

SAGA MONTHLY

SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY

MICHIGAN TECH. BUILDS BROTHERHOOD THROUGH ANNUAL STATUE BUILDING

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Each January, the brothers of the Gamma Chi Chapter at Michigan Tech. spend weeks outside in negative-degree weather to build and participate in something completely unique to the campus experience, a snow statue competition.

The statue competition takes place during a festival they call Winter Carnival. Like how many schools host a homecoming each fall, Winter Carnival is filled with games and contests, school-wide events, and community building. Senior Kyle Thelen, Michigan Tech., served as statue chair this year and said they knew what they wanted to sculpt as soon as the theme was announced.

"The theme this year was tasty foods for wintery moods," Thelen said. "As soon as we heard the theme, I thought back to snow days growing up, and they were filled with board games and having fun, so we decided to build a statue based on the famous board game Candyland."

The statue takes the entire month of January to build, with pen being put to paper for design concepts in November. Each brother takes multiple eight-hour shifts every week in January, packing, shaping, and sculpting the snow.

"The first two weeks of January, we are just bulking snow. This means we find as much snow as we can, shovel it, pile it, and get it ready to be used for building. Once that is done, we move into the details phase. This is where we begin to shape the ice; it's a lot of using axes,

hatchets, chainsaws, and machetes. Then the last week, we put the finishing touches on it by taking a clothes iron over the entire statue to give it a smooth and glossy finish."

The last night before the statue has to be completed, everyone stays up all night to complete their assignments. Classes get out early, are canceled for the next day, DJs are hired, and the entire campus turns into one big all-night experience of putting the final touches on statues.

"We placed first in the co-ed division and third overall. This is our fifth straight year partnering with Alpha Gamma Delta, and they are incredible to work with each year," Thelen said. "We put in over 1,800 hours of work on the statue this year and are proud to share in this accomplishment."

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS FOR ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

Earlier this month, the Fraternity Board of Directors held their annual winter meeting at Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN.

2

NOBLE MAN INSTITUTE REGISTRATION OPEN

Exclusively for our newest members, Noble Man Institute focuses on leadership development and fraternity education. The deadline to [register](#) new members is March 10, 2023.

3

EPSILON CHI BROTHER MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

Brother Craig Noyes, Auburn, sank a 94-foot putt during halftime of the Alabama/Auburn basketball game to win a new car. Brother Noyes was featured on ESPN, Barstool Sports, and The Pat McAfee Show.



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CROWDCHANGE CONTINUES TO BE A VALUED PARTNER OF SIG TAU



Since 2018, CrowdChange has helped chapters of Sig Tau raise thousands of dollars for Special Olympics and local philanthropic causes. CrowdChange is a fundraising platform that can host virtual events and online fundraisers so that chapters can continue to raise funds and elevate the fraternity experience. Sigma Tau Gamma provides every chapter with the opportunity to utilize CrowdChange, and even the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation utilizes CrowdChange for national campaigns like #GivingTuesday, the Founders Day Challenge, and the Noble Knight Chapter Challenge.

Chapters have been highly successful with CrowdChange, raising an average of **235% more** than they raised the previous year for similar or identical events, not on CrowdChange.

The Gamma Chi Chapter at Michigan Tech. raised almost \$4,000 for Special Olympics with their Grundy Run, the Beta Upsilon Chapter at Cleveland State raised over \$600 during the Polar Plunge,

and the Epsilon Tau Chapter at UNC Charlotte raised nearly \$8,000 for Special Olympics through Sig Taucos. The Sig Tau Foundation hopes to see the same success for the 3rd annual Noble Knight Chapter Challenge this march.


"What makes CrowdChange our preferred platform is its versatility," Director of Foundation Operations Ashley Robbins said. "It tracks campaign progress in real-time, is customizable, and allows for team and individual participation. And it has served the needs of our chapters and the Sig Tau Foundation for years. CrowdChange elevates our campaigns by continuing to grow with us and providing a seamless giving process to our donors."



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Epsilon Tau

Sig Taucos


In support of Special Olympics

89%

\$8,977.06 raised

48 people donated

● Live



Epsilon Tau

3rd Annual Sig Taucos


In support of Special Olympics

92%

\$7,435 raised

226 people donated

● Closed 3 years ago



Epsilon Upsilon

Sig Tau Olympics


In support of Special Olympics

69%

\$6,923 raised

117 people donated

● Closed 10 months ago




Epsilon Tau

Sig Taucos 2021

In support of Special Olympics

\$5,817.01 raised




Gamma Chi

Grundy Run 2022

In support of Special Olympics

\$5,000 raised



Gamma Chi

Grundy Run 2020

In support of Special Olympics

\$4,695 raised



FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month we feature the Alpha Nu Chapter at SUNY Oneonta. The Alpha Nu Chapter was founded in 1950 with 11 founding fathers, and over 200 brothers were initiated into the chapter between 1950 and 1999.

