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Charting a Course for Sammy Success

*"Developing Leaders Initiative"
The DLI Class of 2015*

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From Executive Director, Lee Manders



Shame, Guilt and Irresponsibility

Any time you have to close a 140-man chapter, there's an element of shame and guilt involved... not necessarily just on the part of those few, irresponsible "men" who caused the chapter's closure, but certainly on the rest of *Sigma Alpha Mu*.

The impact of closing our *Sigma Iota* chapter at Michigan is profound. It is so sad, disappointing and regrettable that the destructive actions of a few members in vandalizing a ski resort hotel brought so much negative media attention upon all of us – not only to our fraternity, but to all fraternities. Aside from potential, criminal prosecution that may still come, the university rightfully expected that the guilty culprits would come forward and accept responsibility for their actions. Because, you see, the damage was caused by only about 20 of the older members of the chapter. Unfortunately, those individuals refused to do so. Their lack of accountability and the lack of cooperation by chapter officers in identifying them (yes, they know who did it), caused the university and the Octagon to take this most drastic, disciplinary action.

Our Creed,

"...To foster and maintain among its sons a spirit of fraternity, a spirit of mutual moral aid and support; to instil and maintain in the hearts of its sons love for and loyalty to Alma Mater and its ideals; to inculcate among its sons such ideals as will result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy, and humanity."

Our Creed speaks of "mutual moral aid and support." That most certainly does not mean hiding, playing legal games, or "circling the wagons" when a few members screw up and commit such a costly crime. That is the exact opposite of responsible, moral behavior on the part of a true fraternity man.

The mission of Σ AM, in essence, is to develop our undergraduate members to be productive and responsible members of our society. We know (or would like to believe) that the members of our *Sigma Iota* chapter knew right from wrong. Every year, Σ AM literally spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on Risk Management programming and liability

insurance coverage. We spend hours upon hours teaching our undergraduate members about the consequences of risky, harmful and irresponsible behavior. Most perplexing, perhaps, is that this shameful event emanated from an otherwise stellar chapter. *Sigma Iota* was 140 members strong with an award-winning GPA of 3.5. They had earned four Founders Cups since 2010. That's all now tarnished. Alumni are in disbelief that such a thing could happen. But, it did... unnecessarily.

If a young man who calls himself a member of our fraternity (and considers himself to be a "brother" to others) acts in such a way that demonstrates a clear and undeniable lack of integrity and/or character, it is up to his fellow chapter members to hold him accountable for his actions... to hold him to a higher standard. That clearly did not happen at Michigan. Many people knew what was happening, had an opportunity to do something about it... and chose not to.

Understandably, we are deeply embarrassed by what has happened. Since January, our *Sigma Alpha Mu* name and our reputation have been stained. Our office has received nasty emails and phone calls (sometimes anti-Semitic). Perhaps the perpetrators in Michigan should field those abusive, hate-filled messages.

Bottom line: We, in *Sigma Alpha Mu*, have an obligation to hold each other accountable for our actions. Surely, our Founders (and all those who came after) deserve better.



Alumni Day Activities and a Treat for the Ladies, Too

At this year's Convention in Phoenix, the historic and scenic Arizona Biltmore is once again our accommodating host. Alumni Day is Saturday, August 15. Join us for lunch, the Business Session and the Convention Banquet. We've got something planned for the ladies, too. A discount on all resort spa services is available during your entire stay. Art galleries and boutique shopping is also close by. For reservations, please contact the Fraternity Office. Email: jeanr@sam.org or call **888-369-9361 (317-789-8338)**.

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From Supreme Prior, Andrew Ahitow



At What Cost, Education?

At what point are parents and students priced out of the college market? I think most would say, “Right now!” With the cost of a college education skyrocketing, the average family has to save an additional \$600-\$800/month in order to send their child to a standard university. Families in the socio-economic middle class (which is slowly dissipating) are now presented with a difficult choice: pay the mortgage... or save for college. Most families will opt for the latter. And, if my children are going to pay for their own education, it might take them decades to climb out of that financial canyon.

What are the other options? Trade school? Community college? Online courses? Or, “No college for you – go get a job!” Maybe I can just win the Powerball lottery.

With the staggering rate of tuition increases, families may be faced with the grim reality of finding a better use of their money. Would I rather put \$10,000 a year (per child) away for college... or buy a few investment properties and have my children run and manage them? What is the better investment?

Our ΣAM Foundation awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships last year (based both on merit and financial need) and will at least match that again this year. Participation in Greek Life, statistically, bolsters the likelihood of persistence to graduation – obtaining the diploma that used to (and still may) symbolize the college investment’s ultimate payoff, that being... better preparation for life, becoming a contributing member of the community and the professional world into which the young man is about to enter. *Sigma Alpha Mu* is and will always be very proud of this. But, is it enough?

My best guess is that university enrollment will begin to drop – drastically. I sense that families may stop dreaming about four years of college education and young people will start entering the workforce sooner. This is a delicate, dangerous scenario. However, the rise in tuition is simply not consistent with that of the average household income. Our children may not have the same opportunities as we did.

I was taught to never raise a problem without having the possibility of a solution. Can we look to other Higher Education examples in other countries and really drill down into what they are doing? If we are unwilling to research alternatives or even ask the questions, are we simply giving up? The long-term impact of less academic and social “training” of our future leadership is at stake. Let’s start a conversation... please.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH

Fraternity to Add and Shift Leadership Positions

Earlier this year, the Octagon (the ΣAM Board of Directors) voted to organize a Housing Corporation that would concentrate on helping chapters acquire permanent housing. Current ΣAM Executive Director, Lee Manders, has been asked to lead that initiative. The Fraternity now has the opportunity to conduct a thorough search to identify his successor.

The position of ΣAM Executive Director requires residence in Indianapolis and involves responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Fraternity and for fulfilling strategic objectives as dictated by the Octagon. Previous fraternity management or association management experience is desirable. A thorough knowledge of Fraternity government, financial management qualifications, and broad experience managing employees and volunteers is also desired.

To express interest or for more information, please contact Past Supreme Prior, Marc Perlstein at mperl112@gmail.com.

ΣAM Expansion Update

We’ve been busy planting the purple and white flag on several campuses, as our continued growth is an essential, ongoing effort. Our five colonies are listed below. Welcome them. Let these young men know they are not alone in their efforts to attain chapter status. Remind them that membership in ΣAM lasts a lifetime, well beyond just their undergraduate years. Encourage them. Their task is a challenging one. Send emails to: expansion@sam.org. We’ll forward them to the respective colony.

 Washington (*Sigma Nu*)
Originally chartered in 1926.

 UCLA (*Sigma Pi*)
Originally chartered in 1926.

 Washington State (*Mu Zeta*)
Originally chartered in 1947.

 SUNY-Purchase
This group becomes the first-ever Greek organization on its campus!

 Emory
This enthusiastic group attended Convention last year in Washington DC.

Developing Leaders Initiative – Class of 2015

Now celebrating its 5th anniversary, one of the innovative cornerstones of ΣAM's commitment to leadership education and training is the Developing Leaders Initiative, an every-other-year event. On a mid-January weekend, 12 undergraduates (representing geographically and organizationally diverse chapters) set sail for the Bahamas aboard the Royal Caribbean "Enchantment of the Seas."



