



THE ALPHA PILOT

Alpha Pi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at the University of Wisconsin

Meet Our Annual Campaign Chairmen!



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Occupation: Executive Vice President, Spectra Print Corp.



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Occupation: Vice President, Preclinical Toxicology, Baxter Healthcare Corp.

Ensuring a Strong Future for Alpha Pi

Introducing Our Annual Campaign

Brothers, we did it! Through the efforts of 15 dedicated Alpha Pi solicitors, 275 brothers joined our *The Preservation of Alpha Pi House* capital campaign and raised over \$1.75 million to secure our future at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This is a huge achievement, and it wasn't easy. We set off on this journey in the midst of COVID-19, and with so many challenges being faced, we remained dedicated to our fraternity and persevered. For that, we extend a big thank-you. Combined with tax incentives secured through the State Historic Preservation Office, our total raised now exceeds \$2 million. This is tremendous and we are so proud of the state-of-the-art facility our home has become.

While our campaign is officially closed, the opportunity to support Alpha Pi does not end. There will always be a need for house maintenance, resources for our brothers, and more. The perfect way to ensure our chapter thrives for years to come is by giving back to our annual campaign.

We know we are asking for your support yet again, so what's the difference between the capital and annual campaigns? Well, to put it simply, dollars put toward the annual campaign will support the projects completed through the capital campaign. This includes maintenance, replacements, and upgrades. That's not all! Your annual support will also pay for our alumni communications, including newsletter production, events, and our website, so you'll always stay connected. Challenge campaigns or special projects, like our veranda, can be announced too.

We request you remain committed to Alpha Pi through our annual campaign to ensure our chapter's continued success. Any amount you can contribute will truly go a long way, and gifts can be made annually. If you are interested in a long-term commitment, please contact us.

If you want to make a difference in the future of our chapter, please consider giving back today. You can make an annual gift at tinyurl.com/AlphaPiAnnualFund or write a check to Alpha Pi Alliance and mail to:

Alpha Pi Alliance - University of Wisconsin
c/o Travis Lemke
1254 Scenic Ridge Dr.
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Together, we can maintain the success of Alpha Pi.
Thank you for this essential support!

Yours in *_kai_*,
2022-2023 Annual Campaign Chairmen



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Preserving Our Tradition

ALPHA PI CONTINUES TO ACHIEVE

As many of you know, we love the fall season here in Wisconsin. Between the midwestern scenery, bonfires, football (and game day tailgates at the house), there seem to be endless opportunities to find joy. Yet one thing seems to be unbeatable, and that is the return to Madison to spend time with our lifelong friends at our beautiful home on Lake Mendota.

We are ecstatic about the new house improvements, and on behalf of the active chapter, I want to express our utmost gratitude toward the alumni and friends who helped make them happen. The dock and fire pit, among other additions, are truly amazing. We are extremely fortunate to be making memories with each other in such an outstanding home.

There is so much to be proud of within this chapter, and it is impossible to encompass all our achievements in one message. To start, we raised money for the Robert Michael Wood Foundation through our golf outing event (among others), and we are thrilled to host our Betawatch event to further boost our philanthropic efforts. Many of our brothers also studied abroad for the spring semester, and we are happy to welcome them back home safely this fall.

In August, **Andrew Prange '24**, **Robert Michaelson '24**, and I represented Alpha Pi at Beta's General Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, where we learned strategies to help our chapter succeed and met Betas from across the country. Lastly, we officially hold the second-highest GPA out of 27 fraternities in the Interfraternity Council at Wisconsin, an achievement that showcases our collective efforts in the cultivation of intellect.

As I reflect on last semester and embrace the fall, I have managed to become even more excited about the trajectory of Alpha Pi Chapter. We were saddened to see our 54 seniors depart in the spring, but we are thrilled to have welcomed a new group of quality men to our brotherhood this semester. Above all, we aim to preserve the great tradition of this house while fostering the lifelong bonds we know and love. This chapter continues to be a very special place to be.

Yours in *_kai_*,
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A group of our juniors at the Packers vs. Bears game at Lambeau Field in September.



Brothers watch Wisconsin take on New Mexico State. From left: Mark Shults '24, Doug Scales '24, Daniel Soulas '24, and Charlie Wied '24.



Some of our sophomores outside the house on the first day of school!



Three of our now seniors enjoying their time studying abroad in Prague last semester. From left: Zach Schlossman '23, Walker Bigelow '23, and Will Paulson '23.



