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## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter – January 2020

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### Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

Joining the Old Guard is easy. Contribution is only \$100 per year. Your gift goes toward strengthening the Bonds among alumni, and enriching both the alumni and undergraduate Delta Lambda experience. Some alumni have even chosen to give as much as \$1,000. A current list of the **Old Guard Members** appears at the end of this newsletter.

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**The next Alumni/Undergraduate monthly luncheon is February 5th, 2020 at the University Center Club.** There will be no luncheon in January. Come on February 5th and enjoy yarns and stories of chapter days, and hear an update from the undergrads of Delta Lambda..

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### Meet Delta Lambda's new SMC Jake Middleton '18

"My name is Jacob Middleton from Parkland, Florida and I am extremely excited for this upcoming year! I pledged in Spring of 2018, and was the pledge class president of the Alpha Nu pledge class. I am majoring in Finance, and graduating with my bachelor's degree this Spring. Then, I will be completing my Master of Science in Finance with a specialization in real estate.

Since becoming a Delta Lambda Pike, I have been blessed with excellent Brotherhood and career guidance thanks to many of the older Brothers I looked up to. I pride myself on my organizational skills and my punctuality, and look forward to being the diligent and productive President this fraternity deserves.

"The Presidential torch has been passed by **Wyatt Rancourt '16** in excellent shape, as I believe our Delta Lambda is the strongest it has been in years. I plan to improve Pike's relations with the University/IFC, and continue to be at the forefront of FSU's 'Moving Forward Together' plan.

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#### MID-YEAR CHAPTER UPDATE

As we plow into 2020, Delta Lambda looks back on a prosperous fall semester. Their big fall house party featured the popular band 'Carnage', fully in compliance with FSUPD and the attendant FSU regulations. Also, four party busses carried 210 Pike Brothers and dates to the chapter's Fall Formal in New Orleans.

Pike won the 2019 All-Greek volleyball championship to go with their All-Greek and All-Campus football championship.

In fall IFC elections, Pike is the only fraternity to win two offices. **David Joseph '19** is Vice President for Judicial Affairs and **Mike Reese '19** is Vice President for Membership Development. Student Senator **Jonathan Levin '18** will run for Student Body President this spring. If he wins, Jonathan will be the **sixth** Pike Student Body President since 2003.

Defensive tackle **Marvin Wilson '18** and **Kicker Aguayo '16** were two of FSU's three co-captains this fall. Wilson won All-ACC honors, and was also named FSU's MVP Defensive Lineman. He also won the 2019 Monk Bonasorte Award. Defensive tackle **Corey Durden '18** was awarded the 2019 Tough Man Award by FSU. He started all 12 games while battling a shoulder injury.

Senior Tight End **Gabe Nabers '16** was named winner of the 2019 Don Powell Award, and Punter **Tommy Martin '19** was named winner of the 2019 Walk-On Award.

Seminole Track athlete (jumps) **Hunter Napier '19** won the FSU Golden Torch Award for academics. Freshman **Ryan Fitzgerald '19** was a USAToday First team All-American kicker in high school who will suit up for the Seminoles for the first time in 2020. Lineman **Landon Dickerson '17** transferred to Alabama where he started 12 Games and won All-SEC honors.

Delta Lambda remains Florida State's largest fraternity, and has been for 20 years since our re-Founding in 2000. Among the many Pikes who deserve MUCH credit for Delta Lambda's current record of success are immediate past SMC **Wyatt Rancourt '16**, our current Chapter Advisors **John Peacock '01** and **Scottie Howell '06**; **Brent Sembler '78** (son, **Logan Sembler '08**), Chairman of Legends of Delta Lambda as well as Legends Board Member **Jimmy Keen '73** (son **Michael Keen '14**) and general contractor **Peter Ford '14**.

