

Winter 2022 Newsletter

SIGMA PI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, RHO CHAPTER



Website: www.ncsusigmapi.com/alumni
Facebook Group: Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Alumni

State of the Alumni Association

Alumni Association President, Brent Brewbaker provides an overview of the state of the association

Recap of Homecoming Weekend

Recap and photos of our Homecoming Weekend

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Chris Collins



ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING

When: February 26, 2022, 10am-12pm

Where: Active Chapter House
3408 Greek Way, Raleigh NC 27606

Founders' Day Annual Meeting Information

Please join us for our Annual Founders Day Alumni Association Meeting on February 26th from 10 am to 12pm at the active Chapter House, 3408 Greek Way Raleigh, NC 27606. The alumni association will provide coffee and doughnuts while the active brotherhood will be providing a BBQ lunch. The Wolfpack Basketball team will be facing off against UNC that afternoon so plan to stick around for a watch party or attend in person after the meeting. Some of you may notice that this location is a change from a previously communicated plan to go to Sammy's Tap and Grill. The alumni association feels that with all the work we have done to secure the Chapter House for the future, we should start to reap the benefits of using it for our events! We hope you are as excited as we are to host our Founder's Day meeting there. Another communication will be shared with the final details for Founders Day via email and on our Facebook Page but mark your calendar for February 26th.

State of the Alumni Association

Fellow Rho Alumnus,

It is my pleasure to report to you that our association, though slowed down by Covid over the past couple of years, is not only surviving, but rather continuing to thrive. Here are a few highlights, most of which you will read more about in other pieces of this newsletter.

- As we've reported many times, but since it was soooo good it is worth repeating, we ended our Capital Campaign last year raising a whopping \$1.15m that will allow us to purchase our "new" \$2m home. We've already collected some \$400k so far with many folks being ahead of their committed giving schedule. With a couple of large gifts set to post in the first half of this year, it appears likely that the July 2022 target close is a real possibility.
- Our Social Committee has had some really fun and well attended events lately.....don't miss out on the next one!!!
- Our revamped Membership Committee has made it super easy to set up your annual dues, hence not having to remember or be harassed each year...haha.
- Our Facebook page continues to grow, helping many old friends connect.
- Lastly, on the heels of the campaign, our contact list is in the best (accuracy) shape of it's career, so we should be toughing more and more folks each time.

I hope to see you next month at Founders' Day Meeting!!!!

ITB,

Brent Brewbaker, Alumni President

Social Update

We are thrilled that we were able to start hosting social events again last year! Thank you to all who attended our Annual Homecoming Weekend. The party at Jimmy Vs was a huge success with a fantastic turnout of over 100 alumni, significant others and active brothers. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future and we depend on a strong, active alumni association to do so. For those who were unable to attend, we certainly missed you and would love to see you come out to our next event.





Actives' Update

This past year, 2021, was one of Achievement and excitement for the active brotherhood here at Rho chapter. Not only were we able to celebrate 100 years of excellence and leadership on campus at NC State University but it also marked a milestone in our new member recruitment processes. The fall semester of 2021 yielded an unprecedented brother initiation of 23 men into the chapter all of which exemplify what it means to be a Sigma Pi. We were able to usher in this new generation of brothers while upholding standards of high morality, character, and expectation. It also marked a successful academic campaign for the brotherhood, in having over one fifth of our chapter being recognized on their respective college dean's list, nearly half of which are engineering students.

Unfortunately, due to the unfavorable circumstances of the pandemic, our renowned philanthropy event The Break the Silence 5k was unable to take place last year. This however will not be the case in 2022 as we work diligently to give back to our community and the cause we hold so dearly in our hearts. We plan to hold this event once again in the manner we have done before in the coming months and look forward to seeing as many alumni present as possible. The bonds of fellowship and family are as strong as ever here at Rho chapter and the brotherhood and I look forward to seeing you all on Founder's Day in February: Long Live Rho!

Best regards,
Ben Mull
Acting Sage, Sigma Pi Rho chapter



Alumni Spotlight: Chris Collins



This edition of the Alumni Spotlight highlights an alumnus with an impressive career in both the public and private sectors who has also been a very generous contributor to Rho Chapter's capital campaign. Chris Collins served four terms in the US Congress representing New York's 27th district. Chris also served Erie County as its County Executive bringing business oriented six sigma practices to the county government with tremendous results. Notably in the private sector, in 1998 Chris founded the infectious disease company ZeptoMetrix which played a key role in developing testing technology in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Chris sold the company in late 2020.

