



EPSILON-GAMMA UPDATE

SUMMER 2022

CAMPAIGN GAINS MOMENTUM WITH \$1.15 MILLION AND COUNTING

Early Commitments off to a Great Start—Now Is Your Chance to Make a Difference

Although the last few years brought obstacles for many, Kappa Sigma is looking forward to what the coming school year has in store for Epsilon-Gamma Chapter. Last summer, we announced our capital campaign to help build our new Chapter House. In just a few months, we have reached over half our goal of \$1.75 million! We are beyond thankful to the 121 loyal donors who have committed a total of \$1,158,892. This is truly outstanding and proves that our brotherhood is still important to many of you.

Our original plan was to break ground in June and spend the summer on early construction. However, construction bids for those plans came back \$1.5 million over budget, forcing us to pivot. The good news is that our team is adapting as quickly as possible. Our architect, Brian McGuire; contractor, Brad Massad; and I are reviewing plans to see what changes will fit within the budget while keeping the overall look intact; we will then resubmit to the City of Ruston and the fire marshal for review.

We now hope to break ground by September 1, as it is imperative that new students and recruitment participants see our Fraternity moving forward. In the long term, this project will help our active brothers thrive in the best environment and allow future members to come home to a new facility that meets their needs. Let's ensure that our new house is reflective of the outstanding men who inhabit it.

As we push through this new obstacle, all Kappa Sigs must come together to support the *Building Our Forever Home* campaign. Rally your brothers for a class gift, honor a loved one through a five-year pledge, or join your family to place your name on the distinguished list of donors.

If you have already made a gift, please consider extending your commitment for an additional one to two years or making an additional one-time donation. If you have yet to donate to our campaign efforts, we encourage you to think back to your years at Louisiana Tech and remember what gifts Kappa Sig has given you. Each donation—no matter the size—will make a difference, and gifts given today will help us begin our new plans on time.

The countdown is on—now is your opportunity to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime project. Honor your commitment today through a gift to Epsilon-Gamma.

Fraternally,
Jerry H. Lorey '92
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A Brotherhood for All Why J. Derald Morgan '59 Supports the Chapter

J. Derald Morgan '59 found great examples of men to look up to during his time in Kappa Sigma. When going through recruitment, he met many brothers who showed him what a True Gentleman could be.

“**Speedy Mabury, Gamma** left a lasting impression on me when I was the fundraising chairman for the new Chapter House we had designed and needed to fund,” he said. “He was a successful businessman and always helped even though he was an alumnus from the LSU Chapter.”

Derald served as chairman of the fundraising committee for the first house that the Chapter funded. Since Epsilon-Gamma was relatively new, Derald reached out to alumni from other chapters to sell them on helping. Even though he knew how hard it was going to be and how much work it would take to fund a Chapter House, Derald was ready to help.

When Epsilon-Gamma announced its *Building Our Forever Home* campaign to build a new Chapter House, Derald was ready to step up and do his part once again. “Donating was also an easy sell for me since a good Chapter needs a good house with live-ins and meals, as well as a

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BUILDING OUR FOREVER HOME

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI We Value Your Support

Thank you, loyal alumni, for playing your part in the *Building Our Forever Home* capital campaign. Those who have contributed \$1,000 or more will be recognized in our publications. Those who commit \$5,000 or more will be included on our final plaque at campaign completion. If there is an error in your listing, please contact our communications coordinator at alehr@penningtonco.com.

Four Pillars Society *(\$75,000 and above)*

Scott Hill '88
The Lorey Family
Jerry Lorey '92
Grayson Lorey, *Gamma* '12
Cameron Lorey '19
Lad Lorey '19

The Five Friends and Brothers Society *(\$50,000 to \$74,999)*

Bill Elmore '67
Roland J. Dartez '85
In honor of
Roland Dartez and
Norman Morris '85
5 Friends Program
Brad Massad '87
Jered G. Ramsey '94
Keith D. Moffit '03

Skull and Crossbones Society *(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*

