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Dr. Ronald W. Roskens, PMF, Alpha Eta '53 (University of Northern Iowa), is a 1987 recipient of the NIC Gold Medal. The Gold Medal is the highest award of the National Interfraternity Conference, the federation of 59 men's general college fraternities. He is the first Sigma Tau Gamma recipient of the award.

The award is presented based upon a number of criteria, including: distinguished service to youth, devoted service to the fraternity movement, and the promotion of sound educational attainment.

Dr. Roskens, 15th national president of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, received the award on December 4, 1987 at the National Interfraternal Conference (NIC).

Dr. Roskens served on the Sigma Tau Gamma Board of Directors from 1962 to 1974. He was national president from 1968 to 1970. He served as a trustee of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation from 1974-1983. Prior to his Board service, he was a Providence Governor and National Educational Advisor, a former Board-appointed position.

Dr. Roskens was a participant in the American College Fraternity Bicentennial Commission. He is currently a director of the Center for the Study of the College Fraternity and president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national college leadership recognition society.

Dr. Roskens is president of the three-campus University of Nebraska system, having been promoted to that position in 1977 from the chancellorship at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. His first higher education position was as fraternity advisor at the University of Iowa, where he received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology.

As an NIC Gold Medal recipient, Dr. Roskens joins such luminaries as president Ronald Reagan of Tau Kappa Epsilon, and U.S. Senators Barry Goldwater of Sigma Chi and John Tower of Kappa Sigma.



Dr. William R. Nester (right), an NIC Director and President of Kearny State College, presenting the NIC Gold Medal to Dr. Ronald W. Roskens.

To read more about Dr. Ronald W. Roskens, go to page 8.

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A letter from the president

Excellence!

By Thomas Morgan, Esq., Phi '85,
37th National President



“We choose to go to the moon ... and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard ...”

— President John F. Kennedy (1962)

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy challenged America with those inspiring words. Brothers, today I say to you “It is time for Sigma Tau Gamma to shoot for the moon!” We can be one of the great fraternities in America. We will do this through excellence and by embracing that there is ONE Sigma Tau Gamma.

As a little kid sitting in one of those little school desks watching the moon landings, it was just amazing. There were men, Americans, up there walking around on the moon! The moon! It stirred my imagination. It made me realize that we really can do anything we set our minds to. Then as a grown man, I realized that those guys didn’t get there by just dreaming, or sitting around talking. They took action. They worked hard. They all pulled together. They demanded excellence in all that they did. They strove for superior performance. And ... most importantly ... they worked together, took unified action, and were an excellent team!

Our Principle of Excellence challenges us to “strive for superior performance.” In order for us to reach our dreams, we must all do the same. In everything we do, we must be excellent. Whether in our fraternity work or in our personal and work lives, we must always strive for superior performance.

There is ONE Sigma Tau Gamma. We must all pull together to make great things happen. Whether we are a collegiate or alumni member, a volunteer or on staff, a chapter officer or chapter advisor, we must all work together toward the common goal of a great Sigma Tau Gamma. And, we should realize we are all connected. Men from different generations, parts of the country, walks of life, we are all Sigma Tau Gamma. It can be easy to see just our own chapter. But, we have chapters from Massachusetts to Arizona, from Minnesota to Florida. We share the same ritual, purposes, principles and brotherhood. Regardless of our own chapter, our brothers in other chapters are building the same lifelong brotherhood and friendships, and sharing the same great experiences. Some of my most cherished friendships are those I made with brothers from around the country. It’s something that makes Sig Tau special. We are all brothers together. So, we should all pull together in excellence and build a great Sigma Tau Gamma.

“In a very real sense, it will not be one man going to the moon ... it will be an entire nation. For all of us must work to put him there.”

— President John F. Kennedy

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(Main) Attendees of the 45th Grand Chapter. (Bottom left) National White Rose Sweetheart Finalists **Kristee Elliott, Julie Kenner,** and **Jessica Grenard.** (Middle) **Paul Szczesny** and **Joe Gallo.** (Bottom right) Brothers at Arlington National Cemetery.

A special thank you to **Erik Kahl**, Beta Kappa '10, and **Travis Dickison**, Gamma Phi PC '15, for their contributions to the 45th Grand Chapter. Photos are courtesy of Brother Kahl and video courtesy of Brother Dickison.

Beta Gamma (Youngstown State University)

Ryan O'Dell, '14, **Tyterieon Wright**, '15, (second time winner) and **Zachary Chaffin**, '13, received the 2012 Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Gamma Alumni Scholarship Award. They each received a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2012 semester through the contributions of the Beta Gamma Alumni. **4**

Delta (Emporia State University)

The Delta Chapter spent the summer helping with new student orientations, hosting barbecues, and attending professional baseball games. Over the summer, the men of the Delta Chapter signed 11 new associate members for the fall semester and had a goal of 25.

Gamma Phi PC (University of Southern Indiana)

To raise money for the 45th Grand Chapter and to help purchase cooking items for future festivals, the Gamma Phi provisional chapter worked the ShrinerFest in Evansville, IN. The Gamma Phi provisional chapter is known for their homemade strombolis and has previously sold them at different street festivals in Indiana. The Brothers worked the booth 11 hours a day for four days selling their strombolis and almost reached their goal of \$800.

