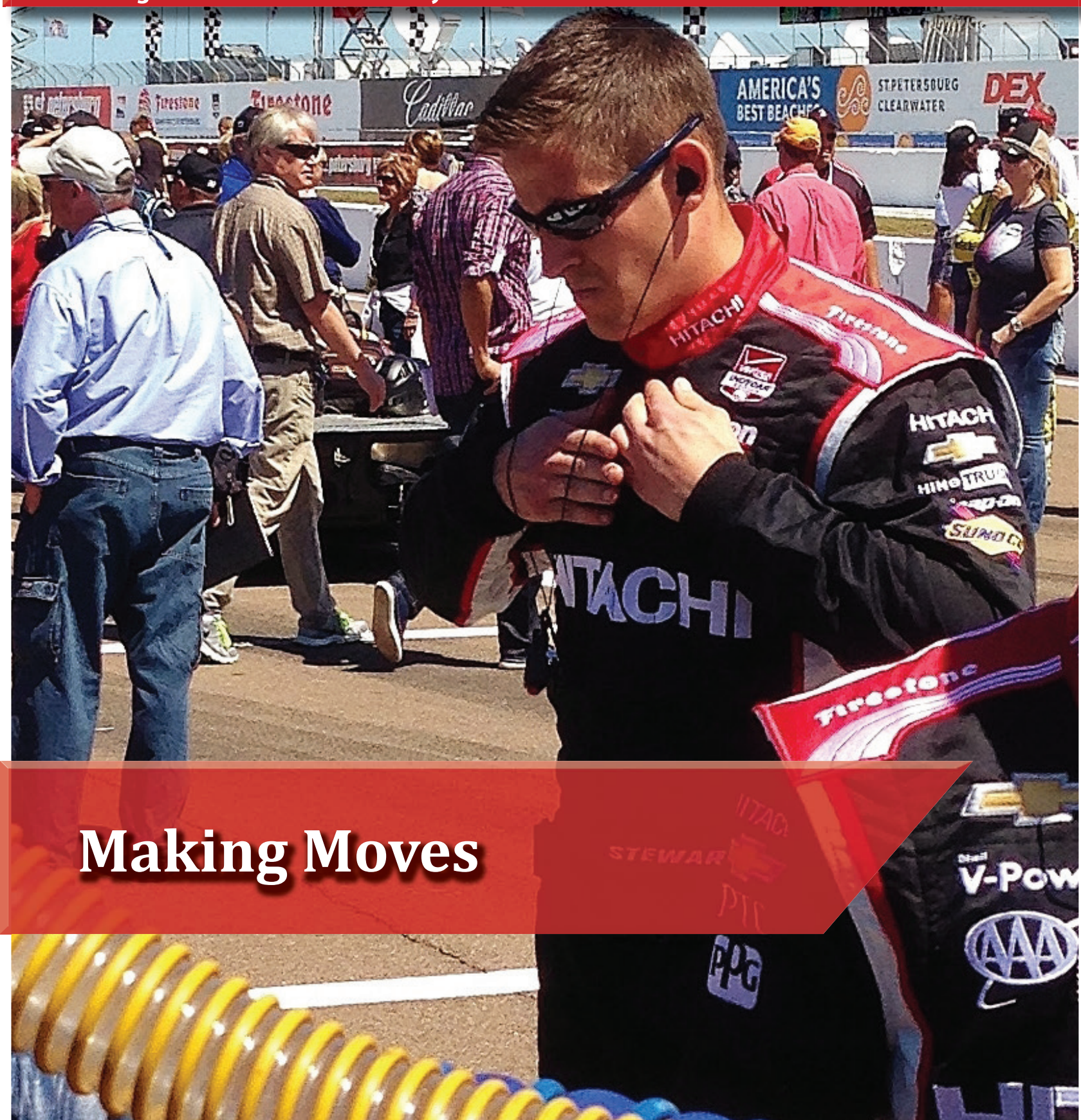


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on the pit crew of Team Penske INDYCAR
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A time of change and excitement

Brothers & Friends,

2015 has been a year of change and excitement for Sigma Tau Gamma, and a celebration of our 95th Anniversary! We began the year by welcoming Steve Latour as our Fraternity's new Chief Executive Officer. Anyone who has had the opportunity to meet Steve quickly becomes aware of his dedication, passion, and depth of Fraternity knowledge that he brings to Sig Tau and the opportunities our Fraternity has with him leading our professional staff; a staff that has added many quality leaders. Moreover, Steve has challenged himself to visit every active Chapter and Provisional Chapter within his first year as CEO, and he is close to reaching that goal. His travels to our Chapters and Provisional Chapters have permitted Steve to quickly gauge the pulse of Sig Tau and directly receive feedback to enable us to improve Sig Tau. It has also allowed our current undergraduate men, chapter advisors, and the campus' greek affairs professionals to connect with the highest level of Fraternity leadership. Sig Tau and the rest of the Greek Community have faced and will continue to face many challenges in the future, but with Steve and his professional staff helping lead the way, Sigma Tau Gamma shall endeavor to have great success in the future.



Another significant change for Sigma Tau Gamma has been the creation of the WPN National Housing Company, LLC, that was officially created during this summer's National Leadership Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. This housing company will enable Sig Tau to provide advice and assistance to local housing entities, and, in the future, assist with the building of housing structures.

The National Leadership Conference in Norfolk, Virginia this summer was an immense success in terms of participation by undergraduate and alumni members and the programming it offered. The Conference's programming offered three separate educational tracks for the participants in the: Leadership Track, Graduating Senior Track, and Provisional Chapter Track. In closing the Conference, the participants celebrated our 95th Anniversary, something that we will be doing through next June 2016.

Our Fraternity's success in 2015 has also been

marked by expansion successes with chartering of new chapters at the campuses of Florida Institute for Technology, Northwest Missouri State University, Northern Arizona University, and Arizona State University. Our successes have continued into this fall with outstanding recruitment by the undergraduate men in our Chapters and Provisional Chapters. In fact, we have already seen a 20% increase in our recruitment numbers over this time in 2014. And, just this fall, we have re-started Provisional Chapters at Western Michigan University and Missouri State University and have established a campus presence at Lindenwood University - Belleville in Illinois and a re-start of the Lambda Chapter at Black Hills State in South Dakota.

Not only is success being found with expansion, but, we are also setting ourselves up for success with the support for our undergraduate men and alumni volunteers. Webb Academy in January 2016 will include not only our Chapter and Provisional Chapter Presidents, but will also include all Vice Presidents of Membership, with another vice-president position added each subsequent year through 2019. Further, our regional and chapter level volunteer opportunities will be revised and expanded in 2016 and beyond to offer greater assistance to our Chapters, Provisional Chapters and Alumni.

