



# MIGHTY PROUD

## Pi Deuteron Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta University of Kansas

### Phase One Construction Nearly Complete, but Campaign Is Not Over

- We Need Your Help to Raise the Remaining \$1.23 Million to Complete the Next Phases
- Join Us for Pig Dinner—Friday, October 30

**T**hank you to all who have contributed financially to the *Mighty Proud* campaign. To date, we have raised more than \$2.26 million toward our \$3.5 million fundraising goal. We are nearing the end of the first phase of construction on our expanded Chapter House and we are so thrilled to see the excitement growing. The excitement is sure to continue into the fall as graduates come back for football games and experience the extensive renovations firsthand. We hope you'll join us for the annual Norris Pig Dinner and house tours October 30-31.

#### COME SEE

We truly hope you will come see what your generous contributions have accomplished. For those waiting to participate in this campaign, it is equally important for you to come see the improvements. Please make it a priority to stop by the house during one of your trips to Lawrence this fall for a football game or other event. Introduce yourself to the undergraduates and let them show you the improvements; they are proud of the house and would love to give you a tour. They especially enjoy hearing about your fond memories at Pi Deuteron!

#### COME CELEBRATE

The fall 2015 social highlight for all undergraduates and graduates will be the Pig Dinner on Friday, October 30th, followed by guided house tours on Saturday, October 31st, coinciding with Homecoming. Join us for a celebration of our expansion and the success of FIJI at KU. This is a momentous occasion in our Chapter's history and we sincerely hope you can join us.

#### CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN— OUR JOB IS NOT DONE

These necessary renovations and expansions would not be possible without the support we've received thus far, and our Chapter's future success will only be possible with further donations from the rest of our graduate base. **While we have much to celebrate this fall,**

**Your support  
lays the  
groundwork for  
Pi Deuteron's  
future at KU.  
Donate today at  
[www.kufiji.org](http://www.kufiji.org).**



**our work is far from over.** Your help is needed *immediately* to reach our \$3.5 million goal as quickly as possible. We're being good stewards of your dollars, but funds are very tight. Our work can continue only if we hit \$3.5 million. You can help in numerous ways; but hurry, time is running out!

- If you have not made a pledge, please do so now. We know you want to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
- Many brothers have been willing to advance their pledge payments, which is helpful to maintain the cash flow and reduce future finance costs.
- Donors who commit \$2,500 or more will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque. If needed, please increase your contribution to have your name permanently included on the plaque.
- If you know of a brother who has not contributed, encourage him to make a pledge immediately.
- Use the enclosed pledge form to mail in your pledge, or use our convenient online giving form located at <http://kufiji.kintera.org/capitalcampaign> to make your pledge today.

We thank you for giving our campaign committee the opportunity to do this job and the chance to renew our connections with many brothers. We look forward to seeing you at Pig Dinner as you renew connections with your brothers and Pi Deuteron.

Fraternally,  
**Kevin F. Mitchelson '79**  
Campaign Co-Chairman  
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**Dan H. Lowe '85**  
Campaign Co-Chairman  
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### CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

*As of August 11, 2015*

**\$3.5 Million Fundraising Goal**

**\$2,269,605 in Contributions**

**1,259 Mailable Graduates**

**132 Pledges to Date**

### SAVE THE DATE

**134th Annual Norris Pig Dinner**

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

Homecoming Weekend

The Oread Hotel in Lawrence, Kansas

Join us for our annual Pig Dinner and house tours over the weekend. We'll have a cocktail reception, dinner, and program. Additionally, the graduating class of 1969 will receive their Gold Owl pins and the graduating class of 1994 will receive their Silver Owl pins.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks. We hope to see you there!

[www.kufiji.org](http://www.kufiji.org)

# YOUR PLEDGE CAN HELP US COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION—JOIN THIS LIST TODAY

We sincerely thank all of the following Pi Deuteron brothers and friends for committing \$2,269,605 to the *Mighty Proud* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Pi Deuteron and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience.

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our graduates to achieve our goal and complete this major project. All supporters of the project giving

\$2,500 and above will be recognized in campaign publications and on a prominently displayed plaque in our renovated home. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so we can make the correction. Thank you to those who have made a commitment!

