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Grand Chapter

Why Start a New Fraternity?

Dateline: Fall 1974

Why start a new fraternity at Michigan Tech? That is the question six men asked themselves on a cold February day in a room on the third floor of Wadsworth Residence Hall at Michigan Technological University. The answer - brotherhood.

The six men had experienced dormitory life and were looking for places to live off-campus. But, they wanted something more than a room in a new location and they decided that the something was a bond of friendship, a means of working together.

That was in 1972. Two years later, on April 20, 1974, the band of six had become 39 and they were installed as the Gamma Chi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma.

The petition for a charter from Sigma Tau Gamma's

newest chapter tells the story: "Since one of the men's brother was Assistant Executive Director of a national fraternity, they decided to first see what this particular fraternity had to offer. They liked what they found. The Michigan Tech Colony of Sigma Tau Gamma had begun."

It wasn't long before the men had increased their size to nearly triple the original number. In mid-March they elected officers. James Bernier was elected president and Wesley Patrick, Paul Kinnunen and Glenn Datson were elected vice presidents. Assistant Executive Director Bob Bernier visited the chapter in April to assist them in planning for colony installation in May.

Editor's Note: Gamma Chi Chapter, 53 members strong, celebrated their 40th Anniversary in April 2014.

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Meet the Sigma Tau Gamma Field Staff

Chapter Development Team

Chapters seeking support with recruitment, retention, scholarship, regional and national meeting attendance, campus involvement, Path of Principles, philanthropy & service, finance, and risk management should contact a member of our chapter development team.



Austin Uebelhor, Gamma Phi '13 Chapter Development Counselor austin@sigmataugamma.org Uebelhor joined the field staff in June 2013. He graduated from the University of Southern Indiana where he was a double major in Biology and Spanish. As a member of the Gamma Phi Chapter, he served as secretary and vice

president of finance. Uebelhor was also secretary, vice president of administration and president of student ambassadors as well as the vice president of the honors student council. In addition, he served as a resident assistant, orientation leader and ESL community volunteer. He is a fan of music and reading and is a state champion in marching band.

Expansion Team

The Fraternity's expansion projects are led by the Director of Expansion and supported by the hard work of our expansion counselors.

Brian Lewallen, Gamma Phi '13 Expansion Counselor

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Lewallen joined the field staff in December 2013 and graduated from the University of Southern Indiana where he was a double major in Spanish and International Studies. As a member of the Gamma Phi Chapter, Lewallen



served as the risk management chair, secretary and the public relations chair. He was also a staff member for freshman orientation and international orientation. In addition, he served as the Spanish club vice president. In his free time, he likes to work out, spend time

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Grand Chapter**

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outdoors and travel abroad. He has traveled abroad six times and lived over a year in Spain.

Rick Day, Alpha Chi '14 Expansion Counselor rick@sigmataugamma.org. Day joined the field staff in June 2014 and graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. As a member of the Alpha Chi Chapter, he was a re-Founding Father, executive vice president, risk management chairman, food service management chair, and member of the judicial board and brotherhood activities committee. Day spent a semester abroad in Galway, Ireland, and upon his return he became involved with ACES without borders, a program designed to help international students get involved in the campus community.



Delta *(Emporia State University)*

Delta Chapter had three brothers studying/interning overseas this summer! **Chris May**, '16, studied in England, **Michael Torres**, '15, studied in Spain, and **Grant Tevis**, '15 interned in Norway.



Brother Torres in front of the Palace of Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor with the Sigma Tau Gamma Flag.

Beta *(Truman State University)*

Twenty-five active members and alumni participated in Beta Chapter's 5th annual House Week in order to make necessary repairs and maintenance to the chapter's house for the upcoming fall. The event was an excellent means to keep active and alumni men connected in brotherhood.

In addition, at a formal campus banquet, the Beta Chapter won the following awards: Most Improved GPA (increased .54), Excellence in Risk Management, Best IFC Service and Philanthropy Chapter, Outstanding Organization for Service (a campus-wide award), and for the first time in almost 10 years, the Chapter of the Year Award for Greek Life. The brothers also won first place in Greek Week, the Greek Pillar Award for Leadership, and Best Philanthropy for raising almost \$1,000 for Victim Support Services.



Beta Chapter, Truman State University

Delta Alpha *(East Carolina University)*

At this year's 2014 ECU Greek Awards Banquet, the Delta Alpha Chapter came away with an impressive array of accolades. Their list of awards includes Greek Week Champions, Outstanding Public Relations, Outstanding Philanthropic Effort, and Outstanding Greek Community Spirit. Additionally, **Dylon Teeter**, '14, was named Greek Man of the Year, and **Tyler Rowsey**, '16, was named Outstanding New Greek Member.

Tau *(East Central University)*

Members of Tau Chapter worked with their local Special Olympics team, McCall's Chapel in Ada, Oklahoma this year. They practiced flag football and got ready to compete with them as unified partners for the state championship in Oklahoma. They did a benefit concert for Special Olympics and raised over \$1,000.



Above, Tau Chapter, East Central University

Gamma Tau *(Millersville University)*

In April, members of the Gamma Tau chapter helped plant shrubs around campus to help out the Millersville University Center for Sustainability for community service.



Gamma Tau community service

Beta Gamma *(Youngstown State University)*

As part of initiation weekend, the brothers and associate members of Beta Gamma Chapter spent the morning volunteering at a work day put on by their local charitable partner, the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC), a nonprofit organization with the mission of revitalizing the city of Youngstown, Ohio. Beta Gamma brothers and associates worked with the community to clean and landscape nine blighted properties in a neighborhood on Youngstown's south side.



Above, Beta Gamma brothers volunteering at work day

Psi *(Central Michigan University)*

The Central Michigan University Greek community hosted the Annual Greek Gala awards, and Psi Chapter took home three awards: Best Scholastic Achievement, Best Brotherhood, and the top honor, Fraternity of Excellence Award. In addition to these awards, President David Guest, '14, and Vice President of Membership Tyler Khan, '16, received SOAR awards for Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Emerging Leader at the SOAR Awards held a week earlier.

