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SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY

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Undergraduate brother **Brian Winkelmann**, William Woods proudly displays his Sig Tau pride during his deployment overseas in 2019.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

GREG W. WARD, ALABAMA

Director of Communications  
& SAGA Magazine Editor

I want to begin this letter with a series of questions, do you remember what you were doing prior to a big milestone or anniversary? Do you remember what you were doing before you accepted where you would attend college? Do you remember what you were doing before you received your big promotion? Do you remember what you were doing the nine months prior to when your child was born?

In life, we look forward to these big moments. We anticipate, worry, stress, daydream, and wonder what it will be like when that "moment" finally happens.

One of these "moments" is approaching for Sigma Tau Gamma. As a Brotherhood, we are less than a year away from making history – from a milestone – from a time that will be remembered for generations.

While we look forward to that milestone, we cannot bypass the moment we are in.

## YEAR 99.

Year 99 is a year of preparation. The decisions made in year 99 have a direct impact on our big "moment" in 2020. If Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters Staff and operations had a theme for 2019, it has been **back to the basics**.

In 2019, we have engaged and reconnected with more alumni than we have in years. We have had several successful alumni receptions; invited alumni from all walks of life to participate in national programs like Noble Man Institute, Webb Academy, and Endeavor Conference; and we have stressed that behind every successful chapter is an alumni association and chapter advisory team mentoring them every step of the way.

Headquarters Staff visited 63 percent of chapters across the country to ensure operations are effective and efficient; expansions were successful with new generations being introduced to Sig Tau; and both the Foundation and WPN Housing saw generous support and growth.

These moments matter. Year 99 matters.

This issue of the SAGA Magazine focuses on the **basics**. We look into the lives of members and how much their brotherhood experience has been shaped by our deep-rooted military history and we honor undergraduate brothers who currently serve Fraternity, College, and Country. We focus on the member-centric decisions made. We focus on the solid foundation Sigma Tau Gamma has forged through the past 99 years, and look ahead to the next.

We thank you for living in this "moment" with us and we hope you enjoy the SAGA Magazine.

## CORRECTIONS

We apologize for the mistakes in Vol. 88 | Issue 1 of the SAGA Magazine:

On page 14 of the last SAGA Magazine, Vol. 88 | Issue 1, we misspelled Brother Jason Rinehimer. It was incorrectly printed as Jason Rinerhimer.

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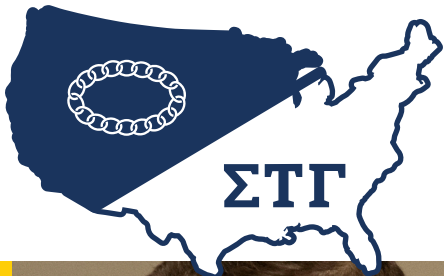


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# NATIONAL NEWS



## TOP SIG TAU HIGHLIGHTS



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### FRATERNITY LEADERSHIP EXEMPLIFIES PRINCIPLE OF CITIZENSHIP

This spring, Headquarters staff, and national volunteers participated in multiple community service opportunities setting a positive example for undergraduate chapters and alumni associations. Across the country, staff participated in the *Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service* and over 50 staff and national volunteers participated in *Pi Beta Phi's International Day of Literacy*.

In Georgia, **Vanessa Ryan**, Chief Executive Officer; **Adam Kowalski**, Director of Fraternity Operations; **Greg Ward**, Director of Communications & SAGA Editor; and **Ben Nelson**, Assistant Director of Education & Wellness attended a service event hosted by The Packaged Good – a charity providing care packages to those in need of assistance in the Atlanta community. Each person in attendance built several care packages and drew personalized cards with handwritten messages of love and support.

In Missouri, **Angie Sanders**, Director of Finance & Human Resources, spent a day serving at the Warrensburg Food Pantry, collecting, stocking, shelving, and packing food items for local families. **Jeremy Harrington**, Creative Director, spent time at his local YMCA, helping with facilities improvements. In Indianapolis, staff spent a day working at The PourHouse, an organization dedicated to engaging individuals that are homeless with mental health barriers. Staff organized the warehouse and loaded/unloaded heavy items.

During the Joint-Board Meeting in March, the Fraternity Board of Directors, Foundation Board of Trustees, WPN Housing Board of Managers, and National Alumni Advisory Council spent a Saturday day morning partnering with Pi Beta Phi Sorority to support their International Day of Literacy. National volunteers helped distribute over **20,000 books** to local area schools.



# 20,000

BOOKS



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### FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE

This year, there was a new approach to the Founders Day Challenge. The goal was to reach \$99,000 in 99 days in honor of 99 years of brotherhood. Brothers shared their testimony of how Sig Tau has shaped their collegiate journey and how it has forever changed their lives. For the first time in the Challenge's history, the fundraising goal was met. Nearly 300 donors raised over \$126,000 to help ensure the future of our brotherhood. Thousands of undergraduate brothers were impacted because of your continued support and generosity.

### 2019 FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE BY THE NUMBERS

# \$126,205.49

TOTAL RAISED

# 294

DONORS



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### CHAPTER LEADERS PREPARED TO LEAD NOBLE GENERATIONS

The 2019 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders was the largest in the program's 35-year history, with 384 undergraduate executive officers, alumni advisors, fraternity-sorority advisors, national volunteers, and Headquarters staff in attendance.

Chapter presidents, directors of recruitment, directors of finance & operations, and directors of member & community engagement all traveled to Indianapolis to polish their leadership skills and to learn more about how to operate a successful chapter. Attendees engaged in large group sessions, brotherhood dinners, and breakout sessions.

Chapter presidents spent time learning their role as the chapter chief elected officer and

discussing how they can take their chapter from "good to great." Chapter President Blake Haynes, Missouri State, said "Leaving Webb, I have a greater appreciation for my guys, my chapter, and Sig Tau."

**Directors of recruitment** engaged in discussions and activities focused on implementing practical methods of recruitment, from how to initiate a conversation with a potential new member to increasing retention among new members. Director of Recruitment Chip Sattler, Ohio State, said "Webb Academy gave my effort lots of direction. This is valuable training that I wish I had a year ago."

**Directors of finance & operations** spent time reviewing and training on chapter billing and reporting and created chapter budget templates. Director of Finance & Operations Austin Beierman, SIU Edwardsville, said "All of the information given was helpful in teaching me how to properly work my position."

**Directors of member & community engagement** learned how to be a coach, how to plan events, and how to interact with campus staff and various members of the community. Director of Member & Community Engagement Brayden Aepelbacher, Western Michigan, said "It was a very meaningful weekend, with lots of fun and important activities."

The 2020 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders will take place January 10-12, 2020. Based on program surveys and feedback, the 2020 Academy will feature a brand-new standards board track, in addition to refreshed curriculum for chapter presidents, directors of recruitment, directors of finance & operations, and alumni advisors.

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### CLOSED CHAPTERS

This year, the Sigma Tau Gamma Board of Directors has made the difficult decisions to close one chapter and rescind associate chapter status for two chapters. The Beta Rho Associate Chapter at Minnesota State University Moorhead, the Beta Tau Chapter at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, and the Zeta Chi Associate Chapter at Metropolitan State University of Denver have all transitioned to become inactive chapters. Additionally, the charters for both the Delta Tau Chapter at Indiana State University and the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Texas State University have been suspended. Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters staff is in constant communication with university officials about a plan to return to each campus and how to best serve our alumni members.



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### CHARTER AND MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECEIVES FACELIFT

After a tedious research and design process, both the chapter charter and membership certificate received facelifts for our membership moving forward. The process began with the new design of the charter. The new charter is one we wanted our members to proudly display in their chapter house or communal space with the design inspiration deeply rooted in nobility. The new charter is 26 inches wide and 20 inches tall features design elements synonymous with Sigma Tau Gamma and proudly boasts the names of all the founding fathers of the chapter. The new charter is then professionally mounted and framed to be presented to the chapter.

The membership certificate design mirrors that of the new chapter charter for a consistent look. The language chosen for the membership certificate was inspired by the language used in the initiation ritual. Both the chapter charter and membership certificate use archival paper to ensure the documents withstand the test of time.



## WPN ADVOCATES FOR FUTURE OF FRATERNITY HOUSING

WPN is proud to support the Fraternity and Sorority Action Fund's *'Fraternity and Sorority Campaign to Defend the Fraternal Experience'*.

The campaign helps preserve single-sex organization's freedom of association, further anti-hazing legislation and assist work to limit recruitment, and zoning restrictions. In March 2018, the WPN Board of Managers approved a three-year pledge for the Fraternity and Sorority Action Fund. This step has allowed WPN as the national housing company to represent the organization amongst peers in the Greek community. Sigma Tau Gamma takes a stand in support of fair treatment for Greek organizations and chapter housing. The Fraternity and Sorority Action fund has proposed state and federal legislation for the End All Hazing Act that removes language regarding forfeiture of property if a hazing event is found to have occurred. Supporting this legislation is a step towards preserving the history, bonds of brotherhood, and the value chapter housing provides to our members.