J. Derald Morgan '59
Jerry S. Drewett '60
Jack Fisher '63
Janet and Thomas Phillips '65
Christopher G. McJunkins '85
The Colvin Family
Jim Colvin '87
Ben Colvin '19
Patrick Weldon '87
Maury Wooldridge '87
Ty Bromell '88
John Pat Bullock '91
Brad A. Powell '92
David Watters '06
In memory of
Charles G. Watters '41

Bononia Docet Society *(\$10,000 to \$24,999)*

Anonymous
Reeder Family Gift
Chad "Ole Boy" Reeder '88
Kip Reeder '21
George "Woodie" Jackson '54
In memory of
Jerry D. Warren '17
Charles J. Baragona '61
Greg Town '80

Blake Wilcox '86
In honor of the
1986 initiates
Chad L. Reeder '88
Michael Futch '89
Coy Cockrell '03
In memory of
Ken Riggan
J.J. Horton '06

Scarlet, White, and Emerald Green Society *(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*

Epsilon-Gamma Active
Chapter 2021
John A. O'Neal '49
Samuel B. White Jr. '58
Ernest Young '58
Chip Gaiennie '59
Michael Sport '61
Keith McKinney '63
Bert G. "Doc" Moore '63
Douglas Miller '64
William "Bill" Hall '65
Fred Odom '65
Chuck Donner '68
David H. Cicerone '70
In memory of
Mike Rikels
Tommy Donner '73
In memory of
Elliott Patrick Donner
T. Craig Lewis '72
In memory of
Tom Showelter '70
and Tommy Lomax '72
Craig R. Springmeyer '72
Bryan Ashley '74
In honor of the
1973 Pledge Class and
Brother Initiates of 1974
Dut LeBlanc '77
The Wise Family
Mike Wise '78
Shelby Wise '07
Timothy W. Kane '81
Rodney C. Farr '84
Randy Denmon '85
Travis R. Boney '87
Neil Carlisle '88
Edward Lee Traweek II '88
Chris Caskey '89
Jamie Copeland '89

Barry Terrell Jr. '92
The Paul Family
Aaron T. Paul '95
Ryan W. Paul '02
In memory of
Ben Cooper '03
Cameron M. Best '02
Hayes Carter '02
In memory of
Stephen Brooks Jackson
Silas A. Martin '02
Ryne W. Tanner '03
Josh Abney '04
Joseph A. Barlow '04
In memory of
Jason D. Chandler '05
Andrew R. Kittler '04
Christopher W. Riggan '04
In memory of
Ken Riggan
Blake Stephenson '04
Travis M. Wimer '05
Hani W. Hammad '06
Lee Michael Estes '08
Donald P. Johnson Jr. '08
Ryan J. Mitchell '09
J. Sterling Day '11
In memory of
Chase Frasier '11
Adam C. Woods '13
William Tosten '16

Lily of the Valley Society *(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*

Anonymous
In memory of
Vincent Randazzo '68
Gray Easterling '65
Kenny Solley '68
Jerry J. Earle '69
In memory of
Chris Eddy
Dean Woods '70
The Woodard Family
Risdon E. Woodard III '71
Pat Woodard '73
G. Mark Woodard '78
In memory of
R. E. "Jack" Woodard Jr.
John Kinnebrew '72
Rod Pilgreen '86
Landon "Dean" Lewis '87
Dan Hoover '88

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

As of June 15, 2022

Goal
\$1,750,000

Total Contributions
\$1,158,892

Donors to Date
121

David P. Lazenby '88
Cordell Coleman '91
Craig Fomby '92
Bubbe Day '95
Randy "Red" Miller Jr. '95
Andy Sandel '95
Wes Eustes '04
Cade A. Lopez '09
William R. Spatafora '09
Drew P. Theriot '13
Will Trahan '13

Loyal Brothers *(\$1,000 to \$2,499)*

Anonymous
Edward H. Roberts Jr. '54
Larry W. Solley '60
Billy Haddad '67
Michael F. Malloy '82
Keith Smith '84
Sam Giglio '85
Clint Campbell '90
Kevin L. McNabb '90
Talbot Hemrick '91
Gerard Methvin '91
Ro Carter '95
Matt Barry '05
Heath B. Waxley '11

A Brotherhood for All

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quality gathering place and a good place to have social events,” he said.

