



Alpha Gamma Semi-Annual Newsletter

State of the Brotherhood

Dear Brothers, Alumni, and Friends,

With the conclusion of 2007 looming, we now acknowledge that this has, indeed, been one of the most successful years in Alpha Gamma's history. Not only did we grow more unified as a Brotherhood, but we were also awarded the Chapter of the Year title at the Biennial Convention in August. Alpha Gamma is now officially the number one AKPsi Chapter in the world. This Chapter's resurgence in recent years has been phenomenal, and we have every reason to believe this is only the beginning.

This past year saw multiple efforts to improve our Brotherhood's internal situation. This included organizing social events, inviting more professional speakers, becoming more involved in service projects around UVA, and extensive fundraising to improve the Fraternity's financial standing. Those efforts have born spectacular results, with vast improvements in all the aforementioned fields.

Alpha Gamma's international recognition as Chapter of the Year was received well by the University community. Our Fall Rush was once again extremely successful, attracting more than 70 rushees. From this large pool of prospects, we selected nine new Brothers. They are all outstanding individuals with something unique to offer this Fraternity. I encourage you to meet them the next time you visit Charlottesville.

While we have made great progress this year, our work is hardly done. As you know, Brothers of AKPsi always see opportunities for improvement. In this never-ending quest for excellence, we ask for continuing contributions from our Alumni. Your generosity and support has benefited Alpha Gamma immensely this year, and we cannot thank you enough. Best wishes in all you do, and have a Happy Holiday season!

In U... & I...,

John Sweeney
President
Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity
Alpha Gamma Chapter
Alpha Kappa Psi – "Shaping People, Shaping Business."



Alpha Gamma –
the #1 AKPsi Chapter
in the world.



John Sweeney
in front of our banner
getting ready to hand
out cake in celebration
of Alpha Kappa Psi's
Founder's Day.

Dear Brothers, Alumni, and Friends,

Greetings from the number one Alpha Kappa Psi Chapter in the world! Another successful semester has passed, and Alpha Gamma has certainly made great achievements. We hope you are as proud of Alpha Gamma as we are here in Charlottesville.

As the Vice President of Alumni Relations for the past two semesters, I would like to thank our alumni, faculty and the Brotherhood for all the support. You will be hearing from a new VPAR next semester, with more great news and excellent programs!

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Jessica Kim
Vice President of Alumni Relations

From the Executive Board

It has already been a year for the current executive board of Alpha Gamma, and it is now time for a new start.

All the Brothers at Alpha Gamma have great confidence in the new executive board. We hope you look forward to hearing from the new executive board next semester.

The Brotherhood welcomes the new members of the executive board:

Chris Holland, President
Chelsea Day, VP of Administration
Michelle Rahman, VP of Alumni
Natalia Wagner, VP of Finance
Jeannette McCarty, Master of Rituals
Brittany Pollak, VP of Membership
Jervis Bay, VP of Marketing
Venessa Yung, Secretary

From the Service Committee

The Service Committee has been very active this semester, lead by Chris Holland and Rashaud Rich. We have not only provided tremendous service to Charlottesville and the greater community, but we have also improved AKPsi's image and brought our Brotherhood closer together as a chapter.

To list some of our service activities, we participated in the Ellen Whitener 5K Run

with the McIntire School of Commerce; we played in the championship game at the College Kick AIDS Lose the Shoes Barefoot Soccer Tournament, raising money for AIDS education; tutored local high school students with Trio on weekends; and adopted a family for the holidays. Thus far, Alpha Gamma Brothers have combined to serve over 260 hours.

From the Rush Committee

Every year, we attract more and more accomplished individuals to our rush events. This semester's rush has been, like all others, very successful – 130 students attended our information sessions, and of these, 50 students submitted their resumes for the Brotherhood's review.

After a long deliberation, the Brotherhood decided on 9 individuals. These individuals made it through a tough pledge process, and the current Brotherhood is excited to have these new Brothers into the Fraternity.



New Brothers of the "Enlightenment" pledge class:

(Top) Dominic, Lavendar, Shannon, Julide, Ashley,
(Bottom) Nick, Aaron, Tamira, and Vihar.

From the Pledge Deans

The Fall 2007 pledge class was one of the most unified in Alpha Gamma history. They completed great service work clearing trails in a park, brought in Chris Husser, an engaging and eloquent speaker, to educate the Brotherhood about leadership and passion, and they engaged several fundraising venues to bring hundreds of dollars to the Brotherhood.

The nine members of the Enlightenment pledge class brought new ideas and passions to the Brotherhood. They are a beloved class and we are excited to have them as new Brothers. Thank you to

Tamira Roberson, Aaron Salls, Ashley Pyon, Vihar Parikh, Julide Etem, Lavendar Phan, Dominic Law, Nick Smith, and Shannon Drumheller. You worked very hard and learned a great deal. It was incredible to watch you grow, change, and become more confident in yourselves. Your love, closeness, unity, and integrity inspire us all.

In U... & I...

Chris Holland and Kristal Rovira
Pledge Deans, Fall 2007



From the Professional Events Committee

In the past, the professional events committee had recruiters from companies in various fields to come in and present, topics ranging from their company to personal professional development. However, this semester, with the leadership of Kevin Chang, the professional events committee tried hard to provide the Brotherhood and the greater student community with different types of events. We had a diverse group of presenters, from Alpha Gamma Brothers, to UVA alumni, AKPsi alumni, professors, as well as campus recruiters.

The highlights of this semester were: mock interviews, alumni presentations, and a session on creating a professional look.

The professional events committee organized mock interviews within the Brotherhood, to help prepare the younger Brothers for upcoming interviews. We had 4th year Brothers to interview younger Brothers interested in the same field.

Other events were the alumni presentations. The professional events committee worked with the Young Alumni Association to invite Steve Reis, UVA alum, to talk about his experience at McKinsey & Company. We also had Jim Matthews, a Director at Northrop Grumman Corporation and also an AKPsi Brother, who told us his experience fitting into an engineering company as a business graduate.

Another unique event we had this semester was Mary Kay Cosmetics Company representative's presentation on "Professional Look 101". The Brothers tried out different products to create their professional look.

We look forward to next semester, as we will be hosting the Business Ethics Competition, as well as presentations by UVA professors on topics such as public speaking and leadership.

