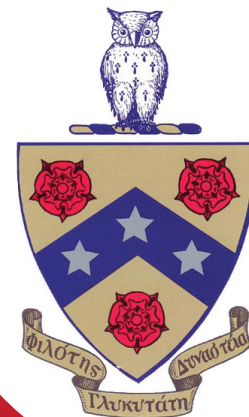


Upsilon Alpha of Phi Gamma Delta CAMPANILLA

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The Final Founding Fathers



Nearly four years ago, after years of work from graduate brothers and chapter advisors, the Upsilon Alpha chapter was reestablished as a colony. Over 40 men took on the challenge of joining a chapter with zero undergraduates as members of the Alpha pledge class.

This was certainly no easy task, and for many of these men it was their first opportunity to be a part of something bigger than themselves. The Upsilon Alpha chapter has recently seen the last

four members of this pledge class graduate this May. Despite turning to graduate status, their legacy will live on for years to come and their work could not have been more appreciated by the brothers that came after them:

“As a new member of the Upsilon Alpha chapter and lucky enough to see a chapter full of diverse, inspired, and fulfilled men, I feel a sense of overwhelming gratitude for the chapter the Alpha class built from the ground up. This chapter has something special going on. While hard to verbally describe, the dedication, aspirations, and bonds are unparalleled. None of this would be possible without the foundation that the Alpha class set, giving clear priorities and direction to the entire chapter for years to come.” - *Sebastian Magri '24*

Other members of this storied pledge class have also voiced their gratitude for their role:

“Being an Alpha, to me, was a large responsibility to revive the greatest house ever at the University of Arizona. I think the entire class knew how big of a job we had and we all took it very seriously. I still remember the 3-4 hour chapter meetings. In the end each of our voices were heard and you can see how each of the alphas personalities are now reflected in our current chapter. The fact that we were the fastest charter in Fiji history shows the dedication and grit we put into this chapter and that is why I'll always be mighty proud to be a Fiji!” - *Owen Anderson '21*

“The experience was unlike any other that I would have experienced joining another fraternity. Being a legacy, I felt privileged to be able to carry on the family name. The alpha class was full of exceptional men from all walks of life which I appreciated. I'll truly miss my college days, but I know FIJI is not for college days alone.” - *Cam Allen '21*

Since their initiation, the chapter reinstated its charter in 2018, has grown to over 120 active brothers and is consistently one of the top houses on campus in terms of scholarship, community involvement and character.

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President's Report



Dear Brothers,

Over the past few months, Upsilon Alpha has seen tremendous growth despite another restricted semester resulting from Covid.

Our chapter's emphasis on constant, individual and collective progression only furthered FIJI's

reputation as leaders in the classroom and in the Greek community. Our brotherhood will grow to 131 members, following the initiation of 15 gentlemen from the Theta class. These 15 young gentlemen embody our values and show strong promise for being future leaders of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter. Our brothers have actively worked to be positive contributors on campus, as numerous members have taken active roles in a wide variety of clubs and organizations, ranging from Student Government and Eller clubs to club sports. As COVID restrictions slowly eased throughout the semester, Upsilon Alpha was able to hold in-person chapter meetings and limited brotherhood events that allowed our brothers to reconnect during these times. With a strong emphasis on brotherhood this semester, the bonds between brothers deepened through our Fiji basketball

league, paintball, and watch parties for sporting events. On the professional front, our brothers have pursued internship and employment opportunities in areas related to their areas of study. Upsilon Alpha has worked with our career coach, Pete Corrigan, guest speakers and other employer relations to provide our brothers with the best professional opportunities possible.

Moving forward, the Upsilon Alpha chapter is working to provide more opportunities for active brothers to connect personally and professionally with alumni brothers. The Upsilon Alpha chapter looks to host an alumni golf tournament in the first few weeks of the Fall semester, which will set the foundation for stronger alumni connections in the future. Our chapter will look to further alumni relations on the professional front by inviting graduate brothers to speak at our chapters and connecting active members with alumni members in their intended career fields. The brothers of Upsilon Alpha have benefited greatly from the generosity of our alumni brothers and want to thank our graduate brothers that help us carry on the long-standing legacy of Phi Gamma Delta at the University of Arizona.

