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Blood and Brotherhood

This summer, my uncle Ralph Annina and I explored Italy together. We are not only blood related but also share a bond of fraternal brotherhood. Ralph is a brother from Beta Eta (Brooklyn College) 1974; and I pledged at Epsilon Mu in 2015.

Ralph lives in Vincenza, Italy, and works at an international school where he teaches young students lessons in Italian. Ralph was kind enough to allow me to live in his apartment for two weeks, showing me around the neighboring towns. Ralph is an Italian native, being born in Genova and moved to America as a child. It was his dream to live in Italy and at the ripe age of 67, he was finally able to live out that dream.

Visiting Ralph was more than a simple vacation, it was a cultural journey. I landed in Marco Polo airport this past August and was quickly greeted by my uncle and fraternity brother as we discreetly gave the Alpha Phi Delta handshake.

I couldn’t help but feel proud that the brotherhood of Alpha Phi Delta has not only stayed within my family, but also plays a central role in my heritage. Brotherly bonds truly last a lifetime; and I believe it has played such an important role in my life, the same way my Italian culture has.

During the tour of his Italian penthouse, I saw pieces of history that truly resonated with me. Assuming they would be lost through time, I never once thought that I would get to see pictures of my great-great grandparents. I also saw pictures of my great-grandparents as young adults, and my grandmother as a child. To me, these pictures are priceless artifacts of family heritage. They represent the history of my lineage, something that if not taken care of carefully, could have been easily lost forever. My second time visiting Italy, I have learned that it’s not truly a vacation destination, but a cultural pilgrimage. As Italian-Americans, we often create our own customs and traditions, forgetting how different actual Italians really are from us.

One would think it’s important to visit the main tourist attractions like Venice, Florence, and Rome, but those were not too high on the list for me. What really mattered was experiencing the Italian way of life. It’s important to put yourselves in the shoes of an Italian person, because we are putting ourselves in the shoes of our forefathers.

Ralph and I partook in this brotherly journey, taking the time to interact with locals and make new friends in whatever city we visited. Being so accustomed to the hustle and bustle of New York City, the easygoing Italian way of life was truly a shock to me. I never realized there was so much to find out about life when you’re simply having an espresso outside of a coffee bar, talking to the locals.

The close Italian bonds shared between locals reminded me of the bonds of brotherhood I share with Alpha Phi Delta. The way we preserve our membership, traditions, and history from those who take the time to nurture our brotherhood without pay, reminds me of the mutual respect the Italian people have for their own cultural icons and family history.

Remember these thoughts when it’s your turn to be the chapter historian, a position that sometimes brothers seem to take for granted. We must continue to preserve what makes us brothers, starting with the very idea of what fraternity means. Brothers over 50 years from now should be able to look back on the tiniest moment in your respective chapter’s history.

I’ve noticed there are many brothers who find APD relics on eBay and buy them to send to central office. It’s these little moments that count, similar to the way an Italian would preserve a landmark in their town.

This trip reminded me of the world around us that is changing rapidly. If we aren’t careful, it’s easy to see our brotherhood get lost in the changing world the same way we could lose our bonds to family traditions and culture.

Anthony Sciarratta, Epsilon Mu 2015
Cultural Affairs Committee

Photos by Emil Coscarelli.

ON THE COVER:
The National Awards were given out at the Summer Convention. More information on pages 8-9.
Mid-Term Assessment

BY TODD CUSATO, 54TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Our Summer Convention has ended and if you were not able to attend you missed a great time. I have been to the Convention every year since 1997 missing only two years over that span and this by far was probably one of the best. We stayed at a totally different resort and it met or exceeded almost every expectation we could have wanted. The rooms were nice and clean, the food was good, staff was excellent. We had almost all our events in the same general area, so it cut down on any confusion. The Friday dinner and Saturday Awards dinner were in a nice wide-open area and we were the center of attention for everyone. It was hard to get lost since in most cases since you would just follow a circular pattern and we know that some of us have probably totally been lost in a resort at one time or another. It was quite special to hold our annual memorial Mass for deceased brothers in an actual onsite chapel led by National Chaplain Fr. James Lentini.

We had our usual yearly events with some new added bonuses this year if you were able to attend. The Friday night dinner was a murder mystery dinner and it was a major point of talking. We had brothers and families get into the spirit of the event dressed to match the theme, which you will see in this Kleos. It was great that some of our brothers and families were also a part of the show. I hope that if you came this year we see you next year, and if you couldn’t make it put down the dates for next year in your calendar now.

The school semester is upon us, and it’s time for our chapters to hit the ground running as we quickly start approaching our 105th Anniversary. We did quite well and came in above our projections for new brothers in 2018–19, and I hope we can continue that going forward once again this year. Our District Governors held a workshop at the Summer Convention led by National Vice President Sal Flagiello to get them prepared for the semester. I know our new Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs, Jon Cangin, had already started looking to reach out and talk with all our chapters. If you have interest in finding out what is going on with your chapter or even in the area where you live, please feel free to reach out and we will give you an update.

We are truly thankful to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation and all of you who are the donors that help allow the Foundation to provide grants, which cover our leadership events and pay for the Kleos publishing. Our time has already started with planning the 2019–20 leadership series. If you are interested in coming down to just support us or even maybe get involved, here is a tentative list of dates and locations: Saturday January 18 at Delta Chi Chapter, Boulder Colorado, Saturday February 1 at Chi Chapter, State College, PA; Saturday February 8 at Beta Beta Chapter, Bronx, NY; and Saturday March 14 at Delta Psi, Boca Raton, FL.

