



# ALPHA CHI REVIEW



## NEW DECADE, SAME ALPHA CHI Alumni Donations Imperative to Our Future

As brothers of Phi Kappa Tau, we're used to setting high expectations for ourselves and each other. The goals we've set for Alpha Chi are just as ambitious. Whether you've stayed connected with the chapter since graduation or not, we all have a great opportunity to start new with  $\Phi$ KT in 2020. The second **Bill Jones '60** challenge is proof of that, which has raised over \$22,000 to date. Each of us can make this challenge a success and close the gap in reaching our \$1.5 million goal. But **time is of the essence as this opportunity ends in May**. Please show your financial support now and help us end the campaign in record time!

There are multiple ways you can help:

1. Extend your current gift or pledge into the future. Payments can be spread over several years.
2. Make a new pledge to *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* and join Bill's challenge.
3. Call your brothers and encourage them to join you in this campaign.

This is a truly unique opportunity for us and we hope all alumni can see the incredible potential this provides our chapter. Completing the campaign would allow our volunteers to



shift their focus from fundraising to program development, membership, and brotherhood. Don't let this opportunity go to waste. **We are relying on you to show your support by the end of May.**

With only \$411,619 left to reach our goal, we are too close to give up now. Every brother is needed to keep up this momentum, just as every brother was needed as undergraduates to maintain Alpha Chi's success.

While it's a new decade, we're the same Alpha Chi. Our standards are high. Our membership is driven. Our goals for 2020 are bold. You have the chance to set the standard for the next 10 years of Alpha Chi.

Love and Respect,

*Bill Jones*

**William Jones '60**, Campaign Co-Chairman  
(919) 417-1947

*Barry Toney*

**Barry Toney '85**, Campaign Co-Chairman  
(214) 926-3348



*Rob Lowrance '77, Jimmy Joiner '77, and Bert Simpson '76 at the alumni tailgate.*



*George Donald '78 appears on SEC Network while attending the alumni tailgate.*



EMBRACING YOUR ALPHA CHI LEGACY

# EMBRACE YOUR LEGACY

## Writing the Next Chapter of Alpha Chi Together JOIN THE GROWING LIST OF DONORS TODAY

The following brothers and friends have banded together to show their appreciation for Alpha Chi by supporting the *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* campaign. Together, they have helped us reach more than \$1 million toward our \$1.5 million campaign goal. Their efforts have already made a tremendous difference in the future of Phi Kappa Tau at Mississippi State. We extend a heartfelt thank-you for their generous donations and hope anyone who has yet to contribute will join the ranks of these leaders in our campaign today.

Gifts of any size are encouraged and appreciated as we work together to set Alpha Chi up for success well into the future. Your Alpha Chi legacy does not end when you leave the chapter house—it lives on through the brothers who follow in your footsteps.

Remember, each donor contributing \$2,500 or more will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in the chapter house, and all donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign publications unless otherwise requested. If you feel an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 with any corrections.

### Campaign Progress by the Numbers

As of February 28, 2020

**\$1.5 Million Goal**

**\$1,088,381  
Written Commitments**

**19.5% Total Participation**

**112 Donors**

**567 Active Alumni**

**Paul H. Dunn Society**  
*(\$250,000 and above)*  
William Jones '60

**Alpha Chi Society**  
*(\$100,000 to \$249,999)*

**Red Carnation Ball Society**  
*(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*  
Robert Forbes '71\*

**304 South Jackson Street Society**  
*(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*  
John Johnson '64  
Malcolm N. Outlaw '67  
Durward B. Dunn III '72  
Cindy and David L. Rice '72  
Oliver "Mike" Waggener '72  
In memory of  
Katherine H. Waggener  
R. Alan Wright '75  
Robert DeMetz '88

**Silver Goblet Society**  
*(\$15,000 to \$24,999)*  
Howard A. Wilson '77  
Thomas E. Clayton Jr. '85  
Barry S. Toney '85  
Sonny Pryor '87

