

Winter Newsletter

SIGMA PI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, RHO CHAPTER



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Rho Chapter Housing

What's New? Lots of Activity!!!!

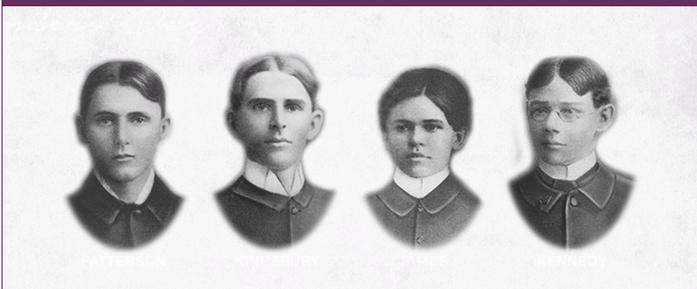
Come to Founders' Day Meeting on February 23rd to find out more about the Alumni Association Board hiring Pennington & Company!!!!

Homecoming 2018 Recap

President Brent Brewbaker recaps our annual Homecoming event.

Message from the Actives

Sage Kyle Solomon provides an update of Rho chapter.



SAVE THE DATE!

The alumni association will host our annual Founders' Day meeting on February 23, 2019 starting at 10:00 am at the Players' Retreat. 105 Oberlin Rd, Raleigh NC 27605

Homecoming 2018 Recap

As I type this summary, I realize that many more of you than normal actually attended the Friday night, November 2nd, Sigma Pi gathering, starting off the Homecoming Weekend with a bang. We had a truly great turnout at Mitch's Tavern, as it seemed like we made up about 95% of the 250+/- person crowd there that night. However, since a few of you may not have been able to attend, please allow me to say a few words about it.

With extremely short notice, we had to call an audible and have the Party at Mitch's (an old Sigma Pi standby, to say the least) instead of at the Fraternity House. The place was packed! There were lots of Alumni from all generations, along with tons of spouses/significant others. The Active Brotherhood showed huge support for the event, not only turning out in large numbers, but bringing many attractive young ladies with them. Best part of all, to see many of the Actives and Alumni co-mingling and sharing stories of new and old. A huge thank you goes out to Will Lackey for his efforts in making all the arrangements to "Save the Day"!

Currently, there is substantial excitement surrounding Sigma Pi at NC State! Already one of the top fraternities on campus, they are coming off a semester with a great pledge class, solid grades, successful intramural sports, fantastic philanthropy, etc., throw in all the talk about a new Chapter House.....Wow!!!

Come get involved and see for yourself!!!

ITB,

Brent Brewbaker (Alumni President)

Message from the Actives

Alumni of Sigma Pi, my name is Kyle Solomon and I am the newly elected Sage of Rho Chapter for the coming year. I am a Junior majoring in Psychology. The new executive council for this year is Mark Sommers (2nd Counselor), Ben Knight (3rd Counselor), Sean Wingo (4th Counselor), Jake Meier (1st Counselor), and Dylan Brack (Herald). The brothers of Rho Chapter are pleased to announce that 72 active brothers will be returning this spring semester. Five brothers graduated in the fall semester and we wish them the best in their careers and life after college. We initiated 22 new members in the fall semester which was a little bit below our goal of 25 going into recruitment, however, all of the new brothers are high achievers and I believe they will be future leaders in the fraternity. I have not yet received the overall fraternity grade report from the university yet, but I am very pleased to announce that 22 brothers made the Dean's list last fall, and the majority of the brotherhood seemed to have successful semesters. Myself, 2nd Counselor Mark Sommers, and 4th Counselor Sean Wingo attended Mid-Year conference in Kansas City from January 3rd-6th this year. At the conference we learned how to be effective leaders within the fraternity and in life in general, as well as networked with other Sigma Pi chapters. The 9th annual Break the Silence 5k will be held on March 23rd this year at Wake Med Soccer Park, registration for the event is available at www.ncsubreakthesilence.com. The number of participants in the 5k has grown every year and we continue to raise more money each year for the counseling center on campus as well as raise awareness for mental health, so please come out and support this year!

Thanks,

Kyle Solomon
Sage, Rho Chapter

Treasurer's Report

Be sure to put Saturday, February 23th on your calendar for our annual Sigma Pi Alumni Association meeting at the Players Retreat (PR) just off Hillsborough Street starting at 10:00 am. We will have a good meeting in a relaxed atmosphere and many of us will likely stay for Lunch afterwards.

