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## “How can I contribute?” Fraternity Volunteerism

*By Derrick Cabrera, Past National President*

Practically every Wednesday and Sunday, I contribute my time to the Archdiocese of St. Louis singing bass for the Archdiocesan Choirs. The choirs sing masses, ordinations for priesthood & temporary/permanent deaconates, and the annual Christmas Concert. My parents were weekly contributors into the basket that they passed around every Sunday. But in my life, I found that it is easier for me to contribute my time versus money.

Alpha Delta Gamma and her Education Foundation are no different. The Fraternity exists by active membership dues, alumni financial contributions and brotherly volunteerism.

Meet Tyler Blickhan, the next Beta Chapter Ombudsman (a close chapter advisor and liaison to the National Council). Tyler graduated in Spring of 2007. While becoming active later in his sophomore year, Tyler held the Chapter Offices of Executive Vice President and Internal Vice President. Furthermore, Tyler represented ADG on St. Louis University's Interfraternity Council as well as served as that council's rep on the SLU Resident Housing Association.

Tyler was not aggressively pro-National but respected the organization. He had been away from the Chapter active membership for almost 10 years. So why would Tyler want to get back involved? Tyler said it was after he attended a Business School Graduates/Actives lunch organized by the Alumni Association:

*“Meeting many of the young actives and hearing their questions, helped me realize that as a now ‘old’ man of 30, I had a lot of good advice that I could give to our young brothers as they go through the college experience and prepare for life after college.*

*Additionally, it was really fantastic to begin to feel the sense of brotherhood that comes from being around fellow ADGs”*

*“[That] lunch helped me realize that I had a lot to give back to the Chapter that had given so much to me.”*

Like many Alums, Tyler enjoys staying in contact with many of his Brothers from when he was an active. And also like many Alums, Tyler's post-graduate life put a lot of focus on career/personal life/ambitions and away from the Fraternity. Part of those ambitions included more volunteer work. And from that point, a new Chapter is about to start in the lives of Tyler and Beta Chapter.

The Fraternity and Education Foundation thrive (and survive) on similar stories of Fraternity Volunteerism. And, while becoming Ombudsman of a Chapter may be a deeper commitment that many alums avoid, attending U-Night or Laetare Sunday or Conferences or Conventions, even a quick lunch every semester or two or three with willing-to-learn Actives & Candidates, can be extraordinary experiences for both you and them.

Please reach out to your Chapters (or the nearest Chapter to where you live) either locally, through the Ombudsmen of our Chapters, or through the National Council. Your help, your attention, and your volunteerism are always welcome!

*A Brother who is helped by a Brother is like a City Walled!*

Chapter Eternal

Richard Abbrecht, JR.  
Epsilon

Ed Grefe,  
Kappa '61

Gone but not forgotten

**2017 ADGEF Scholarship Recipients**

My name is Duffy Baker and I am a senior at Bellarmine University. At Bellarmine University, I am President of Alpha Delta Gamma Xi Chapter. Alpha Delta Gamma has been an incredible part of my life in shaping the man I am today. Alpha Delta Gamma has given so much to me including the Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation Scholarship. The Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation Scholarship provides unexplainable aid to a few young men every year at National Convention. For me, this scholarship provided a sense of relief that all college students hope for, less student debt. Being President of Alpha Delta Gamma, taking 19 hours at Bellarmine University, and balancing my involvement in other organizations, I am not able

to work very often which takes away from the money I am able to save for the future. The Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation Scholarship gave me an extra boost and helped me focus more so on the fraternity and school than accumulating the funds to pay for those experiences. I want to thank every individual who has ever given to the Alpha Delta Gamma Educational Foundation Scholarship and encourage everyone to give in the future. The aid this scholarship provides is extremely beneficial to any Alpha Delta Gamma man who is able to benefit from it.