The undergraduates participating this year are:

(front row)

Vincent Blonigen (*Kappa* – Minnesota)

Joshua Schwartz (*Beta Gamma* – Arizona)

Joshua Beitchman (*Gamma Kappa* – Texas A&M)

Kyle Leclair (*Delta Pi* – Ottawa)

(middle row)

Jason Peretz (*Delta Omega* – RIT)

David Eisenberg (*Sigma Sigma* – Berkeley)

Jonny Shorr (*Mu Theta* – USC)

Seth Schachter (*Mu Theta* – USC)

(top row)

Kenan Tugrul (*Gamma Tau* – Florida)

Nadav Avner (*Epsilon Nu* – Connecticut)

Chris Connolly (*Eta* – Syracuse)

Brandon Gimpelman (*Epsilon Epsilon* – Geneseo)

2015 DLI faculty include Past Supreme Prior Phil Glauben, Jack Causseaux (Chairman of the ΣAM Education Committee), Adam Rabin (alumni volunteer and legal expert), and Matthew Modansky (ΣAM Director of Chapter Services). Modansky explains, "The eight-month DLI curriculum focuses on Team Building, Organizational Governance, Community Service, Volunteerism and Professional Development. Participants are already leaders in their chapters and have attended Convention and/or regional leadership events. The DLI experience is designed to educate and prepare these men for post-collegiate leadership engagement, both within ΣAM and within their respective communities." The responsibilities for the DLI Class of 2015 will conclude with their presentation of a major, organizational proposal at the Convention in Phoenix, August 13-16.

Reflections on the DLI Experience from the Class of 2015



Joshua Schwartz
(Beta Gamma – Arizona)
Major: Philosophy, English

Given my chosen academic path, I have long since surrendered any attempt to sufficiently define my fraternity experience in a few words! And frankly, I'm not sure I'll ever be able to do so. However, I do agree with the old saying, "You get out of it what you put into it." While this credo is probably true of many things in life, DLI has given me an opportunity to see realized the rectification of challenging situations experienced by Sammy fratres in chapters from coast to coast. DLI provides an intensive, leadership laboratory where I can blend my thinking and my doing in such a way as to give back

to an organization that has given so much to me and to its membership... for 105 years and counting.

DLI provides an opportunity for self-growth through teamwork, leadership, communication, and respect. We don't just discuss and evaluate the ideals and principles of *Sigma Alpha Mu*; we experience them, we evolve through them, we implement them, we teach them, we share them, and we bond because of them.

As is our assignment, this year's DLI class has taken on a major fraternity challenge. In addressing and responding positively to this challenge, I am confident that we will receive the gratification of service and the pride of accomplishment; we will enjoy the comradery of fraternity and the vision of a Sammy future that our hands will have helped to shape. I could not be more grateful for the opportunity or more proud of my DLI brothers.



Joshua Beitchman
(Gamma Kappa – Texas A&M)
Major: Biomedical Sciences

There are few times in a man's life when he's able to fully immerse himself in a leadership environment that fosters real growth. For me, *Sigma Alpha Mu* has provided this opportunity on several occasions. Prior to setting sail, I reflected on

past Conventions and Chapter Leaders Day events and the many men I've met there. From previous DLI participants, I had heard only rave reviews. But, I was curious and maybe even a bit skeptical, "Could so much really be accomplished by 12 'strangers' in just three short days... on a cruise ship?"

Remarkably, an environment was immediately created for us that cultivated an understanding that we were now working towards something much larger than 12 individuals... or even one cohesive group of 12. Yes, this was (and is) significantly larger. In the process that began on the ship and has continued for three months since, we've all grown in unimaginable ways; we've become connected on a level that seems like we've known each other our entire lives. Then again, a strong fraternity experience will do that to you!

DLI has shown me that there are just as many opportunities to enjoy Sammy fraternalism after graduation as there are during each of our undergraduate years on our respective campuses. I look forward to continuing my involvement with *Sigma Alpha Mu*.



Brandon Gimpelman
(Epsilon Epsilon – Geneseo)
Major: Political Science

The Developing Leaders Initiative is a once-in-a-lifetime, Sammy leadership opportunity. Two years from now, when the application process opens for the DLI "Class of 2017," any brother who truly seeks

to better himself ought to seriously consider applying.

After boarding the ship, it didn't take long to realize that I was now part of a team of highly motivated individuals with a common, fraternal bond. Yes, we were onboard a big, beautiful cruise ship. But, the DLI experience is absolutely embedded in a professional business environment with an agenda that is not for the faint of heart. Traversing several locations on the ship and on shore, we were always together as a team... sometimes talking, sometimes walking, sometimes working... but always together as a team.

With the guidance of our staff and alumni facilitators, 12 college men set out to discuss and formulate a resolution to the Octagon, as well as map out our strategy and an action plan for Convention. While I cannot predict the future, I do foresee one with me involved in Σ AM for years to come. I can say with certainty that the DLI experience will serve me well in many aspects of my life. Thank you, *Sigma Alpha Mu*.



Jonny Shorr
(Mu Theta – USC)
Music Industry

So very different – so very similar. "The Σ AM Experience," on a chapter-by-chapter basis, can be so very different; every campus and every chapter has its own personality. But, when the 12 of us met on the ship, it was our

similarity in core values that allowed us to bond quickly and make such great progress on our project. In August, we'll be presenting a proposal to the Octagon regarding methodology to improve the officer transition process in our chapters.

DLI gave us the perfect forum in which to discuss our strengths and challenges... both as individuals and as chapters. With that new understanding, our class is confident of our ability to now make a positive difference on a much larger scale. *Sigma Alpha Mu* has played a defining role in my college career. As our chapter has surged forward in recent years, I recognize just how important it is to seamlessly, successfully pass the torch along to those who follow. Avoiding needless mistakes is the key to continued growth in all areas of chapter operation. A well-oiled machine will take its passengers on a great ride. One of the main reasons I applied to DLI was so I could give back to Σ AM. All indications thus far would suggest that I and we are on the right track!



Jason Peretz
(Delta Omega – RIT)
Major: New Media Interactive Development

Going in, I knew that the DLI experience would open my eyes. I just had no idea that they would be opened quite so wide!

I now have such a different understanding of *Sigma Alpha Mu* ... as a brotherhood, as an organization, and of my ability to truly help guide its future. We 12 were accepted into the program because of our desire to step up... and because of the belief in us, by others, to do so. With that expectation understood, a palpable sense of urgency was evident in our agenda. This was, by no means, going to be a vacation cruise. This was serious work.

During our candidacy, we learn (OK, let's face it... we memorize) information. Going to a regional or national Σ AM leadership event broadens our perspective. But, DLI was a much deeper level of fraternity "immersion." Organizational intricacies and inter-relationships were being discussed with boardroom intensity. We 12 now go back to our respective chapters to implement new (and better) ways of doing things to accomplish essential fraternity objectives. No more empty shortcuts, my brothers! Better methods... better men... stronger chapters... and a stronger organization. This is what my eyes now see more clearly.

