Numisius Chapter takes Burchard Grants new places.

An Alpha Rho Chi chapter is a great vehicle for pursuing experiences beyond the classroom. Ulises Santos, a member of Numisius Chapter, had an idea taking them far from NewSchool of Architecture’s urban campus in San Diego.

For decades, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has held a Design Village Competition. Student teams design temporary structures to erect and inhabit for three days in the campus’ scenic Poly Canyon.

Ulises Santos proposed that Numisius enter itself into this year’s competition to take place over three days of a weekend in April 2019. The chapter sent eight collegiate members to the competition—enough for two teams, dubbed “Numisius Azure” and “Numisius Sanguine.” Both teams worked with an advisor, 3rd year studio professor Philipp Bosshart, over spring break and during 2019 Spring Quarter to prepare designs and fabricate them. Each of the structures needed to be easy to transport, use few materials (sustainable), and provide overnight habitation for members of the team.

The chapter assembled the funds from multiple sources, including a $300 Burchard Grant from the APX Foundation that covered registration and most of a truck rental to transport the structures up the coast. ■ See page 3 for more Burchard Grants in action.
Alpha Rho Chi was founded April 11, 1914 at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago. The founding conference was quite simple. It was just two students, Leo M. Bauer and Chandler C. Cohagen, meeting in Room 834. They set the first example for how regular people could leave a legacy for future generations of their brothers.

Leave a legacy of helping fellow brothers by joining the 1914 Society.
Since its founding in 1914, Alpha Rho Chi brothers have been uniting men and women in architecture and the allied arts with a life-changing purpose of building friendships and advancing professional development.

Today, by way of the APX Foundation, this work has grown to serve thousands of brothers through a variety of programs that help them accelerate learning, afford their studies with scholarships, connect with industry experts, enjoy fellowship with likeminded brothers, and jump-start successful careers in architecture, interior design, architectural engineering, and other related disciplines.

One important way these programs are funded is with support the Foundation receives through bequests made by donors who remember us in their will or trust. This special group of brothers and other Foundation friends are members of the 1914 Society.

What is the 1914 Society?
The 1914 Society is an APX Foundation fund established for people who want to provide financial support and positively impact our brothers’ lives and careers for years to come after their passing. These donors do this by designating the APX Foundation as a beneficiary of a financial gift in their will or trust and by notifying us of their gift. No matter the amount, you can be certain it will be instrumental to our work. Your generosity and caring heart will enable the Foundation to provide programs like our John R. Ross Scholarships and Charles Burchard Fund now and far into the future.

Benefits of joining the 1914 Society
As a member of The 1914 Society, you will receive special benefits we extend to these donors. Those benefits include:
- Recognition as a legacy donor in the 1914 Society via a variety of Foundation communications
- Invitation to participate in a special annual luncheon at the annual APX convention and regular communication with board members
- Potential significant tax benefits depending on your unique situation
- A sense of deep satisfaction and joy knowing your support helps brothers during your lifetime and beyond

Bequests can be simple.
Oftentimes people think bequests are complicated and hard to make. In reality, making a bequest is fairly simple and can be a very gratifying way of giving.

When making a bequest, there are a few different types. The simplest is a specific bequest in which you can leave the APX Foundation a designated gift amount or piece of property.
Ready to take the next step?
If you’re ready to leave us a gift in your will or trust, you can do so easily by including one sentence in your will or trust with our preferred bequest language:

I give the sum of $__________ to the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation, 2101 Saint James Avenue, #3, Cincinnati, OH 45206-2612 (Tax ID: ________) to be used or disposed of as its Board of Directors deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

Important: When including the APX Foundation in your will or trust, please use our legal name/address as noted above. Including the Foundation’s tax ID number makes it unmistakable where your bequest will go. Our treasurer, Chuck Nickel, can provide that tax ID. Call him at (513) 751-1133 or email foundationtreasurer@alpharhochi.org.