Fraternally yours,

Duffy Baker



Focusing on my senior of college was my main priority this year. Nothing else was on my mind except for walking across that stage and getting that diploma. At the end of my junior year, I was very worried about money so I ended up getting three jobs this past summer. This summer was the most exhausting summer I've had because all I did was work. I wanted to make sure I could afford to purchase all my books because I didn't want any excuses on why I couldn't pass any of my classes. Missing work was not an option this summer until convention came around and I had to call off. However I'm so glad I took the liberty of doing so because I received one of the biggest blessings in my life. I had the opportunity to accept a 3,000 dollar scholarship for my 2017-2018 school year. Receiving this scholarship allowed me

take on senior year without any holds on my school account. Not only did I not have any holds on my account, but I also didn't have to get a work study job for this semester. Balancing twenty hours a week for work, eighteen credit hours, plus thirty hours of required community service, and other school related activities, my life would have been very stressful. This was truly an honor to receive this scholarship and I want to thank ADGEF again for giving me this award.

Needless to say, I encourage everyone to fill out the ADGEF scholarship application who needs help with paying for school. ADGEF is here to help as long as you're willing to put in the effort to try. Thank you to the alumni that donated back to this amazing organization and a special thanks to my chapter for pushing me to become the above average Alpha Delt.

Ad Dei Gloriam,

Joshua Hughlett

***Supporting the Educational Foundation***

Our culture of philanthropy is an extension of our commitment to service. Giving back begins here at home, with the primary goal of providing the best possible educational opportunities for our actives. We support this mission through fundraising initiatives. We invite you to explore the many aspects of philanthropy for ADGEF and the opportunities available to contribute to the success of our active brothers.

***The General Fund***

ADGEF believes that relationships create opportunities and that educational opportunities enhance said relationships. We strive to provide educational opportunities for our actives like no other. We are able to do so with a diversified list of alumni wanting to give back as well as with outside speakers that create new ways to approach opportunities and life in general. We build character by exercising tolerance, and we create life-changing opportunities for our actives for which they are forever grateful. The General Fund enriches the people and programs at the heart of our speaking series. Your annual gift to The General Fund strengthens the longstanding traditions of excellence, character, and opportunity that are *undeniably Alpha Delta Gamma*.

The General Fund offers donors a variety of giving options:

Cash gifts via personal checks and/or credit cards are the most popular ways to make gifts to The Woodward Fund. Please mail your check or credit card information with a reply card to:

**ADGEF**  
**Mike Blackstock**  
**1705 Kinsmon Cove**  
**Marietta, GA 30062**



Online gifts by credit card can be made.

Matching gifts allow companies to show their support of the Foundation by matching their employees' gifts to The General Fund. Stock gifts can be made by contacting Andy Schoettker, ADGEF Treasurer, at 513-652-4244.

***Can I make a gift in honor or memory of someone special?***

Gifts can be made in honor or memory of someone with a minimum donation of \$25 per honoree. For example, donors can make a gift in honor of an alumni who has made a difference in your ADG. A notification letter will be mailed to the individual or family, and the honoree's name will be listed in the annual Report.

***Does The General Fund accept gifts of securities?***

ADGEF gratefully receives gifts of appreciated assets, such as securities. A gift of appreciated stock often offers tax benefits to the donor.

***Endowment Funds***

Endowment funds serve as our "savings accounts" for our annual scholarships. ADGEF uses only annual earnings from these funds and does not spend the principal.

***Planned Giving***

Planned giving is an honorary association of alumni, parents, and friends who have officially included the Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate plans. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, please contact ADGEF President Mike Blackstock at 404-202-4004.

## 2018 Convention in New Orleans

### ***NOLA Convention***

For the first time in fifteen years, our National Convention will return to New Orleans! For years, actives and alumni alike have asked to go back and now is the time! The only way to make this a truly successful convention is for YOU to attend. We are never too old or too far removed from our active chapters to come back and provide valuable contributions just by being present.

