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New AE Scholarship Endowment Announced

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, Mark Timmes, Executive Director of Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity, introduced the newest AE academic scholarship award to be presented through the National Office of Pi Kappa Phi. Speaking before a standing-room-only crowd—which included Sandy's wife Jane Durrell, their four daughters, Kathy Durrell Lockhart (Mike), Debbie Durrell Swain (John), and Trish Durrell Homel (Ron), along with fourteen grand and great grandchildren—Sandy's daughter Caroline Durrell Fritz announced the creation of the "Dr. William Sanford Durrell Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry."

The Durrell Family Endowed Scholarship is the first fully endowed national scholarship in Pi Kappa Phi. This scholarship will be awarded to a Pi Kappa Phi Brother in good standing, who is a rising junior, senior, or graduate student studying chemistry and has demonstrated excellence in this field based on a combination of research, experience, coursework, and a desire to pursue a career in chemistry. The first award will be presented in the fall of 2020. The Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, University of Florida, is extremely proud and grateful to one of our own. The Durrell family has been involved with our chapter for many years, and for this we are ever indebted.

Founders Day Weekend 2019

Alpha Epsilon Celebrates 95th Anniversary at UF

On February 24, 2019, over 500 alumni, active brothers, and special guests gathered at our new chapter house at 419 Fraternity Row to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at the University of Florida.

Special guests included Cathi Overton, daughter of Brother Ben Overton, AE Hall of Fame; Frank Maloney Jr., son of Dean Frank Maloney, AE Hall of Fame; Former National President of Pi Kappa Phi Jeff Whalen; Managing Director of Pi Kappa Phi Properties Greg Buehner; Greg Linder, Pi Kappa Phi Properties; Mark Timmes, CEO of Pi Kappa Phi; Jane Durrell, wife of Sandy Durrell, as well as 15 members of the Durrell family; and, last but certainly not least, a very, very special guest—Clarence Taylor, "Chef Extraordinaire."

Looking back over the past 95 years, I believe all in attendance would agree that the "Stray Brothers"—Russell P. Cureton (X-37), Lee Hartwell Poe (I-125) and James Lloyd Knight (I-119), along with the help of Thomas A. Steele (X-56)—would be quite pleased with all that Pi Kappa Phi has accomplished at UF since its founding in 1924. These accomplishments include our AE Scholarship Program (which has now grown to ten awards presented annually), the alumni communication and website program, AE Gator Walkway, Veterans Initiative, Alumni

Legion Awards, Executive Leadership Recognition, Alumni Tailgate Weekends, as well as the most recent addition to our repertoire—The Annual Legends of AE Golf Tournament. Our quest continues...to make Alpha Epsilon the top fraternity at Florida.



A Word from the Chairman

With that all said, the single most gratifying experience that I personally had during our weekend gathering was seeing the number of "new" alumni who returned to the house for the first time in many, many years. I sensed a common theme from each person I had the opportunity to meet, "I only wish that I would not have waited so long."

Fall is right around the corner. I ask that each of you who were with us in February: target a couple of "your guys" and bring them back this coming school year to meet the men of Alpha Epsilon who are carrying on our legacy of greatness at UF.

Faternally,

Michael L. Sullivan '68 (AE 886)
Chairman, Alpha Epsilon Housing Corporation
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Archon Report

Brothers:

We currently have 145 active brothers, and just had a seven-man pledge class for spring 2019. We are hyped up for this upcoming fall's recruitment, so if you know anyone coming to UF and is looking to rush, feel free to reach out to Vice Archon **Ryan Gamarra** at 954-534-4311, or our recruitment chair, **Max Gravenstine**, at 609-707-9868.

After our President's Cup run of last year, all of our sports teams are geared-up and ready for a repeat. Our softball team is headed into the second round of the playoffs. While our basketball team had an unfortunate early exit from the playoffs, our soccer team is 4-1, and getting ready for a deep run in the playoffs.

During Dance Marathon—which ran at the end of March—we had five brothers representing Alpha Epsilon as dancers, and 13 others serving in various leadership roles, such as assistant directors, captains, and members of the emerging leaders program. Our chapter also has nine current members of Florida Blue Key, five Florida Cicerones, as well as three brothers serving as preview staffers during orientation this summer. One of our graduating seniors, **Trevor Pope**, served as the senior class president this most recent semester, and was just inducted into the UF Hall of Fame. Keep up the good work, men!



