



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - September 2019

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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 **Wednesday, October 2nd** at the University Center Club. Come enjoy yarns and stories of chapter days, and hear an update from the undergrads of Delta Lambda 2019.



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Entrepreneur Superstars Honored

Doug Tatum '77, now Florida State's official Entrepreneur in Residence at the University's Jim Moran institute for Global Entrepreneurship, is creating exciting opportunities for FSU students and alumni. Together with his younger brother John Tatum '79, they created Tatum, LLC which was at one time the largest professional services firm in the U.S. They sold the company in 2010.

Beginning in 2018 and 2019, the Jim Moran Institute has established the 'Seminole 100'. FSU says the Seminole 100 "recognizes the 100 fastest-growing FSU alumni-owned businesses at a celebration on FSU's campus each year. [An annual event] honors FSU's entrepreneurs and allows them to share valuable business insights with each other. Honorees and their businesses will also receive increased publicity and visibility via national, local and industry media exposure."

The five honorees are:

Blake Carter '12

Sean Compton '03

Brett Lindquist '81

Jesse Vance '80

Dr. Gary Visser '01

Much thanks to Delta Lambda Alumni Association President Eric Carr '01 for his research on these Delta Lambda Brothers.

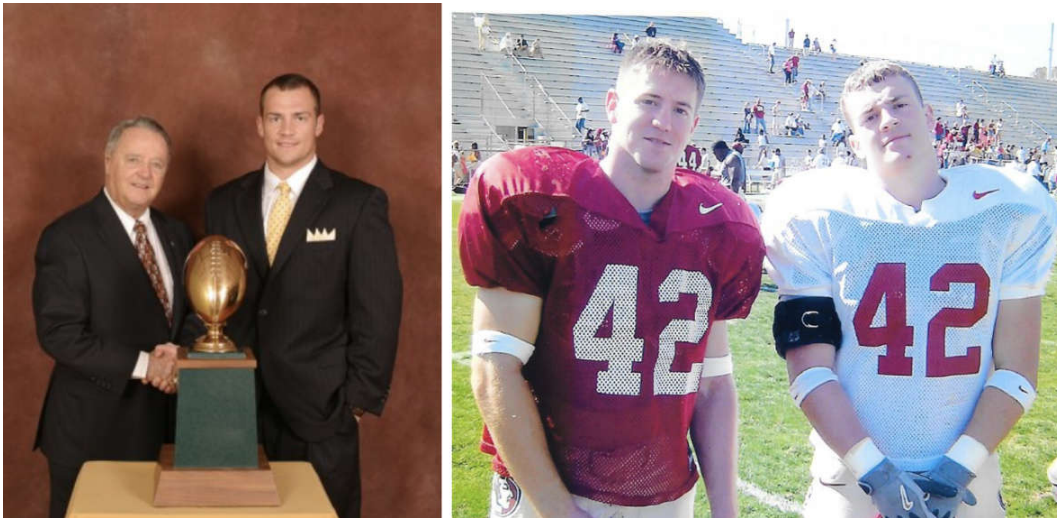
Pictured here are our first two Pike recipients for the 'Seminole 100' in 2018 included firms created and owned by **Jesse Vance '80** and **Brett Lindquist '81**.



ABOVE LEFT: Brett Lindquist '81 and his son Cole Lindquist '13. Brett captained the Seminole swim team, and Cole was an FSU Lacrosse star. Brett is Chairman-Elect of the College of Business Board of Governors. Company CEO Lindquist founded The Mortgage Company (financial services) in 1996 in Altamonte Springs. The "Seminole 100, 2018" cites Brett's company as having a 191.55% growth rate!

ABOVE RIGHT: Jesse Vance '80 and his wife Nancy and sons Josh Vance '04, Jake Vance '08, and Past SMC Joe Vance '11. Both Jesse and Josh played football for the Seminoles. Jesse is a member of the College of Criminology Hall of Fame. He is President of North American On-Site, LLC, a Duluth, Georgia-based international company that provides contract contingent employees and workforce management services to Fortune 1000 companies in the automotive, manufacturing, distribution, call center, recycling, and skill trade industry sectors. The "Seminoles 100, 2018" cites Jesse's company as having a 77.59% growth rate!

