



ETA SURVEY

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A Letter from the Alumni President



Brothers:

As I sit down to write this update I'm encouraged. As you likely recall in my update message from the spring, the board was concerned. I shared we recognized there was a challenge for the chapter with recruitment. We felt we had a strong group of young, dynamic leaders and we all recognized we had a lot of work to do.

The good news to report is that the chapter recruited a class of eleven solid new men this fall. They feel good about the group. The challenge is that the chapter relies on fall initiates to fill the house the following fall, in this case, fall 2020. With the eleven recruited our chapter size is nearly 50 members. Although this seems like a decent size, we need a larger group to be able to fill our beds and remain solvent. Hence, the chapter still has work to do to rebuild their membership.

As your alumni board, we try to balance a pro-active engagement with the chapter serving a supportive and mentoring role without getting overly engaged in their daily operations. We are in discussions with the chapter leadership as to how we can best support them with this recruitment effort. As part of this, the board is actively exploring options for a third-party recruitment consultant to assist. We will not make an investment without the support and engagement from the chapter leadership, as this is necessary for success.



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Alumni Spotlight:

Scott W. Anderson '14

EDITOR'S NOTE: For this edition of the newsletter we're shining the Spotlight on **Scott Anderson '14**. From the hometown of Wheaton, Illinois, Scott graduated with a BS in Accountancy and is now working as a CPA. As an active chapter member, he served as quaestor and treasurer. Today, Scott enjoys shooting videos for his company and was recently in Hamburg, Germany for work. He also enjoys music, festivals, and traveling.



Playing with elephants at an ethical elephant adventure in Thailand.

What did you enjoy most as an active chapter member?

I most enjoyed the friendship and support the group provided. We had great Brotherhood events like Alexander's Steak House during finals week and Bro Crawl through all the on-campus beverage establishments. The support group helped a lot by having people to study with and more. I also enjoyed how our motto is *Honor Super Omnia* and that we held ourselves to a higher standard of honor while also having great times.

How do you stay in touch with your KAP brothers today?

With getting older, it can be hard to stay in touch. There are friends from KAP I see regularly, and I am thankful for that. I lived with **Novi Singh '15**, former consul, after college for a couple years. It's not like the days of walking across the hallway to hang out. It takes coordination a lot of the times to hang out with people now. I use Facebook if anyone wants to friend me. Also am easy to reach on LinkedIn. Hopefully we will have a KAP alumni event in the near future.

When did you discover that you had a talent with numbers?

Numbers are better than reading haha. I always enjoyed managing my own finances growing up, but the fun ended during calculus 2. I respect engineers, but accounting came more naturally and it's great base language for a business career. As the Quaestor for one year, I got to manage the fraternity's finances and it was a good experience making financial decisions, although could be tough. **Zack Metsa '14** is my accounting bud from my time at KAP so taking classes with him helped make it a good time.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

My role is unique for my industry. While accounting takes a majority of my time, I got the opportunity to live in Germany for three months at another network firm. While there, a few alumni KAPs visited and we all went to the Oktoberfest in Munich! While Germany is a favorite country now, I have networked with companies in Thailand and Ireland too. The global perspective we have for a small-medium business is exciting to me. I also get time to be creative and am producing marketing and recruiting videos filmed in Hamburg Germany at a network Summit this summer.

How do you relax and rejuvenate?

I would rather travel and experience things. Although when relaxing, I like Netflix and YouTube, hanging out with friends living close by in Chicago, and listen to music. My Netflixing usually consists of documentaries and comedy shows. I spend a lot of time researching different countries and possible travels. Also, sleeping and taking time to be lazy.

How did videography become part of your routine?

I played saxophone growing up. Accounting did not seem like a creative career path at first so was

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From the Consul

Dear Alumni:

As the newly elected consul of the eta chapter, I am excited to get to work and give back to the fraternity house that has given so much to me. I am currently a junior in aerospace engineering as well as being employed at the nuclear radiation lab on campus.