In addition, two brothers, **Nick Sonnenberg**, '14, and **Kevin Riedy**, '16, went on a week-long trip with 10 other students to York, Maine to volunteer with local environmental agencies. While they were there, they helped put up an electric fence, maintained hiking trails, and eliminated invasive species.

Delta Epsilon *(Texas State University)*

The Delta Epsilon Chapter had several successes during Greek Week this year. They claimed 1st place in the Dizzy Bat Competition, the 10-legged race, and the Greek Lip Sync, and came out as the 1st place winners of Greek Olympics.

Delta Pi

(University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown)

At the Greek Awards Banquet, President **Joseph Rizkalla**, '15, received the Elite Mountain Cat Award, an award for an officer that demonstrated great leadership and unparalleled dedication to their organization. Additionally, the Delta Pi Chapter received the Mountain Cat Service Award for contributing outstanding service to the UPJ campus and the local community during the 2013-2014 school year.

Delta Upsilon

(Penn State Erie, The Behrend College)

Delta Upsilon Chapter was recognized at the Penn State Behrend Greek Awards: Outstanding Individual Philanthropy Project in 2013: Undie Run, Outstanding Fraternity Leadership, and the 2013 Brotherhood Award.

Additionally, **Zachary Alderman**, '15, **Christian Henckel**, '15, **David Kerin**, '16, and **David Schwoegl**, '14, were named to the Greek Honor Roll for 2013, which indicates their success of above a 3.0 cumulative GPA.



Above, Delta Epsilon brothers with their Greek Week awards

Epsilon Sigma

(Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville)

The brothers at SIUE did well this year at the 2014 Greek Awards. **Austin Gray**, '17, received IFC's Emerging Leader Award, **Kevin Buensuceso**, '15, was named Greek Man of the Year, **Tyler Huddleston**, '16, won New Member of the Year, and advisor **Dr. Bill Searcy**, Beta, '75, was named the Advisor of the Year. Additionally, the chapter claimed their 1st Greek Week trophy, as well as winning 1st place in Springfest.



Beta Iota

(California University of Pennsylvania)

The brothers of Beta Iota Chapter hosted a risk management discussion open to all Greek Life members with the local law enforcement community to create an open understanding between the officials and the various Greek organizations on campus.

Left, Beta Iota brothers and local law enforcement at risk management program



Gamma Theta

(University of Missouri, St. Louis)

Gamma Theta chapter received 1st place in Greek Week this year!

Gamma Theta brothers with their Greek Week awards

Beta Upsilon *(Cleveland State University)*

Brothers of the Beta Upsilon Chapter are celebrating after winning several awards at this year’s Fraternity/Sorority Life Awards Banquet. These include: the Most Improved GPA award, the Community Service Award, the Community Involvement Award, and the Fraternity of the Year award.



Epsilon Pi *(University at Buffalo)*

Members participated in a University Heights cleanup organized by the University of Buffalo’s Veterans Association. The brothers were among hundreds of volunteers who showed up and cleaned streets around the area.

Additionally, the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma and the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau teamed up for their annual “Pi A Greek Fundraiser” to support the Special Olympics and the city of Buffalo’s annual “Buffalo Kid’s Day” in which thousands of volunteers sold newspapers on street corners around the greater Buffalo area to benefit the Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.

Epsilon Pi brothers at the University Heights cleanup

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler

“Let the good times roll” is a fond expression in New Orleans. At the *William P. Bernier Grand Chapter*, Sigma Tau Gamma celebrated good times with record attendance of more than 350 brothers, spouses and guests.

This was the 46th time Sigma Tau Gamma assembled for a Grand Chapter. The Board of Directors named the Grand Chapter in honor of our chief executive, who has served Sigma Tau Gamma in that role for more than 41 years. He will retire in December as the longest serving chief executive in the history of any fraternity or sorority.

Grand Chapter delegates gathered to elect our national board of directors and consider 27 proposed amendments to our Constitution and Laws, as well as several policy resolutions. They also engaged in learning at the Recruitment College and new Bernier Institute for Chapter Development. It was a busy meeting.

It wasn't all work, however. Participants enjoyed a dinner cruise on the historic Steamboat Natchez, a fan boat swamp tour, and visit to the national WWII museum. They also recognized the many accomplishments of our chapters and members.



Cooper Chesebro (Epsilon Chi '15) chairing the Constitution and Laws Committee



CEO Bill Bernier addressing the House of Delegates

The Hotel Monteleone, the historic premier hotel in the heart of the French Quarter, served as headquarters. Opulent ballrooms and meeting rooms embraced our brotherhood as they worked and played. Fine cuisine served our nutritional and social needs.

Amite, Louisiana native **Thomas Morgan**, Esq., Phi '85 (Southeastern Louisiana University) chaired the Grand Chapter as 37th National President. It was the culmination of two years hard work leading our Fraternity. Morgan is a certified public accountant and tax attorney by trade. He may have taken a little more time away from his practice than advisable to give us his volunteer leadership. On the other hand, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and he made the most of it.

Morgan presented the State-of-the-Fraternity address at the first general gathering. This is an annual report to our membership. He had many good things to report. We cover it in more detail in a separate story. Morgan presided over most provisional chapter and chapter installations during

his two-year tenure. His personal experience with the growth of Sigma Tau Gamma and the people responsible for it added to a genuine message.



President-elect Alyx Parker (center) and Epsilon Sigma Chapter (SIUE) participants on the steamboat Natchez.



SO Athlete Sean Adams

Also at the first event, Sigma Tau Gamma signed a formal agreement with Special Olympics, our new national philanthropy. SO athlete **Sean Adams** gave an eloquent and moving message to the Grand

Chapter that made us all proud to be associated with this organization that is doing such good work.

The Grand Chapter concluded, as it always does, with the annual awards banquet. The ballroom was more than filled to capacity with people and enthusiasm. We report elsewhere in this issue on those recognized. And, we thank all of those who made the William P. Bernier Grand Chapter such a great success by their involvement.

Jack Link Honored

John E. (Jack) Link, Alpha Kappa '70 (University of Wisconsin – Stout) is the 2014 recipient of the **Distinguished Achievement Award**. Link transformed his family business, a small town meat processing plant, into a nation-wide marketing powerhouse. Anyone who enjoys beef jerky is familiar with Jack Link's products.



