The first chapter of Kappa Sigma Epsilon (KΣE) fraternity – ‘Alpha’, was established in 1954 at the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred (now known as SUNY Alfred).

In January of 1953, a group of veterans attending the Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred formed a new fraternity known as ‘Alpha Tau’ (AT).

Soon after, Alpha Tau petitioned the national fraternity Kappa Sigma Kappa (KΣK) for a chapter. The national fraternity responded. On March 28, 1953, Alpha Tau fraternity at Alfred became the ‘New York Epsilon chapter’ of Kappa Sigma Kappa. The installation ceremony was held in Wellsville, NY.

The first president of the New York Epsilon chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa was Walter J. Rohde of Elmira, NY.

On October 11, 1954, the New York Epsilon chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa became the local fraternity ‘Kappa Sigma Epsilon.’ All affiliation with the national organization was severed. This was due to a State University of New York (SUNY) mandate, which banned all National fraternities and sororities from its campuses.

The first president of Kappa Sigma Epsilon fraternity was William K. Tate of Bradford, PA.

On May 11, 1955, Delta Chi Omega (ΔΧΩ) sorority officially became the ‘sister sorority’ of Kappa Sigma Epsilon fraternity at Alfred.

In 1960, Alpha chapter members established Beta chapter at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical Institute at Delhi, NY.

In 1969, Alpha chapter member Jerry Lippincott (A-68) founded Delta chapter at the Community College of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua, NY.

In the fall of 1976, Alpha chapter at Alfred went inactive, due to lack of members on campus.

In the fall of 1981, Alpha chapter at Alfred was re-activated by members of Delta chapter from the Community College of the Finger Lakes (CCFL). The reactivation
was requested by the sisters of Delta Chi Omega sorority at Alfred, who wanted to have their ‘brother fraternity’ back on campus.

Alpha Chapter is currently active at SUNY Alfred.

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