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## SIX NEW AWARDS TO BE INTRODUCED AT ENDEAVOR CONFERENCE

This year, the Endeavor Conference in Minneapolis, MN is set for June 22-24, 2017. At Endeavor, several awards will be given to chapters and individual members. This year Sigma Tau Gamma is offering six new awards that will be given to individuals.

These new awards are based on our six principles; Learning, Integrity, Excellence, Leadership, Citizenship, and Brotherhood. For each of these awards, we are seeking someone who exemplifies the qualities of the specific principle in their everyday life.



To be considered for an award, the nominee must be either an undergraduate member of Sig Tau or an alumnus who is in good standing with their chapter. Each award application includes a few specific questions, which include the nominees' scholastic achievements, contributions and involvement in the chapter and on campus, and describing the learning habits of the nominee and the ways in which the nominee excels both inside and outside of the classroom. Director of Collegiate Services, Erik Kahl, UW – La Crosse, believed that more members needed recognition for their accomplishments and contributions.

"With more than 3,000 undergraduate members, it was time to expand our award selection and recognize outstanding undergraduates for their accomplishments in their chapters and on their campus," Kahl said. "Through the award and nomination process, we will be able to understand the magnitude better and impact our members are having within their chapters and on their respective campuses."

Make sure to visit our website <u>sigtau.org</u> to apply. Deadline for all award submissions is April 15, 2017.

### 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH



### New National Website Launched

On March 16, 2017, sigtau.org officially launched as the new website of Sigma Tau Gamma.



### Past HQ Staff Member Enters Chapter Eternal

Ed Curtis, Central Missouri '65 passed to Chapter Eternal on March 13, 2017. Curtis was on HQ Staff from 1998 to 2007.



### **Endeavor Registration**

The early registration deadline is April 15. Alumni and friends click <u>HERE</u> to register. Undergraduates should speak with their chapter president about registering.



### McCune Annual Report Deadline Approaching

The deadline to submit the McCune Annual Report is April 15, 2017. Each report helps us track growth in our chapters and aids with the awards process.



## **Chapter Anniversaries**

UNC Charlotte: March 17 Pitt Johnstown: March 18 SIU Edwardsville: March 30











## SIG TAU NOW IN COLORADO

Fort Collins, CO - On Thursday, March 9, 2017, the Zeta Sigma Associate Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was installed as the 76th Associate Chapter of the fraternity. The installation took place in Fort Collins, Colorado, at Colorado State University, and marks the first Associate Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma in the state of Colorado.

Surrounded by family, friends, Fraternity and Sorority staff, and students from Colorado State, 23 founding fathers, were welcomed into Sigma Tau Gamma. Associate Director of Recruitment and Growth Kassi Ward helped conduct the ceremony. President Kaleb Ast, Colorado State, is excited to see the chapter grow and thrive.

"I believe that we will see substantial growth very quickly. Led by noble founders, future members will be able to continue to inspire, lead, and show people what it truly means to be a man," said President Kaleb Ast, Colorado State.

Founding fathers at Colorado are involved in many other clubs and activities. Some associate members are a part of the Residence Hall Association, DECA, Associated Students of Colorado State University, Navigators, and the CSU Football team.

The Zeta Sigma Associate Chapter is comprised of men in several different majors. Interior design, business administration, biomedical and mechanical engineering, and psychology are just a few of the member's majors. The 23-man group includes freshmen, sophomores, juniors and has members from all over the world.

Follow the Zeta Sigma Associate Chapter on social media as they work towards their charter.

# RECRUITMENT BY THE NUMBERS

**Plattsburgh, NY** – Congratulations to the Epsilon Lambda Chapter at SUNY Plattsburgh for having a spring associate class of 10 members. This brings the Epsilon Lambda Chapter to 43 members.

**Rolla, MO** - Congratulations to the Alpha Omega Chapter at Missouri S&T for having a spring associate class of eight members. This brings the Alpha Omega Chapter to 38 members.

**Blacksburg, VA** - Congratulations to the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Virginia Tech for having a spring associate class of 10 members. This brings the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter to 57 members.

