

# FOUNDATION FOCUS

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## 125 Scholarship Fund at 33% by Founders Day

Thank you to all Brothers and friends who pledged and donated leadership gifts in honor of the Quasquicentennial Celebration of the Fraternity. The 125 Fund was announced at the National Convention in July 2019 to add new scholarships to meet the increased need of our Brothers. Foundation Board President, Gary DelPiano (Sigma Phi 1977) raised the goal from \$125,000 (to commemorate 125 years) to \$250,000 by December 31, 2020. As of May 31, 2020, 44 donors have donated and/or pledged a total of \$82,785, putting the fund one-third of the way to our goal!

### \$25,000 and over

R. Jeffrey & Patti Sands, Phi Psi 1977

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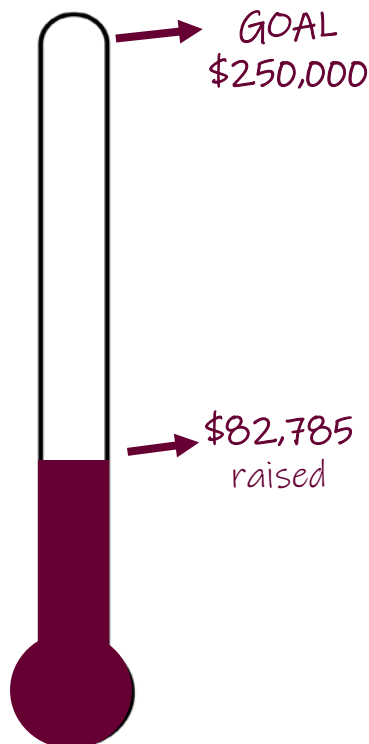
Douglas R. Mest, Epsilon Phi 1985

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Pledge a leadership gift or donate to the 125 Fund today:

<https://tinyurl.com/AXP125>



## WESTON L. DANGLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND ACTIVATED

*An AXP legacy is memorialized thanks to Jeff (Phi Psi 1977) and Patti Sands*

In April 2020, R. Jeffrey Sands (Phi Psi 1977) and his wife Patti pledged \$25,000 to fund the Weston L. Dangler Scholarship. Wes, a 1943 graduate of Rutgers University and member of the Beta Phi Chapter, served as the National Treasurer of Alpha Chi Rho in 1972, National Secretary of Alpha Chi Rho from 1973 to 1986, and as Executive Director Emeritus of the Foundation.

In addition to his work with Alpha Chi Rho, Wes owned Long Lane Farm Dairy and was manager for the Alderney Dairy Shore branch. He also worked as a stockbroker.

Weston was a graduate of Asbury Park High School and Rutgers University, and was an active resident in Ocean Township, serving as president of the Ocean Township Board of Education, president of the Ocean Township Town Council, director and coach of the Ocean Township Little League, and president of the Babe Ruth League. He was also the Ocean Township Police Commissioner. Wes lived in Monmouth County, New Jersey before retiring in 1990 and settled in Summit, New Jersey and Tequesta, Florida, before moving into Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains.

When Wes died in 2006, over 40 Brothers, friends and family members made gifts to the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation in his memory with the hope of establishing a scholarship. Thanks to Jeff and Patti Sands, the scholarship is a reality with the first recipient selected this year.



At a Foundation meeting were (from left), Executive Director, Weston L. Dangler; Secretary, Donald F. Jones; Chairman, Hon. Stanley G. Bedford; Vice President, Christopher W. Seidel, and Treasurer, Nelson Littell, Jr.

Photo credit: Garnet & White 1988

# Past National President Secures Dangler Dynasty

R. Jeffrey “Jeff” Sands graduated from Trinity College and received his law degree with high honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is a member of the Phi Psi Chapter and has enjoyed a long career in financing and investing in health care communities throughout the United States. Jeff served Alpha Chi Rho as National President from 1983 to 1985.

