

Summer 2021 Newsletter

SIGMA PI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, RHO CHAPTER



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Alumni Association Re-Cap
& Capital Campaign
Summary

Annual Homecoming
Weekend - 100 Years of
Rho Chapter Celebration

Information on our plans for
Homecoming weekend and
celebration of 100 years of
Rho Chapter!

Message from the Actives

Sage Kyle Bonnett provides
an update of Rho chapter.

Alumni Spotlight:

Pat McKee



SUMMER OUTING - FRIDAY NIGHT PINTS IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

When: August 6th from 6-9pm

Where: The London Bridge Pub
110 E Hargett St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Alumni Association Re-Cap & Capital Campaign Summary

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, staying somewhat cool, and loving life! Additionally, I hope you are having some of that fun with your fellow Rho brothers. As I type this article, I am fresh off of a 12-man all-Rho golf weekend. For that matter, I look back and am pretty sure that 6 out of my last 6 weekend have included a Sigma Pi influence. Great men, great friends!! If you are not already reconnecting, I so pray that you do. So much fun!!!

Our alumni association continues to chug along. Coming to the end of the actual fundraising part of the capital campaign is indeed a relief, but it brings on the next level of challenges in converting all into an actual purchase. We've certainly begun that process, and assuming pledge fulfillment stays on track, it is possible that we could be looking at a July 2022 acquisition timeframe.

Currently, we are trying to assist our Actives navigate thru these difficult Covid times and keep the brotherhood healthy, but literally and figuratively. Basically missing multiple semesters of rush has put a stress on our chapter, but thankfully we were extremely strong going into this stretch. The goal, of course, is to rebound in a big way with the Fall 2021 semester.

Lastly, this is likely repetitive news to most of you, as multiple emails have been sent out previously, but a quick re-cap of our final tally regarding the Capital Campaign.....

\$1,159,890 from 156 Donors!!!!

Wow, just wow! Please take another look at the Honor Roll and make sure to give thanks and praise to all the made this dream a reality!

Please make sure to stay current with your 2021 alumni dues. It's only \$50, but it allows us to continue as a functioning association. Hope to see you all at the Summer event and at Homecoming!!!

Cheers,

Brent Brewbaker, Alumni President

**Emerald Society
(\$100,000 and Above)**

Christopher Collins '69
Patrick J. McKee '85

**Golden Circle Society
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)**

Monroe Family
Sam Monroe '70
Bill Monroe '72
James C. Saunders '86
In memory of
Kevin S. Vroome '92
and Will Apple '94

**Adytum Society
(\$25,000 to \$49,999)**

Eric Edgerton '62
Berkley M. Godehn '65
Lloyd E. Mattingly '71
Jeffrey S. Cline '85
Eric J. Praser '85
Rick Kiernan '89
Brent Brewbaker '90
Ireland Family
Lock Ireland '61
Shane Ireland '91
Rho Undergraduate Chapter

**Sage Society
(\$15,000 to \$24,999)**

Donnell O. Bulluck '51
In memory of
George E. Freeman '49
Carey Gupton '69
Jim Moss '72
Richard F. Schmidt '80
Neil Britt '86
D. Rick Anderson '89
Daniel Ingram '90

**Rho Society
(\$10,000 to \$14,999)**

Paul Mitchell '66
David W. Drake '68
Gerhard Beyer '71
Greg R. Warmuth '81
Rich Adams '83
Thom Geshay '85

Augustus S. Hall '86
John "Kerm" Suther '86
Chris Albers '88
Jack Barger '90
Jonathan D. Boland '92
Ross Franklin '95
In memory of
Kevin S. Vroome '92

**Clark Ave Society
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)**

Grady Sykes '54
In memory of
James S. Caddell '52
Jan Jensen '57
Peter R. Gernert '61
In memory of
Asa Franklin '60
Laurice G. Altman Jr. '62
In memory of
Asa Franklin '60
Russ Johnston '65
In memory of
Asa Franklin '60
In honor of
Pete Gernert '61
William J. Davis '65
Kenneth A. Butler '66
Robert G. Ford '66
Terry Allen '67
Grover Dobbins '68
In memory of
Charlie W. Gardner '68
Marilyn Gardner
In memory of
Charlie W. Gardner '68
and Marc S. Haege '08
Phillip T. Hester '68
Jack Daniels '69
Walter D. Howard '69
R. Barry Morrow '69
Jack Cummings '72
Marcus E. Rabil '79
In memory of
Gene Jenkins '80
David Del Vecchio '84
John Hollingsworth '85
Steven K. Bordeaux '86
Jon M. Campos '87

