

Kappa Rho Alumni Newsletter

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New Executive Board

On Sunday, November 6th, two days before our nation's midterm elections, the brothers of Kappa Rho cast their votes for the chapter's 2023 executive board members. President-elect David Sputh is a junior in the Brock School of Business, a member of the prestigious Brock Scholars program, and serves as treasurer for Kappa Rho's 2022 executive board. Kappa Rho's president is the head of all chapter activities and the face of the chapter to the world. The 2023 vice president-elect is Evan Potter, a junior law politics and society major currently serving as brotherhood chair. The Vice President oversees the internal affairs of the chapter and executive meetings. Kappa Rho's chaplain-elect is brother John Porterfield III, a junior philosophy and religion major. The chaplain addresses the spiritual needs of the chapter and hosts weekly Bible studies. On the financial side, Sophomore Jake Wilson from the Brock School of Business will take over as Kappa Rho's treasurer. The treasurer collects dues from brothers and helps plan the budget for each semester. The secretary position will be filled by Sam Gould, a sophomore history major and member of the prestigious Stockham Scholars program sponsored by the Howard College of Arts and Sciences. The secretary records chapter minutes and helps to take pressure off the president. The role of membership educator will be taken over by Reeves Mileski, a sophomore business major. Kappa Rho's membership educator guides pledges through the process of chapter integration and oversees the

pledge class until the day of initiation. In charge of chapter recruitment, which occurs year-round with formal recruitment in the fall, is recruitment officer-elect junior Will McClain of the Brock School of Business. The health and safety executive position will go to Junior Matthew Gurley, who is a Law, Politics, and Society Major. The health and safety Officer is in charge of the health of the chapter, which has grown to encompass physical, mental, and emotional health. Lastly, sophomore biblical studies major Mitchell Drennen is Kappa Rho's historian-elect for the 2023 executive board. The historian maintains chapter records, is in charge of the newsletter, and prepares an annual report for the national fraternity.

All members elected to the executive board are excited about the opportunity to give back to a fellowship that has given so much to them. Health and safety officer elect Matthew Gurley says, "Serving on exec. as health and safety means the world to me. Knowing I have the ability to be there for and help my brothers after all they have done for me is a truly humbling experience. Kappa Rho is something I hold near and dear to my heart, and knowing I can help keep it safe and educated on topics regarding health, safety, and wellness is a responsibility I do not take lightly." Similarly, future secretary Sam Gould writes, "I am honored and excited to serve on the chapter's exec. board as secretary. I am passionate about this brotherhood, and I want to do all I can to help it realize its fullest potential, and I know the other officer-elects feel the same. I look forward to seeing what the next year holds for this chapter." The chapter's subsequent few semesters are in great hands with the new executive board.

Brothers in Mock Trial

Recently, four brothers got the opportunity to compete together in the mock trial team here at Samford, taking their hard work all the way to John Marshall Law School. Mock trial is a competition where each school is given a case packet, and based on that packet, each team will argue for or against the case at hand. This year, Kappa Rho's Nate Davis and Matthew Gurley had to opportunity



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to compete as witnesses in the trial, while Preston Brent and Thomas Arrendale worked as attorneys. Through their and other team members' hard work, the team was able to be invited to a competition in October to compete against other top schools in the competition.

Though the competition was tough, the team did an overall great job, helping to represent Samford in the best possible light. The competition had two rounds, one where the team represented the plaintiff in the case and another where the team represented the defense in the case. The first round started with Thomas Arrendale working as an attorney with Nate Davis working as his witness. Similarly, in the second round, Preston Brent worked as the attorney defending the case against Matthew Gurley, who played as a representative party. Overall, the brothers and the rest of the team did an excellent job, helping put not only Samford on the map for a good mock trial team but also helping represent the brotherhood and hard work of Kappa Rho in action.



Pictured : The Mock Trial Event

Brotherhood Retreat

The brotherhood is strong in Kappa Rho, and this is consistently displayed at every annual brotherhood retreat. Current brotherhood chair Evan Potter tried several new things to distinguish this year's retreat from the many previous ones. It started with a brief hike and a gorgeous view from Preacher's Rock. The retreat took place at Sautee

Mountain Retreat in North Georgia and allowed for campfires and outdoor socializing. The chapter was randomly split into three smaller cabins rather than one large one to encourage brothers to hang out outside their class or typical friend group. Another new aspect of this year's retreat was the location of the brotherhood retreat. The brothers spent a day in Atlanta, visiting the aquarium and other landmarks around the city. Each night, the chapter would relax by the fireside, talk about their days, and enjoy brotherhood together. "This combination of structured events and free time provides brothers the ultimate environment to just have fun with each other and build relationships," Evan explained when asked about the retreat, "The brotherhood retreat is a staple of our Kappa Rho calendar, and I cannot wait to see what the next brotherhood chair cooks up." Every year, the brothers of Kappa Rho look forward to this retreat, and this year certainly delivered a great time of fellowship, fun, and bonding for the chapter. Evan hopes to see the event continue to evolve to consistently fulfill the desires of Kappa Rho in years to come.



Pictured : Brothers at the Georgia Aquarium

Thank you

If you are reading this newsletter, we in Kappa Rho would like to thank you for your continued interest and support of the chapter that you helped create. Everyone that has been in Kappa Rho thus far has helped to shape the culture and brotherhood that we enjoy today. From the bottom of every undergraduate's heart, Thank you.

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