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FOUNDERS DAY COMES HOME

Tennessee Delta packs the Chapter House after 15 years

For the first time in more than 15 years, the annual Phi Kappa Psi Founders Day Banquet took place at the Chapter House. The room, sometimes known as the Living Room and sometimes as the Chapter Room, was filled. About 50 of the 70 student members were in attendance, a solid number, given that Vanderbilt has instituted a spring semester abroad for juniors, which many actives took advantage of.

Tennessee Delta and the alumni attracted the fourth Phi Psi National President in the last ten years to serve as the Guest Speaker. Former SWGP Bob Marchesani (also former president of the North American Interfraternity Conference, the UN of fraternities) focused on the broader world of Phi Psi beyond individual chapters, a message of great importance to new members who have not yet had the opportunity to interact with the red and green world outside their own chapter.

It was especially gratifying to have several alumni from other chapters who have moved to Middle Tennessee in attendance at the celebration. The House Corporation's efforts to make Founders Day appealing to non-Tennessee Deltans have begun to pay off. We want all Phi Psi's to feel welcomed at Tennessee Delta.



NEWS FROM VANDY PHI PSI

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
125 YEARS OF TENNESSEE DELTA

From Cocktails to a Campus Tour to the New Digital Museum, Tell Us What You Want to See!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

An announcement of great importance!

This school year, 2026-2027, will mark the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of Tennessee Delta at Vanderbilt University!

Your House Corporation has already started making plans for this once-in-a-lifetime occasion!

DATE: We are considering a weekend in April, 2027, so as not to conflict with all of the activities for the many class reunions at Homecoming.

THE GATHERING: We want to draw as many alums (and families) as we can to enjoy this celebration. What an opportunity to get together with pledge and chapter brothers you have not seen for how long!

THE ACTIVITIES: Primarily casual social events where the attendees can meet, reunite, swap stories (true or not) and just generally have an unmatched time re-connecting.

IDEAS for ACTIVITIES:

- Casual cocktail gatherings. Designed for interaction within classes and eras, as well as with all alums of all ages, and the undergrads.
- Casual meals.
- Fancy Banquet, with Chancellor Diermeier invited to speak.
- Tour of the Chapter House - After two major renovations in the last 16 years, many alums have not seen the redone building. This will be the chance to see it!
- Tour of the Vanderbilt Campus. (You will not believe how it has changed; no Towers; no freshman quad; no Branscomb. Wow, but what is there now!)
- Vandy Baseball Game, if the schedule permits.
- Tour of Nashville. And you won't believe how it has changed! Music City is booming. Downtown and Broadway are outstanding. An enormous, truly national destination.
- Unveiling of the **TENNESSEE DELTA DIGITAL MUSEUM**, accessing 125 years of history!

These are just some ideas at this point.

We need your input and preferences!

What dates would you prefer?

What activities would appeal to you the most? The least?

We need volunteers to help put this on! Can you help??

Send your preferences and willingness to help to:

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NEWS FROM VANDY PHI PSI

MEET MILES KEEFFE

Initiated Spring 2024

What made you want to join Phi Psi?

I wanted to join Phi Psi because of the community and people it provided. Vanderbilt is an amazing place with plenty of amazing fraternities, clubs, and organizations for students to join. I felt that the folks I knew in Phi Psi would create the most memorable college experience for me. I was thrilled that the fraternity understood my athletic commitments and supported me in those endeavors.



What has been your favorite Phi Psi memory so far?

My favorite Phi Psi memory so far was probably the Vanderbilt Football victory over Virginia Tech last year. There is always incredible excitement at the beginning of the year on campus, but spending that day with my friends was an amazing experience.

In my opinion, that was when the Vanderbilt football program really gained the momentum that has led them to establish themselves as a national powerhouse this year. Experiencing the ups and downs of that game in the stands with my Phi Psi brothers is a great moment to reflect on from my time at Vanderbilt.

How has being in Phi Psi shaped your college experience so far?

Being in Phi Psi has greatly impacted my college experience. I have made some of my best friends and have also gotten to know folks I might not have crossed paths with otherwise. Building those relationships with folks I might not have known is something I enjoy not only about Phi Psi but also about all organizations and clubs on campus.

