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## ALUMNI BOARD NEWS

### Meet Your New Alumni Board President

#### Scott Smith '80



Brothers,  
I would like to introduce myself to our DKE Alumni. My name is Scott Smith, and I was a DKE at UNC from fall of 1976 until graduation in Spring of 1980. I reside in Chapel Hill, my hometown, with my wife Kelli, and work at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School in many areas advancing the success of the school and our students.

I have been the UNC appointed Academic Advisor to DKE since spring 2011, and I have been an active DKE Alumni Board member, since 2011. I am now taking on the additional role of President, allowing **Trey Adams '06**, the former President and longtime board

member, to focus his attention and efforts on several house improvement projects that will take place this summer using funds received in the recently completed DKExcellence: The 4 Corners Campaign started fall of 2016. I am very proud of the academic excellence we have achieved over the past several years, with the house GPA averaging 3.3 or better each semester. The active chapter members are a quality group of young men, and I hope that you will make every effort to return to Chapel Hill for a class reunion, or attend the annual DKE Alumni Reunion each fall to meet some of these great young men.

Most Sincerely,

Scott Smith '80  
DKE UNC Alumni Board President

## Covid-19 Update

### Notice to all DKE UNC Members

The DKE UNC house is closed for the remainder of the semester, and the students are studying remotely from home to complete the spring semester at UNC. For more information and updates, visit this URL: <https://hr.unc.edu/employees/covid19-faqs/>

## ALUMNI AWARD

### Jim Gray '70 wins 1851 Award



We are excited to announce that Brother **Jim Gray '70** received the DKE 1851 award which celebrates and recognizes Alumni who go above and beyond in different ways to help DKE thrive after they graduate. Jim was a past DKE Alumni Board President and was very involved in leadership roles in both the 2000 and 2017 capital house improvement fundraising campaigns. Congratulations Jim!

\*Visit the website to see some additional pictures

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Chris Harris '95 Opens Home to Brothers, Actives in Chapel Hill

*"The Experiences Shared at 132 South Columbia are Etched in My Brain"*

Chris Harris '95 has spent the last 13 years working at Blackbaud, a leading software company among nonprofits, foundations, companies, education institutions, healthcare organizations and individual change agents. He was recently promoted to run the higher education team for customer success and says he finds his work both challenging and fulfilling. He and his family have recently moved to a new home in Chapel Hill. He still feels a strong connection to the Brotherhood of DKE NC and he and his wife, since moving, have opened their doors for any Brothers that may be in the area.

"We are always open to having any DKE brethren come by to say hello when they are in town," Harris says.



Chris Harris '95

Harris '95 served on the Alumni Association for DKE NC for many years, including a term as president.

His contributions to the Alumni Association are evidence of his belief in the group's valuable purpose, helping the current chapter and its membership reach its full potential, and reminding alumni of the place that DKE holds at the university, within the local community and within our lives.

For Harris '95, those DKE memories and relationships are some of his most cherished. As is the case for many Brothers, Harris '95 took away lifelong friends, particularly among his pledge class.

"The friendships and extended relationships have been critical in my

development over the years, and I absolutely treasure the memories of my time at the Beta chapter," Harris '95 says. "I keep in touch with many alumni, including my pledge class, on a regular basis. The experiences shared at 132 South Columbia are etched in my brain and provide a constant reminder of the history and impact that the chapter has had."

Harris '95 says he remains in touch with "too many Brothers to name," a good sign that he maintains terrific friendships with his Brotherhood. He and his pledge class have gotten together many times over the years and still keep in touch regularly. Recently, Harris '95 suggested a reunion among several classes at once. As a '95 graduate, he was at DKE NC with classes from 1992–1998.

"It would be great to reconnect with many of the guys from that era," Harris '95 says.

If you, like Harris '95, are interested in seeing a reunion among your graduating class, email [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

## PHILANTHROPY

### 10-Year Reunion and DKE Habitat for Humanity Build

*In Honor of Courtland Smith*



A huge thank you to those who made it to Chapel Hill for a special weekend to celebrate the DKE-Habitat partnership and group construction project! 10 years ago this group of DKE Brothers raised over \$125,000, and built a house and created a playground within the Orange County Habitat site in Chapel Hill to honor and forever remember our friend and Brother – **Courtland Smith**. While coronavirus concerns caused a few last-minute schedule changes, we had a great two days sharing memories of Habitat projects over the years and reuniting with the group that kicked off these efforts a decade ago.

