



2026 ANNUAL EDITION

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Kansas Gamma

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24, 2026

KSU Fall Classes Begin

October 17, 2026

KSU Homecoming and open house with coffee and donuts and tailgate BBQ, free gameday parking at the house and transport to the tailgate. KSU vs KU



Our Facebook Page



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Establishing Our Fraternity's Greatness

For over 100 years our fraternity chapter has initiated and mentored fine men that learn the principals and valuable life lessons during with their time on campus as a KSU Phi Delta Theta member. Our fraternity continues to be top on campus as the most desired fraternity to join at KSU with more wanting to join than capacity.



Picture taken Fall of 2025 and includes our new members.

Our alumni continue their support for the scholarship programs at our fraternity which reward the students in our chapter when they receive a high GPA or demonstrate exemplary activity. Donations to this 501c3 can be made by going to the website at www.phidelt.com/giveback Please watch our fraternity alumni video www.phidelt.com/video

Introducing Our New House Mom - Genae Denver



After over 15 years with no house mom, we decided it was time to bring back this long awaited position to our fraternity. Genae Denver (KSU '90) began her new journey Fall 2025 and shared with us saying "I am finding that building relationships with the boys is a great joy!". Previously Genae had been a music teacher in schools and colleges for many years, and then was the alumni relations director at Manhattan Christian College, located near KSU. Genae also has a private music studio in her home, teaching piano and voice lessons.

The room near the front entry was renovated for Genae's office. She is at the fraternity on weekdays and Sunday evenings with an "open door" to visit with the members and our guests. She attends as many fraternity events as possible and loves to support and encourage our young men to "become the greatest version of themselves". She is excited for this coming year to meet the parents and new students and also our alumni who plan to visit our fraternity home. She would love to hear your Phi Delt stories! Feel free to contact her at housemom@phidelt.com



Message From Our Advisory Board President - Chris Steincamp

Brothers,

We had another successful year during the 2025/2026 school year at the Phi Lodge.

Walt Lane and Bret Rose have continued to keep a great handle on the finances both now and moving forward. This is important for all of us and the active chapter. As you may remember, we have been able to pay off the debt on the House. We have repaired areas in the bathroom that were problematic and generally made sure that the house is in good shape for the actives. I think that you will find that the House is in better shape than it has ever been! Because of our great financial position, we have been able to hire an out of house, House Mother. She is absolutely fabulous and has already had a hugely positive impact on the Chapter. Her name is Genae Denver, and I encourage you to stop by the House and meet her when you are in town.

As of this writing, we have already recruited to capacity and are full for next year. I have met some of the new pledges and they are outstanding young men. Phi Delta Theta has gained the reputation of being the best fraternity at Kansas State – just like we all know it is. This makes the Recruiting Chair's job a lot easier than it has been during some of the past periods. I hope that makes you as proud as it does me.

In accordance with our policy, the actives completed a training session which was required for all members, provided by the Manhattan Police Department. The training focused on emergency response, including in the event of incidents involving over consumption of drugs or alcohol. This training will be required every year, so that all of the members know what to do, and also what not to do, in the event of an emergency. Our goal is to make all of the members safer while they are at the House. We expect to schedule the training again in the fall near the start of school.

I would encourage all of you to let us know about motivated and impressive young men that may be interested in the fraternity. Our recruitment chairs have been successful at bringing in quality pledge classes, but referrals may well lead to them getting to know strong candidates that can improve the active chapter. Remember that we are typically finished with recruitment by February or March each year so you should provide referrals starting January.

I would encourage all of you to visit your fraternity at Kansas State, as you have time, and meet the young men that are continuing the strong tradition of the Phi Delta Theta. I believe that you will be proud of the group. As you all know, the lifelong positive impact of Phi Delta Theta on all of our lives is invaluable. The values of Phi Delta Theta carry forward long after college is over to improve both our lives and those of our associates and communities. Feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions or would like to get involved.

Yours in the Bond,

Chris Steincamp, Bond 1096

President, Kansas Gamma Alumni Advisory Board



Phi Delta Theta Homecoming - Building for the Win



Phi Delta Theta, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha were teamed up for Kansas State's Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE!

Invitation to all KSU Phi Delt Alumni for free coffee & donuts in the morning hosted by our house-mom at the fraternity house. Tour the house, park and get a free ride to our BBQ pulled pork tailgate at the game made by KSU Phi Warner Harrison, Bond 1020.

Saturday October 17, 2026 Homecoming KU vs KSU.

Tailgate will begin 3 hours prior to kickoff. KSU will determine kickoff time of game 2 weeks prior.



We didn't win 2025 but
we will try for 2026!



PHI DELTA THETA

Building the greatest tradition of leadership

Our Fraternity Received Awards from KSU IFC



The KSU Interfraternity Council awarded our chapter Excellence in Engagement and Excellent in Wellness for 2025-26 school year.

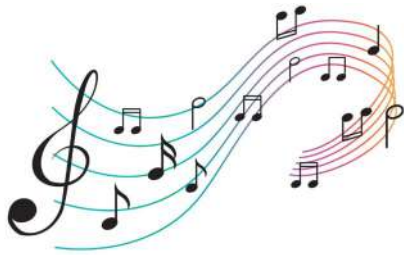


The Fall 2025 school year kicks off with the first chapter meeting



Introducing our new members as the Fall pledge class of 2025

Over 100 Year Tradition to Serenade Sororities at KSU



PHI DELTA THETA

Become the greatest version of yourself



KSU Phi Delts visit all the sororities and perform our annual serenades.