Psi (Central Michigan University)

After a year of planning, the new Psi Chapter house is complete with a large chapter room. "We believe that this new chapter house will help us with many things down the road such as enhanced Greek community, university relations, restoring alumni connections and an excellent spot for brothers to come closer together," chapter president **Zachary Spadaro**, '15, said. **2**

Epsilon Rho (Salisbury University)

This past spring, the brothers of Epsilon Rho recruited their largest associate class with 25 new brothers. Chapter president **Paul Dierdorff**, '14, wants "every brother to give their hardest to prepare and recruit for the upcoming fall and even harder for the following spring so Epsilon Rho can match the same recruiting numbers." **3**

Epsilon Delta (University of Massachusetts-Lowell)

For the past 5 years, the Epsilon Delta Chapter has worked at the NASCAR Races Up fundraiser at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. This July, the brothers raised more than \$2,000 for the chapter with the help of 15 brothers and friends. This fall, they are working another NASCAR fundraiser as well as participating in Warrior Dash to raise money. **1**

Brothers Honored in Greek Academic Fraternities

Gamma Sigma Alpha welcomed five Sigma Tau Gamma members into their academic fraternity. Membership into Gamma Sigma Alpha is based specifically on academic achievement with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above at the start of their junior year or a GPA average of 3.5 or higher in any semester during their junior or senior year. These brothers are:

Christopher Kabb, Epsilon Pi '13 (University at Buffalo – SUNY)

Jesse Maund, Beta Iota '11 (California University of Pennsylvania)

Kent Ellis, Beta Mu '14 (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh)

Kyle Kreig, Epsilon Lambda '12 (SUNY Plattsburgh)

Nick Lavigne, Epsilon Lambda '12 (SUNY Plattsburgh)

The national Order of Omega initiated nine Sigma Tau Gamma members and one alumnus during the 2011-2012 school year. Order of Omega is an honor society for students

involved in Greek life and who are in the top three percent GPA at their college or university. These brothers are:

Travis Battiest, Beta Gamma '11 (Youngstown State University)

Tarell Benton, Beta Zeta '12 (University of Central Oklahoma)

Charles Hinds IV, Epsilon Rho '13 (Salisbury University)

Stephen Sheppard, Epsilon Mu '12 (Marshall University)

Jonhathan Silva, Epsilon Lambda '12 (SUNY Plattsburgh)

Thomas Smith, Gamma Rho '13 (Cameron University)

Benjamin Snyder, Beta Iota '12 (California University of Pennsylvania)

Cody Snyder, Beta Iota '12 (California University of Pennsylvania)

Kevin Stieb, Gamma Rho '13 (Cameron University)

Lee Tabor, Epsilon Mu '05 (Marshall University)



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1 Epsilon Delta Chapter working the NASCAR Races Up fundraiser at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. **2** The new Psi Chapter house. **3** Epsilon Rho's largest associate class of 25 new brothers. **4** The 2012 Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Gamma Alumni Scholarship Award recipients O'Dell, Wright, and Beta Gamma White Rose Sweetheart Mary Michaels, accepting for Chaffin.

"Proud to be a Sig Tau"

By Timothy Paul, Iota '98 (Kent State University)

I have a family member who lives outside of St. Louis and has been going through some personal struggles. She has decided that it would be better for her to move back to Ohio where she will be closer to family. Unfortunately, she has some physical restrictions and would be unable to perform some of the major tasks of packing, loading, and moving her belongings. Knowing that I would not be able to take time off work to make the trip out to St. Louis, I asked the Gamma Theta Chapter (University of Missouri-St. Louis) if they would be willing to help out.

Without any hesitation, the collegiate members of Gamma Theta Chapter jumped at the opportunity to help with the move. The response I received from the chapter was "how many guys do you need and when do you need them?" They are truly some remarkable young men and have made Sigma Tau Gamma proud. It is so nice to see that the Fraternity principles are alive and well and continue to thrive in our brotherhood.



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INTRODUCING

THE 2012-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*From left: Mike Ray, Jeff Russo, Jonathan Proehl,
Richard Harguindeguy, Tom Morgan, Doug Haman,
Jim Johnston, and Alyx Parker*



The 45th Grand Chapter carried on a strong tradition of leadership by electing the new Board of Directors. Made up of eight brothers, the Board of Directors is the governing board for Sigma Tau Gamma. The Board of Directors welcomes two new directors – **Doug Haman**, Delta Rho '95 (Miami University) and **Jim Johnston**, Delta Xi '01 (Carnegie Mellon University). This biennium will be the second time Brother Haman and Brother Johnston have served on the Board. Brother Haman served from 2006-2008 and Brother Johnston served from 2008-2010.

Brother Haman served as the vice president of intellectual property and legal advisor from 2002-2006 and the chapter advisor and housing corporation officer for the Delta Rho Chapter. He served on the headquarters staff as General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer from 2008-2010.

Brother Johnston has served as vice president of instructional programming and assistant dean of the 2007 and 2008 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders, Regional Vice President of the Three Rivers Region from 2002-2006, 2010-2012 and as president of the Delta Xi Alumni Association from 2002-2004. Brother Johnston was an Ellsworth C. Dent "Man of the Year" finalist in 2001 and recipient of the Winebrenner Medal for Distinguished Fraternity Service in 2007.

A special thank you goes to two brothers for their years of dedication and service to the Fraternity by serving on the Board of Directors. **Greg Rumpf**, Beta '79 (Truman State University) completed eight years of service on the Board of Directors and 33rd National President **D.W. Cole**, Beta '81, completed 14 years of service.

2012-2014 Board of Directors

Tom Morgan, CMF, Phi '85 (Southeastern Louisiana University) was installed as the 37th National President after having been elected as President-elect at the 44th Grand

Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio in 2010. He was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2008.

Alyx Parker, NMF, Alpha Chi '97 (University of Illinois) will become the 38th National President in 2014, having been elected as President-elect at the 45th Grand Chapter. He was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2010.

Doug Haman, CMF, Delta Rho '95 (Miami University) was elected to the Board of Directors this year at the 45th Grand Chapter as a director. This is his second time serving on the Board.