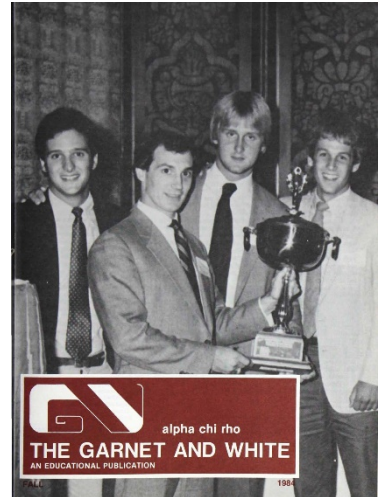
Brother Sands is the Managing Principal and General Counsel of HJ Sims and HJ Sims Investments, LLC, one of the leading investment banking firms in the senior housing and health care space. Jeff has originated over \$7 billion in debt and equity investment opportunities for Sims’ clients primarily in the senior housing industry. Prior to joining Sims, he was in private practice with Wiggin and Dana, a large New England based law firm, where he served as Chairman of the firm’s Long-Term Care Practice Group. Additionally, Jeff served on the Legal Committee of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. While in private practice, Jeff was regularly listed in Best Lawyers in the United States as a health care expert.

In his personal life, Jeff has always been involved in sports, whether himself or with his children. He enjoys golf, tennis, and biking. He loves to travel and write colorful blogs about his many experiences. While he grew up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Jeff currently divides his time between Connecticut and Florida. Jeff and his wife, Patti, have three grown children, Jacquelyn, Courtney, and Matt. Jeff has three grandkids and enjoys spending time with his extended family.

We asked Brother Sands about his experience with Alpha Chi Rho and why he and Patti chose to activate this fund...

*What current challenges do you think college men are dealing with today that are different from what you experienced?*

I think college generally is much harder and more stressful than when I attended. There is more competition to get in and there is more pressure to succeed to land a good job. On top of that, there is a charged political environment which I believe inhibits many students from being able to openly discuss and experiment with the formulation of ideas. The liberal arts campus of 40 years ago was an open laboratory of ideas. There were the Young Republicans sponsoring conservative speakers and the Student Democrats holding liberal workshops and the Students for Social Democracy (“SDS”) holding sit ins against the Vietnam War. You were bombarded with multiple ideas and it allowed you to fashion your own ideology. To me that was the most important aspect of college – it gave young people a place to learn how to think. I don’t think students have that creative freedom now, and I think it’s a shame both for the students’ intellectual development and for the colleges’ ability to produce future leaders.



*Jeff Sands, as National President in 1984, presenting the Curly Walden Cup to Alpha Phi.*



*Jeff and Patti Sands, Dangler Scholarship Benefactors*

*What value can the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity experience add to a college career?*

AXP can enhance the college experience in many ways: (1) by providing a social outlet where students can get a break from the stress that is embedded in today’s college experience; (2) by serving as a place where Brothers can share their ideas and practice their idea formulation in a non-judgmental setting; (3) as a place where Brothers can learn to appreciate a diverse group of individuals; and (4) by giving Brothers a place to give back to the community through philanthropy.

*What motivated you and Patti to create this scholarship in Wes' name?*

Wes Dangler was an extraordinary person and a great influence on many AXP Brothers over an extended period. He was a straightforward, honest person who was blessed with a compassion and patience that I have rarely ever experienced. When tensions were at their highest in a confrontational situation, Wes knew just what to say and do to calm the situation. He fully supported the very best ideas of fraternity and he lived them. Still, to this day, when I am in a situation that calls for some diplomacy or I am being challenged to compromise my sense of right or wrong, I think of Wes and how he had a way of simply addressing issues straight on without rancor. He also always treated the wives and girlfriends of Brothers with the same respect. Patti and I just felt that his legacy should be maintained.

*What is your fondest memory of Brother Dangler?*

When I was President of the Fraternity, Wes was our Executive Secretary. We faced many a battle during that time with colleges trying to ban fraternities. I would have to appear before these college boards to make our case and Wes was my biggest cheerleader. His belief in our purpose was addictive. Better yet, since he had been on the road to every college campus, he always knew where we could get a good meal when we were done.

