

MIDWEST DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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TO: Kappa Kappa Psi, Alumni Advisory Committee
Tau Beta Sigma, Alumni Executive Committee

Brothers and Sisters:

Please accept this letter as a request to establish the Midwest District Alumni Association (MWDAA) as an officially recognized Joint Local Alumni Association within the new Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma National Alumni Programs. Previous incarnations of the MWDAA have existed since prior to the creation of the National Alumni Association and we look forward to continuing the work that our Brothers and Sisters before us began.

Chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma are already grouped into districts to unify Brothers and Sisters within various geographic regions. As alumni members of the Fraternity and Sorority, we desire to continue to interact with the Brothers and Sisters that we regularly interacted with while we were active members. While a city-based group could invite members from across the district to a local event, only a district-wide alumni association would have direct access to such a wide range of Brothers and Sisters to ensure the success of such an event. This wide range of alumni would also be a benefit to those Brothers and Sisters who are taking a trip, looking for a new job, looking for a new place to live, or simply looking to network with more people in their general area

The wide range of alumni associated with a district-wide alumni association would also be a benefit to the Active members of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma by serving as everything from a knowledge base to a shoulder to cry on. It is rare for there to be a single chapter that is perfectly well-rounded and well-versed in all aspects of the Fraternity and Sorority. By making alumni available who are knowledgeable in a specific area or just willing to talk, we can assist chapters and even individual members throughout the District who are looking for further enlightenment. Members of the MWDAA are already working on a *Workshops-R-Us* program to make quality workshops and presenters from our own ranks available to Chapters throughout the District. Additionally, we have a long-term goal to provide these workshops at no cost to both the presenter and the host chapter.

A district-wide alumni association would provide consistency from year-to-year for members from throughout the district who regularly attend district events, while also serving to break the monotony of having the exact same event at the exact same location every year. This may include regular social and service activities, awards and recognition, and fundraising programs. Perhaps it's as simple as taking a trip to a different amusement park every year, or as complicated as an annual alumni banquet that rotates among all the major cities in the district. The possibilities are truly endless, especially when resources and venues are pooled from across a district. The true success of such events would be further realized by partnering with all of the local alumni associations within the district, and especially those in the vicinity of specific events.

Taking that concept of cooperation with other local alumni associations even farther, it should be the goal of both the National Alumni Programs and district-wide alumni associations to see additional local alumni associations at the school and regional levels. By having a district-wide alumni association, a single member from a chapter or region can get a feeling for what the Alumni Programs are all about when no one else cares and then go back to their friends and inspire them to create their own local alumni association. Members of the MWDAA are already talking about going back to their chapters and their hometowns and working towards such goals while still remaining involved at the district level for the betterment of the entire District. It should not be the place of a district-wide alumni association, however, to otherwise exert any influence over other local alumni associations.

We, the undersigned members of the Midwest District Alumni Association, believe that a district-wide alumni association, especially a joint one, only furthers the Bonds of Brotherhood and Sisterhood that are already being formed by the Active members within the current structure of the Fraternity and Sorority. We believe that we can be a strong and vital association within the National Alumni Programs. We believe that we can provide the maximum benefit to the Midwest District as a whole, including each chapter and every alumnus, whether they graduated from a school here or just live here now.

One of our newer members, a December 2006 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, summarized it simply and elegantly when asked what value we add to the overall alumni experience:

We would add a structured organization where people have a forum to express their ideas and be active in the alumni association. We would provide the opportunity for alumni to get together and socialize in-between formal KKY and TBS activities like national convention. We would allow a healthy place for alumni to become helpful teachers/resources for the active members. It's the next step for each of us.

We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding this request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matt Richardson, MWDAA President, at (214) 223-5022 or spacely@kkpsi.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "R".

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On behalf of:

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