



# THE DELTA MU REVIEW

PI KAPPA ALPHA • DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION • SPRING 2019

## A LIFELONG PIKE EXPERIENCE

On March 29th, 2019, the newly initiated men of the Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha officially joined the bonds of Phi Phi Kappa Alpha. Our chartering weekend was a fantastic experience for all with a Friday night initiation event between the Ogletree House and College Hall, Saturday installation ceremony at the Ogletree House and then our chartering banquet event Saturday night at Lake Terrace Convention Center. Several representatives from nationals took part in the ceremony including **Graham Jewell, Rockhurst, Kappa Epsilon '13, KC Herman, South Dakota, Kappa Pi '14, JC Blackmon, Delta State, Zeta Beta '13, Tommy Walpole, University of Louisiana-Monroe, Eta Omicron '80** with a keynote address from International President **Mark Dziaczak, Delta Nu at Wayne State '91, Ed Langton '66 and Ron Davis '68** gave excellent insights into some of our history and how far we have come together as an organization. A total of **31** men are new initiates and carrying the flame of Delta Mu! A few of these members have graduated and will be joining our alumni association, so please welcome them.

A critical issue for the chapter continues to be building a strong group of leaders to maintain this new foundation that has been established. There will be a transition phase from many of the original men that are junior founders that will graduate over the 2019-2020 year. Nationals awarded the charter based on a conditional arrangement that factors monthly reporting of recruitment efforts in-coordination with the Alumni Advisory Board. This period of time will officially be a probationary period to end January 1st, 2020 as long as benchmarks of recruitment and retention occur. We, as alumni, can greatly assist by supplying names of young men going to USM in the Fall of 2019. So, if there are any possible legacy recruits please do not hesitate to let DMAA know and we will forward that information to the chapter.

Our focus also begins to shift now to reoccupancy of the Pike House. On May 24th, 2019 the Garnet and Gold Eagles Corporation was formed with the assistance of attorney member **Henry Dick, III '88** to have housing corporation oversight associated with all future leases of fraternity housing at Southern Miss related to Delta Mu. Incorporation of this organization was established by members of your DMAA and Alumni Advisory Board, as follows: **Ed Langton '66**, Incorporator; **Matt Perez '95**, President; **Robert Abbey '70**, Vice-President; **Ron Davis '68**, Vice-President, **David Krenning '96**, Treasurer and **Vic Purvis '63**, Secretary. There will be annual meetings that work in-tandem with our DMAA annual meetings and elected positions at those meetings for individuals most interested in providing support for all things related to the Pike House. As we hope to gain more control over lease options related

to the house in upcoming years, this opportunity could grow into a more traditional land lease with a structure similar to other area universities. This summer, USM has committed to the following renovations of the Pike House: Replacement of fire alarm system, Installation of on-line card access electronic device at front door, Flooring replacement in 16 bedrooms and the foyer/lobby area, Renovation of one of eight bathrooms with renovation of seven others in the summer of 2020, Rehangng of Pi Kappa Alpha Letters at front/main entrance and Coat of Arms repainted where appropriate, Landscaping and Volleyball court sand replacement with the date of 8/9/19 as official move-in day. Also, we soon will be launching a Pike House fundraising campaign. This will ensure the chapter maintains a competitive housing position against other fraternities on the row and provides a comfortable venue for alumni events, as well. Much of the original contents from the house is currently in climate controlled storage in Hattiesburg and will be transferred back to the house once allowed.

We have planned to schedule the Delta Mu Alumni Association 8th Annual Meeting on the weekend of October 12th, 2019 at the Pike House in Hattiesburg to focus our attention and celebration on a true Homecoming for Delta Mu! Please plan to attend and enjoy a weekend of brotherhood with our business meeting to likely be Saturday morning in the old party room of the fraternity house. There will be more details to come! Please save the date!

Finally, we are very excited to announce that the Delta Mu Alumni Association has just been informed that we have earned the coveted William R. Nester award. This is an award that Pike Nationals gives annually to the top alumni associations within the entire organization. There are many men that have stepped up to the challenge over the last several years to build this organization as one of the most respected alumni associations within Pi Kappa Alpha. Thank you to all the Order of 1949 members that are truly Oak(s) of Delta Mu. We could not have gotten this far without you! Also, thank you for allowing me to serve as your President these last four years. Let's continue to build into a complete organization that shows valuable experiences for members no matter our ages as we progress through the stages of a lifelong Pike fraternity membership.

