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NOTE

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Director of Communications  
& SAGA Magazine Editor



A few short weeks ago, I saw the Sigma Tau Gamma brotherhood in full force. The experience of attending Grand Conclave Kansas City was full of nostalgia and making new memories, as our brotherhood had not seen a meeting of this nature since 2018.

Four years is a long time, and it is even longer when you think about it from the lens of student life. Those who might have attended a national meeting as freshmen in 2018 are now seniors or have already graduated. They are beginning their lives as young adults, prepping for the first semester of graduate school, or settling into their first job outside college. We missed the opportunity to educate and show them how they are a part of something bigger than just the local chapter.

While the primary purpose of Grand Conclave is to pass legislation and convene the House of Delegates, it is so much more than that. Alumni gather to converse and reminisce about old times, undergraduates who might live thousands of miles away from one another have the opportunity to meet and share recruitment stories, and deserving chapters are recognized for their efforts with national awards.

A national meeting is more than passing legislation; it is where a spark for the future of brotherhood is created. For an alumnus, it comes in the form of hearing of brotherhood experiences through the decades and having that brother eagerly wanting to get involved and give back. For an undergraduate, it is sharing successes of raising funds for Special Olympics, passing on recruitment tips, and seeing how each brother can make the chapter everything it can be. For Friends of Sig Tau, or partners or spouses, it is making all feel welcome, even though they have not taken the same oath of brotherhood.

It is my belief people left Kansas City at an all-time high.

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IS STRONG!

It has its roots in definite, tangible things.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## TOP SIG TAU HIGHLIGHTS

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### BROTHER W.P. “BUZ” BARLOW JR., NAMED CEO OF SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY, FOUNDATION, AND WPN HOUSING COMPANY

In July, W.P. “Buz” Barlow Jr., UW – Oshkosh, was named Chief Executive Officer of Sigma Tau Gamma. Barlow took over for Vanessa Ryan, who stepped down after more than six years with Sigma Tau Gamma, serving as CEO since 2018.

Barlow has served nearly every role as a national volunteer for Sig Tau. He was on the Fraternity Board of Directors and was elected as the 20th National President; he served as Chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees and as the first Chairman of the WPN Board of Managers. He is the only Sig Tau to chair all three entities.

His dedication has been recognized over the years as he was a recipient of the Winebrenner Distinguished Fraternity Service Award, the Millsap Distinguished Foundation Service Medal, and the second recipient ever of the Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award. He was inducted into the honorable Society of the Seventeen in 1990 and received the NIC Alumnus Award of Distinction in 2021.

Professionally, Barlow is an accomplished lawyer and entrepreneur. He is a Founder and Senior partner of his law firm and served as either President or Founder of at least eight other corporate and nonprofit entities. He has been responsible for establishing microenterprise banks in the Third World and directing initiatives aimed at education and self-sufficiency for the poor while frequently speaking on the necessity of conscious capitalism partnerships between business and nonprofit enterprises. Buz has served as Special Counsel to the President of World Vision, the world’s largest Christian ministry, operating in over 100 countries with an annual budget in excess of \$1 billion.



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### NEW PATH OF PRINCIPLES MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM IS UNVEILED

At the 2022 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders, Sigma Tau Gamma launched the Sigma Phase, the next iteration in the Path of Principles Member Education Program. The Path of Principles has transitioned into a three-phase program – Sigma Phase, Tau Phase, and Gamma Phase – creating educational opportunities for brothers from first-year students to seniors.

The Sigma Phase focused on new member education and has been in development since 2020. Ten chapters implemented the Sigma Phase in the fall of 2021, and with their feedback and revisions, all chapters within Sigma Tau Gamma were taught the new Sigma Phase.

The re-envisioned member education program is multi-faceted and focuses on education throughout the entire undergraduate experience, not just as a new member. The Tau Phase focuses on brothers continuing education through short videos and group discussions, and the Gamma Phase is focused on real-life skills for graduating seniors.

Continued elevation of member education is paramount for Sigma Tau Gamma. The new Path of Principles Member Education Program aims to create a more holistic approach for today’s undergraduate brothers.



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### HEADQUARTERS ADDS THREE ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

Headquarters welcomed two new staff members to the fraternity operations department and one to the communications team. **Madison Hobson**, a member of Alpha Delta Pi, serves as associate director of chapter services. She graduated from Austin Peay University and earned her master’s degree from Auburn University. **Angel Gonzales**, Washington State, joined the staff as the associate director of collegiate services. Angel was previously on staff from 2016 – 2020, serving in various roles, including recruitment & growth coordinator, associate director of WPN Housing, and associate director of alumni engagement. **Greg Rush** joined the communications team as a digital communications specialist. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta and previously worked for them as an expansion consultant. With the hiring of Madison, Angel, and Greg, nearly 15 years of combined higher education experience are being added to the professional staff.



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### GAMMA CHI CHAPTER AT MICHIGAN TECH. RECOGNIZED AS NIC CHAPTER AWARD OF DISTINCTION

One of the most prestigious chapter awards in the Greek community, the **Gamma Chi Chapter** at Michigan Tech. was named a 2022 NIC Chapter Award of Distinction. The NIC’s Chapter Award of Distinction recognizes exceptional fraternity collegiate chapters demonstrating excellence in operations, involvement in their fraternity and campus community, and a commitment to a positive fraternity experience.

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### DIRECT LINEAGE OF FOUNDER RODNEY HERNDON INITIATED AT GRAND CONCLAVE

During Grand Conclave Kansas City, Sigma Tau Gamma had the rare opportunity to celebrate our Founders directly and initiate three more noble men into the brotherhood. **John Herndon**, **Dave Herndon**, and **Matt Herndon** were all initiated into Sig Tau. Matt Herndon is the great-grandson of Founder **Rodney Herndon**. Matt graduated from SIU - Edwardsville and is now a member of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter. Dave Herndon is the grandson of Founder Herndon. Dave is a graduate of SIU – Carbondale and is now a member of the Alpha Sigma Chapter. John Herndon is another grandson of Founder Herndon. John is also a graduate of SIU – Edwardsville and is now a member of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter. One additional Herndon brother, Jim Herndon, is planning to be initiated into Sigma Tau Gamma later this year. The Herndon family also gifted Headquarters a dedication plaque that was given to them at the Golden Anniversary Conclave in 1970.



### INITIATION

Pictured (Left to Right):  
**Matt Herndon, John Herndon, and Dave Herndon**





Zeta Psi Chapter



Zeta Chapter



Delta Psi Chapter



Zeta Phi Chapter

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#### FOUR CHAPTERS GRANTED CHARTERS

A chapter's chartering is one of our brotherhood's greatest moments. When an expansion project is complete, the associate chapter and the new executive cabinet officers are tasked with carrying on, completing benchmarks along the way for chapters to receive their charter. These benchmarks focus on academics, finances, recruitment, service and philanthropy events, and brotherhood-building.

Once these benchmarks are complete, the chapter will petition the Fraternity Board of Directors to approve them to charter. This past year, four chapters were elevated from the ranks of associate chapters to fully chartered chapters.

The **Zeta Psi Chapter** at Colorado received its charter on October 17th with 61 Founding Fathers. The **Zeta Chapter** at Northeastern State was granted its charter on October 16th with 84 Refounding Fathers. The **Delta Psi Chapter** at Robert Morris was granted its charter on October 29th with 31 Refounding Fathers, and the **Zeta Phi Chapter** at Carroll was granted its charter on April 22nd with 36 Founding Fathers.

