



SKULLHOUSE Legacy Ledger Φ \Kappa Σ

Hello Brother Phi Kaps.

My name is Peter Nichols – Alpha Upsilon 1980. I have been a volunteer since 1981, serving the Fraternity as a Chapter Advisor, Grand Delta, Grand Sigma, Grand Beta, and Grand Alpha.

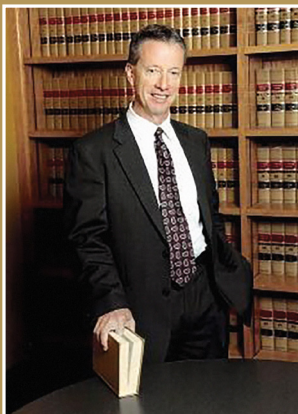
As the President of the Phi Kappa Sigma Educational Fund, I would like to thank you for your past generosity and to let you know our plans for the future.

The Educational Fund was founded in 1953 and, up to the year 2000, primarily gave out scholarships. *In 2000, we started to fund some of the educational programs such as the Men of Honor Program and the Male College at the Grand Chapter. In 2019 and 2020, we gave \$100,000 in undergraduate scholarships each year. We gave \$40,000 to the Men of Honor Program. We paid our share of the publication Maltese Cross to advertise our scholarship winners and to thank our donors. We also granted funds for the purchase of a database to capture alumni information.*

We are giving \$100,000 in scholarships this year including five (5) new \$10,000 need-based Regional Mega Scholarships to undergraduates. We will also partner with The Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing (SPGH) with up to \$40,000 in matching grants to chapter houses that qualify (see attached articles).

Our goal is to better the lives of undergraduates by providing scholastic funding to help with the financial challenges of their ever-growing college expenses. Your generous support allows us to do so.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors, past and present, for their countless hours of volunteer dedication both in terms of desire to be a positive influence in the lives of our undergrads and also for



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Peter Nichols University of Washington
(Alpha Upsilon '80)
President of Phi Kappa Sigma
Educational Fund

The President's Corner

By Peter Nichols, President of Phi Kappa Sigma Educational Fund

their generosity each year. We shall collectively continue to work hard to uphold the reputation of our Phi Kappa Sigma Brotherhood and exceed the standards that those before us have set.

Together we are all capable of facilitating the type of change that is imperative in today's society through our hard work and generosity to our undergraduates and future leaders.

Please reach out to any member of the PKS Ed Fund with questions you may have. Thank you so much for your time, consideration and generosity!

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New Mega ★ Regional Scholarships

**\$10,000 for Each
Regional Winner**

(Based on a combination of need,
merit, participation, leadership and
community service)

- ★ **Fabian (Farboud) Aria**
University of Toronto, North
- ★ **Liam Grunfeld**
University of California, Berkeley, West
- ★ **Bryant Schultz**
Illinois Institute of Technology, Midwest
- ★ **William Okolo**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Northeast
- ★ **Christian Roche**
University of New Orleans, Southeast

PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD WINNERS:

Winner	College/University	In Honor Of:
David Truumees	University of California, Berkeley	Ghery D. Pettit, UC-Berkley '46
Evan Hostetler	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Allan M. Cameron, Jr., Denver '62
Nikash Nagajothi	Purdue University	David B. du Pont, Penn '67
Chase Ciambrone	University of Washington	Roderick M. Williams, Washington '61
Leo Gillum	University of New Orleans	J. Karlem Riess, Tulane '33
Ethan Hsu	University of Washington	Peter J. Nichols, Washington '80
Anthony Nardomario	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	David C. Spraker, Wisconsin '51
Gabriel Zakaryan	University of California, Berkeley	Carroll K. Simons, IIT '32
Xavier Bell	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Herbert F. Harvey, MIT '42
Samuel Frank	Purdue University	Edward L. Flom, IIT '54
Mengshu Zhang	University of California, Berkeley	Louis E. Stricker, UCLA '50
James Nguyen	University of California, Berkeley	Norman R. Lindskog, IIT '59
Dominic Ventimiglia	University of California, Berkeley	Jeff Long, Penn State '80
Naman Thawani	University of Washington	John A. Murray, Denver '57
Ryan Bagaason	University of Washington	CT Benis, Washington '84
Maguire Sherman	Washington State University	Doug W. Opticka, IIT '97
Jacob DeSousa	University of Toronto	Doug Cox, UPenn '68
Martin Durisin	Purdue University	Timothy A. Schugg, IIT '07
Timothy Pecharich Jr	Carthage College	Lonny Boeke, Carthage '00
Shahzaib Malik	University of California, Riverside	Lt. Col. Rick Correz, UC Riverside '94
Jacob Shapiro	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	
Drew Bolstad	University of Washington	
Drake Korpi	University of Washington	
Winston Wilhere	University of Washington	
Elliot Preston-Krebs	University of Toronto	
Patrick Ryan	Purdue University	William B. Rozzi, Purdue '80
Tyler Hogan	University of Wisconsin	Robert P. Petrowski, Wisconsin '01
Jorge Tomaylla Eme	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	
Mir Ali	University of California, Berkeley	