Finally, coming in June 2016, Sigma Tau Gamma will be conducting its 47th Grand Chapter meeting at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista Resort on Walt Disney World property! Walt Disney World will allow us to undertake the business of our Grand Chapter meeting, with the unique opportunity for participants to bring their families and enjoy the Sig Tau experience within the backdrop of Disney. One of the many exciting new developments for Sig Tau that will be unveiled in June 2016 is the branding initiative that has been conducted throughout this year with undergraduate and alumni members through focus group meetings, interviews, and surveys. This branding initiative will allow us to focus on and crystalize in a clear manner the heart and soul of Sigma Tau Gamma. It will also allow all our members, friends and families to convey what it truly means to be "Sig Tau" and unify our noble Fraternity!

Our 95th Anniversary is indeed a time of change and excitement, with great successes on the way for Sigma Tau Gamma!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyx J. Parker'.

Alyx J. Parker
38th National President

Founders Day Challenge Introduced

On June 28, our beloved Fraternity turned 95. To celebrate, the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation held its first ever Founders Day Challenge and asked brothers and friends to support the organization with a donation.

An overwhelmingly positive response from our brotherhood helped to raise \$36,076.14 from 173 donors, which exceeded our goal by 20%!

Thank you to all those who donated! As a result of the generosity of our membership and friends, the donations will be used to continue to provide leadership development programs for undergraduates, such as Webb Academy, as well as continue to publish communications like The SAGA, The Chronicle, and the Sig Tau website.

We are pleased to recognize here our 2015 Founders Day Challenge Donors:

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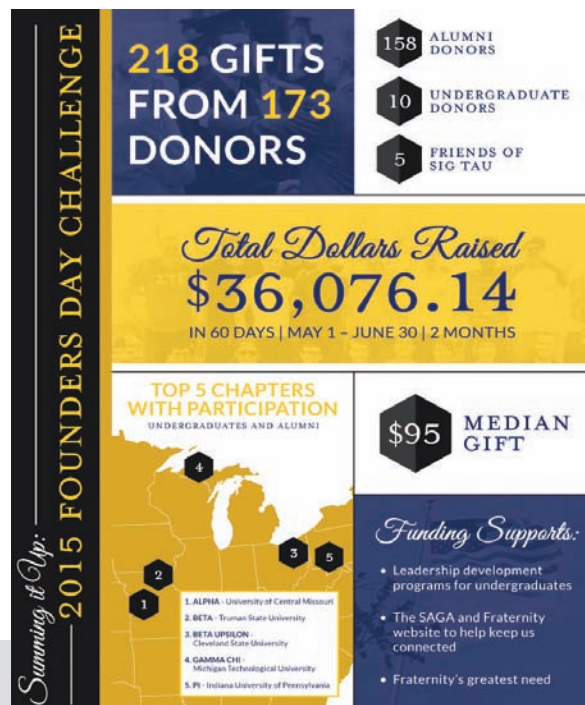
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Alpha Omega (Missouri S & T)

Members gather with their Fall 2015 Associate class.



Beta Chapter (Truman State)

Beta Chapter proudly introduces its Fall 2015 Associate member class.



Front row from left: Braven Bacardi, Noah Hutchinson, Jonathan Duffe, Dylan Crawford, Mason Smith, Mason Millstone, Will Coppess, Andy Wilson, Andrew Snider

Second row from left: Brock Huffman, Wesley Sappington, Andrew Eastlund, Austin Koster, Jared Bacardi, Jacob Hempen, Alex Bauer, Jake Balmer.

Not pictured: Alex Standley, John Thompson, Josh Ramirez, Otto Pfneisel, Sky Cope

Beta Theta Chapter (Purdue)

The Fall 2015 Associate class at Beta Theta.



Beta Kappa Chapter (Wisconsin-LaCrosse)

Chapter president **Fue Yang** reports that Beta Kappa Chapter is enjoying an exciting fall semester. They are inviting alumni to attend the ceremony to associate four new members in October.



Brothers of Beta Kappa Chapter, Fall 2015

Cincinnati Provisional Chapter (Cincinnati)

In pursuit of building its brotherhood and meeting charter standards, our University of Cincinnati Provisional Chapter recruited a strong Fall 2015 Associate Member class.



Cincinnati Fall 2015 Associate Members

Epsilon Phi Chapter (Alabama)

The Fall 2015 Associate class at Epsilon Phi.



Epsilon Theta Chapter *(Plymouth State)*

On September 12, 2015 Epsilon Theta Chapter paired up with the local Plymouth Police Department to help raise funds for Special Olympics. Brothers volunteered to pump gas and wash windshields for patrons of the Irving Gas Station in Plymouth, NH, at an event called Fueling Dreams. **Ronnie Content**, chapter executive vice president, reported that the brothers were happy and humbled to seek the smiles on people's faces as they donated, knowing that they were helping an organization as great as Special Olympics. Together with all the help of the Brothers, Officers and Volunteers, we doubled their amount fundraised from last year. The chapter collected \$876 in donations.

On September 26, 2015 Epsilon Theta Chapter helped Iota Delta Chi Sorority fundraise for their philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. At the Xfinity Center in Mansfield, MA brothers participated in a charity walk with families helped by the hospital. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, TN, is committed to finding a cure for childhood cancer and giving world class care at no charge for children struck by cancer.



Epsilon Theta Chapter supports Special Olympics at Fueling Dreams fundraising event.

Gamma Pi Chapter *(Stephen F. Austin)*



Danna Reed, '72, and Don McCoy '78 celebrate the new Gamma Pi Chapter recognition bricks for the That's My Brick Campaign.

Don McCoy and Dana Reed are leading the That's My Brick Campaign. So far, \$2,500 from 25 alumni who purchased bricks has been invested in the house. Dana, an expert mason, supervised the removal of the old bricks and installation of the new bricks. Gamma Pi alumni can purchase a brick by going to the website: www.thatsmybrick.com/stg711

Ryan Emmons provided information for this story. In it he thanked Don McCoy and Dana Reed for making the brick project happen. Emmons noted that this is the best response enjoyed in recent years for a Gamma Pi house fund raising project. They hope to raise enough money in 2016 to repaint the exterior of the house.

The Gamma Pi Housing Corporation sponsored a chapter house work weekend on July 10-12, 2015. Participants included four alumni and all undergraduate members. The housing corporation invested \$5,000. Activities included renovations of the house deck, meeting space and restrooms. Renovations took the form of repairing and repainting walls, installing new ceiling fans, installing a new window AC units, installing of lights on the outside sign, fence repair for a tree that had fallen down, and multiple trips to the dump to remove debris. They also installed the first set of recognition bricks in connection with the That's My Brick chapter fund raising campaign.

Alumni involved were **Chuck Spinks**, '81, **Dana Reed**, '72, **Don McCoy**, '78, and **Ryan Emmons**, '99. Chapter President **Dillon Yates**, '12 and Vice President of Finance **Connor McMillan**, '13, coordinated undergraduate member participation.



Brothers celebrate a job well done after the Gamma Pi Chapter house work weekend.

