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Multipurpose event center planned for the new Dever Hall.

Dear Brothers and Friends of Alpha Xi,

What a year it's been! The dream of expanding our beloved Nester House into the vibrant and visionary PIKE Pavilion at Nester House is no longer just a blueprint—it's becoming reality.

Thanks to the leadership of Kent Allen, a powerhouse team of Alpha Xi alumni has rallied behind this transformative project. From the very beginning, our Business/Finance team, led by Bud Banks, laid the foundation with a strategic plan that not only set ambitious fundraising goals but also mapped out a sustainable financial future for this new living and social space.

Meanwhile, our Design/Build duo, Mark and Peter Stuhlreyer, have been working hard crafting a space that balances form, function, and fraternity. Their designs promise to elevate the Alpha Xi experience while staying on track with budget and timelines. They've even navigated the permit process with local officials—no small feat!

And now, let's talk about the momentum. Our soft launch fundraising campaign, kicked off in August 2024, was nothing short of phenomenal. Fueled by a generous \$1M match challenge from Brother Mike Dever, we hit our target before the end of December. But the generosity didn't stop there—Brother Dever also gifted us the remaining Digby property, and by year's end, we had secured over \$2.9 million in pledges, with \$1.4 million already paid. That's real progress.

Now, we're charging into Phase Two, led by Nick Orphan, with support from Rishi Gabbita and Jay Radley. Their goal: raise an additional \$1.4 to \$2.0 million to bring this project across the finish line by the end of 2025. With their energy and vision, we're confident the PIKE Pavilion will be ready for the Active Chapter by the 2027–2028 academic year.

But we're not done yet. This is your moment to be part of something lasting. the PIKE Pavilion is more than bricks and mortar—it's a legacy of brotherhood, growth, and shared purpose. Let's finish strong.

Consider what Alpha Xi means to you—and join us in making history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. S. Giesler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "W" and "S".

William S. Giesler
President

Raise

Invest

Award

Active Chapter

In June, Alpha Xi received their official spring semester grade report, and once again they earned the highest average with a 3.53 GPA across 170 members. It was the highest GPA of any IFC chapter on UC's campus. Their year-long GPA of 3.51 confirms a sustained commitment to academic excellence. After graduation, the active roster sits at 150 brothers.

At the August 2025 Thomas C. Tillar Leadership Academy at Memorial Headquarters in Memphis, Alpha Xi received its 15th consecutive Robert A. Smythe Award. In addition, they earned the Raymond L. Orians Excellence Award; Scholarship Plate; 100% Phi Phi K A Club Award; 25+ Man Commitment Award; IFC Participation Award; Athletics Award; and the Community Service Award.

Financial Report

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the value of the College Educational and Charitable Foundation portfolio that includes contributions to all funds plus the PIKE Pavilion Expansion Project reached \$3,382,063. Our Endowed, Legacy and General Funds received total contributions of \$56,329 and realized a 9.2% growth in value.

We invite you to review the Honor Roll of Donors on page 4 of this report.

Funds Update

We added the William N. Baker Endowed Scholarship Fund (ESF) this year and we now have a total of 26 endowed funds. Our funds are managed collectively and are accounted for individually. All our funds are co-mingled with the CE&CF General Fund. CE&CF will continue to provide additional support for our annual scholarship and leadership awards. For the fiscal year 2025-2026 the maximum amount approved for our annual awards is \$65,000.

Activities

We continued to sponsor the annual Christmas Scholarship Luncheon and annual Founders' Day Banquet. Kenwood Country Club was again the venue for both events. At the Founders' Day Banquet, CE&CF presented 36 awards that included five Pike Foundation awards. Our annual "UC Bearcat" scholarship was awarded in September, and the grand total of our 2024-2025 awards was \$76,000!

Executive Administration

We continue our partnership with Association Connection. They are responsible for maintenance of our alumni directory, providing administrative assistance, organization of records and project development. If you have website problems accessing our ucpikes.org website or other questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Foundation Administrator, Sandy Hatmaker. She is available by email at info@ucpikes.org or by phone 513-554-3077.