Scholarships

Our Educational Fund was founded in 1953 to provide scholarship support each year to our Phi Kappa Sigma Brothers. This fall, we are pleased to announce that we are providing a record amount to our Phi Kap students across

North America. We are honored to be able to assist with the rising cost of education, which makes it difficult for many students to stay in school. The impact of your heartfelt, tax-deductible donation supporting scholarships gives us the power to change the lives of our deserving Phi Kaps. Your support truly makes the difference and we are extremely grateful. Thank you.

**A TOTAL OF \$100,000
WAS AWARDED IN PHI KAP
SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Congratulations To All!

(Note: For more information on how to apply for 2023 PKS ED FUND Scholarships or how you can have a scholarship awarded each year in your name, please contact info@pksefund.com)



Psi Chapter at Penn State Chosen for PKS ED Fund's First Matching Gift Program

with Society for Preservation Of Greek Housing (SPGH)

We have a very exciting announcement to share about a collaboration that is certainly a win-win-win! We are pleased to inform you that we have started a brand new tax-deductible **"Foundation to Foundation Matching Grant Program"** partnership between our **PSI** chapter, the Phi Kappa Sigma Education Fund, Inc. (**PKS Ed Fund**) and the Society for the Preservation of the Greek Housing (**SPGH**). The PKS Ed Fund has supplied well over \$1 million in scholarships and other needed assistance to our Fraternity over the past 20 years. SPGH's main goal is to help preserve the historical and architecture of historical Fraternity and Sorority houses.

NOTE: The PSI chapter SPGH Matching Gifts Program spurred them to \$25,000 more in matching funds for the Chapter! A monetary gift to the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing is tax deductible under section 501(c)(3), 170(c)(2)(B), 2055(a), and 2522(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Contributions to the Society can only be spent on historic renovation and not social or operational functions. Please contact dshea@pksedfund.com for more information if SPGH could be a fit for your chapter

Russ Hatton (Psi '78), of Psi Chapter Alumni Association receiving a \$20,000 SPGH Matching Funds Check from **Dennis P. Shea** (Alpha Delta '84), Executive Director of the Phi Kappa Sigma Educational Fund

Here is how the process works: in order for a chapter to take advantage of the PKS ED Fund's pilot matching gift program. You send a donation directly to your local Alumni Association representative. The check shall be made out to **PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND**. They will then forward the checks to **PKS ED FUND at PO Box 508, Chestertown, MD 21620**. Once these chapter noted gifts reach a total \$10,000, the PKS ED FUND will MATCH this amount and cut a check for \$20,000 to SPGH (via Foundation to Foundation giving). SPGH will then use the funds for the approved project grants for approved chapter house renovations. This is great way for all Brothers to double up year-end giving to help your house. Again, ALL contributions are tax-deductible and you will receive a confirmation letter from the PKS ED Fund for your records.

Visit www.spgh-foundation.org

ALUMNI spotlight

Brotherhood: The Sturgeon Brothers of UMaine's Alpha Delta Chapter



Thomas C. Sturgeon, P.E.

