



West Virginia Alpha...A strong, rich tradition of Phi Kappa Psi

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A TRIBUTE TO OUR BROTHER

ROBERT E. "BOB" DOUGLAS '50

A resident of Charleston, WV, he passed away peacefully on November 17, 2023. Charleston residents will remember Bob as a long-active practicing attorney, an avid supporter of the local art organizations, and for his performance as an outstanding Drum Major for West Virginia University Marching Band, and alumni band.

I will remember him as a remarkable soul who left an indelible mark on every Phi Psi brother he touched. Bob possessed an unparalleled zest for life, a contagious energy that radiated wherever he went. His infectious laughter and vibrant spirit could light up even the darkest rooms.

Everything Bob accomplished defines his remarkable climb from the McDowell County (WV) coalfields. But no words describe that journey better than by simply walking into his office. I traveled to Charleston several years ago to meet Bob for lunch. Degrees and civic commendations lined the walls. Pictures show him with a who's who. Certificates of appreciation from the Boy Scouts (he bought the troop a van) and First Presbyterian Church (bought them an organ). Additional plaques and awards laid on the floor, as all the wall space was full.

His father managed a coal company store in Pennsylvania. But his father was ultimately assigned to coal stores in Kentucky, and then Elbert in McDowell County in 1936. While entering the fourth grade, Bob started learning to twirl a baton. Bob credited Peachy Lagosky (Gary High School Band) with teaching him how to twirl.

But his mother passed when he was 10, and so times became very hard. But Bob continued to persevere and during his junior year at Gary High School, he was discovered by the University of Michigan (band director) and subsequently invited to march with the band during the homecoming game versus Ohio State. Bob recalled game day strutting (with two batons) onto the field leading the trombones. While offered a scholarship to join the Michigan Band upon graduation, Bob declined because "I was immature and basically poor as a church mouse, and so far from home".

Bob joined the army when he turned 18. When he took his Army general classification test, he scored high. Thus, when he arrived in Tokyo in the summer of 1946, he was assigned to General McArthur's headquarters. Quite a feat for a teenager.

Upon returning from active duty, Bob decided to attend West Virginia University and immediately became the drum major. For many years, Bob returned to Morgantown every Fall to perform as drum major with the WVU Alumni Band. His father always wanted Bob to attend the University and become a lawyer.

Thus, the rest is history. Consider that Bob opened a law office in Charleston upon graduation from WVU College of law in 1956 and had been engaged in litigation for 63-years. He retired at age 95! But not before handling several large high profile cases, including one resulting in a jury verdict of \$404M, eventually settled for \$386M in cash!

With our fraternity, Bob was an embodiment of brotherhood. Beyond the

six-figure contributions he made to the Fraternity, he exemplified the values we hold dear, always extending a helping hand to those in need. He always led by example.

Bob, and his wife Nancy, loved coming to Morgantown and staying with **Jack Bowman '58**, and his wife Myla. They were dear friends, which is why I asked Brother Bowman to offer a few words about Bob:

I met Bob Douglas when I was an undergraduate living at 780 Spruce. He was a legend then and remained a living legend for the rest of his life. Myla and I consider it one of the great blessings of our lives to have had the opportunity to get to know Bob and his equally delightful and fascinating wife, Nancy. For the past several years they stayed with us on Homecoming Weekend.

Those weekends were absolute treasures with stories and laughter and the simple sharing of good will and, for Bob and me, the always cherished bond of Phi Kappa Psi. Bob was a very successful lawyer and a great public servant who always gave back, not merely in money, but with his time and valued advice. My high school English teacher taught that the word "unique" cannot be modified.

Something is either unique or it is not. Bob Douglas was unique. Period. There never was and never will be anyone quite like him. And all of us who had the opportunity to share any part of our lives with him, have truly been blessed.

Your light will forever shine brightly in our hearts. As we bid farewell to our beloved Brother, I can't help but think if there was a face attached to the Gentlemen's Paragraph, it would be Bob Douglas. Rest in peace dear brother.



Brother Zach Mendelson '79 sharing the plaque for The Robert E. Douglas Veranda to Brother Douglas at the 2021 Founders Day Luncheon. The plaque commemorates the significant contributions of Brother Douglas in past WV Alpha campaigns.

NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

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FOUNDERS DAY 2023

A WVU Football weekend now starts on Friday afternoon with the annual Greek Hall of Fame Induction. **Rick Pill '70** became our chapter's 4th inductee. Rick was presented by his Brother **David Pill '74**. It should also be noted that Susan Hardesty (wife of **David Hardesty '64**) was also inducted. This ceremony was followed by the Homecoming Parade featuring floats, marching bands, and various community groups

On Saturday, the Mountaineers lost to Oklahoma State, 48-34, in a high scoring game. Tailgating was in full "go mode" throughout the Blue Lot.

On Sunday morning over 90 alumni, undergrads, and the current pledge class gathered at the Erickson Alumni Center for brunch and a program. A highlight of the event is the recognition of Brothers celebrating 50-years (1973) in Phi Psi. Present to receive their gold pins were: **Bob Bird**, **David Morris**, and **Wayne Hall**. Congrats to all living Brothers celebrating this milestone.

Jack Penwell, VGP of the Chapter, provided an update regarding the chapter, rush, and activities on campus. The Chapter continues to excel in academics and (intramural) athletics.

The inaugural West Virginia Alpha Seth A. Underwood Scholarship (\$250) was presented to **Jeffrey Morrison II '18**. Brother Morrison is currently attending WVU Law School. This award is for a brother attending graduate/professional school.

It was established in the spring of 2022 as a tribute to **Seth Underwood '17** who died in 2020. Seth was a graduate of West Virginia University and a second-year student at the West Virginia University College of Law. Seth was not only a scholar, but very involved in his campus, the WV Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, and his community. He was the president of the WVU Law Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. To date, the scholarship has been funded by the Underwood Family and **Lee Pyles '77**. The committee members include: **Charlie Hageboeck '17**, **Zac Wilhide '17**, **Skyler Humphrey '17**, and Seth's mom, Kelly Underwood.

Ten Brothers (see Chapter Eternal in newsletter) who passed during 2023 were recognized and remembered by the calling of the roll. Our Memorial Service, written by Brother **Hale Posten '21** in 1922, is a time of solemnity and a time of celebration of life.

As the current vice-chair of the WVU Board of Governors, Rick Pill offered updates in terms of the University, and the challenging financial times. The University has begun an Academic Transformation to re-structure the institution. I would also like to note that Rick has attended every home football game for 61-years! That is a phenomenal record, and I should note he is competing with an alumnus from another school for the collegiate ALL-TIME RECORD.



(left to right) Gary Pyles, Cynthia Pyles, Lee Pyles, Marlene Perez, and Rick Pyles



(left to right) Charlie Hageboeck, Jeffrey Morrison (Seth Underwood Scholarship Recipient), Drew May, Zac Wilhide, and Robert Holland III

NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

CAWV HONORS LEADER MIKE CLOWSER WITH AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The following is a re-print from the West Virginia University Reed College of Media Magazine

Choosing a retirement gift for a beloved member of your organization can feel overwhelming, but when the perfect idea comes along, the sense of being overwhelmed may belong to the recipient. This was the case for **Mike Clowser '75** (BSJ, 1978) when he retired last year as the executive director of the Contractors Association of West Virginia (CAWV). The gift for him was actually a gift to others: a \$175,000-plus scholarship endowment in his name to support future media students.

Mike's wife, Dale, and fellow CAWV member and WVU alumnus Bob Orders, Jr., a graduate of WVU's Civil Engineering program and the owner of Orders Construction Company, rallied 58 (and counting!) individual association members and friends to support the scholarship endowment in Clowser's name. The gift was presented to Clowser during what was supposed to be a small retirement celebration.

"I thought we were having a kind of small gathering in our office for my retirement, and it was a little bigger than that," Clowser said with a laugh. "I am so honored, and I would have never guessed in my wildest dreams that they would do something like this – it's just a testament to the quality of the people I've had the privilege to work for all these years."

Clowser earned his degree in Public Relations in December 1978 and was hired as the CAWV Director of Member Services the very next month. He became the executive director in 1983, when he also took over as editor of West Virginia Construction News. In his 44-year career with CAWV, he worked with members and state officials to improve infrastructure in West Virginia and played a central role in the Roads to Prosperity initiative championed by Gov. Jim Justice.

