



Kappa-Sigma  
University of Kentucky

# Beta-Nu Newsletter 2018

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## Keeneland 2018 a Success!

Perfect weather made for a great event with turnout over 200 strong for this year's Keeneland event. This has become a great spring tradition for the chapter and alumni. Despite lack of a house, Grand Master Jackson Skeeters announced to the crowd that the chapter is over 100 strong and had the best spring rush on campus. The message is that we cannot expect this success to continue without a permanent housing solution and need your support now.

The big news of the day was the announcement of the "Finish Line Matching Campaign" that will get us to groundbreaking this fall. A \$300,000 matching fund has been established to support getting the chapter house to groundbreaking this fall by matching all gifts of \$5,000 or more! We need to raise the other \$300,000 in order to reach the \$1.8M needed to break ground. We are off to a good start with Tom Caywood '79, Ted Fist '88, Brian Heck '91, Raymond Lyle '83, William "C" Morton '86, Ron Owen '69, Tony Walker '68, and Lee Webb '94 stepping up to sign their pledges at the event or shortly after, and Larry Blair '70, Roger Baird '72, Bill Corum '63, Bob Droste '76, Bill Leavell '72, Ben Sewell '67, and Scott Shirley '85 added to their existing pledges! We have crossed over the \$100k mark and need to



keep the momentum going into late summer and early fall.

The matching campaign goes through the Hall of Fame event on September 28, but in order to break ground this fall we need the ~60 donors committed to this matching gift program.

Please jump in and make your mark - you can pledge at the link below or reach out to any of the volunteers. You can also call contact our Campaign Manager, Matt Noble, at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.com) or 520-990-3250 with questions.

You can find all the campaign materials, including a pledge form here: [www.kappasigmauk.com/campaign](http://www.kappasigmauk.com/campaign). We've also inserted in this newsletter a pledge form.

Let's make the new house a reality.

**AEKΔB**





# GM Report

## Key Chapter Leaders & Active Volunteers 2017-2018

### Alumni Association & Housing Board Corporation:

**President:** Bob Droste '76

**Vice President:** Mike Gray '77

**Treasurer:** Russell Tucker '71

**Secretary:** Jim Malone '80

**At Large Directors:** Jeremy Bates '90, Kenny Coleman '03, Travis Frick '95, Jeremy Nalli '95 & Mike Stacy '92

### Alumni Advisory Board:

**Alumnus Advisor:** Michael Cayse '02

### Executive Committee:

**GM:** Jackson Skeeters '16

**GP:** Aidan Skeeters '16

**GMC:** Jameson Kercell '17

**GS:** Patrick King '17

**GT:** Tyler Greenert '16

This past year was a great success for the Beta-Nu chapter. In the fall semester, we had an outstanding rush week which led to the addition of nine new members. We then followed that up with another fantastic rush week in the spring semester which led to twelve new members and one of the biggest rush classes on the University of Kentucky's campus. We saw significant improvement academically as we were released from academic probation following the fall semester. This enabled the chapter to have overall successful and fun date parties with the wonderful ladies of Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi.

The Beta-Nu chapter was outstanding when it came to philanthropy this year. As always we paired with Pi Beta Phi to host the annual Greek Bowl, a flag football tournament that raises money for the Wounded Warrior Project. We are excited to say that this year's Greek Bowl raised \$3,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project. We also paired with Alpha Phi for the annual Veteran's Day Luncheon, which raised an additional \$200 for the Wounded Warrior Project. This year, two active members of the chapter participated in Dance Blue, a 24-hour dance marathon that has raised over \$11 million dollars in the fight against pediatric cancer over the past 12 years. This past year alone Dance Blue raised over \$1 million and we are honored to be able to say we played a part in it. Along with Delta Gamma, the chapter hosted the second annual Kappa DoGs, a philanthropy event that raises money for the Lexington Humane Society. We paired with Alpha Phi to host the 1st annual Toy Drive right before Christmas and, due to its huge success, we plan to host it again next year. After the devastation brought on by hurricane Harvey, we raised \$300 for hurricane relief. On the Stephen Alonzo Jackson Day of Giving we raised \$1,624. We saw a great amount of participation amongst our members in our own philanthropy events, but also saw a great amount of participation amongst our members in philanthropy events put on by various organizations including: Chi Omega and Delta Sigma Phi's Make-a-Wish Foundation Golf Scramble, the Dance Blue 5K, Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, Delta Gamma's Anchor Slam, Kappa Delta's Mr. UK, Dance Blue's Last Bag Standing, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Main Event, Phi Kappa Tau's Dodge for a Cause, and more.