*Why should your fellow Graduate Brothers give to this fund or in any way to the Foundation?*

First, with the cost of college and graduate school what it is today, it is vitally important for all of us who can, to help provide our Brothers with help in attaining an education. I grew up on the poor side of town and was fortunate to receive a scholarship to a very good private school in Philadelphia. That changed my life so I know the power of a scholarship. At the same time, I think it is important to remember leaders of the Fraternity that stood for our values and ideals and Wes is one of those who deserves to be remembered.

**Contact Jay Anhorn, Director of Development, at 732-988-0588 or [janhorn@alphachirho.org](mailto:janhorn@alphachirho.org) to make a leadership gift to the Weston L. Dangler Scholarship, or donate online today at the link below.**

*Donate to the Dangler Fund today*

<https://tinyurl.com/DanglerFund>





# Virtual “Road Show” Provides New Avenue for Brotherhood Engagement

118 registrations and 79 video downloads in two episodes proves our new online series is off to the races. Born out of the need to connect Brothers during the pandemic, the Alpha Chi Rhoad Show was designed to connect and engage Brothers in healthy dialogues on current events and topics. The online show premiered May 6<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Fred Sanfilippo (Phi Phi 1970), who offered his medical perspective on COVID-19 and how it is transforming healthcare. The second episode featured John DeRenzi (Phi Nu Chi 1991), and his experience in the beer industry. It was hosted, appropriately, at happy hour time and started with a toast. Feedback from our live participants was overwhelmingly positive.

The “episodes” are hosted through Zoom video conferencing with half of the 60-minute program allowing participants to ask questions of the guest host (who is and will be an industry expert and a Brother). Future episodes will be added based on suggestions from our donors. The goal is to host one episode per month. Send your suggestions to Jay Anhorn, Director of Development, at [janhorn@alphachirho.org](mailto:janhorn@alphachirho.org). Recordings are hosted on our web site: <https://www.alphachirho.org/news/foundation-focus/>. Check this site for upcoming episodes. We look forward to connecting with all of you on the virtual road!



In July 2019, the past National Presidents of Alpha Chi Rho gathered in Cherry Hill, New Jersey at the National Convention. Holding the top position of the Fraternity, these men gathered together to kick off a year-long celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alpha Chi Rho and reflect on the journey to cultivate men of word and deed.

These men discussed the legacy of their leadership, the challenges and successes of their time and what they believe the future holds for fraternities in society.

Using our Landmarks and founding principles to empower our men will help us adapt to the ever-changing needs of today’s college men. **Alpha Chi Rho cultivates a lifelong Brotherhood where men challenge and inspire each other, through Character, Honor, and Integrity, to improve themselves, their Fraternity, and society.** With an emphasis on lifelong Brotherhood, our Foundation stands to serve the Fraternity’s educational mission by providing academic and leadership programs to allow our men to succeed beyond college.

Our loyal donors to the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation afford educational grants which support life skills training, career development programs and in-demand mentorship that our college men desire.

How will we remain relevant for this new generation of college men? Our past National Presidents agree that increased understanding, interaction and communication as well as financial support from our graduate Brothers and friends is the key to securing our place in the future on college campuses. We have captured our Legacy of Leadership on video and will be sharing excerpts throughout the rest of the year on our Alpha Chi Rhoad Show online series and posted to our web site. Stay tuned...

# From Their Nest to Ours: The Parent Fund Takes Flight

In 2019, we launched the first ever parent campaign, inviting all of our Alpha Chi Rho parents to become part of our fraternal family. Parents were asked to give to the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation in honor of their son. Now in its second year, it has become a biennial campaign appealing to parents of our newest members (Postulants). A \$50 donation provides them a car magnet to proudly display their support of their son.

The following **Brothers** were honored by their parents, who showed they understand how important it is to provide educational, leadership and "outside the classroom" experiences:

- **Jarrett M. Andrulis, Alpha Phi 2020** | G'nee Andrulis
- **Tanner J. Andrulis, Alpha Phi 2021** | G'nee Andrulis
- **Jacob D. Bartlett, Phi Rho Chi 2023** | John Bartlett
- **Hunter L. Cheek, Phi Mu Chi 2019** | Randi Cheek
- **Sean R. Cody, Delta Sigma Phi 2019** | Catherine Cody
- **Fredrick J. Cotton, Phi Gamma Chi 2021** | Janine Cotton
- **Hunter Dalton, Delta Phi 2020** | Renee Dalton
- **Peter N. Fox, Phi Nu Chi 2021** | Brenda Fox
- **Liam T. Grover, Phi Sigma Tau 2022** | Robert Grover
- **Steven Hahne, Eta Phi 2022** | Stephanie Talhelm
- **Trevor M. Hollinger, Phi Sigma Tau 2021** | Connie Hollinger
- **Kieran T. Huggan, Lambda Chi Phi 2023** | Leslie Huggan
- **Jacob R. Johnson, Phi Beta Chi 2022** | Randy Johnson
- **Sean L. Lynch, Phi Epsilon 2021** | Dave Lynch
- **Jackson C. McCord, Alpha Phi 2022** | Dawn McCord
- **Braden J. McNeill, Lambda Chi Phi 2023** | Patti Dee McNeill
- **Dustin L. Nadel, Phi Epsilon 2019** | Adam Nadel
- **Daniel C. Ribaudo, Delta Sigma Phi 2021** | Christine Ribaudo
- **Arthur Robert, Phi Rho Chi 2020** | Kathy Branagan
- **Bradley Wilcoxon, Alpha Phi Theta 2021** | Joel Wilcoxon
- **Connor L. Wilson, Phi Epsilon 2022** | Deirdre Wilson
- **Devin G. Zrebiec, Alpha Phi 2020** | Greg Zrebiec

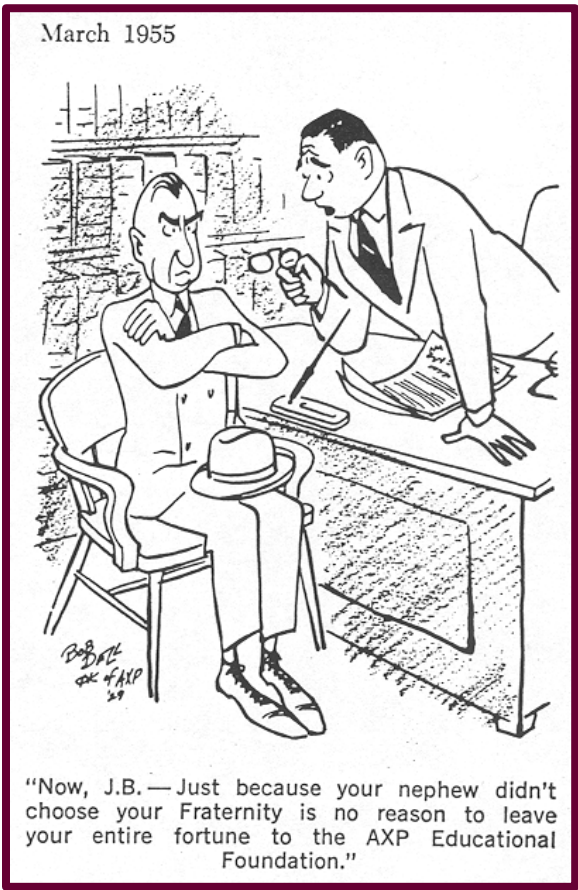
Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity is helping to challenge and inspire our men to improve themselves and society. Through the personal and financial support of these parents, we enable their sons to build upon the values they instilled in them. The Foundation offers financial support for their educational experiences.



“BRADEN IS COMMITTED TO  
THE CORE VALUES OF HIS  
FRATERNITY BROTHERHOOD  
AND AS PARENTS WE  
SHOULD SHOW OUR  
SUPPORT.”

Patti Dee McNeill  
Parent of Braden McNeill  
Lambda Chi Phi 2023

Did you know you can recommend someone as a potential new Brother?  
<https://www.alphachirho.org/foundation/referral-form/>



Did you know that you can lower your  
2020 Adjusted Gross Income by \$300?

Thanks to the new CARES act,  
if you donate up to \$300 to a qualified charitable  
organization (like AXPEFI), your AGI  
will be reduced by up to \$300  
and you can still claim the standard deduction.  
This deduction is specifically for  
those who do not itemize and  
would typically not get  
any tax benefits  
for donations.