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#### **YELLOWJACKETS**

# 2016 Georgia Tech **Football Schedule**

9/3/16 at Boston College

9/10/16 vs. Mercer

9/17/16 vs. Vanderbilt

9/22/16 vs. Clemson

10/1/16 vs. Miami

10/8/16 at Pittsburgh

10/15/16 vs. Georgia



11/5/16 at UNC

11/12/16 at Virginia Tech 11/19/16 vs. Univ.of Virginia

11/26/16 at Univ. of Georgia

# **2016 RUSH RECOMMENDATIONS**

We need your help to recruit future KA brothers. If you have recommendations for potential new members, please contact John Cox (770-757-1825 or jcox35@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can visit our national website (www.kappaalphaorder. org/connect/interest) and fill out the form, which will then be forwarded to the local chapter, alumni council, and provice commander.

Kappa Alpha Order Georgia Tech

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#### ALUMNI/UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

## Like Father, Like Son

Steve and Joey Riordan are Keeping KA in the Family

We all have strong brotherhood connections, and shared values he had with the current but few of us can also call 

our sons our "brothers." Steve Riordan '85 and his son Joey Riordan '17 are both members of KA at Georgia Tech. Steve was a member of KA in the 80s, and Joey followed in his footsteps in 2013.

Steve said that he joined KA after transferring to Georgia Tech in the fall of 1983. "As a third year (junior) student, I was encouraged to participate in Greek Rush by my sister, who was a sophomore at Georgia Tech and knew several KA brothers. I was impressed with the camaraderie, the level of respect brothers demonstrated toward each other, the broad representation of backgrounds, and the general character the brothers held," he said.

Joey joined KA when he was a sophomore. As a freshman, he decided not to join a fraternity and focus on adjusting to college life and the Navy ROTC program he was a part of, but three of the close friends he made in the program dropped out after a year. "Because of this, I decided to rush to find another social outlet besides the NROTC program," he said.

Joey received bids from KA and another fraternity, but much like his father, he chose KA because of the common interests



As father and son, Steve and Joey are thankful to have shared the KA experience with each other

"His decision to pledge was a happy coincidence. I'm glad to see another generation of Alpha Sigmas carry on the tradition and values of the chapter." - Steve Riordan '85

members of the pledge

Obviously, when he was informed that his son had received a bid to KA. Steve was elated. "His decision to pledge with the Alpha Sigma brothers was a happy coincidence," he said. "I'm glad to see another generation of Alpha Sigmas carry on the tradition and values of the chapter."

Steve says that he didn't try to push his son to pledge, though. "I was able to attest to what it means to be a KA, but I could not answer to the current heart and soul of the brothers who offered the pledge bid. That was something he had to consider as part of his decision," he said.

The two say they often discuss their KA memories

and are proud to share the teachings and values they learned through their membership to the fraternity.

Do YOU share the KA experience with any of your family members? Tell us your story by submitting an update in the "Alumni Corner" section of our website (kagatech.2stayconnected.com). While you're there, you can read Joey and Steve's full story in our featured articles.

#### **ALUMNI UPDATES**

# Alumni Reflect on the Valuable Experiences and Lessons Gained Through KA

We recently surveyed our alumni members and asked them about all the great things KA taught them and how those lessons still play a role in their lives today. Here's what they had to say.

Weston Stacey '56 (611 Norfleet Road NW, Atlanta, GA; weston.stacey@me.gatech. edu) The core values of leadership, knowledge, and perseverance have been strong factors throughout my life. In terms of leadership, being number one taught me a lot about finding solutions that almost everyone involved could support. Through KA I gained lifelong friends, leadership experiences, and fond memories. If I hadn't joined, I certainly would have missed out on some very good friendships.

Walton Carter '48 (609 Howellbrook Dr., Valdosta, GA; jwcarter@bellsouth.net) I feel that the core values from KA helped me to become a true southern gentleman. KA gave me lifelong friendships, conservative ideas, and the ability to work with others. I probably wouldn't have met my mate of 62 years if I hadn't been a KA. I just completed my 65th year of basketball officiating for both college and high school teams.

Thomas Gurley '56 (5 Marsh Palm Place, Bluffton, SC; tbgurley@att.net) KA gave me great leadership skills. I learned from the experience of working with others. If I hadn't joined KA, I wouldn't have made lifelong friends.

W. DeFoor '87 (3451 Observatory Pl, Cincinnati, OH; defoorwr@me.com)



Through
KA, I learned
honor,
integrity,
and personal
responsibility,
which are core
values that
I use every
day in my
professional
and leadership
roles. Among
other things,

I learned to solve problems while dealing with those with differing opinions. Also, learning the value of collaboration and teamwork in solving problems were valuable skills I learned while living in the KA house. Dealing with problems or those who disagree with you head on is a lesson I have used in almost every school, work, and civic role I've had since college. I am currently in my 15<sup>th</sup> year of practice as a surgeon at one of the busiest children's hospitals in the country. I am the director of the Residency and Fellowship Program and the director of clinical research. My wife is a practicing pediatrician, and we are raising two teenagers and a pre-teen son, so life is never dull!