Alpha Phi Delta conducts our business one time per year, and our Council meeting in 2020 will take place at the Gamma Sigma Chapter in Staten Island, NY on Saturday, February 29. District Governor Chris Mancusi, PNP is working out details for hotel rooms for anyone looking to stay over and has already booked us a welcome dinner on Friday night at a local Italian restaurant. We will also be planning to host an onsite dinner Saturday at St. Johns University to be enjoyed by both alumni and undergraduate brothers breaking bread together once our business concludes. Here is a perfect opportunity for you to come down and rekindle your fraternal bonds while getting a firsthand view of our work as Brothers of Alpha Phi Delta.

Join us for the March 2020 Sunshine Tour

Save these dates for the sunshine tour lunches and dinners. Over 200 alumni from dozens of chapters participate each year and celebrate our brotherhood, snowbirds and locals alike. Many turn this into their winter respite or take in a few spring training games while they’re down.

Contact Mike Young and Vince Verdile at sunshine@apdfoundation.org if you’d like us to keep you updated as details are finalized.

- Saturday, March 7 – St. Petersburg, FL
- Sunday, March 8 – Orlando, FL
- Monday, March 9 – The Villages, FL
- Sunday, March 15 – Pompano Beach, FL
- Thursday, March 19 – Naples, FL
- Saturday, March 21 – Atlanta, GA
- Sunday, March 22 – Hilton Head, SC

You’re also welcome to play in the Alpha Phi Delta Sunshine Bocce tournament in Naples on March 18 or drop in on the APD Southern Leadership Conference at Lynn University in Boca Raton on March 14.

This page sponsored by Alex Franki, Gamma Lambda ‘90, Fordham University.
On March 14, 2019 the Gamma Sigma Chapter held their 4th Annual Awareness Dinner, which raised money for Tunnel To Towers and Relay for Life. This was their most successful turnout to date. They had many moms, dads and relatives in attendance as well. Well done men!

Epsilon Zeta at St Joseph’s College-Brooklyn had a very good year. Beginning the fall with just four men, they inducted eight bringing their chapter total to 12 to close the academic year. Abdul Barry, George Garyfallos, Stan Zarzcki, Juan Herran, Darrius Thompson, Raymond Castillo, Babacar Niang and Vincent Minan are the new brothers for Epsilon Zeta.

Gamma Sigma Chapter initiation Spring '19 was held at Delta Upsilon (Robert Morris University) campus with brothers from both chapters in attendance. Given Beta Theta’s status on their campus, these two chapters often cooperate on events! Great energy and morale for this class of eight new brothers, which greatly helps!

Alpha Phi Delta was present at the Big Blue Track Classic over at St Joseph by the Sea High School in Staten Island, NY. Epsilon Iota’s brothers and pledge worked alongside the Gamma Sigma pledges on the all day affair.

Spring ’19 initiation for Delta Upsilon (Robert Morris). The chapter welcomed two excellent new brothers!
On April 20, 2019 the Beta Sigma Chapter at St. Francis College held the induction of its 131st pledge class. Brothers from Epsilon Xi, Theta Beta, Epsilon Zeta and Delta Epsilon were in attendance. Anthony Fitzpatrick, Laik Green, Sterling Jean-Raymond, Jordan Parker and Ricardo Rodriguez were administered the oath of brotherhood by Chris Mancusi, PNP, NYC South District Governor.

LEFT: Beta Eta, CUNY Brooklyn College, inducted Steven Mahfouz, as its 93rd pledge class on April 20, 2019. The ceremony was conducted by Chris Mancusi, PNP, NYC South District Governor. The chapter proudly stands at 28 brothers.

BELOW LEFT: On April 20, 2019 Epsilon Iota Chapter at Centenary University inducted Justin Brownstein as its Kappa pledge class. The ceremony was held at Epsilon Delta (Montclair State) and the ritual coordinated by Chris Mancusi, PNP, Epsilon Iota Alumni Advisor and Keith Bassford, North Jersey District Governor.

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UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

LEFT: Epsilon Eta Chapter (SUNY Albany) held inductions on April 6, 2019. Pictured Nick Faeth, Noah Yahney, Nik Keller, Jesse Randall, Jotham Cohen, Anthony Fezza, Bryce Rattner, Dylan Bischoff, Gavin McDermott, Eliot Daks, Bryan Gamarra, Steven Huebner, Adam Cooper, Jason Williams, Jabari Williams, Manny Moreno, Ray Daniels, Jacob Foster, Michael Ball, Alex Morales, Brandon Rodriguez, Elijah Carrasco, Jake Gennusa, Kyle Gaylor, Louis Flores, Ryan McNaughton.


New alumni from Epsilon Iota pose for a photo on Graduation Day, which took place on May 18, 2019. Congrats to Christian George, Joe Lentine, Zachary Sjosward, Benjamin Sibblies and Roger Fernandez.

Congratulations to the Eta class of Epsilon Xi Chapter at Vaughn College for crossing into Alpha Phi Delta on June 14, 2019 at the New York Alumni Club! This is our first summer class in history. New brothers are Miguel “Driver” Delacruz and Mostafa “Clutch” Elsayed.

