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On Friday, April 5th, over thirty alumni and undergraduate brothers gathered in Pittsburgh, PA for an evening of networking and brotherhood. Seven different chapters were represented at the social event including brothers from Carnegie Mellon, Robert Morris, Cal U, Duquesne, and Mansfield.

A surprise to many alumni in attendance was the presence of three undergraduate leaders from the Delta Psi Associate Chapter at Robert Morris. The three undergraduate men spoke about their fraternity experience, what Sig Tau means to them, and how a strong foundation of alumni in the area can

create a culture of success. Adam Gusky, Robert Morris, attended the reception at Atria's Restaurant and was thankful for the opportunity to meet other Brothers from the area.

"I was very impressed. It was a great event with an age range of guys that graduated from the 80s until now," Gusky said. "Western Pennsylvania had the biggest Sig Tau region in the country, with alumni getting involved, it can help start the growth of the region again."

Speaking very candidly about the reception, Gusky was most pleased to see brother Tom Janicki, Carnegie Mellon.

"Tom was the guy who took me and a group of presidents from the Pittsburgh area to Warrensburg for my first Webb

Academy 20 years ago. We were able to speak and to talk about brothers who have made an impact on Sig Tau. It was just great to see him again."

Vanessa Ryan, Chief Executive Officer commented that having the undergraduates attend created a casual space for brotherhood growth in the Pittsburgh area.

"It was such a privilege to host this event in Pittsburgh. Our undergraduate men can learn so much from the generations of alumni present at this reception. I am confident the alumni were inspired by the current undergraduate experience," Ryan said.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

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OUR BROTHERHOOD. THE FOUNDATION OF SIG TAU.

The Founders Day Challenge is officially underway. Ninety-nine days to raise \$99,000 in honor of 99 years of brotherhood. Join those who love Sig Tau by honoring our brotherhood with a [gift](#) during the Founders Day Challenge.

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179TH SIG TAU CHAPTER INSTALLED AT MARYLAND

The Eta Lambda Associate Chapter was officially installed at the University of Maryland on Friday, April 5, 2019. [Read more](#) about the Founding Fathers and follow their journey to charter.

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SIGMA TAU GAMMA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know that Sigma Tau Gamma has a dedicated [YouTube Channel](#)? The channel includes promotional videos and is home to the new SAGA Video Series.



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UNC CHARLOTTE RAISES OVER \$16,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Nearly three months of hard work and dedication of the Epsilon Tau Chapter came to fruition on March 15 as the men hosted the 6th annual Gold Medalist Pageant.

At the core of the Gold Medalist Pageant is raising awareness and money benefitting Special Olympics. The Pageant consists of various competitions between representatives from both Greek and non-Greek organizations. Current Treasurer of the Epsilon Tau Chapter Rom Profesorsky, UNC Charlotte said it is an entire-chapter effort to ensure a successful event.



"We form a committee under the philanthropy chair and begin tackling the event by organizing sponsors and participating in chapter visits. In total, there is an excessive amount of work that goes into the Gold Medalist Pageant that the committee delegates to the entire chapter," Profesorsky said.

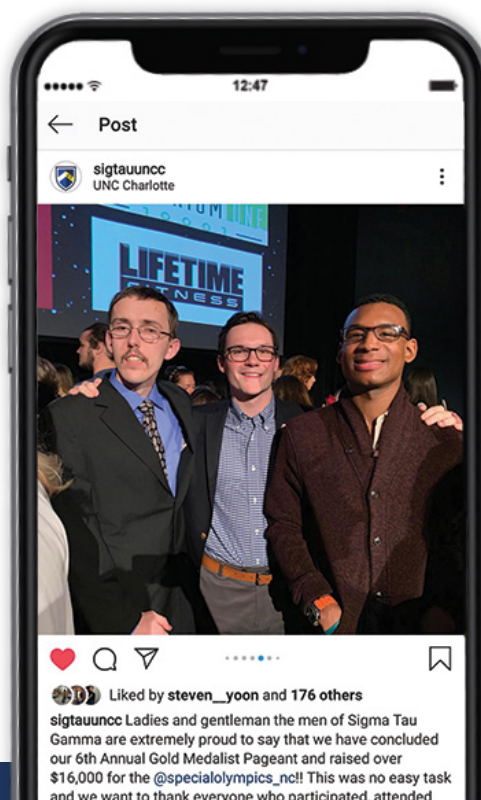
Brothers and other participating organizations on campus seek out sponsorships to help support the efforts of the pageant. All the proceeds including ticket sales, sponsorships, and donations, go to benefit

Special Olympics. Profesorsky says one way the pageant stands out on campus is by having Special Olympics athletes join in on all of the fun.

"Our Gold Medalist Pageant is very well known on campus. We also have Special Olympics athletes come and participate in our event. This helps show people what they are supporting and gives us a genuine image in the eyes of other students on campus," Profesorsky said.

Raising money to benefit our national philanthropy is wonderful, but for the Epsilon Tau Chapter, displaying the Principle of Citizenship by building brotherhood and comradery is the best part.

"The most exciting part of the Gold Medalist Pageant to me is the involvement we have from Special Olympians," Profesorsky said. "Every year, we look to build on our relationship with local athletes and this year we had athletes join us as escorts, speakers, and our honored guests, and seeing how much they enjoyed the pageant showed me that our cause truly is a noble one."



ALUMNI BROTHER FROM EPSILON ETA AT MURRAY STATE ELECTED PRESIDENT BY THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY



"Let's go get it!" Those words came from an interview with brother John Barger, Murray State. Just like our Founders, he serves his country in the military - as a Commander, 613th EFD of the Kentucky National Guard.

Barger, a current Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees Member, was recently honored to begin serving his term as President of the National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKY) this February. The NGAKY is a nonprofit organization that provides leadership development and champions the efforts to improve operational capabilities and benefits for the Kentucky National Guard. Barger had a very candid response when asked about him being elected and serving in this position.

"After being elected, I came to the conclusion that I am officially old... my wife and I have volunteered and served with the Association since my commissioning as a Second Lieutenant (2LT) in 2002," Barger said. "Over the years, our involvement with the organization has matured. Initially, we attended events to engage higher-ranking leaders in a relaxed, social setting. We now attend, at a minimum annually, strategic-level planning conferences and development sessions, as well as engage with 4-Star level military leaders in defeating today's military challenges."

During his presidency, he hopes to focus on three goals including growing the active number of participants of the NGAKY, increase dues-paying members, and establish a Kentucky National Guard Foundation.

Barger applies his Sig Tau experiences of being an effective leader in shaping both his professional military career and his voluntary leadership roles in the military.

"Sig Tau showed me that Presidents can't be micromanagers. The NGAKY Board of Directors is completely comprised of Kentucky National Guard Commissioned officers and Warrant officers. Each Board member has labored and sacrificed to become respected leaders within their respective military units. At a minimum, they have to say, give prompt, clear feedback to listen to what their thoughts."



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