Jim Johnston, PMF, Delta Xi '01 (Carnegie Mellon University) was elected to the Board of Directors this year at the 45th Grand Chapter as a director. This is his second time serving on the Board.

Jonathan Proehl, NMF, Gamma Nu '99 (University of Wisconsin-River Falls) was re-elected and has served on the Board of Directors since 2008.

Mike Ray, NMF, Beta Gamma '01 (Youngstown State University) was re-elected and has served on the Board of Directors since 2010.

Richard Harguindeguy, DMF, Beta Omicron '78 (Northland College) served as the 36th National President and has served on the Board of Directors since 2002 and continues as immediate past president.

Jeff Russo, IMF, Delta Xi '88 (Carnegie Mellon University) served as the 35th National President and has served on the Board of Directors since 2000 and continues as senior past president.

For a full biography of the 2012-2014 Board of Directors, please visit www.sigmataugamma.org



Szczesny Elevated to the Society of Seventeen

Paul Szczesny, DMF-D, Gamma Chi '81 (Michigan Technological University), became a member of the Society of Seventeen at the 45th Grand Chapter during a ceremony held at the Principle of Leadership Banquet. Brother Szczesny is the senior vice president of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation and has served as a Foundation Trustee since 1989.

Brother Szczesny's service to Sigma Tau Gamma began at Michigan Technological University where he majored in chemical engineering. In the Gamma Chi Chapter, he served as president and director of the alumni association. In 1981, Brother Szczesny was an Ellsworth C. Dent "Man of the Year" finalist.

After graduation, Brother Szczesny became the district governor for the Omicron and Beta Theta chapters and was named the 1986 Outstanding District Director at the 32nd Grand Chapter in St. Louis, Mo. At the 1995 National Conclave, Brother Szczesny was the recipient of the "Prof" Grubbs Distinguished Advisor

Award for his contributions as the alumni advisor to the Gamma Chi Chapter.

In 1996, at the James C. Kirkpatrick Grand Chapter in Washington D.C., Brother Szczesny was appointed Regional Vice President for the Great Lakes Region, where he served for four years. In 1998, he became a member of the Hembree Guild and in 2010 he was the recipient of the Millsap Distinguished Service Award.

Today, Brother Szczesny is a research associate at S.C. Johnson & Son in Wisconsin. He continues as chapter advisor and mentor to the Gamma Chi Chapter.

The Society of Seventeen represents the highest achievement in the 17-level Path of Principles. Members of the society serve as an example to us all about lifetime dedication to our Principles. For more information on the Path of Principles (including how to determine your level or buy a stole), visit www.pathofprinciples.org.

2012-2014 Regional Volunteers

For each of Sigma Tau Gamma's five regions, there is a Regional Vice President who works as the chief administration officer of his region and plans the Regional Conclave. District Directors assist the Regional Vice President by acting as a resource to chapter advisors and helping in the coordination of regional planning. Below are the Regional Volunteers for the 2012-2014 biennium:

Atlantic Coast Region

- Regional Vice President - **Ken Vaughn**, Delta Delta '86

The Atlantic Coast Region is currently seeking alumni volunteers for the positions of New England and Mid-Atlantic District Director. If interested, please contact the Headquarters.

Three Rivers Region

- Regional Vice President - **Lee Tabor**, Epsilon Mu '05
- Erie Shore District Director - **Zach Brown**, Beta Gamma '10
- Allegheny District Director - **Nate Dixon**, Beta Iota '12

Great Lakes Region

- Regional Vice President - **Tom Connell**, Beta Kappa '08
- Lakeland District Director - **Erik Kahl**, Beta Kappa '10
- Wabash District Director - **Zac Garner**, Delta Tau '05
- Wabash District Director - **Michael Van Camp**, Delta Tau '07

Great Plains Region

- Regional Vice President - **Jeremiah King**, Alpha Omega '05
- Missouri Valley District Director - **Dustin Wolfe**, Delta Iota '03
- Mississippi Valley District Director - **Bobby Slater**, Alpha Omega '08

Southern Region

- Regional Vice President - **Drew Allen**, Gamma Omega '06
- Gold Coast District Director - **Ryan Emmons**, Gamma Pi '03
- Red River District Director - To be appointed

LIFETIME LEADERSHIP



Dr. Ronald Roskens at the Path of Principles Dinner at the 45th Grand Chapter.

Dr. Ronald Roskens, Alpha Eta '53 (University of Northern Iowa) spoke about lifetime leadership during the Path of Principles Dinner on August 3, 2012, at the 45th Grand Chapter.

Brother Roskens expressed that Sigma Tau Gamma has the potential to become one of the most admired fraternities in the country, and though we are close, we have not yet reached that status. One of the factors standing in our way is the way we measure ourselves.

“The determining factor in measuring ourselves against other fraternities is quality, not quantity,” Roskens said.

According to Roskens, there are three current and potentially serious problems that are keeping the Fraternity from fulfilling its true potential.

First, we cannot stray from our critical objective of Unity. There are times when we do not act brotherly towards one another, and many lifetime leaders of the Fraternity, such as Earl A. Webb, Basil Hunt and Bill Hembree, have long placed emphasis on respecting others with differing points of view, particularly when dealing with controversy.

Second, we have not been as successful as we could have been in generating funds to endow and ensure the longevity of our Lifetime Leadership objectives. Brother Roskens noted that for many years “colleges and universities have relied on alumni as primary sources of funds. They discovered that many individuals

and businesses would respond positively to requests for funds designated for a program in which they saw potential. Lifetime Leadership implies that we will capitalize on this objective.”

Third, it is important to review and revise membership practices on boards and committees. Brother Roskens suggested that short term leadership opportunities can be helpful for younger members in taking roles in their chapters, and would give older and longer-serving members the chance to counsel and provide advice when needed.