Also worthy of note, **Max Roix '18** is now the chapter's Internal Vice President, and his dad **Scott Roix '85** for more than a year now has assumed responsibility for assuring that Initiation Ceremonies follow the proper Ritual. SMC Wyatt Rancourt's father (and past SMC himself) **David Rancourt '84** was an omnipresent figure this year supporting the chapter leadership in every imaginable way. Legacy Dads Founder **Doug Russell '79** (son, **Tyler Russell '10**) advises the chapter on rush and was responsible for inspiring the Delta Lambda to pledge 40+ men in the summer, before fall rush even began.

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## Monthly Luncheon – University Center Club

**Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 12:00 noon.**

Pike alumni gather for lunch and fellowship on the first Wednesday of every month at the University Center Club at noon, hosted by Chapter Advisors **Scottie Howell '06** and **John Peacock '01**. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Luncheon begins at noon and will conclude by 1 pm.**

## Chapter & Alumni Calendar 2020

### **January 1, 2020 – NO LUNCHEON; New Year's Day**

January 1-9 rush registration: \$40 fee; University requirement (no comment here)

January 3 – resident halls open

January 6 -classes begin

January 12 – Mandatory seminar for all rushees: Noon-3:30, and 4:30 – 8 pm;

University requirement (again, no comment here)

January 14 and 15 - Fraternity Previews (5:30 – 10 pm)

January 20 – MLK Day – no classes

January 21-23 – Formal Rush 7-10 pm

### **February 5th, 2020 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon**

February 13 – FSU Baseball Leadoff Dinner

### **March 4 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon**

March 8 – FSU-imposed requirement that all pledges must be initiated by this date (once again, no comment from here]

March 16-20 – Spring break 2020

### **April 1 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon**

April 18 – Spring Garnet & Gold Game

April 24 – Last day of classes

April 27- May 1 – Finals week

### **May 6 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon**

### **California-based Venture Capital Firm Founded by Two Delta Lambda Pikes**

Corporate partners, and Co-Founders of **Type One Ventures** [www.typeone.vc](http://www.typeone.vc), Tarek and Justin flew from their headquarters in San Francisco to Tallahassee this fall to meet with **Doug Tatum '77** to discuss growth strategy for their company. Tatum is FSU's official 'Entrepreneur -in-Residence' at the Jim Moran Institute of Entrepreneurship, the nation's first stand-alone college of entrepreneurship at a public university.

"Justin Walker and I are running an early stage venture capital fund out here in San Francisco. Our portfolio companies are always looking to hire and we've noticed that FSU is underrepresented in the tech ecosystem out here on the west coast. So, we're working on building a bridge between the business school and this venture ecosystem. We'd like to also like to build a similar bridge with our Fraternity that can help the Delta Lambda guys with internships, experience, exposure, and even jobs after graduation.

While on campus, SMC **Wyatt Rancourt '16** and **Max Roix '18** arranged for Justin and Tarek to meet with a dozen undergraduate Pike Brothers, all enthusiastic budding entrepreneurs. Florida State, and especially Pi Kappa Alpha, seems to produce an inordinately high number of successful young entrepreneurs.

Both men are active and loyal Delta Lambdas. Justin was Tarek's Pike Big Brother. Type One Ventures boasts close to \$1 billion in assets and is aggressively seeking growth. A pleasant surprise on the company's website is the name of **Dr. Avi Assidon '09**, listed as Healthcare Advisor to the company. Avi, of course was a contemporary of theirs in the chapter. He served FSU as Student Body President, and is now a general surgery resident in Palo Alto.

**RugSmart, Inc.** Co-Founders, **Stephen Cumbest '86** (left, with son **Cole '19**) and **Chris Saliga '86** (right). Stephen Cumbest and Chris Saliga started selling rugs in Atlanta in 1993. As their knowledge of the business grew, so did their inventory, which led to the opening of the store on "Furniture Row" in Norcross, Georgia. RugSmart has quickly become a leader in online area rug retailing, and in the metro Atlanta area, rug shoppers have known RugSmart as the source for affordable, quality rugs for years.