Next up...



Sean Compton '03 with Coach Bowden '49. Team-mates back in the day: Sean Compton '03 and current Delta Lambda Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01. They are wearing practice jerseys in the photo above, but linebacker Peacock wore #52 on game day and Seminole tight end Compton wore #38.

Eric Carr '01 says, "I just learned that, despite his revenue blowing away the requirements, Sean Compton '03 and his steel company are apparently not eligible for the Seminoles 100 in 2020 because the LLC was not officially formed until 46 days after their cut-off deadline. However, there's no doubt he's a shoe-in for 2021."

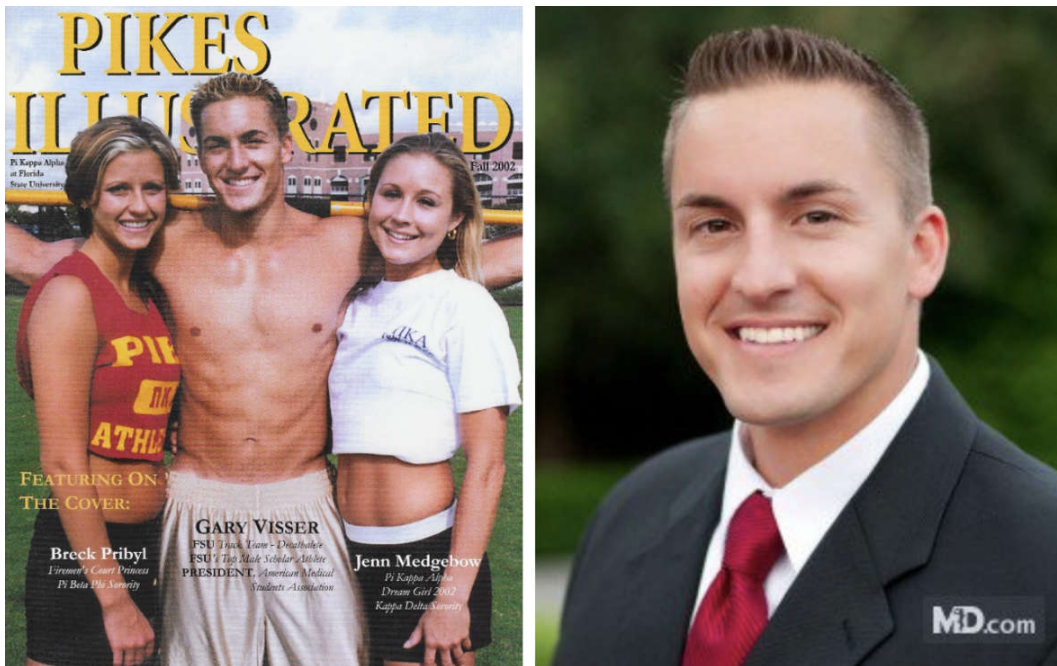
Sean is President and CEO of Southern Spear Ironworks, the steel company he founded.

From the Chattanooga Times-Free Press: "A Chattanooga company will travel this week to Antarctica to begin the first phase of what will likely be a seven-year-or-more project to rebuild the largest Antarctic station for the U.S. government to continue scientific research on the world's coldest continent, according to the company's founder and president Sean Compton. It will be the biggest project Southern Spear Ironworks LLC has undertaken.

In early August, Sean received a letter from the FSU Alumni Association that he has been named one of four 'Notable Noles' and will be recognized at a banquet on September 20. "Dear Sean:

On behalf of the Florida State University Alumni Association National Board of Directors, it is my great honor to write with the news that you have been selected as one of the Association's Notable Noles, a recognition program honoring young FSU alumni. A panel of our Young Alumni Council and National Board of Directors Awards Committee voted you into an elite group after reviewing many applications. Four of

your fellow alumni in Notable Noles will also be recognized as winners of the Reubin O'D. Askew Young Alumni Award and all of you will be jointly honored at a dinner on Friday, September 20 in Tallahassee at the Alumni Center Grand Ballroom.”
Read More about Sean Here



ABOVE LEFT: Dr Gary Visser '01 on the cover of Pikes Illustrated 2002 when he was FSU's Top Male Scholar-Athlete and Decathlon star, and President of the American Medical Students Association.

