“Fostering self-expression through creativity and partnership”

ISU Pike Alumni, Pete Foster (94) and Brad Panarese (94), use their creative talents to advance two of Chicago’s top companies and develop some of the world’s most recognized brands.

After his graduation from ISU’s College of Fine Arts / Graphic Design, Pete began his professional career on the agency side of the advertising business at the downtown Chicago advertising agency Frankel specializing in retail and consumer package good clients. After a few years at Frankel, Pete moved to the agency Draft Worldwide and continued to sharpen his strategic and creative skills. Finally, Pete moved to the company side of the advertising business and joined Newell Rubbermaid in Oakbrook, IL where he runs the creative programs for the office products division. Pete directs such well known brands as; Sharpie, Paper Mate, Expo and Uniball pens.

Newell Rubbermaid is a well known American company that sells consumer and commercial products including such brands as Rubbermaid food storage, home organization, and refuse container products; Sharpie, Paper Mate, Parker and Waterman Writing instruments; Calphalon gourmet cookware; Goody beauty products; Graco children’s products, Irwin and Lenox construction tools; Levolor and Kirsch window fashions; and Dymo labeling solutions.

Brad graduated two years after Pete from the same Fine Arts program and followed a similar path. Brad began his career at the advertising agency Leo Burnett and then moved on to several agencies before his current role. During his agency career he has worked on the brands of major international companies such as Phillip Morris, Kellogg, Coke and McDonalds. Brad’s current role as Vice President is at an independent West Loop Chicago agency, Trisect, which specializes in consumer package goods and retail clients.

Trisect is a mid-sized agency, with over 130 people, and is nationally recognized and carries a blue-chip roster of clients. The agency has been named one of the fastest growing U.S. companies by Inc. Magazine, of the five shops profiled in PROMO magazine’s annual list of the top retail and promotions agencies and was recently recognized as #3 on the Ad Age list of Best Places to Work.

Once joining Trisect Brad learned that Newell Rubbermaid was one of their clients and began to work closely with Pete. Under Pete’s creative leadership, Brad and his agency team are able to develop ground-breaking and award-winning solutions for a category of products that are often overlooked in this day and age of technology. The work developed across the brands is a combination of behavior driving communication, online/social consumer engagement and in-store retail offers. A formula that’s essential for brands trying to increase sales or take share from traditional grocery or big box retailers. Take a look the next time you are at the market and you’ll see some of their outstanding work, and while you are there buy some of these amazing products.

Brad and Pete’s partnership is not uncommon. Many Pike alumni are finding each other through networking in their fields of business. Once connected these alumni are helping each other stay in the lead of today’s business world. With over 150 ISU Pikes in its LinkedIn Group it is an easy way to research and find out what other alumni are up to and see if you can help. Both Brad and Pete can be found in the ISU Pike – Kappa Alpha Alumni Association Facebook or LinkedIn Group.
**CHAPTER NEWS**

Dear Alumni:
I hope the past year has been filled with good tidings. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Chapter assure you that our beloved fraternity is making strides to surpass and maintain our elite status at ISU. Kappa Alpha continues to dominate recruitment and in the fall of 2012 recruited the largest pledge class of any fraternity on campus of 35 new associate members. Last year we initiated a total of 37 men into the bonds. Among many other things, we stand in the forefront of campus having an elected officer on the Inter-Fraternity Council and the President of Kappa Delta Epsilon, the educational honors fraternity on campus. We have increased Kappa Alpha’s GPA to exceed the Inter-Fraternity average and are continuing to seek improvements in our scholarship program.

In an effort to continuously improve our image on campus, we participated in the ISU’s community service event called Bring It Back to Normal. During the event several Pikes assisted others in cleaning local schools, helping the elderly with work around their homes, and helping local business clean their storefronts after the Homecoming parade. As well, our members have been involved in Trick or Treat for Change, the Salvation Army’s Bell Ringing program, Pike for Presents to raise money for the Holiday Helper Program as well the Cycle for Life philanthropy, which is a program that many Pi Kappa Alpha Chapters across the country participate. Athletics remain a strong point for Kappa Alpha. This fall we placed 1st among fraternities in flag football and basketball. We also participated in several philanthropic athletic events, placing 1st in the softball and kickball for the Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma philanthropies. As well, we took 1st place in the Tri Delta Dolphin Dive.