## Pike and Tri-Delt matched for Homecoming, 1984

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**“Here’s to the months that turned into years, and to the friends who turned into family.”**

**Bill Barie '79** (kneeling in front), Tom & Sandra **Trotta '81**, Dan & Michelle **Cone '81**, and Gini & Trent **Mallory '81**. For originals see Lil Sister Facebook page [Little Sister Social](#). Thanks to Little Sister Gini Mallory.

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**Serge Osaulenko '01** is Co-Founder of Luxury Beach & Realty, focusing on the Saint Petersburg, Florida, metro area. He markets residential property including single-family homes, condominiums, apartments, and other types of living spaces concentrated near the beach and waterfront.

Serge says, “My fraternity brother **Clark Rahman '12** and his wife Lexi closed on their first home today!!! This is quite special because these are the type of things you don’t think about when you’re joining a fraternity; you’re not thinking 15 years out, you’re thinking about the social next Wednesday night. You can’t possibly imagine that you would be there to help your fellow Brother take the next step in life. Although Clark and I joined Pike years apart at FSU, through the Fraternity we created and have maintained the special Delta Lambda bond of Brotherhood.

Clark served as SMC and IFC President, and was 1st Runner-up FSU Homecoming Chief in 2016. His brothers **Craig '12** and **Curtis '15** are also Delta Lambda alumni.

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## Comments from Brothers

Just before Christmas, two separate Memorial Gifts of \$1,000 each to The Old Guard were received to honor the memories of **James Bobby (J. Bob) Humphries '66** and **Craig Steven Kavka '66**. They are mourned, and their memories cherished by their friends and Brothers from long ago.

**Craig Kavka '66** died at age 29 in a tragic house fire in 1976, at his home in Surf City, New Jersey. He owned and operated Craig Realty Company in West Creek. His obituary noted that he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, as well as the local Lions Club; Craig was a member of The Elks, and was a communicant in South Plainfield of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

**J. Bob Humphries '66** passed away in 2005 at the age of 58, from Lou Gehrig’s Disease. He left behind his beloved wife Barbara and three daughters. His obituary noted that “he valued his brotherhood in the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.” Bob served in the Judge Advocate General Corps overseas during the Vietnam War; he later made his mark as a prominent business and community leader in Tampa. On October 20, 2001, the Florida Bar awarded Bob the Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year.

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Also this December, The Old Guard of Delta Lambda received additional, generous gifts from loyal alumni.

Past SMC **Bobby Jones '72** contributed \$1,000 to maintain his membership in the Bent Sembler Society.

The father-son duo of **Wade Wilcox '86** and **Griffin Wilcox '15** are Old Guard contributors; Wade renewing his commitment, and Griffin joining for the first time in the new year.

Other Brothers renewing their contributions to the Old Guard this December included **Chris Pepin '01, Bill Gregory '77, Jay Campbell '87** and **Jeff Epley '98** (Nebraska-Kearney). Delta Lambda is deeply grateful for your support.

Congratulations to **Clint Trickett '10**, just named QB Coach and Offensive Coordinator at FAU...Clint's brother **Chance Trickett '08** is an NFL scout for the Los Angeles Rams...

Big honor received for **Ken Marks '80**, for whom the Pike house foyer is named. Ken was honored at the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show as the TIME Dealer of the Year (yes, like TIME the magazine). We'll find a picture and have more details in the February newsletter.

The response was unexpected, but very well received. As you can imagine, a number of alumni sent Christmas and Chanukah threads to their Brothers from chapter days. But what was unexpected was the response to the photos in the December Delta Lambda Newsletter! Since the newsletter was published, we have received dozens of Christmas pictures, all to be published next year for the 2020 edition. Many are of Pike families, some are just Pike pets, but they all follow the same glorious theme. Lots of warm, fraternal feelings this time of year.

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The annual contribution to be a member of the Old Guard is only \$100. Funds are allocated at the direction of a Board chaired by Jack McMullen '64 and Doug Russell '79. The Old Guard account is located at BB&T in Tallahassee.