Chapter Eternal

Editor's Note: For accuracy and consistency, the year shown after a frater's name is his initiation year, not his graduation year. Chapter Eternal information comes to the Fraternity Office from sources of varying reliability. Occasionally, innocent errors are printed in spite of our best efforts to prevent them. While the Octagonian cannot guarantee the accuracy of Chapter Eternal listings, we continue to publish this feature because our readers want it.

Seymour P. Berger (*Bucknell '41*)

Gary J. Silverman (*Case Western Reserve '60*)

Stephen B. Brown (*Columbia '57*)

M. Peter Keane (*Cornell '28*)

Mr. Raymond Navarro, Jr. (*Houston '95*)

Michael C. Glazer (*Indiana '64*)

Robert W. Kling (*Indiana '55*)

Benjamin H. Levin (*Indiana '54*)

Max W. Meyer (*Indiana '41*)

Jerold I. Berkley (*Long Island '58*)

Alan Z. Levey (*Minnesota '53*)

The Honorable Bennie Cohen
(*Mississippi State '42*)

Erwin E. Waldman (*Missouri '41*)

Yale J. Holt (*Ohio State '47*)

Robert M. Raives (*Ohio State '47*)

Norman F. Dritch (*Oklahoma '59*)

Bennett Blum (*Pennsylvania '47*)

Roger S. Rachman (*Pennsylvania '52*)

Richard F. Ruby (*Pennsylvania '49*)

Shepard C. Goldberg (*Pittsburgh '68*)

Jack Kurtz (*Pittsburgh '47*)

Harry Segel (*Pittsburgh '42*)

Samuel L. Spatter (*Pittsburgh '48*)

Warren C. Du Bruff (*Purdue '38*)

Miles P. Eskin (*Purdue '49*)

Robert S. Gassel (*Purdue '70*)

Alan R. Grushcow (*Purdue '60*)

Dick Nierenberg (*Rutgers '55*)

Jack E. Alter (*Southern Methodist '54*)

Stephen D. Michna (*Stephen F. Austin '07*)

A. E. Markson (*Syracuse '46*)

Brian J. Danek (*Towson '96*)

Hubert K. Cohn (*Tulane '48*)

Dr. Irvin C. Schneider (*Tulane '39*)

Dr. Paul E. Goldman (*USC '49*)

Joseph W. Levy (*USC '51*)

Barry I. Solomon (*USC '83*)

Fred Spiegl (*USC '51*)

Jack I. Kerman (*Washington U. '51*)

Dr. Robert A. Galin (*Wayne State '58*)

Sires & Sons

Fra **Samuel K. Pappert**, *Texas A&M '14*, son of Fra **Wayne L. Pappert**, *Texas '79*

Fra **Ethan R. Cohen**, *Indiana '14*, son of Fra **Bradley H. Cohen**, *Indiana '85* and grandson of Fra **Charles A. Cohen**, *Indiana '60*, and great grandson of the late **William Jacobson**, *Indiana '28*

Fra **Maxwell J. Freeman**, *Indiana '14*, son of Fra **Edward A. Freeman**, *Indiana '82*, grandson of Fra **Irving J. Freeman**, *Indiana '45*

Fra **Sean P. Kantor**, *Indiana '14*, son of Fra **Curtis J. Kantor**, *Texas '80*

Fra **Zak N. Lieberman**, *Indiana '14*, son of Fra **Robert S. Lieberman**, *Illinois '85*

Fra **Joshua S. Shalen**, *Indiana '14*, son of Fra **Jonathan D. Shalen**, *Indiana '80*

Fra **Rodney L. Winkler**, *Indiana '14*, grandson of Fra **Dr. Gerald L. Laker**, *Michigan '53*

Fra **Samuel I. Rosenberg**, *Cornell '15*, son of Fra **Jeffrey S. Rosenberg**, *Michigan '83*

Fra **Brandon L. Friedman**, *Wisconsin '14*, grandson of the late Fra **Matthew E. Friedman**, *Bucknell '42*

Fra **Ian F. Adomeit**, *Connecticut '15*, grandson of the late Fra **Donald L. Sanders**, *Washington U '48*

Fra **Addison J. Caruso**, *Miami (OH) '15*, grandson of the late Fra **Yale J. Holt**, *Ohio State '47*

Fra **Eli G. Gould**, *Miami (OH) '15*, son of Fra **Kenneth C. Gould**, *Indiana '86*

Fra **Scott D. Wolpert**, *Miami (OH) '15*, son of Fra **Marc I. Wolpert**, *Miami (OH) '87*

Mergers

Fra **Brad S. Wasserman**, *W. Virginia '06*, and Megan Farrelly

Fra **Evan A. Remer**, *Texas '02*, and Carolyn Dix

Fra **Greg R. Cohen**, *Texas A&M '06*, and Brittany Baker

Fra **Dr. James F. Johnson**, *Stephen F. Austin '05*, and Nikki Dye

Fra **William M. Hancock**, *Texas A&M '09* and Abby Freeman

Dividends

To Dir. of Chapter Services and Mrs. **Matthew B. Modansky**, *West Virginia '06*, a daughter, Evelyn Rose

To Fra and Mrs. **Mitchell T. Manders**, *Miami (OH) '04*, a son, Evan James, grandson of Executive Director & Past Supreme Prior and Mrs. **Leland D. Manders** *Miami (OH) '72*

To Fra and Mrs. **Andrew C. Stein**, *Arizona '88*, a daughter, Maya Avery

To Fra and Mrs. **Brett A. Perlman**, *Ohio St '07*, a daughter, Stella Harper

To Fra and Mrs. **Bryan P. Werley**, *American University '99*, a son Robert Charles

To Fra and Mrs. **Gerard D. Kardonsky**, *Texas A&M '04*, a daughter, Evelyn

To Fra and Mrs. **Zachary R. Faithful**, *Texas A&M '06*, a daughter, Noor

To Fra and Mrs. **Gary Dunn**, *Virginia '01*, a son, Hunter Ryan

The “Road Warrior” Signs Off – Kyle Riegler

When I was initiated seven years ago, I would have never guessed that, after graduation, I would end up serving on the ΣAM staff for three years as an ELC, an Educational Leadership Consultant – a “Road Warrior.” Such a professional and demanding opportunity for a young man is both extremely rare and extremely rewarding. Proudly waving the purple and white, I have seen the United States; from the smallest towns to the largest cities, from cozy campuses to sprawling universities.

Born and raised in Florida, I have experienced the seasons and endured my share of blizzards. Needing to get from Point A to Point B (usually by way of Charlotte, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Dallas or Salt Lake City), I have learned how to cope with flight delays and cancellations. I have driven down endless highways and desolate backroads. I have survived campus cuisine and enjoyed the local, culinary favorites.

From starting enthusiastic, new colonies to visiting proud ΣAM chapters with decades of history, I have seen it all. I have

watched Candidates grow into Priors. I have watched chapter officers become school teachers, entrepreneurs and financial analysts on Wall Street. I have even witnessed a frater’s marriage proposal (she said “yes”).



Being an ELC is meaningful work with daily obligations that know no clock. Late night conversations with brothers and early morning meetings with campus Greek Life staff or dedicated alumni are all part of the job. I have definitely matured as a result of the “real life” scenarios with which I’ve been faced – some pretty, some not.

