



Epsilon-Alpha TKE Alumni Newsletter



**The Epsilon Alpha Chapter is excited to present its
Inaugural Alumni Newsletter!**

Presented to you by Histor: John Morgenthaler, Layth Ramadan, & Prytanis Anthony Fahim





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Recruitment

This fall, we initiated 21 highly driven gentlemen into the fraternity, bolstering the largest recruitment class since the early 2000's.

We were able to host the following:

Open Recruitment Events:

Tuesday, February 11th - TopGolf/PuttShack

Friday, February 14th - Casino Night

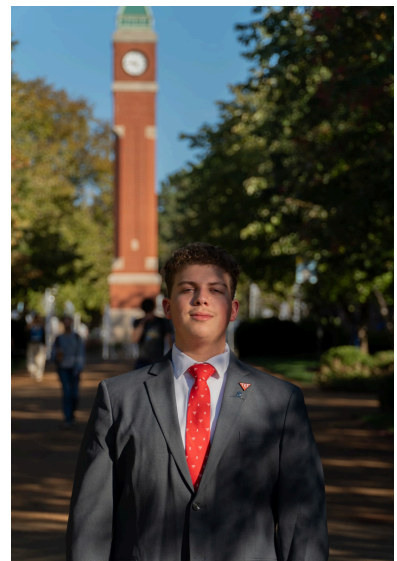
Closed Recruitment Events:

Sunday, February 16th - Alumni Panel in DuBourg Hall RM 409 at 4:00 P.M. (All alumni are invited to attend this)

Sunday, February 16th - Preference Night

We welcomed 4 additional members for the Spring 25 Rush Class!

Your's in the Bond,
Emad Bahhur - Recruitment Chairman





Prytanis Message

As I reminisce on my journey with Tau Kappa Epsilon, it is so hard to believe that it has just been over a year since I first became Prytanis of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter. When I first joined TKE, I faced criticism and doubt from friends and peers for pursuing the role of President as a freshman. I felt very scrupulous in everything I did to avoid further criticism more so as second semester began with a rough start with our new Epiprytanis transferring it left both the chapter and I in scruples.

Yet, here we are today, and it fills me with great joy and immense pride that I can vaunt to you all the Epsilon Alpha chapter is entering a Golden Age. This Golden Age is further defined by stones that we have laid from our second semester learnings. These things include but are not limited to a renewed sense of community, an unwavering camaraderie, dedication to service -not only within the Saint Louis area but the whole world - especially with our groundbreaking fundraising for St. Jude and as a chapter we have raised over \$12,000. This is not all, the most important thing we have done as a chapter is shaping Men who are committed to proactively creating a Better World.

Now, our job is long from but a short overview of this last semester was we've recruited over 20 young men into the fraternity (we were 7 when everything began) and the strides and progress we as a chapter have made over this past year is insurmountable, our success as well epitomizes what it means to be a TKE. This year we are even on track to winning Fraternity of the year at SLU and as well becoming a Top TKE Chapter. This is all possible due to the unwavering and fortius support of the alumni who laid the groundwork for us to be where we are now. A special thanks to Dylan Casas the previous Prytanis before me and who helped guide me into the transition and taught me invaluable lessons both as a TKE and a leader. Ryan Pleus who helped manage our finances ensuring that we were in a strong financial position. Thank you to all the alumni who have donated money so we could send 12 guys to RLC! Then of course Andy Purtell, Kris Quasrbarth, Mike Lengacher (Beta chapter), John Grant, Brandon Krawczyk they all guided and provided us with key resources which would bring down the most ripe fruits to the chapter allowing us to enter this Golden Age. A most heartfelt thank-you goes to Rich Kurtyka, who has consistently supported our chapter without ever asking for anything in return. He has truly been both our cornerstone and glue, playing a pivotal role in our success. Rich is the biggest reason we are where we are today. When you have the chance, please take a moment to email or text Rich to thank him for all his hard work and dedication. This chapter isn't just mine or the guys who are here now—it belongs to everyone who has contributed to its growth and legacy.

Yours in the Bond,
Anthony Fahim #1015



Philanthropy and Service Overview

Brotherhood in Action: TKE Epsilon Alpha's Push for St. Jude Brothers,

The Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Saint Louis University continues to make a meaningful impact in the fight against pediatric cancer by doing countless hours of service at Food Outreach a meal packaging place for cancer and HIV patients. Additionally last semester, our members successfully raised over \$12,000, making significant progress toward our \$30,000 goal—over one-third of the way. This achievement was the result of a combination of cold outreach and strategic networking efforts.