The Future

“Changes are inevitable in every area, especially in our Fraternity,” Roskens said. “We need to examine the prospects for growth and expansion, but I believe that there are other avenues to be explored.”

He stated that we have two options for the future. We can continue with our present operational mode of holding a Grand Chapter every other year, where we sometimes show our dark sides and bargain with mediocrity. Alternatively, we could acknowledge our vulnerability and concentrate immediately on the future viability of Sig Tau, focusing on how that future can be assured. As Brothers of Sig Tau, we all have a role to play. We should not rely on a committee, but all do our part and participate. It is important that we maintain this goal of Lifetime Leadership and renewal, and change must be accomplished in a hospitable manner.

Sig Tau Brothers Remembered at Arlington National Cemetery

By Gage Crosen, CSM Beta Iota '14 (California University of Pennsylvania)

I was chosen as one of the four brothers to participate in the Tomb of the Unknowns wreath-laying ceremony during the 45th Grand Chapter in Washington D.C. Before the wreath ceremony began, I was joined by director of expansion **Michael Smoll**, Delta '03, 36th National President **Richard Harguindeguy**, Beta Omicron '78, and Navy Veteran **Ben Holdren**, Alpha Lambda '14, for a quick briefing by one of the guards about our responsibilities for the ceremony. As he was explaining everything, I felt a strong sense of pride not only for my fellow members of the military, but also for the brothers of my fraternity.

The presentation of the wreath was a tremendous experience. The three brothers, the guard, and myself walked through the crowd of brothers and spectators to present the wreath. National President Harguindeguy and I carried the wreath to the Tomb and then laid it down with the help of the guard. We then rejoined the group

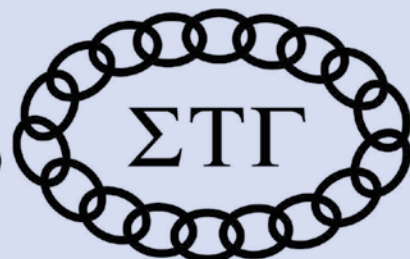


Gage Crosen (left) and **Richard Harguindeguy** present the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

and placed our hands over our hearts while another guard began to play “Taps” on a bugle. At the conclusion of “Taps,” we then made an about face and began marching away from the Tomb.

It was at that moment that I realized that I had joined an organization that was not filled with fellow members; rather it was filled with my brothers. The wreath-laying ceremony was something that I cannot compare to anything else. It filled me with pride, for my brothers in the Armed Forces, my Fraternity, and my Country. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that I was given at Arlington National Cemetery.

PROJECT LEADERSHIP



1400 UNITED TO ADVANCE THE CHAIN OF HONOR

Each of us took an oath of lifelong loyalty to Sigma Tau Gamma. While in college, Sigma Tau Gamma was in many ways our life. After graduation, we moved on to different stages of life, with different responsibilities. Our Sigma Tau Gamma Principles helped to prepare us for these new responsibilities. We still care about our brotherhood, but our family and career responsibilities must be primary. The challenge is how do we continue to live up to our lifelong brotherhood commitment? The answer is by paying it back by paying it forward to help out younger brothers in our own chapter who follow in our footsteps through Project LEADERSHIP.

The objective of Project LEADERSHIP is to double the number of annual donors to the Fraternity to 1,400 and raise \$250,000 by 2015. This is the first major campaign since the \$1 million Project PITCH Campaign in the 1980s.

The proceeds collected from Project LEADERSHIP will be used in three primary ways:

- There will be membership recruitment workshops that will be delivered by professional trainers.
- Leadership grants will be given to individual members so they can attend regional and national meetings through the Heritage Fund.
- It will provide increased funding for chapter presidents to attend the Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders.

You can start by making a pledge with the commitment form which can be found on the Sigma Tau Gamma website. After you have made the pledge, let everyone know! Use the hashtags #STG1400 and #STGWhatsYourNumber on Twitter and Facebook.



THE STATE OF THE FRATERNITY ADDRESS

At the Opening ceremonies on August 2, 2012, Sigma Tau Gamma's 36th National President Richard Harguindeguy, Beta Omicron, '78, presented the State of the Fraternity Address. This address gave attendees a review of the Fraternity from the 2011-2012 school year along with plans for the future.

Headquarters Field Staff

The Headquarters field staff is comprised of two departments - chapter development and expansion. The Chapter Development Department is focused on working with existing chapters, volunteers and the development of regional and national programming. The Expansion Department is focused primarily on building relationships with potential host institutions, opening new chapters and working with provisional chapters as they move towards chartering. This year, revenue growth has been invested into staffing. With this additional funding, the chapter development department was able to add another chapter development counselor with the hiring of **Alex Williams**, Delta Alpha '12.

During the 2011-2012 school year, the field staff serviced 40 existing chapters and eight expansion projects. The chapters that did not receive service visits last year will be visited this fall.

