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A New Year's Challenge By Brian Dorn

Allow me to issue a challenge to each and every alumni member of Kappa Kappa Psi. This year, I challenge each of us to meaningfully *reconnect with our Fraternity* in some way. If it helps, you might think of it as a belated New Year's resolution.

Now I know what you're all thinking, and before I go too far down this path, let's address your concerns. I know you are busy, your time is scarce, and you have many obligations and responsibilities. You are swamped at work, trying to finish graduate school, saving for a new house, raising your children, and still trying to carve out some quality time to spend with your family and friends. Our alumni work hard every day to be successful in all aspects of life---and your brothers are proud of you for it!

Of course, working hard for the things we care about is what we do best. Think about that semester in college where you simultaneously tackled five term papers, won the intramural ultimate Frisbee league, spent 15 hours a week between the rehearsal hall and practice room, served as a Big Brother, and participated in every service project your chapter hosted. You've been juggling various commitments for more years than you care to remember, and you are able to do it (at least in part) because of the skills you learned as a member of Kappa Kappa Psi.

It is fitting, then, that you accept my challenge and commit to reconnecting with the Fraternity this year. Over time, our involvement with the organization naturally waxes and wanes, but, this year, let us all find a way to be involved somehow, no matter on what level, no matter on what scale. Now, you should have known I wouldn't leave it just at that. To help you all reach this goal, let's brainstorm different ways that you might reconnect:

- Make a special trip with some of the brothers you see on a regular basis and back to your alma mater. Volunteer to share your experiences and stories with the membership candidates or active members. We all enjoy reminiscing and hearing stories, and current students will benefit from seeing that the bonds of brotherhood do persist after graduation.
- Donate to a fundraising effort at the national or chapter levels. There are countless opportunities to give back financially (and they're tax deductible). Even if your home chapter doesn't reach out to you explicitly, they would appreciate an unsolicited contribution to that scholarship or project fund they've been talking about---trust me.
- Attend an event hosted by your home chapter or a chapter in your immediate area, whether it's Ritual, a BBQ, or a softball tournament. Actives often lament that they invite alumni to attend events but nobody shows up. Let's change that! If nothing else, take a minute to hit reply when those alumni newsletters arrive in your inbox to ask if you the chapter needs help with anything.
- Attend a District Convention in your area this spring. These are great ways for you to meet other alumni and see what the actives have been up to.
- Get involved with a Local Alumni Association. Nearly two dozen LAAs exist around the country that host activities for alumni members. Drop one a note and see how you can get involved; contact information is available on the national website. If there isn't an LAA in your area, why not get a group of friends together to start one---it only takes five members.



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About The Designer

The Alumni Advisory Committee thanks the designer of our new logo, Julie Knapp. Julie is an alumna of the Kappa Delta Chapter at Northwest Missouri State University. She lives in the Kansas City area and first worked for Mail Print, Inc. for three and a half years after graduation as a graphic designer. In 2007, she switched jobs and became the senior graphic designer at Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters until August 2010 when she became a full-time student again. Currently she is working on an Interior Design degree at Park University and will graduate in the spring of 2012.

- Plan on making a trip to Colorado Springs in July for National Convention. Once again the KKPsi Alumni Association is putting together a schedule of social and professional events targeted at alumni. There'll be plenty of opportunities to go sightseeing, socialize, and give your valuable feedback to the Fraternity's leaders.
- Volunteer to serve on the national Alumni Advisory Committee. The Board of Trustees is currently seeking self-nominations for new members on the AAC (more details can be found in this issue of *Encore*). Help chart the direction of the KKPsi Alumni Association!

Obviously, this is not meant to be an exhaustive list. The important point is that there are many, many ways you can reconnect and support Kappa Kappa Psi's mission. Everyone's circumstances are different, and each of us will need to determine exactly how to achieve this goal in a way that makes sense for us individually. Many of us will choose to get involved locally, and in many respects, that's the place where we can make the biggest impact. Whatever the case, let us all commit to the challenge this year and be sure to share the stories with one another so that we encourage all our brothers to follow suit. After all, having an "accountability buddy" is the best way to make sure you stick to your resolutions!

