



# Phi Alpha Kappa Newsreel

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## Presidential Greetings

Dear Friends and Alumni of Phi Alpha Kappa,

We send greetings from the Active Chapter here in Ann Arbor! As the semester starts to draw to a close and new actives begin to run for house positions, it feels bittersweet to have the year wrap up but at the same time it is so encouraging to know there is yet another group of guys ready to honor the Lord through our home the Dutch House.

I've heard it described— somewhat melodramatically— as the "Golden Age of PAK" and I can't help but agree. It just so happens that we as a house got to live with a tight-knit and hardworking community of men that are thoughtful, hardworking, and a genuine light for campus. There are so many guys I am proud to live with and able to call my friends and I find myself incredibly grateful for the unique chance to have a home like I do at the University of Michigan.

This year has come with challenges such as water leakage through the roof and the usual civil unrest on campus from a hurting world but having a home to come back to that is safe and full of men that support each other has been such a blessing. Some things never change like Amy making the most delicious Friday breakfast lunches, or bats making their annual appearance, or the constant state of disrepair of our toilets (shoutout Tyler our sergeant for keeping the house in one piece) but one thing is for sure: The Lord is good and the PAK boys continue to be the odd combo of Leaders and Best and mostly Dutch Christian boys with a name starting with Van-, Dyk-, De-, Vanden-. . . you get the point!

To alumni and friends of PAK, we hope you continue to be an active part, if not an active member, of our amazing home. Whether that means you send the house a postcard or are incredibly generous like the gentlemen that donated new flags and couches or stop by on alumni day, we hope you continue to pour into the home that poured into you and continues to bless young men coming to an institution the size of U of M.

I know this house is in great hands and look forward to seeing Christ's light shine through the next group of young men at Phi Alpha Kappa.

Daniel Armas  
Active Chapter President  
[pres@phialphakappa.com](mailto:pres@phialphakappa.com)

# Announcements

Check Out Our Linked-In!



## PHI ALPHA KAPPA FALL 2025 FUNDRAISER

This summer, Phi Alpha Kappa brothers worked hard on major house improvements—from new paint to upgraded common spaces. To keep the momentum going, we're launching a Fall Mini-Fundraiser! Think of it like a wedding registry; you can "sponsor" specific items we need, each with a price tag and short description. Every contribution directly supports the brotherhood and keeps the PAK House strong for years to come.

### WAYS TO DONATE:

**Venmo** – PAK Venmo account: @michiganpak (confirmation code: 5824); search in "business accounts".



**Checks** – written to Phi Alpha Kappa, 1010 E Ann St, Ann Arbor, 48104

**PayPal** (NOTE: Note: PayPal deducts a 25% service fee, so we encourage you to use another donation method if possible to ensure the full amount goes to the Dutch House.)



(RECENT IMPROVEMENTS)

### OUR WISHLIST:

Yamaha WXA-50 MusicCast Wireless Streaming Amplifier (\$600) • Peik Atrium 6 Speakers x 8 (4 pairs, \$2,000) • Nilas 55-4 Speaker Pair Selector (\$130) • Speaker Wire (\$125) • Pool Table Cover (\$200) • Orbital Sander (\$140) • Miller Saw Sawdust Bag (\$20) • Metal PAK Letters for Bike Rack (\$300) • Magnetic Sweeper (\$60) • Grandfather Clock Service (\$1,000) • Chimney Cap (\$3,000) • Power Washer (\$175) • Wifi Access Points x 2 (\$800) • Umbrella Holder for Mall Room (\$70) • New Great Room Couches (\$4,000) • New Great Room Lamps (\$1,000) • Phi Alpha Kappa Neon Sign (\$450) • Attic Ladder (\$800) • Remove Pool Room Drop Ceiling (\$5,000) • New 50" TV for Pool Room (\$400)

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## Officer Reports

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### Vice President Report

This year's pledge class has continued to grow with the addition of two outstanding second-semester pledges, Oscar and Jon. Together, they bring our total to 11 pledges, positioning the Dutch House well for full capacity next year. The integrity, laughter, and camaraderie I've witnessed within this pledge class have been genuinely inspiring and, in many ways, have set a standard for the rest of the house to look up to.

