

Dear Alumni,

Fall is here! Between your family trick-or-treating and church harvest festivals, we hope you will also take a few minutes to rejoice with us in what has been happening at AGO this fall.

Consider paying alumni dues to enable us make our new full-time staff sustainable and to keep making AGO bigger and better! Don't know how to pay alumni dues? It's easy. Follow [these simple steps](#). Curious where exactly your alumni dues go? Check out the new [Alumni Dues FAQs](#) page on our website.

//Alpha//

Connor “alto” Rutten got engaged to Sonia Zhang and began his masters at Stanford in Environmental Fluid Mechanics and Hydrology



//Zeta//

Jonathan “cashel” Groce got married to Kathryn on July 9 after being set up with her by Eeyore and Stephanie in summer 2014



//Epsilon//

Ben “pike” Borsgard pinned his girlfriend, Rachel Preddy, at Pismo



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Saturday, Oct 22 all 11 AGO chapters (and 2 alumni chapters – Kappa and Eta) and several ADX chapters gathered for the 24th Annual Pismo Beach Flag Football Tournament hosted by Kappa. Epsilon (SDSU) ultimately reined victorious, winning against Eta in finals.



Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Zeta, Xi, and Pi men gathered at Eeyore and Stephanie's house in Colorado to help Rho with their informal initiation

Mark your calendars!!

The 90th Annual Founders' Day Banquet will be held Saturday, February 25th, 2017

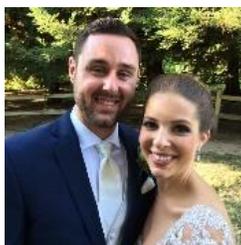


Chapter Rushes, Health, and Prayer Requests

Chapter	Actives	Pledges	Graduating this Year	Prayer Requests
Alpha (UCLA)	5	4	2	Learn how to deal with issues with each other in a positive manner
Beta (Berkeley)	12	4	7	Spiritual growth for actives and pledges
Gamma (CSU LB)	7	1	1	Vulnerability and chapter unity
Epsilon (SDSU)	13	8	4	Servant hearts and devotion to God above all else
Zeta (UCSB)	4	3	0	Increasing diligence and discipline in spending alone time with God
Eta (Fresno)	10	5	2	Wisdom, discernment, and that brothers would love and encourage one another
Kappa (SLO)	18	2	3	Spiritual growth and less spiritual apathy
Xi (Boulder)	15	10	6	Spiritual growth and brotherhood
Pi (USC)	21	6	5	Successful spring rush and spiritual growth
Rho (CSU)	7	7	1	Spiritual growth, chapter growth, and brotherhood
Tau (Santa Clara)	11	4	4	Opportunities and open hearts for outreach and unity among Christians on campus
TOTAL	123	54	35	

//Zeta//

Michael “Orpheum” Nail got a new job as a recruiter at Camp Sonshine, where he was promoted to Head Counselor

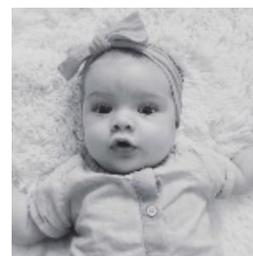


//Eta//

Chris “vesuvius” Moss graduated law school, is now working for Fresno County District Attorney, became Eta chapter advisor, and married Hannah in September

//Kappa//

Kevin “ham” Markley got a new job as a worship director at First Baptist Church of SLO and has a new daughter



//Pi//

Reed “trunky” Hash started law school at UT Austin



Small Chapters' Rush Brief

Alpha's rush and pre-rush was excellently organized and executed and they had 17 guys show up to their first rush event. They currently have 4 pledges and are actively working to maintain bonds with the guys that said they wanted to postpone pledging until winter quarter.



Zeta's rush was much more organized and successful than previous quarters' rushes, including a substantial list of potential new members prior to rush. They currently have 3 pledges, among which there are exceptionally strong leaders that are passionate about AGO.

