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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Brother Ed Lammi Now Runs Your Favorite TV Shows

Want to Call Saul? Better Call Ed First!

Ed Lammi '70 may be running some of your favorite shows at Sony Pictures Television today (does *Breaking Bad* ring any bells?), but his beginnings were in the same place as the rest of us: Alpha-Delta.

During his first year at Penn State, Ed found himself feeling like a small fish in a *very* big pond. He still credits his mother (who, he says, was a very wise lady) with being the first to suggest he join a fraternity.

"She suggested that I look into it as a way to make that world a little smaller and more manageable, and that turned out to be absolutely the case," says Ed.

But Ed didn't want to join just any fraternity. So many of them just weren't a good fit, since he didn't exactly consider himself a "stereotypical fraternity guy." But Kappa Sigma immediately felt like home.

"What I liked about the guys at Kappa Sigma was that they just seemed like a really great bunch of guys," says Ed. "It was much more comfortable."

The rest is history, and Ed got to enjoy the remainder of his Penn State years at the old Kappa Sig house on Highland Ave. He says that Rush is still one of his favorite memories of all.

What's most interesting about Ed's story is that he fell into the world of TV completely by accident. In fact, he wasn't even a broadcasting major. During his fourth-year speech class, he was one of three people in a group of eight to actually do the work for

a semester-long project. Because of that, one of the other three offered Ed a part-time job where he worked, at WPSX.

"I knew nothing about TV. I just needed the money," says Ed. "I just sort of fell in love with this business, and I've been doing it ever since."

Today, Ed is Executive Vice President of Production at Sony Pictures Television, and has been at the company for 29 years. His studio runs some of the biggest shows on television, including *Better Call Saul*, *The*

Blacklist, *Outlander*, *Preacher*, *Timeless*, and previously *Breaking Bad* and *Community*.

Living just outside of Los Angeles, Ed doesn't make it back to visit Happy Valley as much as he wishes he could, but he has always stayed connected to Kappa Sigma. Brother **Rod Kemerer '72** remains one of his best friends, and was even the best man at Ed's wedding.

Ed has also generously given back to Kappa Sigma over the years, and when asked why, he thinks back to his active days.

"I was a Pledge Master, and I know from having gone to those meetings what it takes to run a chapter," says Ed.

And after all, according to Ed, that process contributed to getting him where he is today.

"It gives you good life lessons, because you all have to pull together and manage this whole thing: the budget, the house, the food, prepare for Rush—all that stuff," says Ed. "You have to become more responsible, basically. And I think that's a good thing."



Ed Lammi '70

A Tremendous Year for Alpha-Delta

Brothers Exemplify Kappa Sig Values with Many Awards to Show for It

It has been an outstanding year for the undergraduate chapter, filled with high achievements, humbling service, and an all-around great group of guys. As the 2016-2017 school year comes to an end, there are plenty of noteworthy accomplishments to celebrate.

Rush

Rush Chairman (and new Grand Master) **Dalton Kramer '15** took advantage of the large size of our two-year-old chapter house by holding numerous Rush events on site. For “Zone Day,” around 120 men came to the house to check it out and meet the brothers. Brother Kramer organized plenty of events that gave the brothers a chance to meet potential future brothers, including a cigar night, a barbecue, and a formal dinner. After an event-filled few weeks, the fall 2016 pledge class began with 31 members. It was the second consecutive fall pledge class to begin with more than 25 pledges.

Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence

The chapter earned the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence in Orlando, Florida at the 2016 Kappa Sigma Leadership Conference. The Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence, or FACE, is one of the two highest honors that our national organization can bestow upon a chapter. The purpose is to recognize the outstanding efforts, standards and accomplishments of a chapter. Receiving the award requires an increase in the size of the chapter, both community service and philanthropic hours, philanthropic dollars, participation in the chapter's endowment fund, an above average GPA for that chapter's campus, and certain levels of ritual proficiency. Alpha-Delta is very proud and humbled to have earned such an award.

Several brothers also earned individual awards at the Conference: **Joseph Pomponi '14** was named Outstanding Grand Scribe, **Brandt Reilly '11** was named Outstanding Grand Treasurer, **Adam Bortner '13** was



Founders' Award Ceremony



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named Outstanding Grand Master of Ceremonies, and **Patrick Marengo '14** was named Outstanding Grand Procurator. The only honor higher than FACE that a Kappa Sigma chapter can earn is the Founders' Circle Award, which serves a similar function and has similar criteria. Alpha-Delta is currently aspiring to receive this award. Hopefully come Grand Conclave this summer, Alpha-Delta can receive the Founders' Circle Award or one again receive the FACE award.

