



Gamma Beta Bulletin

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Gamma Beta brothers pose for a picture with the Founder's Award at Conclave



Gamma Beta President Joey Aultman '05 accepted the Founder's Award from past National President Pat Allen.

Gamma Beta Receives the Alpha Kappa Lambda Founder's Award

On July 31 through August 2, 2009, Birmingham, Alabama played host to Alpha Kappa Lambda's 50th National Conclave. For everyone who attended, Conclave was a great experience. For Gamma Beta, this year's gathering was a special success. Gamma Beta returned home having received several awards and honors – the most notable being the **Founder's Award**.

The Founder's Award recognizes Alpha Kappa Lambda's most outstanding chapters. Chapters who receive this honor excel in all areas of chapter operations including recruitment, financial

management, campus leadership, scholarship and community service.

After receiving the award, 2008 chapter president **Joey Aultman '05** commented, "The achievement of winning this award cannot be solely attributed to our current leadership and members. This award recognizes the cumulative efforts of both our past and present active members to move our chapter forward at the University of Alabama. I was privileged to accept this award on everyone's behalf."

New Alpha Kappa Lambda House Officially Dedicated

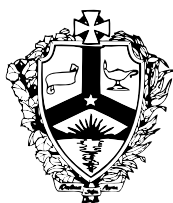
One of the most exciting days in AKA history occurred on August 16, 2008 when the chapter realized its long-time goal of moving into an on-campus house owned by Gamma Beta. Alpha Kappa Lambda held a special ribbon cutting ceremony to officially dedicate the new \$2.5 million chapter house.

Corporate board officers **Jonathan Cook '99**, **Matt Campbell '99**, **Billy Coffman '01**, and undergraduate president **Joey Aultman '05** were on hand to officially cut the ribbon. After the ceremony the house played host to an Alumni Band party headlined by a long time favorite act, The Indiana Jones Band.

"This day could not have happened without dedicated alumni leaders and loyal campaign supporters," said Cook. "It was a groundbreaking day for the fraternity."



Alumni cut the ribbon and officially open the new AKA House!





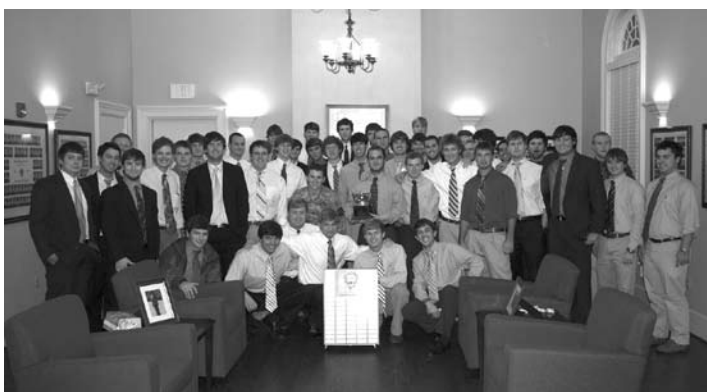
AKA "Drive Fore the Cure" Golf Tournament Raised over \$3,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Eighth Annual Drive Fore the Cure is AKA's Best Yet!

Alpha Kappa Lambda hosted the eighth annual Drive Fore the Cure charity golf tournament on Sunday April 19, 2009, at the Highland Park Golf Course in Birmingham, AL. The event successfully raised \$3,000 for the Alabama Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In the tournament's eight year history, AKA has raised more than \$25,000 in support of this worthy cause.

The impact of this tournament is felt beyond the dollars donated. Drive Fore the Cure serves to generate awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year, 72 players participated in the tournament, including some of the top golfers in Alabama. It was by far the best-attended and most successful in the history of the tournament.

The winning team, "Team Wesler", turned in a score of 54, and each member of the foursome received a 32" flat-screen TV! Individual competition winners included Andy Brom, longest drive, and Peter Dyson, closest-to-the-pin.



Addressing the chapter, Val Lopez '93 talks about the importance "character" has played in his ten years of success in the business world. With the aid of power point, Val's presentation focused on the importance of having a positive attitude in the work place. He also gave suggestions as to what character traits many employers look for in new-hires, and correspondingly those traits that can damage someone's career. Val challenged the chapter to be more involved on campus, be more successful in the classroom, and to raise the bar when holding leadership positions within the chapter.

Chapter Officers

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Alpha Kappa Lambda Initiates 34 New Brothers - Fall 2008

Following a very successful fall recruitment period, Alpha Kappa Lambda initiated 34 men from the Alpha Nu Pledge class – Gamma Beta's largest pledge class yet! Congratulations to all new initiates.