**Congratulations to these deserving brothers for their hard work and accomplishments!**

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#### SIG TAU PARTNERS WITH PCI FOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

This year, Sigma Tau Gamma is happy to partner with PCI for **The Oral History Project**. We want to take time to hear your stories from your Sig Tau experience.

The goal of the Oral History Project is to unite Sig Tau alumni across generations, professions, geography and life experiences. We have partnered with Publishing Concepts to help collect stories from as many alumni as possible and produce Sigma Tau Gamma's Oral History Project.

By sharing your memory, you'll ensure that the rich history of Sigma Tau Gamma will be preserved for generations to come. PCI will be contacting you via mail, phone, and email asking you to participate, share your story, and update your contact information.

Through one month of outreach, over 2,800 people have responded and updated their email, address, or primary phone number and shared their favorite Sig Tau memories. Outreach will continue through the rest of 2022, concluding in January.

**If you would like to share your Sig Tau story, and update your contact information, please call 1-888-372-4190.**

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#### 2021 - 2022 RECRUITMENT SUCCESS AND THE RECRUITMENT CLASSIC

The 2021 - 2022 academic year introduced the inaugural Sigma Tau Gamma **Recruitment Classic**. The Recruitment Classic is a challenge designed to promote brotherhood and drive recruitment success through the spirit of competition.

Chapters were split into three divisions according to chapter size and were paired against another chapter within the same division. The pairings were determined by recruitment data collected over the last five years. Chapters with similar statistics competed against one another for the chance to win prizes and, most importantly, to have ultimate bragging rights. The **Delta Upsilon Chapter** at Penn St. Behrend, the **Kappa Chapter** at UW - Whitewater, and the **Zeta Alpha Chapter** at Arizona State were crowned Recruitment Classic champions.

While only three chapters could win, multiple chapters outperformed their recruitment goals and made a significant impact in recruitment. The **Zeta Pi Chapter** at Arizona recruited 34 new members, the **Chi Chapter** at Western Michigan recruited 32, and the **Alpha Chapter** at Central Missouri recruited 28 new members. In total, 21 chapters exceeded their recruitment goals, and over half of the active chapters recruited more than 15 new brothers this academic year.



# NOBLE MAN MUSEUM UNVEILED



**The Noble Man Museum is Sig Tau's newest historic archive initiative, a collection of national, chapter, and individual member history. The Noble Man Museum's permanent display is at Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters, but this is the first time in history that the historical artifacts have traveled to a Grand Conclave.**

Attendees had the opportunity to see how far the organization has come in the last 102 years, review their chapter archive box, and see first-hand artifacts from many of our Founders. Every chapter has a unique archive box that can be added to at any time. Historical chapter documents, member photos, chapter features in the local or campus newspaper, and even small memorabilia items can be found in a chapter archive box. Items were displayed for all attendees at Grand Conclave Kansas City, including gifts given to Headquarters, decades of SAGA Magazines, and tributes to Brothers during times of War.

**If you would like to visit Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters to tour the Noble Man Museum or to add documents to your chapter's archive box, please email [nobleman@sigtau.org](mailto:nobleman@sigtau.org) to arrange your visit.**





# GRAND CONCLAVE RECAP



Alumni brothers, undergraduate brothers, and friends of Sig Tau traveled far and wide, gathering in Kansas City, Missouri, for Grand Conclave Kansas City. The weekend began with the opening of the 49th House of Delegates, opening the official business of the Fraternity since 2018. 40th National President Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon, presided over the meeting, walking attendees through what they should expect over the next few days and giving an official welcome to Kansas City.



## 2022 - 2024 FRATERNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>41st National President</b> Jeremy Daus, UW - River Falls	<b>Brothers</b> Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
<b>President-Elect</b> Mike Van Camp, Indiana State	John Barger, Murray State
<b>Past President</b> Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon	Christian Ely, Southern Indiana
<b>Senior Past President</b> Jonathan Proehl, UW - River Falls	Erik Kahl, UW - La Crosse



## NOTE FROM JEREMY DAUS

“May the lord watch between thee and me, while we’re absent from one another.” Who would have thought that phrase would take on the meaning it has since our last Grand Conclave four years ago? Being “eyeball-to-eyeball” with our brothers was the cathartic moment many of us needed to remind us Sig Tau really does “take in all the important relationships in life.” There was something about the feeling of seeing hundreds of brothers in a circle around a room once again made this Conclave feel more special than most.

From conversations with undergraduate members, service projects, robust discussion in the House of Delegates, induction of a new member of the Society of the Seventeen, and the time we were able to enjoy together in fellowship was just what we needed. There’s not a moment of those few days most all of us can look back to and not have a more profound appreciation of how we value one another.

The resiliency of our undergrads to continue to recruit and have an amazing collegiate fraternal experience is overwhelming. The commitment from our alumni to find ways to engage and strive to support our undergraduates is inspiring. The professionalism of our headquarters staff to persevere and adapt is remarkable. All three put together is galvanizing that the foundation we lay for the future won’t just help the Fraternity survive, but thrive in its next 100 years.

**Undergrads** – Keep doing the hard work. Time spent now, pays dividends. Recruit the next “you” for your chapter; find the next chapter President. Thrive. Be a difference maker on your campus and take time to realize you’re living in “the good old days” now.

**Alumni** – Pick up your phone and call a Brother you’ve not talked to in too long. Remember the nostalgia of your undergrad years and revel in those memories. Let Sig Tau back into your life. In the words of ski film maker, Warren Miller, “If you don’t do it this year, you’ll be one year older when you do.”

41st National President  
Jeremy Daus, UW - River Falls



After spending the afternoon together as the House of Delegates opened, attendees made their way to the **Barney Allis Plaza** for the Welcome to Kansas City Reception. At the reception, the famous **Jack Stack Barbeque** was served, along with special appearances by **Sluggo**, the Kansas City Royals mascot; **K.C. Wolf**, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs; and the Chiefs **Rumble**, the official drumline seen on Sunday’s pumping up the Kansas City Chiefs.

The day ended in the historic **Barney Allis Lobby** at the Kansas City Marriott for the **House of Trotter Donor Recognition Reception**. This reception was unique because several national awards were given out, including two Principle Awards. The Principle of Leadership was awarded to Brother **Andrew R. Youngstrom**, Michigan Tech., and the Principled of Citizenship Award was presented to Brother **Clay J. Miller**, Youngstown State.

Both brothers talked about the impact the Sig Tau Foundation has had on them and their chapters.

Day two of the **House of Delegates** focused on passing multiple pieces of legislation and on

electing the **2022 – 2024 Fraternity Board of Directors**, including the next President-Elect. After candidate forums, discussion, and tallying the votes, Brother **Mike Van Camp**, Indiana State, was selected as the next President-Elect of Sigma Tau Gamma. Van Camp previously served as a Sig Tau Foundation Trustee since 2017.

After the President-Elect elections, the **House of Delegates** voted for the remaining at large positions on the **Board of Directors**. Brothers **Jeremiah King**, Missouri S&T; **John Barger**, Murray State; **Christian Ely**, Southern Indiana; and **Erik Kahl**, UW - La Crosse were all elected. A new Ritual of Initiation was also passed, along with an updated academic policy and a new emergency virtual meeting policy.