"I truly believe I work for the greatest people in West Virginia," Clowser said. "Our contractors have built roads, schools, bridges, hospitals, water and sewer infrastructure – they are putting their boots on the ground every day to go out and build projects that support economic development. They are the greatest group of individuals I could have ever hoped to work for."

Clowser is reluctant to take credit for his success with the CAWV, but the fundraising for his retirement gift speaks for itself. CAWV members contributed more than three times the amount required to establish a standard endowed scholarship in the College of Media, which allows for a larger scholarship amount to be awarded each year.

"In my opinion, Mike Clowser retired as THE most well respected and loved association director in the State of West Virginia. Over his 44 years, Mike was always available to help any member with a business or personal issue. He literally gave everything in his power for the betterment of the CAWV and its members. I know that I am a better person for having Mike Clowser in my life, and I believe that the membership of the CAWV feels the same way."

- Bob Orders, Jr.

Scholarship giving isn't a new concept for CAWV members. In 1990, the board established a foundation to award scholarships to West Virginia residents enrolled, or planning to enroll, in civil engineering or a construction related four-year degree program at a West Virginia college or university. Each year,

the organization awards a \$7,500 scholarship to the top applicant and smaller awards for finalists.

"Over the years, our association has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to award scholarships to deserving students in the state to pursue construction-related subjects," Clowser said. "Our membership has put education and helping young people with their careers as a top priority for years. I think that's probably what led them to create this scholarship in my name as a retirement gift."



Dale and Michael Clowser

In a world of engineers and contractors, Clowser's public relations education has served him well – first as the advertising manager and then as writer and editor for West Virginia Construction News, but also in the advocacy work he has performed on behalf of the construction industry. As part of the CAWV mission, Clowser has led several public awareness campaigns to gain voter support for amendments and bonds that benefit the construction industry.

"When you're putting together information related to a statewide issue or campaign, certainly the things that I learned through the School of Journalism came into play," Clowser said. "This scholarship will hopefully make it easier for more students to pursue journalism at WVU and go on to have a long, fulfilling career like I did."

Clowser is quick to point out that he wasn't alone in this career journey – for nearly four decades, his wife and fellow WVU alum has been by his side. Dale retired from her role as vice president of BB&T, now Truist, in 2020 after 38 years with the bank. While navigating her own successful career, she was a constant supporter of the CAWV and confidante to Mike.

"She's been right there in it – for all of it," Mike said. "A lot of the work I did required countless hours, and I couldn't have done it if she hadn't been so supportive."

Following Mike's retirement celebration, the couple also donated to the scholarship that was established in his name. They hope that sharing this story will spur others to consider a similar way of crowd-funding a scholarship in honor of a colleague.

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA CAMPAIGN UPDATE

LIVE EVER. DIE NEVER. A STRONGER TOMORROW.

Dear Brothers,

To play on a well-known Tony Caridi phrase, it is and has been a great year to be a WV Alpha brother, wherever you may be! The bonds of brotherhood grew for many of us in 2023 whether through connecting with brothers at the Spring football game, our Homecoming and Founder's Day celebration in October, or creating memories like singing our hearts out on the patio of the Pinehurst Inn..

Our life-long friends, professional careers, or the principles that guide our lives are all directly correlated to an individual experience that we shared at 780 Spruce Street. When we pledged our lives to a fraternity of brothers, I don't think we all knew the impression it would leave and the lifelong friendships we would make. We were all blessed with something special when we joined our bond, and we want to see it continue and thrive. Now we must pay it forward by providing a permanent foundation to support academic excellence, leadership development, and quality housing for the best Phi Psi experience.

Under the leadership of the House Corporation, the chapter is currently amid a \$2.25M campaign to upgrade our beloved home and build an educational endowment to subsidize the chapter's operations in perpetuity. This two-part campaign aims to not only elevate the physical wherewithal of the chapter house but also elevate its brothers who live within its walls by supporting their academic achievements and leadership development. We are beginning the last 12 months of our campaign, and it is critical that we all step forward to help **right now**. While 81 brothers have pledged to support our campaign to date, that is far too few given how many of us there are who have enjoyed the benefits of our brotherhood.

While we would love to get some six figure pledges, our \$2.25M goal can be easily achieved if just 67 brothers pledge \$25k. The \$25k can be paid over five years and is tax deductible. And naming opportunities for rooms or pledges to commemorate a beloved brother who has entered the Chapter Eternal are added benefits of giving. There is a long way to go, but I am very grateful to all from the era's shown below who have pledged their support!