Beyond recruitment, I've had the opportunity to collaborate with other members to further expand our presence and impact across campus. This includes weekly, handcrafted prayers and updates shared on our Instagram, upcoming volunteer opportunities, upcoming joint events with our brothers in Christ in BYX, and expanded online outreach for our Worship Nights.

If you have any thoughts on the work we're doing—or know of a family member who may be a good fit for Phi Alpha Kappa—please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [vp@phialphakappa.com](mailto:vp@phialphakappa.com). God Bless!

Jesse Kemmetmueller, Vice President  
[vp@phialphakappa.com](mailto:vp@phialphakappa.com)

## Business Manager Report

I'm pleased with the state of finances in the house. We owed some back taxes and have had an assortment of small repairs, so we're a little below the reserves we had at this time last year. Amy continues to make outstanding food while keeping costs down, which helps the budget, as does a new boarder we've got in the house this semester. We've currently got 26 guys living in the house, and with this year's large pledge class, we're poised to have a full, boarder-less house next year. We also successfully rolled out a new payment system this semester. A lot of my time has been spent correcting an unemployment issue with Amy from a few years back; it's moving in the right direction, and I'm optimistic that we'll get it resolved in court pretty soon. After that, my next project will be to address some inordinately overpriced fines the house has incurred for leaving things behind our dumpster over the last three years. It hasn't exactly been a dull year to be Business Manager, but I'm grateful to have learned a lot and received great support from PAK leadership and the alumni board. Above all, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from the Father, and we ask God's continued blessing on our PAK's finances.

Sam Knot, Business Manager  
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## Sergeant-At-Arms Report

This year has been passing by smoothly with the PAK brothers keeping the house and grounds clean. This winter was a tough one and there were several days outdoor crew struggled to keep the driveway clean. But as spring and warmer weather approach, snow will no longer be a concern. Our Spring Work Day approaches quickly and with items on the to-do list, we hope that it will be a productive day where we can improve the house. We are looking forward to the rest of this semester at the PAK house!

Tyler Amprim, Sergeant-at-Arms  
[sergeant@phialphakappa.com](mailto:sergeant@phialphakappa.com)

## Steward Report

This winter semester has been a great one for the house, and we continue to be incredibly thankful for Amy and everything she does for us each day. After returning in the fall following her heart surgery, it has been so good to see her fully back into the rhythm of the kitchen this semester. Her energy, dedication, and care have made a huge difference, and we don't take for granted how fortunate we are to have her with us and healthy. As always, the kitchen remains one of the most important spaces in the house. During the cold winter months especially, it has been a place where brothers gather, warm up, and spend time together, whether that's over lunch and dinner, quick conversations between classes, or late-night snacks after long days. It continues to be a central hub for connection and community. We are extremely grateful not only for the consistent, delicious meals Amy prepares but also for the way she helps create a welcoming and comfortable environment for everyone. Her hard work behind the scenes does not go unnoticed. It has been a privilege to help maintain the kitchen this semester, making sure it stays clean, organized, and inviting so that it

can continue to serve as a space where our brotherhood grows stronger each day.

Gideon Huisman, Steward  
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### **Athletic Chairman Report**

Intramurals have been more down than up since the last newsreel. It's great for the house that we have so many people who take their academics seriously and are involved in a bevy of extracurriculars, but this has meant a bit of a lull in IM participation. Even so, there's plenty of room for optimism for camaraderie through athletics. PAK remains a force to be reckoned with on the futsal pitch, and we'll soon set out to crown this year's Mr. Ping Pong and Mr. Pool; I expect this year's tournaments—like this year's Super Smash Bros showdowns—to feature as stiff a competition as PAK has seen in quite some years. We've also had great turnout to cheer on Dusty May's boys. We're counting down the days until March Madness, both to cheer on our squad and again try unsuccessfully to have an even somewhat viable bracket through the Round of 32. I've loved getting to spend time with the fellas in all things sports this semester. Until next time, Go Blue!