Fraternally,

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Stephen and his sister, Sarah, at Dance Marathon.



Members of AE at Dance Marathon 2019 in March. (Visit <https://floridadm.org> to learn more!)



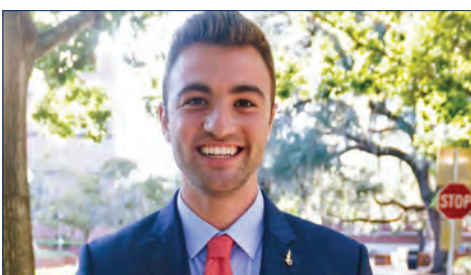
2018–2019 Scholarships and Awards

Congratulations to the brothers listed below for their respective awards:

Bill Hill Griffin Award (\$1500): Matt Farah
Ben Overton Award (\$1000): Stephan Greep
Frank Maloney Award (\$750): Joe Lavoie
Mo Cummings Award (\$750): Brandon Fallin
Paul Green Award (\$750): Charles McMillan
James Suh Award (\$750): Ryan Leavitt
AE Veterans Scholarship (\$500): Tim Martin
Top Scholar Award (\$500): Griffin Harris
Hill-Donovan Freshman Scholar Award (\$500): Alex Parcell



Joe Lavoie with the Frank Maloney Award, presented by Frank Maloney Jr.



Special congratulations to Trevor Pope, who was just inducted into the UF Hall of Fame!

He is a multi-year AE Scholarship Award winner, senior class president, member of FBK, and was recently accepted to UF Law.



Special congratulations also go out to Stephen Greep! Stephen is an inductee into Florida Blue Key for spring 2019!

This recognition comes in addition to winning the Ben Overton award.

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www.pikappgator.org.

Be sure to look for Volume #1 Issue #1 of the **Pi Kapp Gator**, written in 1950!

Find us on Facebook – search for **Pi Kappa Phi – Florida**. Follow us on Twitter **@UFpikapp**



Support our Active Chapter Members with a Scholarship!

Would you like to make an impact on an active member's life? Make a contribution to the Alpha Epsilon Scholarship Fund! Checks should be made out to the AE Chapter Investment Fund (memo: Contribution to Scholarship Fund) and mailed to Pi Kappa Phi National Headquarters, P.O. Box 240526, Charlotte, NC 28224.



Reminiscing while looking at the 1984 composite.



Recipients of AE Scholarship and Exec. Leadership Recognition Awards.



Mike Sullivan '69 (AE 886) presiding over the morning session.



Mark Timmes presenting the State of the Fraternity address.



Mary Charland and her son, Bill Charland '82 (AE 1245).



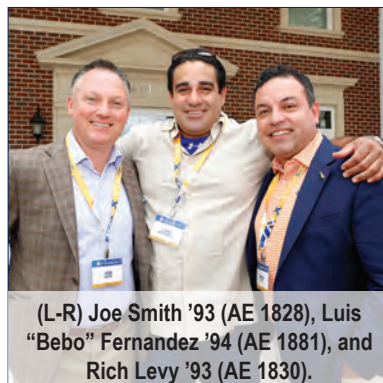
Dick Santangelo '67 (AE 840), winner of the Gator basketball raffle.



AE Hall of Fame inductee Pete Barr '54 (AE 512) addressing the crowd.



Joe Schretzmann '48 (AE 394) and Jane Durrell sharing memories.



(L-R) Joe Smith '93 (AE 1828), Luis "Bebo" Fernandez '94 (AE 1881), and Rich Levy '93 (AE 1830).

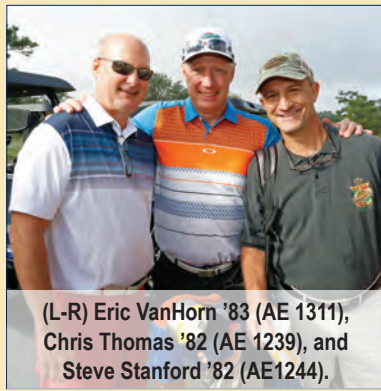


Remembering the "good old days" while on the AE Gator Walkway.

AE Golf Tournament



Heading out for the shotgun start.



(L-R) Eric VanHorn '83 (AE 1311), Chris Thomas '82 (AE 1239), and Steve Stanford '82 (AE 1244).



(L-R) Miguel Gamarra '85 (AE 1356) and Stephen Greep.



On the driving range.