ERA	TOTAL \$ RAISED	# OF DONORS	TOTAL ALUMNI	PARTICIPATION %
1950's	\$12,600	6	111	5%
1960's	\$51,956	21	203	10%
1970's	\$405,782	29	328	9%
1980's	\$93,588	13	238	5%
1990's	\$1,750	2	253	1%
2000's	\$6,769	4	233	2%
2010's	\$1,696	3	232	1%
Friends & Family	\$495	3	-	-
Total	\$574,635	81	1,734	4.67%

I hope that you will respond generously now. Making a pledge to our fraternity should be a priority just like giving to your church or your favorite causes. Please support the chapter's future by making your contribution or pledge to the *Live Ever. Die Never.* campaign!

In the Bond...



Tim Miller '74

Campaign Chairman



Scan the QR code or visit pkpfoundation.org/wv-alpha to make a gift to the *Live Ever. Die Never. A Stronger Tomorrow* campaign today!

If an error has been made in recording your gift on the next page, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign team at the Foundation by calling 317.275.3400 or emailing Phil Mikos at pjm@pkpfoundation.org.

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA CAMPAIGN UPDATE

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of 01/10/2024

Campaign Goal

\$2,250,000

Cash and Pledges

\$574,635

Goal Remaining

\$1,675,365

Loyal Donors

81



CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Honorary Chairman

David Woodrum '61

Campaign Chairman

Tim Miller '74

Committee

Jack Bowman '58

Rick Pill '70

JT Thomas '70

Bob Bird '73

Kim Craig '74

Dave Hanna '77

Zach Mendelson '79

Tim Hoffman '81

Tim Dyer '81

John Miesner '81

Izaak Mendelson '07

CLASS CAPTAINS

1950's

Jack Bowman '58

1980's

Doug Stoup '83

1960's

Rick Wagener '69

James Dobbs '69

2000's

Richard Carlin '86

1970's

Rick Pill '70

JT Thomas '70

Kim Craig '74

Jeff Tennant '74

John Giamalis '76

GIVING LEVELS

As of 01/10/2024

1852 LEGACY SOCIETY

Honoring those that have designated WV Alpha in their estate plans.