Epsilon Xi Chapter *(St. Louis University)*

The Fall 2015 Associate class at Epsilon Xi Chapter

(right)

Gamma Chi Chapter

(Michigan Technological University)

The Fall 2015 Associate class at Big Brothers at Gamma Chi Chapter

(below)



William Woods Provisional Chapter

(William Woods)

The men of the William Woods Provisional Chapter competed in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, benefitting Delta Gamma's Service for Sight Foundation. Brothers worked together to write serenades and skits, and came together with all Greek Organizations on campus to raise money for Service for Sight. In the end, the chapter won their first philanthropy week by a landslide!

Our William Woods Provisional Chapter teamed with Delta Gamma in support of their Service for Sight philanthropy.

Theta Chapter *(Northwest Missouri State)*

A grant proposal authored last fall by students in Northwest Missouri State University (NMSU) Assistant Professor of Recreation Dr. Tyler Tapps' grantsmanship course, on behalf of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, recently received funding from the Gladys M. Rickard Charitable Trust. The funding allowed for the purchase of new kayaks, life vests and paddles for Northwest's Mazingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area (MOERA).

NMSU students are learning what it takes to write a successful grant application and seeing the results of their hard work.

Recent Northwest graduates **Matthew Tohl**, Theta '13, Anthony Mittan and Erika Lees, and senior student Carson Smith drafted the grant proposal. Tapps, MOERA Director Jon Gustafson and Dr. Matt Symonds, director of the School of Health Science and Wellness, assisted the students in the process with Symonds providing a small funding match on behalf of the School of Health Science and Wellness.

The team was inspired to secure funding for new equipment by the many positive experiences they had at MOERA. They learned of the need for new paddling equipment during a meeting with Gustafson.

"We wanted to give back to one of the many areas at Northwest that provided educational opportunities outside of the classroom," Tohl, who completed his zoology degree at Northwest in December, said. "Giving back to the University that had already given so much to each of us was another driving factor for the whole team."

Students researched paddling equipment, the importance of experiential learning and the impact the new equipment would have for MOERA stakeholders. Then they needed to find an organization to sponsor the grant and another to provide the funding. The Gladys Rickard Charitable Trust supports funding needs in Nodaway County.

"The faculty and staff from both Northwest and the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation were very supportive through the whole process," Tohl said. "We would especially like to extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Tyler Tapps and Foundation CEO **Steve Latour** as they both helped immensely throughout the project."

Northwest's grantsmanship course is an introductory course designed to expose students to the grant-writing process and help them understand the steps involved in submitting a grant proposal, including the organization of thoughts and focus on donors.



"This student project shows the high quality of work our students do," Tapps said. "I am very proud of them and made it my mission to see them through to the end."

Northwest Missouri State University provided content for this story.

Assistant Professor of Recreation Dr. Tyler Tapps, MOERA Director Jon Gustafson and Casey Schulte, Theta '13, representing the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, stand with kayaks and paddling equipment purchased for MOERA through a grant authored by Northwest students.



The Theta Chapter Fall 2015 Associate class



95th Anniversary
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2015 National Leadership Conference

More than 300 undergraduate brothers, alumni leaders and guests gathered at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott hotel over the weekend of July 30 – August 1, for the 2015 National Leadership Conference. **Alyx Parker**, Illinois '94, 38th National President, welcomed everyone to the Fraternity's 95th Anniversary Celebration in Norfolk, a vibrant city rich in American and Military history.

Parker asked the participants to note new features in the program, including the first ever graduating senior track and alumni track. The program also offered one-on-one consulting and position specific meetings designed to help every chapter's representatives get the most out of their NLC experience. Important traditions, including Fraternity awards and recognitions have been retained, added Parker.

Pop-up Presentations: NLC programming began

on Thursday, July 30, with half hour pop-up presentations that quickly got to the point with helpful information. Subjects included Chapter Endowments, Member Safety and Wellness, Scholarship, Chapter Communications, Chapter Programming, and Recruitment. Later that day and throughout the meeting chapter Vice Presidents of Membership and Vice Presidents of Finance benefited from longer focused meetings and one-on-one consultations.

Discussion leaders for the Pop-up Presentations featured prominent undergraduate and young alumni leaders, including **Pat Gotham**, Salisbury '09, **Blake Ridenour**, Cincinnati '13, **Christian Ely**, Southern Indiana '12, **Michael Torres**, Emporia State '11, **Jesse Cromer**, Central Missouri '13, and **Dean Anderson**, Purdue '12.

Keynote: Creating Chapters of Care – Re-framing Risk Management was the title of the keynote presentation from speaker **Josh Welch**, a lead facilitator with



Participants at the NLC Opening Session



From left, CEO Steve Latour, CEO Emeritus Bill Bernier, President Alyx Parker and Past President Tom Morgan, during the WPN National Housing Company signing ceremony.

NovakTalks. Welch is a seasoned campus fraternity/sorority advisor who has also served on his fraternity's professional staff. His presentation coincides with a new Sigma Tau Gamma initiative that seeks to focus on member safety and wellness, doing what we should do, rather than on the "don't do" rules of risk management.

WPN National Housing Company, LLC: The necessary documents needed to establish our new national housing company, WPN National Housing Company, LLC, were signed in a ceremony at the NLC. **Thomas Morgan**, Southeastern Louisiana '81, 37th National President, presided. This initiative was a key objective of Morgan's presidency and was authorized

by the 46th Grand Chapter. The company seeks to bring professional management to chapter housing.

Signal Events: NLC participants enjoyed a dinner cruise in historic Norfolk Harbor, where they saw numerous U. S. Navy ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to frigates and landing craft, under maintenance and repairs. The Saturday recognition luncheon, sponsored by the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, featured a meal etiquette presentation by **Dianna Anderson Brush**, Director of Career



NLC Participants boarding the Spirit of Norfolk for the dinner cruise.

Services at Clarion University in Pennsylvania. The Fraternity's national Board of Directors met to conduct its important business, as did the Board of Trustees of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc.



95th Anniversary Celebration:

The concluding dinner event was the Azure and White Gala at which Sigma Tau Gamma celebrated its 95th Anniversary and recognized top chapters and important leaders, both alumni and undergraduate. We report on award recipients for 2015 in this issue of the SAGA.

A memorial ritual involving all participants honored all brothers who died since the last national gathering.

Stewart Pursues Dream

"Months went by were I stared out of my high-rise office window, looking out on the city, knowing that there were people out there who woke up every day feeling like they had the best job in the world. I asked myself, why not me?"

Patrick Stewart, a 2008 initiate at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, was working a corporate sales job in Washington, DC. It was a good job, Stewart recalls, but something was missing. He lacked passion for the work. He longed to find a career in work he loved.

In college Stewart was an athlete. He played intercollegiate lacrosse. While he enjoyed the sport and his relationships with teammates, it was in Sigma Tau Gamma that "he truly found a special bond with the young men around me."