Outside the **House of Delegates**, the **Service Track** spent most of Friday serving the Kansas City Community. Partnering with **Habitat for Humanity**, nearly 50 brothers helped build houses, clean up properties, and organize materials, displaying the Principle of Citizenship.

After the **House of Delegates** convened for the day, attendees headed to the **World War I**

**Museum & Memorial** in Kansas City. The **Eternal Light Ceremony** was held there as everyone overlooked Kansas City and shared stories of brothers who departed.

The Brothers then received a private tour of the museum. With multiple Founders of Sigma Tau Gamma serving as veterans of World War I, our brothers and friends got a clearer understanding of the conditions our founders faced as they began to create the foundations for this great Fraternity.

The final day of Grand Conclave began with **Ritual Exemplification** to show our undergraduate brothers the proper way to practice our newly passed Ritual. A surprise was unveiled as three descendants of Founder **Rodney Herndon** were initiated. **John Herndon**, **Dave Herndon**, and **Matt Herndon** were all initiated as brothers into Sig Tau. **Matt Herndon** is the great-grandson of Founder **Rodney Herndon**. **Dave Herndon** is the grandson of Founder **Herndon**, and **John Herndon** is another grandson of Founder **Herndon**.

The House of Delegates met once again for the closing ceremony and installation of the newly elected **Fraternity Board of Directors**. The

evening concluded with the **Chain of Honor Centennial Gala**. National White Rose recipient **Shelby Ebert**, Emporia State, was pinned and serenaded by the members in attendance; Brother **Scott Troester**, Truman State, was chosen as the newest member of the **Society of the Seventeen**, and 7th CEO **Vanessa Ryan**, Alpha Gamma Delta, was given the **Winebrenner Distinguished Fraternity Service Award**. A special gift was also presented, as **Wendy Bernier** gave her White Rose Pin to **Ryan** for her outstanding leadership over the last four years. CEO Emeritus **Bill Bernier**, Kent State; Society of the Seventeen Inductee **Michael Schermer**, Illinois State; and one of our newest initiates **Steven Vogel**, Southeastern Louisiana; all gave “toasts” to Sig Tau, celebrating our Centennial and the true meaning of 100 years of brotherhood.

Grand Conclave Kansas City was indeed a historic meeting. Initiating three descendants of a Founder, passing a new Ritual of Initiation, honoring the Centennial, and feeling the camaraderie of brotherhood once again, everyone left Sunday feeling proud of this organization and excited for the future of Sig Tau.



# 2021-2022 AWARD WINNERS

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Winebrenner  
Distinguished Fraternity Service Award**  
Scott Troester, Truman State  
Douglas Haman, Miami  
Vanessa Ryan, Alpha Gamma Delta

**Marvin Millsap  
Distinguished Foundation Service Medal**  
Jeff S. Russo, Carnegie Mellon  
Shawn Kelly, UW – River Falls

**Barlow Medal for Distinguished Service  
to the WPN Housing Corporation**  
W.P. "Buz" Barlow Jr., UW - Oshkosh

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**  
Norbert S. Hill, UW - Oshkosh

**Stan Musial and Eric Hillman  
Sportsmanship Award**  
Nicholas D. Kerkhoff, Carroll

## CHAPTER AWARDS

**W.T. "Bill" Hembree  
Campus Leadership Award**  
Zeta Chapter, Northeastern State  
Zeta Pi Chapter, Arizona  
Beta Alpha Chapter, Missouri

**Robert N. Jones  
Charitable Projects Award**  
Chi Chapter, Western Michigan  
Epsilon Tau Chapter, UNC Charlotte  
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama

**Bernier Family  
Communication Award**  
Chi Chapter, Western Michigan  
Epsilon Tau Chapter, UNC Charlotte  
Beta Alpha Chapter, Missouri

**Thomas M. Hutsell  
Chapter Efficiency Award**  
Gamma Phi Chapter, Southern Indiana  
Zeta Beta Chapter, Cincinnati  
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama

**Distinguished Interfraternal  
Leadership Award**  
Abbi Hanson Allen, Virginia Tech.

**Ted and Theresa Priem  
Undergraduate Scholarship**  
Kenneth Buckley, Robert Morris

**Michael J. Steinbeck  
Graduate Fellowship**  
Josiah D'Albini, Emporia State

**Professor O.F. Grubbs  
Advisor of the Year Award**  
John B. Barger, Murray State

**Society of the Seventeen Inductee**  
Scott Troester, Truman State

**Principle of Learning**  
Jonas M. McCaffery, Missouri

**Principle of Integrity Award**  
Matias J. Vildosola, UNC Charlotte

**J. Gregory Rumpf  
Recruitment and Growth Award**  
Chi Chapter, Western Michigan  
Zeta Pi Chapter, Arizona  
Zeta Omicron Chapter, Michigan State

**Michael Schermer & Doug Lichtenberger  
Foundation Advocate Award**  
Kappa Chapter, UW - Whitewater  
Zeta Beta Chapter, Cincinnati  
Zeta Psi Chapter, Colorado

**Ronald W. Erickson  
Alumni Engagement Award**  
Phi Chapter, Southeastern Louisiana  
Alpha Omega Chapter, Missouri S&T  
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama

**Principle of Excellence**  
Owen M. Ballard, Southern Indiana

**Principle of Leadership**  
Andrew R. Youngstrom, Michigan Tech.

**Principle of Citizenship**  
Clay J. Miller, Youngstown State

**Principle of Brotherhood**  
Joshua R. Combs, Pittsburg State

**Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year**  
Nathan A. Yamaguchi, Alabama

**2021 – 2022 Noble Man Hall of Fame**  
Ryan Helms, UNC Charlotte  
Truman Lauck, Nebraska Kearney  
Peter J. Marra, Carroll  
Brock R. Sherwin, Northeastern State  
Nathan A. Yamaguchi, Alabama  
Andrew R. Youngstrom, Michigan Tech.

**Edward H. McCune  
Distinguished Chapter Award**  
Delta Chapter, Emporia State  
Zeta Pi Chapter, Arizona  
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama

**Dr. Emmett Ellis  
Chapter Scholarship Award**  
Beta Chi Chapter, Nebraska Kearney  
Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Monmouth  
Epsilon Upsilon Chapter, Virginia Tech.

**Earl A. Webb  
Most Improved Chapter**  
Beta Xi Chapter, Winona State  
Zeta Pi Chapter, Arizona  
Beta Alpha Chapter, Missouri

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# YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

**Pokémon cards. The popular trading card game can be seen as the birth of a lifelong kinship that has turned into a brotherhood bond. What started as a kind gesture from one first grader to another has evolved into a nearly two-decade friendship for A.J. Alexa, Michigan Tech. and Cody Slagle, Michigan Tech.**

Alexa and Slagle are from the upper peninsula of Michigan, growing up in the Iron Mountain area. Slagle's mom was their third-grade teacher. They have spent countless hours eating junk food, competing in sports, and spending every summer at camp together. Alexa said it feels like fate has kept them close.



**"We've never lived further than 30 miles away from each other. We played football together, ran track together, and took a lot of the same classes together. We have always been close, and throughout middle school and high school, it was a friendly competition on who got better grades on tests."**

The competitive nature followed both through high school, where Alexa ultimately won out, graduating as valedictorian and senior class president, while Slagle was salutatorian and on the student council.

Even though the competitiveness bolstered their friendship, Alexa and Slagle identify two things that have made their friendship unbreakable, Summer Youth Programs (SYP) and Sigma Tau Gamma.

