

Spring 2025 Newsletter

SIGMA PI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, RHO CHAPTER



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Tournament
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Founders' Day Announcement

Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Alumni,

Looking ahead to 2025, you all should have received an email to attend our Annual Founders' Day Members Meeting on Feb 22nd from 11am-1pm at [Sammy's Tap and Grill](#). We hope to see many of you attend this event to make your voice heard on the next year's goals for our Alumni Association. There is a home NC State Basketball at 3pm that day so come out to Sammy's before you attend the game or hangout with your brothers to watch the game at Sammy's.

2025 Break the Silence 5K

The Sigma Pi Rho Chapter is proud to announce the upcoming **Break the Silence 5K**, taking place on **March 22, 2025, at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, NC**. This event is a cornerstone of our chapter's commitment to mental health awareness, and we need your support to make it a success.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our brothers, friends, and community, we raised **\$15,000** for mental health research and advocacy. This year, we're setting our sights even higher with a goal of **\$25,000**. So far, we have secured **10 sponsors and 30 registrants**—and that's **not even counting our active fraternity brothers!**

Your participation, whether by **registering to run, donating, or sponsoring**, directly contributes to breaking the stigma around mental health and funding crucial research. If you can't make it in person, there are still plenty of ways to get involved and show your support.

Join us in this mission by visiting BreakTheSilence5K.com to sign up or sponsor. Together, we can make this our most impactful year yet!

Notes:

1. This year, there is only registration for the in-person race, where T-shirts, race bibs, and wristbands will be provided for all participants.
2. Registration will be \$30, to account for all of the aforementioned items.
3. Sponsorships will vary from \$100 - \$2500+, each with different perks. With a sponsorship of \$500 or more, the company's logo will be placed on the back of the T-shirt.
4. For any specific questions, please reach out to our email, sigmapibreakthesilence5k@gmail.com or text/call 910-640-7404 (Andrew Cahn)

Social Update

2024 Homecoming Weekend Recap

We had another great year of social events in 2024 which was highlighted by our Annual Homecoming Weekend. This weekend kicked off on Friday where 16 alumni teed off at Wildwood Green Golf Club in North Raleigh for 18 holes of golf. This was a new event that we tried out and the reviews were highly positive so look out for this to be a staple of future Homecoming Weekends. Congrats to the winners of the net best ball match, Brian Norris, Vince Novosel, Matt Braswell and Steele Hall!



Later that evening we hosted the largest crowd we've had at the Homecoming Party in recent years. Over 80 alumni from the last 65 years attended the event at Mitch's Tavern for a great night of drinks, BBQ, and sharing old stories. Special shoutout to the group from the 1980s who traveled into town from all over the country. It was great to be able to hear from the Alumni Board and the Active's Advisory Board leadership on all the great things that both groups are doing. As a reminder, please consider renewing your [membership for the Alumni Association using recurring annual payments on PayPal](#).

First Annual Sigma Pi Rho Chapter Active & Alumni Golf Tournament

Lastly, I would like to announce a new event that the Active Chapter is hosting and extending the invitation to the Alumni Association. On March 29th at Lonnie Poole Golf Club, the active's have reserved several tee times from 1pm-3:30pm for a 4-man best ball tournament. The cost will be \$85 per person and will include green fees, cart fees, and contribution to the cash prize pool for the winning teams. This will be a handicapped event so everyone has a chance to win regardless of skill level.

Please sign up by the end of February by filling out [this form](#) and submitting payment one of the following ways:

Venmo: @LukeNelson11

CashApp:\$Lukepg11

PayPal: <https://www.paypal.com/pool/9c3W8iwph2?sr=wccr>

If you have any questions about the golf tournament please reach out to lukenelsonbusiness11@gmail.com. If you have any questions or feedback about social events in general please reach out to aelshanawany7@gmail.com.



Capital Campaign Update

Greetings to all fellow alumni! I hope 2025 has begun in a favorable way for you!!!

I just wanted to give a very brief update on the direction of the Housing Capital Campaign fundraiser that was conducted over the past several years. As I believe most know, we exceeded our \$1m goal by securing \$1.15m of pledges. The plan the entire time was to purchase the house that the Chapter had been renting for some 7 years for \$2m, which was comfortably below appraisal value and hugely below what it would cost to construct a new house. Unfortunately, through Covid and some other tough challenges, our Active Chapter couldn't sustain that specific house and were forced to move out. The Alumni Association, therefore, lost our option to purchase the house.