While over 80 undergrads showed up at the Summer Convention in August, this spirited group got up early enough to play softball Saturday morning.
The Staten Island Alumni Club receives their charter at the Convention after being made official earlier in the day. The fraternity’s newest alumni club has had a robust social calendar and has an amazing 78 dues-paying members, which may be the largest for a new entity in APD history. The club is excited for the future and has already started raising money for a leadership grant to the foundation. Anyone interested in joining should contact Chris Mancusi, chrismancusi@yahoo.com.

Psi Chapter alumni from Duquesne University had the largest alumni contingent at the Summer Convention (20 all told, not all pictured).

In honor of his grandfather, Past National President Joe Creston, T.J. Clarke donated $10,000 to his grandfather’s Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship fund. T.J. is shown here with his grandparents Joe and Josie Creston. T.J. is also a past scholarship recipient.

Beta Beta alumni couples from Manhattan College have become convention regulars. Pictured from left: Matty and Jacqueline Russo, Gerry and Patricia McManus, Al and Carol Branchi, and Vince and Amelia Maligno.

Theta Beta alumni brothers at the Convention take a photo with this year’s winner of the new Theta Beta scholarship, Laik Green of Beta Sigma (center with carnation).
National Awards 2019

Outstanding Alumni Association
Epsilon Gamma, St. Joseph College

Outstanding Alumnus
Gary Van Schaften, Beta Lambda ’68

Outstanding Alumni Club
North Jersey

Outstanding Undergraduate
Daniel Statile, Delta Theta

Outstanding Chapter
Delta Epsilon, John Jay

Most Improved Chapter
Epsilon Zeta, St. Joseph’s Brooklyn

Community Service Award
Gamma Sigma Chapter, St. John’s

Outstanding District
Delaware Valley

Most Improved Chapter Award celebrated by Epsilon Zeta, St. Joe’s College-Brooklyn.

Daniel Statile, Delta Theta, happily receives the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from PNP Al Fafara. Daniel is from Marist College.

Gary Van Schaften (right), Beta Lambda ’68, receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award from PNP Al Fafara. Van Schaften also won the Outstanding Undergraduate Award in 1971 and is one of a select group of brothers who have won both awards in the fraternity history.

This page sponsored by Anthony M. Cafaro, Sr., Beta Omicron ‘65, Youngstown State University.
National Awards 2019

Outstanding Community Service Award went to Gamma Sigma Chapter at St. John’s College accepted by Elias Brenes and John Cunsolo.

The North Jersey Alumni Club repeats as the Outstanding Alumni Club of 2019.
The 97th annual convention of the fraternity was held August 5 through 9 in beautiful Lancaster, Pa. at the DoubleTree Resort. Over 225 brothers, spouses and children were in attendance for a great time. The convention featured nightly dinners at the hotel, a Trivia Night contest emceed by our chaplain Fr. Jim Lentini, a first time ever Murder Mystery Dinner Friday night, our usual activities of hosting an Alumnus Emeritus Luncheon (for all brothers who have 50 or more years in the fraternity), and a military reception honoring all brothers who served or are serving in the armed forces, which featured our very own brother Major General Tim Hilty (Beta Rho ’79) as the keynote speaker. The Awards Banquet as usual was the highlight of the convention with the awarding of eight national awards (shown on pages 8–9). Chaplain Fr. Lentini held our annual memorial Mass in honor of all brothers known to have passed on during the past year. After the annual alumni versus undergraduate softball game, over 120 attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch at a local park.

Alumni extends winning streak over undergrads to four years, 30–6

The alumni, powered by Home Runs from Tom O’Keefe, Adam Iacovelli (BAC Softball LF), Nick Marter (BAC Softball 1B), and Grand Slams by Peter Gaudioso (BAC Softball CF) and Manny Rodriguez (PNP), four hits from Mike Iacovelli (BAC Softball Manager/C) crushed the undergrads.

The undergrads played, tried, and had fun. Next year Zeke Parmegiani (BAC Softball 3B Coach/Scorekeeper) will get the undergrads last names. Thanks to our umpires Paul Fabrizio and Garry Kosteck. Close to 100 people came to enjoy the game and lunch afterward.
A murder mystery dinner was incorporated into the Convention at the Friday Night Dinner for the first time. The theme of the show was a Godfather-type mystery solving the murder of the olive oil king Godfather, and attendees were asked to dress for the occasion. ABOVE LEFT is the Al Fafara family (with daughter Katie guest-starring as Gina Pom Pom Macaroni, the murderer when the mystery was solved) and ABOVE RIGHT is the Art Pizza family. Both Al and Art are Beta Xi alumni brothers from New Jersey Institute of Technology.

RIGHT: The cast and guest performers from the Murder Mystery pose after the show.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2019

The Scholarship Fund is a division of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Inc. a 501(c) (3) charitable corporation. Scholarship funds are maintained separately from the general funds of the Foundation. Scholarships are awarded when a designated fund’s total reaches $10,000. A fund can be started with any amount as seed funding. The Scholarship Trustees are: Charles Fiore, Esq. (Chairman), Neil Anastasio (Co-chairman), Nicholas Franki (Co-chairman), Peter Gaudioso (Treasurer), Anthony Barbieri, Paul Fabrizio, John Hadgkiss, Raymo Santilli, Jack Consiglio, Ronald Sme, and Anthony Thomas. Award winners are selected based on scholastic achievement, financial need and fraternal or community service.