In the bonds of φφκκ,  
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## PIKE DELTA MU CHARTERING BANQUET



## DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

President  
**Matthew Perez '95**

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**Robert Abbey '70**

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**David Krenning '96**

Secretary  
**Jim Carlson '94**

Financial Advisor  
**Ed Langton '66**

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**Brad Cates '00**



## Legacies and New Members

Delta Mu needs a few good men! Please review the RUSH agenda below and forward any contact information of potential USM students to [pikedmaa@gmail.com](mailto:pikedmaa@gmail.com) and we will be certain to forward along to chapter leadership. Each of us can make a huge impact during RUSH to help rebuild the chapter with Legacy recruits, so do it today!

**CONTACT RECRUITMENT CHAIR  
JULIAN MEILLEUR AT 504.952.2138  
FOR MORE INFO**

PIKE SUMMER RUSH



- 05.23  
HATTIESBURG | GRILL & POOL PARTY @ BRECKINRIDGE
- 06.08  
NEW ORLEANS | BABY CAKES GAME
- 06.29  
BOGUE CHITTO | FLOAT TRIP
- 07.12  
BAY ST. LOUIS | BEACH TRIP
- 07.27  
HATTIESBURG | GRILL & POOL DAY @ BRECKINRIDGE
- 08.09  
HATTIESBURG | LAKE DAY @ CANEBRAKE

## 70 Years of Delta Mu!



On December 10th, 1949 the Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was born on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. This coming December we recognize and celebrate all the hard work and effort through decades of men to keep the flame alive. We also reflect on our chapter eternal and the members who have passed as we will always remember them in the bonds of Phi Phi Kappa Alpha - Edgar J. Patterson, Jr. '69, Dr. Kenneth Graham McCarty, Jr. '53 and Robert K. Pierce, Jr. '68.





## THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION

# PI KAPPA ALPHA DELTA MU SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Pi Kappa Alpha Delta Mu Scholarship Endowment is again active and in the process of being reviewed with a potential award to an initiated chapter recipient for the 2019-2020 school year. The award will be recognized at our homecoming meeting on Oct. 12th, 2019 and this year's recipient will receive \$1,132 in scholarship funds!

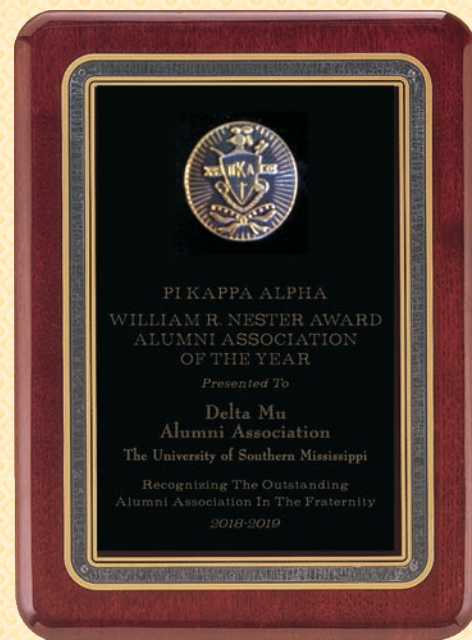


Help us get to 100 Order of '49 members! Through the Delta Mu Alumni Association's program, Order of '49, alumni can provide critical funding to further the future success of our alumni association and the fraternity - the Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Delta Mu alumni who have pledged to contribute to the future prosperity of our chapter through annual, tax deductible gifts of \$200 or more can make checks payable to Delta Mu Alumni Association and mail to P.O. Box 15637 Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5637 or reply to a recent email invoice and donate online by credit card.

It is critical during 2019-2020 that Order of '49 members contribute toward this mission as early as possible in the year to support Delta Mu! For more information regarding the Order of '49 or to join, please contact DMAA Treasurer **David Krenning '96** at 228-424-5841.

# Shield & Diamond Features Delta Mu



*Pictured: William R. Nester Award*

## BE A PART OF DELTA MU HISTORY

*Over 90 members and counting!*

In 2019, Pi Kappa Alpha proudly celebrates 151 years in its quarterly magazine, Shield and Diamond. This summer and autumn editions will also feature a great segment on the Delta Mu Chartering Weekend and our alumni association receiving the William R. Nester Award! We are proud to report that only 10% of alumni associations nationwide receive this award and it's a true testament to all the hard work and effort by many lifelong members supporting Delta Mu.



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# SAVE THE DATE

## 8TH ANNUAL DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

**Homecoming – USM vs. North Texas | October 12th, 2019 | The Pike House**



**J**oin us for a homecoming weekend with our DMAA 8th Annual Meeting to be held at the Pike House! This will also include our inaugural official meeting of the Garnet and Gold Eagles Corporation, which is established as the official housing corporation for Delta Mu. Plans will be finalized and official notifications will be mailed soon. Please RSVP on our event page on facebook or at [pikedmaa@gmail.com](mailto:pikedmaa@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and join in the celebration! If you cannot attend and would like to send a donation, please make checks payable to DMAA and mail to P.O. Box 15637, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5637.