**The Crest Society**  
*(\$10,000 to \$14,999)*  
Gary L. Hawkins '61  
Roy C. Harris '62  
Michael S. Albright '67  
Don Lovelace '67\*  
Larry G. Kirk '68  
Patrick Presley '70  
Stephen Jones '72  
Joseph T. Drake III '75  
Perry Glenn Marchant '75  
Paul D. Smith '81  
Eric M. Jonas '85  
Brent E. Brockway '88

**Lost Weekend Society**  
*(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*  
Bo Mayfield '60\*  
David L. Vaughan '66  
Thomas Farris '67  
James Nickles Jr. '67  
Jimmy A. Armstrong '68  
In memory of  
Randy Adams '68  
Walter T. Costilow '68  
William D. Lott '68  
In honor of  
Sally Lott  
Henry W. Tucker '68  
Ronald S. Poole '69  
Thomas H. Saterfiel '70  
Kenneth R. Watkins '70  
Bryant "Tony" Acosta '71  
In memory of  
Margaret Moore Acosta  
Ross Hamilton '72  
John W. Starr '77  
Thomas Majors '78  
William Dale Tate '78  
Richy Bibb '79\*  
William R. Fant III '81  
Joseph C. Lambert '81  
Steve Thomas '83  
Roger S. Seabrook '84  
Robin Forsythe '85  
In memory of  
Renee Slay Booth and  
Sonia Grace Gully Goboon  
David M. Hataway '86  
In honor of  
Mack Hataway '61  
William Irby IV '86  
Dennis Daniels '90  
Thomas L. Stennis III '91  
In memory of  
Thomas L. Stennis II '58

**Crossroads Society**  
*(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*  
Oliver B. Anderson '58  
In memory of  
Anthony Marucci '58

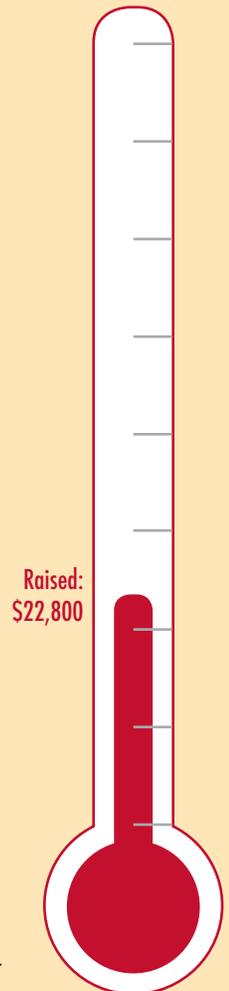
John A. Loomis '59  
In memory of  
Pamela Jones,  
wife of Bill Jones '60  
Mack A. Hataway '61  
In honor of  
David Hataway '86 and  
Gary Hataway '90  
Stephen K. Felts '62  
In memory of  
Dr. Alvin L. Felts Jr. '60  
Phillip Shockey '62  
In memory of  
Robert L. "Bob" McHane Jr. '59  
George Edward Tucker Jr. '63  
Robert A. White '63  
In memory of  
Pamela Jones,  
wife of Bill Jones '60  
Douglas Hogue '64  
Ralph Alewine III '65  
Jim Stubblefield '65  
James Williamson '67  
In memory of  
Mom Adams  
William J. Alexander '68  
In honor of  
Andy Hewes '68  
Gary K. Davis '68  
Francis "Andy" Hewes '68 and  
Frank "Scotty" Scott '68  
In memory of  
Leslie Douglas '66  
William R. Lister '70  
Donald P. Hinman '71  
Thomas M. Gladney '72  
Charles E. Donald '75  
Steve T. Waggener '77  
Gordon Burke '78  
Maur McKie '78  
John P. Brown '79  
Todd Adcock '80  
In memory of  
Kevin Wilkins '82  
Mike Powell '81\*  
David Gibson '82

