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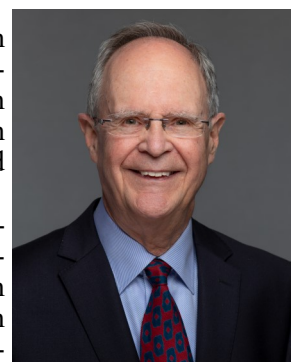


Canfield, Kuhnert Added to Ranks of Significant Sigs

This spring two Delta Delta brothers were honored as Significant Sigs. Tom Canfield '66 and Paul Kuhnert '65 were recognized for their accomplishments in their respective professional careers and contributions to their communities.

Tom Canfield '66 has had a long career of personal business success and supporting the development and funding of entrepreneurs in the Pittsburgh, PA area. He has also made significant contributions to the Pittsburgh community.

Brother Canfield earned an electrical engineering degree from Purdue University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. Early in his career, while an engineer in the U. S. Public Health Service, Tom was Director of Strategic Planning for the Office of Solid Waste Management a part of the EPA.



Tom Canfield '66

Tom founded Equity Catalysts LLC, in 1999 where they matched local "angel" investors with start-up technology firms in Pittsburgh. *See Significant Sigs Page 3*

Delta Delta Responds to COVID 19

Under the Protect Purdue Pledge over 40,000 students returned to Purdue's campus starting the week of August 17 with classes beginning August 24th. Delta Delta opened its doors on August 19 to begin the move in process for the returning brothers. A move-in schedule was followed that spread out the arrival of the brothers so there was less congestion and fewer people at the house at any one time.

Our undergraduate brothers returned to their home away from home after leaving abruptly last March. Over the summer the House Corporation led by Tom Hall '81, working closely with Butch Brose (Maintenance Director), Todd Kaminski '80 and Treasurer

Chris Horney, created a Delta Delta COVID Plan to support the active chapter and provide some of the necessary items dictated by Purdue. Todd also donated PPE items to be used if a brother tests positive for the virus.

This included providing masks and hand sanitizer; rethinking how meals would be served; modifying sleeping arrangements; providing a quarantine area within the chapter house; and arranging for public rooms and bathrooms to be cleaned professionally six days a week.

House Corporation President Tom Hall '81 stated, "Needless to say, we are heading into uncharted *See COVID 19 Prep Page 3*



THE SIGMA CHI CREED

I believe in fairness, decency, and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction: that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

George Ade ΔΔ 1887

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Consul's Corner David Kratzman '21

I hope all are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times! The undergraduates were lucky enough to be back on campus this Fall to attend a combination of in-person and online classes, and the Executive Team and House Corporation have been working hard all summer to ensure that the chapter house could open safely!

Purdue has implemented the Protect Purdue Pledge and a set of Protect Purdue Guidelines such as wearing masks, social distancing, and random COVID-19 tests each week for the student body to take part in. The University also put together a facility very quickly to test students on campus and get results back to these students in 48 hours or less. In addition to this on-campus testing, each student was required to complete an in-home test prior to returning to Purdue.

stations throughout the house and daily temperature checks of all of the brothers are some of the other ways that we are preventing the spread of the virus among the 56 brothers living in the house.

This year, rush was conducted through a combination of online Zoom and 1-1 in-person meetings with the Potential New Members. We also held a summer rush event with 15 guests joining us in July. We gave out 34 bids with 31 acceptances.

We had an impressive 20+ brothers achieve a 4.0 GPA in the Spring 2020 semester, and we hope to continue that momentum this semester academically.

Nearly every active brother is still participating in multiple extracurricular activities including College Mentors for Kids, Global Engineering Bri-

Throughout the summer, the undergraduate Executive Team worked closely with the House Corporation and our Advisors to develop a reopening plan for the Sigma Chi House. One of the biggest changes that we had was the implementation of the COVID-19 quarantine area inside the facility. The Eldridge Room and first floor bathrooms have been designated as the Sig-

ma Chi quarantine area. Temporary tables, chairs and bunks have been placed in the Eldridge room for brothers that are required to isolate, and even a temporary shower has been installed in one of the first floor bathrooms. Hand sanitizer



Brothers who returned this summer to help with the Spring Clean Up are L-R: Derek Sullivan '20, Jack Folkers '20, Dawson Odle '23, Tyler Cassidy '23 and David Kratzman '21.

gades, to Krannert's School of Management Forum. While adversity is clearly present in times like these, we are continuing to have an open mind, push each other, and stay driven with our duties in the classroom, on campus, and within Sigma Chi.