I am also proud to say that participation in community service improved greatly this past year. I'd particularly like to praise our members who dedicated their time twice a week in the fall and winter to coach youth basketball teams at the local YMCA and to those members who were recently accepted into the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass. We anticipate continued improvement in the area of community service next year.

As always the annual Alumni Tailgate hosted at Keeneland Racecourse was a great time. On that day, we not only managed to have fun, but we managed to raise money for the new house we are all very excited about. We are proud to say we have now secured \$1.58 million of the \$1.8 million dollars needed to break ground thanks to the House Corporation cash and 193 donors.

AEKΔB,  
Jackson Skeeters '16  
Grand Master

*Patrick King '17, Austin Piuanno '17,  
Mic Wilson '78, Carter Noneman  
'17, Taylor Wilson '18 attending the  
leadership conference.*



# How & Why you should support Beta-Nu

## Why are we supporting the New House Campaign?

### Bill Leavell '72

"The Kappa Sig experience provided me with a fine social entre" into many fun times. I still maintain many friendships that originated at 460 Hilltop."

### Paul "Bo" Bollinger '75

"If success in life is measured by the number of good friends you have then Kappa Sigma was like going to the bank at UK. The great memories I have of my Beta-Nu brothers from intramurals to road trips have served to create a bond that has lasted forever. Meeting other KE brothers in business and life is like a gift that keeps on paying dividends. We now need to create a home for future Beta-Nu brothers to learn and pass the torch of brotherhood to a few good men."

### Michael Gray '77

"I have memories with my Beta-Nu brothers that are unlike any others that I own. When these stories are shared with other brothers, whether older or younger, there is an understanding that only comes with the bond of fraternity."

### Mic Wilson '78

"The day that I accepted a bid to join Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Kentucky shaped the man that I am today. My faith, the marriage to my wife, the birth of my son and grandson, and my initiation into Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma are the most significant moments in my life. It is so important that we build this chapter house so that we have a place to gather when we return to campus as alumni and so that we leave this precious gift we have all experienced to future generations of students at the University of Kentucky."

### Scott Shirley '85

"Any Beta-Nu alumni certainly carries with them fond memories of events, faces, and many good times shared. But, the years shared at the old lodge go well beyond just the memories - they shaped us into who we are today: how we inter-act with others, how we value teamwork, how willing we are to sacrifice for others, how we choose to lead, etc. Those of us with the benefit of hindsight to help us realize how valuable our Kappa Sigma experiences have been should recognize the importance of supporting this campaign for the benefit of brothers to come."

### Jeremy Bates '90

"Kappa Sigma played a key role in preparing me for my future after college. The Fraternity helped develop skills that laid a great foundation for me and as I look back, the House was central to all of it! I can't imagine my time as a Beta-Nu Kappa Sig without the House, so for me that is why this campaign is so important."

### Kenny Coleman '02

"Initiating into Beta-Nu embarked a pinnacle moment in my life. I couldn't have known the friendships made here would stand the test of time and become the ones I cherish most of all. More than a decade has passed since graduation, but when we all get together it's like nothing changed. With every story told, The Lodge becomes the centerpiece. The greatest memories we have together took place there."

I can't imagine my college years without 460 Hilltop, sticky floors, broken doors and all. I have committed myself to being an active member of this campaign because I feel indebted to what Beta-Nu has given to me. I feel a responsibility to give the next generation of Beta-Nu Brothers the same experience. A Thousandfold."

### Brandon Cramer '03

"My time as a Beta-Nu at the University of Kentucky, without a doubt, helped to shape the man I am today. As an out-of-state student, with very few pre-existing friends on campus, the Brothers of Kappa Sigma provided a welcoming environment and one in which hard work, honor, and personal relationships were valued. I carry many of the lessons, friendships and memories that were created during my time on-campus with me still today. The network of Brothers that I built as an active member of the fraternity is far-reaching and irreplaceable."

### Taylor Pierce '07

"I'm a product of my undergraduate experience with Kappa Sigma at UK. I developed professional skills through leadership positions within the fraternity and built life-long friendships with fellow brothers. We are fortunate to associate ourselves with such a strong organization, but the chapter is in need of our help. With your support, we can ensure continued success at Beta-Nu."