UMaine Alpha Delta '83 - Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering

Tom is President & CEO of Crooker Construction, LLC, which is the fourth-largest Maine-owned construction company (<https://www.crooker.com/our-story/>). Started in 1935, Crooker is a small, reputable family business with a tremendous amount of history and involvement with construction of the entire infrastructure of the Bath-Brunswick-Topsham and surrounding Mid-Coast Area. He is also President & CEO of Precast of Maine in Topsham, ME.

Tom started his career with Crooker in 1989 and has worked in such roles as Director of Engineering and Construction, Environmental Compliance and Permitting, Head Estimator, Project Manager and Head Engineer and Chief Engineer before being named as CEO/President in 2014.

Tom and his staff of over 210 dedicated employees are celebrating their 87th Year in 2022. Maine DOT project clients include LL Bean, BIW, MDOT, BNAS, Home Depot, Hanaford, MBNA & multiple municipalities.

BACKGROUND

Grew up in Lincoln, ME and graduated from Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln

2 Brothers: Andy and Mitchell (Alpha Delta '85).

Spouse: Diane C. Sturgeon (married in 1984)

Children: Kaitlin Little, Brad Sturgeon, Erin McCall

Grandkids: 7 and counting

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS / MEMBERSHIPS

- *Mid-Coast Maine Large Business of the Year*
- *American General Contractors of Maine Public Project of the Year – Morse High School, Bath, ME*
- *Associate Builders & Constructors of Maine – Board of Directors*
- *Maine Maritime Museum – Board of Trustees*
- *Member of University of Maine Stillwater Society*

PHI KAP EXPERIENCE

“My Phi Kap Sigma experience taught me to be able to live/work/play with people of different cultures, interests, and backgrounds. It taught me to listen/learn/compromise from others and to learn to lead a group of diverse people. I was very fortunate to have built live long friendships.”

Most memorable time at Phi Kap:

“Meeting my wife of 38 years at a Phi Kap party.”

Advice for graduating Phi Kaps:

“Do not be afraid of trying (and sometimes failing) anything in life or business. You learn from these experiences. Surround yourself with successful people both professionally and personally. In business, hire people who are much smarter than yourself (then let them do their work).”

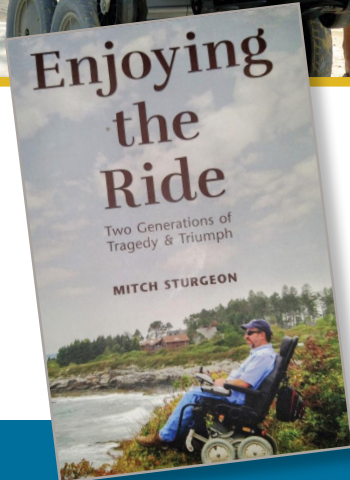
Two biggest Accomplishments:

1. *“Bought out a family business of 79 years and became the Owner/President/CEO of one of Maine’s oldest and largest construction companies.”*
2. *“Along with my wife, I built a vacation/retirement complex at Ebeemee lake in Maine which I hope to enjoy more permanently in the near future and leave a legacy for my kids and grandchildren.”*

ALUMNI spotlight

Mitchell Sturgeon

*UMaine Alpha Delta '86 - Bachelor of Science,
Chemical Engineering, 1995 - Master of Business Administration*



Mitch grew up in Lincoln, ME, and followed his Brother Tom Sturgeon (*Alpha Delta '83*) to the University of Maine where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1986, and his Masters of Business Administration in 1995. Mitch was a chemical engineer and business manager in technology field, pulp and paper manufacturing, environmental engineering and water resources management before being forced to retire with full disability due to multiple sclerosis.

Today, Mitch is an author, blogger, and disability advocate. In 2018, he published his memoir, "Enjoying the Ride," which was a finalist in Maine Literary Awards. The book, which is equal parts entertaining and inspiring, provides a refreshingly candid perspective on the lives of disabled people. His compelling memoir chronicles his unexpected MS diagnosis and his courageous battle against an ever-crippling disease. He details his journey with introspection, clarity and humor. It is a testament to the amazing BROTHER he truly is.