Please use this link to contribute:

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Or, if you feel more comfortable sending a check, please make it to The Old Guard of Delta Lambda, and send to

Charlie Barnes / 1490 Saint Charles Place / Tallahassee,  
FL 32308



## Old Guard of Delta Lambda (January 1, 2020)

## The Annual Giving Outreach of Delta Lambda Alumni

### THE OLD GUARD

#### Brothers making Annual Gifts of \$100 or more

Dan Akre '83 2016, 2017  
 Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Joe Beasley '83 2018, 2019  
 Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 [Alpha Pi, Samford University] (son Jeff Bowden '80;  
 grandson Michael Madden '14) 2016, 2017  
 Eric Carr '01 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018, 2019  
 Chuck Cottrell '80 2019  
 Dustin Daniels '10 2016  
 Phil Doumar '09 2017  
 Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018  
 Jim Finch '81 2017  
 Jim Floyd '76 2018, 2019  
 Paul Gerding '65 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022  
 Glenn Grant '82 2017  
 Connor Gray '11 2018  
 Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hall '15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,  
 2020  
 Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017, 2019  
 Scotty Howell '06 (brother Seth Howell '84) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Bruce Johnson '81 2017  
 Jay Johnson '83 2016 \*Joined the Sembler Society in 2018  
 David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Carlos Lindo '05 2016  
 David Lyons '65 2018, 2019  
 Harvey Mackler '72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018, 2019  
 Trent Mallory '81 2017  
 Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve Markowski '13 and Brandon Markowski '16 ; brothers  
 Craig Markowski '79 and David Markowski '79) 2016  
 Roy McDonald 2018  
 Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

J.L. Milton '62 2018, 2019  
 Jim Montano '64 2019  
 Jeff Moore '81 2018  
 Kyle Mowitz '01 2017  
 Alex Mullineaux '01 2019  
 Eli Nortelus '01 2018  
 Marco Novak '01 2016  
 Harry Orwig '66 2018  
 Serge Osaulenko '01 2017  
 Joel Padgett '71 2016, 2019  
 Jim Parsons '81 2017  
 John Peacock '01 2018, 2019  
 Chris Pepin '01 2018, 2019  
 Khoung Phan '01 2019  
 Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019  
 David Ponder '80 2017  
 Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019  
 Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019  
 Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017  
 Peter Singhal '15 2019  
 Kevin Stokes '13 2018, 2019  
 Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner)  
 John Stoner '64 2018  
 Tom Trotta '81 (son Eric Trotta '09 initiated at University of Florida) 2018, 2019  
 Tarek Waked '09 2019  
 Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Griffin Wilcox '15 (dad, Wade Wilcox '86) 2020  
 Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020  
 Rob Williamson '87 2018  
 Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

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### **THE SEMBLER SOCIETY**

#### **Brothers have made at least one gift of \$1,000 or more**

[John Baker An anonymous donor has made a memorial gift to the Sembler Society in the John's name]

Charlie Bradley '81 is a September 2019 addition to the Sembler Society

Sean Carbonell '86

[Craig Kavka '66 – Memorial Gift made in Craig's name, 2019]

Chuck Cottrell '80 \*January, 2019: Chuck Cottrell made an additional gift of \$1,000 to be used in the best interests of the Chapter. Thank you Chuck for your generosity to Delta Lambda!

Jim Crews '78

Chris Dietz '87 (son Caleb Dietz '11)

Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son Steven Centeno '16)

Steve Goodloe '79 Memorial Gift; donor remains anonymous

Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Gutierrez '16)

David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)

[J. Bob Humphries '66 – Memorial Gift made in Bob's name, 2019]

Bruce Johnson '81

Jay B. Johnson '83

Bobby Jones '72

Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Sloan MacKarvich '01

Craig Mateer '86 (son Charles Merritt '16)

Noah C. McKinnon '65

Rich Newsome '83

David Rancourt '84 (son Wyatt Rancourt '16)

