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OKLAHOMA STATE 73

and other FarmHouse men celebrate the impact of their cross cultural experiences



## From the desk of . . .



**THIS JULY**, we celebrated our 50th Biennial FarmHouse Conclave. Several hundred men from throughout North America came together in Kansas City to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, recognize leaders within our Fraternity, and celebrate the impact FarmHouse is making on so many individuals—and on the world. This Conclave, as always, was also a time of renewal; a time to renew our focus on how we can each serve our Fraternity; a time to renew our opportunity to support FarmHouse through donations to the FarmHouse Foundation; and a time to renew our commitment to our shared values as we focus on the years ahead. Highlights from Conclave begin on page 10.

As we begin our next biennium, we should be proud our Fraternity is growing. We are providing a unique social fraternity experience on a new campus this fall at the University of Central Missouri.

Growth is important to FarmHouse because it allows us to provide a positive, transformational fraternity experience on more campuses, while also expanding our brotherhood. This gives us each an opportunity to benefit from building relationships with more men who share our commitment to FarmHouse. Our growth, though, is not limited to expansion at new universities. This year, we are increasing our support for existing chapters as well, ensuring they have the resources necessary for sustained growth and success.

This issue of *Pearls & Rubies* is focused on cross-cultural experiences and the



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international impact made through FarmHouse. It is a reminder of how much we gain through expanding our understanding of the world through travel, and how much we learn through engaging with others who have different backgrounds, experiences and views.

Travel is an opportunity to become better, more well-rounded people through interaction with cultures, foods, people and customs that are different. It reminds us that while there may be differences throughout the world, there is so much more we have in common.

And I, for one, love to travel. I've had the privilege to visit 49 states and explore 36 countries. In fact, it was through FarmHouse where my interest in international travel began. My first two trips outside of the United States were with FarmHouse brothers: a community service trip in Mexico as an undergraduate, and then a few years later, a three-country European adventure.

FarmHouse has long been committed to providing international and cross-cultural experiences through involvement in our Fraternity, significantly expanding these opportunities since becoming an International Fraternity in 1974.

In the last several years, the Fraternity has facilitated The Journey, an international service immersion trip. Historically, the program has brought together men from several chapters to travel together to Honduras where they engage in service projects such as home construction, building water purification systems, improving local agricultural practices and assisting local

families. Later this academic year, we will announce a redefined international experience that builds on the success of The Journey and continues to provide FarmHouse men with opportunities to make an international impact.

The FarmHouse Foundation also provides scholarships for students to engage in international study abroad through the Linville International Catalyst Fund, the FH Excellence Fund and other funds established to assist members in growing through international study and travel. Our International Fraternity will also renew its focus on cross-cultural experiences as we craft a new strategic plan during this biennium.

It is essential that we continue to provide—and expand—international opportunities through FarmHouse. In addition to being aligned with employer's needs and higher education's globalization focus, we should commit ourselves to providing global experiences and opportunities that align with our Fraternity's values. Gaining an international perspective is critically important to our mission of building men holistically, and it is a fulfillment of our Object by providing service to our fellow men and to the world.

Fraternally,

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FarmHouse Flashback

John Matsushima (Nebraska 55) is a world leader in beef nutrition and professor of animal sciences at Colorado State. He has been featured in *Pearls & Rubies* several times for his work. Pictured: John (with his wife Dorothy) receiving an Emperor's Citation from the Emperor of Japan in 2009.

## Calendar

**November 9-11, 2018**

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Executive Board Meeting  
*Kansas City, Mo.*

**November 15-18, 2018**

Foundation Board of  
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*Omaha, Neb.*

**January 3-6, 2019**

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Institute  
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**Pictured:** Mike (Oklahoma State 73) and Gail Goolsby  
show respect for the country they called home for seven  
years by donning traditional Afghan formal attire for  
the cover shoot of Pearls & Rubies.

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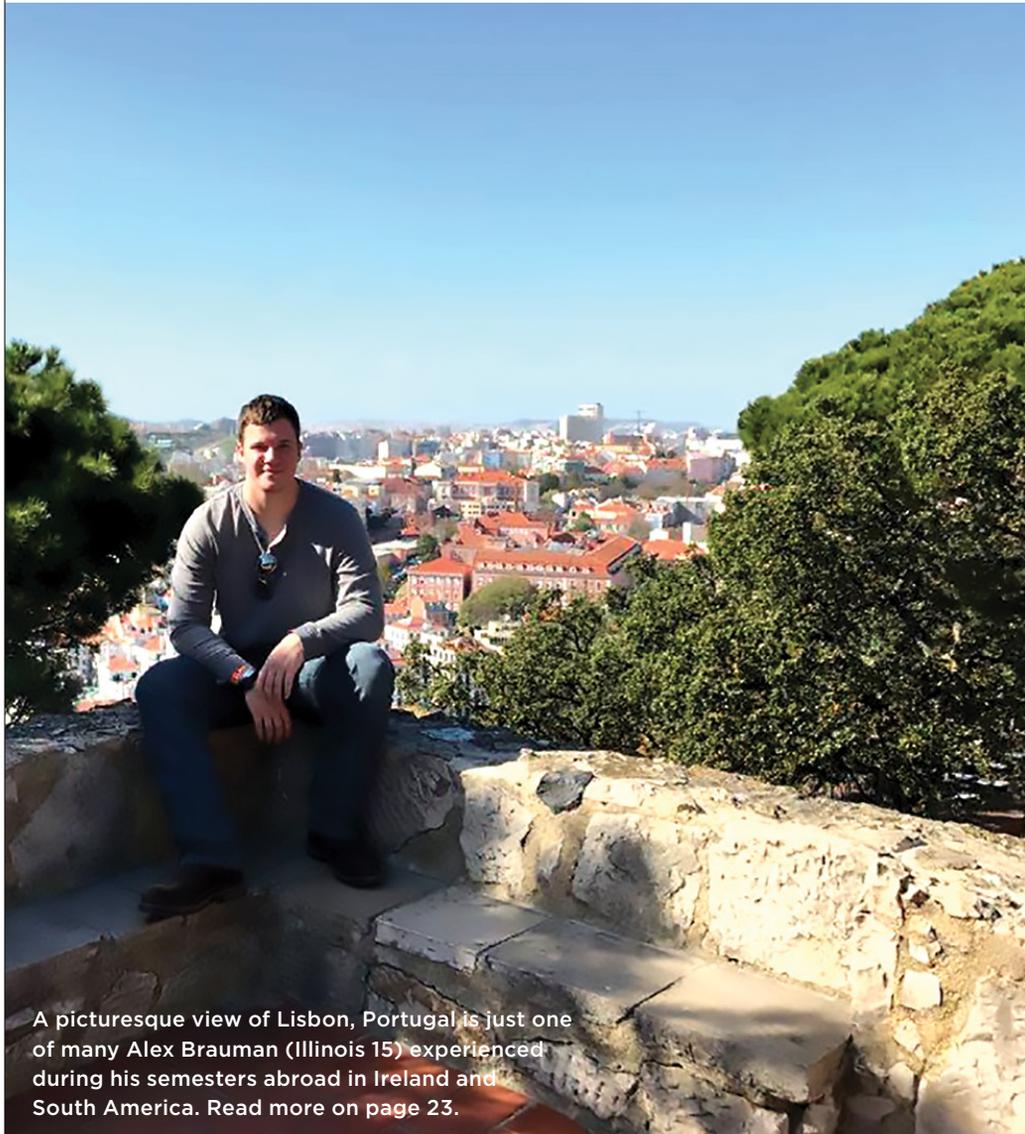
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## The Landscape

This is part five of *The Landscape*, a six part series focused on the current topics relevant on our college campuses.

As fraternity men, we believe we should care about the well being of our members. The suicide rate among young adults age 15–24 has tripled since the 1950s and, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, men die by suicide 3.53x more often than women. Ashani shares his struggles and the steps he's taking to move forward.

## “One, One Cocoa Full Basket”

Melancholy, Resilience and a Jamaican Proverb

BY ASHANI M. HAMILTON  
(SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 14)

**MY NAME IS ASHANI HAMILTON** and I am your Jamaican FarmHouse brother. I was born in Jamaica and raised on a goat farm until I was 11 years old when my family moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. I was initiated in our Fraternity in spring of 2014 while attending Southern Illinois University (SIU).

I am currently an animal science graduate student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. I am also director of intern affairs for a startup company called Get MotiVETed, where our mission is to provide wellness solutions to the veterinary community. I am a passionate, international agriculture ambassador dedicated to working with livestock farmers all over the world. My life's mantra is, “be the change you want to see in the world.”

Brothers, I have to confess a challenge that affects more people than any of us would care to want to know. While struggling with severe depression and falling far down, I foolishly considered taking my own life. That, my brothers, is a sign of extreme weakness, but also the start of something beautiful.

I am boldly telling you this because I love you and you need to remember that a FarmHouse man is not weak. If you ever get to this point in your life, I urge you to seek immediate help. How many of us suffer from anxiety, depression, negative self-talk, burnout and compassion fatigue but never seem to have enough courage to seek professional help?

In my own journey to climb out of the shadows of melancholy, I had to overcome fear. Fear of being vulnerable. Fear of seeking help and not knowing what the outcome would be. I was afraid of being put on medication. I would get debilitated by fear, spiral downward in negative thoughts, hide from the world, then find another project to inspire me again.

That was my cycle and I am happy I got the opportunity to recognize these patterns and find new ways of learning; how to move on—taking that terrifying step to seek professional help, which has opened new doors.

When I told my father what I found out in therapy, he told me what I needed to do in order for me to make a turnaround and get back on my path towards greatness; he told me to remember how I got my blessings. He reminded me that I am the child who never gave up, the determined child who saw the wall but knew there was always another way to move on and the persistent child that would go through the wall if he had to—piece by piece.

He said to me, “One, One Cocoa Full Basket.” This Jamaican proverb means that the journey to a thousand miles begins with one step. The reason why I already know I am on a path of completion is that I had the courage to write this article.

I am not alone in fighting depression and suicidal thoughts, be it in my chosen line of study or in life. A study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of 10,000 veterinarians found disturbing statistics for the profession. Veterinarians experience depressive episodes at a rate greater than the general population and they consider suicide at a rate three times the national mean. Studies published in the British Veterinarian Association's journal, *The Veterinary Record*, found suicide rates are at least double those of medical doctors and dentists, and four to six times higher than the general public.

Undergraduate and graduate studies can place burden on our shoulders in different ways. For my peers studying veterinary medicine, many were the top of their classes growing up so they hadn't developed the skills to cope with a poor grade in college or the inevitable changing after they leave academia.

The accumulation of debt is hard enough for those earning a bachelor's degree, but can be crushing for veterinarians who will be saddled with a mountain of debt while earning far less than their peers treating human patients. Debt in itself is an added stressor, and when debt feels hopeless, depressive episodes and thoughts of self harm and suicide often creep in. Wellness programs may not resolve debt or eliminate occupational stresses but programs like Get MotiVETed can help veterinarians, faculty, staff and students to build coping skills, resiliency and recognize self-worth.

Helping others is at my core. It is my ambition. It is this drive that led me to be involved with Get MotiVETed. My goal is to become an international veterinary epidemiologist and work with farmers in the developing world. As our Builder of Men creed notes, “He best builds lives of other men, who starts from within.” I needed to start building myself from within. In addition to therapy, I got serious about reading, writing and praying. I built my own resiliency with support and guidance from professional mentors, family, peers and FarmHouse brothers too.

## The Landscape



I have witnessed the power in telling your story to others and this is why I wanted to tell you mine. Brothers listen. Brothers confide. It is the “H” and “U” of FarmHouse—Honesty and Unity.

FarmHouse men are smart, driven and ambitious. We push ourselves and strive for excellence—and this is good. However, it is imperative to remind ourselves that we cannot do our best if we do not provide the best care for ourselves. Young men are four times more likely than their female peers to die from suicide. We need to be strong enough to be vulnerable, to talk, to listen, to rest and to have activities beyond our career to keep us focused and passionate.

