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KAPPA TAU **TAU KAPPA EPSILON** SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



OUR NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

Throughout the past four years, the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity has been grateful to possess the beautiful facility owned by the Kappa Sigma organization. As the 2022-2023 school year concludes, Kappa Sigma will return to its facility and officially rejoin the on-campus greek life at the University of Arizona in August 2023. Our members are thrilled to continue expanding the foundation of our chapter despite moving houses. The new location can be found at 1525 E Drachman St, previously occupied by Pi Kappa Alpha. TKE fraternity brothers have received permission to modernize, decorate and furnish the space to our wishes. As we undergo a slight modification, the goal is still the same, to continue building success. Our new space plans to be the home of 30-35 brothers. By doing so, we would be in prize position to host weekly events throughout the academic year. One of the more significant events we plan to host is a TKE philanthropy event, known by many as "TKE Week." Throughout the week, our chapter will raise money for St. Judes Children's Hospital. Activities will include car washes, dodgeball, and carnival games. In addition, throughout our alumni weekend, the goal is to gather 50-100 previous members of our chapter and host a tailgate prior to the football game that evening. We look forward to the future as we transition to new grounds and can't wait to get started with the next chapter of our fraternity.

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Hello, my name is Ethan DeSilva and I am the new Prytanis of the Kappa Tau Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. I'm from Tucson, Arizona, pursuing a Finance degree from the Eller College of Management. I have been blessed with the opportunity of leading a group of intelligent, hardworking, and well-rounded guys to take our chapter to the next level.

With the initiation of our Lambda pledge class, we are sitting at 128 active members. Our members have shown new heights of motivation which has

been reflected in almost every aspect of our chapter. We recently won the Most Improved GPA award and are at a 3.1 cumulative GPA. I am incredibly proud of all the hard work our members have put into their school work and I cannot wait to see how much more we will grow throughout the year. Our newly appointed Executive Board consists of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are eager to get to work. This incredible group of leaders has helped create an environment where fraters are passionate about academics, community service, philanthropy, and University involvement.

Throughout this semester, there have been numerous career panels with Kappa Tau Alumni, as well as a variety of brotherhood events like 3v3 basketball tournaments, workshops for building resumes, social events, and much more. All of this happened before spring break. In the last seven weeks of the semester, we were still extremely busy with RCB, sweethearts week, a canned food drive, study groups for finals, two additional career panels, intramural sports, date dashes, and the initiation of our new spring members. On top of these amazing events, we will direct a lot of attention toward our transition into our new chapter house. We have been blessed to have lived in our current property since 2018, but we will be preparing for a new chapter of our lives by bringing the same hardworking mindset that has gotten us to the point that we are.

Serving as the Prytanis for the Kappa Tau Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon will be one of my proudest accomplishments in life. I believe that our chapter is



heading to new heights and has all of the tools to accomplish our goals. I am open to any ideas, suggestions, or even just to chat at (520)-448-8784 or arizonatkepresident@ gmail.com. Thank you and I can not wait to see what the future holds!

YITB,

Ethan DeSilva '22

How You Can Support Kappa Tau



VOLUNTEER

Join your Fraternity brothers as volunteers on the Advisory Board or the House Corporation of Kappa Tau. The Advisory Board consists of dedicated alumni both in Arizona and around the country who are keenly interested in furtherance of the chapter's growth and goals, while the House Corporation aims to maintain a safe, comfortable and attractive domicile for the members.



RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Provide a recruitment recommendation to the undergraduate chapter by filling out this recommendation form: <u>https://arizonatke.org/rush-recommendation</u>



NOMINATE A BROTHER FOR THE CHAPTER HALL OF FAME!

Nominate a brother for the chapter Hall of Fame! If you know of an outstanding brother that has been successful in his career, community, or with the fraternity, and is an individual who goes above and beyond, please take a moment to nominate him for this year's Hall of Fame. https://arizonatke.org/hall-of-fame-nomination-form



ONE-TIME OR RECURRING GIFT

Please consider a one-time or recurring gift to the Kappa Tau Advisory Board at <u>https://arizonatke.org/one-time-donation-advisory-board</u>



LEAVE A LEGACY

Charitable gifts help you meet your current philanthropic goals and extend your generosity well into the future. But did you know that a planned gift can also protect your assets, provide for your family, and guarantee you income for life? You can even make a significant impact through a gift that costs nothing in your lifetime (through a charitable bequest under your will).

