

# Summer 2023 Newsletter

SIGMA PI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, RHO CHAPTER



Website: [www.ncsusigmapi.com/alumni](http://www.ncsusigmapi.com/alumni)  
Facebook Group: Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Alumni

## State of the Alumni Association

Alumni Association President,  
Will Lackey provides an overview  
of the state of the association

## Summer Outing

Information on our evening of  
Friday Aug. 11 event

## Message from the Actives

Sage Jackson Stinson  
provides an update of Rho  
chapter.



## ACTIVES/ALUMNI CALL

When: August 21 at 8:00pm EDT

Where:

<https://zoom.us/j/98672338935?pwd=dktJMFNvZVp6dnN4cU1obUR4QXpvZz09>

Join 5 alumni speakers who will share  
their experiences with Rho with the actives  
and alumni participants.

## Summer Outing Announcement

Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Alumni,

Please join us for our Annual Summer Outing on August 11th at the Player's Retreat off Hillsborough Street starting at 6:30pm. All alumni and significant others are invited to attend. We plan to have a few tables both inside and outside for guests to have a meal and a couple drinks while catching up with new and old friends. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Check out our Facebook Page for more information and regular updates.

## State of the Alumni Association

Fellow Rho Alumni,

It is not an understatement to say that 2023 has been a challenging year for Rho, however it has also been a year of opportunity. In February, many of you attended our annual Founders' Day meeting where we learned from our national organization and from the University that the chapter had serious disciplinary and risk management issues and therefore faced the revocation of its charter and loss of recognition by the University. Additionally, National's identified several key actions the Alumni Association had to perform which have been completed and have already started making a positive impact on the active chapter. In March, Beta-Beta, the organization which owns the house the actives currently occupy on 3408 Greek Way, informed the alumni association that if we were going to purchase the house, it needed to be under contract by the end of this year. I am pleased to announce that while we are in early stages of this process, the alumni association has secured financing that along with our funds raised by the capital campaign is sufficient to purchase the property on 3408 Greek Way.

During the February meeting, Shelly Brown Dobeck the Director of Greek Life at NC State indicated the Office of Student Conduct would likely decide on the status of our recognition by the University at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year. This decision has not yet been made. We are expecting a decision by the end of the summer. We do anticipate losing recognition from the University, however the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the recently formed Alumni Advisory Board believe that this temporary (3-5 years) status is survivable and likely has some advantages for Rho. The major drawback of this status is the inability to participate in events with IFC fraternities. This includes formal rush, intermural sports, and Greek Week. There are some advantages to this status. Limitations the university has placed on our rush and philanthropic activities would no longer be in place. Additionally, the status would force Student Conduct to discipline individuals for their actions instead of punishing the entire organization. While we can afford to be without recognition temporarily, we would look to reestablish it as quickly as possible. On the other hand, our status with National must be maintained and we cannot operate as Sigma Pi without the charter.

## State of the Alumni Association (Continued)

During our February Founders' Day meeting, the CEO and Executive Director of National, Jonathan Frost, outlined the serious challenges the active chapter has been facing. To continue as a chartered chapter of Sigma Pi, Jonathan had two requirements for the alumni of Rho chapter. The first, was to formally charter our alumni association with the national organization. This has been done. The second, was to establish an Alumni Advisory Board to advise the chapter in all facets of its operations. This was also completed, and the board has had a very strong start. Shane Ireland has provided more details in his article in this newsletter.

The purchase of the property on 3408 Greek Way has been a goal of the Alumni Association for over ten years. There have been significant milestones on this journey including the sale of our original lot on Greek Way, the establishment of a Capital Campaign with the Pennington organization, and the completion of the campaign with over \$1.1M raised. Earlier this month we reached an agreement with a Rho alumnus to provide private financing to secure the purchase of the property on Greek Way. We are targeting a call in September with all the campaign donors to review and discuss the terms of the financing and the details of our offer to Beta-Beta.

