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## *Stepping Up When It Mattered Most:*

**Delta Pi's JS Collins (left) and James Cullinan (right) were playing for more than just pride in Ottawa. (see "Around the Chapters," beginning on page 4)**

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## From Supreme Prior, Andrew Ahitow



Why should you consider volunteering for Sigma Alpha Mu? Follow the same logic that moved you to pledge in the first place; a sense of “community.” We have a responsibility to ensure that the ΣAM torch is passed from generation to generation. The experiences we had while in college were, for the most part, the result of coordinated, volunteer effort that had preceded us. A fraternal organization’s volunteer framework is one of the keys to its continued, successful existence.

But, we don’t just need volunteers; that would be relatively easy. We need creative, caring, smart, intuitive and responsible leaders to step forward. These qualities aren’t easy to come by. In fact, they’re incredibly rare. But, we know that, from our base of roughly 45,000 alumni, these men do exist. And, what exactly is our current need? It starts with Chapter Advisors and House Corporation Directors. If you are a few years (or more) out of school with a background in real estate, law, insurance, sales or accounting, the Fraternity could really use your help.

We will always be an evolving organization; our volunteer leadership must evolve, too. I never realized how important the “supporting cast” was to Sigma Alpha Mu until I began volunteering myself. I can honestly say that my experience “behind the scenes” at the local, regional and national level has been as rewarding as the main course I first enjoyed as an undergraduate on campus.

While I may have two daughters that will never get to pledge ΣAM, I do have the opportunity and the honor of helping to build and strengthen it. The friendships I’ve formed through my volunteer service to the Fraternity have been as real and as long-lasting as those with my chapter brothers I met while

in college. That’s the real benefit of joining our team of dedicated volunteers. We’re not looking for random strangers; we’re looking for “family.” Please come back. Sigma Alpha Mu needs you.



## From Executive Director, Lee Manders



Change is good... except when it’s not. Sigma Alpha Mu has always been and will always be an ever-evolving organization. The demographics and generational characteristics of our membership serve as a constant catalyst for us to examine the way we do things. Our professional staff collectively continues to find ways to improve administrative efficiency and organizational effectiveness, whether through training, technology, communication, or any combination thereof. The Octagon regularly evaluates situations and discusses changes to keep the Strategic Plan relevant and meaningful.

In the past, the Octagon revisited this Strategic Plan every five years or so to identify various initiatives, then put them in motion and monitored their progress. That has now changed. Last year, the Octagon’s Strategic Planning Task Force (comprised of several volunteer leaders from the Fraternity, Endowment Fund and Foundation, along with a few at-large members) re-assessed the plan after a little more than two years. The changing landscape prompted the Octagon to request that update. Our plan involves key visions such as creating and maintaining a healthy, sustainable and growing organization by having a clear expansion roadmap, by maintaining financial stability and by supporting our chapters, both organizationally and operationally. We also work to continue growing the involvement of our alumni base, and we have reaffirmed our commitment to welcoming men of all faiths, while continuing to be recognized as a Fraternity of Jewish men.

One constant in our leaders’ vision is our commitment to the core values and guiding principles upon which Sigma Alpha Mu was founded. These are reflected in our mission which reads, in part, “to foster the development of collegiate men and our alumni by instilling strong fraternal values, offering social and service opportunities, encouraging academic excellence and teaching leadership skills... .”

ΣAM encourages responsible behavior, respect for others, truth and honesty, compassion and fairness, drive, conviction and passion, charity, and perhaps most importantly, leadership, good will and service to others through Tikkun Olam, a Hebrew phrase literally meaning “repairing the world.” While holding fast to our core values and principles, progress continues toward helping our members and our overall organization to achieve our vision.

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## Around the Chapters

Many thanks to the following chapters for responding to the Octagonian's request for a brief report on their accomplishments and achievements of the past year. Despite numerous attempts to communicate this editorial opportunity, not all chapters complied. Don't see yours here? Ask them why.



### BETA – Cornell

With nearly 100 men, *Beta* had a successful and busy Fall semester. Proceeds from our second annual charity softball game against Ithaca-area law enforcement officers (see photo) benefitted the Judy Fund and the “Cops, Kids & Toys” charity. Thank you to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department, Cornell and Ithaca Police Departments, and the District Attorney's office for your support.



Also to benefit the Judy Fund, we sold bottles of cold water to parched parents during Freshmen Orientation. Three of our brothers write bi-weekly columns in the *Cornell Daily Sun*. Two of our brothers are active members of the Student Assembly. Several of our juniors have been accepted into prestigious “Study Abroad” programs in locations such as Argentina, Turkey, and China. *Beta* proudly brought home the following hardware from Convention: Honorable Mention for the Founders Cup, a Hammerstein Award for Best in Province, a Scholastic Recognition Award for exceeding the campus All Men's GPA, the Publications Award, Outstanding Vice Prior – Andrew Plaut, and the Undergraduate Achievement Award (Junior Division) – Jonathan Weinberg.

### ETA – Syracuse

Having received national recognition from the Alzheimer's Association at Convention, philanthropic activity became an important focus for us this Fall. We won two events on campus: IFC's “Canstruction” and the “Phi Sig Inferno” (see photo) as well as our “Greeks vs. Cancer” basketball tournament.



Two *Eta* men now serve on the IFC executive board. Several *Eta* men have been inducted into Order of Omega. A fraternity chapter consists of men. A fraternity house consists of lumber, bricks and mortar. Despite the unsettling loss of chapter housing, *Eta* stepped up and recruited our largest Fall Pledge Class in three years. Yes, it can be done... and we did it by emphasizing the bonds and benefits of a true fraternal experience. This powerful intangible was made evident to us at our chapter's centennial celebration in NYC in June, as nearly 200 alumni (spanning seven decades) taught us, “Wherever *Eta* convenes, whenever *Eta* unites, *Eta* lives!” From temporary adversity has come our new success.

### KAPPA – Minnesota

Heads up, Alumni – our centennial celebration is on the radar for 2015. Since 2010, *Kappa* has grown from 13 to 46 members. We're quickly becoming one of the strongest fraternities on campus, making deeper connections, both internally and externally. At Convention, we received a Hammerstein

Award for “Best in Province.” We participate in philanthropies (such as “Feed My Starving Children” with AOPi – see photo) and also host social events with our Greek Community partners.