Moving forward, we intend to vastly improve Kappa Alpha and in particular its alumni relations program. As my term comes to a close, I intend on constructing a fully functional Alumni Advisory Board, consisting of gentlemen that are reading this newsletter. I hope to meet many of you in the spring when we hold our annual alumni event and as always we look to continue moving us forward as an organization.

I would like to thank all of you for the continued support you provided Kappa Alpha. Please feel free to contact me if you have an interest in participating in the advisory board, have questions, comments or if you would like an update on our Chapter.

Bryan Dickson, SMC
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**New Initiates**

**Fall 2011**
- Sean Kleny  
- Brendan Johnson  
- Mike Partacz  
- Erik Fjeldheim  
- Tim Cerniglia  
- Kyle Zulpo  
- Ed Squire  
- Truman Lindhout  
- Ryan Butler  
- Austin Schenkkel  
- Steven Pratt  
- Hayden Bayles  
- Andrew Dufur  
- Colin Tyk  
- Phil Wlodarczyk  
- Zachery Lommatzsch  
- William Schiever  
- Aj Quebbeman  
- Sj Lee  
- Joe Carlson  
- Max Gagen  
- David Young  
- Scott Pratt  
- Danny Starbeck

**Spring 2012**
- Patrick Corrigan  
- Darien Jacobs  
- Dan Germain  
- Jimmy Smeaman  
- Greg Lombard  
- Adam Maltby  
- Erik Olson  
- Nicholas Barry  
- Pattyn Chris

**ISU PIKE CORPORATION**  
lsupikecorporation@hotmail.com

The ISU Pike Corporation is an Illinois Corporation which exists to benefit all members of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, more specifically its real estate endeavors. All initiated members of the Kappa Alpha Chapter are members of this Corporation. A Voting Membership will be established when action / direction is needed from the Corporation. From the Voting Membership, Officers will be elected to govern the Corporation’s day-to-day activities. At least 5 Voting Members will be needed but the more the better when this time arises.

You can become a Voting Member of the Corporation by fulfilling the requirements listed below:
- Be an alumnu member in good standing with the Kappa Alpha Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- Pay an Annual Voting Member Fee to the Corporation of $120

Officers of the corporation, have additional requirements listed below:
- Attend quarterly scheduled meetings (face-to-face and conference calls)
- Attend an Annual Spring Meeting in Normal, IL.
- Be willing and able to make ethical decisions promptly and diligently with strict fiduciary responsibility!

If you want to become a Voting Member of the corporation or want more details on what this is all about, please email lsupikecorporation@hotmail.com. All operations of the Corporation are insured under Pi Kappa Alpha’s Liability Insurance Protection Program.
From the Board

KAPPA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Public Relations
Jason Barickman, Director

Publications
Brad Panarese, Director

Special Events
Bryan Bollendorf, Director

Strengthen the Bonds
Drew Lanagan, Director

Golf Outing
Shad Lindsey, Director
Scott Schrank, Director

Association Operations
Clint Bartman, Chairman

Dear Alumnus,
The Kappa Alpha Alumni Association continues to grow and advance. Below are the main forums of communication the Association manages:

Website: www.isupike.com
Email Address: kappaalphaalumniaassociation@hotmail.com
Facebook Group: ISU Pike - Kappa Alpha Alumni Association
LinkedIn Group: ISU Pike – Kappa Alpha Alumni Association

With more of us scattered across the world it’s more important now than ever to stay connected. If you still have not joined the Facebook or LinkedIn Groups please do so as this has become a valuable tool for the association and we need your help to keep it active and you connected. That said, starting in 2013, the Board will take a more active role in generating discussion on the Facebook Group in an effort to encourage activity and interaction between the alumni.

The Association is always looking for new volunteers and help, if you’re interested and have a few minutes to spare, please email kappaalphaalumniaassociation@hotmail.com and ask how you can help. The KAAA hosts its Annual Board of Directors Meeting on March 1st of each year, via a conference call. If you want to be part of the call email clintbartman@hotmail.com for the call instructions.

In The Bonds Of ΦΦΚΑ,
The Directors of KAAA

Strengthening The Bonds

“Once a Pike Always a Pike”. We need everyone’s support for the STB annual fund. Donations to the Strengthen the Bonds Annual Fund help ISU Pike with two very important causes, the General Operations of the KAAA and the Strengthen the Bonds House Fund. We want to own a Pike House at ISU. That’s what the Strengthen the Bonds annual fund is all about. For complete details on the Annual Fund go to www.isupike.com and click on the “Make A Donation” tab. ACT NOW and give to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you in advance for your loyal support!

