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RECOGNIZING THE PAST

Sig Tau is rich in history and tradition, and to master our future, we must appreciate our past. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to grow and learn from the brothers and chapters who came before us so that we can endeavor forward even stronger into the future.

Alumni Engagement Coordinator Jose Contreras, Pittsburg State, has led the archiving project along with many Society of Seventeen Inductees. In previous decades of our

brotherhood, the process of becoming an associate chapter and then a chartered chapter was quite different than it is today. Because of this many chapters--then, colonies--never received their Greek letter designation and failed to be fully recognized by the Fraternity.

"While we were going through the boxes of files, we stumbled across a flyer and a sticker for the University of Louisville," Contreras said. "We thought it was really interesting because we didn't think we had a chapter there on that campus. We started digging a little deeper and found a file labeled colonies. It included a full roll call and chapter correspondence for Louisville and other campuses that never officially chartered but had initiated members, so the group never received their Greek designation."

Soon the archive team found many files like those of Louisville, one of these being from the University of Georgia. Coincidentally at almost the same time, a few alumni from the Georgia Chapter contacted HQ, expressing interest in becoming reconnected.

The following chapters have now been officially recognized and given proper Greek letter designations:

Eta Alpha – Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Eta Beta – University of Montana

Eta Gamma – University of Louisville

Eta Delta – University of Georgia

Eta Epsilon – Texas Tech University

Eta Zeta – University of Pittsburgh Greensburg

Eta Eta – Northern Michigan University

Eta Theta – Temple University

Eta Iota – Rutgers State University of New Jersey

With officially recognizing these chapters, Sig Tau has now been on 176 campuses over our rich 97-year history. Although these chapters are currently inactive, they will forever be a part of Sigma Tau Gamma. Hopefully, we can return to these campuses in the years to come.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

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Staff Transitions

On December 4, two HQ Staff members transitioned into new roles. Ben Nelson, Washington State, is now the Leadership Development Coordinator, and Jose Contreras, Pittsburg State, is the new Alumni Engagement Coordinator.

2

Greg Rumpf, Truman State '76, Enters Chapter Eternal

2016 Society of Seventeen Inductee, Fraternity Board of Director, and former HQ Staff member Greg Rumpf, Truman State entered Chapter Eternal on December 3.

3

MSU Denver Installed as Newest Associate Chapter

On December 8, the Zeta Chi Associate Chapter was officially installed at MSU Denver. To learn more about this group of men, visit the [SAGA Blog](#).

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17 Registered Alumni Associations

At the start of 2018, there are 17 registered alumni associations. To learn more about becoming a registered alumni association contact Alumni Engagement Coordinator Jose Contreras at jcontreras@sigtau.org.

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Happy New Year!

Sig Tau wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year. Last year was a year of growth and success, all of which was made possible by our loyal undergraduate members and alumni.



HQ SAYS FAREWELL TO FOUR PART-TIME STAFF MEMBERS

In December Headquarters had to say goodbye to four part-time staff members who were students from the University of Central Missouri: Jake Jenkins, Central Missouri; Brett Conrow, Central Missouri; Emma Darling, Delta Zeta; and Hannah Gregory, Delta Zeta.



Jake Jenkins – Alumni Engagement Coordinator:

“Throughout my time at Headquarters, I have learned many professional skills that I plan to carry into my post-graduate career in safety sciences. I have improved my professional communication skills, as well as my technical skills in programs like Excel and Smarter Select. Not only have I grown professionally, but I have also gained friendships that will continue to grow long after I depart staff. “I would like to thank Steve, as well as the rest of Headquarters staff, for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the HQ family.”



Brett Conrow – Accounts Receivable Coordinator:

“As I finish graduate school and earn my master’s degree in accounting, my time at HQ has ended. I have enjoyed working here throughout my last couple of semesters. I would like to thank Sigma Tau Gamma and Mr. Steve Latour for the opportunity to gain some real-world accounting experience and grow professionally. I was lucky to work under CPA Angie Sanders, Director of Finance. She helped me gain knowledge and experience that will be incredibly valuable in my career. I will never forget all memories and sense of family that Sig Tau has given me over the last year as I start my job at BKD LLP in 2018.”



Emma Darling – Administrative Assistant:

“My time on HQ Staff has been very memorable. In three months I was able to make connections with amazing individuals who made going to work something that I could look forward to. My favorite moment on staff was working the Decommissioning Ceremony because I was able to see how much time and dedication members put into an organization that they love. I will take everything I’ve learned from my time on staff with me, and I wish the HQ staff the best of luck in future endeavors.”



Hannah Gregory – Administrative Assistant:

“After my short time on Sig Tau Staff as an administrative assistant, I have gained invaluable skills, including effective time management and how to communicate more professionally. Throughout this experience, I grew on a professional level that will help me in my future career. My favorite part of working at HQ was the Staff members. Everyone was always warm and welcoming there every step of the way. I wish nothing but the best for this organization and its future.”



2018 WEBB ACADEMY WILL BRING TOGETHER 328 UNDERGRADUATES

Later this month 328 undergraduate leaders of Sig Tau will gather together in downtown Kansas City for the 33rd Earl A. Webb Academy. Webb Academy is a program that brings together officers of all chapters' executive cabinets to offer time and space to learn how to become more effective leaders, strive for chapter success, meet brothers from other chapters, and develop achievable goals.

This year undergraduates in the roles of President, Director of Recruitment, Director of Finance and Operations, and for the first time, the Director of Member & Community Engagement will attend.

"Webb Academy is a space [in which] to be challenged, to learn and grow, to laugh and to look ahead, and to share in the enduring brotherhood that is Sigma Tau Gamma," Leadership Development Coordinator Ben Nelson, Washington State, said. "It is a program built to enable success for all, from our very oldest to our very newest chapters, and it's a weekend you'll never forget."

CHAPTER VISITS

Since the last SAGA Monthly, HQ Staff has made on-site visits to the following chapters:

SUNY Plattsburgh



MARKETPLACE ITEM OF THE MONTH

The Sig Tau Marketplace item of the month is the Official Sigma Tau Gamma Blender Bottle. Visit the [Sig Tau Marketplace](https://sigtau.org/marketplace) to order yours today.