“Parents Weekend” was a huge success, as our families had the chance to socialize and enjoy a meal prepared by our wonderful cook, Barb! *Kappa* men are involved in the campus community, too. Max Hendrix is President of Arkeo, an organization that promotes and ensures the safety of all Greek social events.

### RHO – Illinois

*Rho* once again claimed ΣAM's “Outstanding Community Service Award” at Convention. Our philanthropy has never been stronger, thanks to co-chairs, Josh Kolenbrener and Daniel Kogan, who have paired us up with outstanding sororities. Among the highlights: DG's

“Anchorbowl,” SDT’s “Create for a Cause,” Tri-Delt softball, and KKG volleyball. Social co-chairs, Daniel Vinnik and Erick Johnson keep our calendar full: a “Loggers and Joggers” exchange with DG’s, Halloween with Tri-Delt, and a regular get-together with KKG on Saturday mornings. Rush co-chairs Erick Johnson, Zach Warren, Jacob Goldstein, and Dylan Lieteau helped the chapter recruit 24 good men. Our Freshman have prepared well for the annual Sammy vs. ZBT football “grudge match.”

**A TAU – Alabama**  
 Since our installation in December of 2012, *Tau* has focused on solidifying the infrastructure of our chapter; it’s essential on this campus with such a strong Greek Community. Competition is tough... and not just on the football field. Recruitment is critical. We initiated 13 more men into our brotherhood in November. We’re focusing on Scholarship and the combination of Philanthropy and Community Service.



Things such as intramurals and social activity are a given down here! Several of our men hold positions within both the Student Government Association and the United Greek Council. *Tau* hopes to apply for full Interfraternity Council membership in February, ensuring that *Sigma Alpha Mu* will thrive for years to come. Roll Tide!



**PITT PSI – Pittsburgh**  
 When our Nathan Vogler received an award at Convention for Outstanding Recorder, we saw it as recognition of our whole chapter’s effort of the past year. This Fall, *Psi* again participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s (at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium), raising \$1,500. We held our second annual food drive for the local food pantry, collecting donations of non-perishable food items from residents in the surrounding neighborhood. We recruited nine candidates this Fall, bringing our chapter size to 33 men. At *Psi*, we’ll keep focusing on the essentials: Scholarship, Leadership, Recruitment, Involvement.

**R SIGMA DELTA – Rutgers**  
*Sigma Delta* continues to emphasize academics. Our receiving a Scholastic Recognition Award at Convention was encouraging recognition of our chapter’s collective effort (see photo). Relations with our alumni have been energized by a Homecoming banquet (organized by Chris Tausch ’84) attended by 60 local alumni... including 11 former Priors.



From talking with them (and listening to them), we learned that there are no “new”

problems – only recurring leadership challenges that demand attention. Our newest candidate classes (*Zeta Mu* and *Zeta Nu*) have really taken on the task of strengthening the core of the chapter.

**Ψ SIGMA ZETA – Indiana**  
 Our former Prior, Russ Siadatian, has been elected as the new IFC President at IU. He’s the right man for the job – “Congratulations, Russ!” At Convention, we received a Recruitment Award for most initiates (43). Our first-ever “Sammy No Shave November” philanthropy raised over \$1,000 for the Lymphoma Research Foundation. We volunteer at the local Hoosier Hill Food Bank on a weekly basis with sororities. *Sigma Zeta* celebrated our chapter’s 90th anniversary with an October weekend full of activities attended by alumni from the 1970’s to the present. In “Greek Bowl,” we reached the playoffs. Second semester’s calendar is jam-packed!

**🔴 SIGMA THETA – Texas**  
 “Parents Weekend!” It’s always exciting to meet your fraternity brothers’ parents and to introduce your parents to the other parents. In early November, *Sigma Theta* moms and dads

(and a few siblings, too) came to Austin for a chance to meet all of their sons’ new “brothers.” The spirited highlight of the weekend was the tailgate before the Longhorns football game. Parents shared in the tradition of donning school colors – the grilling was gourmet – our Sammy band provided the musical entertainment – UT won big over Kansas. The family

weekend concluded with a Sunday Brunch. *Sigma Theta* always does it right!

### SIGMA IOTA – Michigan

With our winning and retiring of Founders Cup #10 at Convention, the juggernaut known as *Sigma Iota* continues to thrive at the University of Michigan. We hold the top GPA among all IFC fraternities. Our primary philanthropy event, “Go Blue, Wear Pink” raised over \$20,000 to benefit breast cancer research. For the Judy Fund, we’ve begun collecting money through a hotly contested Madden Football Tournament held within the brotherhood. More events to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association are on the schedule. From social events with SDT, Chi-O, A-Chi-O and DG to joint fraternity events, our connection with the campus Greek Community is strong. We held three alumni events in conjunction with home football games. In intramurals, we brought home championships in softball, indoor soccer, wallyball, and “3 vs. 3 and “5 vs. 5” basketball. Go Blue!

### SIGMA SIGMA – California/Berkeley

Our “*Alpha Upsilon*” pledge class represented us well at the “Kappa Karaoke” philanthropy event. Our new chapter council consists of Prior David Eisenberg, Vice Prior Alex Miller, Exchequer Luke Evans and Recorder Steven Hoffman. We have established an alumni LinkedIn group to which we encourage and invite all *Sigma Sigma* alums. Many thanks to the alumni who visited us on football game days this Fall for some entertaining tailgating. In recent Community Service endeavors, we conducted a month-long food drive for the Alameda County Food Bank and participated in Berkeley Project Day, volunteering at various sites around the community.

### MU EPSILON – U. of Miami

The bonds of brotherhood within our chapter are tight. But, three of our *Mu Epsilon* men have recently earned (and deserve) recognition here. Dillon Krouner was the winner of the University of Miami Golf Tournament (many of you alumni understand just how big of

a deal that is). At Convention, Daniel Rizk received Honorable Mention nationally as Outstanding Vice Prior. And, our Prior, Omri Saadi, has worked tirelessly to help the March of Dimes make a philanthropic connection on campus. *Mu Epsilon* hosted a successful “ΣAM Dunk” to raise money for the cause. Other Greeks support us because we always support them. That’s why it’s called a Greek “Community.”

