

# Alumni of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of **DELTA KAPPA EPSILON**



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## **Alumni Association/Chapter Update**

*Dan Johnson, Alumni Board Chairman (S'74)*

Dear Fellow DKE/DKS Brothers, Parents and Friends:

Once again we have been overwhelmed with nominations to join the VT-DKE Alumni Association Board of Directors that our "Nominating Committee" took weeks upon months to sift through all the nominations. Actually, we had some 'volunteers' and are proud to put forward the following slate of candidates offering to serve as your leadership team for the next two years.

- Daniel Johnson '77 - Director and Chairman/President
- Jeff Rose '12 - Director, Vice President and Secretary
- Wesley Johnson '12 - Director and Treasurer
- Evan Miller '15 - Director and Member-at-Large
- Tom Wilkinson '81 - Director and Member-at-Large
- Mark Lenzi '15 - Director and Member-at-Large (alternate)

As you can see the list, while familiar to years past, has **Tom Wilkinson** W'80, who obviously will bring some sort of military discipline and order to the group (good luck with that); **Evan Miller** S'12 and **Mark Lenzi** S'12, who combined will be tasked look after the Sigma Alpha Properties LLC housing corporation operations. We continue to have trusted advisors **Charlie Munn** F'74 and a host of others to provide wisdom and counsel to the group. As well, the active chapter President, currently **Jack Langford** S'17, fills the remaining position on the Executive Board. In addition to the Executive Board, we have additional adjunct board members (all reappointed for failing to send in certified letters announcing their resignations, which we surely would have laughed at and thrown in trash regardless). You can vote for anyone/everyone by submitting the enclosed ballot card. We really don't care if you meddle, interfere, influence or outright rig our election in any form or manner. We have a very different definition as it relates to the political party system. In fact, our motto is to leave the 'political' and the 'system' out of it and just have a party. But you still have to do your civic duty and vote. No voter suppression tactics here.

We also have included on the ballot the following brothers: **Jack Hutcheson** F'69 - Adjunct Director and Forever the 'DKE Faculty Advisor'; **Theta Bowden** F'70 and **Charlie Webb** S'85- DKE Tailgate Club Directors; **Charlie Munn** F'74 - Adjunct Director - Pan-American issues; **Will Adams** F'12 - Adjunct Director OBX lifestyle issues; **Sam Rose** S'08 - Adjunct Director; and ..... anyone else who gets written in for any position that we make up! Doesn't take much to join the board group, (just show up). Besides it sure looks good on resumes, or to expand your community service bona fides with volunteer status for "director of fledging non-profit organizations".

We got the 70's Dekes mini-reunion and if you were in Dekes (or otherwise visited the DKE House) at any time during the 1970's you are invited; and need to show up. We got a great weekend planned for the July 19-21 in Blacksburg. Visit [vtdke.com](http://vtdke.com) to see details or better yet contact John Burgess at [burgessja@aol.com](mailto:burgessja@aol.com) to get the latest info and register.

Prior to that reunion, we have our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Habitat for Inhumanity the June 28-30 weekend to undertake maintenance and upgrades to keep the DKE House alive to hopefully survive yet another year of DKE ownership. We have owned the property for 50+ years and it shows. Last year we had over 15 alumni and brothers participate and by last count all survived. We have an ambitious list of projects this year, and can use everyone/anyone's help.



We already have commitments from 10 alumni to show up; and food and drink is provided throughout to make the work products look a lot nicer than it is.