Fraternally,

Will Lackey, Alumni President

## Social Update

Our social schedule continues as in years past with our usual 3 events. It was great to see many of you at Founder's Day earlier this year and we are looking forward to seeing many more of you at our upcoming Summer Outing and NC State Homecoming events.

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Please mark your calendars for the evening of Friday November 3rd, 2023 for our NC State Homecoming Event. We have seen this event grow to new heights in the last couple of years since we started hosting the event at Jimmy V's Restaurant in Downtown Raleigh. As always, significant others are welcome at our Annual Summer Outing and NC State Homecoming Event. More information to come on the details of the Homecoming Event via email or you can get more updates on our [Facebook Page](#).

## Capital Campaign Update

Fellow Alumni,

We are excited to provide an update on the Rho Chapter Capital Campaign and the eventual purchase of our permanent Chapter House. While Covid tried hard to derail us, it was only able to put bumps in our road!!! Our Active Brotherhood has had some challenges, but with the help of our Alumni Association, they've been able to navigate the situation. With a strong pledge class this fall, and the assumption that Covid will stand down and allow college to get back to normal, they should be ok!

First, the recap of the collection side.....

Total Pledges = \$1,161,622.82

Total Received (as of 7/5/2023) = \$615,482.97 (53%)

Total Balance to collect = \$546,193.85 (47%)

Total # of donors = 156

Total # of donors that have met 100% of their pledge = 27

While everyone's "schedule" is unique, it would be quite cumbersome to be exact with this statement, but...observing the list, there are several donors that are ahead of "pace", most right about on "pace", and a decent number of donors that are behind "pace". Most pledges were made between 2-3 years ago, so about 2.5 years ago on average, which would be about 50% of the 5-year collection period. If your specific payment date is past due, please consider addressing that and staying on schedule. If you have questions regarding your specific schedule, or anything else for that matter, contact Pennington (info on pledge sheet) or reach out to one of us (email addresses below).

Thanks to each and every one of our 156 donors!!!! Please stay the course!!! If you couldn't jump in a couple years ago, but would now like to, it is still not too late. Contact us!

ITB,

Jack Daniels & Brent Brewbaker (daniels1950@gmail.com / ncsubrew@aol.com)  
Co-Campaign Chairmen



## Actives' Update

We are thrilled to bring you Rho Chapter's latest updates and accomplishments during this past whirlwind semester. With the unwavering support from our National secured, we are eagerly looking ahead to the upcoming fall season. Collaborating closely with our esteemed chapter director and dedicated alumni board, we are determined to steer our chapter back on track and toward a promising future.

The anticipation builds as we prepare for an exciting fall with a projected number of 20+ brothers residing in the house. Moreover, we are actively pursuing the possibility of purchasing the house, a significant milestone with immense potential for our chapter. Our focus now shifts toward the fall rush, as we unite as a team, ready to put all hands-on deck and recruit a new pledge class that exemplifies our core values and possesses the qualities to lead us forward.

As we bid farewell to a few members who have recently transitioned into alumni status, we eagerly await the winter season when we can celebrate more graduates embarking on successful careers. Rho Chapter wholeheartedly acknowledges and appreciates the steadfast support of our alumni, and we are excited to witness it in full display this fall. We extend our deepest gratitude for your continued dedication and assure you that we will strive relentlessly to meet and surpass your expectations.

With gratitude and unity, we proudly declare: Long Live Rho!

Sincerely,  
Jackson Stinson  
Chapter President

## Treasurer's Report

The amount in Alumni General Operations Account is \$463,559.16, and the remaining amount in our Capital Campaign account is \$17,889.98 as of 06/30/2023. The Amount in the Alumni General Operations Account amount reflects a \$400,000 transfer out of the Capital Campaign account as we are in the process of opening 2 interest bearing accounts at other financial institutions earning 4.50% and 4.00%, respectively for our Capital Campaign Funds. In addition to earning interest, all of our funds held funds will be fully insured. In addition, the amount of Capital Campaign Contributions collected that are held with Sigma Pi National total \$191,331.32. This means that we have total Capital Campaign funds that are collected as of 06/30/2023 in the amount of \$609,222.30 with \$552,400.52 remaining to be collected.