### MU THETA – Southern California

Up from 18 to 54 – no, that’s not a demographic. Nor is it our chapter size. It’s the number of beds in last year’s *Mu Theta* chapter house vs. this year... and now we’re also on Fraternity Row! Our chapter’s Recruitment efforts were up to the task – 33 men were initiated and now the chapter stands strong at 104 men. More meals together – higher participation in sorority philanthropies – more social activities with them, too – and the top IFC GPA. Two new *Mu Theta* “traditions” implemented this year are Scholarship Dinners where brothers invite their favorite professor over for dinner and discussion afterward... and Alumni Forums where alumni in various professional fields discuss the world that awaits us. The first forum focused on the Entertainment industry and featured 20 *Mu Theta* alumni. Our chapter extends an ocean of gratitude to our alumni. This was all a dream six years ago. Today, it’s a reality.

### MU LAMBDA – Penn State

Community Service and Philanthropy – those areas have been our focus this Fall. *Mu Lambda* went to Shavers Creek to help county rangers with the upkeep and improvement of the park grounds and wooded trails (see photo). For the animal adoption agency, Pets Come First, we raised money and volunteered

at their annual 5k run. To benefit the Judy Fund, we’re setting up a Greek Life basketball tournament. And, of course, there’s the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON). Our goal is to beat our \$115,000 total from last year! A successful Alumni Weekend has led us to begin sending out a quarterly newsletter to improve our alumni outreach.

### MU RHO – Rochester

We’re poised to cross the 50-man chapter plateau! In philanthropy news, *Mu Rho* hosted a Halloween Dinner to benefit Golisano Children’s Hospital, and we reinstated a “Bounce for Beats” event. We have contributed varsity athletes to Soccer, Football and Crew. *Mu Rho* took home 1st place in this year’s annual “Turkey Bowl” football tournament (see photo). Congratulations to our Vincent Michalic for receiving an Undergraduate Achievement Award (Sophomore Division) at Convention. Numerous alumni participated in the success of this year’s Meliora Weekend, our school’s campus-wide event for alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends of the university. Keep in touch with us via [www.uofrsam.com](http://www.uofrsam.com).



## **M** MU PSI – Miami (Ohio)

Brotherhood events such as Paintball, Go-Karting, Laser Tag and house-sponsored dinners have helped tighten our bond. And, come January, *Mu Psi* is intent on actively recruiting our largest candidate class since our re-founding in April, 2011. Hold us to it! We owe you, our alumni, that much and more for your patience and generous support of us these past three years. We received a Scholastic Achievement Award at Convention for last year's GPA. *Mu Psi* partnered with other Greeks on campus to welcome the newly re-chartered Tri Delta sorority. And, in Greek Week, *Mu Psi* finished in the top half of all fraternities. We proudly had 21 members participate in the competition's Blood Drive. Spring brings our new philanthropy to benefit the Judy Fund.

## BETA IOTA – Wisconsin

Having received an Honorable Mention for a Recruitment Award at Convention, *Beta Iota* came back to Madison and recruited a Fall candidate class (26) larger than the previous class... for the second year in a row! Our new men literally come from coast to coast – from New York to Los Angeles. “Fall Formal” was held in Chicago at a hotel on the Magnificent Mile. The next day, several brothers began their month-long participation in our first annual “No-Shave November” philanthropy to benefit the Judy Fund. Photos updating the furry faces were posted regularly on the website so other brothers, friends and family members could see the progress, donate to the cause, and vote for their favorite.

## BETA PSI – Virginia

Recognition ignites motivation! At Convention, *Beta Psi* received a Hammerstein Award for being the best chapter in the Mid-Atlantic Province. Our second annual “Sammy Miami” philanthropy event (and other activity over the course of the year) helped us to raise over \$3,000 for the Judy Fund at the Alzheimer's Association. Our men have volunteered hundreds of hours

around Grounds, in Charlottesville, and for the Boys & Girls Club of Virginia. Recruitment (and growth) is our focus for Spring. We also hope to renovate the Chapter Room soon. We invite alumni to come visit us on Chancellor Street.

## BETA OMEGA – Kentucky Wesleyan

True – we're not the biggest chapter in Sigma Alpha Mu, but we wear the purple and white with just as much pride! When *Beta Omega* was honored at Convention by the Alzheimer's Association for Most Money Raised (per man), you can imagine what this meant to our brothers back in Owensboro. It was cash award, but we just didn't think it was right to accept money for raising money. So, we donated the check back to the Judy Fund. Appropriately, our first Fall event was with the ladies of *Sigma Kappa* – the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Then, paired with the ladies of A-O-Pi, we won the Panther Cup! Recruitment results have us on a definite path to growth.

Cancer Walk,” and *Chi Sigma Omega's* “Dodgeball Tournament for MS.” As one of our service projects, our men volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, packaging over 3,000 pounds of food in a four-hour time frame. Set a goal – make a plan – execute the plan!

## GAMMA KAPPA – Texas A & M

Did someone say “tailgate?” Alumni and parents joined the men of *Gamma Kappa* for a tasty, morning tailgate (featuring brisket breakfast tacos) prior to the football game against Vanderbilt. In November, we fully participated in the “Walk to End Alzheimer's.” Our relationship with the Jewish community here in College Station is a priority for *Gamma Kappa*. We help the local Chabad and Hillel to build (and later, take down) their Sukkah. We continue to focus on Scholarship and Recruitment, but a definite highlight for this coming spring will be the 10th anniversary of our re-chartering. We look forward to seeing many alumni return for the occasion.



