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The Chapter Board of Advisors is made up of Alumni who volunteer their time to oversee the Chapters most critical decisions, finances, and operations. Thank You Board of Advisors members!

INCOMING

Colin Calhoun #365

Greetings Fraters,

t is with great humility that I accept the role of Alumni Association Prytanis. I would like to give special thanks to Frater Josh Terrell for the great work he has done over his term and I look forward to working with Josh



as Histor and Liaison to KSC as he continues to support Lambda Sigma TKE.

I would like to speak to all of you about what we do. Sure we throw a great reunion every year, but what happens the other 364 days is really where our efforts are made. Our main purpose is to support the current LS TEKES and we can only succeed with alumni involvement. Our Alumni Board of Advisors is a direct conduit to the chapter. Headed by Christian Pedersen, this board has events and board members also visit the chapter often, sitting in on meetings and offering support. I would like to thank all the BOA members for all the efforts they make. These Fraters sacrifice their time and money to be there for the current LS TEKES and the bond between us grows stronger with their every effort. The BOA has also launched the Arete (Mentor) program. I have played a large role in the launch of this program and I can tell you that to a man, the experience has been well received from both alumni and student. Our goal is to pair every LS TEKE with alum and we need your participation, so please volunteer, I promise you won't regret it. Through these efforts we can organically grow a stronger Alumni Association as the graduates join our Alumni Association, they will be more inclined to participate in an organization that gave to them.

OUTGOING

Josh "Tex" Terrell #325



Serving the Alumni of Lambda Sigma TKE over the past 6 years as Prytanis has been an uplifting experience for me. We've come a long way. Starting from absolutely the bottom with only 35 Alumni we have grown substantially in both numbers and

programming for the undergraduate chapter. I can honestly say that in the beginning I had no idea we would be where we are today. The immense amount of work put in by our original officers and continued by every Frater that has provided assistance or held office along the way has been astounding and very gratifying to see. Having raised over \$33,000 along the way with most of that going to scholarship is beyond anything I ever thought possible. The donors have been many and we continue to see new first time donors every year. This is extremely important as our new Prytanis, Colin Calhoun will seek to improve upon the work that has already been accomplished and will continue to expand our support to the Chapter.

As many of you have seen, Greek Life around the country is under constant scrutiny in the media and is under assault on many campuses. As Alumni of Lambda Sigma TKE we must continue to innovate how we support our chapter in order for TKE at Keene State to survive and flourish. At this point no other Fraternity at Keene State enjoys even a fraction of the support provided by you to our chapter. Recently, Keene State Greek Life suffered large losses when both Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority (Formerly Tau Phi Xi) and Phi Mu Delta Fraternity closed down. I would like to believe that this couldn't happen to Lambda Sigma TKE, but that would be



TKE FOR LIFE

A Choice, Not a Concept

- ARETE -

Pronounced [Ahr-i-tey]: The act of living up to one's full potential – Excellence on all levels, the aggregate of all qualities making up good Character.

In an effort to better support the Chapter and Keene State College, our Board of Advisors has launched a Mentoring Program that will pair new members of the Chapter with Alumni according to course of Study, intended career path, common hobbies and geographic area. This is another first for any Greek organization at Keene State College. Through this program we will seek to create better members of the Fraternity and KSC community by encouraging a focus on academics, fostering leaders at both the Chapter and College level, and by building new cross generational bonds of brotherhood that only members of the best run Fraternities, our Fraternity, get to experience.

The response from TKE Alumni has been great, better than I ever imagined actually. Guys have called me out of the blue to find out more about the program and to ask how they can get involved. They really see the value it brings to the students, KSC, TKE and themselves.



Alumni Frater Jon Neschis #326 and Current Undergraduate Frater Sky Baker at Jigsaw Media World Headquarters



Frater Colin Calhoun #365 spearheaded this project and has been actively involved from concept to implementation of *Arete*. His idea stemmed from his own experience with the Chapter and ultimately the Alumni Association where he has fully embraced the "TKE For Life" choice. He believes that only through active Alumni engagement with Chapter members does one fully gain what TKE has to offer and that assisting the undergraduates is something that everyone benefits from. Colin joined the Lambda Sigma Chapter of TKE in the spring of 1987 and has bought in big time to what our Alumni Association is trying to do, and to what TKE is all about... Helping Create Better Men for a Better World through Alumni involvement with the Chapter and other Alumni. His willingness to step forward to support the chapter is a great example of how giving back can be a gratifying experience for all involved. In the past he has prepared food to send to Keene for the Senior Cookout (April 24th 2016), been an annual donor and regular attendee at our annual reunion event (April 23rd 2016), rallied other alumni to give back to the Chapter, happily included recent graduates from the chapter into his professional and social circles, and will as of April 23rd 2016 becomes the Prytanis of the TKE Lambda Sigma Alumni Association.

