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BROTHERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Jack LaFave '23 Greensboro, North Carolina

In his 4th year as a brother, Jack is finishing his Political Science and History majors while completing his PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) minor. In his time here at UNC, Jack has served on the UNC Honor System, been Chief of Staff of the UNC System Association of Student Governments, been a member of the Pi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, and served as our Vice Archon Internal in 2021. Some of his interests include traveling, watching soccer, and playing golf. Planning on attending law school next year, the senior might find himself back in Chapel Hill after being accepted into UNC's Law School. Additionally, his girlfriend, Camille Honeycutt, was voted as this year's Rose Queen. It has been an honor to have him as a brother, and we will surely miss him next year.



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Noah Shepanek '24 Portland, Oregon

Majoring in Exercise & Sports Science and Biology with a minor in Chemistry, Noah is one of our chapter's multiple varsity athletes, being a captain for the Men's Fencing team. He qualified for the NCAA championship along with being named an Iron Ram in 2021. If you can't find him fencing or in the classroom, you might find him exercising, playing video games, or just hanging out with the brothers. We are proud to have him represent Pi Kappa Phi.



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Mark Finamore '25

Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

One of the chapter's several Morehead Cain Scholars, Mark is majoring in Business with a minor in Food Studies. He was recently selected to take part in the prestigious GLOBE program and is a member of the Carolina Union Activities Board, Asian American Center Executive Team, and is the Publicity Director & Spring Tour Manager for the Clefhangers, UNC's oldest and most prestigious a cappella group. Along with singing, Mark enjoys travel, music, photography, and intramural sports. We look forward to watching him excel in years to come.



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Gavin Zhu '26

Cornelius, North Carolina

A recipient of the Bodford Scholarship, Gavin is majoring in Business and Computer Science with a minor in journalism. The freshman is involved in Impact Investing Club, Rock Climbing Club, Asian Americans in Business, and Scholars of Finance. Besides being the valedictorian of his high school, he also has been awarded the Edmundson Leadership Award and President's Volunteer Service Award. When not focused on school, Gavin spends time focusing on music, photography, technology, and working on startups. We are thrilled to have him join the brotherhood this year.



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QUICK BRIEFS

- Congrats to Brother Luke Mostert for graduating this winter.
- We'd like to welcome back Brothers Teddy Popkin, Justin Holly, and Nick Zullo from their semester abroad.
- We wish Brother Josh Remeis the best of luck in his studies abroad for this current semester.
- We have recently added a brand new sports court in our backyard for basketball.
- There is a brand-new TV in the TV room.
- The HVAC system has been cleaned out, and new floor vents were installed.
- This semester we are looking to conduct Pie-a-PiKapp, and a Bikeathon and Joy Prom for Philanthropy.



Executive Council members at Pi Kapp College

New Brothers

Congratulation to the 18 newest brothers of our chapter who were initiated last fall!

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| Tanner Allison <i>Mooreville, NC</i> | Beckham Nora <i>Los Angeles, CA</i> |
| Ryan Andresen <i>Winston-Salem, NC</i> | Joshua Phelps <i>Raleigh, NC</i> |
| Jacob Blanton <i>Fayetteville, NC</i> | Carson Rein <i>Toronto, Canada</i> |
| Andrew Davis <i>Boca Raton, FL</i> | Jack Shohfi <i>Chapel Hill, NC</i> |
| Davis Dickinson <i>Palm Beach, FL</i> | Neo Smith <i>Gastonia, NC</i> |
| Thomas Garofolo <i>Cary, NC</i> | John Stabolitis <i>Winston-Salem, NC</i> |
| Alejandro Herrera <i>Miami, FL</i> | Stephen Versace <i>San Francisco, CA</i> |
| Luke Hutchinson <i>Durham, NC</i> | Peyton Wilkins <i>Goldsboro, NC</i> |
| Alex Jones <i>Raleigh, NC</i> | Gavin Zhu <i>Cornelius, NC</i> |



Kappa Chapter's newest pledge class

Kappa Council Annual Meeting

On January 21, 2023, the Kappa Council held its annual meeting with the Kappa Chapter. The meeting started with former Archon Tyler Beckner discussing many of the chapter's achievements in the prior year. One of these, not already mentioned in the newsletter, was that our chapter has more Ability Experience participants last summer than any other individual chapter.