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Jeremy Foy Clint Bartman
JR Pleines Jason Barickman
Tim Yuskus Brad Panarese
Shad Lindsey Ryan Meister

Excellence Member - $1,000 - $1,499
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Drew Lanagan

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Tyson Albert Jason Duffy
Dan Griffin Mike O'Malley
Dan Whalen Ben Myers
Tom Kopecky Chuck Millington

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Philip Williams Mike Ori
Brad Tomhave Mike Neville
Brad Miller Kurt Holler
Bryan Carper Paul Hardy
Corey Leach

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1. Have $10 a month deducted from your credit or debit card. Go to www.isupike.com and click on the “Make A Donation” tab

2. Donate any amount of money from your credit or debit card. Go to www.isupike.com and click on the “Make A Donation” tab
PAINTING THE PICTURE FOR AN ISU PIKE EXECUTIVE LODGE

Research has been conducted by Pi Kappa Alpha’s Real Estate Department which shows that Chapters with houses that sleep less than 6 members, in any campus environment (large or small university) have larger average membership sizes, more accumulated assets over time, and tend to lead their campus on every relevant fraternal aspect.

The above seems counter intuitive, but imagine if only the officers of the chapter lived in the house and all the other brothers were spread out across campus in apartments. The house still remains the meeting place of the entire membership but most members will live where they want to live without having to be forced to live in the house. The financial burden and multiple issues that come with a large facility are not there so the membership can focus on its true purpose, developing the members to live up to the high ideals of Pi Kappa Alpha.

With the above research in mind and with input of student housing professionals across the U.S. a picture has been painted of what the ISU Pike Executive Lodge would look like and entail.

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REMEMBER, ALL OF THE ABOVE MAY LOOK GREAT but it cannot become a reality without alumni and member support. Please consider a donation to STB by going to www.isupike.com right now.
* Clint Bartman (94), his wife Jennifer Anton, and 6 year old daughter Vivien moved to Milan Italy in July of this year. Clint is a real estate consultant and Jennifer is a corporate Brand Manager. In late December watch for them on the HGTB show “Houze Hunters International” as they search for their apartment in downtown Milan.

* Bryan Carper (02) married Catherine Boyd on September 8, 2012 in Chicago, IL at Fulton’s on the River. Bryan and Catherine met in their last month at ISU. Brothers Derek Halfar and Ryan Regal were groomsmen in the wedding. Blake lies and Anthony Sherman were also in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where Catherine grew up. Wedding photos may be viewed at www.bryan-catherine.com. Bryan and Catherine reside in Chicago’s Printer’s Row with their two Pugs, Braxton and Chase. Bryan has worked for Turner Construction Company since his graduation in 2006 and is currently the Project Cost Engineer for three projects at O’Hare Airport. Catherine is in Property Management, downtown Chicago. The year has brought them many great blessings.

* Craig Painter (00) is currently living in the Dallas, TX area and looking for a job. He returned back from Afghanistan after a 10 month deployment in late March 2012. He was stationed on FOB Wright in Kunar Province of Afghanistan along the eastern border of Pakistan. Craig is currently a Military Intelligence Officer in the Illinois National Guard. Even though he was promoted to Captain in June 2012 he is staying active on the job search and working to get his health back up to 100%. While in Afghanistan last year he took 2 weeks of mid tour vacation to Australia back in November 2011 and once back from Afghanistan this spring spent 5 days in Jamaicas in May 2012. He also joined two Pike Alumni; Nick Nosbisch and Matt Koester and ran in the Indiana/Illinois Tough Mudder back in June.

* JR Pleines (02) currently works at CDW in the suburbs of Chicago as a Sales Manager. Living in Libertyville, he and his wife Katie are expecting their first child in February, and have found out it is a boy. Another future Pike is on the way! If any brothers are looking for a job selling technology, please reach out to JR at jrple@cdw.com.

* Bob Styrkowicz (96) and his wife Kelly reside in Barrington, IL with their 3 boys, Russ, Ben and Will. Bob continues to run his practice with Northwestern Mutual in Schaumburg as a Financial Representative, where he’s been for 13 years.