James C. Sparrow, Chapter Eternal

Jim was initiated into Alpha Xi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Cincinnati in 1966. He served as Treasurer during his time in chapter and continued to "follow the money" during his alumni years as a member of Southland Hall Association, serving as President and Treasurer. In 1980, he was elected President and Treasurer of the College Education and Charitable Foundation. He served as Treasurer of CE&CF until his death. "Bird," as he was known to his Brothers, received Alpha Xi's highest award, the coveted Mr. Alpha Xi Award in 1986. Jim's legacy is one of dedication – to his work, his values, and above all, his family. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

2024-2025 Donor Honor Roll

Platinum Society – \$1 million and above

Michael Dever, 1961

Crystal Society – \$100,000 - \$999,999

Nicholas Orphan, 1965 ♦ Mark Stuhlreyer, 1987 ♦ Peter Stuhlreyer, 1989

Diamond Society – \$25,000 and above

*Gary Adams, 1964 ♦ William Baker, 1969 ♦ Daniel E. Ferris II, 1989 ♦ William Giesler, 1968
Wayne Gilsdorf, 1954 ♦ William Hoeb, 1960 ♦ Gerald Lanz, 1967*

Garnet & Gold Society – \$10,000 - \$24,999

*William Banks, 1968 ♦ Robert Dorsey, 1952 ♦ Andrew Grant, 1962 ♦ Donald Jacob, 1959
David Krutsch, 1966 ♦ Matthew Yung, 2004*

Alpha Xi Legends Society – \$5,000 - \$9,999

*Kent Allen, 1981 ♦ Joseph Burnett, 1962 ♦ John Deatrick, 1964 ♦ Patrick Gaspar, 2008
Marilyn & Jack Pecsok Estate ♦ Andrew Poole, 2006 ♦ James Radley, 2005 ♦ Mark Serrienne, 1967*

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*Steve Armsey, 1967 ♦ Faith Cleeter ♦ Ryan Dalton, 2008 ♦ James Eckels, 1988 ♦ John Effmann, 1968
Russell Felter, 1979 ♦ D. Shawn Hill, 1984 ♦ Pete Smith, 1989 ♦ R. Wayne Stratton, 1967 ♦ Mark Wood, 2006*

Crest Society – \$1,000 - \$1,999

*Richard Chalfin, 1955 ♦ Thomas Cuni, 1967 ♦ Robert Felts, 1960 ♦ Eric Haines, 2006
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Founders Society – \$500 - \$999

*Thomas Blair, 1956 ♦ Kurt Huelsman, 1985 ♦ James Lied, 1963 ♦ Robert Markland, 1959
Richard Paxton, 1970 ♦ William Rayl, 1989 ♦ Jan Rife, 1959 ♦ William Scheben, Jr., 1956
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Junior Founders Society – \$250 - \$499

Stanley Isaac, 1967 ♦ Louis Neff ♦ Mark Nester, 2006 ♦ Mike Ryan, 1958 ♦ J. Trey Waltz, 2019

Fire Truck Club – \$100 - \$249

*William Bayuk, 1969 ♦ Fred Betz, 1947 ♦ Gunnar Brauning, 2019 ♦ Richard Clasby, 1981 ♦ Milburn E. Crotzer, 1962
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David Karem, 1962 ♦ Gary Pies, 1959 ♦ Douglas (Scott) Porter, 1981 ♦ Daniel Schroyer, 2007 ♦ Bryan Setz, 2007
David Shepherd, 1966 ♦ Stephen Simendinger, 2006 ♦ R. Daniel Stitzlein, 1968 ♦ Garry Thompson, 1967
James A. Woodard, 1957*

Donor \$1 - \$99

*James D. Black, 1955 ♦ Terry Cox, 1968 ♦ Stephen Crone, 1981 ♦ Douglas Cushman, 2005 ♦ Jerry Doerger, 2011
Chase Kendall, 2018 ♦ Germaine Spencer ♦ Edmund Weber, 1961 ♦ Charles Wirrig, 1972*

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