With a firm commitment to St. Jude's lifesaving mission, we aim to deepen our fraternity's relationship with the organization, ensuring our impact extends far beyond our time on campus. Moving forward, we are actively working to build connections with ALSAC and St. Jude, refining our fundraising strategies, and collaborating with fellow TEKEs who have implemented unique and effective philanthropic initiatives.

We invite our esteemed alumni to support this mission. Whether through donations, sharing insights on successful fundraising strategies, connecting us with valuable resources, or attending our Gala on April 12th your involvement can help elevate our efforts to new heights.

If you have advice, resources, or stories to share, please reach out—we'd love to strengthen the bond between past and present Epsilon Alpha brothers in service to a cause that truly matters.

Yours in the Bond,
The Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon

For immediate donations please visit
this link Or search St. Jude Saint Louis
University TKE. This QR Code belongs
to the chapter.





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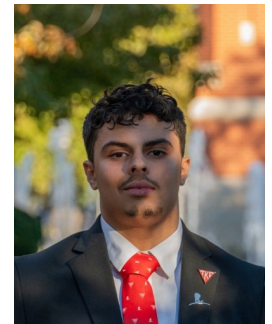
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TKE of the Week

TKE of the Week highlights a member every week to recognize an outstanding member that has gone above and beyond for the fraternity!

Introducing Chris Watkins

“I joined TKE for the brotherhood, especially as it was in a rebuilding phase. I was drawn to the chapter’s renewed focus on philanthropy rather than the stereotypical ‘frat’ mentality. What makes our brotherhood special is the diverse mix of backgrounds, including many international members. Hearing their stories from home is always a highlight, offering unique perspectives and deepening our bond.”

Yours in the Bond,
Chris Watkins





Recent Events

St. Jude/Memphis Visit

From January 16-19, the Epsilon Alpha Chapter sent 14 fraters to Memphis, TN, to visit the St. Jude main campus alongside Tri-Delta Sorority from SEMO. This trip provided a valuable opportunity to network, refine fundraising strategies, and strengthen our relationships with ALSAC and St. Jude while deepening our brotherhood.

Most importantly, it allowed us to connect with the cause on a personal level, witnessing firsthand the incredible work of St. Jude and the impact of our contributions—reinforcing our commitment to being Better Men for a Better World.





Recent Events

Regional Leadership Conference

Following our trip to Memphis, we had the incredible opportunity to send 12 fraters to RLC in Chicago, thanks to the generosity and support of our alumni. Their kindness allowed these fraters to attend at no personal cost, and we are deeply grateful for the strong bond we share with our alumni network as the Epsilon-Alpha Chapter,

“RLC was a wonderful experience that gave me helpful ideas to implement into my chapter and really good insight on how to become an excellent leader that is both fair and loved in his community.” - Layth Ramadan



Pictured Left to Right:
Drew Frizzle, Layth Ramadan, Christ, Watkins, Tate Schnider



TKE Fundraiser Dinner/Auction

Dear Fraters in the Bond,

We are thrilled to invite you to a special evening of brotherhood and philanthropy at our Auction & Fundraising Dinner in support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

This event is more than just a fundraiser—it's an opportunity to reconnect with your TKE brothers, meet the active chapter, and make a direct impact on the lives of children in need. Enjoy a night of great food, meaningful conversation, and an exciting auction featuring exclusive items such as a private wine class for 20 and experiences like a luxury vacation. With your support, we aim to bring our chapter closer to our ambitious \$30,000 goal (approx 16K) for St. Jude, ensuring that families never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing, or food.

We would be honored by your presence and support! Please RSVP by April 5th using this link: [RSVP Link](#)
If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute, you can donate here: [Immediate Donation Link](#)

Let's continue the legacy of Epsilon Alpha and show the power of TEKEs giving back. We can't wait to see you there!

Yours in the Bond,
Reyad Rassam
&
The Philanthropy Committee

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Details

Date: April 12th, 2025

Location: Saint Louis University
Dubourg Hall RM 240
"Pere Marquette Gallery"

Time: 6:00 P.M.



Thank you Fraters for your support.
YITB,

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We are asking all alumni and friends to help support us as we raise \$30,000 for St. Jude!
This QR Code belongs to the chapter's fundraising.

