



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Alumni Sinfonians!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of fall. The weather is changing and we are moving forward with a great semester.

The Tau chapter has started this year off strong. The composition contest is up and awaiting entries from our undergraduates. If this year is a success, we will be adding a second tier to this contest, to make it available to graduate students to enter as well. If you are able to donate any prizes, let us know! We can always use your help and support to make the awards more appealing to the participants.

We have a good sized probationary class this year. On Tuesday, September 14th we pinned nine new probationary members. This isn't our largest class, but it's looking like a great bunch of guys that have the potential to help move our chapter in the right direction. If you would like to attend and enjoy the experience of our color nights and R, the dates are posted on the website when you are logged on as a registered user. With the revisions made to R at the last National Convention, it is now more similar to what the initiates would have gone through when this fraternity set the official R in the 1920's with Peter W. Dykema as the Supreme President. It now has a much deeper connection to the fraternity and evokes the true meaning behind what we do as Sinfonians.

The ritual is what brings every member and chapter of this fraternity together across America. It is the central tie that makes every individual a true Sinfonian. It helps to hold ourselves to our high ideals and to help pursue what our oath of obligation truly means. There is a reason why it is required to attend during your undergraduate pursuits and why it is suggested that you continue to attend after you graduate college. In more than one way this is the main thing to look forward to each semester.

I look forward to hearing from you in the next few months. I feel that it is vital to our chapter here at Kansas State University to keep in touch with our alumni as much as possible. You are what has made our chapter flourish in the past, and with your help and support now, we can continue to flourish in the future

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David Frazier
President, Tau Chapter

STAYING INVOLVED IN PHI MU ALPHA

~Jonathan Draheim

Being a brother of ΦMA was one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career at Kansas State University. In this organization, I developed some great relationships with my fraternity brothers and developed my leadership skills. I currently use those leadership skills I learned from my time in the fraternity in my current career as an engineering consultant. Maintaining the relationships I built in the fraternity is important to me because I feel I'm maintaining my close ties to Kansas State University.

Staying active with ΦMA has many benefits, but the largest one is maintaining the fellowship experience with your fraternity brothers. The relationships the brothers of

ΦMA build during their time in college are very strong and special. In thinking about it, even when brothers are in their probationary period strong ties are built amongst all the probationary members. All probationary members are striving towards the common goal of permanent membership is the fraternity. Throughout the probationary process, these members have a support system in place with their fellow probationary members

as well as the ΦMA brothers. From the first time any man starts out in ΦMA as a probationary member, to when he becomes a brother, to when he becomes alumni, the strong relationships and the support from fellow fraternity brothers is always present.

Maintaining the fellowship in ΦMA is a way to fulfill yourself, your fraternity brothers, and show great pride towards your alma mater.

WHAT HAS SINFONIA GIVEN ME

~Brandon Bayless

I have learned a great deal from being involved with Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. One of the most important lessons I have learned and use in my everyday life from the organization is dedication. Dedication to my brothers and the fraternity was always something I thoroughly enjoyed while I was involved in the Chapter at K-State. I felt a great sense of pride seeing the chapter grow in size from about 12 brothers when I joined to almost 50 when I graduated. In my experience, the amount of time you put into this fraternity is given back to you many times over. I built great memories and friendships, learned a lot from the brothers around me and am proud to say I am a Sinfonian.

After graduating and getting a job I continue to practice many of the ideals I learned from the fraternity. I am dedicated to my co-workers and I take pride in the projects and assignments I work on. I also have this dedication in my life outside of work whether it is fixing up my house, making sure my family and friends are taken care of or expanding my career opportunities. Being involved in Sinfonia at K-State taught me that by being dedicated to our chapter and its mission I can accomplish anything I put my mind to and have pride because I know I did my best.

Another value I am proud to say I gained from Sinfonia and use in my everyday life is the ability to create ideas and lead these ideas from start to finish. I had many opportunities to develop activities and events and follow through with them for the Tau Chapter while at K-State. I encourage any brother, whether they be an active or alumni member, to take the initiative on any project or assignment and lead it from beginning to end. You can learn a lot about yourself and what you are capable of by doing this. I have had many opportunities in my current job to take the initiative on a project, develop it from scratch, and learn as much as I could along the way. What I am simply trying to say is that not everything you do in life will have a guide or path to follow. Taking advantage of the opportunities you are given to learn, lead, and grow while in the positive environment of college is important. You can challenge your opinions and develop great leadership skills while in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. I encourage you to get involved in that process.

FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER

~Paden Town

While doing some reading on the Sinfonia website in the past few days I came across a passage out of the Alumni section that I would like all of us alumni to read and then think about.

A common phrase heard among brothers in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is "Once a Sinfonian, always a Sinfonian." It is the spirit of this phrase that has fostered loyal alumni Sinfonians for more than one hundred years. The alumni Sinfonian looks to the lessons introduced in his college days for inspiration and strength throughout his daily life. Yet, while probationary and collegiate memberships are the core experiences for a lifetime journey in Sinfonia, the participation of the alumni member is not passive or secondary. He assumes the vital role of supporting the Fraternity's continued efforts to build musical students into men of high ideals and of ensuring that the Sinfonia experience is available for generations of students to come.

Wait... so you're telling me that just because I'm not in college anymore means that I can still be actively involved in Phi Mu Alpha and that my part as an alumni may be even more important than I thought?

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All Sinfonians are called upon to achieve the fullest potential of this possibility by making the most of their post-collegiate participation. "Alumni are a reflection of our past, a representation of our present, and a link to our future. This vision of a Fraternity that fosters ongoing relationships through an environment that invites, supports, and presupposes post-collegiate involvement and interaction on local, regional, and national levels is critical to the future of our Order.

In order for our chapter to grow and develop we need involvement with our alumni....

Every chapter has alumni, and every collegiate member will become an alumnus of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. While the probationary and collegiate membership experiences provide the foundation for a lifetime journey in Sinfonia, the alumni experience can be the most substantial. Continued involvement in Sinfonia after graduation is an expectation and obligation of membership.

Are we fulfilling our obligation as alumni Sinfonians?

Just some things to think about in this edition of the alumni newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

Once, Always, Long Live SINFONIA!

