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UPCOMING EVENTS

NORRIS PIG DINNER
Friday, April 22, 2022
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PARENTS WEEKEND
October 28, 2022

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Would you like to stay updated on all Epsilon Phi Gam news?

The BOT, HC and Undergraduates are undergoing an effort to revitalize communications between the Chapter and all of our Graduate Brothers. Our list of Graduate Brothers shows that there are 949 living Epsilon Graduates. But we need your help to ensure that we have current contact information for all of our Brothers.

You can help by e-mailing your contact information to alumninews@affinityconnection.com. We will be sure to include you on e-mail communications so that you can stay current with the Chapter.

You can also update your contact information on the Phi Gamma Delta IHQ website: <https://www.phigam.org/2016/graduates/contact-information-update>

NORRIS PIG DINNER 2022

Join Us for Phi Gam's Most Popular Event! Friday, April 22, 2022

Please join your Graduate and Undergraduate Brothers for Epsilon's 2022 Frank Norris Pig Dinner on Friday, April 22, 2022. Prior the Pig Dinner, the Undergraduates will be hosting an open house at our beloved Vance Hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It will be a time to renew old friendships, make new ones, and remember that Phi Gamma Delta is "Not for College Days Alone." After the open house, we will walk over to The Carolina Inn for Dinner and a Guest Speaker at 7:30 p.m.

The Undergraduates will host a follow up event on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., April 23, 2022 at Vance Hall. There will be live music and fellowship for Undergraduates, Graduates, and families to reminisce past experiences at Vance Hall.

Parking for the events will be available at Nash Parking Lot, off of Wilson Street in Chapel Hill.

To register for the 2022 Pig Dinner, please visit <http://www.epsilon-pgd.com/index.php/news/events/top/norris-pig-dinner-2022>

We hope to see you there!



Join your Epsilon brothers for Phi Gam's most popular graduate event.

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Cocktails
 Dinner
 Guest Speaker
 Live Music
 Fellowship

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

NEW INITIATES

Fall 2021 Initiates Class of 2025

David Harz, Greenville, NC
William Gresham, Greensboro, NC
Charlie Jones, Greensboro, NC
Andrew Cockman, Greensboro, NC
Beau Hardison, Charlotte, NC
Ben Mills, Hickory NC
Selden Baldwin, Wilmington NC
Mike Grow, Raleigh, NC
Andrew Eskew, High Point, NC
David Gwyn, Raleigh, NC
John Grow, Raleigh, NC
Harris Pope, Dunn, NC
Ryan Green, Greensboro, NC
Troy Baddour, Raleigh, NC
Will Hedgepath, Fayetteville, NC

Spring 2022 Initiates Class of 2024

Tilghman Pope, Dunn, NC
Davis Gregory, Greensboro, NC
Alec Munoz, Pine Knoll Shores, NC
Ben Rightsell, Greensboro, NC
Creighton Lebo, Greenville, NC
Sam Combs, Salisbury, NC
Connor Dunn, Raleigh, NC
Jack Sloan, Wilmington, NC
Whit Edwards, Greensboro, NC
Miles Lindstrom, Wilmington, NC
William Mickle, Wilmington, NC
George Dismukes, Greenville, NC
Nate Harper, Charlotte, NC
Jack DuBose, Greensboro, NC
Briggs Akin, Greensboro, NC
Vance Young, Wilmington, NC
Joel Funderburk, Greensboro, NC
Paschal Shook, Raleigh, NC



UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Epsilon Chapter Alumni,

On behalf of the newly elected Cabinet and the undergraduate brothers, I am pleased to offer an update on the undergraduate activity at Epsilon.

Members of Phi Gamma Delta are extremely involved in a variety of campus activities. Our athletes participate in club lacrosse, club golf, and varsity basketball. Other brothers hold positions within the Reynolds Investment Fund, Portfolio Management Team, Real Estate Club, Operation Building Courage, Habitat for Humanity, Greek Life student ministry, and many other service and professional organizations. Phi Gamma Delta is also home to 23 Kenan-Flagler Business School scholars and 4 students in Honors Carolina.

Over the past several years, we have experienced considerable growth, most recently adding a pledge class of 15 young men to our chapter. Our 75 brothers hail from all over the country and beyond, including North Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Perth, Australia, and Fenit, Ireland.

Recently, we have made significant changes in our governance structure. In July 2021 we formed a Board of Trustees (BOT) to work closely with the undergraduate brothers on every aspect of Chapter operations. The BOT works in conjunction with the undergraduate cabinet, and the House Corporation. Each cabinet member corresponds directly with a member from the BOT relative to their area of responsibility.

Armed with this new level of communication and organization we are in a much better spot to deal with the opportunities and challenges our chapter has faced over the previous two years. Due to COVID-19, all four of our current pledge classes have yet to witness a full year of "normal college." From going home for spring 2020, to stay-at-home orders and limited interactions at the chapter house, to a full year of online classes, our college experiences have been unique and difficult.

We are ecstatic to welcome a normal, COVID-free semester to the Phi Gam house. It has been a long time coming.

I want to personally invite you to Pig Dinner on April 22, 2022. Following cocktails at the chapter house, we will head across the street to the Carolina Inn for dinner and a guest speaker. Additionally, we would like to implement a new tradition by following up Pig Dinner with an event on Saturday afternoon. It will be full of live music and fellowship in our backyard for all undergraduates, alumni, and all families to attend to exemplify the good times we all have had at Vance Hall.