Michigan Technological University's Summer Youth Programs is an extraordinary summer camp that offers middle to high school-age students a university experience that focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). At SYP, students learn about Michigan Tech., the campus experience, and what majors they might want to pursue. Both Alexa and Slagle were given scholarships to attend



beginning in seventh grade and went every summer afterward until they were freshmen at Michigan Tech. They took everything from robotics, chemistry, civil engineering, to anatomy and physiology over the years at SYP. During their summers together at SYP is when they fell in love with the campus and what it could offer.

While SYP was the highlight of their high school years, Sig Tau has been the highlight of their collegiate years. Alexa was initiated in the fall of 2018 and convinced Slagle to join the following semester.

**"I learned real study habits through a lot of the members, I became more involved in the community by volunteering and raising money for charities, and I met some of my best friends along the way. Joining a fraternity at Tech. was one of the best**

**decisions I made, academically and socially,"** Alexa said.

For Slagle, being initiated in the Gamma Chi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was the most impactful moment of his entire undergraduate experience.

**"I've had many great memories throughout my time as a Husky, but I think my favorite was the day I was initiated as a brother of Sigma Tau Gamma,"** Slagle said.

**"To join such a respected organization with amazing Principles was an honor that enabled me to grow as a leader, friend, and individual. I would be lying if I said I wasn't crying that day, and I knew great things were to come."**

Slagle finally found his home away from

home with the Gamma Chi Chapter, and he knew he could be a part of something special.

**"Guys were just super genuine and we all showed resilience. I was an officer during 2020 - 2021. We found a way to make it an enjoyable experience. Everyone was a rock for one another."**

**WE WERE FRIENDS AND SIG TAU BROUGHT US SO MUCH CLOSER.**

**Having that time that our my ideals align with Sig Tau has made us brothers for life."**

A point of pride for the men of the Gamma Chi Chapter is the statue competition at Winter Carnival each January. Winter





I AM PROUD TO SAY WE DID THIS TOGETHER



Carnival is a multi-day festival filled with games and contests, including snow volleyball, snowboarding, curling, and the most time-consuming of them all... statue.

Alexa was in charge of the statue build in 2021 during Winter Carnival, for which they took home first place in the co-ed division, being paired with Alpha Gamma Delta.

"At the end of the last night, when the final details were getting put together, and the sun was coming up, the pure feeling of satisfaction and bliss that I felt was overpowering," Alexa said.

"Our two organizations had come together and built a masterpiece on display for the whole community. It was a great achievement that I was glad to share with my closest friends."

While geography may have kept them close through high school, the bonds of brotherhood kept them close through undergraduates and now as young adults, as both Alexa and Slagle graduated this spring.

"A.J. and I have worked hard at this from day one, and it was amazing to be able to walk across that stage on the same day at the same school," Slagle said. "I think the shared hobbies and morals we have kept over the years have kept us together," Slagle said.

Alexa earned his Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering, and Slagle earned his Bachelor's of Science in Engineering Management.

"No matter how long we go without talking, I know that we can always have a genuine conversation that can last for hours," Slagle said.

"There are very few people in this world that I respect more than A.J. He's going to do amazing things, and I can't wait to support him throughout."

Oh, and the Pokémon card that started a lifelong friendship was a Charizard.

## NOBLE MEN



### GRADUATION

Pictured (Left to Right):  
A.J. Alexa, Michigan Tech.  
Cody Slagle, Michigan Tech.



# FOUNDATION UPDATE

This year the Sig Tau Foundation had one word to share with its donors: **IMPACT**. Hundreds of donors across the country impacted the next generation of noble men. From having the first year of a fall and spring Noble Man Institute, to a successful second annual Noble Knight Chapter Challenge, to providing grants for chapters to attend Grand Conclave Kansas City, hundreds of undergraduate brothers have been positively impacted.



## SNAPSHOT OF INAUGURAL SPRING NOBLE MAN INSTITUTE

Thanks to the charitable donations made by Sig Tau alumni this year, we held the first-ever spring Noble Man Institute. With over 80 attendees, all dedicated to understanding what it truly means to be a Sig Tau, the program was held at a YMCA Camp just outside of Nashville, Tennessee.

One of the newest member development programs, the first Noble Man Institute, was held in 2016 and is often the first-time

new members interact with the national Fraternity. The Institute centers around our six Principles while bringing together alumni and undergraduate members of Sig Tau from across the country to develop leadership skills, expand knowledge of the fraternity, and facilitate team building. Over the course of three days, these new initiates learned that the organization is much larger than themselves, membership lasts longer than your four years at a college or university,

and the duty they had to be the difference they want to see within their chapters, on their campuses, and ultimately in the world around them.

While their initial interest in Noble Man may have been to get a clearer picture of what their membership meant, they left with a better understanding of themselves, the six Principles, and the steps necessary to continue adding value to Sigma Tau Gamma.

## QUOTES FROM PREVIOUS NOBLE MAN ATTENDEES

"I was able to attend Noble Man Institute, and I learned that true fraternalism is more than just being in a fraternity. It is about the brothers I meet along the way and the experiences I share with them. I look forward to making an impact and being a part of the next generation of noble men!"

- Dallas Weed,  
Northwest Missouri State

"Older brothers have such a large impact on younger brothers like me. Being at Noble Man has allowed me to grow as a leader and incorporate what I have learned into my chapter. I've learned that even as a younger member, I can make changes in my chapter that will make our brotherhood even better."

- Alex Scamfer,  
UW - Whitewater



# 100

100 NOBLE MEN

## 100 NOBLE MEN INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation launched an exclusive giving club called the 100 Noble Men Initiative.

The 100 Noble Men, through an annual gift to the Foundation, ensure that programming such as the Noble Man Institute, Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders, and scholarship opportunities continue to exist year after year by providing the Fraternity with a consistent income stream. The annual gift to become one of the 100 Noble Men is \$1,000, and this gift can be renewed year over year to retain membership in this exclusive donor club.

Sigma Tau Gamma will only succeed if we all take to heart the words of our benefactor and Brother **Marvin Millsap**, Central Missouri:

**NO MAN CAN DO  
EVERYTHING, BUT EVERY  
MAN CAN DO SOMETHING...  
AND THAT WHICH HE CAN  
DO, HE SHOULD DO.**

Members of the 100 Noble Men will be invited to attend the events their contributions make possible, where they

will be recognized and have a chance to participate in the education of our undergraduate brothers. It is a powerful expression of fraternity when undergraduate brothers have the opportunity to interact with alumni and understand their lifelong commitment to Sigma Tau Gamma.

*If you are interested in joining the inaugural class of 100 Noble Men or receiving more information, please contact the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation staff at 317-644-1920.*



# WPN UPDATE



A project for every WPN House is an archive wall. Headquarters works with the chapter on a gallery wall to honor both local and national Sig Tau history.

With the everchanging nature of the college campus, from newly christened student unions, hallmark cafeterias, and gathering places to the view of a freshly landscaped central plaza, the chapter house is one place that should forever kindle fond memories for brothers.

We are eight years into the lifespan of the WPN Housing Corporation after its establishment in 2014, whose mission is to provide quality, safe, affordable chapter housing for Sigma Tau Gamma undergraduate members. Our reach spreads across ten undergraduate chapter houses and Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Chi Chapter at Western Michigan University was established in 1940 and has had a WPN facility since 2019. As the first fraternity established at Western Michigan, the chapter has left a positive and powerful impact on over 80 years of noble men.