Alpha PIs enjoy the banquet dinner at Beta's General Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. From left: Charlie Wied '24, Andrew Prange '24, and Robert Michaelson '24.



Brothers tailgating for the Badger football game. From left: Liam Dillon '24, Andrew Prange '24, Tommy Gibney '24, Henry Brooks '24, Robert Michaelson '24, Gavin Carlson '24, and Daniel Kjeldsen '24.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Joey Hoffmann, #2105, UW 2018
Remains Connected to Beta

STRENGTHENING THE BROTHERHOOD

I rushed Beta in the fall of 2014, but I had known since I was a kid that I wanted to be a Badger. As a freshman, I thought I'd check out Alpha Pi Chapter because my grandfather, **Tom Hoffmann '58**, was a Beta at UW and some of his closest friendships started at 622 Mendota Court.

There were 13 actives in my class, so with the help of a few guys from the class before us, we started the turnaround of the house to bring it back to the glory days that I'd heard about from my grandfather. Since graduation, in the handful of times I've been back, it seems like Alpha Pi is well on its way—if not fully back—to those glory days.

THROUGH THICK AND THIN

I graduated in 2018 and did a year of graduate school to get my master's in finance. In the summer of 2019, I moved to Boston and have been working as an analyst at an investment firm called Camber Capital. We invest in the healthcare sector, and it has truly been a great place to work.

Having grown up in Wisconsin, moving cross-country to a new city where I knew only a handful of people was a bit daunting. Luckily, **Evan Lamberg '17**, who was in the fall class before me, was also moving to Boston around the same time, so having a brother in town helped the process. Our Wednesday-night trivia team at the local dive bar hasn't had the best winning record, but we have more fun than every other team there. This summer, **Dan Noble '17** joined us in Boston, so while we may not improve on our trivia game, we will have even more fun.

When COVID hit, I moved back home to my parents' lake house near Waupaca, Wisconsin, for a period and now spend a lot of time back home. I can confidently say that I'm the only person who has set up a Bloomberg terminal to work on a camo tablecloth from a hunting cabin in Ogdensburg, Wisconsin.

When I return to Boston after one of my trips home, a coworker always asks, "What's your stereotypical Wisconsin story from this trip?" It's safe to say I usually have a good one. I think this summer's highlight was the t-shirt cannon that had been converted into a cheese curd launcher at the Manawa Rodeo Parade on Fourth of July weekend—which is only slightly less ridiculous than the squirrel hunt from last winter. You can take the kid out of Wisconsin, but you can't take the Wisconsin out of me.

EVERLASTING BONDS

I've stayed close with many guys from my era. Between personal and work travel, I'm able to catch up with brothers across the country, whether that's back in Madison or cities like Los Angeles, Phoenix, Chicago, or Austin.

This spring, a couple of brothers went down to Austin, Texas, to visit **Alec Pearl '19**, who recently moved there. A couple guys quickly snowballed into a dozen people packed into a two-bed house for the weekend. The tight sleeping quarters and hungover mornings were reminiscent of a weekend back in Madison.

Outside of work, I try to spend as much time outdoors as possible and enjoy running, hiking, boating, hunting, snowmobiling, or finding the rare outdoor patio to have a beer on in Boston. If you ever find yourself in Boston, the Waupaca area, or maybe anywhere else in the country, I'm always happy to catch up.

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Being a Part of Something Bigger

Why Some of Our New Members Chose Beta

"Beta had fantastic recruitment events, and I wanted to be a part of a community bigger than myself. The people all seemed incredibly close, and I wanted to be a part of something similar."
—Waleed Bitar '25

"From the first recruitment event, I knew the Beta guys embodied attributes of the highest quality."
—Gavin Reid '25

"I chose Beta because of its welcoming atmosphere and smart people. I felt comfortable being encouraged to do well in school while also making the most of my college experience."
—Paul Wallace '25

"The guys in Beta were super welcoming and friendly from the start, and I instantly knew it was the place for me."
—Luc Verard '25



ALUMNI NEWS

Richard D. Parlow '57 is still hanging in there. He has two ski trips to Colorado planned for 2022, with three scheduled for 2023. "Not too bad for an 88-year-old Beta!" He lives in Glen Allen, Va. Email: rdparlow@comcast.net

Richard G. Neuheisel '58 is involved with the Arizona Sister Cities, Temple Corps Salvation Army, and Temple Kiwanis Club. He lives in Tempe, Ariz. Email: janeneuheisel@cox.net