Important Announcement From The Board of Trustees

Brothers,

The National Board of Trustees is seeking alumni to serve on the National Alumni Advisory Committee (AAC). The AAC is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating the various facets and initiatives of Kappa Kappa Psi's alumni program. Any alumnus who has a keen interest in and commitment to KKPsi and its alumni program should provide a one-page letter by February 15, 2011 (postmark deadline) highlighting her/his qualifications and ideas. There are a limited number of spots, but we welcome letters from everyone interested in this opportunity to serve.

If you are not an alumni of KKPsi but know of an alumnus who would be an asset to our AAC, please get in touch with them and encourage them to submit a letter.

Any questions can be addressed to Chris Haughee, Board of Trustees AAC Liaison or Mike Osborn, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Letters should be sent to both Chris and Mike. Electronic submission is permissible.

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Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association In Memoriam Charles Haas

About The Author

Jen DiBenedetto is a life member of the Delta Epsilon chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Miami University and an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi. She had the privilege of serving on the Tau Beta Sigma district council the year that Charles was president of the North Central District. And to this day, she can still sing the Purdue fight song that Charles taught her on the phone at 1:00 in the morning during one of their many, many late night district officer calls.

Remembering Charles Hass By Jen DiBenedetto

Recently, brothers and sisters commemorated the 10th anniversary of the passing of Charles Hass, life member of the Gamma Pi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Purdue University and former North Central District president. His life was cut too short in an act of violence that, to this day, leaves all who knew and loved him reeling.

Charles was the quintessential brother. He was initiated into the Gamma Pi chapter in the spring of 1992, and became a leader within his chapter. His involvement in the brotherhood quickly grew to the district level, when he attended his first district convention after he was initiated. Gamma Pi and their sister chapter, Beta Sigma, hosted the 1993 National Convention, which quickly exposed Charles to the strong friendships and ties of brotherhood that happen outside of local chapters. He traveled to district events, always proudly wearing the traditional “pot” of the Purdue chapters and gathering tokens and mementos for it.

When Charles ran for district secretary/treasurer, the nominating committee saw his natural leadership skills and nominated him for president. He was elected district president at the North Central District convention held at the University of Michigan in 1995, and spent the next year traveling and making sure that chapters felt a connection to their district officers and each other. He formed a fast bond with his fellow district presidents at the 1995 National Convention in Orlando, and remained friends with many of them the rest of his life. A highlight of his district presidency was a spring trip road trip he took with two of his Gamma Pi brothers. They attended two North Central block meetings, the initiation of the Kappa Zeta chapter at Wake Forest University and visited many North Central District chapters. The trip was the essence of Charles—he formed fast and close friendships, and brothers opened their door to him. During his presidency, he brought about a spirit of love for the brotherhood that had long been absent from the district before him.

After graduation, Charles’ enthusiasm and love for the brotherhood continued as he moved throughout the country. He was a founding member of the North Central District Alumni Association and served in an advisory capacity to the Alpha Beta chapter at Butler University. He also had a knack for finding leadership, and influenced many to serve the North Central District as officers.

A few years after graduation, Charles accepted a transfer to Dallas and quickly found a home in the Delta Sigma chapter at University of Texas at Arlington. As alumnus David Justin noted, “he quickly became a staple of our chapter.” He spent his time in Dallas learning more about the Southwest District, and brought brothers from the Southwest District to the final NCD convention he attended, at the University of Cincinnati, in 2000.

Charles’ lasting legacy will be the brothers and sisters he connected and helped to form lifelong friendships. Most of all, those who knew him will remember the love he had for life and his friends. As someone remembered, Charles seemed to have thousands of friends, and somehow made each of them feel as they were the most important one. He touched the lives of many and left Kappa Kappa Psi a better organization than when he found it. He truly strived for the highest.



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Official Website

<http://www.kkytbs.org/natconv.html>

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“2011 KKΨ and
TBS National
Convention”
page on
Facebook for
announcements
and news about
Convention!

Alumni Spotlight

In this feature, we'll be spotlighting an exemplary alumnus who still showcases the best of Kappa Kappa Psi. This issue's alumnus is Sarah (Richards) Clark, who works for the Connecticut House Republican Caucus, doing press for 8 members of the State House. In addition to her day to day responsibilities in the office, she handles the Representative's written/traditional press, website, social networking, photos, videos, and district outreach.

Name: Sarah (Richards) Clark

School: University of Connecticut

Chapter: Delta Omicron

Year of Initiation: 2003



What lessons did you learn from Kappa Kappa Psi that have helped you in your profession?