William Patton '83  
In memory of  
Frank A. Carlton '84  
Steve Porter '84  
In memory of  
Jamie Irwin  
Jeffrey A. Booth '85  
In memory of  
Renee Slay Booth, Little Sister  
Harry Day '88  
Stuart D. Lee '88  
William Bedgood '90

**The Fallen Wing Society**  
*(\$1,000 to \$2,499)*  
Dr. William T. Wood '47  
Bill Ware '60  
Carl R. Barrett '61  
B. Dean Williams, D.D.S. '61  
William Bost '63  
William E. Mays Jr. '66  
In memory of  
Tommy L. Coggin '66  
Arville O. Slaughter '69  
Donald Family Gift  
Charles Donald '75  
George Donald '78  
David Donald '81  
Denis Everett '75  
William Hinman '75  
Paul A. Rossie '76  
Robert R. Simpson II '76  
Monte W. Bishoff '77  
Rich Aust '79  
Eugene Dent '79  
W. Scott Phillips '79\*  
Jay Milton '83\*  
Russ Kern '86\*  
Keith Wilkins '86\*  
In memory of  
Kevin Wilkins '82  
Calvin Morris '88\*  
Lee Hunter '94  
In memory of  
Alvin Lafayette Felts Jr. '60

\*Gifts raised prior to October 2016

**BILL JONES  
CHALLENGE**  
Goal: \$100,000



# Service to Country and Brotherhood

## John Johnson '64 Reflects on His Time with Alpha Chi and His Military Career

When you hear the name **John Johnson '64**, you may immediately recognize it, but if you don't, you really should. John's extensive military career, community involvement, and support of the chapter are, to say the least, impressive. An Alpha Chi Legacy.

John enrolled at Mississippi State in 1963 and graduated in 1968 with a B.S. in management and an "unofficial" minor in aero engineering. He joined the chapter in the spring of 1964 and moved into the house his sophomore year. "I grew up without siblings. Living near my fraternity brothers during college gave me a lot of experiences that I didn't have before." John said, "I can remember a lot of great experiences as an undergrad in the chapter. Mealtime was always great! After dinner, I really enjoyed when Red Finley and the Skillet Lickers got together on the front porch and jammed."

"Phi Tau was also an opportunity for great mentoring. **Tom Stennis '58**, our Domain Chief and I got extremely close. I can recall we drove together to the 1966 National Convention in Mackinac, Michigan. I learned more about Mississippi politics during that drive than I ever could have imagined." Tom was elected to the National Council at that convention and later became National President.

John was commissioned as Second Lieutenant through Army ROTC upon graduation. His first year on active duty was as Chief of a Personnel Management Inspection Team at Continental Army Command Headquarters. In his second year of active duty, he was XO and CO of a Replacement Company in Long Binh, Vietnam.



After release from active duty, John returned to State to pursue an MBA in 1971. During that year he was active in the chapter as a grad student and got to know a whole new group of brothers. After finishing his MBA, he worked for several companies in personnel management. In 1975, he began the study of law at Jackson School of Law and graduated from Mississippi College Law School in 1980 with a J.D., magna cum laude.

During the '70s and '80s, John worked with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. He also worked with the Mississippi Council on Aging as a Staff Attorney and Department of Child Support Enforcement as a Senior Attorney.

After graduate school, John rejoined the active Army Reserve. He served for 15 years in the 2nd Maneuver Training Command which wrote and conducted training and evaluation exercises for Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast and Puerto Rico. In 1989 he joined a USAR school unit, was an Instructor in Command and General Staff College and a Staff Leader in Command and

Services Staff School. John retired in 1996 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

As an undergraduate, John served as Administrative Secretary and Comptroller. In 1974, John got a call from then National Secretary **Bill Jenkins, Bowling Green '57** asking him to assume the job as a regional graduate advisor or Domain Director for the Deep South Domain. John said, "I happily accepted that challenge. I can remember two of my first visits to Spring Hill College in Mobile and Southern Mississippi. Two guys really stood out. Both really got up in my face to demand 'What do we need to do to be the best on campus?'" Not being really sure what to say, I asked them what they thought they should do. In both cases, they laid out outstanding ideas about recruitment, campus involvement, and chapter administration. Those two guys, **Jay McCann, Spring Hill '74** and **Steve Nelson, Southern Mississippi '73**, both of whom later became National Presidents."