Jack Link, right, and CEO Bill Bernier

Link participated in the full Grand Chapter and made it a reunion of sorts because ten of his chapter brothers attended with him.

The Distinguished Achievement Award has been given annually to one alumnus of great accomplishment in his career. The plaque reads: "Recognizing John E. "Jack" Link in recognition of his meritorious achievement in his profession, his leadership to free enterprise, his dedicated service to his community and in appreciation of those eminent qualities which are an inspiration to all members of the Fraternity."

Lowell Davis Honored with Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award

Dr. Lowell Kent Davis is the second recipient of the Sigma Tau Gamma Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award. The award was presented at the closing banquet of the *William P. Bernier Grand Chapter*, August 2, 2014 at the Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Davis is the assistant vice chancellor for student success at Western Carolina University. In that position he oversees the Registrar's Office, One-Stop Student Service Center, Academic Advising, and various student success programs including First Year Experience, Writing and Learning Commons, Math Tutoring Center, Student Support Services and Disability Services.

Prior to his current position, Davis was assistant dean of students and assistant to the vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Alabama. In that role Davis championed the growth of the fraternity and sorority community. Sigma Tau Gamma was the first fraternity that Davis invited to organize a new chapter at Alabama.

When informed about the award, Davis said, "Words cannot express how shocked and honored I am to receive this award from Sigma Tau Gamma. A few years ago, I committed myself to helping STG colonize at the University of Alabama and assist them in being successful. I did not do these things for recognition. I simply did them because I was committed to your organization. I sincerely love the charter members of your Alabama chapter and I want



Dr. Lowell Davis

to do everything I can do to help them be successful."

Michael Smoll, Delta '03, former Director of Expansion, said, "Dr. Davis took a chance on Sigma Tau Gamma and I am proud of the fact that we did a great job for him. He is a wonderful guy."

Davis earned his doctorate in education, leadership and policy studies from Indiana University in 2007, and his master's degree in counseling with an emphasis on college student development and bachelor's degree in English arts and secondary education from Hampton University.

Joy Helsel, WCMF, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at California University of Pennsylvania, was the inaugural recipient in 2013.

Top Chapters Recognized

Alpha Phi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State University is the **Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter** for 2014. With 75 members they compiled a composite grade point average of 2.86. Alpha Phi excelled communications with well maintained information on their website, Facebook and Twitter as well an app for smartphones. Brothers participated in philanthropy with the Polar Plunge, Soles for Souls charity and the Relay for Life.

The Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award is named for our Eighth National President who served in a variety of leadership roles for more than 50 years. He was affectionately known as Mr. Sig Tau. The award is based upon McCune Metrics criteria.

Runners Up for the Webb award for 2014 are **Alpha Chi** Chapter at the University of Illinois, **Gamma Theta** Chapter at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, **Tau** Chapter of East Central University in Oklahoma and **Psi** Chapter at Central Michigan University.

The **Robert Nagel Jones Charitable Projects** award recognizes three distinct types of service. **Gamma Theta** Chapter at the University of Missouri – St. Louis had the most charitable service hours, recording 23.09 hours per member. **Alpha Psi** Chapter at Pennsylvania State University raised the most in charitable dollars, \$20,079.99. **Beta Theta** Chapter at Purdue University raised the money for Special Olympics, our national philanthropy, \$10,023. **Epsilon Rho** Chapter at Salisbury University and **Epsilon Chi** Chapter at Auburn University were runners up. The award is named for our Ninth National President. Jones was a prominent St. Louis attorney who structured the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation in 1966.

Gamma Phi Chapter at the University of Southern Indiana received the **W.T. Hembree Campus Leadership Award** for 2014. The award recognizes chapters that have a high percentage of members involved in campus leadership roles. It is named for our Twelfth National President who has given nearly 60 years of leadership to Sigma Tau Gamma. Runners Up for 2014 are **Epsilon Sigma** Chapter at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, **Beta Gamma** Chapter at Youngstown State University, **Epsilon Rho** Chapter at Salisbury University and **Kappa** Chapter at University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

The **Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award** Winner went to **Epsilon Phi** Chapter at the University of Alabama with a 3.22 GPA. Runners up were **Epsilon Chi** Chapter at Auburn University with a 3.13 GPA, **Alpha Psi** Chapter at Pennsylvania State University with a 3.11 GPA, **Alpha** Chapter at the University of Central Missouri with 3.07 GPA and **Beta Iota** Chapter at California University of Pennsylvania with 3.06 GPA. The award is named for our Founder who was the First National President.

Epsilon Xi Chapter at Saint Louis University is the 2014 recipient of the **E. Kennedy Whitesitt Chapter Communication Award**. Epsilon Xi Chapter communicates through its website, Facebook page, and an annual digital publication explaining the chapter's activities, philanthropy efforts and progress to parents. Runners Up are **Delta** Chapter at Emporia State University, **Gamma Chi** Chapter at Michigan Technological University, **Beta** Chapter at Truman State University and **Gamma Theta** Chapter at the University Missouri - St. Louis. Whitesitt was the first full time chief executive of the Fraternity.



Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville brought 13 undergraduate members 705 miles to the *William P. Bernier Grand Chapter*, to record 9,165 man-miles. **Chris, Jr., Cameron** and **Carter Mauer**, sons of **Christopher Mauer**, our 34th National President presented the **Christopher Mauer Man-Mile Award** to Epsilon Sigma Chapter.

President Morgan at podium, then from left, Carter, Cameron and Chris Mauer, sons of late president Chris Mauer, present the Christopher Mauer Man-Mile Award.

Jeanfreau and Rumpf Recognized



Greg Rumpf (left) recipient of the Prof. Grubbs Distinguished Advisor award, with Jeremiah King.

Philip Jeanfreau, WCMF, Phi '99 (Southeastern Louisiana University) is the 2014 recipient of the **D. Kenneth Winebrenner Distinguished Service Medal**. Jeanfreau

Foundation Elects New Officers

At their August 1, 2014 annual meeting the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees elected new officers.

Thomas N. Janicki, DMF, Delta Xi '74 (Carnegie Mellon) was elected President. Janicki has served Sigma Tau Gamma as a regional vice president, member of the Board of Directors and national president. He has been a Trustee since 2006 and most recently served as Vice President of Development.