Gregory M. Gallo '63 retired after 10 years of practicing law in Palo Alto, Calif. He is married to a California graduate whom he met at Harvard Law School. He lives in Menlo Park, Calif. Email: gallo41@gmail.com

William J. Conroy '68 is retired and moving back to Chicago from Vero Beach, Fla. He looks forward to seeing the Beta house before a football game or two. "Keep me in touch with what is going on." Email: wjc5368@aol.com

Richard Schwarte '69 has lived at Lake Tahoe since 1972 and spends several months in the winter in Palm Desert. He skis, plays golf, bike rides, paddle boards, and boats. He annually gets together with the Beta funders. "I am a lucky guy and have to thank my experience in the Beta house for much of my good fortune." Email: dschwarte@whmtahoe.com

Rod S. Taylor '72 looks forward to attending the Alpha Pi 150th anniversary in April 2023. He lives in San Clemente, Calif. Email: rst72badger@gmail.com

Quinn P. Williams '72 has been a lawyer at Greenberg Traurig LLP in Phoenix for the last 40 years. He lives in Paradise Valley, Ariz. Email: quinnwilliams@cox.net

Sam L. Haack '19 sells residential and commercial real estate in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and is getting into developing multi-family housing. He would love to connect with brothers in the real estate and finance industries. He resides in Moran, Wyo. Email: samuelhaack@gmail.com



Time, Talent, and a Little Patience A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TWO BROTHERS FOR THEIR EXPERTISE IN OUR CAMPAIGN

Last spring, we celebrated the success of *The Preservation of Alpha Pi House* capital campaign. Over three years, we saw the number of donors climb to nearly 300 and the value of contributions exceed \$2 million. I didn't expect to write one more article, as it had been easy to highlight cash contributors and thank the solicitors along the way. However, two individuals have contributed in ways that required exceptional time and talent.

Don McLaughlan '71

Don has been running his own HVAC company out of Chicago for many years. Over the last three years, his involvement and expertise have reduced the cost of a new heating and air system by over \$110,000. His involvement at the house started with preparing specifications for the steam boiler replacement, followed by drawings and specifications for the installation of a VRF heat pump system that upgraded the AC system for the dorm rooms and provided heating for mild weather with heat pumps where the boiler could be kept off until more extreme weather to save energy. Don also provided a strategy for routing the refrigerant lines that significantly reduced the amount of carpentry work and refrigerant piping. Finally, as part of the new doors to the veranda, he identified that expanding the use of the existing gas-fired furnace in lieu of adding steam unit heaters to replace the existing perimeter baseboard would result in significant savings.

Bob Downing '91

Bob joined the BBA two years ago and has provided invaluable local "eyes on-site" during the restoration (even now, if you drive by the house and see someone cutting the grass and picking up trash, it is likely Bob or his crew). Through his firm, Robert B. Downing Landscape Architect LLC, Bob's landscaping contributions over the past two years have transformed the exterior of the Beta house. These projects included:

- Dry scape/accent boulders along Mendota Court, including plantings boulders and brown gravel.
- 15 tons of fieldstone rip rap to stabilize the shoreline.
- A 25-foot wide, stamped and dyed concrete patio with fire pit.
- Boulder accent wall at fire pit built into the slope of the existing yard.

The time, talent, patience, and perseverance contributed by Don and Bob are hard to accurately quantify but made a huge positive impact on our renovation. Thank you, brothers!

Yours in *_kai_*,
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Gone, But Not Forgotten

Honoring Brother John “Bauca” Pagel ’73



When Brother **John Pagel '73** was growing up in Janesville, Wisconsin, he wanted two things in life: to play football for the Badgers and to be a United States Marine. He did both, and along the way joined Alpha Pi, where he was a much-loved brother.

As a boy, John became enamored of the wonderful world of Disney 1958 TV miniseries, *The Nine Lives of Elfego Baca*, about a Mexican lawman in the old west. Whenever John would meet anyone, he'd introduce himself using his given name, and then boom out with, “Call me Bauca.” Since we all grew up watching the same three channels in the 1950s, it was kind of like someone going through recruitment today saying, “Hi, I’m Bob Jones. Call me Ironman.” It was a measure of his popularity that we all went along with it, and “Bauca” it was, even though he misspelled it.



An all-state center in football at Janesville High School, Bauca received a football scholarship to UW and was a member of the team from 1969 to 1972. At the same time he joined the football team, he began another life goal by signing up for Naval ROTC with the intention of being a Marine officer.

