



# Phi Sigma Kappa Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2016 Issue No. 1

## Important Dates:

Oct 28: Semi-Formal

Oct 29: Alumni  
Lunch & Homecoming Game

## A Letter from Our President:

Alumni,

I hope everyone is as excited about another great football season as we are! Things are looking up for Georgia Tech as well as the Kappa Deuteron chapter. During the last year we have continued to grow our reputation throughout campus, in size, and as fraternity men in general. We were able to initiate nineteen outstanding men in the past year in addition to having the honor of receiving the Herbert L. Brown Outstanding Chapter award at the Shonk Leadership School. Should you be in the Atlanta area at any time, feel free to stop by the house and meet the brothers. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Homecoming game this year!

Damn Glad,  
Nic Laconico  
KD 1148



## Homecoming:

Homecoming weekend falls on October 27 through October 29 this year, with Semi-Formal on Friday the 28th, and the Duke game on Saturday the 29th. The time of the game is not released yet, but we will be having our annual alumni lunch a few hours before the game. We are hoping to beat our standing last year, which was fourth of the thirty two IFC fraternities.



1st place Orion's Boat team



Brad was one of the Mr. GT finalists

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## New Associates:

Our chapter is proud to announce twenty new associate members, creating the pledge class of Fall 2016! This is yet another diverse pledge class, made up of fourteen first years, four second years, and two third years from all across the country. The members of this pledge class include



(from bottom left): Kyle Kaikkonen, Deepak Rao, John Tarasidis, Jackson Bailey, Ken Baynes, Junwoo Park, Asif Islam, Kyle Brown, George McAlear, Steve Sung, Dale Shober, Nick Loprinzo, Liam Wilson, Jack Jehle, Tyler Lochan, Chris Dugan, Mark Frank, Enzo Soenen, Kevin Kreulen, and Matt Miller. We hope you will join us in congratulating these men in taking the first steps to joining Phi Sig!

## Phi Sig By the Numbers:

### Active Brothers:

51

### Total Brothers:

60

### Total Majors:

17

### Philanthropy Hours:

202.11

### Different States:

20

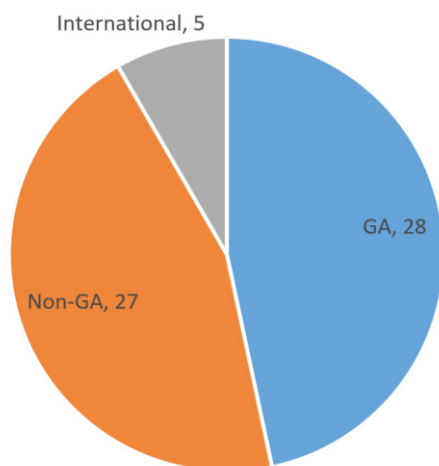
### Different Countries:

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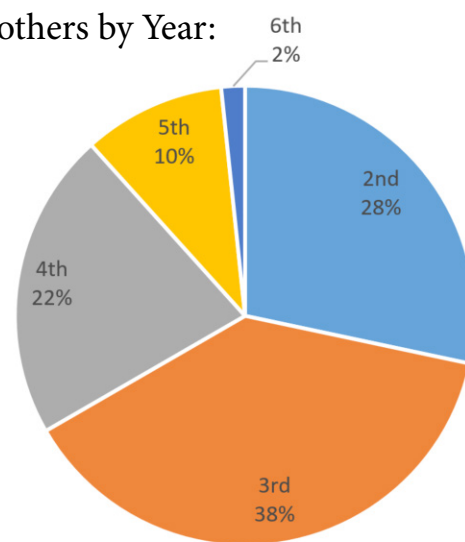
### Initiated Brothers:

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### Brothers by Location:



### Brothers by Year:



## Contributions:

As our chapter continues to grow, the increased need for seating is more and more apparent. Any donations of folding chairs for the chapter room, or anything else that could benefit the chapter, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nic Laconico at [psk.kd.laconico@gmail.com](mailto:psk.kd.laconico@gmail.com) or our treasurer, Adam Jackson, at [psk.kd.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:psk.kd.jackson@gmail.com) if you are interested in contributing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Brotherhood:



3rd place Greek week trophy!



Supporting DV Awareness



Brothers participating in tug



A recent brotherhood trip to skyzone



1st place Greek God performance



Intramural soccer team

## Scholarship:

The Spring semester proved to be a strong academic semester for our chapter. 47% of active brothers made the Dean's List (3.00), and another two finished with faculty honors (4.00). The spring pledge class finished with a 3.16 GPA, with 75% of them making Dean's List as well. The overall fraternity GPA was a 3.05. Our Vice President of Scholarship, Rayan Heerjee, created a database of classes taken by brothers to facilitate informal tutoring within the fraternity. Additionally, we began reserving a dedicated study room in the CULC for brothers to have a place dedicated to learning other than the Study Room.

## Character:

This past school year, brothers completed over 900 hours of volunteering and donated over \$5000 to various charities. Thanks to our Vice President of Philanthropy, Rohan Manathkar (Spring) and Eli Gerhard (Fall), for their work over the past year. We were able to support the Boys and Girls Club, Atlanta Mission, Trees Atlanta, Relay for Life, Autism Speaks, and of course, the Special Olympics, our national philanthropy.



## Awards:

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Recently Eli Gerhard, Matt Schoonover, Nic Laconico, and Michael Chen attended Shonk Leadership School (Nic also attended Zillgitt), where we were honored to be awarded the Herbert L. Brown Outstanding Chapter award. This award is based on many aspects of our chapter-scholarship, philanthropy, recruitment, diversity, and brotherhood. Only three were awarded out of all of the chapters nationwide. We are proud and honored to receive such a prestigious award. Not pictured is Brad Farnham, our former president, who received the Order of the Diamond Circle award. This is the highest award that an undergraduate can receive, only three were awarded out of all Phi Sig undergraduates. We are honored to have Brad as one of our distinguished alumni.

## Officers and Contacts:

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For general questions and concerns, please contact our president, Nic Laconico. For any questions regarding our new members, please contact our Inductor, Patrick Wolff. Contact information can be found below.

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## Letter from the Editor:

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Thank you for reading this issue of the Kappa Deuteron Alumni Newsletter. On behalf of the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our chapter. If there is anything that you would like to see in further editions, do not hesitate to contact me at:

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I will take all comments into consideration.

Damn glad,  
Matt Schoonover  
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