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Dear William,

The Fraternity Board of Directors was generous in naming the Grand Chapter in my honor. I am humbled. Don't let the name keep you away! Attending a Grand Chapter is for everybody. I was not our chapter's delegate at my first Grand Chapter in 1970. Even so, it was a life-changing experience. Be in New Orleans in July. That is my advice to you!



Join us July 31-August 3, 2014 in the Historic French Quarter at Hotel Monteleone for the biennial Grand Chapter in honor of Chief Executive Officer **William P. Bernier**.

The Bernier Grand Chapter will bring together collegiate and alumni members to help elect the Fraternity's national officers, consider legislation, and celebrate individual and chapter success!

The Bernier Grand Chapter will feature some great activities that will get you into the New Orleans spirit:

- **Fan Boat Swamp Tour**
- **World War II History Museum**
- **Walking Tour of the French Quarter of New Orleans**
- **Wilson C. Morris Fellowship Breakfast**
- **Steamboat Natchez Dinner Cruise**
(powered by antique steam engines build in 1925)

Quick Links



Latest News



Want to keep up with what Sig Tau brothers from across the country are doing? Visit our [Latest News](#) section to find out more.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate the volunteers who have made a difference in your life and in our organization. Say thank you to your advisors, regional and national volunteers, and anyone who donated their time to benefit others!

This is also a week to motivate and encourage each other to [volunteer more](#). Whether it is with Sigma Tau Gamma, your community or our national philanthropy partner the Special Olympics, do something this week to show your commitment to service. You can be the change!

McCune Reminder

We're half way through the school year! This means just one semester left to meet the McCune Metrics standards.

McCune Metrics is due **May 15**. Completing this packet makes your chapter eligible for chapter awards and honors.

[Click here to learn more about the McCune Metrics](#)

Spring 2014 Due Dates:

- **Lessaiz Les Bon Temps Opening Ceremonies** (featuring a traditional New Orleans brass band)
- **Principle of Excellence Annual Awards Banquet**

These events are open to all members of Sigma Tau Gamma and their families. We will also have activities planned for families and friends.

Attendance prices have been set with registration and hotel links coming soon. Please check our social media pages and the [Bernier Grand Chapter page](#) for more information.

Prestigious Awards To Be Presented at the Bernier Grand Chapter

At the William P. Bernier Grand Chapter, multiple awards will be presented to our collegiate and alumni members.



The Distinguished Achievement Award will be presented to **John Link**, Alpha Kappa '70, of John E. Link Enterprises. John Link is the creator of Jack Link snacks.

A few highlighted awards that will be presented throughout the weekend include:

- Ellsworth C. Dent "Man of the Year"
- Prof. Grubbs Distinguished Advisor
- Winebrenner Medal for Distinguished Fraternity Service
- Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award
- Musial/Hillman Sportsmanship Award
- Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter
- National White Rose Sweetheart

In addition, Sig Tau will present the awards that comprise the McCune Metrics. [Award applications can be found by clicking here](#) or by viewing the [McCune Metrics packet](#).

March 31
Initiation Reports Due

May 15
Individual award
applications and McCune
Metrics award packet due

Recruitment Assistance from Talented Taus

In need of recruitment
advice or assistance? Please
contact our chapter
development counselors:

Eastern Time Zone:
Alex Williams
alex@sigmataugamma.org

Central and Mountain Time
Zones:
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Update Your Information

Update your current
information with the Sig Tau
Headquarters so you don't
miss important news and
information!

[Click here to update](#)

Arizona State Provisional Chapter Installed

On Saturday, March 1, the Ceremony of Installation was conducted at Arizona State University, welcoming almost 50 brothers into the Fraternity.

Expansion Staff members **Derek Kaimann**, **Jacob Western** and **Brian Lewallen**, spent several weeks on the Arizona State University campus recruiting students to become Founding Fathers of the provisional chapter. **Michael Smoll**, Vice President of Strategic Growth, joined them in the recruitment efforts.

During the Ceremony of Installation, 37th National President **Tom Morgan** addressed the new Provisional Chapter members and encouraged them to strive for excellence as they develop the new provisional chapter. After the Ceremony of Installation and lunch with their guests, the men went through the Ritual of Initiation.

Welcome to the Brotherhood!



Spring Break Safety

Spring Break season has arrived! Although Spring Break is meant to be a fun, carefree week away from the stresses of classes, there are certain commonsense tips to keep in mind before you hit the beach, slopes, or the open road! Check out these tips from **AFLV** to ensure your Spring Break is enjoyable and safe:

- **Personal Branding** - Make sure to represent yourself in a positive maner. Be mindful of how your represent your Fraternity, university and yourself to others (including future employers!)
- **Drink Responsibly** - You've heard it before, be smart! Stay in groups and keep each other safe.
- **Hydrate** - The reality is, many vacations involve alcohol and exposure to sun which can be dangerous in excess... and even more so

when combined. Drinking more than enough water is essential, to say the least. Also, hydrate your skin with plenty of sunscreen.

- **Don't Get a Room on the First Floor** - The crowds of college students are an attraction for any thief. A hotel room on the first floor is much more likely to be robbed than one higher up that can't be accessed through the window.

Spring break is a great college tradition. It is fun. Be safe. Also, reenergize. I've observed over the course of more than 40 years that grades decline second semester. It seems that we lose our intensity and focus. Recognize it and counterbalance that tendency with self-discipline and character. You will welcome the results in May.

Fraternally Yours,
Bill

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