When we live our fraternal values, as passed on through our affirmations, we create a positive brotherhood, one united and strong enough to lift up a brother experiencing difficulty. Close,

deep, personal relationships are a mark of authentic brotherhood and coincidentally can reduce risk of self-harm. I believe FarmHouse, with its four pillars and each letter of our name can actually build men to be resilient, healthy, courageous and grounded.

Remind yourself of all your favorite memories if you ever consider proceeding in this behavior of isolation, and you will realize what all those memories have in common is you shared the moment with others. You have brothers who love you (even though we might not say it enough—we do). \*

***We can all help prevent suicide. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources. Don't hesitate to call 1-800-273-8255.***

1. At SIU, Ashani conducted research as an undergraduate through a program called Ideas to Investigation (i2i).
2. Ashani attended To Be and Become: the Emerging Talent Retreat hosted by FarmHouse International Fraternity in 2014.
3. His study, “Impacts of Genetic Selection on the Parasitic Immunity of Goats,” was fourth place at the McNair Scholars Research Symposium and first place at the Center for Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Forum.
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## Rickels Elected President of Foundation for Fraternal Excellence

**ALLISON RICKELS**, executive director and CEO of the FarmHouse Foundation, was recently elected President of the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence, formerly the NIC Foundation (NICF), which represents, supports and serves 72 fraternity and sorority foundations.

The past two years, a NICF task force, which Rickels served on, took a deep dive, seeking member feedback into how the organization could best serve its fraternal foundations, so they, in turn, could best serve their members. The result is a reimagined foundation—right down to the name.

The NICF transitions into the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence (FFE) with a rebranded identity, revised strategic priorities, a re-tooled programming plan and a focus on collaborating to enhance and preserve the fraternity/sorority experience for members to come.

Moving forward, the FFE will focus on three strategic priorities including:

1. **Culture of Care**—Provide premier professional development opportunities for fraternal foundations
2. **Community**—Provide grants and scholarships to advance the fraternal community's educational priorities

3. **Capacity Building**—Provide cooperative services to support fraternal foundations

“The FFE community is excited to welcome Allison as president for 2018–2019,” said Ashley VanDewark, FFE executive director. “Allison has served on the board of directors since 2013 in various leadership roles and has been integral in the evolution of the foundation and growth of our programs and services. We look forward to Allison’s leadership alongside the board and staff as the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence serves your organization and the fraternal movement at new heights.” ★

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## On the Road

These five FarmHouse men are traveling across the country to support our FH chapters.

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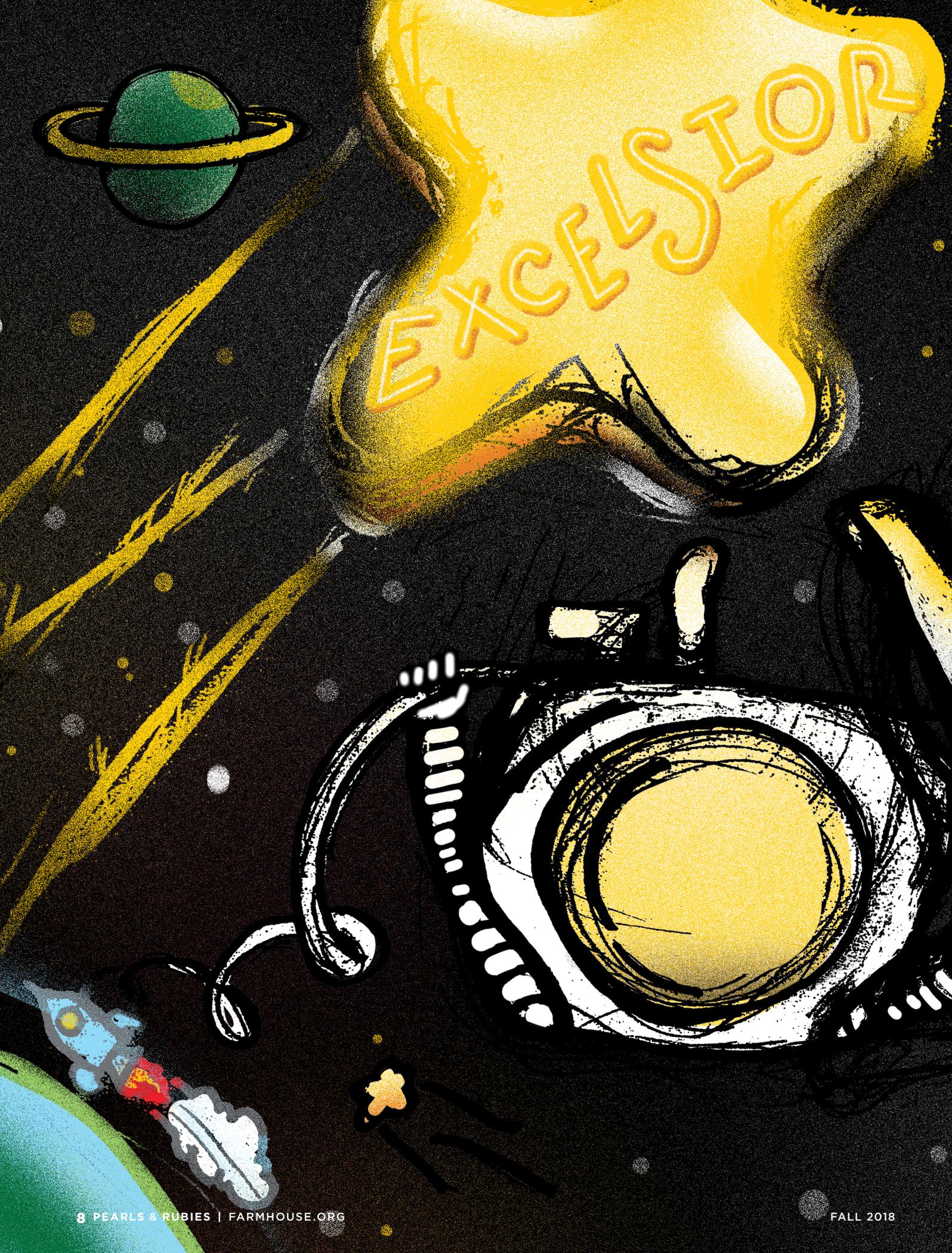
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At the FarmHouse Leadership Institute (FLI) in January 2018, the International Fraternity launched a new chapter assessment program designed to meet the needs of a modern fraternity: **Excelsior**.



**FARMHOUSE EXCELSIOR** was developed to be a simple and unified tool for chapter, advisor and headquarter use. It helps a chapter determine goals that are most urgent and effective for the growth of the chapter, it helps advisors hold their chapter accountable and it helps headquarters staff to quickly understand what a chapter needs and gather resources to help in the effort. Overall, it gives each entity a common language to ensure every step taken is a step of progress in the same direction.

Excelsior, according to the FarmHouse Ritual, is a striving for those things that are highest and noblest in an effort to be ever advancing. It is represented by the star adorning our badges which is meant to be a star of hope and guidance.

The FarmHouse Excelsior program seeks to do the same. As the star serves as a guide for each member, the program serves as a guide for each chapter as a whole.

Previously, the “Assessment of Excellence” was used to determine accreditation and International awards as each chapter completed more than 100 questions on their chapter health and activities, wrote essays to demonstrate success in different categories and received feedback from staff after the year ended.

A chapter blueprint, with five goals created by the chapter at the FH Leadership Institute, was the coaching tool for chapter officers and local volunteers.

This proved cumbersome for chapters and largely unhelpful to advisors and headquarters staff to encourage and assist throughout the year.

Excelsior was developed as the answer to these issues and address the needs of leaders today.

The Excelsior program is best defined by two complementing approaches: one designed to guide and one designed to inspire hope.

#### **Approach: Guide**

Three stars make up the bands that adorn our crest and shield. This inspired the use of three stars to serve as the indicator for the level of excellence a chapter can attain. Achievements (action items) are carefully selected and split into three levels of achievements (one, two and three stars). One star achievements are the basic functions of a chapter, two-star achievements indicate good standing and three-star achievements boast a chapter is truly excelling.

#### **Approach: Inspire Hope**

Amazing things are being done by FarmHouse chapters every day. It is time to shine a light on the impressive activities of our chapters. A great way to do this is through social media. Most chapter achievements are to be shared on social media with the hashtag #FHExcelsior18 in order to receive Excelsior credit. This allows all entities and the general public to see and celebrate the accomplishments and progress a chapter is making.

Since its implementation nine months ago, chapters are already touting the new program as efficient and effective.

Monte Neil (Texas A&M 15) shared, “Excelsior provides our chapter with a set of clearly defined goals and expectations, which I can communicate with the chapter. It contains all of our chapter’s information in a single place easily accessible by our chapter officers, advisors or staff at any time, which avoids miscommunications.”

Excelsior is poised to be a leading program in the fraternal movement. With its in-the-moment guidance of chapters and re-imagined way of inspiring hope with the world, there is a lot to be excited about for FarmHouse’s future. Be sure to follow along as our chapters shoot for the stars! ★



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2018



Frank Bezdicek (Minnesota 67) accepts the Claude B. Hutchison Award for Meritorious Service

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**BY: FRANK BEZDICEK (MINNESOTA 67)**

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The 50th Biennial Conclave, held July 26–28 in Kansas City, Mo., was a mixture of brotherhood, educational programs, award presentations, business meeting activities, unique evening entertainment and educational off-site events, and an overall appraisal and discussion about the financial health and robust growth opportunities for FarmHouse Fraternity.

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### Chicken N Pickle

Page five of the Conclave program read, “Opening Event (off-site) Chicken N Pickle.” This certainly piqued my interest as a way to kick off Conclave. I wondered why busloads of us would want to ride for miles for what I interpreted to be a dinner of poultry parts and fermented cucumbers. To my pleasant surprise and instant relief, we soon discovered the evening included a dinner of BBQ followed by a variety of lawn games, including one called pickleball, a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Members, alumni and friends welcomed this and actively engaged in pickleball, bags, washers and other entertaining games. At the same time, my digestive system seemed quite relieved . . .

### WWI Museum and Memorial

The following evening, attendees toured the historic National WWI Museum and Memorial. The Memorial is America’s leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community.

The comprehensive collection of World War I objects and documents in the world, including weaponry of all kinds, a life size replica of a WWI trench and artillery caused crater. This massive and sobering display is dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war. As we strolled through the museum, often in silence, the impact of WWI became much more real.

### Vespers and Memorial Service

As a full moon rose in the East, a poignant memorial ceremony recognizing those FarmHouse Fraternity alumni who had passed away during the last biennium commenced. Chapter members, alumni and staff stood in silence as each name, chapter and year of initiation of the deceased was read and highlighted the Master Builders who had passed in the Biennium.

With the WWI Monument as a backdrop, attendees participated in a candlelight Vespers service honoring those alumni and leaders having gone before us. It was a very emotional service in which to have partaken.

### Master Builder of Men

Five outstanding FarmHouse alumni were honored with the highest FarmHouse Fraternity Award, the Master Builder of Men. It was the first time a sitting U.S. Senator, Cory Gardner, (Colorado State 95), received this honor. Additionally, Jack Annan, (Colorado State 53), Louis J. Boyd, (Kentucky 53), Tom Kopacek, (Minnesota 70), and Warren Weibert, (Kansas State 66) received this prestigious award. Gratefully, the attending recipients shared their personal FarmHouse growth and experience stories with us.

### U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner

Cory (Colorado State 95) graduated summa cum laude from Colorado State University and received his law degree from the University of Colorado Boulder. As the first FarmHouse initiate to be

elected as a United States Senator, Cory Gardner took time away from his busy schedule and honored the assembly with sincere and uplifting remarks about his faith in the mission, values and future of FarmHouse Fraternity.

### New FarmHouse Awards

The 50th Biennial Conclave saw the introduction of several new awards, the Outstanding Association Leader Award, the Outstanding Association Communication Award and the Claude B. Hutchison Meritorious Award.