Shawn Kelly, IMF, Gamma Nu '96 (UW-River Falls) was elected Vice President of Development. He has been a Trustee since 2009 and most recently served as Treasurer. Kelly has been a regional vice president, vice president of housing and vice president of risk management for the Fraternity.

Paul Szczesny, DMF-D, Gamma Chi '81 (Michigan Technological University) was elected Vice President of Investments. He has been a Trustee since 2001 and most recently served as Senior Vice President. Szczesny has served Sigma Tau Gamma as a chapter advisor and regional vice president.

Paul Mueller, EMF, Beta Upsilon '71 (Cleveland State University) was elected Secretary. He has been a Trustee since 2010. He has been secretary and president of the Beta Upsilon Chapter Alumni Association.

Paul Phillips, EMF, Phi '92 (Southeastern Louisiana University) was elected Treasurer. Paul became a Trustee in 2012.

has been actively involved in alumni service since his graduation. He most recently served as regional vice president of the Southern Region and provisional chapter mentor for Epsilon Phi at the University of Alabama. Jeanfreau has also served in the roles of district director and alumni advisor for Phi Chapter. Jeanfreau was elected to the national Board of Directors at the Grand Chapter.

D. Kenneth Winebrenner was the third national President, serving from 1936-1938 and second chief executive, serving from 1938-1953.

Greg Rumpf, DMF, Beta '79 (Truman State University) is the 2014 recipient of the **Prof. Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award**. Rumpf is alumni advisor of Epsilon Tau Chapter at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte. He was also named outstanding advisor by UNCC this year. Rumpf was the Dent Man-of-the-Year in 1979. He served as a Trustee of the Foundation from 1984-1989 and on the Fraternity Board of Directors from 2004-2012.

The award is named in honor of Professor O. F. Grubbs, who was the revered faculty advisor of Epsilon Chapter at Pittsburg State University for more than 40 years.



Eric Hillman

now employed with ESPN. **Eric Hillman**, Alpha Lambda '83 (Concord University) presented the award and \$1,000 scholarship he sponsors. The award is named for baseball hall of famer **Stan Musial** who became an honorary member in 1962 and Hillman. Hillman is founder and CEO of Europa Sports Products.

Ziance is Top Athlete

Matthew Ziance, Delta Pi '14 (University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown) is the 2014 **Stan Musial/Eric Hillman Sportsmanship Award** recipient. Ziance graduated in December 2013 with a degree in Business Marketing. Ziance played Lacrosse at UPJ. He was also president, fundraising chairman, homecoming chairman, communications chairman and alumni relations chairman for his chapter. Ziance is

Wilson C. Morris Fellowship Gathers

Michael D. Schermer, Gamma Psi Hon. (Illinois State University) welcomed Wilson C. Morris Fellows and guests at the annual Wilson C. Morris Fellowship Breakfast, held on Friday morning of the Grand Chapter. Schermer is a Distinguished Morris Fellow – Diamond Level, who completed four years of service and leadership as president of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc. Schermer is also a past president of the Fraternity.

Paul Mueller, EMF, Beta Upsilon '71 (Cleveland State University) presented the Marvin Millsap Medal for distinguished Foundation service to **Joseph Feldhouse**, IMF, Beta Upsilon '69. With a \$1,000 gift to the Foundation, Feldhouse then recognized his son **John Feldhouse** by making him a Wilson C. Morris Fellow. Mueller and Feldhouse are Foundation Trustees.

Paul Phillips, EMF, Phi '92 (Southeastern Louisiana University) recognized those who achieved new levels of recognition in the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship. The Fellowship is an honor society that recognizes lifetime giving to support the educational and leadership development programs of the Foundation.

The Foundation, with the support of our donors, did much for the success of the *William P. Bernier Grand Chapter* by making Heritage Fund grants to undergraduate members. These grants help our collegiate members with the cost



Joseph Feldhouse addresses WCMF Breakfast while Michael Schermer looks on.

of transportation and lodging. You can designate all or a portion of your Foundation donation to a Heritage Fund designated for your chapter.

Hembree Guild members were also recognized at the breakfast. The Hembree Guild is comprised of those who have arranged a planned gift to the Foundation through their will or estate. It is named for **W. T. Hembree**, DMF-D, Epsilon '42 (Pittsburg State University.) He is a past president of both the Fraternity and Foundation, and who is the national level leader of Sigma Tau Gamma.

Bernier Institute for Chapter Development

Participants in the first Bernier Institute for Chapter Development learned about men's health and wellness, leadership styles and techniques, risk management, how to conduct a meeting with parliamentary procedure, and the Fraternity's chapter management program.

We assembled a program staff for the Bernier Institute comprised of experts in college fraternity development. In addition to our own professional staff, the following individuals presented at the Institute.

Dr. **David Braverman**, WCMF, Beta Alpha '82 (University of Missouri) is Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Springfield College. He was the Dent Man-of-the-Year in 1982 and served on the Fraternity staff. **Diana Brush** is Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. **Joy Helsel**, WCMF, is Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at California University of Pennsylvania. Helsel is a Sigma Tau Gamma volunteer, serving as chair of the National Philanthropy Committee. **Dan Wrona** is CEO of Rise Partnerships, a highly regarded consulting firm dedicated to college student leadership training.

Beta Theta Wins McCune

Beta Theta Chapter at Purdue University is the 2014 Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter. Beta Theta achieved this distinction by being the most effective chapter in Sigma Tau Gamma at using both the Chapter Management Program and the Path of Principles Program. As a result, Beta Theta actively involves all 128 of its members in the Fraternity. Beta Theta achieved a composite grade point average of 2.8 and participated in charity dinners and the annual Polar Plunge. They also participated in the Purdue Dance Marathon to benefit Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

The Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter Award is named for our Founder who served the Fraternity as our Fourth National President from 1938-1943. He gave extraordinary leadership at a time of great need. The award recognizes the top five chapters in Sigma Tau Gamma based upon chapter standards criteria set out in the McCune Metrics. All chapters annually complete a self-evaluation using the metrics.