Stewart served four semesters as Vice President of Membership. He believed that he had the right personality for the role. That proved true. In his final semester in the office, which was the first semester of his senior year, Beta Tau Chapter recruited more than twice as many men as any other fraternity at Slippery Rock. "We welcomed a class of well-rounded gentlemen, with help from all active brothers and dedicated alumni," Stewart recalled. "It was one of my proudest accomplishments."

As a chapter leader, Stewart did his best to exemplify brotherhood. In our interview he said, "I was proud to wear my letters around campus and did everything I could to leave our active chapter better than I found it. I truly believed that contributions a man puts into his Fraternity, he will get out of his Fraternity. I've always shared that sentiment with younger brothers, especially during the trying times each is guaranteed to experience."

Stewart decided to again pursue a passion. "I have always, and will always, love cars and motorsports," thought Stewart. He decided to pursue motorsports as a career and wrote out a plan on notebook paper. He gave notice to his employer and returned to Pennsylvania with his plan in a sealed envelope. He still has that envelope.

At home in Pennsylvania, Stewart quickly got to work organizing a professional service of his own, providing consulting work in public relations and marketing for small businesses. At the same time he worked at growing a network associated with motorsports. He volunteered to work for free at local garage teams and at local tracks.



2014 Championship Party, from left, Penske Racing President Tim Cindric, 2014 Series Champion Driver Will Power, Patrick Stewart and Roger Penske.



Penske Team 3 with driver Helio Castroneves, in action

Using his volunteer experience and support from friends and family, Stewart managed to network himself into an opportunity with Penske Racing. He landed a marketing internship with the auto racing super-power. He moved to the home of American auto racing, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Stewart's history and ability as an athlete came to the attention of Penske superiors soon after beginning his internship. He was approached by leaders of the team's INDYCAR program and was asked if he would be interested in trying out for a position on the pit crew.

"Pit crews guys were the super-heroes of my childhood," Stewart recalled. He was speechless. It was an unexpected but welcome opportunity. For seven months he pursued a rigorous regiment of cross training and weight training, while continuing to fulfill his marketing responsibilities.

His efforts were rewarded when he earned a full time position as Marketing Coordinator and a starting spot as a race Fueller for three-time Indianapolis 500 winner and veteran driver, Helio Castroneves.



Penske Team 3 teammates Gary Yingst and Patrick Stewart

Castroneves drives for Team Penske No. 3-Car. Of Team Penske's four INDYCAR teams, the No.3-Car is Roger Penske's personally managed team. For this car team Penske is the full-time race strategist and directs every race of the season. Stewart say, "I am humbled and beyond proud to serve directly under him."

Stewart has just completed his second full season as an over-the-wall crewmember. In fact his crew was named 2015 INDYCAR Pit Crew Champions. He says, "My love for my team and the unforgettable experience I've been blessed with, grows every day." Stewart credits his Sigma Tau Gamma brothers with helping him to develop confidence, leadership, and work ethic.



Josh Burkert, Slippery Rock PA 2006, and Patrick Stewart

Ely is Dent Man-of-the-Year

Christian Ely, University of Southern Indiana, Gamma Phi Chapter, is the 2015 Ellsworth C. Dent Man-of-the-Year. Ely is a re-founding father of Gamma Phi chapter. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.95 GPA in Exercise Sports Science and Kinesiology. Ely served on his chapter's



Christian Ely (Center) receives Dent Award from President Alyx Parker (left) and CEO Steve Latour

Executive Board as Executive Vice President and President. He also served on the Chapter Judicial Board, University Relations Committee, and as Chartering Committee Chairman.

At the national level, Ely has served as Chairman of the Grand Chapter Credential Committee and as a member of the National Alumni Association Task Force.

On the USI campus, Ely was co-chair of the election commission for the Student Government Association and a student ambassador. Ely was on the Dean's List for four years. He is now pursuing a master's degree in Occupational Therapy.

Four outstanding seniors earned Ellsworth C. Dent Man-of-the-Year runners-up recognition for 2015.

Ryan Fisher, California University of Pennsylvania, Beta Iota Chapter, graduated with a 3.1 GPA in Communication Studies, specializing in radio and TV. He served as Chapter President and Vice President of Membership for three semesters. On campus, he was an alumni ambassador, a writing tutor and Foundation Board student representative. Ryan is pursuing a postgraduate internship program with the Washington Center and plans to pursue graduate studies.

Blake Ridenour, University of Cincinnati Provisional Chapter, graduated with 3.736 overall GPA with a major in Chemistry. As a junior Ridenour became a founding father of his provisional chapter and served as its first President. He served as Fraternal Educator during his final semester. Ridenour was Vice President of Events for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and a student orientation leader. He is an Order of Omega honoree. Blake plans on working in the funeral business and one day hopes to be a funeral director.

Christopher Spielman, Youngstown State University, Beta Gamma Chapter, graduated with 3.72 overall GPA. Spielman served as the Chapter President and worked on the Fraternal Education, Recruitment, Judicial and Scholarship committees. He is an Order of Omega honoree and was on the Dean's List for four years. Spielman was a Trustee for the University's Scholar's program and chaired the Student Government Association elections commission. He is pursuing a master's degree in the Science of Planning at Florida State University on a transit scholarship from the State of Florida.

Michael Torres, Emporia State University, Delta Chapter, graduated with a 3.65 overall GPA. In Delta Chapter he served as Vice President of Programs and Executive Vice President. His college activities included serving as President and Public Relations Chair of the Union Activities Council, as Secretary and President of Blue Key Honor Society, and as Vice President of Finance of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization. He was Emporia State's Homecoming King and Outstanding Senior. Torres plans to pursue a career in public relations.

Ellsworth C. Dent was the 2nd National President of Sigma Tau Gamma, serving from 1927 to 1936. He was a Founder and President of Delta Chapter who was elected Grand Editor at that First Conclave, May 30, 1925. He earned a master's degree from the University of Kansas. He then became a pioneering filmmaker, focusing on educational films. He sold his Coronet Film Company to Esquire and served that corporation as senior vice president until his retirement. The Ellsworth and Dorothy Dent Endowment in the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc. funds the scholarships given to the recipient and runners-up of this award.

Chapter Award Recipients

Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award recognizes the chapters with the greatest year over year improvement in their McCune Metrics Score. When Earl A. Webb entered college at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Alpha Chapter was not doing well. When asked why he joined Sigma Tau Gamma, Earl said that he looked around to find someplace where he could help. Help he did. With Earl's leadership, Alpha Chapter was revived. Within ten years of his graduation, he became national president, and with a record of more than 60 years of extraordinary leadership and service, he is known as Mr. Sig Tau.

Winner: **Northwest Missouri State University** (Theta) + 37 points

Runners-up: **Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University** (Epsilon Upsilon) + 29 points, **Slippery Rock University** (Beta Tau) + 25 points, and **Marshall University** (Epsilon Mu) +24 points

Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award recognizes chapters with the top academic records. Dr. Emmett Ellis was a mathematics professor and perhaps the greatest scholar among the extraordinary scholars that comprised the Founders. He recruited Dr. Wilson C. Morris, professor of physics, to be the Sponsor of the Founders (the first chapter advisor). Ellis was also an extraordinary leader as a faculty member and earlier as the first chapter president and national president of Sigma Tau Gamma.