### Business Session

Even though 18 amendments to the FarmHouse Fraternity Bylaws were proposed during the delegate business meeting, the preponderance of the bylaw changes considered dealt with member and volunteer liability exposure. FarmHouse Fraternity needed to delineate lines between associations and chapters to help add clarity to lines of separation between the two legal entities. Amendments were ratified by delegates to protect volunteers holding dual roles, such as a chapter advisor and an association board officer, across entities and problematic bylaws inappropriately linking multiple entities and extending liability exposure.

In addition, Fraternity financials were discussed. Delegates voted to approve three new International Executive Board directors to a four-year term, and one to return for two.

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# AWARDS

Recognizing achievements of the last Biennium



## Master Builders 2018

Jack Annan (*Colorado State 53*)  
Louis Boyd (*Kentucky 53*)  
Cory Gardner (*Colorado State 95*)  
Tom Kopacek (*Minnesota 70*)  
Warren Weibert (*Kansas State 66*)



## Philanthropy Laureates

2017 Jim Tobin (*Iowa State 76*)  
2018 Jim Herbert (*Tennessee 61*)



## Dr. Duane LeTourneau (Minnesota 44) Outstanding Advisor

2018 Lee Murphy (*Auburn 80*)



## Barnes Award for Interfraternalism

2017 Ned Kirklin, *Senior Vice  
President/Shareholder, Holmes Murphy*  
2018 Judson Horras, *CEO, National  
Interfraternity Conference (NIC)*



## Friend of FarmHouse 2018

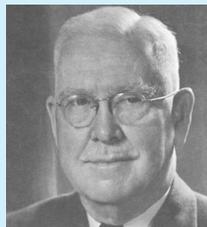
Aaron Otto, *Delta Chi*



## Ruby Cup

2016 Minnesota Chapter  
2017 Minnesota Chapter

## NEW AWARDS:



### Claude B. Hutchison Award for Meritorious Service

*The naming of this new award seemed appropriate given Brother Hutchison's role as the first Board President, elected in 1917, serving eight years—the only president to do so in the Fraternity's 113 year history. He was also a role model outside the Fraternity having served as the Dean of Agriculture at California-Davis, as well as at Nevada, Reno and was the mayor of Berkeley, Calif., after his academic career ended.*

*This new recognition is the Fraternity's second highest recognition for an alumnus, second only to the Master Build of Men honor. The Awards Committee and IEB selected the inaugural class and in future years will open the process to nominations, as is done with other prestigious awards. The first class of honorees for the Claude B. Hutchison Award for Meritorious Service are:*

Andy Jacobitz (Nebraska 85)  
Frank A. Bezdicek (Minnesota 67)  
Steven Lonergan (Iowa State 85)

### Outstanding Association Alumni Communication

2018 Minnesota

### Outstanding Association Event

2018 South Dakota State 50th  
Anniversary and House Dedication

### Outstanding Association Leader

2018 Jay Beyer-Kropuenske (Minnesota 89)

### Outstanding Association

2018 Iowa State





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Top left to right: U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (Colorado State 95) accepts the Master Builder award; Tom Kopacek (Minnesota 70) and Jack Annan (Colorado State 53) shared life lessons at the Master Builder breakfast. The FH Foundation sold a record number of stars this year; Aaron Otto, Delta Chi National President, accepted the Friend of FarmHouse award from IEB President Gabriel Eckert (Kansas State 95); Judson Horras, CEO of the NIC accepted the Barnes Award for Interfraternalism with Christian Wiggins; The 2016-2018 IEB with U.S. Senator Cory Gardner.

## 50TH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE



Shawn Eagleburger (Iowa State O2) holds a future FarmHouse leader. With this much positive energy, we know the future is bright for FarmHouse.

### Eighty bucks a slice?

In addition to the Conclave silent auction, attendees were in store for a special treat at the Closing Banquet—the live auction. As auctioneer Jeff Davis (South Dakota State 78) grabbed the mic, bid takers spread throughout the assembly prepared to squeeze the highest possible bid out of willing and soon to become willing participants. Bidding was fast and furious for everything from exotic vacations in Costa Rica to specialty pies made by David Eaheart (Missouri 85). I don't believe I've ever seen a bacon bourbon crust pie, yet alone one pie auctioned for five-hundred bucks.

### Stars of FarmHouse

Over 30,000 men have been initiated into the Fraternity. Each member's involvement has inspired others, built men and made a difference in our world. These 30,000 stars are lighting

the way for the next generation.

As a way to recognize the FarmHouse stars in our lives, FarmHouse men and friends had the opportunity to purchase a star for \$10 to shine in honor of their FarmHouse brothers, mentors and role models on the Stars of FarmHouse wall during the 50th Biennial Conclave.

A record breaking 1,341 stars were purchased resulting in over \$13,400 being invested in the next generation of FarmHouse Stars through the FarmHouse Excellence Fund (formerly the Annual Fund.) View a complete listing of the 50th Biennial Conclave Stars of FarmHouse at this site: [farmhouse.org/foundation/stars.htm](http://farmhouse.org/foundation/stars.htm)

Conclave Fundraising Total: \$64,000!

### Rekindled enthusiasm

The 50th Conclave was a uniquely educational and rewarding experience

for me. It was a pleasure conversing with other chapter alumni and members, FarmHouse staff and their families, and sharing our life-long FarmHouse brotherhood experiences.

Best of all, I came away with new enthusiasm for the Fraternity I had joined over a half-century ago. Even though fraternities will continue to experience challenges, we should all be encouraged by the high caliber of FarmHouse members, alumni, leaders and staff.

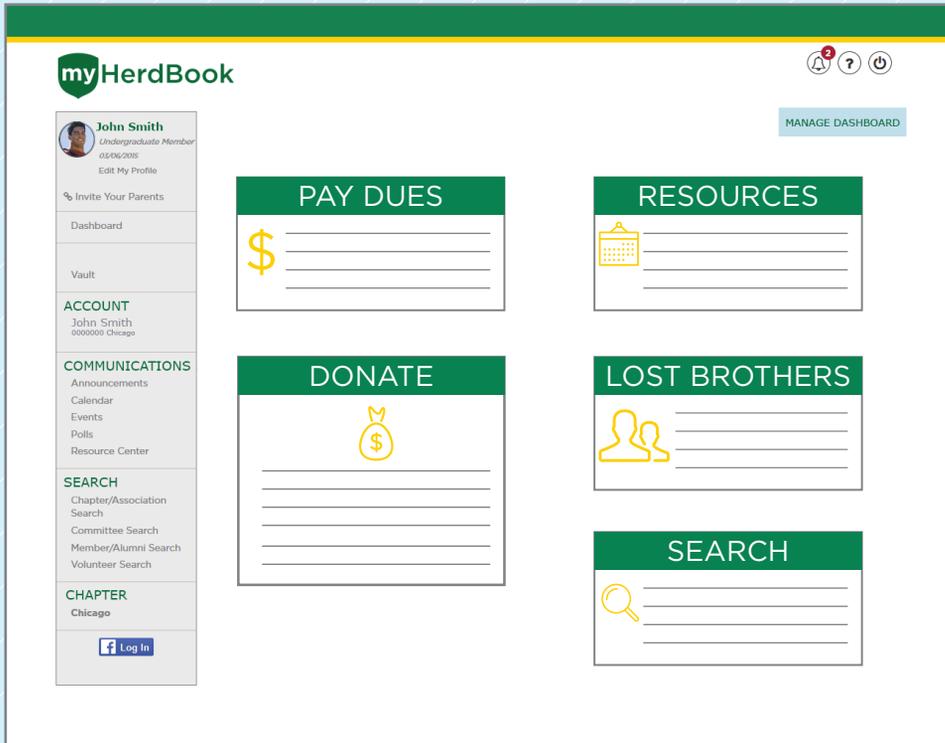
I live by the adage, "anything you take for granted, eventually you will lose." Let us strive to never take FarmHouse Fraternity for granted.

Our Fraternity has come a long way since its birth in 1905. FarmHouse Fraternity has had a remarkable past. But remember, the past is in our heads, the future is in our hands.

**See you at the 2020 Conclave. ★**

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For many, moving growing up meant a different house, maybe a new school and sometimes, even a new town. For Fulcan Fong (Texas Tech 84), that meant an adjustment from daily-use slangs to sports and making new friends.

**“I’VE BEEN IN SAN FRANCISCO SINCE 1981,”** says Fong, who moved from Hong Kong with his sister to better their opportunity for continued education.

“In high school, I was basically living with a guardian on weekdays and would go stay with my mom’s side of the family on weekends in Alameda (next to Oakland). It was quite exciting to have that exploring time for me.”

Born and raised in Hong Kong when it was a British colony, Fulcan attended an all-boys Catholic school—La Salle College—for eleven years. He was acclimated to big-city living and speaking English was not his challenge, but when he arrived in San Francisco, he had to adapt to a brand-new culture.

“When I came here I was trying to understand different American sports, such as baseball and football. Growing up with soccer was very easy to understand, but learning about baseball statistics, terminologies and football formation and player positions, that took up some time,” he says. “I would sit in front of the TV or listening to the radio to expose myself to what it all meant.”

While Fulcan spoke English growing up, he later learned how various sports terminologies are used in day-to-day slang—such as ‘hey, you’re on deck,’ or ‘you are the quarterback.’

When the time came for curated education to continue, Fulcan’s intrigue in American culture helped lead him to apply to universities up and down the middle part of the country, from Michigan all the way down to Mississippi, he finally decided on Texas Tech majoring in

He quickly immersed himself into the student body, participated in facilitated clubs and slang made its way into his vocabulary yet again. This time it wasn’t sports related, though, it was truly the word of the south: “Y’all.”

While Fulcan got an A in culture his freshman year, the same can’t be said for his calculus course. He decided to put his nose to the grindstone and stay the summer and focus on academics, which led him to 2220 Broadway (the original FH Texas Tech chapter house).

“I met a number of FarmHouse members during various campus activities. When I mentioned I planned to attend summer school, I was offered to live in FH during the summer and that’s when I got to meet other FH men, including Rick Barnes (Texas Tech 82),” says Fulcan. “At that time, I didn’t really know what it (FarmHouse) was, but I spent time with them and talking with them more and then rushed.”

“I had a really bad GPA going in, but looking back after I pledged and having all this fun my freshman year, there was a big turnaround for me where I was able to achieve a much higher GPA several semesters in a row. I attribute it back to FarmHouse for its emphasis on academics.”

While Fulcan’s grades improved, eventually leading him to graduate school for engineering, he was able to find a good balance between his social and cultural interests and GPA.

“When I look back at my time at Tech, I would say I was probably one of the few minorities, maybe one of the first Asians in the Greek system, especially one called FarmHouse!” he says. “When we

brothers but others that I was proving that wrong. Being there, I can’t speak for my brothers, but I think I did expose them to the Asian culture a little more.”

Through day-to-day conversation while living in FH, Fulcan became more appreciative of the farming life. He also experienced the farming culture when he was invited to the farms of FH brothers in the panhandle. Who gave him a real life experience of watching his brothers waking up before sun rise to herd the cattle on horseback or ride ATVs.

And exposure he brought—from serving as vice president to pledge educator to welcoming an Australian student to stay in the house over the summer as house manager.

After completing his bachelor’s degree and one semester of graduate school at Tech, Fulcan attended and graduated with his master’s in engineering management and MBA from Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo. Fulcan helped start a colony at Cal-Poly and was inducted into the FarmHouse College of Founders in 1996.

Since 1995, Fulcan has been back in the Bay Area. He was employed by AT&T and IBM, and is currently a senior cloud/data center solution architect for Intel.

Fulcan thinks the leadership experience he obtained in FH has enabled him to work well with co-workers and customers.

“Leadership is about continued learning, and one needs to lead by example.”

He also stays in tuned with FarmHouse’s cultural diversity, by reading up on *Pearls & Rubies* for example.

“I think it’s good to see that, in the past 25 years, FarmHouse is recruiting with more diversity. More is needed for people to see that we are here breathing the same air and trying to do good for society.”

Fulcan travels to many different countries on business and for leisure on a regular basis.

He believes there is plenty of room for every individual to learn about other cultures.