Owen Patrick, Western Michigan, recalls a fond memory he was lucky enough to share with the brothers in the house.

“Start of the second semester, and I had just passed a midterm that had been looming over me for a couple of months, and I was really stoked about it, so I called my brothers to share the good news with them. By the time I got back to the house from the airport, the brothers I had called were all waiting to celebrate with me in the middle of the snowiest day possible in Kalamazoo. It really meant the world to me to be able to have that experience with my brothers.”

– Owen Patrick, Western Michigan

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Additionally, the Beta Alpha Chapter at the University of Missouri moved into their house this past fall, one of the newest Greek houses at Missouri, constructed in 2015. The brothers have since found an unparalleled value in their newly acquired central gathering place, creating priceless moments with each other and the guests that visit the house.

This spring, they shared some of their brotherhood with the special women in their lives, particularly their mothers.

Chapter houses still have an incredible amount of often intangible, long-term value to the members who are fortunate enough to experience living in them.

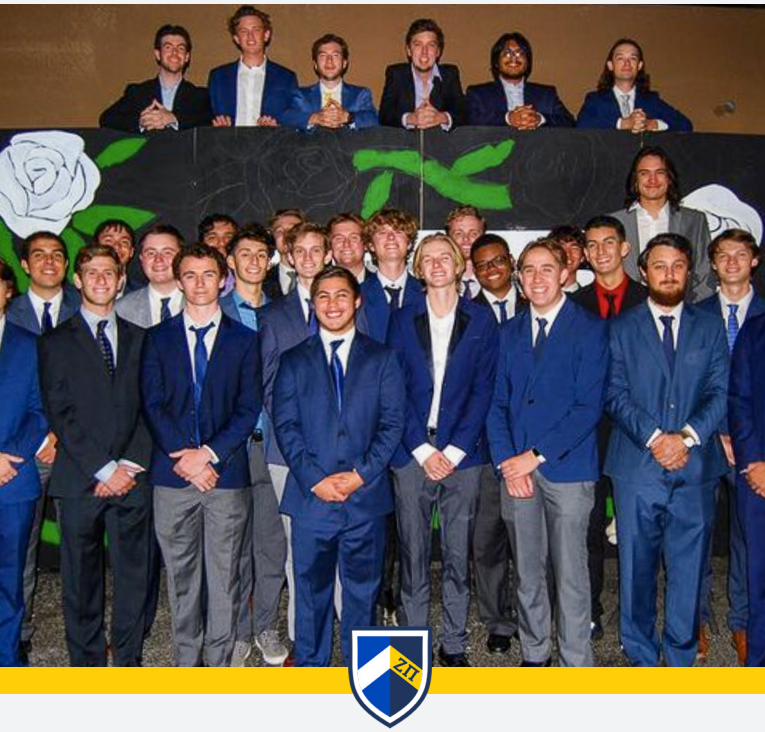


“Our moms came into town for the weekend, and we showed them around the new house, then went out to dinner in downtown Columbia afterward. This is definitely one of our favorite weekends of the year, and we can’t thank the moms enough for supporting us”

– Jonas McCaffrey, Missouri



CHAPTER NEWS



ARIZONA

Zeta Pi Chapter Sees Recruitment Success

According to Dave Androsch, former director of recruitment for the Zeta Pi Chapter at Arizona, recruitment success is rooted in two things, a solid plan and everyone being on the same page. While Androsch served in his role, the chapter saw the most new members in chapter history join in one academic year. During the 2021 – 2022 school year, the Zeta Pi Chapter initiated 34 new members.

Arizona holds a formal recruitment period each fall, where those interested in joining a fraternity go through a series of events to narrow down the organization they want to join. This past year 800 young men were interested.

“The first step of the process is every interested student has to watch a video of each fraternity to see if that brotherhood would interest them. The students then narrow down their choices by half. So, if we had 16 fraternities on campus, it would be cut in half to eight. Out of the 800, 670 kept Sig Tau on their interest list. That let us know we emphasized the positive aspects of fraternity and guys were genuinely interested in what we could offer,” Androsch said.

The chapter has a great connection with the campus, strives to be a top organization for academics, and wants brothers to be involved in multiple student organizations. Androsch said when the chapter is focused on those things, the brotherhood thrives.

“When guys are engaged and wanting to put in the effort to recruit, it makes the brotherhood feel more whole. Having success in recruitment shows when we believe in ourselves, anything is possible.”



MISSOURI

Student Body President is a Beta Alpha Chapter Brother

Recognition on any campus is important, recognition at the University of Missouri, a large Division I school in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) is paramount. The Beta Alpha Chapter has gotten more recognition in the last year than they have in the previous decade. First, it started with the moving into a new house in Greek Town, the epicenter of student life on campus. A few months later, sophomore Brother Josiah Mendoza, Missouri, was elected as the next student body president for the Missouri Students Association (MSA). Sworn into office on April 5th,

Mendoza won with nearly 70 percent of the campus wide vote. Mendoza said through the entire process, the brothers were there to support him anytime he needed.

“It meant a lot having the guys there. It had been a tough and long few weeks leading up to the election. Having the brothers in my corner from wearing campaign buttons, shirts, and hats across campus, to showing up debate night, to being able to celebrate once I received the good news, I was glad to share the moment with the people who helped get us there.”



COLORADO

Brothers from Boulder Raise Over \$7,000 for Special Olympics

The Zeta Psi Chapter at the University of Colorado Boulder prides itself on being able to give back to Special Olympics each year. Their 4th annual Polar Plunge took place on April 9 at the Boulder Reservoir, where they were able to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.

While most of the brothers posted their fundraising links on their social media pages, asking friends, family, and others to donate to a worthy cause, other brothers went door to door in their neighborhoods to generate awareness and momentum.

“It was fun to have that competition element,” said Zeta Psi Chapter President James Faudel, Colorado.

“We split our guys into two groups to see which team could raise the most money, and we were really impressed with how much of an impact we were able to make.”

The only goal that the chapter set for itself was to increase the impact they made from the previous year of \$6,900. The chapter raised \$7,201 in total for Special Olympics between the two teams.

“For the future, we’re planning to keep doing Polar Plunge each spring because it’s a big part of what it means to be a Sig Tau at Boulder, but ultimately we’d just like to continue fighting the good fight for Special Olympics as best as we can.”



CENTRAL MISSOURI

Alpha Chapter Uses Intramural Sports Success as Recruitment Tool

The Alpha Chapter at Central Missouri prides itself on being the most athletic fraternity on campus. Playing every intramural sport offered by the university, the brothers are a competitive bunch and hate to lose. This past year, they competed in flag football, indoor volleyball, softball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball, and even ping-pong. They had multiple teams competing in flag football, softball, and basketball, and being crowned champions in flag football, indoor volleyball, softball, and basketball.

Alpha Chapter President Caleb Mabe, Central Missouri, says with everyone participating in sports like they do, it brings the chapter closer together.

high school and miss the comradery built within a sports team. Being in Sig Tau and playing together as brothers helps bring those feelings back.”

After seeing the success and the tight-knit brotherhood the Alpha Chapter has, Mabe said it has helped them in recruitment and they actively use it to recruit new members.

“We all like to compete and stand out on campus. Even the guys that aren’t on the field are cheering and that helps get our name out to students who might be interesting in joining. For freshmen that are looking for a place to compete and thrive on campus, Sig Tau is the perfect option for them.”