For Derald, the Chapter taught him everything he needed for a good professional life after college. During his time as an active member, he earned a Kappa Sigma leadership scholarship and learned valuable skills, like how to stand up and speak, conflict resolution, budgeting, preparing a proposal, and planning to raise money.

After graduating, he worked as a university professor and administrator for 46 years and consulted at J. Derald Morgan Consulting Engineer. He had a busy career life, holding two chaired professorships, serving as the head of the electrical and computer engineering department at Missouri Science and Technology, the dean of engineering at New Mexico State University, and vice president and special assistant to the chancellor of the University of Alabama Huntsville and U of A central administration.

His part-time consulting gig became his sole employment after he retired from active academic life. “I do forensic engineering and serve as an expert witness in trials that result from my investigation of the failures or injuries,” Derald said. “I have done this for 50 years, and I am a very effective investigator and witness. I have never testified in a case where my client lost.”

Derald has been married to Elizabeth June McKneely for 59 years, and together they have four children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He enjoys gathering with his family at his lake house on Table Rock Lake in Missouri.

“I married a Ruston, Louisiana, lady who was a beauty pageant winner and was in the Miss Louisiana Pageant,” Derald said. “Although she did not win, she was the most beautiful woman in the world to me.”

Derald is enjoying a full life with work, family, and travel—with trips to the College World Series planned in June and to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, in August.

You can connect with him at jderaldmorgan@hotmail.com.

Committed to Being True Gentlemen

Epsilon-Gamma Increases Campus and Community Involvement

Epsilon-Gamma brothers accomplished many feats this year while increasing campus involvement and making strides in philanthropic and fundraising avenues. Our Chapter has excelled in the eyes of Kappa Sigma Nationals in multiple ways, and we are proud of our achievements.

Firstly, Epsilon-Gamma has effectively doubled in Chapter size with the 2021 recruitment, and we are happy to have successfully initiated over 40 new brothers. With this, our Chapter secured the largest pledge class on Louisiana Tech’s campus and the 16th-largest in the nation for Kappa Sigma for the 2021-22 academic year.

Secondly, our brothers helped raise over \$70,000 for the Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (D.A.R.T.) through Walk-a-Mile and Radiothon. As a Chapter, our goal for the year was to create more campus involvement with active members through social exchanges and fundraising events. These included the Chase Frazier D.A.R.T. Tournament, the Shamrock Run with Kappa Delta, and Phi Mu’s Miracle Man. While participating in these events, our members demonstrated the attributes of a Kappa Sigma gentleman by supporting the less fortunate and being involved with Louisiana Tech’s campus.

While excelling on campus and in Ruston, Louisiana, our brothers have created an astounding image for themselves from the perspective of Kappa Sigma Nationals. By accomplishing 100% participation in the Stephen Alonzo Jackson weekend of giving campaign, we have shown that we are committed to making the Star and Crescent the pride and joy of every college and university in the land. For the first time in over five years, Epsilon-Gamma is in the upper echelon of the nation in FACE points and is in contention for an award from Kappa Sigma Nationals that is given to the top 20 performing chapters in the nation. We also had the highest number of active members attend the 73rd annual Grand Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, in the past five years.

Not only is Epsilon-Gamma involved with Louisiana Tech’s campus and driven to improve the community through fundraising and philanthropy, but we are also growing and excelling in all attributes in what a Kappa Sigma gentleman should be.

Fraternally,
Travis Able '19
Grand Master



At the beginning of the 2021 school year, Kappa Sigma welcomes their largest pledge class in Epsilon-Gamma history at the quad on campus.



Epsilon-Gamma hosting an alumni tailgate in fall 2021 to support alumni relations and brotherhood involvement.



Brothers host a Veterans Day tailgate at Hideaway Park in Ruston, La., to celebrate active military and veterans.