“I encourage everyone to immerse themselves with locals, because at the end of the day, an exposure to something new can bring lasting relationships, unforgettable memories and an understanding of culture.”\*

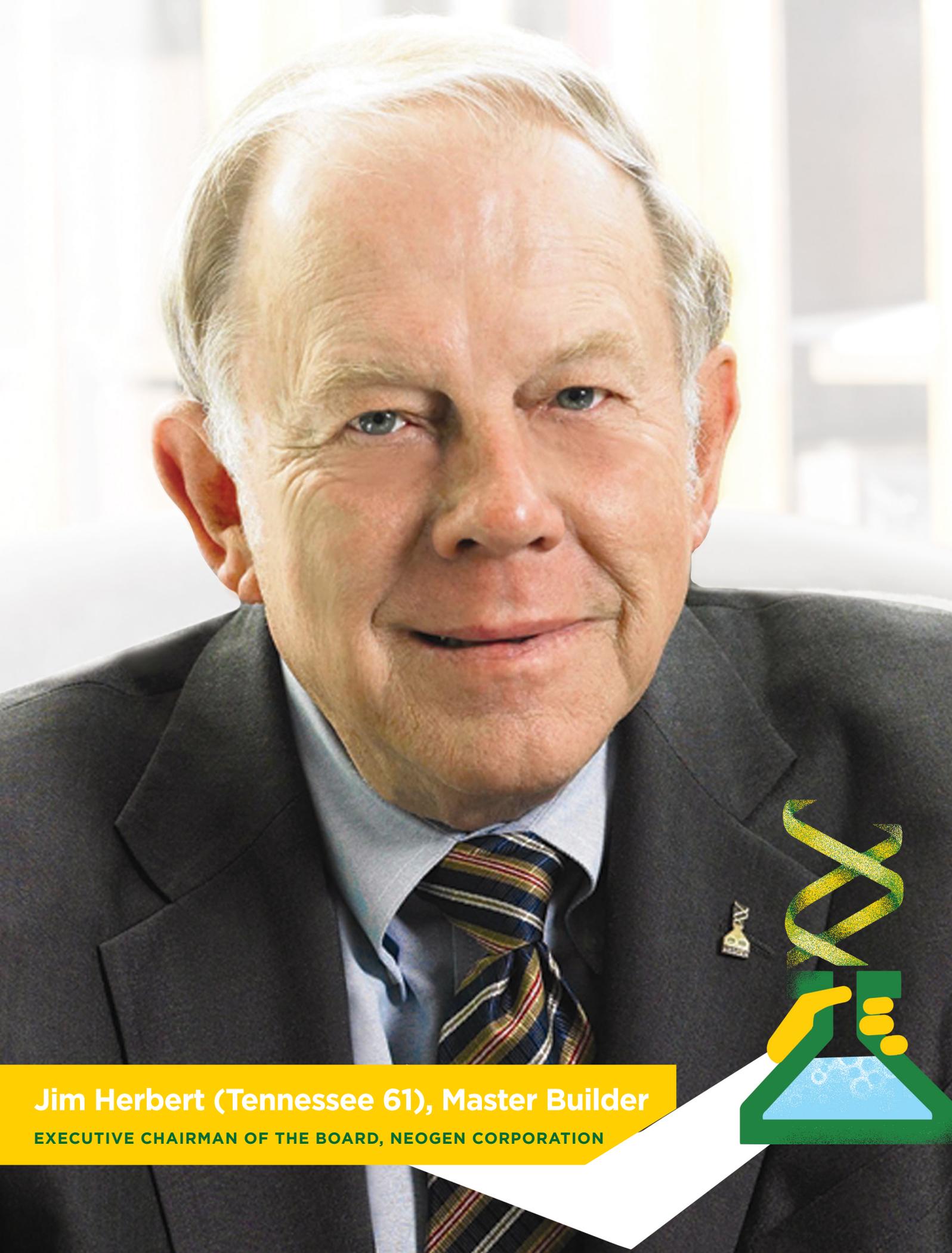
“When we had traditional activities, I would notice other fraternities, especially the Southern ones, would look at me and kind of be like, ‘Where is this guy from? What’s he doing here?’”

engineering technology (electronics).

“I didn’t have the opportunity to visit Texas Tech first before deciding, so August came and I packed my bags,” he says. “I wasn’t scared until the plane landed in Lubbock—it was interesting for sure! But, it didn’t take long for me to overcome that anxiety and move into the dorms.”

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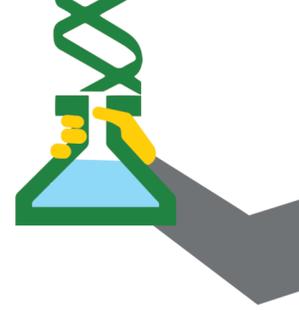
“I think there are people who look at Asians and they think all they do is study and have their own cliques. But I was there, and I showed not only to my FH



**Jim Herbert (Tennessee 61), Master Builder**

**EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, NEOGEN CORPORATION**





**Throughout his career, Jim has led change in the agriculture industry—from his time as an editor to working in genetics research to starting Neogen, a \$5 billion publicly traded biotechnology company he led as chief executive officer until late 2017. And his impact isn't just stateside, but global.**

### **What prior career opportunities helped you attain your current role?**

My degree from the University of Tennessee was in animal science, but I also had a minor in journalism. The first several years of my career were in the journalistic pursuit before joining a friend to assist him in building what has become the world's largest egg producing firm, Cal-Maine Foods. That career led me to DeKalb Ag Research, a large firm in agricultural genetics. I was able to do a number of things during my career there: I was responsible for the company's major poultry breeding business, the swine seed stock and hybridization programs, feedlot management, large cow/calf ranches, the development of non-nutritive sweeteners and coloring agents for food and a company manufacturing several instruments for the measurement of oxygen, CO<sub>2</sub>, etc.

### **How did Neogen get started?**

After DeKalb, a friend representing the venture capital industry and administration of Michigan State University felt they could, in some fashion, form a biotechnology company that could be attractive to investors and give the University a vehicle to market their inventions. We started with \$75,000 and I rented a small office space and hired a secretary. We had no revenues and no products but were convinced we were at the right place at the right time with the right technology. If we could put together the right people and pursue the right growth strategy, this new company, Neogen, could be successful—and we were right.

### **Beginning in the U.S., what was the push for expanding internationally?**

The mission of Neogen from the start was to produce solutions for food and animal safety, and we knew this would be a worldwide concern and opportunity. We began to mentally apply that strategy toward what we term food security, supplying the quantity and quality of food necessary to feed a growing population.

Of course, China and India represent the two most significant growth countries; however, other countries are going to have to help supply the food for their demands since it is likely to out strip their own internal capacities. We now do business in 114 countries and have Neogen employees and installations in 10 countries.

### **What are some of the challenges of running a company internationally versus domestically?**

Fortunately for Neogen, our strategy is well received almost anywhere in the world as people seek ways to produce safer food and more of it.

### **What do you enjoy most about your career and professional work?**

I guess with an agricultural background, I can just say I enjoy most watching things grow. This includes the growth of leadership of company employees as they have put together and maintained a high-growth company. Along the way, I have had an opportunity to lead, direct and encourage the team that built Neogen from two employees 36 years ago to approximately 1,600 around the world today. That team has built a record of showing growth each quarter greater than the same quarter the prior year for 110 times (27 years).

### **How do you spend your time outside of work?**

Somewhere along the way I remember the quote, "Find a job you love, and you'll never work another day in your life." I suppose those associations have prompted a lot of friendships, travel and philanthropy work. That side of life for both my wife and I have been particularly important, allowing us to help found and continue to support the Herbert Herman Cancer Center in Lansing, Mich., which is a large complex attached to the city's largest hospital system. It led to the recent honor of speaking at the dedication for the Herbert College of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee. It is not

just the big ones like this, but the many other places—some very small—where at the end of the day you can say I helped make a difference in someone's life or I helped make this old work a bit better.

### **How did you come to first know about FarmHouse as a high school or college student?**

Though fraternity life looked interesting in those early days, I was not in a financial position to give it much concern. I was living rent free in a room at a greenhouse system on the University's Ag campus and earned my room and board by watering plants in the evenings and on the weekend. Once I got a bit ahead, I joined FarmHouse because of its reputation.

### **What about the FarmHouse experience spoke to you, prompting you to be accept an invitation to join?**

I was impressed by the stature of the men and their leadership positions, the fact that they had the leading GPA of any fraternity on campus, yet at the same time were active in intramural sports and student body leadership organizations.

### **What role does the Fraternity's call for a "promise of service to our fellow men and to the world" have for you today?**

I suppose in some ways the Neogen mission was built around service to fellow men in the world since we vowed to develop solutions for existing problems.

### **Do you have a favorite quote about leadership or personal development that resonates with you?**

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more you are a leader." —John Quincy Adams

Jim and his wife of 55 years, Judi, have two children and three grandchildren. Jim also served as a Trustee for the FH Foundation for six years. \*



Sometimes, the best learning in college is done outside of the classroom— from extracurriculars to FarmHouse to studying abroad. These five undergraduates spent time out of the country to get to know new places, people and cultures. Here are a few snippets of their experiences.



After spending a semester abroad in Ireland in the spring of 2017, Alex Brauman (Illinois 15) was hooked, spending the following winter in Brazil.

### Alex Brauman (Illinois 15)

AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

Dublin, Ireland | Spring 2017

Brazil | Winter 2017–18

#### What did you study?

“In Ireland: I studied Thermal Physics, soils, livestock buildings and the environment, signals and instrumentation. In Brazil: I studied Horticulture, in particular about agroforestry.”

#### What was the most interesting part of the culture you experienced?

“I really enjoyed the friendliness of the people in Ireland. They were incredibly welcoming and generous, and were all willing to go out of their way to help you find something, suggest things to do and truly welcome you into the country. The way the culture tied into the history of the island was also incredible. Just driving through the countryside revealed ancient castles, forts and megalithic tombs. These sights were woven into the culture and lore of the people and it was an incredible experience.”

#### Beyond your studies, what did you learn during your time abroad?

“I learned a lot of cultural skills such as how to examine my own behavior to ensure I was able to adapt to the local environment and truly settle into the local culture, which allowed me to get the most out of my short visits to other countries. I also became much more self-reliant and flexible. I was responsible for planning all of my trips, accommodations and travel. As such, I was the one who was ultimately responsible if I messed something up. I am now much more confident in my ability to handle any situations that comes my way and to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances. My time abroad greatly influenced my future career path as I now plan to pursue international assignments throughout my career.”

## Culture 101



Jerry Brockett (Illinois 15) took his learning experience to Italy this past May and was taught the power of teamwork.



### Jerry Brockett (Illinois 15)

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Italy | May 2018

#### What did you study?

“Basically, we studied the leadership and organization structure of Italy today and that of 2,000 years ago and compared it with changes within the country and to today’s world, in America and elsewhere.”

#### Beyond your studies, what did you learn during your time abroad?

“This trip taught me the value of teamwork and general power organization. Over there, for example, everyone in a restaurant is willing to do any job in the place. Just because someone is the manager and in charge of everyone, it does not mean they are not doing the same job as someone else. It is a more even power base there versus the pyramidal scheme that America seems to employ.”

#### What FarmHouse values applied to your trip?

“From everyone pitching in to help, I would say Unity is a big one because they all succeed or none of them succeed. As well, Service because no one was rushed out of places, the employees at every place were determined to make sure everyone had the best experience and time in every situation.”

## Tyler Dick (Minnesota 14)

ANIMAL SCIENCE

*All over the world | 2018*

### Tell us about your global trip:

"I am currently in the midst of a seven-month trip around the world studying in my short break between undergraduate (animal science/agricultural business) and graduate degrees (doctor of veterinary medicine)."

### Through your travels, what have you learned most about each culture?

Asia/Southeast Asia—The most interesting part of this culture was the community mindset. Every choice they make is framed within a mindset that was completely foreign to me. Our culture has a strong individualistic warrior mindset. I would frequently run into people in Asia who would make farming choices opposite to my 'common knowledge' since they would have different factors as their priority.

East Africa—Interaction in East Africa seemed extremely slow to me. At first, I struggled to grasp conversation then eventually I realized that it was part of the culture and no one was in a hurry for anything. Most thought about being in the moment and enjoying what was happening while it was said of me "Tyler, you're too concerned about tomorrow, focus on now."

