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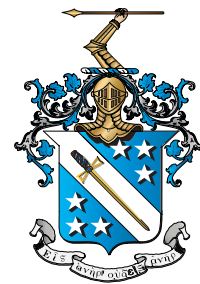
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The Purdue Phi

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HOMECOMING RECAP

Alumni in Action (AIA) completed their 2024 projects the Friday before Homecoming after completing the big project this summer. Headed up by **Jim Stoddart** (and Allison, of course), the Formal Room had a new wood floor installed. This project was covered in a previous eNewsletter. AIA, along with many Actives, spruced up the landscaping around the House as they have many previous years. The beds were weeded and edged before the mulch went down. Trees were trimmed and some touch up painting was completed. Many from the Pledge classes of 1974 helped out this year as they received their 50-year Golden Anniversary Phi Delt pins during a ceremony in the Chapter Room after the projects were done and lunch was served from a food truck. Later, the group of grey-haired guys loaded up on a bus and hit a few bars to re-live their glory days.



PILLAR SOCIETY INDUCTEE

At the 2024 Homecoming this year, **Ron Reehling** was inducted into the Pillar Society for his many years of service to our Chapter and the Housing Corp.

The Neil A. Armstrong Scholarship award winners were presented with their plaques as well as a check of \$851 (in honor of Neil's Bond Number) each:

- The "Phikeia Awards" for the highest GPAs from last year's pledge classes was a tie between **John David Wax** and **Hunter Specht**.
- The "First Man" award went to **Max Lee** as voted on by the Chapter for his work on behalf for the Chapter last year.



TRENT DAILEY '03

Life Skills, Leadership, and Love

When we talked about the benefits of fraternity membership during rush, we might have mentioned friendships, networking and career development, alumni mentorship, social activities, and leadership development as we talked to potential members. Whoever rushed **Trent Dailey '03** did a great job because he's gotten all of that and more from his membership in Phi Delt.

"I visited the house a few times because a few other people from my hometown were members," he said. "I hit it off with the guys and the rest is history."

Trent had fun with the brothers, but also got other things out of his time as an undergraduate member. "I always enjoyed the social aspect, whether it was going down to Harry's or hosting a local event at the house, we always had a good time.

"Purdue still is a leader in the state of Indiana in several categories," he explained. "I believe having a group of people to belong to, that you can do life with, is very important. I still keep in touch with several of my pledge brothers and consider them close friends."

As an undergraduate, Phi Delt taught Trent the importance of alumni being involved with the chapter.

"We had a strong brotherhood and a great location on campus," Trent said. "As one of the oldest houses on campus, there was a strong legacy and support from previous generations in helping us succeed."



Trent Dailey '03

Trent believes that the crucial tradition of alumni support must continue today. "It's our duty to give back and help those around us," he said, adding that it is incumbent on alumni to "help pave the path that someone paved for you."

Life skills were also something Trent picked up as a brother, along with friends and connections. "I believe one of the most important life skills is the ability to relate to all types of people and build genuine relationships," he said. "Being a Phi Delt helped me grow in this area and establish those life skills that I still use everyday."

Indeed, Trent made good use of those life skills after his time in the chapter.

"I graduated from Purdue in 2007 with a bachelor's degree from the School of Technology with a focus on systems integration and communication," Trent said. "Soon

after college, I decided to pursue a career in the insurance world and joined a local independent agency in my hometown called Insurance Management Group.

"From 2007-2015, I was focused on sales and learning the business from top to bottom. In 2015, I purchased the agency and began my career in leadership. During that same time, my wife Angel and I had four kids (Roman 15, Hadley 12, Eden 11, and Isaiah 7)."

One more thing the fraternity gave Trent was Angel. "Without Phi Delta Theta, I wouldn't have met my wife."

LOST BROTHERS



We're missing contact information of Alumni Brothers and need your help to find them so we can send them *The Purdue Phi* and Alumni eLetters.

Visit www.purdue-phi.net and look on the homepage for the current lost mailing list and email list.

If you have contact information for any lost Brothers, email our alumni communications partner, your updates to emily@elevateims.com.



UNDERGRAD UPDATE

Hello Alumni! It's now October and things are in full swing at the Phi lodge!

With pledge-ship winding down we're excited to say the Fall 24 pledge class is 36 phikeia strong. We are confident they will continue the legacy of brotherhood, leadership, and service that has been passed down for generations. Learn more about them here: Fall '24 PC

(<https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/kzxECwprW6iRWPlcVfgFJLaRo?domain=docs.google.com>).

To close out the month of September we hosted our annual Alumni Day as well as Dad's Day. Reconnecting with generations of Phis and sharing our stories is always an incredible experience that ties us all together. We hope to see you all next year!



ALUMNI HOST REUNION

Greg Otto (aka Super Host) pulled together an incredible and awesome Indiana Theta Phi Delt reunion at his place in Manhattan Beach, CA Sept. 26 - 29, 2024.

Eighteen Indiana Theta Phi's from Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, S. Carolina, N. Carolina, California, Ohio, Michigan, Utah and Tennessee made the trek.

Highlights included catching up with brothers, Manhattan Beach Go-Ugly-Early Bar Crawl (pictured), Corn Hole Marathon, Boiler Homecoming Game viewing, Golden Bachelorette watch party (Gonzo got a rose!), 40 year old stories and photos, and endless shenanigans.

All agreed it needs to and will happen more often!



Pictured left to right:

Keith Gordon (1984), Greg Otto (1984), Tom Whiting (1984), Terry Clark (1984), Rob Henderson (1984), Hugh Mickel (1984), Dave Hubbard (1984), Tom Hill (1984), Stu Cummings (1984), Julius Perr (1984), Marc Mannella (1984), Bob Hoffman (1983), Todd Baker (1984), Tom Scanlan (1985), Tom Syfert (1984), Dave Garrett (1984), Steve Yapp (1984), Eddie Lukas (1984)

WHY BROTHERS GIVE, IN THEIR OWN WORDS

As we begin to round out the final months of our 2023-24 give year, we are throwing it back to why our brothers give, in their own words. When alumni give, they are making a statement about their commitment to Phi Delta Theta and its impact. Everyone has their own WHY for becoming a donor.

Here are some personal testimonials from these generous donors to inspire all of us to do our part. Thank you to these Brothers for their contributions and for sharing their thoughts:

“ *You were there when I needed you & I then established life long friends and enriched my life at Purdue.*

“ *Our pledge class of 1949 started organized homecoming reunions in the 1980's and they have gotten stronger over the past 10 years. Friendships lasting that long are extremely important to me, and since they started at the Purdue Phi house, I believe in financially supporting the house as best I can. Further, it is essential that the Purdue Phi house get continuous alumni financial support to assure that it maintains its outstanding status on campus, and more importantly, graduate young men that will succeed in their lives! 'The Phi Delt house, my pledge class, and the changing mix of members were an important part of my four years at Purdue. I support the annual fund in memory of those days.*

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