For up to the minute details on the convention, please visit our website: [www.adgconvention.com](http://www.adgconvention.com).

We will also post updates to our official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ADGConvention2018/>.

This will be a very exciting week! For those who have never had the pleasure to visit New Orleans, you will have the opportunity to explore the following:

**French Market**

**French Quarter**

**Bourbon Street**

**Cafe du Monde**

**Frenchman Street**

**Loyola University**

**Harrah's Casino**

**Riverboat Cruise**

**Royal Street**

**Pat O'Breins**

**Official World War II Museum**

**and much more!!!**

### ***Convention Hotel***

We will stay at the beautiful Maison Dupuy hotel in the French Quarter. Room rates are \$119.00/night and we will be within walking distance to almost everything you will want to do. Rooms are limited so please book today through this link: <https://reserve.maisondupuy.com/groups/alpha>

#### **Maison Dupuy**

[1001 Toulouse St.](#)

[New Orleans, LA 70112](#)

[504.586.8000](#)

For more information visit: <http://www.maisondupuy.com/>



### ***Delegate Reservation***

Delegate fees are \$135.00 and can be paid via pay pall through this link: [https://adgconvention.weebly.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://adgconvention.weebly.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

### ***You Make Our Convention Better***

Brothers, your attendance matters! Whether you are an alumni, active or brand new member, your participation will have a profound impact on each and every other attending delegate. Join us to rekindle your passion for ADG, meet new brothers, reunite with long time friends, and enjoy all the amazing food and drinks that only New Orleans can offer! For more information, please contact the Steward, Mike Blackstock: [404-202-4004](tel:404-202-4004), [adg085@aol.com](mailto:adg085@aol.com)

## Active Chapters At a Glance...

CHAPTER	# of Actives	Top Majors	Ombudsman Contact
BETA	52	Business, Engineering, and Health Sciences	Derrick Cabrera 314-322-4309
ZETA	57	Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Finance	Peter Wilkinson 913-424-0906
KAPPA	9	Politics, Business, and Psychology	Greg Matz 570-582-5536
LAMBDA	11	Political Science, Biology, and Marketing	Bernie Sandalow 310-837-5959
XI	30	Biology, Exercise Science, and Business Administration	Anthony Medellin 210-430-5222
RHO	11	Marine Biology, Accounting, Criminal Justice	Nick Whalen 859-462-1450
PSI	17	Business and Finance, Computer Information and Technology, and Political Science	Kyle Patton 786-423-6961
ALPHA DELTA	4	Communication, English, and Biology	Aaron Dwyer 239-233-4478
ALPHA EPSILON	20	Business, Exercise Science, and Music and Composition	Josh Stripling 678-416-6019
ALPHA ETA	18	Marketing, Criminal Justice, and Biology	Jared Winters 217-741-2416
ALPHA IOTA	12	Computer Science, Biology, and History	Ernie Vasquez 551-999-5929
ALPHA KAPPA	17	Business Marketing, Business Management, and Nursing	Robert Breneman 765-714-0563
ALPHA LAMBDA	10	Engineering and Management, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering	(Pending)

### Do you use Amazon.com? If so here is a way to benefit ADGEF

Amazon has a program whereby any charitable entity can receive .5% of the total dollar purchases you do on Amazon. The program is called AmazonSmiles. This is an easy way to support the educational foundation while you receive the goods and services Amazon provides. How can you use the program?

1. It all starts with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1537009>
2. Click on "Start Shopping"
3. If you already have an Amazon.com account you should see an opening page almost identical to the current Amazon except it will be titled AmazonSmiles and note ADGEF as the supported beneficiary. This should have all your account profile information, order history, etc. If you do not see your name on AmazonSmiles go to "your profile" and input your email address that is currently linked to Amazon.com. Save this as your Amazon Favorite and use it as your portal from now on.
4. If you do not currently have an Amazon account simply set up your profile in AmazonSmiles when the opening page comes up after you hit "Start Shopping".

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