There are several ways to support the Kappa Tau of TKE Board of Advisors, but when you plan a gift as part of your overall estate and financial plans, you help the chapter expand the boundaries of scholarship and leadership.

Learn more here: https://arizonatke.org/leave-a-legacy

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November 2011

GLIMPSES of the Past & Present



Halloween1983





SPRING FLING FOR KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA



"This spring we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to host a spring fling

event with Kappa Kappa Gamma. Over the course of the 2023 spring semester, the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon have had the pleasure of bettering our relationships with the women of KKG. We look forward to the events we have planned for the weekend, such as a fashion show, speed dating, a mixer, and some community service. Shared are some photos where member Caleb Fearing took charge and wrote a poem for the women of KKG. We then distributed roses amongst their members to show our gratitude for joining us for a weekend of fun!"



MEET TWO OF OUR UNDERGRADS



MASON LEITSTEIN '20

Mason Leitstein '20, known by stage name, Nomadik. Is a Junior here at the University of Arizona and has been a member of TKE since his freshman year. Mason is currently pursuing a degree as a Communication major with a minor in Public Relations. In his free time he is working towards his dream of becoming a DJ and producer.



Mason first started learning how to mix when he was in 8th grade. His older sister first showed him electronic music at a young age and has been obsessed with the music culture ever since. Looking at videos of concerts and festivals across the world truly amazes Mason and it still does to this day. We all can agree that music has a unique powerful capability of bringing people together no matter what problems we are each individually facing in our own lives. For Mason personally, there is nothing he loves more than playing music for people and watching everyone escape from the real world, therefore he chose to pursue becoming a DJ. Last semester he won a DJ competition out of 70 other local DJs and was given the opportunity to play at Dusk Music Festival in downtown Tucson. He has also made many valuable connections across campus that have provided me with many opportunities. He currently DJs at No Anchovies every other

week and at a couple local bars whenever he goes back home to San Diego. As much as these opportunities are rewarding, they are even more motivating. Moving forward Mason hopes to grow his name as much as possible by making his own music and playing as much as possible no matter what the occasion is. Success or failure aside, this is a hobby that keeps Mason happy and he plans on never stopping.

BRANDON LEVENE '21

Brandon Levene '21 is currently a sophomore at the University of Arizona, and was recently accepted into the Eller College of Management to pursue a degree in Finance. He rushed TKE in the fall of his freshman year, and states "it was the best decision of my life".

Since his freshman year, he has met his friends for the rest of my life and made connections that he never thought were possible. So far in his time as a member of TKE not only has he enjoyed his college experience to the fullest but has also been provided with so many unique



Brandon, left

opportunities he never thought would be possible, especially growing up in a small town in Wyoming. Some of these opportunities include putting on shows and meeting some of his favorite DJs from around the world; among these are Mau P, Nitti Gritti, and Party Favor. Being able to work with artists like this and starting to produce his own concerts outside of the fraternity is a dream of his, and TKE has helped put him in a position to make that happen.

Some things Brandon enjoys doing include traveling, playing basketball, going to concerts, and hanging out with friends and family. This summer, he is looking forward to going to Barcelona to study abroad with two other fellow fraters, Josh Lambert '20 and Drew Leonard '20. They are looking forward to traveling to multiple countries in Europe and experiencing new cultures in a part of the world they have never been to! Brandon is extremely grateful to be a part of a fraternity that has put him in a position to experience all of this.



BRIAN POLES '14

Brian grew up in Las Vegas before attending the University of Arizona from 2011-2014. He pledged TKE that fall in 2011 and was initiated later that semester with a scroll number of 911.

In 2014, Brian transferred back in-state to finish his undergraduate degree at the University of Nevada, Reno where he graduated in spring of 2017 with a BS in Marketing and a BA in Political Science.

