

The Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of Virginia

The Beta Chi Chronicle

Spring 2018 Edition



About Beta Chi

Originally founded on September 23, 1950, and active until 1962, the Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi was re-founded at the University of Virginia on April 23, 2005. The original chapter supplied the first President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Northeast District in 1958 and hosted the first annual District Convention that same year. Today, Beta Chi provides support for the Cavalier Marching Band and other ensembles in the Charlottesville community. The oldest active chapter in the Southern Precinct, Beta Chi has welcomed over 250 well-qualified musicians into the Brotherhood of Kappa Kappa Psi.

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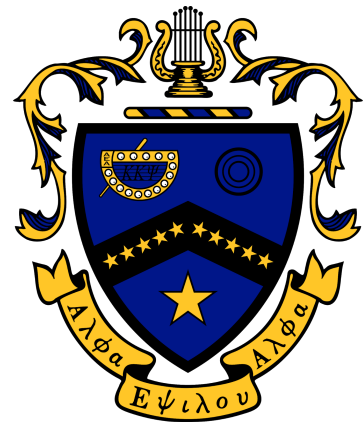
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Beta Chi Mission Statement:

Kappa Kappa Psi is a fraternal organization that promotes the advancement of college and university bands through dedicated service and support to bands, comprehensive education, leadership opportunities, and recognition, for the benefit of its members and society.



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What were the Brothers up to this semester???



Above: (left) Brothers celebrate the end of the semester at the MC Social Event, (middle) Brother Rogers runs for a dodgeball during rush, (right) Brother Davis shows off his "football" skills, **Middle:** (left) Brothers Coates and Brownhill share a lovely GBig and GLittle bonding moment, (right) a group of brothers and MC's go Ice Skating on the Downtown Mall.



Free Ice Cream + Brotherhood



Bottom: (left) Brothers Hostetter, Evanko, Chan, Flores, and Olson travel to Ben & Jerry's for free cone day, (middle) Brothers Tschinkel and Payne share an embrace at the annual Band Banquet, (right) Brothers Olson, Glowacki, and Flores run the 5th Annual UVA Army ROTC RJ Hess Memorial 5k Run & Walk.



Top: (left) Brother Vanlandingham shows off one of the candy jars from the Valentine's Day fundraiser, (middle) Brothers Kingsley and Ferraro prepare to welcome the AD class of the Beta Chi Chapter, (right) Alumni visit during 3rd degree. **Middle:** (left) Brothers Lynch, Ross, and Clark pose fiercely during 1st degree, (middle) Brothers Payne and Guarriello capture a selfie on Brother Chan's phone, (right) Brothers Rauch, Chan, Ahn, Tschinkel and Sharpe have some family bonding by hiking the Monticello Trail. **Bottom:** (middle) Brothers Sharpe and She hold the Travelocity gnome during the UVA vs. VT Gameday Show, (right) Brothers Vanlandingham, French, and Ferraro make the KKPsi sign with their bodies.

Brothers and Friends of Beta Chi,

I believe I speak for all of us when I say it has been quite the semester. The Beta Chi chapter continued to serve the band and music community in a multitude of ways including making crafts with children at the Clark Afterschool Program, tearing down and setting up JPJ for basketball games, educating others about music through KidVention, and ushering for the music department. Brothers also attended many social events such as our first KK Camping trip, weekly KKPsike games, and the classic KKPsi dates (which were expanded to include the Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma)! We were even asked to participate in the Day of Smiles, where we handed out free ice-pops and playlists to the students of UVA.

While service and social events were a huge success, our fundraising efforts are not to be forgotten. With the help from fundraising in previous semesters and also crafting and selling Valentines Day mason jars and organizing Chipotle Fundraisers, we were able to make a donation to a local music program. The Brothers of Beta Chi donated over \$2,500 to the Jack Jouett Middle School band program to fund new instruments for the students who cannot afford them. This is a tremendous act for Beta Chi, and I hope that these acts of charity can continue to come from our chapter in the future.

This semester we also welcomed into the Alpha Delta class into the Brotherhood. I truly cannot wait to see what they can contribute to this chapter in the next year, and I can already tell that their attitude towards service will really push the chapter into a positive direction.

Finally, as a chapter we will soon begin setting goals and generating new ideas for the next semester. I am so excited to see how we can grow as a chapter this next year, and I am positive our passion for music and service will really shine through. I hope all Brothers, alumni, and friends have a wonderful summer and don't forget to take advantage of your free time to reconnect and relax. Keep on KKPsaying, and see you soon at band camp!

AEA,
Savannah Rae Olson
President, Beta Chi

Everything Went

Catherine Weathered, Alpha Alpha Class

This semester, I had the pleasure of pit directing for First Year Players' "Anything Goes," a jazzy 1930's Broadway musical. Not only did I have a lot of fun conducting some pretty wild dance breaks and following the cast on more lyrical songs, I also got to work closely with several brothers through both the pit and Artistic Staff.

