



# The Alpha Deltan

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Pi Kappa Phi: Alpha Delta Chapter  
University of Washington



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Alpha Delta Alumni – Although it has been a while since the newsletter has been published, we hope to bring you up to date with this edition. Its highlights include a statement from the current archon, some alumni updates, and information about upcoming alumni events. Enjoy.



Our current chapter house, located on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave N.E.

## Mike Podobnik Honored at Mid-Year Conference

Mike Podobnik, Tau Class, graduated in 2004. While living in the house he served as Archon from 2003-2004 and rode the Journey of Hope south route in 2004.

Once he graduated, Mike continued his service to Pi Kappa Phi in many ways. These included serving on Nationals staff as Colony Development Coordinator. While in this position, he assisted with expansion programs responsible for chartering or re-chartering six chapters across the country. Mike additionally served as the Regional Governor for the Pacific NW Region from 2004-2008. He has attended Mid-Year Leadership Conference multiple times teaching the new Vice Archon's about recruiting new members. This past year he was awarded the Merit of Citation at MYLC in St. Louis. Cited for volunteerism as a Regional Governor and, particularly, service to the Fraternity, he was given this award which is the second highest honor an alumnus can receive. Mike said he was "really surprised, but thrilled to receive" the award.

Outside of the fraternity, Mike continues to work for Microsoft as he has since 2005. He started out as a Staffing Consultant responsible for college

recruiting. In 2008, he changed positions and is now a staffing lead for the Office Business Platform. In this position, he is accountable for talent acquisition, client relationship management, and workforce planning within the group which worldwide is around 2,500 people. Additionally with this global team, he helps manage recruiting efforts for a portfolio of fast growing products for Microsoft.

He is married to Emily Podobnik and they live in a house located in the Green Lake neighborhood of Seattle, WA with their Bernese Mountain Dog, Balou.



# Update from the Archon

Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to witness the return of the *Alpha Deltan*, and I'm even more pleased to be able to report on our recent successes as a chapter. Thanks to successful rush the chapter has grown in the past few years to 88 actives. We just recently secured a new rental property for next year, and our total capacity next year between our main house, the annex that we own on 16<sup>th</sup>, and the new property will be approximately 98; which we expect to fill. Our successes haven't been secluded to rush as we have won the IFC Chapter of the Year award in two of the past four years. In addition we have won a slew of other awards from IFC and Nationals including the Kroeg award for most outstanding Pi Kappa Phi chapter in the nation in 2008. Grades continue to be a focal point for Alpha Delta, and in the past few years we have consistently been in the top 3 out of the 35 UW fraternities each quarter for grades. We are also very involved on campus, regularly having members serve on ASUW and IFC.

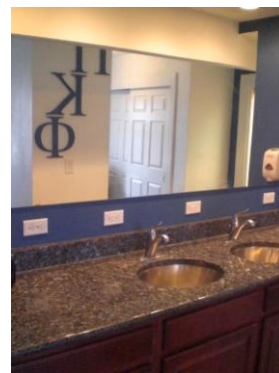
As always our chapter maintains a strong presence each year on JOH, this year we are sending two riders and we will be hosting a BBQ for the Trans team at 5:30pm on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> before they begin their ride at Gas Works Park on the morning of June 10<sup>th</sup>. I would strongly encourage any alumni and especially fellow Pi Alphas to come to either of those events.

We are also making strides to improve the living conditions in the chapter house. The most recent project has been a full remodel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom. Our long term plan is to team up with the alumni for one major capital improvement project each year, until the entire house has been updated. Our main goal is not only to improve the house aesthetically but also to improve living conditions and safety by updating the structural, electrical, and fire safety systems.

Now is a great time to reconnect and get involved with chapter. Whether that is becoming a member of the housing corp, an alumni class coordinator, an alumni advisor, or just coming to the alumni banquet, we would love to see you around.