Check out this philanthropy! Dekes supported *en masse* (that is French for a 'whole bunch of us') the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual VT Giving Day with an incredulous 90 alumni and active brothers donating during the 24-hour VT Giving Day period that also earmarked their donations to DKE. As part of this year's program the VT-DKE Alumni Association (that's us) matched the active brother donations with a \$1500 grant donation from our DKE Rampant Lion Foundation - Sigma Alpha Fund as part of Philanthropy support. The donation was made in the name of (DKE scholarship tier donor) Brother **Peyton Winfree** F'85. Now the once again renamed VT-DKE Winfree Philanthropy Grant, which we now plan to do each year going forward in support of the VT Giving Day. Now of course in supporting VT; you can actually also support your DKE fraternity; as in any gift to VT can be earmarked to DKE and put to good use! So far this year we have over 125 individual donors giving over \$18,000 in cash and in-kind services to the 2019 VT-DKE Annual Giving Fund. We also have recognition gifts for any donation over \$50 made. Haven't received one yet? If not, there is simple reason why. Support your fraternity (and your university) by contributing today. As usual we have made this super convenient for everyone by combining the election ballot and contribution card into one. Talk about 'pay for play' we've even included a free return envelope!! However to prevent the chronic issues of ballot-stuffing; we have decided against establishing a DKE online voting system (yep just too plain lazy to do it). But yet...we do have on line donating; for those of you that have heard of the internet can always go to [vtdke.com](http://vtdke.com) and use the convenient DONATE link provided. Yep we think of everything!

Instead of our Page 3 Column this time around we have included a list of DKE brothers that we are looking for current contact information. These gentlemen, scholars, and jolly good fellows have been missing out; on the award winning DKE Newsletters and other massive benefits provided by our alumni association. If you know of the contact information of any of the brothers listed on Page 3 this is the same as having their proxy to vote in the DKE board election. (*ref. Section 153.2(d) of DKE Election Code*). Likewise, if you are not receiving the DKE email Newsblasts that likely means we don't have your current email address. Newsblasts are used primarily/exclusively for alerting folks to the DKE Tailgates and other social events.

Looking forward to seeing the 70's guys this summer and don't forget the DKE Tailgates before every football game this Fall.

FFTHF, Dan Johnson '77

## Active Chapter Report -

*Jack Langford S'17 Chapter President*

Brothers,

With the end of the Spring '19 semester we initiated nine new brothers. The Spring '19 pledge class members are **Aaron Gautreau, Ajay Nischal, Caleb Babin, David Alexander, Ian Gruver, John Hoffman, Kyle Carskadden, Mason Ning, and Matt Szpakowski**. This semester we also had nine seniors graduate, so our chapter membership level remains at 70. This Fall we are striving to grow the chapter by 15-20 new members. We are always looking for prospects to join DKE. If you know of a current or future student of Virginia Tech that would be interested in joining the best fraternity in Blacksburg, please contact our rush chairs, **Sean McMahon** ([sean.mcmahon224@gmail.com](mailto:sean.mcmahon224@gmail.com)) and **Alex Coley** ([alex9coley@gmail.com](mailto:alex9coley@gmail.com)), or add a note to the enclosed card.

On April 13th, we hosted our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Parents/Alumni/Brothers Open House at the DKE House coinciding with Parent's weekend and the VT football Spring Game. A great turnout with over 30 parents attending and us showcasing the DKE House. If you are in town for any reason or at any time remember the DKE House doors are always open for a visit. Drop by any time and say hello.

FFTHF, Jack Langford - Brother Beta



## Page 3 – Help us locate these Brothers

We need your help. Although we regularly try to keep our contact list updated, people move, change phone and email numbers and the like. Over the years, and even from the start of our list, we end up losing regular contact. We would like to ask our best resources (you all) to help us find updated contact information for the following Brothers (including the estimated year they joined DKE). If you know the whereabouts, or have any contact information please pass it on to us. You can add a note and mail to us, along with your ballot; email us at [sigmaalphadekes@gmail.com](mailto:sigmaalphadekes@gmail.com); or better yet, give your lost brother a call and make sure he is still alive and kicking and tell him to notify us himself!