In college, I was so accustomed to having classes, band practice, a series of meetings, you name it, that I felt a giant void in my life after graduation. My first job was on the CT Governor's re-election campaign, and it seemed natural to have events and trainings 4 or 5 nights a week. The 24/7 lifestyle allowed me to get to know a lot of the other activists, staff, and public officials, which has changed a semester-like job hop into a career that I love.

What advice do you have for people pursuing a career in politics?

- Get Involved – there are so many opportunities right in front of you:
 - POLITICS - Your local Town Committee or County Party work with campaigns every year and specific candidates who are always looking for help. They need help making phone calls, canvassing neighborhoods, raising money, planning events, managing the candidate's schedule, recruiting MORE volunteers and tons of other responsibilities.
 - GOVERNMENT – There are SO many more options than trekking to DC and hoping to get a coveted spot on The Hill. Your Town's Mayor or 1st Selectmen, State Legislature, US Senators, Congressmen, Governor's office, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, State Agencies and many more officials have offices in your state and have internship and job opportunities.
- Be ready to start at the bottom and work hard, that's the only way to truly understand campaigning and the political process. I learned my most important lessons doing the grunt work.
- Ask questions and BE PERSISTENT. You need that same go-go-go mentality you had during your pledge process to keep up both with the media and with politics.

How has Kappa Kappa Psi continued to impact your life?

I will always be loved and supported by my Brothers. Since college, I have stayed close with many brothers from UConn and the Northeast District. I am so lucky to have these wonderful people in my life. Those who were my classmates and roomies have evolved into role models, best friends and one I am honored to call my husband.



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page; check
back there for
discussions and
updates!

Send up YOUR updates for the next Encore at:
<http://www.kkpsi.org/kkpsialumninewsupdate.asp>

Carrie Secor, Eta Alpha, class of 2009, was recently promoted to the position of joint venture senior accountant at Fresenius Medical Care in Dallas, TX. She is also a member of the New Texas Symphony Orchestra in Dallas.

Steven Filoso, Omega, class of 2005, and his wife Laura (TBSigma, Omega), welcomed their first child, James Michael Filoso, on September 30, 2010.

Aimee (Guidry) Perrodin, Lambda Xi, class of 2008, has been teaching 8th grade Science in Zachary, LA since graduation. She also coach girls' softball and is the assistant coach for her school's track team. She is also currently working on her Masters in Special Education.

Thomas Womack, Zeta Chi, class of 2010, started a new career in corporate sales for UPS in January, 2011.

Jessica (Roberts) Jordan, Beta Omicron, class of 2008, married her college sweetheart on March 26, 2010 at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.

Sandy (Heck) Hogg, Alpha Epsilon, class of 2006, celebrated her 10th wedding anniversary and the birth of her third child, Katie.

Sean Bell, Alpha Eta, class of 2005, moved in July, 2010 to Seattle, WA on a job transfer with The Boeing Company, where he is a Test & Evaluation Engineer on the 787 Dreamliner Project. On November 19, 2010, his first child, Olivia, was born healthy and happy to him and his wife, Danielle Elizabeth (Avey) Bell, a fellow graduate of the Alpha Eta Chapter, class of 2007.

Daniel Cook, Kappa Mu, class of 2010, is currently serving as the Director of Bands at Deland High School in Deland, Florida.

Katie (Cutler) Harrison, Gamma Kappa, class of 2003 and Jason Harrison, Gamma Kappa, welcomed a baby boy, Hunter Ray, on August 9, 2010.

Genevieve Forbes, Alpha Eta, class of 2009, has been serving in the Air Force for a year and is currently an Airman First Class. She graduated technical school and will be a certified forecaster in April.

Nicole Person-Rennell, Beta Omicron, class of 2009, recently moved into a new home with her husband and dog during her second year of medical school in Rochester, MN.

Alvin Eclavea, Gamma Phi, class of 2009, is currently attending graduate school at Steven F. Austin University.

Erica Abbey, Iota Delta, class of 2008, became engaged to Andrew Hamilton, a fellow Iota Delta alumnus, in August, 2010. She obtained a position as a contract photographer for the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Her role is to digitize the flat artwork collection.

Dan Morgan, Lambda Alpha, University of California at Irvine, was hired by Blizzard Entertainment as a Technical QA temp in September, 2010, and is on track to become a full-time employee.