Kappa Sigma Campus First Responders Day

On Sunday, September 11, 2016—the 15-year anniversary of 9/11—several brothers paid tribute to first responders with the inaugural Kappa Sigma Campus First Responders Day. Brothers **Tyler White '15**, **Ben Colasante '14**, **Brandon Fello '14**, and **Adam Bortner '13** visited the Alpha Fire Company to show their

appreciation for what firefighters and first responders did not just that day, but every day. The brothers brought lunch to the firefighters and hung out with them as a small thank you for the work they put in every day.

Outstanding Chapter Award

The brothers traveled to Dickinson College on February 11 for the 2017 Keystone Conclave, where Alpha-Delta proudly accepted this year's Outstanding Chapter Award. In addition, Chapter Advisor **Chad Joyce** received the Outstanding Alumnus Advisor award, and **Tyler White '15** was named Outstanding Undergraduate Brother of the Year. The brothers had a great day of brotherhood at the Conclave, and were honored and humbled to have received this award.

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The brothers made us incredibly proud once again at the 45th Penn State Dance Marathon. The total for THON 2017 was an amazing \$10,045,478.44. Kappa Sigma raised a total of \$56,590.39 along with our partner organization, Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Grand Master Dalton Kramer said:

*“THON 2017 was an amazing experience and a huge success thanks to the hard work of our brothers and our partner organization, Gamma Sigma Sigma. We had the chance to celebrate the weekend at THON and support all five of our brothers dancing. Brothers **Josh Hammaker**, **Joseph Pomponi**, and **Hunter Obeid** danced on behalf of Kappa Sigma while brothers **Christopher Pullen** and **Adam Bortner** were also selected to independently dance.*

The largest highlight of THON may have come a few weeks prior, however, when we were paired with a second child, a three-year-old girl named Molly still going through treatment. Having two families ourselves and four as a total pair with Gamma Sigma Sigma gives us a lot to work for as we look to increase our total going into 2018.”

UNDERGRADUATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Brother Tyler White Receives Prestigious New Honor

On December 10, 2016, Kappa Sigma celebrated Founders Day. The fraternity was founded 147 years ago by William Grisby McCormick, George Miles Arnold, John Covert Boyd, Edmund Law Rogers, and Frank Courtney Nicodemus. There was wonderful news to come out of the day for the Alpha-Delta chapter, with Brother **Tyler J. White** being named as one of the inaugural winners of the William F. Rockwell, Jr. Award as part of the Ryan Leadership Circle.

Last year, the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund Trustees established the Dr. John W. Ryan Leadership Circle, which recognizes



Tyler White and his father

the top 25 undergraduates who scored highest on the Scholarship-Leadership Award

Application. The recognition was named in honor of Past Worthy Grand Master, Dr. John W. Ryan, one of the world's most respected educators and college administration leaders. Each Ryan Honoree will receive a Leadership Grant that will cover their expenses for registration and lodging at the Biennial Grand Conclave, where they will be recognized.

Congratulations on this special accomplishment, Brother White!

More about the Ryan Leadership Circle:
www.ef.kappasigma.org/dr-john-w-ryan-leadership-circle/

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

2016-17 Honor Roll of Donors

Alpha-Delta Chapter would like to recognize and give great thanks to all of the brothers who have donated to the annual fund thus far. It is because of you that Kappa Sigma continues to live on for all of us, and without your generosity it simply would not be possible.

Currently, we are more than three-quarters of the way to this year's goal of \$20,000 with \$15,462*. Can we count on you to help us reach our goal like we did last year? Make a donation of any amount to see your name recognized on the next edition of this list.

President's Club (\$1,001-\$2,500)

Matthew R. Mathews 1959
 Thomas C. Hilbert 1963
 R. Brad Lawrence 1969

Founders' Club (\$501- \$1,000)

Robert J. Tisot 1956
 David J. Guerin Jr. 1972

Star & Crescent Club (\$251-\$500)

Walter J. Conti 1952
 H. Wesley Link 1955
 Kenneth A. Hinkle II 1968
 John D. Kennon Jr. 1968
 Thomas C. McNulty 1968
 Louis F. Koehler 1969
 Richard L. Kelly 1970
 George L. Strachan III 1970
 Anthony J. Buzzelli 1971
 V. Paul Spuds O'Brien 1971
 John E. Wray Jr. 1973
 Robert W. Hampton Jr. 1973
 James H. Leax Jr. 1974
 Richard S. Fisher 1975
 Kim T. Chapman 1977
 Mark L. Rippy 1981
 John S. Schoenberger 1985
 Gary E. Thompson 1985
 Matthew J. Shulman 1988

John M. Murphy 1989

Crest Club (\$101 - \$250)