As I now move on, and as new ELC’s prepare to serve, my pride in ΣAM has never been greater. “Thank you” to the undergraduates who are the heartbeat of the Fraternity. “Thank you” to the chapter officers who have assumed immense

responsibility. “Thank you” to the alumni volunteers who contribute countless hours in overseeing our organization. And finally, “thank you” for giving me this opportunity to say, “Long live *Sigma Alpha Mu*.”

Active Chapter Roll

Founded at the College of the City of New York, November 26, 1909, as a fraternity of Jewish men. For more information on our Chapter Roll, please visit sam.org.

BETA – Cornell
ETA – Syracuse
THETA – Pennsylvania
KAPPA – Minnesota
RHO – Illinois
TAU – Alabama
PSI – Pittsburgh
SIGMA DELTA – Rutgers
SIGMA ZETA – Indiana
SIGMA THETA – Texas
SIGMA SIGMA – California/Berkeley
MU EPSILON – U. of Miami (FL)
MU ETA – Drexel
MU THETA – Southern California
MU LAMBDA – Penn State
MU RHO – Rochester
MU CHI – Michigan State
MU PSI – Miami U. (OH)
BETA GAMMA – Arizona
BETA EPSILON – Massachusetts

BETA IOTA – Wisconsin
BETA PSI – Virginia
BETA OMEGA – Kentucky Wesleyan
GAMMA EPSILON – Illinois/Chicago
GAMMA THETA – California/Davis
GAMMA IOTA – Towson
GAMMA KAPPA – Texas A & M
GAMMA LAMBDA – Northern Illinois
GAMMA RHO – California/San Diego
GAMMA TAU – Florida
GAMMA PHI – Arizona State
GAMMA CHI – Brandeis
GAMMA PSI – Temple
DELTA ALPHA – Hofstra
DELTA BETA – American
DELTA ZETA – Florida International
DELTA ETA – West Florida
DELTA THETA – SUNY-Stony Brook
DELTA PI – Ottawa
DELTA UPSILON – UNLV

DELTA OMEGA – RIT
EPSILON ALPHA – Stephen F. Austin
EPSILON DELTA – Johnson & Wales
EPSILON EPSILON – SUNY-Geneseo
EPSILON ETA – Louisiana State
EPSILON THETA – West Virginia
EPSILON IOTA – Chapman
EPSILON LAMBDA – Buffalo State
EPSILON NU – Connecticut

COLONIES:
SIGMA NU – Washington
SIGMA PI – UCLA
MU ZETA – Washington State
SUNY-Purchase
EMORY

Listing of school names does not imply college/university recognition but only notes a chapter’s location.

Alumni Club & Reunion News



New York Alumni

Twenty five business-minded Sammy alumni from the New York and New Jersey area gathered in mid-February for a Breakfast Roundtable and did some serious business networking. The next event for this up-and-coming alumni group is now being planned. Contact **Pex Arellano '94**, arellano.pex@gmail.com or **Steve Stern**, ΣAM National Alumni Chairman, sstern1054@aol.com.



South Florida Alumni Club

ΣAM's largest and most active alumni club has once again raised the bar. At their recent board meeting, it was decided to align future fundraising events with the Fraternity's national philanthropy partner, The Judy Fund of the Alzheimer's Association. A major event is now being planned for next February. Stay tuned. Meanwhile, as other South Florida Alumni Club social events are in the works, contact **Steve Stern**, sstern1054@aol.com.



Houston Alumni

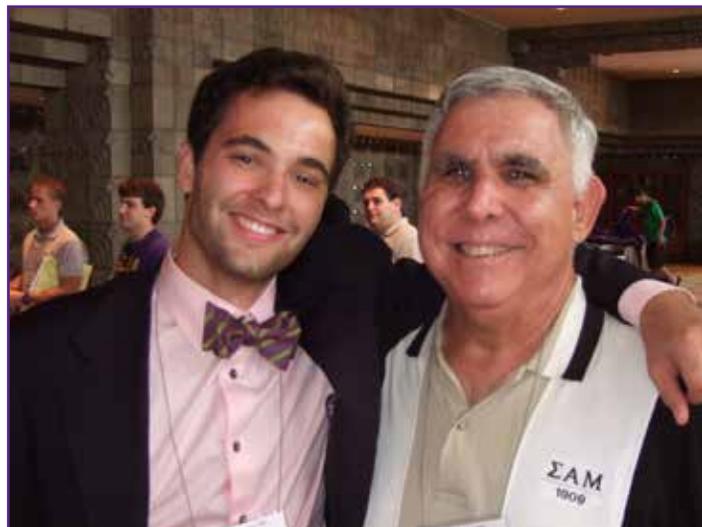
When alumni in the Houston area heard that a casual dinner event at Katz's Deli was being planned for late February, 75 hungry alumni turned their attention to visions of corned beef sandwiches and matzo ball soup! Next up is a summer event at a Houston Astros ballgame. Contact Nathan Margolis, margolis123@yahoo.com or **713-831-6163**.

Sammy Social Media Update



Are you connected to "Sammy Social Media" yet? The Fraternity Office regularly receives inquiries from alumni asking about ways in which they can get a message out to fellow alumni. Some alums want to let the world know they are in search of a job, while other alums have positions to fill. Every so often, alums are moving to a new city and are looking to make some ΣAM connections, both professionally and socially.

On LinkedIn, our primary networking group, "*Sigma Alpha Mu*," has over 5,200 members. Our official Facebook page, "*Sigma Alpha Mu*," has over 4,500 "likes." Alumni are also using these 21st century communication tools to share news of upcoming chapter reunions and other ΣAM events. They're searching for and locating fellow fratres with whom they've lost touch. If you're not yet involved with "Sammy Social Media," perhaps now is the time to check it out. Find us – Join us – Like us!



The Numbers Don't Lie: Why We Need You

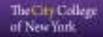
Sigma Alpha Mu's continued request for alumni to become involved with our undergraduate chapters has several logical, fraternal reasons behind it. Yes, we want alumni to share their expertise with chapter officers on essential business practices. Yes, we want alumni to remain engaged with their fraternity, in general. Yes, we want alumni to get involved and work their way up the involvement ladder leading to service at the national level. But, there's another critical reason why we ask you to get involved.

Among the many strengths of our international organization is our ability to keep and monitor statistics on how our chapters perform, year in and year out. In a recent calculation, the numbers say it all. ΣAM chapters with alumni advisors and advisory boards accomplish the following:

- They achieve a significantly higher score on their annual Chapter Performance Report.
- They have a higher rate of success in collecting money owed on chapter bills.
- They earn a higher cumulative Grade Point Average.
- They have fewer Risk Management violations.
- They earn more individual and/or chapter awards at Convention.
- They perform more hours of community service.
- They raise more money in their philanthropic efforts.

Whether for your own chapter or for a Sammy chapter or colony in the city where you live, many of our groups are in search of (and in need of) assistance from alumni. Are you ready to share what you know with our young men who need the assistance? Contact either Director of Chapter Services, Matthew Modansky, matthewm@sam.org or Director of Alumni Services, Lenny Dave, lennyd@sam.org.