Brothers Nick Ferraro, Andrew Lynch, Ryan Berman and (now Brother) John McHale were all key members of the pit, with Nick, John and Ryan playing reed parts and Andrew killing it on auxiliary percussion. Brother Daniel Kingsley also worked closely with me and the pit as a choreographer, designing awesome dances for the cast to perform during incredibly long dance breaks.

Andrew not only played auxiliary percussion (which I didn't even know he played until this semester), he also was an exemplary teacher, showing a younger member of the pit how to play each instrument. Andrew also took extra time to rearrange some of the music to help the show flow better.

Nick was a godsend, having played the show before. He let me know what could be done to simplify some of the music for everyone and lead many of the more complicated musical lines from clarinet. John and Ryan were right there too and provided much of the comic relief to the pit (ask John for his rendition of "Sevilla in Me," or Ryan for his groupme memes).

Overall, this was an incredible semester and one of my favorite pits to be in. I loved, for the first time, being able to share my love of FYP and the music they make with brothers. I also got significantly more time to bond with brothers than I would have otherwise (pit has a tendency to take over your life, in the best way possible). Overall, I just want to thank these brothers for helping make this experience so magical and encourage any other brothers to look into doing pit in future semesters (next semester is "Into the Woods!"). What an incredible

way to foster loyalty and leadership, enhance the spirit of brotherhood (it'll always be "ship" to me, and that makes it an Anything Goes pun) and participate in truly the greatest of the arts.



The 2018 FYP Pit of Anything Goes, including Brothers Weathered, Ferraro, Lynch, McHale, and Berman.

KKGlamping in the Frozen Tundra

Matthew Evanko, Alpha Delta Class

We may have been an hour late, changed locations twice, and illegally driven up a hill, but by 5 pm Beta Chi's KKCamping trip was well underway. With two tents set up on a giant field all to ourselves, myself and 7 of my future brothers were bundled up against the cold weather we knew was coming. As the sun went down, we started our fire, using an obscene amount of dryer lint and railroad sticks courtesy of Lauren. We were warm, and soon cooked our aluminum foil dinners, heavily charred but delicious packets of peppers, chicken, and other assorted goodies.

Two hours and some later, and we had a group of 10 brothers and future brothers crowding around a fire in the dark, burning marshmallows, Doritos, and anything else we could get our hands on. Vines references were being tossed around, and then someone had a new great idea: never have I ever. Lots of things were said, some of which I'll probably never be able to forget, but we were definitely bonding.

Next someone suggested a different game: star tripping. One by one, we were put in the middle of a circle and spun, looking at the stars, until someone would shine a flashlight in our eyes and we would fall over (some people may have fallen over before the light, but this isn't a roast and no names will be named). All a little bit more dirty and dizzy, we retreated back to the campfire as we watched it slowly die out. We extinguished the last of the embers, and by then we knew we were in trouble.

With no fire, we realized how ding durn freezing it was going to be. Our initial plan of two tents with five each was immediately scrapped, and we piled into the slightly bigger tent to #KKCuddle. People piled on layers, Caleb was wearing his beautiful unicorn onesie, and there were limbs everywhere. I don't think any of us can adequately describe how cold it was in that tent. I'm honestly not sure how many hours passed, if I had fallen asleep, or maybe even just started hibernating, but in the middle of the night I knew I needed to get out. I retreated to my car, only to find that Catherine had the same idea already (smartest line?). I blasted some

Disney music while my body convulsed to try and warm itself up. At some point I fell asleep, to wake up to the questioning faces of Savannah and Stephanie looking into my window, offering bagels and to go the heck home where I could be warm in my bed.



Top: (left) Brother Flores smiling regardless of the cold. (right) Brother Evanko drinks a nice cold beverage while enjoying the natural environment. **Bottom:** Group photo time, including the wonderful photographer, Brother Ahn.

Bougie Picnic, A Smashing Success

Julia Payne, Alpha Beta Class

I remember the day social daddy extraordinaire, STEPH FLO, sent us the email about the once in a lifetime opportunity for a “bougie picnic.” Actually, that’s a lie, I probably marked the email as read without actually reading it. But then I heard there was food involved. So naturally I went back to fill out the interest poll and was greeted with a tasteful “wanna picnic? alpaca lunch” gif. Third degree came at the earliest part of dawn and in between remembering pins and sunglasses, few people remember to eat breakfast (the most important meal of the day). Which means that a late afternoon picnic is the perfect time to munch on some food while blissfully ignoring the tsunami-like onslaught of papers and exams we call “finals.”