We recently have finished up our initiation process with twelve new members. These members will undergo a period of new member education where they will follow steps to learn the history of the fraternity as well as grow together in becoming brothers through activities with



Our fall 2019 induction class (L-R): Nathan Zhao, Tyler Van Kley, Bartek Szumiec, Alexander Mata, Jack Banks, David Wolf, Kennedy Branch, Amrit Punia, Thoman Bae, Kaelan Davis, Ankiith Mareddy, Samarth Madduru.

their pledge class and activities incorporated with the active members. All these activities tie back to the importance of brotherhood and service through the fraternity.

Beyond initiation, we are coming off an award-winning semester in service where we hosted Pie-A-KAP for the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation and raised money for the kids at IlliniThon through their big dance event as well. Our philanthropy chair and his committee are now beginning to plan our annual Car Bash where we plan to have even more success this semester.

Fraternally,

Daniel Jacobson
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Chapter Spotlight:

Dan Caufield

EDITOR'S NOTE: Representing the chapter as Spotlight is Recruitment chair and Brotherhood chair, **Dan Caufield**. Dan is one of the most dedicated brothers at the house. He pledged his first semester on campus last fall, and his commitment to the chapter was recognized last spring when he was honored as New Member of the Year. From the hometown of Mount Greenwood, Illinois, Dan is a sophomore majoring in Interdisciplinary Health Science and is on track to graduate in 2022. In addition to his involvement with KAP, he is Executive Director of Corporate Relations for IlliniThon, and he works part-time at Brother's Bar and Grill.



Dan serves as the Executive Director of Corporate Relations for IlliniThon.

What do you enjoy most as a member of Eta?

The thing I most enjoy as a member of KAP is the bond I've built with all of the guys in the house. I stepped onto campus my freshman year knowing only three people prior to classes starting. Fast forward to the end of my

pledgeship and I had over 50 guys that I now could call my brothers. I also like how no matter how busy we get, we always find time to hang out with each other. Whether it be impromptu cookouts, much needed homework sessions in someone's room, or just random conversations with anywhere

events and making sure it worked with people's schedules easy. However, the ability to think on my feet and be spontaneous with events was definitely just as useful. I think the best way to connect with potential new members is by sharing stories and a good laugh. Recruitment is a stressful time, not just for the house, but for the potential new members as well. If you can make the house feel like they're at home, then your job is essentially done.

How would you like to apply your degree after graduation?

I'm currently on a pre-med track and after graduation I am aiming to attend medical school to study pediatric medicine. That's going to be a tall order to fill, but I couldn't imagine myself doing anything else. Presently, I'm focused on my work with IlliniThon and pursuing lab research at the university. I feel like those activities have given me a good sense that I am on the right track and where I want to

be. After a career in medicine, I would like to teach Chemistry; I'm not really sure at what school level yet, but I have plenty of time to figure that out.

Outside of school, what do you do for fun?

Outside of school I like to write non-fiction stories whenever I can find the time; writing has always been a hobby of mine and it's a great way to destress after a hard day of class. I'm also a big fan of food in-general, so whenever I get the chance, I love to try new foods or completely

brand new restaurants. It's a great way to get a change of pace from the norm. Other than those two, I really like just getting together with the guys and catching up with each other. Some of the funniest/best stories I've ever been told came up in random conversation, to make it simple, I just like talking.

As recruitment chair, which methods do you find the most effective?

As Recruitment Chair, I've found that the key to a good recruitment is preparation and the ability to adapt. Having a schedule set and ready months ahead of coming into the fall made planning big



Dan at IlliniThon 2019.



HOMECOMING UPSET!

KAP SEES BIGGEST ATTENDANCE IN YEARS.

Homecoming was a huge success this year. To start, it was a gorgeous fall day in Champaign. The kind we all remember with great fondness! Next up, the Fighting Illini brought their "A" game and won the biggest upset of the week defeating Wisconsin by 1 point with five seconds left on the clock! It's been a long time since everyone sat firmly in their seats to the end of the game!

Following the victory, a wide range of alumni returned to the house for a cook-out and camaraderie. At least 50 Brothers ranging from the 1960s to 2019 hung out well into the early evening.

The stage is set and the challenge is issued! Another success and a bigger turn-out next year!