Jacob Fares Abdo - Vestavia Hills, AL

Walt Dulany Addison - Atlanta, GA

Ben Anthony Alfaro - Alpharetta, GA

Joe Miller Cusack - Atlanta, GA

Sterling Price Dailey - Houston, TX

James Richard Dance - Alpharetta, GA

Steven Charles DeLeonard - Hoover, AL

Jonathan David Faint - Huntsville, AL

Peter Charles Finnegan - Huntsville, AL

Shayne Lyle Godfrey - Gardendale, AL

Terrance Madison Helms - Huntsville, AL

Chris Lee Hilliard - Huntsville, AL

John Lofton Hoover - Huntsville, AL

Matthew Pearce Isbell - Houston, TX

Madison Turner James - Houston, TX

Stephen Bradley Johnston - Atlanta, GA

Grant Lyons Judah - Huntsville, AL

Kurt Graham Lambert - Madison, AL

Jon Sang Lee - Jasper, AL

Bobby Brent Marquez - Snellville, GA

Matthew Clayton McDonald - Alpharetta, GA

Jeremy Scott McMillian - Uria, AL

Carlton Pearson Northrup - Dallas, TX

Ben Woodward Paternostro - Hoover, AL

Kyle Norman Prinzbach - Marietta, GA

Benjamin Chase Ragin - Marietta, GA

Patrick Mitchell Ray - Birmingham, AL

Andrew Lawrence Rutkowski - Chicago, IL

Coleman Alexander Smith - Huntsville, AL

Robert Riley Smith - Birmingham, AL

Ryan Micheal Stanley - Maitland, FL

Matthew James Stephan - Madison, AL

Matt Garrett Walker - Lakeland, FL

Taylor Shaughnessy Winkler - Hoover, AL

Alpha Kappa Lambda Initiates 3 New Brothers - Spring 2009

Three brothers were initiated this spring. The Alpha Xi pledge class members are as follows:

Andy Joel Brom - Jasper, AL

Justin Louis Word - Acworth, GA

Miles Evan Hutchinson -

Charlottesville, VA

Alumni with rush recommendations should contact Rush Chair **Hugh Nabers '07** at (256) 345-0009 or hcnabers@bama.ua.edu.

Building Our Future: Campaign Continues to Make Strides Towards \$250,000 Goal

Last August brothers congregated to cut the ceremonial ribbon on our new \$2.5 million chapter house. While this signified a major step forward in Alpha Kappa Lambda's history, the heavy lifting is not yet 100% completed.

Fifty-nine generous brothers have stepped forward to pledge a combined \$210,155, of the \$250,000 campaign goal. This represents 84% of the public goal that has been committed by approximately 18% of Gamma Beta's total alumni base.

Congratulations and thanks are in order for the brothers of the Sigma Pledge Class. The \$40,000 committed by the individuals of this class is more than any other AKA pledge class. For their combined commitment to the fraternity, the Bandroom will be named in honor of the Sigma pledge class.

"Without the generosity of all those who have made commitments to the campaign, moving into the new house may not have been possible," said House Corporation President **Jonathan Cook '99**. "To finish what we started, and sustain our organization it is critical everyone makes an investment and helps to pay for this new facility."

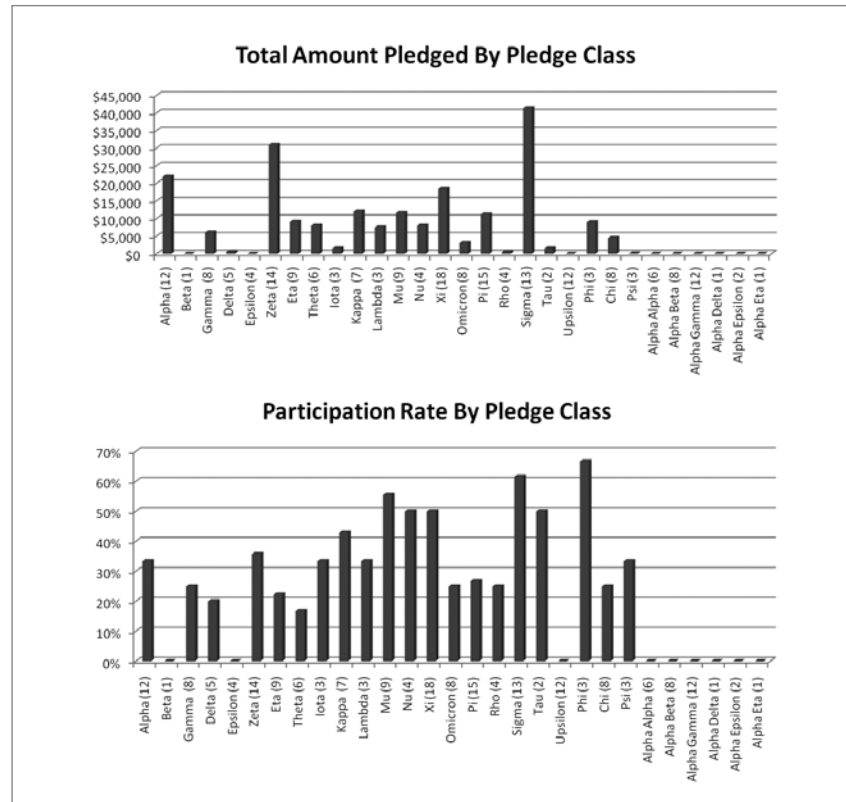
Alpha Kappa Lambda has hung a brand new plaque in the house recognizing everyone who has already given to the campaign.

