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Chapter Wins "Most Improved" Award from the University of Maine

Undergraduates Faring Well Despite Pandemic



Undergraduates attend a paintball tournament in Brewer, Maine

By Noah Freedman '20, Undergraduate Chapter Alpha

Our chapter has faced many difficulties this year, having to adapt to an ever-changing way of living in a global pandemic. Transitioning to fully remote learning, virtual chapter meetings, and even virtual rush events seemed impossible for us to do. Building interpersonal relationships are such a crucial part of our undergraduate experience, and those opportunities have been taken away from us in an in-person environment. Our vice president did an amazing job organizing brotherhood events under these circumstances, one being a paintball tournament in Brewer, Maine (see photo above).

Although our chapter was unable to resume normal operations, our members persevered and were able to excel in our academics and the addition of new members. We added six new members during rush week and "brothered up" the 12 members of last year's spring rush class. We have the 10th highest GPA among fraternities here at UMaine (3.225), a significant increase from our last semester's 2.826 GPA. We were also one of a

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Thanks to Our Founders' Club

Skullumni offers thanks the following 17 alumni for donating to the Alumni Chapter in each of our first 19 years of existence (since 2001):

- Albert Ehrenfried '44
- Donald LaRochelle '53
- Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56
- Foster Shibles '56
- S. Clyde Ross '59
- F. William Smullen III '62
- Brian Bicknell '66
- Paul Sullivan '66
- Thomas Dwyer '67
- Jay Smith '67
- Jonathan Young '71
- Larry LaPlante '73
- Matthew Rocca '96
- Peter Ruggiero '97
- Scott Morelli '99
- Anthony Kvedar '00
- Jeremy Thiele '02

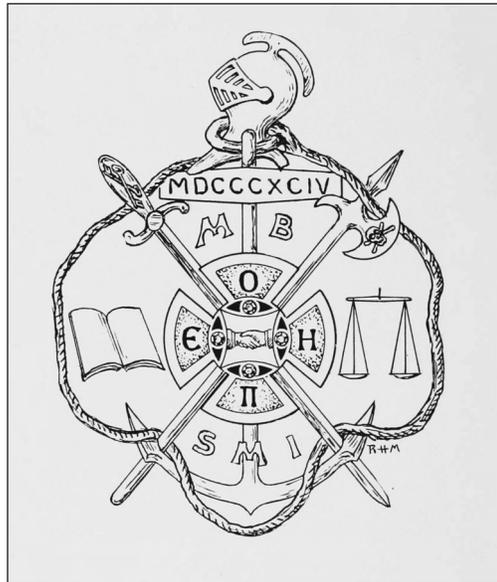
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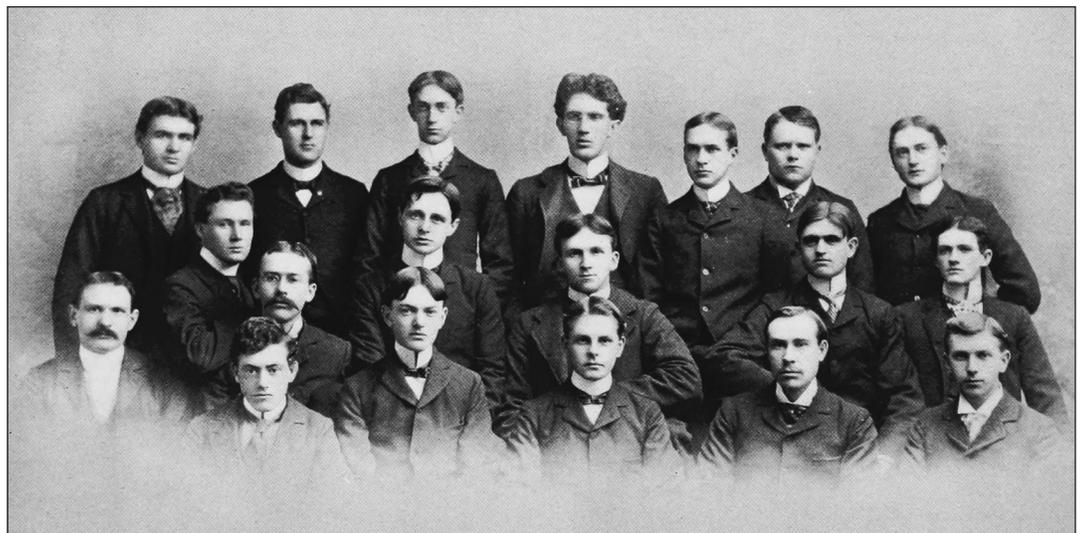
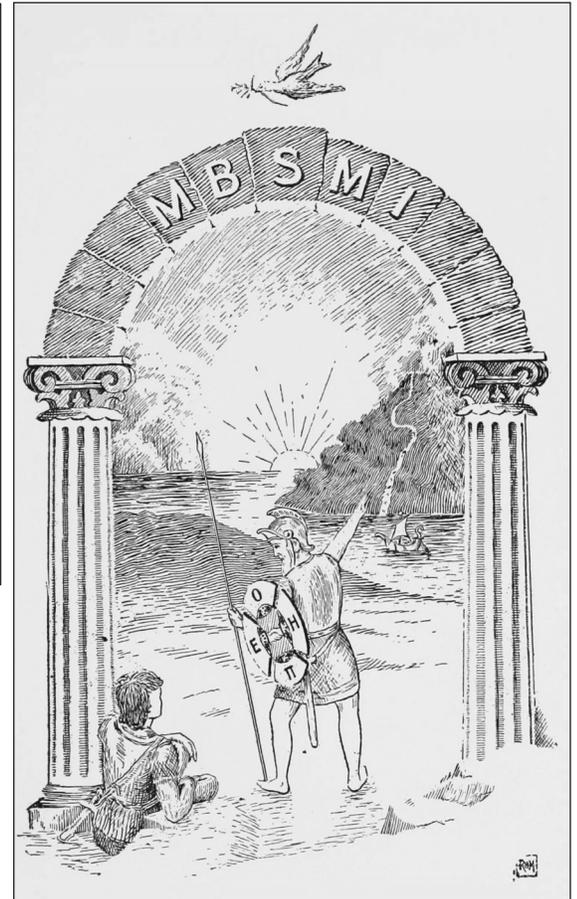
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From the Archives ...