I have attached a form that each alumnus can use to pay dues for 2023. If you have not already paid your dues for 2023, please complete the form and mail it back to me with a check. Also, you can pay us through PayPal. Simply go to the fraternity website at [www.ncsusigmapi.com](http://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 Membership supports an active brotherhood, funds the Annual Founder's Day Meeting, and partially funds our Friday Night Homecoming Party. If your name is not on the list, please consider giving.

ITB

Steele Hall

## Membership Report

We are halfway through 2023, and I am happy to report that we stand at 64 active members so far this year! There is still plenty of time left in the year to join or renew if you haven't already – memberships support 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.

ITB,

Caleb Lloyd (Membership Director)

### 2023 Members:

Chris Albers*	Adam Elshanawany*	Pat McKee*
Terry Allen	Thom Geshay*	Sam Monroe*
Jim Baggs	Bub Godehn	John Montague*
Peter Barnes*	Carey Gupton	Taylor Mosier*
Jon Boland	Joel Harrell*	Dave Naylor*
Chad Bolick*	Chris Heath*	Douglas Nesbitt
Brent Brewbaker*	Phil Hester*	Greg Nesbitt*
Neil Britt	Whitney Hill	Ken Nixon*
Joe Charles	Shane Ireland*	Brian Norris*
Jeff Cline*	Don Irvin*	Wes Owens*
Chris Collins	Jeff Karp*	Larry Redman
Ted Cunningham*	Konner Klingenberg*	Brad Rivers
Jack Daniels	Pete Kolf*	Greg Roberts*
Jay Dawkins*	Will Lackey*	John Ryan*
Dave DeVecchio*	Alex Lasek*	Mark Sommers*
Taylor Dillon*	Curtis Ledford*	John Suther*
David Drake*	Ersell Liles	Brian Trent*
Tommy Eagle*	Caleb Lloyd*	Mike Trefzger*
Eric Edgerton	Lloyd Mattingly	Greg Warmuth
Chad Ellis*	Chip McDonell*	Joe Watterson*
Steele Hall	Rich Adams	Lock Ireland
Vince White		

\* indicates active annual PayPal subscription

## Alumni Advisory Board Report

Over the past few months, we have put together an Advisory Board to assist the Actives at Rho Chapter with Guidance as they move forward. At our Founders Day meeting in February, it was decided there was a need for this board to be formed. Since that meeting, we formed the board with the following Alum's graciously donating their time to interact with an Active contact and a monthly meeting. I hope you will take a minute to reach out to each and thank them for doing so. The following have joined the board:

Recruitment Advisor: Dylan Brack ('17)  
Alumni Engagement Advisor: Zee Weaver ('88)  
Risk Management Advisor: David Delvecchio ('84)  
New Member Education Advisor: Stephen Chamberlain ('10)  
Public Relations and Campus Image Advisor: Sam Monroe ('70)  
Philanthropic/Community Service Advisor: Bob Ford ('68)  
Life/Professional Development Advisor: Mike Trefzger ('11)

Also, in talking with the Executive Council for the Active Chapter, we have set up an Alumni/Active Call for Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm EST. We are encouraging all Alumni to join this call to show our support for the Active chapter and the upcoming Rush for this Fall. More reminders to follow and the associated Zoom link is listed below:

<https://zoom.us/j/98672338935?pwd=dktJMFNvZVp6dnN4cU1obUR4QXpvZz09>

If anyone has any interest in getting involved with this board or has any ideas on how we can enhance the board's role please don't hesitate to reach out and let one of the board members know.

In the bond,

Shane Ireland

Fall '91





## 2023 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