RIGHT: Dr Gary Visser today.

Eric Carr '01 says, "Yes; Gary is 'The Man'. We are all so proud of him. He has been one of our All-Stars ever since he joined in spring of 2000. Such an impressive guy."

Gary is Co-Founder and Co-Owner of PremierMED | Primary Care & Sports Medicine, based in Ocoee, Florida. The company he founded in 2012 has a 9% growth rate according to "The Seminole 100, 2019".

"As a group of passionate physicians and enthusiastic athletes, our team became perplexed by the tremendous gap between the experience and delivery of healthcare, particularly when it came to improving and preserving fitness and quality of life. PremierMED was created to fill that void, speaking directly to how we connect, live, work, play, and heal. Ultimately, we want to capture that which inspires all of us to push boundaries, become better versions of ourselves and enjoy life to the fullest. No matter what, our desire is to connect with you on a personal level and show you that we care."

Finishing our list of honorees is Blake Carter '12 ...

Blake Carter '12, Founder and CEO of Top Tier

Company website: [toptiermpe](http://toptiermpe.com)



Blake says, “Top Tier is a marketing, promotion, and event producing company founded by three FSU students in 2014. Top Tier has two sides, one which focuses on producing large scale events showcasing world class artists and another that brings students and big brands together through experiential marketing and brand ambassador programs...”

... In just five years, Top Tier has expanded to 14 cities and we now have a 300+ person team. Our clients include Bumble, Redbull, Monster Energy, Twenty, and many more.”

Blake Carter’s Tallahassee-based company Top Tier boasts an impressive growth rate of 75.24% according to the “Seminole 100, 2019”. Congratulations Blake!



Pikes Named Seminole Football Co-Captains for 2019

Congratulations to defensive tackle Marvin Wilson '18 and kicker Ricky Aguayo '16. Two of Florida State’s three Captains, voted on by their team peers, are Delta Lambda Pikes. Last year (2018-2019), both of the Baseball Co-Captains were Pikes and two of the three football Captains were Pikes.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 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**. Special guests include the Undergraduate Delta Lambda Chapter officers, who will report the latest on Chapter operations and achievements. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Luncheon begins at noon and will conclude by 1 pm.**

Chapter & Alumni Calendar 2019

September 16-19 – Fall Rush (official)

September 21 – home game vs Louisville (3:30 pm)

September 27 – Family Weekend (formerly Parents Weekend)

Home game vs. N.C. State

October 2 – Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon

October 26 – Homecoming (Delta Lambda is with ZTA)

Home game vs. Syracuse

November 2 – Home game vs. Miami

November 6 – Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon

November 16 – Home game vs. Alabama State

December 4 – Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon

December 6 – Last day of classes

December 13 – Semester ends

*We will not hold an Alumni/Chapter Leaders luncheon on Wednesday, January 1.

The first Luncheon of 2020 will be Wednesday, February 5.



Pike Alumni on the Seminole Booster Summer 2019 Cruise to Jerusalem and points east. Joe Fixel '68 (Tulane); Andy Miller '70; Mickey Fernandez '77; Mike Martin '06; Gene Deckerhoff '14; Doug Russell '79; David Gutting '83; Eric Carr '01.

House Renovations Completed in Time for Rush!



General contractor ****Peter Ford '14**** (left) and Legends Board member ****Jimmy Keen '73**** (right)

Past Chapter Advisor and current Legends Board member Jimmy Keen '73 was effusive in his praise for alumni involved in the long and arduous process of cleaning up after ruptured water pipes did hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage to the

Pike house last January. The entire first floor, east wing along with some other areas like the Firemen's Room and the janitor's closet had to be rebuilt.

After Keen and Peter Ford '14 discovered the damage in early January before the members returned, they set to work immediately, with approval of Legends Chairman Brent Sembler '78.

