

Setting an example for future TKE members

*The Young Alumni Club allows recent Adrian College graduates the chance to give back via an affordable monthly gift. This gift can be applied to support any area of campus.*

*This month's profile features Mitch Harris, a 2011 graduate from Dearborn Heights, MI.*

Adrian College's chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon dedicated their house to one of their original founders, Ron Reeves, during Homecoming festivities in 2016. This was made possible in part by Mitch Harris and a handful of other TKE members that brought the fraternity back on campus during Mitch's junior year.

Mitch said he has always wanted to give back and is now in a position to do so. Deciding what his donation would go to was a fairly easy decision – TKE.

"Our biggest donations (as a fraternity) go towards St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," he said. "That's something I'm happy to stand behind."

Mitch also noted the influences older TKE members had on him and the idea of paying it forward.

"Seeing how the older alums carried themselves and what kind of men they became was something I aspired to," he explained. "I want to set a good example for current members so they can set a good example for the next group."

Mitch said the most valuable aspects of his time as a Bulldog were the personal and professional connections he made.

"The connections I have made have gotten me to where I am today with my career and where I am personally," he said.

Currently, Mitch works for Michigan.com, the largest multimedia marketing company in the state, and an opportunity he got because a mutual friend from college put in a recommendation for him.

"The friends and connections you make never stop paying off," Mitch said.

He said the education he received at AC gave him a leg up on his competition at the various jobs he has had since graduating.

"Pretty much every class that I took was way more hands on than I've heard at other colleges," Mitch said. "Putting education into practice is something that is emphasized at Adrian College and a lot of things I have been asked to do at jobs I had done while at Adrian."

The former soccer player said he hopes his donation will go towards helping others have memorable experiences like he did.

"Adrian was a phenomenal place for me where I made some of the best memories of my life," he said. "If I can do something, as incremental as it may or may not be, to help other people have those experiences, and even better ones, I'm going to do whatever I can."