Western Europe—The most interesting part of the culture was the sharp contrast in culture from nation to nation. In the U.S.A. we have a slow culture change from North to South and East to West. For instance, the change from Spain to France was drastic the minute I crossed the border."

### What are you learning most while abroad?

"The mindset you chose dictates the direction of your entire life. I watched this in every culture I stepped into. The mindsets of the individuals start with values and beliefs (especially about an afterlife). Combined, if most of a community holds these same values and beliefs it outworks on a massive scale. This is a huge cause of poverty, sickness, poor agriculture, government and community issues. It can be the savior or the killer of international aid programs."



Tyler paused to take this picture while traveling with his chapter brother, Anthony Bosch (Minnesota 15), while visiting Glymur Falls, Iceland's highest falls.



**ROSS Frey**  
(Virginia Tech 15)

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Dublin, Ireland | Spring 2018

**Beyond your studies, what did you learn during your time abroad?**

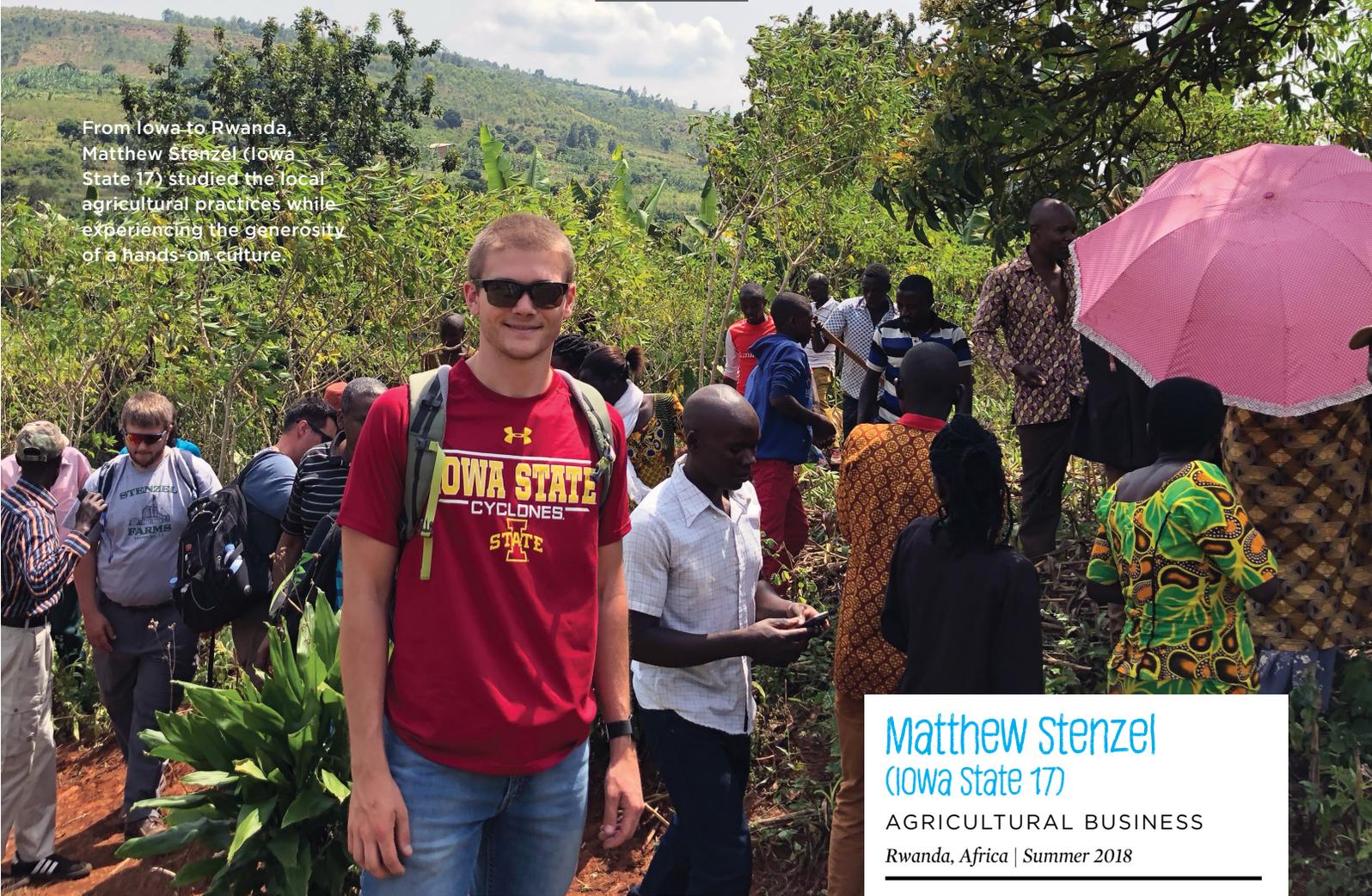
“The thing I took away the most was the experience of traveling the world and seeing the value in the different experiences that other countries have to offer. I learned a lot about Irish culture and the different things the country has to offer such as food, music and experiences with the people of the country themselves, as well as my peers from Virginia Tech (VT). I made a lot of great friends from VT and got to experience a lot of things that I’ll never forget.”

**What FarmHouse values applied to your trip?**

“I think the value or skill that FarmHouse has taught me that stood out the most during the trip was leadership and Ambition. FarmHouse has taught me the value of leadership and how to apply myself, and throughout the trip I found myself either organizing or leading outings with some of the other students while we were in Ireland. Whether it was navigating through the city without a map, planning out a trip to visit the countryside or a concert/venue in the nightlife district one evening, I made sure to make the most out of the trip and have a great time with my peers as well.”

Being in Dublin for a semester helped Ross Frey (Virginia Tech 15) become a more organized leader and build friendships he’ll never forget.

From Iowa to Rwanda, Matthew Stenzel (Iowa State 17) studied the local agricultural practices while experiencing the generosity of a hands-on culture.



## Matthew Stenzel (Iowa State 17)

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS

Rwanda, Africa | Summer 2018

### What did you study?

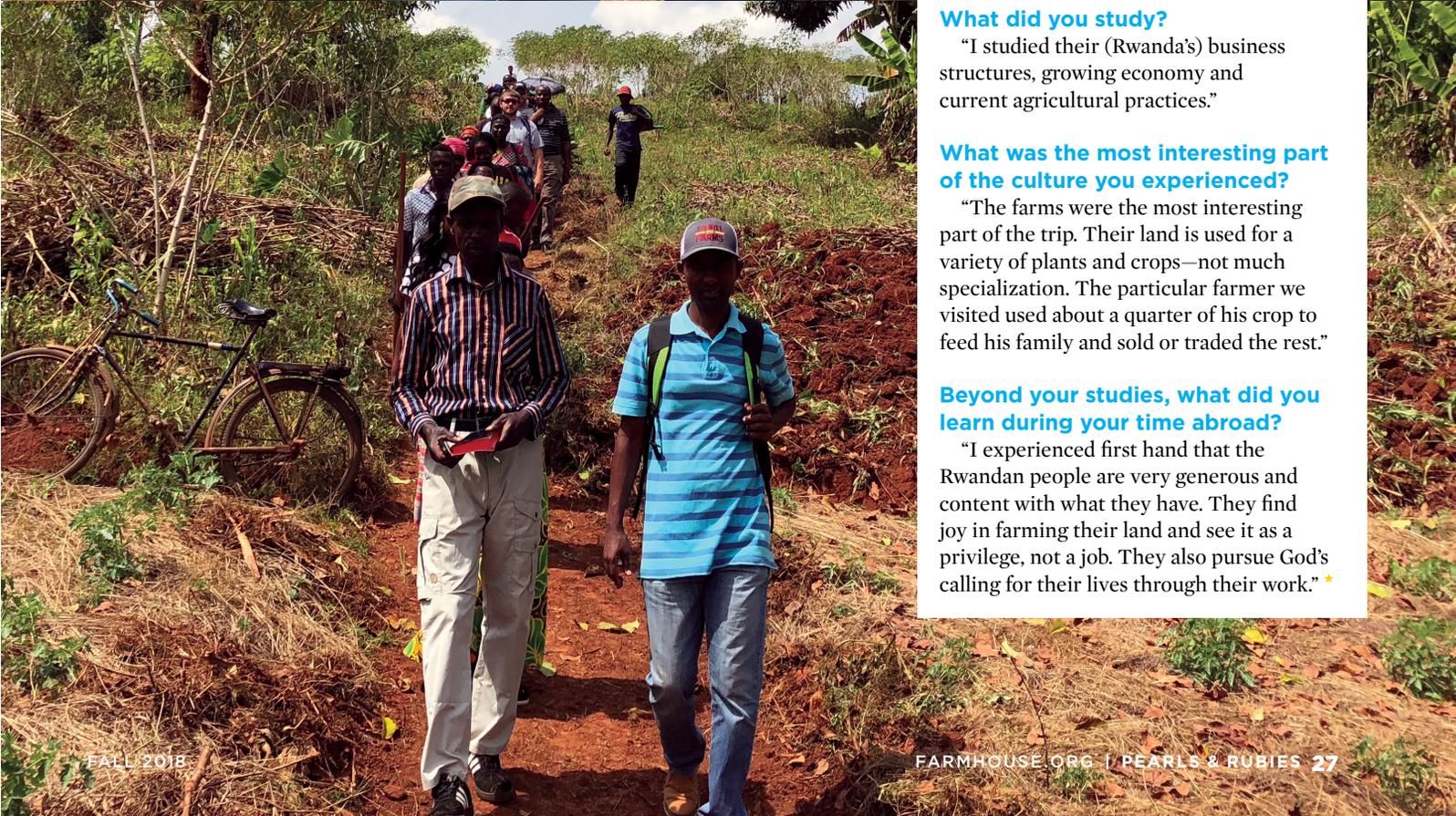
“I studied their (Rwanda’s) business structures, growing economy and current agricultural practices.”

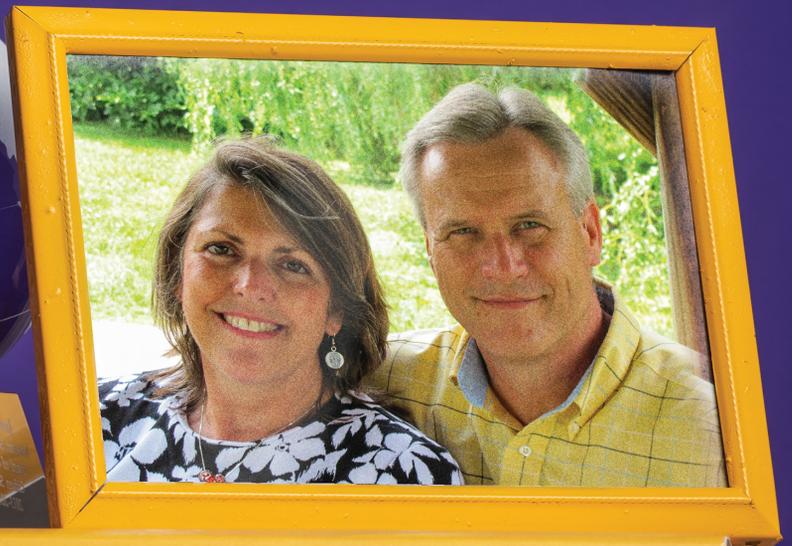
### What was the most interesting part of the culture you experienced?

“The farms were the most interesting part of the trip. Their land is used for a variety of plants and crops—not much specialization. The particular farmer we visited used about a quarter of his crop to feed his family and sold or traded the rest.”

### Beyond your studies, what did you learn during your time abroad?

“I experienced first hand that the Rwandan people are very generous and content with what they have. They find joy in farming their land and see it as a privilege, not a job. They also pursue God’s calling for their lives through their work.” ★





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## The Greatest Learners



TOP LEFT: Aliabad Mountain is in the approximate center of Kabul. Kabul is surrounded by mountains on virtually all sides, with some mountains (these) located in the center, to the south and west of downtown Kabul. This picture was taken from atop a mountain on the west side of Kabul. In the foreground of the picture is Kabul Polytechnic University and the Kabul Police Academy. To the far left is the Intercontinental Hotel, site of several attacks by the Taliban over the past 10 years.