One very cool moment to share for those who couldn't join. On Saturday morning, we visited the Courtland Smith Playground and walked through the now fully developed Phoenix Place neighborhood to find the house DKE built for the Wei family in 2010. As we walked away, we ran into the youngest member, Eh Wei, who has grown from

a 6-year old in a cast devouring cake at the house Dedication, into a mature and impressive high school wrestler. Jim did ask if he could teach him some moves, but was politely told no... After texting Eh a few pictures, we received this in response: "It was really nice meeting all of you and wish you all the best. All y'all's help has been an amazing contribution that's really helped our family. Thank you for all your hard work!" The power of this partnership really hit home for me during our «chance» encounter with Eh. Although, with as many bright moments as we were fortunate to have in Chapel Hill during an otherwise cloudy week for the world, I have to believe there was nothing chance about it.

We missed everyone who couldn't join this year, but we'd love to make this happen again in 2021 during more normal, and healthier, times!

\*Visit [www.dkeunc.com](http://www.dkeunc.com) for additional pictures

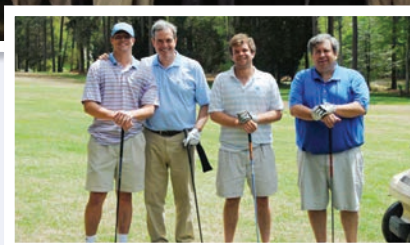
## A DKE'S PHOTO'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Can't find the right words to share your DKE UNC story? Share your memories (both old and new) with a photo instead.

We have a ton of amazing photos from over the decades and recent alumni meetups up on the DKE alumni website. Check out your Brothers in their finest 80s attire, sporting their most stylish sideburns or showing off their best post-retirement looks.

Find more photos at [dkeunc.2stayconnected.com](http://dkeunc.2stayconnected.com) and submit your best DKE alumni photos for inclusion in the next newsletter or eletter, by emailing [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).



## ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

### Thank You!

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported our annual fund so far this giving year, which started on September 1, 2019.

#### Beta of DKE Legacy Circle (\$1,000+)

L.E Sawyer	1968
Bernard Gray	1972

#### Founders Club (\$500-\$999.99)

William Schmidt	1966
Walter Hussman	1968
Edward Baur	1968
Scott Brown	1970
Charles Hagan	1970
Joseph Frierson	1992
Clay Martin	2008

#### 132 Columbia Street Club (\$132)

William Mebane	1971
Craig Perry	1971
Scott Smith	1980
William Smith	1981
Alexander Turner	1989

#### Rampant Lion Club (\$100-\$131.99)

William Lea Palmer	1959
A. Shuford	1966
William Bowen	1971

#### Beta of DKE Supporter (\$50-\$99.99)

Philip Whitley	1962
James Parker	1973

### Make Your Gift

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P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN  
56007-8007

**2** **Online at:**  
[www.dkeunc.com](http://www.dkeunc.com).

**3** **By calling:**  
800-975-6699



## DKE ALUMNI UPDATE

### Travel, Grandkids and Retirement: What Your Alumni Brothers Are Up To

We want to know what our alumni are up to, and we know you do, too! Here are just a couple of updates from our Brothers. If you haven't told us what your latest life updates or accomplishments, email us at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) and let your Brothers know what's going on with you.

“Edward “Tee” Baur '68 has big memories at the DKE house. Like many other DKE Brothers, it's where he learned about leadership, working as a team and gained friendships that have enhanced his life for the last 55 years. But most notably, it's where he met his wife and they have grown a wonderful family of three children and 11 grandchildren. According to Baur '68, they enjoy family trips and will be taking 18 people to Africa this December! But before that, he and his wife will take two of their granddaughters to Spain in May, and their oldest grandchild will visit them in Naples. He is excited for his pledge Brother, **Walter Hussman '68**, who will be honored November 7 with the 1851 Award (Outstanding Alumnus Award.)

“Richard “Mike” Hoyt '66 is retired from a lifelong career in advertising. He has become a professional artist who makes oil paintings and he is writing a book on his Vietnam experience. He publishes a weekly blog “aimed at people his age” at <https://lastgaffe.com/>.

“My daughter is a junior at UNC. She is a KD and having an awesome semester abroad in Italy. My other daughter is at UGA and is an ADPi.”  
~ Ben “Tripp” Rudisill III '91

“Kids and grandkids continue as wonderful gifts.”  
~ Thomas White III '67

“I continue to enjoy retirement (retired 12 years ago).”  
~ Beech Watson III '71



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## HAVE YOU REGISTERED ON THE ALUMNI WEBSITE?



Brotherhood is unique. We spend four years on a college campus with our fraternity Brothers, and as a result, we have a community for a lifetime. We want to make the most of those connections.

Our Brotherhood has a reach that extends across the country. It provides a resourceful network of support, professions and community. We have provided an **online forum** on our website for you to connect with other alumni. By utilizing the alumni website, you can stay in contact with Brothers wherever life after graduation took them.

Register online for our password-protected platform, so you can **upload photos, utilize the searchable directory, and read and provide updates.**

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