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CELEBRATING FOUNDERS DAY GRAND CONCLAVE STYLE

On our 98th Founders Day, the 48th House of Delegates was called to order and Grand Conclave was officially underway. Many traveled from across the country to join together in the Grand Canyon State for business and brotherhood.

The gavel was rapped, state flags were on display, and the voting delegates of each chapter, alumni association, and Board recited the Creed together. To wrap up the Opening Ceremonies, 39th National President, Jonathan Proehl, UW - River Falls presented the State of the Fraternity address. Together, brothers celebrated the success of the Fraternity over the past two years including the Sig Tau brand, chapter growth, and the new Fraternity Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

What better way to commemorate Founders Day than with 350 of your brothers? The Foundation kicked off the celebration with the Founders Day Challenge, presenting Noble Man Accolades, and adding members to the Azure and White Undergraduate Giving Club.

All Grand Conclave attendees traveled to the Buffalo Chip Saloon & Steakhouse, an Arizona favorite, for dinner and brotherhood fun to wrap up our 98th Founders Day together. Brothers enjoyed classic southwest BBQ, yard games, and mechanical bull rides.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

Prime Day Support

Amazon Prime Day is July 17, and your shopping could support the Sig Tau Foundation. Log into your [Amazon account](#) and choose "Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Inc" and a part of your purchase will be donated to the Foundation.

2

Grand Conclave Phoenix

350 undergraduates, alumni, and guest gathered in Phoenix, Arizona from June 28th-30th for the 48th House of Delegates. Together, they celebrated Sig Tau's 98th Founders Day.

3

Special Olympics Support

At Grand Conclave, Foundation Chairman Tom Janicki, Carnegie Mellon, presented Special Olympics with a \$23,413.70 check for philanthropy dollars raised by our noble men.

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HQ Staff Update

There are new full-time members at Headquarters! Aaron Gottman, Southern Indiana; Alex Hart, Nebraska at Kearney; Brenna Albritton, Delta Zeta. Read more about these staff members [here](#).

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Stop by Headquarters

Over 250 guests have visited Headquarters since May. This includes brothers and their families, Greek life professionals, higher education professionals, and friends of Sig Tau.



CITIZENSHIP AND THE POWER OF BROTHERHOOD

Day two of Grand Conclave began with brothers, staff members, and guests enjoying the Arizona sun and warm weather with a run around the beautiful JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa.

Later that day, all attendees joined together for the Brotherhood Luncheon, sponsored by the

Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation. We recognized those chapters and brothers who have given their time and commitment to the Foundation through service and charitable giving. This event included the presentation of a check of \$23,413.70 to Special Olympics. This generous donation to Special Olympics was made possible by the hard work and dedication of the undergraduate members and alumni.

It was a day full of voting and passing of legislation for the House of Delegates. The Fraternity elected a new President-Elect and Board of Directors. Jeremy Daus, UW – River Falls was elected as President-Elect, and will serve as the Fraternity’s 41st National President. Constitutional amendments were passed, resolutions were approved, and the House of Delegates closed with the recognition of the 2016 – 2018 Board of Directors.

To close out the evening, the National Alumni Advisory Council Secretary Clayton Whitehead, Georgia, gave an opening statement as alumni and guests joined together to celebrate alumni service for the Fraternity, Foundation, WPN Housing.

FUN TO FORMAL FOR DAY THREE

The final day of Grand Conclave kicked off with the House of Trotter Donor Recognition Breakfast. Many graduated to the next level of our Foundation Giving Societies, and two members of the Foundation Board of Trustees will be transitioning to Trustee Emeritus. Kenley Hoover, IU - Pennsylvania, and Joe Feldhouse, Cleveland State, have served the Foundation for decades and we are forever grateful for their dedication to Sig Tau.

For the remainder of the morning, Grand Conclave was centered around educating our members. Twelve different educational sessions were presented to both undergraduate and alumni members. Sessions included the basics of recruiting, having open dialogue on diversity and inclusion, and how to be an engaged alumnus. Facilitators from various organizations, higher education professionals, and partners such as OmegaFi helped present the sessions.

