



# LAMBDA CHAPTER TAU KAPPA EPSILON

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## WELCOME from Tom



The TKE Lambda Alumni Hall of Fame was conceived as a way of honoring Lambda Chapter alumni for their outstanding achievements both fraternal and professionally. Last fall's ceremony was postponed due to the covid-19 situation. We would like you to join us on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00pm CT for virtual Zoom induction of the 2020 class.

**The class of 2020 inductees being honored include:**

- Michael Radoff (Alpha Sigma 1972)
- Steve Wimmer (Lambda 1976)
- Kameron Glenn Weeden (Lambda 1988)
- Andy Simon (Lambda 1997)
- Michael Goeldi (Lambda 2008)

We anticipate the ceremony to last about an hour.

Please RSVP at <https://wistke.org/virtual-hall-of-fame-rsvp> and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

YITB,  
Hall of Fame Chair,  
Tom Hille '76



## HOF INDUCTEES



Michael Radoff  
(Alpha Sigma 1972)



Steve Wimmer '76  
(Lambda 1976)



Kam Weeden '88  
(Lambda 1988)



Andy Simon '97  
(Lambda 1997)



Michael Goeldi '08  
(Lambda 2008)

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Fraters,

As the newly elected Prytanis of the Lambda Chapter, I could not be more ecstatic for what the future holds. This past year, Ken Chwatek '18 and the previous executive board have done a tremendous job leading our chapter and I can't wait to continue and grow their great work with the assistance of the new executive board. Together, we will continue to improve the lives of every member even during these unprecedented times.

I would like to extend our greatest appreciation and thanks for the support from each and every one of our alumni. The experience, networks, and donations you provide allow us to continue to grow and strengthen our chapter, and enable TKE to give more aid to men for their mental, moral, and social development. Thank you.

Yours in the Bond,  
Noah Lazer Brown '20, Lambda - 1369

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# LETTER FROM THE BUILDING CORP



Dear Fraters,

Writer Elbert Hubbard was quoted "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade". I can proudly say that the men of Lambda embodied that phrase this past year. From the death of a Frater to the difficulties of Covid-19 on a college campus, the Men of Lambda overcame these adverse circumstances to

take Lambda Chapter to great heights. 2020 included a National Top Teke Award and ended the year on their way to second straight Top Teke Award. Lambda is currently ranked second among all TKE Chapters Nationwide with over 110 members (including 30 new members), a Chapter GPA at 3.6 and over \$25,000 raised for charities.

Working with our newly elected officers, the Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE wishes to take Lambda to even greater heights in 2021. This could not happen without the tireless efforts of Fraters like Kam "Woody" Weeden '88. Frater Weeden has worked tirelessly to improve the physical building at 216 Langdon. New paint, light fixtures, and deep cleaning are but a few things Kam has done to vastly improve our house. We're lucky to have such dedicated Alumni to assist our Chapter and Building Corp.

I'd like to invite you to join me in becoming part of the success at Lambda! You can support financially by giving a sorely needed kitchen renovation, become a mentor for our members in our new Mentorease program, volunteering to join one of the Lambda Boards (Building Corp, Foundation, or Advisor) or just stopping by Lambda Chapter to visit with the members. With YOUR help, we can take our chapter to even greater heights.

Yours In The Bond,  
Eric Lanning '92, President  
Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE

This year our annual fund is focused on kitchen renovations. This will include new electrical, flooring, cabinet refinishing, and some new appliances. **Our goal is to raise \$15,000 between alumni and parents.**

We can reach that goal with 15 alumni and parents giving a gift of \$500. Of course any donation is appreciated.

Make your donation at  
<https://app.omella.com/o/n9ZbU>

## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome an incredible Fall 2020 pledge class of 30 new fraters, bringing our chapter total to 114 members. Now, the Lambda Chapter is as large as ever, giving fraters more opportunities to form incredible friendships and learn from each other.



## PHILANTHROPY

Despite not being able to host in-person philanthropy events during TKE Week, we were still able to have incredible success thanks to the fraters commitment to reaching out to friends and family for donations. Together, Lambda has managed to raise nearly \$20,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital this semester! In addition, we founded a second campaign to commemorate Ethan Larsen where we raised \$8,900 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Also, while paired with Alpha Xi Delta and Pi Kappa Phi in virtual Humorology, we helped contribute to the \$131,000 raised for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County!



Colm Seigne getting a mullet for reaching his fundraising goal during TKE week.



## BROTHERHOOD

During these times, we had to get creative to maintain brotherhood and bonding. Besides our weekly virtual events, the roof provided a much needed environment for fraters to safely spend quality time together in an outdoors space. By having a small group of fraters on the roof once or twice every week, brothers were able to form new and closer friendships as well as create lifelong memories.