Before we became the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma in May 1898, we were a local known as the Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society. Above and to the right are sketches for OEIII as they appeared in the 1897 and 1898 PRISM yearbooks, respectively.



Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Delta Chapter Photo (1900 PRISM Yearbook)

Officers Elected at 2020 Skullumni Annual Meeting:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| President (A): | Anthony "Bob" Kvedar '00 |
| Vice President (B): | Justin Davis '15 |
| Treasurer (T): | Scott Morelli '99 |
| Secretary (Σ): | Joshua Moody '09 |
| Member Relations (Υ): | Robert Williams '00 |

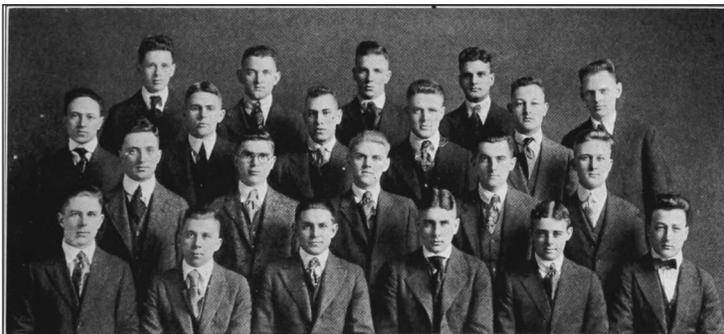
... a Glimpse into our Chapter's Past



Phi Kap Brothers in the Ram, circa 1914-16



1955 Phi Kap Brothers (PRISM Yearbook)



100 Years Ago—Phi Kappa Sigma's Class of 1920, as shown in the PRISM yearbook



Phi Kaps from 1964 (PRISM Yearbook)



Chapter House Living Room and Dining Room (era unknown—any guesses?)