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Phi's Sponsor Multiple Philanthropic Events



Our annual car wash brought in a whopping \$500 to help fund members with the Iron Phi program



Ice Cream Social Event with \$5 entry fees donated to the Live Like Lou ALS Foundation

Pies With Phis for Live Like Lou ALS Foundation



Taking pies in the face for donations supporting the Live Like Lou ALS Foundation.

Raising \$450 worth of humility that day!

Sororities Compete at Annual Phive Days of Giving

The philanthropical events raised \$2300 for Live Like Lou ALS Foundation with a pumpkin carving contest, pizza with puppies event, and a sorority pickleball tournament. Zeta Tau Alpha sorority crowned as champions.



Zeta Tau Alpha Champions



A day with the pups



Carving Pumpkins for Charity

Raised \$2300 For Live Like Lou ALS Foundation

More Philanthropy Events Raised Additional \$1800



Casino Night Raised \$600 to Support the Iron Phis



Candy Salads
with
Chi Omega and Phi Belt



Join us to support Make-a-Wish and Live Like Lou Foundation on
Monday, March 2nd 6-8pm
Chi Omega House 1516 McCain Ln
Venmo: Ryan-Horsch-5
\$5 per bag



Candy Bar with Chi Omega Raised \$1200 for Make-a-Wish and Live Like Lou Foundations

Over \$18,000 Raised for the Iron Phi Competition



Congrats to Our 11 KSU Phi's That Achieved Iron Phi 2025/26

- Patrick Dempsey
- Charlie Fasl
- Ethan Duerksen
- Jack Ryan
- Maddox Archibald
- Andrew Woirhaye
- Nathan LeBourveau
- Maverick Farrar
- Ted Smith
- Owen Allman
- Connor Alldredge

Become an Executive Mentor at KSU

The Executive Mentor Program is available to any alumnus interested in mentoring a KSU student. It is an outstanding program that is well managed and available to most all the KSU colleges. The mentor and the student are able to "select each other" on a KSU website and the mentorship can last through the course of time until the student graduates. This program is highly recommended with tremendous success. If interested, contact the program director Mallory Carpenter by emailing her at ementor@ksu.edu

How mentors support their mentees

- Setting and achieving goals
- Honing professional skills
- Exploring career opportunities
- Building a professional network

The weblink to read more about the program or for registration (mentors and mentees) is available by clicking [WildcatLink Program \(ksu.edu\)](https://www.ksu.edu/wildcatlink)

Mentor Monday

Mentee Brandon Sivert, Junior, majoring in Management Information Systems

Mentor Scott Tatno, Senior Director of Technology Delivery, Consulting - Cerner Corporation

"Scott not only let me know what I need to do school-wise to 'get the job', he also gave an authentic job shadow experience. The day I spent at Cerner felt very real, as if I was going to be starting there tomorrow. I felt being much more confident and excited about being an MIS major and my future career."

Brandon

Dad's Weekend Tradition - KSU Football and Tailgating



Phi dads has breakfast at the house and golfing
Top the day off with tailgating, KSU football and then Aggieville time!

Hair Cuts at the Phi Lodge



Something new was introduced to our fraternity this past school year with hair cuts performed by a Phi's girlfriend and then she trained another Phi on how to properly cut hair as a side job to make some extra bucks. It caught on with many loving this low-cost service. LOL

Our house mom photo-bomb pictured on the right.

KSU Police Department Welcomed to Our Fraternity

Every year the KSU Police department were invited to our fraternity to present safety training, alcohol and drug awareness, and the KSU Lifeline 911 protocols.



Mom's Weekend Hosted Spring of 2026



They enjoyed a casino night at the Bluemont Hotel and scavenger hunt.
Funds from their auction were not determined for any house improvement as in the past tradition.

More Awards from National Convention - Plus Gold Star!



Every year our fraternity receives awards for excellence while attending the Phi Delta Theta annual convention. This past year we received the Excellence Award in Ritual, Excellence in Academics and the Gold Star Award. All proudly mounted on our “wall of fame”.

Four of our Kansas Gamma Phi Deltas traveled to the convention and attended workshops about new member education and recruitment. They also enjoyed meeting a lot of other Phis and made great friends with Alabama, U-Conn and Ole Miss attendees.

Our Pledges Work Hard and Play Hard



Spring Pledges Repaint Our Basketball Court



Fall Pledge Class Sneak Trip



Spring Pledge Class Pride



Fall Pledges Go to South Fork Colorado. Fly-fish and Hiking

Spring Break Mission Trip



Andrew Woirhaye, Bond 1966 and Ted McInay, Bond 1985 went on a mission trip to Metropolis Brazil and assisted teachers of 3 elementary and middle schools. Money was raised and the trip sponsored by FOCUS Fellowship of Catholic University Students.

Intramurals Competition Was Fierce



- Basketball: 5 teams
- Softball: 4 teams
- Soccer: 1 team
- Flag Football: 2 teams
- Ultimate Frisbee: 1 team
- Volleyball: 1 team

Surprise Birthday Greeting for Walt Lane



Walt Lane, alumni club president and housing corp visited KSU for an annual K-State advisory board meeting which happened to be on his birthday. He was surprised with a birthday cake by our housemom when visiting the fraternity So nice!