“Intramurals brings a lot of guys together. Many in the chapter played sports in



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1970 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Pictured:  
Sigma Chapter brothers pose for their intramural football picture.







## WINONA STATE

Beta Xi Chapter Nearly Doubles in Size

The Beta Xi Chapter is one of six fraternities on campus at Winona State and having only 6,400 total students, and only 34 percent are male, they have to put everything into recruitment. In one year, the chapter nearly doubled in size, recruiting 17 new members between the fall and spring semester. Beta Xi Director of Recruitment Riley Mcilquham, Winona State, was a part of the recruitment success.

with new members, getting to know them, and creating a friendship before presenting a bid."

Riley said he learned a lot from attending Webb Academy, and that helped them shape their recruitment plan and calendar. He hopes to see just as much success this fall as they had last fall.

"At Webb Academy, I learned the importance of building connections and recruiting the next guy you want to see as a leader of the chapter. We network with many clubs on campus and that is something the other groups don't do. We have so much interest building in this brotherhood, that recruiting another 15 plus guys this fall is what I want to see."

"We started tabling really early in the semester and was able to generate a names list of about 150 guys. Each brother took a few names and starting texting and messaging them, keeping them up to date with the events we were having, and inviting them to attend," Mcilquham said. "From this, brothers would start hanging out



## UW – WHITEWATER

Brothers from Kappa Chapter Build Bonds During Summer

The summer months of May through July can put a damper on things. Most brothers are scattered, working summer jobs, plugging away at internships, or taking an extra class or two to get ahead.

Whitewater, saw this summer as a way to keep everyone together.

"We were still coming out of COVID this past year and we all needed to get on the same page. We initiated 14 new members in the spring and wanted to keep the brotherhood going into the summer."

Kappa Chapter members attended multiple concerts, took a trip to the beach, and traveled regularly to play golf and see one another.

While this is the case for many of the brothers of the Kappa Chapter, they also realized that the summer could be a good way for them to experience new things and new places together. Kappa Chapter President Nate Bazaldua, UW –



## YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Beta Gamma Chapter Puts Emphasis on Grades

For the Beta Gamma Chapter at Youngstown State, after a turbulent 2020 – 2021 academic year due to COVID-19, they were faced with the worst chapter cumulative GPA in nearly 18 years. The chapter had received the highest GPA amongst men's-based organizations for 17 years straight, until last year. Beta Gamma Chapter President Giovanni DiNardo, Youngstown State, knew this needed to be corrected.

"My main focus as chapter president was to improve grades collectively. We are here to go to school, and we want to see everyone graduate and succeed. We hit grades hard. We had study tables and cooked dinner for everyone who needed to attend those. We helped brothers apply for scholarships and found tutors. Within one semester, we jumped up to 3.08 GPA. It is still not where we want to be, but we are going in the right direction."

Through their new study habits, DiNardo began to notice a trend. He saw more guys involved in other areas on campus. He saw more guys hanging out together outside of chapter, and he saw guys re-focusing on what brotherhood looks like after COVID.

"The quality and care of guys dipped during COVID, so we are still digging out of that and looking at things in a new way. We have guys that are now in IFC positions and taking positions in other organizations on campus. We are really stressing building friendships first this year; that's how brotherhood is built, and that is how we will recruit and establish the type of chapter we want to be."

# ALUMNI NEWS



## DELTA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Celebrate a Centennial

Earlier this year on January 20, the Delta Chapter at Emporia State celebrated 100 continuous years of brotherhood. Delta had its beginning in 1916 with the local organization of Alpha Sigma Alpha Fraternity. During the 1917-1918 school year, Alpha Sigma Alpha recorded ten members enrolled and six who were serving in the armed forces of World War I. In 1918, Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority installed a chapter at Emporia State University and the Fraternity adopted the name Beta Alpha Tau. Just a few short years later in 1922, Delta Chapter was officially born.

To commemorate 100 years, Delta Chapter will be holding a weekend long event in October, including attending the homecoming football game, a welcome luncheon, and a formal dinner.

Delta Chapter alumni were asked questions about what it means to be a part of 100 years of chapter history.

**1979 INITIATE** | Bob Foncannon, Emporia State

**Q:** When you think back to 100 years as a chapter, what sticks out to you the most?

*A: Delta Chapter has been a constant presence in the community and Emporia State University for 100 years. Amazing that an organization has the drive, determination, and willpower to last that long. The key - It's never been about individuals; it's always been about the chapter. Delta has remained steadfast to our core Principles, and we continue to develop leaders in all walks of life. The friendships I made in the 70's & 80's is still strong today. The great men that have been mentored, developed, and coached, have made our society a better place to live. Gives me great pride that we've done this for 100 years.*

**2011 INITIATE** | Michael Torres, Emporia State

**Q:** Why are you proud to say you are a part of Delta Chapter?

*A: Delta has served as an example for Fraternity & Sorority Life on our campus and beyond through philanthropic giving, volunteerism, scholarship, and leadership. The values passed down over the last 100 years and instilled in our members are a primary reason we continue to maintain and build our efforts as a chapter. We have such a rich history, and I am grateful that I am able to be a part of it. Ultimately, the relationships I have found in the fraternity and the things that make me who I am today are one in the same and they tell just a small part of the story that is our Delta history.*

**1965 INITIATE** | Roy Tunick, Ph.D., Emporia State

**Q:** Why are you proud to say you are a part of Delta Chapter?

*A: When I reflect back to the one-hundred-year anniversary of Delta Chapter, a few things come to mind. One thing that stands out to me is the wisdom that the founding fathers had of this fraternity had in developing the symbols and traditions that followed contributing to the growth and development of young men. I also believe that the openness of the Delta Chapter along with its leadership then and continued guidance of Harry Stephens inviting more than Kansans to be part of its brotherhood has contributed to the growth and longevity of this chapter.*



## GAMMA TAU CHAPTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Celebrating with Generations

Being an active chapter on a campus for 50 continuous years is no simple feat. You have to recruit, semester after semester, you have to make sure you are a valued part of the campus community, and you have to stay involved at the local, regional, and national level. On May 6, the Gamma Tau Chapter at Millersville University accomplished just that.

What better way to celebrate 50 years of brotherhood than with a reception bringing back brothers from every decade? Several alumni for the Gamma Tau Chapter started planning nearly 18 months ago, and wanted to make the event an unforgettable experience.

"We had 120 brothers and 165 total attend," Gamma Tau Brother Will McGorty, Millersville said. "It was a group effort to make this happen. It was huge to have guys like Rich Nickel, Millersville; Richard Howley, Millersville; Steve Junkin, Millersville; and Paul McNamara, Millersville helping plan it."

The event was held at the Marriott in Lancaster, PA and provided the perfect backdrop for the event.

"Downtown Lancaster is thriving and people are comfortable traveling again. It was a great, safe space and is just a few miles from campus."

Speakers included undergraduate brother Dustin Horne, Millersville; Millersville University President Daniel A. Wubah, PH.D., and 35th Sigma Tau Gamma National President Richard Harguindeguy, Northland.

"Having them speak gave the whole event credibility, and showed the value of Fraternity these days. We have 50 people who were asking to start to plan the 60th reunion and anniversary, so I hope our momentum will continue to grow."







**ALPHA SIGMA ALUMNI GROUP  
CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD**  
Coming Together to Celebrate

This past May, brothers from the Alpha Sigma Chapter at SIU Carbondale were able to reunite for the first time since 2018, marking their 6th official alumni reunion. Comprised mostly of brothers initiated in the late 60s and early 70s, members were thrilled to celebrate 50 years of shared history, friendship, and connection through Sigma Tau Gamma.