## PARTNERTSHIP WITH PHIRED UP AND EXPANSIONS

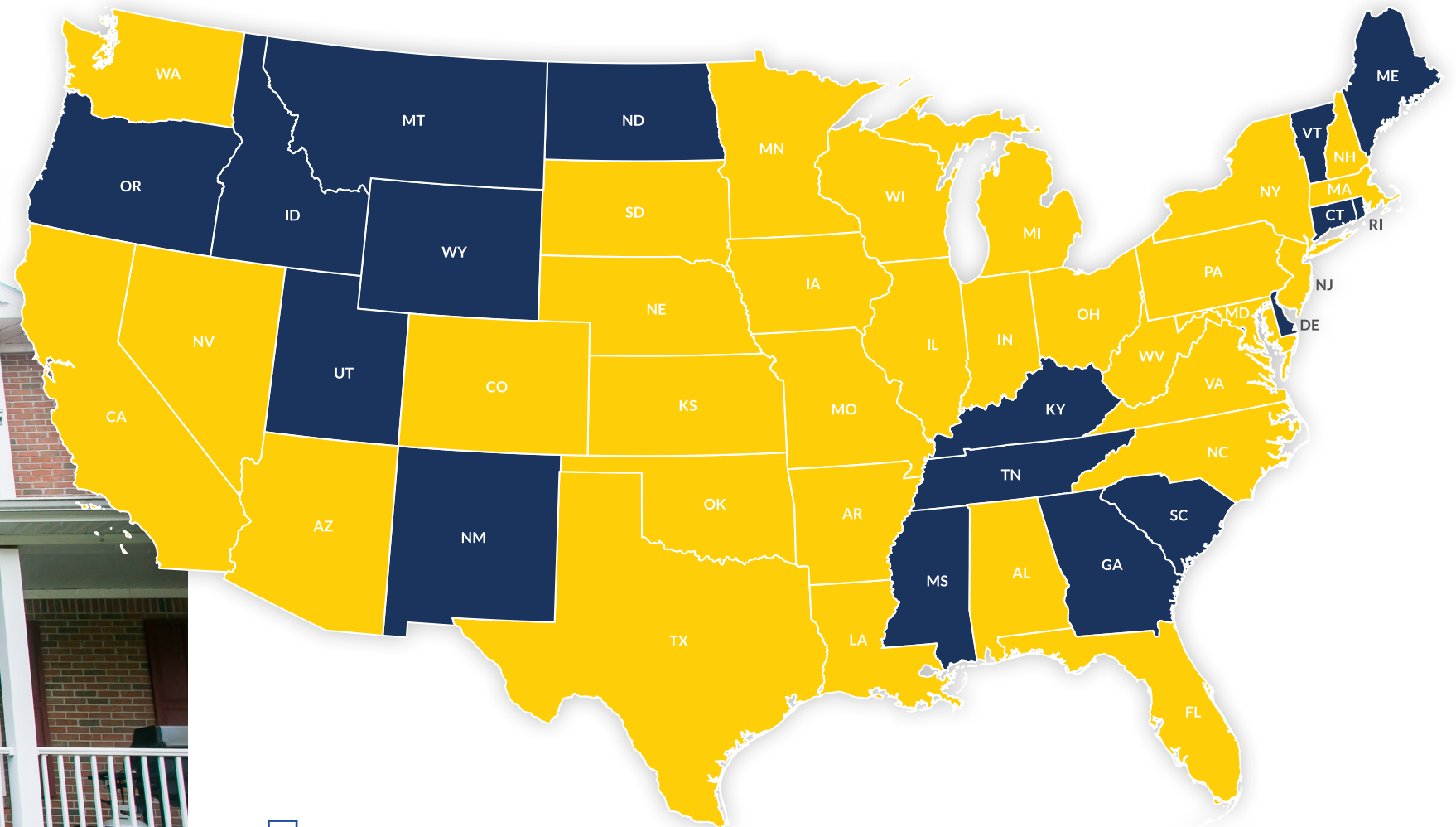
Sigma Tau Gamma is proud to extend our partnership with **Phired Up Productions** and **TechniPhi**. Phired Up serves as the champion of growth within the fraternal community; specializing in marketing, education, and technology services that help fraternities and sororities grow. Their methods of training involve education surrounding relationship building to help chapters attract the quality members needed to maintain a thriving chapter. Sig Tau members are given the tools to build relationships with potential new members to improve the quality of their membership experience. One of these tools is ChapterBuilder. ChapterBuilder is an online software utilized to help chapters recruit the best and brightest individuals to the chapter. ChapterBuilder streamlines the recruitment process by putting all the information in one single location and is fully customizable for each chapter.



## BROTHERS SHARE THEIR FRATERNITY STORY WITH #MYFRATERNITY

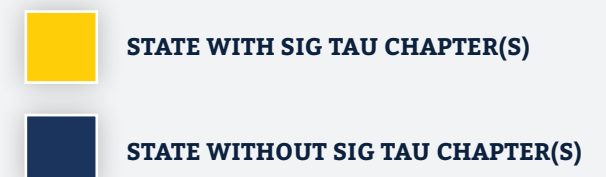
During September 2018, thousands of members from dozens of fraternities shared their **#MyFraternity** story. The **#MyFraternity** campaign is a campaign for fraternity men to tell their personal stories of how fraternity life has positively impacted them. During the 2018 kickoff to the campaign, it was reported by the North-American Interfraternity Conference that over 112,000 engagements were recorded and had a reach of over 13.6 million. Brother **Brent Levy**, Cincinnati and a group of alumni from the Alpha Omega Chapter at Missouri S&T shared their **#MyFraternity** stories across social media the SAGA Blog.

**WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE OVER 3,000  
UNDERGRADUATE LEADERS ON 83  
CAMPUSES FROM COAST TO COAST.**



## NOBLE MEN FROM COAST TO COAST

**1** Fraternity  
**3,000** Undergraduate Men  
**83** Chapters  
**31** States







# ENDEAVOR RECAP

Endeavor Conference took place in Atlanta, Georgia from June 27-29, 2019. Endeavor was a weekend full of meaningful fellowship while helping one another and the Fraternity endeavor forward. We celebrated 99 years of historic brotherhood, sent the Fraternity into our Centennial Celebration, developed our visions as leaders, members, and Sig Taus for life, and raised the funds to support the Fraternity and its purpose.

## EDUCATIONAL TRACKS

The Endeavor Track focused on developing men as individuals to be noble gentlemen, regardless of the community in which they live.

The Lifelong Membership Track focused on life after graduation, holding gainful employment, life skills, and lifelong membership in Sig Tau.

Throughout the conference, the Endeavor Track spent time casting a vision for their future, discussing masculinity and what it means to be a noble man.

The Lifelong Membership track worked through what it means to lay down the foundation for their future, personal finances, relationships, and happiness.

The men discussed what it truly meant to live Sig Tau each day and be a lifelong member, and what it means to cast a vision while being true to yourself.

## FRATERNITY NETWORK RECEPTION

The power of fraternity is built on relationships – it is the foundation of our brotherhood, from the first interaction to the last. Day one of Endeavor closed with the Fraternity Network Reception. The reception was a time for members to reconnect with one another, make new connections, and exhibit the true link of brotherhood.

## FOUNDERS DAY

As we celebrated the 99 years of Sigma Tau Gamma,

## THE COUNTDOWN FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OFFICIALLY BEGAN.

In less than a year, hundreds of brothers and friends will gather at Grand Conclave Kansas City to usher in year 100 of Sigma Tau Gamma.



## SERVICE PROJECT

In the spirit of our Principle of Citizenship, attendees assembled over 700 care packages.

Endeavor Atlanta began with a service project in partnership with the Packaged Good, an Atlanta-based non-profit organization that provides care packages to organizations such as Mary Hall Freedom House, Ronald McDonald House, and Veteran's Empowerment.



## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award**  
Christopher Miofsky, Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Development at Washburn University

**Professor O.F. Grubbs Advisor of the Year Award**  
Mike Ray, Youngstown State

**National White Rose Scholarship**  
Joleen Adams, Michigan Tech.

**Michael J. Steinbeck Graduate Fellowship**  
Collin Sweeney, Purdue  
Abhinith Kothari, Penn State

**Ted and Theresa Priem Undergraduate Scholarship**  
Lukas Dietzen, Carroll

**Winebrenner Distinguished Fraternity Service Award**  
Gary Arnett, Southeastern Oklahoma

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**  
Greg Brown, Truman State

**Distinguished Young Alumnus Award**  
Greg Ward, Alabama

**Stan Musial and Eric Hillman Sportsmanship Award**  
Tanner Raubenstine, Emporia State

**Principle of Learning Award**  
P.J. Hawron, Henderson State

**Principle of Integrity Award**  
Pablo Coria, UNC Charlotte

**Principle of Excellence Award**  
Dallas Butler, Cincinnati

**Principle of Leadership Award**  
Jarrett Brown, Robert Morris

**Principle of Citizenship Award**  
Austin Halverson, Alabama

**Principle of Brotherhood Award**  
Nick Falcon, Southeastern Louisiana

**Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award**  
Chris Musteen, Central Arkansas

**2019 Noble Man Hall of Fame**  
Zach Bailey, Winona State  
Kyle Beckwith, UW – La Crosse  
Zach Fehr, Emporia State

Kyle Higgins, Purdue  
Blair Kessler, Arizona

Daniel Kopycinski, Youngstown State

Brandon Lalama, Youngstown State

Jacob Liles, Northwest Missouri

Chris Musteen, Central Arkansas

Isaiah Villarreal, Missouri State

## CHAPTER AWARDS

**Ronald W. Erickson Alumni Engagement Award**  
Central Arkansas, Small IFC Community  
Western Michigan, Medium IFC Community  
Purdue, Large IFC Community

**J. Gregory Rumpf Recruitment and Growth Award**  
Youngstown State, Small IFC Community  
Colorado State, Medium IFC Community  
Kansas State, Large IFC Community

**Christopher J. Mauer Man-Mile Award**  
Nevada – Reno

**Michael Schermer & Doug Lichtenberger Foundation Advocate Award**  
Robert Morris, Small IFC Community  
UNC Charlotte, Medium IFC Community  
Michigan State, Large IFC Community

**E. Kennedy Whitesitt Communication Award**  
Fitchburg State, Small IFC Community  
UNC Charlotte, Medium IFC Community  
Kansas State, Large IFC Community

**Thomas M. Hutsell Chapter Efficiency Award**  
Youngstown State, Small IFC Community  
Arizona, Medium IFC Community  
Cincinnati, Medium IFC Community  
UNC Charlotte, Medium IFC Community  
Michigan State, Large IFC Community

**Dr. Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award**  
Youngstown State, Small IFC Community  
Virginia Tech., Medium IFC Community  
Purdue, Large IFC Community

**Robert N. Jones Charitable Projects Award**  
Robert Morris, Small IFC Community  
UNC Charlotte, Medium IFC Community  
Michigan State, Large IFC Community

**W.T. "Bill" Hembree Campus Leadership Award**  
Henderson State, Small IFC Community  
UNC Charlotte, Medium IFC Community  
Purdue, Large IFC Community

**Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award**  
Colorado Boulder, Small IFC Community  
Western Michigan, Medium IFC Community  
Ohio State, Large IFC Community

**Alumni Association Award of Distinction**  
New Orleans Alumni Chapter  
Beta Pi Chapter Alumni Association of Frostburg State  
Zeta Chapter Alumni Association of Northeastern State

**Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter Award**  
Youngstown State, Small IFC Community  
Virginia Tech., Medium IFC Community  
Purdue University, Large IFC Community



**Society of Seventeen Inductees**  
Richard Harguindeguy, Northland College  
John Heiman, Central Missouri

Pictured (Left to Right): Bill Hardebeck, Michael Schermer, Tom Janicki, Richard Harguindeguy, John Heiman, Paul Szczesny, D.W. Cole, Bill Hembree, and Kenley Hoover



# WPN UPDATE

**WPN National Housing Company continues to look ahead and gains its first owned property.**



**JULY 2019** marks a time of historic transition for WPN National Housing Company as it gains its first owned property at the University of Missouri Science and Technology. The Alpha Omega Alumni Association, locally known as the Control Board, approached WPN about this opportunity with great consideration for the chapter's success and stability for future generations of noble men.

The Control Board sought WPN's assistance in the demands of infrastructure and today's pressures of home management to continue the legacy and preserve chapter housing. Transitioning ownership and management of the property brings many benefits for the chapter at large. The undergraduate members will receive professional support to manage the property to a high level of standard for general upkeep, fire and safety measures, and maintenance. This will allow the Alpha Omega alumni to transition their focus to an advising and supportive relationship with the chapter members.

Since the transition, WPN has negotiated with the State of Missouri system to secure Sigma Tau Gamma's land lease extension through 2049. Further, a top priority for WPN includes property improvements to allow the physical space

to be viable on campus and allow the chapter to compete with other organization's spaces. These actions further strengthen WPN's priority to the long-term success of Alpha Omega Chapter and sustaining a presence on the Missouri S&T campus.

The chapter members have immediately benefited from WPN management in a variety of ways including contracting with professional vendors in order to ensure all repair work, food service, lawn care, pest control and cleaning are done professionally, up to code, and for the member's safety. The chapter will continue to benefit from in-person visits and personalized meetings at national events, weekly house manager support, house management resources, routine cleaning services, full utility management, mortgage and property tax management, all tenant contracting and housing expense management, Sigma Tau Gamma branded items, and funds dedicated towards capital improvements.

The two-story dwelling built in 1971 is 12,800 square foot, complete with common spaces, a chapter room, dining room, multiple patio areas, a commercial kitchen and a combined 29 bedrooms.

# LEADERS DISCUSS GROWTH



Pictured (Left to Right): Jim Johnston, Jonathan Proehl, Buz Barlow

**2018 was a monumental year for Sigma Tau Gamma. Marking the era full of growth, collaboration, and change was the move of HQ to Indianapolis. Now located in the crossroads of America, Sig Tau Headquarters pays tribute to the past while looking towards our bright future. Our national volunteer leaders gave us their thoughts and insight on the relocation of Headquarters, how it continues to set the organization up for success and how Sigma Tau Gamma will be seen as leaders in the future of Greek life.**

"This was a milestone year, a milestone event. This is one of those top handful of significant things in our history. To come to this place, that is so representative of the future, we've shown that we intend to be a Fraternity of the future, we intend to be the leaders. We are not just moving to Indianapolis to take up space like a potted plant. We are here because we are going to be a fraternity of this century. I don't think we could have done that without rebranding our physical presence with this building, but also emotionally it did a tremendous amount for us to realize that we could be who we have wanted to be for a long time. What we have accomplished by being in Indianapolis, is we have shown the interfraternal world that we have arrived. That we are here. We are players, and we are going to be leaders.

**- WPN Board of Managers Chairman**  
Buz Barlow, UW – Osh Kosh

"It is really profound what this organization has done for people. It's surreal the impact Sigma Tau Gamma has had over 70,000 men that have been initiated. It's been a lot of fun. There has been a lot of growth and a lot of positive change. The most interesting thing is that it is still Sigma Tau Gamma. We have refined it, but it is still the same Fraternity, the same men, the same core of what it is was. It has been just a modernization of what we have always known. We are fulfilling our promise to our members and fulfilling our mission to bring Sigma Tau Gamma to more men. The more we grow, the more members we have, the more we fulfill the Founder's desire."

**- 39th National President**  
Jonathan Proehl, UW – River Falls

"There is no doubt as time goes by, expectations change, relevancy changes, our culture changes. But one thing that never changes is the concept of being a noble man and our Principles. But how we apply that and how we live that can sometimes change.

Moving was an investment into our future. And I think people will look back on this period as really when we grew out of our former shell and have grown as a big player, an influential player in the industry and the fraternal world."

**- 40th National President**  
Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon





On Friday, June 29, 2018, the Fraternity's Board of Directors, on behalf of the 48th House of Delegates, announced the passing of a new resolution aimed at enhancing the member experience and preserving the safety of chapters and their campus community.

After careful consideration and discussion, the 48th House of Delegates passed a resolution eliminating the use of hard-alcohol at fraternity events and fraternity facilities. The resolution specifies hard alcohol is prohibited from any chapter events and facilities unless served by a licensed third-party vendor. The resolution passed took effect on September 1, 2019.

"This resolution allows our members to better focus on personal development, supporting our core vision to build noble generations of men. Alcohol abuse distracts from our vision — we need to embody our Principles, being leaders and positive influences in our communities," 40th National President of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity **Jim Johnston**, Carnegie Mellon said.

**"I'M VERY PROUD OUR MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO BE AHEAD OF THE CURVE AND BE LEADERS IN THE INDUSTRY. IT SHOWS OUR MEMBER'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THE MUTUAL SAFETY AND WELLNESS OF EACH OTHER."**

# HARD ALCOHOL FREE HOUSING

## WHY NOW?

Sigma Tau Gamma has a nearly 100 year legacy to uphold and Principles to live by daily. It is time for our brotherhood to make bold decisions surrounding alcohol consumption. We must provide a safe environment for our members and guests.