Upcoming Alumni Events



Alpha – CCNY

Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8:00-11:00pm. Reception and reunion dinner for *Alpha* men from the early-mid 1970's. Pete's Tavern, 129 East 18th St. in New York City. Contact **Neil Hackman '70**, neil@oakfingroup.com or call **203-329-9043**.



Phi – Washington U.

May 24-26, 2015 – Phi pledge classes from the mid-1950's to 1960 (+/-) will be gathering for a grand reunion in St. Louis. Contact Jeff Mandel '61, j_mandel@comcast.net.



Mu Psi – Miami (OH)

June 11-14, 2015 – a reunion of *Mu Psi* men from the early-mid 1960's. For more information, **Les Fromin '63**, **928-252-4481** or Les@fromin.org, or **Dick Schuman '62**, dschu4240@earthlink.net.



Kappa – Minnesota

Our centennial reunion weekend is October 9-11. The banquet will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Avenue South. Please contact *Kappa* Chapter Advisor **Michael Neiman**, michaelneiman3@gmail.com or **240-644-4407**.



Nu – Buffalo

This proud chapter's centennial anniversary is on the radar for 2016. Contact **Craig Nomberg '91**, craig172@aol.com. He is interested in recruiting the help of all past *Nu* Priors to spread the word and start a planning committee. "What's Nu?" "Buffalo!"



Beta Iota – Wisconsin

The chapter's 50th anniversary is in 2016. It's time to start planning. Please contact Chapter Advisor **Brad Zerman**, brad@skyprocessing.com or alumnus **David Israel '83**, disrael@bowdoin.edu

Letter to the Editor

Even as my Dad traveled through some dementia toward his death, he treasured receiving his quarterly Octagonian. He read it from cover to cover. With each of my visits, he would share some tidbit. It was always about someone he remembered or a memory that the issue had sparked. It's hard to believe that he would remember anyone from so many years ago – so little memory left. But, it was obvious that ΣAM was important in his life.

As I look at the issue where Dad's death is listed in Chapter Eternal, right above his name was someone from his chapter whom he actually might have known. I know that Dad would have remembered him. I will keep this issue. Thank you.

Betsey Levy Krause

Daughter of Herbert N. Levy, Bucknell '48

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Have You Heard

Editor's Note: For accuracy and consistency, the year shown after a frater's name is his initiation year, not his graduation year.



GAMMA – Columbia

Elliott Schwartz '54 has released a CD of his music on Metier, a British label distributed by Naxos. Two of the works on this CD are live performances from the 2006 Library of Congress concert celebrating Elliott's 70th birthday.



ETA – Syracuse

Michael C. McQueeney, '05 received his juris doctor degree from Villanova Law School. **Brian C. Kanziger, '00** is an executive producer at KIRO-TV in Seattle, WA.



THETA – Pennsylvania

Stuart Siegel, '85 former NHL Florida Panthers CEO/Managing Partner and Siegel Enterprises founder, has acquired RinkNet, ISS Hockey and NEXT Testing. Siegel has combined the businesses under a single new company, HockeyTech, standing as a worldwide leader in providing hockey-related technologies, analytics and information services.



Phi – Washington U.

Gregory T. Perkes, '78 is a Justice for the 13th Court of Appeals for the State of Texas. He has been given the Judge Nye Award by the Corpus Christi Bar Association.



CHI – McGill

Arnold A. Greenberg, '57 has taught Humanities at Vanier College for 25 years and done 22 years of writing for CBC Montreal. He has written two plays, "Goddy" and "Pablo: The Man Who Painted Hell." Fra Greenberg has also written over 1,200 television half hours for Canadian young people, over 600 articles on travel sites and penned three novels with a fourth in progress.



SIGMA BETA – Ohio State

Harvey S. Goodman, '72 has been promoted to Department Chief of the Verona (NJ) Fire Department. He is also a New Jersey State Certified Fire Academy Instructor.



SIGMA GAMMA – Tulane

Frederick Miner, '54 received the "Member of the Year" award from the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, TN. **Michael G. Goldstein '67** President and CEO of Summit Alliance Executive Benefits LLC, has released the second edition of "Taxation and Funding of Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation: A Complete Guide to Design and Implementation," in conjunction with the American Bar Association.



SIGMA DELTA – Rutgers

Dr. Barnet M. Sultzer, '47 is Professor Emeritus at State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center.

Don Tullman, '70 has retired from Guardian Industries Corp. and is now coaching basketball and softball at Selma High School and Middle School in Selma, California. He also recently accepted an appointment as Trustee for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization for all of central California.



SIGMA IOTA – Michigan

Dr. Robert T. Light, '91 is the Medical Director of Virginia Beach (VA) Psychiatric Center.



SIGMA KAPPA – Lehigh

Gary M. Cooper, '84 is a CPA with J.D. Gilbert & Co., in Deerfield Beach, FL.



SIGMA RHO – Missouri

Gary Soule, '66 has been elected President of the Collaborative Family Law Association of St. Louis and has joined Goldstein & Pressman, P.C.



SIGMA SIGMA – California/Berkeley

Samuel T. Greenberg, '03 is an associate with a Los Angeles area law firm.



SIGMA TAU – OREGON

The Oregon Jewish Museum recently established a Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Four Sammies were the first four men inducted: **Harry Policar, Oregon '30**, one of the founders of Sigma Tau Chapter at the University of Oregon, and for many years, Athletic Director of the Portland Jewish Community Center and Director of B'nai B'rith summer camp, **Leonard (Ike) Donin, Oregon '31**, a great two-sport athlete in basketball and baseball at the University of Oregon, **Hal Saltzman, Oregon '47**, captain of the University of Oregon baseball team, All-Northern Division, winner of 23 games with the Portland Beavers in 1948, and later played for the Cleveland Indians, and **Harry Glickman, Oregon '48**, President Emeritus of the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association.



SIGMA CHI – Maryland

Eric L. Glazer, '88 is general counsel for Janus Hotels and Resorts in Boca Raton, FL.



MU EPSILON – Miami (FL)

James N. Fox Jr., '90 is a musician with Sadawala.com. **Blake B. Morris, '09** is a realtor with Lang Realty, a Palm Beach, FL real estate company.



MU THETA – Southern California

Brett Elkins, '85 is Chairman of the Outdoor Racquetball Hall of Fame. He has also written and published "Teach Your Teen to Drive... and Stay Alive."



MU PHI – LONG ISLAND

Jerome R. Siegel, '59 has retired from the Nassau County District Attorney's office after 47 dedicated years of service.

MU CHI – Michigan State

Joel L. Altman, '62, CEO of the Altman Companies, has been inducted into the Nova Southeastern University H. Wayne Huizenga Business School's "Entrepreneur Hall of Fame." **Jeffrey A. Sklar, '91** has merged his law firm. It is now Sklar Kirsh, specializing in corporate and real estate transactional matters in Los Angeles, CA.

BETA DELTA – San Jose State

Michael C. Widergren, '86 is Senior Service Advisor for Beshoff Motor Cars in San Jose, CA.

BETA IOTA – Wisconsin

Bradley J. Migdal, '95 is the Managing Director at Newmark Grubb Frank Global Corporate Services, in Rosemont, IL.