We believe that our spring semester will be the most memorable one yet for our undergraduate Brothers. Thank you for your past support and please know that the undergraduates at Epsilon Chapter are working to continue that legacy of success at UNC.

Perge!

Charlie Winston '23

President, Epsilon of Phi Gamma Delta

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

As chair of the Graduate Board of Trustees (BOT) for the Chapter, I would like to provide an update on the Chapter Operations. As most of you know, the past two years have been challenging for Epsilon, but I am happy to report that our Chapter has responded to the trials and tribulations with wisdom and a sense of urgency.

In December 2020 the US Attorney's office announced that a number of individuals were facing federal drug trafficking charges involving a distribution ring. Unfortunately, one of those indicted was a graduate from our Chapter. The Chapter was temporarily suspended by the International Fraternity as well as the University, pending a complete investigation to determine if the Chapter was involved with any of the alleged criminal activity. In addition to the Federal Investigation and Phi Gamma Delta International's investigation, the House Corporation hired Tharrington Smith, a well-regarded criminal defense law firm, to conduct an internal investigation. Based on the findings of all three groups, we are confident that the alleged actions were isolated to the individual charged.

Based on the findings of all three investigations, the Archons lifted the Fraternity's temporary suspension of the Chapter and imposed what is known as a Graduate Trusteeship - we as the BOT are granted authority with respect to chapter membership and its affairs. The BOT conducted a membership review and assisted the Chapter in implementing a number of educational and other initiatives. The 2020-2021 Cabinet and the BOT met with the University on numerous occasions, which resulted in UNC lifting temporary suspension in July 2021.

As a result, the undergraduate Brothers returned to school in the fall of 2021 with the Chapter operating under more typical conditions. The house was occupied again, Fall Rush was successful (netting 15 pledges), Chapter Meetings reconvened, as well as social events (mixers, date functions, and tailgates).

Perhaps the greatest benefit, has been the re-engagement from a broad base of graduates to volunteer within the Chapter. The House Corporation (consisting of John Hughes, Charles Bell, and David Batten) along with Marvin Carver (Purple



Legionnaire) are owed a great debt of gratitude for an incredible amount of work and oversight they have donated to Epsilon for almost two decades. These four dedicated graduates have been responsible for maintaining the physical plant of the Chapter House as well as overseeing day to day undergraduate operations, fundraising, graduate relations, and literally everything in between. As appreciative as we are of their efforts, in my opinion, it is beyond time that we provide some well-deserved relief.

That relief has taken the form of the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT will work with the undergraduates to provide assistance and oversight to the day-to-day operations of the Chapter and graduate relations. Our Board consist of 10 graduates: Ted Griffin, Mike Maret, Whit Edwards, George Barnes, Joe Hogan, Penn Clarke, Charlie Winn, and Mike Lucas. The House Corporation (Dave Batten, John Hughes, and Charles Bell) will now be free to exclusively focus on maintaining the physical plant of the Chapter House.

This division of responsibilities between the two Boards has allowed us to delegate among the many new volunteers. We see this as an opportunity to expand the scope of our projects and to encourage greater participation from graduates seeking to re-engage with the undergraduates. Our intent is for both Boards to function like many other non-profits – with defined terms of service, responsibility, and succession planning.

Fortunately, the current leadership - John Hughes, Charles Bell, David Batten, and Marvin Carver have agreed to continue their service for “as long as it takes” to make this transition. If you see any of these four, please buy them a cocktail – they have certainly earned it!

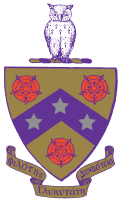
In the meantime, feel free to reach out to me with questions or suggestions. We welcome the input and support.

Perge!

Sam Simpson '90

Board of Trustees, Chair

Send us an update to post on our website and in our next edition of the Epsilon Owl. Send your email to alumninews@affinityconnection. Reference Phi Gamma Delta at UNC. You may think, “Yeah, no one really wants to hear that stuff.” WRONG!



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GRADUATE UPDATE

David Gwyn '87

David Gwyn '87 recently attended the initiation ceremony for the Class of 2025 Pledge Class which included his son David Gwyn. David Sr. shared his reflections on how little had changed in his "short" time away from the Chapter room.

He closed his comments with a reminder and a challenge that he still holds an Epsilon academic achievement record related to GPA.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Tommy Baysden '65

It is with great sadness that we convey the loss of **Brother Tommy Baysden ('65)**. Tommy will be missed by his many, many great friends whose escapades are chronicled in his self-titled "Sort of a" Novel: *Hark the Sound of Clinking Glasses, Skipping Classes* – UNC and Chapel Hill in the Sixties. Tommy's book should be required reading for every Phi Gam.



READY FOR RUSH?

The Epsilon Rush Chairs are working to improve on the excellent recruitment efforts during the past year. The rush chairmen have begun to compile a rush list with names of siblings and friends from home who may be interested in pledging our Chapter.

You can help the Chapter get a jump start on recruiting for Fall semester 2022. If you know of any incoming freshmen that you would like to recommend, please send their contact information to one of the rush chairmen.

RUSH COMMITTEE

Charles Paschal Shook
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Mike Lucas