TOP RIGHT: Due to presence of Taliban around Kabul, ISK provided Gail and her guest an armored vehicle with armed guard and driver for short sightseeing trip to the local village of Tangi Saidan. The guest happens to be Diana Horman, mother of Fraternity staff member, Jared Horman.



**America was brought to its knees on 9/11. Four years later Rev. Mike Goolsby (Oklahoma State 73) and his wife, Gail, moved to Afghanistan to spread hope and love through education.**

The effects of war—from the loss of American troops to civilians—impact the world. Seeing that devastation inspired the Goolsby's to get involved.

“We had a strong desire to help the people that suffered much and show them Christian love,” says Mike, who served as facilities director and community liaison for the International School of Kabul (ISK), the first accredited K-12 school in Afghanistan. As an American international school, ISK had funding from USAID and support from former First Lady Barbara Bush to provide education to Afghan and international students,

and the Goolsby's made it a family affair—Gail served as the principal from 2005–2012.

Beginning as Kabul International Academy in 2003 and morphing into ISK in 2005, the school had 190 students and 20 staff when they started. While a place for education and where the Goolsby's and staff resided, the campus wasn't set up with traditional classrooms.

“We were in houses that were like bedrooms,” says Gail. “We were trying to fit 25 second graders in a dining room, basically. Michael's job with facilities was to make things liveable and expand.”

## The Greatest Learners



International School of Kabul choir performed at the U.S. Embassy compound in Kabul as a sign of appreciation for the USAID grant money given to help the school get started with top quality educators, building renovations appropriate for staff housing and classrooms, and all necessary school supplies to operate the most prestigious school Afghanistan.

The Goolsby's left Afghanistan in 2012 and the school closed in 2015; however, it had grown to 400 students and 40 staff during that time. And even though the country continued to digress and safety outside of school was of concern, during the school day the kids were kids and teachers, teachers.

"Once we were in school, we were just in school," she says. "We did college prep education in a co-ed environment and we had more and more girls every year. Being an international school, our families were forward thinking and open minded."

Factors including media and social perspectives could paint Afghanistan

and its natives as a scary place, and while the Goolsby's took proper precautions on safety in and out of the school, they both say they never felt unsafe.

"Afghans as a whole are extremely hospitable, and we left there with many wonderful friends, a greater understanding of how America is viewed in the world, and a renewed sense of how people are more important than tasks," says Mike.

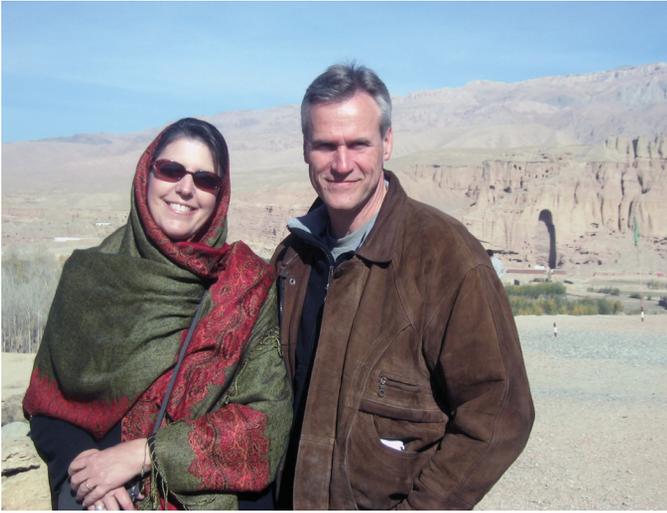
"The major difference is that when you go abroad, it is important to learn to understand and live appropriately in the culture of the people you are seeking to serve," says Mike. "If you go trying to import 'U.S. culture' you will likely offend

people. You must honor and respect their culture while you are seeking to build relationships and bring positive change, so at the same time you must go as a learner."

And a learner he was. After spending a few years working for the school, Mike started his own business with other Americans focusing on local business development.

"I wanted to be part of the nation rebuilding going on there—both with the school and in business. Afghanistan's unemployment was, and still is, extremely high, and I wanted to help start a business that could provide jobs for Afghans and teach servant-leader principles. Jesus was

## The Greatest Learners



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**—Mike Goolsby (Oklahoma State 73)**



Mike and Gail in Bamiyan in 2007. Bamiyan, which lies on the ancient Silk Road, is where the ancient Buddhas had been destroyed by the Taliban in 2001. To the right in the picture you can see the niche in the mountain (with an oval top) where the larger of the two sandstone Buddhas had been carved sometime between the 3rd and 6th centuries, A.D. It was approximately 55 meters, or 180 feet tall. They were able to climb to the top of that niche when we visited there.

A [then] recently rebuilt village school in the village of Tangi Saidan, south of Kabul. The picture shows girls in white headscarves, with two men who were presumably the headmasters. Typically schools in Afghanistan today have girls using the building for half of the day, and boys using it for the other half.

a servant-leader who said he came not to serve himself, but others. In Afghanistan, a nation wracked (at that time) by more than 30 years of war, people tend to get into self-preservation mode and could not always see the importance of this.”

When the business began, it consisted of Mike and his two partners along with three Afghan employees. Within three years, the partners had grown their employee count to 45 locals—a significant feat for a low employment rate country.

“For most of them (employees), they were the only breadwinners in their families,” he says. “Being able to provide steady income was a blessing to them and us, and for them to begin to understand the principles of leadership.”

In addition to being a member of FH, Mike worked for the Fraternity in the 1980s in St. Joseph, Mo.

This is also where he and Gail’s church covered their housing expenses while they were in Afghanistan so they had a home to come back to. Leadership, a clear value instilled in members and employees, stuck with Mike abroad and back.

“Within its DNA, FarmHouse embraces servant-leadership, so being a member and former employee of FarmHouse has been consistent with, and instructive of, my work overseas and in my present role, too.”

Mike and Gail’s work overseas kept them focused, but on their trips home they took time to see family and even nosh on missed foods.

“We’d eat bacon!” jokes Gail. “Pork is forbidden in Muslim cultures, so we’d enjoy bacon, pork chops, all of that.”

The Goolsby’s currently live in Wichita, Kan., where Mike serves as a pastor and Gail owns her own life coaching company, Learn to Live Well, does personal counseling and places international students in homes. And while the Goolsby’s have been stateside again almost as long as they were gone, they have full intentions of returning to Afghanistan one day.

“In many ways, you will always wonder what your impact was,” says Mike. “You go there thinking you will be the teachers of others, but come home and realize you were the greatest learner.”\*



Darryl R. Peebles and his doppelganger, Daryl R. Peebles, appear on the “Tonight Show” with Jay Leno.

# Uncovering Beauty around the world

“My homebase is Graham, N.C. and my wife’s name is Rhonda—who drives a Honda.” The energy and quip in Darryl R. Peebles’ (Auburn 67) voice is undeniable, which explains his drive to make people smile that took him around the world in 63 days.

**FROM HELPING TO FOUND THE FARMHOUSE CHAPTER** to throwing the javelin at his alma mater, Auburn University, to riding his bike from North Carolina to Alabama to raise money for the hungry, to ending up on the “Tonight Show,” Darryl has always been a go-getter.

“I was working doing art in a cubical and I had all these things I wanted to do,” says Darryl, who graduated with a degree in visual art.

“All the ladies in the church had said I should be a pastor, so I finally asked God if I could use more of my talents by becoming a pastor and he said, ‘Duh!’ Now it’s been 45 years.”

“In 1977 there was an earthquake in

Guatemala where nearly 40,000 people died in a 90-second quake. I went on a trip rebuilding houses and orphanages and I was amazed at how full of faith these people were. I learned so much from them and when I got back I said I was going to raise \$1 million for world hunger.”

And it all started in Alamance County in 1979 with The Crop Walk, a fundraiser to bring awareness to world hunger.

“The Crop Walk developed to where 3,000 people and raised \$100,000 in just one afternoon,” he said.

And during his more than four decades of service, he has been able to set up a homeless shelter/kitchen/crisis center and raise, not \$1 but, \$2

million for world hunger with many people from the community helping. He’s expanded his ministry to reflect his humorous personality including doing all his own graphical work—from fundraiser t-shirts to his website.

“I think my driving force has always been that it starts with love inside,” he says. “From my faith perspective, God is love, but I don’t try to limit God or put him in a box.”

Spreading that love and locating similar people and organizations is what inspired his 2017 World Tour, which took him to 4 continents, 12 nations and 36 cities in a short 63 days. The premise? Recognize everyday people for their ordinary service.

## Uncovering *Beauty* Around the World



“It taught me that people are very similar in their desires and willingness to serve others no matter the culture, language, or their background.”

Planning a global trip was no easy feat—it took Darryl two years of calling local fire departments, mayor offices and churches, and teaming up with Lions Clubs International, an organization with locals virtually everywhere around the world made up of 1.4 million men and women who believe kindness and service matter—a perfect match for Darryl.

“I have a feeling that most people around the world are like me—just want to wake up in the morning, smell the air, work a job, serve their community, spend time with kids and grandkids, sip some tea, relax and go to bed,” he says. “So I thought, what I’ll do is go around the world to thank, entertain, inspire and give citizens awards.

Eventually, I did 156 presentations.”

Those presentations were to give citizens who deserved to be recognized for their service—ranging from giving a child a teddy bear to helping refugees—the “Link the World with Love through Service” award, which was conceptualized and designed by Darryl. It was a global extension of his effort each day to uncover the beauty in people.

To hear dozens of stories of people from all different cultures and backgrounds was possible all because of his desire to give back.

“It taught me people are very similar in their desires and willingness to serve others no matter the culture, language

or their background,” he says.

Through his travels he even met up again with his doppelganger: Daryl R. Peebles of Tasmania. The duo has 53 commonalities, including dressing up and talking in accents to make people laugh, and appeared on Jay Leno together.

While not everyone he met was his twin, he still felt impacted by each and every soul.

“It was amazing to see the emotion in many people who were so touched to learn that we went to such efforts to go around the world to honor them for their extraordinary service.” \*

*Learn more about Darryl and his World Tour at [darrylpeebles.com](http://darrylpeebles.com).*

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## 24 Alumni Join Top Honor Roll Clubs

THE FARMHOUSE Foundation welcomed 24 new members into its highest giving societies between May 22 to August 9, 2018.

### CENTURY CLUB

*Accumulative gifts of \$100,000 to \$249,999*

**Howard R Hedtke** (Illinois 46)<sup>†</sup> was a grain elevator insurance salesman for Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Company. He lived in Lindenwood, Ill. He died July 26, 2005. Following his wife, Suzette, passing earlier this year, the Foundation received a generous six-figure gift from his estate to benefit both the Illinois FH Chapter and the FH Excellence Fund.

### DOANE CLUB

*Accumulative gifts of \$50,000 to \$99,999*

**B. Scott Day** (Oklahoma State 90) is co-founder of DigiMedia, Inc., a company that secures internet domain names for businesses. He lives in Stillwater, Okla.

**Darrell Godfrey** (Iowa State 73) is senior vice president of Advancement Resources, the nation's leading provider of research-based development training for universities and academic medical centers. He was a Foundation Trustee for six years and served as fundraising chair. He and his wife, Nelda, live in Liberty, Mo.

**Robert Knief** (Illinois 89) is president of Bartlett Grain Company, a diverse agri-business company with grain

merchandising, flour milling, feed manufacturing and cattle feeding businesses. He is chairman of the FarmHouse Foundation Board of Trustees. He is on the National Grain and Feed board of directors and previously served as chair of the Transportation, Elevator and Grain Merchants Association. He and his wife, Annette, live in Kansas City, Mo.

**Scott Nagel** (Minnesota 85) is president of ADM-Benson Quinn. He has been with ADM since 1988 and held various trading and management positions. His office manages the northern region of the United States as well as portions of Canada of Ag Services within ADM for both grain and North America for fertilizer activities. He serves on several joint venture boards within the Benson Quinn business unit structure and Pacificor JV, a grain export terminal in the Pacific Northwest. He is a FH Foundation Trustee. He and his wife, Jean, live in Maple Grove, Minn.