## DOES THIS MAKE SIG TAU ALCOHOL FREE?

No, it does not. Members who are legal drinking age are allowed to consume alcohol under 15 percent ABV while on chapter property.

## WHAT DOES CHAPTER PROPERTY MEAN?

Chapter property is any chapter house, annex house, any campus based locations and this includes any event space rented out by the Fraternity.

## THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CHAPTER EVENTS?

Yes. This policy does include chapter hosted/ sponsored events at the chapter house and at unlicensed third party event spaces. The consumption of hard alcohol is only permitted during an event at a licensed third party venue for those who are of legal drinking age.

SIGMA TAU GAMMA

# TAKING A STAND ON HARD ALCOHOL

# BROTHERHOOD IMPACT

THIS POLICY **ONLY** PROHIBITS ALCOHOL OVER 15% BY VOLUME OR 30-PROOF IN SIGMA TAU GAMMA CHAPTER PROPERTIES



**MOST BEER, WINE, SPIKED SELTZER, ETC.**

**UNDER 15% ABV**  
(ALCOHOL BY VOLUME)  
**PERMITTED**



**APPLIES TO ALL CHAPTER PROPERTIES**

**COMMON AND PERSONAL SPACES**



**MOST WHISKEY, VODKA, RUM, ETC.**

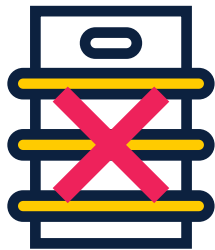
**OVER 15% ABV**  
(ALCOHOL BY VOLUME)  
**PROHIBITED**

## PREVIOUS ALCOHOL POLICIES DO NOT CHANGE

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:



**NO UNDERAGE DRINKING & NO ALCOHOL AT NEW MEMBER ACTIVITIES**



**NO COMMON SOURCE**



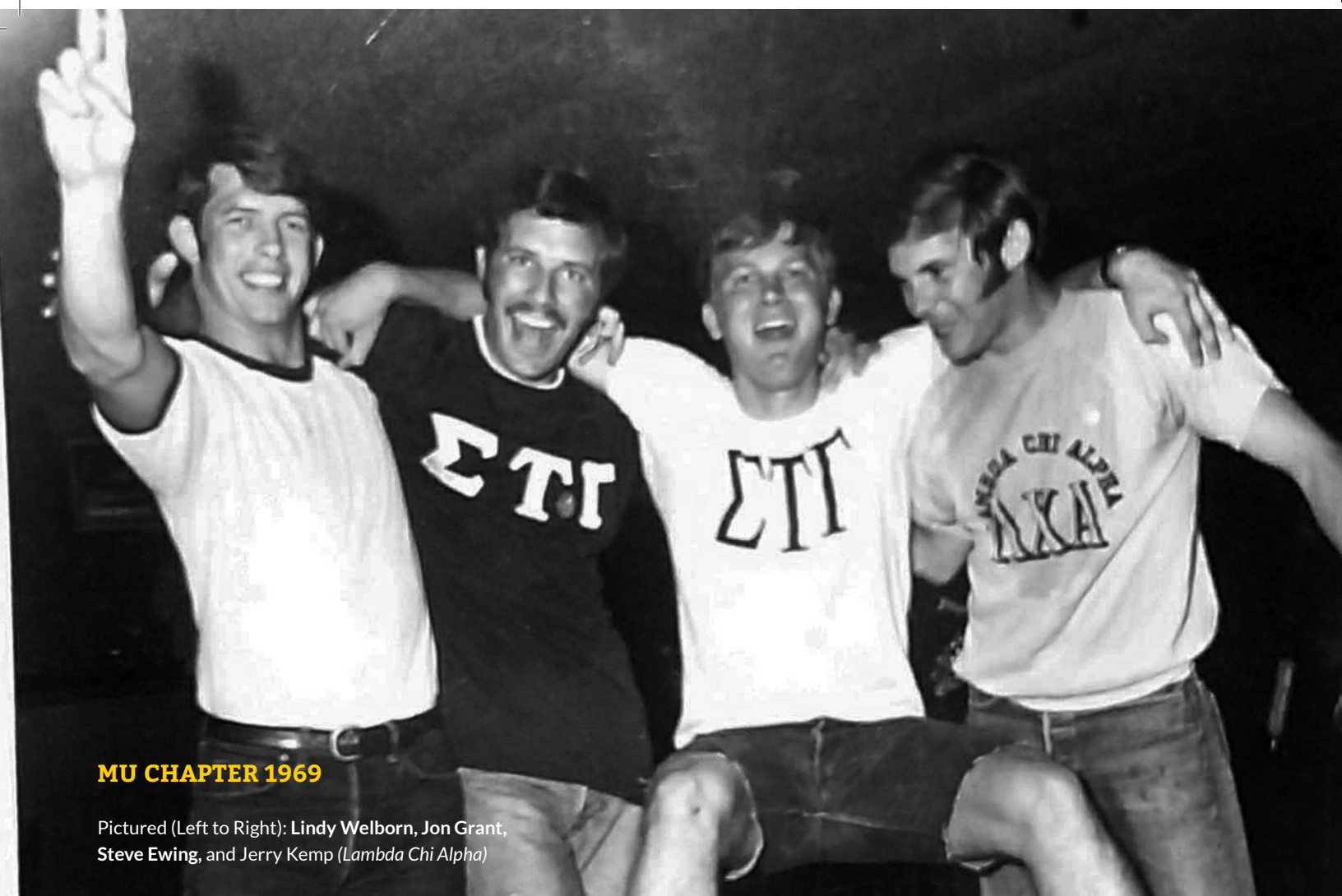
**NO EVENTS CO-SPONSORED WITH A DISTRIBUTOR OR TAVERN**



**NO PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL WITH CHAPTER FUNDS**

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY. BE YOUR BROTHERS KEEPER. IF THERE'S ANY DOUBT, CALL 911.





MU CHAPTER 1969

Pictured (Left to Right): Lindy Welborn, Jon Grant, Steve Ewing, and Jerry Kemp (Lambda Chi Alpha)

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

MU CHAPTER CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

On February 16, the Mu Chapter at Southeastern Oklahoma State University celebrated their 90th Founders Day. The members of the Mu Chapter welcomed Sigma Tau Gamma’s Chief Executive Officer, **Vanessa Ryan** and former Director of Foundation Operations, **Jill Carrel**, as well as Chairman of the WPN Board of Managers, and special friend to Mu Chapter, **Buz Barlow**, UW – Osh Kosh.

The alumni association traditionally welcomes all members of the chapter and this year the entire chapter was able to

attend the event. The alumni were overjoyed to see current chapter brothers showing support and sharing in the celebration.

This year the alumni association awarded seven members of Mu Chapter with scholarships from the Mu Chapter Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, and the Chuck Dale Scholarship Fund. These scholarships, awarded in the fall and spring semesters, are based on academic achievement, campus involvement, and the demonstration of the Principles of the Fraternity.



**Vanessa Ryan** gave a brief update on the state of the Fraternity, the ongoing expansion efforts, various leadership opportunities offered to the undergraduate members, and the role of alumni within the Fraternity. Jill Carrel provided information about the Foundation and the important role it plays in supporting the purpose of the Fraternity.

Alumni and guests were also presented an opportunity to hear from the four undergraduate officers who attended Webb Academy in January and became members of the *Azure and White Undergraduate*

**Giving Club.** The remainder of the chapter was then asked to stand, and all received a gift from the alumni to also join “The Club”. At that moment, Mu Chapter had 100% participation in the Azure and White Undergraduate Giving Club.

**Buz Barlow** spoke on the importance of the Fraternity in his life and in his career. When Buz introduced 17th National President **Pat Phelps**, Southeastern Oklahoma, he spoke of a 50-year history of the growth of Sigma Tau Gamma; particularly the role that Pat played in the process. It’s not often to find Pat Phelps speechless, but the bond that has grown between Buz and Pat, Pat and Mu Chapter and Pat and Sigma Tau Gamma, is an awe-inspiring story and one that was important for the newest members of Mu Chapter to hear.