Lee A. Pyles '77

1890 FOUNDERS LEAGUE

\$100,000+

LETTERMAN SOCIETY

\$50,000-\$99,999

Richard A. Pill '70

John T. Miesner '81

CHAPEL SOCIETY

\$25,000-\$49,999

Richard H. Wagener '69

Timothy M. Miller '74

Jeffrey V. Tennant '74

Camden P. Siegrist '78

Michael D. Fiery '79

Zachary L. Mendelson '79

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA CLUB

\$10,000-\$24,999

Forest J. Bowman '58

John L. Thomas '70

Thomas R. Douglass '72

Kim Craig '74

John N. Giamalis '76

Timothy R. Hoffman '81

Matthew J. Mazanek '82

Douglas C. Stoup '83

Wagener-Gearhart Family Foundation

HARLAN SELBY SOCIETY

\$5,000-\$9,999

Michael D. Hoffman '68

Charles C. Wise III '69

James S. Walker '70

Dennis G. White '71

Robert B. Bird '73

Phillip R. Stevens '75

Timothy T. Whalen '75

Philip A. Compton '79

James P. Hamer II '79

Izaak T. Mendelson '07

PHI KAPPA PSI SOCIETY

\$1,000-\$4,999

Charles S. Mahan '57

Hubert A. Shaffer Jr. '58

Stephen D. McWhorter '60

David L. Woodrum '61

David C. Hardesty Jr. '64

Stephen R. Crislip '67

Benjamin A. Hardesty '69

Steven C. Miller '69

Stephen D. Scales '72

Samuel D. Morris '73

Gary K. Waters '74

David M. Ziegler '75

Stephen A. Spencer '77

David G. Calabrese '84

Adam H. Mandleberg '94

Douglas Ernest '17

Charles J. Hageboeck '17

Anonymous

AMICI CIRCLE

\$1-\$999

William R. Samples '50

Earl A. Pauley '56

Murhl L. Flowers '62

William A. Jones Jr. '62

Maurice G. Taylor Jr. '63

Eric Van Lilly '64

William F. Hartwig '65

Robert C. Spiker Jr. '65

Curtis K. Brown '66

Robert H. Douglas Jr. '66

William J. Quinn II '66

Nicholas W. Conger '67

Thomas J. DeWitt '68

Richard C. Haines '68

William H. Hevener '70

Mario J. Marra '72

Richard E. Jones '75

Bruce E. Duchene '77

Timothy Muscaro '79

Theodore N. Pauls '80

Philip B. Hall '81

Michael W. Robinson '81

Edward R. Stike '81

John L. Coyner Jr. '83

Jeffrey S. Roberts '84

Vito S. Manno Jr. '86

Steven A. McBride '86

Daniel W. Lucas '93

Timothy J. Mento '00

Todd B. Jessup '04

Daniel J. Markowitz '04

Brandon Copeland '17

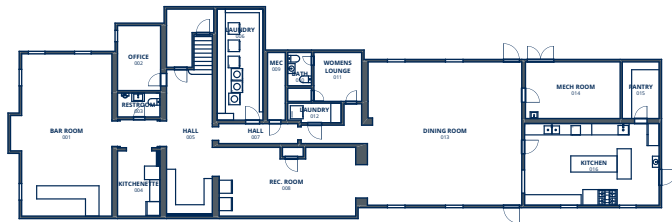
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WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA CAMPAIGN UPDATE

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

AS OF 01/10/2024



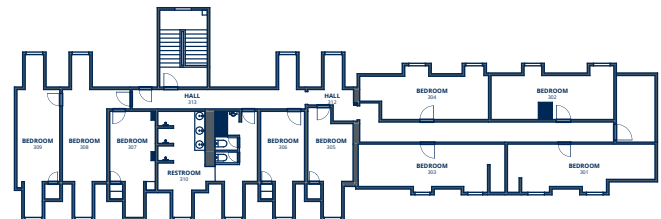
BASEMENT LEVEL



MAIN LEVEL - HOUSE & CHAPEL



SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR

OUTSIDE

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Pillar #2.....	\$10,000
Pillar #3.....	\$10,000
Pillar #4.....	\$10,000
Pillar #5.....	\$10,000
Pillar #6.....	\$10,000
Pillar #7.....	\$10,000
Pillar #8.....	\$10,000
* Breezeway.....	Named
* Veranda.....	Named

BASEMENT

Dinning Room.....	\$150,000
Kitchen.....	\$150,000
Rec Room.....	\$100,000
* Bar Room.....	Named
Kitchenette.....	\$10,000
Hall.....	\$10,000
Office.....	\$10,000
Laundry.....	\$5,000
Boiler Room.....	\$5,000
Pantry.....	\$5,000

MAIN LEVEL

* Living Room.....	Named
* Alumni Room.....	Named
* Bedroom 101.....	Named
* Bedroom 102.....	Named
* Bedroom 103.....	Named
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Bedroom 309.....	\$25,000

*Naming Secured

All naming opportunities have a 20-year term limit

NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

FROM HERE...TO THERE

(824) Richard Burchinal '57

1109 Aspen Court, Unit E, Kohler, WI 53044
Email: burchinal@att.net

Mailed along \$100 and states: Sorry to have missed get together in Pinehurst in June. Hope our introducing pickle ball to everyone two years ago continues to grow and prosper. Health problems caused my cancellation. Wisconsin will be political spotlight with first Republican debate and Republican Convention in Milwaukee next Summer. [Editor's Note: It is fair to say that pickle ball has become very popular in Pinehurst. We will be forever grateful to you. Hope you are able to attend Pinehurst 2025!]

(886) Stephen McWhorter '60

570 Lovely Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151
Email: sdm1941@aol.com Ph: 912-506-3544

Mailed along \$100 for good of newsletter and notes: Continue teaching at UAL Medical school (Ethics) and serving in an Episcopal Church.

(954) Steve Hague '64

16613 Rugosa Rose Dr, Edmond, OK 73012
Ph: 405-642-0000

He mailed along \$250 for the newsletter and fraternity.

(967) Robert Spiker '67

17117 Campbell Farm Road, Poolesville, MD 20837

Sent along (via venmo) \$75 for annual subscription.