Every year, Epsilon-Gamma raises money for Domestic Abuse Resistance Team through the Walk-A-Mile fundraising event in Lincoln Parish Park with Alpha Chi Omega.

Alumni Updates

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Charles H. Worley Jr. '51 – January 18, 2021

ALUMNI NEWS

Hugh “Batch” Bateman Jr. '60 retired for the second time in 2006. He now lives in Ferriday, La., on Lake Concordia, where there are excellent doctors. He shares that his family is doing well, and he has four grandchildren. Hugh enjoys hunting and fishing as much as time allows. He celebrated his 81st birthday on November 6, 2021. Email: hbatemanducks@bellsouth.net

Bo Shaw '67 is still working and enjoys yard work, trap shooting, and private flying. He has a good wife and 10 grandkids. He lives in Monroe, La. Email: shawoxygen@comcast.net

Arthur Lee Barnette '88 lives in Ruston, La. He participates in an annual golf tournament in memory of some deceased Kappa Sig brothers. Email: lbarnette68@gmail.com

Chad Reeder '88 hunts, works, and lives the best life he can in Claiborne Parish. He's a successful business owner. Chad's son, **Kip Reeder '21**, went through recruitment at Tech in the fall. Chad lives in Haynesville, La. Email: clreeder@bellsouth.net



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KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY

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Welcome, 2021 New Members

Garret Accardo
Baton Rouge, La.

Zachary Adams
Alexandria, La.

Donovan Cooksey
Bossier, La.

Carter Culverhouse
Shreveport, La.

Adam Cundiff
Pineville, La.

Dustin Deville
West Monroe, La.

Owen Donelly
Slidell, La.

Riley Falcon
Pierre Part, La.

Trent Fontenelle
Mandeville, La.

Miguel Gonzalez
West Monroe, La.

Jaydin Gordon
Pineville, La.

Haithem Hamideh
Pineville, La.

Nathan Harlow
Monroe, La.

Joey Hayes
Bossier, La.

Hayden Howard
Bossier, La.

Joe Kennedy
Shreveport, La.

Brandon Latcha
Bossier, La.

Casey Leone
Shreveport, La.

Grant Lesage
Baton Rouge, La.

David Mains
Metairie, La.

Christian Marin
Alexandria, La.

Carson Massad*
Shreveport, La.
(Father **Brad Massad '87**)

Shawn McDonald
West Monroe, La.

Cayden Meeks
West Monroe, La.

William O'Neal
Pineville, La.

Dylan Procell*
Bossier, La.
(Father **Chad Procell**,
Omicron-Eta '99)

Braden Reeder
Shreveport, La.

Kip Reeder*
Haynesville, La.
(Father **Chad Reeder '88**)

Drew Reeves
Shreveport, La.

Hunter Rice
Bossier, La.

Brandon Roberts
Bossier, La.

Josh Rychart
West Monroe, La.

Jack Schneider*
Greensboro, Ga.
(Father **Scott Schneider '86**)

Hayden Shankle
Benton, La.

Noah Sorrells
Shreveport, La.

Garrett Taylor*
Shreveport, La.
(Father **Andrew Taylor '82**)

Matthew Town*
Baton Rouge, La.
(Father **Greg Town '80**)

Joey Vines
Pineville, La.

Braden Wagner
Shreveport, La.

Josh Warren
Farmerville, La.

Will Weaver*
Shreveport, La.
(Grandfather **Wayne Brown, Gamma '68**)

Jacob Wells
Baton Rouge, La.

“As a freshman at Louisiana Tech, I wanted to join a Fraternity for the purpose of bettering myself. Going through recruitment, the Kappa Sigmas stood out above all. They represented leadership and professionalism that would help me become the best man I can be.”
–Casey Leone '21

“When I came to Louisiana Tech, I was mainly looking for a true brotherhood that would set me up for success. The moment I heard the Star and Crescent, I knew this was the Fraternity for me. Following in my father's footsteps meant a lot, and I am glad to be a part of what he set into stone.”
–Jack Schneider '21

*Legacy