Frater Chris Pedersen #302 has also been instrumental in creating the atmosphere within the Chapter required to see a program like this take hold. His ability to connect with the students in Keene while establishing a 'show me don't tell me ethos' among Fraternity members has served him and the chapter well. He believes with the rollout of *Arete* that the Chapter will see personal growth among its members which should translate to a better run chapter and a bright future. He also points out that the Alumni Association should see benefits as more alumni return to serve the Chapter and act as a resource for it's members.

For the past 3 years Chris has served as our Board of Advisors Chairman and has assembled a committed group that includes Fraters Pete Weiss, Ben Dovidio, Mike Flynn, Jake Sharkey, and Kevin Dwyer.

Alumni Fraters Mike Haller, Jon Neschis, Glenn Turgeon, Teddy Bell and Brad Agostino have been accepted into the *Arete* Program as mentors and have started working with the Chapter Members... Thank You Fraters for stepping forward and choosing TKE For Life!

For more information on *Arete* or other ways you can support the Lambda Sigma TKE Alumni Association and Chapter please visit www.lstke.com If you have specific questions about any of our programs or to pass along ideas, comments or concerns please send an email to admin@lstke.com You will receive a timely response.

BOA Chairman Chris Pedersen and BOA Advisor Pete Weiss



"TKE Lambda Sigma shouldn't just live in that little corner of your brain reserved for a distant past but rather should be a part of your present"

Chris Pedersen #302

FUTURE ALUMNI: Nick Swain #683

Home Town: Bay Shore NY

Joined Lambda Sigma TKE: Spring 2013

Offices Held: Grammateus, Epi-Hegemon, Pylortes, Rush Chair, Social Chair

Major: Occupational Health and Safety

Graduation Date: May 7th

Career: Seeking employment in Occupational Health and Safety. Looking to make professional connections with other TKEs.

Favorite thing about being a Lambda Sigma TKE: "Always having your best friends by your side. The Brotherhood."

Future Involvement: Nick plans on being an active member of the TKE Lambda Sigma Alumni Association and understands the importance of being able to return to KSC and know that the Cherry and Grey will always be there.



CALHOUN continued

There is also a business side to what we do and that is where the Alumni Association Board comes in. This is the grueling, boring legal and tax work that makes you wish you were in a dentist chair. But we have Fraters who sacrifice their time and money to be a part of this equally important role and I want to thank them all as well.

What has been especially encouraging is the influx of new alumni to these two branches of the Alumni Association government and *Arete* program. None of this would have happened without your support and the tireless effort of our outgoing Prytanis, the other officers, volunteer participants and your donations. We cannot rest on our past accomplishments though. The challenges of running a successful Greek organization on any college campus are greater today than they have ever been. With social media, political correctness and bureaucratic requirements, our role to support LS TKE is needed now more than ever.

Over the next couple of years I will call on all of you to carry your brick and I am confident that we can do great things to support LS TKE and strengthen our bond. TKE has given me the most meaningful relationships in my life. I am best friends with a Frater who is 23 years younger than me. I would not have met Frater Clemmenson had it not been for LS TKE. There are over 20 other Fraters that I consider my closest of friends and I did not attend KSC with any of these men. On top of that are the Fraters who are my contemporaries. There is not a thing in the world that we would not do for each other. None of these relationships would be possible had it not been for TKE. The bond is stronger than ever for me and I have you all to thank for that.