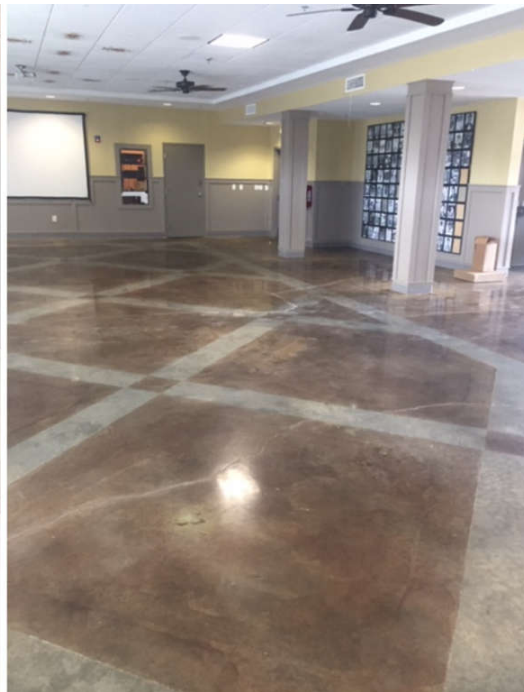
Keen says, "Current Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01 and I were able to contract with Heritage Grove to obtain 7 furnished apartments in one of the out-buildings. We also had seven storage pods delivered to the parking lot. Our other Chapter Advisor Scottie Howell '06 directed assignments of members to store their belongings in the pods and keep a log.

In addition to some public areas, there was also extensive damage to drywalls, appliances and personal effects in seven rooms affecting 14 Brothers.

It took a full month to remediate the mold and pass several inspections in order to obtain the necessary approvals.



Kitchen and Sembler Hall



Keen added, "You can see in the photo, the floor in Sembler Hall was acid stained again during this time. It is most important to note that Brother Brent Sembler '78 paid the total cost personally..."

"...This has been an extensive and stressful seven months project during which I have been well educated in water & mold extraction, demolition and reconstruction; and also, in dealing with insurance adjusters, liens, lenders and insurance. "



ABOVE: Ground floor, East wing

“... Finally, I want to stress that Sembler Company did a fantastic job taking charge to connect the dots involving me in a highly complicated process. Enormous kudos to Brent’s staff who had the patience to help me to help them from St. Pete to Tallahassee.”



Legacy Leadership: Delta Lambda Father/Son SMCs

Legacies are an important source of Delta Lambda’s strength. Left is current SMC Wyatt Rancourt ’16 with his father David Rancourt ’84 who served as SMC in 1987.

Right is past SMC Cade Carter '05, one of the first Brothers to be initiated in the new house, and his father Cadie Carter '79 who served as SMC in the early 1980s.

COMMENTS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM BROTHERS

Regarding the photo of the Bro-Fest in Tallahassee's College Town 51 on Madison in the August newsletter. Past SMC Chris Koch '01 wrote to point out that the Brother we wrongly identified as Matt Schulis '01 is actually Chris Chaney '01. Mea Culpa.

Wade Wilcox '86 wrote about organizing Bro-Fests in other cities, and he exchanged emails with Griff Siegel '78 and Gary Prescott '72, overseers of the Pike Alumni Facebook page.

Here is Wade's message:

"Good afternoon Brothers,

"Thanks for all the feedback. Will be sure to plug into the FB site. We had a mini Bro Fest few months back in Dallas with Jay Johnson '83, Pat Cicalese '83, and David Ponder '80. Dinner with Brad Williamson '84 as well.

"May get to see Mike Halfacre '85 in Atlantic City in a few weeks. Quite a few Atlanta brothers so would be nice to have an event here which ties into the larger Atlanta meeting every year.

"The Key West Weekend looked like a lot of fun. I believe Griff Siegel '78, Mike Miller '84, Jeff Hattem '81 and I are somewhat the founding members of very first Pikes Weekend down there. Albeit Holiday Isle / Islamorada. I have quite a few old pictures in the album."

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Wade

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Gary Prescott '72 responded to Wade Wilcox:

"As always, Griff Siegel '78 does a great job with describing the best way to communicate via the [Delta Lambda Facebook page](#). In addition to that page, the Tampa Bay Pike Alumni Group also has a FB page that announce their activities. That group meets monthly and we've hosted out of town Brothers that include Steve Walker '81, Joe Liguori '81, Scott Burrows '85 and others. Any Pike Brother from any chapter can join that FB page and also be included in the monthly email message. Just let me know of your interest.

