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## RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT WEBB ACADEMY

**Kansas City, MO** – More than 225 undergraduates attended the 32nd Webb Academy January 13-15. This is the largest Webb Academy in the history of the program! Presidents, Vice Presidents of Finance, and Vice Presidents of Membership from nearly every chapter gathered at the Marriott Hotel to learn how to better operate in their given position through multiple workshops. 71 of our 74 Chapters were represented.



"This program gave me the utmost confidence in myself to accomplish any goal I set my mind to," said Vice President of Membership Adam Roessler, Saint Louis University.

"Every Sig Tau chapter is unique. Bringing together all the officers from around the country is the best opportunity you'll have to make the best fraternity on your campus even better with new ideas learned from each other," says Vice President of Finance Kevin Kahabka, Winona State.

The presidents voted to add an additional executive board member to the program in 2018. The new Director of Member and Community Engagement.

➤ The 2018 program will take place January 12-14 in the same hotel in downtown Kansas City.

## 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

### Ritual Books

A new edition of the Ritual Book is now available. Each chapter was given six copies at Webb Academy. The Ritual Books have been revised to include all rituals and ceremonies.

2

### New Badges and Associate Pins

New active member badges and associate pins were given to undergraduates at Webb Academy. Visit [sigtaumarketplace.com](http://sigtaumarketplace.com) to submit your order.

3

### Spring Expansion

Colorado State, UC-Merced will be new expansion efforts, with Henderson State being a restart.

4

### WPN Central Michigan

In spring 2017, WPN began managing the chapter house at Central Michigan University in Mt Pleasant, MI.

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### WPN Auburn

In spring 2017, WPN began managing the chapter house at Auburn University in Auburn, AL.



## CHAPTERS CAN NOW FLY THE NEW SIG TAU FLAG

In addition to our standard flag, each chapter now has a flag that is consistent with our branding standards. The flags bear their chapter's designation within the Chain of Honor officially acknowledging that their respective campus is now home to a Sig Tau Chapter.

The flags were officially presented by the 39th National President Jonathan Proehl and seen for the first time in public on Saturday, January 14, 2017, during dinner at Webb Academy in Kansas City.

Last year's gift was a presidential gavel branded with chapter letters and founding dates. The gavels are used at chapter meetings. These gifts are recognition of our appreciation for all the hard work that our chapters exemplify.

## FORMER FIRST LADY OF SIG TAU PASSES

**Leawood, KS** - Connie Hembree, the wife of 12th National President and Society of Seventeen member Bill Hembree, Pitt State passed away on January 3, 2016. Connie shared a love and passion for the fraternity that will never be forgotten. She showed her passion in many ways such as writing beautiful poetry about Sigma Tau Gamma and attending national Sig Tau events alongside her husband.

"We have truly lost one of the great ladies of Sigma Tau Gamma. I guess it's over 40 years ago, that Jan and I started to attend National Meetings and Connie was always one of the ladies who made the new women feel a sense of belonging" said Joe Feldhouse, Cleveland State.

"We have known Connie for many years as a supportive Sig Tau wife, elegant and charming." said Dot Phelps, wife of Pat Phelps, 17th National President and Society of Seventeen member.

- More than two dozen Sig Taus and their spouses attended the visitation and funeral on January 6 and 7 to honor Connie and support Bill.



"Billie"

**"The passing of a loved one leaves a void that God must fill. But with faith, you know it happens according to his will!"**

by Connie Hembree



## FIVE RECRUITMENT TIPS FROM HEADQUARTERS' RECRUITMENT AND GROWTH TEAM

At the beginning of each semester every Greek organization across the nation diligently prepares for recruitment. To assist our chapters, we have gathered the top five tips for recruiting noble men.

1

### **Treat Your Recruitment Events as Brotherhood Events**

Having events that your brothers want to attend will make it enjoyable for everyone participating. It will also help you find potential new members that are interested in and value the same things as your chapter.

2

### **Recruitment is a Year-Round, Full-Time Job**

This is an easy way for your chapter to stand out amongst the rest. There is no time limit or restriction on networking, connecting with people, and making friends. Make sure to keep potential new members engaged and connected to your chapter. A simple call/text to see how the potential new member is doing or grabbing lunch to hangout can go a long way and pay dividends for recruitment.

3

### **Remaining in Contact with Potential New Members**

Many times, potential new members will not want to join their first semester. They may want to get a feel of college before joining any groups. Continue to talk with potential new members even after recruitment is over to keep their interest for future semesters. Invite them to public events, meet with them, and take a genuine interest in making them feel welcome.

4

### **Contact Sororities for Potential New Members**

Asking sororities is a great way to get names of potential new members. Sorority women are more likely to recommend genuine, honest, and respectful men. Schedule a time to visit the sororities' chapter meetings to exchange contact information.

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### **Reflect on Recruitment When It Ends**

It is never too early to start planning next semester's recruitment. Write down what events were successful and figure out why other events didn't work out. Use the previous recruitment season as a learning opportunity to be better next semester.

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

**February 3:** Austin Area Alumni Reception, Austin, TX

**March 1:** Association Report Deadline

**April 1:** Initiation Report Deadline

**April 15:** Early Registration for Endeavor Conference

**April 15:** McCune Annual Report Due

**April 15:** Roster Updates for Fall Due

**May 15:** Final Registration for Endeavor Conference

**June 22-24:** Endeavor Conference, Minneapolis, MN