MU CHAPTER 1970

Pictured (Left to Right): **Ronnie Whitaker**, **Edward McCune** (Founder), **Mark Zimmer**, **Jack Boucher**, and **Pat Phelps**



GAMMA EPSILON CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter at West Chester University of Pennsylvania celebrated the 50th White Rose Reunion weekend, beginning on Friday, September 21, 2018 and concluding on Sunday, September 23, 2018, in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

The weekend-long celebration began with golf on Friday afternoon, followed by a Longwood Gardens’ light show Friday evening. It was a busy slate of experiences on Saturday, with an early morning tour of West Chester University (WCU) campus, with brothers and guests spending the afternoon watching the WCU football team defeat Millersville University, home of the Gamma Tau Chapter, 62-16. Saturday concluded with over 75 brothers and guests in attendance at the White Rose Dinner, including 40th National President **Jim Johnston**, Carnegie Mellon.

While there is not currently an active undergraduate chapter at West Chester the brothers of Gamma Epsilon remain steadfast in their brotherhood and loyalty to one another, through reunion weeks like this one.

“We spent the weekend together and it was truly amazing. We never knew that when we went to college and joined a fraternity that we would forge a bond so tight and so strong, that it would reduce us to tears in remembering so many things and events. Thank you, SIG TAU, thank you BROTHERS, and thank you GREAT FRIENDS!”

Alumnus  
**Jack Oliver**, West Chester



# FOR FRATERNITY, COLLEGE, AND COUNTRY

*Our brotherhood will forever be intertwined with military service. Two undergraduates share their experience of service to their chapter and their country.*

You are in a chapter meeting. Tonight is the night nominations will be accepted for those who want to serve on the executive cabinet. A trusted chapter brother raises his hand and nominates you. You stand up and have to decline politely because you attended the chapter meeting with some news of your own;

**THAT YOUR ARMY RESERVE UNIT IS BEING DEPLOYED OVERSEAS AND YOU WILL SOON BE GONE FOR NEARLY 400 DAYS SERVING OUR COUNTRY.**

The chapter meeting goes silent. Brothers are in shock and soon the only thing that matters at that moment are the bonds of brotherhood.

Sigma Tau Gamma has a long history of service to our country; with four of our Founders serving in Ambulance Company 355 of the 80th Division in World War I. Those bonds created in the trenches of WWI caring for their fellow servicemen can still be felt today as the current generation of noble men serve their Fraternity, College, and Country.



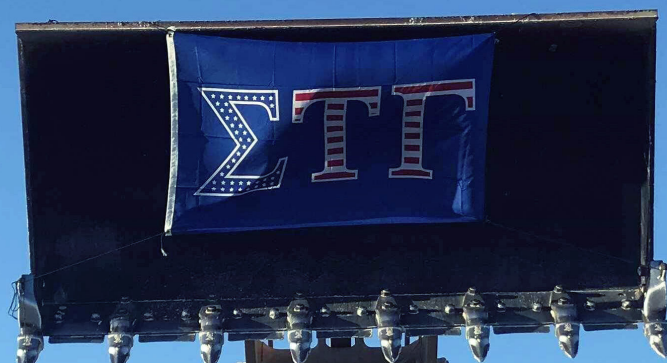
Specialist (Spc.) **Brian Winkelmann**, William Woods was initiated in 2016 into the Zeta Mu Chapter. Attending William Woods was not a part of Brian's initial plans.

"I enrolled last minute at William Woods and found my way to Sig Tau. Brother and friend Preston Westcott invited me to check out the fraternity and to give it a chance."

Brian's father served during the Vietnam War, and his grandfather served during World War II, so Brian knew what he was looking for in his collegiate experience and knew what it was like living a life of service.

**"Sig Tau gave me a bid, and I found a family and a close-knit group that I would be proud to call brothers. The morals I grew up on aligned with the Principles of Sig Tau and I knew Sig Tau immediately was the right fit."**

– Brian Winkelmann, William Woods



Pictured (Left):  
**Brian Winkelmann, William Woods**



While Brian was sculpting his Sig Tau story, Brother **Noah Burton**, Ohio State, honored both his brotherhood and family legacy by serving overseas as an undergraduate member. Noah enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard at the age of 17 and completed his basic training during his senior year of high school. Noah is a Founding Father of the Zeta Omega Associate Chapter at The Ohio State University and was one of the first men to sign a bid in Columbus, OH.

“I signed my bid immediately, and I’ve been hooked since,” Noah said. “I was on our executive cabinet as the director of member and community engagement from January 2018 through August 2018. It was difficult to leave my position; however, I knew that the Zeta Omega Associate Chapter was in good hands during my absence.”

Shortly after resigning his position as director of member and community engagement, Corporal (Cpl.) Noah Burton began his nine-month deployment to Kuwait. He remembers what it felt like to tell his chapter brothers that he was stepping away to fulfill his duty to his country.

## TELLING MY BROTHERS I WAS LEAVING WAS VERY DIFFICULT

“It almost seemed as if it were a scene from a tv drama...I ended up sharing the information late in the Spring 2018 semester. There was definitely a sense of melancholy when we hung out for the last time before I left, and it’s a feeling that you don’t forget. Most of their reactions were very empathetic and understanding of the reality that I faced and understood that these types of things are not in my control.”

Like many of our Founders, both Noah and Brian had a sense of integrity and wisdom. They showed integrity knowing they needed to fulfill their obligation to their service, but wise enough to know their lives could drastically change during their service overseas.



### DEPLOYED IN KUWAIT

Pictured (Above): **Noah Burton**, Ohio State

“I have been able to keep in touch with my brothers while overseas and had the ability to communicate with them frequently. It means a lot to be able to talk to them because they are part of my civilian life,” Noah said. “Putting college on pause has been difficult, but not in ways that I anticipated. Some of my chapter brothers are now graduating before me and have a year’s worth of memories that I will not be able to relate to. Communicating with them reminds me to not take moments and people for granted and to cherish every moment with your friends and family.”

“You talk yourself up for it to happen before you deploy. I didn’t want to lose touch with my chapter and my brothers. I wanted to continue to push them from thousands of miles away on the other side of the world,” Brian said. “How do we [as a chapter] continue to make things better? How do we continue to grow to get to where we want to go? I’m not physically there, but I can continue to do my part to make my chapter better.”



Both **Brian** and **Noah** say they have learned lessons during their deployment to bring back to make their chapters better and how being a part of Sig Tau has transitioned into their service.

“Sig Tau and college have reinforced characteristics in myself that are positive and can effect change. Both have taught me that time management and communication are vital, both civilian side and military side,” Noah said.

“The skills I have acquired in both Sig Tau and the military have taught me to be a better leader. Paying attention to the small details and working together with my fellow soldiers to accomplish our mission is something I can easily bring back to the chapter,” Brian said.

Both noble men acknowledge a sense of pride knowing several Fraternity Founders served during World War I.

Brother Noah Burton returned from his deployment in early August, just in time for the beginning of the school year at Ohio State, and Brother Brian Winkelmann is counting down the days until his return in early 2020.

“

The values of Sig Tau are very similar to the Army’s because of our Founding Fathers. Sig Tau has reinsured me that the loyalty of brotherhood is something that cannot be traded, bought, or bargained for.

“The principles and morals our Founders stood on were deeply rooted in military roots. Our roots [Sig Tau and the military] are forever tethered. I have a great appreciation for those guys [Sigma Tau Gamma Founders] and knowing that they were going to be part of something greater than themselves. They stepped out of their comfort zone upon returning home and used their personal courage to find where they belong; for their school, creating the Fraternity, and for their country.”

– **Noah Burton**, Ohio State





# FOUNDATION UPDATE

## #GIVING TUESDAY

### BROTHERHOOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF SIG TAU

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation exists to provide support for our undergraduate members to have transformative experiences through scholarships and grants. During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Foundation awarded **\$16,770** in scholarships to Sig Tau brothers and provided over **\$107,000** in support of Fraternity programs, chapter fund grants, and scholarships.

Below is a list of brothers who received scholarships and chapter who received **grants** and **scholarships**.



The Centennial Celebration is a once in a lifetime event to honor the legacy of our Founders and ensure the future of Sig Tau. We're dreaming big this [#GivingTuesday](#)

and set a goal to secure event registration sponsorships to support 100 undergraduate members to attend the Centennial Celebration.

**Undergraduate Registration:**  
**\$400.00** per member  
**Event Registration Sponsorship:**  
**\$200.00** per member

### HOW IT WORKS:

## THE KEY TO #GIVINGTUESDAY

1. Make a **\$200.00** Event Sponsorship Donation to the Sig Tau Foundation on [#GivingTuesday: December 3, 2019 - December 31, 2019](#).
2. Applications to receive a Centennial Celebration Event Sponsorship Grant can be submitted by eligible undergraduate members between [January 11, 2020 - February 11, 2020](#).
3. HQ staff will confirm eligibility of each applicant and submit all applications to the Foundation Board of Trustees Grants Committee for selection.
4. Selected applicants will be notified by [April 1](#).
5. Final payments for registration fees due [June 1](#).