After he graduated, Brian briefly worked for a company in Reno as a sales representative for a third-party company selling DirectTV out of Costco. He then found an entry-level position as a SEO Link Development Analyst at a digital marketing agency in Phoenix and made the move two weeks after being offered the position. At that agency, Brian moved up the ranks to where he was eventually

managing the entire Link Development department. After a year in that position, he branched off a general SEO role at another marketing agency in the Phoenix area where he currently works. He now has five years of experience in digital marketing, specializing in SEO and content marketing.

Outside of work, Brian likes to attend concerts and music festivals, watch sports, dive into new TV shows and movies, and spend time outdoors enjoying the Arizona weather. He also writes for a music blog in his spare time.



CHRIS KOLB '16

Chris Kolb, originally from the Bay Area, pledged TKE in 2012 and graduated UA with a major in Communication and a minor in Business Admin in 2016.

Chris has a background in technology/software sales, startups, and real estate investing. He's worked as an early hire and has helped build out the sales functions/go-to-market strategies with startups like Glint (acquired by LinkedIn), Instapage, and Postclick. Outside of the startups, Chris's real estate business specializes in Section 8 housing in the midwest.

He is now actively rolling out a rideshare company he co-founded in Arizona, HUM. HUM is a subscription business (driver-subscriber) on a mission to provide drivers with greater and more transparent earning opportunities and passengers with fairer fares.

Outside of this, he's still working on his golf game. Long off the tee, but still questionable within 70 yards.

If you are willing to answer a few questions and that we can turn into a e-news, newsletter, or social media profile, please email <u>matt.noble@fmgtucson.com</u>. *Thank you.*



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MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FROM DJ GROUP SIDEPIECE

On March 16th 2023, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon put on an event that had been more than 3 months in the making. Social Chair Aidan McCoyd along with his committee of 10+ members worked with companies such as Relentless Beats and Hardwire Production to make this event happen. The social committee worked with Hardwire Productions to provide massive LED boards to create visuals for the event. Relentless Beats gave Aidan the connection to book an artist by the name of Side Piece who has over 4.2 million monthly listeners on Spotify. Along with the sponsorships of SDH Paints and Liquid Death, we were able to provide 400+ cans of water for guests and create many new pieces of artwork to decorate the event. With over 2000+ guests the fraters of Tau Kappa Epsilon were able to have one of the most memorable nights of the year.



MOM'S WEEKEND

Over the weekend of April 14th, our executive board orchestrated a mom's weekend with lots of events throughout the weekend. Over more than half of our members brought their moms down to Tucson to enjoy the weekend. On Saturday we hosted a pasta night where our chef Eddie, made a substantial amount of pasta, salad bar, garlic bread, and an Oreo cookie cake. This was a great opportunity to bridge the gap between parents and kids. Overall the weekend was a success, and everyone had a fantastic time! Here are some photos from the weekend.



KAPPA TAU PHILANTHROPY



Over May 1-5, we hosted our annual sweethearts week; this is one of our opportunities to raise money for the St. Jude Organization and improve our sorority relations. This week was filled with fun philanthropic events and activities that brought together our members and members of various sororities. Some events were our "TKE Trivia" night, where the competitors were asked questions about our specific chapter. Another event was our, "Pay-to-Paint," where anybody could purchase a square on a large board to paint and support the contestant of their choice. Lastly was our "Find-a-TKE" scavenger hunt, where all the competitors had to find various items around our house based on specific clues. This year we raised just shy of \$4,000 for St. Judes and were fortunate enough to have 3 exceptional women Allison Mercurio, Sophie de Haën, and Sierra Yadvish receive the title of "TKE Sweetheart for the 2023-24 school year. We are beyond excited to see what these young ladies contribute to our chapter and the countless memories that will be made in the coming year.



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HOMECOMING WEEKEND November 3-5, 2023

FRIDAY - UA Greek Golf Tournament in the morning and the inaugural Kappa Tau Hall of Fame Dinner in the evening

SATURDAY - Pre-Game Tailgater at the Chapter House or on the UA Mall (location TBA soon)

More Details to Follow This Summer

Follow Kappa Tau on social media!

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