Winner: **Youngstown State University** (Beta Gamma) – 3.305

Runners-up: **Northwest Missouri State University** (Theta) – 3.300, **University of Alabama** (Epsilon Phi) – 3.235, **Auburn University** (Epsilon Chi) – 3.166, **Purdue University** (Beta Theta) – 3.115 and **University of Southern Indiana** (Gamma Phi) – 3.115

W. T. Hembree Campus Leadership Award recognizes the chapters with the highest levels of members serving in campus leadership roles, such as student government offices, top offices in student organizations, interfraternal leadership and intercollegiate sports. This award is named in honor of the Sigma Tau Gamma leader whose more than 50 years of service is so significant that his name means Sigma Tau Gamma leadership.

Winner: **Northwest Missouri State University** (Theta) – 47%

Runners-up: **University of Southern Indiana** (Gamma Phi) – 46% and **Youngstown State University** (Beta Gamma) – 37%

Robert Nagel Jones Charitable Projects Award is named in honor of our 9th National President. Jones was a highly skilled attorney who never hesitated to donate the considerable value of his knowledge and wisdom to Sigma Tau Gamma. With that wisdom, and vision to accompany it, he created the founding documents for the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc. This award recognizes the chapters of Sigma Tau Gamma that exemplify the Rob Jones spirit of unselfish service – the Principle of Benefit.

Most Service Hours: **Youngstown State University** (Beta Gamma) – 41.8 hours per member

Philanthropy (general): **University of Alabama** (Epsilon Phi) – \$14,430

Philanthropy (Special Olympics): **Central Michigan University** (Psi) - \$6,448.85

Thomas Hutsell Chapter Efficiency Award recognizes the top chapters that meet records and fees deadlines and have no outstanding balance due. This award is named in honor of the first chief staff officer of the Fraternity. Hutsell created the Chapter Efficiency Cup in 1927, which was the first chapter award in Sigma Tau Gamma. Two chapters with equal records tied for first place in 2015.

Winners: **Emporia State University** (Delta) and **Purdue University** (Beta Theta)

Runners-up: **University of Central Missouri** (Alpha), and **Cleveland State University** (Beta Upsilon).

E. Kennedy Whitesitt Communications Award recognizes the chapters with the most impressive communication strategy. Chapters are judged in multiple categories: website, newsletter, Facebook, Twitter and other. It is named in honor of the Fraternity's third chief staff officer. Two chapters with extraordinary communications programs tied for first place in 2015.

Winners: **University of Alabama** (Epsilon Phi) and **University of Central Missouri** (Alpha)

Runners-up: **University of North Carolina – Charlotte** (Epsilon Tau), **Purdue University** (Beta Theta) and **Auburn University** (Epsilon Chi)

Christopher J. Mauer Man-Mile Award is named for our 34th National President who believed that strong attendance at national events contributes greatly to a chapter's success. This recipient is determined by multiplying the number of collegiate members attending a national meeting by the number of miles from the chapter's campus to the meeting location. The winning chapter receives a \$500 grant.

Winner: **University of Southern Indiana** (Gamma Phi) traveled 12,448 man-miles

Individuals Honored

National events serve as an ideal opportunity to recognize significant service and leadership by undergraduate and alumni brothers. At the 2015 National Leadership Conference Sigma Tau Gamma took advantage of that opportunity.



Christopher Spielman receives Stienbeck Fellowship Award from William Hardebeck (left), Foundation Trustee.

Musial/Hillman Sportsmanship Award

Richard Reksoatmodjo, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, is a 2013 initiate of Epsilon Zeta Chapter. Reksoatmodjo is an intercollegiate Cross Country athlete who is pursuing a degree in Space Physics. The Stan Musial/Eric Hillman Sportsmanship Award is presented annually to a member of Sigma Tau Gamma who has participated in varsity or intercollegiate athletics at his college or university and who most typifies the traits of athletic performance, scholastic achievement, leadership, and service to the applicant's college and local community as demonstrated by Stan Musial and Eric Hillman.

Michael J. Steinbeck Fellowship

Christopher Spielman, Youngstown State University, a 2011 initiate of Beta Gamma Chapter, will use his Michael J. Steinbeck Fellowship to pursue a master's degree in the Science of Planning at Florida State University. (See the Dent Awards story.) The Michael J. Steinbeck Fellowship honors our 19th National President. This scholarship award is given for graduate study. First presented in 1987, it is funded by an endowment in the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation.

"Prof" Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award

William Douglas Haman, Miami University (OH) was initiated into Delta Rho Chapter in 1992. He has served as president of his chapter and on the national Board of Directors, but this award is for his service to our University of Cincinnati Provisional Chapter. He was nominated by the undergraduates who benefit from his guidance. This award is named in honor of Professor O. F. Grubbs, who served for more than 40 years as advisor to Epsilon Chapter at Pittsburg State University in Kansas.



Doug Haman (center) receives Prof Grubbs Award from National President Alyx Parker (left) and CEO Steve Latour.

Marvin Millsap Medal for Distinguished Foundation Service

Eric Hillman, Concord University is a 1981 initiate of Alpha Lambda Chapter. Hillman is recognized for his strong pursuit of alumni support at the chapter alumni association and national foundation levels. A college athlete and an extraordinarily successful entrepreneur in the sports industry, Hillman established the scholarships connected to the Musial/Hillman Sportsmanship Award. He is also a recipient of the Fraternity's Distinguished Achievement Award. This award is named in honor of Marvin M. Millsap, a 1925 initiate of Alpha Chapter, who founded the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship and led the first Sigma Tau Gamma capital campaign for scholarships.

Winebrenner Medal for Distinguished Fraternity Service

Carl Barber-Steele, Salem International University, is



a 1989 initiate of Gamma Omicron Chapter. He has served in a variety of alumni support roles at the chapter and region level for 25 years, seeking only to be helpful. Dr. D. Kenneth Winebrenner was 3rd National President (1936-38) and the second chief staff officer (1938-1953) serving part time while a professor at SUNY-Buffalo State.



Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award

Ben Hopper, Director of Greek Life at Kansas State University and member of Delta Sigma Phi is the 2015 recipient of this award, which recognizes excellence in interfraternal partnerships that advance Sigma Tau Gamma and the broader fraternal movement.

Ben Hopper

Northwest Missouri is McCune Distinguished Chapter

The **Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter** Award recognizes the premier chapters in Sigma Tau Gamma. It was first presented in 1966 at the 22nd Grand Conclave. That year it was presented to just one chapter. Beginning in 1967 it was presented to a recipient and four runners-up.

Early recipient chapters were selected on the basis of applications that were judged by a panel appointed by the Board of Directors. The applicants documented how their chapter successfully pursued the six Principles of Sigma Tau Gamma.