### UNDERGRADUATE MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:

- Financially current with chapter and national dues as of June 1
- Demonstrated leadership to Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity
- Member in good standing: Provide Fall 2019 GPA and proof of financial responsibilities to chapter and HQ met

## BILL HARDEBECK, HARRIS-STOWE HONORED AS TRUSTEE EMERITUS

### WHAT KIND OF LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE?

Bill Hardebeck, a living legacy that embodies the Principles of Citizenship and Brotherhood, was honored with a National President's Citation by 40th National President Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon during Endeavor Atlanta. For over 30 years, Bill served the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1998 - 2019, including having served on the Trustee Investment Committee and as Vice President of Programs from 1989 to 2004.

In addition to his steadfast service, Bill and his wife, Cathy, established an annual \$1,000 scholarship in 2008, awarded to a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma chapter at University of Missouri - St. Louis and St. Louis University. Their commitment to enabling young men pursue their educational aspirations while committed to their Sig Tau experience on their campus has left an immeasurable impression on undergraduate members for over a decade.

### TRUSTEE EMERITUS ROSTER

W.P. "Buz" Barlow, Jr., JD, UW - Oshkosh  
Robert Bernier, Kent State  
Joe Feldhouse, Cleveland State  
Bill Hardebeck, Harris-Stowe  
W.T. "Bill" Hembree, Pittsburg State  
Kenley Hoover, IU Pennsylvania

Eric Hillman, Concord  
Payton "Pat" Phelps, Southeastern Oklahoma  
Ronald Roskens, Northern Iowa  
R. Michael Webb, Central Missouri  
Thomas Wood, Southeast Missouri

### Giving Thanks!



"I cannot express how honored I am to be awarded this scholarship in the name of a member of the Society of Seventeen and as I become more familiar with all the good you have done as a Sigma Tau Gamma, I strive to uphold the values you live by and express during many years of continued success. In my most challenging times, I find that the principles of the fraternity help remind me why I am so dedicated to an altruistic career such as nursing, and I hope by the end of my studies, I will exceed your standards both as an excellent nurse and a fellow active alumnus of Sigma Tau Gamma."

- **Carter Roustio**, Missouri - St. Louis

2018 and 2019 recipient of the William J. and Catherine M. Hardebeck Scholarship



On Saturday, June 29, 2019, **Bill and Cathy Hardebeck** were recognized as members of the Legacy Lifetime Giving Society with the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation during the House of Trotter Donor Recognition Breakfast at Endeavor Atlanta for their significant investment and support of the Sig Tau Foundation over their lifetime.

## GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### CENTRAL MISSOURI

#### Central Missouri Fall 2018 Academic Excellence:

Andrew Basse, Central Missouri '16  
Corey Moats, Central Missouri '18  
Zachary Racy, Central Missouri '18

**Central Missouri Principle of Leadership:**  
Zachary Racy, Central Missouri '18

### CLEVELAND STATE

**The Beta Upsilon Memorial Scholarship:**  
Noah Marsh, Cleveland State '15

**The Ferch Scholarship:**  
Tyler Bailey, Cleveland State '16

**The Griffy Memorial Scholarship:**  
Jacob Whitney, Cleveland State '16

### MICHIGAN TECH.

**Bob Graff Memorial Scholarship:**  
Seth Jensen-Young, Michigan Tech. '17  
Matthew Painter, Michigan Tech. '16

**Michigan Tech Man-of-the-Year:**  
Jake Kessler, Michigan Tech. '15

### SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA

**Southeastern Louisiana Chapter Scholarship:**  
Mason Bourgeois, Southeastern Louisiana '15  
Thomas Branch, Southeastern Louisiana '16  
William Bridges, Southeastern Louisiana '15  
Zachary Corzo, Southeastern Louisiana '16  
Bryce Cothorn, Southeastern Louisiana '13  
Michael Cross, Southeastern Louisiana '16  
Evan Hargroder, Southeastern Louisiana '16  
Cameron Jenkins, Southeastern Louisiana '14  
Matthew Kemp, Southeastern Louisiana '15  
Richard Mathis Jr., Southeastern Louisiana '15  
Tyler Morel, Southeastern Louisiana '17  
Alex Sotile, Southeastern Louisiana '13  
Ian Sutton, Southeastern Louisiana '14  
Lane Taillon, Southeastern Louisiana '15  
Sean Wood, Southeastern Louisiana '17

### UNC CHARLOTTE

**J. Greg Rumpf Memorial Scholarship:**  
Ryan Fusco, UNC Charlotte '18

**William & Catherine Hardebeck Scholarship**  
Carter Roustio, Missouri-St. Louis '17  
John Schaefer, Saint Louis '17

**Michael J. Steinbeck Graduate Fellowship**  
Abhinith Kothari, Penn State '17  
Collin Sweeney, Purdue '16

**Ted and Theresa Priem Undergraduate Scholarship**  
Lukas Dietzen, Carroll '17

### ENDEAVOR ATLANTA CHAPTER FUND GRANT

Alabama  
Carroll  
Central Arkansas  
Central Missouri  
Central Oklahoma  
Cincinnati  
Emporia State  
Maryland  
Michigan Tech  
Missouri State  
Nevada Reno  
Northwest Missouri  
Ohio State  
Pittsburg State  
Purdue  
Southeastern Louisiana  
Southeastern Oklahoma  
Southern Indiana  
UW - La Crosse  
Youngstown State

### WEBB ACADEMY CHAPTER FUND GRANT

Central Missouri  
Frostburg  
Indiana State  
Michigan Tech  
Missouri - St. Louis  
Southeastern Louisiana



CHAPTER NEWS



COLORADO

Setting the Standard on Campus

The Zeta Psi Associate Chapter at Colorado brings recognized Greek life back to campus in over a decade. In the spring of 2018, Sigma Tau Gamma was chosen as a fraternal partner that would create the new on-campus IFC. After a 12-year hiatus, the university brought back its own officially recognized Interfraternity Council. The council is now made up of four fraternities including Sigma Tau Gamma.

Last spring, members of the Interfraternity Council and brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma played a vital role in committees to establish policies and elect the inaugural IFC officers. Zeta Psi Associate Chapter Members Hunter Barnes, Tyler Ennis, Keaton Hoeger, and Conner Freiboth were involved with the judicial, social, and recruitment committees, working to establish what would be the IFC’s guiding documents. They worked with the North-American Interfraternity Conference and campus professionals to finalize policies for recruitment, social events, and a judicial process based on local and national standards.

During the IFC’s first election, Zeta Psi Associate Chapter Member **Josh Bradley** was selected to lead as IFC President. Bradley’s envisions creating an IFC that can serve future generations of students and the university.

“Creating our IFC is similar to building a house. If we create a solid foundation now and get everything right, our IFC will last for decades to come.”



SOUTHERN INDIANA

Gearing up for Fall Festival

The Gamma Phi Chapter at the University of Southern Indiana has been preparing all summer for the 98th Annual West Side Nut Club Fall Festival in Evansville, Indiana this October. What is unique about this fall festival is it allows non-profit organizations to fundraise money during the week.

Each year, over 200,000 festival goers attend the fall festival making it one of the largest festivals of its kind in the United States. The festival includes parades, musical acts, and over 130 different food booths. The Gamma Phi Chapter operates a food booth that

sells a variety of items like stromboli, deep-fried honeybuns, and chicken waffle tacos.

President of the Gamma Phi Chapter, **Zach Betustak**, knows how important this event is for the chapter.

“This is the biggest and most exciting event of the year for our chapter,” Betustak said. “This is where we are able to fundraise a majority of our money for the school year and this fall, our food booth will be on the main road of the festival, so we are hoping to stay extremely busy.”



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

5-Stars of Excellence

In 2018, the Office of Student Engagement - Greek Life at Stephen F. Austin University established the “Star Program,” an evaluation system for the Greek community. Five hundred points are awarded across five categories: scholarship, service, organization involvement and leadership development, new member program, organizational management, and member development.

The brothers of the Gamma Pi Chapter was the first Greek organization on campus to receive over a 90th percentile or higher which resulted in a 5-STAR Level for the chapter.

Gamma Pi Chapter President **Bryce Mathews** knows how vital academics and chapter operations are to make a good chapter a great chapter.

“The success of our chapter was due to continued development on chapter operations and traditions from previous years as well as an increased focus on improving scholarship practices.”

During the 2018 – 2019 school year, the chapter had the highest GPA among fraternities, and takes pride in their service and collaboration efforts with how involved they are with the greater campus community.



VIRGINIA TECH

Raising Money and Supporting Dreams

The men of the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Virginia Tech. continue to focus on ways to give back to Sig Tau’s national philanthropy Special Olympics.