During “resort time,” brothers and guests were able to enjoy the lazy river, relax by the pool, or hit the back nine for a round of golf.



The night ended with a bang, as Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon was installed as the 40th National President of Sigma Tau Gamma, and both chapter and individual awards were given to worthy recipients. One final surprise for the evening was the unveiling of the Centennial Brand, signifying that our 100th Anniversary will take place just two short years from now in Kansas City, Missouri.



CONCLAVE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Individual Awards

Society of Seventeen – D.W. Cole, Truman State

D. Kenneth Winebrenner Distinguished Fraternity Service Medal – Michael D. Schermer, Illinois State

Marvin Millsap Distinguished Foundation Service Medal – Doug Haman, Miami

Distinguished Young Alumni Achievement Award – Nicholas R. Wilson, Indiana

Professor O.F. Grubbs Advisor of the Year Award – Robert J. Champ, Cameron

Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award – Lauren Leif, University of Arizona

Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award – Slade Downing, Lindenwood-Belleville

Noble Man Hall of Fame:

Alex Hart, Nebraska at Kearney

Dylan Rhodes, UNC Charlotte

Andrew McGuire, Southern Indiana

Luke Palmer, Emporia

Anthony Giazzon, Purdue

Slade Downing, Lindenwood-Belleville

Jared Palmer, Central Oklahoma

Nathan Dickerson, Alabama

Rafrael Follador Gabriel, Lindenwood-Belleville

Adam Rhody, Purdue



Priem Undergraduate Scholarship – Anthony Giazzon, Purdue

Michael J. Steinbeck Graduate Scholarship – Benjamin Morgan, Auburn

Undergraduate Principle Awards

Learning – Errek Pham, Youngstown State

Integrity – Slade Downing, Lindenwood-Belleville

Excellence – Rom Proforsky, UNC Charlotte

Leadership – Jared Palmer, Central Oklahoma

Citizenship – Parker Beckman, Purdue

Brotherhood – Charlie Graves, UNC Charlotte

Stan Musial and Eric Hillman Sportsmanship Award – Luke Dietzen, Carroll

National White Rose Sweetheart – Addison Crowder, Alabama





Chapter Awards

Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter Award

- Small IFC Community – Henderson State University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – University of Arizona
- Large Size IFC Community – Purdue University

Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award

- Small IFC Community – Northwest Missouri State University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – University of North Carolina - Charlotte
- Large Size IFC Community – Pennsylvania State University

Dr. Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award

- Small IFC Community – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – Oklahoma State University
- Large Size IFC Community – University of Alabama

W.T. Hembree Campus Leadership

- Small IFC Community – Northwest Missouri State University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – Northern Arizona University
- Large Size IFC Community – Purdue University

Robert N. Jones Charitable Projects Award

- Small IFC Community – East Central University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – Western Michigan University
- Large Size IFC Community – Purdue University

E. Kennedy Whitesitt Communications Award

- Small IFC Community – Emporia State University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – Missouri State University
- Large Size IFC Community – University of Missouri

Thomas M. Hutsell Chapter Efficiency Award

- Small IFC Community – Henderson State University
- Mid-Size IFC Community – University of Nevada - Reno
- Large Size IFC Community – Kansas State University

J. Gregory Rumpf Recruitment and Growth

- Small IFC Community – Lindenwood-Belleville
- Mid-Size IFC Community – Virginia Tech.
- Large Size IFC Community – Kansas State University





Foundation Advocate

Small IFC Community – Henderson State University

Mid-Size IFC Community – Western Michigan University

Large Size IFC Community – Michigan State University

Ronald W. Erickson Alumni Engagement Award

Small IFC Community – Pittsburg State University

Mid-Size IFC Community – University of North Carolina - Charlotte

Large Size IFC Community – University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign

Christopher J. Mauer Man-Mile Award – Youngstown State

Alumni Association Award of Distinction

New Orleans Alumni Chapter, New Orleans Region

Gamma Tau Alumni Association, Millersville