The award is now judged on the basis of information submitted with the McCune Report. Using a 110-point scale, the report measures chapter performance in recruitment, retention, leadership, scholarship, community service, brotherhood programming, risk management, and financial management.

The top-scoring chapter is recognized annually as the Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter. The next four highest scores represent the Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter runners-up.

The Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter for 2015 is Theta Chapter at **Northwest Missouri** State University. Theta chapter earned 114 points on the 110 point scale by acing all categories and earning bonus points.

Runners-up honorees for 2015 are **Truman** State University (Beta Chapter) earning 98 points, **Winona** State University (Beta Xi Chapter) earning 98 points, **Emporia** State University (Delta Chapter) earning 98 points, University of **Central Missouri** (Alpha Chapter) earning 96 points, and **Cleveland** State University (Beta Upsilon Chapter) earning 96 points.

This award is named in honor of Dr. Edward H. McCune, a history scholar and college professor, who was one of the original seventeen Founders. McCune answered the call to become 4th National President in 1938, serving until 1943. At the time the impacts of the Great Depression and WWII were taking a toll on the Fraternity. McCune's calm, nurturing and steady leadership help guide our Fraternity through difficult times. He maintained life-long involvement in Sigma Tau Gamma and was the author of the Creed and the Code of Conduct.

Sigma Chapter Celebrates Centennial

(Central Arkansas)

In 1915 the Owls, a literary society, was formed at what is now the University of Central Arkansas. The Owls flourished. They eventually became a Greek letter society called Kappa Phi Sigma. In 1934 they became the first national fraternity at UCA as Sigma Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma.

On October 17, 2015 more than 500 people celebrated the 100-year history of this distinguished chapter. Those gathered included collegiate members and associate members, alumni members, parents, spouses and special guests.

The celebration began with the annual Don King Memorial Golf Tournament, held Friday, October 16, 2015. This event honors **William Donnell King**, a 1982 initiate who lost his life while saving the lives of children at the scene of a boating accident. More than 80 alumni participated in the tournament. Proceeds go to scholarship funds.

The Saturday centennial luncheon held on campus was the primary event. The program began by honoring **H. B. Hardy**, Sigma '44. Hardy served UCA in various leadership roles, including twice as interim president, over 40 years. He was also, during that time, an advisor to Sigma Chapter. UCA president **Tom Courtway** followed with a welcome and honored the Sigma Tau Gamma legacy of leadership and service. Conway (AR) mayor **Tab Townsell**, Sigma '81, presented a recognition proclamation. UCA Board of Trustees chairman **Brad Lacy**, Sigma '91, thanked all who had returned to campus for the celebration and recalled the chapter's tradition of campus leadership.

CEO Emeritus **Bill Bernier** and Director of Advancement **Pat Gotham** represented the national Fraternity. Gotham presented a recognition plaque from Fraternity president **Alyx Parker** and CEO **Steve Latour**. **Mathilda Hatfield** gave the perspective of a White Rose Sweetheart and current chapter president **Landon Lee** reported on the current state of the chapter.

The Buddy Harding Award for High School Coaching Excellence went to **Spencer Hill**, Sigma '95. The award is named for **Rush Harding**, Sigma '50. Five Governor Ben Laney Awards for Leadership and Achievement were presented. The award is named in honor of **Benjamin T. Laney**, Sigma '34, who served as Arkansas governor in the 1940's. Recipients included **Scott Cook**, Sigma '70, **Hank Henderson**, Sigma '82, **Herby Branscum**, Upsilon '60, **Tom Anderson**, Sigma '65, and **Tommy Huett**, Sigma '70.

Sigma chapter alumni and undergraduates were honored on the field during the UCA vs. McNeese State football game. The day ended with a post-game celebration at the Conway Country Club.



More than 500 gathered for October 17, 2015 Sigma Chapter Centennial Celebration.

Arizona State Chartered

On August 30, 2015, the Zeta Alpha Chapter at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona held their Chartering Ceremony at ASU's Karsten's Golf Course and welcomed 65 brothers to Sigma Tau Gamma. Family members of Brothers and alumni joined for the special occasion including Chief Executive Officer **Steve Latour**, National President **Alyx Parker**, Illinois '94, Vice President of the Foundation **Shawn Kelley**, UW-River Falls '93, Foundation Trustee Joe Feldhouse, Cleveland State '57, and Director of Member and Organizational Development **Erik Kahl**, UW-La Crosse '07.

Since their installation as a Provisional Chapter in March 2014, the Chapter has maintained a 3.1 average GPA each semester, volunteered an average of 15 hours per person, and raised nearly \$4,000 for charitable projects.

The Sunday following the ceremony, brothers from the new Arizona State Chapter convened for a daylong retreat to reflect on their experience as a Provisional Chapter and then begin building a 5-year plan for the Zeta Alpha Chapter. The Arizona State chapter sets a milestone for Sigma Tau Gamma as the 145th chapter installed and begins the Zeta series of chapter designations.



Zeta Alpha Chapter at Arizona State University

National President Alyx Parker presents the Zeta Alpha Chapter Charter



Black Hills State Re-Established

With the installation of a new Provisional Chapter at Black Hills State University, in Spearfish, SD, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, the Lambda Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma is re-established. The Provisional Chapter Installation and Officers Installation Ceremony was held in the Jonas Academic Building at which 10 Re-Founding Fathers were welcomed. Recruitment and Growth Coordinator **Dean Anderson**, Purdue '12 conducted the ceremony. University Student Activities staff and friends of the Re-Founding Fathers attended.

Lambda Chapter was originally chartered on November 11, 1928. Lambda chapter closed in 2005 when there was insufficient interest in Greek life on campus to sustain the chapter. With its closing there were no fraternities on campus. This new group of men had a desire to benefit from fraternity life and restore Greek life to campus. They sought advice from the Student Activities Office and began researching for organizations that would be willing to recognize them as a chapter. They ultimately choose Sigma Tau Gamma. Re-Founding Fathers of the Provisional Chapter are all freshman from South Dakota, Nebraska, and Colorado as well as Italy and Mexico. Their majors include Business, Sociology, Political Science, and Exercise Science.

On Wednesday, following the Installation, the Provisional Chapter participated in their first chapter meeting. During the meeting, the Provisional Chapter was introduced to the Path of Principles New Member Education Program and general chapter information and discussed chartering benchmarks. Provisional Chapter President **Jason Schneider** said, "I'm most looking forward to building a gentlemen's tradition at Black Hills State."

Black Hills State University is a public university founded in 1883 in Spearfish, SD. The campus has an enrollment of nearly 4,500 undergraduate students in 80 programs, and its business program is in the top 5% of the world's business accreditations.