1973 Phi Kap Brothers (PRISM Yearbook)

*** Do you have photos or other memorabilia from your time at Phi Kap? In preparation for our chapter's 125th anniversary in 2023, we're collecting chapter artifacts for a project. Please contact us if you are willing to share these items.***

Skullumni's 102 Voting Members

For the second year in a row, Skullumni's Voting Membership made it into the triple digits! We were fortunate to have 102 dues-paying members in 2020, up from 101 in 2019 and 92 in 2018. These alumni represent 46 unique classes spanning 71 years from 1944 to 2015. Below you will find the names of these Voting Members, their class year, the number of years they have been a Voting Member (indicated in parenthesis), and an update about what they've been up to, if provided. THANK YOU Alpha Delta alumni for your support!

Titanium Skull Club (\$750+) (1)

Matthew Rocca '96 (19)

Platinum Skull Club (\$500-\$749) (2)

Thomas Hardcastle '65 (9) | Paul Sullivan '66 (19)

Diamond Skull Club (\$250-\$499) (8)

William Gould '65 (13) | Zachary Longley '67 (18) | William Roberts '68 (12) | Jonathan Young '71 (19) | David Pullen '73 (17) | Robert Whittier '73 (11) | Daniel Stiehl '96 (8) | Jeremy Thiele '02 (19)

Century Skull Club (\$100-\$249) (29)

Kenneth Chatto '50 (17) | Donald LaRochelle '53 (19) | John Hodgkins '56 (18) | Gilbert Leslie '56 (19) | Alden Small '57 (17) | Richard Bryant '58 (9) | Robert McKown '58 (11) | James Scott '58 (8) | William Hutchinson '59 (14) | Richard Dudley '60 (18) | Jerry Lambert '60 (15) | Lawrence Libby '62 (12) | F. William Smullen '62 (19) | James Vamvakias '62 (16) | William Hanson '63 (6) "Controlling AFIB by RVing around beautiful USA/Canada." | Bruce Wentworth '63 (18) | Bill Potter '64 (9) | Brian Bicknell '66 (19) | Charles Bonney '66 (17) | Thomas Dwyer '67 (19) | George Campbell '71 (11) | John Daniels '71 (2) | Lynn Johnston '72 (8) | Michael Fayer '76 (8) | Lorne Basile '90 (2) | Rick Malinowski '91 (7) | Daniel Ludden '92 (17) | Denis Elie '94 (9) | Peter Ruggiero '97 (19)

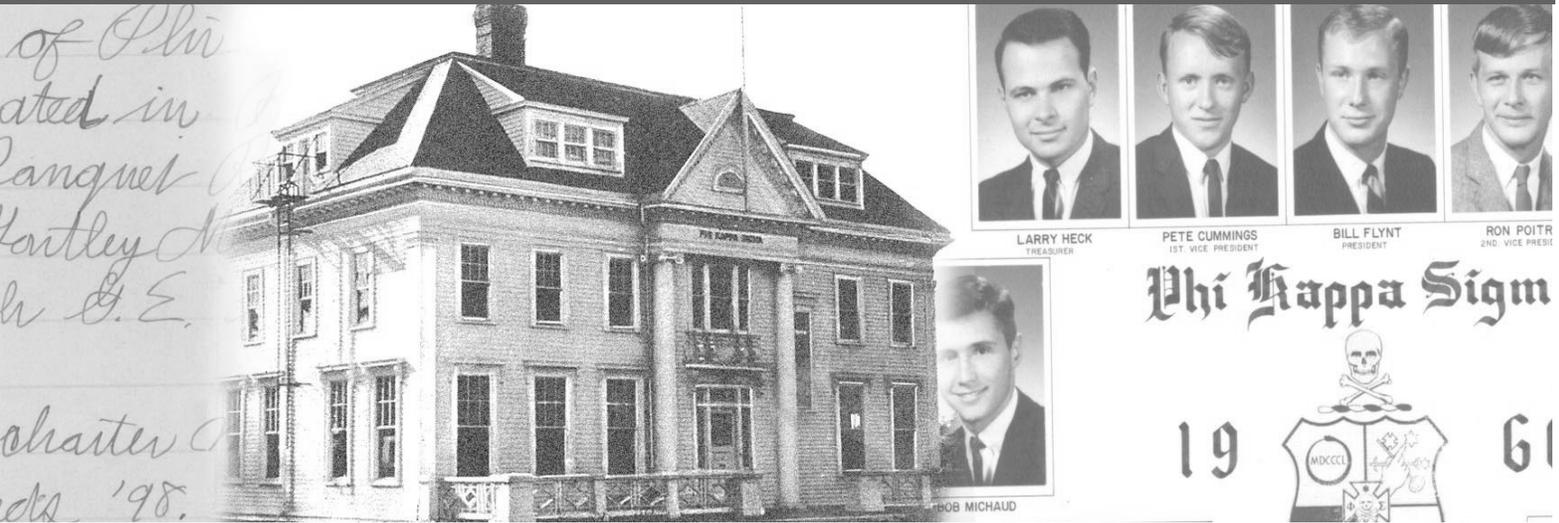
Golden Skull Club (\$50-\$99) (36)