We hope you can come visit our fraternity and meet Genae Denver, our new house mom!

House President Winston Johnson - A Bright Future

Dear Alumni of Kansas Gamma,

First and foremost, thank you. The support you continue to show this chapter, whether through donations, mentorship, or simply staying connected, means more to us than you know. Your help truly fuels everything we do.

This past year has been one to remember for Kansas Gamma. We are proud to share that our chapter has grown to 135 active members, with 42 new brothers initiated this year alone. We initiated 33 Phikeias in the fall and 9 in the spring, achieving a 100% initiation rate in the spring, and we locked in a strong 35-man class for next fall, with 80 members set to live in the house.

On the philanthropy side, we are thrilled to have earned Iron Phi Chapter status for the third year in a row. This year, 16 brothers individually achieved Iron Phi status by each raising \$1,000 and completing an athletic challenge, and together we raised over \$20,000 for the Live Like Lou Foundation and the Phi Delta Theta Foundation. Our Phive Days of Giving philanthropy week in November alone brought in around \$2,000, engaging both the Greek community and the broader K-State campus. On top of that, our chapter logged just over 4,600 hours of community service this year, something we are really proud of.

Academically, our chapter averaged a 3.52 GPA across the year, top three among all fraternities at K-State with 100 or more members. We were also recognized nationally as a Gold Star Chapter for another year, placing us among the top chapters in all of North America. Our chapter received IFC awards in both Excellence in Recruitment and Excellence in Health & Safety, two awards that reflect the standards our brothers hold themselves to every day.

Kansas Gamma is in a great place, and the future is even brighter. We are grateful for every alumnus who has played a role in getting us here, and we look forward to continuing to make you proud.

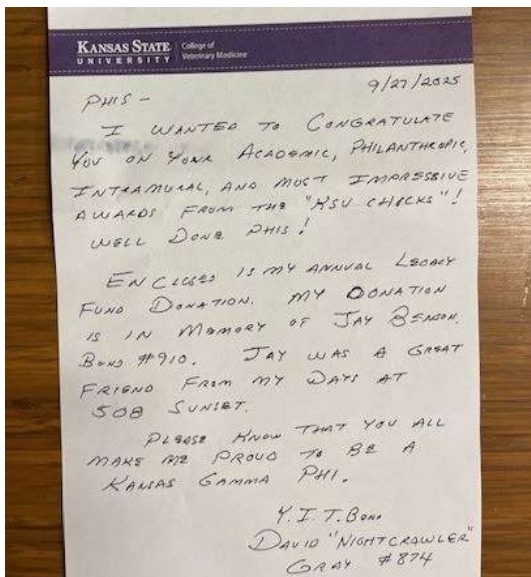
Yours in The Bond,

Winston Johnson, Bond #1928

President - Phi Delta Theta, Kansas Gamma



Heartfelt Donations and Letters We Receive



Many times we receive very generous checks as a donation to our fraternity and to our Legacy donor program which funds our successful scholarships for our KSU Phi students. The letters we receive are read and shared by our advisory board. These letters motivate us and remind us that we are doing a great thing for our fraternity.

Thank you to all who regularly donate and help keep our fraternity the best fraternity on campus!

Donations go 100% toward our KSU fraternity.

Go to www.phidelt.com/giveback for info.

Kansas Gamma 2025/26 Executive Team



Toasty Tuesdays Around Our Fire Pit



Phi Delt alumnus Dean Watson, Bond 977 personally built this wonderful firepit for our backyard at the fraternity house about 8 years ago. It is still enjoyed and now with regular use on some Tuesdays roasting marsh marrows with the ladies.

Sorority & Fraternity Dinner Swap Event



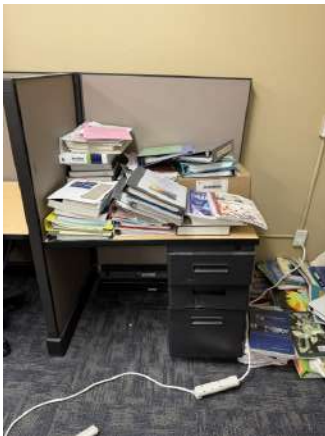
Twice a year a sorority will participate in a swap for dinner venue at each house. The sophomores and seniors go to the sorority and the freshmen and juniors from the sorority come to our fraternity. We swapped with Sigma Kappa and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities.

House Mom “Mama-D” Is Quite the Hostess



Our house mom, Genae Denver, fondly called “Mama-D”, adds a touch of beauty and fun. Pictured is Valentine Day dinner table decorations. She also invited the exec committee to her home for a dessert night.

Our House Mom Runs a Tight Ship “With Love”



BEFORE



AFTER



Our house mom doesn't like to see clutter around the house. She saw the study space was a mess and asked to get it organized. She personally helped with this project and WHALA!

How We Celebrate Christmas at Our Fraternity



Austin Burnett's mom helps put up decorations.



House mom Genae takes some of the guys caroling at assisted living center.

Moms came to help decorate the fraternity house which was a wonderful surprise.

Every year we decorate the fraternity house for the holidays. 2 years ago our alumni donated exterior lights that can be adjusted for colors and effects. We will have them purple for special gamedays and other festive times. This year's 250 July 4 we had red, white and blue of course!.