April 22 was a beautiful day and there was no way I could be convinced to hide away in the depths of Alderman stacks. So I ambled my way across the lawn to garden VIII (which fun facts by social daddy- apparently you can reserve) to participate in the bougiest of picnics. I strolled up to a gorgeous looking Mediterranean spread of gyros and falafel (compliments of Zoe’s Kitchen) and oh my goodness there were cookies. We immediately broke into the food, and as we all know, the scientifically-proven easiest way to motivate college students to do anything is to provide them with food, so there was a good crowd of bros there.

We basked in the sunlight, and eventually someone brought out a few Frisbees and a football. We started tossing these around in a lovely disorganized confusion circle that involved a lot of accidentally throwing the Frisbees over those lovely serpentine walls. I incurred the only injury as a wayward Frisbee smacked me behind the ear by the lovely Becca Hostetter (I’m here to complain about it) but was honestly still probably the result of my total ineptitude at successfully catching any variety of aerial objects. I threw a football with that good spiral... about five feet :).

Beta Chi was out to enjoy the good old fashioned sports-balling that is meant to be done on a day as beautiful as this one. We also experienced the wonders of the KAN JAM game which is honestly one of the most ridiculous games invented I’ve ever experienced. S/o to Josh for

somehow mastering the art of slamming a Frisbee into a tiny plastic trash can, I'm genuinely impressed.

All in all, I would say that the Bougie Picnic™ was a 10/10 event. Good food, good weather, good friends, and great #brotherhood. I certainly enjoyed hanging out that day and I can't wait to be social with my bros again soon.



Top: (left) Brother Payne, the self-proclaimed sports goddess extraordinaire, (right) Brothers Evanko and Lazear discuss the intricate methodology of throwing a frisbee. **Bottom:** (left) Brother Rao poses for the camera, (right) Brother Renelt throws a football with the serpentine walls behind her.

A Local Donation- Our Work Matters

Sarah Vanlandingham, Alpha Beta Class

This semester was another whirlwind spring semester within the BX chapter, but different from the others because as a chapter we were able to make a difference in our community in a new way that previous years. I chose to be on finance committee this spring, unaware that I would be able to contribute to a decision that would allow us to become more involved in our local community. With John Brownhill at the helm, finance committee decided that it was time to use the large sum of money in our bank account to make a donation to a local band program and assist them in purchasing new instruments or music or in specific ways that they see fit. There was a lot of discussion and chapter input that went into the decision, but I think that every brother is proud to say that we were finally able to donate a sum of \$2,492 to Jack Jouett Middle School.

It was funny going into finance committee this spring because it was my first semester on this committee and I had no previous experience obviously. John talked extensively at the beginning of the semester about how Sam Seldowitz told Claire So and Claire So told John to do something worthwhile with the extra money we had sitting in the account, give it to something that would help make a difference and further our purpose of bringing music to new places in the community. We as a committee decided that we wanted to donate it to an underprivileged band program, which would allow them to possibly buy more instruments or music and generally help children in the community have greater access to making music. We definitely were looking at giving the funds to Greer Elementary or Jack Jouett, but after further discussion we decided that the funds would have the most impact at a middle school level because that is when middle school band starts and families can't afford to rent instruments or buy because they are very expensive. If the school could buy more instruments then more kids would have access to music in the classroom. We also thought about the areas of Charlottesville and where students in need were located, and after hearing that more than half

of students at Jack Jouett were on free or reduced lunch, we decided that that program would be most deserving of new instruments or materials to further their mission and program.

After we decided on Jack Jouett, John got in contact with the band director, Ms. Janelle Ellis, to share with her our intention of donating a sum of money to her program. One hesitation we had and the chapter had was that we didn't just want to issue them a blank check. We wanted to know that the money would be used to further the program and not just go into the PTA budget or something like that. We requested that Ms. Ellis write out an itemized list that would be covered by the donation. John then met with Ms. Ellis again and the principal of the school to finalize the donation. We ended up donating \$2492, which covered the full cost of a new baritone, trombone, clarinet, and suspended cymbal and mallet. I know that Ms. Ellis and the principal we're thankful for our donation and interest in their program.

As an active brother on finance committee, it feels really good to say that we were able to use that sum in our bank account for something worthwhile. I think that all the brothers in BX are proud of our decision because we were able to finally do something worthwhile with that chunk of money that had been sitting in our bank account for at least five years. I'm personally looking forward to a great fourth year with BX and in the CMB because I know I'll be able to do even more to help the local Charlottesville community.

A New Fundraising Opportunity

Matthew Coates, Alpha Gamma Class, Vice President of Finance

At the core of our fraternity is an unrelenting passion to strive for the highest in everything we do. We thrive on our ability to make a difference in the Cavalier Marching Band as well as in the Charlottesville community at large, as shown through our donation of over \$2,500 to the Jack Jouett Middle School Band Program. We do great work together, but our brotherhood requires the necessary funds to operate effectively and efficiently. As the Vice

President of Finance for the 2018-2019 year, I humbly ask for a few minutes of your time in order to keep Beta Chi financially stable and flexible, by signing up for the Amazon Smile rewards program.