Next the former Treasurer, Shane Purner, and current Treasurer, Alex Jones, gave a financial report of the chapter. Some of the key points from this report include that all rent will now be paid upfront at the start of the semester, the chapter's shift to "LegFi" as their financial software, and the development of a brand-new Reserve Account (Rainy Day Fund) being built into the budget.

Following the fiscal report, new Archon Cole Bright spoke about his goals for the upcoming year along with his new Bright Bucks system to encourage chapter involvement.

Next up came updates directly from Kappa Council. New bylaws were approved to update the previously 60-year-old bylaws, with a major change being that all alumni are granted a lifelong Kappa Council membership. For alumni requesting the complete written bylaws, please email us.

Kappa Council Treasurer Steve Shaw provided his fiscal report, with the key point being that the mortgage of the Chapter House is on pace to be paid off within 2 years.

After the report, Kappa Council Communications Director Mike Collins and Chapter Historian Andrew Davis provided a joint report on website updates, and further plans to improve alumni-chapter communication.

The meeting concluded with the announcement of Trey Bright, Tom Stevens, Steven Stephenson, and Harrison Locklear as four new Kappa Council Directors along with special recognition being provided to chapter legacies and Kappa Council Directors Mike Collins, Steve Shaw, and Marty Lindsey for their years of service.



PKP Alumni (left to right): Myers Suggs, Ed Pulliam, John Biggers, Kevin Heath, Steve Auerbach, Bob Brinton, Marty Lindsey, Mike Collins, Trey Bright, Sam Bright, Stuart Hicks, Steve Shaw, Tom Stevens, Paul Zuerner

Jeff Michael '87

Jeff Michael is Deputy Secretary for Natural Resources in the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. He manages the North Carolina



Zoo, Division of State Parks and Recreation, N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, North Carolina Aquariums, and Division of Land and Water Stewardship.

Originally from Albemarle, Jeff's career focus has been sustainability work; helping communities, counties, and the state find ways to maintain and preserve resources.

Jeff lives in Davidson with his wife, Autumn, and children; Boone, a high school senior; Della Scott, a high school sophomore; Mary Kirk, a high school freshman; and Sarah Frances, a 6th-grader.

He said, "I joined a fraternity because I saw it as part of the college experience." Why Pi Kapp? "I knew Tim Ogburn from Governor's School and Doug Connell was from Albemarle. The thing about Pi Kapp was that it felt like home. It was different from other fraternities. Not trashy, we were comfortable lying on the carpet in the parlor. Miss Grace was great! When you are away from home and exploring a new side of yourself, you should explore new things, but have some stability. There was a sense of belonging."

What did you learn? "The fraternity was a laboratory for life. I was Archon my senior year and we handled budget, finances, payroll, and it was a bunch of 19-20-21 year-olds being able to do that. We were able to learn and use skills we've now used all our lives."

Marty Lindsey '84

Marty Lindsey has owned a State Farm Insurance agency in Durham for over 30 years.



A board member of Kappa Council, Marty was born and raised in Durham. He and his wife, AraLu, live on Battle Lane in Chapel Hill in the historic Graham House, considered part of the University's campus. The house was built in 1908 for Edward Kidder Graham, a UNC alumnus who taught the University's first journalism course and was UNC President from 1914 to 1918 when he died of the flu.

Marty has been an outstanding resource for Kappa Council. His proximity to the fraternity house at 216 East Rosemary has allowed him to keep watch over the house and serve as a valued advisor. He said, "When we decided to have a house on campus I decided to get back involved with Kappa Council and the chapter.

"I was the only freshman pledge in '80," Marty said, "And I lived in the house throughout my Carolina years. So, when I graduated, I only knew Pi Kapps. Even today, many of my best friends are Pi Kapps."