## **UIC** GAMMA EPSILON – Illinois/Chicago

One of our goals for the year is to increase our visibility within the campus Greek Community and out into the general community. Focusing on Philanthropy and Community Service is our choice for how to accomplish it. Already, we have participated in the “Walk to End Alzheimer's” (raising almost \$700), contributed to *Phi Sigma Sigma's* “Grilled Cheese Dinner for College Readiness,” *Delta Phi Epsilon's* “Breast

## GAMMA LAMBDA – Northern Illinois

We're certainly coming off of a successful 2012-13 year. NIU recognized us as “Chapter of the Year!” We received the Community Relations Award and an Honorable Mention in these categories: New Member Programming, Chapter Operations, and Community Service & Philanthropy. The bar has now officially been raised. *Gamma Lambda* began the Fall term with 55 men and has since

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# Understanding the Perspective (and Role) of Alumni

**The Alumni Perspective:** In general, alumni care most about their Fraternity and their chapter as being the time and place where many of their enduring friendships began. That four-year “moment” was and always will be a very special time in their lives. Their appreciation and understanding of fraternity takes on a much broader and deeper meaning after their college years have passed. They attend each other’s weddings and watch each other’s family grow. They keep tabs on each other’s career ups and downs. And, with the passing of too many years, they attend too many funerals and reminisce about “who’s left.”



At your chapter’s next, major alumni event, watch and listen as Pledge Class brothers greet each other. It’s as if they picked up right where they left off years ago. Big smiles, genuine hugs and strong handshakes; even bigger laughs, as stories are retold and embellished with creative license! Undergraduates need to be cognizant of this important reality; To alumni, the ΣAM “experience” isn’t about you – it’s about them!

Understand the role of alumni in the big picture of a healthy chapter. Yes, alumni want to know if their chapter still exists. Yes, alumni want to see and hear about their chapter performing well in the essential areas of operation (scholarship, community service, philanthropy, social and athletic). Yes, alumni cringe when they see and hear embarrassing or tragic news which reflects negatively on the Fraternity, the chapter, the Greek Community and the school.

**Alumni Programming:** The most successful, major alumni events are almost always driven by volunteer alumni effort, not by undergraduates alone, and not by the Fraternity Office. When knowing that their closest alumni brothers will be attending a special alumni event, they, too, choose to attend enthusiastically and wouldn’t miss it for the world! Chapters are usually best at handling smaller, less budget-intensive events in conjunction with other campus “opportunities” such as Homecoming and/or varsity sports. Alumni programming is not necessarily held on campus, nor is it always held in a chapter house.

Occasionally, ΣAM alumni (from different chapters) will gather in metropolitan locations around the country, thus exemplifying the concept of fraternity as a lifelong experience that reaches far beyond campus boundaries. For many alumni, they may now live miles away from their chapter... or perhaps their chapter is dormant and absent from the Roll. These geographically-centered alumni events give them the opportunity to remain connected to the Fraternity. *Sigma Alpha Mu* has a database that can answer most of your questions about how many, who and where these alumni are in your area.

**Alumni Relations:** In a phrase, it’s the existence of positive, two-way communication between the chapter and its alumni, as a whole. It’s keeping in touch, letting your alumni know about the good things going on in your chapter, and that you welcome their interest, involvement and support.

Understand that “support” does not and should not infer the direct giving of money to the chapter. As a general rule, alumni



frown upon being asked for money by their undergraduate chapter. However, of their own volition, their “support” may take on many interesting forms. Often, alumni (and parents) may offer to contribute relevant goods and services of which the chapter is in need: furniture, kitchen equipment, carpet, televisions, etc. Alumni may set-up academic scholarships (as coordinated through the ΣAM Foundation) specifically designated for chapter members (with criteria as assigned by the alumnus).

*The chapter’s financial solvency, especially as it relates to regular chapter operations, is the responsibility of the undergraduate chapter. Alumni are not a “bank” to turn to when the chapter overspends, when fratres are delinquent and negligent in paying their chapter dues, or when excessive damage costs are incurred as a result of careless, irresponsible behavior.*

*The concept of “fraternity” will always mean something different to the alumnus who is working and raising a family (or perhaps now retired) than it will to the young undergraduate whose daily focus is on balancing academic and chapter concerns.*



**Communication:** Many  $\Sigma$ AM chapters produce an alumni newsletter, either in print or electronic format. The best chapters are diligent in communicating with their alumni... and it's no coincidence. The *Octagonian* can only share brief news on a chapter's alumni activity. For more in-depth and extensive coverage of chapter news and alumni events, nothing beats an informative message sent from the chapter. Accordingly, the chapter's appointment of a strong Alumni Chairman is a valuable asset and smart move.



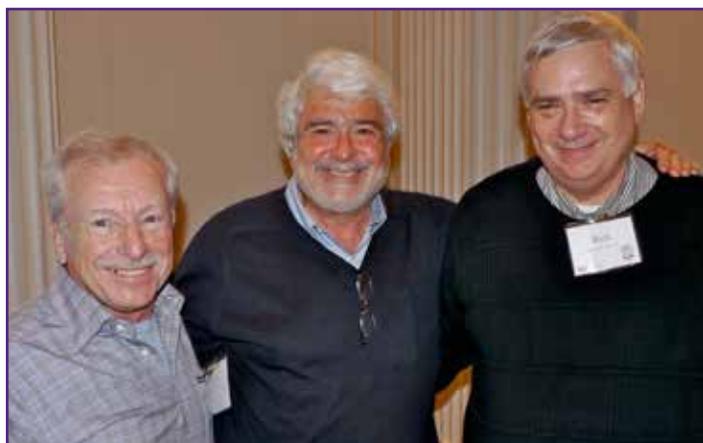
**The “Bridge Builder” Initiative:** Some chapters, with the help of their Chapter Advisor, organize an annual gathering of Past Priors as a “bridge” or leadership resource for the new chapter Prior and his Council. This “Bridge Builder” initiative is an excellent way to tap into the wisdom of those who have served their chapter in a major position of leadership and responsibility and who can now look back and help to put situations into perspective. And, as these Past Priors tend to keep in touch with many of their fraternity brothers, this “forum” is yet another way in which to keep the lines of communication open between a chapter and its alumni.



**Career Insight & Mentorship:** Wise chapters will tap into the professional expertise of their alumni (or the alumni living in the area). They invite alumni to dinner and then continue with a discussion afterward, helping to prepare undergraduates for life after college. Often, these relationships extend for years, with the student soon becoming the teacher... and the teacher becoming a cherished mentor and friend.

### 3 Questions for the Alumnus:

1. Have you attended at least one major  $\Sigma$ AM alumni event/reunion since you graduated? In the past ten years?
2. When was the last time you heard from your chapter (assuming it is still active)? When is the next major anniversary (ending in a 5 or 0) of your chapter or Pledge Class?
3. What professional expertise and wisdom might you share with your (or any) chapter?