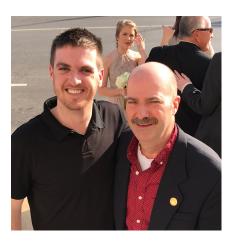
**Buffalo, NY –** Congratulations to the Epsilon Pi Chapter at Buffalo for having a spring associate class of 11 members. This brings the Epsilon Pi Chapter to 29 members











## DYLAN HAMILTON'S LONG HISTORY WITH SIG TAU

### Q: What initially made you want to be involved in Sigma Tau Gamma?

**A:** I started off not knowing anybody. I lived in an apartment complex, and four doors down lived a guy that is now my Big Brother. His truck broke down, and he had asked me if I had any jumper cables, so I helped him get his truck running. Then we went to class, came back, and that night it was Friday night, and he said "hey, I'm having a little get together down the road if you want to join I'll take you down there. It turned out to be a Sig Tau social for all the potential members. I knew who they were from my step dad who was Sig Tau also and so was his brother.

#### Q: How many Sig Taus are currently in your family?

A: Three that I know of. Myself, my step dad, and his brother. There may be some before them, but I'm not certain.

#### Q: Other than being Chapter President, did you hold any other positions within your chapter?

**A:** I started off as VP of Programs, then I moved to President. When I was president, I stepped down to allow a younger member who was staying another year to be president. I then took the role of VP of Finance when that switch happened.

### Q: In a previous email you had mentioned something about the "Little Sisters of Sig Tau." Could you provide me with more information about that?

**A:** Back when my step dad and his brother were in college in the late 80's his younger sister began college there and at the time she joined the Alpha Tau sorority at Southeastern, and they had what they called the little sisters of Sig Tau and they basically picked the girls that hung out with them that weren't the White Rose but were still recognized as being close to the chapter. They helped with social events and frontier day and stuff like that.

### Q: Is there anything that you learned as Sig Tau or as an undergrad that you still use today in everyday life?

**A:** I'm currently an EHS manager so managing people, managing money, scheduling, preplanning, has played a huge role in being able to succeed in my careers. I learned how to talk to higher up people such as CEOs and older alumni, distinguished owners of companies, lawyers, it's helped broaden the experience of public speaking in general.

### Q: Is there any advice that you have for undergraduates right now?

**A:** The best one is always to take care of your brothers. It will always help to have people you consider your brothers rather than your friends. Brothers are always there for you. No matter what you go through. I lost sight in my left eye, and I basically relied on a lot of my brothers help. I lived with one of the older members and he got me a job in the oil field in Victoria, Texas and he took care of my now wife and me, and you can't rely on just any friend to do those things for you. The next piece of advice I can give is to see it through until the end and don't give up. I would have never dreamed of the benefits that come with being a Sig Tau.













# FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE: HONOR OUR 97-YEAR LEGACY

For 97 years, Sig Tau has impacted generations of men through service, learning, and leadership. The legacy of our Fraternity will forever bind the principles to our members and our members to our principles. On June 28 2017, the Sig Tau Foundation is honoring our legacy by inviting you to be a part of our Founders Day Challenge.

The Founders Day Challenge will support the Foundation Chain of Honor Annual Fund by celebrating our past and preparing for our future.

Help us reach our Founders Day Challenge goal of 500 donors and \$97,000 by visiting <u>sigtau.org/donate</u>

## THE ALL NEW WEBSITE CALENDAR

In the past, to keep up with fraternity dates and events, Headquarters would send out a calendar on almost all publications. While we found this somewhat effective, it was a tedious task and staff would still receive questions from alumni and members about when events were and when deadlines were approaching.

The Calendar page on sigtau.org will be the new home for events. Dates and events will be much easier to locate and access. To locate the calendar on the website, click on the events tab and you will see a link to the calendar. You will also see a link to all the events that Sig Tau has to offer. In addition to the event and calendar links, members and alumni can submit an event to be put on the national calendar. The "submit an event" form is very simple to fill out. It asks very general questions like the event name, date, time, and location. It does also ask more in depth questions as well. You can put who to contact if someone has questions, the venue name, and you can even add additional details for the event.

The new calendar allows information to be found in a matter of clicks. Events can be filtered by date or keyword. The calendar isn't the only addition to the website, but it is one of many tools that helps our members stay connected and engaged on the national level.



#### MARKETPLACE ITEM OF THE MONTH

This month's featured Marketplace item is the new recruitment shirt for the 2017-2018 academic year, as chosen by attendees at this year's Webb Academy. Shirts are now available for chapters to pre-order in bulk at a discounted cost with flat, \$20 shipping. To order, please fill out the <u>linked</u> form. These shirts will be available for alumni to purchase at this summer's Endeavor Conference.