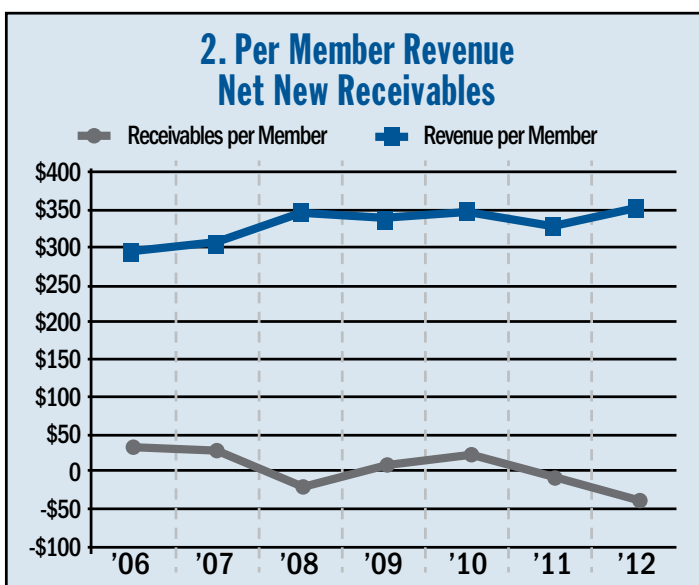
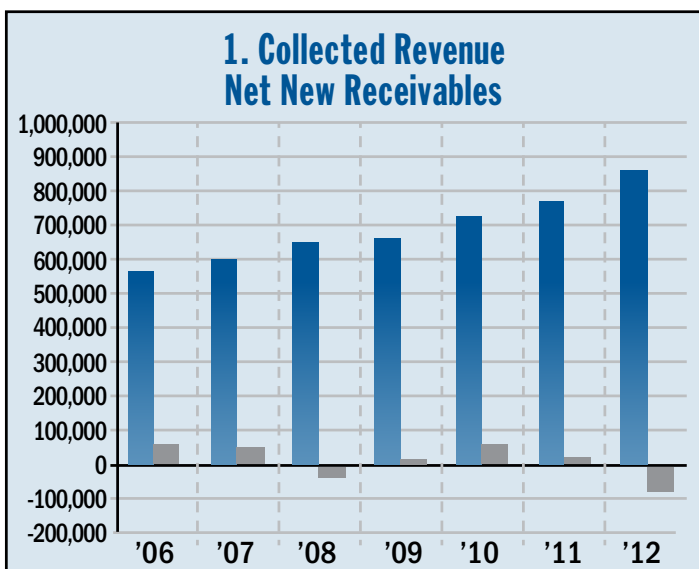
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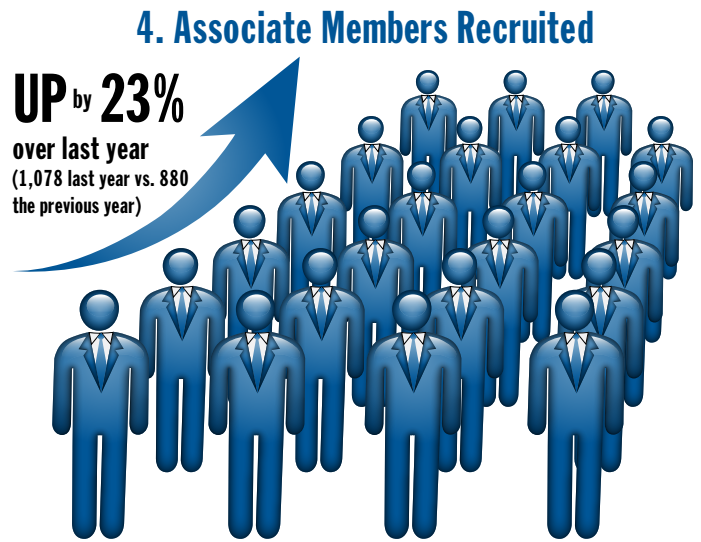
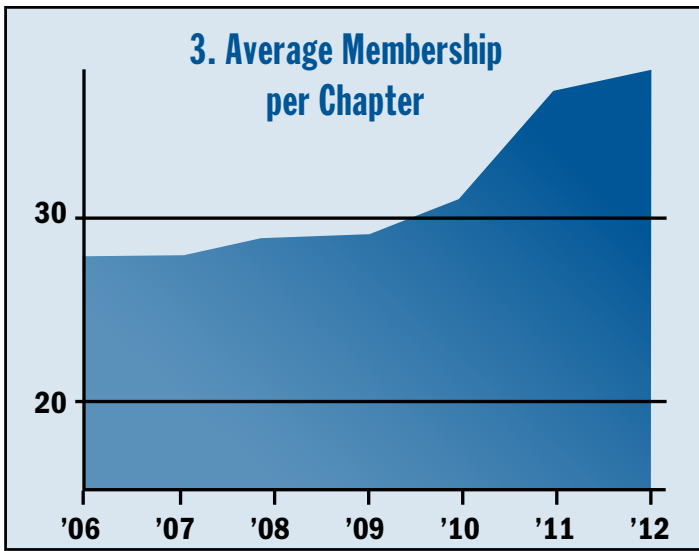
The collected revenue from chapters increased by 14 percent in the past year to \$857,284. The receivables declined by 22 percent to \$78,127 (see figure 1). Revenue per member increased to \$352 from \$329 and receivables per member declined to \$114 from \$153 (see figure 2).

Membership

With an increase in associates over the past year, the total membership of Sig Tau has grown. The average chapter membership of a Sig Tau chapter was 38, up from 37 the previous year. (see figure 3). The number of associate members that were recruited grew to 1,078 from 880 (see figure 4).