BETA LAMBDA – Lehman

Arthur H. Saltz, '67 is teaching law at Magon David Yeshivah in connection with Brooklyn College and is also "The Title Closer" for real estate closings in New York State.

BETA RHO – Houston

Adam B. Nisenon, '88 is Owner and Creative Director of Captivate Group in Los Angeles, CA.

BETA PSI – Virginia

Dr. Matthew R. Craig, '89 is an orthopaedic trauma surgeon with Orthopaedicare in Willow Grove, PA and is also on the staff at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, PA.

BETA OMEGA – Kentucky Wesleyan

Matthew A. Hughes, '98 has written a horror short story for the soon-to-be-released anthology, "Mon Coeur Mort," from Post Mortem Press. He recently sold his 2nd story to Post Mortem Press for an upcoming anthology called, "The Ghost is the Machine." Fra Hughes is currently working on a novel and a collection of short horror stories.

GAMMA EPSILON – Illinois/Chicago

Adnan N. Darr, '99 is the Vice President of Operations at Group Fox Management, active in the residential property management business in Chicago, IL.

GAMMA THETA – California/Davis

Paul M. Snow, '91 is a social studies teacher, Athletic Director and head coach of the varsity girls soccer team at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton, CA.

GAMMA IOTA – Towson

Chris Small, '95 has received the "Baltimore Ravens Community Quarterback" award, recognizing his leadership, dedication and commitment to the bettering of the local Baltimore community.

GAMMA LAMBDA – Northern Illinois

Robert B. Foss, '89 is a Senior Mortgage Specialist at

Charter One Bank in Buffalo Grove, IL. **Brian W. Neff, '88** runs Tipperary Farm & Stud in Grayslake and Wadsworth, IL.

GAMMA XI – Cal State/Fullerton

Mark P. Rivera, '84 is owner of MPR Consulting Inc., in Corona, CA.

GAMMA PI – SUNY/Albany

Anthony J. Andre Jr., '86 is Vice President of Digital Strategy for TMP Worldwide Advertising & Communications LLC.

GAMMA RHO – California/San Diego

David Feuerstein, '88 is Vice President of Business Development for Conduit and is founder of Driver Digital in Jerusalem.

GAMMA SIGMA – SUNY/Binghamton

John V. Bagni, '00 is the Senior Investment Products Risk Manager at CITI Private Bank in New York City.

GAMMA CHI – Brandeis

Alexander F. Guralnick, '00 is a Department of Defense employee, having attended the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business.

DELTA BETA – American

Jonathan S. Cutler, '91 is President of Verse Strategic Communications, a public relations firm in Los Angeles, CA.

Bryan P. Werley, '99 has accepted a position with Zarwin Baum Devito Kaplan Schaer and Toddy, P.C. where he is a trial lawyer in Philadelphia, PA.

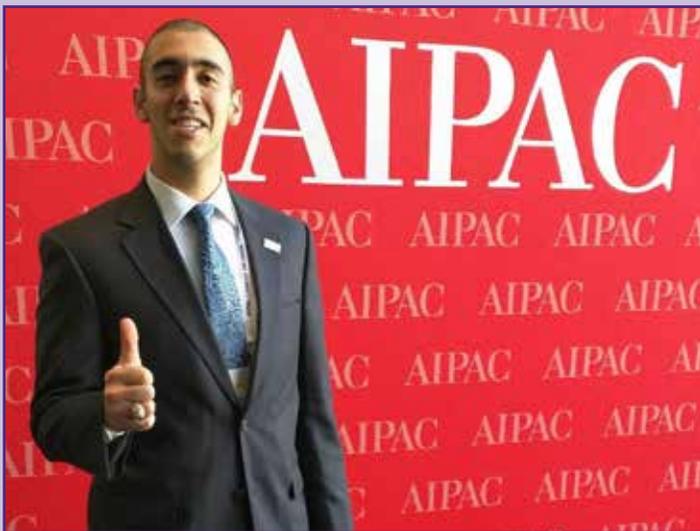
DELTA ETA – West Florida

Mickey Edwards, '95 has written "The Parties versus The People: How to Turn Republicans and Democrats into Americans," published by Yale University Press. **Albert C. Hopper, '98** is a Fraud Prevention Supervisor for Citibank. **Jason R. Mosley, '91** is a special counsel for a Pensacola law firm where he focuses on estate planning and business transactions for high net-worth individuals and families. **Christopher J. Cartenuto, '99** runs his own restaurant, Joey Tomato's, and a small Italian market called Joe's Street Foods in Niceville, FL. **John A. Green, '91** is a commercial insurance agent in Tampa, FL. **Aaron D. Epstein, '03** is Director of Marketing/Business Development & Game Presentation for the Pensacola Ice Flyers. **James P. Hosman, '98** is Vice President for Florida First Capital Finance Corp. **Howard P. Shores, '01** works for the U.S. Dept. of State in Washington, DC. **James E. Cohee, '98** is the Compliance Administrator for the State of Florida's Division of Hotels & Restaurants. **Dr. Michael K. Pickens, '91** is a pediatric GI physician at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, WA.

Celebrating Our Heritage

The *Sigma Alpha Mu* Foundation is proud to support the following programs in 2014-15 through grants from our **Jewish Endeavors Initiative**:

- *Gamma Phi* (Arizona State) partnered with Chabad to host a traditional Shabbat meal on campus.
- *Epsilon Nu* (UConn) sponsored a progressive Hanukkah dinner for the campus with Hillel.
- *Sigma Theta* (Texas) hosted a traditional Shabbat dinner on campus.
- *Kappa* (Minnesota) hosted a Shabbat dinner for University of Minnesota students and their families on Family Weekend.
- *Gamma Chi* (Brandeis) hosted a Shabbat dinner for the campus.
- Sidney Usem, *Kappa* (Minnesota), participated in the 2014 Chabad Shabbaton in NYC.
- *Sigma Delta* (Rutgers) is joining with Hillel to host an Alumni Shabbat dinner on campus.
- Students from various chapters attended the AIPAC conference in Washington D.C., including Jonathan Rahmani, *Gamma Kappa* (Texas A&M, pictured below) and Sam Levine, *Gamma Phi* (Arizona State)



New Scholarships Honor Alumni & Benefit Students

Beta Delta (San Jose State)

The alumni of the *Beta Delta* chapter have donated funds to the *Sigma Alpha Mu* Foundation to endow the **Larry Berman Scholarship Fund**. Fra Berman '65 was a dedicated alumnus and a driving force for the chapter. The scholarship is intended as a lasting tribute to his loyalty and involvement.

The Larry Berman Scholarship will be available to the children and grandchildren of *Beta Delta* alumni who are attending college and working toward an undergraduate degree. The scholarship will be designated for the *Beta Delta* chapter, should it be re-chartered.



Beta Delta Alumni

This is the fourth scholarship created for or by a *Beta Delta* alumnus. Dr. Vincent Contreras '65, Bob Platt '66, and Foundation Director John Paine '68 have endowed scholarships with the Foundation. This new scholarship will join the **Dr. Vincent Contreras Leadership Scholarship** and the **John Paine Scholarship** and be available to applicants in 2016.