Fraternally Yours,
Cole Houck '22
Chapter President
Perge!



Alex Gray '22 accepting his certificate as the recipient of the Smith-Cheney Spirit Award for 2020.

It is awarded annually to the Upsilon Alpha undergraduate brother who inspires us to be the best fraternity through fraternal and general collegiate activities. Alex was honored for his scholarship, character, leadership, and service and is one of those dedicated Fijis "who would gladly practice self-sacrifice for his brothers."

CONGRATULATIONS to these brothers who received 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2021 Semester!

Adrian Soto '21
Jake Contos '22
Lucas Grennan '22
Jacob Kaller '22
Oskar Lee '22
Will Martens '22
Hector Morales '22
Dalton Thompson '22
Mitch Thompson '22
Cole Denny '23
Brad Hortness '23



Jack Rhiner '23
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Carter Niebling '24
Nathan Miller '24
Bryce Michael '24
Rohan O'Malley '24
Spencer Thomas '24
Jack Wherty '24

100th Anniversary of Zeta Delta Epsilon

It may be hard to believe but it has been 100 years since the initial founding of the local fraternity that eventually turned into the Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

On the evening of March 21, 1921, 15 upperclassmen gathered together and formed Zeta Delta Epsilon. There were only four other fraternities on the campus of the University of Arizona at the time. They announced their formation publicly on April 1, 1921, and later that month, the University of Arizona granted Zeta Delta Epsilon recognition as a local fraternity.

Linton T. Simmons was chosen President, George V. Roark—Vice-President, Thomas Jefferson Randolph V—Secretary, Wallace S. Badger—Corresponding Secretary, and Robert I. Rupkey—Treasurer. The remaining founders were David D. Baker, William G. McGinnies, Ross L. Wiley, Joseph P. Sexton, Bernard I. Mylius, Burt S. Crandal, Ernest A. Hanson, Malcolm C. Heffelman, George K. York, and James P. Smith.

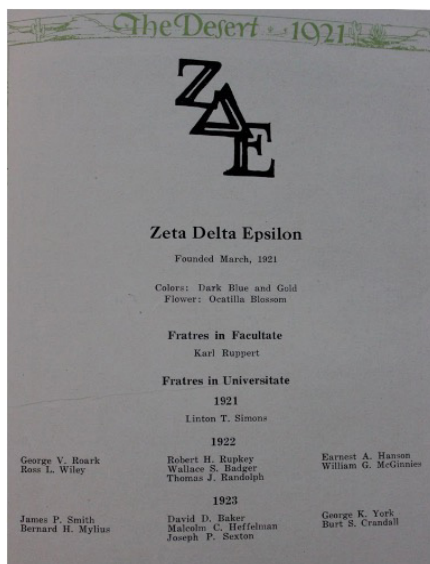
The newly formed local experienced little difficulty in assuming a position of respect among the older Greek organizations on campus because the members of Zeta Delta Epsilon were already recognized leaders of the student body. The foremost aim of the fraternity was scholarship; and, in its first semester the members combined grade point average was higher than any of the other Greek organizations.

The following summer, a large duplex apartment in Tucson's Zuni Court (which became the Geronimo Hotel) was rebuilt into suitable quarters and the fraternity spent the next three years at this location. During this period, members were elected to Student Body President and other major officers on campus; and three first places in scholarship. It was also during this time that the traditions surrounding the old Mission bell, which hung in front of the house, came into being.

It was common knowledge within Zeta Delta Epsilon that it thought fondly of Phi Gamma Delta and had joining that fraternity as its objective—the majority of the founders yearned for the FIJI badge. In the following nine years, six other major national fraternities, such as Phi Delta Theta and Delta Chi, offered Zeta Delta Epsilon a charter, but every time they were refused.

In 1924, Zeta Delta Epsilon purchased its own new chapter house located at 443 E. First Street in Tucson. Meanwhile, both Zeta Delta Epsilon and

the University of Arizona continued to grow. By 1927, the University had 1777 students and 40% of them were in Greek organizations. At the same time, Zeta Delta Epsilon had 37 active members, 11 pledges, and 55 alumni.