**Billy Morgan Society**  
(\$250,000 and above)  
John Bumgarner Jr. '64  
The Hondros Family Gift  
John G. Hondros '66  
Morgan G. Hondros '03

**1540 Louisiana Society**  
(\$100,000 to \$249,999)  
Richard D. Smith '54  
Horejsi Family Gift  
Stewart R. Horejsi '59  
John S. Horejsi '90  
Edward A. Roberts Jr. '63  
Mitchelson Family Gift  
Fred Mitchelson '44  
Kevin F. Mitchelson '79  
John H. Mitchelson '80  
J. Brendan Mitchelson '10  
J. Michael Mitchelson '12  
Stuart R. Mitchelson '14  
Daniel H. Colebank '15  
William J. Mitchelson '16  
Dan H. Lowe '85

**Black Diamond Society**  
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)  
Steven J. Heeney '78  
Dr. Joseph Hannah '79  
William G. Bartley '80  
Tom Walsh '80  
Mark Noller '85  
Pi Deuteron Undergraduates

**Royal Purple Society**  
(\$25,000 to \$49,999)  
John F. Eulich '51  
Charles T. Crawford '52  
John R. Bunten '54

Stinson Family Gift  
Robert Stinson '56  
Michael Stinson '80  
S. Matthew Stinson '83  
Thomas Stinson '89  
Clevenger Family Gift  
Tom Clevenger '57  
Jack Clevenger '68  
J. Gary Gradinger '65  
Boyd Family Gift  
Bob Boyd '67  
Rick Boyd '93  
Joseph C. Lukens '70  
David T. Jervis '77  
J. Brooks Augustine '80  
James M. Corbett '80  
G. William Quatman II '80  
Jason S. Austin '89  
In memory of  
Joel D. Grantham '89 and  
Dan J. McDevitt '89  
In honor of the  
Pledge Class of 1985  
Clayton P. Reid '89  
In honor of the  
Pledge Class of 1985  
Naaman D. Ritchie '91  
In memory of  
J. Proctor Ritchie '39

**White Star Society**  
(\$10,000 to \$24,999)  
Anonymous  
Willard B. Thompson '51  
In memory of  
Dwight H. Thompson,  
*Omicron '11*  
Davis Family Gift  
Heywood H.  
"Woody" Davis '52  
Thomas W. Davis '81  
In memory of  
Donald Dwight Davis '18

Betty and Shelby Smith '52  
Joseph S. McClelland '54  
Boeger Family Gift  
Roger C. Boeger '60  
Brett M. Boeger '88  
Donald D. Adams '61  
Daniel T. Hogerty II '61  
Ryan Family Gift  
Stephen C. Ryan '64  
Marc R. Ryan '68  
Scott R. Ryan '90  
Luke L. Ryan '00  
Sean O. Ryan '03  
Walker Family Gift  
Graham M. Walker '64  
Thomas Walker '92  
Lockhart Walker '93  
Curt S. Heinz '68  
In memory of  
Paul H. Heinz Jr. '41  
Doug Wheat '72  
James P. Gillespie '74  
Rusty Clark '76  
Jack Marvin '78  
Rex W. Henoach '79  
Robert A. Parrish '79  
Mark Chase '80  
Roscoe Mendenhall III '80  
Glenn E. Nyberg '80  
Bryan D. Eck '87  
In honor of the  
Pledge Class of 1983  
Grantham Family Gift  
J. Aaron Grantham '87  
Connor J. Grantham '14  
In memory of  
Joel Don Grantham '89  
J. Andrew Morrison Jr. '87  
Scott M. Adam '88  
Monte Soukup '88

**Purple Clematis Society**  
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)  
William Houglund '52  
Richard I. Barr '59  
John B. Martin '59  
Gerald D. Blatherwick '60  
Elbert E. Smith III, M.D. '61  
Bloskey Family Gift  
Terry L. Bloskey '63  
Jeffrey S. Bloskey '89  
F. Alan Stamper '64  
R. Wayne Thompson '64  
Peter W. Stauffer '69  
Selders Family Gift  
George E. Selders '74  
Brent S. Selders '02  
George Koake '76  
In memory of  
Kevin Koehn '76  
Richard W. Seagraves '78  
Glen "Eddie" Gipin II '79  
Scott M. Teeter '79  
John Mason '80  
Steve Mueller '80  
Kevin E. Nunnally '83  
Steven R. Patton '83  
Mike Paul '85  
Holbrook and  
Dillard Family Gift  
In memory of  
Alexis Dillard '92  
Dave L. Deason '89  
In honor of the  
Class of '89  
Matthew P. Shaffer '92  
Kurt Goesser '93  
Brown-Lee Family Gift  
Jake Brown '02  
Nick Lee '08