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Significant Sigs continued

Prior to founding Equity Catalysts, Tom was president of The Enterprise Corporation of Pittsburgh, a non-profit firm dedicated to building successful entrepreneurial firms in Southwest Pennsylvania.

While at Enterprise, Tom founded the Western Pennsylvania Adventure Capital Fund and the Pittsburgh Investor Network. From 1998 to 2001 the two organizations invested in over 25 local companies, attracting over \$100 million of added capital.

Brother Canfield was instrumental in establishing the Stop Now and Plan program in Pittsburgh. This program teaches boys and girls to think before they act and develops anger management and coping skills to minimize juvenile offenses.

Paul M. Kuhnert '65, MD, PhD, JD is unique – I know of no other scientist with such an extensive background, including three graduate degrees and accomplishments in both academics and industry wrote pledge



brother and Significant Sig N. Reed Dunnick '65.

Paul has made significant contributions to the fields of medicine, law, and science.

Paul Kuhnert '65 His career includes 25 years at Merck & Company and 14 years at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine.

Paul received his BS in Biology/Chemistry in 1965 from Purdue. He went on to receive his doctoral degree in cellular physiology from Kent State University before joining the faculty of Case Western Reserve University.

While working at CWRU he received his medical degree in 1988. Paul's accomplishments in academic medicine include publishing 125

Morales Returns As Old Master

Before all the turmoil and eventual closing of Purdue's campus the 2019 Old Masters program was held in November. **Tom Morales '75** was one of 10 Old Masters selected to be part of this long standing and highly popular university program.

Managed and organized by students this program brings some of Purdue's most successful alumni in different professional disciplines back to campus to meet and interact with the student body.

Tom recently retired as the CEO and Co-Founder of Morales Group, Inc, a company serving as a bridge between the Indianapolis business community and the region's growing Hispanic population. Since its founding in 2003, Morales Group has become one of the fastest growing Hispanic owned businesses in America, an INC 5000 firm, and one of the Nation's top 100 Hispanic Businesses. Tom recently received an Honor-



With his Sig hosts, L-R: Wes Middleton '20, Tom Morales '75 and Jim Wiltzius '20.

ary Doctorate degree from Marion University and was inducted into Indiana's Business Hall of Fame.

Tom held a Fireside Chat at the Sigma Chi house for 75 brothers and other guests. Tom spoke about how important his Sigma Chi experience was to him and how his days at Delta Delta made a significant impact on his life.

Kuhnert '65 continued

scientific papers, book chapters, letters to the editor and abstracts. Paul received a highly sought after National Institutes of Health (NIH) training grant and has been funded on two NIH extramural grants. He has also served on the NIH scientific review panel.

While at Merck, Paul held the position of Senior Director, Medical Affairs whose responsibilities included the medical and legal review of pharmaceutical advertising, writing or editing regulatory documents, and the development of pharmaceutical product circulars. Brother Kuhnert was involved in 22 drug development programs and received three Merck Award for Excellence commendations.

Paul is an active participant in community organizations including the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the Glassy Chapel Committee and on the Board of Sandpiper Run.

COVID 19 Prep continued

waters due to COVID. Our beloved fraternity house has seen worse in the past 100 years and there is no reason, with our help and leadership, that it won't survive COVID and another 100+ years!"

Consul Dave Kratzman '21, Pro Consul Eli Hedrick '22, the House Managers Ryan Bird and Dawson Odle and Kitchen Steward Gerald Reutebuch '22 have all been working closely to keep the chapter informed on upcoming changes and the expectations of them to minimize the potential for contracting COVID 19.

Rush Chairmen Luke Diener '20, Chad Ransburg '21 and Cray Cordero '22 also made alternative plans for Rush events this fall. This primarily centered on Delta Delta brothers meeting rushees using Zoom calls and then small group or individual tours of the chapter house. See the results in the Consul's Corner update.

Gustus Selected 2020 Outstanding Advisor

Nate Gustus '05 was recently named IFC's Father Phil Bowers Outstanding Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year. Nate has served as part of Delta Delta's Chapter Advisor team since January 2015.