After failing in their previous attempts for a charter, the members of Zeta Delta Epsilon decided to make one more try at the San Antonio Ekklesia. The event began during Christmas and ended a few days after New Year's in 1931. Three days before the Ekklesia, the undergraduates entertained the delegations from Stanford, Washington, Cal-Berkley, and Oregon State Universities attempting to win their support. At the time, many Western chapters considered Tucson (and the University of Arizona) as an unruly cowboy town (school).

All the delegations then left together to go to San Antonio. During the long drive, many favorable opinions of Zeta Delta Epsilon were formed. With their new-found support all that was left to do at the Ekklesia was to make a presentation to the General Assembly. Late in the morning on January 1, 1931, they announced to the Zeta Delta Epsilon delegation that a charter had been granted!

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, 63 members of Zeta Delta Epsilon were initiated into The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta at the Masonic Temple in Tucson. Upsilon Alpha became the 72nd chapter in the Fraternity. That evening, an Installation Ball was held at the Arizona Inn. Afterwards, a reception was held at the Chapter House for all fraternities, dormitories, and friends of Zeta Delta Epsilon.

On January 15, 1939, we moved to 1801 E. First Street and have been there ever since. The Chapter House has undergone several major renovations since that time. Upsilon Alpha is one of just a few fraternities that owns its property. Over the years it became obvious that a new, more-modern facility was needed.

Through the generous donations of the Graduate members, money was raised to construct a new Chapter House and demolition began in December 2001. The new Chapter House was completed and occupied in October 2003. Although the new house looks essentially the same as the old house, it is bigger and is a state-of-the-art facility. Without question, it is the best fraternity Chapter House at the University of Arizona.

A century of friendship, traditions, brotherhood, rich experiences, incredible success, and fond memories of college life has now passed. And we owe it all to our far-sighted brothers of Zeta Delta Epsilon!



Outstanding Pledge Award

Upsilon Alpha Chapter

The Upsilon Alpha Outstanding Pledge Award has been restored and updated after being discontinued in 2014. Benevolent graduate brothers started this award in 2011 to recognize exceptional new members of each pledge class. A Fiji Recognition Ring was given to the winner as well as having his name engraved on a plaque.

When our charter was re-activated in 2018 this tradition was restored, and a new plaque was created this semester to honor those outstanding men through the years. When we re-colonized, the pledge classes were referred to by an alphabetical Greek letter, starting with the Alpha class. This Spring semester's pledges are the Thetas.

Previous winners include James Crawley – 2011, Cameron Steiner – 2012, Jacob Kaye – 2013, Michael Mellen – 2014, Trevor Henson – Alpha, Matthew Hill – Beta, John Papakalos – Gamma, Jack Tutalo – Delta, Cole Lewis – Epsilon, Carson Doty – Zeta, and Sebastian Magri – Eta.

The plaque is permanently placed on a wall in the new Study Room which used to serve as the Pledge Library. Congratulations to the previous winners...you make us all proud!



Pictured: The last two recipients of the Outstanding Pledge Award:
Carson Doty - Zeta & Sebastian Magri - Eta.

Meet Your *Spring 2021* Pledge Class!

Loick Ohresser-Joumard '24
Olney, MD | Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Major: Physiology

Cam Morrison '24
Boise, ID | Bishop Kelly High School
Major: Chemical Engineering

Michael Barkley '24
Scottsdale, AZ | Chaparral High School
Major: Pre-Business

Cole Houser '24
Chicago, IL | Libertyville High School
Major: Biology

Jackson Donner '23
Scottsdale, AZ | De La Salle High School
Major: Psychology

Joey Galati '24
Scottsdale, AZ | Desert Mountain High School
Major: Criminal Justice

Sean Iwata '24
Pleasanton, CA | Foothill High School
Major: Pre-Business

Lucas Forray '24
Prescott, AZ | Prescott High School
Major: Political Science

Eric Fingalson '24
Denver, CO | Thunderridge High School
Major: Material Science Engineering