"If your name is not yet on this plaque,

please consider making a commitment to this important effort," said

Cook. Alumni and friends can make a pledge online today by

using the "alumni" links at www.aklgammabeta.com.



Corporate Board to Begin Transition to New Officers

To plan for continued growth and responsible stewardship, the current corporate board will step down effective June 1, 2009. According to Corporate Board president **John Cook '99** "involvement in the board over the past four years has been extremely rewarding." Cook, along with the rest of the board, would like to express their thanks to the many alumni who provided their time and effort to various initiatives.

In order to transition properly, the outgoing Corporate Board will spend the next two months working side-by-side with the new board to finalize necessary governance documents and oversight materials. Outgoing officers will continue to maintain limited involvement through the fall of 2009.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board of this fine organization" remarked outgoing vice-president **Matt Campbell '99**, "and we look forward to passing the torch to the new leadership group."

Corporate Board Officers and Advisors

President

Jonathan Cook '99

Vice President

Matthew Campbell '99

Treasurer

Billy Coffman '01

Alumni Advisor

Val Lopez '93

Chapter Advisor

Tyler Vann '97

Chapter Advisor

Matthew Cannova '03

Chapter Advisor

Josh Harrison '04

Alpha Kappa Lambda would like to thank and recognize all of those who have already contributed in this campaign.

Logos Society

\$12,000 - \$24,999

Paul Marquez '93

Jason A. Shamblin '91

Kai Society

\$6,000 - \$11,999

Richard R. Anders '95

Greer H. Butler, Jr. '91

Matthew C. Campbell '99

Billy Coffman '01

Jonathan Cook '99

Blake Corder '98

Joe Davis '94

Matthew Dent '93

Bradford J. Griffin '97

Sean Anthony Heckert '99

Valentin Lopez, IV '93

Matthew Miles Majerik '94

Adam J. Ryan '99

Alethia Society

\$3,000 - \$5,999

Ryan Adams '99

Greg Coppage '92

Paul W. Dudley '96

Phillip E. Dudley '99

Alan Goosby '97

William B. Jernigan, III '96

Mitchell Mataya '98

Brad Morrison '95

Paul Norris '98

Matt Santilli '99

L. Bryan Tharpe - '01

Tyler Vann '97

Jonathan Vice - '97

Gold Society

\$1,500 - \$2,999

Billy Cencula '97

Timothy A. Franklin '96

Brandon Guy Harper '99

Scott Hatmaker '94

Matt Hazelwood '95

Chris Hickman '96

Matt Jordan '97

Todd Jordan '94

Casey J. King '97

Joe LaRocca '97

Matthew C. Mayfield '01

Zachary C. Meeks '00

Henry H. Mize '01

James T. Parsons '92

Sonny Reagan '93

Dale Turner '95

Ryan Wilson '97

Purple Society

\$500 - \$1,499

Alpha Phi Idaho Chapter

George N. Chism, III '97

Jay Falls '97

Jay Falls '97

Kelly Kingry '91

Garrett Lane '91

John P. Lyons '93

Brad P. Maddox '96

Chris Nooney '99

Jeff W. Simpson '98

Paul G. Wiggins '92

Supporter

\$1 - \$499

Kevin Donovan '98

Scott Ray '02

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Brother to Brother

Valentin Lopez, IV '93 welcomed Valentin Lopez, V into the world on December 27, 2008. Val is looking forward to bringing him to the house and introducing him to everyone!

L. Bryan Tharpe '01 was promoted to Team Lead at the Dell Corporation. Bryan says he would be happy to help any brother with their computer needs or provide technical advice so do not hesitate to email him at lbryantharpe@gmail.com.

Jeremiah Hilton Culwell '06 is currently doing an accounting internship at Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino and he hopes alumni involvement continues to grow!

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Do you have news you want to share with other alumni? Be sure your news is included in the next newsletter by posting your updates using the alumni links at www.aklgammabeta.com.



Chase Jennings '07, Brandon Long '07, Kevin Pelham '07 and Hugh Nabers '07 at the 2008 Christmas Cocktail.

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- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and email address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Make a pledge to support the new house