Nate was recognized for his commitment and compassion he has shown to Delta Delta. In his nomination by the chapter it stated, "In times of hardship, Nate is quick to reach out to the undergrads and make sure that we have support. When one of our brothers who had just graduated passed away last semester, Nate reached out immediately to our chapter and made sure that everyone was doing well. Nate showed up the next day at the house just to check on the brothers, provide support and worked with IFC and Sigma Chi headquarters to make sure that we had the support we needed during that time."

Nate and the chapter advisor team continue to work with the actives to implement the five week pledge program and stay on top of the always changing IFC risk management policies.



Nate Gustus '05

House Corporation President Tom Hall '80 spoke for us all when he stated, "Thank you Nate for your commitment and dedication to Delta Delta!" Former House Corp President Bart Burrell '81 continued, "Outstanding and well done! We are fortunate to have men like you step up and give so much to 202."

Ventilator Project Inspires Sigs to Help Fight COVID 19

A group of Delta Delta brothers have been actively engaged since March in a project to address the global shortage of ventilators to treat COVID-19 patients.

Led by Preston Mantel '18, (who is the younger brother of the Ventilator Project's co-founder, Tyler Mantel), seven other Delta Delta Sigs have made a visible contribution in the development of this product.



Preston Mantel '18

Delta Delta Sigs who have been involved include Preston Mantel '18, Jake Thieneman '18, Zach Frauhiger '12, James Ray '20, Sam Schiavitti '22, Drew Cagnassola '15, Xavier Thompson '18 and Alec Trono '18. A number of others have provided guidance, feedback and financial support.

Each brother has contributed in their own way including PR, engineering specifications, FDA approval, supply chain management, marketing and fundraising.

This success has been the result of a dedicated and determined group of diverse volunteers. Throughout this project, countless people have reached out to help including engineers, medical professionals, FDA experts, and software developers. Efforts like this have brought out the best in many Americans as they find their own ways of defeating the corona virus.

For more up-to-date information on [The Ventilator Project](#) we'd encourage you to visit their website. Additional details on the AIRA ventilator can be found at [AIRA](#).

Wes Middleton '20 Balfour Finalist

The Fraternity in June announced that Wes Middleton '20 was one of three finalists for the 2020 International Balfour Award. This honor is presented annually to the brother who is believed to be the Fraternity's most outstanding senior, based upon his success in academics and campus, community and Sigma Chi involvement.



Wes Middleton '20

The winner will be announced during the virtual Grand Council session in early fall.

Wes has served Delta Delta as Consul, Quaestor, House Manager, Derby Days Chair and Alumni Relations chair.

Wes graduated in May with a major in Accounting, Finance and Manage-

ment with a 3.97 GPA. He took internships at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Wells Fargo Securities and LLR Partners, a private equity firm located in Philadelphia, where he will start fulltime this Fall.

While at Purdue Wes has been the recipient of numerous scholarships and recognition. He has been active in the School of Management Employers Forum, Society of Minority Managers, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity, and the Management Leadership for Tomorrow program.

Wes was selected to Mortar Board as one of the top 40 seniors at Purdue on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and working to promote community engagement and leadership events on campus.

Wes is a great example of a brother who is willing to contribute in many ways. We hope to announce that Wes is Delta Delta's fourth International Balfour winner soon.

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Significant Brothers Enter Chapter Eternal

Robert “Bob” Elsperman ‘58, former CEO of Tarlton Corporation, the construction company behind some of the St. Louis region’s biggest projects, entered Chapter Eternal on April 7 from complications of COVID-19. Brother Elsperman was 83.



Robert “Bob” Elsperman ‘58

As a member of one of Delta Delta’s most dedicated pledge classes, the Class of ‘58, Brother Elsperman was an avid supporter of our chapter. He took an active, but often low profile role, in some of Delta Delta’s biggest projects including the 2007 chapter house renovation which he helped initiate with Bernie Sergesketter and Jim Dora. He also lent his support when we built the Grand Prix garage. Bob was personally responsible for providing the funding and inspiration behind placing the EX letters on the chimney on the east side of the chapter house.

Recognized as a Significant Sig for his contributions to his industry and the St. Louis community, Bob was also honored by Purdue in 2014 with the Civil Engineering Alumni Achievement Award.

Bob married his lifetime sweetheart D’Arcy in 1960. Together they raised their family and contributed significantly to the St. Louis community.