"Keep sending your pictures via the DL page! It's great seeing you and son Griffin Wilcox '15 on your adventures."

We are continually gratified by the expressions of support for Delta Lambda, its undergraduates and alumni.

Ed Barnes '71 extended his Old Guard gift into the new year, and Bob Hall '49 also extended his old Guard membership into 2020. Also, "Night Owl" Alan Winslette '77

extended his Old Guard membership into 2019. The Winslette Firemen's Lounge is one of the rooms where the Chapter conducts its rushee interviews.

Atlanta's Charlie Bradley '81 sent a most generous gift in excess of the amount required for the Sembler Society. Charlie's letter is below.

In addition, an anonymous gift of the Sembler Society level has been made as a memorial to the late John Baker '83.

Letter from Charlie Bradley '81:

"How often do we get the opportunity to give back to an organization that gave so much? There has not been a day in passing that I have not realized how much of a positive influence my fellow Brothers and Fraternity had in molding my future and my success. Every month as I read the monthly newsletter I'm humbled by the articles and updates from my Brothers. Please accept my donation to become a member of the Sembler Society."

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Charlie

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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



Old Guard of Delta Lambda (September 2019)

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

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Joe Beasley '83 2018

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

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018

Chuck Cottrell '80 2019

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018

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

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 Sember 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
Eli Nortelus '01 2018
Marco Novak '01 2016
Harry Orwig '66 2018
Serge Osaulenko '01 2017
Joel Padgett '71 2016
Jim Parsons '81 2017
John Peacock '01 2018
Chris Pepin '01 2018
Khoungh Phan '01 2019
Jim Poe '66 2017
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
Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019
Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019
Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020
Rob Williamson '87 2018
Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

THE SEMBLER SOCIETY

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

John Baker '83 *Ad Astra. 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

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 Guterriez '16)
David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)
Bruce Johnson '81
Jay B. Johnson '83
Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)
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 '83)
Rich Wall '66
Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

2019 Chapter Leadership (updated March, 2019)

SMC (President): Wyatt Rancourt '16 (father David Rancourt '84)
Internal Vice President: Jake Garber '16
External Vice President: Tripp Brown '16
Excellence Officer: Zach Blashinski '16
Secretary: Kyle Finnie '17
Pledge Educator: Jeremy Wozunk '16
Rush Chairman: Austin Webb '16
Treasurer: Kevin Anderson '16
House Manager: Garrett Sargeant '17 (father Harry Sargeant III '78; brother Harry Sargeant IV '02)
Risk Management: Alex Pons '17
Title IX Chairman: Jake Middleton '18
Member at Large: Mike Gutjahr '17
Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Alex Gutierrez '16 (father Chris Gutierrez '87 [UF]; brother Ryan '18)
IFC Representative: TBD
Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD
Social Chairman: TBD
Alumni Liaison: Max Roix '18 (father, Scott Roix '85)
Pikes Illustrated Editor 2018: TBD

Chapter Alumni Advisory Board (May 15, 2019)

Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01
Chapter Advisor: Scottie Howell '06

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman
Legends Board member: Jimmy Keen '73
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: TBD
Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78
Alumni Association Committee, Chairman Eric Carr '01
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

AMBASSADORS:

BOB HALL '49 (grandson' Andrew Hall '15; Auburn)
BENT SEMBLER '78 (son, Logan Sembler '09)
CHARLIE BARNES '65 (brother, Ed Barnes '71)
ANDY MILLER '70 (son, Matt Miller '09; brother Bill Miller '74)
JIMMY KEEN '73 (son, Michael Keen '14)
DOUG RUSSELL '78 (son, Tyler Russell '10)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Ed Barnes '71 National Chapter Advisor of the Year 2005
Chapter Advisor Emeritus Joe Feheley '81 (son Sean Feheley '14)
Chapter Advisor Emeritus Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)
Chapter Advisor Emeritus Doug Russell '78 (son Tyler Russell '10)

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)

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.

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