Please use the information we’ve shared here as a starting point to use with your estate planning attorney. If you’d like to talk about this gift option with someone at the Foundation, please reach out to your fellow brother, Chuck Nickel, by phone or email to begin a conversation and get your questions answered.

If you’ve already designated the APX Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust, please let Chuck know so we can extend our heartfelt thanks and follow up accordingly.

Thank you!
On behalf of the brothers we serve, thank you for considering a gift to The 1914 Society. It would mean a lot to us to have you become a part of it.

How To Support Us

Your support makes it possible.

Our donors – both big and small – through their tax-deductible monthly donations, annual contributions, and bequests, are providing opportunities for the next generation of our profession.

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Here’s where you can give:

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BY MAIL:
Send your check payable to “Alpha Rho Chi Foundation” and with “Burchard Fund” in the memo section.

BEQUESTS:
See the story to the left or talk to Chuck Nickel to learn more.

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Shop at smile.amazon.com and select the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation as your designated charity.

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Burchard Grants in action

Alpha Rho Foundation supports professional events locally and nationally through Burchard Grants. Here’s a couple:

Skopas Colony, Syracuse University
In February 2019, Skopas Colony presented their first major professional program. The panel discussion brought together faculty from different design fields on the topic of “Controversial Issues in Design and Architecture.” Sponsored with a Burchard Grant, the colony was able to meet one of their requirements towards becoming an APX chapter.

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Three Remarkable 2019 John R. Ross Scholarship Winners!

If we had to pick one program of ours that gives fellow brothers and Foundation friends the most joy and fulfillment, awarding John R. Ross Scholarships to three talented students every year is probably it! And this year’s winners definitely didn’t disappoint.

Since its founding in 1995, the Foundation’s generous family of donors have enabled us to award $79,000 in scholarships to 60 student brothers who’ve demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and made extraordinary contributions to Alpha Rho Chi and their communities.

The APX Foundation thanks every brother who applied. We had 46 students apply from 21 chapters during our 2019 round of applications. As always, picking three was a challenge! All the applicants are impressive and do so much to advance the good works of our brotherhood.

Without further ado, let’s get to know this year’s Ross scholars and why we picked them. These brothers are outstanding examples of our three primary ideals of professionalism, academic achievement, and leadership. We thank them for pouring their heart and soul into their studies and community work. And we thank you, our donors and friends, who’ve made all of this possible.

Lames Alkebsi
Olynthius Chapter $5,000 Scholarship

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In the community, Cassidy digs deep into a cause very near and dear to her heart: Working to increase quality of life for her older autistic brother and for all people affected with intellectual/social disabilities. Since 2009, Cassidy has volunteering with Special Olympics Florida as a Unified Sports Partner where she works one-on-one with autistic people in sports activities, games, and physical therapy. As it relates to architecture, Cassidy plans to use her career to design spaces that are “social sensory based” with a high emphasis on materiality to address challenges of learning and social engagement for autistic people.

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Apollodorus Chapter $2,500 Scholarship

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Cassidy is one of our brothers who combines loads of smarts with a big heart. She served Apollodorus as Worthy Superintendent, Worthy Architect, and Parliamentarian. She made it her mission to improve a vital area of her chapter: ensuring brothers have a safe environment for initiation and beyond. To accomplish this, Cassidy retained positive traditions that emphasized and encouraged brotherly love and fraternal value while performing the Ritual and updating the chapter’s by-laws to protect brothers from unsafe practices.

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Lames Alkebsi graduated in May 2019 from the University of Maryland (UMD) with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. Lames initiated into APX as a freshman in 2015 and was very quickly voted Worthy Scribe followed by Worthy Architect one year later.

She then made her top priority enhancing inter-chapter relations. To that end, Lames leveraged the power of social media in new, innovative ways starting with her participation in APX’s 2017 Leadership Conference where she created a lively group chat involving all chapter presidents. It became a big hit! And it’s still in use today. The chat is a resourceful forum where presidents ask questions, seek advice, and offer support to each other. Lames also established new relationships with brothers from nine chapters, hosted 20 Severus Chapter brothers for a firm crawl, and worked diligently with Olynthius Chapter to continue its reign as winner of APX’s Community Service Award while snagging the So Whitten Award.