Eric Lynn '24
Dallas, TX | Liberty High School
Major: Pre-Business

Tobi Adigun '24
Toronto, Canada | Perry High School
Major: Chemical Engineering

Bret Naverson '24
Scottsdale, AZ | Desert Mountain High School
Major: Pre-Business

Austin Liebeskind '24
Scottsdale, AZ | Desert Mountain High School
Major: Public Health

Jimmy Seidel '24
Scottsdale, AZ | Desert Mountain High School
Major: Pre-Business

Noah Gerwinat '23
Denver, CO | Chaparral High School
Major: Marketing

FIJI Scholarships Awarded



The Upsilon Alpha Chapter has many scholarships available to undergraduate members with exceptional academics. The Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation provides scholarships to brothers awarded on the basis of need for financial assistance, merit, leadership, and citizenship. Scholarship awards must be applied to tuition and tuition related expenses.

The Foundation has focused its resources on assisting students new to Phi Gamma Delta by rewarding them for strong grades. The Academic Achievement Award is awarded to newly initiated members who earn at least a 3.2 GPA during their pledging semester.

Other scholarships are available from chapter scholarship funds that the Foundation manages. Scholarship funds may be created for specific chapters, through gifts from graduate brothers, parents, and undergraduates. Generous Upsilon Alpha graduate brothers created several of these restricted scholarship funds, and the requirements and applications vary for each.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients

Brother Lee Hanley '64 generously endowed a scholarship that provides \$2000 to each recipient. Applicants shall not only be considered on the basis of scholarship, but also shall have a capacity for leadership and good citizenship as evidenced by community, University and Fraternity activities. They shall also be of good moral character as reflected by their essays and recommendations received in support for a scholarship. Finally, while financial need may be taken as a criterion for an award, overall merit is to be considered most important in evaluating a candidate.

This year's winners of the **Lee T. Hanley Scholarship** were **Justin Grady '22, Dalton Thompson '22, Jacob Kaller '22, Marcus Wieser '23, and Mitchell Thompson '22.**

Upsilon Alpha classes of 1964-65 raised funds for a scholarship in memory of deceased brothers Roger Boll '65 and Terry Howard '65. Interest from that endowment provides \$1000 to each recipient. Applicants must have completed their freshmen year and be in good standing with the University of Arizona, The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, and the Upsilon Alpha chapter. They must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and be committed to returning Upsilon Alpha to its previous status as a Cheney Cup chapter. Finally, they must demonstrate a need for financial assistance in order to complete the degree program they have chosen.

This year's winners of the **Boll/Howard Scholarship** were **Ryan Rebollo '23, Jerry Edwards '22, and Bradley Hортness '23.**

The family of Patrick Flynn '07 funded a scholarship in his memory. It goes to a junior or senior enrolled in the Eller School of Business and awards \$2000 to the recipient. This year's winner of the **Patrick Flynn Scholarship** was **Henry Ruff '21.**

Louis "Buzz" Sands IV funds an annual academic scholarship for pledges and initiated brothers. **The Sands Scholarship** awards \$2000 to every member who has achieved greater than a 3.0 GPA and \$1000 for a 2.5-2.9 GPA. Thanks to these 'incentives' Upsilon Alpha is above the All-Men's Average, All-Fraternity Average, All- Phi Gamma Delta Average and is currently second among all fraternities on campus. Their goal is to be #1 again.

If you would like to endow your own scholarship contact Executive Director Ben Robinson at the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation at 859-255-1848 or email brobinson@phigam.org.



Letter from a Grad

Brothers,

Attached is a 1965 Army Times (Europe) newspaper clipping that I had filed away in a box of personal papers from my Army days. I found it recently, framed it, and finally got it into the right hands where it belonged.