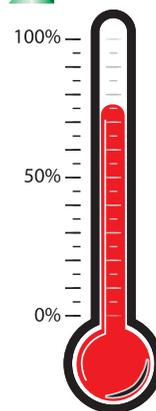
Samuel F. Stewart 1950
 H. Paul Starr Jr. 1951
 Lawrence E. Chopp 1965
 David B. Ludwig III 1965
 Harold D. Schrader 1965
 Richard H. Seraydarian 1966
 Michael J. Irwin 1967
 Thomas A. Stuart 1967
 Willard J. Martin Jr. 1968
 George M. Middlemas Jr. 1968
 Kenneth R. Ewing 1969
 Charles V. Mazza 1970
 John F. McEnery 1970
 E. Lawrence Nucci 1970
 Ted H. Perry 1970
 Gary L. Wert 1970
 Anthony Gasbarro 1971
 Robert A. Hannegan 1972
 David E. Dick 1974
 Geoffrey G. Wright 1974
 Rich G. Skowronski 1976
 Joseph V. Colarusso 1986
 Steven B. Fox 1989
 Shawn L. Huber 1996
 Brendan Stenson 2005

Blue & White Club (\$51-\$100)

Samuel F. Stewart 1950
 George (Bing) Bortle 1954
 Josiah B. Morrill 1956
 Earle R. Ryba 1956
 Stephen M. Wyman 1956
 R. Dean Madden 1963
 F C. Baesman 1964
 William C. DeLullo 1964
 Vincent D Di Loreto 1965
 Philip Xanthopoulos 1966
 Richard D. Chamberlain 1971
 Bill - Vitori 1973
 Ralph W. Tolino 1975
 Thomas A. Nyquist 1977
 Leland Thaete M.D. 1979
 Paul J. Fox 1983
 Robert J. Bowsher 1986
 Michael E. Fiffik 1989
 Matthew B. Weisberg Esq. 1997

Supporting Club (\$1-\$50)

Theodore A. Lesko 1940
 Wayne A. Pihl 1956
 Andrew Turner 1962
 Christopher A. Longwill 1973
 Craig W. Baughman 1976
 John M. Pribula 1983
 Curtis E. Mitchell 1988
 Marc A. Beard 1999



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PHOTO FLASHBACK

Blast from the Past

Check out these photos we found in our archives—one of some brothers at what looks to be the Saloon, and the other... well, we're not quite sure what's going on in this one! Judging from the fashion choices, we're dating them to sometime in the '80s.

Can you help us caption these photos? Tell us who's in them and the stories behind them by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com. Be sure to include "Kappa Sigma" in the subject line!

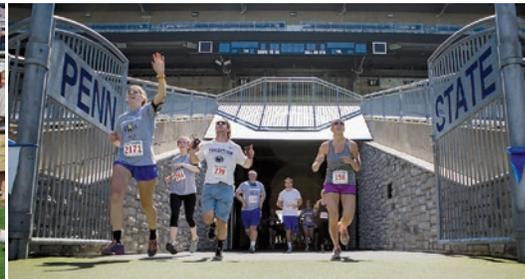


Want us to share even more photos that bring back memories of your sweet Kappa Sig glory days? Email your old photos and stories to the same address mentioned to the left so we can share them with all Kappa Sigma brothers!

UPCOMING EVENT

Who's Coming to Town for Blue-White Weekend?

Head Back to Happy Valley!



One of the best weekends of the year is almost here! Blue-White Weekend 2017 will take place over April 21-23, with the game scheduled for **Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m.** As always, admission to the game will be free. You can find parking information and other details at GoPSUsports.com.

But the fun won't just stop at football. There's a full weekend of things to do—all the more reason to head back to Happy Valley!

Penn State Baseball

Where else would a Penn Stater want to be the rest of this spring weekend than Medlar Field, one of the other most-loved facilities in Happy Valley?

This year, Penn State will let you make your weekend complete at the ballpark, with the baseball team hosting Northwestern for a three game series from Friday to Sunday. With

three options to choose from, anyone can fit one of them into their plans for the weekend.

Friday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. – Fireworks Night

Saturday, April 22, 6 p.m. (after Blue-White game)

Sunday, April 23, 1 p.m. – Salute to Service Day

Tickets can be purchased at GoPSUsports.com or by calling 814-272-0208. They start at just \$2!

Beaver Stadium Run

Work off the aches and pains from too much tailgating by getting up and moving for an awesome cause on Sunday. The 8th Annual Paterno Family Beaver Stadium 5K and 2 Mile Family Fun Walk will kick off **Sunday, April 23 at 11 a.m.**, right outside Beaver Stadium.

Proceeds from the Run benefit Special Olympics Pennsylvania and nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Every fundraising achievement helps them send more athletes to the State, National and World Games. On top of that, every participant gets to run through the players' tunnel and cross the finish line on the 50-yard-line of Beaver Stadium. It's a one-of-a-kind event for a great cause.

You can register as an individual or as a team (children 8 and under are free), and choose either the 5K run or the 2 Mile Family Fun Walk. Go to stadiumrun.org for more information and register.

Will you be heading to Happy Valley for Blue-White this year? Are you interested in getting together with other brothers while you're there? Let us know by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com so we can spread the info!