### 3 Questions for the Chapter:

1. How (and how often) does your chapter communicate with and interact with your alumni? Is your chapter's next major anniversary (ending in a 5 or 0) on your radar?
2. Does your chapter have a Chapter Advisor? An Alumni Advisory Board? Does your chapter have an Alumni Chairman? Is he elected or appointed? How seriously does the chapter view that position?
3. How might you handle a situation where a few “recent” alumni come back to visit, only to get drunk and destroy chapter property?

## Active Chapter Roll

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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 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 – Geneseo  
EPSILON ETA – Louisiana State  
EPSILON THETA – West Virginia  
EPSILON IOTA – Chapman  
EPSILON LAMBDA – Buffalo State  
COLONIES:  
BETA SIGMA – North Texas  
GAMMA IOTA – Towson  
CONNECTICUT

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

## 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.

Louis S. Newan (Alabama '38)  
David A. Loring (Baruch '66)  
David H. Schwartz (Cincinnati '65)  
Herbert N. Shohet (Cincinnati '43)  
Thomas Wartik (Cincinnati '40)  
Robert L. Cooper (Cornell '50)  
Arthur M. Lieberman (Cornell '53)  
Robert N. Goldman (Illinois '36)  
Jerome B. Kalish (Illinois '53)  
Sidney Albert Mandel (Illinois '41)  
Norman N. Sharpe (Illinois '40)  
Lawrence Shapiro (Illinois Tech '48)  
Murray A. Valenstein (Maryland '37)  
Melvin M. Cerier (M.I.T. '49)  
Irvin E. Liener (M.I.T. '39)  
Sheldon B. Goldman (Minnesota '55)  
Jerome M. Myerson (Minnesota '34)  
Edward S. Pritzker (Minnesota '39)  
Harold F. Ring (Minnesota '40)  
Howard B. Jacobson (Missouri '45)  
Lee C. White (Nebraska '42)  
Alan Z. Hornstein (NYU '50)  
Eddy M. Rothenstein (Ohio State '43)  
David A. Belinky (Ohio U. '70)  
Sidney Epstein (Pennsylvania '32)  
Harold S. Bressler (Rutgers '58)  
Dr. Gerald Gelfand (Rutgers '64)  
Dr. Reubin Andres (Southern Methodist '40)  
Benjamin P. Feldman (Syracuse '47)  
Henry L. Luskey (Texas '67)  
Mendy J. Finkelstein (Toronto '66)  
Howard M. Weinman (Tulane '61)  
Lawrence D. Sender (UCLA '50)  
Harvey Lenkin (UCLA '54)  
Abe S. Ashcanase (Washington '41)  
Howard J. Breslin (Washington '40)  
Howard A. Miller (Washington '36)  
Harold C. Michaels (Wayne State '54)

## DIVIDENDS

To Fra and Mrs. Charles H. Albertone, Cincinnati '98, a son, Henry Charles  
To Fra Rabbi David E. Abrahams, Missouri '70, a granddaughter, Aviva Jean  
To Fra and Mrs. Austin D. Marks, Syracuse '04, a son, Samuel Mason  
To Fra and Mrs. Hal D. Ungar, Indiana '02, a son, Jonah Lev

## MERGERS

Fra Joshua S. Sohn, Michigan '91 and Nicole Fonarow, daughter of Fra Robert A. Fonarow, Texas '59

## SIRES & SONS

Fra Maxwell K. Blumenthal, Texas '13, son of Fra Jeffrey A. Blumenthal, Texas '80  
Fra Maxwell I. Caputo, Texas '13, grandson of Fra Robert J. Footlick, Tulane '58  
Fra Justin A. Fox, Arizona St '13, son of Fra Daniel L. Fox, Nebraska '74  
Fra Justin A. Katz, Texas A@M '13, grandson of Fra David E. Shusterman, Oklahoma '58  
Fra Jeremy B. Schnapp, Cornell '13, son of Fra Darren M. Schnapp, SUNY-Binghamton '86  
Fra Jared R. Feldman, USC '13, son of Fra Mark A. Feldman, UCLA '84  
Fra Benjamin J. Katz, Arizona '13, son of Fra H. Bruce Katz, Texas '78  
Fra Zachary H. Levin, Michigan '13, grandson of Fra Macy H. Levin, Pittsburgh '39  
Fra Adam C. Mass, Illinois '13, son of Fra William Mass, Illinois '86  
Fra Joshua E. Pascal, Illinois '13, son of Fra Keith E. Pascal, Illinois '84, grandson of Fra Robert A. Pascal, Illinois '56  
Fra Bryce I. Rachlin, USC '13, son of Fra Michael Rachlin, Maryland '79  
Fra Joel B. Ratner, Michigan '13, son of Fra Mark S. Ratner, Minnesota '81  
Fra Jake A. Sternberg, Illinois '13, son of Fra Mark A. Sternberg, Illinois '82  
Fra Bradley E. Tauber, Michigan '13, grandson of Fra Joel D. Tauber, Michigan '54  
Fra Reed B. Wise, USC '13, son of Fra Jerry M. Wise, UCLA '84

# “On the Air” at ESPN – ΣAM’s Schefter and Nejad



## Adam Schefter, Michigan '86

Born in Valley Stream, New York, ESPN's NFL analyst, Adam Schefter began his career path by working for the Michigan Daily, writing numerous sports stories for the school's newspaper. Though he wasn't extended a bid as a Freshman, *Sigma Iota* wisely pledged Schefter as a Sophomore. He lived in the chapter house his Junior year.

*Note to All Chapters: Want to grow?  
Be smart – Sign some Sophomores!*



One of Adam's fondest ΣAM memories as an undergraduate was beating AEPi in football on a frigid afternoon. But, this was no ordinary victory, void of its pivotal moment. Late in the game, with our men trailing 7-0, only two yards stood between the

AEPi offense and pay dirt to take a commanding 14-0 lead. But, it was Schefter who intercepted a pass in the end zone and ran it all the way back for a touchdown. Our “purple and white” went on to win, 14-7. And, though no cameras were rolling to capture his stunning, football feat, the legend of that day lives on!