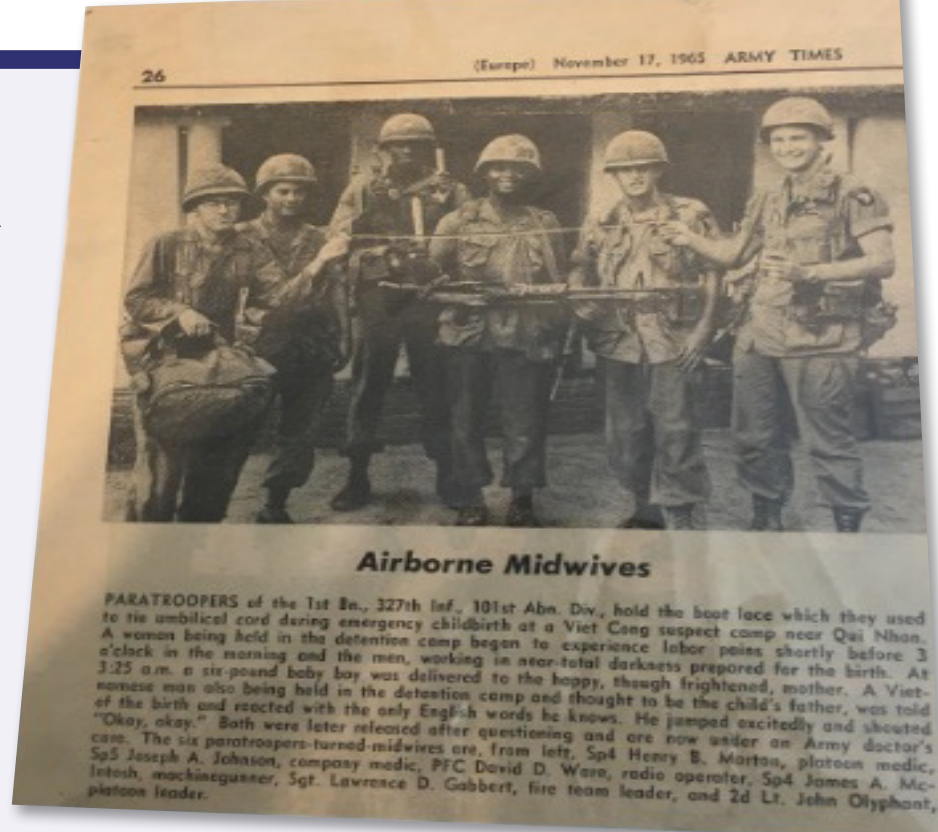
If you look closely you might see someone you know? Some of us “older” FIJs know him quite well. That’s our Brother 2d Lt. John Vernon Bevan on special duty. I had that clipping for 55 years. There’s a story that goes with it.

That November I was in Germany serving on the Germany-Czech border in snow up to my hips. When our weekly mail delivery reached our camp I saw this picture in the Army Times. I told my colleagues that I knew Lieutenant Olyphant. We were fraternity brothers at the University of Arizona. I was proud to see it. I found a second copy and cut out the clippings. One I kept for myself hoping to give it to Bevan someday. The other I mailed to his father in New York City. Of course I did not have his father’s address but because of our pledge training in those days I had been encouraged to remember his father’s name, his profession, and where he worked. I addressed the clipping to Mr. John Olyphant, President, Hanover Bank, New York City, New York. I was not confident it would even get to the mail clerk but I gave it a shot.

Weeks later a letter arrived addressed to me from Mr. John K. Olyphant, Chairman, Hanover Bank, New York City, New York. There was a short typewritten note from Mr. Olyphant and thanking me for sending it. He explained how it brought tears to his eyes when he saw the picture and read the story.

So here’s the story of a long lost newspaper clipping and 2d Lt. John Vernon Bevan “Chuck” Olyphant and his band of Screaming Eagles. Bevan you did well.

Tee Cook '64
November, 2020



Fall Career Panels

We are planning our in-person and virtual career panels for the fall and spring. If you would be willing to join a few other alumni and talk about your career, give some advice, and answer questions, please email matt.noble@fmg Tucson.com. Also, if you have not already registered as a career mentor (give career advice to undergraduates), please register here:

<https://www.arizonafiji.org/career> enter password of upsilonalphacareers!