Jeffery D. Morgan '87
John Clark '89
Mike Kaney '89
Chad B. Ellis '91
Joel C. Harrell '92
In memory of
Kevin S. Vroome '92
Randall Smith '92
Greg Fox '94
Jarrod M. Dixon '97
In honor of
Fall 1997 pledge class
Timothy B. Bowen '00
William R. Lackey III '01
Ryan S. Kirkendall '04
Brandon L. McPherson '04
Peter L. Barnes '07
Jimmy Davis '08
Caleb Lloyd '08
Alex Lasek '11
William Kinney '11
Adam Elshanawany '13
Macon Moore '13
Tyler Hatton '13
Frank "Ives" Harkins '13
Konner H. Klingenberg '13

**Lavender & White Society
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Raymond R. Uptegrove '60
In memory of
Asa Franklin '60
Robert Laine '61
Patrice P. Gallant '64
Samuel M. Dollyhigh '65
Ersell C. Liles Jr. '66
Lawrence W. Redman '67
Don B. Thompson '68
William Kurfehs '69
John McAlpine '69
Joe Watterson '69
Robert H. Livermon Jr. '70
James Singer '71
Osborne W. Smith Jr. '71
James R. Baggs '72
William C. Campbell III '72
Gregory Roberts '72
Thomas Melton III '74
William L. Moore III '78

Michael G. Talbot '78
 Theodore A. Cunningham '80
 In memory of
 Hawley Hegler '76
 and John Tola '81
 Anthony S. Brandon '81
 Phillip G. Mosely '81
 In honor of
 The Spring 1981 Pledge Class
 Vincent R. White '84
 Gregory S. Nesbitt '86
 Scott Trasti '86
 Cyrus "Rusty" Brame '87
 Daniel Trask '87
 Brandon S. Morgan '88
 Zebulon Weaver IV '88
 William C. Cress III '90
 Brian H. Curtis '90
 Michael Moles '90
 Thomas Spizzo '90
 David Butts '91
 In memory of
 Kevin Vroome '92
 Keith Ogden '91
 Jay Tippette '92
 Brian E. Trent '92

In memory of
 Kevin Vroome '92
 Raymond Weller '93
 Gregory M. Gmyr '94
 Thomas Rodwell '02
 Jay Dawkins '05
 Brian Norris '09
 Michael Bunch '11
 Nick Despotos '13
 Tommy Eagle '13
 Joe "Jay" Charles '14
 Layton Gantt '14
 Logan Perkins '14
 Zach Fearnside '15

**Delta Brotherhood Society
 (\$1,000 to \$2,499)**

*James S. Caddell '52
 Gerald B. Hurst '52
 In memory of
 James S. Caddell '52
 David Johnson '67
 Thomas "Hook" Skeen '67
 Thomas B. Rivers Jr. '68
 Michael A. Cleary '69
 Paul Wyle '73

Ken Nixon '79
 Peter Kolf '83
 Christopher Hultgren '84
 Gene Clements '84
 James Weidner '87
 Chad Bolick '92
 Fred E. Duyck '03
 Curtis Ledford '06
 Andrew Thomas '07
 Michael Nguyen '09
 Joel "Lucas" Stinson '11
 Preston Khan '12
 Andrew Marbrey '12
 John Montague '13
 Kyle Solomon '16

**In the Bond
 (Up to \$999)**

Tommy Lind '57
 Whitney Hill '74
 Thomas Hay '77
 Robert Williams '90
 Stuart Chambers '91
 Robert Sisson '95
 Stephen Chamberlain '12
 Charles "Bo" Starnes '14

Annual Homecoming Weekend - 100 Years of Rho Chapter Celebration

On May 28, 2021, the Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi turned 100 years old and became the longest continuous Greek organization on campus. The alumni of this great organization have also just completed a fundraising campaign that raised over \$1.15M for the purchase of a permanent home for the active chapter. I'd say these accomplishments deserve a weekend full of celebration.

When: October 29th-October 31st

What: Friday night we will host a celebration with all active and alumni brothers who are able to attend. As in years past, the alumni association will secure a band and refreshment. This year's celebration will be hosted at a Raleigh venue with a full-service bar. On Saturday, NC State will host Louisville for our Homecoming matchup while the Alumni Association will host a large tailgate outside of the stadium!

Where: Locations will vary from the Sigma Pi Chapter House, Carter Finley Stadium and a Venue/Hotel downtown.

Accommodations: Please make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

A formal invitation with RSVP request will be sent to all active alumni by Mid-September. Reach out to aelshanawany7@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Message from the Actives

Brothers,

The active brotherhood has had a busy summer, with many members working at internships, travelling, and spending time with family. We graduated 9 active brothers at the end of the spring and wish them the best as they continue their journeys. As brothers return to Raleigh, we are ramping up for the start of the fall semester. Fall rush is anticipated to be back towards pre-Covid numbers and we are working on securing a sizable pledge class. Restrictions on campus have mostly been lifted and we are hoping things stay this way so we can get back to a normal semester. Thank you all for your continued support and we hope to see you at an Alumni event soon.

