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FarmHouse Fraternity Welcomes Christian Wiggins as its Next Executive Director and CEO

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After a rigorous, national search, the FarmHouse Fraternity International Executive Board of Directors announces the hiring of Christian Wiggins as our next Executive Director and CEO. Key stakeholders, including undergraduate members and alumni, as well as foundation and association leaders, were engaged in the process to assure the best leader was identified.

Wiggins brings significant experience in higher education, non-profit leadership and business operations management. He most recently served as Chief Operating Officer for Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity where he managed operations, expansion and growth, training and education, communications, technology and lifelong member engagement. In his nine years as COO he led a staff who more than doubled student membership, facilitated a successful organization rebrand, partnered with the Foundation to raise more than \$9.3 million in major gifts and led the organization through a strategic plan and crafted and implemented another. Prior to his most recent role he served the Fraternity as Director of Alumni Services and as a Hotel Operations Supervisor for Harrah's Entertainment.



Christian Wiggins

“Christian’s commitment to the fraternal movement and FarmHouse values along with his unique mix of experiences, skills and leadership style position him to advance our strategic initiatives focused on growth and the member experience,” said Gabriel Eckert (KS 95), International Executive Board President. “The Board has great confidence in his capacity to strategically guide our Fraternity forward.”

“I am excited to join the FarmHouse leadership team and look forward to collaborating with volunteers and undergraduate members to shape the Fraternity’s future,” said Wiggins. “I am confident that we can build upon a unique story and continue molding an experience that builds the whole man in a world that desperately needs values-based leadership.”

Wiggins holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina-Darla Moore School of Business and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management from the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business at Elon University in North Carolina. Over the course of his career Wiggins has held multiple leadership positions on several national non-profit boards including current leadership roles with Campus Pride, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Foundation and the Coalition for Collegiate Women’s Leadership. He has given more than a decade of volunteer service at multiple levels with his alma mater.

“Christian’s extensive experience in higher education and the fraternal industry makes him the perfect choice to lead FarmHouse and continue supporting the larger interfraternal community,” said Judson Horras, North-American Interfraternity Conference President and CEO.

“I am proud to pass the leadership reins of FarmHouse to my good friend, fraternal colleague and interfraternal brother, Christian Wiggins,” said current FarmHouse Fraternity Executive Director, Chad Harris (IA 98). “I’ve had the personal and professional pleasure of knowing Christian for over nine years through the work of the fraternal movement and his high-caliber work with Pi Kappa Phi, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA), the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA). A highly regarded professional in the higher education arena, I look forward to welcoming him to the Executive Director role this summer. I can attest that all FarmHouse men and friends should be excited about the future of our great Fraternity under his leadership and his ability to take FarmHouse to the next level! Congratulations and welcome, Christian!”

“Our Foundation and Fraternity staff are a close-knit, cohesive team, much like a family, and we are thrilled to welcome Christian to the FarmHouse family,” said Allison Rickels, Executive Director and CEO of the FarmHouse Foundation. “His robust experience and impressive accomplishments with Pi Kappa Phi will be of great benefit to the FarmHouse membership experience. We’ve seen incredible progress during Chad Harris’ tenure, and I am confident Christian will build upon this and lead FarmHouse to new successes. I am excited to partner with Christian in our executive leadership roles to continue to take FarmHouse to the next level.”

Wiggins will begin his employment with FarmHouse Fraternity on June 1, 2017. Following a two-week transition period, he will assume the full management of the organization in his role as Executive Director and CEO effective on June 15.

FarmHouse Fraternity is a men’s agriculturally-related collegiate social fraternity founded in 1905 at the University of Missouri by seven men committed to building men through a four-fold development—intellectually, socially/morally, spiritually and physically. In its 112-year history the fraternity has initiated 30,000 members and installed 50 chapters at major public research universities across North America. The Fraternity maintains a headquarters office in Kansas City, Mo. More information about the Fraternity, including its history, educational programming and life-long membership affiliation opportunities is available online at www.farmhouse.org.

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