Runners Up for the McCune Distinguished Chapter Award are also exemplary chapters. For 2014, they are **Delta** Chapter at Emporia State University, **Epsilon Xi** Chapter at Saint Louis University, **Kappa** Chapter at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, and **Beta Xi** Chapter at Winona State University



Tilley 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. The Dent award is the highest honor

the fraternity can bestow upon a student member. The recipient and finalists are chosen based on leadership, extracurricular activities, scholastic achievements, service to college and chapter and additional criteria. Based on this criteria and an interview, the Society of Seventeen chose **Michael Tilley**, CSM, Epsilon Tau '14 (University of North Carolina – Charlotte) as the 2014 Dent Man of the Year.

Tilley graduated in May with a degree in economics and an overall GPA of 3.05. As a founding father of the Epsilon Tau Chapter, he served as chapter president, vice president of programs, a member of the Judicial Board, and IFC representative. He also served on the Greek Week executive board. Tilley was selected to serve on the Sigma Tau Gamma CEO search committee as the undergraduate representative. He volunteered on campus and in his community by participating in philanthropic projects such as Relay For Life, Special Olympics of Charlotte, Habitat for Humanity, UNCC Philanthropy Day among others. He is currently pursuing a career in sports management where he can work with university sports programs.

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



Timothy Comes, CMF-EF, Beta Xi '13 (Winona State University) graduated in July with a degree in movement science and an overall 3.16 GPA. He has held the chapter offices of president, the sergeant

at arms, white rose co-chair, fundraising co-chair, and vice president of membership. On campus, Comes served as the at-large student senator, College of Nursing and Health Sciences senator and student services chair, student senate president and the IFC vice president of recruitment. Comes was also the 2014 Great Lakes Regional Conclave intern.



Josiah D'Albini, CMF-EF, Delta '14 (Emporia State University) will graduate in December with a degree in sociology and currently has an overall 3.24 GPA. He serves as the president of the Delta Chapter and has held the offices of vice

president of management and vice president of public relations. D'Albini has also served as the interfraternity council (IFC) president, IFC scholarship chair, Associated Student Government (ASG) President Pro-

Tempore, and ASG Fiscal Affairs Chair. On campus, he was active with the Tuition, Fees, and Budget Development committee, General Education council, Alcohol Advisory council, Athletic Advisory council, and Student Homecoming committee among other activities. D'Albini hopes to enroll in a college student personnel administration program after graduation to pursue a career in Greek Life.



Dylan Howard, Epsilon Psi '14 (Oklahoma State University) will graduate in December with a degree in international business and an overall GPA of 3.4 He currently serves as the president of the Epsilon Psi Chapter and represents the chapter in IFC. Prior to transferring, he served as executive vice president and vice president of programs for the Tau Chapter at East Central University. Howard was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma National Housing Task Force and the OSU homecoming committee. He stays active on campus by participating in several philanthropic projects including, Special Olympics, Breast Cancer Research, Children’s Miracle Network, and the Humane Society. After graduating, Howard would like to pursue a career working in the energy industry.



Tyler Mette, Beta Zeta '14 (University of Central Oklahoma) graduated in May with a degree in nutrition, dietetics, and food management and an overall 3.0 GPA. For the Beta Zeta Chapter, he served as president, vice president of membership, and judicial chairman. He also served as the judicial chairman for the campus IFC. Active with UCO's Big

Events, he served as the assistant director of sites and site coordinator. On campus, Mette was a co-student ambassador, orientation leader, Winterglow committee volunteer and member of the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics. Mette plans on becoming a registered dietitian and pursuing a master's degree in nutrition, dietetics, and food management.



2014–2016 Board of Directors

Alyx Parker (left) swearing in the 2014-16 Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Board of Directors. From left: Alyx Parker, Jonathan Proehl, Tom Morgan, Richard Harguindeguy, Jim Johnston, Jeremy Daus, Philip Jeanfreau and Jeremiah King.

Alyx Parker, NMF, Alpha Chi '97 (University of Illinois) was installed as the 38th National President. He was elected as President-elect at the 45th Grand Chapter, and he was first elected to the Board in 2010.

Jonathan Proehl, NMF, Gamma Nu '99 (University of Wisconsin-River Falls) will become the 39th National President in 2016, having been elected as President-elect at the 46th Grand Chapter.

Jeremiah King, WCMF, Alpha Omega '05 (Missouri University of Science and Technology) was elected Secretary to the Board of Directors this year at the 46th Grand Chapter. This is his first time serving on the Board.

Jim Johnston, CMF, Delta Xi '01 (Carnegie Mellon University) was elected Treasurer to the Board of Directors. At the 45th Grand Chapter, he was elected as a director, and this is his third time serving on the Board.

Jeremy Daus, NMF, Gamma Nu '02 (University of Wisconsin-River Falls) was elected to the Board of Directors this year at the 46th Grand Chapter. He served as Regional Vice President to the Great Lakes Region from 2008 to 2011, and this is his first time serving on the Board.

Philip Jeanfreau, WCMF, Phi '99 (Southeastern Louisiana University) was elected to the Board of

Directors this year at the 46th Grand Chapter. He served as the Regional Vice President to the Southern Region from 2008 to 2012, and this is his first time serving on the Board.

Thomas Morgan, CMF, Phi '85 (Southeastern Louisiana University) served as the 37th National President and has served on the Board of Directors since 2008 and continues as Immediate Past President.

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 Senior Past President.

For full biographies of the 2014-2016 Board of Directors, please visit www.sigmataugamma.org



Alan Parker (left) Alpha Chi Hon., swore in his son Alyx Parker as the 38th National President. The elder Parker is a faculty advisor at the University of Illinois. The younger Parker honored his dad with a Wilson C. Morris Fellowship.

Steve Latour to be Next CEO

Following a national search, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity has named **Steven Latour** as its next Chief Executive Officer. Latour will succeed **William P. (Bill) Bernier**, Iota '71, as CEO of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc.

Latour previously served as Senior Director of Advancement at Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He joined the Sigma Tau Gamma staff on July 1, 2014. He will transition into the CEO role on January 1, 2015. In the interim Latour will work with Bernier to become fully knowledgeable about Sigma Tau Gamma chapters, programs, policies and finances.

