



The Official Newsletter of Alpha Alpha Delta of Chi Psi  
Fall 2016

## SAVE THE DATE

**Alumni Ski Trip**

**February 4-11, 2017 in Park  
City, Utah**

**Spaces are still available!**

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## WELCOME FROM ALPHA ALPHA DELTA

Alpha Delta of Chi Psi at UGA has had a great semester filled with brotherhood, bonding, and big improvements! First of all, we are most excited to announce our newest pledge class of seven absolutely upstanding young men. They have been genuinely excited to continue to grow Chi Psi, and their leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication will help take Alpha Delta to new levels in years to come. We asked them to provide a little more information about themselves in order for you, our alumni, to get to know them. Read their biographies below!

Second, with the end of the semester comes finals, term papers, and Alpha elections! We are pleased to announce our new roster of AD Officers:

President: James Hernandez ('18)

Vice President: Jack Austin ('19)

Secretary: Chandler Crawford ('19)

Treasurer: Kevin Smith ('19)

Sergeant-at-Arms: Austin DeFoor ('18)

Recruitment Chair: Alex Norton ('19)

Lodge Manager: Austin Smith ('19)

We've had an excellent Fall semester, and are looking forward to more progress in Spring 2017 with this outstanding group of young men!

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming out to our Fall Parents' Weekend (October 14-15) as well as our Alumni Tailgate (November 12). We were pleased to introduce you to the newest brothers as well as give you a glimpse into the latest renovations at the Lodge. Biggum's BBQ served up some delicious food, and we had a great time socializing at the Lodge- especially when the Dawgs came out with a win against Auburn. We'd particularly like to thank the alumni who continue to not only attend and help out at our events, but who also offer ongoing guidance; our Alpha continues to grow thanks to your generous support and help.

Finally, please be on the lookout for a few exciting events and announcements over the next few weeks. Alpha Alpha Delta is currently planning an Alumni Ski Trip to be held February 4-11, 2017 in Park City, Utah. If you're interested in catching up with fellow brothers and spending some time on the slopes, please contact Charlie Callihan at ccallihan@pharmavail.com. With this group of alumni, the trip is sure to be a memorable time-but space is very limited!

We are also making headway in our mission to launch a Capital Campaign in order to bolster the permanent presence of Chi Psi at the University of Georgia and to ensure continued development of our Alpha for future generations of outstanding

young men. Updates on our Capital Campaign are forthcoming!

We have had an outstanding semester, and we look forward to next semester and all it has to offer! Please enjoy this publication of The Arch, and be sure to take note of all our upcoming events and opportunities to get involved!



*The bonding continues! This group of Chi Psi alumni traveled to Gregory, South Dakota for a few days earlier this month for a successful pheasant shoot. It could be a new Alpha Delta tradition! Pictured here (from left to right): Dr. James Splichal, TΔ '92, Rob Renner, TΔ '92, Ricky Denton, AΔ '64, Phillip Cofer, AΔ '78, Dr Philip Williams, AΔ '66 and Col. Stu Mosbey, AΔ '64.*

## MEET THE NEWEST BROTHERS

### Ryan Hall

I'm from Griffin, Georgia, and I am an intended Biological Engineering major, with a focus in Biomedical Engineering. My current interests are in community service and recreational sports like tennis. After I graduate I hope to get a job as a Biomedical Engineer. I want to use my degree specifically to help those in the military, the police, and other first responders who often require artificial implants and prosthetics due to their service.

### Manny Dominguez

I am from Marietta, Georgia and I'm a Political Science major. My hobbies include collecting music, playing lacrosse, and playing the drums.

### Ryan King

I'm from Marietta, Georgia. I'm a Business major, and though I am learning toward perusing an economics focus, I am still undecided. Basketball is easily my favorite sport to watch, and I often play when I have free time. I also really enjoy watching football. I love watching movies and listening to all different types of music. One of my biggest goals for my college career is to get an internship so that I can make connections and find my way into a full time job.