For the future, they plan to have a shorter rush and tap into connections with campus ministries that are currently growing.

Gamma's rush went better than previous semesters and was clearly hosted by guys that are enthusiastic about AGO. For future semesters, they plan to be more organized with rush, delegate more, spend more time preparing for rush, and have it earlier in the semester.



Rho's rush was extremely successful—they doubled their chapter size (from 7 to 14). Their success was largely rooted in a strong pre-rush where they welcomed guys into their group so successfully that by the time formal rush events were happening, these rushees already felt committed.



Expansion

- David “zambo” Yarian, Garrett “ESPN” Graff, and John “edge” Wanberg are heading up a colonization effort at Denver University (DU), where they currently have 6 collegiates. Each week, the collegiates meet with zambo for a Galatians bible study. They’re bonding with Colorado alumni and with each other and will be moving full force into rush during winter quarter 2017.
- Full-time staff Steven “milesdavis” Weier was in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Nov 1-4, meeting with a group of interested students there that would like to form an AGO chapter there. They currently have around 8 guys and are working to get into the 10-15 range before moving forward.
- Steven will also be in Boone, NC Nov 16-20 visiting the 23 guys that want to form an AGO chapter at Appalachian State (pictured below).



Time, Talent, and Treasure – How can you give back to AGO?

- Consider giving *Time* as a chapter advisor, including as a **video-conferencing chapter advisor (VCCA)**, which we will be testing out with Zeta and colonies. God willing with Appalachian State, we will also be in need of **Skype Big Bros**. Also consider forming an alumni chapter to pour into a collegiate chapter, provide community, help keep graduates growing closer to God, and engage in outreach.
- Consider giving *Talent* if you have professional or lay skills that could benefit the fraternity. For instance, Kappa alumni Jon “astro” Avery makes Facebook ad credits available to the fraternity to use through his position at Facebook and Kappa alumni Kyle “klondike” Petzinger trained our full-time staff in how to setup and use Facebook ads.
- Consider giving *Treasure* in the form of alumni dues, donations to AGO ministries, sponsoring chapter events and outreach, or making a donation for a specific purpose, such as for expansion.
- **Please contact our full-time staff, Steven Weier, at steven.weier@ago.org if any of these opportunities interest you or if you have any questions.**



Our World – An Upside Down Cake with No Fruit

By Bill Hoffman, A-232

In a book by Melanie Phillips, *The World Turned Upside Down*, published in the year 2010, she writes, "The basic cause of all this unreason is the erosion of the building blocks of western civilization. We tell ourselves that religion and reason are incompatible, but in fact the opposite is the case. It was Christianity and the Hebrew Bible that gave us our concepts of reason, progress, virtue and an orderly world---the foundations of science and modernity."

Men of AGO, we have the "new and living way" (Heb 10:20) provided by Christ Jesus. It is thrilling to see the vitality of our leadership in AGO today. Our Christ-centered fraternity provides the brotherhood and our captain Christ Jesus "by whom all things exist" (Col. 1:17) "is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters" (Heb 2:11).

"A totally secularized society with contempt for religion sinks into materialism, self-absorption, and gradually goes slack", writes Camille Paglia of the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA.

Men of AGO we have the keys of life for now and eternity, use them!

//Pi//

Matt "mumbles" Woo got married to Shannon Moore on 8/12/16



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Travis "truck" Eurick was accepted to USC's Med School

//Rho//

Scott "fawkes" Hensen got married

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Jake "spyder" Leidholm is in nursing school

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Spencer "cam" Nelson got married to Elizabeth



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Beau "pickles" Coit is in France working for Cru





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//Rho//

Chris “bogey” Castells got engaged to Kara McGhee

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Jaron “grylls” Maggard started med school

//Tau//

Justin “golden tiger” DePalitis got engaged to Jacqueline Quirke

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Austin “fonzi Harley started his own photography company

//Rho//

Tim “maverick” Horst got married

//Rho//

Wesley “blade” Duff is in Italy working for the Army Rangers