Mu Phi (Long Island University)

Alumni of *Mu Phi* chapter have created the **Ron Rapchik Memorial Scholarship** to honor the memory of Ron Rapchik '66. Fra Rapchik is the father of Adam Rapchik, *Sigma Zeta* '07 (Indiana). Throughout his life, Ron remained dedicated to *Sigma Alpha Mu* and close to his *Mu Phi* fratres, many of whom he had known since childhood.

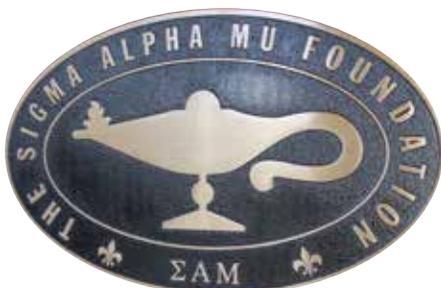


(l. to r.) *Mu Phi* alumni Sandy Engleman, Howard Rapp and Robert Traum, together in Ft. Lauderdale, working on the Ron Rapchik Memorial Scholarship

Like the Larry Berman Scholarship, the Ron Rapchik Memorial Scholarship will be available to the children and grandchildren of *Mu Phi* alumni who are working toward an undergraduate degree, but will be designated for the *Mu Phi* chapter should it be re-chartered. This is

the third scholarship created for or by a *Mu Phi* alumnus and joins the **Terry Semel ('61) Scholarship** and the **Robert Traum ('64) Scholarship**.

For more information on scholarships go to www.sam-fdn.org or email Maria Mandel at mariam@sam-fdn.org



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The Canine Connection



We've got no bone to pick with four-legged fraternalism. Dorothy Kaplan Duncan is the proud daughter of *Sigma Alpha Mu* Founder Jacob Kaplan. Dorothy has been a lifelong friend and supporter of the Fraternity, attending centennial celebrations and alumni events in New York and Kansas City. Of course, it is only fitting that Dorothy would name her dog Sammy!

Contributions to the ΣAM Foundation are accepted in memory of fratres, family and friends, and to honor living members. Those individuals or their families receive notification of the gift that is used to further the Foundation's educational efforts on behalf of our student fratres.

In Honor Of:

Foundation Director Jerry Miller (*Miami U '76*)

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By Leo S. Cohen (*Indiana '56*)

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On the birth of their daughter, Noor

By Foundation Director Nathan C. Margolis (*North Texas '73*)

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Mr. and Mrs. Cogen

By their son Harvey E. Cogen (*UCLA '68*)

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Roselyn Dave

Mother of Leonard Dave (*Miami U '76*)

By Past Supreme Prior Marc E. Perlstein (*North Texas '71*)

Raymond Navarro, Jr. (*Houston '95*)

By Dustin Kalman (*Houston '95*)

Managing Risk in the 21st Century

One of the key indicators of a good chapter is its ability to manage "Risk." The limits of responsible behavior in today's litigious society are frequently tested by chapters and members who temporarily lose sight of their understanding of right from wrong, good from bad, and legal from illegal. As is our requirement and obligation, the Risk Management Policy of Sigma Alpha Mu includes the provisions that follow and shall apply to all fraternity entities and all levels of fraternity membership.



ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

1. Chapter officers and committee chairmen shall be familiar with all applicable laws, university regulations, interfraternity council rules, and fraternity policies concerning alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances.
2. The possession, sale, distribution, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages, while on chapter premises, during a fraternity event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any event an observer would associate with the fraternity, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, province, county, city, and institution of higher education (including interfraternity council policies), and must comply with either the BYOB or Third Party Vendor Guidelines.
3. No alcoholic beverage may be purchased through or with chapter funds nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter. The purchase, use, or possession of a bulk quantity or common sources of such alcoholic beverage, for example, kegs or cases, is prohibited and the chapter shall not permit their possession or use by members or guests, on chapter premises or at any chapter function.
4. A chapter shall not sell alcoholic beverages to members or guests by selling tickets or cups, by charging admission fees, by taking up collections, or by any other direct or indirect means of collecting moneys from persons attending chapter functions.
5. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, are prohibited. The term *open party* also includes:
 - a social function to which non-members are invited by a blanket or open invitation, express or implied;
 - a social function to which non-members are invited through advertising or publicity, including signs, posters, billboards, handouts, and the use of newspapers, radio, or television;
 - a social function hosted by a chapter to which the number of

nonmembers invited is greater than twice the number of chapter members in good standing;

- a social function co-hosted by two fraternity or sorority chapters to which the number of non-members invited is greater than the membership of the host chapters;

- a social function co-hosted by three or four fraternity or sorority chapters to which any non-members of the host chapters are invited; and a social function co-hosted by more than four fraternity or sorority chapters.

6. No members, collectively or individually under chapter auspices, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e., those under legal "drinking age").
7. The possession, sale, or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or at any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity is strictly prohibited.
8. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern (tavern defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present. This includes any event held in, at or on the property of a tavern as defined above for the purposes of fundraising. A chapter may rent or use a room or area in a tavern as defined above for an event held within the provisions of this policy, including the use of a third party vendor and guest list.
9. No chapter may co-sponsor or co-finance or attend or participate in a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups, or organizations.
10. All recruitment or rush activities associated with any chapter will be nonalcoholic. No recruitment or rush activities associated with any chapter may be held at or in conjunction with an alcohol distributor or tavern as defined in this policy.
11. No member or candidate shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in "drinking games."
12. No alcohol shall be present at any candidate program, activity, or ritual of the chapter. This includes, but is not limited to activities associated with "bid night," "big brother – little brother" events or activities, "family" activities and initiation.
13. Each chapter shall actively promote and support the adoption of dry rushing policies by the interfraternity council and university administration on its campus.
14. For the purposes of this Policy, the term chapter includes colonies, interest groups and alumni clubs.

SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

The fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This includes any actions, whether on chapter premises or off-site which are demeaning to women or men, such as verbal harassment. Sexual assault in any form will not be tolerated. Chapters are expected to abide by all applicable laws.

Strippers at chapter events are specifically prohibited.

FIRE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

All chapter houses should meet all local fire and health codes and standards.

All chapters should have posted by common phones and in other locations emergency numbers for fire, police and ambulance and should have posted evacuation routes on the back of the door of

each sleeping room.

All chapters and house corporations must cooperate with chapter facility inspections by the Octagon or the Fraternity's insurance provider, in addition, chapters, in cooperation with the house corporation, must respond in writing to any corrective actions recommended as the result of facility inspections.

The possession and/or use of firearms or explosive or incendiary devices of any kind within the confines and premises of the chapter house are expressly forbidden.

HAZING

Candidate education programs are to be limited to 8 weeks or less. No chapter, colony, student, or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense. Hazing activities are defined as: "Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement; fraternal law, ritual, or policy; or the regulations and policies of the educational institution, or applicable state law."

Candidate class trips (road trips or walk outs) are prohibited unless the following conditions are met: (1) The trip cannot be mandatory or serve as a requirement of initiation, (2) Candidates may not make up more than 50% of the participants, (3) At least one member of the Chapter council must go on the trip, (4) If visiting another chapter, the chapter being visited must be contacted four weeks prior to the trip and they must give permission for the visit to occur, (5) Weekend trips should not exceed seven hours of travel time (round trip), and (6) All participants must sign a waiver agreeing to abide by Fraternity Risk Management Policy and agreeing to hold the chapter and Fraternity harmless.