Anthony Carfang Award ($5,000)
Vincent Mainone
Epsilon Beta (LaSalle University), he is entering his second year as chapter president.

Stanley Raffa Award ($2,500)
Emma Weimer
Entering Georgetown University working toward a master’s degree in global health.

Brooklyn Alumni Club Award ($2,000)
Paul DiPadua
Paul is an economics major entering his junior year at Beta Pi (St. John’s University).

Anthony & Stella Barbieri Award ($2,000)
Sean Durkin
Now attending Cornell University pursuing his MBA, Sean is a former president of Delta Theta (Marist College).

John J. Hadgkiss Centennial Scholarship ($2,000)
Tyler Spreng
Tyler is the vice president of Beta Lambda chapter (St. Francis University).

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Ernest Coletti Award ($1,500)
Nicholas Dingler
Nicholas is a senior at LaSalle University (Epsilon Beta) majoring in integrative science, business & technology.

North Jersey Alumni Club Award ($1,500)
Katherine Fafara
She attends Rutgers University as a pre-veterinary major and is entering her senior year with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Pittsburgh Alumni Club Award ($1,500)
Steven DeMaris
Studying special education at Pace University (Gamma Iota).

Brother Camillus Casey Award ($1,000)
Michal Hickerson
Michal is the chapter president at Epsilon Epsilon (Farmingdale State College-State University of New York).

Felix Infausto Scholarship ($1,000)
Rigo Griggs
Rigo is the son of a 9-11 first responder and attends State University of New York-New Paltz (colony).

Lillian Anastasio Family Scholarship ($1,000)
Cory Redington
Cory is the chapter president at Stockton University (Gamma Mu) entering his senior year.

Long Island Alumni Club John Pasta Award ($1,000)
Samuel Bifulco
Samuel attends Touro Law School. At Epsilon Gamma (St. Joseph’s College), he was a triple major.

New York Alumni Club Award honoring 32nd National President Albert Palazzo ($1,000)
Noah Ramos
Attending Southern Connecticut State University (Gamma Xi).

Paul J. Sciullo II Memorial Award ($1,000)
Christine Mellick
She is a junior at John Carroll University and will be pursing an MA and PhD in theology.

Richard Rau Scholarship Award ($1,000)
Dominic Maguire
Dominic is a philosophy major entering his junior year at Franciscan University (Beta Theta).

Pericavalle Family Scholarship ($1,000)
Timothy Radwanski
A Penn State engineering student and Chi brother, Timothy is entering his junior year with a 3.5 GPA.

Youngstown Alumni Club Donald “Red” Nolfi Award ($1,000)
Matthew Nicol
Matthew is from Beta Lambda (St. Francis University) and will be attending Penn State Law School in the fall.

A. Joseph Creston Award ($1,000)
Cooper Deck
A Chi (Penn State) graduate now attending Utica College for his MBA.

Joseph and Janet Caldarella Family Award ($1,000)
Joseph Sansone
Joseph is entering his junior year at Rowan University (Beta Phi) where he serves as the chapter vice president.

Dr. Albert Zanzuccki Beta Lambda Award ($1,000)
Aidan Sweeney
As president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, Aidan is entering his senior year at St. Francis University (Beta Lambda).

This page sponsored by the New York Alumni Club.
Panella Family Scholarship ($1,000)
Azmain Chowdhury
Azmain is a repeat scholarship winner from Beta Iota (Utica College).

Brothers Fafara, Kosteck, Small Award ($1,000)
Aditya Venkatesh
Entering his junior year as a presidential scholar, Aditya holds a 3.9 GPA at Rutgers University (Delta Beta).

Mancusi Family Award ($1,000)
Ryan Kwicinski
Ryan is a senior marketing major at Manhattan College (Beta Beta).

Fabrizio Family Award ($1,000)
Jared Pavlosky
Jared is a nursing major at St. Francis University (Beta Lambda).

Carmelo and Carmela Giampiccolo Award ($500)
Ryan Torres, Beta Beta (Manhattan College)

Daniel Creston Award ($500)
Megan Goedeker, Case Western Reserve Law School

Domenic Mente Award ($500)
Gary Marshall, Delta Chi (University of Colorado Graduate School of Engineering)

Eta Chapter Award Honoring Joseph Randazzo ($500)
Garrett Murray, Epsilon Theta (Misericordia University)

Frank Cavallaro Award ($500)
Amanda Rosinski, City University of New York Graduate Center

Frank Costanzo Award (I) ($500)
Rebekah Wallace, University of Oxford

Frank Costanzo Award (II) ($500)
Logan Bowser, Beta Lambda (St. Francis University)

Izzo Family Scholarship ($500)
Allen George, Delta Beta (Rutgers University & St. George’s University School of Medicine)

James S. & Theresa Giampiccolo Award ($500)
Mitchell Franz, Epsilon Theta (Misericordia University)

Louis J. Mauriello Award ($500)
Johnathan Cangin, Epsilon Zeta (St. Joseph’s College)

Paul Alafogiannis Beta Pi Memorial Award ($500)
Elia Brems, Gamma Sigma (St. John’s University–Staten Island)

Modica Family Award ($500)
Dominique Iacovelli, Seton Hall University

Anthony Sallo Memorial Award ($500)
Richard Mellick, Duquesne University

The Santo J. Barbarino Award ($500)
Justin Matthews, Stockton University (Gamma Mu).