Gerald D. Hines ‘46, one of Delta Delta’s most supportive benefactors, entered Chapter Eternal on August 23 at the age of 95.

Brother Hines was recognized as a Significant Sig in 1979 and was inducted into the Sigma Chi Hall of Fame at the Fraternity’s 150th celebration in 2005.



Gerald Hines ‘46

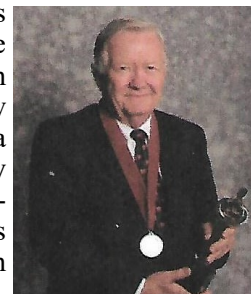
An acknowledged visionary developer, Brother Hines was founder and chairman of Hines, a global real estate development company. Under his direction Hines completed 907 projects, including more than 100 buildings over 25 stories tall.

Brother Hines was often the quiet inspiration behind Sigma Chi reunions of his fellow Greatest Generation alumni brothers, as well as a major contributor to Delta Delta renovation campaigns in 1988 and 2007. The dining room in the Sig house is named in his honor.

Gerald will be remembered as a modest man with a big heart who touched many lives with his signature humility, generosity, humor and grace. Brother Hines is survived by his sweetheart Barbara, his four children, 15 grandchildren, 13 nieces and nephews and one great-grandson.

Dan Curtis ‘55 Member National Self Storage Hall of Fame

Dan Curtis earned a place in the National Self-Storage Industry’s Hall of Fame as one of the first seven pioneers in the self-storage industry. Brother Curtis helped found the Association in 1975 which now represents a global industry with 42,000 self-storage facilities and members in 27 countries.



Dan Curtis ‘55

Dan founded the Georgia Self Storage Association and served as president for several years. Brother Curtis resides in Atlanta with his Sweetheart of 63 years, Margaret.

Chapter Eternal “All honor to their names”

John S. Falconer ‘35, Lancaster, PA 4-18

Gerald Hines ‘46, Houston, TX 8-23-20

Loren Walker ‘56, St. Petersburg, FL 3-14-20

Calvin Lenox ‘58, Deland, FL 5-20

Robert Elsperman ‘58, St. Louis, MO 4-7-20

Donn Griffith ‘60, Dublin, OH 8-1-20

David Danhof ‘88, Atlanta, GA 5-28-20

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Vruggink Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Long time Delta Delta Faculty Advisor, Jim Vruggink, has been recognized for his career contributions to intercollegiate sports with the **2020 CoSIDA Lifetime Achievement Award**. Jim was inducted into the CoSIDA (Collegiate Sports Information Directors Association) Hall of Fame in 2004 and served as president of the organization in 1996-97.

Brother Vruggink came to Purdue in 1982 as sports information director. He became athletic public relations

director in 1986 and then served as director of special projects from 2001 until his retirement in 2019. In his 37 year career at Purdue, topping his list of accomplishments was working with two-time Heisman Trophy finalist



Jim Vruggink

and future NFL Hall of Fame quarterback and Significant Sig Drew Brees '01. Jim and Drew maintain a close friendship to this day.

Other highlights included coordinating Heisman campaigns for quarterback Significant Sig Jim Everett '85 in 1984 and fullback Mike Alstott in 1995. Vruggink also worked closely with Hall of Fame men's basketball coach Gene Keady and other Purdue icons David Boudia, Ryan Kerrigan, Glenn Robinson and Stephanie White.

Pledge Classes Stay Connected By Zooming Together

With the annual Brotherhood Dinner and Alumni Golf Outing canceled many pledge classes lost the opportunity to meet face to face and reconnect. But for several classes Zoom calls have allowed brothers to connect and keep in touch.

Bernie Sergesketter '58 stated that his class is holding a Zoom call once a month and 7-8 members of his class are taking part. He noted how nice it was to see how his PB's were doing and to catch up on their current activities. Bernie commented that after a couple of sessions covering just general news and events, his group decided to start having two brothers take the time each month to

talk about their life stories. "What we learned about the lives of those brothers who are now in their 80's was fascinating," Bernie remarked.

The Class of '77 has also jumped on the Zoom bandwagon and held five calls over the past four months. Organized by pledge class president Dave Hughes this class has had as many as 16 brothers on a call. Getting to see the smiling fac-



Zoom calls are a keeping the brothers connected.

es of some of the brothers who have not been back for reunions has been wonderful. We highly recommend arranging a Zoom call for your PB's.