The Actives, along with the Alumni Association Board, are actively looking for a residence that would suit our needs. The likely path would be to initially rent, with the intent to purchase shortly down the road. All the monies that were collected, along with the pledges that are still coming in, are being safely kept in a restricted fund, accruing interest, and under the control of the Alumni Treasurer.

Thanks to all donors & please keep the (housing) faith!

ITB,

Jack Daniels & Brent Brewbaker (daniels1950@gmail.com / ncsubrew@aol.com)

Co-Campaign Chairmen

Treasurer's Report

I have attached a form that each alumnus can use to pay dues for 2025. If you have not already paid your dues for 2025, please complete the form and mail it back to Alex Lasek 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 continue to build a cushion in the operating account to assist with the needs of the active chapter. Your Alumni Association dues support an active brotherhood, pays expenses with the on-going management of our capital campaign collections from Pennington, allows us to conduct the Annual Founder's Day Meeting at 11:00AM February 22nd, and pay for a venue to sponsor our Friday Night Homecoming Party in the fall. We continue to have an aggressive goal of receiving dues from 100 alumni in 2025. In 2024, we received dues from the 63 alumni that are listed below. 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. Thank you for supporting our efforts in 2024. This is my final report as your Treasurer, and it has been my pleasure to serve you since 2008. Alex Lasek will be succeeding me going forward and I wish him the best.

ITB

Steele Hall

2024 Alumni			
Richard Adams	Thomas Eagle	Curtis Ledford	Randall Smith
Terry Allen	Chad Ellis	Robert Liverman	Mark Sommers
Jim Baggs	Adam Elshanawany	Caleb Lloyd	John Kerm Suther
Peter Barnes	Bob Ford	Chip McDonell	Brian Trent
Joanthan Boland	Thom Geshay	Pat McKee	Michael Trefzger
Chad Bolick	Berkley Godehn	Bill Monroe	Raymond Uptegrove
Brent Brewbaker	Steele Hall	Sam Monroe	Greg Warmuth
Neil Britt	Joel Harrell	John Montague	Joe Watterson
Joe Charles	Chris Heath	Taylor Mosier	Vince White
Jeff Cline	Phil Hester	Dave Naylor	
Matthew Cox	Shane Ireland	Greg Nesbitt	
Ted Cunningham	Donald Irvin	Ken Nixon	
Jack Daniels	Jeff Karp	Brian Norris	
Jay Dawkins	Rick Kiernan	Wesley Owens	
Dave Del Vecchio	Konner Klingenberg	Larry Redman	
Taylor Dillon	Peter Kolf	T. Brad Rivers	
Samuel Dollyhigh	Will Lackey	Greg Roberts	
David Drake	Alex Lasek	John Ryan	

Alumni Advisory Board Report

Dear Alum's,

I hope all is going well and your year is off to a great start!

I wanted to provide an update of what has been happening over the past few months with our Chapter.

I'm pleased to announce that the active Chapter initiated 18 new brothers last Semester, and they begin this Semester with 65 active Brothers. The house has made an excellent recovery and increased their size over the past 18 months all while not being recognized on Campus and having no Permanent House Residence beginning in August of 2024.

I'm told that the Spring Rush is going excellent and will help offset a portion of the 25 actives that are scheduled to graduate this semester.

I'm also told that the Active's had a cumulative 3.31 Grade Point Average for the Fall 2024 semester. That is a great accomplishment, and the house should be commended.

We also held the "2" annual Resume Class for the Chapter in early November. It was attended by approximately 30 brothers. It was well received, and they are eager for us to put this on the calendar again next year. Also, a special Thank You to James Miller, John Suther, and David Delvecchio for all the preparation time they put into making this a success by gathering, reviewing, and creating feedback for the submitted resumes and then for James and John meeting with the Chapter to put on the class. I'm hoping to recruit them again next year to assist with the class (Subtle Hint).

Coming up on February 18th, I have scheduled for my Financial Advisor to come to the Chapter and lead an introduction to Investing Class for the Chapter. We are excited about another successful class for the Chapter.

Next, I hope everyone is able to attend the upcoming Founders Day meeting on Feb 22nd. I believe it will be held at Sammy's Taproom at 11 am. We have several positive developments with the chapter and hope to be able to announce even more at that time.

Finally, I would welcome anyone that would wish to join the advisory board beginning Jan of 2026. We have been working with the chapter for the past 2 years and there are possibly a couple of spots that will open for the 2026 calendar year. Ideally, we would want a 2-year commitment at a minimum. Feel free to reach out to me if interested in what the Advisory Board provides and what your responsibilities would be.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and take care,

Shane Ireland

Advisory Board Chair



2025 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:

Alex Lasek

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Raleigh, NC 27604