We are continuing our push to grow the Alumni Association, and one of the best ways to help is for each of us to contact brothers from our era and get them involved. Many thanks to the 66 dues paying members that contributed in 2018 (See list below).

The amount in Alumni General Operations as of 08-02-18 totals \$229,642.20. Our General Operations are comprised of restricted funds of \$225,186.36 and unrestricted funds of \$4,455.84. The restricted funds are largely comprised of funds received from the sale of our Greek Way Lot and proceeds that the fraternity received from terminating its lease at their previous residence on Hillsborough St. To sell the lot we agreed to provide financing of \$75,000 to the buyer Nu Sigma Land Development, LLC (known as Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity). To date, Nu Sigma has repaid principal of

\$60,000 and has \$15,000 plus interest remaining that is due and payable. On 06/27/18, the board invested \$200,000 in a 12 month CD drawing 2.50%. We will continue to invest funds until we are able to purchase a new house for the actives.

I have attached a form that each alumnus can use to pay dues for 2019. If you have not already paid your dues for 2019, 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 at Players Retreat (PR) in February, and sponsors a Friday Night Homecoming Party in the fall for our Alumni to attend. 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 2019.

ITB

Steele Hall
Treasurer

2018 Alumni		
Richard Adams	Chad Ellis	Pat McKee
Terry Allen	Robert Ford	Wayne Miller
Rick Anderson	Ross Franklin	Bill Monroe
Jim Baggs	Thomas Geshay	Barry Morrow
Peter Barnes	Berkley Godehn	Doug Nesbitt
Joanthan Boland	Greg Gmyr	Greg Nesbitt
Brent Brewbaker	Carey Gupton	Nolan Newell
Neil Britt	Steele Hall	Michael Nguyen
Don Bullock	Chris "Brew" Hultgren	Brian Norris
Bill "Twig" Bunn	Gerald Hurst	Larry Redman
George Burnette	Dan Ingram	T. Brad Rivers
James Caddell	Trevor Israel	Greg Roberts
Roy Carawan	Shane Ireland	Rick Schmidt
Jason Cashwell	Jan Jenson	James Singer
Eugene Clements (PK)	David Johnson	Randall Smith
Jeff Cline	Michael Kaney	Dieter Steinhart (PK)
Jack Cummings	Rick Kiernan	Grady Sykes
Ted Cunningham	Dave Kohut	Mike Talbot
Jack Daniels	Pete "PK" Kolf	Don Thompson
Peter Daut (PK)	Will Lackey	Brian Tyler
David DeVecchio	Curtis Ledford	Raymond Uptegrove
Jarrold Dixon	Caleb Lloyd	Jesse Walsh (PK)



2019 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

Scholarship

Several years ago, the actives approached the Board of Directors asking for help in establishing a scholarship program for new members. The board approved issuing three scholarships of \$100 each to three new members who excel academically while meeting their obligations to the Fraternity. Additionally, the board has presented the active brotherhood with a plaque which is displayed in the house recording the names of the scholarship winners.

The scholarship program is now entering its fourth year. At this year's Founder's Day meeting, the Fall 2018 semester scholarships will be awarded to new members Matthew Watson, Trevor Champion, and Andrew McKee.

The scholarships are named Sigma, Pi, and Rho. The hope of the board is that alumni will fund one of the scholarships each semester. Donors will also be listed on the plaque.

Please join me in congratulating the scholarship winners. If you would like to participate in the new member scholarship program this semester, please contact me at will.lackey@gmail.com or 479-295-6620.

In the Bond,

Will Lackey
Vice President

Member Bulletin Board

Have a message you would like to share with the Alumni Association? Email the board at ncsusigmaalumni@gmail.com with your request!

Zach Fearnside, fall 15 alum, cofounded a technology startup that has developed a method to speed up the aging process for liquor by over 100x. His company, Aeva Labs, has tested the technology with over 20 distilleries in NC, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. They've recently closed their first contract and are deploying equipment to their first distillery in March of 2019. Zach is interested in meeting other entrepreneurs, food/bev professionals, and angel investors. Feel free to reach out to him at 828-595-1544 or zach@aevalabs.com