Alpha Phi Delta Resort Association of New York Award ($500)
Ginamarie Pizza, Utica College

Barbarino Family Award ($500)
Casey Spencer, Fairleigh Dickinson University

The Anthony Carfang Award
This group of scholarship award recipients were all in attendance at Summer Convention. It was the largest recipient group ever photographed.

The Scholars Award ($500)
Viktoria Kramer, Ross University of Veterinary Medicine

Southern California Alumni Club Award ($500)
Anna Castellano, University of North Carolina

Steubenville Alumni Club Award ($500)
Hieu Nguyen, Beta Lambda (St. Frances University)

Steubenville Ladies Auxiliary Award ($500)
Stefania Valera, University of Rhode Island

Adam DiVincenzo Award ($500)
Louis Gregorio, Gamma Sigma (St. John’s University)

James Shilling, Chi (Penn State Altoona)

Richard Primiano Award ($500)
Ryan Baruffi, Epsilon Beta (LaSalle University)

Robert L. Polito Beta Rho Memorial Award ($500)
Christian D’Agostino, Beta Beta (Manhattan College)

Rocco A. Sutera Scholarship ($500)
Michael Barone, Epsilon Xi (Framingham State College-State University of New York)

Raymo Santilli Family Award ($500)
Joshua Weiner, Epsilon Nu (Penn State Altoona)

Richard Primiano Award ($500)
Ryan Baruffi, Epsilon Beta (LaSalle University)

Nicolás Iacovelli, Seton Hall University

The Pittsburgh Ladies Auxiliary of Alpha Phi Delta Alumni Award ($500)
Nicholas Notto, Psi (Duquesne University)

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Jack and Yara Consiglio Award ($500)
Matthew Baron, Beta Iota (Utica College)

Fiore Family Award ($500)
Wole Barnarde, Epsilon Xi (Vaughn College of Aeronautics & Technology)

Father Tuozzolo Award ($500)
John Cunsolo, Gamma Sigma (St. John’s University-Staten Island)

Sichio Family Award ($500)
Timothy Hornbrook, Beta Phi (Rowan University)

(NEW) Theta Beta Alumni Award
Laik Green, Beta Sigma (St. Francis College)
Over the past year, due to term limits and retirement, the Foundation lost several key Directors (Charlie Fiore, Mickey D’Addato, Len Farano and Al Branchi) as well as Peter Gaudiuso who served as the Foundation’s Treasurer for many years. We all owe them our thanks and gratitude for their great service.

The Development Committee for the AΦΔ Foundation is responsible for ensuring that the Foundation’s Board is filled with qualified brothers—focusing on proven track records of achievement, commitment, energy and fraternity diversity. The Committee acted quickly in recruiting three new outstanding members effective July 2019. Significantly, all three of these men are from large chapters that have never had a member on the Board. All have successful personal careers and a history of generous support to the Foundation:

**Robert Grecco**, Beta Mu ’74 (DePaul University), is a successful business executive and an 18-year consecutive donor (as far back as our annual records go). He was one of the first brothers to fund a Kleos page and was a sponsor at both the 2014 and 2019 Galas. Beta Mu has initiated 290 brothers between 1950 thru 1980; and with Bob, the Foundation will have more effective outreach and connectivity to them.

**Saverio “Sal” Rabasco**, Beta Pi ’87 (St. John’s University), has both his bachelor’s degree and MBA from St. John’s. Sal is VP Operations at a NYC based asset management company and a five-year consecutive donor. Just recently, he has been the prime mover in initiating a scholarship fund to honor a deceased Beta Pi brother, soliciting from among his contemporaries. Already, that effort has led to 22 new first time Foundation donors since June 1. Sal attended the 2019 Gala in D.C. and has been to many past conventions. Beta Pi has initiated 610 brothers since 1950.

As a result of Peter Gaudiuso’s retirement, existing Foundation Director and Secretary **Chris Shipley**, Psi ’99 (Duquesne), has transitioned into the Treasurer position. This left an opening for the important role of Secretary (officer but not a director).

The role has been filled with **Ryan McCaw**, Delta Chi ’02 (University of Colorado). Ryan is a founding member of Delta Chi. He was chapter president and philanthropy chair and an Alpha Phi Delta scholarship recipient. He is founder and first president of the Colorado Alumni Club. Following his undergraduate work at Colorado, he received his masters from Wharton. He has just left the board of the UPenn Club of Colorado. Ryan is the youngest member of the Omega Society, setting a great example for everyone. In 17 short years since its founding, Delta Chi has initiated 171 brothers and Ryan has played a key role in this success story.