Sam Knot, Athletic Chairman

### **Historian Report**

History continues to be recorded at Phi Alpha Kappa. A few new documents were found, which will soon be digitized. A small historical misinformation campaign was launched last month. A thrifted collage picture frame, intended to be replaced with PAK photos, was hung up in the pool room as-is (the previous owner did not remove their photos). For any members still not in on the joke, the man depicted has no connections to PAK (as far as we are aware), but don't let that dissuade you from otherwise convincing those that have not read this newsletter. Recently, a large collection of signed glass bottles were found in the Upper Triple attic (possibly depicting a tradition that was lost at some point). Talks about some sort of art project

using the bottles have been exchanged, but nothing has been decided on yet.

Drew DeHorn, Historian  
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### **Social Chairman Report**

This Winter, we warmed things up with a trip to Launch Entertainment (think Sky Zone). Brothers competed in dodgeball, tackled obstacle courses, played arcade games, and even tested their strength in Gladiator Jousting. We wrapped up the night with some classic B-Dubs and shared our Super Bowl predictions. On February 8th, those predictions were put to the test as we gathered with wings and cheeseburgers in hand to watch an impressive, colorful halftime show which was capped off by a Seahawks victory. Soon after, we picked up new Switch and Xbox controllers. This was perfect timing for our PAK x BYX collaboration. The event focused on building camaraderie and strengthened unity in Christ across both brotherhoods. We prayed, played card and video games, and enjoyed some Little Caesars while watching Michigan take down Purdue. (Gambling was postponed until the following month...). As March rolled around, so did our annual Casino Night. The night featured blackjack, poker, roulette, euchre, refreshments, and even a live jazz band on stage. We closed things out with some brotherly karaoke. As March Madness came to a close, we celebrated BIG by starting at the Crisler Center, headed home for the win, and finally made our way to South U to celebrate Michigan's National Basketball Championship, cementing the University of Michigan as the best university in the world. It was the perfect segue into our end of the year PAK Banquet and Annual PAK Formal this weekend. Go Blue, and Stay Cool This Summer!

Abel Munoz, Social Chairman

## Meet the Actives

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*Little brothers write these articles about their big brothers.*

### **Gideon Huisman by Jonah Driy**

Gideon Huisman is a sophomore at the University of Michigan studying both Psychology and Economics from Byron Center Michigan. In his free time, he loves sharing moments with his PAK brothers, whether it's over a chill TV show or an exciting adventure out in Ann Arbor, where, if given the opportunity, he will ride his one wheeler anywhere he can. Recently, Gideon has been involved with the Salt Company, a Christian student ministry here on campus. Here, he can express his love for Jesus in a loving community while also spreading his magnetic charisma. While involved in school, student ministry, and more recently his Student Travel Group as a consultant, Gideon will always make time for those close to him. It has been a pleasure to know Gideon this year, and I look forward to our years together in the future.



### **Micah Huisman by Caleb Kuipers**



Micah is a vocal performance and choral music education major who will graduate this spring. He hails from Byron Center, Michigan, and attended Unity Christian High School. He loves all things music and debuted with the New York Philharmonic earlier this year. He also loves the outdoors and especially enjoys surfing Lake Michigan regardless of the temperature. On campus, Micah participates in Reformed University Fellowship and is involved with Red Tree Presbyterian Church. Micah plans to get married this summer, shortly after graduating from the University of Michigan and also from PAK.