John was elected to the National Council in 1977 and served six years. He received the President's Award in 1973 and his second President's Award in 2012. He was also awarded the prestigious Palm Award for his lifetime of service to the National Fraternity in 2015, the highest award presented to an alumnus.

In 2014, when the chapter recolonized, John was fortunate in his career and wanted to give back. He was able to because of some great advice he had received from his father, who said, "Don't spend all you make." This led to him supporting the *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* capital campaign.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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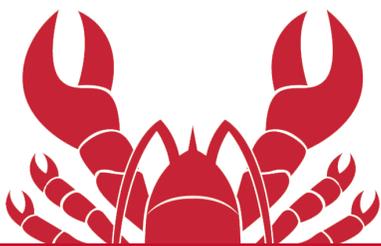
**Wilson Taylor '19**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

## Alumni Crawfish Boil

**MARCH 21**

**12-4 p.m.**

**Alpha Chi Chapter House**  
(115 Clyde Q. Sheely Circle)

To RSVP, please contact **Carter Pickens '18** at [carter.pickens@yahoo.com](mailto:carter.pickens@yahoo.com) or (601) 728-0008.



*Alpha Chi actives sing to our sweetheart, Grace Mozingo from Delta Gamma.*



*Brothers enjoy a paintball retreat in Tuscaloosa.*



*Members participate in Chi Omega's event.*



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**ATTENTION:** *This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Mississippi State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please mail us his new address to help update our records. Thank you.*

## MEN OF DISTINCTION

### Alpha Chi Focused on Growth After Successful Spring Recruitment

**A**s we reflect on spring recruitment, Alpha Chi's executive council has our eyes set on growth. We had eight dedicated, high-quality early bids heading into recruitment week, and we ended up with a total of 14 by the end of the week. All of our active brothers are excited to welcome these new associates into the brotherhood. Keeping the goal of growth in mind, the executive council is focused on implementing new strategies to prepare for fall recruitment.

With our GPA falling below the campus average this past fall, Vice President **Michael Blanchard '19** and Scholarship Chairman **Benjamin Murphy '19** teamed up to implement a GPA improvement program. Under this new program, members will be held accountable for class attendance, and those under the desired GPA will have mandatory study hours. We hope to set a higher standard for academic achievement moving forward.

Our philanthropic efforts have never looked stronger. In the fall, our Haunted Trail event, where we partner with **Dennis Daniels '90**, had to be canceled due to the rain. However, we pivoted within the month and came up with the idea of organizing a campus-wide gingerbread house contest. It went very well considering the small amount of time we had to prepare for the event. Next fall, we plan to hold both events to raise funds for The Serious Fun Network.

Alpha Chi brothers remain active on campus and in the Starkville community. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 33 active brothers participated in a community service project to clean a local graveyard. We held another service event with Sigma Nu to host a community item drive for Camp Kesem on February 24 at one of Starkville's local Walmarts. The event was a success, and we are always excited to pair with other Greek organizations to help better our community.

I am very proud of the direction Alpha Chi is heading, and I am excited to see the heights we can reach in self-improvement and community involvement. We have a hard-working group of young men at Alpha Chi and hope to recruit others who strive for success. Our recruitment chairmen, **Jarred Kimes '18** and **Matt Prater '19**, are dedicated to the growth of the chapter. If you have any recruitment recommendations, please reach out to us. We welcome all alumni back to the chapter house as we look to build a larger brotherhood here at Alpha Chi.

Fraternally,  
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