With these changes, the Board now stands at 13 brothers as follows:

**Officers:**

- **Chairman**: Tony Carfang, Psi ’69 (Duquesne)
- **Treasurer**: Chris Shipley, Psi ’99 (Duquesne)
- **Secretary**: Ryan McCaw, Delta Chi ’02 (University of Colorado)

**Directors:**

Elected for three-year terms with a 12 year term limit:

- **2017–2020 Term**
  - Roger Boyd, Beta Rho ’73 (Gannon)
  - Tony Carfang, Psi ’69 (Duquesne)
  - Dave D’Eramo, Psi ’61 (Duquesne)
  - Larry Kaufman, Beta Xi ’88 (NJIT)
  - Joe Rahtelli, Beta Beta ’82 (Manhattan)
  - Chris Shipley, Psi ’99 (Duquesne)

- **2018–2021 Term**
  - Joe Caldarella, Beta Sigma ’73 (St. Francis-NY)
  - Tony Barbieri, Beta Beta ’59 (Manhattan)

- **2019–2022 Term**
  - Robert Grecco, Beta Mu ’74 (DePaul University)
  - John Hadgkiss, Beta Rho ’66 (Gannon)
  - Saverio (Sal) Rabasco, Beta Pi ’87 (St. John’s University)
  - Doug Sundo, Psi ’75 (Duquesne)
  - Gary Van Schaften, Beta Lambda ’68 (St. Francis, Pa.)

In addition, Alex Franki (Annual Fund), Mike Iacovelli (Communication Strategy) and Charlie Fiore (Scholarship) are non-Director Committee leaders for the Foundation.

With these changes, the AΦΔ Foundation is in excellent shape to deliver on their primary missions in supporting AΦΔ through Scholarship, Leadership, Publications and AΦΔ Cares.
The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its 65th annual Awards Dinner April 12, 2019 at Shannopin Country Club in Pittsburgh. The members honored three brothers for service to the fraternity, community, their chapter or university. Seated in front row sitting with their plaques is Phil Arlia, Psi 1959, with the Adam DiVincenzo Award, Alexzander Dudek, Beta Theta 2017, who received the Father Tuozzolo Outstanding Undergraduate Award of the District, and Nick Bell, Psi 2008, with the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The Staten Island AC get together in April for a night at Top Golf in Edison, N.J. Twenty five brothers from eight different chapters were present. In what's becoming a youth trend; more than half of those present graduated within the last five years.

After the District Convention in the spring, the South Florida Alumni Club sponsored a dinner at Vivace’s Restaurant and posed for a photo after dinner.

Kleos Editor John Russo and his wife Mary visited Sicily in the spring. They found the island off of Calabria (Italy) to be enchanting and beautiful. They were surprised to find that Sicily was conquered by the Greeks more than 2,500 years ago and left many architectural ruins (more so than the Romans). They visited Mount Etna, the highest mountain in Europe and a still active volcano surrounded by lava rock. In addition to Etna, they visited beautiful sights in Palermo, Catania, Siracusa, Erice, Monreale, Taormina and Acireale. Thanks to our VP of Italian Heritage, Emil Imbro, himself of Sicilian descent, they found some enchanting food markets. Many of our brothers are probably of Sicilian descent and have enjoyed these sights also. The Kleos is always interested in sharing stories from Italy.
The Alumni Association for Epsilon Gamma (St Joseph College Long Island) held its 4th annual BBQ in Heckscher State Park called Regfest, in honor of brother Pete Regan who has passed away. Counting alumni and undergraduate together they had about 60 brothers (a third of chapter) present there and overall 80 in attendance!

ABOVE: Brothers of the Connecticut Alumni Club met at Sliders in Wallingford, Conn. on May 17, 2019. At the dinner the brothers welcomed over 10 new alumni to the club. Faciamus!

Photo by Avery Mezzanotte

LEFT: A number of Pittsburgh Alumni ventured to New York to see the Pirates play the Mets at Citi Field. The event was organized by the Brooklyn Alumni Club. This was the fourth baseball game the two groups have shared since 2007 in both Pittsburgh and NYC.

Beta Omicron (Youngstown) alumni held their 20th Florida Splash in Ft Lauderdale, Fla. this past February. On the last day of the APD vacation, Brother Tony Cafaro holds a bocce game on the beach party at the Lago Mar Beach Resort. It is named after his father, The William M. Cafaro Bocce on the Beach. Chas Serednesky has been in charge of Splash for 19 of 20 years where Beta Omicron brothers enjoy Florida sunshine in the winter.

Photo by Matthew Dixon

Photo by John Palamarick

Photo by OJ Thomas

This page sponsored by Dave Alcaro, Lambda ‘95, University of Pennsylvania.
Most often, our promise to young prospective members of Alpha Phi Delta is a vast network, a family, and a community. Organizations of all kinds promise this, but few follow through with that promise. I can proudly say that since I became a member of Alpha Phi Delta on July 31, 2015, I have felt welcomed ever since. This brotherhood became especially important to me when I received such overwhelming support for my career. This was when I learned how much of a supportive family Alpha Phi Delta could truly be.

I started my career as a writer blogging about sports, specifically the NFL. I went on to create a Facebook Page for myself, which the brothers of Alpha Phi Delta so kindly recognized and supported. As my writing career grew, I decided to become a novelist and self-publish my first novel titled, *Finding Forever*. I can say with a warm heart that I received such overwhelming support by brothers of all ages. Putting creative work out in the world isn’t easy and I can only say that being a brother of Alpha Phi Delta made it easier. Many of the lessons I learned as a brother, I currently use to help my career grow.