Screen shot from one of our Zoom Happy Hours



### Ben Wondolkowski '17

Ben is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison double majoring in finance and real estate. Throughout his undergraduate career, Ben has served as Crysophylos, President of the Sales,

Trading and Asset Management Club and worked as a Career Peer for the Wisconsin School of Business, all while being a consistent name on the Dean's List for academic achievement.

After graduation, Ben will be moving to New York City to work at Barclays as a Loan Portfolio Management Analyst. Ben's favorite memory in TKE was brotherhood secret Santa his freshmen year when the chapter played games, sang a few carols, and got the holiday season started on a good foot.



### Colin Lancaster '18

Colin is a senior that joined TKE during the spring of his freshman year. He is a Risk Management & Insurance major that plans on working as a Data Analyst at a Milwaukee Insurance broker after graduation. Colin has a lot of fond memories during his time at TKE, but one that stuck out to him specifically was his first formal.



### Parker Hutjens '19

Parker Hutjens joined TKE during the spring semester of his sophomore year. He is majoring in Retailing and Consumer Behavior and receiving certificates in Digital Studies and Entrepreneurship. Upon graduation

in spring, he will be working in New York City as an Executive Development Program Trainee for Macy's Inc. He has had so many great memories from TKE. His favorite memory was playing baseball with his fellow brothers on the ice for a St. Jude philanthropy event. He can't wait to see what the Lambda chapter will accomplish in the near future..



### Jack Danner '18

Jack is a senior who joined TKE the spring of his Freshman year. He will be graduating with a degree in legal studies. After graduating, Jack will be attending University of North Carolina for law school. His favorite TKE memory will be pledging with his brothers and bonding with them.



### Alexander Hallquist '18

Alex is a senior who joined TKE during the spring of his freshman year. During his time at UW he studied Industrial and Systems Engineering and will be searching to find a job in operations research over his last semester. Trying to pick just one memory is hard but the one that sticks out the most was playing with the puppies during TKE Week while raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. He can't wait to see how the chapter will grow in the future.



### Sam Templin '19

Despite not joining TKE until his junior year, Sam will always be grateful for the family he found in this fraternity. After graduating this spring with a bachelor's in German and International Studies, he will be continuing his education overseas. He plans to pursue a master's degree in Applied Linguistics at the University of Bonn in Germany. This program will provide him with the necessary skills and experience needed for a career in linguistics research. Having spent time abroad in Germany before, Sam is excited to return for the two-year program.



### Casey Olson '18

Casey Olson is a senior in TKE studying Economics. After graduating he will be working for a realty firm in Madison. His favorite TKE memory was spending this past summer in Madison getting to enjoy the lake and roof with all his closest friends.

**Josh Sepic '16**

Josh is a fifth year senior who joined TKE in the fall of 2016. He is finishing up his Rehabilitation Psychology major and German minor this spring, all while currently being a personal trainer. Following graduation, Josh plans to apply to exercise physiology masters programs with aims to then work as a strength coach for a sports team or other training facility.

His favorite TKE memory was when after he returned to Madison in August of 2017 (before his sophomore year), the fraternity planned a trip to go tubing down the Wisconsin river. He said, "That day happened to be cold and rainy, and the river was even colder, but everyone made the best of the two-hour float. We were all suffering the cold, but we suffered it together, and laughing at our own pain while drinking to warm ourselves made it one of the most memorable outings I had in college."

**Azbel J. Guerra-Colman '17**

Azbel is currently studying entomology with an emphasis in vector borne diseases and he is also pairing his major with a global health certificate. Prior to Covid, he worked at a research lab and was going to apply to graduate school to pursue his masters in entomology. However, now, with the current pandemic he will have to wait until fall of 2021 to apply to grad school. In the meantime he will apply to as many research labs as he can in order to have a strong enough application. His ultimate plan is to work for the CDC/ USDA one day and afterwards attain a PHD to become a professor. His favorite TKE memory has been our Chicago formals, there's no better way to bond with our fellow brothers. However, above all, rush is by far the most exhilarating event of each semester and he will never forget the good memories meeting prospect Lambdas.

**Collin Mallers '17** (No Picture Available)

Collin joined TKE as a Freshman in 2017. In his time in TKE, Collin was always quick with a joke and was rarely found without a smile on his face. He put his knack for music to good use as a Humo director during his Sophomore year where he showcased his singing abilities. Collin is graduating with a degree in Economics and is still

**Ken Chwatek '18**

Ken Chwatek is graduating with a B.A. in Communication Arts with a certificate in Digital Media Studies and Entrepreneurship. He plans on moving to New York City after graduation to pursue a career in marketing. Ken's best TKE memory is going to Chicago with everyone and their dates for Formal in the fall. He also greatly enjoyed being Prytanis from 2019-2020 and plans on staying involved on board positions as an Alumnus.