Upon graduation from Michigan, Schefter went on to Northwestern where he earned a degree in Journalism. After interning in Seattle, he secured a job in Denver in 1990 with the *Rocky Mountain News*, then the *Denver Post*. Between his tenure with those two newspapers, he covered the NFL's Denver Broncos for 15 years and was named “*Colorado Sportswriter of the Year*” in 2002 and 2003.

When television's NFL Network was launched in 2004, Schefter was hired as an analyst. In 2009, it was on to ESPN as one of their “NFL Insiders.” Today, Adam Schefter can be seen on just about every ESPN sports/news program, reporting on news from “inside” the NFL. Maybe he's got the *scoop* on your team!



## Ali Nejad, Berkeley '97

Another popular ΣAM face on the air is Ali Nejad, *Sigma Sigma* '97, who now co-hosts ESPN's “Guinness Suite” with Michelle Marie. The show features interviews with athletes and celebrities, as sports and pop culture collide.

Born and raised in Berkeley, California, Ali Nejad's background involves more than just the luck of the draw. He is a bona fide poker expert and has served as the commentator (sometimes seen and often off-camera) on shows such as “Poker After Dark,” “Ultimate Poker Challenge,”



ESPN's “Pro-Am Poker Equalizer,” “World Series of Poker,” FSN's “Poker Superstars II,” NBC's “National Heads-Up Poker Championship,” and CBS/Velocitv's “Epic Poker League.”

ΣAM Foundation Director Michael Brown vividly recalls traveling north with Nejad and several *Sigma Sigma* men to see Cal play (and beat) Oregon in football. While enrolled at UC-Berkeley, Nejad's personality and sense of humor led him to pursue work in television. Soon, he found himself hosting two shows for the local NBC affiliate. But, in 1998, while completing his degree and already on track for a television career, Nejad left both behind to pursue his dream of becoming a professional poker player. Once he achieved his goal of playing poker for a living, he returned to television, where his experience in sports and pop culture afforded him the opportunity to interview a variety of entertainment and sports celebrities.

This January on FOX Sports 1, Nejad will be introduced as one of the commentators on “WPT Alpha8.” He has been described as “one of poker's most thoughtful and outspoken voices, having made undeniable contributions to the game of poker, both on and off the felt,” so says World Poker Tour President, Adam Pliska. And, he's not bluffing.

### In the Next Issue:

**“Author, Author!”**

We'll take a closer look at some new books in the ΣAM library by or about Sammies.

### Chapter Eternal

Lee C. White (*Sigma Omicron*, Nebraska '42),  
Counsel to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.



## Young Scholar Update

Thanks to the continued generosity of Fra Sidney Guller (*Phi '43*, Washington U.), the Guller Young Scholars program now grants \$400 to each undergraduate who earns a 3.75 GPA or higher during the semester in which he becomes a candidate and is initiated. This program runs throughout the academic year. Congratulations to the following chapters with new members earning the Young Scholar Award for 2013-14. The number in parenthesis indicates multiple recipients for the chapter.

Beta (8)	Gamma Tau
Beta Epsilon (6)	Mu Epsilon (2)
Beta Psi	Mu Lambda
Delta Zeta	Mu Rho (2)
Epsilon Iota	Psi
Gamma Chi (2)	Sigma Delta
Gamma Kappa	Sigma Iota
Gamma Psi	Tau
Gamma Rho	



*Beta Epsilon's Jaren Antman displays his outstretched gratitude for the Young Scholars Awards his UMass chapter just received from the ΣAM Foundation.*

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:

### Past Supreme Prior and Foundation Director

#### **Sidney H. Guller's (Washington U. '43) 90th Birthday**

By Rachel and Maurice D. Guller (*Missouri '54*)  
By Foundation Treasurer Ronald S. Katch (*Illinois '51*)  
By Maria Mandel (*Kappa Delta*)  
By ΣAM Executive Director Leland D. Manders (*Miami-Ohio '72*) and Paula Kerber Manders  
By Foundation Director Richard H. Williamson (*N.C. State '60*) and Janie Shaheen  
By Foundation Director Harvey A. Weisblat (*Texas '64*)  
By Robyn & Emily Levy-Marino  
By Foundation President Hanno D. Mott (*Cincinnati '52*)  
By Foundation Director David S. Rice (*IL-Chicago '83*)  
By Foundation Director Nathan C. Margolis (*North Texas '73*) and Terri Margolis  
By Foundation Director Roy C. Neulicht (*N.C. State '69*)  
By Aaron M. Girson (*Western Michigan '92*)  
By Arthur Z. Guller (*Missouri '54*)  
By Phyllis M. Grzeskowiak  
By Past Supreme Prior Phillip I. Glauben (*North Texas '73*) and Linda Glauben  
By Ms. Ilene Osherow and Harold Kravin  
By James N. Guller (*Penn '81*)  
By Todd Waldman

#### **Martin Golman (Oklahoma '13) for his Belated Initiation to Sigma Alpha Chapter**

By Joseph B. Silverman (*Oklahoma '62*)

#### **In Honor Of James R. Alexander (SMU '41) 90th Birthday**

By Phyllis M. Grzeskowiak  
By Aaron M. Girson (*Western Michigan '92*)  
By Foundation Director Harvey A. Weisblat (*Texas '64*)

## In Memory Of:

#### **George Crohn, Jr. (Syracuse '46)**

By his brother Frank T. Crohn (*Purdue '43*)

#### **Robert Knopf (Oklahoma '62)**

By Joseph B. Silverman (*Oklahoma '62*)

#### **Richard M. Block (Alabama '56)**

By his wife Dorothy Block

#### **Mrs. Leonore Sergi, Mother of Vice Supreme Prior David K. Sergi (Texas A&M '82)**

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

#### **Howard M. Weinman (Tulane '61)**

By Aaron M. Girson (*Western Michigan '92*)

#### **Past Octagon Consul Bob S. Platt (San Jose State '66)**

By Richard K. Sophir (*Nebraska '69*)

#### **David Rosenberg (Nebraska '42)**

By Milroy Sidell (*Nebraska '50*)

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## Mu Chi Chapter Educational Fund Supports Student Fratres at Michigan State

The generosity of Michigan State alumni fratres is making a difference for the men of *Mu Chi* chapter. Contributions to the *Mu Chi* Chapter's Educational Fund in the  $\Sigma$ AM Foundation have funded a joint Hillel/*Mu Chi* Chapter community service project in the Detroit area, making it possible to award four merit-based scholarships to chapter members with demonstrated academic achievement. The funding provided by the *Mu Chi* Chapter Educational Fund comes from alumni contributions designated as such to the  $\Sigma$ AM Foundation.