Matt Raulerson '83 (son Zach Raulerson '17)

Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18  
 Doug Russell '79 (son Tyler Russell '10)  
 Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)  
 Brent W. Sembler '78 (son Logan Sembler '09)  
 Tim Sheridan '79 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother Ted Sheridan)  
 Rich Wall '66  
 Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

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## 2020 Chapter Leadership (updated January, 2020)

### **Executive Committee**

SMC (President): Jacob Middleton '18  
 Internal Vice President: Max Roix '18 (father, Scott Roix '85)  
 External Vice President: Jake Iacovella '19  
 Vice president of membership Development: Sebastian Vallone '17  
 Excellence Officer: Kyle McLaren '19  
 Secretary: William Galvano '17  
 Rush Chairman: Luke Vari '19  
 Treasurer: Kyle Finnie '17  
 House Manager: Garrett Sargeant '17 (father Harry Sargeant III '78; brother Harry Sargeant IV '02)  
 Risk Management: Jack Williams '19  
 Title IX Chairman: Tyler Gilroy '19  
 Member at Large: Cory Kuchta '17  
 Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Austin Guarino '19

IFC Representative: TBD  
 Pledge Educator: TBD  
 Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD  
 Social Chairman: TBD  
 Alumni Liaison: TBD  
 Pikes Illustrated Editor 2020: TBD

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## 2020 Alumni Advisory Board (December, 2019)

**Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01**

**Chapter Advisor: Scottie Howell '06**

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman  
 Legends Board member & General Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73  
 Legends General Contractor Peter Ford '14  
 Rush Advisors: Doug Russell '79 and Charlie Barnes '65  
 Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70 and Doug Tatum '77  
 Finance Advisor and Advisor to Treasurer and Secretary: Eli Nortelus '01  
 Risk Management: Clint Wallace '01, Carlos Lindo '05  
 Pledge Education Advisor: John Peacock '01 an Eli nortelus '01  
 Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87  
 Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78  
 Alumni Association Committee, Chairman Eric Carr '01  
 Advisor on Conduct of the Ritual: Scott Roix '85  
 Newsletter Publisher and Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87  
 Newsletter Editors: Charlie Barnes '65, Tim Sheridan '79  
 Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD  
 Chaplaincy Advisor: John Peacock '01, Chairman; Rev. Rick Blythe '72

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Ed Barnes '71 National Chapter Advisor of the Year 2005  
 Chapter Advisor Emeritus Joe Fehelley '81 (son Sean Fehelley '14)



Chapter Advisor Emeritus Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)  
Chapter Advisor Emeritus Doug Russell '78 (son Tyler Russell '10)

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**These six alumni organizations exist to support Pi Kappa Alpha at Florida State**

***The Legends of Delta Lambda.*** *Legends* owns the Chapter House. Brent Sembler '78, Chairman. Jimmy Keen '73, Legends Oversight and House Management. Capital gifts may also be made directly to the Legends of Delta Lambda. [Brent Sembler](#)

***The Delta Lambda Chapter Advisory Board.*** Chapter Advisors John Peacock '01 and Scottie Howell '06 Chair the Advisory Board. FSU Pikes Chapter Advisor ([chapteradvisor@fsupikes.net](mailto:chapteradvisor@fsupikes.net))

***The Delta Lambda Alumni Association.*** Eric Carr '01, President.

***The Old Guard of Delta Lambda.*** The Old Guard is the alumni annual fund. Jack McMullen '64 is Chairman of the Old Guard oversight board.

***The Legacy Dads of Delta Lambda.*** Doug Russell '78, Founder and President.

***The Delta Lambda Communications Team.*** The Delta Lambda Website and the Delta Lambda Monthly Newsletter are productions of Dietz Consulting, Inc. Chris Dietz '87, owner. The monthly newsletter is Edited by Charlie Barnes '65, and Tim Sheridan '79. Len Tucker (and Jean) Tucker '70 provides the chapter with its annual composite. The Team also consults with the Chapter on the annual production of Pikes Illustrated

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