# SAGA MONTHLY

# FIRST SIG TAU ALUMNI RECEPTION HELD IN CHICAGO



On September 18 in Chicago, Illinois, Sigma Tau Gamma was able to host the first alumni reception of the academic year and the first since February of 2020. What had become a staple of Sigma Tau Gamma, having various hosted alumni receptions across the country in 2019, was paused due to Covid-19.

The first reception was held at Grill 89, just a few miles west of Chicago. Major Gifts Officer Michael Priolo, Buffalo, was in attendance and was excited to begin once again building connections with brothers.

"The reception was something I was looking forward to and finally meeting alumni in person. I'm a road warrior and love that lifestyle. Zoom is great, but there is nothing like talking to guys in person about Sig Tau and hearing their fraternity stories."

Brothers from both active and inactive chapters were in attendance, including the Alpha Kappa Chapter at UW – Stout, the Beta Lambda Chapter at Valparaiso, and the Gamma Psi Chapter at Illinois State. Michael wanted guys to feel comfortable and wanted brothers to engage and connect to the brotherhood once again.

"This reception made things feel some sort of normal again. Sig Tau needs to have a strong alumni base. I'd love to see more involved by attending a summer conference, being an advisor to a chapter, or even donating. We are a social organization, and I'm glad to be social once again with the return of in-person receptions and conferences."

Future receptions include St. Louis on October 7, Pittsburgh on October 28, and Kansas City on November 11.

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# THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

### EXPANSION UNDERWAY AT TOWSON

Recruitment & Growth Coordinator Zack Kearney, UNC Charlotte, is recruiting the first generation of noblemen at Towson University. Follow their Instagram account to meet the newest founding fathers.

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### NEW MARKETPLACE ITEMS

The Sig Tau Marketplace has added new items, including new shaker bottles, a wooden bottle opener, and the 2021 – 2022 recruitment t-shirt. <u>Visit</u> the Marketplace for the latest Sig Tau products. 3

# 24TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL

24th National President Joe Musselli, SIU Carbondale, entered Chapter Eternal on August 19, 2021. A celebration of life for Brother Joe took place on September 18 in Austin, Texas.

# TALES FROM TOWSON



Boots are on the ground for Sigma Tau Gamma's first expansion in nearly two years. Recruitment & Growth Coordinator Zack Kearney, UNC Charlotte, arrived on campus at the end of August and holds interest meetings, connects with campus administrators, and uses his training to secure signed bids. Zack is noticing trends on campus at Towson and in talking with chapters about recruitment across the country.

# Q: What are your thoughts about the campus experience at Towson so far?

**A:** I've been on campus for almost a month now and Towson is such a diverse campus. It is exciting for Sig Tau to have a presence here. You can tell people around campus are happy to have a new fraternity. Towson is culturally rich, with people from literally all over the world coming from all walks of life. I think the men I'm recruiting here will all bring a unique perspective to the new chapter.

# Q: How did the first chapter meeting go?

**A:** We had our first chapter meeting recently, I had a full agenda I wanted to get through to continue to set these guys up for success, but we barely made it through half because all the guys wanted to make deeper connections with one another. You can tell they care and want to create connections that will last a lifetime. It is super encouraging to see that from day one.







Q: As you have connected with guys on campus and spoken with directors of recruitment across the country, what stands out to you most about this fall?

**A:** Well, you can tell students were ready to get back to campus and recruitment numbers are reflecting that. Some of these students have had a crazy college experience so far, with some not stepping foot on campus since March 2020. That is almost three full semesters of Zoom learning and having to adapt because of Covid. You can tell our men are thankful to be able to walk on campus. Throwing a football or frisbee on the quad, eating together in dining halls, and just sitting next to folks in class, students needed this.

# Q: What can you tell us about some of the Towson Founding Fathers so far?

**A:** While the class is still growing as guys continue to sign bids, this group will band together to be a force on campus. They all want to see Greek life done the right way and create a different experience than what some other fraternities are offering. Most of them actually never saw themselves as Greek men, but the ability to create a thriving organization and connect to students across campus is why they joined. I've even had one founding father join me for sorority presentations, and to see him gain confidence from standing in front of an entire room of sorority women and explain why Sig Tau will make a difference on campus is amazing to watch.

# **Q:** Any final thoughts?

**A:** I think this semester is shaping up to be one for the ages for recruitment. I've spoken with several chapters across the country that are blowing it out of the water. Larger chapters are growing, and even some of our smaller chapters are doubling in size. Good things will come when you pair good recruitment practices with genuine guys who want the most out of their campus experience.



# CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

# Congratulations to the chapters celebrating anniversaries this month!

Friday, October 8 | Beta Theta Chapter at Purdue - 62 years of brotherhood!
Thursday, October 14 | Zeta Omicron Chapter at Michigan State - Four years of brotherhood!
Monday, October 18 | Beta Alpha Chapter at Missouri - 63 years of brotherhood!
Wednesday, October 20 | Zeta Lambda Chapter at Nevada - Two years of brotherhood!
Wednesday, October 20 | Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Virginia Tech. - Eight years of brotherhood!



Would you like to share news with the Sig Tau community? Submit your news here.

BROTHERS FROM THE ALPHA CHI CHAPTER GATHER NEAR CAMPUS FOR A RECRUITMENT EVENT.

THE BETA ZETA CHAPTER AT CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AWARD BROTHER JOHNY HAYES, CENTRAL OKLAHOMA, AS CHAPTER BROTHER OF THE MONTH.

THE EPSILON TAU CHAPTER AT UNC CHARLOTTE INTRODUCED THEIR ASSOCIATE MEMBER CLASS.

SIGMA CHAPTER MEMBERS AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS ENJOY BID DAY.

BROTHERS FROM THE ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER AT ARIZONA STATE RECEIVE DONATIONS FOR A LOCAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE.

CHAPTER MEMBERS FROM THE DELTA PHI CHAPTER AT FITCHBURG STATE DRIVE TO ATTEND A GAME AT FENWAY PARK.

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This month, we feature the Alpha Omega Chapter at Missouri University of Science and Technology. The Alpha Omega Chapter received its charter on October 10, 1956. They are the 48th chapter in Sig Tau history, having over 600 men initiated. The chapter has had two brothers selected to the Noble Man Hall of Fame, including Patrick Dippel, Missouri S&T, in 2004 and Board of Director Member Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T, in 2006.

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