“What impresses me most about Steve is his positive outlook, enthusiasm and energy,” said **Thomas C. Morgan**, Phi '85, past Sigma Tau Gamma National President. “He was part of the leadership team at a national fraternity moving successfully through a time of advancement and growth very similar to the exciting future and growth that lays at the feet of Sigma Tau Gamma today. He knows the challenges and opportunities Fraternities have today and I believe will make an outstanding CEO for Sig Tau.”

Latour (34), a native of Berkley, Michigan, received his bachelor of applied arts from Central Michigan University in 2004. He joined the Alpha Sigma Phi headquarters staff in January 2005 where he rapidly advanced in responsibility, rising to the role of Vice President of Fraternity Operations. He moved to his current role with the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation in September 2012.

“Steve steps into the CEO role at a very exciting time for Sigma Tau Gamma,” said Bernier. “It is a huge opportunity for him and I am confident



Steve Latour addresses House of Delegates

that he will provide sound professional leadership as we build on the successes of the past and embrace the challenges of the future.”

The Fraternity CEO search process began in August 2013. The search committee narrowed the field of candidates to four. The Board of Directors interviewed the finalists late in May and selected Latour.

“I am very excited about what lies ahead for Sigma Tau Gamma, thanks to Bill Bernier’s leadership, there are so many opportunities for us to continue to evolve, grow our membership, expand to more campuses, and raise funds to support the Fraternity. I can’t wait to get started,” said Latour.

Bernier will retire as CEO on December 31, 2014. He will continue on staff in a part time consulting role through 2015. Board President Morgan reflected on Bernier’s more than 41 years of service.

“Bill thinks deeply about the big picture, where the organization is going, and how it can get there. That is the trait of a true chief executive,” Morgan said. “His legacy is the impact he has had not just on the organization, but many of us individually, and for me it has run the gambit from chapter president to national president. We all owe him a great debt of gratitude for a life’s work dedicated to Sigma Tau Gamma.”

Installation of Arizona State University Provisional Chapter

Sigma Tau Gamma conducted the Ceremony of Installation at Arizona State University on March 2, 2014. The Arizona State University provisional chapter welcomed family, friends, students and university administrators to watch the ceremony. This is the first time Sigma Tau Gamma has had a provisional chapter at Arizona State University.



Arizona State University Provisional Chapter

Expansion Staff members **Derek Kaimann**, Beta '09, and **Brian Lewallen**, Gamma Phi '13, spent seven weeks on the Arizona State University campus recruiting students to become Founding Fathers of the provisional chapter. **Michael Smoll**, Delta '03, past vice president of strategic growth, joined them in the recruitment efforts.

"The Expansion Staff did an exceptional job over the last seven weeks recruiting some of the top men on campus to start the provisional chapter," said Smoll. "These men are very impressive, and I am looking forward to seeing what they accomplish as they work towards chartering."

During the ceremony, Past President **Tom Morgan**, Phi '85 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 guest, the men went through the Ritual of Initiation, which was conducted by the Installation Team and collegiate and alumni members from Epsilon Zeta Chapter at nearby Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"It was a very exciting day for Sigma Tau Gamma and the men who had accepted the challenge of starting a new provisional chapter at Arizona State University," said Smoll.

Oklahoma State University Epsilon Psi Chartered

On April 3, 2014 the Epsilon Psi Chapter was chartered at Oklahoma State University-Stillwater. The installation ceremony was held at the OSU student union, and Past President Tom Morgan, Phi '85, presented the charter to 81 collegiate members.

Expansion efforts began in Spring 2013 led by

past Director of Expansion, Michael Smoll, Delta '03, and expansion counselors, Paul Manly, Epsilon Rho '11 and Derek Kaimann, Beta '09. They recruited 75 men to become Founding Fathers for the provisional chapter, putting the chapter over the margin of the Oklahoma State University campus male average of 66 men per chapter.

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Epsilon Psi Chapter

As a provisional chapter, the men have attended all national meetings to build brotherhood with current alumni brothers from all over the

country, including their chapter president, **Dylan Howard**, Epsilon Psi '14, in attendance at the 2014 Earl A. Webb Academy for Principled Leaders where he worked with presidents from other chapters and honed his leadership abilities. Howard was recognized as a finalist for the Dent Man of the Year award at the *William P. Bernier* Grand Chapter in New Orleans.

In addition, the brothers have excelled in their leadership with more than 25 members in leadership roles with other clubs and activities across campus, ranging from student staff, academic mentors, ambassadors, and executive members of campus sponsored activities. The chapter has also excelled in their philanthropic service by raising nearly \$4,000 in support of breast cancer and the Special Olympics.

Reinstallation of Northern Arizona University Gamma Zeta Provisional Chapter

The Gamma Zeta Provisional Chapter was re-installed at Northern Arizona University on April 5, 2014. Distinguished guests included 38th National President **Alyx Parker**, Alpha Chi '97, and members of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The Gamma Zeta Chapter was originally chartered in 1968 and remained active until 1979. Our Sigma Tau Gamma expansion staff was excited to re-organize at NAU. The provisional chapter's reopening was led by Director of Expansion, Derek Kaimann, Beta '09, and expansion counselor Brian Lewallen, Gamma Phi '13. Over a six-week expansion process, Kaimann and Lewallen recruited 47 re-founding fathers, and the men at Gamma Zeta have added 20 new Associates to their chapter in Fall 2014.

White Rose Vanessa Kern

Vanessa Kern is the 2014 White Rose of Sigma Tau Gamma. Gamma Phi Chapter at the University of Southern Indiana sponsored Kern. A senior with a 3.44 grade point average, Kern is studying Health Promotion & Worksite Wellness with a minor in Nutrition. Kern is Vice President of Membership for her chapter of Delta Zeta sorority. She is in the Order of Omega, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and a mentor for the Honors Student Council. "It has been an absolute blessing to represent Gamma Phi Chapter," said Kern.

Vanessa Kern



State of the Fraternity

Sigma Tau Gamma finished the school year with 3,056 undergraduate members, achieving an average chapter size of more than 45; president **Thomas C. Morgan** reported to the delegates, relatives and friends at the *William P. Bernier* Grand Chapter. Morgan is an alumnus of Phi Chapter (Southeastern Louisiana University) who was the 1985 Ellsworth C. Dent Man-of-the-Year. He is the 37th National President of Sigma Tau Gamma.



