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Omega Tekes and St. Jude Children's Hospital: A Philanthropic Partnership

Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,

Before the end of the first semester of 2017, a letter campaign was initiated on campus at the Kellogg Center where students could write holiday greetings for patients at St. Jude Children's Hospital. During the winter break, just prior to the holidays, a group of Omega Tekes made a special road trip to Memphis, TN to hand-deliver the letters collected on campus. Those who made the journey to Tennessee from Albion included, **Fraters Trevor Hill '20** and **Noah Horvat '20**. In Indiana, they met up with **Frater Noah Pappas '19**. I drove from Georgia and then we all connected in Memphis.

When we arrived at St. Jude Children's Hospital, we met Mary Kate Totan, a staff representative who works with TKE on our philanthropic partnership. Other visitors that day included members of Delta Delta Delta sorority, who had just left before we arrived. We would have liked the opportunity to visit with some of the kids, but that is a special arrangement reserved for Top Teke chapters, which we weren't at the time (hopefully that changes!). After delivering the letters, we toured the hospital and grounds, including the burial site of Frater Danny Thomas, founder of the hospital. Frater Thomas once said that he would build a shrine to St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hopeless causes, if he achieved success in his career as an entertainer. Frater Thomas was later blessed with great success – the result was St. Jude Hospital.

Visiting St. Jude was an enlightening experience. It was truthfully very refreshing actually knowing what our chapter fundraising money goes towards – specifically the proton laser treatment program.

Although we didn't get to visit with any of the children, it does not discourage me. All of this made me want to be one of the people that has earned the privilege to be able to meet these brave children that go through more than most others can comprehend.



*Fraters Horvat, Pappas, Hill and Hardy pose at the entrance to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.
(More photos from their hospital tour on Page 3)*

Seeing all the ways that St. Jude Hospital helps to fight cancer, in the way of research, free treatment for children, and continued free treatment for adults, has made me proud to be a part of the group that makes assisting them one of our top priorities.

Yours in the bond,

Frater William Hardy '19

Omega #1827

IFC Diversity Chair for TKE

Seaton and Prout Scholarship Recipients for 2018



Scholarship Recipients left to right: Fraters Sannes, Luke and Knight with Venerable Past Prytanis Jerry Johnson.

The Board of Advisors of Omega Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon recently announced the recipients of the 2018 chapter scholarship awards. The awards are given annually to collegiate members who have excelled in academics and contributions to the fraternity and the Albion College community.

Frater Joshua Sannes '19 is the recipient of the **Dr. John L. Seaton Memorial Scholarship Award**.

The award is named in memory of Dr. Seaton who served as Albion College president from 1924-1945 and was initiated as an honorary member of TKE in 1943.

Recipients of the **William C. Prout, Jr. Scholarship Award** are **Glenn Knight '19** and **Cary Luke '18**. The scholarship is made possible through a generous bequest from the estate of TKE alumnus William C. Prout, Jr. '59.



“Each year, we are pleased to support outstanding Tekes with these scholarship awards,” said **Venerable Past Prytanis Jerry Johnson '93**, who serves as Omega Chapter Board of Advisors Scholarship Chair. “We are proud to honor the collegiate members of TKE who have distinguished themselves through academic, service, and fraternal achievements.”

Funds for both the Seaton and Prout scholarships are administered by the TKE Educational Foundation. Alumni members of Omega Chapter serve as judges for the annual scholarship review process.

The **TKE Educational Foundation** recently announced the members of the **All-Teke Academic Team** and recipients of its prestigious scholarships offered through the Offices of the Grand Chapter.

The collegiate recipients of this recognition exemplify the best of TKE. We are proud to announce that **Frater Joshua Sannes '19** has been honored as a member of the All-Teke Academic Team. Congratulations Frater Sannes!

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Omega Fraters Pappas, Horvat, Hill and Hardy rub the nose of a bronze bust of St. Jude founder Frater Danny Thomas -- a tradition for visitors in the main entrance of the hospital. (Below) The main atrium at St. Jude.