Within UMD, Lames took on many leadership activities to drive progress. She joined the Dean’s Advisory Committee giving her the opportunity to bring up concerns and give constructive advice to the Dean on improving college relations. Lames was a member of the Program/Curriculum Committee, too, in which she was the leading voice behind a successful transition of the School of Architecture’s master’s degree to be a STEM degree; importantly, this allows international students to expand their stay in the U.S. from one to three additional years after graduation. Lames was also a tour guide. In that role, she recruited two students who joined APX and are leaders in the chapter.

Outside of college, she kept busy with research on recorded destruction sites in Yemen, her home country. She formed an online database available in Arabic and English to expand dialogue between Western experts and local Yemenis. Her research has been recognized and presented at George-town University’s event “Safeguarding Yemen’s Past, Present, and Future.”

Lames wrote us this fall from Montreal. “Riddled with fear as I am going to a new place as a refugee and knowing absolutely no one there, the scholarship money gave me the last push I needed to take this bold step. It provided me the financial security to pay my attorney fees and travel across the border, and it will be how I start a career here. I want express my deepest gratitude to you and the Foundation. Winning the scholarship literally changed my life”.

Andrew Fabry graduated in May 2019 from the University of Southern California (USC) with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

Andrew accepted the scholarship from Lannis Kirkland, secretary of the APX Foundation, at the APX Convention’s award banquet in March.

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Andrew served as Worthy Associate Architect, Worthy Superintendent, Worthy Estimator, House Manager, and Executive Board member in his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Andrew focused his time on a few key areas—improving fraternity relationships, making the pledge process and money management more efficient, and maintaining the beautiful historic house he and his fellow brothers lived in. Andrew created a new cloud-based financial system that enables online payments and provides greater ease and transparency for all the chapter’s financial transactions. As House Manager for two semesters, Andrew spent many hours working with contractors to renovate parts of the home while performing smaller repairs himself.

Andrew’s contributions within USC have also been significant and impactful. Representing APX, he helped organize various school-wide events including a Freshman Supply Pickup Picnic and the Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest. Plus, Andrew blazed a unique academic trail becoming the first student to pursue a dual degree in Architecture and Aerospace Engineering. After successfully arguing his case for cross-school class equivalences, he became a “go-to” student for incoming freshmen who were considering a double major.

In the larger context of his profession as both an aerospace engineer and architect, Andrew has great passion around bringing architecture insights to improve interior aircraft design. He feels fortunate to use both of his degrees in his current position as one of only two architects within a niche group of airplane engineers and designers. Andrew is gratified knowing his far-reaching work helps millions of people who travel by air have more enjoyable flying experiences.
Meet Linda & George Lilly

Linda and George Lilly have been faithfully involved and financially supportive of Alpha Rho Chi and our Foundation for many years. Their main motivation? For these beloved brothers with hearts of gold, it’s all about fellowship, fraternity, and doing everything they can to help APX brothers be the best people they can be.

In this interview with two of the APX Foundation’s most passionate and generous donors, you’ll learn about Linda and George Lilly and why they feel giving to our work is so meaningful. It’s their way of paying tribute to all they’ve received and helping other brothers enjoy the same fulfilling, life-changing rewards of the APX brotherhood.

Q: Linda, you’ve been a dedicated supporter of APX in many ways—most recently becoming a Trustee of the Foundation, along with your husband, George. Thinking back to when you first joined the fraternity, what attracted you to APX?
A: In 1967, I joined APX and, up until then, it was an all-male architecture fraternity. One of my classmates was a member of the Iktinos Chapter at the University of Michigan and suggested I come to the fraternity house during rush week. I wasn’t sure if he was serious or pulling my leg! I decided to go, and the brothers invited me to pledge.

