVID-19, but I assure you that the "big orange" traditions that have been engraved into the history of UT will continue to be honored this upcoming semester.

One of the most time-honored traditions that UT has to offer is Fraternity Rush. Rush is a very exciting time on campus and will continue to be regardless of how it takes place. My brothers and I hope you choose to take advantage of this great opportunity. The Greek community at UT boasts a very diverse membership with a variety of unique fraternities. I strongly believe that there is a fraternity here for everyone, which is why I encourage you to explore and consider the options of every fraternity at UT. I am confident that once you have taken all into consideration, you will be impressed with what Pi Kappa Phi has to offer.

Here at Pi Kappa Phi, we believe we can help every man interested in making the most of his college career. Pi Kappa Phi offers unmatched opportunities from our Journey program, which promotes leadership and career skills, to our national philanthropy, the Ability Experience. The Ability Experience is the philanthropic initiative of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity that remains, to this day, an unparalleled success in the Greek world. Founded in 1977, we strive to instill a passion for lifelong service in our fraternity members while helping to empower people living with disabilities. Through everything, our chapter continually strives to be more balanced men through our campus involvement, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Most importantly, Pi Kappa Phi offers a close-knit brotherhood. It is because of our members that we are able to accomplish anything. The brothers and I wish you an enjoyable and productive year. We also would like to invite you to visit us during Rush so that you can see firsthand what Pi Kappa Phi has to offer you. Feel free to check out our chapter's website at www.utkpikapp.org, or our Instagram and Twitter page @pikapputk. Also, feel free to contact me directly. My email is mjeffer9@vols.utk.edu.



Sincerely,

Chapter President
Michael Jeffers

In 1904, at The College of Charleston, South Carolina, three men decided that the best way to cement their bonds of friendship and begin a tradition of highest ideals was to create their own fraternity. This fraternity would go on to become Pi Kappa Phi.



In a matter of only a few years, the interest in friendship and the desire for brotherhood swept across the country. Spreading to the University of Michigan, the University of California, and in 1931 the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi was founded at the University of Tennessee. Now the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity is a truly nationwide organization with 231 chapters across the country.

Alpha Sigma was founded by 16 men who were among the most outstanding students on

campus. Not only were they leaders within their fraternity, they were also leaders on campus and in their community. The tradition of leadership that these men shared are deeply installed in all of the members of Pi Kappa Phi. Additionally, the lasting bond that these men shared is as strong between the current members as it was between them. The current brothers of the Alpha Sigma Chapter are no stranger to this bond of brotherhood and responsibility of leadership.





“How good
and pleasant when
brothers dwell
together in unity!”

Psalm 133



There are many long-lasting traditions the brothers of the Alpha Sigma chapter of Pi Kappa Phi hold in very high esteem. The most emphasized of these is the tradition of strong academic standards. Although we remain active in all areas of college life, Pi Kappa Phi brothers realize that strong academic standing should be the result of a student's college career. To many, the words, academic and fraternity do not seem to belong together. Once finishing as high as 1st on campus, it is not uncommon for Pi Kappa Phi to rank above the all men's average and the all fraternity average GPA.

In all academic realms, Pi Kappa Phi has made a commitment to and continues to strive for excellence.



Bennett Meeks

Scholarship Chair



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Through The Ability Experience, there are a multitude of ways to get involved including the Journey of Hope, Ability Camp, and Build America. All of these are great ways to get involved not only on campus but as a nationwide organization



Our philanthropy is a huge part of our lives at Pi Kappa Phi and teaches brothers to become responsible leaders within their community. It remains the only fraternity run philanthropy on campus, a fact which we here at Pi Kappa Phi are incredibly proud of.