Through a variety of fundraising efforts, including the annual Pig Roast launched in recent years, Omega Chapter has been raising funds for St. Jude for decades. Annual donations collected during the past few years:

2011-12:	\$445
2012-13:	\$1,239
2013-14:	\$381
2014-15:	\$1,980
2015-16:	\$2,904
2016-17:	\$6,183
2017-18:	\$6,977
TOTAL:	\$20,109



The corridors and common areas of St. Jude are filled with inspirational messages. The hospital and its programs serve families from all over the world.



Congratulations Class of 2018!



Albion College Commencement was held on May 5, 2018, and included seven Omega Tekes.

We are pleased to welcome the new graduates to the Omega Chapter Alumni Association!



TKE graduates prior to Commencement with "House Mom" Dawn Morgan.

In Remembrance

The following alumni Fraters of TKE Omega have entered the Chapter Eternal:

Frater C. David Ogg '59 on October 29, 2016 in Topinabee, MI

Frater Charles B. Judson '73 on June 24, 2017 in Traverse City, MI



Frater Ogg '59 Honored at Topinabee Beach Park

Residents of Topinabee, MI recently honored the memory of Frater C. David Ogg '59 with a memorial at the base of the park flag pole. To read more about Frater Ogg's many contributions to his community, please visit:

www.topinabee.org



Improvements and Momentum Continue in Downtown Albion

By Frater Christopher Herweyer '17

*Community Food Systems Coordinator,
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For many Omega Chapter alumni, Albion continues to be a home away from home. Many who come back to visit for Homecoming, Pig Roast, or just because, will, in addition to visiting campus, likely stop at Cascarelli's for a drink or two and see the town. Even for those of us for whom it has only been a year since our last visit can easily tell that a lot is different in town now versus this time last year, and the change is even starker for those who have been gone even longer. Things are changing quickly in Albion.

Albion's transformation has its beginnings back around 2010 when the Friends of the Bohm Theatre began their investment in renovating our historic main street theatre. The graduating class of 2018 is the last that can remember the Bohm reopening. In the nearly 4 years that have passed since then, Albion's post-industrial recovery has only quickened.

In part, this rebirth in the community can be connected to our community-minded President Mauri Ditzler. Dr. Ditzler is now finishing up his 4th year in the community and has made clear from the very start that bridging the divide between college and community would be one of his main goals. Ditzler decided to move the President's home back to town for the first time since the presidency of Frater Bernard T. Lomas. During these last four years as well, the college has committed itself to investing in the town through the establishment of the Ludington Center downtown, encouraging faculty to live in town, and funding the Build Albion AmeriCorps VISTA Initiative that has helped support many vital community organizations the past two years.

Other signs of momentum in the town include the establishment of the Albion Food Hub, the opening of a Taco Bell on the Eaton Corridor, new business growth in the industrial park, and the reopening of the bowling alley.

Just in the past year, the Bohm opened up a second screen, a Courtyard by Marriott hotel has opened up downtown, and new locally-owned shops such as



Stirling Books & Brew, Kerizma Nail Salon, Brick Street Marketing, and Teragraphics have opened. The long-awaited brewpub, Albion Malleable Brewing Company (*pictured above*), is now officially open for business.

As in all cases, Albion has had its share of setbacks, most notably the problematic re-bricking of our historic business district. Businesses downtown suffered from decreased traffic throughout the summer and fall of last year and now will continue to struggle for much of this summer as problems with the new road bricks have quite literally popped up.

In spite of this, Albion is relentless in its forward momentum. Earlier this year, Governor Rick Snyder visited the community to announce Albion as the latest beneficiary of the Rising Tide Program for reinvestment in Michigan communities. This builds off of the newly-announced Big Albion Plan that will over the next two years see the vast majority of downtown undergo major renovation, opening up long-shuttered downtown apartments and creating renovated spaces for new business investment.

Next time you have the chance to come back to your old stomping grounds, I recommend taking the time to look around town and seeing all the new developments. Stop for a drink at the Malleable, visit the Ludington Center, catch a movie at the restored Bohm Theatre, and of course, if you're staying overnight, check out the new hotel.



Homecoming Weekend
October 5 & 6, 2018



Join us for the Annual TKE Homecoming Open House, Saturday, October 6, 2018.
For more Homecoming event information and class reunion details, please visit:
www.albion.edu/alumni/events/homecoming



35 Years Ago -- TKE Omega Chapter house photo, 1983

