

UPCOMING EVENT

Pig Dinner 2018

The Chapter will be holding the Annual Lambda Iota Norris Pig Dinner at the Ross-Ade Pavilion on Saturday, March 3, 2018. The dinner is a celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Alpha Graduate Chapter, chartered on April 7th, 1886. Archon President Brian Douglas '98 from Tennessee Tech will be the keynote speaker. In keeping with Lambda Iota tradition, Pig Dinner is for Brothers and Pledges only.

Please RSVP soon because due to meal guarantees, reservations must be received as soon as possible. The cost per attendee is \$65 which can be paid by check and sent to:

Tim Sarhage, 640 Russell Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Here is the itinerary for Saturday, March 3, 2018:

- 2:00 PM - Annual Meeting
Alpha Graduate Chapter,
Lambda Iota Housing
Corporation at the Chapter
House
- 4:00 PM - Chapter House Tours
Meet the Brothers
- 5:00 PM - Graduate Reception
Ross-Ade Pavilion
Cash Bar
- 6:00 PM - Norris Pig Dinner
Ross-Ade Pavilion
Cost - \$65 per Brother

After Dinner, we will retire to the Chapter House Purple Room to re-live fraternal memories of college days gone by at 640 Russell Street.

Email Graduate Relations Chairman **Tim Sarhage** at tsarhage98@gmail.com with questions.

Parking will be available at the Chapter House and Ross-Ade Stadium.

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GRADUATE UPDATE

6 Great Reasons to Renew Your Participation with FIJI This Year

We've recently launched an enhanced graduate program, which will be driven by frequent publication of the FIJI newsletter and our new online community, www.purduefiji.org. We are counting on you to make our program a continued success.



There are plenty of reasons to maintain your connections with the Lambda Iota Chapter after graduation, and we thank the brothers who have remained active in their graduate years. For those of you who may have fallen away from the fraternity, we've compiled 6 great reasons to make this the year you renew your commitment to FIJI.

1. We are the backbone for our future active chapter.

It is critical that our graduates bond together to form a unified, solid base for FIJI in 2019 or 2020. The newest members of our fraternity will look to us to set an example of what it means to be a True Gentleman.

2. The FIJI experience doesn't end with graduation.

Membership in FIJI is for life, and there are plenty of ways to stay involved: through graduate events, by serving as a volunteer, by actively participating in our graduate program, and, most importantly, by providing financial support to the annual fund.

3. We have a unique legacy to maintain.

We are fortunate to have a rich history and special traditions. If were a member of the Chapter during your college years, you are part of a

single brotherhood that is bonded together by a core set of values and principles.

4. We developed a new way for you to connect throughout the year. Check out our new graduate website, www.purduefiji.org, where you can read the latest chapter

news, find event details, and reconnect with old friends. Be sure to sign up for our monthly eLetter!

5. You have a lifelong network of brothers 973 strong. Find contact information for your fellow FIJI brothers at www.purduefiji.org, and connect with them for job networking opportunities, to renew old friendships, to find brothers in your area, and more.

6. You're the key to our past and the link to our future. As a thriving graduate association more than 973 strong, we boast generations of brothers that have contributed to our rich history. We have collectively preserved traditions, enriched lives of young men, and kept a thriving organization going strong at Purdue for years. You have a unique place in that history, and are asked to maintain your connections to pay it forward for future generations.

We have lots of reasons to maintain our connections to FIJI in our graduate years. If you haven't been involved recently, we personally invite you to renew your participation this year. As you can see, there's no reason not to.

CHAPTER FUTURE

Help the True Meaning of Fraternity Live On

As the undergraduates at the Chapter house head into the middle of the Spring semester, we also need to keep in mind that they are counting on all of you, the graduates, to help them make the most of their time with FIJI.

When you support FIJI, you're not just supporting your fraternity. You're making a critical investment in the values of brotherhood, honor, tradition and goodwill, as well as the lives of young men who need your support now more than ever.

You've seen the news lately. Greek life is in a state of flux, and it is up to us to determine its fate. Will you join us in leading FIJI into the next 100 years as the exemplary fraternity of the future?

Like you, 90% of our graduates rank their fraternity as one of their most impactful college experiences.



Is it because...?

- You learned responsibility and how to lead others through the self-governed residential experience.
- Your Greek life experience was the #1 out-of-the-classroom learning opportunity you could've ever had.

- You learned the importance of giving back and helping others through volunteerism and fundraising.
- Your fellow graduates remain your very best friends to this day.

It's no surprise to you that the Greek system donates 10 million service hours every year, 85% of student leaders are in a fraternity or sorority and Greek life raises millions of dollars annually for charity.

Your continual support ensures FIJI provides the same valuable fraternity experience you enjoyed, to today's young men as well as the future members, while ensuring that no matter what, our graduates and bond of 973 members stays strong.

Can FIJI rely on you?

