



# Alumni Newsletter

**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
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## What's Next:

### Chapter Recap

- A breakdown of our chapter and recap of last fall.

### New Alumni

- We have 3 new alumni

### New Officers

- Introducing our new Executive Board Members

### Graduating Brothers

- We have 8 brothers graduating this spring.

### Homecoming

- Recap of our performance for GT's Homecoming Week

### Philanthropy

- Volunteered over 400 hours and raised around \$4500

### Spring Rush

- Strong pledge class with six new associates

### Pig Jig

- Will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm.

### Conclave

- Conclave was hosted this year in Athens, GA.

## From The President

Alumni,

My name is Nic Laconico, and I am the Chapter President for the 2016 year. I am very excited for this next year as our chapter continues to excel and grow in all aspects. I was honored to work under the previous President, Brad Farnham, last year as Vice President and learned a lot about leading the chapter. We made great strides and I look forward to continuing this progress.

As mentioned above, we achieved so much last semester. We had 3 brothers with Faculty Honors and 29 brothers on the Dean's List. We raised over \$3,000 for Special Olympics and completed over 400 hours of community service. We also had a great time at events such as a mixer with Alpha Gamma Delta, a date night to the Escape Room, and a brotherhood Poker Night. One of the biggest highlights was the initiation of 15 ambitious and hard-working men into our brotherhood.

Looking forward, the brothers have plans next semester that involve membership growth, becoming more financially stable, increasing campus involvement, and creating a functional alumni-networking database, along with other goals.

I encourage you all to stop by the house and visit anytime you are in the Atlanta area. A great opportunity to visit is our annual Phi Sig Pig Jig that is happening on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 3PM. We were able to raise money, have our families come by, and connect with alumni last year. I look forward to working with and meeting with you all over this next year.



Fraternally,  
Nic Laconico. '17

# Chapter Recap

5 <sup>th</sup> Years	4 <sup>th</sup> Years
3	12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Years	2 <sup>nd</sup> Years
14	20
1 <sup>st</sup> Years	Associates
11	6

- 60 Active Brothers
- 6 New Associates
- 15 Newly Initiated Brothers
- 1201 Total Brothers Initiated
- 20 Different States
- 6 Countries

## New Alumni



Siddharth Pant (KΔ 1120) is a Chemical Engineer from India. He has previously served as Greek Week and Scholarship Chair and is excited to be working for The Clorox Company.



Dustin James McGruder (KΔ 1124) is a Mechanical Engineer from Kentucky. He has served as Inductor and Sentinel and is currently working for Haskell.



Tyler Adam Stepanek (KΔ 1135) is a Business Administration Major from Georgia. He served as Rush Chair and as our previous Treasurer and is consulting for Manhattan Associates.

# New Officers



**President:**  
Nicolas Laconico (K<sub>Δ</sub> 1148) is a Business Administration and Spanish Major ('17) from Macon, Georgia who has served as Rush Chair and Vice President. Nic looks forward to represent Phi Sig and to continue our period of growth.



**Treasurer:**  
Adam Jackson (K<sub>Δ</sub> 1181) is an Electrical Engineering Major ('17) from Manlius, New York who has previously served as VP of Scholarship. Outside of Phi Sig, he is a key member of GT Motorsports and also loves to play ultimate and basketball.



**Vice President:**  
Victor Héaulmé (K<sub>Δ</sub> 1158) is an Aerospace Engineering major ('17) from Paris, France who has previously served as VP of Sports and Homecoming. He is looking forward to serving on Exec and making new strides with the VP committee.



**Sentinel:**  
William Crow (K<sub>Δ</sub> 1144) is a Business Administration Major ('16) from Evans, Georgia who has previously served as VP of Sports. This is Will's last semester as an undergraduate brother, and he is determined to make a lasting mark on our chapter.



**Secretary:**  
Michael Chen (K<sub>Δ</sub> 1162) is a Computer Science major ('18) from Johns Creek, GA who has previously served as VP of Sports. He is a basketball coach for Alpha Chi Omega and is excited to participate in Greek Week this semester.



**Inductor:**  
Patrick Wolff (K<sub>Δ</sub> 1147) is an Industrial Engineering Major ('17) from Alpharetta, Georgia who has previously served as our Chapter Sentinel. As Inductor, he is ready to help our new associates integrate with our current brotherhood.

# Graduating Brothers



- Franco Ortega
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1122
- MSE



- Erik Moore
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1130
- EE



- Garrett Osborne
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1134
- EE



- Hayden Gregg
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1136
- HTS



- Miguel Monteiro
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1138
- BME



- Brad Farnham
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1140
- ME



- William Crow
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1144
- BUSA



- James Bonifield
- K<sub>Δ</sub> 1145
- ME

# Homecoming



Our “canstruction” structure, which we got first place for.

We placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Georgia Tech’s Homecoming Week last semester, which is significantly better than we have done in recent years. We placed first in Orion’s Boat, first in Canstruction, and third in Mock Rock. Brothers had a great time getting to perform their Mock Rock routine in front of other Georgia Tech students.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate our previous President, Brad Farnham ('16), on becoming a semi-finalist for Mr. GT. He earned this honor after giving a presentation, writing an essay, and making the GPA requirement. His accomplishments as well as our chapter’s helped us grow our on-campus presence, and we aim on placing at least top 3 in Homecoming next year.

# Philanthropy

Our chapter has won three awards for philanthropy from the Grand Chapter in the past year, awarded in recognition of our service on campus, service in our community, and support of The Special Olympics. Last semester, we volunteered over 400 hours of service and raised over \$3000. Additionally, we started forming partnerships last year with four different organizations in order to make a greater impact in the community.

We established weekly to bi-weekly commitments with Trees Atlanta, Atlanta Humane Society, Atlanta Mission, and Boys and Girls Club. We want to form deep and lasting relations with local philanthropic organizations and have started doing so through consistent attendance and participation.



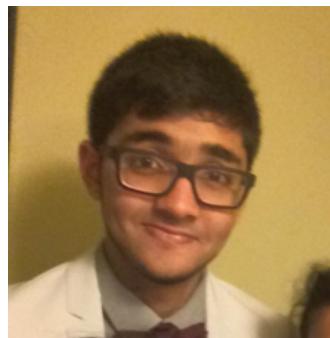
A few brothers at our weekly Trees Atlanta event.

# Successful Spring Rush

After a successful Fall semester where we initiated 15 new brothers, we followed that up with a very good Spring Rush with 6 new pledges, which was higher than the IFC average of 4 accepted bids per chapter. Already, these six new associates have shown enthusiasm and dedication to our chapter, and we are excited to see how the rest of the semester with them will be.



Barrett Binder hails from Athens, Georgia. He is a first year Mechanical Engineer who likes to play Ultimate. He also likes to dance and listen to Hip-Hop.



Shaiv Gandhi comes all the way from Mumbai, India. He is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Applied Math/ISyE major who enjoys soccer, video games, and martial arts.



Keian Mohammadi is from Los Angeles, California. He is a first year Mechanical Engineering major. He loves to swim, travel, and work on cars.



Varun Rajagopal is from Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a first year Biomedical Engineering major who likes to play basketball and listen to different types of music.



Ryan Reed grew up in Reno, Nevada. He is a second year Industrial Engineer. His interests include basketball and Super Smash Bros and is excited to make new friends at Phi Sig.



Enzo Soenen comes from Austin, Texas. He is a second year Biomedical Engineer. He likes to play guitar, spend time outside, and travel around the country and the world.

# Pig Jig

We will be hosting our annual Pig Jig this year! The event will be on **Sunday, April 17th from 11am-3pm**. We are selling **BBQ plates** with drinks as well as **koozies** for those who preorder their tickets. There will also be a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual cornhole tournament, with men's and women's brackets and rewards for the winners. Last year, we raised approximately \$3000 dollars, and we plan on doing even better this year.

We encourage alumni to attend Pig Jig and use it as an avenue to stay involved with our chapter. We would love to talk to and get to know all of you. As such, all alumni, family, and friends are welcome to come eat good food and hang out with brothers.

Contact our VP of Philanthropy, Rohan Manathkar, for more details at [psk.kd.manathkar@gmail.com](mailto:psk.kd.manathkar@gmail.com)



# Conclave

Phi Sigma Kappa's annual Regional Conclave was hosted this year in Athens, Georgia. Our executive board, led by newly installed President Nicolas Laconico ('17), had a great time meeting many new alumni and brothers from other chapters.



One lesson we are taught as associates is to “leave this place better than you found it.” This year’s Regional Conclave gave us the tools to do just that, from leadership training to advice from alumni to a reinforcement of our cardinal principles and core values. 2016 is going to be one helluva year!

Left to Right: Adam Jackson, Michael Chen, Nic Laconico, Victor Héaulmé, William Crow, Patrick Wolff

# Contributions

If you would like to make a donation to the house, please contact our President, Nic Laconico, at [psk.kd.laconico@gmail.com](mailto:psk.kd.laconico@gmail.com) or our Treasurer, Adam Jackson at [psk.kd.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:psk.kd.jackson@gmail.com). Any donations made will be spent on the following items:

- New Stove
- Foldable chairs for our growing chapter
- Running Gas Line for the stove
- Repairs/Maintenance for existing appliances
- Additional Storage Units
- Drywall repairs

Please contact us if there is something you think would benefit the house that we have not mentioned. We thank you for your consideration and help.

## From the Editor

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Thank you for reading this issue of the Kappa Deuteron Alumni Newsletter.

Also, we would like to thank you for your continued support and involvement with our chapter. None of what we do would be possible without our dedicated alumni.

If there is anything you wish to see in our upcoming newsletter or updates that you would like to share, please email them to me, and I will gladly honor your requests. We plan on having a newsletter sent out every other month, and as always, feel free to stop by the house anytime!

Damn Glad,  
Michael Chen  
Secretary, KΔ 1162