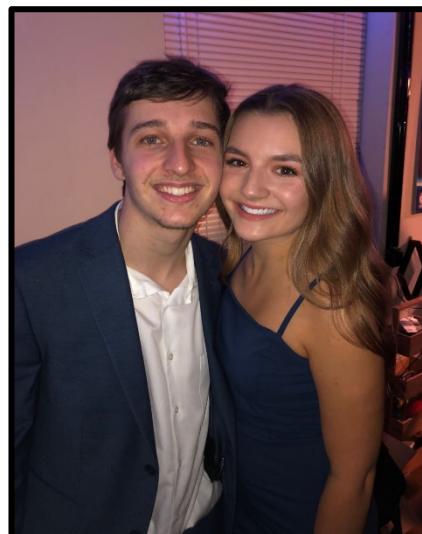
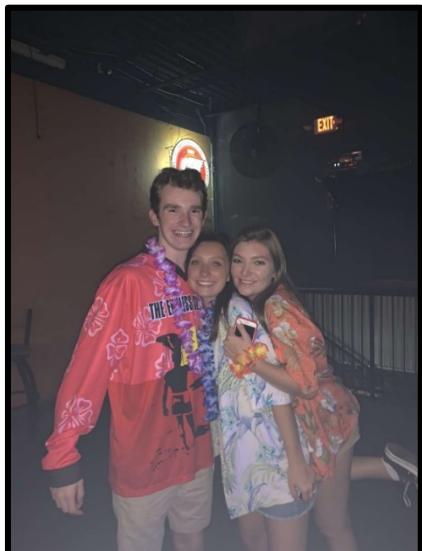


As everyone knows, social life is a huge part of fraternity life and Pi Kappa Phi. Throughout the fall semester we have multiple events including a number of date parties, mixers, and tailgates every game day. These social gatherings are a few highlights of the semester and ensure a great time for everyone involved.



Into the spring semester, we continue with day parties, more mixers, date parties, and a spring destination formal and more.

While focusing on education and building up great young men, Pi Kappa Phi is a great place to meet people and have an amazing time doing so.



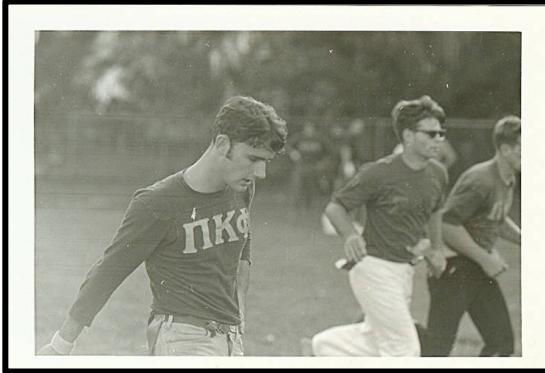
A pivotal piece of fraternity life is house that you spend all your time. The Pi Kappa Phi house sits on the corner of fraternity park and is a great place for brothers to spend time together and have a great time doing so. Brothers will get the privilege of living in the house their sophomore year, which is guaranteed to be a great time.

This summer. The house went through a complete overhaul and was made an even better place to be. Improvements included a new pool table, stadium seating, lots of new furniture and complete redo of the basement.



Sports are an important part of any young man's life, especially young men involved with Pi Kappa Phi. Athletics has always been part of the Alpha Sigma chapter's tradition of excellence and will continue to be a driving force in our chapter.

In the spirit of Tennessee Sports, Pi Kappa Phi excels in a number of intramural events. Having brothers with talents in a variety of sports allows us to be competitive in all events. We have traditions of winning in a plethora of sports including softball, flag football, and even sand volleyball, and we hope to continue this winning tradition for years to come.



Along with Intramurals, the brothers take part in a chapter exclusive event titled the Pi Kapp games. This yearly activity provides an opportunity for competition between brothers in a multitude of sports like football, kickball, dodgeball and more. It is always a great time and is looked forward to by all brothers.



Along with intramurals and Pi Kapp Games, many brothers pursue for competitive sport options by joining University clubs and teams. This is a great option for many brothers and is encouraged for those who think they have the skill and drive. Your brothers will always be there to cheer you on.



Brother- Bennett Meeks

UT Club Lacrosse

“Club Lacrosse was an outlet in school that allowed me to continue my lax career past high school. It helped me remember who I was and how far I’d come through college but still have a love for something I had spent my life pursuing.”



Brother- Harrison Schrock

UT Club Volleyball

“I have played volleyball competitively for five years now and I absolutely love the sport. I first started playing on the beaches of Southern California. My favorite part of being on the team is the weekend trips to other schools. It’s really fun competing in the south which volleyball is just now beginning to rise in popularity.”



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