Fraternally,

*The Brothers of the Lambda Iota Chapter
of Phi Gamma Delta at Purdue*

NATIONAL UPDATE

NIC Bolsters Health and Safety Standards Nationwide

Despite no-hazing policies and other rules and regulations in place, no campus is safe from the fraternity-related injuries, deaths, and other tragedies that have dominated the headlines in recent years. In response, the North-American Interfraternity Council made some major announcements in 2017 regarding the need for improved safety and health measures for fraternities nationwide and their plan to address said needs.

"Now more than ever, students, alumni, community members, national organizations, and university administrators must come together to create ownership and accountability toward measures for change," Judson A. Horras, NIC president and CEO, wrote in a December letter. "We know critical issues that are deeply rooted in culture aren't going to be solved with quick fixes. It is going to take intentional collaboration and comprehensive strategies."

As part of these efforts to bolster safety, the NIC hired Archie Messersmith, a Sigma Phi Epsilon graduate, as its first-ever Director of Health and Safety in 2017. He will lead the implementation of the NIC's enhanced health and safety standards, which build upon already existing prevention efforts and programs. According to the NIC, the framework will introduce:

- **A medical Good Samaritan Policy** to encourage fraternity members to contact 911 in any medical emergency situations.
- **Baseline health and safety programming** to ensure all NIC member fraternities are providing required health and safety education to all chapters.
- **The Social Safe pilot program** that empowers the NIC to work with campuses to remove dangerous hard alcohol from the fraternity experience, provide a more balanced, academic-centered



fraternity experience, and foster safer social events for members and guests.

It's a big job, but Messersmith is up for the challenge. He's no stranger to addressing important issues on campuses across the country. He spent the previous five years in various roles for Sigma Phi Epsilon, directing member safety, risk management operations, expansion efforts, university partnerships, and alumni/volunteer services and support. Notable accomplishments include leading SigEp's sexual assault prevention curriculum "Got Consent?" and co-developing the "Live Your Oath" campaign.

"The NIC is embarking on an enormous task of working with not just individual chapters, but entire communities to change the culture from the inside," Messersmith said in a statement last fall. "I am honored to be standing alongside such a great team at this pivotal time in our industry and excited about the impact our work will have."

Safe, healthy, and vibrant fraternity communities is what the NIC aims for – and truly believes is possible if students, graduates, administrators, community members, and NIC member fraternities work together.

The Greek Life community is filled with intelligent people who care deeply about the future of fraternities and believe wholeheartedly in its power to shape the lives of young men and create opportunities for them. Their support and cooperation will be critical as the NIC works to improve student safety, eliminate risks, and secure a future for fraternities.

Stay tuned to www.nicindy.org for other news and updates regarding these efforts.

REMEMBER WHEN...

Graduate Brothers Share Their Favorite FIJI Memories

We need more content like this on the website! These graduates went to www.purduefiji.org, clicked on the Graduate Profiles tab and selected Submit Your Update. These submissions are from a few years ago but they still bring a smile to our faces. Send us your responses to some of these questions!

What is the memory that makes you laugh hardest today?

"Helping Dr. Crowder locate his car in Lafayette after a night on the town."

-**Kenneth T. Milne, Jr., '49**

"Riding up the levee hill from Lafayette to West Lafayette with my date in the rumble seat of Dick Marshall's red 1931 Model A roadster. The clutch went out; we slowed, and then started rolling backward down the hill. Dick expertly parked the car, and we walked our dates home, laughing all the way. At our 45th reunion, Dick reported that he had recently found that car again and bought it."

-**Henry Parker Wayland, Jr., '59**

"In the fall of 1954 I had my first date

with the president of the Pi Phi house (Jane Heath). It was senior week and the Phi Gam pledges were after all of us seniors in an effort to put tape on our mustaches so that we would have to shave them off. Some of the pledges spotted us at a beer joint in Lafayette and began a car chase as soon as we left. I successfully eluded them by driving down the Monon railroad tracks. Unfortunately women's hours were 10 PM and the pledges were waiting for us when I returned to the Pi Phi house. However all was not lost since my date was so impressed by my daringness that she said yes a few months later and we have been happily married ever since."

-**Doug Stuart, '55**

Describe the best party

"Fiji Island 1958! An island of sand throughout the basement, wall to wall mattresses covered with "grass" carpets on the first floor with freshly-cut greenery lining all the walls, the front porch lined and made into a pond to receive the waterfall from the second floor, a monkey bridge from a tree out

front to enter the house via the center second floor window and a decorated low-boy from Bill Davis's Dad's construction company to drive throughout the town to pick up our dates. Purdue was officially a dry campus then, but we had a great time anyway."

- **Henry Parker Wayland, Jr., '59**

What is the one memory you have shared or will share with your children or grandchildren?