What do you hope alumni know about the current chapter experience?

I hope that alumni know that while the current chapter experience is very new, we are creating a welcoming environment that can help new Vanderbilt students achieve and experience whatever they want during their time here. We have people from all different backgrounds, and it has been an incredibly inclusive environment for me. We are continuing to grow and expand, and we will continue to try to uphold the standard we have developed over the past few years.

Are there any goals you hope to accomplish before graduating?

I do not have any specific goals I hope to accomplish before graduating. I hope that the basketball team makes another NCAA tournament and finds some success in the big dance, but I will spend my final months in Nashville cherishing the relationships I have built during my time.



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Support TN Delta's Future

Gifts to the TN Delta Chapter Flowers Fund can be made by check, credit card and/or appreciated securities. These gifts are 100% tax deductible through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation.

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CHAPTER HEALTH



93

CURRENT
UNDERGRADS

1213

LIVING
ALUMNI

17

CURRENT NEW
MEMBERS

3.81

SPRING '26
CHAPTER GPA2026
DONOR LIST

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported TN Delta through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation so far in 2026.

Morris L. Cranor '61
Larry E. Matthews '65
Bernard Fensterwald III '70
J. French Hill '76
David Matthew Werle '87
Gavin M. Diaz '24

FUND
BALANCES

As of September 1, 2026



Tennessee Delta H. Fort Flowers
Educational & Leadership Fund

Net Asset: \$4,938,021.13
Available Asset: \$164,138.52

ACHIEVING
THE GRADE

Championing academic excellence is central to the mission of the Fort Flowers Educational & Leadership Fund and the Phi Psi Foundation — and this semester, Tennessee Delta gave us plenty to celebrate. TN Deltans posted an average GPA of 3.819 for Spring 2026, ranking #1 among IFC fraternities for the third consecutive semester, #4 among all Greek organizations, and #6 for new members.

The following students earned a **4.0 GPA in the Fall 2025 Semester and received a \$500 or \$1,000 scholarship** from the Fort Flowers Educational & Leadership Fund, for a total of \$18,000 in scholarships:

Nicholas Burns '24
Kyle Chambers '24
Eron Chen '24
Taylor M. Cho '24
Gavin M. Diaz '24
Louis Gorman '24
Michael Griff '24
Kevin Grunzweig '24
Jackson Heis '25
Miles V. Keeffe '24
Campbell Klein '25
Charles Knoll '24
Harrison Lane '25
Hunter Lane '25 (\$1,000)
Samir M. Mansouri '24
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Coleson Messer '24
Andrew J. Nessel '25
Julian T. Nielsen '25
Finn S. O'Brien '24
James R. O'Connor '25 (\$1,000)
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NEWS FROM VANDY PHI PSI

FRENCH HILL '76

Newest Winner of the National Leadership Award



Since 1998, the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation's National Leadership Award has recognized brothers for notable professional achievements, philanthropic contributions, or an enduring impact on the Fraternity, presented each year at the closing Awards Banquet at GAC. This year, we're proud to add Congressman French Hill to that list.

French's story is one of steady, quiet service. A ninth-generation Arkansan, he could have built a comfortable career in banking and stopped there. Instead, he kept choosing rooms where he could do the most good.

What makes French's story worth telling isn't just what he's accomplished. Because each step wasn't about climbing higher. It was about being useful, wherever he landed. That's the kind of leadership Phi Kappa Psi hopes every brother carries forward, whether their name ends up on a committee door or not.

Join us in congratulating Congressman French Hill on this well-deserved recognition, and in celebrating him alongside this year's other National Leadership Award recipients at the 82nd Grand Arch Council in Scottsdale.



**SCAN TO WATCH OUR
VIDEO ON FRENCH'S
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**





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Save the Date **HOMEcoming!**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026
TN Delta Open House | 2 - 5 PM

Vanderbilt Chapter House
2400 E Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240

If you will be in town for Vanderbilt Reunion Weekend (October 15-18, 2026), we hope you will stop by the chapter house. It should be a great weekend on campus, as the Vanderbilt Commodores will take on the Arkansas Razorbacks on Saturday.



For more details scan the QR code
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