(1115) Ben Hardesty '69

67 Augusta Lane, Clarksburg, WV 26301
Email: bahardesty1@gmail.com Ph: 304-641-0212

Mailed along \$200 for the Mountaineer Phi Psi.

(1136) Chris Iverson '70

8500 Keystone Xing Ste 120, Indianapolis, IN 46240

He mailed \$150 and noted: I attended Brother Andy Moore '70 funeral along with Steve Morrison '70, Bill Hevener '70, and Herschel Rose '70. Andy was a GREAT man.

(1148) David Janes '70

1707 Country Club Road, Fairmont, WV 26554

Sent along \$100 donation "in memory of Andy Moore '70".

(1223) Mario Marra '72

204 East Olive Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330
Email: speckles01@frontier.com Ph: 304-842-8894

Sent along \$100 for newsletter and notes: Still enjoying after 10-years!

(1245) David Morris '73

340 Sierra Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25403
Email: fuzzmorris@aol.com Ph: 304-671-6174

Mailed along \$50 for annual subscription and writes: Still working as a family physician in Martinsburg at age 69. I guess putting 5 children through college can do that to you. BTW, ALL WVU grads! Brother Scott Morris '77 passed away suddenly this year. I will miss him greatly, as will brother John Morris '76.

(1293) DB Teter '74

22 Dartmouth Street, Morgantown, WV 26505

Mailed along \$100 for annual newsletter subscription.

(1311) Tim Whalen '75

2 Conifer Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Mailed along \$50 to renew subscription and notes: I just completed 45-years as financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual in Bridgeport, WV. Sherri retired as an attorney with Steptoe & Johnson after 30-years. We are still living in Bridgeport.

(1401) Wayne Knight '77

235 Blue Point Parkway, Fayetteville, GA 30215

Mailed along \$95 for the newsletter.

(1430) Abe Key '78

110 Wilmont Ave, Washington, PA 15301

Sent along \$100 to renew annual newsletter subscription.

(1433) John O'Shaughnessy '78

170 Deepwater, White Stone, VA 22578
Email: johnkos1959@gmail.com

Mailed along \$100 and noted: Had a great few day in NYC (US Tennis Open) with Abe Key '78 and Pat McLister '78, and spouses. Many hilarious PKP stories were told.

(1467) David Sayre '79

6 Brittany Woods, Charleston, WV 25314
Email: dsayre@wesbanco.com Ph: 304-343-4675

Sent along \$250 and notes: All is good here in Charleston, WV! Will celebrate 30-years being married in 2024, with two daughters and two weddings planned in 2024.

(1543) Curtis Miller '82

5220 Glenbrook Drive, Vienna, WV 26105
Email: cmill1980@gmail.com Ph: 304-482-9791

Mailed along \$100 and notes: I really enjoyed articles about Pinehurst, and Talbott/Cavallo families. 41-years as an independent insurance agent in Parkersburg. Now 3rd generation (daughter-Lexi) is taking over. Married 38-years, plus 2 daughters, 3 grandkids in Richmond, VA.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Robert "Bob" Douglas '50

Charles "Chad" Sinsel '54

Harry Cooke '54

Lawrence "Doc" Oyler '58

Gary Spencer '59

Steve Yost '69

Sampy Hardin '70

Andy Moore '70

Mark Richards '73

Scott Morris '77

Stephen Williams '86

William "Bill" Gerlach '05

NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

2023 FALL PLEDGE CLASS

Eric Barton - Wood-Ridge, NJ
 Joseph Battaglia - Bellmore, NY
 Alex Bruni - Morgantown, WV
 Jack Clark - Berlin, NJ
 Luke DuMont - Fredericksburg, VA
 Devin Freed - Houston, TX
 Luke Gillette - Weirton, WV
 Drew Greathouse - Morgantown, WV
 Mike Kelly - Ocean View, NJ
 Jackson Lizama - Chantilly, VA
 Jake Malcolm - Garwood, NJ
 Peter Malycky - Holbrook, NY
 Jaime Manning - Chantilly, VA
 Tyler Martin - Bridgeport, WV
 Crew Moots - Morgantown, WV
 Julian Morales - Landisville, PA
 Owen Murphey - Camp Hill, PA
 Owen Radley - Milton, MA
 Julian Raffent - Richmond, VA
 Vincent Rossetti - Copley, OH
 Aditya Sakpal - Voorhees, NJ
 Wyatt Stevens - South Yarmouth, MA
 Ford Sutton - Charleston, WV
 Kai Swing - Frederick, MD
 Cooper Thomas - Richmond, VA
 Maxwell Witchko - Leesburg, VA



(left to right) Pat McLister '78, Abe Key '78, & John O'Shaughnessy '78 at the US Tennis Open, Queens, NY.