* Dan Gartner (97) and his wife Erika welcomed their baby girl Veronica into the world on June 30th, 2012. Dan works for Microsoft as a Senior Application Development Manager and lives in Wicker Park.

* Tony Disano (96) has been busy running his real estate brokerage and construction lending business that focuses on distressed foreclosed property. Married for 4 years in January, has no kids yet and lives in Park Ridge IL.

* Dan Whalen (03) was married on May 5th 2012 to Bianca Cosentino, a fellow ISU grad and DZ alum.

* Ken Kamentsev (03) is currently on the Emerging Market FX Derivatives desk at GFI Group in NYC. He moved to Manhattan in June and would love to connect with fellow brothers on the east coast.

* Tarek Koch (94) and family (wife Heather, McKenna - 9, Bryce - 6) moved to Barrington, IL. Tarek continues to work as an Estimator/Project Manager for a concrete contractor in Roselle.

* Bryan Bollendorf (95) and Jacki Bollendorf welcomed twin boys, Eli and Ethan James, in December of 2011. The boys are almost 10 months old and doing great!

* Jason Duffy (95) has been in Dallas for over a year and a half helping grow the branch of Guaranteed Rate mortgage company. Any brothers looking to buy a home or refinace with these low rates let him know. He’s getting married on December 8th in San Antonio to Christine Medina.

* Travis Barke (02) works at TEKsystems as a National Recruiter in the Financial Services vertical. His oldest daughter, Eva Lynn, is 20 months old and they are expecting their second child in the summer of 2013.

* David Castelloni (95) was promoted in late 2011 to Regional Sales Manager for the North Central Region of Avis Budget Group. Based in Chicago, he manages a team of outside sales reps throughout the Midwest. He never thought he’d be doing sales in the rental car industry after getting a Master’s in Sport Management and working in Collegiate Athletics for seven years, but it was a great move. Dave married Kendra (former Pike dream girl at Eastern IL) in January 2007, and they reside in Elgin, IL, with their family Ella who is 4 and MJ who is 2.

* Jason Lynde (96) is the principal of Herrick Middle School in Downers Grove, IL. He and his wife, Karen, have 4 children.

* Michael Roark (02) continues his amazing acting career with a recent role in the movie “Magic Mike” and numerous hit television shows. To check out a list of all his current and upcoming work go to www.michaelroarksite.com.

* Jeremy Foy (94) and wife Zsuzsa continue to reside in the Buda hills of Budapest. Their 3-year old daughter Lili Izabell recently started preschool and her 10 classmates are from 9 different countries. If anyone is planning a Budapest visit, please contact Jeremy.

* Derek Peón (96) recently got out of K-9 and back to working patrol on the north tri-state in Illinois. He and his wife Tammy (who is an ISU alum) have a 2 yr old girl, Alexandra. Tammy works as a communications manager at Millen Dollar Round Table.

* Samuel Glomp (98) Lives in Lemont, IL. He and wife, Lena have one daughter, 1yr old Olivia and boy on the way. Little Sammy is due Feb 24th. He’s the Western Regional Manager for Brewer Medical(Capital Equipment).

* Chad Johnson (94) is starting his 14th hunting season as a waterfowl and upland hunting guide at the Max Mcgraw Wildlifde Foundation. No longer raising his own pheasants, spending more time with the farm and at the sporting clays range in the off season. His daughter Ella, turned 11 and is a volleyball addict. His son Ian, is 8 now and tagging along on the hunting grounds whenever he has a chance. Chad’s wife Melissa, is still allowing him to have his hobby as a career as she is the director of operations for a packaging company. Living in Wheaton for the past 16 years.

* Dustin Sullivan (94) is a Category Manager OTC/Drug - Walgreens Corp. Living in Island Lake, IL. All is well.

* Nick Crosse (99) is in Aurora, working/teaching automotive, drafting and small engines this year. He's currently finishing up his masters to be a principal and will be done with that at the end of the year.
*Bill Rosencrens (97) taught and coached high school baseball for 9 years. This year he stopped teaching and just opened his own business. It’s a baseball academy here’s his website! [www.chicagoolandbaseballacademy.com](http://www.chicagoolandbaseballacademy.com/)

*Derek Larson (02) lives in Hoboken, NJ and works in Manhattan for Arthur J. Gallagher in their Employee Benefits Practice. In addition, he enrolled at Rutgers in their MBA program.