We are pleased to share that donations received between now and May 31, 2014, will be matched through a generous "challenge" gift from Fra Michael Serling, *Mu Chi* '64. Please make a gift today; every gift will receive a match increasing the impact of your contribution. To make a contribution to the *Mu Chi* Educational Fund, please mail your check (payable to the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation) to us at 8701 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Please indicate "*Mu Chi* Educational Fund" on your check's note line.

For more information or to learn how to create an Educational Fund for your chapter, contact Maria Mandel, Director of Scholarships and Donor Relations at [Mariam@sam-fdn.org](mailto:Mariam@sam-fdn.org).



*Mu Chi's Vice Prior Tyler Beck (l.) and Re-Founding Father Justin Weintraub (r.) thank you for your support of their chapter's Educational Fund.*

The Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation would like to thank the following alumni who, since January 1, 2013, have made their first gift to the Foundation. We are proud to have their support for the programs and scholarships we offer to students. Our heartfelt thanks go to:

Daniel Namm, Beta Epsilon '13  
 Adam P. Gross, Beta Gamma '07  
 Ian B. Shore, Beta Gamma '09  
 Martin Mass, Beta Sigma '67  
 Joshua P. Englund, Delta Eta '09  
 Wayne Glass, Delta Eta '12  
 Aaron P. Harrison, Delta Eta '11  
 Patrick Lahtinen, Delta Eta '12  
 Maxwell J. Nadsady, Delta Eta '10  
 Nicholas R. Paschvoss, Delta Eta '09  
 Benjamin W. Stewart, Delta Eta '09  
 David G Kahn, Eta '61  
 Jeffrey A. Fastow, Gamma Kappa '10

Jason S. Wise, Gamma Kappa '09  
 Alexander Rabre, Gamma Tau '11  
 Theodore Skillings, Kappa '12  
 W. Anthony Hirsh, Mu Chi '61  
 Michael A. Saltman, Mu Chi '61  
 Michael H. Simons, Mu Chi '64  
 Marc S. Barcan, Mu Phi '66  
 Peter I. Livingston, Mu Phi '63  
 Ronald L. Serin, Mu Phi '65  
 Ryan D. Crossley, Mu Psi '01  
 Jacob I. Taylor, Mu Rho '09  
 Martin Garfinkel, Mu Sigma '68  
 Eric J. Szekely, Psi '10

Abe J. Goldsmith, Sigma Eta '48  
 Arnold P. Richter, Sigma Eta '51  
 Lawrence R. Velvel, Sigma Iota '57  
 Harold R. Diamond, Sigma Nu '63  
 Leonard B. Bush, Sigma Omicron '49  
 Charles M. Dauber, Sigma Theta '87  
 Brent M. Karren, Sigma Theta '85  
 David L. Russakov, Sigma Theta '85  
 David M. Jang, Theta '79

*At the Convention in Jacksonville, those men present who were recent recipients of  $\Sigma$ AM Foundation scholarships, gifts and awards took a moment to be sure you knew of their appreciation for your support.*



recruited 18, with our Spring class still to come. This growth is essential as we anticipate a large graduating class. We're looking forward to our annual Dodgeball Tournament for the Judy Fund. *Gamma Lambda* also participates heavily in NIU's "Relay for Life" to benefit the American Cancer Society. Confidence is running as high as the corn in DeKalb!

### **ASU** GAMMA PHI – Arizona State

At Convention, we were honored to receive a Hammerstein Award for Best in Province (Mountains) and a Scholastic Recognition Award. *Gamma Phi* posted a 3.28 GPA, the 2nd highest of any fraternity on campus. With the help of our new class of 13 initiates, we coordinated a large group (200 ASU students) to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk in Phoenix. Five sororities participated in our annual, philanthropic event, "Sammy Paint Splash." We were paired with the lovely ladies of A-G-D for Homecoming. *Gamma Phi* took 1st place in the *Omega Phi Alpha* kickball tournament. Building on the momentum of a successful alumni event that attracted 40  $\Sigma$ AM's, we're now developing a Mentorship program to connect student brothers with local alumni in their chosen professional fields.

### **T** GAMMA PSI – Temple

We returned from Convention with hardware in hand for chapter and individual recognition: a Hammerstein Award for Best in Province (Keystone), the Religious Endeavor Award, and two honors for our Joshua Fisher – the Undergraduate Achievement Award (Junior Division) and being one of three students elected to serve on the Octagon's first Undergraduate Advisory Committee that reports directly to the Young Alumnus Consul. But, the big buzz for *Gamma Psi* was our finding, leasing and filling a four-story house with 18 men. Our new home is 2012 Broad Street – a perfect location! We immediately parlayed this new "visibility" into Recruitment success,

bringing in our largest candidate class since our 2009 re-founding. Keep an eye on *Gamma Psi*!

### **HOFSTRA** DELTA ALPHA – Hofstra

Out of necessity, Fall was a semester of new beginnings. Small steps, perhaps, but all in the right direction. Nine brothers recruited six more; a paintball trip to eastern Long Island was a big hit. Our 15 men now continue the process of solidifying the chapter. We hosted a "Dress for Success" seminar with Men's Wearhouse, demonstrating to the university that we can plan and deliver a major event to the campus. Next, *Delta Alpha* and Hillel hosted a Havdalah service, led by our Prior, Elias Chajet. The chapter also then won "Hofstra Celebrates the Holidays," a Winterfest-type event that collects and donates toys to children in area hospitals.

### **WEST FLORIDA** DELTA ETA – West Florida

Here's something not every Sammy chapter can say, "We're the defending Greek Week Champions!" In fall philanthropy, we hosted our annual "Dodge for the Cure" tournament. And, now we're preparing for our week-long, spring event, "Sammy Shenanigans," to raise money for the Judy Fund. We proudly welcomed our *Alpha Tau* candidate class of 20 men into this very motivated chapter (see photo). At Convention, *Delta Eta* received the following honors: the Supreme Prior's Award (recognizing the chapter making the greatest overall improvement), a Hammerstein Award for Best in Province (Southeast), Outstanding Prior (to Joshua Kolapo), and Outstanding Chapter Adviser (to Bob Kimball).