**Matthew McJoynt '17**

Matt joined TKE as a Freshman in 2017 and continued to be involved throughout his time at UW-Madison. In addition to serving as Grammateus, he attended RLC in Chicago and Conclave in Orlando in 2019. Matt was a regular at chapter events and spent plenty of time in the front room conversing with fraters. After graduating with a degree in Computer Engineering and Computer Science, he will be seeking a job in the field of Software Engineering.

**Roma Kashpar '18**

Roma is a senior graduating this spring after joining TKE in the spring three years ago. With a degree in computer science and economics with math emphasis, he hopes to find work that will combine his two skillsets. He'll remember designing and constructing the table that'll hopefully stand on the roof for years to come. A well versed traveler, he hopes to finish up getting his US citizenship and looks forward to wherever the future takes him.

**Matthew St. Thomas '18**

Matthew St. Thomas is majoring in Marketing and Finance and is looking forward to what the future holds in store for him. His favorite memory in TKE was hanging out on the roof on the weekends with all of his friends.

# ALUMNI PROFILE



## CRAIG CHESTER '01

Craig Chester (graduation 2005) is the Communications & Marketing Manager for Events DC which is the entertainment authority for Washington DC. They create events and attractions to help create tourism. Normally they would be planning for events in their many venues, but Covid 19, shut down almost everything last year. So, they had to be innovative but still create a safe environment for their events. Instead of using RFK stadium, they used the parking lot to create drive in theaters.

One of their biggest successes was The Capital Long Drive Classic which brought together a roster of top male and female Long Drive professionals for the first-ever golf event of its kind on the National Mall in Washington, DC. The inaugural event transformed West Potomac Park into a long drive competition with the iconic backdrop of the National Mall and Memorial Parks area. The event features top professional men's and women's long drive athletes in a unique co-ed exhibition that showcases golf's racial and gender diversity. Events DC partnership with the nonprofit My Brother's Birdies includes a youth clinic at East Potomac Park Golf Course, designed to introduce golf to children from underserved communities.

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The Capital Long Drive Classic aired nationally on Golf Channel on December 17, and was rebroadcast on December 20 at 5 PM EST. See the promo video at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZivNFwv0\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZivNFwv0_Q)

# LAMBDA FOUNDATION

Fraters,

Welcome to 2021!

I wanted to give you an updated on TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation, some of the progress we've made in 2020 and some ideas we have moving forward.

In my opinion, the most exciting development is the foundation has been fully approved by the IRS as a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization! This means that any donation to the foundation is tax deductible. This approval is also retro-active to December 12, 2017. Your donations to the foundation go to support academic based developments for the house, career and mentoring programs, merit-based scholarships for undergraduate members as well as sponsorship for the undergraduates to attend TKE Regional Leadership Conferences and Conclave.

Some of the additional foundation accomplishments in 2020:

- ▶ Partnering with the chapter to establish the Lambda Career Network to provide career and mentoring to undergraduates and, eventually alumni.

If you would like to serve as a mentor or just to learn more, please go the  
<https://wistke.org/career>  
Password – lambdacareers!

- ▶ Established a repeated virtual happy hour for alumni to reconnect with each other and the chapter. The last one was on January 14th and it was very well attended. Please watch your email for the next opportunity to register.

- ▶ Provided 2 merit-based scholarships to undergraduate members. We anticipate being able to provide more scholarships in 2021.



We continue to look for more ways that we can support the men of the Lambda Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. We have a lot to do in 2021 and are always looking for volunteers.

If you are wondering if it's for you, I'd like to invite you to attend one of our foundation meetings, call me directly at **608-512-3619** or email the foundation at [tkelambdafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tkelambdafoundation@gmail.com).

If you would like to donate to the foundation, please visit <https://wistke.org/donate> and click on Support the Scholarship Fund or contact me directly.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2021!

YITB,  
Nate Johnson '90  
President, TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation

This year our annual fund is focused on Scholarships. We plan on giving out at least one scholarship this Spring to a selected undergraduate. All donations to the Lambda Foundation are tax deductible. Make your donation at <https://app.omella.com/o/wZsqJ>



## KEY CONTACTS

### **Lambda Chapter Building Corp., TKE,**

is the organization that manages the property at 216 Langdon Street. It is a 501(c)(7) organization which is exempt from income taxes and files an IRS Form 990 each year.

**Chair/President - Eric Lanning**  
**(608) 206-4031**  
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### **The Lambda Chapter Board of Advisors ("BOA")**

serves to provide guidance to the undergraduate chapter members regarding all facets of chapter management. The BOA has regular calls with the chapter officers.

**Chair/President & Chapter Advisor - James Easter '07**  
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### **TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation, Inc.**

is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation registered with the State of Wisconsin. It has obtained tax exempt status by the IRS.

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### **Annual Fund Campaigns**

is the fundraising initiative to raise funds for the Building Corporation and the Lambda Foundation.

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### **Lambda Chapter Prytanis**

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