Gary Parrish, SIU Carbondale, who helped organize this year's event, explained how meaningful these reunions are and why he loves attending.

**"We haven't been together in years, and it never feels like a moment has passed. These guys, this group...they're family. It's hard to describe, it just feels so special."**

Parrish explained that their group is full of different and unique personalities, and they're all so engrained in each other's lives. The weekend is one many look forward to, inviting spouses, and reminiscing over experiences that brought them together.

For the first time, the Alpha Sigma brothers were pleased to welcome a member of the Sig Tau Headquarters staff to speak during the event. Adam Kowalski, Director of Fraternity Operations, was in attendance to give an update on the state of the Fraternity, answer any questions, and enjoy in the fellowship already taking place that weekend.

**"It was so great having Adam join us,"** recalled attendee Kevin Mahaney, SIU Carbondale, **"Being a closed chapter, we don't always stay up to date with the Fraternity. Hearing all the great things going on was a real treat for us."**

Mahaney believes that each reunion is better than the last, full of inside jokes, shared moments over decades of brotherhood, laughter, and tears. He echoed the familial feeling shared by Brother Parrish. "When we call it a family – that's honestly it. So close. That's how it has been for 50 years! This bond means something to us. To all of us."

**DO YOU HAVE AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STORY TO SHARE?**  
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**DELTA DELTA ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION RECONVENE**  
Head to North Myrtle Beach

In September of 2019, Delta Delta Chapter Alumni from UNC Greensboro gathered to celebrate 40 years of brotherhood. 45 brothers attended in 2019 and based on the success of the 40th anniversary celebration, they wanted to keep the spark of brotherhood alive.

Involved alumnus Fred Phillips, West Chester, helped start the Delta Delta Chapter and has had strong relationship with it and the university for over 40 years now.

**"It was the first time for many to have the opportunity to re-connect after so many years. It was so well received that the Delta Delta Alumni Association Board decided to plan another get together."**

So, this past September, Delta Delta brothers met once again to take in the scenery of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The theme of the weekend was the "2021 Reconvene," with 23 Brothers and spouses attended.

Phillips said bonds like what they have formed will never go away, and he looks forward to making new stories each time they are together.

**"We hugged, we laughed, and we busted each other's chops. The stories retold never get old, and we look forward to the new stories made. College friendships were meant to be lasting ones, and ours will last a lifetime."**

# BUILDING NOBLE GENERATIONS OF MEN



**The years have passed but the memories never fade. Homecoming tailgates, alumni weekends, and golf outings bring back the feelings of invincibility, not knowing what life held in store. Antics in the chapter house created pranks, playful rivalries, and laughs that still bring back the good-natured ribbing.**

Thinking back on what it was like to be in a Sig Tau chapter, the aforementioned examples tend to hit us first. Rarely do we think about how productive (or unproductive in some cases) our chapter meetings were, or which philanthropic events we didn't participate in. What we think about next is the backbone of our chapter experience; the people who positively impacted our experience – **the advisor.**

The chapter advisor has and always will be, more than just the guy at the back of the room who made sure that meetings stayed on task, that we spent our money wisely, submitted our paperwork on time, and lectured us about the social events we probably shouldn't have been

having. The chapter advisor was the resident dad, fashion coach, relationship expert, a swift kick if motivation was lacking, an academic coach, and someone to make sure that we had the compass pointed in a reasonable direction. Alumni gatherings are filled with great stories; many involving the "old guy" who was always there to keep the chapter moving forward.

While the men in Sigma Tau Gamma are interested in new things and are coming to college with aspiring ambitions, the one constant that remains is the need for someone to keep an eye on the compass. The changing landscape of the collegiate experience has created an unparalleled need for alumni support and, unfortunately, Sigma Tau

Gamma is lacking the mentors that our active members desperately need.

Program facilitators, lead advisors, recruitment advisors, finance advisors, regional volunteers, and national board positions; the Fraternity has a myriad of opportunities to fit any volunteer schedule.

**As you reflect on your memories and the alumni who positively impacted your experience, think about how you can impact the men of Sigma Tau Gamma who are living those experiences that you remember so fondly. The men need you, and we need your help supporting them.**



# CHAPTER ETERNAL

The Chapter Eternal list represents deceased members reported to Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters between June 2021 – June 2022.

To report a deceased member, send the brother's name, chapter, address of closet living relative, and obituary (if applicable) to Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters at [noblemen@sigttau.org](mailto:noblemen@sigttau.org). The list is in alphabetical order by first name.