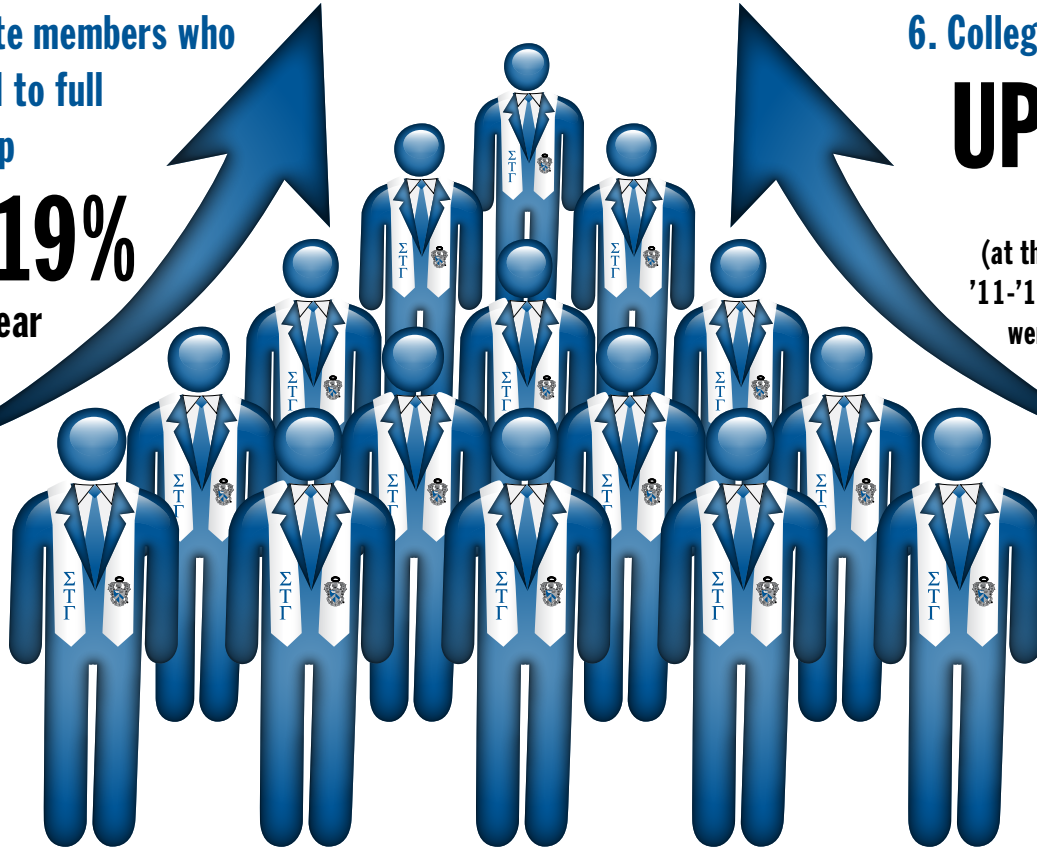
The number of associated members who progressed to full membership in the past year has increased to 976 from 814 (see figure 5). Of the 976, 790 newly initiated brothers were from existing chapters and the rest were from provisional chapters. With the Path of Principles program, provisional chapters





5. Associate members who progressed to full membership

UP by 19%
over last year



6. Collegiate members

UP by 11%
over last year
(at the conclusion of the '11-'12 school year there were 2,433 collegiate members)

succeed in higher initiation member success rates. At the end of the 2011-2012 school year, the membership total increased by 11 percent to 2,433 from 2,186 (see figure 6). Of this total, 2,190 were from existing chapters and 247 were from provisional chapters.

Chapter Installations and Expansions

Two provisional chapters received their charter this past school year. The Delta Alpha Chapter at East Carolina University re-chartered with 39 members on November 5, 2011 and the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville was installed on March 30, 2012 with 46 members.

The expansion team, lead by director of expansion **Michael Smoll**, Delta '03, with expansion field staff members **Paul Manly**, Epsilon Rho '11 and **Derek Kaimann**, Beta '10, expanded to four campuses during the 2011-2012 school year. These campuses included the University of North Carolina Charlotte, Florida Institute of Technology, Winona State University, and Purdue University. The expansion team also reorganized at the Alpha Chi Chapter at the University of Illinois.

It was also announced that in the Fall 2012 semester, Sigma Tau Gamma will expand to the University of Alabama and Auburn University and that during the Spring 2012 semester, Sig Tau will expand to Oklahoma State University.



45th Grand Chapter Award Winners



Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter Award Winner: Delta Chapter, Emporia State University

Runners Up: Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Monmouth University, Beta Chapter, Truman State University, Beta Zeta Chapter, University of Central Oklahoma

W. T. Hembree Campus Leadership Award

Winner: Alpha Chapter, University of Central Missouri
Runners Up: Delta Alpha Chapter, East Carolina University, Beta Tau Chapter, Slippery Rock University, Beta Gamma Chapter, Youngstown State University, Gamma Xi Chapter, University of Wisconsin - Platteville

Robert Nagel Jones Charitable Projects Award

Winner: Alpha Phi Chapter, Southeast Missouri State University
Runners Up: Alpha Lambda Chapter, Concord University, Gamma Chi Chapter, Michigan Tech University, Epsilon Rho Chapter, Salisbury University, Gamma Phi Provisional Chapter, University of Southern Indiana

Christopher J. Mauer Man-Mile Award

Winner: Beta Zeta Chapter, University of Central Oklahoma, 6,775 man-miles **2**

The E. Kennedy Whitesitt Communication Award

Winner: University of North Carolina at Charlotte Provisional Chapter
Runners Up: Epsilon Delta Chapter, UMass - Lowell, Epsilon Rho Chapter, Salisbury University, Delta Chapter, Emporia State University, Delta Alpha Chapter, East Carolina University

Thomas M. Hutsell Chapter Efficiency Award

Winner: Delta Chapter, Emporia State University
Runners Up: Beta Zeta Chapter, University of Central Oklahoma, Phi Chapter, Southeastern Louisiana University, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Cleveland State University, Beta Kappa Chapter, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award

Winner: Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Runners Up: Epsilon Xi Chapter, Saint Louis University, Epsilon Pi Chapter, University at Buffalo, Kappa Provisional Chapter, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, Beta Alpha Chapter, University of Missouri

Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award

Winner: Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Runners Up: Epsilon Pi Chapter, University at Buffalo, Epsilon Omicron Chapter, Monmouth University, Kappa Provisional Chapter, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, Delta Alpha Chapter, East Carolina University **1**