Lambda Provisional Chapter at Black Hills State University

Lindenwood Belleville Provisional Chapter

BELLEVILLE, IL—On Friday, September 11, 2015, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity installed a Provisional Chapter at Lindenwood University Belleville in Belleville, IL. The Provisional Chapter Installation and Officers Installation Ceremony welcomed 15 Founding Fathers to Sigma Tau Gamma. The ceremony was conducted by Summer Intern **Nicholas Cropley**, Washington '14 and Director of Member and Organizational Development **Erik Kahl**, UW-La Crosse '07. **Frank Shadwell**, SIU-Edwardsville '14 and Lindenwood-Belleville's Assistant Director for Student Life Corey Ellzey also were present for the ceremony.



Lindenwood Belleville Provisional Chapter

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The new Provisional Chapter at Lindenwood Belleville is the first fraternity on campus. Expansion on campus began August 26, 2015 and was conducted by Collegiate Service Coordinator **Rick Day**, Illinois '12 and Summer Intern Nick Cropley, Washington '14. Founding Fathers of the Provisional Chapter include members of Lindenwood Student Government Association and sports teams; which include volleyball, baseball, wrestling, and golf.

On the Saturday following the installation, the Provisional Chapter participated in a retreat hosted by Headquarters Staff and District Director **Jim Engracia**, SIU-Edwardsville '11. During the retreat, the Provisional Chapter members were introduced to the Path of Principles Program, the Social Excellence model, recruitment training, and discussed chartering benchmarks. Provisional Chapter President **Rafael Follador Gabriel** said "Everyone is committed to do an outstanding job and become a full chapter as soon as possible."

Lindenwood University Belleville is a private liberal arts university that was founded in 2003 in Belleville, IL. The campus serves more than 2,300 students in 30 different undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Missouri State Provisional Chapter Installed

On Friday, September 19, 2015, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity reestablished Omega Chapter with the installation of a new Provisional Chapter at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. Headquarters Staff conducted the Provisional Chapter Installation and Officers Installation Ceremony at the Plaster Student Union, welcoming 23 Re-Founding Fathers to Sigma Tau Gamma. The installing officers were Recruitment and Growth Coordinator **Dean Anderson**, Purdue '12, and Director of Member and Organizational Development **Erik Kahl**, UW-La Crosse '07. Also in attendance for the ceremony were **Charlie Hawkins**, Missouri State '67; members of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff; parents and friends; and members from Missouri State's Lambda Chi Alpha Colony.



Members of the new Omega Provisional Chapter at Missouri State University

Establishing the new Provisional Chapter at Missouri State begins the reactivation of Omega Chapter, which was originally chartered in 1941. Expansion on campus began August 19, 2015 and was conducted by Recruitment and Growth Coordinator Dean Anderson. Re-Founding Fathers of the Provisional Chapter represent freshmen through seniors and include members of Missouri State Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association, theatre, and club sports teams. Their diverse majors include engineering, education, theatre, and pre-med.

Provisional Chapter President **Brandon Alejo-Morgan** said "I am excited for the potential of the group and to see where we can go, both as a fraternity and as new brothers."

On Saturday following the installation, the Provisional Chapter participated in a retreat during which they were introduced to the history of the Fraternity, Path of Principles New Member Education Program, the fraternity's Social Excellence model, recruitment training, and chartering benchmarks. Initiation of these new undergraduate members is scheduled for Saturday, November 14.

Missouri State University is a public university founded in 1905 in Springfield, MO. The campus has an enrollment of nearly 25,000 students in 130 different undergraduate and graduate degree programs and is the second largest university in Missouri. The Missouri State Interfraternity Council (IFC) is now comprised of 19 organizations.

Northern Arizona Chartered

On August 29, 2015, the Gamma Zeta Chapter at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona held their Re-Chartering Ceremony and welcomed 28 brothers to Sigma Tau Gamma. University officials and family members of Brothers joined for the special occasion along with Chief Executive Officer **Steve Latour**, National President **Alyx Parker**, Illinois '94, Vice President of the Foundation **Shawn Kelley**, UW-River Falls '93, Foundation Trustee **Joe Feldhouse**, Cleveland State '57, and Director of Member and Organizational Development **Erik Kahl**, UW-La Crosse '07.



Gamma Zeta Chapter at Northern Arizona University

In spring 2015, the Chapter adopted and now regularly maintains Thorpe Park in Flagstaff, AZ. Beyond the Chapter's philanthropic efforts, several members of the chapter serve on the Interfraternity Council (IFC), including the current President and Vice President of Recruitment.

Western Michigan Provisional Chapter Installed

On Friday, October 30, 2015, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity installed Chi Provisional Chapter at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. The Provisional Chapter Installation and Officers Installation Ceremony was held in the Bernhard Center and welcomed 22 Re-Founding Fathers. Recruitment and Growth Coordinator **Dean Anderson**, Purdue '12, and **Chadwick Kern**, Michigan Tech '08, conducted the ceremony. Kern will serve as the Provisional Chapter's first Lead Advisor. Also in attendance for the ceremony were members of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff; parents and friends of Re-Founding Fathers; and members from Western Michigan's Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, and Delta Zeta chapters.



Chi Provisional Chapter at Western Michigan University

Establishing this new Provisional Chapter marks the reactivation of the Chi Chapter, which was originally chartered on December 19, 1940. Expansion on campus began October 1, 2015 and was conducted by Recruitment and Growth Coordinator Dean Anderson, Purdue '12. Re-Founding Fathers of the Provisional Chapter represent freshmen through juniors and include members of Business Connections Club, Entrepreneurship Club, Residence Hall Association, and dance. Their majors include engineering, music, aviation, and pre-med to name a few.

On Saturday following the installation, the Provisional Chapter participated in a retreat conducted by Headquarters staff. During the retreat, Provisional Chapter members were introduced to the history of the Fraternity, Path of Principles New Member Education Program, the Fraternity's Social Excellence model, recruitment training, and discussed chartering benchmarks. Provisional Chapter President **Jon French** said, "I am excited for the unification of likeminded, driven individuals that want to make a positive impact and succeed here at Western Michigan." Initiation ceremonies for the new undergraduate members is scheduled for Saturday, November 21.

Western Michigan University is a public university founded in 1903 in Kalamazoo, MI. The campus has an enrollment of nearly 19,000 undergraduate students in 140 programs and has one of the largest aviation programs in the nation. The Western Michigan Interfraternity Council is now comprised of 12 organizations.

Chapter Eternal

Arthur Philip Jeanfreau, Jr. Southeastern Louisiana '97 joined Chapter Eternal Friday, July 3, 2015. Arthur was initiated into Phi Chapter on October 4, 1997. As a lifelong resident of New Orleans he loved Mardi Gras as was evident by his spearheading the opening parade of the Bill Bernier Grand Chapter in 2014. He was an active member of the New Orleans Alumni Chapter and loved attending its annual Trek to the Track and Christmas Party as well as the two Grand Chapters that were held in New Orleans after his initiation. He is survived by his wife of almost 45 years, Shelley Jeanfreau, his daughter, Cheri Jeanfreau, his son A. Philip Jeanfreau III, Southeastern Louisiana '93 (a member of the Fraternity's national Board of Directors) and daughter in law Grace Latino Jeanfreau. He also leaves behind two grandchildren Alyssa Grace and Arthur Philip IV.