Adam J. Paris, Truman State, 2017	Eric Jermaine Dugger, Cameron, 1997	Jerry E. Hitt, Truman State, 1958	Michael A. Rullo, Seton Hall, 1976	Roland P. Stein, UW - Stevens Point, 1965
Andrew W. Stephenson, IU Pennsylvania, 1969	Frank J. Meyer, Northwest Missouri State, 1951	Jerry L. Miller, Truman State, 1959	Michael D. Monday, Edinboro, 1979	Ron A. Beretta, SIU Carbondale, 1972
B. Paris Hume, Concord, 1950	Gary L. Flage, Northern Iowa, 1961	John M. Bitenc, UW - Oshkosh, 1965	Michael J. Saputo, Southeast Missouri, 1972	Ronald C. Horton, North Texas, 1989
Ben T. Everingham, North Texas, 1991	Gary M. Arnett, Pittsburg State, 1959	John M. Valescu, Cleveland State, 1983	Michael V. Pescatrice, Cleveland State, 2014	Ronald Roskens, Northern Iowa, 1951
Benedict R. Sahd, Millersville, 1974	George D. Pfalzgraf, Northern Iowa, 1964	John Paul Lynch, Fairmont State, 1969	Norville Schock, Eastern Michigan, 1957	Rowland De Peaux, St. Norbert, 1985
Blake A. Bryan, Central Oklahoma, 2007	George L. Anderson, SIU Carbondale, 1970	John R. Trohkimoinen, Black Hills State	Orville H. Hall, Black Hills State, 1956	Sam J. Amendola, Edinboro, 1967
Brack A. Davis, Glenville State, 1950	Grant D. Hillburn, Missouri - Kansas City, 1972	Jon E. Tribble, Pittsburg State, 1964	Orville Rinner, Northeastern State, 1947	Scott J. Williams, Illinois State, 1986
Brent Lee, Texas State,	Graydon L. Barz, Northern Iowa, 1958	Joseph M. Guenter, Arkansas Monticello, 1968	Patrick H. Wells, UC - Santa Barbara, 1946	Stephen H. Culotta, Christopher Newport, 1986
Brian R. Richey, Shippensburg, 1965	Griffin T. Lamb, Pittsburg State, 2021	Joseph M. Musselli, SIU Carbondale, 1971	Paul B. Terhorst, SUNY Buffalo State, 1954	Terrence H. Nixon, Frostburg State, 1969
Brian Ross, Shippensburg	Guy W. Kochel, Central Arkansas, 1962	Joseph V. Fischetti, Buffalo, 2006	Paul J. Augustyn III, Ball State, 1959	Thomas E. Jones, Cleveland State, 1975
Charles J. Hagen, Cleveland State, 1936	Harry W. Secor, Cleveland State, 1961	Justin T. Langtson, North Texas, 2001	Perry G. McCandless, Central Missouri, 1939	Thomas M. Rajala, Cal U of PA, 1966
Charles O. Rucker, Central Missouri, 1942	Harvey B. Young, Truman State, 1939	Keith E. Barnes, North Texas, 1984	Phillip G. Glaros, Cleveland State, 1984	Thomas W. Wooten, Arkansas Monticello, 1987
Charles W. Wayman, Emporia State, 1936	Heber B. Hardy, Central Arkansas, 1944	Keith W. Mull, Emporia State, 1942	Phillip H. Schutte Jr., Northeastern State, 1963	Vahe R. Gulbenkaan, Cleveland State, 1962
Charles W. Yeatman, Central Arkansas	Horace F. Holmes, Emporia State, 1943	Kenneth B. Peterson, Winona State, 1969	Ralph E. Wedgeworth, Arkansas Monticello, 1976	Vesper M. Sheeley Jr., Emporia State, 1940
Chester L. Ward, UC - Santa Barbara, 1953	J. Cary Gosset III, North Texas, 1984	Kenneth P. Beilsmith, Central Missouri, 1968	Ralph Layman, Illinois, 1953	Virgil Edward Sellers, Central Missouri, 1960
Daryl L. Hane, Northwest Missouri State, 1970	Jack Peckinpough, Ball State, 1946	Kenneth V. Berkholtz, UW - Whitewater, 1965	Richard B. DeFrances, SUNY Cortland, 1952	Walter J. Farozi, Frostburg, 1988
David J. Rivette, Southeastern Louisiana, 1965	James Brewer, Central Arkansas, 1946	Kurt C. Bordewick, Missouri S&T, 1983	Richard E. Dutton, Eastern Illinois, 1958	Walter Wallace, Point Park
David Liljegen, Northern Iowa, 1952	James F. Giffin, Eastern Illinois, 1946	Larry B. Fitzgibbon, Chadron State, 1961	Robert J. Nelson, Edinboro, 1964	William S. Ridings, Harris-Stowe, 1948
David M. Gish, North Texas, 1984	James H. Burns, Black Hills State, 1974	Larry Flowers, Arkansas Monticello,	Robert J. Vinci, SUNY Oneonta, 1988	Willis G. Neal, Emporia State, 1960
David M. Zewe, Edinboro	James M. Kirsch, Cal U of PA, 1965	Lary G. Youngsteadt, UW - Oshkosh, 1965	Robert Joseph Vinci, Jr., SUNY Oneonta, 1988	Zoltan Nemeth, Cleveland State, 1962
Donald E. Curran, Pittsburg State, 1954	James M. Rosato, Southeastern Louisiana, 1968	Lawrence E. DeCaro, Edinboro, 1971	Robert L. Piper, SIU Carbondale, 1970	
Donald H. Chermak, UW - Oshkosh, 1963	James P. Witt, Missouri S&T, 1994	Luis F. Mena, UC - Merced, 2017	Robert M. Castleberry, Arkansas Monticello, 1989	
Edward B. Beatty, Carnegie Mellon	James Y. O'Hearn, SIU Carbondale, 1970	Mark Appelbaum, Carnegie Mellon	Roger A. Stein, UW - Stevens Point, 1965	
Edward R. Grady, Southeastern Louisiana, 1948	Jeffrey G. Hanson, Edinboro, 1986	Michael A. Maus, Alma, 1960	Roger W. Wiegman, Cal U of PA, 1960	



## 24TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT JOSEPH MUSSELLI, SIU CARBONDALE

Joe was initiated into the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Southern Illinois University in 1971 and served as chapter president in 1973. During his time as an undergraduate student, Joe wanted another chapter in the state of Illinois. With this thought, he traveled 250 miles north to Illinois State University to help start the Gamma Psi Chapter.

24th National President Joseph “Joe” Musselli, SIU Carbondale '71, entered Chapter Eternal on August 19, 2021. Joe served as national president from 1986 – 1988, presiding over the Dale and Gretchen Atterberry Grand Conclave in Pittsburgh, PA.

With his successful efforts of planting the Gamma Psi Chapter, Joe joined the Headquarters Staff as a field consultant from 1975 – 1978. While he was on staff, four chapters earned their charter,

including the Gamma Omega Chapter at Baylor, the Delta Alpha Chapter at East Carolina, the Delta Beta Chapter at Duquesne, and the Delta Gamma Chapter at Texas.

Joe gave unexcelled dedication as a staff member and later as a volunteer leader, including as national president. He should be remembered as a consummate journeyman brother always putting Sig Tau first.



## 15TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT RONALD ROSKENS, NORTHERN IOWA

A self-described “Green Country Boy,” Ron credits growing up on a farm in Iowa for his determination and work ethic. Early in his career, he took a position as Dean of Men at Kent State University and met Brother and 18th National President Paul Pfeiffer, IU Pennsylvania '35. Among his fond memories is working with Brother Pfeiffer to convince Stan Musial to become a member of Sigma Tau Gamma.

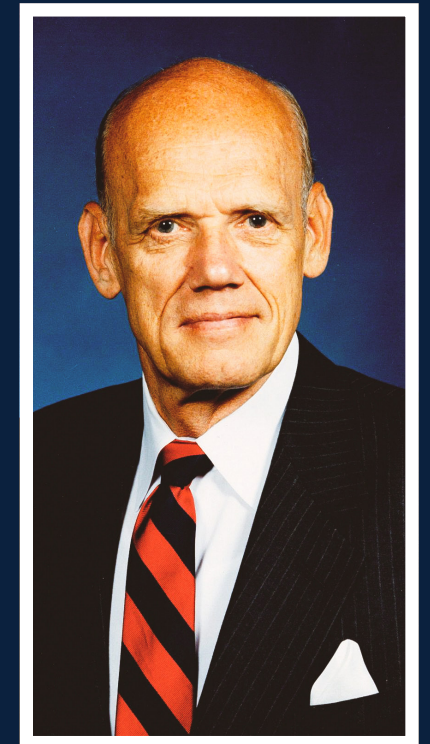
15th National President and Society of the Seventeen Inductee Ronald Roskens, Northern Iowa '54, entered Chapter Eternal on February 27, 2022. Ron was initiated into the Alpha Eta Chapter in 1951 at Northern Iowa. After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree, he continued his education, earning his Master of Arts and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

Ron was elected to the Sigma Tau Gamma Board of Directors in 1962 and served as National President from 1968 to 1970, overseeing the Golden Anniversary Conclave. He transitioned to the Foundation Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1980 and was one of the first brothers inducted into the Society of the Seventeen.

Ron had one of the most distinguished careers in higher education. He became Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1972 and later transitioned to President of the University of Nebraska system in 1977, a position he served in until 1989. In 1990,

he was appointed as administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development from 1990 to 1992 under the United States President George H. W. Bush, developing a close relationship with Japan. In 2010, he was recognized with the Order of the Rising Sun Award from the Emperor of Japan, the highest recognition the country of Japan can give to a foreign national.

He was incredibly influential for many brothers, including CEO Emeritus William “Bill” Bernier, Kent State, and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Robert “Bob” Bernier, Kent State; both now Society of the Seventeen inductees. Ron was an iconic and indispensable part of Sigma Tau Gamma's national leadership, and he had a one-of-a-kind ability to communicate thoughts and ideas through an unrivaled command of the written and spoken word. Ron was always especially proud to declare his noble roots as a fraternity man... specifically a Sig Tau fraternity man.







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