Marty and AraLu were introduced by Steve Shaw, '82, then Lindsey's roommate, and his wife, Renee, when all four were undergraduates. The Lindseys have two sons; Will, '14; and Sam, '16. Both sons were Phi Deltas.

What did you learn? "My experience in the fraternity taught me that there are a lot of different kinds of people in the world," he said. "I worked in the kitchen for Grace for two years and she had a number of assistants. So, between

my roommates, fraternity brothers, and work experience I had to learn to work and live with all those different kinds of people. It has been invaluable."

Steve Shaw '82

Steve Shaw has been Treasurer of Kappa Council since 2014.



Originally from High Point, Steve has been at UNC's General Alumni Association since 2001, where he currently serves as Vice President and CFO.

Carolina Blue and Pi Kapp runs deep in Steve's family. His wife, Renee, was Rose Queen in fall '82, the same semester he was Archon. His twin children Austin and Amanda graduated from UNC in 2013, and Austin is a legacy Pi Kapp.

Why join a fraternity? "Pi Kapp is only place I rushed," Steve said. "I really felt comfortable. Honestly, I didn't know what I wanted, but I do know the experience exceeded my expectations. One of the most wonderful things was Miss Grace. She was so special and a common thread for so many of us. She was my mother away from home."

What did he learn in the fraternity? He said, "Leadership; I could learn by observing others in terms of what to do and what not to do."

Steve noted that getting involved in Kappa Council brought another important lesson back to him. He added, "It has reminded me of the lifetime connections we have. My fraternity relationships definitely played a role in my career and job opportunities."

3 Ways for Alumni to Stay Involved

Here are several ways our chapter has expanded our reach in the past few months to help keep alumni and parents involved.

Website

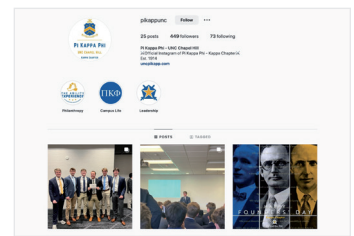
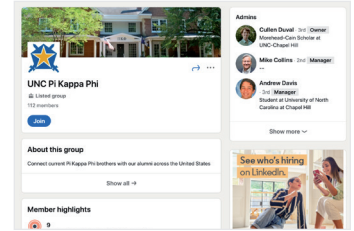
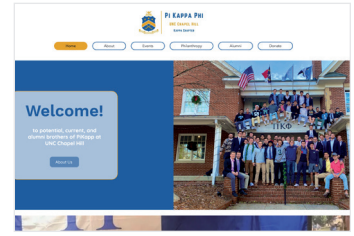
We have been constantly updating and perfecting our website to accurately share the state of our chapter. Now available on the site is a philanthropy page which shows philanthropy events our chapter is involved in, a bios page for the new Executive Council, and so much more. Additionally, we will continue to update the events tab to inform you of future alumni events. Visit the website at uncpikapp.com.

LinkedIn

Our chapter's LinkedIn group helps connect alumni to current brothers. Members can post about available jobs, internships, or other items of interest to help the entire brotherhood past and current with their career endeavors. To join the group, please visit the alumni tab at uncpikapp.com or click: www.linkedin.com/groups/12549492/.

Instagram

Our Instagram page gives you consistent updates on our chapter from new initiates to philanthropy events, and more. Follow [@pikappunc](https://www.instagram.com/pikappunc) or click: www.instagram.com/pikappunc/?next=%2F.