33 New Fall 2025 Members



33 new Phi's from Fall 2025 pledge class. The KSU Phi Delta Theta highest Bond number is now 1988 after initiating our 9 member Spring 2026 pledge class. Fall pledge class purchased more sofas for chapter room and new basketball goal as their class project.

9 New Spring 2026 Members



9 new Phi's from Spring 2026 pledge class.

Recruitment Brings More New Quality Members - Top Picks

The fall 2026 recruitment team have no problem signing 35 new quality young men for our fraternity. Peyton White and Austin Burnett reported they have more guys wanting to join our fraternity than we have capacity so they were able to focus on recruiting only who they believe will fit the mold of a quality KSU Phi. The active chapter greatly appreciates the financial support given by Housing Corp and our alumni support group to help with their recruiting efforts. We plan to have a Spring pledge class in 2027 with the plan to keep our fraternity house at capacity throughout the duration of the school year.

Many requests for recruitment come through our website www.Phidelt.com. It is energizing to see requests posted with comments such as this:

"I was at the recruitment weekend a couple weeks ago. Out of all the fraternities I met with, yours stuck out, as you seem to be really high quality guys, while you also have one of the highest GPA's on campus.

If possible, I would definitely take advantage of the opportunity to meet with you guys again and determine if I am the kind of member you want, as well as if you are the fraternity that is right for me."



Click the image to watch a recruitment video made by prior active members a few years ago.

This video also provides an excellent tour of the interior and exterior of the house.

The recruitment committee finds the top candidates who want to join our fraternity. There are more prospects that want to be a KSU Phi than we can pledge. We are usually at capacity with 35 pledges before summer. It is exciting to be a part of the highest ranked fraternity on campus.

NOTE: BEGIN YOUR REFERRAL PROCESS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER '26 FOR THE 2027 FALL SEMESTER. BY MAY WE ARE FULL!

A mother commented to one of our alumni: "her son had a wonderful time at the fraternity last year and is really looking forward to coming back this fall to see his new fraternity friends again."

**Want to Refer
a Phi?**



www.phidelt.com/

GETTING STARTED

GOOGLE FORM

-CAN FIND THE LINK IN OUR INSTAGRAM BIO
-FILL IT OUT WITH ALL OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION

TOUR THE HOUSE

-GET AN INSIDE LOOK OF OUR HOME VIA A VIRTUAL HOUSE TOUR
-CAN BE FOUND IN THE RECRUITMENT INSTAGRAM HIGHLIGHT

WAIT FOR A RESPONSE

-OUR RECRUITMENT CHAIRS WILL REACH OUT TO YOU WITH DETAILS ABOUT FURTHER STEPS

Our Fraternity Home is Impressive



Thanks to many donations from our dedicated alumni, we can be very proud of our fraternity home at Kansas State University. We have been featured by social media giants as one of the best fraternities to join in the Midwest.

A House FULL of Proud Phis



The 2025-26 Fraternity Composite of Our Proud Phis

Recruitment Chairmen Knock it Out of the Park!



Peyton White, Bond 1922



Austin Burnett, Bond 1946

Likely one of the most significant and impactful positions of our fraternity is recruitment. Every year we must achieve a very high standard for engaging and signing the very best individuals that we will call our Brothers in the Bond. Our fraternity is known to be respected and desired to join. We asked the recruitment chairmen **"why is our fraternity so popular to join?"**, the answer from them was:

- We are top 5 in grades every semester
- The sororities love us and know we are respectable
- Considered the best on campus for social events
- With the popularity for joining our fraternity, they said we could easily sign 50 or more new members every year of quality guys

We Awarded \$20,100 to 47 KSU Phi's

Our chapter paid \$20,100 in scholarship rewards last school year!!

- 4 members awarded \$250 for achieving 3.500 - 3.59 GPA
- 8 members awarded \$300 for achieving 3.60 - 3.69 GPA
- 9 members awarded \$350 for achieving 3.70 - 3.79 GPA
- 11 members awarded \$400 for achieving 3.800 - 3.89 GPA
- 3 members awarded \$450 for achieving 3.90 - 3.99 GPA
- 12 members awarded \$500 for achieving 4.00 GPA
- 14 members awarded \$100 for improving their GPA in one semester by at least .48 points

KSU Phis Have 2 Alumni Awards Provided Annually

The awards are planned to be provided annually at the conclusion of the school year.

We also awarded over \$20,000 this year to members with over 3.5 GPA

PHI OF THE YEAR:

Award Amount = \$1000

The award was founded by KSU Phi Brad Homant (Bond 1238) and his wife Christine. This award goes to a Kansas Gamma chapter member who best demonstrates the principles articulated in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta. The member must have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Winner for 2025-2026 is John Beemer, Bond 1890



BROTHERHOOD AWARD:

Award Amount = \$2500

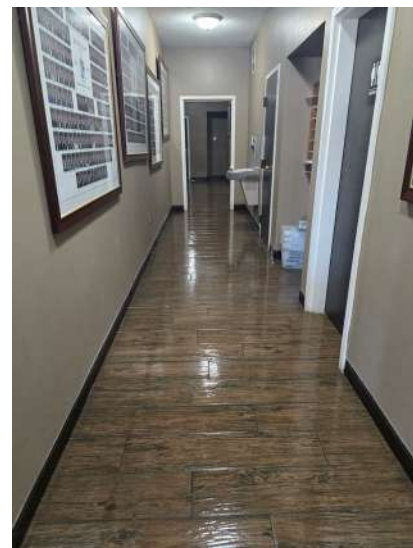
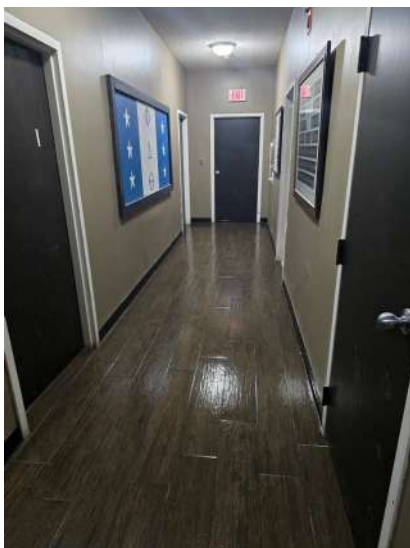
This award was founded by the four Razook brothers who are KSU Phi Delta Theta alumni. They all have been very successful in life after college and have a desire to help a graduating senior who has left a legacy within the fraternity of character, leadership, scholastic achievement and one who was helpful and enjoyable around others. This person demonstrates a balance in life that allows them to excel in multiple aspects while being a Kansas Gamma Phi.

Winner for 2025-2026 is Cayden West, Bond 1855



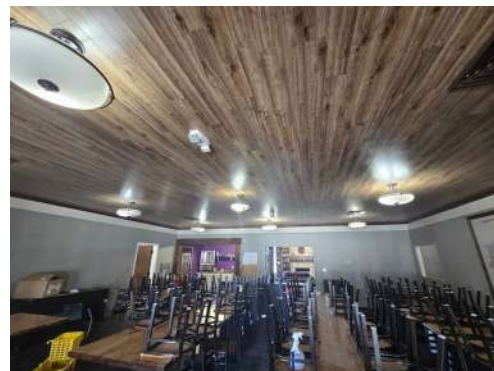
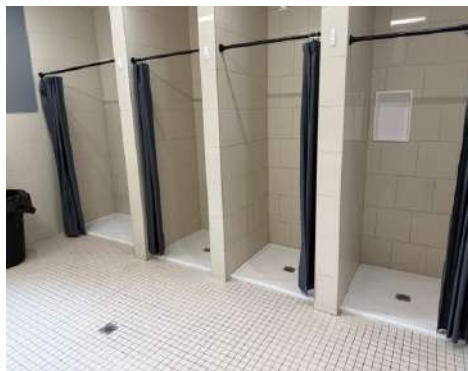
All of the awards are subject to change based on funding. Scholarship awardees must be in good standing with the Kansas Gamma chapter, Chapter Advisory Board, and Housing Corporation at the time of evaluation and receipt of award in order to be eligible.

How We Prepare The Fraternity House Each Semester



At the end of each semester (Christmas break and summer break) the alumni housing corporation invests funds to “reset” our fraternity house and get it back to cleaned and repaired shape again. This involves tremendous time investment to project manage and handle contractors to perform the necessary repairs. Our goal is to maintain the beauty of our fraternity house and not allow it to degrade over time.

Starting fresh each semester allows us to hold the student fraternity members (actives) accountable to repairs that we consider egregious in nature and they are billed for those costs. These photos are examples of the finished cleaned and repaired condition we provide the students. It is important to us that they live in a safe, clean and functional environment.

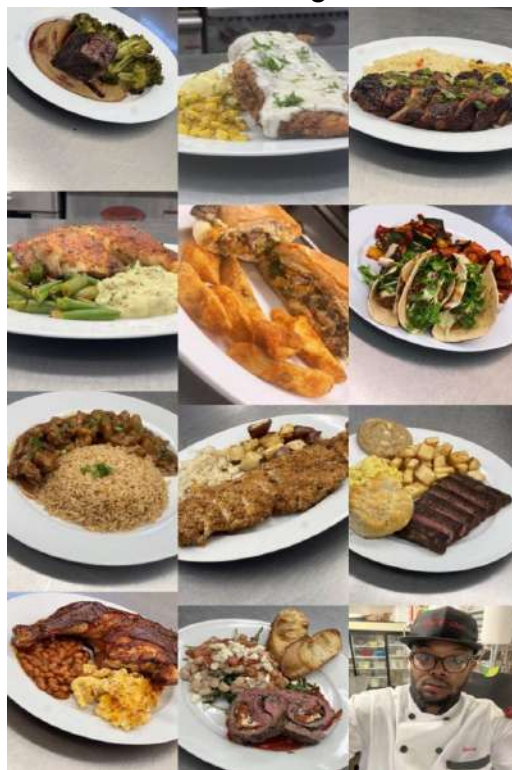


New Chef Services Continue to be Appreciated

A couple years ago, we expanded the chef services to provide a to-go style breakfast, hot lunch, and dinners. This additional service required 2 chefs to accommodate the more expanded time period of service. We also purchased 2 additional new stainless commercial grade freezer and fridge units so we doubled the food storage capacity. Due to some challenges we faced with abuse in the kitchen, we now close it down at 7pm each day and built 2 kitchenette areas in the dining room so the active members can microwave and prepare their own desired "after-hours" food. We also supply and freshly stock the kitchenettes with fruit, paper plates, milk and various condiments. A full size fridge is also at the kitchenette so the students can temporarily store some items or "call ahead" for food to be saved for them if they can't make it in time for dinner. Craigry Chatman now prepares our evening dinners and enjoys all the positive "vibes" (as he calls it) from the fraternity members enjoying his food.



