

THE BENCHMARK

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CONNECTING UC TRIANGLE ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

UC Triangle Receives Third Legacy Donation

In April, Kraig Schario and his family became the third Legacy donors by making a very generous gift split between the Park W. Gast Jr, Education Foundation and the unrestricted Alumni fund. The President's Suite, right off the main foyer of the new house, will be named in honor of Kraig and his family. Many thanks to the Scharios for their generosity. Learn more about the many options for making a donation to the Chapter by visiting www.uctriangle.org/donate.



The Schario family

Fall Rush A Huge Success!

The fall semester Rush started off strong on Welcome Weekend, with the actives passing out water and hotdogs to the students going between parties. We wanted to send a strong values-based message with this event and gave out almost one thousand hotdogs over the weekend. The focus on values based recruitment that this event had carried on throughout the rest of the recruitment period. Some of the events that we had included a corn-hole tournament, Poker Night, an NFL watch party, and a community service event with the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. These rush events resulted in us bringing in a strong pledge class that we are very excited about. The Eta class consists of 18 new men and will be a tie for the largest new member class we've had since re-colonizing. The new members bring our chapter above fifty men, and we are excited to continue growing.



Max Inniger
Cin '13
Director of Recruiting
UC Triangle
Active Chapter



Potential new members and actives after the rush week corn hole tournament

Bid Dinner Celebrates 18 New Pledges

As always, at the end of another successful recruitment, we hold a dinner to celebrate our newly pinned new members. It's a time for the new members to celebrate becoming a part of Triangle and the brothers to celebrate another job well done. Ahead of the new members lies eight weeks of New Member Education, where they will learn the history of Triangle as well as information about UC and Greek Life here. By the end, these men will be ready to go through Ritual and become full Brothers of the Cincinnati Chapter of Triangle Fraternity.



Sean Gleason
Cin '12
Vice President
Active Chapter



Fourteen of the eighteen new members of the 2014 Fall Iota class.

A Message From The Active President

The Cincinnati chapter is continuing to grow and setting the bar high. We passed the 50 member mark and are looking to reach 75 quality members within the next two years. Having more men has allowed us to do more within the chapter such as set tutoring sessions and starting up a member education program to teach brothers life skills such as personal finance, home improvement and transition between college and starting your career. As we continue to grow, we want to set more traditions that everyone can count on each year. One tradition we really want to start is having an alumni event every homecoming weekend. I want to encourage you to keep homecoming weekend open. Come back to UC to see all of the changes that have taken place on campus and our new chapter house to meet some brothers and hang out with brothers that you haven't seen in a while!



Jim Kimbro
Cin '12
President
UC Triangle
Active Chapter

Alumni Announce Alumni Lunch Program

The UC Alumni invite all Triangle Alumni in the area to gather for lunch the third Monday of each month beginning Monday, January 19, 2015. The luncheons will be held at noon at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse, 925 Riverside Dr. in Cincinnati. All Triangle Alumni are invited. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save These Dates

It will be another busy spring. In addition to the "3rd Monday Lunch Program" (see article above) there is a full agenda activities to which Alumni are cordially invited. Mark your calendar to save these dates and watch for more information as the events draw closer.

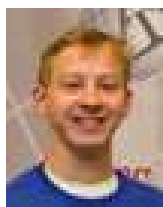
January 10th – Initiation and Initiation dinner. All alumni are invited to witness the initiation of the new class and/or join the celebration dinner that will follow.

March 28th – Spring Worksession. Alumni will join forces with the Actives to spruce up the house for spring.

April 12th – Founders Day. The Actives are already developing plans that will make this the big Alumni event for the spring.

Academic Program Continues To Improve

This fall, we have been in the process of strengthening the academic program. It started with the appointment of the academic director, Benjamin Sherman, cin14. He and I have been working to create a weekly schedule of study tables for the subjects that most freshmen are enrolled in. These sessions are led by a Brother competent in the subject. Class schedules and majors are being collected and all members are being notified with whom they are able to study. After all our greatest academic resource is each other.



Dan Nolan
Cin '14
Secretary
UC Triangle
Active Chapter



New members and brothers participating studying collaboratively during a study tables session

New Plaque Honors Benchmark Donors

A new plaque has been installed in the living room of the chapter house to permanently recognize those who have made donations to the 5in5 campaign at the Benchmark level (\$1000 and up). The new plaque is a granite triangle with 96 individual engraved walnut plaques that contain donor's names and initiation years. The chapter is honored to have names on 19 of the plaques already. Thanks to everyone who has participated. Make it a point to stop by the house soon to see this magnificent display.



New plaque on the living room wall honors Benchmark donors

Chapter Continues Community Contributions

This fall semester has brought many of the actives together in doing community service. As part of the annual Community Plunge, hosted by UC Greek Life, brothers and pledges helped out the Cincinnati Center for the visually impaired by sprucing up their parking lot and landscaping. Giving back to the community is something that every active is excited for and looks forward to. Additionally, the Cincinnati Chapter raised over \$250 for Habitat for Humanity by hosting a deep fried mac n' cheese baked sale.



Ben Haller
Cin '12
PR Director
UC Triangle
Active Chapter

House Near Capacity – Gets New Furniture

This past year has marked many milestones for the new Cincinnati Chapter Home. Most notably, we have twenty-two brothers living in our home – compared to our max capacity of twenty-six. To accommodate such a high occupancy, we had to finish furnishing all of the bedrooms with beds, desks and dressers. Fortunately for us, we caught word that the university was looking to sell off just what we needed. Several Uhaul trips and a joint alumni-active work session later, every bedroom was furnished and ready for fall.

It's been extremely exciting to see how far our new home has come in just a year's time.



Derek Busdiecker
Cin '12
House Manager
UC Triangle
Active Chapter



Brothers Max Inniger, Ben Haller, Aaron Cunningham, and Mark Kohmescher working together to hang up new shelving units in each of the fourteen rooms in the chapter house.

Make A “No Cost” Donation

If you enroll in Amazon.com's "Smile" program, Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchases to the Park W. Gast Jr. Educational Foundation at no cost to you.

To enroll, go to smile.amazon.com, and log in with your Amazon account and password. The first time you log in you will be asked to select a charity. In the "Pick your own charitable organization" search field type Park W Gast and hit "search". The Park W Gast Jr. Educational Foundation will pop up and you simply click on "select".

Use smile.amazon.com every time you shop. It's identical to the regular Amazon site, except PWGEF receives a donation every time you make a purchase. Thank you!

5in5 Campaign Reaches 25% of Its 5-Year Goal

Alumni continue to show their generous support by contributing to the 5in5 fundraising campaign. As of mid-October, 15 months into the 5 year campaign, the effort has achieved 25% of its \$500,000 goal.

Campaign funds have made a huge impact on the Chapter and their house. Funds have been used for scholarships, academic support, furniture, house repairs and improvements.

A heart felt THANK YOU to all contributors! To become a contributor, visit:

www.uctriangle.org/5in5



Lost Brothers – Can You Help?

Please help. We have lost touch with several alumni. If anyone has a "small mail" or email address for any of the following Brothers, please notify the Benchmark editor at benchmark@uctriangle.org.

John Blyth
David Bowman
Lee Coburn
James Holmstrom
Joshua Marotti
Jeffrey Matthews
Ryan Meyer
Chad Taylor

Thanks in advance for your help! Please remember to notify either National or the local Alumni whenever you change addresses.