If it wasn’t for Alpha Phi Delta, I would have never gained the courage to speak in front of large crowds. I wouldn’t have learned the charismatic skills I now have today, knowing what it takes to grow relationships like many of the brotherhoods we create. It’s not easy to network and put yourself out there, but being in Alpha Phi Delta, it becomes comfortable. Brothers are only a phone call away, ready to give you the support that you need. Over this time, I’ve met many of my best friends through Alpha Phi Delta and surrounded myself with wonderful men who encourage each other to succeed.

The lessons we learn throughout our lives help teach us about the future. Every experience is a stepping stone, and my experience with Alpha Phi Delta has helped me become a published author, with my formerly self-published book set to hit the stores this coming November.

I would now like to offer my brothers reading this the kind support and encouragement you’ve lent me. Use these skills to help guide your life accordingly and remember that this is exactly what the founders of Alpha Phi Delta had in mind when starting this great brotherhood.
Nick Cumer, Beta Lambda ’13
Victim in Dayton Mass Shooting

The fraternity was saddened to learn that one of our brothers was a victim of the August mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio. Nick Cumer, a brother from Beta Lambda and a graduate of St. Francis University of Loretto, was killed in the shooting. He was 25 and just starting a new career. After earning a bachelor’s degree in exercise physiology, Cumer enrolled in Saint Francis’ graduate program to pursue a master’s degree in cancer care.

Just the week before the shooting, Nick found out that an internship with the Dayton-based Maple Tree Cancer Alliance had blossomed into an offer for a full-time job. He had one more week to go to as an intern, then would prepare to run one of the newest offices of Maple Tree in Dayton, whose nonprofit mission is to help people with cancer through nutrition, exercise and faith. Nick had been a member of the band at St. Francis. He was recognized for completing 100 hours of community service.

RUMMAGING THROUGH THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
(1st of a series from National Historian, Ron Smé, Beta Sigma ’64)

Commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the founding of Beta Beta Chapter at Manhattan College, we share this narrative that was attached to the 1929 Grand Council Minutes by the then National Historian, Francis X. Pagano, later to be Grand Tribune in 1931, and then Grand Consul in 1935.

December 28, 1929 (9 a.m.)

The boys were ordered to appear in a body in front of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Saturday morning at nine o’clock in Formal Clothes, prepared to receive holy communion.

Not being well versed in what morning formal clothes are, the boys appeared in Tuxedo and they were duly and strenuously upbraided for their ignorance by the initiating team, which, of course had arrayed properly in cutaways, high silk hats and canes.

After the boys had attended Mass and received holy communion some of the initiating team insisted they be sent home as unworthy to enter our ranks. As a compromise, and since it was only raining slightly, they were made to discard their overcoats and march, two abreast, up Fifth Avenue, carrying their umbrellas. A brother with a moving camera took their pictures.

They marched to the National Casket Company, where, in a funeral chapel that had been reserved, and with the accompaniment of an organ, ordinarily used for funeral services, they were, after much grilling and consideration taken into the fold.

If there is any historic Alpha Phi Delta materials cluttering your attic, basement or garage, rather than depositing it into the municipal dump, please send it to our National Archives: 257 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave., Suite A, Camden, DE 19934.
Col. (ret) Joseph Massaro, DDS, Epsilon ‘51 (Buffalo), passed away March 18, 2019. Joseph graduated from University of Buffalo Dental school in 1958. He was a member of Alpha Phi Delta since 1951 while he attended UB undergrad school. He was so proud to be a member of the fraternity, and he and his wife Nancy attended several fraternity conventions recently where he took part in the military brothers reception and even joined the alumni in the softball game against the undergrads.

Immediately after graduation, Joseph entered U.S. Navy stationed at Camp Lejeune where he was a Dental Officer treating Marines. He served three years active duty in the USN and 10 years in the Navy Reserve. At one point he was approached by the US Army Reserve that his dental services were needed in that branch of the service, and he then became a member of the US Army.

In all Joseph spent 30 years in the service active and reserve duty, and retired as Colonel. After his retirement he was part of the U.S. Volunteers a group of military who provide graveside memorial services for deceased veterans. Joseph was commended by the US Army for having performed 500 graveside memorials.

In civilian life, Joseph had a dental practice in Floral Park, New York where he and Nancy settled in 1963.

John Fiore, Beta Mu ‘56 (DePaul), passed away March 19, 2019, at the age of 81 in Florida. John was a long-time District Governor for the fraternity in the old 7th District (Chicago area). He last served in 1982 when the district was dissolved. Long active in the Chicago alumni club, he had retired to Claremont, Fla.

The Klos received word that Joseph Berenato, Sr., Beta Xi ‘52 (NJIT), passed away in March 31, 2018 at the age of 83 in Hammonton, N.J. Joe served in the US Army after his college graduation in 1956 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He spent his career working in the supermarket industry.

Charles Decker, Mu ’49 (Cornell), passed away November 7, 2018, at the age of 92 in Alton, NY. After obtaining a degree in animal husbandry from Cornell, he earned a master’s degree in library science from Syracuse University. He worked for the county library system until retiring. In retirement he was quite active in community service, and was a columnist for a local newspaper. In 2017, the chamber of commerce named him as Citizen of the Year.