*"Enjoying the Ride" on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/3BMWAdd>
or click the book image at left.*

BACKGROUND

2 Brothers: Andy and Thomas (*Alpha Delta '83*).

Lettered in three sports in high school (Football, Indoor and Outdoor Track).

Spouse: Kimberly Sturgeon

Children: Daughter Amy (Sturgeon) Doucette, Son Zachary Sturgeon

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS / MEMBERSHIPS

- Named **2018 Alumnus of the Year**, Alpha Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma
- In April 2022 was the presenter of a TEDx talk on living with disabilities (view at <https://youtu.be/QywnEQAEyA>)

PHI KAP EXPERIENCE

"After I was elected Alpha at Phi Kap, I learned how to run a facility with 30 or so residents. It was so much more educational than simply living in a dormitory or apartment. Most importantly, I think, being a member of Phi Kappa Sigma taught me how to interact with my peers — to learn from them, to build relationships with them, and to lead them"

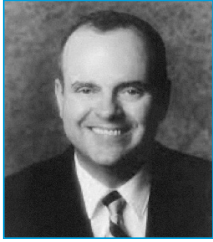
Advice for graduating Phi Kap:

"Act as if everything you work for will disappear tomorrow. My point is that you must enjoy the journey. Don't just imagine a future where you will be happy. If you're not happy on the road to that future, then you need to make adjustments in your life. Live for the day while working toward the future."

Who or what shaped me:

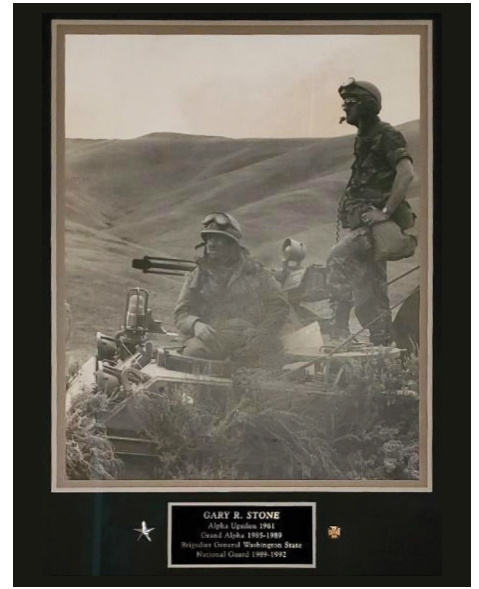
"As a disability advocate, I was most influenced by my mother, who was a quadriplegic since I was 5 years old. To me, she was just like anybody else's mother — she took care of me. She just did it from a wheelchair. I had no idea that the lessons she would teach me would be so relevant later in my life."

Alpha Upsilon Changes Annual Golf Outing name to the "Gary R. Stone Memorial Scramble"



The late Gary R. Stone, University of Washington, Alpha Upsilon '61

The 2022 Alpha Upsilon Phi Kappa Sigma Spring Scramble was held on Friday, May 2 at the Washington National Golf Course in Auburn, WA. The outing for the Alpha Upsilon Chapter Alumni Association honored one of its own and has changed the name of their annual golf outing to honor the late great Gary R. Stone, a former Grand Alpha. From this day forward, it will now be known as the **Gary R. Stone Memorial Scramble**. Gary was extremely active in Phi Kappa Sigma as a volunteer and was Grand Alpha 1984-1989. He was the Brigadier General in the Washington State National Guard from 1989-1992. He was one our most respected and popular volunteers of all-time and will be greatly missed. On behalf of the PKS ED FUND, we salute Brother Stone and applaud Alpha Upsilon Brothers for honoring a true gentleman.



Gary R. Stone plaque hangs in the Alpha Upsilon Chapter House

Alpha Upsilon Brothers at Gary R. Stone Memorial Scramble



L: Auction winner Dave Nichols holds a copy of the larger original framed Caddyshack picture below

R: Closeup of the Caddyshack flag.



For more information on the 2023 Gary R. Stone Memorial Scramble contact **Kyle Flotlin** at kflotlin@gmail.com or **Dave Nichols** at DNichols@beckelectric.com. Do you have an alumni outing/event we can feature in our next newsletter? Please email information and photos to dshea@pksefund.com.