Past President, Buz Barlow visits with Pat Gotham, Philanthropy Committee co-chair.

Morgan recounted his travels over the year, making special note of the presentation of charters and installation of provisional chapters. Epsilon Upsilon at Virginia Tech, Epsilon Phi at Alabama, Beta Xi at Winona State, Epsilon Chi at Auburn and Epsilon Psi at Oklahoma State received charters from Morgan on behalf of the whole Fraternity. New provisional chapters were installed at Cincinnati, Arizona State, Northern Arizona and Washington.

Sigma Tau Gamma recruited 1,188 associates and of those initiated 1,072. Existing chapter recruitment increased, but expansion campus recruitment trailed the prior year record, resulting in 22 fewer initiates nationwide. Still, overall membership grew by 269, a ten percent increase.

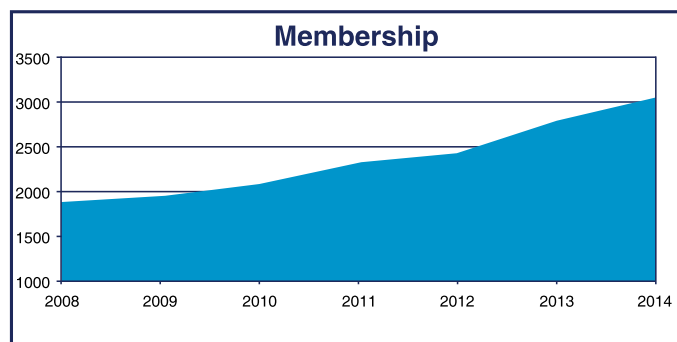


37th National President Thomas Morgan

Revenue increased to \$1,220,800 and the Fraternity ended the fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$70,772.

Sigma Tau Gamma entered into a formal agreement to support Special Olympics as our national philanthropy. Philanthropy chair **Joy Helsel** and co-chair **Pat Gotham** were largely responsible for this exciting development.

Sigma Tau Gamma has been accepted into FRMT, Ltd., a captive insurance company owned by an assembly of national college fraternities. Entry will require a capital buy in over three years. However, the Board of Directors authorized this move in order to stabilize long term insurance costs and assure availability of coverage.



Alumni News

Phi 75th Diamond Anniversary (Southeastern Louisiana University)

On Saturday, June 7, 2014 Southeastern Louisiana University was the host of a major event for Phi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. Phi Chapter celebrated their founding on the school's campus in 1939 – 75 years ago.

More than 200 active and alumni brothers, along with their guests, attended the Phi Chapter Diamond Anniversary Celebration Dinner. Special guests for the dinner included **William Bernier**, '71, CEO of Sigma Tau Gamma, **Thomas Morgan**, '85, 37th President of Sigma Tau Gamma, **Dr. John Crain**, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, and **Kathy Pittman**, SLU Alumni Director.



CEO Bill Bernier at Phi 75th Diamond Anniversary



Phi 75th Diamond Anniversary

The evening was a celebration of the past that honored all brothers of Phi Chapter living and deceased and recognition of the people who have made the chapter successful over the past 75 years. The earliest initiates in attendance were Brothers **Thomas Kuhn**, '64, and **John Mollere**, '64, who were both initiated into Sig Tau in 1961. Also in attendance were 16 White Rose Sweethearts, including **Jaci Jamison**, the reigning White Rose of Phi Chapter, and **Holly Mauer**, Honorary National White Rose Sweetheart.

Xi Founder's Day picnic (Fairmont State University)

Xi chapter celebrated their Founder's Day picnic with 27 brothers at Fairmont State University.

Xi Founder's Day: Back row from left: Jeff Daugherty, Chester Thomas, Geoff Knudson, Mike Palermo, Fran Walsh, Frank Zacavish, Bill Griffith, Jack Barr, Jim Anglin, Rick Weisenmiller, Joe Curia, Dave Judy, Steve Detrick, Doug Bunner, John Paul Lynch, Dave Toothman, Dave Cain.

Front row from left: Ken Campbell, Rick Pill Larry Weekley, Dave Glendenning, John Frederick, Terry Shreves, Rod Merrifield, Ron Straight, Rick Toothman, John Daniels.



Alpha Phi (Southeast Missouri State University)

Randy Leet, Alpha Phi '76 (Southeast Missouri State University) retired from AT&T after 30 years service.

Terry Spitzmiller, Alpha Phi '80 (Southeast Missouri State University) is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and is currently director of contracts for the VA Healthcare System of Ohio. He and wife Sally recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

Gamma Chi (Michigan Technological University) Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Founders **Fred Guenther**, NMF '75 and **Jim Weber**, WCMF '74 were among the alumni who returned to Houghton, MI over August 7-9, 2014 for the Gamma Chi Chapter 40th Anniversary Celebration. Activities included a welcome event at the chapter house, golf outing and Saturday afternoon picnic.

The event was family centered. Alumni with their spouses and children joined the undergraduate members and their girlfriends. The Thursday evening welcome event featured a campfire in the backyard of the chapter house with s'mores for the kids.

Gamma Chi Chapter chartered at Michigan Technological University on April 20, 1974 with 39 members. Gamma Chi Chapter was an Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter finalist sixteen times. They won first place in 1986. Gamma Chi had 53 members during the recently completed school year. Their alumni association officers are **Troy Kelsey**, '98, President, **Robert Wojcik**, '91, Vice President, **Paul Szczesny**, DMF '81, Secretary, and **Robert Leonard**, '83, Treasurer.

Gamma Chi 40th Anniversary



Alpha Lambda (Concord University)

Brother **Jareth Wieland**, '15, recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Flight 205 320 Training Squadron. Wieland was Element Leader and received marksman on the M-16A2. He graduated as an A1C (E3 rank).