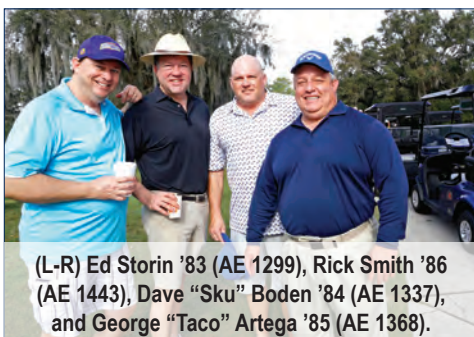
Prepping for tournament play.



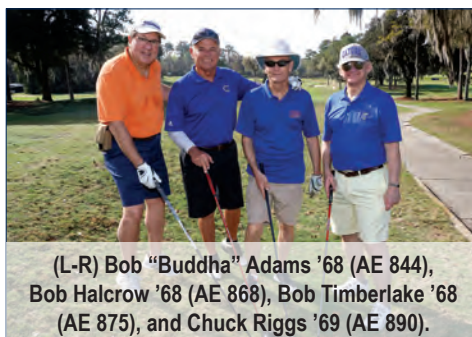
Chris Hill '72 (AE 955) and Chuck Riggs '69 (AE 890).



(L-R) Bob Sullivan '78 (AE 1051), John Warmington '71 (AE 968), Rich Levy '93 (AE 1830), and Joe Smith '93 (AE 1828).



(L-R) Ed Storin '83 (AE 1299), Rick Smith '86 (AE 1443), Dave "Sku" Boden '84 (AE 1337), and George "Taco" Artega '85 (AE 1368).



(L-R) Bob "Buddha" Adams '68 (AE 844), Bob Halcrow '68 (AE 868), Bob Timberlake '68 (AE 875), and Chuck Riggs '69 (AE 890).



(L-R) Miguel Gamarra '85 (AE 1356), Ken Purcell '83 (AE 1270), and Steve Stanford '82 (AE 1244).



The starting lineup swings away.



This year's AE Golf Tournament winners, pictured with the cup.



Legends of AE Golf Tournament

By Chuck Riggs '69 (AE 890)

Wow—the inaugural Legends of Alpha Epsilon Golf Tournament was an amazing success! The tournament was held on February 18 this year, and we played on the beautiful Tom Bostic University of Florida Golf course on a terrific sunny day.

We had 61 Golfers, 52 Alumni and 10 Actives, who helped with the tournament and played

with us, which provided great synergy between alumni and brothers! The day started off with pastries from Dunkin' Donuts and a shotgun start at 10:00 AM sharp.

During the round of golf, we had a lot of fun (with a few mulligans as needed). Lunch was provided from Gator Dockside, and consisted of an excellent BBQ. After the tournament we went back to the hotel to tell a lot of tales and war stories!

The next morning at the house we raffled off a Coach Mullen signed football and a Coach Mike White signed basketball. The overall winner of the tournament trophy was the team of **Mark French '85 (AE 1348)**, **Mike Mitchell '87 (AE 1521)**, **Chris Ure '89 (AE 1623)** and **Zach Broderson**. The trophy will reside in the house and will have the winners name each year.

With such an outstanding start, we will do the tournament in February again next year. Thanks to everyone who helped, as we could not have done this without you!

Alpha Epsilon Legion

GOLD

Dave Buell '69 (AE 889)
Skip Fink '69 (AE 888)
Chuck Riggs '69 (AE 890)
Mike Sullivan '69 (AE 886)

(The Gold Legion members are pictured below)

SILVER

Luis Fernandez '94 (AE 1881)
Kory Kreul '94 (AE 1868)
Rich Levy '93 (AE 1830)
Don Slesnick III '94 (AE 1888)
Joe Smith '93 (AE 1828)
Rick Riisma '94 (AE 1886)



Phase II of Veterans Initiative is Open



Phase II of our Veterans Initiative is now underway! We have built this piece to honor all our brothers who have served our country courageously in the United States Armed Forces. *We are adding additional names this summer.* If your name has not been placed on the plaque yet, or if you know a brother who is not on the plaque but should be, please email **Rick Riisma '94 (AE 1886)** at rriisma@gmail.com, or **Mike Hill '67 (AE 815)** at mployerhill@gmail.com. Please include name, branch of service, and dates of service of the brother who served. All gave some, some gave all! Long Live Alpha Epsilon!