Chris spent his teenage years in Hendersonville, NC and applied and was accepted into NC State's Mechanical Engineering program in 1968. He pledged Rho chapter in 1969 and spent several semesters as Bar Chair. Chris enjoyed running the bar and has many fond memories with his brothers during that time. At the height of the protest movement against the war in Vietnam, this was a tumultuous time to be in college. Chris recalls that during his junior year, finals were canceled due to unrest on campus and in 1969 the active brothers created a betting pool for the first brother selected in the first ever draft lottery. Chris graduated NC State in 1972 and later was inducted into the North Carolina State University Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department Hall of Fame in 2015.

Chris is married to his wife Mary. He has three children, Carly, Caitlin, and Cameron and four grandchildren. He currently spends his time in Marco Island, FL where it is always 80 degrees, and he golfs six days a week.

The Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Alumni Association thanks Chris for his generous support of our Capital Campaign and continuing support of Rho chapter.



Treasurer's Report

The amount in Alumni General Operations as of 12-31-2021 totals \$362,038.09. Our General Operations are comprised of restricted funds of \$347,809.53 and unrestricted funds of \$14,228.53. The amount funds collected for pledges towards the purchase of the fraternity house is comprised of Capital Campaign Collections of \$284,084.79 and \$75,832.94 held with the Sigma PI Foundation for a grand total of \$359,917.73 at 12/31/21. 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.

Steele Hall
Treasurer

2021 Alumni			
Richard Adams	Samuel Dollyhigh	Konner Klingenberg	Wesley Owens
Terry Allen	David Drake	Peter Kolf	Larry Redman
Rick Anderson	John Eaton	Will Lackey	T. Brad Rivers
Jim Baggs	Chad Ellis	Alex Lasek	Greg Roberts
Gerhard Beyer	Adam Elshanawany	Curtis Ledford	John Ryan
Joanthan Boland	Thom Geshay	Robert Liverman	Rick Schmidt
Chad Bolick	Berkley Godehn	Caleb Lloyd	James Singer
Brent Brewbaker	Steve Grobman	Andrew Marbrey	Rob Sisson
Neil Britt	Steele Hall	Matthew McDonald	Grady Sykes
Kenneth Butler	Joel Harrell	Pat McKee	Brian Trent
Jeff Cline	Phil Hester	Paul "Speedy Mitchell	Raymond Uptegrove
Jack Cummings	Whitney Hill	Sam Monroe	Greg Warmuth
Ted Cunningham	Chris Brew Hultgren	Dave Naylor	Joe Watterson
Jack Daniels	Lock Ireland	Michael Nguyen	
Peter Daut	Shane Ireland	Jim Moran	
Dave Del Vecchio	Rick Kiernan	Brian Norris	

Membership Report

After a long social hiatus, it was great to finally see all of our members who could make it out at Jimmy V's for Homecoming! In the new year of 2022, the Alumni Association needs you now more than ever – it will be a busy year as we continue to work on purchasing the Fraternity House at Greek Way. Your membership supports housing and scholarship efforts for the active brotherhood as well as Alumni social events and gatherings.

Using our PayPal Subscription to pay your membership dues annually is the best way to ensure that you stay active! Please go to <https://www.ncsusigmapi.com/alumni> and click Subscribe. Alternatively, you can complete the form on the following page and mail it back with a check, or pay in-person at Founder's Day.

Our goal remains to reach at least 100 active members this year. I am happy to report that we already have off to a great start this year with 42 active members!

ITB,

Caleb Lloyd (Membership Director)

2022 Members:

Rich Adams	Thom Geshay*	Chip McDonell*
Terry Allen	Berkley Godehn	Pat McKee*
Brent Brewbaker*	Joel Harrell*	John Montague*
Chad Bolick*	Phil Hester*	Sam Monroe*
Jon Campos	Konner Klingenberg*	David Naylor*
Jeff Cline*	Pete Kolf*	Greg Nesbitt*
Jim Baggs	Will Lackey*	Brian Norris*
Joe Charles*	Alex Lasek*	Wes Owens*
Jay Dawkins*	Ersell Liles	Larry Redman
David DeVecchio*	Barry Morrow	Greg Roberts*
Sam Dollyhigh	Bill Monroe	John Ryan*
David Drake*	Curtis Ledford*	Brian Trent*
Chad Ellis*	Caleb Lloyd*	Greg Warmuth
Adam Elshanawany*	Andrew Marbrey*	Joseph Watterson*

* indicates active annual PayPal subscription



2022 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:

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1046 Brighthurst Drive

Raleigh, NC 27605