### Help us locate these DKE Brothers

2016 Zach Kostar	2015 Tyler Reznar	2015 Abdul Faizan	2013 Jose Lacyo	2012 David Pham
2012 Cole Samuels	2012 Luke Stanish	2012 Jeff Chamblis	2012 Tae Choi	2012 Corey McCutcheon
2012 Luther Daigle	2011 Alpin Kavechi	2011 Ryan Teti	2011 Corey Caulfield	2011 Sebastian Moorefield
2010 Scott Biegert	2010 Elias Saljuki	2010 Geoff White	2009 Matt Jones	2008 Jeremy Clawson
2008 Alex Maier	2008 Chris Barrett	2008 Cam Percia	2008 Jake Rutstein	2008 Jason Spooner
2008 Trey Wood	2007 Mike Simenauer	2005 Sam Dibert	2005 Adam Lisa	2005 Daniel Stewart
2004 Zachary Davis	2003 Brian Hoffman	2003 Rachit Bhandary	2003 Jose Lacayo	2002 Bryce Chapman
2002 Mike Renard	2001 Matt Bartolac	2001 James Bernard	2001 Ryan Russell	2000 Greg Levine
2000 Brian Pott	1998 Nick Scarnati	1998 Trent Tolley	1997 Jon Guillet	1997 Trevor Donahue
1997 Brian Williams	1996 Eric Fielder	1996 George Gatlin	1996 Matt Lewis	1996 William Reynolds
1995 Brian Crowe	1994 Berkley Newton	1994 Mick Jensen	1993 Nick Gauthier	1993 Thomas Kazanecki
1993 James Joines	1993 Mark Grek	1992 William King	1992 Ansar Rahel	1991 Edward Lull
1989 Tim Hellenwell	1987 Jeff Stakes	1987 David Castle	1986 Alan Watkins	1986 Gregory Coffey
1983 Delmar Carson	1983 Tim Donnelly	1983 Lindsey Hardy	1980 Chris Williams	1980 Stephen Vandergraff
1980 David Cooper	1980 Michael Barber	1979 Tracy Thomas	1978 Herbert Pfaff	1977 Matt Byrne
1975 Jeff Spigel	1974 Bob Richeson	1974 Eddie Irby	1974 Richard Widner	1973 Robert Pincus
1972 James Dorman	1972 John Loesch	1971 Doug Upchurch	1967 William Grigg	1967 Bill Pleasants
1967 Steve Barnette	1967 Mike Dreelin	1967 Robert Sabatini	1965 Marvin Beck	1965 Marvin Rigney
1964 Richard Ewers	1964 Garland Swartz	1963 Burt Rogers	1960 Tony Solomon	

As part of our record keeping, we are interested in building and verifying our “master roster” of all Dekes. We have the list of names in descending order by pledge class on the [vtdke.com](http://vtdke.com) website under the alumni tab. If you have saved your old pledge book, or otherwise think you can still remember who all your pledge brothers are; please check out the list for accuracy.....and use it to chase down your old fraternity brother.

We have tried to highlight the individual pledge classes where we have verification of the sublists; but ..... believe it or not, we got folks who ‘verify’ the same pledge class differently! Any updated information is appreciated, including your own updated email and phone numbers. Our email list is even more suspect. We promise to use it sparingly (DKE Newsblasts for alumni events and DKE Tailgate reminders).

In summary we do need your help. Take a look at the list and invest a stamp and send us what you can. And if for some reason you are on abovementioned list, and somehow still got this newsletter, then obviously you have cracked the code and are living in a parallel universe!



# Alumni Treasury Report -

Wesley Johnson F'08

The 2019 VT-DKE Annual Giving Fund is moving along with our highest yearly participation level (number of donors) at this stage in the year. 125 individuals have contributed over \$18K to this year's fund as of June 1, 2019. Our Alumni Assn operating account has \$18k balance excluding a short term loan to the chapter of \$6.7k to settle a DKE International debt. The SAP Housing account has \$17k and we are still looking to finalize rental agreements to fill the DKE House for next academic year. Our RLF account holds \$168k of AAA-rated DKE promissory notes and currently has about \$8k in cash which is used to support scholarships to the DKE chapter members. Our goals for 2019/20 are: support the DKE chapter; support capital and maintenance projects at the DKE House; sponsor VT-DKE alumni activities - tailgates; and to have sufficient contingency funds to either fund major capital upgrades to DKE House basement/bar or partially pay down debts.

Please show your support with a donation to the 2019 VT-DKE Annual Giving Fund and get recognized from VT also. Thanks!

FFTHF, Wesley Johnson

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