Alpha Epsilon Hall of Fame

Inductees into the Alpha Epsilon Hall of Fame are alumni brothers who upon graduation from the university have gone on to lead distinguished careers and excelled in their chosen field of work. In doing so, these individuals have brought tremendous credit and honor to our fraternity. This award was first presented in 1979 to former U.S. Congressman **Sydney Herlong '29 (AE 49)**. To date, 12 of AE's most prominent alumni have been inducted into the chapter's hall of fame. Each of these honorees has their portrait on display on the Wall of Honor in the alumni library

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Mr. Alpha Epsilon

Mr. Alpha Epsilon is an award presented to notable brothers of the chapter, who, as alumni, have given unselfishly of their time, wisdom, and resources, while working tirelessly for the betterment of the undergraduate chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at UF. The first Mr. AE Award was presented in 1981 to two outstanding alumni: **Mo Cummings '50 (AE 370)** and **Charles Rowe '52 (AE 414)**. To date, this award has been presented to 21 of our alumni brothers over the past 38 years. This year's recipients are **Bob Halcrow '68 (AE 868)** and **Mike Sullivan '84 (AE 886)** (pictured, top, with Dave Boden '84, AE 1337), as well as **Tim Rurey '84 (AE 1327)** and **Bill Charland '82 (AE 1245)** (pictured at right).



Peter C. Barr '54 stands with the AE Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame

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of our chapter house. At the 95th Anniversary Celebration, **Peter C. Barr '54 (AE 512)** and **Frank E. Maloney '41 (AE 285)** were inducted into our chapter's hall of fame. Pete was in attendance and spoke to the crowd. Frank's son was in attendance to present the Maloney Award. Their portraits will be proudly added to our wall.



In Memoriam: Murle Eugene Harrison '50 (AE 436)

Murle Eugene Harrison '50 (AE 436), of Ft. Lauderdale and Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, passed away at age 88 on Tuesday May 14, 2019.

As a student, Murle was a member of ROTC, graduated with a degree in accounting from UF, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. Murle was an active member of Pi Kappa Phi and an original member of the Teen Timers. During his time as treasurer, he signed the check which allowed AE to purchase the lot at 11 Fraternity Row from UF.

During his senior year at UF, Murle met Ann Reed on a blind date in Jacksonville; they were married a year later, and spent the next 54 years together. After his service as a finance officer in the army, Murle began work at Stockton, Whatley, & Davin as an accountant and in 1958 was appointed as the lead accountant of the Ponte Vedra Club. Murle continued to accept more responsibility

for resort operations and became the general manager in 1979. After Gate Petroleum assumed ownership of the Ponte Vedra Club, Murle served in variety of corporate positions at Gate, including commercial real estate, internal auditor, establishment of the Gate Governor's Club, and as broker of Ponte Vedra Club Realty. Murle retired from the company in 1997.

During his 60 years in Ponte Vedra, Murle was always active in the community serving as deacon and elder at Palms Presbyterian Church, fire chief of the Ponte Vedra Beach Volunteer Fire Department, scout master of Boy Scout Troop #277, helped found the PV Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, PV Elementary PTA President, president of the St. Johns County Republican Club, draft board member, PV Community Association secretary and treasurer, and most recently as trustee of the Ponte Vedra MSD. Murle was predeceased by his wife Ann in 2000, and is survived by his daughter Debbie (John) Edwards, his son Steve (Debbie), grandchildren Susanna (Josh), Lindsay, and great-granddaughter Vanessa.

Save the Date

Alumni Tailgate Weekends

Tennessee - 9/21

Auburn Homecoming - 10/5

Vanderbilt - 11/9

Join us for food, drink, and camaraderie during the home games listed above! Sponsored by the AE Gator Club. Take the opportunity to meet up with old friends and get to know some of our newest brothers who are carrying on our legacy at UF. We hope to see you there!

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Founders Day and Alumni Activities

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Chapter Eternal

We are saddened to have learned of the passing of the following Alpha Epsilon brothers since the last issue of the Pi Kapp Gator. We extend our sympathies to their friends, families, and loved ones.

Jule Frank Merkel '49 (AE 409)

Murle Eugene Harrison '50 (AE 436)

Benjamin Henry Cosio '51 (AE 463)

Robert Wallace McMullen '58 (AE 603)

George Wilson Shipp '70 (AE 927)

David Lawrence Mundy '78 (AE 1046)

Dusty Patrick McGee '79 (AE 1084)