Alumni revel in one of the most exciting Illini football games to date (breaking news the Michigan State comeback of late is as good or better)



A few brothers from the class of 2011 gathered for a reunion in Houston recently. Pictured left to right: Josh Bates, Jon Wardell, Heather and Scott Runyon, Caitlin and Brian Jarzen.

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You may wonder, how can you help? If you have a recruitment recommendation, please pass it on to the chapter Consul, **Danny Jacobson**, by email at: dej80599@gmail.com. Your recommendation could be a son, grandson, cousin, neighbor, or some other contact. We have a great chapter and they'll follow up to see if there is a good match.

Another way you can help is to recognize that whichever direction we go with recruitment consulting, it will require financial resources. We are deliberately being pro-active to bolster and strengthen the chapter. If you are inclined or able, your support of the annual fund will help offset the investment we are likely to make.

I look forward to my next update report in the spring newsletter. Stay tuned as this is an exciting and transitional year for Eta Chapter.

Fraternally,

Mike Kolberg '03
President
Eta Building Association of Kappa Delta Rho



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initially thinking art would be a hobby. After living in Germany and gaining more work experience, I realized there are a lot of aspects to the business. I have been leading a digital and social media initiative focused on the German-US market since the start of this year. Our first big idea to make a splash was film videos at the German-US summit to market and recruit. Be on the lookout on LinkedIn for videos from my channel! www.linkedin.com/in/scottanderson135

What was it like living in Germany?

Living in Germany was very different and awesome overall. I was in Munich where it felt like going back in time at first. Everything is three stories tall and looks fairytale like. Munich

is renowned for beer and German beer garden culture was good to experience. Germans are less party crazy and more responsible. Americans are friendlier right away a lot of the time while Germans took time to build relationships with. It was nice having a co-worker with me and it was easy to meet people through work. Hope to be in Germany more going forward.

Which achievements are you most proud of?

CPA, Successful Summit event in Germany this year, Colleague in Thailand currently stemming from my vacation there in April.

What advice can you give the actives and alumni about exploring other cultures?

One thing I liked about KΔP was that everyone had their own thing, and we enjoyed brotherhood as well. It felt like we had different cultures interacting including some international with people like Dragon! For anyone unsure on exploring other cultures, I would say it took my boss until near 55 to explore international cultures and now it's a focus. It can change your perspective and be rewarding. Other cultures allow access to a larger world experience and the world is getting smaller. Be open minded and have fun. You can always go back to comfort zone later on.



Mike, my colleague, and I at the Oktoberfest in Munich.

Philanthropy Update

By Matthew Urbas, Philanthropy Chair

Last spring, we celebrated Pie A KΔP and raised money for the B+ Foundation. Several brothers stepped up and took quite a few pies to the face- their friends and family enjoyed the afternoon! Many pie themed refreshments were available and made the day a great time. It was a blast planning for it, and we are looking forward to next spring to do it again! On October 26 we also had our annual Carbash event where we served chicken and waffles along with giving the participants the opportunity to take out their midterm stress on a junkyard car. We made over \$1000 for the B+ foundation and this event made for an awesome start to the Halloween season.

ETA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

At the Williams' Leadership Academy in August the Kappa Delta Rho Foundation awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships. Several Eta Chapter Brothers were recognized for their academic prowess and hard work.



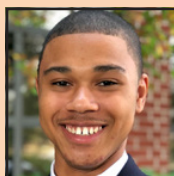
Gary Braznichenko '21: \$1,000 – The Commerford B. Martin Engineering Scholarship endowed by the widow of Commerford B. Martin, B '33. \$1,800 – The Thomas P. Burns Memorial Scholarship endowed by the chapter brothers and family of Tom Burns '81.



Jacob Kerkstra '22: \$1,250 – The Guy L. Davis Scholarship endowed by the Eta House Corporation to honor long time chapter advisor Guy L. Davis.



Daniel Caulfield '22: \$1,250 – The Dale Schaffnacker Scholarship endowed by the Eta House Corporation to Honor Dale Schaffnacker '78 long time house corporation President.



Anthony Crawley '22: \$1,250 – The William J. Paris Scholarship endowed by the Eta House Corporation to Honor Bill Paris '87 as past Executive Director of KΔP and the KΔP Foundation.



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