*Aaron Randahl (96) is currently stationed at Bagram airbase. He’s working there as a quality assurance officer, making sure military equipment and vehicles are good and clean customs-wise before they ship it out. Prior to this job, Aaron was performing TSA duties in Kuwait. He expects 2013 to be his last year of service before calling it an interesting 9 year chapter of his life, and moving on.

*Ryan Pirmat (96) has been busy as heck. His son turns 2 in November, and they just moved into a house in Elmhurst, IL. Ryan is Director of Business Development for a clinical research outsourcing company and his wife is in medical device sales.

*Ryan Ritter (97) is celebrating 13 years with the Normal Police Department, having served in Field Training Unit, Hostage Negotiation Team, Honor Guard and just finished an 8 year stint in the Criminal Investigations Division (4 of which were in child abuse, sex abuse and crimes against children task force). This year he was recognized as a 2012 medal of valor recipient. He’s married to Katy (Short) Ritter who is an ISU Alum (2006). She works @ IUU. They have a two year old son, William M. Ritter. Ryan is also very active with the local friends of St. Jude organization and the PB&PA, the police officers union.

*Ryan Foley moved to Irvine, California (Orange County) in October 2006 as part of a promotion with Farmers Insurance. In April 2011, Ryan decided to transition from being a Performance Manager for Farmers to being an Agent. Ryan and wife, Michelle, are expecting their 1st child 12/5/12. They are having a girl and will be naming her Ava Marie Foley. Ryans wife also works for Farmers as a Recruiting Manager.

*Keith Cross (96) is living in Montgomery, IL. He’s been at Farmers Insurance as a commercial claim rep for 5 years. He just bought a new truck and looking forward to deer hunting next month. Would like to get together with everyone again soon!

*Michael Leaveck (98) just started a new job at Fan’s Edge where he is the buyer for all NFL Apparel. He was married October 9th to Jamie MacLeod in Chicago at Holy Name Cathedral.

*Brian Brown (96) has been teaching middle school PE and Health in Lake Zurich, IL for the past 11 years. While teaching, he also enjoys coaching girls basketball, boys basketball and boys track.

*John Barickman successfully won election to the Illinois State Senate in November 2012. He will be sworn into office in January 2013. This is John’s first election to public office. He was appointed as an Illinois State Representative in January 2010, and served in the Illinois House since that time. After graduating from University of Illinois Law School and founding his own law firm, John joined the law firm of Meyer Capel, P.C, as a Principal in June 2012. His practice focuses on real estate and business transactions. He is an entrepreneur and active real estate investor and operator. John and his wife, Kristin, live in Bloomington, Illinois. They have one son and are expecting another son in February 2013.

*Rob Willburn (68) moved to Springfield Illinois in July 2007 and works at the accounting, Sikich. He’s the director/senior manager hoping to make partner in the near future. Rob spends most of his time in valuation, due diligence, estate planning and tax, but considers himself a jack of all trades at this point trying to sell to new and existing clients. Rob was married in May 2008 to his wife Courtney and had their first child, Avery, in July 2009. He also has a step son, Jaden, which is 10 and active in all kinds of sports. Currently, he is involved in a partnership building a auto dealership with his family which specializes in pre-owned import vehicles. Mostly, Mercedes, BMW, Land Rover and VWS.

*Brett Bialik (07) started a new career as a sales rep at Liberty Mutual Insurance. He completed with his training and was officially able to start selling October 1st. His e-mail is brett.bialik@libertymutual.com and cell phone is (847) 414-3559. Any help is appreciated. Please contact him if you’re looking for life insurance.

*Eric Vogel (95) has been working at state farm in Bloomington 11 yrs now, claim rep. living in Normal. Married for 6 , no kids.

*Joe Gruginski (94) is a Senior Solutions Analyst at Wellness and Prevention, Inc where he customizes digital health coaching products for large companies like Halliburton and John Deere. Wellness and Prevention is a company of over 200 employees based out of Ann Arbor, Michigan but with satellite offices in New Jersey and Fort Washington, Pennsylvania where Joe works from. Joe’s 5 year old daughter, Maya, just started kindergarten and his other daughter, Liana will be 2 in late January.

*Joe Capone (04) in October of 2012, was accepted to medical school at Des Moines University in Iowa.

* Jacob Crow (02) and his wife Victoria welcomed to the world their daughter Bianca in June on June 3rd of this year. She joins her brother Tristan who is 3 1/2 and Silas who is 2.