Intensive final week(s) or day(s) of candidate programs are prohibited, as are any events that require the candidates to "sleep over." "Hell Week/Day," "Help Week," "Inspiration Week," "Work Week" and other such intensive activities are specifically prohibited.

EDUCATION

All undergraduate and alumni members of chapters shall annually receive a copy of this Risk Management Policy. Each chapter shall conduct a risk management review for all members every semester/quarter. In addition, candidates shall be educated on the Sigma Alpha Mu Risk Management Policy within two weeks of affiliation; this includes successful completion of the GreekLifeEdu program within five weeks of affiliation.

GENERAL

Payments of all Risk Management Contributions shall be made by the invoice due date.

Potentially risky events ("Fight Night," "Car Smashes," and "Bull Riding"), are specifically prohibited unless permission is obtained from the Octagon. Requests for special permission must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the event.

No chapter, house corporation or alumni club may enter into any agreement agreeing to name any organization an "additional insured" on the Fraternity's liability insurance policy without written permission from the Octagon.

No chapter officer, Chapter Advisor, alumni advisory board member, Regional Governor or house corporation officer may enter into agreements, contracts, or documents on behalf of the Fraternity that would bind or otherwise obligate the Fraternity to defend or indemnify a college or university.

AUTOMOBILES AND TRANSPORTATION

Any individual who drives or provides transportation in conjunction with fraternity activities shall obey all applicable motor vehicle laws, including, but not limited to, those concerning vehicle safety, vehicle operation, financial responsibility and / or insurance, and the transportation and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Operators shall ensure that vehicles are properly maintained, not overloaded, and are operated in a safe manner. Rental vehicles shall be operated in accordance with rental contracts. Use of personal vehicles shall be strictly voluntary and the sole responsibility of the vehicle owner/operator. Financial Responsibility laws generally impose responsibility on the Driver or Owner of vehicles. The fraternity assumes no responsibility or liability and provides no insurance to Drivers or Owners of vehicles for accidents or injuries, or any damages to vehicles not owned by the fraternity that may be used in conjunction with fraternity activities.

MEMBERS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Use of personal property in fraternity activities shall be strictly voluntary and the sole responsibility of the owner. The fraternity assumes no liability or responsibility for any loss or damage to any personal property of members even if used in conjunction of fraternity activities.

CONTRACTUAL & ADDITIONAL INSURED AGREEMENTS

No chapter, member, or housing organization may enter into any written or oral contract or financial agreement using the name of the fraternity. This includes without limitation such agreements as leases, contracts, hold harmless agreements, liability releases, account statements, purchase orders, and hotel or banquet contracts. As the fraternity's insurance does not afford protection for outside parties, no chapter, member, or housing organization may enter into any written or oral agreement under which the responsibility or liability of some party other than the fraternity is assumed. Additional Insured status under the fraternity's insurance requires the agreement of both the fraternity and its insurers.

Applications for "additional insured" status must be submitted to the Executive Office and insurance carrier for approval at least two weeks prior to the date needed.

WARNING: Failure to abide by the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy may result in the loss of any insurance coverage that may otherwise be available under the fraternity's insurance. It may also result in the loss of your chapter's or your individual membership in the fraternity.

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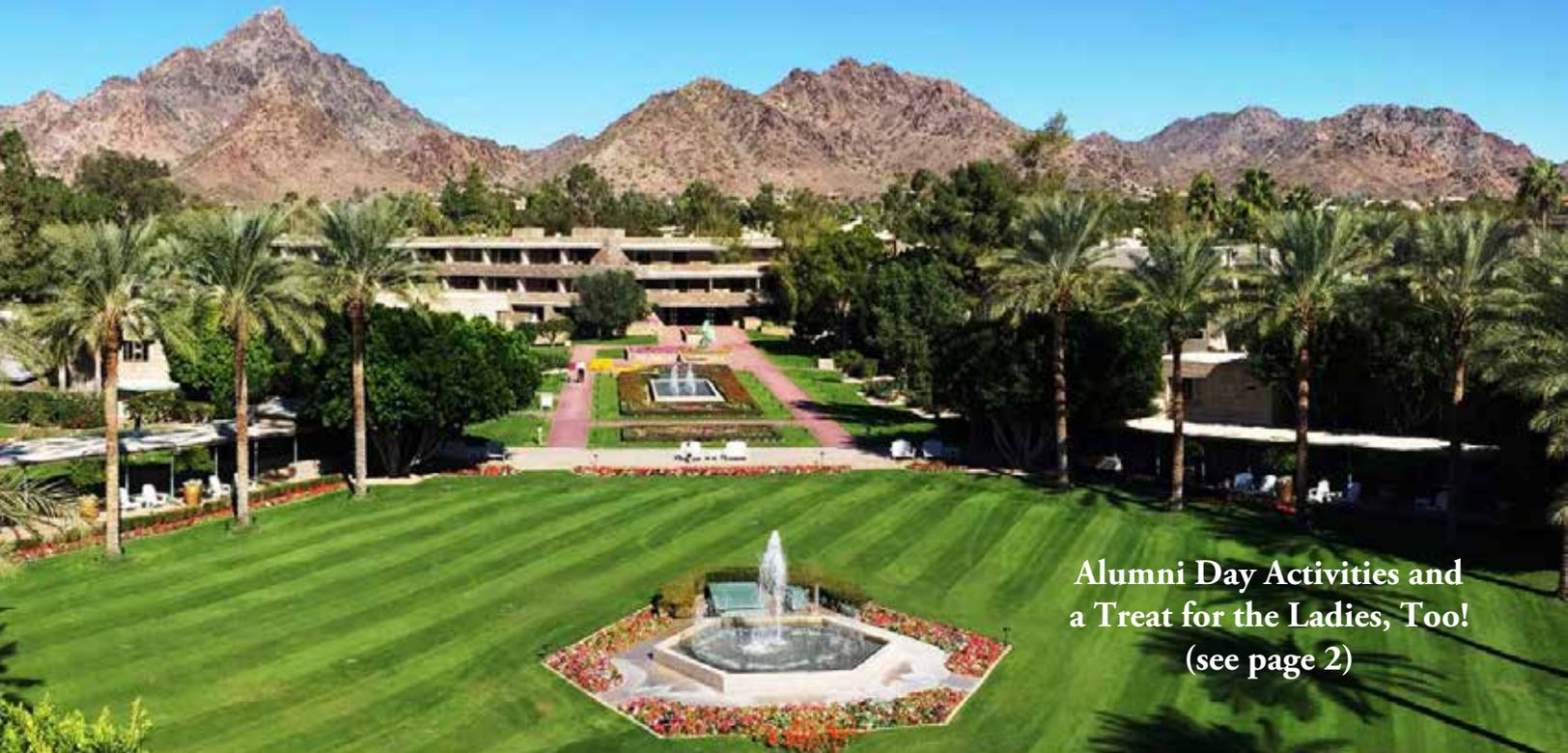
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**Alumni Day Activities and
a Treat for the Ladies, Too!**
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