My hope is that this newsletter will serve as a way to keep you informed of current events at the chapter, and inspire you to reconnect with the brothers that you lived in the fraternity with, and become involved with the events that we put on for alumni each quarter.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,  
Andrew Buck, AD902



New 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bathroom

## Alumni Spotlights

*\*\*\* Please tell us your story. We need alumni to be featured in the next newsletter, so please submit any information or pictures you would like to have included to our historian*

### Patrick Walker

Lambda Class, Grad. '99



Pat founded his own sports entertainment and events consulting company in Dec.

2007. Pat Walker Productions, LLC, specializes in enhancing game operations and the fan experience. Notable events include Battle In Seattle, Cougar Hardwood Classic, 2009 NBA All Star Weekend and 2008 USA Basketball Pre-

Olympic Tour in China (see picture above). Prior to that, he spent over six years with the Sonics/Storm as their Director of Events and Entertainment.  
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### Ryan Church

Eta Class, Grad '98

(Pictured to Below)

Ryan is the Director of University Ministries and a pastor at UPC in Seattle. He also serves as the current chapter advisor for Alpha Delta. He and his wife Julie have a son named Carson.

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Pictured skiing off the Peak Chair at Whistler in December 2007 (Left to Right): Courtney Shimada, Wes Ruemping, Ben Pascal, Kevin Chang, Will Sigman, Tim Owens, Ryan Church, Robb Mann, Jeff Creighton, Rob Westford, Ryan Maxwell. (Alpha Delta's from six different associate classes)

### Daniel Heu-Weller

Omicron Class, Grad '02



Daniel is a private wealth advisor for Goldman Sachs. He and his wife Merisa have two kids, Marcus (3) and Eden (1).

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## Upcoming Alumni Events



2008 Alpha Delta Cup Participants

### Alpha Delta Cup

The annual alumni golf tournament, Alpha Delta Cup, will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge. Please visit [www.uwpikapps.org](http://www.uwpikapps.org) to get more information and entry forms. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Chang at [kevinc@u.washington.edu](mailto:kevinc@u.washington.edu).

### Raider Bowl 2009

The alumni vs. active football game will be held on Saturday October 3rd. Plan on coming out to the IMA fields to play in/watch the game at 9:30am. Afterwards we will head back to the house for a BBQ and to watch the Dawgs take on Notre Dame.

### Alumni Homecoming Banquet

The 2009 alumni homecoming banquet will be held Friday October 23rd. We truly hope you can attend since this year we will be commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Alpha Delta's re-chartering. The details surrounding this event are still being planned but a specific time and location will follow.

## How you can help our chapter

There are many ways by which you can help our chapter continue to lead the Greek system at the University of Washington.

As mentioned above, if you would like to become more involved in alumni affairs and keeping the chapter housing and financial situation stable, there are a lot of opportunities to get involved through the housing corps. Please contact the head of the corps, Nat Taylor at [ntaylor@elmlaw.com](mailto:ntaylor@elmlaw.com) for more information.

Also, we are looking for alumni to serve as "class coordinators" so that each year of alumni has a point of contact to help reconnect. They would help spread the word regarding upcoming alumni events and hopefully coordinate reunions outside of alumni chapter events. If you are interested please contact our Historian, Mark Jacobson, at [mjacob88@u.washington.edu](mailto:mjacob88@u.washington.edu).

Additionally, we are planning on continuing our strong rush this coming spring and summer. If you know of any men who will be attending UW next year who might be interested in rushing Pi Kappa Phi, please refer them to our website: [www.uwpikapps.com](http://www.uwpikapps.com), and have them contact our head of rush and Vice Archon, Shawn O'Donnell, at [shawno88@u.washington.edu](mailto:shawno88@u.washington.edu) or 425-501-1019.

Finally, our alumni have started monthly bar nights on the first Monday of each month. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni living in the greater Seattle area. To find out more please either join the alumni Facebook group: "AD Pi Kapp Alumni" or contact Mike Podobnik at [micpod@microsoft.com](mailto:micpod@microsoft.com).

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