

# Report of the Chairman, June 23, 2018

The 2017-2018 academic year has been a time of significant transition, challenge and great opportunity for Psi Upsilon. The Foundation, Executive Council, staff and committee members have worked hard to move our organization forward in today's fast changing world.

The Foundation continued to focus on raising contributions to support important Fraternity programming that includes the **Leadership Institute, Archons Academy, Commitment to Excellence, Campus Clarity, Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute** and the on-campus consultations made by the Fraternity's professional staff.

The **Foundation's Scholarship Program** seeks to recognize brothers who demonstrate a commitment to moral, intellectual and social excellence. In 2018-19 scholarships will go to 16 brothers from 10 chapters. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,500. The **Scholarship Committee** devotes many hours in review of candidate applications, all of whom have made significant contributions to Psi Upsilon and their communities. The Scholarship Committee spends great time and effort reviewing and ensuring our deserving brothers are appropriately rewarded. A MIGHTY THANK YOU to the Scholarship Committee members.

The **Henry Poor** and **Jonathan Persky Scholarship Funds** are endowed scholarships that have grown significantly this year because of alumni contributions and market returns. The Zeta Chapter continues to honor the memories of Bob and Evelyn Kaiser through the **Kaiser Educational Fund**. This fund provides grants to undergraduates to purchase textbooks, and is supported by Zeta alumni.

In December 2017, **Mark Williams**, Phi '76 (*Michigan*), our president and chief executive officer, retired after 27 years of loyal service to Psi Upsilon. In December 2016, **Mariann Williams**, Chi Delta '17H (*Duke*), departed after 26 years of dedicated service. Mark and Mariann provided Psi Upsilon with leadership, stability, guidance and professionalism unique to the fraternity world. The Foundation and Fraternity are forever grateful to Mark and Mariann.

We had the great fortune to hire **Chris Kizer**, Chi Delta '12 (*Duke*), in August 2017 as Associate Director of Philanthropy. Chris worked closely with Mark Williams to ensure institutional knowledge and practices were transitioned. **Bethann Taylor** was hired in the spring of 2017 to assist with the day to day administration of the Foundation.

**Alex Senchak**, Eta '06 (*Lehigh*), has worked closely with Chris to create and execute an impactful alumni outreach program that will result in greater engagement and subsequent giving for the 2018 calendar year. During the last six months Chris has traveled to 9 cities, met with numerous alumni to discuss the "Case for Support" for the Foundation and has successfully solicited contributions to the annual fund. In addition, Chris organized several alumni events, including the highly attended (over 50 alumni) fall '17 and spring '18 NYC Perfect Pint Socials.

At the February 2018 Clemson meeting, the Foundation and Executive Council continued to work closely together to map out progressive policies and brotherhood programming, which, in my view, will continue to ensure Psi Upsilon remains viable and meaningful in today's fast changing world of social norms, social media, technologies and economic realities of the fraternal world.

During the last 8 months in my role at Interim CEO, I am grateful to have worked with talented, dedicated and hilarious brothers and thank the directors of the Foundation and the Executive Council for their unending support, help and FUN during this time of transition and opportunity for Psi Upsilon.

Yours in the Bonds,

Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '83 (*Hamilton*)  
Chairman of the Board