Amazon Smile is a philanthropic system that is run through Amazon's online store, in which registered nonprofits (ourselves included) are eligible for a small percentage of each sale from those who enroll. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the sales of eligible products from anyone who registers our chapter as their designated charity to support. These eligible products are pretty much all the same ones from Amazon's regular marketplace, with the exception of subscription services and a few other select items. Amazon Smile is NOT different from your existing Amazon Prime account in any way, it is merely an add on that helps support a nonprofit, at no additional cost to you. This means it is an easy and free way to support our chapter. **The easiest way to link your Amazon account to Beta Chi's Smile Rewards is by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0237940>.** It is also extremely important to remember that we only receive revenue through purchases made on the Amazon Smile website, not regular the Amazon service. Again, this is no different from regular Amazon Prime, so I recommend bookmarking Amazon Smile after signing up, in order to always remember to use the rewards program.

This is a new opportunity for us, and I cannot predict with any degree of certainty what our revenue from it will be. However, we gain greater income the more people we have signed up, so the success of this venture is entirely dependent upon everyone enrolling. I encourage you to sign up, and spread the word to your families and friends in order for us to maximize profits. I would like to at least be able to have a little bit of extra money for our chapter from this fundraiser to ensure financial wellbeing for the upcoming year, as well as for future brothers in years to come. Thank you.

Beta Chi Welcomes the Alpha Delta Class!!!

A note from Lauren Jones, Alpha Delta Class:

When I first rushed KKPsi, I had no idea the intensity nor the depth of what I was getting involved in. It started out with simple, fun events like playing dodgeball or doing the round robins. I never realized the world it would open up, how many amazing people I would get to meet and the culture of true passion for music that I'd be thrown into, and I'm so, so glad I was lucky enough to discover them.

At first, I guess I was a little scared of the other Alpha Delta's because I only really know piccolos in the band, but after the camping trip I started to realize there were some really cool people in our class and maybe it was time I stopped being shy and actually got to know them. Between all the events and especially our various projects, I've gotten to become close with the other AD's and realize I'm not the only one passionate about band and the people in it. I've realized that, while the piccolos are still by far the coolest section, maybe there are a lot of other cool people in the band and honestly it's been inspiring getting to know them. Everyone is so focused and passionate and diligent, and I respect the heck out of everyone. It's so refreshing, coming from a high school band where I often felt as though I was the only one who truly cared, to find such a warm and welcoming environment of like-minded students who also want to help out the band.

I credit KKPsi for reviving my passion for marching band and music, and introducing me to this great new world. I'm so, so glad that I rushed and I wouldn't take it back in a heartbeat; I can't wait to see where KKPsi leads me next:)



2017-2018 Chapter Awards



John Brownhill
AEA Spirit Award



Abigail Chan
Rachael Beaton Academic Achievement Award



Daniel Kingsley
Woody Wingfield Musical Achievement Award



Caitlin McNamara
Ben DeForest Service Award



Liz Peratt-Cubstead
Deri Bush Big Brother Award



Daniel Tschinkel
Beta Chi Guy Award

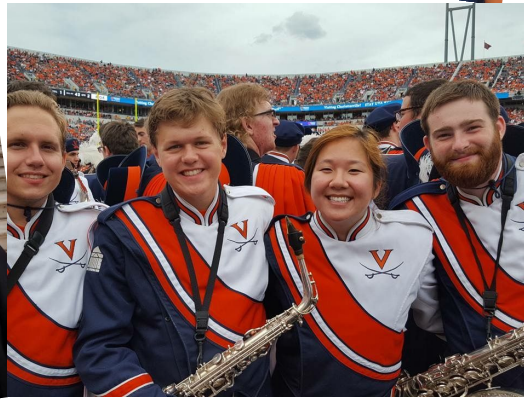


Katherine Faunce
KKPsi-TBS Rose Award

Departing Brothers

To the Class of 2018, from Macy's to the frigid Bowl Game, you have continued to lead and show the chapter what it means to strive for the highest. Thank you for all the laughter and memories that you have contributed to the Brotherhood. Congratulations on all your accomplishments and we wish you the bestest of luck in all your future endeavors!





- John Brownhill
- Abigail Chan
- Virginia Crabtree
- Nicholas Ferraro
- Stephanie Flores
- Daniel Kingsley
- Andrew Lynch
- Liz Peratt-Cubstead
- Ben Rogers
- Emily Streissguth
- Katey Summers
- Daniel Tschinkel
- Catherine Weathered