**Snowy White Owl Society**  
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)  
James R. Boyd '42  
In honor of  
David T. Jervis '77  
Larry S. Gutsch '57  
Robert H. Simpson '60  
Hyter Family Gift  
Charles K. Hyter '65  
Weston K. Hyter '95  
Stephen D. Hyter '97  
In memory of  
Clair D. Hyter '34 and  
Richard S. "Rick" Hyter '68  
Richard W. Hoener '67  
Nevin K. Waters '68  
Tom Byers '79  
Brian J. Bagby '80  
Scott H. McCallister, M.D. '81  
John C. Thomas '83  
Dana Johnson '85  
Jeffrey B. Stanton '85  
In honor of the  
Pledge Class of 1981  
Paul O. Diamond '88  
Thomas K. Pratt '88  
Roger H. Templin '89  
Stephen Smith '90  
Cliff Cate '92  
Topher Anderson '94  
William L. Mills '94  
Daniel E. Huck '01  
Colin D. Meisinger '01  
In memory of  
Mark W. Meisinger '69  
Jeff D. Mullen '05  
In honor of  
Jerod M. Nieder '05

## Morgan Hondros '03 Invests in New Beginnings at Pi Deuteron

The house is what appealed to him first. Seeing how the active members took care of the facility and, undoubtedly, how much effort went into the upkeep from generous alumni, **Morgan Hondros '03** understood that the quality of the house played a huge role in the fraternal experience. Not only did these men express their drive in managing a home, but also in every facet of college life. From academics to intramurals, Fiji stood out among other fraternities, which led Morgan's decision to join the ranks.

Additionally, his father, **John Hondros '66**, had established a strong foundation with the Chapter, along with some of Morgan's friends from high school, making the ultimate decision to join that much easier. "There was an overall environment at KU and, specifically, Phi Gamma Delta, that left an impact on me. In college, I had the chance to meet many people from different walks of life that I found life changing. The experience really opened my eyes to whom and what else was beyond my frame of mind."

One of the most valuable lessons Morgan learned from his college and fraternal experiences is that of a strong work ethic. Along with creating beneficial relationships with those around him, Morgan graduated with a degree in business administration and took a job with American Public University as a customer care manager.

"I am lucky enough to help people looking to change their lives with a new career. People who reach out to us are often in the middle of life-changing events: being laid off, divorced, or recently back from military deployment. My department is very important in getting people what they need to start new lives."



Along the lines of starting anew, Pi Deuteron's *Mighty Proud* campaign is well underway and eagerly anticipating an updated facility for current and future KU Fijis. As a donor to the campaign, Morgan hopes to bring the same initial awe that he felt upon seeing the house to a new generation of men. "The house brings people together, and the quality of it enhances the desire to keep it looking its best. We're lucky enough to have a large house with a great location on campus. For me, it felt like home; that was worth something. I think it's important for anyone who joined to ask themselves the same thing—what was my time at Fiji worth and does it warrant my support?"

Fiji gave Morgan many things, but one of the best is lifelong friends. He stays in contact with many of his pledge brothers, including **Zak Fellers '03**, **Carlos Ubinas '01**, and **William Darrah**. Will went through recruitment with Morgan's class, but ultimately transferred to another school before being initiated. Despite not being a member of Pi Deuteron, Will made quite the impact on Morgan and the rest of his class. "Will was a very influential person in the house. He participated in plenty of activities, and was fun and outgoing. He played a big part in a lot of our positive experiences at that time. Will is now a very successful oil businessman in Wichita, Kansas, with a lovely wife and three children. I understand that there is a retroactive initiation process for those who represent Phi Gamma Delta's values, so despite not being initiated during college, I would advocate for Will Darrah to be considered for this recognition."

Morgan and his wife, Dee, live in Westerville, Ohio. He and his dad are avid outdoorsmen and take trips all over the world. Morgan is also a photographer and videographer. You can contact Morgan at [morgan@hondros.edu](mailto:morgan@hondros.edu).