Jareth Wieland, Alpha Lambda

Beta Upsilon (Cleveland State University) Brother's Home Destroyed by Tornado

On June 23, 2014, an EF1 tornado struck the Cleveland suburbs. The home of Beta Upsilon Brother **Paul McNamee**, '82, was destroyed by the twister. At the suggestion of Beta Upsilon Alumni Association Treasurer, Brother **Jeff Molchan**, '83, the brothers of Beta Upsilon immediately set up a fund to help the McNamee family through this difficult time.



Following is the letter that Brother McNamee wrote:

Brother McNamee's home after the tornado

Dear Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma,

I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for your concern, thoughtfulness, kind words and generosity during my family's recent misfortune. I am quite overwhelmed at the amount of support that my brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma have shown and continue to provide to my family and me.

To define Brotherhood in a fraternal organization can be different for each brother as he is initiated...As we grow, our priorities begin to change, but that foundation of Brotherhood is always within you. During this most recent challenge, I have had the opportunity to reflect on my experiences and what Brotherhood and Sigma Tau Gamma has meant to me. The support and concern that you, my Brothers, have shown is, as I said before (and can find no better way to express it) overwhelming. For this, I truly thank you.

While I can relate many acts of Brotherhood from the Beta Upsilon Chapter during my recent misadventure, I can think of no better example than the following:

On the day after the Tornado hit, I was standing in front of my house, still in disbelief... I was thankful that my family was safe and that my wife, Maureen was not harmed. Yet I felt so helpless as to what to do...As I stood there, a young man I had never seen before in my life came up to me and asked if I was Paul McNamee. I told him yes. He then introduced himself as Ryan Cary, current President of the active chapter of the Beta Upsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. He had heard what had happened and just wanted to stop by and offer whatever the active chapter could do to help me and my family through this ordeal. I was literally floored that this young man thought enough of me to do this. As we stood there and talked, I mentioned how overwhelmed I was at the support that I have received from my Brothers. He then said something in response that I have thought about and remembered, and will be with me forever. He said, "That's what Brothers do." Four simple words that sum up, what has been for me a 35 year adventure.

While we grow away from our college years, our Brotherhood remains strong, in fact, stronger than ever.

Again, thank you Brothers for all you have done for me and my family. We are doing OK and are in the process of rebuilding our home.

*Sincerely yours,
Paul McNamee*

Due to limited space Chapter Eternal does not feature obituaries for every member. Obituaries are posted for 90 days from the date of notice on our website at: www.sigmataugamma.org. To submit a Chapter Eternal entry, please email editor@sigmataugamma.org.

Alpha

University of Central Missouri

James M. Kilmer, NMF, '40, September 6, 2014

Beta

Truman State University

John E. Capps, '58, August 29, 2014

Omicron

Ball State University

Nick Minichillo, '49, August 28, 2014

Alpha Kappa

University of Wisconsin, Stout

David Sax, '85, July 21, 2014

Alpha Phi

Southeast Missouri State University

John H. Bell, '55, August 22, 2014

Beta Zeta

University of Central Oklahoma

Guy Willis, '69, June 20, 2014

Beta Sigma

St. Cloud University

Thomas Latterell, '65, July 21, 2014

Beta Upsilon

Cleveland State University

Delano Rushton, '00, May 22, 2014

Beta Phi

Southwestern Oklahoma State

William Nix, '78, June 9, 2014

Beta Psi

University of Wisconsin-Superior

William F. Gustafson, '67, March 22, 2014

Gamma Alpha

Mansfield University

Joseph Weidow, '78, June 9, 2014

Delta Lambda

University of Iowa

Daniel S. Miltner, '91, March 25, 2014

Kilmer was Notable Morris Fellow

James M. Kilmer, Alpha '40, died September 10, 2014 in Hannibal, Missouri. Jim and his wife Pearl, who preceded him in death in 2002, established an endowed scholarship for collegiate members of Alpha Chapters at the University of Central Missouri. Jim, who was a Notable Morris Fellow of the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship, was a life-long supporter of Sigma Tau Gamma. For more than 75 years he maintained a very close friendship with Earl A. Webb, Alpha '41 and George D. Gunn, Alpha '43.

Jim was a farmer for many years. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Chilhowee, MO. He was president of the Farmer's Exchange Board for 25 years and an original board member of the Johnson County (MO) Memorial Hospital (now Western Missouri Medical Center.) He is survived by two sons, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc.

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Foundation News

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Dear Brothers, Parents and Friends of Sigma Tau Gamma:

As many of you aware, we have recently completed year two of a three year campaign to raise funds to increase the leadership skills of our undergraduate brothers. The goals of Project Leadership 1400 are twofold: to double the number of unique donors in this period to 1400 and also to raise \$250,000 to be used for scholarship grants for our members.

The Foundation is pleased to announce our progress and growth at the end of year 2 as a result of your investment in our members.

- 1173 unique donors
- \$143,580 received.

Rank	Chapter Name - School Name	Gift Total
1	Delta Xi - Carnegie Mellon University	\$ 13,967.73
2	Gamma Psi - Illinois State University	\$ 12,160.00
3	Phi - Southeastern Louisiana University	\$ 11,111.11
4	Beta Upsilon - Cleveland State University	\$ 8,801.00
5	Alpha - University of Central Missouri	\$ 7,459.76
6	Beta - Truman State University	\$ 5,790.00
7	Gamma Nu - University of Wisconsin - River Falls	\$ 5,070.00
8	Alpha Lambda - Concordia University	\$ 4,945.00
9	Alpha Beta - Harris Stowe State University	\$ 4,450.00
10	Beta Omicron - Northland College	\$ 4,000.00

How have we used the funds? We are pleased to report that as a result of these increased funds, over 80 undergraduates received grants in the past two years to help them attend national and regional leadership meetings.

Project Leadership will come to a close next August, so now is the time to leave your mark and invest generously in Sigma Tau Gamma. We are only **227** unique donors short of our target of 1400; will you consider a gift to put us over our goal for unique donors? Your gifts will be reinvested in our chapters, providing members with quality leadership development opportunities, overall strengthening the future leaders of Sigma Tau Gamma.

Finally I would like to recognize the alumni of our top ten chapters for Project Leadership 1400. We hail thee brothers!

You can make a contribution at www.crowdrise.com/stgfoundation.

Fraternally,

Thomas Janicki, DMF, Delta Xi '74
Foundation President