**Billy Clay** (Oklahoma State 62) is president and owner of VETTA Consulting, Inc., providing consulting services for private individuals and businesses in the animal feed, oil and gas, pharmaceutical and other industries. He and his wife, Maria, live in Stillwater, Okla.

**Larry Miller** (Nebraska 83) is chief operating officer of Phibro Animal Health Corporation. He is helping to lead Nebraska's housing campaign. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Warren, N.J.

**Robert Rainey** (Oklahoma State 80) is managing partner of Rainey Law, LLP. He assists clients in profit and nonprofit sectors with forming, structuring, acquiring, disposing, operating and liquidating all types and sizes of business entities in a variety of industries. He also serves as vice president and general counsel of Performance Dashboard, a consulting firm with time-tested assessment and consulting tools. He is a FH Foundation Trustee. He and his wife, Carilyn, live in Edmond, Okla.

**David Rock** (Kansas State 77) is retired manager of region operations for John Deere Company. He is assisting with FH Kansas State's housing campaign. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Olathe, Kan.

**John Wirth** (Nebraska 66) is a retired lawyer. He had a private practice in Lincoln, Neb., and worked for Nelson & Harding law firm in Denver, Colo. His brothers, Gerry (Nebraska 68), Jim (Nebraska 70) and Don (Nebraska 76) are also members of FarmHouse. He and his wife, Sherri, live in Littleton, Colo.

### H.K. Wilson Club

*Accumulative gifts of \$25,000 to \$49,999*

**Larry Anderson** (Kansas State 62) is a family physician. He and his wife, Laretta, live in Wellington, Kan.

**James Antosh** (Oklahoma State 75) is president and owner of Round House Workwear, Oklahoma's oldest manufacturer. Today, Round House sells almost 300,000 units of Round House® American Made jeans and overalls per year. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Shawnee, Okla.



## Foundation receives FFE Best Stewardship Effort Award



THE FARMHOUSE FOUNDATION WAS THE RECIPIENT of the “Best Stewardship Effort” award from the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence (FFE), formerly the NIC Foundation (NICF), during their Seminar Awards of Distinction Banquet on August 28 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Awards of Distinction annually recognizes successful programs and outstanding fundraising techniques by fraternity and sorority foundations.

Over 72 foundations can participate in the NICF Awards program, competing in seven categories.

The Foundation received this prestigious award for their “thanks in action” to involve undergraduate members in stewarding donors. In January 2018, over 230 chapter officers at the FH Leadership Institute put their thanks in action by helping thank Foundation donors in unique and meaningful ways. \*



“When I think about what this house, and the organization it represents, means to me I am truly at a loss. I’ll never be able to give back enough for all that it has given me, but I can certainly try.”

—Brandon Douglas (Alberta 13)

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[http://farmhouse.org/foundation/annual\\_report.htm](http://farmhouse.org/foundation/annual_report.htm)

## 1905 Club

*Accumulative gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999*

**Isaac “Rip” Britton** (Auburn 79) is an attorney for Hand Arendall, LLC, practicing in the areas of probate proceedings, guardianships, conservatorships, elder law planning, real property litigation, commercial litigation and municipal and local government representation. His son, John (Auburn 13), is a recent graduate from Auburn University. He and his wife, Vera, live in Birmingham, Ala.

**Gregg S Drvol** (Nebraska 77) is the tooling and design manager for Dimatic Die & Tool Co., the company his family owns. Dimatic specializes in dies, molds, fixtures and tools, injection molded plastics, CNC production machining, production stamping as well as the production of pressed and solid steel pulleys. His sons, Brett (Nebraska 04) and Lucas (Nebraska 06), are also FH members. He and his wife, Carol, live in Omaha, Neb.

**Nicholas Kauffman** (Nebraska 03) is an account executive at mySidewalk, a city intelligence tool for analysts

in local government to track key indicators, answer questions about city progress and create reports to drive awareness and action. He and his wife, Kolby, live in Overland Park, Kan.

**Terry Lawrence** (Kansas State 71) is plant manager for Winfield Consumer Products, manufacturing automotive accessories under the Husky Liners brand. He is also a farmer and owns Lawrence Land & Cattle. He and his wife, Anne, live in Oxford, Kan.

**Herbert Lewis** (Auburn 80) is a certified public accountant and principal for Victor Smith, PC. He and his wife, Jodi, live in Norcross, Ga.

**Gene Lindley** (Purdue 57) lives in Eaton, Ohio.

**Joel McClure** (Iowa State 59) is retired. He and his wife, Janet, own Hazen Inn Bed & Breakfast and Hazen Cabins in Phelps, Wis. They live in West Plains, Mo.

**C. Dale Miksch** (Kansas State 55) is retired after a 33-year career in production management roles with the Garst and Thomas Hybrid Corn Company and succeeding companies. He lives in Coon Rapids, Iowa.

**Steven Robinson** (Auburn 72) is counsel

for leadership development for Chick-fil-A, Inc., and is a member of its board of directors. He is former executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Chick-fil-A. He also serves on several boards for organizations and ministries including Family Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Atlanta, Links Players International, Atlanta Hall Management & College Football Hall of Fame and the National Football Foundation. He and his wife, Dianne, live in Atlanta, Ga.

**Ronald Schultz** (Kansas State 57) is a farmer and stockman. He and his family own Sandhill Farms, a Hereford seedstock business. He and his wife, Arnita, live in Haviland, Kan.

**Robert Smidt** (Nebraska 56) is retired vice president of North American consumer logistics for Kimberly Clark. He had a 37-year career with the company before retiring. His grandson, Jacob (Iowa State 15), is a member of the Iowa State FH Chapter. He and his wife, Joyce, live in The Villages, Fla.

**Jack Weaver** (Kansas State 74) is a livestock analyst and independent commodities trader. He and his wife, Connie, live in Wheaton, Ill. \*



## Global Impact: How donors help FH men experience the world

Our days are full of experiences. They help us to grow as individuals, find compassion for others, test our own values and find our place. For college men today, experiences happen in the classroom, the chapter house, on internships and in unique and significant ways, such as through international travel and study abroad trips.

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL** exposes undergraduates to unfamiliar customs, different world views, diverse cultural systems and often includes a study of major-related content with experts and stakeholders in a foreign country. Many times, an international experience is the first time a student has flown on an airplane or traveled outside of the country.

And when donors partner with the FarmHouse Foundation, more undergraduate members have the opportunity to see the world, work side-by-side with families building homes in Honduras, discover other cultures, try new cuisine, deepen their understanding and compassion, and find a new passion for making an impact.

“Students today realize that obtaining a global perspective through study abroad is more important than ever with our ever-connected world,” said Allison Rickels, FH Foundation executive director and CEO. “For many FarmHouse members, however, participation in a study abroad program would not be financially

possible without scholarships supported by generous donors. We are incredibly grateful to donors who believe in the benefits of an international experience and share their global perspective and philanthropy with today’s and tomorrow’s global scholars and leaders.”

### Beginning with Family

The concept of awarding study abroad scholarships through the FarmHouse Foundation started with one family and their personal experiences traveling internationally together.

In December 1990, a well-known and actively involved FH family, including Randy Sims (Illinois 69), Doug Sims (Illinois 68), Melvin Sims (Illinois 41)†, Dean Sims (Illinois 40)† and Fay Sims (Illinois 41)† created a permanent endowment fund to provide scholarships to members of the Illinois FH Chapter who participate in a university sponsored study abroad experience.

The Sims Family Fund was the first of its kind for FarmHouse as it was not

only the first established by members of one family, it was also the first fund to support student participation in international study abroad programs.

Fay, who dedicated countless hours to mentor and support the Illinois Chapter, was always delighted to hear from members while they traveled abroad. Before his passing, Fay shared, “I feel good about what we are doing. I believe we are doing something to help—and encourage—future FarmHouse men to study abroad.”

The vision the Sims family had 28 years ago continues to open new doors for Illinois FH members. For example, it enabled Zach Belton (Illinois 94) to study in England in 1998, showed Greg Niewold (Illinois 02) a different perspective on agriculture through a precision farming course in Germany, and most recently sent Jake Montgomery (Illinois 17) to study in Brazil.

More impressively, since its creation, in addition to the Sims family, 115 other individuals have donated to the Fund, many whom are past recipients, to expand the opportunity for more students.

## Scholarships

### Growing Passions

It would be another 15 years before a second study abroad scholarship was established with the Foundation. In 2005, Lynn Benson (Iowa State 59)† and his wife, Marilyn, made a permanent investment that has paid dividends in such places as Argentina, South Africa, the Netherlands, Chile and beyond. Unique for their endowment fund, their study abroad scholarship is open to members of the Iowa State FH Chapter as well as female legacies of Iowa State FH alumni.

Before his passing, Lynn had a successful career with Iowa State University Extension Service, operated his family's farm in Sidney, Iowa, and he and Marilyn traveled often to see family and the world.

After receiving a Benson Scholarship, Adam Fichter (Iowa State 12) found he grew in numerous ways from his trip. He said, "Academically, I learned so much about the agricultural industry, history and culture in Argentina. Personally, it provided a great way to get out of my comfort zone and experience a whole new culture in a different country. Professionally, the

experience and knowledge that I gained will benefit me in my future career due to the global nature of agriculture."

### Finding a World Full of Beauty

The value of travel is its ability to mold the traveler into an educated citizen of the world. In that world there is a tremendous beauty from flora and fauna to customs and traditions.

For Jay Koths (Michigan State 47), his work as professor of floriculture at the University of Connecticut not only surrounded him with beauty but also provided the opportunity for exploration. Following retirement, he and his late wife, Lynne†, traveled the world, birding and exploring together, visiting over 120 countries and remote areas of the world.

Through their endowment gift, Jay and Lynne continue to nurture academic curiosity and international travel by funding a study abroad scholarship for members of the Michigan State FH Chapter.

Last fall, Calvin Canfield (Michigan State 14) traveled to Sri Lanka to study tropical agriculture. He said, "I saw

a whole new world. You don't know what you don't know until you see it. Traveling abroad teaches you new things and shows you a different view."

### Navigating the Earth Like Ferdinand Magellan

The impact of study abroad experiences is what motivates Clint Foss (Iowa State 01) to give FarmHouse through the Magellan Study Abroad Scholarship Fund.

"Being put in another community can be humbling," said Clint, "We live in a divided country and world. Study abroad starts the process of understanding there are other ways to live life. We're often driven by similar values and recognizing these similarities can make the world a better place."

The Magellan Study Abroad Scholarship, for undergraduates of the Iowa State FH Chapter, is the direct product of three FH brothers who experienced a personal impact not only from the Fraternity but also traveling overseas together.

Together with Riley Smith (Iowa State 01) and Jess Phelps (Iowa State 01), the trio are the youngest alumni ever to establish an endowment fund with the FH Foundation.

Following his studies at Iowa State, Riley has traveled the world as Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, currently based in Singapore. Reflecting on his time abroad, Riley says, "Personally, I found Socrates' command 'know thyself,' to be particularly applicable to studying abroad. The first time I left the U.S. by myself was to study in France in June and July 2003. Aside from going through Navy officer training, leaving the country on my own was the best thing I could have done to learn about myself when I was 22. Once I moved away from Iowa in 2004, giving back to FarmHouse has helped keep the memories of my college years, and the lessons I learned, fresh in my mind. I felt an obligation to FarmHouse for putting me on the right path for graduating college."

### A Catalyst for Exposure

Growing up in Seminole, Okla., Colton Clark (Oklahoma 15) hadn't traveled outside of the United States. He applied for a Linville International Catalyst Scholarship to visit China and Japan



Left: Calvin Canfield (Michigan State 14) displays FH letters with Raveen, a student at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. Calvin is a Koth's scholar. Above: Jacob Montgomery (Illinois 17) used a scholarship from the Sims Family Fund to study in Brazil.