<https://uafgd.mentorease.com> Register here (it only takes 5 minutes)



Alumni Spotlight

Bob Nation '72

Commissioned as an Army 2nd Lieutenant upon graduating from U of A in 1972, Bob entered active duty and became an Army Aviator, Aviation Maintenance Officer, and Maintenance Test Pilot. He served as the Flight Platoon Commander and Service Platoon Leader in an Assault Helicopter Company in the Republic of South Korea.

After leaving active duty in 1979, he worked for Ozark Airlines, TWA, and American Airlines as a pilot. He flew as Captain on MD-80 and Boeing 727 aircraft and retired from American Airlines in 2006.

Asked to run for City Council in Chesterfield, Missouri in 2007, he served 3 two-year terms and then ran for Mayor in 2013. He was re-elected in 2017 and, just recently, in 2021. Chesterfield is the second largest municipality in St. Louis County and is a vibrant and growing community that has experienced significant progress in recent years. Bob says that "having had this experience, I have learned a lot about local government and how we serve our residents and businesses."

Bob married his wife, Louise, in 1980 and have three married sons and six grandchildren. They met when they were both on active-duty Army and remained in the Army Reserves, retiring as Lieutenant Colonels. His brother, Scott '75 and oldest son, Rob '03, are also Fijis.

When asked about his college days in the Fraternity, Bob says that our motto: "Friendship, the sweetest influence" has come to mind at various times and seems to be a comforting guiding concept.



Pictured (L-R): Jeff Derickson '72, Steve Todd '72, Steve Pierce '72, & Doug Vance '72 with their dates at the Fiji Islander 1971.



Undergraduate Profiles



Carter Hayek '21

Carter Hayek is a Film and Television major from Bloomington, Illinois. He is a part of the Alpha pledge class as well as a founding father of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter. He plans on moving to the Los Angeles and or New York City area to

pursue a career in the film and entertainment industry.

Throughout his four years, he has held a position as the Social Chairman and has also been an active member of both the Pledge Education and Recruitment committees.

When discussing his four years with the chapter, Carter said, "Being a part of the chapter has meant the world to me. This never-ending brotherhood has allowed me to appreciate the little things in life and has further made me into a better man and professional."

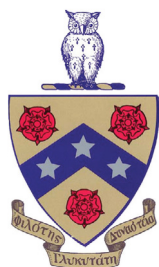
Max Friedman '21

Max Friedman is graduating summa cum laude with a degree in Management Information Systems from the Eller College of Management. He will be working as an Associate Cloud Consultant at Insight Enterprises in Phoenix, Arizona.



Max joined the Upsilon Alpha chapter as a sophomore and was a member of the Gamma pledge class. Throughout his time as an undergraduate he has been the Intramural Chairman, involved with the Recruitment Committee, Brotherhood Committee, Scholarship Committee, Risk Management Committee, and also been a member of the Judicial Board. Most recently, Max took on the challenge to be the pledge educator for the Eta pledge class.

When asked what Phi Gamma Delta and Upsilon Alpha have meant to him, Max responded, "The Upsilon Alpha chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has made an immense impact on my college experience and who I am as a person. I have grown academically, professionally, socially, and as a leader throughout my time in Fiji. The friendships and memories that I have made through Fiji will stay with me for the rest of my life, and I am eternally grateful for my brothers who have helped shape me into the man I am today. Helping Fiji develop from a colony to the established chapter that we are now is my one of greatest and proudest accomplishments and I can't wait to see this chapter continue to make strides in the Greek community."



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Save the Date

November 5-7 Homecoming & Pig Dinner Weekend

Come celebrate the annual Phi Gam tradition of the Frank Norris Pig Dinner on Friday, November 5. Due to last year's cancellation, we will induct:

H. Wilson Sundt '54
Craig Barker '82
Jeff Mongan '83
Andrew Braccia '98

into the Upsilon Alpha Fiji Hall of Fame.

The chapter is also participating in a University wide Greek life golf tournament on November 5th, 2021 at Arizona National Golf Club.

To sign up RSVP here:

<https://fraternitymanagementgroup.com/ua-greek-golf-tourney/>