2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

April 15	3:00 PM	Spring Game	Kenan Stadium
Sept 2	TIME TBD	South Carolina Gamecocks	Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte
Sept 9	TIME TBD	Appalachian State Mountaineers	Kenan Stadium
Sept 16	TIME TBD	Minnesota Gophers	Kenan Stadium
Sept 23	TIME TBD	Pitt Panthers	Acrisure Stadium, Pittsburgh
Sept 30		Open Date	
Oct 7	TIME TBD	Syracuse Orange	Kenan Stadium
Oct 14	TIME TBD	Miami (FL)	Kenan Stadium
Oct 21	TIME TBD	Virginia Cavaliers	Kenan Stadium
Oct 28	TIME TBD	Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets	Bobby Dodd Stadium, Atlanta
Nov 4	TIME TBD	Campbell Camels	Kenan Stadium
Nov 11	TIME TBD	Duke Blue Devils	Kenan Stadium
Nov 18	TIME TBD	Clemson Tigers	Memorial Stadium, Clemson
Nov 25	TIME TBD	NC State Wolfpack	Carter-Finley Stadium, Raleigh
Dec 2	TIME TBD	ACC Championship	Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte

KAPPA COUNCIL REPORT

Stuart Hicks '78

President, Kappa Council

Fellow Pi Kapps,

As the new President of Kappa Council, I appreciate the opportunity to provide an update for you, as we had a busy Fall semester!

Kappa Chapter attained the #1 ranking among all Pi Kappa Phi chapters in the country last year with a 3.5 average GPA, and we have now learned our average increased during the fall semester! We remain second on campus among fraternities behind Chi Psi.

The recent spring rush was wonderfully successful with 16 associates accepting bids. This brings our total brotherhood size to 100, one of the campus' largest, and the first time in quite a while that we've attained that level.

Elsewhere in *216*, you will see details about a terrific group of accomplished individual students.

However, we also experienced three stumbles in Fall '22:

- First, an alcohol incident attracted unwanted local television coverage, and was later reviewed through the university standards apparatus and dismissed.
- Second, reports of Member Education infractions rocked the chapter and brought a temporary suspension by the National Fraternity (later withdrawn). A recent UNC Honors Court hearing resulted in a two semester social probation.
- Third, the overhang of uncertainty created by the first two missteps led many individual students to fall significantly behind in paying their bills. Thanks to an aggressive and successful 10-week effort to hold one another accountable and collect monies due, continued financial weakness has been contained. Serious discussions have been held among the undergraduates and between the Chapter and Kappa Council about each of these 3 missteps, and agreement reached that lessons must be learned and course corrections made.

Meanwhile, our team of existing Board Directors (Marty Lindsey '84, Steve Shaw '82, and Mike Collins '74) have been quite supportive to transition me as the new President and to address ongoing Kappa Council responsibilities. We recognize and appreciate Mick Charles' efforts as the preceding President!

The Board has undertaken significant steps to refresh and modernize Kappa Council operations. A first step was updating our operating Bylaws which, while nostalgic as created over 60 years ago by stalwarts such as Henry Harper and Charlie Hazlehurst, were due for change.

Most significantly, the Board has reconsidered the purpose of Kappa Council relative to 21st-century student needs and university environment, and broadened our approach beyond house ownership, somewhat guided by events of the Fall semester. We envision a more integrated Kappa experience for alumni, parents, and undergraduates.

This repurposing has begun to take place. The Kappa Council Board has been expanded to 8 directors now (with a maximum of 11) to bring insights and skills from a larger team—new Board Directors include Tom Stevens '79, Steve Stephenson '79, plus younger perspectives offered from Trey Bright '16 and Harrison Locklear '22!

Designated roles by Board Directors will support responsible Member Education, Risk Management and Treasury practices by the chapter, one-on-one mentoring with chapter leaders, and reimaged Alumni Engagement and Property Management functions as well.

For example, the Board has retained professional third-party property management services to upgrade the chapter house from its current unsatisfactory condition, and is establishing a multi-year asset management plan and routine preventative maintenance efforts.

Finally, in January, over 35 alumni and most of our active chapter members participated (in-person and virtually) in a formal Annual Meeting of Kappa Council, with transparent reporting about chapter and Kappa Council operations and treasury. These are early steps, but we are convinced long-term benefits will be felt and seen.

The experience of Pi Kappa Phi builds life-long friendships and offers continued learning opportunities for both our undergraduates and alumni. We are committed to stand together as we continue our journey of almost 110 years at UNC–Chapel Hill! We have confidence in the young men with whom we are building Kappa's future, and invite your inquiries about how to become engaged in the process!