TOP THREE (3) LOW NET TEAM WINNERS:

- Dean Barnett, David Hunnicutt, Chris Jensen, Ernie Emmert
- An Thai, Eric Higson, Steve Mckannna, Andy Kim
- Tom Swift, Bill Curley, Brian Cherry, Reynold Hagel

TOP THREE (3) LOW GROSS TEAM WINNERS:

- Dean Barnett, David Hunnicutt, Chris Jensen, Ernie Emmert
- Tom Swift, Bill Curley, Brian Cherry, Reynold Hagel
- Lee Schelley, Tom Young, Rob Danforth, Pete Nichols

Make **PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND**

a part of your *personal legacy*
with a charitable gift
from your estate



How to Give?

Not only do you have options for how your gift will be used, you also have options on what to give and how to give. There are gifts that cost you nothing now, gifts that pay you income, and gifts that allow you to decide what happens when. There are many creative ways for you to give a tax-deductible donation to help our **PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND** provide undergraduate scholarships!

Beneficiary Gifts **Retirement Accounts**

Naming the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan asset such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, Keogh, profit-sharing pension plan or other donor-advised funds will accomplish a charitable goal while realizing significant tax savings.

Donor Advised Funds **Beneficiary Designation and Grants**

Designate if you have a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) you can recommend grants to the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND. You can also designate the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND

as a beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the balance of your DAF through your fund administrator.

Gifts of Stock **Appreciated Stock**

When you donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares instead of cash, you'll receive charitable deductions at full, fair market value while reducing capital gains impact.

Charitable IRA Rollover **Make a Charitable IRA Rollover**

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older you can make a gift directly from your IRA to the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND. While there is no charitable deduction for a roll-

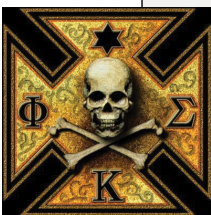
over gift you do avoid the income tax on the donated portion of your required minimum distribution.

Gifts of Life Insurance **Beneficiary Designation and Paid-Up Policies**

You can name the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy; donate an existing, paid-up life insurance policy you no longer need; or purchase a new life insurance policy and name the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND as the owner and beneficiary.

Gifts from Wills and Trusts

When making a charitable gift to a nonprofit organization it is vital that the charity's legal name, address and other identifying details be used. To name the PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND in your will or trust, please call us for the suggested language.



Donate online NOW — <https://pksedfund.com/give-now>

Use the enclosed tear-off donation form — and send to
Phi Kappa Sigma Educational Fund,
PO Box 508, Chestertown, MD 21620

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*PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION/DETAILS.
PKS EDUCATIONAL FUND is not a certified financial advisor.*

PKS Educational Fund Board Meetings

Quarterly Zoom board meetings are held the third Thursday of the first month of every quarter, with an in-person annual board meeting held in Fall. **The next one is scheduled for Nashville in September, 2022.** We also have committees that meet monthly via Zoom including: Executive, Scholarship, Corporate Governance, Membership Recruitment, Fundraising, Finance, Legal, Long-Range Planning, PR & Communications.

The last board meeting was held in Scottsdale, AZ, in October 2021. We honored long-time volunteer board members, **Allan Cameron** (Denver - Beta Gamma '62) and **Robert Burnett** (WSU - Beta Psi '91) for their years of service. We would never be able to do what we do to assist undergraduates with all their scholarship support without the long-time volunteer work of Brothers such as Cameron and Burnett. Their dedication, time and generosity are applauded and greatly appreciated.



Top:

Allan Cameron
(Beta Gamma '62)
receiving his Service Award
from **Jeff Long** (Psi '80)
PKS ED FUND Treasurer

Middle:

Rob Burnett (Beta Psi '91)
received award from **Peter
Nichols** (Alpha Upsilon '80)
President of PKS ED FUND

Bottom:

Go Cougs! Plaque

**Our next
Annual Board
Meeting is in
Nashville, TN
in Fall 2022.**

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