Albert Ehrenfried '44 (19) | Dana Davis '50 (15) | James D'Angelo '51 (4) | Alton Cole '52 (10) | Alan Pease '52 (18) | David Gates '54 (15) | James Dunlap '58 (15) "Hi Brothers. I hope you are staying safe and well. I'm still in Newport Oregon staying safe and well. My son and daughter and grandson also live in Oregon. I wish you a thankful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and healthful Happy New Year." | J. Bruce Probert '59 (11) | S. Clyde Ross '59 (19) | Stanley Chenoweth '60 (9) "Just comfortably retired in a small Maine community with woods, mountains, and lakes all around." | David Gagnon '60 (18) | Francis Blake '61 (5) | Alvin Ahlers '62 (17) | Stephen DeWick '62 (16) | Axel Larson '65 (12) | Fred Wildes '65 (13) | Willard Flynt '66 (9) | Jay Smith '67 (19) | Paul Herer '69 (15) | Larry LaPlante '73 (19) | David Cole '77 (1) | Kevin Stephens '83 (14) | Rich Ruhlin '85 (12) | Shawn Harris '91 (11) | Patrick Penley '91 (18) | Robert Goodwin '93 (1) | Walter Kiesow '96 (2) | Scott Morelli '99 (19) | Robert Williams '00 (18) | Danny Guzman '06 (15) | Justin Gamache '12 (5) | William Hughes '12 (3) | Ben Fournier '13 (5) | Justin Davis '15 (4) | Ethan Hoffman '15 (3) | Jay Knowlton '15 (5)

Skull Club (\$25-\$49) (26)

David Foster '56 (14) | Kenneth Henrikson '56 (13) | Foster Shibles '56 (19) | Wilson Dyer '57 (7) | Robert Hutchinson '57 (17) | Vernon St. Amand '57 (5) | Jonathan Ord '60 (15) | Ewen MacKinnon '61 (14) | Paul Kiah '62 (17) | Avard

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Walker '64 (14) | John Sebelius '68 (11) | John Dorsey '69 (2) | Robert St Pierre '73 (7) | Chip Stephens '77 (13) | Frederick Morton '79 (5) | Anthony Kvedar '00 (19) | Eric Conrad '02 (6) | Edward Regan '02 (13) | James Flagg '03 (18) | Daniel Kinne '04 (14) | James Baum '09 (3) | Joshua Moody '09 (12) | Sean Theriault '10 (4) | Elias Eder '12 (7) | Jody Conant '13 (2) | Daniel Mackenzie '13 (4) S

A Special Thank You!

Skullumni offers thanks to the following alumni for reaching milestone donation years:

15 YEARS (7)

Dana W. Davis '50
David Gates '54
James Dunlap '58
Jerry Lambert '60
Jonathan Ord '60
Paul Herer '69
Danny Guzman '06

10 YEARS (1)

Alton Cole '52

5 YEARS (6)

Vernon St. Amand '57
Francis Blake '61
Frederick Morton '79
Justin Gamache '12
Ben Fournier '13
Jay Knowlton '15

1ST YEAR (2)

David Cole '77
Robert Goodwin '93

Renew Your Membership Dues/ Join Skullumni Today!