Chef Craig



PHI DELTA THETA
Born to the great vision of unity

We Keep Improving: Landscaping, Stormwater Repairs, Etc



Our fraternity has received incredible renovation on the inside of the house so when you walk in the door you see wood ceilings, columns, flooring and features which resemble a lodge look. This style of design was built with the intention to **immortalize the traditional name "Phi Lodge"** we have used for our fraternity house through the years. We completed the final phase of the major exterior look of our fraternity that makes our house the talk of best KSU fraternities. But we all know it isn't all about the beauty of the building. It is the people INSIDE that makes us awesome. We now have over 70 members comfortably living in this newly renovated gem

that are extraordinary individuals. Every year we are

top ranked at KSU. Add our size to the equation and we blow all the fraternities away. We have more excellent young men wanting to join our fraternity that we can accept each year.

This summer of 2026 we continue to make more improvements to our fraternity home which require us to receive donations from the alumni. Please consider helping us by going to www.phidelt.com/giveback. **100% of the money goes to scholarships or fraternity home improvements.**

- Major \$50,000 foundation repairs and concrete work for storm water management
- Additional Internet equipment upgrade to Unifi Dream Machine boosts greater internet density
- New \$4000 stove with cooktop and new \$3500 milk machine
- Upgraded front landscape decorative light posts with old style flame lights
- All new ceilings and paint for all common areas of the house
- Additional landscaping improvements

You have an opportunity to tour your incredible fraternity home any time. All our alumni our welcome to visit and meet our active membership!



Major Landscaping Improvements



New Concrete for Stormwater Management



Replaced front light poles with new look

Renovating Our Timeless Items

Since we moved from 508 Sunset address, many items suffered too much damage and could not be restored. We did not throw those pieces away, but carefully stored them for later consideration. However, Phi Delt Walt Lane has managed to renovate a variety of old photos, composites, old crested dinnerware, furniture and other significant items over the years and continues to perform renovation and upgrades. Below are some pieces renovated Summer 2026 which included a full renovation of all our historical chapter fraternal materials.



Pallas Athena Statue Before and After Renovation



Donated Steinway Piano Refinished



Old Documents Archived



Original Robes Fully Repaired and Professional Cleaned



Living Room Table with Crest Refinished



Chapter Closet Cleaned, Organized and Sacred Items Stored in this 100 Year Old Chest donated by Walt Lane, Bond 1028



Message From Our Chapter Advisor - James Barrick

Dear Kansas Gamma Alumni,

I hope 2026 is off to a great start for you. As I enter my tenth year as Chapter Advisor, I remain incredibly proud of the progress and accomplishments of Kansas Gamma. Our chapter continues to demonstrate that academic excellence, leadership, and personal growth are at the heart of the Kansas Gamma experience.

This past year was one for the books for Kansas Gamma. The chapter achieved the highest **GPA** we have ever obtained at **3.541** with 117 members. We also welcomed a strong new member class, and remained actively engaged in philanthropy, campus involvement, and leadership development. These achievements are a direct reflection of the character and commitment of our undergraduate members.

One area of pride has been our continued focus on academic achievement and personal growth. This year, we introduced the **48Club**, which recognizes members who improve their semester GPA by at least **0.48** from one term to the next. Recipients receive a **\$100 award** in recognition of their hard work and dedication and then become eligible for awards up to \$500 the following semester. We are proud to report that **14 members** earned the **48Club** this past year. The naming convention was chosen based on the year Phi Delta Theta was founded, 1848.

While academic excellence is important, we believe it is equally important to recognize continuous improvement. Not every success story begins with a perfect GPA. By rewarding meaningful progress, we encourage our members to set goals, develop discipline, and strive to become the best versions of themselves. The success of the 48Club Award demonstrates that when we invest in our members and celebrate growth, they rise to the challenge.

As we look ahead, risk management and member well-being remain top priorities. We will continue providing education and training in areas such as conflict resolution, alcohol awareness, and emergency preparedness while offering mentorship and support to help our student leaders navigate the challenges of campus life. Balancing a full social schedule and prioritizing academic responsibilities will set up every member for success after college.

Finally, the continued success of Kansas Gamma depends on the support and involvement of our alumni. Volunteers remain essential to the chapter's growth and stability. Whether through mentoring active members, serving on a committee, assisting with alumni engagement efforts, or making a financial contribution, your support has a lasting impact on the experience of our undergraduate brothers. ***We truly need to start thinking about succession planning and expanding the chapter advisory board. Leadership and operational support are imperative to the viability of the chapter, and we cannot do this alone! Please consider getting involved to aid in preserving the success we have built with Kansas Gamma.***

If you are interested in giving back or reconnecting with Kansas Gamma, I would love to hear from you:

📞 913-638-4069

✉ james.barrick.iv@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of Kansas Gamma. Together, we can continue building a chapter that values excellence, rewards growth, and prepares young men to become leaders in their communities and professions.