Distinguished Alumni Association: Delta Chapter Alumni Association,

Emporia State University

D. Kenneth Winebrenner Distinguished Service Award: Erik Kahl, Beta Kappa '10 **3**

Marvin Millsap Distinguished Foundation Service Award: Paul Mueller, Beta Upsilon '71

Stan Musial/Eric Hillman Sportsmanship Award: Tyler Sprigg, Beta '15 **4**

Prof. Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award: Lee Tabor, Epsilon Mu '05

National White Rose Sweetheart: Kristee Elliott, nominated by Epsilon Sigma, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Honorary National White Rose Sweetheart: Holly Mauer Alello

Gallo is Ellsworth C. Dent “Man of the Year”

The Ellsworth C. Dent “Man of the Year” award was established in 1966 and named after the Fraternity’s first editor and second National President. Selection of the winner and the four finalists is based upon a number of criteria, including leadership, extracurricular activities, scholastic achievement, and service to college and chapter. With this criteria and an interview, the Society of Seventeen chose the recipient from among the five finalists. The 2012 Ellsworth C. Dent “Man of the Year” is **Joseph M. Gallo**, CSM-EF Gamma Chi ’12, Michigan Technological University.

Brother Gallo graduated this past May with a degree in mechanical and electrical engineering and an overall GPA of 3.08. He served as chapter president, vice president of membership, and fraternal education chairman for the Gamma Chi Chapter. Brother Gallo held several leadership positions on campus as a Resident Assistant, Orientation Team Leader, student event planner and Greek Life New Member Orientation Facilitator. He served his community as a volunteer for the Michigan Tech Blood Drive, Make a Difference Day, and Friends of the Elderly. He was crowned as the 2009 Homecoming King, the recent recipient of the Gamma Chi “Man of the Year” award and the President’s Award for Leadership.

In his recommendation letter, Dr. Les P. Cook, Vice President for Student Affairs at Michigan Technological University, wrote, “Joe is energizing to be around, he knows how to get things done, and his finesse in motivating others is astounding. He is an extraordinary individual and truly exemplifies all that is good about working in higher education.”



The following four brothers were finalists for the Dent “Man of the Year” award:



Joshua T. Argast



Nate W. Dixon



Mark K. Mauer, Jr



Alexander K. Williams

Joshua T. Argast, CSM, Alpha Phi ’12 (Southeast Missouri State University) graduated this past May with a degree in construction management and an overall 3.92 GPA. Brother Argast served the Alpha Phi Chapter as president, alumni relations and homecoming chairman. He was active on campus as a leader in the Student Government Association, Homecoming Planning Committee, and the student representative to the University Foundation Board of Directors. Josh served the community by volunteering for the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and the American Legion Hall. His honors include the SEMO Regents Academic Scholarship, Dean’s list, and Order of Omega.

Nate W. Dixon, CSM, Beta Iota ’12 (California University of Pennsylvania) graduated this past May with a degree in public relations. Brother Dixon helped restart the Beta Iota Chapter and was one of the first re-Founding Fathers. He served as chapter president, executive vice president, and the chairman of several committees. On the Cal U campus, Brother Dixon was the first student to serve as a board member for the Cal U Foundation and was the Interfraternity Council (IFC) vice president. He also served his community as a freshman peer mentor, participated in Habitat for Humanity, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes and Relay for Life. His honors include 2010 Homecoming King, the Beta Iota Chapter Leadership and Value Awards and Brother of the Year.

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Mark K. Mauer, Jr., CSM-EF, Phi '12 (Southeastern Louisiana University) graduated this past May with a degree in finance and an overall GPA of 3.25. Brother Mauer served his chapter as president, vice president of membership, vice president of finance, treasurer, and the chairman of several committees. On campus, Brother Mauer served as the Interfraternity Council (IFC) secretary and the Phi Chapter IFC delegate. In the community, he served as a volunteer for the Special Olympics, Hospice Gala, Strawberry Festival and The Big Event. His awards include the President's List, Dean's List, and the Excel Leadership Scholarship.

Alexander K. Williams, WCME, Delta Alpha '12 (East Carolina University), graduated this past May with a degree in criminal justice and an overall GPA of 3.07. Brother Williams helped restart the Delta Alpha Chapter and was one of the first re-Founding Fathers. He served as the chapter president and the vice president of finance. On campus, Alex was a member of the Residence Hall Association, Student Government Association, and the Greek Emerging Leaders Program. At East Carolina, Alex was a member of the Cheerleading Squad and Club Wrestling Team. He is an Eagle Scout, and was the recipient of the 2011 Musial/Hillman Sportsmanship award.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders | January 3-6
Marvin Millsap Headquarters, Warrensburg, MO

All newly elected chapter presidents are required to attend to get a head start on their presidency. **Deadline to register:** December 15, 2012

Regional Conclaves

Great Plains Regional Conclave | November 9-11, 2012
Jefferson City, MO

Atlantic Coast Regional Conclave | November 9-11, 2012
King of Prussia, PA

Three Rivers Regional Conclave | February 8-10, 2013
Pittsburgh, PA

Southern Regional Conclave | February 8-10, 2013
Memphis, TN

Great Lakes Regional Conclave | February 8-10, 2013
Milwaukee, WI

Strategic Leadership Conference | August 2-4, 2013
Hilton Ballpark St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

For more information on these events, visit the Sigma Tau Gamma Facebook Event Page.

Chapter Eternal

Due to limited space, the Chapter Eternal will not feature complete obituaries for every member. To see the extended obituaries of each brother listed below, visit: www.sigmataugamma.org/chaptereternal. To submit a Chapter Eternal entry, please email editor@sigmataugamma.org.