Dr. Edward W. Pizzo, Theta Beta ‘56 (NYU), 84, of Staten Island, NY, passed away on May 19, 2019. He earned his bachelor’s degree from NYU and in 1960 received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from NYU Dental School. He was President of Theta Beta Chapter during undergraduate school and in dental school he belonged to Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity. He served honorably in the U.S. Air Force at Pease Air Force Base in Dover, N.H., achieving the rank of Captain. Edward’s career as a dentist spanned 51 years, opening his practice in 1962 in Concord. He was known by his patients as the “singing dentist” and always ended by saying “good show.”

The Klos received word that Joseph G. Arteritano, Chi ‘50 (Penn State), passed away in December 2016 at the age of 87 in New Kensington, Pa. Joe was an Air Force veteran and spent more than 40 years in pharmaceutical sales. He retired in 1993 and spent his time golfing, bowling and volunteering at his church. He was married for 65 years to his wife Miriam. Also reported was James A. Brannan, Beta Chi ‘78 (Utica) died in LaFargeville, NY at the age of 57 in 2014.

Gerard J. “Jerry” Florentine Ph.D., Mu ’57 (Cornell) died February 18, 2018 at the age of 81 in Mechanicstown, Pa. Jerry retired as an Entomologist with the Environmental Protection Agency and was also an employee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was a member of theSusquehanna Orchid Society and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. Jerry loved to garden and was a skillful woodworker. In addition to his family Gerard loved his little Pomeranian, Shanie.

Donald Lewis Gallucci, 85, Psi ’53 (Duquesne) of Yarmouth Port, Ma. passed away on October 17, 2018. Donald graduated from Duquesne University in 1956 and spent two years in the U.S. Army at Fort McClellan in Alabama. He spent several years in the food service industry as a manager and sales representative with H. J. Heinz Co, Sarah Lee & Monarch Foods, Edwards Pie Co and Sysco Corporation. After he retired, Don spent eight years as a student driving instructor and also 10 as a driver for Orleans Auto Supply.

Ralph “Timothy” Spence, Delta Delta ‘91 (Wesley), of Townsend, Del. passed away Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. Timmy had worked for 17 years for the State of Delaware as a senior accountant. He also was an auctioneer, realtor and also worked at the family business Spence’s Bazaar and had also held charity auctions for several local organizations. Timmy enjoyed watching the Cleveland Browns and the Boston Red Sox.

Marino Joseph Quercio Jr., Beta Rho ‘70 (Gannon), passed away on June 9 in Erie, Pa. Marino worked as a Counselor for Sarah Reed Children’s Center in Erie, Pa. and was also employed as Security with Dockside’s in Erie. Marino was an avid wrestler from elementary school through college. Marino graduated from Butler High School in 2009. He obtained a scholarship in wrestling to Gannon University in Erie, Pa. where he achieved Academic All American in 2013. Marino graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice.

Erik Connors, Gamma Psi ‘91 (Hartford), passed away June 6, 2019 at the age of 47 in Middletown, Conn. He spent over 25 years as a Mechanical Engineer for Pratt and Whitney Aerospace Systems. After graduating as a Mechanical Engineer at Hartford, he obtained two master’s degrees. He was a father and a grandfather.

Robert Flynn, Beta Chi ‘78 (Utica), passed away June 28. He was a founder of the chapter.

Ercole “Eric” Leone, Beta Rho ’59 (Gannon), passed away June 22 in Mankato, MN. Eric was 100% Italian and personified his namesake, Hercules! He was known for his larger-than-life personality, his amazing low and sexy made-for-radio voice, his tearful laugh, and for his love and dedication to his large and ever-growing family. He was a pilot, a master pool player, and he enjoyed playing golf, bowling, tennis, cards etc., etc., etc. Eric had a long and prosperous work history after graduating from the Machinist Apprentice course at GE and obtaining his college degree in Industrial Management from Gannon University in Erie. Eric followed in his father’s footsteps by starting his career at GE. He eventually moved to Columbus and worked as a manager at National Electric Coil and eventually came to settle in Minnesota beginning in management at Electric Machinery and moving into a Vice Presidential position at Gemini Inc. In the early ’90s, Eric started his own company—L&L Industries in Faribault, MN.
Parents: While your son is in college, *The Kleos* is sent to his home address. If your son is no longer in college or living at home, please send his new address to the return address listed above. Alumni may do the same for change of address. Or you may email address updates to updates@apdfoundation.org.

**CONVENTION 2020**

The national Summer Convention for 2020 will be held August 5–9 in Harrisburg, Pa. at the Red Lion Resort.

**Join Us at Summer Convention 2020**

The Alpha Phi Delta Summer Convention is a social gathering to celebrate fraternity, enjoy dinners together, socialize in the hospitality room, celebrate brothers who have 50 or more years in the Fraternity and honor brothers who have served in the military. The Convention offers entertainment and is open to all brothers and their families—yes it is very family friendly. Meet new brothers or reunite with classmates.

**2020 Convention Activities:**

Nightly dinners, trivia night, hospitality room nightly, Alumnus Emeritus brothers luncheon Friday honoring brothers with 50 or more years in the fraternity, Military Brothers Recognition cocktail reception Friday, golf, Alumni vs. Undergraduate Softball Game, bocce, picnic lunch Saturday, memorial Mass in honor of deceased brothers, Grand Awards Dinner Saturday.

Pictured are many of the attendees from the 2019 Summer Convention. Join them in 2020.