Bauca was a superb piano player and regularly regaled the brothers with his playing. I remember dating a girl from Kansas City back in 1972, and every time we walked into a room when he was playing,

he'd break into a chorus of Wilbert Harrison's hit rhythm and blues song, “Going to Kansas City.” He considered his singing on par with his playing. It wasn't by a mile, but we all liked him too much to tell him.

As a naval aviator, Bauca qualified to fly fixed wing as well as rotary (helicopter) aircraft. His first love, though, was flying Cobra Gunships. Captain Howard Laurie USMC (Ret.), Bauca's close friend, flew with him—sometimes as co-pilot, sometimes as wing man.

“He was what we call a ‘good stick,’” he shared. “He had superb pilot skills and was a great leader who was good to his troops. We all expected him to make the Marines his career.”

Sadly, Capt. John Michael Pagel died February 23, 1981, in a crash while flying off the USS Iwo Jima. The ship was having a rest day with a barbecue for the Marines and sailors, and Bauca, with the commanding officer's approval, was giving crew members rides in his helicopter.

“I remember the day his Cobra went down very well,” Sgt. Peter Bellone wrote. “A very somber mood came over the whole ship, especially those in our squadron.”

Bauca's passing left his wife, Holly, whom he had met and courted at UW, as well as his daughter, Katie, born in 1975, and son, Jimmy, born in 1978. Katie is now a mother of two and runs a rock-climbing business. Her daughter, Rachael, was recently named Homecoming Queen of her high school. Jimmy is a father of two and is vice principal of a middle school.

When those of us who were in the house first heard of his passing, we all thought, “We really have to do something to memorialize him.” At the time, though, all of us who knew Bauca were in our early thirties, trying to manage mortgages and young families, and as a result, nothing got done. Happily, our recent fundraising success has allowed us a do-over. We initiated a pledge drive in his name last spring and raised \$32,000. As part of our sesquicentennial in April 2023, we will dedicate the “Capt. John M. Pagel Recreation Facility” in his honor with a plaque.

The Marines he so loved have a saying: *semper fidelis*; always faithful. We have our own saying: “Once a Beta, Always a Beta.” It took us 41 years, but we finally came through for Bauca.

Yours in *_kai_*,

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WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

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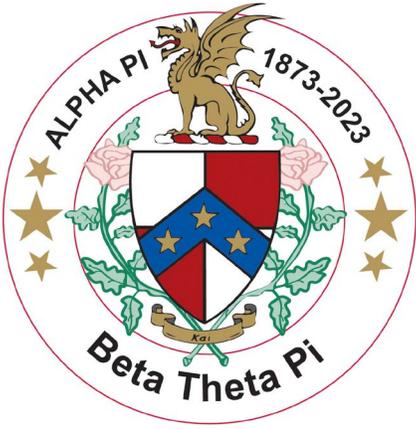
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 Asa Wold '26 | *St. Paul, Minn.*
 Ryan Zunenshine '26 | *Sharon, Mass.*





Alpha Pi's 150th Anniversary Is Approaching

Finalize Your Plans for April!

We recently held a two-day reunion of western Betas in Denver to kick off the first game of the football season. The event's hosts, **Jim Mack '70** and **Jim Rogers '73**, were joined by **Randy Randolph '70**, **Al Kaniss '72**, **Rod Taylor '72**, and **Ric Speaker '73**.

The event was a smashing success, although temporarily marred by Jim Mack's inability to find the game on his TV. The situation was only saved after massive amounts of advice, to say nothing of personal abuse, were heaped on Brother Mack. The old ways are still the best ways!

One of the things that stood out from the weekend was how few had our Alpha Pi sesquicentennial on their radar. Happily, once informed of the festivities, everyone agreed to attend, with Jim Rogers promising to drive his Aston Martin from Denver to Madison.

Our 150th anniversary is planned for April 21-22, 2023. Friday's event is an old-fashioned beer supper at the house. We promise that the entree will not be the dreaded, yet always anticipated, tuna noodle casserole accompanied by rabbit salad iceberg lettuce topped by carrot shavings.

On Saturday, there will be a banquet and dance at the Madison Doubletree. You can contact the hotel at (608) 244-4703 and mention the Beta 150th to get a \$79-per-night room rate, thanks to Brother **Dave Lenz '71**. Make your reservations now while rooms are still available!

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CHAPTER GOALS

- 1** Increase our philanthropic efforts by hosting more events.
- 2** Strengthen our alumni ties and make new connections.
- 3** Further increase our brotherhood events to bring all of us closer together.