Yours in the Bond,

James Barrick '08, Bond #1426
Chapter Advisor, Kansas Gamma

"To do what ought to be done, but would not have been done unless I did it, I thought be my duty."

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Sending Off Our Phi Delta Theta Seniors

Our house mom, "Mama-D" hosted a wonderful dinner for our graduating seniors. We are very excited for their new careers and life journey and proud to be a part of their time at KSU.



The Incredible Success of Ross Myers - Vice Admiral Retired



Ross Myers, Bond 985, graduated from KSU with a degree in accounting in 1985 and is from Garden City, Kansas. He also graduated from the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. He was a career naval aviator and commanded squadrons, air wing and carrier strike groups while stationed twice with Forward Deployed Naval Forces at Japan including as commander Carrier Air Wing FIVE. He has flown over 4600 hours in more than 17 different aircraft and over 1000 arrested landings on 15 different aircraft carriers.

Ross has incredible history of special assignments from global operations to chief of staff at HQ U.S. Cyber Command. He assumed command of the U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, U.S. 10th Fleet in September 2020 and has been awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation and the Battle Efficiency "E" Awards.

Now retired, Ross Myers can hopefully relax, spend more time with his family and friends and know that we all appreciate and are very proud of his accomplishments as an incredible patriot and for his service for our great country.



Picture of Ross Myers as President of our chapter in 1982. Unfortunately this composite photo suffered damage from its time at 508 Sunset.

We have restored as many photos, awards and composites as possible at our fraternity and they are all now kept at a safe and stable location within our fraternity house.

Steve Hougland Hosts 2026 Kansas Gamma Founders Event

On Friday April 17, 2026 Steve Hougland, Bond 937 hosts an event celebrating our Founders at Austin's Bar & Grill at Olathe Kansas for the KSU Phis. Steve plans to continue this tradition at similar date and same venue each year. Next year we will host free beer and food. Come join us! Invitation sent by email.



Around 50 Phi's meet at Austin's Bar & Grill. Active members also attend along with presentation by Walt Lane, President of the KSI Phi alumni club.



Low Bond number recognition goes to KSU Phi Patrick Anderson, Bond 852



Farthest Traveled goes to Tom Doran, Bond 949



Steve Hougland presents Phi of the Year award to Dr. David Gray, Bond 874



50 Year Pins Awarded to Scott Fairbairn, Glen Engles, Bill Stauffer and Patrick Anderson

Remembering our Past Tradition - The Flush Bowl

The current fraternity members (actives) have no idea we had an annual Flush Bowl flag football event. When called “flag football” it was tackle/flag football which included Actives vs Pledges game and all-fraternity tournament. We even crowned a queen during the final party. Below are some shared memories from alumni.

The Flush Bowl was started in 1947 between the Phi Deltas and the SAE's. There was even a parade down Poyntz with the Flush Bowl Queen riding on a toilet.
Chris Steincamp, Bond 1096

“I remember the Flush Bowl Very well. The teams were usually well matched. I suppose the trophy was lost in the transition to the new house. We competed with the Sig Alphas in Intramurals and the Beta for grades in that era.” Mark Elliott, Bond 530



When I was a freshman in 1978, I had to dress up like a cheerleader. Bill Meader, Bond 963



We made a program. Inside it has roster and the women up for queen. Meryl Wilson Bond 765



When I was a pledge in 1980, I remember a muddy, brutal match between us pledges and the actives. Dean Watson was fierce.

Phis You Discover During Your Life and Reunite

It is uncanny how you will meet someone and talk with them and discover they are a fellow Phi Delt. Or when you are in some random place and bump into a fraternity member you haven't seen in years. This has happened to me (Walt Lane) many times.

Here are just two experiences I can share with you that occurred this year.

Please also remember we will have 2 events in 2026 and 2027 where you can be with your fraternity brothers from KSU. Homecoming on October 17 (details on page 4 of this newsletter) and the annual Founders' Day event we host at Kansas City. Come to our events and let's reconnect again!



Walt Lane, Bond 1028 KSU, frequently travels to his home at Cabo and is VP of the resort. While there, Walt ran into another condo owner, Eric Ufer. We were talking about our college life and then discovered he is a founding member of the Phi Delta Theta Oregon Epsilon chapter. Bond #4



Walt was with his 7 grandchildren visiting a children's museum called The Rabbit Hole at Kansas City and bumps into Keane Horner, KSU Bond 1473.

Phi Delt Flashback Pics - Recognize Anyone?



Picture of KSU Phidelt pledge class of 1977

KSU Phidelt pledge class of 1977. Pictures provided by David Gray, Bond 874. David shared his pics at the KSU Founders' Day event held April 17. We would love for you to bring some of your old pics and share them with us next year.



Greg Drees, Bond 981 cruising Sunset Avenue with Bob "Be Bop" Rogers, Bond 970

Let's see your vintage pics on the next newsletter by emailing alumni@phidelt.com

More new Donations of Valuable Memorabilia on Display



Our living room has a locked display case for some of our valuable memorabilia.

If you have an item that you feel should be on display, please contact by email alumni@phidelt.com

This year we have added more signed autographs from notable Phi's and other vintage items.