Will Weston '06 (3205 Dresden Way, Augusta, GA; wweston@uga.edu) I probably



don't notice this as much, but KA helped me learn how to be a gentleman (polite, courteous, etc.), which is important in

a relationship-based career. My membership also taught me how to (or at the very least try to) deal with different people who all have different opinions. I learned all aspects of managing people, like setting goals and expectations, whether it be for your superiors or inferiors in the workplace. I also gained a good group of lifelong friends, leadership experience early on, and matured long-term so I could be prepared for the real world. Without KA, I would have probably had a much less fulfilling college experience. I am currently working as a financial analyst for one of the nation's largest commercial real estate firms, CBRE, on one of the most productive investment sales teams in the southeast region. I also recently got engaged and will be getting married in my hometown of New Orleans in January.

William Toole '76 (14 Windersal Lane, Baltimore, MD; bballtolle@gmail.com)
The core value of chivalry, which I learned through KA, still remains a character trait I aspire to. Always being honest, straightforward, and a gentleman in all

circumstances is something KA taught me. Through my membership, I gained a band of eternal brothers, life lessons for understanding others, and learned how to treat others with respect. If I hadn't joined KA, I wouldn't be the person that I am today. I hope that means I am caring, truthful, and always see the positive in others.

David McCandless '11 (1039 Kenleigh Circle, Winston Salem, NC; dwm@gatech.edu) Through KA, I learned to respect



the chain of command, how to empower people, that change does happen but sometimes

takes a long time, and to pick your battles wisely. Three important things I gained from my KA experience were my big brother leading me to Christ, saving money on food and housing, and leadership skills. If I hadn't joined, I would be more naïve, and I might have a different group of friends from college. After graduating with high honors and winning the ChBE senior design competition in the spring of 2015, I used my Stamps Leadership Scholarship and spent a month in Oman studying Arabic. In June, I started work with Schlumberger and continued learning the language by spending time with Arabic co-workers. Now, I write from a high profile assignment in Saudi Arabia. My now conversational Arabic has given me much flavor with local employees and was instrumental in landing a position on the team.

#### Submit!

This is an alumni NEWSletter, after all! So please take a few minutes to submit an update at www.kagatech.com for publication in the next issue of our newsletter.

# **UNDERGRADUATE UPDATES**

# **Congratulations to Our Recent Graduates!**

Five Brothers Enter Alumni Chapter with Exciting Plans for the Future



Graduation has come and gone, and we are excited for our recent graduates. The brothers also just returned from "Bobby's Beach Week," where they were able to spend some quality time in the sun together before the seniors headed their separate ways. Some of them have great plans for the summer, and we would like to congratulate them for all that they have accomplished.

The Brothers during "Bobby's Beach Week"



Connor Lange

Connor Lange '16 graduated with a degree in finance, and this June, he will be heading to Europe to spend the summer. He has also accepted a full-time position at SunTrust as an investment banking analyst, which he will begin in August.



Thomas Menk

**Thomas Menk '16** graduated with a degree in biology with a focus in pre-med. He is headed to MCG (Medical College of Georgia) in August, where he's planning to pursue a specialization in pediatric oncology.



Taylor Withers

**Taylor Withers '16** graduated with a degree in civil engineering.



Drew Roland

Drew Roland '16

graduated with a degree in business administration and will be traveling to Europe with Connor this summer. He has accepted a full time position at Accenture and will begin in August.



Alexander Eaker

Alexander Eaker '16 graduated this spring with a degree in mechanical engineering.



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- Legacy Story: Keeping KA in the Family
- Meet the Newest KA Alumni
- Updates from Your Fellow Brothers

## **ALUMNI EVENTS**

# A Fallen Soldier, Forever a Brother KA Brother Remembered for His Service in Vietnam



Jim Hunter was awarded many times for his bravery during the Vietnam War.

Nearly 1.8 million soldiers and civilians were killed in the Vietnam War before it ended in 1975, but if you were a member of Alpha Sigma at Georgia Tech, you have something special in common with one of these fallen heroes.

James "Jim" Hunter was a member of Alpha Sigma, and he was regarded as a great friend and brother by those who knew him. Jim served with distinction in the Vietnam War, where he and his unit earned many exceptional awards for their gallantry. Most notably, he was the recipient of the Silver Star, which is the nation's third highest military honor. But unfortunately, Jim was

lost in the war in 1967 during action that earned his unit the prestigious Presidential Unit Citation.

Now, more than 50 years later, brothers found a way to remember him by completing the plans for a Memorial shrine dedicated to his memory in Alpha Sigma's Alumni Room.

Former and current brothers of the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha, family members, and comrades came together on Memorial Day weekend this year for a dedication ceremony that honored the service, sacrifice, and the life of Jim Hunter. We are grateful to those who attended and made the dedication of the memorial possible.

# We're Missing Hundreds of Alumni Email Addresses!

Help! Below are just a few of the over 400 alumni members we are missing email addresses for. These guys are missing out on valuable email communications from the chapter, just like our monthly eNewsletters.



Taylor Dodson '08 Barry Bowman '89 Nicholas Weber '80

Henry Carroll '06 Bruce Benton '85 Daniel Kirby '73 Hunter Chauvin '04 Steven Elmore '84 Charles Miller '71 James Fuller '92 Alan Bomar '81 Gary Harrison '70

Can you help us find our lost members? Visit our website at **kagatech.2stayconnected.com** and scroll down to the bottom of the homepage to view our full lost lists. If you recognize one of the names or one of them is yours, please send us updated contact information so we can stay in touch.