## New House Campaign Decade Support

1950's | 24 DONORS | \$320,006  
(there are 124 more of you that can help)

1960's | 24 DONORS | \$97,175  
(there are 154 more of you that can help)

1970's | 47 DONORS | \$446,904  
(there are 143 more of you that can help)

1980's | 31 DONORS | \$133,576  
(there are 215 more of you that can help)

1990's | 19 DONORS | \$209,155  
(there are 204 more of you that can help)

2000's | 33 DONORS | \$60,481  
(there are 501 more of you that can help)

## So How Can you Help?

You can choose one or more of the areas below (contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250 if you are willing to help):

- **Offer to serve** on one of our alumni boards (Advisory, Alumni Associations or Housing Corporation).
- **Offer to host** an alumni event in your city (lunch or after work gathering).
- **Offer to speak** on a career panel at a chapter event and/or to have your company join the chapters career network.
- **Make a contribution** to the new house campaign.





# Beta-Nu







## Alumni Updates

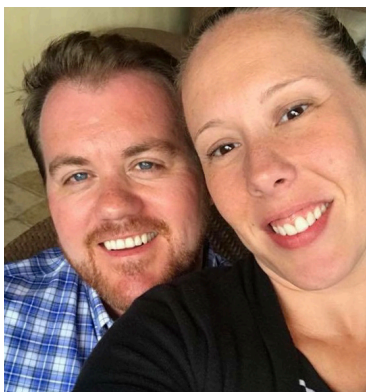
### Paul “Bo” Bollinger ’75

Paul “Bo” Bollinger ’75, is Executive Director of Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB). It is one of the largest adaptive boating programs in the country, bringing the thrill, freedom, and therapeutic value of sailing to persons with disabilities, wounded warriors, and children from at-risk communities. He and his Kappa Sigma Sweetheart, Elizabeth, live in Annapolis, MD. During the boating season Bo spends much of his time managing CRAB and working to acquire a new adaptive boating center. Their son Parker (GWU KS) and daughter-in-law Lianne have a one year old son in DC and their daughter Kate resides and works in San Francisco.



### Mark Jordan ’81 Mark Senninger ’82

Mark Jordan ’81, Mark Senninger ’82 and their wives have spent the summer driving along the ALCAN Highway from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks. Three weeks and 5,300 miles later they finished their journey, starting in Calgary, winding through Alaska and wrapping up in Vancouver.



### Brandon Cramer ’03

**President of CFP Real Estate**

Brandon is a commercial real estate broker who lives in Cumming, GA outside of Atlanta. He and his wife Heather have two children: Jackson (5) and Sydney (3). Outside of work and family, Brandon enjoys traveling, staying active, and being outdoors.



## Aiden Skeeters '16

**Hometown:** Crestwood, KY

**Major:** Human Health Sciences; Minor: Business

**Year in School:** Junior (2020)

**Career Plans:** Go to medical school and become an MD

**Chapter Involvement:** Community Service Chair (Spring '18), Vice President (Fall '18), intramural flag football B team participant (fall '17), member of rush committee (fall '17 and spring '18), and represented Kappa Sigma in Dance Blue 5K.

**Experience at UK:** My experience at UK has been great so far. I've been challenged academically, I've made new friends, and I've have had opportunities I never imagined. UK turned out to be everything and more that I was looking for in a university.

**Favorite memory:** The alumni tailgate this past semester. It was a beautiful day at what I think is one of the most beautiful places in the world. My fraternity brothers, family, and former beta-nu's were present and we all had a good time. I don't think I could ask for a whole lot more than that. Beta-Nu means being a part of something bigger than myself.



## Josh Maier '16

**Hometown:** Louisville, KY

**Year in School:** Senior

**Career Plans:** Last summer, I interned in the Global Strategic Sourcing group at Brown-Forman Corporation. With my experience there, I moved on and got an internship on the materials team at Schneider Electric. I've been interning at Schneider for one year

now. I plan to continue interning, and hopefully get a full-time position there once I graduate. I enjoy working in supply chain and would like to get a job as a materials analyst, supervisor, or buyer when I get out of college.

**Campus Involvement:** I was the Philanthropy Chair in the fall of 2017, so that's when I started to get really involved on campus. We of course have our philanthropy events, but I mostly encouraged our brothers to get involved in other events all across campus.