Due to limited space Chapter Eternal does not feature obituaries for every member. Obituaries are posted for 90 days from the date of notice on our website at: www.sigmataugamma.org. To submit a Chapter Eternal entry, please email fraternity@sigmataugamma.org.

Epsilon Chapter *Pittsburg State University*

Carl Nicholson Jr., '64, August 23, 2014
Douglas K. Rutherford, '66, December 30, 2013
Richard Winders, '69, April 6, 2015

Theta Chapter *Northwest Missouri State University*

Harold W. Gentry, '62, July 21, 2015

Chi Chapter *Western Michigan University*

Eddy Weber Dow, '50, June 9, 2015
Allen Edwards, '40, February 22, 2013

Omega Chapter *Missouri State University*

Peter J. Thede, '66, September 29, 2015

Alpha Kappa Chapter *University of Wisconsin-Stout*

Helmuth Albrecht, '57, September 25, 2015

Gamma Tau Chapter *Millersville University of Pennsylvania*

Sean James Carter, '00, October 7, 2015

Golden Anniversary for Phelps

Payton L. (Pat) Phelps, Esq., Southeastern Oklahoma (Mu Chapter) '58, was in the spotlight as family and friends celebrated his 50th anniversary as a lawyer and judge.

Pat's wife Dot and their daughters organized the surprise event. Dot said she worked, and saved, for a year to pull off this celebration.

Phelps is a native of Durant, OK. He stayed home to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, earning a degree in 1961. He was initiated into Mu Chapter in 1958 and served on the Sigma Tau Gamma headquarters staff during the 1961-62 school year. He enrolled in the University of Oklahoma Law School in 1962. He completed his studies in 1965 and returned to Durant where he entered law practice with Ed Dudley. He served for a time as Associate District Judge then returned to private practice. He has been a significant leader in the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Phelps has remained continually active in Sigma Tau Gamma since his initiation. He was elected to the national Board of Directors in 1966. He served as our 17th National President from 1972-74. Having served the standard two terms on the Board as a past president, Phelps ran for reelection to the Board in 1978. After 14 years, Phelps completed his Board service in 1980. Phelps then began his service on the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Board of Trustee in 1980. During his Trustee service the Foundation established the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship honoring donors and launched the Project PITCH campaign. Phelps continues to serve as an Emeriti Trustee. Phelps is a Society of the Seventeen honoree.

Phelps is chief justice of the Choctaw Indian Nation appellate court. In order to keep the event a surprise, he was lured to the beautiful new Choctaw casino in Durant on the premise of meeting with judges from another Indian



*Pat Phelps,
Southeastern OK '58*

'58. Massey is an Oklahoma banker who received the Sigma Tau Gamma Distinguished Achievement Award in 2001.

Several Society of the Seventeen honorees also attended. They included **Bill Hardebeck**, Harris-Stowe '67 and wife Cathy from St. Louis; **Tom Wood**, Southeast Missouri '63 and wife Julie from St. Louis; **Bill Hembree**, Pittsburg KS '41 and son Brad from Kansas City, and **Buz Barlow**, Wisconsin-Oshkosh '64, from Dallas.

Tom Wood reported that the list of speakers included: Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor of Higher Education of Oklahoma who served as emcee; Chief Greg Pyle of the Choctaw Nation who presented a gift; Bob Rabon, Choctaw Nation General Counsel; Ed Mills, "old neighbor, old golfer, old friend"; the Honorable Mark Campbell, District Judge of Bryan County; Andy Coats, Dean Emeritus and Professor of the Oklahoma Law School; Charles D. Neal, attorney and past president of the Oklahoma Bar Association; Buz Barlow; Sean Burrage, President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Jim Dunegan, Durant City Manager; Stewart Hoffman, Durant Mayor; Chris Jones, President of the Bryan County Bar Association; and David Poarch, President of the Oklahoma State Bar Association.

Guests learned why Phelps was deserving of this big celebration. He served on the state committee that recommends the appointment of judges by

Nation. He was told the meeting was suit and tie. He was brought to the adjacent convention center. He was greeted by nearly 400 of his closest friends when he walked into the room

There were 20-some Sig Tau alumni from the Southeastern Oklahoma chapter in Durant, including **John Massey**, Southeastern Oklahoma

the governor. He served as city attorney for Durant. He has been recognized by the Oklahoma University School of Law, and he was named a distinguished alumnus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is licensed to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court. He has dozens of awards from state and local organizations that have benefited from his service and leadership.

Dot and the girls were last to speak before Pat was asked for his comments. Wood reported that Pat, as expected, was terrific in how he thanked everyone. He asked everyone to stay so he could greet each person. And he did.



Sigma Tau Gamma brothers who attended the Pat Phelps 50th Celebration included, from left, Chuck Dale, Southeastern OK '63, Thomas C. Wood, Southeast MO '63, William J. Hardebeck, Harris-Stowe '67, John L. Massey, Southeastern OK '58, Jerry Currence, Southeastern OK '59, W. T. (Bill) Hembree, Pittsburg KS '41, Bob Ledbetter, Southeastern OK '59, Phelps, Ron Glaze, Southeastern OK '68, Dorsey Reirdon, Southeastern OK '60, Tommy Marvel, Southeastern OK '66, W. P. "Buz" Barlow, WI-Oshkosh '64 and John Morris Williams, East Central OK '76.

Millersville Alumni Enjoy "Stogies & Bogies"

Rich Nickel; '76, organized the first "Stogies & Bogies" golf tournament for Millersville University of Pennsylvania Sig Taus to connect all the "ages" together.

Greg M. Thomas; '09, took this photo of the 2nd Annual tournament from a drone at the Meadia Heights Golf Club, in Lancaster, PA. The tournament was held on September 9, 2015.

Front Row from left: **Dan Sidelnick;** '75, **Doug Knerr;** '77, **Christine Schwarze Knerr,** **Dennis Brown;** '73, **Will McGrorty;** '82, **Dale Shuey;** '74



Back Row from left: **David Hartman;** '72, **Rich Nickel;** '76, **Brent Iles;** '76, **Jeff Shutter;** '79, **Randy Adams;** '83, **Greg Thomas;** '09, **Dean Odagis;** '88, **Robert Shue;** '76, **Alex Rojas;** '09

Will McGrorty submitted this story.

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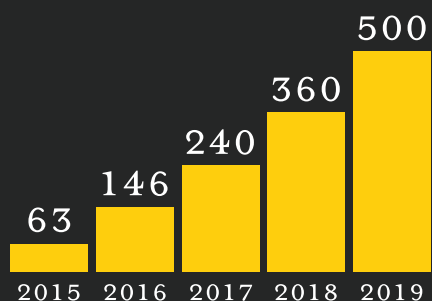
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