The chapter’s largest fundraiser during the 2018-2019 academic year was a three-day effort that included percentage nights at a local ice cream shop and Chipotle as well as an escape room activity the group organized with a local company, Puzzlr. Escape Room teams also participated in activities like blackjack, giant jenga and cornhole, a silent auction, a raffle, and had the opportunity to pie the faces of brothers and Virginia Tech. football players.

Epsilon Upsilon Chapter President **Sam Stoker** discussed how this was a complete chapter effort.

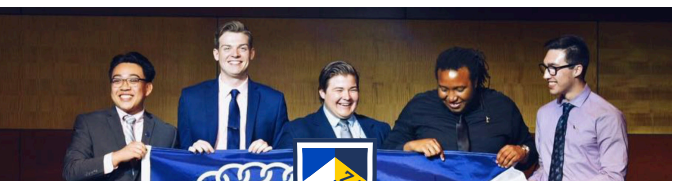
“It was amazing seeing how much the chapter banded together for such a great cause. It seemed like everyone wanted to contribute and I was extremely impressed with all their enthusiasm.”

The chapter also contributes to Special Olympics in non-monetary ways including attending a Special Olympics basketball tournament, and participating in the Unified Running Club every Sunday.

“It is the best feeling in the world to build a relationship with these athletes week after week and get to know them. I can tell that it means the world to these athletes to have a group of friends that they can joke around and exercise with,” Stoker said.



**WANT TO SEE YOUR CHAPTER IN THE SAGA?**  
Submit your chapter news for the magazine! Send a write-up and photo to [noblemen@sigtau.org](mailto:noblemen@sigtau.org), and your chapter could be included in the next SAGA Monthly or SAGA Magazine.



NEVADA RENO

The Road to Chartering

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, the Zeta Lambda Chapter at Nevada Reno was recognized for their efforts and accomplishments and received their charter. The group was joined by friends, family, and loved ones who congratulated and celebrated this significant milestone in the chapter and individual journeys of brotherhood.

The Nevada Reno Chapter was installed as an associate chapter in the spring semester of 2017 and during their first semester, the chapter achieved a 3.23 GPA – the highest in the Fraternity and Sorority community on campus. The men of the Zeta Lambda Chapter volunteer at the Desert Spring Baptist Church, participate in the Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps and assists high school athletes during the Northern Nevada Basketball Regional Tournament.

The chapter has also hosted workshops and speakers regarding the value of diversity, student conduct and fraternity culture, on-campus volunteer and engagement opportunities, event planning resources, Green Dot and sexual assault prevention training, and how to build important relationships with the University of Nevada, Reno Police Department.

“Chartering was a huge achievement for us, it served as a benchmark for future success within the chapter,” Zeta Lambda Chapter President, **Matthew Dijamco** said. “One of the most unique aspects of Zeta Lambda is our commitment to creating positive culture change within the Greek community.”



AUBURN

New House on Campus

This semester, with the help of WPN National Housing Company, the Epsilon Chi Chapter has transitioned into their new home on campus at Auburn University. Located on Lem Morrison Drive, the 9 bedroom house was built in 2012 and offers more space for the chapter. Epsilon Chi Chapter President, **Nathan Kress** is excited about how this new house could lead to chapter growth if the house is utilized properly.

“It was time for an upgrade; we enjoyed our old house but felt like it limited our growth on campus. Being able to transition into this new house is going to help us increase our potential.”

The Epsilon Chi Chapter is now situated on “new fraternity row” and is within walking distance to Jordan-Hare Stadium.





## SALISBURY

Raising Thousands for Special Olympics

On October 26th, 2018 Special Olympics Maryland hosted the State Soccer Tournament at Crown Sports Athletic Complex in Salisbury, MD. Over 400 Special Olympics athletes from across the state competed and over 225 volunteers helped to execute the event. Over 50 of those volunteers, are members of the Epsilon Rho Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma at Salisbury University.

Over the years the chapter has worked with Special Olympics Maryland to take over most of the organization of the event. To coordinate this large of an event, the chapter works with volunteers from the community, Greek organizations, student organizations,

and campus athletics. This event has become a staple of the Epsilon Rho Chapter, and one that certainly brings them notoriety in the Salisbury and Special Olympics communities.

Epsilon Rho Chapter has raised a combined total of over \$50,000 for Special Olympics Maryland over the past three years. During the 2018-2019 academic year, the chapter raised **\$13,683** by fundraising year-round.

When the chapter returns for the spring semester, the goal is set, and fundraising begins for the following year. The Salisbury chapter is proud to have a strong relationship with Special Olympics Maryland.



## NEBRASKA

Cornhuskers Become Lumberjacks for a Good Cause

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, over half of the Zeta Upsilon Associate Chapter at Nebraska – Lincoln dressed up as lumberjacks and jumped into the Holmes Lake in Lincoln. Leading up to the event, the chapter raised over **\$800** for Nebraska Special Olympics. Zeta Upsilon Associate

Chapter Member **Mikey Hackett** said this event was equally about having a brotherhood experience and supporting a worthy cause.

"We had an excuse to get out on a Saturday with all of the guys and do something fun that also supported a good cause."

This was the second of three Special Olympics events the chapter participated in during the 2018-2019 academic year. Members of the Zeta Upsilon Associate Chapter also volunteered at the Nebraska Special Olympics State Flag Tournament in York, NE in October and the State Spring Games in Lincoln, NE in March.



## ROBERT MORRIS

Endeavor Through the Eyes of the Delta Psi

The Delta Psi Associate Chapter at Robert Morris University believes national programming is a cornerstone of the brotherhood experience. Every member of the chapter was interested in attending, including Delta Psi Chapter President **Jarrett Brown**. This summer, Brown knew the chapter needed as many members as possible to attend to share in brotherhood experiences so it could lead to continued growth on campus.

"Our first day at Endeavor was definitely an exhilarating one. For many of our attendees, this was their first time interacting with brothers on a national level and the brotherhood across different chapters became very evident as our chapter began to make our own connections and build relationships," Brown said.

Two-thirds of the chapter was able to attend Endeavor Atlanta and was

able to take home some hardware back to Robert Morris. The chapter received both the Robert N. Jones Charitable Projects Award and the Michael Schermer and Doug Litchenberger Foundation Advocate Award. Jarrett Brown was also recognized for his efforts as he was honored to receive the Principle of Leadership Award.

The chapter appreciates the awards and recognition, but Brown and his chapter brothers knows Sigma Tau Gamma is more than just awards, it is about the brotherhood.

"The Endeavor Conference provided us with a unique perspective on brotherhood and gave us the opportunity to network and grow as men and as a chapter. Our chapter will endeavor forward, taking the lessons and memories with us to achieve our goals and become bigger and better year after year."

# ALUMNI NEWS



## GAMMA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Over 50 Brothers Attend Alumni Event

Since February of 1965, the men of the Gamma Alpha Chapter have led the Fraternity and Sorority Community at Mansfield University. Now, without the presence of an undergraduate chapter, the alumni still make the presence of Sigma Tau Gamma known on campus.

Each year, the Gamma Alpha Alumni return to Mansfield, Pennsylvania, for a weekend of brotherhood, shared memories with friends and spouses, a dinner hosted by the Alumni Office, and an alumni association meeting and cookout at the local firehouse. This year the event was held June 7-9 and **over 50 brothers**, as well as spouses, returned to campus for another weekend of memories and friendship.

During the course of the weekend, several alumni and a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Staff met with the Dean of Students to begin conversations about a potential return to campus. The passion and dedication of the alumni demonstrates the commitment that the Gamma Alpha Alumni have to Mansfield University, as well as Sigma Tau Gamma. Regardless of age or time spent within Sigma Tau Gamma, the bonds of brotherhood run deep within the Gamma Alpha Alumni.



## ZETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Thriving Because of Alumni Association Support

In the fall of 2017, alumni members of the [then] closed Zeta Chapter at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, created an alumni association and began developing relationships with university and Fraternity Staff, with the purpose of bringing back an undergraduate chapter on campus. That goal became a reality. One year later, the Zeta Associate Chapter was recruited and installed on campus with over 30 members.

Over the course of the 2018-2019 academic year, the Zeta Associate Chapter has thrived as the largest chapter on campus with the support and guidance of the Zeta Alumni Association. The alumni have graciously donated their time to support the men as they learn what it means to be a fraternity of Noble

Gentlemen. They have also donated their treasure through sponsorships for programs like Webb Academy and Endeavor Atlanta, while ensuring that the men are able to create their own fraternity experience.

The Zeta alumni have been a model alumni association and have proven that when willing to dedicate time and local support, our organization can continue to grow through the addition of new associate chapters, and can also perpetuate the principles and purpose of Sigma Tau Gamma- well after they have left the undergraduate experience. The efforts of the Zeta Alumni Association were recognized and rewarded as they were a recipient of the **Alumni Association Award of Distinction**. at Endeavor Atlanta.



