



# FARMHOUSE

## ★ ★ ARKANSAS CHAPTER ★

FALL 2022

### A LETTER FROM THE ARKANSAS FARMHOUSE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



It is my declaration that the Arkansas FarmHouse Fraternity is doing well and is as strong as ever. The Chapter led by President Tripp Purdy is well represented on campus and has achieved high grade point honors. The Chapter was able to obtain 10 new pledges through the fall rush.

This is one of the largest pledge classes in the past few years. Included in this years pledge class is Sam Brown. Sam is the grandson of Jerry Friddle who was initiated in 1962. Sam is the son of Tommy Brown who was initiated in 1982. Tommy has an older son, Tucker, who was initiated in 2014. Jerry also had a son, Jarrett, who was initiated in 1988. Jerry also served as your Association President and instrumental in the first major remodel of the Chapter House. Talk about a Legacy. This family defines a legacy.

The Alumni have been active as well. Funds were needed to install floor covering on the lower level of the Chapter House and a new stove/oven was needed. David Whitehead, Gerald Wilson and Ted Dorn stepped up to lead the quest for \$15,000 dollars of donations needed for the two items. David and Gerald led the 50/60's group of alumni while Ted, (your Alumni Association VP), led all others. They turned it into a contest as Ted thought he could out raise the 50/60's group. David and Gerald won, and the Chapter was a winner also as enough money was raised to complete the flooring and buy a new stove.

Please give a shout out to our newest Board Members, Will James and Connor Brown, for representing the Arkansas Alumni at Conclave this past July. Vital changes were made and those that know Will know that he was giving voice for changes. Thank you both.

Your Alumni Association is in good financial condition as we are meeting our obligations from the rent we

charge for the Chapter House. Looking 5 years down the road, I see that the interest rate on our loan will be a lot higher and we will need to lower the principal by at least \$350,000 dollars in order to keep the rent affordable to the Chapter Members. All contributions to this effort are greatly appreciated.

A big thank you goes out to Gerald Wilson and his large contribution to fund a needs list given by the Chapter Members. This list contained a commercial dishwasher with associated plumbing, a refrigerator, two clothes dryers, and a weight room with several sets of equipment.

Thank you, Gerald.

If you have a chance, please attend our October 22nd meeting. It is always great to catch up on what our Brothers are doing.

***“The traditions, values and brotherhood continue as we know them at the Arkansas Chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity.”***

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Fraternally,  
Ken Dunk  
Arkansas Association President

## FEATURE: CHRISTOPHER SHIELDS

Christopher Shields is an Arkansas native who grew up in Prairie Grove. He attended the University of Arkansas and finished with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice and Political Science (1996). Shields then earned a Masters in Sociology (1998) before attending the University of Arkansas Law School (2001). Shields was an attorney in Fayetteville for a few years after serving as a rule XV prosecutor for the City of Fayetteville.

Shields joined the Department of Sociology and Criminology in 2003 as a research associate in the Terrorism Research Center (TRC) in Fulbright College, where he has continued to work on federally funded research for the past 18 years. Shields finished his Ph.D. in 2008 and was named a visiting



assistant professor. Shields has published several journal articles, encyclopedia entries, and book chapters on terrorism, counter terrorism, and public policy issues surrounding the fight against terrorism. In 2012, Shields published a book on prosecution and defense strategies in federal terrorism trials. Shields continues to work with the Terrorism Research Center and has expanded his research to include human trafficking. Shields is currently a teaching Associate Professor in Criminology, Internship Manager for the Department, Legal Projects Manager for the Terrorism Research Center, and he serves as the faculty advisor for several student groups on campus. Shields has served as the academic and faculty advisor for FarmHouse since the Fall 2018.

Shields has been recognized for his teaching, mentoring, and advising work on campus several times. In 2012, Shields was one of the first recipients of the Golden Tusk award for student mentoring. He has been recognized twice by University of Arkansas Office of Nationally Competitive Awards as an outstanding mentor. He was named a Teaching Fellow by the University of Arkansas Teaching Academy in 2019. In addition, he has been twice named Outstanding Faculty by Associated Student Government, nominated three times for Master Teaching Awards, and received the University's highest award for teaching and mentoring, the Imhoff Award, in 2018.

During his time with FarmHouse, he has worked with several at-risk members to help them improve their academic performance, and routinely speaks to the members on strategies for success. When Shields joined FarmHouse, the chapter was ranked last in IFC for GPA. In 2020, FarmHouse improved to second place in IFC with a 3.18 cumulative GPA, and in 2021, the chapter raised its overall GPA above 3.2. As a result, the Chapter won the Summa Cum Laude award, having the highest GPA of any FarmHouse chapter.



### DR. MAY JOINS MANA FAMILY MEDICINE SOUTH

Dr. Michael May (07) has joined MANA Family Medicine South. Dr. May has varied interests and a wide-ranging background. He completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Arkansas before deciding to pursue a medical degree. While at the U of A, he was active in Farm House Fraternity and served as a 4-H State Officer.

He was a teaching assistant in ballroom dancing, an Adventure Camp counselor for the Air Force, and volunteered at the Fayetteville Free Clinic (now Welcome Health).

Like every Arkansas alumnus, Michael is a Razorback fan, a passion that has stayed with him since college. After graduating with his bachelors, he earned his M.D. at UAMS and completed his residency in Family Medicine in Pine Bluff. Prior to joining MANA, Michael worked as an ER physician in DeWitt, Arkansas.

As a member of the American Medical Society and American Academy of Family Physicians, he has made a tremendous impact on biomedical research, thus helping impact his field of study.

Michael's wife teaches Geometry at Bentonville High School, and are ready to make Northwest Arkansas their home again.



## 2021-2022 CHAPTER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

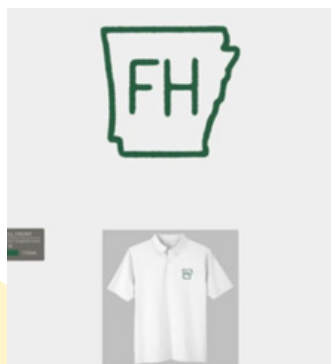


Top left: Fall 2021 new members at Western themed party  
 Top middle: 2021-2022 Executive team  
 Top right: FH men at Alpha Chi Omega Pizza Pie event

Bottom left: Men during Hazing Prevention Week  
 Bottom right: Mom's Day

### CHAPTER APPAREL

Recruitment shirt, Arkansas pullover, Mom's Day t-shirt and FH polos from lat year.



### 2021-2022 NEW MEMBERS



Fall 2021 new members.



Spring 2022 new members.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

#### ARKANSAS FH ALUMNI EVENT

10:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Ken Dunk Master Builder  
Recognition Ceremony

(Immediately following will be the  
association board meeting.)

REGISTER ONLINE AT [bit.ly/FHark22](https://bit.ly/FHark22) OR  
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