Above: Members of Nebraska FH studying in New Zealand. Right: Robert Sextion (Minnesota 11) plays the alphorn while studying in Switzerland on the Darl and Florence Snyder New Horizons Scholarship.



with the Scholar Leader Program in the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University. After his trip he said, “This scholarship has opened the door for an opportunity that has had an incredible impact on my life. The lessons learned while abroad have given me insight on how to relate to others, a new understanding of different cultures and ultimately solidifies a personal respect for traditions different than my own.”

Colton is one of 63 recipients to receive a Linville Scholarship, since the fund started in 2013.

With a passion for FarmHouse, their family’s love for traveling and—more than that—joy in sharing this experience with others, Randy (Kansas State 73) and Debbie Linville set out to help build men in a new way. The Linville International Catalyst Fund, the largest scholarship fund dedicated to international travel in the Foundation’s history, was born.

The Linville’s wanted to see their gift used immediately and for as many young men as possible. Therefore, they set up their fund as a temporarily restricted scholarship so that as soon as they made their initial gift, the first scholarships could be awarded.

Recipients can receive a scholarship up to \$2,000 per academic year for a study abroad or international immersion experience.

As of today, \$76,160 has been awarded to 63 FarmHouse undergraduates.

Reflecting on the vision for the fund, Randy said, “FarmHouse builds men and, to me, this isn’t possible without getting international exposure. International travel is expensive and time-intensive. However, I believe it is necessary to build

a well-rounded leader who is empathetic and understanding of the world around them. Debbie and I want to make it easier for FarmHouse men to travel abroad. In terms of grooming leaders, we couldn’t think of a richer way than this.”

### Creating a Legacy of Opportunity

The Foundation’s newest study abroad endowment fund was born out of a couple’s love for travel. Milton Jellum (Minnesota 53) and his wife, Pauline, have traveled the world professionally and personally to many countries and continents.

Before retiring as a professor of agronomy at the University of Georgia, Milt spent his career teaching, lecturing and researching ways to improve agriculture and feed a growing planet.

While Milt built his successful academic career in agriculture, he credits FarmHouse for cultivating him to be a values-driven leader. In turn, he and Pauline have chosen to cultivate the lives of his younger FH brothers and help expose them to rich international experiences. Their endowment fund, established by generous gifts from their IRA and a life insurance policy, will award its first scholarship this academic year.

### Hope for the Future

Master Builder Darl Snyder (Iowa State 42)† was passionate about young people having an international experience. Darl’s life left a tremendous legacy on communities worldwide through his work with FarmHouse and as director of international programs at the University of Georgia.

Through such work, he and his late

wife, Florence, made more than 35 trips to establish partnerships in Africa, with particular support in Burkina Faso. Their decades-long work was honored with the establishment of a school named for them.

Darl’s contributions to FarmHouse were numerous, including 10 years as the Fraternity’s executive secretary and its first full-time executive director. His leadership founded five chapters, the creation of the Regional Leadership Conferences, editor of *Pearls & Rubies* and the establishment of the FarmHouse Foundation.

Darl and Florence continue to build well-rounded men by their Snyder New Horizons Scholarship, which he established in 2007 following Florence’s passing. The purpose of their scholarship is to broaden the horizons, exposure and experience of FH undergraduates through study abroad programs and international travel opportunities.

Darl once remarked, “My hope is that every young person has international experiences. Such opportunities tend to open one’s mind to realities never before imagined or understood. I am grateful for having even a small part in these international learning experiences.”

### Progress Continues On

Many FarmHouse undergraduates have received transformational experiences because donors invested in them with scholarships for international travel. And, many more will be impacted in the future. The ripple effect of this philanthropy can be found all over the globe—wherever FarmHouse young men have traveled, studied and grown—and are changing the world one plane ride at a time. ★

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## BEGINNING WITH THE END IN MIND

**Excellence.** The last letter of the FARMHOUSE acronym and the place we need to start, together.

For so long, we have depended on your investments project by project, need by need, and year by year. Like our students, we recognize that new challenges require a new approach.

That is why the FarmHouse Foundation has partnered with the International Fraternity to address the tough environment on college campuses today by raising new financial resources to double the educational grants to the Fraternity this fiscal year and into the future.

## The FH Excellence Fund



# EXCELLENCE FUND

With your help, the Foundation intends to accomplish this significant goal through the launch of the FarmHouse Excellence Fund. This new comprehensive approach for donor giving replaces the Annual Fund and enables the Foundation to raise new unrestricted resources, which will fund cutting edge initiatives to benefit every chapter and every member to achieve the excellence that's promised to them.

Your investment in the FarmHouse Excellence Fund helps bridge the gap between the services the Fraternity

provides through membership dues and the rising costs of values-based education and leadership experiences.

Contributions to the Fund will also support local volunteers, alumni engagement, a leading headquarters staff, operations and administration of the FarmHouse Foundation, as well as build endowment for future and emerging needs.

Most importantly, your philanthropy transforms the future—of FarmHouse, all fraternities and the leaders our world so desperately needs.

### **Goal:**

**Raise \$1,300,000 per year**

### **Outcome:**

**\$5.2 million over four years**

### **How your investment will be used:**

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- 30% for an unrestricted endowment to sustain FarmHouse's future



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- **\$50,000** funds an educational director staff position
- **\$25,000** sponsors a Leadership Consultant for a year
- **\$7,000** gives you an exclusive opportunity to attend the Power of 7 Seminar and mentor a rising leader
- **\$5,000** provides an increased level of hands-on staff support for one chapter
- **\$2,500** gives one chapter, like yours, access to enhanced risk management education training
- **\$1,600** provides a scholarship for The Journey, the Fraternity's international service immersion trip
- **\$800** sponsors one undergraduate from your chapter to attend the FarmHouse Leadership Institute
- **\$700** impacts future generations of young men through your membership in the Chairman's Club
- **\$500** sends one new member to the Emerging Talent Retreat
- **\$350** supports one student's attendance at the Regional Leadership Conferences
- **\$100** provides a StrengthsQuest training workshop for one FH undergraduate or volunteer

\* *per academic year*

## The Excellence Fund



- Provide more **health and safety education programs** to take care of the young men in your chapter and **protect the asset you invested in.**
- Double the professional Fraternity staff to provide **more and enhanced in-person training, coaching and support** to students and volunteers throughout the academic year.
- Send **six chapter officers** from your chapter to the FarmHouse Leadership Institute for **hands-on training and personal development.**
- Create curriculum and resources to provide consistent, values-based member education, to **ensure the same, positive FH experience** for all chapters and young men.
- Advance premier leadership training and personal development programs **accessible to all members.**
- Offset educational expenses for FH conferences so **registration fees are affordable** for attendees.
- Enhance **risk management education** for chapter advisors, association leaders and undergraduate members.
- Offer financial support for **international learning experiences.**
- Ensure staff and resources to implement **values-based programs and educational opportunities.**
- Strengthen every chapter and every member through investments in **growth and innovation.**

The Excellence Fund

## JOIN YOUR FARMHOUSE BROTHERS TODAY!

This is a crucial time for FarmHouse and a collaborative approach is required for our shared challenges.

Your Faith in your Fraternity and your renewed unrestricted support will ensure Excellence in FarmHouse continues for the next generation.

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**“In Hebrews 11:1 we learn, ‘faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.’ It means faith in your God; in your fraternity and its members; faith in your school, your state and your nation.”**

**—The FarmHouse Ritual**

# IN Memoriam

The following are notices received by the International Office between June 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018.

Listed by—Name (Initiation year) Death 0/0/000; Age at time of death; resided in

## Idaho

**RAY D. MILLER** ('64); 2/7/2018; 74; Murphy, Texas

## Illinois

**HOMER E. EDWARDS** ('31); 05/20/2005; 92; Clarenton Hills, Ill.

**JAMES H. HANDY** ('40); 06/13/2004; 87; Waverly, Ill.

**FREDERICK C. HEYL** ('53); 04/14/2007; 72; Bartonville, Ill.

**RANDOLPH G. JOHNSON** ('61); 07/13/2018; 75; Minonk, Ill.

**DONALD E. MILES** ('71); 08/17/2007; 55; Minonk, Ill.

**ROBERT O. NESHEIM** ('65); 07/19/2008; 86; Littleton, Colo.

**CURTIS A. OVERCASH** ('73); 08/26/2018; 66; Ottawa, Ill.

**F. MARVIN PAXTON** ('58); 07/15/2018; 79; Jacksonville, Ill.

**JOHN E. SHIELDS** ('38); 10/13/2009; 90; Freeport, Ill.

**NELSON J. SMITH** ('40); 03/20/2009; 93; Metamora, Ill.

**KENNETH L. SAUERS** ('59); 08/13/2002; 62; Crystal Lake, Ill.

**WARREN K. WESSELS** ('62); 08/16/2018; 89; Champaign, Ill.

## Iowa State

**RAYMOND L. CURRIER** ('40); 02/21/2017; 98; Ogden, Iowa

## Kentucky

**HAROLD H. BUCKLES** ('51); 04/27/2015; 84; Louisville, Ky.

## Michigan State

**ROBERT E. BECKER** ('51); 12/15/2017; 86; Crosslake, Minn.

**DALE MCKENZIE** ('65); 07/16/2013; 67; Caledonia, Mich.

## Minnesota

**HOWARD W. OTTOSON** ('40); 08/05/2018; 97; Lincoln, Neb.

## Missouri

**JIMMIE HEATHMAN** ('57); 04/26/2018; 80; Columbia, Mo.

## Nebraska

**WILSON E. ANDREWS** ('35); 07/23/2012; 96; Everett, Wash.

**J STANLEY HARGLEROAD** ('55); 06/14/2018; 82; La Jolla, Calif.

**LOUIS E. KNOFLICEK** ('39); 01/24/2015; 100; Alliance, Neb.

## Ohio State

**MATHAIS DIETRICK** ('36); 01/20/2010; 94; De Forest, Wis.

**ROBERT MCCLESTER** ('37); 03/12/2005; 92; Mechanicstown, Ohio

## Oklahoma State

**JOHN E. SCHMOOK** ('47); 03/22/2018; 89; Tulsa, Okla.

**EDWIN Y. WHEELER** ('49); 01/18/2013; 86; Stover, Mo.

## Purdue

**DONALD T. COOPER** ('59); 07/18/2018; 77; Elizabeth, Miss.

## Wisconsin Platteville

**JEFFREY A. DORNINK** ('89); 07/26/2018; 56; Belmont, Wis.

## Gene Younts (North Carolina State 54), Master Builder



**BORN AUGUST 29, 1930**, in Lexington, N.C., Gene graduated from Davis Townsend High School, completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Carolina State University.

While completing his master's degree, he married Ruth Wilson of Raleigh, N.C.

From there, they moved to Ithaca, N.Y., for Gene to complete his PhD at Cornell University. His professional career of 44 years began as a faculty member at the University of Maryland. Later, he served as an agronomist at the Potash and Phosphate Institute in Washington, D.C., faculty member at North Carolina State University, vice president of the Potash and Phosphate Institute in Atlanta, Ga., director of the Rural Development Center and associate dean of The University of Georgia College of Agriculture, and vice president for Public Service and Outreach at The University of Georgia (UGA). During his tenure as vice president, UGA's public services grew into the largest campus-based outreach program in the nation.

At the time of his passing, he held the title of vice president emeritus and distinguished public service scholar at

The University of Georgia. Gene's strong commitment to service was evident in his leadership roles in community, state and national affairs: state chairman of the Georgia Heart Fund Campaign and president of the Athens Kiwanis Club. He was also a member of the Red Cross Board, Salvation Army Board, Rotary Club and Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

He was named Master Builder in 1994. Gene was a part of the first class of initiates of the North Carolina State FH Chapter, serving as president of the newly formed chapter. He served as national President of the Fraternity and on the Board from 1964–1970 (six years). He later chaired the fundraising efforts for the North Carolina State Chapter House Building Campaign.

Younts died on Aug. 21, 2018 in Presbyterian Village, Austell, Ga., He was 87 years old.\*



Terin Lucero (North Dakota State 16) pauses for a moment in front of the coliseum in Rome, Italy, during a political science-focused study abroad trip in May 2018. He spent two weeks in Italy and also traveled to Venice, Florence and Assisi with classmates.

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