Framed Lou Gehrig signed photo is our latest new item to add to the collection! —>



Our Living Room Includes Incredible Phi Memorabilia

Over the years, we have preserved many valuable items that have been donated to our fraternity. From the Steinway piano donated by Hall Ross to the old photos Walt Lane preserved and restored and now on permanent display. We all remember that old signed Neil Armstrong photo right? It was completely faded and barely legible, but now fully restored. Also Walt has added many new items which include a personally signed photo from fellow Phi Clark Hunt plus Lou Gehrig and other notables Phi's. Visit us Homecoming Oct 17 and take a look!



K-State Phi Delta Theta Chapter Grand

The following alumni were reported to have passed away since our last newsletter.

Our thoughts and prayers go to their families.

In Coelo Quies Est (In Heaven there is Rest)

Harry Cole, Bond 636, June 2, 2024

Dr. Jon Faubion, Bond 810, August 28, 2025

John Funk, Bond 347, Reported 2025 DOD Unknown

Phil Barger, Bond 982, Reported 2025, DOD Unknown

Dan Ascherman, Bond 1281, Reported 2025, DOD Unknown

Steve "Luke" Schuler, Bond 859, June 25, 2026, [Obit Link](#)



Harold (Harry) Cole, Bond 636



Steve (Luke) Schuler, Bond 859

Rest in peace brothers

This list of deceased was reported to us since our last newsletter.

If you have information of a deceased KSU Phi Delta Theta fraternity brother that has passed away and has not been posted in past newsletters or has passed away during this year before next year's newsletter publication, please email alumni@phidelt.com.

When a Brother in the Bond of our fraternity passes away, we receive many emails of heartfelt messages for the family. This is one [very special message sent by our brother Gary Nelson before he passed away on January 27, 2024.](#)

My deepest condolences to all; Brothers, Families, Friends...All. I have had this experience, there in our Chapter House on Sunset Ave. While that happened many years ago now ~ I think of that time frequently. It is a difficult time. The best thing we can do is to never take each other for granted ~ always appreciate one another. Live the Bond! Gradually the void, which is created in a loss, becomes part of life; never filling, eventually respected and honored. The treasures we have of our memories is how we get through it.

My thoughts are with you all.

Yours in the Bond

Gary Nelson, Bond 1099



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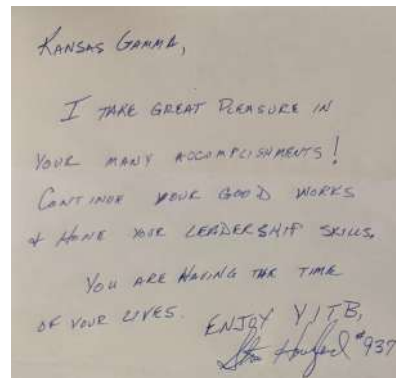
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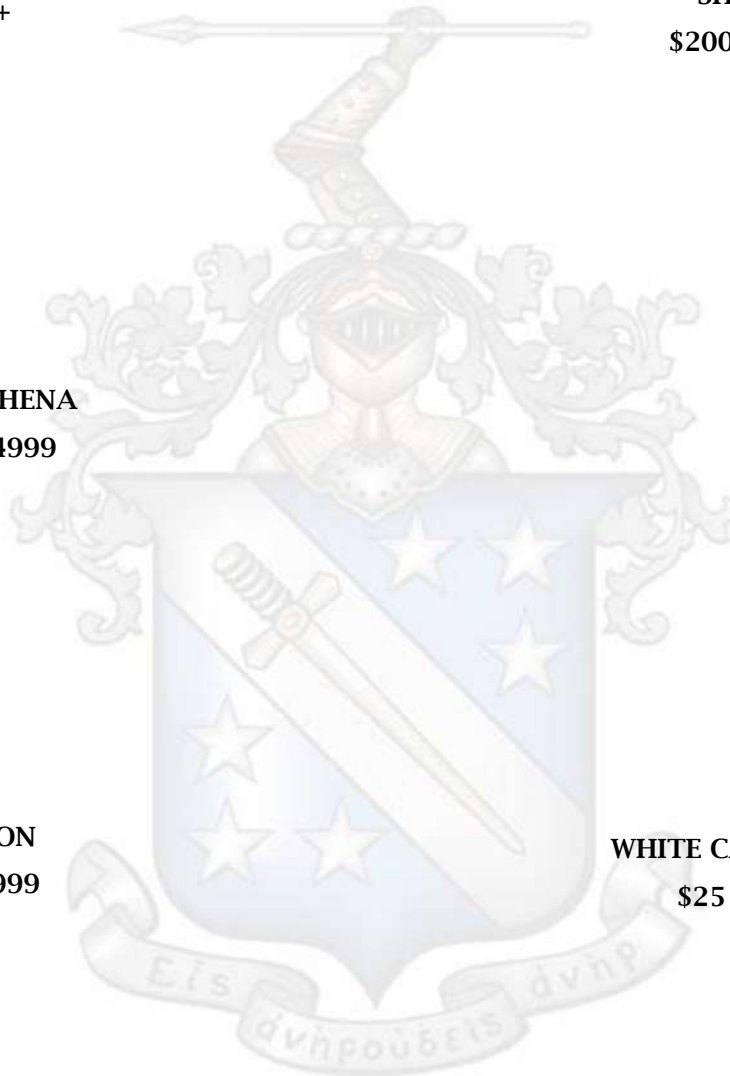
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