

Pike Alumni, Business Topic #4, Memorial Scholarships

James H. Laughlin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of James H. Laughlin, Jr. and has been described in business topic messages in previous years. This year, and in future years, we will be dedicating Business Topic #4 to Memorial Scholarships for benefit of undergraduate members of Alpha Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The Laughlin Scholarship is endowed through Pike Foundation (<https://www.pikes.org/pike-foundation>). Each year, the investment proceeds of the endowment are made available to Alpha Theta undergraduates for attendance at Pike University (<https://www.pikes.org/pike-u>), Pi Kappa Alpha's leadership training program.

Any investment proceeds that are unused during a given year are reinvested to increase the corpus of the Laughlin Scholarship endowment. Given the recent suspension of Alpha Theta Chapter by WVU and PiKA, this aspect is especially important. Since there will be no Alpha Theta undergraduates attending Pike University while the chapter is suspended, the corpus of the endowment will continue to grow, potentially enabling even larger scholarship distributions (once the chapter is re-chartered) to future undergraduate members of Alpha Theta chapter... a time when leadership training will be especially important to undergraduate members.

Alpha Theta Alumni Association is regularly updated on the Laughlin Scholarship financial status and is recognized as the first source that Pike Foundation administrators consult when awarding scholarships. A summary from information provided by Ginny Stalker, Scholarship and Grant Administrator, Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation follows:

PIKE Foundation

In 2017 the PIKE Foundation awarded more than \$140,000 in scholarships and grants to 219 outstanding and well-deserving students. Six new designated scholarship funds were created, giving 139 unique opportunities for student members of Pi Kappa Alpha to off-set educational costs.

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- As of January 1, 2018, the James H. Laughlin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship had an endowment fund balance of \$27,557.
- Awards from the Laughlin Scholarship are directed only to Alpha Theta Chapter members for attendance at PIKE University, for development of leadership skills. Depending on investment results of PIKE Foundation, awards are made annually. First priority is to defray cost of attending the Chapter Executive Conference in Memphis, TN; and second priority to defray costs to attend Pike University events which are conducted at various cities throughout the year.
- Unused investment proceeds from 2017 will be re-invested in the Laughlin Scholarship fund to increase the endowment balance (and hence potential future award amounts).
- The Alpha Theta undergraduate members who received the 2018 Laughlin Scholarship to attend the Chapter Executive Conference in Memphis, TN were:
 - Anthony Giaquinto, Rush Chair (\$255)

- Wade Giltz, President (\$255)
- Travis Leonardo, Treasurer (\$255)

For further information on this scholarship, contact David Vaughn or Doug Ladish.

Roy Richard Littke, Jr. Scholarship

Roy Richard (Dick) Littke was a 1963 initiate of Alpha Theta chapter and campus and chapter leader during the early 1960's. Dick was a US Navy navigator and flew multiple carrier based missions during the Vietnam War.

Dick was killed while participating in a flight training exercise in 1970. An endowed scholarship was established through WVU Foundation. In future months, we will be reaching out to WVU Foundation to determine the current status of this scholarship.