During my time as philanthropy chair, I became the DanceBlue team captain. DanceBlue has been my favorite thing to be involved with on campus, and I plan to be team captain once again this fall.

**Experience at UK:** My experience at UK has been great for the most part. I transferred here freshman year from Morehead State, where I was on the golf team. At first, I didn't socialize much and was sort of just okay with being in Lexington. Thankfully, that fall, I rushed Kappa Sigma, and met some of the most influential people in my life. Since then, I've developed a lot of great relationships and have developed a love for the University of Kentucky.

**Favorite memory:** My favorite memory at UK has to be DanceBlue. Last year, Jackson Skeeters and I danced in DanceBlue. For those of you who don't know what DanceBlue is, it's a 24 hour dance marathon established to support the kids of the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic. Last year, the University of Kentucky raised 1.8 million dollars for the kids!

**What does Beta-Nu mean to me:** Beta-Nu has had a tremendous impact on my life. I of course have developed a lot of great friendships and have brothers for life, but I also have taken a lot from leadership roles within the chapter (Philanthropy, Fall 17, Grand Scribe, Spring 18). Taking leadership roles has helped me mature and has also helped me in creating a good work ethic.



## Ted Fist '88

Ted currently resides in Illinois, where he is the Head of US Business Operations for Capillary Concrete. The company developed and patented an aggregate drainage product that is installed in golf bunkers. They work with Golf Course Contractors/Architects all over the world, and have worked on over 600 courses, including Olympic Club, Forest Highlands, The Phoenician, and many more. Previously, Ted was

the Director of Golf Course Operations at Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington, IL. Before Ted reached where he is today, he graduated with a degree in Agronomy with an emphasis in turf grass management, which all his brothers gave him a hard time for, and a few brothers would bring him different bugs for his insect collection he was working to complete. He lived at The Lodge for 4 years, from his sophomore year until he graduated, where he lived in several different rooms with many different guys.

For the chapter, Ted was pledge trainer and then became Grand Master of Ceremonies. He is proud of the fact that he has initiated over 100 brothers since that day. Ted and his fellow brother, Greg Rice, along with a couple other brothers, memorized the Grand Master's part of the ritual, and were able to perform the ritual at a regional meeting in Chattanooga. Kappa Sigma Fraternity means a great deal to Ted, as he is amazed at how often he runs into brothers in other parts of the country or world. Some of his closest work relationships are Kappa Sigma brothers from Florida State and USC. Originally, Ted did not plan to pledge in 1987 when he got to UK, but Matt Allen, who he met during freshmen orientation, decided to both wander around campus and check it out. He went to several houses, but ultimately Kappa Sigma is the house that stood out to him immediately. Ted states that he felt right there and all the guys were unique and different. Ted hadn't been to UK in years, but one of his friend's son was attending school there, so Ted and his wife, Ali, decided to go for a long weekend in October of 2016. Ali fell in love with Lexington, and now they go every spring and fall for the Kappa Sigma events. Ted states that his advice for undergraduates, "Savor your time on campus and enjoy your experiences. Remember that by becoming a Kappa Sigma it's not for a day or an hour or a college term, but for life, and understand that you, and the ones you pledge and initiate are the future of the chapter, and are the reputation our chapter has on campus at UK."



## Mike Stacy '92

Mike Stacy, '92, currently resides in Fort Mitchell, KY, along with his wife Tracie and their 3 daughters, Sophia (11), Bella (9), and GiGi (7). He is actively invested in his daughters' lives and attends all their activities, such as soccer, volleyball, softball and dance. When Mike is not bouncing around from his daughters' events, he spends most of his time on his boat at Lake Cumberland.

Currently Mike works for Merrill Lynch, and has been in the finance services industry for over 20 years. Within his community, Mike likes to stay active by attending Blessed Sacrament Church, he is part of the school's development board, is on the UK National board, and has also decided to take on the responsibility of the Fish Fry for next year. Mike holds his years in Kappa Sigma close to him, which has led him to serve on the housing corporation and alumni committee. He has played a huge role in helping the chapter strengthen alumni relations and events through the Hall of Fame banquet. Mike has played a big part in helping us strengthen alumni relations through events like the Hall of Fame and better communications. This is more work than one would expect, but he keeps "carrying the ball" knowing how important this is for Beta-Nu.





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on **September 28th** and tailgater and game  
against South Carolina on **September 29th.**



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