



## THE FOUNDATION FOCUS

A Newsletter of the Triangle Education Foundation

### Donor Dollars Lead to Increased Wellbeing in Chapters By Ariel Tarosky, Sr. Director of Development & Marketing

It is probably safe to say that many of our alumni believe that the fraternal experience that we offer today – including the one they enjoyed – plays an important role in the development of young men. However, we still sometimes find ourselves being asked to defend the relevance of fraternities and maybe are even asking the very question ourselves.

Thanks to a 2021 Gallup survey conducted on behalf of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), we can confidently validate that the feelings that brothers have about their own fraternity experience are probably true for others as well and that investing in the Triangle Education Foundation's Annual Fund is one way to ensure that other young men are positioned for success.

The survey of more than 10,000 college alumni compared the experiences of affiliated alumni

with those who were not members of a fraternity or sorority. Key findings showed that:

- 62% of affiliated alumni are thriving in career wellbeing
- 66% in community wellbeing
- 51% in financial wellbeing
- 53% in physical wellbeing
- 62% in social wellbeing

*84% of affiliated alumni said if they had to do it all over again, they would still join their fraternity or sorority.*

Donors' dollars fund fraternity experiences that lead to results of higher wellbeing than for non-affiliated counterparts. Gifts not only allow us to create educational programs, services, and resources that challenge undergraduate brothers, but they also create spaces and places for Triangle actives to connect with each other and alumni from all across the country.

"Having the opportunity to work on leadership and communication skills in an organic environment

where individuals learn how people and relationships truly work has improved the wellbeing of our organization and the members in it," shares chapter president, Nick Wipf sdm20. Wipf continues to share that the chapters' increased levels of wellbeing have directly translated to their professional success. The South Dakota Mines chapter has continued to see very high job placement rates, and nearly every member graduates with an intern experience.

Without the impact made by our donors, we wouldn't be able to offer educational programs supporting mental health and ethical decision making or provide the trainings and resources that help our active members feel more prepared for college.

**Your gifts matter. They are not only making a difference in the lives of Triangle undergraduates but are helping to defend the relevance of the fraternal experience. Go to [www.triangleef.org](http://www.triangleef.org) to make a gift today.**



Many undergraduates were able to attend Leadership & Training Weekend (LTW), thanks to the chapter endowment funds provided by chapter alumni.

## Chapter Takes Advantage of Chapter Endowment Funds

By Zack Pfeifer, Asst. Director of Leadership Programs

To address individual chapter needs, the Triangle Education Foundation developed the Chapter Endowment Fund program. This program was originally developed by members of local chapters wishing to support the educational and leadership needs of their local chapter.

Chapters like Wisconsin and MSOE have taken full advantage of the support offered to them by alumni, and it is transforming their chapters and members for the better.

“The financial support provided by Triangle and our chapter has been instrumental in the personal growth and development of myself and my chapter brothers. Having the opportunity to attend this past Leadership & Training Weekend provided us with the valuable leadership skills that we are not only able to apply to our fraternity, but in our future professional endeavors,” shared Wisconsin chapter president,

Logan Chart wis21. “Triangle has been an incredibly positive force in my life and the lives of many other members. Through the opportunities for social, financial, professional, and community development provided by our alumni and the Triangle Education Foundation, we have been able to grow and thrive both personally and academically,” continued Chart.

Wisconsin isn’t the only chapter taking advantage of their Chapter Endowment Fund to provide a top-tier membership experience for its brothers. The MSOE chapter continues to offer a uniquely impactful experience for its members that is building a broader community beyond their chapter and campus.

Thanks to the funds provided to them by alumni, over 50% of the chapter is able to participate in STEM to Stern, which is a program that started in Milwaukee to eliminate barriers and bridge the gaps of racial and socioeconomic status in rowing.

This program connects youth in Milwaukee to high-quality STEM education resources from an early age.

The MSOE chapter has been a large contributor to the program’s success today. Many chapter members support the program through raising money, volunteering with FIRST Robotics Regional, and creating meaningful partnerships with the city’s youth to spread STEM education through fun and exercise.

With the financial support provided by MSOE’s chapter endowment fund, brothers are able to travel across the country to support the STEM to Stern initiative, while also providing an engaging and transformative experience for brothers.

To learn more about how Chapter Endowment Funds can support your chapter and how to contribute, visit [www.triangleeef.org/chapter-endowments](http://www.triangleeef.org/chapter-endowments).



Alumnus, Don Knebel pur65 sharing lessons of leadership at 2023 LTW.

## Leave a Legacy to Triangle in Your Will

By Scott Bova, CFRE, Foundation President

### 70% of Americans don't have a will.

This fact is so alarming that an issue of *Money Magazine* did a feature on proper estate planning. A will is an important matter, regardless of the size of your estate. It allows for your loved ones to know what your wishes are. Items such as family belongings, real estate and other assets are dealt with in a will. In addition, plans for your family are addressed.

A will, although a simple legal document, can not be taken lightly. It should be written early on and revisited throughout your lifetime.

A will is also a way to remember your favorite charities with a charitable bequest. Many Triangles have been very generous and, as part of their estate plans, funded scholarships, aided their local chapter, and provided valuable funds for future leadership -development programs. In addition, charitable giving through a will, regardless of the charity, can reduce the tax burden on your estate.

It just makes good sense to protect your family and your interests with this type of planning. For more information on how you can remember Triangle in your will, contact Scott Bova at [sbova@triangle.org](mailto:sbova@triangle.org) or at (317) 705-9803



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