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HOW GOVERNANCE STEERS SIGMA TAU GAMMA

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Governance and operations sometimes can be a bit difficult to explain. For those who are not in political science or know an organization's inner workings, these two things can be seen as the same. The differences between governance and operations are vastly different, but both are incredibly important.

For Sigma Tau Gamma, the organization is governed by three boards. The Board of Directors for the Fraternity, the Board of Trustees for the Foundation, and the Board of Managers for WPN Housing. The House of Delegates elects the Fraternity Board of Directors to take it a step further. Each of these boards help to set the organization's vision and make pivotal decisions for Sigma Tau Gamma on a national level.

Foundation Chairman Shawn Kelly, UW – River Falls, explains it this way for the Board of Trustees.

“The Foundation’s mission is to support the educational programming and leadership opportunities the Fraternity provides its membership. We work with the Fraternity Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff to understand the programming and opportunities envisioned. Then, as a Board, we review how we can best support the Fraternity’s efforts. The short version is we communicate a lot to ensure the future of Sigma Tau Gamma.”

The newest governing board, the Board of Managers, sets and examines long-term goals for WPN Housing Company, and how to best achieve their mission to provide quality, safe, affordable housing for undergraduate members of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

“Our ultimate responsibility is to ensure our resources (real estate, finances, and humans) are used efficiently to achieve our mission,” Manager Addison Schopp, Truman State, said.

“Our company is young, and discussing the future is one of our most important and

most challenging tasks. Every property and chapter we work with is an investment. We have to make great investments to grow the company so we can provide the fraternal living environment to more students.”

For Board of Directors member Scott Kaspar, Illinois, he sees that they develop and set the strategic plan that the chief executive and the Headquarters Staff then begin to execute.

“The strategic plan ensures that the Fraternity is providing exciting and challenging programming and rewarding member experiences in furtherance of our Vision and Principles. We assess the strategic plan and provide our Chief Executive Officer with input and feedback necessary to move the Fraternity forward. The Board of Directors work proactively to identify and assess potential challenges and to develop plans to be sure the Fraternity overcomes challenges,” Kaspar said.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

WEBB ACADEMY SUCCESS

Five-chapter officers were trained at the Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders earlier this month. Presidents, directors of finance & operations, standards board chairmen, directors of recruitment, and directors of education & wellness participated in the training.

2

NEW PATH OF PRINCIPLES INTRODUCED

The Path of Principles is transitioning to become a three-phase program – Sigma Phase, Tau Phase, and Gamma Phase – creating educational opportunities for brothers from first-year students to seniors.

3

CHAPTERS VISIT HEADQUARTERS

Chapter officers attending Webb Academy had the opportunity to tour headquarters and review their chapters archives.



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WEBB ACADEMY IN REVIEW

The Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders looked different this year. Coming off an entirely virtual Academy experience in 2021, students were refreshed from winter break and ready to learn the ins and outs of their respective positions. Chapter presidents, standards board chairman, and directors of finance & operations all met January 8 – 9 to experience virtual Webb Academy. This was filled with large group and breakout sessions, creating space for attendees to learn from one another and be trained effectively.

James Faudel, Colorado, participated in the presidents track and learned things that he can immediately take back to the chapter to improve it.

"I learned that there are many different styles of leadership and learning from other chapter presidents was impactful," Faudel said. "I liked how much group participation there was, and it made it feel less like a lecture and more like an activity."

The directors of recruitment and the directors of education & wellness traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to participate in the in-person Webb experience from January 14 – 16. These two positions were chosen with direct feedback from undergraduates in the summer of 2021.

Directors of recruitment learned the Sig Tau recruitment system and the most effective ways to grow the chapter the right way. The director of education & wellness learned the newly launched Sigma Phase, the first step in the re-designed Path of Principles Member Education Program. They also were able to hear from some of the industries best, learning from Josh Orendi, Owner and Chief Business Development Officer of Phired Up, a company dedicated to helping Greek life grow; Dr. Lori Hart, a champion of promoting health and safety on college campuses; and Erin Fischer, Owner and CEO of the Leadership and Training Studio.

Jared Hartwright, Southeastern Oklahoma, learned the importance of recruitment and teaching associate members the value of Fraternity.

"The most impactful part was hearing from Josh and Phired Up. It was inspiring and helped me realize it's up to everyone to network and recruit for Sig Tau. The director of education & wellness is an important job. We educate new brothers and help create the next noblemen."

Between both weekends, 374 individuals participated in Webb Academy, making it one of the largest Academy experiences in the history of Sigma Tau Gamma.



CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the chapters celebrating anniversaries this month!