### DO YOU HAVE AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STORY TO SHARE?

Send a write-up and photo to [noblemen@sigtau.org](mailto:noblemen@sigtau.org), and your alumni association could be included in the next SAGA Monthly or SAGA Magazine.



# CHAPTER ETERNAL

The Chapter Eternal list represents deceased members reported to Headquarters between August 2018 and August 2019.

To report a deceased member, send the brother's name, chapter, address of closest living relative, and obituary (if applicable) to Headquarters at [noblemen@sigtau.org](mailto:noblemen@sigtau.org).

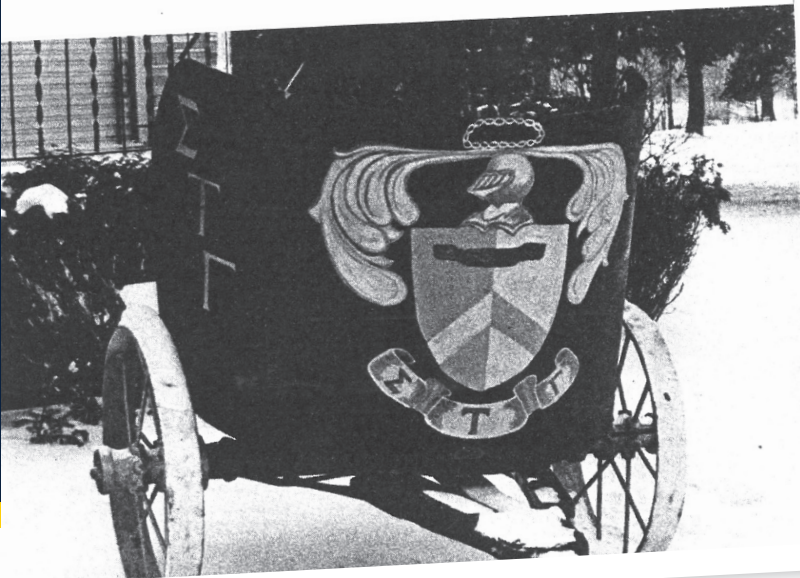
Nolan H. Ackoury Southeastern Louisiana, 1951	Adam W. Furgerson Murray State, 1996	Terrence A. Leigh Missouri S&T, 1965	Joseph M. Scherrer Ball State, 1946
Bernard Aronson Illinois, 1955	John H. Gallaher Southeastern Louisiana, 1952	Floyd E. Lent Jr. Point Park, 1970	Martin E. Schmelling Valparaiso, 1970
Jack V. Balderson IU Pennsylvania, 1954	Michael W. Gannon Eastern Illinois, 1963	Michael G. Liberatore SUNY Buffalo State, 1981	Marv T. Shaw Alma, 1964
Loren D. Bauer UW - Eau Claire, 1965	C. H. Gardner Truman State, 1951	Glynn E. Lightsey Louisiana Monroe, 1961	William H. Sherman UW - Stout, 1951
Vernon G. Bonar Emporia State, 1950	Thomas V. Gardner Louisiana Monroe, 1966	Tracy R. Ludwick Southern Indiana, 1988	John T. Shuba Salem International, 1984
John C. Bradford Southeast Missouri, 1952	Edward E. Garner Emporia State, 1958	James E. Luhrs Northern Iowa, 1956	David K. Smith Truman State, 1977
Vernon S. Brewer Truman State, 1970	Daniel E. Gibson Central Missouri, 1978	Joseph A. Luquet Southeastern Louisiana, 1965	James R. Stewart IU Pennsylvania, 1949
James A. Bryson Concord, 1956	Stephen A. Gomez Black Hills State, 1953	Rene S. Manrique Western Michigan, 1958	Arthur E. Swanson Eastern Illinois, 1959
Nicholas Bukacek Michigan Tech., 1978	Stephen J. Gray St. Cloud State, 1965	Carlos E. Mateo Ball State, 1973	Peter G. Swanson UC Santa Barbara, 1951
James D. Burdett UW - Oshkosh, 1964	Charles R. Gruner SIU Carbondale, 1951	Giancarlo A. Mayor SUNY Plattsburgh, 2014	Richard I Tibbits Chadron State, 1957
Matthew D. Cahoon UNC Greensboro, 1983	Howard W. Handy Southeastern Louisiana, 1964	Paul D. McClain Central Missouri, 1963	Thomas E. Trainor Western Michigan, 1947
Ellsworth D. Cain Fairmont State, 1939	William J. Hartle Central Michigan, 1958	Rocco Miceli Youngstown State, 1963	Davis J. Tucker IV Miami, 1989
Thomas J. Callahan St. Norbert, 1965	John W. Hayes Arkansas at Monticello, 1999	Corbin I. Miles Northwest Missouri, 1958	James D. Turnbull Southeastern Oklahoma, 1962
David E. Chase UW - Whitewater, 1963	Brian E. Hepperly UW - Stout, 1960	Robert "Red" N. Miller Western Illinois, 1946	Bruce D. Twenhafel Southern Indiana, 1975
William R. Clark Kent State, 1940	William G. Herrold Jr. UC Santa Barbara, 1952	Anthony M. Milos Black Hills State, 1988	Arthur Van Bodegraven Purdue, 1959
Zachary S. Cohen Marshall, 2016	Ivan D. Hobbs Central Missouri, 1989	Thomas J. Moffitt Southeastern Oklahoma, 1961	Gerald L. Walsh Shippensburg, 1989
Jonathan R. Cohen SUNY Buffalo State, 1981	Richard G. Hoover Glenville State, 1954	John A. Moore UW - Stout, 1956	Patrick P. Walsh Carnegie Mellon, 1993
Leonard M. Colelli IU Pennsylvania, 1945	Lewis H. Hubbard UW - Stout, 1958	Edward E. Morgan Northwest Missouri	Stanley I. Walters Fort Hayes State, 1955
Harry G. Confare UW - La Crosse, 1960	Gerald L. Hunter Emporia State, 1957	Michael J. Mulvihill Central Missouri, 1964	Lawrence L. Warren Central Missouri, 1939
Stanley L. Conrad UW - Oshkosh, 1963	Allen F. Jenner Dartmouth, 2003	Stanley I. Nnochirionye Central Arkansas, 1979	John W. Wearly Ball State, 1941
Richard D. Corbitt Seton Hall, 1974	Harold L. Job Northwest Missouri, 1946	James R. O'Neil Kent State, 1963	Gary D. Weirich Cleveland State, 1961
Darryl K. Crabb Central Michigan , 1958	Adolf J. Jonaitis Michigan Tech., 1974	Michael Petruska Jr. Clarion, 1949	Donald W. Weller Shippensburg, 1959
Davis F. Currier Southeastern Louisiana, 1983	Mark W. Jumper Henderson State, 1972	Patrick E. Pohlmann Southeast Missouri, 1987	Rodger C. West Eastern Illinois, 1954
Dr. Gilbert M. Cuthbertson Central Missouri, 1985	Mason L. Keeven Central Missouri, 2015	James R. Powell Northwest Missouri, 1956	Louis M. Withiam SUNY Cortland, 1952
Bernard J. Dalton Jr. Mansfield, 1990	Weston H. Kingsley UC Santa Barbara, 1950	Keith G. Preston SUNY Oneonta, 1950	James H. Woods Edinboro, 1970
Lawrence E. Darnell Southeast Missouri, 1952	Steven R. Kircher Truman State, 1963	Roger L. Pscherer Eastern Illinois, 1964	Francis X. Woods Seton Hall, 1972
Sidney N. Davis Central Missouri, 1947	Steven M. Kirkes Southeastern Louisiana, 1990	Raymond Purcell SUNY Cortland, 1952	Greg Wren Central Arkansas, 1966
Ray B. Dewhirst UW - Whitewater, 1941	Alexandar L. Knoll Marshall, 2013	James M. Quirk Central Michigan , 1959	Kenneth A. Wright Youngstown State, 1959
Gerald L. Doty Truman State, 1955	Martin J. Kovalik Kent State, 1935	Charles A. Reamer IU Pennsylvania, 1937	
John M. Dristas IU Pennsylvania, 1956	Dennis G. Krohn Western Illinois, 1963	Dana H. Reed Southern Indiana, 1972	
Wayne D. Duley Missouri S&T, 1959	Phillip E. Kruzick Western Illinois, 1952	Davis L. Ritchey UW - Eau Claire, 1962	
Howard P. Edmiston IU Pennsylvania, 1955	William Lawrence Pittsburg State, 1964	Walter J. Rothermel Harris-Stowe, 1954	
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