Yours in the Bond, Colin Calhoun #365

TERRELL continued

a huge mistake. It could happen in a minute if a single student makes a poor decision or as a group the Fraternity falls into disarray due to poor management. Operating a Fraternity in this day and age is completely different than it was even 10 years ago let alone when most of us were at Keene State. The requirements by Colleges and Universities everywhere can be overwhelming for student Fraternity leaders not to mention the requirements set forth by TKE Headquarters. This is why our support is so crucial. Providing the proper oversight, mentorship, and scholarship opportunities to Chapter members allows students to see a bigger picture and helps them to understand the reasons why protecting our chapter is so important to all of us. A well funded Board of Advisors helps manage the chapter and provides the undergraduate leaders with the proper guidance in making crucial decisions. Scholarships are a great incentive and the newly launched mentorship program will help create better chapter members and future alumni. Completing the cycle from Non Greek Student to Lambda Sigma Chapter member to productive Alumni is vital to our future. Our programs make that cycle possible.

The decision to step down as Prytanis of our Alumni Association was a difficult one for me. Who would step up to take the lead? Will all the work we have done fall by the way side? Will the chapter fail like so many others if we aren't providing the support needed? All questions I asked myself in the past months. I decided to trust this Alumni brotherhood because if there is one thing I don't question about Lambda Sigma TKE it's our ability to adapt and overcome. One of the things I've learned in the past 8 years is that we have great people in this fraternity and I know that some of those great people will emerge as leaders, donors, mentors and most importantly supporters of TKE. It's been an honor to serve the Fraternity, something I'll never forget.

I Love TKE, YITB Josh Terrell #325





The purpose of this Association shall be to serve the Alumni of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Lambda Sigma Chapter of Keene State College, to perpetuate the ideals, friendships, and Brotherhood formed there, by providing opportunities to establish beneficial relations and communications between current and future alumni. To preserve, care take, and promote the history, lore, traditions, artifacts, and institutional memory of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Lambda Sigma Chapter, at Keene State College, and to continue our good work in the areas of charitable donations and scholarship funding to the undergraduate chapter.

THANK YOU 2015 ALUMNI DONORS!

Mark Bettencourt #271, Marty Flanagan #277, Steve Belluardo #282, Paul Power #294, Eric Germain #301, Christian Pedersen #302, Pete Smilikis #310, Charles Prive #311, Charles Oldham #312, Lewis Morrison #313, Dean Naphegyi #314, John Fischer #320, Josh Terrell #325, Jon Neschis #326, Shannon Mulvey #329, Pete Weiss #331, TJ Murphy # 333, Brian Duplessis #336, Keith Malatesta #342, Jim Dolan #348, Matt Brisson #351, Colin Calhoun #365, Mark Chilicki #370, Matt Jenkins #377, Mike Girard #378, David Farrington #383, Glenn Turgeon #395, Mike Barrington #405, Matt Gorby #406, Chris Lucier #409, Sean Ashburner #421, Eric Kreuger #427, Matt Cabana #430, Matt Biggins #434, Ernest Auperlee #436, Joe Gibilisco #442 Robert Koniuto #444, Mike Haller #449, Gerald Taylor #469, Mark Lussier #473, Scott Bergeron #493, Bryan Towne #496, Cassidy Furbush #511, James Vachon #521, Andrew Knapp #553, Ryan Chatel #616, Eric McCooey #617, Drew Arvin # 619, Donald Clemmenson #621, Matt Harrington #629, Sean Powers #631, Nicky Brown # 632, Kenneth Sikes #646, Brad Agostino #647, Teddy Bell #650, Mike Flynn #654, Seth Babel #658, Jake Sharkey #662, DJ Hardisty #663, Andrew Corey # 664, Doug Piroso, #665, Henry Bendel #667, Robert Close #668, Sean Crater #669, Steve Mignano #671, Jonathan Morrison #672, & Shawn Babine

- DONOR STATS FOR 2015 -

67 - Most Donors Ever | 24 - First Time Donors | \$7736.00 Raised

ALUMNI CRYSOPHYLOS REPORT

Sean Powers #631

Current Balance General Account:

2015 Alumni Donor Revenue:

57,736.00

White/ Lessard Scholarship Balance:

Ryan Chatel Scholarship Balance:

\$8,700.00

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All Scholarship Funds are held and managed by the **TKE Educational Foundation**.

The TKE Lambda Sigma Alumni Association works to provide support to the TKE Lambda Sigma Chapter at Keene State College. The Scholarship Program, Mentorship Program, and Board of Advisors Program are vital to the future of the TKE Chapter. Alumni Donations fund these programs as well as help us maintain the website, find lost fraters, and produce the Newsletter. Please Help us support the Chapter with a donation by visiting www.lstke.com