Help Skullumni fulfill its missions: join or renew your membership dues today! Your gift ensures you Voting Member status through December 2021. This means that you will:

- Receive **updated contact information for all alumni** from your era, including exclusive access to our online database of all alumni via our website (or receive this via mail if you do not have internet)
- Receive **discounts on alumni social events**, such as a free Homecoming football game ticket (\$15 value)
- **Be recognized** for your donation on our website and in our annual newsletter

In turn, your donation will enable Skullumni to:

- **Keep alumni connected** through newsletters, emails, and various social media
- Fund undergraduate attendance at **important leadership conferences**, such as Grand Chapter
- Plan **alumni social events**, such as Homecoming

So **donate today** via the enclosed personalized membership form and return it to us in the included postage-paid envelope. Or visit our website to pay immediately. But hurry!

We ask that you renew/join before January 1, 2021. Thank you!

Undergraduate Chapter Update (Cont'd)

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few chapters in the entire country to maintain a 100% Mitchell Chapter Standards completion rate and we won the Todd Sherman "Most Improved Chapter" award from the University of Maine.

This year's philanthropy chairs did a fantastic job, raising \$2,120 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and \$650 for the Black Lives Matter movement. Unfortunately, we did not have many opportunities for our brotherhood to work with the community due to COVID restrictions, but we are hopeful that it will change in the spring semester.

Many of our members are involved in the campus community, being in groups such as ROTC, Orono Student Nursing Association, and the physical education student organization.

Our greatest achievement throughout this year has been



Newly initiated Alpha Deltans hiked Acadia at the start of the Fall semester. One of the new brothers was unable to make it, so he was Photoshopped into the picture.

the hard work and dedication of our brothers to renovate the house and return it to its former glory. With the installment of a new deck, electrical work, and plumbing, our house is looking the best it has since the major renovations took place last decade. We currently have a mold issue in our basement, but we are working closely with Skullumni and the Housing Corporation to get this problem resolved. There are many more projects that need to get completed, but we are tackling them one at a time!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the alumni for all you do and wish you all good health during these trying times. We here at Alpha Delta are continuing to do our best day in and day out and hope to hear from you soon. **S**

Matthew Martin '03 Named Alumnus of the Year

Skullumni has selected Matthew Martin '03 as the 2020 Alumnus of the Year award recipient. Brother Martin was surprised with this announcement at Skullumni's annual meeting, which was held virtually on October 17, 2020 due to Homecoming festivities being canceled as a result of COVID-19.

Martin has served for over 13 years as the Treasurer for the Housing Corporation and has helped lead them through some tough times and major projects, including the minor fire in the Ram and the renovations project. Prior to his service on the corp, he also served a stint as Skullumni's treasurer and as the chapter's live-in house advisor.

Incoming Skullumni President Bob Kvedar '00 also noted other ways in which Martin has dedicated his time as an alumnus to helping better the chapter.

"Matt has performed needed repairs and electrical work to the house himself over the years," said Kvedar. "Sometimes in lean summer months, Matt would loan money to the House Corp to pay bills before under-



The plaque presented to Brother Matt Martin '03

grads returned in the fall."

Martin hails from Bucksport, Maine but currently resides in Penobscot, Maine and has a family. He has been a Skullumni Voting Member on and off for six years since he graduated.

"Matt has tirelessly served behind the scenes for years and deserves recognition," said Kvedar. "Matt's always been a strong leader helping where he can despite distance and maintaining a family."

Thank you Brother Martin for dedicating your time to help improve our chapter, and CONGRATULATIONS for being selected as the Alumnus of the Year! **S**

*****ATTENTION PHI KAPS: Do you know an alumnus who has helped to better the chapter, seen professional success, or otherwise has done something noteworthy? If so, please nominate him for the 2021 Alumnus of the Year award by emailing (or mailing) us the details.*****