(left to right) Tim Dyer '81, Zach Mendelson '79, and Tom Dyer '81 at St Andrews Old Course, on the Swilcan Bridge of the 18th hole.



Wedding Day (September 16, 2023) for Alex Hoffman '11, posing for a picture with his father, Tim Hoffman '81.

NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT FENTANYL OVERDOSES IN WV

It is likely that as you read this story you will either know a family member, co-worker and friend who has been impacted by the fentanyl epidemic. Fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, has infiltrated communities across the country. Unfortunately, West Virginia leads all states by a wide margin – 66.6 people out of every 100,000 dies of a fentanyl overdose in West Virginia (as of 2021).

Test Strips Save Lives (TSSL), a Morgantown-based nonprofit, has begun taking action to prevent and raise awareness on the ever-growing issue of fentanyl-based overdoses in West Virginia. For those unfamiliar, a brother passed away in December 2020. “After he passed, we noticed more students overdosing and passing away. Realizing this wasn’t just an anomaly, we wanted to do something about it”, noted **Alex Fisher ’17**, President & Treasurer, of TSSL.

In April 2022, Fisher and his Phi Psi brothers and company officers: **Owen Gray ’17** (Vice President), **Skyler Humphrey ’17** (Secretary), and **Juan Felipe Castellanos ’17** began planning how they were going to start the non-profit organization. They had begun reaching out to other organizations, like Milan Puskar Health Right, that focus on the Fentanyl epidemic. “Before starting our own organization, we initially piloted a program with the Milan Puskar Health Right, mphealthright.org, throughout 2022 to test the feasibility and demand for our program in Morgantown. They would supply us with the test strips they weren’t using while we would provide the other supplies for the kits. About January 2023 or end of last year we said, hey, we’re going to start our own organization, teststripssavelives.org,” noted Fisher.

Articles of incorporation were then filed with the WV Secretary of State in February 2023 to start the company. “It took time for us to set up a bank account, purchase supplies, and put them together. Thus, we did not start distributing our test strip kits until April,” continued Fisher. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has five directors, including the four founders and Caitlan Sussman, a social worker at Milan Puskar Health Right and Program Director at the Friendship House. Ms. Sussman has served as the in-house expert on harm reduction strategies for the TSSL Team.

The kits contain two test strips, a small 10-milligram measuring spoon and a teaspoon measurer. Fentanyl test strips (FTS) are a low-cost method of helping prevent drug overdoses and reducing harm. FTS are small strips of paper that can detect the presence of fentanyl in many kinds of drugs (cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, etc.) and drug forms (pills, powder, and injectables). The kit also includes a link to the organization’s website for directions on how to properly test substances.

Currently, the company has a network of four businesses in Morgantown that serve as the distribution system, including: Ashbrooke, Fat Daddy’s, The Grind, and Art. The kits can be found on the counters, in the bathrooms, and on the bars, for anyone in the community to take (for free).

“Putting these kits in varying businesses not only makes test strips more accessible to a larger group but also keeps the fentanyl epidemic at the front of people’s minds. We just want to expand access to these harm reduction tools, especially for students and young adults in Morgantown, as people aged 18-25 are more likely than any other age group to use drugs. By year-end (2023), we will have distributed 5,000 test strips,” stated Fisher.

As of right now, there are no concrete plans to expand into other businesses, however, Fisher said TSSL wants to. “The only reason we can’t be in more locations is because of the limited resources, we are already giving out so many in the locations we are in that we can’t even think about expanding at this point,” Fisher said.

Since TSSL is a non-profit organization, all their income is donation based. Since the company was founded, they have raised over \$10,000. The money came from the founder’s, friends, and family. “Our team is entirely volunteer based and nobody receives pay. We all do this in addition to our careers,” declared Fisher. For further information on Test Strip Save Lives their Instagram is [@teststripssavelives](https://www.instagram.com/teststripssavelives) and the website teststripssavelives.org to donate, is available.

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