Feel free to contact me at stuarthicks2301@gmail.com.



CHAPTER REPORTS

Cole Bright '24

Archon

My name is Cole Bright and I am proud to introduce myself as the newly elected President of the Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. I am a Junior majoring in Political Science, and I aspire to attend law school after completing my undergraduate studies.

One of the highlights of being a brother of Pi Kappa Phi, is the opportunity to participate in our philanthropic organization, The Ability Experience. This organization gives members hands-on leadership development and a lifelong commitment to service by hosting a variety of programs that enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. We are the only national fraternity with its own personal philanthropy. Over the summer in 2022, I participated in The Ability Experience's biggest event, The Journey of Hope. I cycled 4,000 miles from San Francisco to Washington D.C. to raise money and awareness for children with special needs. This event changed my entire outlook on life and reminded me of the greater impacts of being a brother of Pi Kappa Phi.

Being a brother of Pi Kappa Phi is not a four-year decision, but rather a forty-year (or more) decision. Our chapter has a strong relationship with our alumni. Often, alumni and brothers interact by telling stories, discussing career interests, and sharing internship possibilities. Our goal for this upcoming year is to strengthen these relations and build upon them going forward. One way we are doing this is through a mentorship program that connects brothers to alumni in their career field of interest. Additionally, we are working to create more alumni events and opportunities to keep them involved in the chapter.

Thank you all for your investment into our chapter as we continue to improve and develop in this upcoming year.



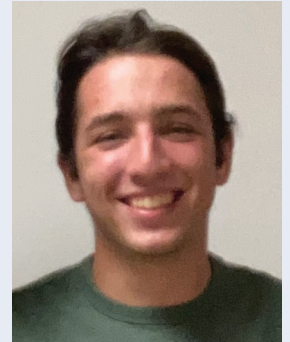
New Archon Cole Bright (left) after completing Journey of Hope

Andrew Davis '26

Historian

Brothers,

I am happy to report that fall 2022 was a success for the Kappa Chapter. This fall semester, we initiated 18 new members into our brotherhood. With these new initiates, the Kappa Chapter has 85 active brothers. Among them, there are 12 Morehead-Cain Scholars, 1 Johnston Scholar, and 1 Bodford Scholar.



Academically, we had a fall semester GPA of 3.5 which is second highest GPA out of all Greek organizations in the UNC Interfraternity Council. Additionally, our chapter had the highest GPA out of all national Pi Kappa Phi chapters. Academics is an important function of our chapter, and we will continue to place an emphasis on academic success.

Extracurricularly, our brotherhood is extremely active across campus. Two (2) brothers are part of the UNC Clef Hangers a cappella group, six (6) brothers play for the Men's Club Soccer team, four (4) play for the Men's Club Lacrosse Team, three (3) members serve on campus student government, and many more pursue campus and club leadership roles.

We have had a tremendous year and we will continue our successes into the future. Whether in the classroom or in the community, we strive to uphold the values of Pi Kappa Phi. We truly believe our chapter can become an ideal chapter, and you can rest assured that we are each doing our share to make it so. We are looking forward to continuing our success in 2023.

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2023 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Archon: Cole Bright

Vice Archon–Social Chairman: Ryan Howe

Vice Archon–Rush Chairman: Ben Wilson

Treasurer: Alex Jones

Secretary: Brandon Torng

Warden: Michael Novak

Historian: Andrew Davis

Chaplain: Will Heilig

House Manager: Maddoch “Doc” Engwall

Risk Manager: Clarke Haywood

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Philanthropy Chair: Maanav Karamchandani

Brotherhood Chair: Morgan Davies

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Pi Kappa Phi National Organization

pikapp.org

UNC General Alumni Association

alumni.unc.edu

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unc.bncollege.com/shop/unc/home

Carolina Athletics Store

shop.goheels.com

UNC Rams Club

ramsclub.com

UNC Ticket Office

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carolina-football-tickets.aspx](http://goheels.com/sports/2020/10/26/carolina-football-tickets.aspx)