### Jesse Kemmetmueller by Levi Weirenga

Jesse Kemmetmueller is a junior studying psychology, originally from Wheaton, Illinois. Jesse currently serves as both Vice-president and webmaster for the house. One can often find Jesse leading his New Life freshman home group, gaining access to the dining halls through duplicitous methods, or just managing something somewhere on campus. Outside of school, Jesse enjoys running, music (including some beautiful guitar playing), and traveling. After college, Jesse hopes to pursue a career in management consulting (maybe due to a Capstone Consulting course), as well as hoping to travel back to Prague.



### Tyler Amprim by Tyler Hemmeke



Tyler Amprim is the backbone of the house. Whenever someone needs help getting out of a pickle, Tyler is the go-to guy. Aside from serving as the Sergeant. Tyler studies on the side. Being a senior studying Economics, with a full time role already on lock, he doesn't have much to worry about. So he spends his days keeping the house safe and his nights sleeping. Tyler is the kind of guy that everyone likes to hangout with. He knows ball when it comes to Michigan sports, and he's an overall chiller. This spring, Tyler will resume his golfing journey. I am very thankful to have Tyler to look up to.

### Eric Brown by Jon Greenhoe

Eric Brown is a sophomore majoring in aerospace engineering with a minor in astronomy and astrophysics. A respected member of myriad communities on campus, he serves as secretary not only at PAK, but also at the University of Michigan chapter of Young Americans for Freedom. He hails from Montague, Michigan and attended Montague High School. Eric loves the great outdoors and enjoys skiing, mountain biking, lifting, and riding his motorcycle. You can find him studying in the Great Room, working out at the gym, or hanging out in the Smoker. He would love to talk with you about politics, life, or anything else on your mind because he is just a great guy to converse with, and an awesome person in general.



## Sam Knot by Grant DeWeerd

Sam Knot is a Junior studying History and PPE from Zeeland, Michigan. Sam is an avid reader and member of the glee club. If you ever want to find him around the house, you can listen for his beautiful voice ringing through the halls. Sam is a thoughtful man known for being able to carefully and masterfully craft responses to deep questions, which is reflected in his leadership of Bible studies through the ministry RUF. Sam is aiming to become a lawyer or professor of law after college, and his dedication to his studies is made obvious by his wide knowledge and understanding of the law and politics. Among his academic endeavours, he is currently most compelled by a research opportunity contributing to a book about democracy. Sam is an avid supporter and participant of athletics, always up for a game. He stays true to his roots when watching sports, a faithful fan of Michigan teams such as the Lions and Tigers. With Sam as business manager, the house can rest easy knowing that all financial matters are in good hands.



## Daniel Armas by Chidi Ireaja

Daniel Armas is a Senior at the University of Michigan and is studying nursing. Daniel also serves as our most esteemed house president. In his early life, Daniel spent most of his childhood in Guatemala, where his family served as missionaries. In addition to Guatemala, Daniel has visited many interesting travel destinations including Spain which he stated as his favorite. It's clear Daniel inherited his parent's love for others in the way he operates as president. Daniel always thinks about the future of the house and how to foster a positive environment for those who live here. Daniel also has a passion for sports! I've been able to play alongside him in Soccer, Futsal, and Basketball and am always encouraged by his sportsmanship and passion. Daniel is a great president and an even better friend, and I'm glad to be able to call him my Big.





### **Asaf Martinez Cardoza by Andrew Gohlich**

Asaf Martinez Cardoza is a Senior studying Economics. Coming from Holland Michigan, he continues the strong West Michigan culture in the PAK house. In addition to participating in professional economics clubs, Asaf enjoys tennis and music, and he is often found playing worship music on his piano. After graduation, he has been accepted into the fellows initiative in Washington DC where he will continue to grow in their leadership program.

### **Leif Bauman by Eli Mayhew**

Leif is from Holland, Michigan where he grew up playing tennis in high school. He is studying economics and it is clear that no one works harder than him as he is often in the Great Room hunched over a computer and notebook. Leif is finishing his third year at Michigan but only his first as an active at PAK. He has a big heart for his friends and the Lord and I am so lucky to call him my big!