### **DELTA PI – Ottawa**

Every September brings a national, philanthropic event that's just too close to our hearts – Shinerama – in support of Cystic Fibrosis research. Twenty years ago, we lost a great brother to the disease; Pat Leblanc. The memorial trophy for our brotherhood award bears his name. This autumn, our community witnessed both triumph and tragedy. *Sigma Alpha Mu* won the Greek Olympics football tournament (see cover photo), never trailing at any point in any game, and winning the championship on a spectacular hook-and-lateral for a touchdown on the final play of the game. But, the entire event was cast in a mournful light following the tragic death of a *Kappa Sigma* brother over at Carleton University. *Delta Pi* suggested that our Ottawa Greek Community's city-wide philanthropy be dedicated and donated to the young man's family. *Delta Pi* raised more money than any of the other 20-plus organizations in the city, and more than every other fraternity combined. Some things just matter more. These are two fraternal examples.

### **DELTA UPSILON – UNLV**

As tangible proof of our renewed focus on improving academically, *Delta Upsilon* was honored with a Scholastic Recognition Award at Convention for exceeding our Campus All Men's GPA. A few of our men have also been elected into leadership positions on UNLV's IFC executive board. This is a major accomplishment for which we have all worked tirelessly. The chapter has participated in numerous Greek philanthropies, winning one event for



*Delta Eta*

which we ironically received a plaque in the shape and color of a purple octagon. Fate? We're working hard to deepen the Sammy Spirit here in Las Vegas. Come visit us!



### EPSILON ETA – Louisiana State

On a campus with a well-established Greek system, *Epsilon Eta* is making proud and persistent progress. At Convention, we received a Hammerstein Award for Best in Province (Gulf Coast) and also a Scholastic Recognition Award. Our 3.02 GPA was second highest in IFC. This fall, we were again honored by IFC for attaining a perfect score on the university's "chapter assessment," a feat no chapter at LSU has achieved in over a decade. Our social calendar is full and we've raised thousands of dollars for the Judy Fund. Building success upon success and knowing it was time to raise our game, *Epsilon Eta* went out and recruited an even larger candidate class than last year. Last but far from least, thanks to the hard work and cooperation of alumni and the ΣAM Endowment Fund, we are now responsibly enjoying our newly renovated and recently acquired chapter house.



### EPSILON THETA – West Virginia

Fall semester began with our first-ever Pasta Cook-Off to benefit the Judy Fund in the Alzheimer's Association. Eight sororities participated, with *Sigma Kappa* taking home First Prize. Judging, though serious, was also delicious! Our spring philanthropy will again be the "Sammy Open," a tennis tournament for

sororities. At Convention, *Epsilon Theta* received an Honorable Mention for a Publications Award, and our Brian Flynn received an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Prior. Fall recruitment netted 13 men who will soon be involved in leading our chapter. "Alumni Weekend" brought back many familiar faces to see how we've grown since 2006. Events such as a hayride and tailgate gave everyone the chance to meet, mingle and network.



### EPSILON IOTA – Chapman

As a newly recognized campus organization, we're eager to build relationships within our campus Greek Community, as well as strengthen our own bonds of brotherhood. We participated in *Gamma Phi Beta's* "Airband" event, paired with *Delta Gamma*, placing 3rd. From there, we joined *Kappa Alpha Theta's* "KATwalk," supporting the Orange County Court Appointed Special Advocates. In Greek

Week, we placed 5th. Our men also helped with the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" at Angel Stadium. And, we donated over 50 pounds of canned good to local charities and food banks. We hosted our brothers from *Gamma Rho* at UCSD for a day of fraternal sporting events. Next semester, we'll travel down to see them! We were honored to receive a Hammerstein Award at Convention for Best in Province (California).



### COLONY – CONNECTICUT

Our 20 men are committed to seeing our colony grow and develop. They're taking on the tough tasks associated with building a chapter. They're excited to go out and recruit new men into the fold who want to be part of creating something special. Already, we've participated in community events such as a Book Drive, a "Hummus Experience," and cleaning up an historic synagogue prior to its reopening. Many thanks to



## ΣAM is Now Interviewing

Interested in a great job working for the fraternity? Be an Educational Leadership Consultant and serve on next year's executive staff. Sharpen your leadership and communications skills – visit our chapters – help start new ones – meet with alumni and university administrators.



This paid position is challenging and exciting. Benefits and housing included. For information, contact Executive Director Lee Manders at the Fraternity Office or e-mail your resume and cover letter to [samhq@sam.org](mailto:samhq@sam.org).

ΣAM for sending ELC's Kyle Riegler and Ian Shore to help us get off the ground. We just held our first elections. And now, our Bylaws committee is crafting the documents to help govern us. As shown in the photo, we're also loyal to our top-ranked women's basketball program. We're big fans of Stefanie Dolson, our 6' 5" senior center!

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## A Supreme Celebration: Sidney Guller's 90th Birthday

Over the course of a late November weekend in St. Louis, 150 family, friends and fraternity brothers gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of Sidney Guller, *Phi '43* (Wash. U.). Pictured above (*l. to r.*), seated are Past Supreme Prior Ron Katch, the "Birthday Boy," Executive Director Emeritus Bill Schwartz, and Past Supreme Prior Hanno Mott. Standing are Past Supreme Prior David Rice, Past Supreme Prior Phil Glauben, Executive Director (and Past Supreme Prior) Lee Manders, and current Supreme Prior Andy Ahitow.

Fra Guller was nostalgically presented with a copy of his original  $\Sigma$ AM pledge card from 1942. Also on hand was Fra Arthur Litz, *Phi '42*, the chapter's Recorder who had originally signed the pledge card! Our beloved Sidney has worn just about every major volunteer hat on the fraternity's hat rack. For decades, literally thousands of our undergraduate men have benefitted from the Guller family's support. Sidney's generosity to the Fraternity and  $\Sigma$ AM Foundation spans more than 60 years and his lifetime contributions exceed \$500,000.