### Bryce Greene

My name is LaBryson "Bryce" Greene and I'm a sophomore from the small town of Thomson, Georgia. I enjoy playing tennis, volunteering, and trying new

things. I am currently double majoring in Biology and Psychology, and plan to attend medical school after graduation. There I will pursue my dream of becoming a cardio-thoracic surgeon. Ever since the very first rush event, I knew that Chi Psi was home. I'm honored to be a newly initiated member, and look forward to spending my next few years at The University of Georgia, as well as the rest of my life, as a brother of Chi Psi.

### Champ Sin

I am from Norcross, Georgia, but I went to high school at Marist which is located around Dunwoody. I played football and soccer for my entire high school career. Currently, I am majoring in Biology and headed towards the Pre-Med route. After graduation, I hope to take a gap year so that I can go abroad as part of a program to help people who are less fortunate around the world. I'd also like to enjoy a short period of time off before I head to medical school and hopefully towards residency in a hospital.

### Mitchell Carmack

I am from Marietta, Georgia and went to Walker High School. There I played football for 4 years, golf for 3 years, and basketball for 2 years. I am currently working towards my major in Environmental Engineering. I was raised a Dawgs fan for the majority of my life, but I am also a Green Bay Packers fan. After graduation, I don't know what I will be doing, but I seek to do something that involves everything that I will be studying here at UGA.

# WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR ALPHA?

There are plenty of ways to get involved with the growth of Chi Psi at UGA, and Alpha Delta is always looking for ways to connect current brothers with alumni. In particular, Alpha Delta is in need of venues to host events, speakers to occasionally speak at meetings, and most especially alumni who are willing to host interns or to host brothers for job shadowing. We are currently searching for venues to host Summer rush events; let us know if you have an available space that we would be able to use for recruitment! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have other ideas for ways to help! If you would like to donate time or resources to our Alpha, please contact Dylan Loveland ('18) at [alphadeltaofchipsi@gmail.com](mailto:alphadeltaofchipsi@gmail.com).

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JOHN PADGETT, AAΔ

John Padgett, AΔ '69, is a household name throughout the Classic City, and for good reason: the current Chairman of the Georgia GOP has held just about every odd job throughout the state. At one time or another, Padgett has owned Athens' largest taxicab company, a Nashville music studio, an amateur wrestling business, a commercial construction company, a retirement community, an Alzheimer's care business, and hundreds more. And while this true Renaissance Man had plenty of stories to share, he looks back on his experience at Chi Psi as one of the most formative times of his life. "Not many people understand what Chi Psi means. We have a camaraderie and a history unlike any other fraternity," says Padgett.

Padgett, who served both as #4 and #1 of Alpha Alpha Delta, says he discovered some of his most important life lessons as a brother there. "For the first time, I was part of an entity much bigger than myself," says Padgett. He notes that, just like a business, the brothers had to work hard to figure out how to run the organization- and it wasn't always easy. But Padgett believes that the challenges the Alpha faced helped him develop the work ethic that has driven him throughout his career. "I started getting involved with everything I could, and I worked hard at everything I tried. The point of my life has been to get involved- from running for UGA Student Body President, to being a brother with Chi Psi, to owning businesses across the South, to chairing the Georgia Republican Party. I believe all young men should become a part of something."

And if the point of Padgett's life has been involvement, his central life philosophy is hard work. "The brothers at Alpha Delta need to understand that no matter what is going on in their lives that may be bad, if they do



*John pictured with his wife, Mary Padgett.*

something productive, they can always work their way out of it," says Padgett. "I came into this world living in housing projects; if I can do well, anybody can do well. Be the hardest worker in the room, and no matter your circumstances, you will succeed too."

For now, this Athens entrepreneur is planning on retiring from his Chairman position in May. Padgett says that he is excited to be able to take a step back and spend time with his wife and grandchildren, but there's no doubt that he'll remain as one of the most active, revolutionary, and accomplished alumnus of Alpha Alpha Delta.