Kyle Bonnett
Sage, Rho Chapter

Alumni Spotlight: Pat McKee



Pat McKee grew up in Charleston, West Virginia and Sao Paulo, Brazil. He was attracted to NC State by Wolfpack basketball's 83 championship team and State's engineering program. While at State, Pat graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Pat's introduction to Sigma Pi occurred while he and Fred Millett were living in the Holiday Inn when they got to NC State. They received a flyer that there was a party at Sigma Pi. Pat and Fred had gone to several other Fraternities beforehand that first night and when they ended up at Sigma Pi they found their home. They met some incredible welcoming brothers that made them feel at home. There were a bunch of brothers in attendance that night but Chris Heath, John Ryan, Peter Kolf, Pete Beglin, Gene Clements, Thom Geshay and Peter Daut were some of the many that went out of their way to make them feel welcome. As a Sigma Pi, Pat enjoyed hanging out at Baxley's every day for lunch and sitting around the chapter room just chatting with all his brothers. Pat served as Herald, Sage & Pledge Master over his 5 years.

In 2010, Pat married his wife, Julie. Together they blended their family of four children, Graham (22), Carly (20), Max (19) and Lily (17). In 2010, Pat also founded McKee Homes with his brother Mike in honor of their late father, Joe who had recently passed away from Alzheimer's. Pat's philanthropy includes founding the Joe McKee Memorial Alzheimer's Fund which supports the Walk to end Alzheimer's and has raised close to \$500k in 10 years. Pat and Julie also recently endowed the Valerie Faulkner Scholarship, a joint program with the Wolfpack Club and Department of Education to support NC State student-athletes who are majoring in elementary education.

Treasurer's Report

The amount in Alumni General Operations as of 07-31-2021 totals \$318,540.80. Our General Operations are comprised of restricted funds of \$303,720.60 and unrestricted funds of \$14,820.22. The restricted funds are comprised of Capital Campaign Collections of \$237,745.39 and the remaining amount is from the Sale of Land previously owned and revenue from early termination of a lease at our former location on Hillsborough St. Since the Capital Campaign with Pennington has concluded restricted fund reductions will be less in 2021 than previously in 2019 and 2020. Given the pace of Capital Campaign collections from 156 Alumni that have pledged, all restricted funds are expected to increase in the coming year.

I have attached a form that each alumnus can use to pay dues for 2021. If you have not already paid your dues for 2021, please complete the form and mail it back to me with a check. Also, you can pay us through pay pal. Simply go to the fraternity website at www.ncsusigmapi.com and click on alumni. We would like to build a cushion in the account to assist with the needs of maintaining and improving the appearance of the current fraternity house on Greek Way, and serve the house in the event that they need any proceeds to cover its operations. Your Alumni Association supports an active brotherhood, conducts the Annual Founder's Day Meeting, and plans to sponsor our Friday Night Homecoming Party that will also serve to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Rho Chapter. We are also considering renting a tent for Alumni to meet and tailgate prior to our game against Louisville on October 30th. If your name is not on the list, please consider giving. With all that said, we continue to have an aggressive goal of receiving dues from 100 alumni in 2021. YTD, we have received dues from 43 alumni. I encourage everyone to attend homecoming, visit the house, and reconnect with fellow alumni this year. ITB

Steele Hall
Treasurer

2021 Alumni

Richard Adams	Samuel Dollyhigh	Rick Kiernan	Michael Nguyen
Terry Allen	David Drake	Konner Klingenberg	Jim Moran
Rick Anderson	Chad Ellis	Will Lackey	Brian Norris
Jim Baggs	Adam Elshanawany	Alex Lasek	Larry Redman
Gerhard Beyer	Thom Geshay	Curtis Ledford	T. Brad Rivers
Joanthan Boland	Berkley Godehn	Caleb Lloyd	Greg Roberts
Brent Brewbaker	Steve Grobman	Joe Watterson	Rick Schmidt
Neil Britt	Steele Hall	Matthew McDonald	Grady Sykes
Kenneth Butler	Phil Hester	Pat McKee	Raymond Uptegrove
Jeff Cline	Lock Ireland	Paul "Speedy Mitchell	Greg Warmuth
Jack Cummings	Shane Ireland	Sam Monroe	



2021 Alumni Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Pledge Semester/Year: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Membership Type: (Please Select)

Alumnus (More than 4 years removed from Undergraduate) - \$50.00/year _____

Young Alumnus (2-4 years removed from Undergraduate) - \$25.00/year _____

1st Year Alumnus (Up to 1 year removed from Undergraduate) - Free/1st yr. _____

Checks should be made payable to: Alumni Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Inc.

Please fold form and remit with payment to:

Steele Hall

1046 Brighthurst Drive

Raleigh, NC 27605