### **Drew DeHorn by Jacob Staal**

Drew DeHorn is a senior from the South Lyon, Michigan area and is majoring in mechanical engineering. He has been the Historian of the house for the past three years and enjoys old rock and watching “The Twilight Zone”. He has three younger brothers and enjoys drumming, as he plays the snare drum for the Northern Lights Drum and Bugle Corps. Drew also has a strong interest in roller coasters, as he currently is part of the theme park engineering and design group on campus and enjoys watching YouTube documentaries regarding the subject, and he plans to shape his future career around that field of interest as well. Overall, Drew has a cool personality, is easy-going, is fun to talk to, and is the best person to ask if you want to know anything about roller coasters.



## **Elijah Compagner by Oscar Hardjana**

Elijah Compagner is a sophomore studying Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Michigan. He is originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Elijah is involved in Michigan CRU, while also serving as our Chaplain where he looks after the spiritual life of the house. Aside from serving the house and the Lord, Elijah likes being active and outdoors as he enjoys hiking, camping, mountain biking, basketball, volleyball, and disc golfing. Other than his active hobbies, Elijah enjoys plants, reading a lot, and is a huge enthusiast of Lord of the Rings and Super Smash Bros. A fun fact about Elijah is that when he was a kid, he fell and hit his head on the wall and bled a lot, now resulting in a tiny bald spot on his head.



## The Active Members

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Asaf Martinez Cardoza  
Senior  
Economics



Gideon Huisman  
Sophomore  
Steward  
Psychology and  
Economics



Caidan Sias  
Pledge Chair  
Sophomore  
Economics



Abel Munoz  
Social Chair  
Junior  
Vocal  
Performance



Daniel Armas  
President  
Senior  
Nursing



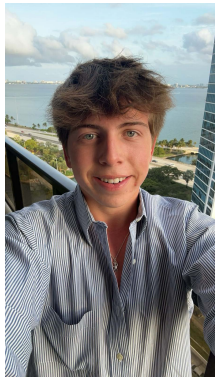
Eric Brown  
Secretary  
Sophomore  
Engineering



Drew DeHorn  
Historian  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering



Jaden Ketchum  
Senior  
Business



Jack Hoferkamp  
Junior  
Business



Josh Andren  
Junior  
Chemical Engineering



Leif Bauman  
Junior  
Economics



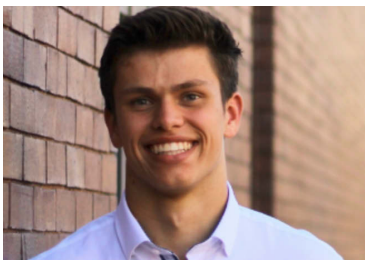
Tyler Amprim  
Sergeant  
Senior  
Economics



Jesse Kemmetmueller  
Vice President  
Junior  
Psychology



Micah Huisman  
Senior  
Vocal Performance and  
Music Education



Sam Knot  
Business Manager  
Junior  
Politics, Philosophy,  
and Economics



Eli Compagner  
Chaplain  
Sophomore  
Engineering



George Boville  
Pledge Chair  
Sophomore  
Biology

## The Pledges

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Andrew Gohlich  
Freshman  
Computer Science



Chidi Ireaja Sophomore  
Pre-med



Levi Weirenga  
Freshman  
Engineering



Eli Mayhew  
Freshman  
Urban Technology



Caleb Kuipers  
Freshman  
Engineering



Jacob Staal  
Freshman  
Chemistry



Grant DeWeerd  
Freshman  
Mechanical Engineering



Jonah Driy  
Freshman  
Economics



Jon Greenhoe  
Freshman  
Aerospace  
Engineering



Tyler Hemmeke  
Freshman  
Business



Oscar Hardjana  
Freshman  
Business