"How I looked up to and respected the seniors (Class of 1956) with men like Joe Showalter, Gene Cernan, Phil Wolf, and all the others. They made me very proud to be a Phi Gam." -**Henry Parker Wayland, Jr., '59**

"I was able to attend initiation with my two sons who were Fijis at Kansas State and Iowa State. A wonderful experience."

-**William G. Hanley, '60**

"My fraternity dinners are where I learned some manners and social processes and they should learn them before they go to college."

-**Robert D. Dillingham, '69**

LOST LIST

37% of FIJI Graduates Have Lost Touch

Help Get These Brothers Reconnected

How would *you* feel if you were left out of the loop when it comes to FIJI?

Of our 973 active graduate members, we have just 616 email addresses. That means 37% of our graduate members aren't receiving our emails—and therefore are left completely out of the loop.

With one simple action, you can make sure your brothers are receiving news about events (like homecoming) and where other graduate members are today.

Please take a few minutes to visit www.purduefiji.org and review our email lost list, located at the bottom of the home page. If you have a valid email address for any of these brothers, simply click on their name. An email will pop up for you to type in the email address. Then click send! We'll then add them to our email list.

**Rest assured that your information is stored in a secure database and is never sold or traded.*

PHOTO FLASHBACK

Were You in This Picture?



We found this old picture on the PhiGam Archives website www.phigamarchives.org. It was simple titled, "Purdue University Brothers" with a description of "A group of Lambda Iota brothers: 1958-1959." Were any of you in this picture? If you were or if you know more about the origin of this shot, we want to know about it. Visit our website and go to the Graduate Updates section of the Graduate Profiles tab and submit your memory. Your submission will be used in a future publication.



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GRADUATE PROFILE

A Life-Altering Injury Never Stopped Brother Mike Reed '81 from Living Life to the Fullest

This amazing graduate profile was submitted to the site back in the Spring of 2016 by brother Mike Reed '81. His inspiring words and story seemed fitting for this time of year and worth revisiting in case you missed it on the website.

"I came to Purdue in the fall of 1977 not knowing what to expect, except playing for the Purdue baseball team and going to school. Some brand new friends and I rushed several houses and became Fiji pledge brothers in the Lambda Iota chapter that fall (class of '81). One year as a "frog" and one year in the house gave me a ton of memories that will last for as long as my memory serves me.

In the summer after my sophomore year while preparing to go waterskiing one evening at the Huntington reservoir, things went bad. After crossing to the other side with three friends I dove into unknown shallow water and fractured my neck. Face down underwater, I tried to pop out and tell my friends it was shallow. Then, unable to move a muscle, panic hit and I thought I would drown right there. Luckily I felt a hand on my shoulder and was turned over just in time to breathe. I had one friend hold my head still while going back to where the boat was launched. Almost an hour later the EMS arrived, and I was headed back to Ft. Wayne with a life altering injury.

A spinal cord injury paralyzed all four limbs and I was no longer able to even move a finger or toe. After three surgeries and a year at the Rehab Institution of Chicago, I was able to re-gain enough movement to feed myself,



operate an electric wheelchair and even drive my own specially adapted van.

After returning home, I coached a group of 15-16-year-olds and the Mickey Mantle league for two summers. Taking what I learned from Coach Alexander at Purdue, and teaching and practicing with a great group of kids, we won our district and then the Indiana State tournament and finished third in the national semifinals played in Huntington, WV. I also helped Dale McReynolds as an associate scout for the LA Dodgers for about eight years and then helped Coach Alexander as an associate scout for Seattle Mariners until around 2010.

In the early 1990s I returned to college and through perseverance I finally got my degree. It was more of a pride thing just to say "I did it" more than anything.

I had a house built in the country and was married to my wife, Julie almost 10 years ago. I am the father to six children—at least they were at one time! There is Rachel, Matthew,

Joshua, Rebekah, Seth and Luke. Three of them are out of the nest already while two are in college and the youngest with just one more year of high school after this year finishes. Time has flown by quickly for this class of 1981 Purdue Fiji alum.

Even though my time was cut short as a Fiji on campus, I am still in touch with pledge brothers and other brothers from my days down there. One of the most fun times was Purdue football game day, with all of the graduate member brothers getting together before the game. Great memories!

Win or lose, you won't find a bigger Boilermaker fan in these parts than me! And I know it's the same for many of my PBs. Football and basketball was a big time attraction in the Fiji house when I was there. The teams were very good in 77-79 and I won't forget our win against Magic Johnson and Michigan State on Arnett Hallman's buzzer beater. A bunch of Fijis sat together during the games and that arena was so loud I couldn't hear a word from anyone. Our devastating loss to IU in the NIT finals was polar opposite, quietly crushed.

I just want to say that my time as a Fiji Brother at Purdue gave me some of the best memories of my lifetime. Thanks to all brothers who made my time there the best. And also thanks to fellow Fijis who have always been there for me. It could not have been a greater group of guys to spend my early college years with."