To this day, I’m grateful to those active members of the Iktinos Chapter in 1967 who took a bold step and opened our fraternity to women.

Q: How did George become involved in APX?
A: During my tenure from 2009-2014 as President of the Iktinos Alumni Association, George was a huge support—especially with all the work he put into updating our membership lists and organizing/hosting events. In recognition of his service, the Iktinos Chapter invited him to become an honorary member in 2011. George was instrumental in catapulting Iktinos forward with increased membership and financial support, and he continues to be invaluable in our work.

Q: Linda and George, as some of our most generous donors, please share why you give.
A: Simply put, we love all the wonderful benefits our gifts make possible for student brothers and alumni. We enjoy making monthly donations to support the Foundation’s General Fund because we know that fund is vital to keep day-to-day operations going smoothly. The direct contributions we make to Iktinos funds managed by the Foundation are especially meaningful because they assist brothers at the University of Michigan.

For instance, through our Iktinos Chapter we offer scholarship funding to collegiate members through the Vern Gibbs Scholarship Fund. The Foundation manages that fund as well as the Iktinos Endowment Fund, which has been used to supplement scholarship award amounts along with special projects including a 100th anniversary celebration for our chapter and publishing of our Iktinos History Book. The Foundation also helped us with some educational aspects of the anniversary activities.

Knowing our donations accomplish so much is extremely gratifying. We are very happy to financially support the Foundation, which has become a big part of APX and all we do for our brothers.

At the 2019 APX National Convention, Linda was the first recipient of a new national award named in her honor. The Linda Lilly Award recognizes members for work representing equality, inclusiveness, and diversity. Members from Iktinos joined her on stage after accepting her award.
Q: How do you feel about where the Foundation is right now and where you’d like to see it go?
A: The Foundation has been growing, which is great to see. It has certainly heightened our enthusiasm around our involvement. Going forward, we feel greater outreach to alumni for their support is a key focus area. From the day students graduate, we’d love to see all of those newly-minted alumni become donors.

Q: Tagging on to that, what is one thing you encourage alumni to do?
A: We urge our fellow alumni to become monthly donors like us.

Giving at all life stages, at various levels of giving, is important. If you’re just starting out in your career after college, perhaps start with giving $5 or $10 per month. As you advance in your career, we encourage you to give back more generously and increase your gift.

Also, we hope you keep in mind that fundraising on the local level helps tremendously and can have a huge impact on growing support. For example, when the Iktinos Alumni Association sends out our annual dues form, we also include lines for donations to our local funds managed by the Foundation: the Vern Gibbs Scholarship and Iktinos Endowment Funds. Our treasurer forwards those donations to the Foundation.

Q: What else do you think can help boost growth for our work?
A: The Foundation made a good decision when brothers of chapters with managed funds invested with the Foundation were asked to become trustees. This essentially gives the Foundation a spokesperson locally in many alumni associations.

It would be terrific to see every alumni association eventually establish a fund with the Foundation and then be represented as a trustee.

Q: What final thoughts do you want to share about the importance of giving to the Foundation?
A: To our dear fellow brothers: Let’s remember and really take to heart that we all benefit from the Foundation’s good works. Whether directly from a grant to your local chapter or a scholarship awarded to one of your local brothers—or indirectly through convention speakers—the Foundation makes it possible for all APX brothers to enjoy programs that help friendships bloom and careers take off.

Because of this, we hope you’ll join with us and become a monthly donor if you’re not already. Or please consider increasing your support if you can. And please know that your support—at any level—is appreciated very much.

Thanks!

We’d like to thank all the donors who have stepped up with their support since 2018.

Inside: See where Burchard Grants are going.

Numisius Chapter members Julianna Powell and Abigail Hill from NewSchool of Architecture, San Diego enjoy the morning view next to one their chapter’s entries in Cal Poly San Luis Obispo’s Design Village Competition.