Wednesday, January 12 | *Mu Chapter at Southeastern Oklahoma* – **93 years of brotherhood**

Thursday, January 20 | *Delta Chapter at Emporia State* – **100 years of brotherhood**

Sunday, January 23 | *Zeta Beta Chapter at Cincinnati* – **Six years of brotherhood**

Thursday, January 27 | *Epsilon Zeta Chapter at Embry-Riddle* – **26 years of brotherhood**

Monday, January 31 | *Psi Chapter at Central Michigan* – **81 years of brotherhood**





NOBLE NEWS

Would you like to share news with the Sig Tau community? Submit your news [here](#).



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BROTHERS FROM THE THETA CHAPTER AT NORTHWEST MISSOURI ATTEND THE STUMO CONFERENCE IN DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY.



2

THE DELTA UPSILON CHAPTER AT PENN STATE BEHREND TABLE WITH THE WOMEN OF ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA TO KICK OFF SPRING RECRUITMENT.



3

THE ALPHA CHAPTER AT CENTRAL MISSOURI HOSTS ITS FIRST RECRUITMENT EVENT OF THE SEMESTER.



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BROTHERS FROM THE MU CHAPTER AT SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA ATTEND WEBB ACADEMY IN INDIANAPOLIS.



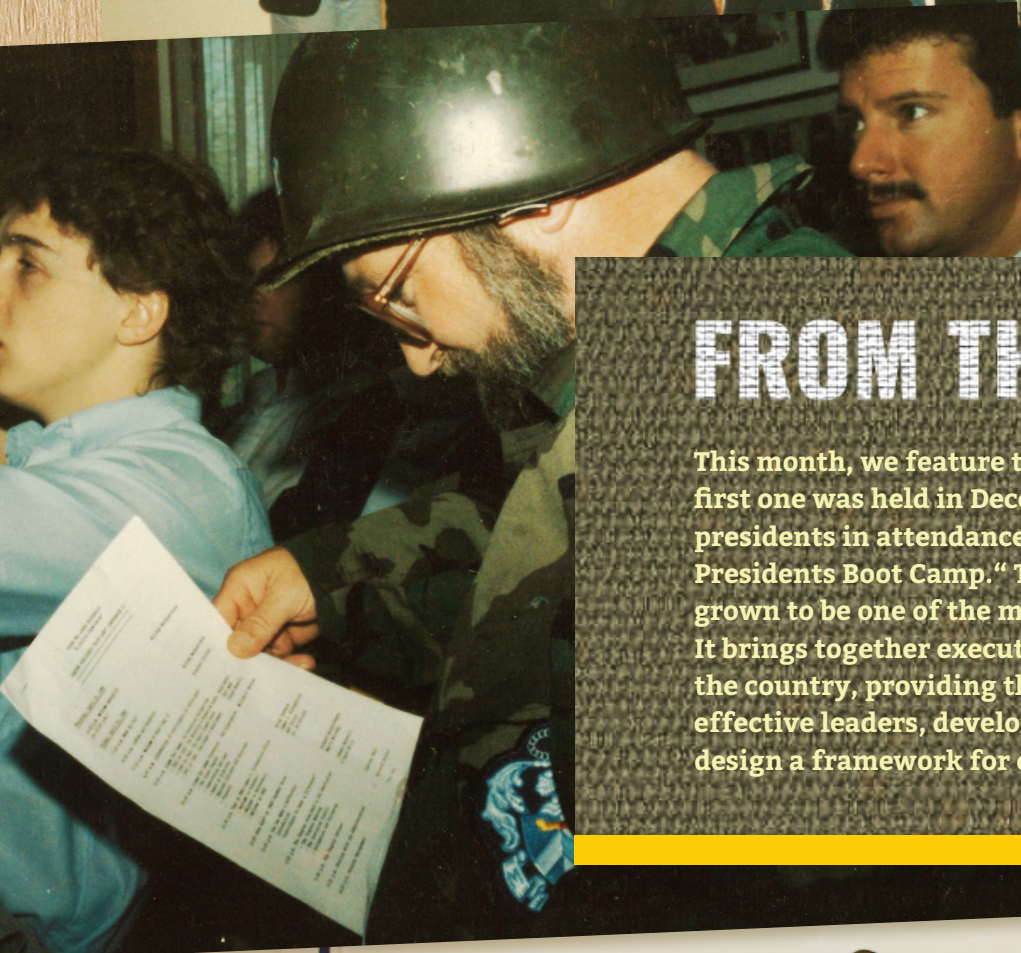
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BROTHERS FROM THE ZETA CHAPTER AT NORTHEASTERN AND THE BETA ZETA CHAPTER AT CENTRAL OKLAHOMA ATTEND A CONCERT.



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TWO OFFICERS OF THE UPSILON CHAPTER AT ARKANSAS MONTICELLO VISIT SIG TAU HEADQUARTERS.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month, we feature the history of Webb Academy. The first one was held in December of 1985, with 30 chapter presidents in attendance at what was then called the, Chapter Presidents Boot Camp." Through the decades, the program has grown to be one of the most important experiences each year. It brings together executive cabinet members from across the country, providing the time and space to become more effective leaders, develop personal and officer goals, and design a framework for chapter success.