Alpha (University of Central Missouri)

- James Kaletta, '73, August 29, 2012

Beta (Truman State University)

- Beryl Cragg, '56, April 12, 2012

Delta (Emporia State University)

- Jeremy Giebler, '08, September 17, 2012

Rho (Buffalo State-SUNY)

- Dr. Robert Ulrich, WCMEF '51, August 16, 2012

Chi (Western Michigan University)

- John Hunter, '70, August 6, 2012

Omicron (Ball State University)

- Joe Foust, '66, June 9, 2012

Alpha Beta (Harris-Stowe State University)

- Richard King, '69, May 3, 2012

Gamma Rho (Cameron University)

- Anthony Tiddark-McDaniel, '13, September 30, 2012

Gamma Sigma (University of Nebraska-Omaha)

- Kim Wadleigh, '72, August 19, 2012

Epsilon Iota (The College of New Jersey)

- Kevin Allen, '99, July 24, 2012

The following brother who entered Chapter Eternal is part of the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship:

-Robert Ulrich

Gamma Tau Alumnus Uses Path of Principles in New Captain Promotion

Steven Junkin, Gamma Tau '88 (Millersville University of Pennsylvania) has been promoted to the rank of Captain for the Pennsylvania State Police Department. As a Troop Commander, he serves six counties including the state capital of Harrisburg, which has a population of 1.2 million people.

Brother Junkin's day-to-day responsibilities include addressing current and developing crime trends, establishing policy, reviewing training requests, ensuring quality control of investigations, interacting with other police departments and adjudicating internal affairs investigations. "In short, I am involved in Value, Learning, Leadership, Excellence, Benefit, and Integrity in some manner almost daily," says Junkin.

He joined Sigma Tau Gamma in 1985, and says that the years spent with Sig Tau have helped him get to where he is today. "I saw other members of the fraternity that have good leadership skills, and I emulated them as I redefined myself as a leader," says Junkin. "The things that benefited me the most with my career success were the six principles of this Fraternity. While they are a great roadmap and foundation for us all to live by, I feel they are essential to my career in law enforcement."



Steven Junkin (left) pictured with Colonel Frank Noonan, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Junkin serves as President of the Gamma Tau Alumni Association and as the Gamma Tau chapter advisor. His son Christopher, Gamma Tau '14, joined the chapter in 2012 with younger son Matthew hoping to join this fall.

Dee Brown, Sigma '31 (University of Central Arkansas), who throughout his lifetime authored over 32 books and novels, recently had his groundbreaking book *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* included in the "Books that Shaped America" exhibition at the Library of Congress. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* has sold over four million copies and has been translated into many foreign languages since its release in 1970. Brown's book documented the massacres, broken promises, and mayhems that the Native Americans suffered in the late 1800s.

Today, the Central Arkansas Library System has named a branch library in Little Rock after him. Brother Brown entered Chapter Eternal on December 12, 2002 at the age of 94.

James Sasak, Beta Upsilon '77, and **William Keis**, Beta Upsilon '77, biked 500 miles from their alma mater, Cleveland State University, to Washington D.C. on behalf of the Special Olympics. The "Sig Tau 500" riders arrived in time for the 45th Grand Chapter.

Brother Sasak and Brother Keis traveled on fully loaded touring bicycles across three states from July 15 to August 1. They hope that bike riding for Special Olympics will be a model for future community service/fundraising projects by Sigma Tau Gamma Chapters.

Robert Bullock, Alpha Phi '92 (Southeast Missouri State University), is the vice president and general manager of Mass Financial Group. Recently, he has been awarded two industry designations through The American College: The Chartered Financial Consultant and the Chartered Life Underwriter. Brother Bullock is currently the treasurer of the Alpha Phi Alumni Association.

Ken Weissflug, Alpha Beta '70 (Harris-Stowe State University), retired this spring as the assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction from the Affton School District in Missouri. Brother Weissflug dedicated himself to 20 years of service as a language arts and social studies teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

Gamma Tau Alumni Association, (Millersville University of Pennsylvania), welcomed close to 90 brothers and family members to the alumni picnic this July. In attendance were 39 brothers from four decades. The Alumni Association will be sponsoring a 40th Anniversary Gala in November honoring Sigma Tau Gamma's chartering on the Millersville campus.

Xi Alumni Association, (Fairmont State University), held their 10th annual reunion on Saturday June 23, 2012 with over 25 brothers in attendance. This reunion is held annually on the 4th weekend of June.

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Foundation News



What Can You Do?

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation exists to support the Scholarship, Leadership and Citizenship programs of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity through the charitable gifts of our alumni members and friends. The Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders is one of the programs it supports annually.

Approximately 50 new chapter presidents attend the Webb Academy each year. This valuable leadership training is available to new chapter presidents to provide resources for a successful school year; however, it comes with a cost. Last year, the Foundation granted \$25,000 to the Fraternity to cover most of the costs of this program, including registration fees, lodging, meals and training materials for each attendee.

Please join us in our efforts to help fully fund this vital leadership training and ensure it will remain a constant for your chapter's future presidents for years to come.

Marvin Millsap, Alpha '27, said, "No man can do everything, but every man can do something and those who can, should." What can you do to help ensure your chapter's future leaders are set up for success?

Donating is Simple

- Online at www.sigmataugamma.org (Click on Donate in the bottom right corner).
- Phone us at 660-747-2222.
- Mail: P.O. Box 373, Warrensburg, MO 64093 (Make check payable to Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation).

2012 Annual Chain of Honor Campaign

To date, the 2012 Annual Chain of Honor Campaign has raised \$59,626. Every contribution is a significant link to our Chain of Honor. Help us reach our goal by joining the Chain of Honor Campaign. Keep up with the process the Foundation is making with updates through the Fraternity social media sites.

